

# The Sunriser



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



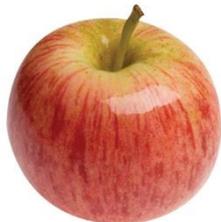
## NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKERS



Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Mindy Crump on Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County, 12<sup>th</sup> Donna Murr (LEFT), 19<sup>th</sup> is a business meeting, because *we will not meet on Thanksgiving Day Nov 26<sup>th</sup>*.

## Fall Apple Sales in Review

As of Oct 27<sup>th</sup> our total apples sales was 84 boxes or \$840 to the club. Thanks to all of you, who ordered apples and made this fundraiser a success.



## KING LION'S CORNER

### OPPORTUNITIES

I AM EXCITED about all the new opportunities we find presented to us in this year of COVID. We have been very successful with our zoom attendance both at our regular Thursday club meetings and our board meetings. This presents a great NEW MEMBER opportunity! Our meetings are easy to attend, and they provide the ability for a person to get up and leave, if they need to be somewhere before the meeting is over. So if you know of anyone who would like to learn more about our club, then please get their email and invite them! Forward their email to LionJoelGraves@gmail.com (with an explanation) and we will ensure they receive an enthusiastic welcome—one we would appreciate.



The SENIORSAFE@HOME program is another example of your influence on our community as the Lacey Fire Department searched us out because of *your reputation* for service in our community. We look forward to the first project they bring us.

In just seven short months, we will embark on our next LSL GOLF TOURNAMENT (May 2021). After the incredible success of our last tournament—during the worst conditions we could have feared, I am confident we will surpass all previous records. Many businesses are currently planning their 2021 donation budget, so let your influence as an appreciative customer sway their giving to our community. Give them a tournament flyer (coming soon) and invite them now. Who would you possibly consider? How about your hair salon, dentist office, vet, drycleaner, auto repair shop, to name just a few. We can pledge our support for them, and their support to Lacey Sunrise Lions helps Lacey residents directly.

AND FINALLY, just the other day I was contacted by our own Lacey Parks & Recreation Director—Jennifer Burbridge—who asked if LSL would help with some of their projects.

STAY TUNED—YOU ARE INCREDIBLY POPULAR!



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Arden Roberts 17th  
Ike Ikari 18th  
Laurel Strong 19th  
Gail Slosson 25th  
Paul Martin 27th

## CORONAVIRUS OVERSEAS

What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The wurst-kase scenario.



The grocery stores in France look like tornadoes hit them. All that's left is de brie.

Finland just closed its borders. You know what that means: No one will be crossing the finish line.



FROM LEFT: Lyell Clark, Pat Bucknell, Mike Regan, Dave Azeltine, Randy Harris, Joan Batton, Dave Noble, Laurel Strong. Ilias Murr worked on ramp earlier and Kathy Cross Reece visited.

### BOB KELLEY WHEELCHAIR RAMP PROJECT.

Bob left us on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and has been greatly missed. In response, Lacey Sunrise Lions renamed the project he championed in his honor. So on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, our intrepid crew descended upon the Paul and Joan Batton home and installed a wheelchair ramp in the garage. In the photo, Joan Batton is in the back, holding up Lions vests her parents wore, as long-time members of the Odell Oregon Lions Club.



## District 19C News



NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
ONE DAY ONLY

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.

## FEATURED LION

### Peggy Rogers, 2VP

After working full time for forty-eight years, I was finally on the top rung of the ladder, and retirement was staring me in the face. Most of those years were in customer service and that is what I was looking to stay involved with. SERVICE!



In my mind, I was thinking of taking a year off, but my longtime friend, Randy Harris, invited me to a Lions meeting, and he would buy breakfast. That was September 2014. I was introduced to a room full of friendly people, many I knew from my banking career. As the meeting began, I could see there were many opportunities to volunteer and be with people. Randy chose a couple of things for me to participate in, Day of Caring being one of those. Fun day, met more people, and I could see that the Lacey Sunrise Lions would be something I would enjoy. *Do as little or as much as you want to do*, Randy said. But there was and is such a need.

The meetings, the Santa Breakfast, Charter Night, Road Clean Up, the days and weeks flew by and the next thing I recall, I was asked to be a Director. Not sure if I was qualified and didn't know what a director's responsibilities would be, but I took it. Again, Randy was always there for support and to answer questions, which I had many. Jim LaBelle was starting up a Lions scholarship program and invited me to help. That was 2015 and the first year LSL offered a scholarship. The following four years I chaired the program, and each year there is more to learn and a better way to make it work. The scholarship is funded by proceeds from our annual charity golf tournament. I was awarded Rookie of the Year 2014-2015.

