

# The Sunriser



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



## DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKERS



3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Burbidge (LEFT)—  
Director, Lacey Parks and  
Recreation Museum News,  
10<sup>th</sup> Dr. Mary Ferris—*What is  
low vision?*  
17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carolers.  
*No meetings 24 or 31 Dec.*



## FEATURED LION

### Pat Bucknell

Currently, Club Treasurer, C6 Zone Chair, President of  
Lions Project New Hope NW,  
CHAIR FOR: Flags Over Lacey, Boys & Girls Scouts,  
Aluminum Can Collection, and Thurston County Fair.  
CO-CHAIR for our Annual Charity Golf Tournament.



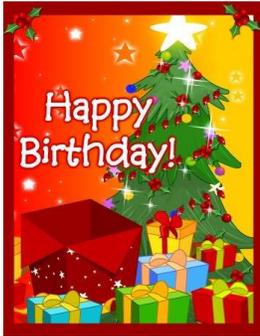
Pat, Linda, Ilias Murr holding up flag.

As you can tell from the list of activities he is involved in, Lion Pat has been an active member of the Lacey Sunrise Lions since 1980 (sponsored by Art Blythe on March 1st). He served twice as King Lion, twice as a Vice Chairperson, seven times as Treasurer, Lion Tamer three times, and C6 Zone Chair from 1994-1995 and at present. It is quite obvious that Pat loves the Lions and is willing to serve in any capacity necessary for the success of the club and the community.

With support from the club, he started the American Flag program with the City of Lacey and the Lions of Year program in 1986. In 2000, he became involved as the Charter Representative for Boy Scouts of America—Troop 222. Because of his passion for helping veterans and their families, when Lions Project New Hope NW



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Sharon Sikes 1st  
 Paul Conroy 5th  
 Jan Goebel 7th  
 Greg Leppert 10th  
 Berta Fender 12th  
 Kristen Lyons 16th  
 Karen Taylor Good 22nd  
 Judy Ann Bergvall 31st

## FOODBANK PACKAGING NOV 19th



Thurston County Foodbank is a massive food distribution center. Pallets full of packed bags for individuals. Each pallet provides 288 school children with multiple meals. In about three hours, our intrepid crew of seven people packed two full pallets or enough to feed 576 North Thurston School District children. Well done.

*“Well, that’s an hour of volunteering I will never get back,” said no Lion volunteers---ever.*

started in 2010, he signed up to serve on the first board. He chaired the Sunrise club’s 40 Years of Lionism Book, and the Lacey Sunrise Complete History of the Financials.

He is an Air Force veteran, spending almost five years at Dyess Air Force Base (southwest of Abilene, Texas) as a plumber on the Atlas F missile systems. While there he played fastpitch baseball for the 2nd Air Force Team. He started the North American Fastpitch Softball Association and was its first Executive Director. He held that position for ten years while organizing tournaments all over the United States. He only gave it up when his diabetes got worse. But notice what is on his artificial right leg—baseballs.

For sixteen years he worked for the Washington State Fisheries Department, managed Bucknell Sports Park for thirteen years, and distributed Amway products.

Simply put, Pat is doer. If he sees a need or someone calls, he wades into the fray and gets his hands dirty. Most times, if you see a photo of the group building ramps, he is right there. He puts up and takes down the American flags around Lacey, takes a shift at the I-5 Maytown Exit—Free Coffee for Travelers, and many other programs. If you ask Pat to help, he will find a way to get involved.

Pat said he enjoyed being a Lion because he loves helping other people. It used to scare the daylight of him to speak in front of people, but Lions helped him overcome a natural shyness; and over time, he learned that he enjoyed being a leader.





## LACEY FIREFIGHTERS CHRISTMAS CHARITY December 13th Sunday

In conjunction with the Adopt-a-Family program, Lacey Sunrise and Midday Lions join the LFD to help at least 50 families (150-175 kids) with food and gifts. Families drive through Fire Department 34 (across from Ostrom's Mushroom Farm :: 8407 Steilacoom Rd SE), stopping at stations for food and gifts. Although we need a few volunteers for this part (limited by COVID restrictions), what we really need is gift bags and cookies and some shopping for items. **To help, please contact Kathy Cross Reece [kathy@kathycross.com](mailto:kathy@kathycross.com) or Peggy Rogers [twovettes@comcast.net](mailto:twovettes@comcast.net).**

**REMEMBER:** To find out what is happening in your club, go to our website [LaceySunriseLions.org/EVENTS](http://LaceySunriseLions.org/EVENTS).

## District 19C News

**SALE**  
Christmas Cards

Auburn Noon Lions  
Presents:  
Handmade Christmas Cards  
Order yours before they are gone!

