



# Focus

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"Changing Lives. One Pair of Eyeglasses at a Time"

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## Very Good News!

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**Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much. (Helen Keller)**

This is the most famous saying of Helen Keller's. We put this to test recently when we found ourselves in jeopardy of losing our facility due to the sale of the property. As in my previous Focus column I told you I hoped to share some good news and here it is.

Our Board of Directors, representing our 8 MD-19 districts, minus District A unanimously approved the purchase of the NWLERC leased property. We will now have a place to call HOME, no more nightmares



**PZC Jeannie Phillips, President, NWLERC**

wondering where we would eventually end up, the cost of the move, the possible loose of our volunteer base let alone have absolutely nothing to show for all the expenses.

Due to the generosity of Pat & Nancy Bucknell (Lacey Sunrise) we have gone from a 10 year lease/option to purchase to a Promissory Note. Our plan is

to pay this off ASAP with no penalties. I won't go into the details of the agreement but would be happy to share them if you contact me. We now can look to the future knowing we can either expand or build on this beautiful 1.7 acre site. The soil is so rich that I teased our team with the idea of planting a garden and selling fresh veggies road side in the fall. One way of paying this off....

This purchase opens up so many possibilities for our program to expand, not only in storage. As LCI expands our LERC programs we will be ready to take on whatever will be in the best interest of our clients.

You will have the opportunity to be part of our

building program. We are putting our campaign together....watch for what you can do to change lives, one pair of eye-glasses at a time. One other bit of exciting news, there is now a bill in Olympia (don't have the number yet) that will exempt our organization from any liability in the placement of used eye-glasses here in our state. OR just passed this law, it

will begin in January. AZ and AK already have it in place. We are keeping a close eye on this one. Changes and opportunities reign supreme for NWLERC.

We're ready, willing and eager to serve, grow and make this a better world, we welcome your participation. Happy Thanksgiving everyone, we here at

NWLERC have so much to be thankful for.

*Jeannie*



## NWLERC Board Meeting, October 2011



On Saturday, October 15, the NWLERC Board of Directors met at the Fall Convention in Yakima for their Annual Meeting.

The Board met to discuss a wide range of business topics including voting for our budget. Above, Director Sue Campbell addresses the group.

**Of most significance, the Board voted to approve the purchase of the building NWLERC now occupies.**

# NWLERC Board Meeting, October 2011



NWLERC Officers and Board members pose for a group photo. After the BOD meeting.  
From back left: Immediate Past President **John Kirry**, District G Director **Kerby Kee**, District D Director **Russ Fineman**, District C Director and NWLERC Founder **Dr Bob Pinson**, District H Director **Paul Whelan**, and VP-Outreach ZC **Bill Miller**.  
Front Row: District F Director **Sam Clayton**, President **Jeannie Phillips**, Secretary **Jacqueline Pratt**, VP-Operations **Pat Baron**, Immediate Past District G Director **Steven Staudinger** and District B Director **Sue Campbell**.



# NWLERC Board Meeting, October 2011

## Meet the NWLERC Board of Directors.

At the annual Board Meeting in Yakima, they were asked to answer this question:

**"What would you most like to accomplish in your NWLERC District this coming year?"**



**Past Zone Chair Sue Campbell —District B.  
Renton Lions Club**

Sue has been on the Board of Directors from the earliest days and is a valuable liaison with our mission partners at the Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. (VOSH) She was instrumental in opening two Satellites in District B.



**Past Zone Chair Dr Bob Pinson—District C  
Lacey Sunrise Lions Club**

Bob is the founder of NWLERC and continues to be a huge part of our mission fulfillment program. His expertise as an OD helps us in many ways. He and his wife Roberta continue to provide guiding hands as NWLERC moves forward and grows.



**Russ Fineman—District D  
Moses Lake Lions Club.. In his own words:**

1. I plan to try and get all clubs in the district involved.
2. Visit all clubs and put on a program.
3. See if local newspaper will publish an article on the recycle center.
4. Continue sending Focus to all Club Presidents and Secretaries south of the border.
5. Continue to push clubs for a donation to the building Fund. Already started at last board meeting of our club.



**Howard Bergdoll—District E  
Spokane Central Lions Club**

Howard has been instrumental in getting a satellite going in the Spokane area. For years we've received a lot of glasses from his District.

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## Meet the Directors, Continued

**Sam Clayton—District F  
Pasco Lions Club**



“I would like to get the Pasco Lions Club set up as a hub, and educate the clubs in District F about NWLERC because most of them have no idea what it is or what they do.”

**Kerby Kee—District G  
Longview-Kelso Lions Earlybirds Lions club**



“My goal for the year is to make myself available to clubs that want to learn more about LERC. I have visited three zone meetings so far this year and will make it to the other three this winter. I emphasize the importance of donating to LERC as our district has not had a good record donating to LERC. “

**Paul Whelan—District H  
Central Whidbey Lions Club**



Paul is our newest Board member and we are looking forward to working with him!

**Marty Vetere—District I  
Pt Townsend Branch club**



“I hope this year to increase club participation in collecting eyeglasses. We have four clubs on this side of the border who reliably collect eyeglasses.

Although the non-participating clubs have very small populations I'm sure that there are eyeglasses sitting in drawers throughout the Olympic Peninsula.”

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Director **Kerby Kee** hands over a check for over \$2000 from the recycling of gold frames processed by a local Longview jeweler. All smiles are **Jacqueline Pratt, Jeannie Phillips and Pat Baron**.



