

# LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



LYNDEN, WASHINGTON

December 2023

Join Hands in Service



## Club Officers

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres - Galen Laird  
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**JANUARY**

**JAN 16<sup>TH</sup> CAROL EDMONDS**

**JAN 21<sup>ST</sup> DAR GEORGE**

NEWSLETTER EDITOR  
Vicki Van Allen

*Time ticks on and on ... and we find ourselves greeting another New Year! Another new beginning! During these next few days, perhaps you will be thinking about a resolution for the year. Maybe you will make one or more and keep them or maybe not! Since we've learned that the Babylonians first came up with the resolutions to their gods, there have been over 4,000 years of broken ones!*

*This started it all... Nowadays the 'resolution' is now a 'goal.' Maybe it won't be forgotten that way... I have a suggestion for a 'goal' for your New Year of 2024.*

*Since we're all Lions, wouldn't it be wonderful for each of us to approach someone in our lives to join our unique club with their time & talents. We need, more than ever, to find and encourage service minded folks to join us and serve our Lynden community to continue our good works. Lions clubs requires continuation of effort by many people. When combined, we can work toward a common goal successfully. Explain to them that we form bonds of friendship, common fellowship and mutual understanding and that our works are done without personal financial reward but, the truth in our reward is that we know there's no greater feeling than making a positive impact on someone's life. Lions doing good for others and for themselves.*

*When someone questions what they were meant to do with their lives, Lions don't have that problem!*

*Hopefully, you won't forget this goal in 2024!*

# December



**Flag Day  
January 14**

**Martin Luther King Day**

### Coming Up

Jan 4<sup>th</sup>...\* Board Meeting 10 Am

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> ...General Meeting  
Program TBA

Jan 25<sup>th</sup>...Dinner Meeting  
Program TBA

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> ...\* Board Meeting 10 Am

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> ... General Meeting  
Program TBA

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> ... Dinner Meeting  
Program TBA

Mar 7<sup>th</sup>...\* Board Meeting 10 Am

Mar 14<sup>th</sup> ... General Meeting  
Program TBA

Mar 22-23<sup>rd</sup>District O Convention

Mar 28<sup>th</sup> ... Dinner Meeting  
Program TBA

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*\*Please note: All members are invited to attend Board Meetings. Whether to ask questions or just listen to what's being discussed or want to present new ideas, you're always welcome!*



## Message from our Vice President Galen

You all know that our own Lion President Rich Kayser had a very serious and intricate surgery (spinal area) on November 13<sup>th</sup> to correct the severe back pain he dealt with for over a year. He's thankful for the many prayers, thoughts and well wishes that answered with an amazingly successful outcome.

Rich spent a month since, mending and now received his doctors release to let him to travel to his daughter, Dr. Amanda Kayser's for rehabilitation. Amanda owns a lake house at Tool Lake about an hour east of Dallas and will work with Rich's therapy needs.

As Richie recovers over the next three months, his wife Joan is planning some fun trips to keep Richie entertained while recovering. First, Christmas with Amanda, a trip to visit son Scott in Birmingham, then a month in Mesa, AZ and maybe a Mexican Cruise !

Our prayers will continue, so hang in there Richie, we miss you and look forward to your return.



*Richie making new friends wherever he goes!*

### CONTACT NUMBERS

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## December

*Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Rustler's Front Street Grill was the place to be if you wanted to celebrate Christmas in a big way!*

*Along with the wonderful meal, the social time, complete with personal photos by our illustrious Art Van Allen AND the craziest games led by our entertainer of the evening, Debbie Anderson, you were in the right spot!*

*As all Lynden Lions parties go, they are always done with 'taste', much fun and lots of fellowship. And when our special guests include our 19-O District Governor, Joel Haggen and his lovely wife Vicki, you know there's an award or two to be presented during evening ...*



*The Milestone Chevron award might be small in appearance but, it represents a very large reason for a Lion to receive it.*

*Its purpose is to congratulate and recognize a member for their number of years of service, dedication, time and talents!*

*The recipients of the award included Rich Kayser 45 years, Harv DeJong 35 years, Geri Wolf 20 years, Russ Kuelz 15 years and Jan Newman 10 years.*

*Congratulations and much thanks from your Lynden Lions!*



**It's fun to be a Santa anytime during the year for a Lion...**



**Margaret, from Lynden Family Services was pleased to receive our donations of dozens of new winter hats, gloves mittens, socks and scarves plus an extra \$1300.**

**She shared there were 60 more families this season than last year during this time, who's needs were met.**

**Santa's Elves are really Subordinate Clauses**



# December



## SAVE THE DATE

"Let's go Fishing!" at the  
1<sup>st</sup> District 10-O Convention



March 22-23 2024

Four Points by Sheraton, Bellingham  
Rock White, Chairperson

More information coming soon!

*Our Uniform Chairman, Nancy Guttormsen has announced that our new club shirts, vests & jackets will be available for pickup at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please have payment ready if you also ordered a vest and/or jacket. They are \$23.80 for each. Our shirts have been purchased for us by the club.*



**Announcing there will be a Social Committee Meeting on Friday, Jan. 12th. am or pm tbd...**

**This committee does not meet that many times a year.**

**PLEASE, we need new folks with fresh ideas!**

**Call Debbie Anderson for more information @ 360 220-3492**



**We ask if you have any news about any of our members who might be ill or hospitalized to please notify our**

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