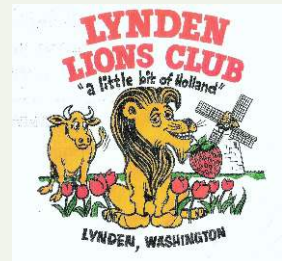


# LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



LYNDEN, WASHINGTON  
October/November, 2022

Join Hands in Service



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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

FREDA GROEN - 2

GALEN LAIRD - 12

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SABA MOKHTARI - 3

BOB VAN MERSBERGEN - 11

HARVEY DEJONG - 20

IRWIN DEJONG - 22

CAROL PATTISON - 23



*It's that time of year again. As I always say, we don't need a season to be thankful! We should be thankful everyday for our many blessings of family and friends, a warm home, food on our tables and best of all to live in a free nation where we can pursue our happiness...*

*Living in a community such as Lynden, coincides with our own Lions Club endeavors and beliefs to support and give back to our little town, be compassionate and help whenever and wherever needed.*

*Be thankful for all our members, past and present, who have always given their time and energy to the task at hand. It's not just as one of our mottos 'where there's a need there's a Lion', it's an everyday occurrence!*

*We should also be thankful for our newer members who are now part of our Lions Pride as we work together on our many fundraising events, so we in turn, can serve others with our many service projects and charities near and far away.*

*If so inclined, please pray for good health and happiness for our Lion's family so we may continue doing our part in making a difference to others.*

NEWSLETTER INTERIM EDITOR  
Vicki Van Allen



## Flag Days

Friday, Nov. 11  
Veterans Day

Wednesday, Dec 7  
Pearl Harbor Day

## Coming Up

Nov. 10  
24<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran's  
Celebration  
Judson Hall 6:30pm

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Banquet  
Rustler's Front Street Grill  
6:00 pm (lower level)

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting  
Speaker TBA

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Dist. Governor visit  
Dinner Meeting. Wear uniform!

Feb. 9. '23 General Meeting.  
Speaker TBA

Feb. 23 General Dinner Meeting  
Speaker TBA



## President Ray's Corner

We had two great programs in the month of October!

The Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting our guest speaker was the Chaplain of Lynden Door, Sal Biondolillo . He explained how the company first started and the expansion of the work efforts as well as the growth in the company. It's now a great part of USA manufacturing as well as almost the entire Canadian business expanse. He also spoke, with great emotion, about his role as the Chaplain and saying his faith is leading him in an attempt to get other companies to create a chaplain role for the betterment of their business efforts too.

The Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> evening allowed us to hear an update on Lions Camp Horizon. Being the new Director (since March), Tana Reneau expressed how very pleased she was with the summer sessions and how everything worked well for the campers.

They have since added a recent Fall session that was well attended. She is a wonderful speaker and will be a great leader for Camp Horizon, since she has many ambitious ideas for the coming years. Our Club's intentions are to keep supporting this worthy endeavor!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone!  
Lion Ray

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## *October*

**Oct. 13** That night brought a special speaker from Lynden Door.

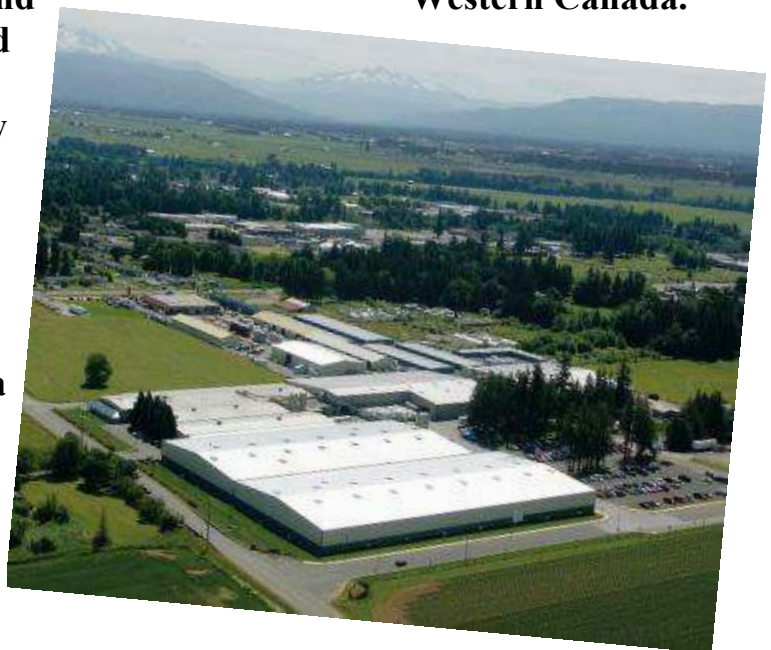
**Sal Biondolillo** who's the company's Chaplain, and also was the very first hired employee in 1978 that helped construct the manufacturing plant on the West Main location.