A beaming Immediate Past President John Kirry, center, was elected a **FOUNDERS FELLOW** by the founders and fellows of NWLERC. This is only the sixth Founders Fellowship awarded since NWLERC began. Presenting the certificate were Founding Secretary Roberta Pinson and Founding President Dr Bob Pinson. The Certificate reads: **“This fellowship is in recognition for outstanding contributions and support in providing improved vision to the underprivileged people of the world.”**

# Project Homeless Connect -Tacoma

Tacoma Dome, October 26, 2011. NWLERC helps homeless, unemployed and low income individuals who packed the Tacoma Dome for the city's Project Homeless Connect.

NWLERC provided "front-end" services of patient intake, visual acuity, and eyeglass testing. Over 250 patients were screened for vision, many of whom received prescription eyeglasses provided by Lenscrafters. NWLERC provided reading glasses. Heading up the event for NWLERC was **PDG Jim Labelle**, project coordinator. He was assisted by **VP-Operations Pat Baron**, **VP-Outreach Bill Miller**, **PDG John Doyle**, **ZC Tom Riley**, **AZC Kim Riley**, **Terri Warren**, **Cindy Robison**, **PZC Pat Phillips**, **Sandra Leichty**, **Evelyn Smith**, and **Dan Barber**.





## NWLERC Stars November 2011



**Nancy Bucknell**

**Pat Bucknell**

We usually reserve the NWLERC Stars for our volunteers, exclusive of officers and staff. This month we make an exception. **Pat Bucknell**, of the Lacey Sunrise Lions Club (and our Facilities Manager at NWLERC) along with his wife, **Nancy** are our Stars of the Month.

When the property we leased from the Lacey fire Department came up for sale unexpectedly, the Bucknell's rode in on their metaphoric white steed and rescued NWLERC from the uncertainty of that sale. They became our landlords in September, and we entered into an agreement to purchase the property in October. We at NWLERC can't say enough about the generosity of the Bucknell's. They have enabled us to continue unimpeded toward our goal of "Changing Lives. One Pair of Eyeglasses at a Time."



Nancy and Pat Bucknell sign the lease documents along with President Jeannie Phillips. Board approval followed and the final paperwork is being drawn up as we go to press.



# NWLERC Key Statistics, 10-30-11

Eyeglasses Received	15,602	42,256	1,135,090
Eyeglasses to Missions	2,648	6,731	114,601
Eyeglasses to VOSH (*new category)	994	994	*
Gold Recycled	640	1,816	39,278
Recycled to ReSpecs	52,440	52,972	441,627
Volunteer Hours	659	2,501	31,122
Missions Supported	4	11	126
Mission-Ready Inventory	9,850		

## Thank You Lions Clubs for Your Generosity!

Our Vice President of Outreach, ZC **Bill Miller**, sent a letter to all Lions clubs in the US portion of MD-19 asking them to please consider **donating operating funds** to NWLERC. As a result of that letter, we are very pleased to list the names of the following clubs who have generously donated to NWLERC:

Operations Donations by Clubs	District		
Renton	B-5	Almira	E-2
Seattle West Seattle	B-5	Craigmont (Idaho)	F-4
Key Peninsula	C-1	Lind Lions Club	F-8
Olympia West	C-2	Longview-Kelso Earlybirds	G-1
Bonney Lake Lions Club	C-3	LaCenter Lions Club	G-2
Bremerton Chief Kitsap	C-4	Lynden	H-1
Mineral Lake	C-5	Birch Bay	H-1
Roy Lions Club	C-6	Bellingham Harborview	H-1
Rainier	C-6	Port Angeles Lions Club	I-1
Wenatchee Central Lions Club	D-2	Sequim Valley	I-1
Leavenworth Lions Club	D-2		



# Upcoming Events



November 9 NWLERC Executive Meeting

November 10 King County Eyeglass Collection Center Work Party and Dinner (see below)

## King County Eyeglass Collection Center is having a Party!

WE have had the privilege to meet Lions from many different clubs during our quarterly eyeglass sorting parties. The parties have been fun, and a lot of work is accomplished in a short amount of time. Would you like to see and hear how these glasses are distributed after they are sorted and tested for prescription strength?

Dr. Chris Barry, one of the members of the Seattle-Rainier Lions Club recently returned from a 10-day trip to Mexico -- Ole'.

He and other team members, including Sue Campbell from the Renton Lions Club, were hard at work providing eye exams and dispensing glasses to over 4,500 people.

Chris will be making a presentation about all their activities during this trip, complete with pictures, at Seattle-Rainier's meeting on November 10, 2011. We have had the privilege of attending one of Chris' presentation, and he is one talented and entertaining speaker.

Don, Woody, and I would like to invite you to join us on November 10th at our club meeting for social time and dinner with other Lions. If you've attended a sorting party, you know where our club is located. If you haven't yet joined us at a sorting party, this would be a great opportunity to find out why we have these events!

DATE: November 10, 2011 This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs in Nov  
TIME: 6:30 social time  
7:00 dinner  
7:40 Dr. Chris Barry's program  
DINNER: Mexican food theme (only \$11.00)  
ADDRESS: 3712 S. Ferdinand Street (Cross streets are Rainier Avenue S., and S. Ferdinand)  
Seattle 98118



**RSVPs REQUIRED SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE**

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, November 7th by calling the numbers below:

Don Harris 425-656-0707 (work)

Woody Davis 206-725-3564 (home)

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