

LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



LYNDEN, WASHINGTON

June 2023

Join Hands in Service



Club Officers

President	- Rich Kayser
1st Vice Pres	- Galen Laird
2nd Vice Pres	- Nancy Boies
3rd Vice Pres	- Barb Love
Treasurer	- Nancy Boies
Secretary	- Janice Newman
1yr Dir.	- Nancy Guttormsen
1yr Dir.	- Debbie Anderson
2yr Dir.	- Harvey DeJong
2yr Dir.	- Lynne Heeringa
Tail Twister	- Maureen Okane
Lion Tamer	- Chuck Boies
Membership	- Roger Dowling
Past Pres.	- Ray Happe



JULY BIRTHDAYS



JULY 3 BARBARA LOVE

JULY 10 CHARLOTTE BOVENKAMP

JULY 22 RICH KAYSER

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Vicki Van Allen

Our Journey Through Hallowed Ground

I guess there's no room in today's news to mention that July 1st begins the 160th Anniversary of the three day Battle of Gettysburg. Maybe it would offend someone. Well, I won't apologize for that. In every country in the world, there has been many wars & inner conflicts, for good and unfortunately for the bad.

That July of 1863, the little farming community of Gettysburg became the turning point of the Civil War and the history of our nation.

Several years ago we set out on a 6 week cross country RV trip mainly to visit the Civil War Battlegrounds and sights of American History. Our main concentration covered the 180 mi National Scenic Byway & Heritage area from Gettysburg south to Charlottesville, VA & in between. We gained more appreciation & respect of the experiences of those living during those terrible times.

Many stories of soldiers & heroes, but also of the citizens of small towns, and farmers whose land were the actual sights of those bloody battles.

Being proud Americans and able to stand in the same places as Lincoln when presenting his Gettysburg Address, to the 'blood alley' of Antietam, where my Great Great Grandfather fought, gave us such a sense of reverence and humility. Yes, the Civil War was a tragic, yet necessary event in our history to remain ONE NATION UNDER GOD!

Happy 4th of July!



June



Flag Days
July 4th , Tuesday
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sept. 4th , Monday
Labor Day
Sept. 11th , Monday
Patriots Day

Coming Up

*** July 6th Board Meeting 6:30pm**
July 27th Picnic Pot Luck
Berthesen Park

*** Aug. 3rd Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
Aug 5th LTI Picnic
Aug. 15th-19th Fair Parking
Aug. 24th Dessert & Bocci Ball
Bender Fields

*** Sept. 7th Board Meeting 6:30pm**
Sept. 14th General Meeting
details TBA.
Sept. 28th General Meeting

*** Oct. 5th Board Meeting 6:30pm**
Oct. 7-8th Train Show- details TBA
Oct. 12th General Meeting
Oct. 26th General Meeting

**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!*

President Rich's Corner



I would like to start off with a big shout out to all of our members! We have persevered through a few rough years with the pandemic and changes or cancellation of activities and projects. This past year we have been blessed with increased revenue from our regular fundraising activities.

We will be presenting a proposed budget at our July 6th board meeting and voting on by our membership at our July 29th picnic meeting at Berthusen Park. With inflation as high as it is, we have all personally felt its effects. I'm sure the organizations we support are feeling it as well. If you have any comments in regard to the proposed budget, please contact me.

I am finalizing a 2023-24 calendar and Officer/Committee Chairman chart, along with an updated roster which should be available soon. Art Van Allen and I are also looking into options for a new Lynden Lions Club website which we hope will be more up-to-date, informative and user friendly, as well as having a new sign-up feature.

Our busiest season is ahead of us and we will need all hands on deck for may upcoming projects and events. Please mark them on your calendars and sign up. We also have started a list of "Friends of the Lynden Lion" who are people from the community that are willing to help us with our projects.

Lion Nancy Kuelz left a big hole in our club and we are still looking for a qualified treasurer. If interested, please contact Lion Galen or me.

