

LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



LYNDEN, WASHINGTON

November 2023

Join Hands in Service



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President	- Rich Kayser
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOV. 2 FREDA GROEN

NOV. 12 GALEN LAIRD

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DEC. 11 BOB VAN MERSBERGEN

DEC. 20 HARVEY DEJONG

DEC. 22 IRWIN DEJONG

DEC. 23 CAROL PATTISON



A message of Thankfulness from

Lynden Lions President Rich...

Thanks to all, who helped our Lynden Lions Club provide a fun and wonderful evening for our local Veterans! It was an uncertain change, with little time to rally, but in true Lynden Lions fashion we agreed it would be the best option. We pulled together and made it happen. I truly felt that anyone who attended had a good time and felt appreciated.

A special thanks to Lion Debbie Anderson for again representing us as a judge for the upcoming Lynden Lighted Parade.

Let us be thankful for all the funds we've been able to raise and for those that who have benefited. Also, for all the personal time given by our members and friends! I've heard that the gift of giving is one of the Greatest Gifts!

Have a great Holiday Season!

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party!

Lion Rich

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Vicki Van Allen



November



**Flag Day
December 7th**

PEARL HARBOR DAY



Our Annual Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for Thurs, Dec. 14th for fun, fellowship and food!

We again will be savoring the likes of a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings !

Festivities will begin @ 6pm with (a no host) social time and dinner being served @ 6:30pm.

Dress will be casual to dressy and of course there will be games.

Watch for your invitation in your email boxes in the next week or so. More details then.

Coming Up

Dec. 7th...* Board Meeting 10 Am
always at Methodist Church

Dec 14th ...Annual Christmas Party
Rustler's Front Street Grill 6pm
(details to the right)

Jan 4th...* Board Meeting 10 Am

Jan 11 th ...General Meeting
Program TBA

Jan 25th...Dinner Meeting
Program TBA

Feb 1st ...* Board Meeting 10 Am

Feb 8th ... General Meeting
Program TBA

Feb 28 th ... Dinner Meeting
Program TBA

Mar 7th...* Board Meeting 10Am

Mar 14th ... General Meeting
Program TBA

Mar 22-23rdDistrict O Convention

Mar 28th ... Dinner Meeting
Program TBA



'Where there's a need, there's a Lion'!

That isn't just for outside projects to serve others, it's also for the internal clubs' ability to function and meet the needs to keep us going...

It seems the same few members, for example, are there at meetings a little early to help set up (help with food, if there is a meal) and stay after to help clean up and put tables away. It only takes 2-3 people each time. Please share the load*..

To help, please contact **Barb Love 360 318-8140.**

Speaking of our outside projects being worked on is our restoration of the windmill, it's slowly coming along... slowly, because there's generally only a few who respond to the committee's calls for help. The same few. Please share the load!*

To help, please call **Ron Dokken 206 978-6455**

Another project needing help is the KART project that our Past President John Edmunds passed on to us to keep it going... more drivers are needed to pick up the lumber donated by a Lion in Chiliwack for the construction the KARTS, here in the states. If interested in doing a 'ride-along', please call **Art Van Allen 360 255-1477** as his next trip to BC is scheduled for Thur, Nov.30th. Please share the load!*

Also, there are chances to help with the Lynden Family Services when there's a call to pick up or deliver furniture for them. Please Contact **Galen Laird 360 319-6845** to share the load!*

*** " Many hands make for lighter work (for all)"

**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!*

November



25th Annual Veterans Celebration

On November 9th, our Lynden Lions Club had the privilege to honor and recognize a Social Hall (this year at UMC) filled with so many Veterans and guests! With all five of our Military Branches represented, we were also blessed with a WWII, veteran, Claire Hibbs, who just happened to be spending his 100th Birthday with us that evening.

We would like to thank all who participated in making our evening

a total success, including our ever faithful VFW Post 9301 for being our Honor Guards, Jeff Seaholm, for his inspiring and always entertaining speech about our history of American conflicts. Also, for the special music from the Sound A Chord quartet. And a generous Thank you to our late member. George Van Atche, who put forth the original thought of our Lynden Lions Club 1st ever Veterans Day Celebration, those many years ago. It's a legacy we will continue for, hopefully, many years to come.

Updates

A prestigious award from International Lions President for outstanding achievements and contribution has been presented to our PZC Galen. Congratulations on a well deserved award!



Windmill Update: More than 1200 wooden shakes need to be cut down to the 1/5th scale to help keep the project as close to original specs as possible..



A BIG thank you to LLC from 4th Corner Elites Car Club for our generous donation to their 34th year partnering with Whatcom Co. Sheriffs for Project Santa Claus. With over \$12,000 donated and 62 cars attending the festivities at the County Court House, it was another successful year!



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 Membership...Roger Dowling 360 808-3208 Flags...Chuck Boies 360-815-2991**

Member Updates



If you have any news about our missing members that you care to share, please email vickivanallen@msn.com
ALL our members and their families are important to us as they're part of our Lions' Pride!

Requests for Thoughts and Prayers

Please continue to pray and send positive thoughts for our President Rich, who is now recuperating from his successful back surgery. He still has a way to go and we all wish him a full, uneventful recovery. We look forward to having him back in a few weeks so he can continue with his leadership to bigger and better goals for our club!



Good thoughts and more prayers for Carol Pattison as she continues her extended recovery at home. It's a long road but, she's doing well. Prayers for Jerry too!

Just a note to thank Gordon Sund for filling in for me, as editor during the summer months, giving me a much needed break. I can always count on him and appreciate it very much! See you again in the Spring, Safe travels to the Sunds!



Since the Christmas Holiday is approaching, I pray everyone will be able to enjoy the season with much hope and charity for the coming year. We pray for Peace always, everywhere and especially here at home. Hug your loved ones, forgive those who need to be forgiven and give your time and talents to those who truly need it.

May your hearts be filled with the genuine spirit of Christmas!

Editor

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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