In 2016 I was asked to run and serve as LSL Secretary. I wouldn't be completing my two-year director position, but the pay was the same. I served as Secretary for the next three years with the support of Gail Slosson. From there I went on to LCIF coordinator in 2019. But our new Secretary

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was unable to complete her term due to work scheduling, so I offered to step back in the position. In 2019 I was awarded the ultimate of all awards, MELVIN JONES FELLOW. I was totally surprised, because we have so many members that do so much. What an honor. 2020 took me to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Again, so much to learn and to earn the chance to be worthy of an officer of LSL.

I have had the support of a great group of friends. But I feel the most important thing is having a mentor like Randy Harris. We need to coach and keep involved with our members. Include members in projects; ask them to join you. We all want to be a valuable part of anything we do.

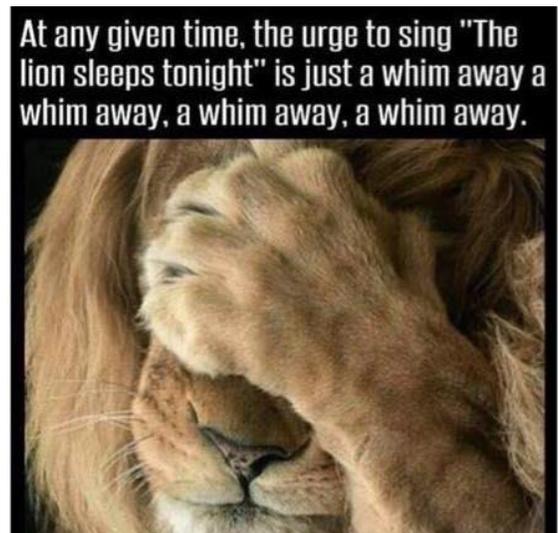


## HAT FUNDRAISER.

Here we are on the cusp of the holiday season, and you have not bought all of your gifts yet.

**WAIT!**

Buy ball caps for your friends and family. \$20 each. Go to our website home page and click on the link, so you can see the many different colors. Then email Lion Joel Graves with the quantity and colors desired. EASY SQUEEZY as my grandson Ben would say.



## Tom Mitchell on Bob Kelley

As with many of us, I was fortunate to call Bob Kelley a friend. Bob was my sponsor into Lion's Club many years ago, but he was also a big reason I stayed involved. I enjoyed working and fellowshiping with Bob. Bob's intense determination to make the world a better place was infectious and immutable. His impact on our club and community was far reaching and deeply felt.

In him I recognized a quality of character and an unselfish dedication to something greater than himself that is uncommon today. Bob Kelley was old school. He moved through this world unswervingly with clear focus on love and dedication to his wife, Lee, his family, and his community. On one occasion, I recall accompanying Bob to a florist to purchase a bunch of flowers. Bob was quite particular about the appearance of the bouquet. I later found out that Bob purchased flowers every year on this date to commemorate Lee's birthday although she had passed years before.

Picture at right: Jason, Jon (also Sunrise member), Jeff in back, Tom, Bob, and Pat standing on newly constructed wheelchair ramp. Tom's sons, Jason and Jeff, would help with ramps when they were in town.



I am proud to call Bob a friend and delighted that he considered me one. But he was more than that to me. Wise and solid as a rock. A safe harbor in all storms. I looked to Bob for guidance on many aspects of life, and we enjoyed extended conversations on Lion's club issues, world affairs, family, and life in general. To work with Bob on Lion's projects was a treat. I am grateful for the time we spent bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Christmas which made the season seem that much more festive. In later years, Bob was often the oldest member of our group on various community projects, but his efforts were always a big part of our group dynamic and overall success—including the Thurston County Food Bank, United Day of Caring, and others.

For all his accomplishments and energy invested, Bob was a humble servant and never consider individual credit a worthy goal. Although I worked closely with Bob on wheelchair ramps and other safety projects, I frequently discovered projects Bob completed individually with no assistance from, or knowledge of, any members of the club. Bob quietly worked behind the scenes to assist those who needed help.

Bob established the Lion's club Wheelchair Ramp program. Over the years, under his able direction, hundreds were built, enabling countless people in need (including disabled veterans and children) to gain some mobility.



Many of us who had the privilege of building wheelchair ramps with Bob will remember his dedication to the projects over the years. He selflessly and individually fielded the requests, did site visits, designed the ramps, ordered materials, organized the work detail, participated in and supervised the building, and worked with the end user on their maiden voyage. He was always there from start to finish in all weather, even in later years when health concerns would have sidelined a lesser spirit.

Picture at left: Jon and Bob at bell ringing.

This is not to say we did not occasionally have challenges on our projects. While construction was in progress, sometimes various opinions on construction would emerge from the volunteers, eventually turning into engineering disputes. While normally a strong but always proper, polite personality, the disorganized scene would eventually exhaust Bob's patience. On these occasions Bob would forcefully declare, "Okay people, let's just do it my way." The exchange promptly ended any further discussion. We would all smile and return to the task at hand. I will remember him always; his impact continues.

*Bob, may you gently rest in peace with Lee. We love you and miss you.*

Tom Mitchell