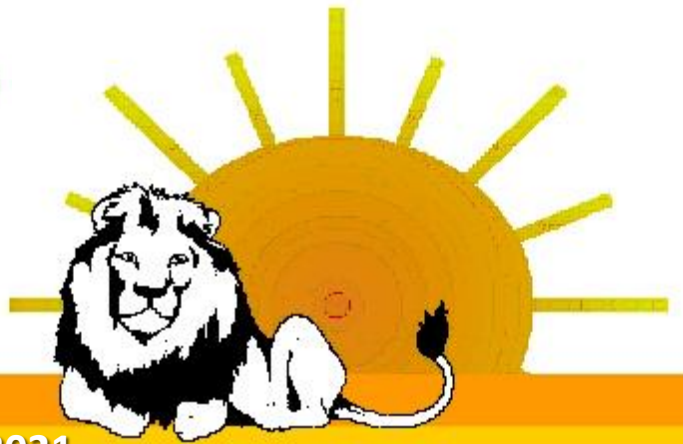


The Sunriser



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there by 7am. We want to thank everyone for their patience with the sound issues over zoom. I think we have the feedback howling problem solved. It was actually KL Dave's stomach growling. Ugh!

SINCE

MARCH 4th

Every Thursday

7:30 – 8:30am

although someone is

APRIL GUEST SPEAKERS



April 1 Bill Steele—Rumblings and Earthquake Early Warning

April 8 Kim Adelson (LEFT)—Friends of Nisqually

April 15 Helen Lant—Lacey Food Bank

April 22 Kirk Haffner—South Sound Solar

April 29 Club Business Meeting

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Ilias Murr 2nd
Randy Harris 4th
Dave Azeltine 5th
Ted Poulakidas 21st
Dennis Reed 21st
John Snaza 22nd

VOLUNTEER AT THE FOODBANK WAREHSE

April 15th Thursday after meeting



Right after our morning meeting – 9am to 11:30 or so
Thurston County Foodbank Warehse :: 2260 Mottman Rd SW, Tumwater. Repackage items from bulk into family portion sizes, and any other tasks they need done. POC: Lyell Clark lyellc@comcast.net Let him know if you want to help out. (Photo Mar 18: KL Dave, Bill Miller, Peggy, Frankie, Gil, Laura Clark, Judy Ann, Randy, Laurel, Dorothy & Dennis Reed)

Board of Directors Meeting

April 6th Tues 6:00pm

zoom link automatically sent to members

Yesterday I ran out of soap and body wash and all I could find was dish detergent. Then it Dawned on me.

The World Health Organization announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.



WHITE CANE DAYS

Apr 30-May 1 Fri & Sat—only two days at the Lacey Grocery Outlet (on Marvin Road).

SHIFTS 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-5.

TO SIGN UP, email Roberta Pinson rrpinson@comcast.net

A HISTORY LESSON

When most of us who have been Lions for a while hear about White Canes Days, we think of going over to the QFC or Grocery Outlet entrances and handing out miniature white canes in an effort to raise funds for our sight programs. I wonder how many of us are actually aware of how and when White Canes came into existence.

In 1921, blind photographer, James Biggs, of Bristol, England became uncomfortable walking around traffic, so he painted his walking cane white, so it would be more visible. The idea caught on and in 1930, Lion George Bonham of the Peoria, Illinois Lions Club introduced the idea of using a white cane for a blind person's independent mobility.



TODAY, white cane laws have been enacted in every state and many foreign countries, recognizing the bearer of such a cane as blind.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be

Knights of the Blind, giving the Lions a special emphasis and unique direction for service. This gave many us of who are, or have family and friends involved with sight issues, to become directly involved with the Lions. A large number of eye care professionals are also active Lions today.

Approximately forty years ago, the idea of using and distributing miniature white canes to the public became a fundraising and awareness symbol to help Lions support their sight programs. Locally, the major portion of our White Canes donations go to The Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing. This Foundation in turn donates the funds to support their many programs such as Sight Life, which provides donated corneas transplants.

Some of these funds are returned directly to local Lions Clubs as part of their Patient Care Grant Program to assist with purchase of prosthetic eyes, low vision devices, eye care and surgery for individuals who could not otherwise afford this care. (continued top right)



The Foundation also has a Project Support Program in which they award special grants to other non-profit eye projects in the region. A local example of this was a grant from the Foundation to the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (NWLERC) to purchase a cargo trailer and a handheld refractor to be used on missions. (\$8k in 2008)

Last but not least, the Foundation owns and operates the Lions Health Screening Unit. This unit provides free screening for vision, glaucoma, diabetes and blood pressure in Washington and Northern Idaho.