5 Pak \$15.00  
10 Pak \$25.00

To order send an email to:  
[Treasurer.AuburnLions@gmail.com](mailto:Treasurer.AuburnLions@gmail.com)

Auburn Noon Lions has homemade Christmas Cards. To order, contact [auburnlions@gmail.com](mailto:auburnlions@gmail.com)

People act like the North Pole and the South Pole are exactly the same, but really, there's a whole world of difference between them.

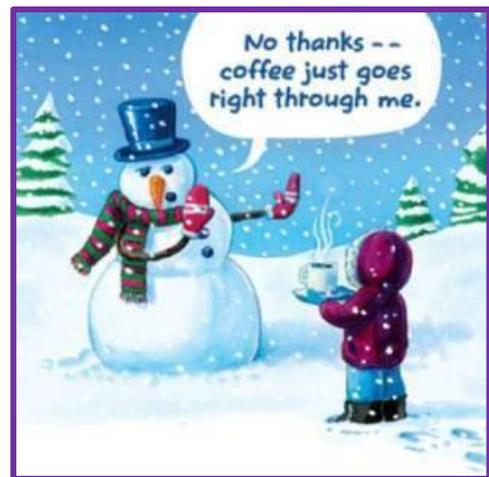


What does the Gingerbread Man use to make his bed? Cookie sheets!

Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee? Because they're Santa's star bucks!

How is the alphabet different on Christmas from every other day? There's No el!

**ROADSIDE CLEAN UP** On a Saturday In the first few weeks of December, we will go out to pick up trash along Carpenter Road—our Adopt-a-Road. Watch your email for the announcement.



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**VIDEO FUNDRAISER** The Shelton Centennial Lions Club is holding a "Let's Kick 2020 to the Curb Party" to raise funds for the Shelton, Washington Food Banks.

The ZOOM party starts at 11:00 a.m., Dec 31, 2020.

But there's more: The Club is looking for Lions with talent to share at the party via YouTube videos.

SUBMIT your YouTube video by Dec 24th.

For details, contact Lion Bill Scholl by email or by phone at 360-520-6802.

## KING LION'S CORNER



I have always loved fall and winter in the Pacific Northwest. The clean, fresh smell of the air as the season takes hold of our climate, the incredible color changes in the foliage and the beauty when our mountains are capped with snow. To a Nebraska boy, this is stunning and a

constant reminder that perpetual change is part of our life. Sometimes it seems that undesirable challenges arise and almost chant mockingly to us “overcome this!” The reward in such times is our ultimate victory as we attack these challenges head on—*together*.

As this year of COVID nears its end, I see hope. Yes, there is the hope of the distribution of vaccines to eradicate this ugly disease. But more than that, I have hope that we can build relationships with those in our own neighborhoods in need. Many people feel more isolated than ever and despair consumes them.



Some of the suffering are our homeless children who are in desperate need of our direct intervention. Last week and in response to this immediate need, it was extremely satisfying to watch seven of us working for just 2 1/2 hours with our **NTC Food Bank** (photo at left). That morning alone, we provided 576 of our community's less fortunate children with multiple meals. As I write this, we are also in the process of helping needy families at our own Pleasant Glades Elementary through our fundraising efforts with **Jerry's Kids**. And to top that off, just last month we joined forces in a successful **Cooperative Foodbank Collection venture with Rotary** and others to provide help for the many struggling families in our neighborhoods.

This year it seems like the winds of change have seldom ebbed and we have quickly adapted with compassion to be the help

that people need. Many of you have presented new ideas and leadership, and if you are reading this and wondering “*what if we do this or do that...?*” please suggest your idea. Our Secretary Lion Joel did so with a program we call **Lions Project New Hope Northwest**, and we were recently thrilled to learn that a husband and father had decided *not* to take his own life! Hope has now blossomed into joy in this soldier's family! In our inaugural **Bob Kelley Wheelchair Ramp Project**, named as a legacy to its wonderful creator, we again provided a local couple the safety they needed to begin recovery from a disabling health issue (Sept 22). So many incredible projects have been started by our own LSL members that I could fill pages with your accomplishments; those mentioned are just the tip of the iceberg.

Lacey Sunrise Lions, you have brought life and hope to so many people already, and we are just five months into this new Lions year. With COVID ever present, you have so massively exceeded anyone's expectations that our Lacey Fire Department and others are reaching out to us first for more help!

**I am convinced that each of us was put here for *this* time, and *this* reason in *this* place and I could not be prouder of your loving response.**

This December, as we celebrate the season of hope, we have the ability to bring more joy to our neighbors in need by joining with others who can help us improve the lives of those who are less fortunate. Let us finish this Lions year stronger than we started. The need is great, but as I have already witnessed, *your love is greater*.