

The Worm*



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*Our Motto: "Wow it's early. What were we thinking?"

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JUST MY OPINION . . . I Could Be Wrong.

Branch Coordinator John Kirry

Come Listen to A Story 'bout A Guy named Ed....

I ran into Ed at a photo club meeting the other day. You probably haven't met Ed, but you know his work. He's one of a group of very talented photographers who graciously agreed to let us use some of their spectacular images in our new calendar. But Ed goes way back with the Lions and what he told me at the meeting that night really made me smile.

First, Ed is Ed Johnson, brother of Early Bird Doug and son of Knute, a Gig Harbor Lion stalwart of days gone by. Ed, like Doug and their dad before them have a strong connection to the work of the Lions.

So, back to my story. Ed and I are chatting about how well the calendar turned out and he tells me that a man e-mailed him asking for a reprint of a photo that appears in the calendar. We put the photographer's contact information in the back of the calendar for just such a reason.

Anyway, Ed asked me how much I thought he should charge the man for a reprint. I told him what we were charging for the calendar cover photo and perhaps he could use that as a guide. "That's about what I thought," said Ed with a smile. "So I told the guy I'd sell him a print and he should make the check out to the Gig Harbor Lions."

I uttered an insufficient and feeble thank-you, but inside I was beaming with pride for our Lions Club.

I tell this story not to make Ed or Doug blush, but to point out the far-reaching legacy that the Lions Club has in our community. In the seeming rush-rush of our charitable works it is nice to know that people really do appreciate us and, as I said in an earlier column, "What we do has meaning."

Thank you Ed.

Now get back to work. We'll need you for the next calendar.

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Fox Island Navy Attaché

Bart Morrison
Assistant Chief Pilot

Our Last meeting...



Twenty-one Lions came out to hear Gig Harbor Chief of Police **Mike Davis** give a program on various topics from internet issues to community policing and other vital programs that concern our region. The Chief was warmly received and we presented him with one of our new calendars and a good cigar!

A highlight of our meeting was the induction of new member **Bart Morrison**. (See pictures below) Sponsor Arch Carpenter was very pleased to present Bart with his Lions pin. **Bill Panttaja, Jeannie Phillips and John Kirry** all participated in the simple induction. Welcome aboard, Bart!

IPBC John Barelli brought a box of Lion's monogrammed shirts and jackets that he so generously donated. Our little arm twister fund was over \$90 after the inclusion of these auction items. Thanks, John!



exciting new project!

Winterfest, the arts-and-crafts fair held annually at Peninsula High School, will be **Nov 24-25**. Over 5000 people attend this event each year and **the Early Birds will be manning a table to sell our calendars and show the community our colors!**

This is an exciting chance to make some project money for the Early birds and show off our calendar.

We need volunteers for this weekend event. Hours are 9-5 Saturday and 11-4 on Sunday. This event has a great financial potential for us and best of all: NO HEAVY LIFTING or STANDING IN THE RAIN! We'd like two people there at all times. Sign up sheets will

The Gig Harbor Lions Early Bird Branch meets twice monthly: Our regular meeting is the second Monday at 0700 and our informal business/planning meeting is the fourth Monday at 0700. Our mission is simple: serve the community. Our meetings and projects are filled with friendship, energy and enthusiasm. Join us!



Things YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT...

Bob Wagers is one of the founders of the Early Birds and also functions on the District level as Club Branch Advisor. In mid-October Bob and your fearless leader paid a visit to the Paulsbo Lions Branch Club. We were invited to share our experience in setting up and implementing our budget with that group. We met some nice folks compared notes with another branch. Fun night.

At our last business/planning meeting, we were surprised with a visit from our **Vice-District Governor, John Doyle**. If you've met John, you know what an interesting guy he is. A 30+ year army special forces guy, John saw the item in the Lionair that we were meeting and he popped in to see what all the fuss was about. He even came in second in the joke contest behind two-time winner **Bart Morrison**.

We discussed the possibility of bringing the Lions Health Screening Van to Gig Harbor. We decided to move forward with the application process and hope we can coordinate the van visit with our Live Successfully With Low Vision seminar this spring. **Goodwill Ambassador Bill Mcmonnies** will lead our effort along with Pat Phillips from the noon club. The application needs to be in by December 1, and we'll hear some time after that if our application has been accepted.

TOYS FOR TOTS. For the last several years, our generous members have donated stuffed Lions for the Marine Corps. Here's this year's target goals: We have 14 members, let's see if we can't round up DOUBLE that number (that's 28 to you Navy guys). Please bring in a new stuffed Lion (or other suitable stuffed toy) at one of the next two meetings. Target usually has a great selection. Let's give some needy kids a warm and fuzzy Christmas this year!

Coming Up: Mark your calendars for February 23. The Gig Harbor Lions will be bringing another fabulous act to the Peninsula High School Auditorium. Stay Tuned.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Nov 5 LERC 0900

Nov 12 Next Meeting 0700

Nov 22 Thanksgiving

Nov 24-25 Winterfest Project

Nov 26 Business Meeting 0700

Dec Regular meeting: Jeannie!

Jan Regular Meeting: Barbara!

OUR next meeting ** november 12

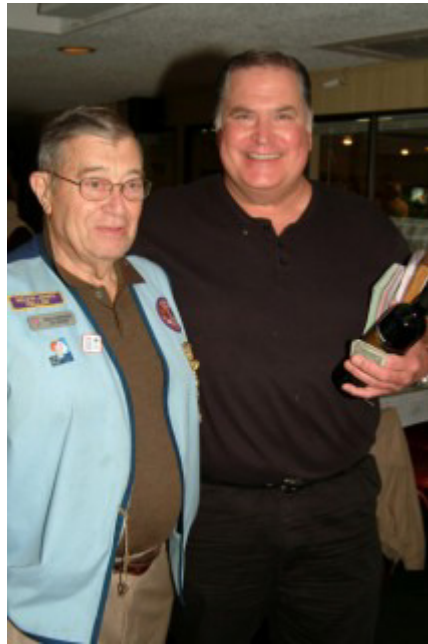
Captain John Kjaerulff is President and CEO of Fremont Maritime Services. His company specializes in emergency procedures, safety and survival training to mariners sailing in Alaska and along the Pacific coast.

Jon is married to Maria Barnowl, one of our great calendar photographers, and we look forward to hearing some of Jon's sea stories.

Photo pages *OUR last meeting**



VBC Bill Panttaja checks to see if Mona left him any money for breakfast...



Arch Carpenter with beaming new Lion Bart Morrison.



John Barelli and John Kirry auction some of Barelli's donated shirts...



Founding fathers Wagers and Mcmonnies discuss new ways to "Dine and Dash." Bob won...



Arch Carpenter, Bill Panttaja, Jeannie Phillips, New Lion Bart Morrison and John Kirry all share in Bart's induction ceremony. Welcome, Bart!



Chief Mike Davis and Lions Prez Marilyn smile for the camera. Marilyn set a new Lions record by attending her third Early Bird meeting in a row!



**Our new Branch Liaison says:
'See you all on November 12!'**

**And by the way
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

