## LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



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Join Hands In Service



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### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gordon Sund
- 8 Vicki Stelzer

Past Pres.

- 13 Nancy Guttormsen
- 17 Ron Baxter
- 24 Dick Martin

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## TRAINS & TOYS GALORE



It was a home run! The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Lynden Lions Club Model Train and Toy show was a resounding success, attracting almost 1,900 attendees. The Jansen building was packed to the brim with participants as well–18 clubs and organizations set up their amazing model train layouts, and 43 vendors rented some 150 tables to display their wares.











#### **FLAG DAYS**

The next flag days are:

- Saturday, 11 Nov.
- Thursday, 7 Dec.

#### **Maria Van Achte**

Let us all take a moment to remember our fellow Lion and dear friend Maria Van Achte who went to be with our heavenly father on 2 October. She, along with her husband George, were valued Lynden Lions who devoted many hours of service to our club. Condolences to the relatives and friends she left behind.



In September Lions Club members, led by Maureen Okane, distributed over 400 dictionaries to every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student in Lynden. Kudos to this team for helping with this valuable and fun project.

#### **SOUP**

Our next meeting on 26 Oct. Will be a soup supper. Please call Barb Love at 360-318-8140 to volunteer to bring soup, dessert, or some rolls. Thanks in advance.



And there was a face painter and a ballon vendor for the kids'



Moose Creek Logging again won the Peoples Choice Award for its fantastic logging themed layout.



Our cheerful front desk personnel.



A group of Lions Club Leos visited from Burlington.



A shift of eager ticket takers.



Members of the Lynden H.S. Football team did a great service by setting up and taking down 150+ show tables.

A special thank you to all of the many Lynden Lions Club members who worked so hard to make this show the great success that it was. Kudos!!! And thanks as well to the honor students who helped at the show.



Some changes have been made in the plans for the Lions Club program honoring our veterans. The program will now be held at our regular meeting space in the Methodist Church. The date is Thursday, 9 November. Jeff Seholm will be the guest speaker and the program will include a choral group performance. It promises to be an inspiring and patriotic event.

#### **RECENT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

28 SEPTEMBER





District Governor Joel Haggen and four Lion dignitaries from B.C. Canada were visiting. D.G. Haggen informed us that the District 19-O spring convention will be held in Bellingham in March 2024.



Lion Galen Laird presented a remembrance of two of our beloved Lions who we lost this year, Nancy Kuelz and John Edmunds.

#### 12 OCTOBER



Margaret Vallencour, Family Community Services Coordinator, provided an enlightening overview of the many services her group offers to people in need in our community.

#### **UPCOMING**

Oct. 26: Regular Meeting, Soup Supper

Nov. 2: Board Meeting

Nov 9: Veterans Program at

Methodist Church

Nov. 11: Flags-Veterans Day

Dec. 7 Board Meeting

- Dec. 7 Flags-Pearl Harbor Day

Dec. 14: Christmas Party-TBD

#### PRESIDENTS CORNER

FLAGS - Thanks to Chuck & Nancy Boies for chairing, to all who put out flags, and especially to Russ Kuelz who canvassed the business community and increased our number of flags to 324.

LTI PICNIC - Thanks to the 20 Lions and 12 lions friends who put in 214 hours to pull this off. Other than planning, organizing, and gathering/returning items, this is a one day project with little expense and ends in a generous donation to the club.

FAIR PARKING - Nancy Boies with Chuck's help led a very successful 5 days of NW Fair parking. Thanks to all who helped.

TRAIN & TOY SHOW - Thanks to everyone who helped make the show so successful. Lions Gordon, Galen, Barb and myself planned and organized all aspects of the show. We had great help from club members, the Lynden H.S. Football team, the Lynden H.S. Honor Society, the Boy Scouts, the Fair and many friends, including participants.

So far our projects have done better than projected. It appears we will have some extra funds available once we have met all of our currently budgeted obligations. The board will be discussing options to increase current giving to existing recipients and/or to benefit other worthy causes. If you have any ideas, please share with a board member.

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