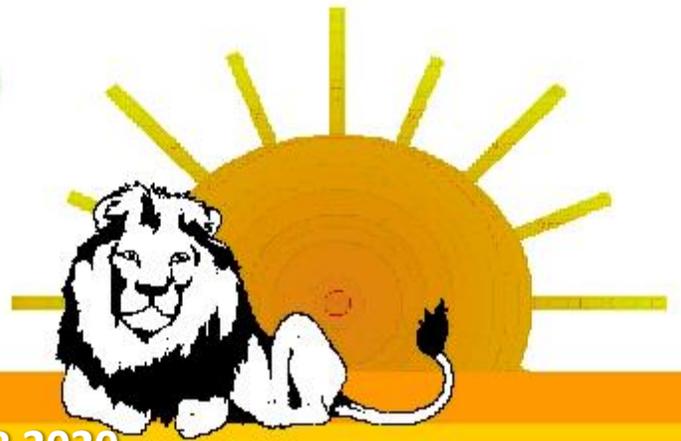


# The Sunriser



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



We are still *ZOOMing* along. Everyone misses hot coffee and a delicious breakfast with

morning fellowship, the ringing of the King Lion bell, and Carol wagging her pole and tin pot at everyone in a successful effort to twist tails. **BUT think about this:** Cliff Brandsma, who does not have a computer or smart phone, joined Marty Ikari for the Sept 10th zoom meeting. Can you do that? Go to a friend's house (someone safe and COVID free), who joins our zoom meetings? Wearing your mask. Don't sit too close. No smooching. Thurs 7:30 to 8:30am.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Tues October 6, 6:30pm**  
Day before, Secretary sends link for members to follow.

## OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKERS



**Oct 1st Dr. Deb Clemens**—Supt of North Thurston Public Schools;  
**8th Andrew Barkis** PKL of Lacey Sunrise Lions (left)—being a landlord during pandemic;  
**15th Steve Lowe**—fraud;  
**22nd Chris DeBell** of Lacey Fire District 3—senior safety at home.



## KING LION'S CORNER



I have been inspired this month by our Lacey & Thurston County First responders. These women and men courageously risk their own safety on a routine basis to preserve the safety of others. With thoughtful consideration we

must conclude that a vast majority of these individuals are indeed "heroes." The career they have each chosen is not just a job, but a self-sacrificing lifestyle. Which of us would run toward danger when others are fleeing? When fire erupts, our fire crews run into the deadly flames as most run away. When accidents or illness cripple our responses, these professionals eagerly exercise the training they diligently have prepared for. When evil intentions threaten the innocent, these guardians of justice step in between, even at the very real risk of their own lives. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report 2018, there were 58,866 assaults against law enforcement officers, and in that same year the NFPA estimated a total of 58,250 firefighter injuries occurred.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>--Presentation of Governor's Proclamation to Chief Brooks - Fire District 3. From left, Joel Graves, Dave Noble, Chief Brooks, Dick Platner (Lacey Lamplighters) and Pat Baron (Lacey Mid-Day).



These heroes bring order to our society, they give equal rights and abilities to those who are weaker physically so that the "only the strong survive" mentality is not allowed to diminish and silence the life and influence of the weaker yet vibrant and priceless members of our society.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Terry Storey 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Isabella Colvin 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Joel Graves 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Gil White 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Terry Cullinane 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Jan Storey 27<sup>th</sup>



### FREE CONCERT SUNDAY OCT 11<sup>th</sup>

The concert is free but registration is required.

Want to feel good about being a Lion? Recording artists Karen Taylor Good and Stowe Dailey (Lacey Sunrise Members) invite you to join them for a free concert in honor of the Lions. The award-winning singers will perform their live concert for Lions via zoom October 11 at 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

TO REGISTER visit the MD19C Lions website at <http://www.md19clions.org>. When you register, you will receive two emails confirming your registration. Save both as they provide a link and password that serves as your ticket to the event when you sign in again October 11th.

“Seating” is limited to the first 1,000 people and registration is first come, first served. So get your reservation secured today. Concert organizers Sharon Sikes and Karen Sell fully expect to be turning people away. Co-sponsored by Lacey Sunrise and Olympia Host Lions Clubs, the free concert will be available on your computer, your tablet, or your phone.

On 9/11 we were again reminded how much sacrifice is required to keep our freedom. While visiting with our local sheriff, police and fire crews I was shocked and saddened at how many of our servants expressed feelings that they have been *deserted* by the public they serve. Most of *our* first responders seemed to feel alone, isolated, and outcast. Perhaps this in part, explains the dramatic increase in suicides during this year of COVID.

As we go about our day, let’s remember that our society remains a “great experiment.” To make this work each person needs to know the warmth of human appreciation. Each of us needs to feel needed and valued. Each one of us needs human compassion and love.

