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Zone Project and Officer training

Zone Project

As you all know, (I hope) the Zone Project for the last few years has been the spring cleanup at Deception Pass State Park. It is always a fun day and an opportunity to lend our support to the financially beleaguered Washington State Parks Department. This year it begins at 0900 (9:00 AM) at the Cranberry Lake Shelter, just inside the main entrance to the park. It involves, mostly, raking, and shoveling, and picking up, and hauling away, etc. the blow down and other debris accumulated over the winter.

This year, ZCE Dennis Bullock, of the Coupeville Lions, will be coordinating the activities among the various Clubs. If you have any specific questions, you can address them to him at 360-679-2735, or d_bullock@frontier.com.

Lunch will be served by the Central Whidbey Lions Club, with Secretary Kathy Marley heading up that part of the Project. They always serve a good lunch of hot dogs and other goodies provided by you, the Lions Clubs of Zone H7. Contact Kathy to see what is needed at: marley2@myfrontiermail.com, or 360-678-3263.

We would like to see participation from every Club in the Zone, even though I recognize it is a bit more difficult for the Island Clubs. Transportation can be provided from the Anacortes Ferry Terminal. All you have to do is ask in advance and we will have someone pick you up and take you back.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE, DOING WHAT LIONS DO:
WE SERVE

ZC Bill Cheaqui

Whidbey Island Landslide

As you all no doubt already know, there was a massive landslide on central Whidbey Island in the early morning hours on March 27. The Coupeville Lions Club and the Central Whidbey Lions Club have been active in providing assistance to the residents of the area affected. We briefly considered applying for a LCIF disaster relief grant, but decided it didn't rise to that lever in emergency relief. Please see the articles on the inside pages for more details. .

HELP WANTED

Opportunity for a Lion who would like to be an Editor, Photo-journalist, and graphic arts producer. This person would edit and produce future Bulletins for Zone H7.

Pay commensurate with volunteer work.

**OFFICER TRAINING FOR INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS
WILL BE HELD ON MAY 11
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South Whidbey Lions

South Whidbey Lions have been busy with the Cub Scout Pack 57, including a planned clean-up project at South Whidbey State Park on April 21st, and a WEBELOS KIT TABLE ASSEMBLY PROJECT ON April 22nd. They have many activities planned for the next few months.

South Whidbey Lions are sorry to announce the passing of two of their members: Lion Vern Burt passed away on March 17th, and Lion Dick Martin passed away after a bad fall in March

Central Whidbey Lions

The Lions of Central Whidbey are busy with many projects in their area and beyond. They have partnered with the Oak Harbor Lions to provide some major improvements at Lions Camp Horizon, including: building two storage cabinets requested by Camp Director Rachel; and providing the material to build a stage in the Dance Hall, stage to be constructed by the Oak Harbor Lions.

They are also busy with restoring historical buildings in the Ebey's Landing Historical Reserve and building benches for Greenbank Farm.



A NEW LIONS YEAR APPROACHES, and as we get ready for that new year, with officer elections, and Awards and Installations ceremonies, a little extra burden falls on the Club officers, both out-going and incoming.

For the out-going officers, there is making sure that the proper forms are forwarded: the PU-101 to LCI no later than May 15; and the MD19 CLUB OFFICER REPORT, which must be filed by April 30 to be considered on time. Both of these reports can be filed by mail, or submitted electronically. Out-going officers also have Club duties. The President will be making the Awards to thank the Club members who chaired committees, or had other significant roles in the Club. Treasurers will be preparing to hand the financial records over to the next Treasurer. All out-going officers will want to assist the new officers with assuming their new role.

For in-coming officers, it is very important that you attend the IN SERVICE TRAINING, which for Zone H7 Presidents and Secretaries, will be starting at 0930 on May 11, at the Farmhouse Restaurant in La Conner. As there are changes to the reporting procedures this year, this training will be even more important than usual. You've stepped up to be a Club Officer, congratulations on being elected, now please follow through and attend the training sessions. They will help you be a successful Club officer

Message from your GLT Coordinator Lynda Davidson

Are you coming in as an officer of your club for 2013-2014? Even if you have been an officer before it still is important that you take advantage of the In Service Training that will be going on in your zone in the next 2 months. **Changes are happening** that will affect the way your club will report your stats both on the MD19 and LCI level. The secretary training module has been updated showing **MyLCI** screens in great detail. Why wait till July to try and learn the system. **Do it now** and have a few months to become comfortable with it.

By stepping up to be a club officer you have shown that **you are indeed a leader!**

Leaders create change through influence. Will you be enthusiastic when you share your ideas and vision and will you practice good character, integrity, high standards and values? Take the time to listen to others, understand them and know what drives them. When you know what drives them you will know how to influence them. The more knowledge you have the better you can serve your club and their members.

In Service Training is a great place to start. Your Zone Chairs will be notifying you in the next week or so about time, place and date of your Zone Training.

From Oak Harbor Lions, Sharon Ryan, Public Relations:

We only have a few weeks left until our 'Holland Happening Salmon BBQ' where we will draw the winning tickets for our BIG SCREEN TV Raffle fundraiser. The Salmon BBQ will be at the same location along Hwy 20, next to the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce. Both Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, from 11 am to 5 pm, we will be selling Salmon sandwiches and chips or Salmon meals with cole slaw, baked beans, warm, buttered bread and beverages to raise money for 'White Canes'. The proceeds from our BIG SCREEN TV raffle fundraiser will supplement our local eye exam and eyeglass budget.

