

The Sunriser



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IN PERSON MEETINGS

Let the Secretary know if and when you get your vaccinations, so we can plan for breakfast meetings again.

Think about it...Panorama will probably get vaccinated before all of us, so that venue might open up before we are even able to start meeting.

**THE SECRETARY WANTS YOUR JANUARY
END-OF-MONTH LIONS and NON-LIONS HOURS.**

PAY FOR ONLY THE NEXT SIX MONTHS (from now thru the end of our fiscal year)—**\$43 per person and \$33 for each family member.** Send a check or see our website for payment options, **but help us wrap this up in February.**

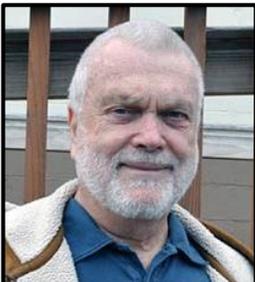


BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

FEB 2nd Tuesday 6:30pm

ZOOM LINK AUTOMATICALLY SENT TO MEMBERS

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKERS



- 4 FEB Skip Steffen (left),
Director Union Gospel Mission**
- 11 FEB Sheriff John Snaza, Sunrise
member on County Issues**
- 18 FEB Mary Hall, County Auditor
on Elections**
- 25 FEB Club Business Meeting**

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT THOUGHTS

PEGGY ROGERS

**2021—the end of one Lions year
and the beginning of another.**

Webster says a "CLUB" is an association of a group of people with a common interest. For sure that is us, Lacey Sunrise Lions. Together we have found ways to continue most of our service projects this past year. And what about those fund raisers? Our 62 members worked over 14,500 hours in worthy projects and service to our community. I am proud to be a Lacey Sunrise Lion. And thank you for all of your support, hard work, and caring.

As we start down the home stretch and complete yet more projects (between now and June 30th), we need to bring in the Board of Directors for the next fiscal year—2021-2022. We need a 2nd and 3rd Vice President, and the good news is, you will get promoted this time next year. The board members have the support of the club to help navigate through the levels of office. So much experience and willingness of others has helped me. And we have directors and members to delegate some of the fun to. If you are interested in serving in a board position, let Dave, Kathy or myself know.

Our biggest fund raiser, the annual golf tournament, is coming up in May. Each one of us can help make this event successful, whether golfing, bringing on a team, sponsoring a hole or adding a quality auction item for people to bid on. Many jobs to be done!! This event takes the whole village.



VALENTINE'S DAY

Reaching out to those members we have not seen in almost a year. Expect to receive a Valentine and good wishes (maybe candy!) from your fellow members.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Jim Gipson 2nd
Darrell McVea 7th
Denise Keegan 9th
Carol O'Rourke 11th
Heather Kearny 17th
Kelli Anderson 24th

WELCOME DARRELL !



You might have noticed Darrell McVea's birthday on February 7th. He is our newest member. I have known Darrell for over 15 years. Some of you might recognize him, because he used to be the manager of the Family Christian Bookstore off Fones Road and Pacific. Now he works at Columbia Bank (where our club banks), and he has a charming, fun personality and professional demeanor. Joel—sponsor

7th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

We started the planning phase for our May 16th tournament (yep, only 3½ months away). Flyers for the tournament, team registration and sponsorships on our website. You can print them out and give them to all of your golfer friends. Or to businesses who might want to sponsor a hole (we put up a sign extolling the business' virtues), or if you are a golf fanatic like some of us, you can put together a team. Too much fun had by all.



Finally, please join us on Thursday mornings, via zoom, for our regular weekly meetings. The link is published each week the day before the meeting. If you cannot or do not wish to zoom, perhaps you would like to visit the LERC. They attend the zoom meeting at a group, then work on glasses.

See you at the next project. Peggy



Water is heavier than butane, because butane is a lighter fluid.

This just in -- LEGO store re-opens after COVID lockdown. Folks line up for blocks.

I'm reading a book called *Quick Money* by Robin Banks.



FOODBANK WAREHOUSE PACKAGING



Jan 21, Thurs 9 to Noon after the Sunrise Club zoom mtg. When I went by, some of the team were busy repacking very large boxes of *Cheerios* into one-gallon plastic bags, others were filling distribution boxes, and others were packaging COVID masks. Busy. Looks like we are going to be helping at the foodbank on a monthly basis. Thurston County Foodbank Warehouse (2260 Mottman Rd) is a massive food distribution center. Typically, we take bulk food and repackage it into smaller portions for deliver to local foodbanks. POC: Lyell Clark (Bill Miller in photo—yes, he's smiling).

FOODBANK VOLUNTEERS

You can plan on it.

Plan to volunteer at the Thurston County Foodbank Warehouse or distribution point every third Thursday (9 to noon after club meeting), unless Lyell Clark tells us otherwise.

FEATURED LION Judy Ann Bergvall



When my husband John joined the Olympia Host Lions in 1976, there was an expectation that the wives join the Olympia Lady Lions, which I did. We were not recognized in any way by Lions International, but we did many service projects in the community and supported the Host club. I served as secretary and president and book sale chair for several years. In the late 80's, when women could join Lions, the Lady Lions struggled to recruit new members, so in the early 90's, the group disbanded. At that time, I was asked to join Lions but I was teaching until noon and unable to participate at Olympia Host.

