



THE WORM*

Club Motto: "Wow it's Early, What Were We Thinking?"

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Note: Due to the temporary relocation of our Mega 6000 Mainframe Publication Computer with retro-encabulated sotware and third level hydrocoptic wane shafting , this month's issue will look slightly different. Our usual award-winning format will return next month. We hope. —ed.

Just My Opinion,

I Could Be Wrong. Branch Coordinator John Kirry

"Act as if what you do is important. It is."

The above quote by William James is a favorite of mine. It's simple and direct and has a lot to say about what we do as Lions.

While we have a good time kidding each other at meetings and out on projects, what we do as Early Birds does have importance. We're small in number, yet many of the things we do will have a far-reaching impact on the community.

Take for example, recent actions by our two past branch coordinators, **Bill McMonnies** and **John Barelli**.

PBC and Early Bird Founding Father Bill has generously offered to match our Fish Food Bank donations this year, up to \$500. We have a pretty good time with Bill joking about his Scottish fiscal heritage, but for those in our community who depend on the food bank, Bill's actions will have a measurable impact on the quality of many lives.

IPBC John Barelli has also made a very important contribution. "The Chief" has had a long standing real estate offer to our club members: For any transaction with a club member, he will donate a portion of his commission to the Lions Club. When EB Liaison Al Aosved relocated to the far north metropolis of Port Orchard, John was his agent, and thus, will be making a donation to the club. He has chosen to make his donation in the form of a new video projector! John's actions will bear directly on the ability of our Lions club to "project" our sight and hearing mission throughout the community! Along with our computer from last year, the projector will really bring us into the electronic age for presentations and displays.

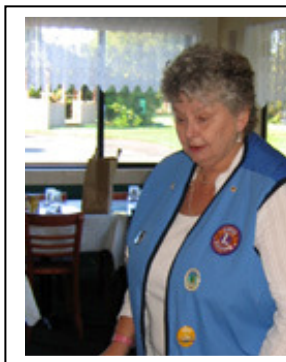
Thank you, Bill and John. Your actions are important, relevant and timely to the Lions Club and the Gig Harbor Community.

We are proud to be your fellow Lions.

OUR LAST MEETING... Bonnie Manning

Thanks to Early Bird **Bonnie Manning**, we had a very informative and pertinent program on advanced health care directives. She described the kinds of paperwork we should all have in place such as powers of attorney, living wills and emergency instructions. A good place to start looking for the proper forms etc. is on the AARP website. Thanks, Bonnie. Great program!

**Bonnie Manning, RN,
Discusses health care
directives with the
Early Birds at our last
meeting.**



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Early Bird **Doug Johnson** has taken over the reins of the Adopt-A-Road program from VBC **Bill Panttaja**. In June, Doug put together his first of many working groups. This is a pure service program, with participation from both the early birds and the noon club. He will plan another for next quarter, so please respond in the affirmative when he calls!

**June Adopt-A-Road
Left to right:
Gerry Violet
Bill Amesbury
Doug Johnson
Gretchen Wilbert**



Speaking of **Bill Panttaja**, he will be having back surgery on August 13, so keep him in your thoughts and prayers. He expects to be back up and running (well, maybe sauntering or strolling) in a few weeks.

We have a new award at the Early Birds, one you won't want to actually win. It's the **Dine and Dash Award** for those forgetful scofflaws who "forget" to pay their breakfast bills. So far it has been awarded with great humor to two of our forgetful scofflaws who just somehow didn't make it to the cash register that day.

It's a great trophy. Please don't win it. We will make fun of you. Well, more than normal.



Thanks to These Early Birds

In a new category we will call the "**What-A-Guy Awards**" are several Early Birds who have gone the extra mile and done something special for our group.

First is Past-Just-About-Everything **Bob Wagers**. Bob has generously donated his out-of-pocket cost of the Second Time Around Sale advertisement, about \$50.

Next is woodworker extraordinaire **Dave McKenney** who donated a beautiful turned wood keychain to our auction which brought in \$10.

Next is Noon Club stalwart **Gretchen Wilbert** who donated a DVD of images of VOSH missions over the years. This is a great compilation of slides taken over the years when her husband Lion Bill Wilbert was actively involved in distributing glasses to needing individuals in developing countries.

And last, our own Early Bird **Raffle Chair Shelley Ryan**. Shelley ran out of the house on the day of our last meeting and inadvertently left the raffle tickets at home. She stepped up big-time and donated \$25 to our arm twister and raffle fund.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our Treasurer, VBC Bill, reports that we have **\$499.37** in our administrative coffers. As an aside, we are the first Branch Club to have an actual, working budget. The Board voted in June to approve our balanced budget and we will be working with the club treasurer this year to implement it.

NOON CLUB NEWS

Bruce Bugbee, our talented Lions fundraiser chairman and Certified Friend of the Early Birds has decided to dramatically alter the course of our fundraising calendar this year. Rather than rely on income directly from local merchants who contribute funds based on a small ad appearing in the calendar, Bruce led the calendar committee toward a completely new venture: a beautiful photo calendar of Gig Harbor that will be given out free by our local merchants. Each calendar will have a fund raising letter and envelope inside asking for donations to our sight and hearing activities. Suggested donation will be \$10.

In addition to it's potential as a money-maker, the calendar will be a beautiful keepsake calendar with photos from some of our best local photographers. The calendar will be finalized this month and printed for distribution in October. More to follow on this important project...

OUR NEXT MEETING **August 13, 2007, Zone Chair Jeannie Phillips!**

As we all know, our club Secretary **Jeannie Phillips** is pulling double duty this year. In addition to her many duties as Gig Harbor Lions Secretary, she has taken on the duties of Zone Chair as well. Jeannie decided to make the Early Birds her first stop in a year-long visit of clubs in our zone. We will be honored to hear her speak about her goals and directions for the next year.

Jeannie and Pat have been very good friends to the Early Birds, and we hope to help her along this year as she assumes the duties of Zone Chair. As part of that assistance, we have agreed to donate \$50 to her travel expenses for the year. She is also planning to bring a very beautiful and unique quilt that she will raffle throughout the zone this year. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. Also on Jeannie's calendar of events is her first Zone advisory meeting to be held at the Tacoma Elks on Friday, August 31. She has asked for help with the raffle at the zone meeting and would like to enlist the help of the Early Birds. See John K if you would like to help.

Mark your calendars for August 13 and come and welcome Zone Chair Jeannie Phillips! This will be an interesting meeting and we just might have a "special award" for her. As you all recall, we are known for our generosity toward our Zone Chairs. Just ask Dan Comsia.

In addition, we may have visitors from a newly formed Lions Club: Tacoma Narrows. Let's put out the welcome mat and make it a great meeting!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Early Bird Meeting: **Monday, August 13, 0700 Madrona Links Golf Course**

Next Noon Club LERC: **Monday, August 13, 0900 at Rite-Aid/Starbucks**

Early Bird Breakfast Planning Meeting **Monday August 27, 0700 Madrona Links Golf Course**

