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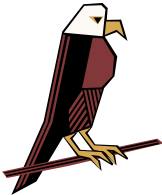
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Ramblings From the Top Branch

WOW! Is it ever hard to be humble when you are an Early Bird Branch Lion. Case in point: we just completed a highly successful Second-Time-Around Sale that netted over xxxxxxxx in spite of a meager inventory. The event was chaired by the talented duo of Bill McMonnies and John Kirry with a little help from me. Of the 188 Lion hours devoted to this project, 150 or 80% were provided by Early Birds. And of our 18 members, all but four either contributed hours, items for the sale or both. Making the final run to the dump and Goodwill were Doug Johnson, David McKenney and John Barelli. As you can see, the Early Birds were much in evidence throughout this project.

Unfortunately, we didn't do as well with collections for FISH this past Friday. In spite of our Branch agreeing to take this on as a project with the Parent Club, only four of our members stepped up to man the Food Drive collections at Safeway for a total of five hours. Two of those five hours were mine and I was surprised to find that the public reaction was much like White Cane Days. Two-thirds of those passing the position were friendly, of those one-third contributed and the remaining one-third acted as if you didn't exist. Hopefully, we will have greater participation in November.

Enough for now. I look forward to you all being present for our October 13 meeting, where the speaker will be from the Harold E. LeMay Museum - America's Car Museum.

Bob

Branch Leadership

Branch Coordinator (BC)	Bob Wagers
Immediate Past BC (IPBC)	John Kirry
Vice Branch Coordinator (VBC)	Bart Morrison
Arm Twisters	Bill Amesbury David McKenney
Trustee for Fund Raising	Shelley 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
October 13



AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM

If you have any interest in cars as rolling art or just transportation, you won't want to miss this presentation by Larry Smith of the Harold E. LeMay Museum. LeMay, a Parkland garbage baron, amassed during his lifetime one of the world's largest collections of everything automotive. Construction will soon start on a museum in Tacoma to house some of the best of that collection.

This meeting will provide a great opportunity to get acquainted with a world class automotive museum that will soon be open in our back yard.

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



EARLY BIRDS IN THE NEWS

Early Birds John Kirry and Pat and Jeannie Phillips made the long trip to Osoyoos, B.C. for the MD19 Fall Forum, October 3-4. Their primary purpose in going was to promote LERC, but as a bonus they enjoyed the beautiful B.C. scenery and the other offerings of the Forum. Representing the Parent Club were *President Elaine and Secretary Joe Morales*.

Two of our members have experienced some bad times recently. *Vice Branch Coordinator Bart Morrison* lost his father which required his presence in California for several days and *Co-Tail Twister Bill Amesbury* has been having a problem with his medications that has dramatically curtailed his activities. In fact, it limited his role in the Second-Time-Around Sale to being a contributor and spectator. Very unlike Bill who was such a fun and productive participant last year. To both these great Early Birds, we wish you well as you deal with these difficult issues. Please know that the Early Birds will always be here for you.

Branch Coordinator Bob Wagers recently spent a day at The Museum of Flight attending, of all things, a Not-For-Profit Seminar. As Chair of the Sight and Hearing Foundation Endowment Fund, Wagers was exposed to fiduciary investment management responsibilities, the importance of diversification in a volatile market (very timely) and a discussion of alternative investments. This is a strange world for Bob to be in considering that his investment policy has always been to “buy high and sell low.”



DISCLAIMER

We had hoped to have some pictures of the District Governor’s visit and the Second-Time-Around Sale to share in this edition of the WORM. But, alas, the pictures went to Osoyoos with John Kirry. However, it will be something to look forward to in the next edition.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Some fast food restaurants are starting to hire older people. Now you can make as much at 80 as you did when you are 14.



LAST MEETING

We were honored by the presence of the District Governor and First Lady, John and Marlene Doyle. DG John shared his goals and those of International President Brandel for Lion Year 2008-2009, and some highlights of the International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand to include his meeting with the International President. In recognition of DG John’s visit and leadership, the Branch presented him with a handsome Certificate of Appreciation and donated \$100.00 to LERC in his name.

