

The WORM

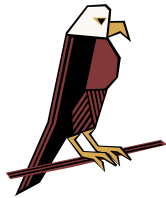
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Ramblings From the Top Perch

Happy New Year Early Birds! Lion New Year that is! As you can see, we are not only starting the New Year with new leadership, but also a new WORM format. Unfortunately, John Kirry had to abdicate his role as WORM editor to pursue other interests, namely First Vice President of the parent club and Director of the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. Obviously, we wish him well in both positions, but will miss his humor and creativity as WORM editor.

It goes without saying that I look forward to the coming year with some trepidation. Although I have occupied leadership roles of some sort most of my life, few have presented the challenge that being our Branch Coordinator presents. I say this, because we have been blessed with outstanding leadership since we became official October 2005 - leadership that has created a Branch environment that proves what most Lions clubs can only hope for, i.e. you can be productive and still have fun, even at 7:00 AM in the morning.

So, to John Kirry "Thanks" for a great year. We appreciate the creative approach to our meetings, the Power Point agenda, the outstanding programs, to include the "Meet the Early Birds Series," and the humor that you injected into all of our proceedings. Most of all, we appreciate all that we accomplished as Lions under your leadership. You made us all proud to be Lions – especially Early Bird Lions.

In closing, I am committed, with your help, to building on the success of John Kirry's year, just as John did on those of his predecessors. We will continue to have great programs, projects and the warm, infectious fellowship that the Early Birds are famous for. As of today, **"Let the journey begin."**

Bob

Branch Leadership

Branch Coordinator (BC)	Bob Wagers
Immediate Past BC	John Kirry
Vice Branch Coordinator (VBC)	Bart Morrison
Arm Twisters	Bill Amesbury
	David McKenney
Trustee for Fund Raising	Shelly Ryan
Adopt-A-Street Chair	Doug Johnson
Branch Liaison	Open

The Workers

John Barelli, PBC	Van Manning
Bruce Bugbee	Bill McMonnies, PBC
Gayle Burke	Jeannie Phillips, PZC
Steve Dreiling	Pat Phillips, PZC
Maria Barnowl-Kjaerulff	Carl Sletto
Bonnie Manning	Ana Sosa

NEXT MEETING



Our July 14 meeting will feature the **Founder and CEO of the Forza Coffee Company, Brad Carpenter.** The son of our revered & respected PZC Arch Carpenter, Brad, an ex-gig Harbor policeman, has turned one coffee shop into over 30, to include those that he has franchised. Carpenter will talk about coffee in general to include how it should be stored and brewed for optimum flavor.

This meeting will see a return to our regular raffle, so if you have something to donate that will make a good raffle prize, please bring it along. The **"rule of thumb"** remains: ***the prize should be of a quality that you the donor would want to win.***

Our Branch Motto: "Wow it's early! What were we thinking?"



EARLY BIRDS IN THE NEWS

Early Birds *John Kirry, Bill McMonnies, David McKenney, Jeannie Phillips and Bob Wagers* joined President Marilyn Jacobs and husband Rick Johnson on the track at Goodman Middle School for the annual *Relay for Life*. Also seen on the track was *Bill Panttaja*.

Early Birds *John Kirry & wife Sharon, Gayle Burke & wife Char, Bill McMonnies & wife Lois, David McKenney & wife Anita, Bill Amesbury & wife Clara, Bruce Bugbee & wife Roberta Wagner, Bart Morrison & friend Sharon Rude, Bob Wagers & wife, Shirley, Pat & Jeannie Phillips and Van & Bonnie Manning* were present, and in some cases, very visible, at the recent *Officer Installation & Awards Banquet*. Bill McMonnies filled the dual role of Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer for the evening. As auctioneer, he convinced those present to part with \$768.00! The high bidder was his own wife, Lois! Way to go, Bill! *See page 4* for a pictorial record of this event.

Early Bird Steve Dreiling spent the *past week turning the moldy, shaky, splintered, eye sore deck of Bob Wagers into a thing of beauty*. When the job was finished, Shirley came out to view the results and after taking it all in exclaimed, "I love it!! My beautiful Lion planters will now have a proper setting."



