



# Cagey Comments

Coupeville Lions Club

Coupeville, WA

## October Events

- 1- Woodcutting**, Recycle Center, 9:30 am (POC Gary Youngs).
- 2- Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Nicholas Konopik, Ride the Kraken. New Member induction.
- 4 - Commodities Distr.** Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk).
- 9- General Dinner Meeting, Program:** 2nd VP Janet Burchfield.
- 12 - Barn Sort**, Boyer Barn, 9:00 am (POC Gary Youngs).
- 16 - Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Bill Cheaqui, LCIF Coordinator.
- 17-20 - MD19 Annual Convention**, Wenatchee.
- 19- Highway Cleanup**, 9:00 am. Meet at Coupeville Elementary School by the highway (POC Hugh Hedges).
- 23- General Dinner Meeting.** Program TBD.
- Membership/Retention Meeting**, 5:00 - 6:00, CUMC, open to all members (POC Marilyn Pulk & Sandy Johnson).
- 30 - Bunco Night**, Coupeville Rec Hall, 6:00 pm.

## President's Message

Over the past two months, I briefly described what our Board members do. But there is so much more involved in the functioning of this Club, way too much to even begin to describe it all here. Over the past couple years, the Board has maintained a spreadsheet with a detailed list of all the committee chairs and individual responsibilities. Many of these are displayed visually on the display boards at the back of the room during our meetings. Take a look.



One thing I like about this Club is its diversity in terms of backgrounds, abilities, and availabilities. We have members who are able to spend countless hours on Lions projects and we also have members who can contribute less time. Neither end of the spectrum is right or wrong and it's all dictated by personal preferences and commitments. As much or as little as you would like to get involved, there are opportunities for you to explore.

Individuals contribute in many ways but their efforts largely fall into three categories: fundraising projects, service projects, and Club administration. Each of

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**5- Woodcutting,** Recycle Center, 9:30 am (POC Gary Youngs).

**6- Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Students of the Quarter, Shopping Spree drawing, New Member induction.

**9 - Barn Sort,** Boyer Barn, 9:00 am (POC Gary Youngs).

**13 - General Dinner Meeting.** Program TBD.

**15 - Highway Cleanup,** 9:00 am. Meet at Coupeville Elementary School by the highway (POC Hugh Hedges).

**16- Shopping Spree,** 9:00 am Prairie Center.

**20- Board & General Dinner Meeting.** Program TBD.

**27 - No Meeting**

### The MD19 Annual

**Convention** will be held October 17-19 at the Wenatchee Convention Center, Wenatchee, WA. The registration deadline is October 4. Details and a registration form can be found on the MD19 website at <https://lionsmd19.org/>.

these directly serves our community. You don't need to wait to be asked to help ... get as involved as you would like to be.

Your next opportunity to serve is to jump into the Shopping Spree fundraising project. We sell tickets for \$1.00 each and then have a drawing. The winner gets 3 minutes, on November 16, to load their grocery baskets at Prairie Center Market. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to the Food Bank. We need volunteers to help sell tickets at Prairie Center Market and Whidbey Island Bank the weekends of October 25 and November 1. Tickets will be sold on the Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in two-hour shifts. This is a fun opportunity to mingle with the community and great exposure for our Club. Contact Patrick Hussey, this year's Chairperson, to get involved.

On a different subject I would like to compliment all of the participants in our new meeting feature, SPOTLIGHT. Each week we will have a short presentation of some specific function of the Club. So far this year, we have put the SPOTLIGHT on Sandy Johnson-Website, Rick Walti-Garage Sale, Sandee Allen-Salmon BBQ, Sandy Leake-Shopping Spree, Marilyn Pulk-Commodities and Ginny Munn-Lions Phone. We are getting our October lineup set and the SPOTLIGHT will be on Gary Parker, Garage Sale Donations; Vicky Reyes, Scholarship Auction; and Dave Fish, who who will walk us through online signup for Shopping Spree ticket sales. Technology at its best!

And on a fun note...Get your costumes ready for another terrific Bunco Night at the Rec Hall on October 30th. Costumes optional, but winning is a distinct possibility!

Service and fun times abound for any and all to get involved at all levels.

Lion Brian

### COUPEVILLE LIONS CLUB OFFICERS:

*Brian Pulk, President; Sue Hartin, Secretary; Gary Youngs, Treasurer;  
Rick Walti, 1st Vice President; Janet Burchfield, 2nd Vice President; Sandee Allen, 3rd Vice President*

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# Membership Moments

By Membership Chair Sandra Johnson



## CAN YOU DIG IT?

What do you get when you give nine Coupeville Lions and a Lion Friend their own sets of garden gloves and weed whackers? You get your front and backyard free from unwanted invasive plants, dead trees, and prickly blackberry bushes! They can dig it! Thanks to nine mighty and hardworking Lions and the Lion Friend, Tom and Teresa Ellis have a “new” yard to enjoy.

On a day that started out as cloudy with a possible chance of rain, the sun soon parted those clouds and gave way to a sunny day for tackling unwanted blackberry bushes, tons of weeds, native vines, and a few dead trees. In all the fun of unearthing the “unwanted,” the group

uncovered some luscious raspberry bushes! What a treat for next years’ dessert recipes. A sweet little fig tree happily received a wire fence enclosure to ensure teenage male deer

won’t use its bark for sharpening their antlers.

According to my source (Miss Marilyn Pulk) the weeds were removed easily due to the abundance of landscape cloth covered by layers and layers of bark. Fortunately, they did not slip and slide in mud to tame the weeds but discovered more durable glovers were calling their names as stickers worked their magic through the fabric hardcovers.