SUMMARY

“NEVER BORED MEETING” SEPTEMBER 22



The September Never Bored Meeting was devoted primarily to preparations for the Second-Time-Around Sale. Bart Morrison shared a couple of his classic jokes along with John Kirry, Gayle Burke and Bob Wagers. The group also discussed the importance of increasing our membership and all agreed that the best way to do that was, “*To ask them.*”



2009 CALENDAR “TRIBUTE TO GIG HARBOR”

This “World Class” calendar will soon be coming off the presses and when it does, it will be time for the Early Birds to go to work. John Kirry, Bruce Bugbee, Bill Amesbury and Parent Club President Elaine Morales have developed the point of sale displays and collection vessels. It will be up to the Early Birds, under the direction of Chair Bill McMonnies, to keep those points of sale (mostly banks) well stocked at all times. The calendar will be the Parent Club’s primary fund raiser for the year, so it is important that we do our job well.



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

SECOND-TIME-AROUND SALE RECAP



As mentioned under the Branch Coordinator's remarks, this years Second-Time-Around Sale was an unqualified success. The credit for that goes to the exceptional leadership provided by John Kirry, Bill McMonnies and to a lesser degree, Bob Wagers, and to the 22 Early Bird and Parent Club Lions that gave of their time and talent, plus all those Lions and the public that donated items for sale. A recap of the hours donated follows:

Early Birds

Barelli, John	2	Manning, Van	4
Bugbee, Bruce	5	McKenney, David	8.5
Burke, Gayle	1	McMonnies, Bill	29
Dreiling, Steve	1.5	Morrison, Bart	15.5
Kirry, John	24	Phillips, Jeannie	10
Johnson, Doug	4.5	Phillips, Pat	15
Manning, Bonnie	8	Wagers, Bob	22

Total Hours 150.0

Parent Club

Bradley, Sandy	9.25	Morales, Elaine	5.25
Ferguson, Gail	2.75	Morales, Joe	3.25
Gair, Bruce	2.75	Moore, Bob	7.5
Garrison, Madelyn	2.75	Panks, Jim	4.5

Total Hours 38.0

Grand Total 188.0

Thanks to these great Lions for your time and talent.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 4 Carl Sletto

Happy Birthday, Carl



ANNUAL DUES

We are still waiting for a couple of our members to pay their 2008-2009 dues. Please - either pay your dues or advise Secretary Joe Morales that you wish to be dropped. Obviously, we don't want the latter to happen.

Make every month a Membership Month!



LERC REMINDER

Effective 8 September, the Branch and Parent Club will combine their volunteer day at he LERC on the second Monday of each month.

We will continue to meet at 9:00 AM in the Rite Aid/Starbucks parking lot, but will not return until 4:00 PM, taking time out only for lunch. Citing the cost of gas for this change, it was agreed that John Kirry and Jeannie Phillips would continue to provide the bulk of the transportation with one proviso - you get a free ride down, but must help with the cost of gas coming back. We will also see an increase in the number of local work parties such as sorting glasses.



IMPORTANT CHANGE

Please note that the hours for the Parent Club Board Meeting have been moved forward one hour from 11:00 AM - Noon to Noon - 1:00 PM. As before, no food or beverage will be provided.



LOOKING AHEAD

- October 13 Early Bird General Meeting, Madrona Links Golf course, 7:00 AM
- October 13 Parent Club/Branch LERC Work Party, meet RiteAid/Starbucks parking lot, 9:00 AM
- October 16 Parent Club Board Meeting, Visitors Center, **Noon to 1:00 PM**
- October 23 Parent Club General Meeting, Inn at Gig Harbor, 11:45 AM
- October 27 Early Bird "Never Board Meeting" Madrona Links Golf course, 7:00 AM
- November 10 Early Bird General Meeting, Madrona Links Golf course, 7:00 AM



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