The history of the company began way back in the '40's when there was a flood in the Fraser River Valley. John Bargaen and his dad began making doors to replace those in homes who's where demolished in the flooding in their workshop in Yarrow, BC Soon, John's dad had a small door building business, It grew and was prosperous and they moved the family and business to Richmond, BC. In 1958, the Bargaen family moved their family business to Sumas, and began another venture with just one saw mill and a dream to broaden their enterprise. And in 1978 the move to Lynden came about. Wide open space of 52 acres gave room for the family owned & operated business to expand in size and more dreams of expansion & diversity of other businesses under the Lynden Door 'umbrella'.

John's son Ted now heads up the company, always maintaining their mission that deeply rooted in a sincere faith and humble trust in God and a belief that ' If you want a long and satisfying life never forget to be truthful and kind.' The family enterprises still extend that "family" atmosphere to all of their 422 employees, customers and suppliers. As a business their goal is to realize a profit by meeting the needs of people. They believe that profit provides business stability and strength and permits growth, which benefits the owners, employees and those with whom they do business, plus the community!

Today they have diversified the company into other profitable ventures including Lynden Door Trucking. It began by providing transportation solutions for the Lynden Door in Lynden and has developed into one of the most reliable regional carriers in the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada.

Originally transporting doors and millwork materials the trucking division has expanded into quality dry van transportation of food products, apples, cranberries, powdered milk, coffee beans, and much more. And their newest venture to give back to the community is the Technic Center, a training program for High School students for jobs specializing in wood working and manufacturing.



## October

Oct 27 th meeting turned into a full night of activities. To start, we were treated to a delicious Baked Potato Bar with all the fixin's plus Pumpkin Pie for dessert. Thanks to Chef Lynne.

We also gained a new member as we inducted Saba Mokhtari into our family. (Please see following page for her story)

Our speaker for the evening was the new director for Lions Camp Horizon. Tana Reneau shared her new ideas and mission for the disabled persons who attend the camp. Her statement of 'Isolation is more detrimental to these people than anything else', shows her determination to make this a place of transformation for many. She has much experience working with campers over the years and also has first hand knowledge of the disabled. As parents of 2 disabled children, the Reneaus listened to God and now are also fostering 5 kiddos. Camp Horizon will be a family affair with visions of making opportunities for the campers rich and meaningful. Of the many programs to meet their needs, INVOLVEMENT and INCLUSION tops the list of priorities, so campers will have cherished memories and want to return again and again. To make new friends and see again their camp friends from before. Some of them can eventually become counselors at Camp Horizon. Teaming up with 'neuro typical' individuals. Being able to keep their individuality, but learning new ways to see the sameness in all of us.

Presently, there are 6 sessions (50 campers max) in the summer and Tana is wanting to expand availability to more campers, since they are only using 2 of the 4 dorms on the campus. Campers have been from out of state or the country and hopefully, more promoting will help draw more in. She also plans to have year round activities available for folks of all ages. Of course, this will take more funding than is in the budget. She will travel locally to promote the ideas for her much needed plans to other service clubs and business, and possibly establish a monthly donor program for individual donors. Also, Tana is planning to visit local schools, inviting tours groups to promote the camp that is not that well known to the public.

They're calling it 'Whatcom County's Best Kept Secret'...  
Lions Camp Horizon will celebrate it's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024.



# October

## Meet our newest Lion.....

Saba Mokhtari found us when searching for a service organization that gives back to the community. After checking out a few in the county, she began seeing signs that lead her in our direction. She said the many signs she was given were gifts from God and when God speaks, she listens! Not to mention her Dad was a Lion in their native Iran. Then there was the sign (a physical sign) of our MD 19 office off the west side of I-5. That was when she decided to check out Lynden Lions Club and contacted Lion John Edmunds. He invited her to a meeting. She loved meeting our members, seeing the joy and laughter at our meetings, and after participating in several of our projects, decided this was a good fit. She also loved how everyone worked together to make our large projects possible and how generous we are with our time and donations to worthy causes that make a difference in other's lives.

