



C-1 Zone News



December, 2011

Editor PZC John Kirry

Zone Chair Tom Riley

MD-19-C-1

Merry Christmas...

And a short Q&A with the Zone Chair



Q: So where has the year gone?

ZC: I have no clue. I've been too busy watching all the clubs in the Zone do great things in the community. Kind of makes a person dizzy seeing all the good stuff we do.

Q: Like What?

ZC: Food collection for the FISH food bank, Backpacks for Kids, Thanksgiving food baskets, dictionaries for elementary school kids, apple packing, tree planting, First Responders Appreciation, Santa programs all over the place as well as eyeglass and hearing aid collection and a hundred other things. I'm continually amazed at all we do for the community, but I'm also heartened to see clubs taking the time to celebrate their success and longevity and to continue to bring in new members and work together planning a path toward club excellence.

Q: So what's coming up?

ZC: The Holidays, of course! Even though the Holidays can be a hectic and busy time, it is a most joyous occasion that actually gives us a chance to focus on the most important aspect of our lives: our families. Take time to slow down and really enjoy the time with your family, whether it's a trip to Grandma's or quiet time with friends. It is my sincere hope that all the Lions of C-1 have a Merry Christmas and Happy New year, and your spirits are recharged to continue the good work that embodies "We Serve."

Q: Speaking of "We Serve," does that mean you will come to my house and serve Christmas dinner?

ZC: I laughed so hard at your question, I think I hurt something. My lawyer will be in touch.

Tom

C-1 Zone Advisory Meeting Held Nov 21

The second Zone Advisory meeting was held by ZC Tom Riley. PZC John Kirry did a presentation from the Faculty Development Institute on "Lions Quest." The meeting was well attended and informative!



Left: ZC Tom, AZC Kim and Zone Secretary Sandy Bradley



Right: Tacoma Community college President Ana Sosa and John Gaul.



Left: Gig Harbor president Bonnie Manning and Secretary Joe Morales.



Right: Lakewood Knights President Balarie McLeod and Lion Elizabeth Harvey



Left: PZC Frank and Sheila Pearce enjoy a smile with PDG John Doyle.



Right: 1VDG Dave Riskey and 2VDG Marilynn Danby



Left: PDG Barbara Ellis has an impromptu one-on-one with PZC Al Hedstrom.



Right: District Leadership Chair PDG Bill Ellis

Around the Zone , Part 1



TCC host on-campus “Thanksgiving Bingo”

Here’s an interesting event put on by the Tacoma Community College Campus Club. They combined Bingo and Thanksgiving food in a festive holiday meal giveaway just prior to Thanksgiving. The fun Bingo contest yielded eight grand prize winners who received a complete Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings!

Photos by Iris Young.



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Around The Zone, Part 2

Tacoma Southeast Lions are seen here collecting food and cash donations for the FISH Food Bank. PZC Bob Grevstad, AZC Kim Riley and Marlene Doyle are hard at work!



The Key Peninsula Lions Club hosted DG Rick Drury. From left: PDG George Robison, PZC Marv Keizur, DG Rick and club president Neal Van Der Voorn.

Lakewood First hosted member and current DG Rick Drury. Heavy-hitter VIP's line up for the photo:

PDG Bob Wagers, ZC Tom Riley, DG Rick and PDG Dan Comsia



Around The Zone, Part 3



Tacoma Southeast Lions are having a busy fall. Dressed for the cold is the apple-packing crew at left, and the FISH food bank collecting crew at right!



DG Rick Drury addresses the Tacoma Southeast Lions club. Looking on are ZC Tom Riley (l) and club president Dan Barber (r)

The Lakewood Knights Lions Club packed Thanksgiving baskets for 22 deserving families at Southgate elementary just prior to Thanksgiving. Posing with one of the recipients (center) are Tom and Kim's granddaughter Brooke, club president Balarie McLeod, ZC Tom, AZC Kim and club secretary Mary Green.



Around the Zone, Part 4

Follow-up to Pierce County Homeless Connect Pays Off

From the NWLERC newsletter FOCUS.

