

THE WORM*



* Club Motto: "Wow, It's Early. What Were We Thinking?"

Next Meeting Monday, June 11, 2007

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Thank You Early Birds, For Another Great Year



My time as your Branch coordinator is nearly at an end, and I couldn't let the moment pass without acknowledging the fine contributions of Early Birds who made this year a success.

Thanks to **Bill Panttaja**, who has guided our Adopt-A-Road program for years and is now stepping aside to let **Doug Johnson** spearhead the effort. Bill will move up to Secretary/Treasurer, and we are thrilled to have his expertise and guidance.

Thanks to **Bonnie Man-**

ning for her work as Morning Arm Twister this year. Our revenues are up and we make more per meeting than the Noon club through our Arm Twister activity! Co-Twisters **Bill Amesbury** and **Dave McKenney** will pick up this important task for next year.

Thanks to **Shelley Ryan** for her undaunted work as Raffle Chair. Again, our revenues are up and Shelley keeps things moving. We're glad she will continue in this important role.

Thanks to **IPBC Bill McMonnies**, **John Kirry**, **Al Aosved** and **Bob Wagers** for their guidance and wisdom in keeping us going in the right direction. Their participation in "after-meeting" meetings was absolutely invaluable to our Branch.

Thank you project volunteers. This year we have expanded our roles at LERC both financially and with volunteers. We hope to make that a strong trend in the future. From Late Nite Catechism to the calendar and entertainment books Early birds stepped up and got things done. We contributed to Toys for Tots, Relay for Life and Operation Helmet. Early Birds were essential contributors to virtually every project undertaken by the Gig Harbor Lions. Our leadership on the Second Time Around Sale is a perfect example. Early Birds did the Lions Share of the organizing and filled a great number of the worker bee positions.

Special thanks to Early Bird **Bob Wagers** for his consistent behind-the-scenes work in keeping the Early Birds running properly. It is no exaggeration when we put "Master of All Else" under his name on our masthead. He is deserving of the honor of Branch **Lion of the Year**.

See you all Monday.

BC John

Branch Officers:

- John Barelli**
Branch Coordinator
- John Kirry**
Branch Vice-Coordinator
- Bonnie Manning**
Morning Arm Twister
- Shelley Ryan**
Raffle Chair
- Bob Wagers**
Master of All Else
- Bill McMonnies**
Immediate Past BC

Branch Roster

- Bill Amesbury** 265-2748
- John Barelli** 857-5353
- Gayle Burke** 858-9252
- Doug Johnson** 857-2945
- John Kirry** 265-1466
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- Dave McKenney** 853-1778
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- Shelley Ryan** 851-1601
- Carl Sletto** 851-7054
- Bob Wagers** 851-5318

Next Meeting Monday, June 11

Our next meeting is Monday, June 11 at 0700 and we will depart a little from our program-based agenda to instead focus on our members and their contributions this year.



Stuff You Should Know About:

Second Time Around Sale , Installation and Awards Banquet News

Our annual **Second Time Around Sale** is set for this coming Saturday, June 9, at the Gig Harbor United Methodist Church parking lot.

Friday is setup day and we will



meet at the church to receive, price and sort our

Our Last Meeting: Lion Bob Wagers And His Days in Iran

Back in the 1960's Shah of Iran Days, Early Bird Bob Wagers was dispatched to Iran as a young Army Captain to oversee U.S. military logistics in that middle-eastern country . Bob presented a fascinating slide show

items from 3-6. The sale commences on Saturday from 8-3. Show time for workers on Saturday is 0700 to begin setup outside. This will be a fun, one day event, so see **John Kirry** to sign up if you haven't already.

The Gig Harbor Lions **Installation and Awards Banquet** was held on June 2 and Several Early Birds were spotlighted. In addition to **Bob Wagers** being selected as the **Early Bird Lion of the Year**, Early Bird **Bill McMonnies** was awarded Lionism's highest award, **The Melvin Jones!** Way to go, Bill and Bob. **Bill Panttaja** received a coveted Adopt-A-Road award. **John**

Kirry received three Presidential awards for his work with committees over the year. Each of these Lions will bring their hardware to share with the Early Birds next meeting.



Our congratulations to each and every member for their hard work and dedication to the Lions Club.



of his time in Iran and he told us of his experiences getting around in the country. Of some surprise to the audience was the beautiful snow-capped mountain peaks in the northern part of the country, since we usually think of the country as mostly arid desert.

Thanks Bob!



Remember These Dates:

- **Second Time Around Sale June 9**
- **Next Meeting: Monday June 11, 0700**
- **Next Breakfast Planning Meeting: Monday, June 25, 0700**
- **LERC Opportunities: June 11, 0900**



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