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Chance, Fate & Free Spirits

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To keep our faces toward chance and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate is strength undefeatable.
—Helen Keller

Chance, Fate, and Free Spirits . We at NWLERC have experienced and lived these words for the past two years.

Knowing our lease would be expiring and hearing the property could go up for sale we started working toward the **chance** we might need to move (God forbid). Our **free spirits** (a team of 4) started looking into what options might present themselves, thus a building fund started.

As **fate** would have it, the decision to sell the property became a reality...



PZC Jeannie Phillips, President, NWLERC

Through the generosity of Pat and Nancy Bucknell (Lacey Sunrise Lions Club) the property was purchased. A Lease with Option to Purchase was presented to the NWLERC. I signed the Lease Agreement during our executive meeting September 14th.

Our Board of Directors has been presented our recommendation for the purchase of this property (1.7 acres with a concrete building where we do our processing).

We have a committee set up to start a very aggressive campaign to fund this purchase if approved. This and other business will be conducted at our annual Board of Directors meeting during the MD-19 Fall Convention.

In the last seven years we have grown into one of the leading LERC's within the 18 official LCI recognized programs. Plans to continue growth is only being hampered by space...

We are very excited about our future; our sight program is constantly changing and improving. The clubs in our multiple district is the backbone of everything we hold near and dear.

We have three new directors, Kerby Kee (G), Sam Clayton (F) & Paul Whelan (H). They will be addressing your clubs and zones about our needs. Please welcome them,; they represent your district and have been appointed by your District Governor.

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Our other directors, Sue Campbell (B), Dr Bob Pinson (C), Russ Fineman (D), Howard Bergdoll (E) and Marty Vetere (I) continue their sincere service for another year or more.

Club and personal pin awards will be presented to each of the directors during the annual meeting. We have several clubs becoming involved for the first time, trifecta's have increased and the new pin represents 20 hours or more of

service to one of the satellites or our Lacey facility.

Congratulations to everyone.

Yes, we have faced **fate** and **chance**. You, our **free spirits** have the **strength** to continue to lead our success.

See you at Convention, stop by our information booth.

Jeannie



Meet the New Landlords!



Pat Bucknell
Lacey Sunrise Lions

We have new landlords at NWLERC, and we are pleased to tell you that, not only are they friends of NWLERC, but our future in the current location looks very bright indeed.

Lion Pat Bucknell and wife Nancy are our new landlords, having purchased the property from the Lacey Fire District in early September. All of us at NWLERC now breathe easier knowing that the property is not in jeopardy of being sold to unknown parties, and the potential issue of having to relocate is now behind us.

Pat, of course, is our NWLERC Facilities Manager and a dedicated member of the Lacey Sunrise Lions club. He has been responsible for a long string of innovative improvements to our building and grounds over the last few years.

As you read on the previous page, we now have a long-term lease with the Bucknell's and we have proposed a restructured lease-purchase agreement with them that will be presented to the Board of Directors at our Annual Board Meeting in Yakima October 15. If this agreement is approved by the Board, NWLERC will be cleared to purchase the property.

We are VERY grateful to the Bucknell's for their vision and dedication to the mission of NWLERC!

Hope to See You at the Fall Convention !

Annual Board Meeting to be Held in Yakima

If you are attending MD-19 Fall Convention in Yakima, plan to stop by our information booth and say hello. In addition to seeing our charming and knowledgeable staff at the booth, we'll be there to accept your donations of eyeglasses to take back to our facility after the event.

We'll also be holding our Annual Board of Directors meeting in Yakima. All are welcome to come and hear about our exciting plans for the future and meet the Directors, Officers and Staff.

Here are the meeting details:

When: Saturday, October 15, 10:30 am to noon.

Where: The Convention Hotel –Howard Johnson– Room to be announced.

If you have not registered for the Convention or want to see the full schedule of events, click or cut/paste the below link to your browser:

<http://www.lionsmd19.com/events/registration.pdf>



District G Director Kerby Kee



Past Zone Chair Kerby Kee may be one of our new Directors and Board Members, but he's an old hand around NWLERC.

Kerby, the District G Director since July, is a member of the Longview-Kelso Earlybirds. He was instrumental in developing our Longview Satellite, one of our biggest and most productive eyeglass collecting and sorting operations. The Longview Satellite has collected and processed THOUSANDS of pairs of eyeglasses over the last few years, and we are very grateful for their commitment to NWLERC.

Kerby replaced the very capable Steven Staudinger as Director. Steven also served with great distinction, and represented district G admirably..

We also note with pride that both Kerby and Steven served as Zone Chairs for the year 2010-11, and, along with NWLERC Immediate Past President John Kirry, will be awarded their Zone Chair Excellence Awards at the upcoming Fall Convention in Yakima.



NWLERC Stars
October 2011



Ginny Munn

Robert Davis

Whidbey Satellite Manager

Bremerton Central Lions

***Thanks & Congratulations for Your
Dedication and Hard Work!***

Your Work Makes THIS possible:



NWLERC Key Statistics, 9-30-11

	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	PRIOR YEARS	SINCE 2004
Eyeglasses Received	14,632	26,654	1,135,090	1,161,744
Eyeglasses to Missions	1,335	4,083	114,601	118,684
Gold Recycled	560	1176	39,278	40,454
Recycled to ReSpecs	0	532	441,627	442,159
Volunteer Hours	578	1,842	31,122	32,964
Missions Supported	1	7	126	133
Mission-Ready Inventory	10,950			



And Finally...

Did you know that our hard-working Secretary Jacqueline Pratt, seen at left, has been known to do the above Key Statistics in under 10 minutes *while wearing a blindfold?*

She is talented...

Upcoming Events

October 13-15 Fall Convention, Yakima. NWLERC Board of Directors Meeting

October 26 Pierce County Homeless Connect, Tacoma Dome



NWLERC Board of Directors

District B	Sue Campbell	<i>Renton Lions</i>
District C	Dr Bob Pinson	<i>Lacey Sunrise Lions</i>
District D	Russ Fineman	<i>Moses Lake Lions</i>
District E	Howard Bergdoll	<i>Spokane Central Lions</i>
District F	Sam Clayton	<i>Pasco Lions</i>
District G	Kerby Kee	<i>Longview-Kelso EarlyBirds</i>
District H	Paul Whelan	<i>South Whidbey Lions</i>
District I	Marty Vetere	<i>Pt Townsend Branch Club</i>



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