Saba resides in Custer and has two children ages 29 and 25. Her hobbies include arts and crafts and especially embellishing clothing among other items.

We want to give a warm welcome to Saba, together we can continue our service to local communities and beyond, her purpose for joining us!



## Halloween afternoon Oct. 31

It was the fun place to be if you're a Lion and you love kids & candy! In partnership with our Pioneer Museum, we enjoyed being part of the annual Lynden Dutch Trick or Treat by the many generous merchants all over Lynden.

Lions Russ and Bob enjoyed the well thought out costumes of the kids and entire families, while handing out candy, coffee and hot chocolate to over 1200... After the tent closed they needed to get 6 pieces for the last 3 kiddos so no one was left out. Such a fun, community event appreciated by many!

# November

## Our Lions Club 24<sup>th</sup>

### Annual Veterans Celebration

*The evening of November 10<sup>th</sup> turned out to have a very proud audience filled with over 100 Veterans, families and friends who appreciate the service and sacrifices of our Soldiers in battles of far away places, kept and protected our freedoms of this great USA!*

*The evening began with the traditional presenting of colors by VFW Post 9301. The National Anthems of USA and Canada were then led by the voices of the Joyful Sound Singers, who also presented more Patriot tributes throughout the program.*

*Our speaker was Retired Colonel of the US Air Force, Tim Guthrie, who spoke*



*of his experiences as a medic in the Vietnam conflict. Sharing his thoughts of the moments of treating severely injured G.I.s, some giving the ultimate sacrifice, and also his time since retiring to help Veterans who need the extra attention and making sure they have the help they need.*

*After Roll Call of our Vets, present and past, the audience was found shedding a tear or two as they listened to Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' and the inspirational and emotional lyrics composed by the Director of the Joyful Sound, Jody Sorenson. She wrote the words after awakening in the middle of night with the story of a soldier's experience from when they first enter the military, their encounters and horrible conflicts of war, to the day of discharge and thanking the Lord for making it back home. Hallelujah!*

*The winner of the quilt donated by Piecable Quilters was to Veteran Alan Linde. After the Retiring of Colors, the evening ended with dessert for all.*

*It was at this point that the Boy Scout Troop from Lynden distributed a bag for each Veteran, filled with messages and Thank Yous written by K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Fisher, Isom and Vossbeck schools in Lynden!*

*We all feel, the night was a success and looking forward to next year's celebration that will be bigger and even better!*

## *In Case you missed it*



**"I don't think our Lions are  
in the spotlight.  
What our Lions are *doing* is  
the spotlight!"**



**Ahoy! The MD19H Christmas Ship will again take to the waters of the Salish Sea after 2 years of cancellations to again spread Holiday Cheer and gifts to many island residents in the San Juans. The vessel is smaller and will only visit seven ports in the U.S. Waters during their one day excursion. Unfortunately, they will not be sailing into Canadian waters as before. The smaller 'crew' will sail on Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from Fairhaven.**

**Contact Sandy Ball (360) 202-7642 for info and/or to volunteer as a Santa's helper.**



*Coming up quick*



**A Happy Belated 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



## Member Updates...



Just a reminder to all ... this page is reserved for any updates on our members who can't be with us at meetings or events for one reason or another...any member or family news you may want to share for our missing members, please email me [vickivanallen @msn.com](mailto:vickivanallen@msn.com) so I can pass it on to our membership.

ALL our members are important to us as they're part of our Lion's Pride!



*Thoughts and Prayers Please!*



*In case you weren't aware, our President Ray Happe is undergoing major surgery this coming Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph Hospital, Bellingham.*

*We would like him to know we all will keep him, his wife Christie and his entire medical team in our thoughts and prayers until the day he returns to us after a few weeks.*

*We pray for minimal discomfort, strength and faith for a complete recovery and for good health in his many years to come.*

*A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others.*



*They've done it again...our members who want to increase their Vitamin D levels have flown south for sunny & dryer climates once again! All we can say is enjoy and come home refreshed and full of energy! We will await your return with much enthusiasm!*

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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