Early Bird Steve with the "GD Lions" that almost ended Bob Wagers' happy marriage.

Not to be totally outdone by Steve, *Early Bird Bart Morrison took on a painting job for John Kirry*. Although there has been no report of the results, John was seen smiling the other day, so everything must have gone OK.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

.....*Pat & Jeannie Phillips*, transfers from the parent club.

.....*Bruce Bugbee* has stepped down as Branch Liaison, and although serving the parent club as 2nd Vice President, will be attending our meetings and be shown on our roster.

MEMBER RESIGNATION



It is with regret that we start the new Lion Year with the loss of a valued member. *Bill Panttaja has submitted his resignation* and will no longer be a part of our jolly group.

Bill will be missed for many reasons. He was one of our "charter" members. He was the original chair for our Harborview Cleanup project and did a great job of getting it organized. He was the quiet one, whose council was always sought. His treasurer's reports were legendary and always brought a smile. In all respects, Bill was a great Early Bird Lion.

So, thanks for everything Bill. Whatever you choose to do to fill the void left by the Early Birds, we hope that you and Mona enjoy every second of that choice.



DUES ARE DUE

If for some reason you may have overlooked paying your dues, please do so immediately. The parent club must pay both International and the Multiple District their portion of your dues in July. Without your payment, it puts a burden on the club treasury.

DISCLAIMER

#1 The editor's proof reader is in Washington, D.C., so please kindly overlook the typos and grammatical errors.

#2 The new WORM will be a "work in progress" for a few issues, so please be patient. It will get better.

REMEMBER! Membership is an every member responsibility. So invite someone today to share the joy of an Early Bird membership.

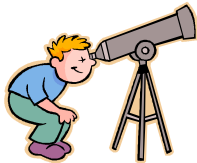
MORE OF LION STEVE DREILING'S DECK PROJECT FOR BC BOB WAGERS



Deck after Lion Steve had ripped off all the bad stuff.



Lion Steve admires his finished handiwork.



LOOKING AHEAD

- July 10 Parent Club General Meeting, Inn at Gig Harbor. 11:45AM
- July 11 District 19C Banner Passing, Tacoma Elks, 6:00 PM
- July 14 Early Bird Meeting, Madrona Links Golf Course, 7AM
- July 14 Parent Club LERC Work Party, meet RiteAid parking lot, 9:00 AM
- July 17 Parent Club Board Meeting, **Visitor's Center**, 11:00 AM - 12 Noon
- July 24 Parent Club General Meeting, Inn at Gig Harbor, 11:45AM
- July 28 Early Bird Informal Meeting, Madrona Links Golf course, 7:00 AM
- August 4 Early Bird LERC Work Party, meet RiteAid parking lot, 9:00 AM
- August 11 **Zone Chairman Official Visit**
- August 22 All-Club Picnic, John Kirry's Estate near Shelton. Details & directions to follow.
- September 8 **District Governor Official Visit**

OFFICER INSTALLATION & AWARDS BANQUET 2008



BC John & Sharon Kirry enjoy a quiet moment while waiting for dinner



MC Bill & Lois McMonnies enjoy the head table spotlight.



New Early Birds Pat & Jeannie Phillips smile for the camera



BC John presents Maria Barnowl-Kjaerulff with a Distinguished Service Award for her creation of the club website.



New Early Bird Bruce Bugbee displays his Distinguished Service Award received for masterminding the "new look" Community Calendar.



President Marilyn Jacobs presents John Kirry with the "Cheesiest Award" for the often irreverent awards presented during his year as Branch Coordinator.



Outgoing President Marilyn presents incoming President Elaine Morales with the Gig Harbor Lions "Lion of the Year Award."



Vice BC Bart Morrison contemplates the year ahead with a smile.



Newly installed Branch Coordinator Bob Wagers just realized what he has got himself into.



Newly installed President Elaine Morales pins the emblem of a Melvin Jones Fellow on husband Joe.



Long time member & everyone's favorite Gig Harbor Lion, Arch Carpenter, receives a special award for his many years of faithful service. Shortly after this event, PZC Arch changed his status from "active" to "privileged."