In 1999, Sue Wheaton, (a former Lady Lion) asked me to join Lacey Sunrise. With John's blessing, I accepted the invitation and joined the club. Soon after I joined, there was a vacancy on the board of directors, and I was asked to fill that position and the rest they say is history. I was asked to chair the Peace Poster contest, because at that time I knew the art teachers in the schools. Sugar Murphy twisted my arm to help with the club scrapbook, and I was hooked. I have served as club president, secretary, membership chair, visitation chair and many others.

I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve at the District 19C level—as the District C Environment chair for nine years. Many members of our club planted hundreds of trees at Silver Creek, Meeker Creek, and Clarks Creek in Puyallup. We also spread hundreds of yards of bark on the trails at those locations. I also served as Contest and Awards Chair for the District and secretary for two District Governors. I enjoy all of our projects, but my two favorites are putting up flags and roadside clean up.



Our Lions Club would like to offer you a drive-through dinner as an alternate way to enjoy our Crab Feed hospitality and help out our Lakewood community.

MENU: a whole crab, clam chowder, coleslaw, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, corn muffin and a cookie.

PLACE: Drive-thru pickup at Lakewood's Steilacoom Park

TIME: 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 14, 2021

PRICE: \$50 per person

SUSPENSE: Order your meals by Feb 5th.

PURCHASE TICKETS at www.paypal.com

HOW TO USE PAYPAL:

1. If you already have a PayPal acct, log in and click on SEND
2. Then click on SEND MONEY
3. In send money box, type Lakewood1stLions@hotmail.com
4. List total amount (\$50 per person). After typing in amount, you can add a note like: *Crab Feed Feb 14th*
A screen comes up verifying your information, then you press enter. Done.

If you do not have a PayPal account, please create one at Paypal.com. It's free and easy. Simply follow the directions, then continue using the directions listed above.

LAST DAY TO RESERVE A MEAL IS FRIDAY, FEB 5th

I placed my order, and it's easy. Joel

Over the years, my happiest memories are the club's involvement in Contest and Awards at the District C Conventions in the Musical Comedy and Performance categories. We rehearsed for hours, worked hard, and often won 1st place. We were nuns, pirates, Vikings, cowboys, hillbillies, and sang to *Singin' in the Rain*, *Lollipop*, and *I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa my Hair*, and many others. What fun we had.

What I miss most right now is our in-person meetings. I miss the hugs, handshakes, and friendships. We will resume those meetings at some point. Until then, we all are trying to "Serve" in the best way we can. Thank you all for all you do for Lions and our club.

Judy Ann



ALL KIDS WIN

All Kids Win, formerly known as Homeless Backpacks, may have started the New Year with a different name, but the mission of serving homeless and

food-insecure children by providing weekend backpacks full of food, remains the same.

Today the program has expanded to include not only homeless students but those that are facing food insecurity, which quickly increased because of the COVID-19 pandemic. They support students in North Thurston, Olympia, Yelm, Tumwater, Rochester, Tenino and Rainier School Districts.

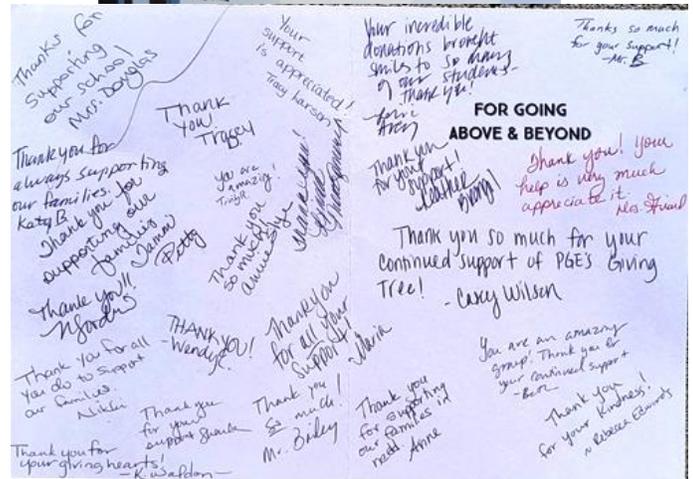
"When COVID-19 happened, our board voted to broaden the focus because so many families found themselves facing food-insecurity," said Kelly Wilson—founder. "Our numbers at one point went up to 2,400 students a week. Now, we have leveled off at about 1,300 per week."

Although the students being helped are anonymous, just knowing the difference that *All Kids Win* has made and continues to make in the lives of children and families in Thurston County, is what keeps the organization going.

PLEASANT GLADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This is for you...

Each year during the holidays, we donate money to Pleasant Glade elementary school to help families in need—our Jerry's Kids program started by Jerry Goebel. This year we gave more than ever and the faculty sent us this Thank You card.



TRIFECTA—Supporting in Three Ways