Looking forward to a great upcoming year!
Lion Rich

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June

Annual Installation Dinner

The evening of Thurs. June 22 found our Lynden Lions Club gathered again at the home of Rick and Lynne Heeringa. Lynne's delicious Surf n' Turf dinner kicked off the evening of the many deserved awards, accolades and the business at hand of the Installation of Officers, and Induction of a new member!

Since pictures are worth a thousand words, we'll let them speak for themselves...



First up was awarding Scholarship awards to Sara Weisen (L, who will be attending Whitworth College and Lucy White (R, will attend Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. Both ladies are setting their sights for careers in education. Those colleges will be lucky to have them.

Our Membership team, Roger and Maureen had a refreshing, newer version of our traditional Induction Ceremony complete with a relaxed Lion. Craig Wagar was Inducted, with the help of his sponsor, Harv DeJong! We look forward to learning more about our newest member, who's already shown his hard work, dedication and who wants to give back to his community.

Welcome Craig!

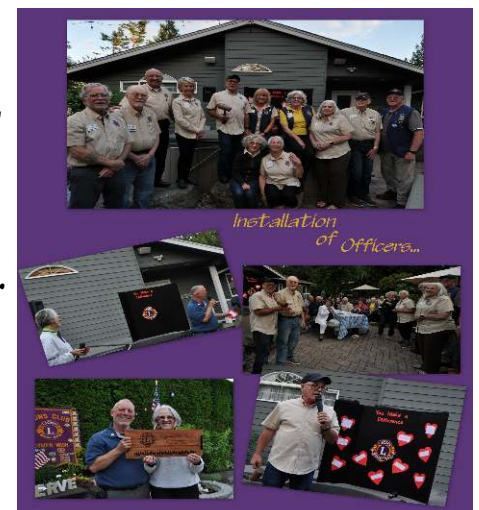
The Friends of Lynden Lions is for those who choose to participate in projects as non-official members, such as Sara Weisen and John O'Connel.



President Ray presided this past year, despite his serious medical condition! His dedication and determination is to be commended. He generously distributed his President Appreciation Awards to many. Also the very special Melvin Jones Fellow Award and Member of the Year Award to a very deserving Past President, John Edmunds! We're blessed to have him and his positivity!

The Installation for '23-'24 board members and officers ended the evening. The officiates (installers sounds kinda weird like putting a motor in a car)? But, maybe not so far off... all these folks are actually what keeps our club running! So having the honor of installing our leaders was our guests and favorite Lion couple, Rock & Patty Allen White (our Vice Council Chair Elect for LCI) who pinned Board members and Officers with a small heart pin inscribed with 'you make a difference'!

On to another successful year for our Lynden Lions Club!



June

Incase you missed it...



Joy might be difficult to define, but you know it when you see it and certainly know when you feel it!

So long, farewell...it's been nice to serve you

As we all bid adieu to ZONE H-1 and complete another chapter in our lives, Zone Chair Galen Lair and I, your humble editor, want to thank our Lion leaders and volunteers who have given so much to our clubs and to our individual communities.

We look forward to our future as ZONE O-5 (letter 'O' not number 0) with District Governor Joel Haggren and each club's leadership (some existing, some new) as we continue to exemplify our motto "WE SERVE" in our communities and neighborhoods.

~Editor



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

Hoping you will continue sending up Prayer of Thanks for our President Ray, who led our club during the past year, relentlessly despite his medical leave. We wish him well and look forward to his further contributions to our club.



Continued thoughts & prayers for our Past President John, as his progress continues with his ongoing treatments. We're pleased to have him as our Member of the Year and also congratulate him on receiving another Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Well, deserved!



Good thoughts and more prayers as Carol Pattison. Today, Jerry says she's doing good, but will take time and perseverance to recover from her recent fall & hip surgery. All since coming home from Las Vegas after her stroke which left her with speech difficulties. She's improved greatly with her therapy for that. She is currently at the Christian Health Center. Prayers for Jerry too!



Gordon Sund's progress is 'progressing' as he continues to do well with his physical therapy while recuperating from his recent hip replacement. He's already making his contributions to help head up the train show as he's done for many years past and is again writing the newsletters (giving me a break) until Oct! Thanks so much!

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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