Lunch was a welcome surprise with

Teresa serving up veggie chili, brie, bread and peach cobbler topped with ice cream! How all these Lions worked after that delicious lunch is news to me!







Teresa and Tom can't thank Lions Gary & Linda Youngs, Marilyn & Brian Pulk, Diana Walti, Cindy Van Dyk, Paddy Roberts, Gary Parker, and Lion Friend Margie Parker enough for all their hard work in clearing out both the front and back yards. An extra big thanks to Gary Parker for the use of his trailer as it hauled off one very large load to the dump - bye, bye weedlings!

### Member Talk - John Roomes

After months of begging Lion John Roomes to give his Member Talk, he finally said YES! Mr. Roomes is a kind soul with the kind of patience I have never experienced. I was so pleased to hear John's story, beginning with his birth in the City of Portsmouth, County of Hampshire, on the south coast of England. Did you know John considers himself an Island Boy as Portsmouth is the main city on Portsea Island? John was a Merchant Marine, worked on high speed motor patrol boats, and lived in Toledo, OH where he met the love of his life. We should all thank Lion Ron Boyer for bringing John on board with the Coupeville Lions. Please ask John more about his employment - he can describe it much better than I can do in this little space! Thank you John for sharing your life with us.



## FALL FORWARD TIME: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL GREETERS

Coupeville is fortunate to have Coupeville School District Superintendent/Lion Steve King injecting fun, energy and enthusiasm into the schools and community. For his second “first-day-of-school” event, Steve organized another round of first-day greeters, drawing from many willing resources from Lions Club, School Board members, Navy, and community members. Going back to school after a lengthy summer break can be a time of excitement, anxiety and even a bit of sadness for students of all ages. The new school year is full of many unknowns, and that can feel a little scary at first, as many greeters recalled from tossing around their own memories. In addition, saying goodbye to a summer of relaxation and fun isn’t exactly something most kids, even many college kids, look forward to. But the team of



happy greeters at all three school locations— Middle School and High School (above) and the Elementary School (next page) — helped lessen those anxieties with smiles, cheers, and pencils to get the school year started off right.

It was great fun watching all the students arrive decked out in first-day outfits and backpacks with such a variety of reactions and responses. There’s no comparison between Facebook time vs. real time in a kid’s life, especially on the first day of school. The positive, heartfelt support provided by the cheering greeters, with many wearing Coupeville Schools tee-shirts from early 1900 class photos, sent a clear message... “Have a super school year with





terrific teachers, fabulous friends, and new learning opportunities.” And another, subtler message, “We’re here for you in every way possible!” We recognized that it didn’t matter whether they were our children or a friend’s, but we understood the importance of this time in their lives. Venture forth students with that first big step toward learning!

*-Lion Marilyn Pulk*

## HIKE!

Did you miss the inaugural hike of the Central Whidbey Trekkers? Although the forecast of nasty weather for September 17 did not inspire anyone to be outside, seven people showed up at the Pratt Loop trailhead and made the hike without being rained on.

The next hike of the Central Whidbey Trekkers will be on Tuesday, October 15, at South Whidbey State Park. Let’s all meet at the unofficial park-and-ride near the junction of SR 20, SR 525, and Race Road by 8:45 AM to form carpools for the 15-minute drive south. To get to the park, go south on SR 525 for 4.7 miles and turn right onto Smugglers Cove Road. At 4.6 miles on Smugglers Cove Road you are at the park entrance. Don’t forget to bring a Discover Pass if you are the driver and, if you plan on driving by yourself, please be at the park by 9:00 AM.

If you want to join the Trekkers for future hikes, the hikes will always be on the third Tuesday of the month. Please reserve time in your schedule to join us in exploring the trails of Whidbey Island.

Also, the Central Whidbey Trekkers is just an informal group of people and there is no cost or obligation to be a part of the group. You don’t even have to be a member of the Coupeville Lions Club. So, go take a hike with us and invite your friends to come along.

*-Lion Gary Youngs*

## SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION 2020 ROLLING IN THE HAY

The Frontier Building Supply conference room was double-booked, so the Scholarship Auction committee met alongside the hay bales in their warehouse. This committee leads a group of over 20 Lions who will once again pull together the 2020 Scholarship Auction gala. Our next event on February 22 will be different from past events in that we will not have a silent auction. But trusty Auctioneer Dale Sherman will remain on tap for our traditional live auction. We are very excited to have signed up Comedian/Magician JR Russell as the evening's main event.

The 2020 Auction will be revamped to focus on approximately 10 higher ticket items and adventures. Please contact Vicky Reyes with your ideas.



This year's committee includes Bob Pettis (Fundraising) and Diana Swisher (Evening Program) both not pictured with the haystacks. Pictured, left to right, are Deanna Rogers (Publicity), Vicky Reyes (Procurement), Molly Hughes (Guest Management), Jan Graham (Venue), Janet Burchfield (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Ginny Munn (Ticket Sales/Guest List), and Brian Pulk (Committee Chair). Nothing fazes this committee's determination to kick off the planning stages for next year's worthy Scholarship Auction. We just simply roll onward through the hay bales and fertilizer!

*-Lion Brian Pulk*



## 2019 Salmon Bar-B-Q

The 15th Annual Coupeville Lions Salmon Bar-B-Q was held in Coupeville Town Park on September 8. Lunch was followed by a free concert featuring the Island Jazz Collective.