NWLERC and Lions volunteers participated in the Pierce County Homeless Connect at the Tacoma Dome in October, 2011, and helped hundreds of people with their vision needs. One club in particular, Tacoma Southeast Lions, brought many volunteers to the event. As such, when one client had trouble getting his glasses, he reached out to Zone Chair Tom Riley and Associate Zone Chair Kim Riley, members of Tacoma Southeast, for help. The Riley's swung into action, contacting Lens Crafters and St Leo's church, where the glasses were distributed. Somehow the pair of glasses intended for Mr. Ford were misplaced, and Rubin at Lens Crafters was able to resolve the situation quickly

Our thanks go out to Kim and Tom Riley and Rubin at Lens Crafters for taking the time to help Mr. Ford. His thank-you email is below:



Hi Guys,

*Sorry it took me so long to get back with you. My phone was out of minutes for awhile, so I had to do some things by foot. I went by Lens Crafters today and spoke with Rubin. He was very, very helpful, and said all I have to do is bring my prescription by tomorrow and he will make me another pair with a different frame. St. Leo's doesn't ask for ID or have anyone sign for glasses when they pick them up, so I'm guessing my pair probably walked out the door with the wrong person somehow. Rubin said there were a couple of other pairs that disappeared as well. I am really amazed, impressed, and unbelievably thankful with the response both you and Rubin have given me. I quite frankly didn't think I was going to be able to get a replacement pair. **Being able to see clearly again will literally change my life. I can't begin to thank you enough!***

SINCERELY, Wendell Ford

Gig Harbor Lions Club members Van Manning and Doug Johnson with the 2012 Fund-raising calendars in front of the Gig Harbor Post Office.

The Gig Harbor Photo Calendar is in it's fifth year, and just gets better and better. The beautiful photos of Gig Harbor are taken by a talented group of local photographers and All proceeds enable the Gig Harbor Lions to provide dozens of services to people in the community and around the world.



Around the Zone, Part 5

Key Peninsula Lions Distribute Dictionaries

Excerpted from Lion Hugh McMillan in the Peninsula Gateway.

In mid-November, the Key Peninsula Lions Club distributed 192 copies of Webster's Dictionary/Thesaurus to language arts classes at Key Peninsula Middle School, and 336 copies of A Student's Dictionary to each third- and fourth-grade student in Evergreen, Minter Creek and Vaughn elementary schools.

Worldwide, more than 2.4 million books were distributed last year. Some 300 groups and organizations in Washington state alone, including 30 Lions clubs, participate in the program.

"The goal is to see that every student receives a dictionary at a grade level where it helps develop communication skills throughout their school career and lifetime," said George Robison, who promoted the program with the Key Peninsula Lions

Key Peninsula Lions President Neal Van der Voorn said he's pleased with the program.

"We can make a big difference in the community as I have discovered since retirement," Van der Voorn said. "The KP Lions and the dictionaries is a great example."



Hugh McMillan/Special to the Gateway

Key Peninsula Lions Club president Neal Van Der Voorn, center, past president George Robison and Lions member Cindy Robison hand Vaughn Elementary School students lists of contradictory words before they provided each student a free dictionary.



NW Lions Leadership Institute In Gig Harbor for 2102

NW Lions Leadership Institute Comes to Gig Harbor

As an Institute graduate, please encourage your club and district members to apply for the 2012 institute. The Institute is being held in a unique setting at Wesley Inn in Gig Harbor for a uniquely outstanding leadership experience. It starts at noon on Thursday, February 9 and concludes at noon on Sunday, February 12, 2012. That is just over four months away.

The MD19 Lions Services and Leadership Foundation will provide a scholarship of \$175 for the first 60 MD19 Lions that attend for the first time. The remaining \$200 (\$220 after Jan. 1) is up to the Lions or the Lion's club. The total amount pays for the motel room (double occupancy), all meals, Materials and meeting room. A bargain price that corporations pay much more to get the same thing. Plus not traveling over the mountain passes or down to another state.

If a Lion wants more details or a registration form, contact PDG John Bergvall at johnbergvall@comcast.net.

If they want to know how graduates of the Institute feel about their experience, **ask them**. More Lions from our district are NW Lions Leadership Institute graduates than any other district.

Yours in Lionism,
Bill Ellis



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