A portion of the Lacey Sunrise Lions White Canes fundraiser has gone to support the NWLERC. Since Lacey Sunrise Lions Club was one of the two founding clubs, the NWLERC has been one of its flagship projects for its members to truly become Knights of the Blind.



So, on Friday April 30th and Saturday May 1st, let's remember we are NOT selling white canes, but we are asking if the public will wear a white cane as a symbol of the Lions helping the blind. And if they want to help us with a donation, that would be fantastic.

PZC Roberta Pinson, White Canes Chairperson

SPRING IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST





WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

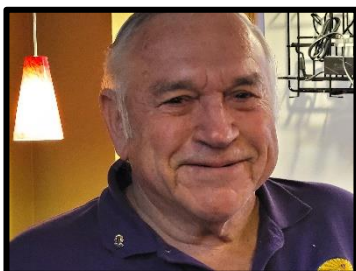
Sonja Johnston

Sponsored by Dave Noble

Sonja grew up in Olympia. She was a journalist with the Oregon Journal and Oregonian. For Sonja, life is about following her interests, taking care of family and having fun. Currently, she is caring for people in End of Life care.

JOHN KUBENA

We are sorry to announce that in April John is moving to Murrieta, Calif to be near family. He joined our club in 2018, sponsored by Linda Bucknell. He has been very active, helping on numerous projects, LERC, especially wheelchair ramps. While here, he sponsored Dave Azeltine, Ted Lucas and Dick Nelson We will all miss him.



ADOPT A ROAD CLEAN UP



March 20, Sat 9-9:45am along Carpenter Road from Pacific Ave to Roolan Care Center. A light rain fell earlier but cleared up by the time we started. As we walked along, the sun even shined, briefly. We clean up along this section of road on an as-needed basis, three or four times per year. This is one of those community services that has kept going despite whatever COVID threw at us. From left: Paul, Lyell, Laurel, Judy Ann, John, Randy, Frankie, Gil. POC: John Christiansen **NEXT CLEAN UP: SAT JUN 19th, 9am**

ALL KIDS WIN



MAY 25 Tues 10am to noon
(formerly Homeless Backpack program) repacking food into smaller portions. POC: Berta Fender. Mission Statement: *To end the cycle of homelessness one student at a time.*

To volunteer, contact Berta rlfender@comcast.net

7th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT May 16th

SIX WEEKS!

This golf tournament is our biggest fundraiser.

How do we raise money?

First, people and businesses pay \$200 to sponsor a hole [that's right, individual people also sponsor holes]. At different holes around the course, we put up a sign to advertise their involvement.

Second, teams pay \$75 per golfer to play in the tournament—32 teams. (which are filled as of March 31st).

Primary Recipients: Lions Project New Hope NW, Mary Bridge Cancer Fund for Children's Families, college scholarships for high school seniors, and many more.

FIND flyers for the tournament, team registration and sponsorships on our website—LaceySunriseLion.org.

TO BECOME A HOLE SPONSOR—Contact Pat Bucknell.

WATCH FOR—The Golf Tournament Committee will contact you soon with volunteer opportunities the day of the tournament.



103rd ANNUAL LCI VIRTUAL CONVENTION
JUNE 25-29 Montreal, Canada

2 ½ months out---register at our website.



Lisa Winnbolt has visited *Lacey Rare Coins* several times with her son, Lincoln (far right). Lincoln loves to collect coins and see Mr. Dennis (Dennis Reed of *Lacey Rare Coins*, and wife, Dorothy, are Lacey Sunrise Lions members).

When it was time to celebrate Lincoln's last birthday at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) before they change duty stations, he wanted to have his birthday party with his friend, Mr. Dennis. Dennis and Dorothy closed the shop to host a small birthday party for this sweet young man and his friends.



Community connections are important to young military children. Military children will never have the opportunity to experience the "home town feeling" that so many of us take for granted.

How does being a Lacey Sunrise Lion impact our community? (continued top right)

Kindness does matter, but think about this: *Service doesn't have to be an organized event with lots of fanfare*. Unbeknownst to Mr. Dennis, everything came full circle at this party, because the Winnbolt family were also participants in a Lions Project New Hope NW retreat.

Lisa is thankful for connecting with Lions programs while stationed here, and grateful for the opportunity Lincoln had to learn about community service and friendship. Mom snapped a few pictures to commemorate the day.

Article contributed by Sunrise Lion Isabella Colvin.



LION GIL WHITE earned the Lions Centennial diamond pin for sponsoring a new member to the club, who then stayed three years...guess who it was. (below Gil and KL Dave)



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