On Saturday, March 16th, the Oak Harbor Lions members, along with Coupeville Lions, walked in the St Patrick's Day parade, handing out candy to the children and waving to all who were 'Irish for the day'. Lion John Bowsby, dressed in our Lion costume, had his picture taken with happy kids who loved to pat his soft belly and give him a hug.

Oak Harbor Lions Club associate member, Sandy Carrothers is our Visitation Chairperson and she is a superb coordinator! She contacts other clubs ahead of time with our 'head count' so they know how many O.H. Lions will be visiting their club meeting. With Sandy leading the way, we arrive with our smiles and are always greeted warmly, in return. Along with hearty handshakes all around, we learn first-hand what other clubs are working on and take in the slight style differences in the course of their meeting. We learn new ways of making our meeting more fun and interesting. Back at our meetings, Sandy gives a report on what we learned and what a great time we had with fellow Lions. She believes that visiting the other clubs in H7 widens our horizon when our members come face to face with other, dedicated club members serving their communities. We see familiar faces and meet new ones. We cordially invite other H7 Lions Club to visit us any Wednesday, at 7 pm (come early to join us for dinner), at San Remo Restaurant on Midway Blvd. Please make your arrangements with Sandy at (360) 675-1306.

The Oak Harbor Lions are partnering with Central Whidbey to build some improvements at Lions Camp Horizon, and mentioned in the article above. We are building a stage in the Dance Hall, and partnering with Comcast to build a handicap ramp in the rear of the Conference Hall. This will be one of the largest projects we have built at Camp Horizon for several years. Oak Harbor Lions continue to provide handicap ramps for people in the Oak Harbor area, as well as our usual programs: eye glasses; medical equipment, including hospital beds and power wheelchairs; putting out 300+ American flags 13 time per year.

- Secretaries, You are reminded that VADs and MMRs need to be submitted to the proper recipients NO LATER than the last day of the month.
- If you need help with either of these reports, let me know and I'll make sure you get the help you need.

Coupeville Lions

As always, the Coupeville lions are actively serving their community.

Here are some of the highlights:

Whidbey Island landslide Ledgewood neighborhood watch - our club responded very quickly to the need for dusk to dawn watch patrols to prevent looting. Our Lion Ed Hartin is the local fire district chief and was deeply involved in the emergency response. He has been interviewed by national media. Lion Eric Brooks, Island County Director of Emergency Management, with Emergency Management Team volunteers Lions Teresa Ellis and Ricardo Reyes organized and set up the watches by the evening of the day of the slide. By dusk we had Lions and other community members in two person teams in place for 4 hour shifts at the two roads that access the slide area. Our club received a call from LCI asking if we needed help or assistance and we were glad to report our thanks, but we did not need any assistance.

Park Clean Up is a MD-19 H-7 Zone one day clean up at Deception Pass State Park here on Whidbey. Our club began working with the Park Ranger four years ago and the event has become a place where most of the clubs in our zone, especially all 5 clubs here on Whidbey Island, work together to help maintain the park. This year the Zone 7 Clubs have 95 Lions, friends and spouses, Boy Scouts and LEOs signed up for work on April 20th. 34 of these volunteers are from Coupeville.

Picnic Table overhaul. For the two years in a row one of the picnic tables at our annual Salmon BBQ tipped over when all the people on one side got up and the table with the people on the other side tipped over. We informed the Town that we would not be able to use the tables for fear of injuring one or more of our guests. Our Club went to the Town Council to inform them of the risk of possible injury and liability, then offered to fix the table so they would not tip over. Lion Julian Sayers worked up a design and retrofit program, worked with the Town's building inspector to get approval, received material funding from the town, organized work parties, and in a few weeks reworked all 14 tables. The BBQ will go on as planned this fall.

Garage Sale is our biggest fund raiser and has typically generated \$35,000 in recent years. see <http://www.coupevillelions.org/garage-sale/> for more information.

The key to make it possible for us to do all this and much more has been an emphasis on membership. Our annual Open House is next week where we invite those who might be interested in finding out who we are and what we do. We treat them to dinner, then committee chairs from our key activities give short presentations on what they do to serve the community. Once they join a mentor is matched up one on one with the new member to get them immediately involved in the club, plus we actively encourage and enable their Lion for Life program goals. Despite being in a community with a lot of retirees (meaning we loose members every year to moving away to be near the grandkids, disability, or deceased), we are slowly increasing our membership. Not just in numbers, but in the number of members actively working to serve our community. (Information submitted by Lion Bob Johnson)



From Left to Right: Newly inducted members Eric & Jennie Brooks with their sponsor Lion Dennis Bullock, and Sue & Pat Waters with their sponsor Lion Von Summers. Both new Lions couples are neighbors of their sponsors and were inducted on March 6th. This is why the Coupeville lions have the largest Club in Zone H7



MD-19 Conference Award

The Coupeville Lions website won runner-up at the MD-19 Conference. Lion Joe Walck redesigned the website in Aug. 2012, and it has had over 5,000 visitors since.

Congratulations Coupeville Lions