Lions, let us be the answer that brightens someone’s day. Let us habitually greet others with a smile and a “thank you for what you do.” And during this very difficult time, let us warmly encourage the police, fire, and civil servants in our community who make it their life’s work to serve us before they serve themselves. Dave

### TWISTED THOUGHTS

by Carol O’Rourke

As a Board member I wear two hats: Tail Twister and Wellness Coordinator. We are still dealing with the Pandemic; and as of this newsletter, the smoke from the fires. We need to support each other and keep in touch.

On our zoom meetings on Thursday mornings only one-fourth of our members attend. Most of our members have computers, and we all have cell phones or lab tops. To join zoom is easy, and if you need help call Joel (360-789-5300) and he will help you.



#### WE NEED YOU!

We are the Lacey Sunrise Lions! We are family. Without everyone’s input, how can the Club as a whole support our Community? If you cannot join us on zoom, make sure you are in touch with other Lions. To make sure they doing well, see if they want a visit or need a ride to go shopping. We are all dealing with this “*stay home and be safe*” in different ways. Even a phone call can make someone’s day. Call the Secretary (360-789-5300) if you need a phone number.



## FALL APPLE SALES

It's September and you know what that means...time to sell Fuji apples, truly a COVID-proof enterprise. This activity is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year, and it takes everyone's help to make it successful.

**HOW IT WORKS:** You take orders for the apples from your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors for \$40 per box. Place your preliminary order through Frankie Sokso

[sokso@comcast.net](mailto:sokso@comcast.net) by October 1st and your final order by October 15th. Frankie will call you when the apples arrive at the Thurston County Food Bank.



## LACEY SUNRISE HAT FUNDRAISER \$20

*My grandson Elias—8 yrs old*

Of course, you do not need another hat. We get that. But when you buy this beautiful, wonderful, magnificent, astounding, colorful new LSL crown cover, the profits (1/3rd of cost) go to good causes—the many programs and projects Lacey Sunrise Lion's support. So, if you personally don't need one, then by all means buy this fine bonnet for a friend - \$20 each. If you did not get the flyer in your email, then go to our website to view or download it: [www.LaceySunriseLions.org](http://www.LaceySunriseLions.org).

**TO ORDER:** See the flyer for hat colors, then email Joel Graves with quantity and colors.

## FEATURED LION

**BOB KELLEY**

April 28, 1928 – September 22, 2020

This piece was written by Bob for the Sunrise Lions 40th anniversary yearbook—contributed by Roberta Pinson.

**I AM A LOCAL GUY**, born in Yelm, Washington in 1928. I graduated from Yelm High School in 1946 and courted my girlfriend, Lee, for two years. We got married in August 1949 and were blessed with two kids, son Steve in 1953 and daughter Debra in 1954. Our first home was in Tumwater. I retired from the Washington State Department of Transportation in November 1979 and retired from the US Army Reserve Program in 1981. For ten years I was an instructor in the Engineering Department of Saint Martin's College and retired for the third time in 1993.



In the spring of 1986 my neighbor, Mel Olsen, said he had been to a meeting with a bunch of crazy guys and wanted me to meet them. I did and the results were we both joined the Lacey Sunrise Lions Club in 1986. Being a member of this club for 36 years (five years ago), I have had the privilege of holding all of the club's

officer positions except for Secretary and Tail Twister. I have also chaired many of our club's projects. I served as Club President from 1989 to 1990, Zone Chairman from 1991 to 1992 and was presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in 1994. I have chaired several projects at the district level and was the South American Coordinator for MD-19 Youth Exchange Foundation for many years. Bob





## LIONS FACE MASKS \$10

Who is this masked man? None other than our MD19 Executive Director Peter Anderson—mask model extraordinaire.

This mask (left) goes behind the ears. The MD19 Multiple District

mask (below right) ties behind the head. These black cloth masks are stylish and effective.

When people look at you, they look at your eyes and your mouth. With this mask, they will see the Lions logo and your commitment to service for others. It might even start a conversation, which could lead to a new member joining our club.

TO ORDER: Email Peter [ExecutiveDirector@LionsMD19.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@LionsMD19.org). \$10 each plus postage and you will be the envy of the club. Model your mask for us at the next zoom meeting.



## We Stand Together

From the Summer 2020 Lions Magazine, p.6

Lions Club International joined Kiwanis International, Optimist International, and Rotary International to issue a joint statement to deliver hope and comfort during the 2020 global health crisis. These renowned service organizations leveraged the strength of their combined networks of 3.2 million members and focused their collective skills, resources, and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives. The joint statement was an effort to remind the public that, in times of uncertainty, local service clubs remain committed to meeting the challenge of finding innovative ways to take action together to help communities around the globe heal and thrive.

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands, that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.



November 7<sup>th</sup>  
only one day

MD19 Annual  
Convention  
*A Virtual Experience*

Saturday 9-6pm  
\$20 Registration

To register for this one day virtual convention, go to the Lacey Sunrise website—on the homepage about half way down, you will see the MD19 logo and a link for registration. Be sure to email the Secretary [LionJoelGraves@gmail.com](mailto:LionJoelGraves@gmail.com) and let him know you will be attending.

