

The WORM

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General Meetings 2nd Monday, Never Bored Meetings 4th Monday, both at 7:00 AM, The Madrona Links Golf Course

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Ramblings From the Top Branch

October was a rather quiet month for the Early Birds. However, after last month's Second-Time-Around Sale, quiet was appreciated. That isn't to say that we were napping. To the contrary. October included the distribution of the 2009 Tribute to Gig Harbor Calendar. At last count, we had over 1000 calendars at various locations in the community, mostly banks. We also participated in the Gig Harbor Lions first FISH collection at Safeway. John Kirry, Jeannie Phillips, Pat Phillips and I spent a day in Lacey processing glasses for LERC. In addition, John Kirry has been very busy in support of LERC making power point presentations explaining the Hub Satellite program. And John and the Phillips took the LERC "dog & pony show" to Osoyoos, B.C. for the MD19 Fall conference.

A little closer to home was the honor bestowed upon me by the chamber and covered elsewhere. How special it was to have the Kirrys, Bugbees, Gail Ferguson, Don Moore, Sandy Bradley and Lion Lady Linda Gair present for the occasion. For the record, I have gone from a 6-7/8 hat to a nine. Do you know how hard it is to find size nine hats? I am truly indebted to all that helped to make this happen.

I hope you all enjoyed the LeMay Museum program at last month's meeting. Stacy Vogel was such a charming young lady. Too bad she doesn't live in Gig Harbor. She would make a great Early Bird Lion.

Enough for now. I look forward to you all being present for our November 10 meeting, where the speaker will none other than our own bon vivant daredevil of the skies, *John Kirry Sharing His Life As He Knows It*. You don't want to miss this one.

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 November 10, 2008

Early Bird John Kirry
"My life as I know it."



That daredevil of the skies, that used glasses entrepreneur, that debonair man about town, that savior of the Hootenflator John Kirry will dazzle us with the exciting (wrapped?) story of his life as he knows it. Retrieved from dusty archives saved just before destruction to protect the innocent, John will dazzle us with little known facts to include trying to explain why a supposedly sane and rational man would purposefully fly an airplane into the teeth of a raging typhoon. This is one program no one can afford to miss.

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



EARLY BIRDS IN THE NEWS

The Early Birds are well represented in the *Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center* organization. Not only do we provide valuable hours volunteering at the Center every month, but we also provide some of the key leadership: **John Kirry - President, Jeannie Phillip - Secretary and Pat Phillips - Facility Manager.** Not bad for a branch of 18 members.

If you have wondered what happened to *Early Bird Steve Dreiling*, Steve is currently undergoing training to become a guard at the Purdy Women's Prison. However, his wife Fran has assured us that he will return to our meetings once he starts his duties at the prison.

Bill Amesbury continues to sort out his medications, but things are looking up. Hopefully that means his return to our meetings is imminent.

Friend of the Early Birds, **PZC Arch Carpenter**, retired Airborne Infantry Colonel, recently attempted a *PLF off of his rear deck, but a gust of wind caught him in mid air and he **ended up breaking his hand.** Get well cards can be sent to Arch at 11503 38th Ave Ct NW, Gig Harbor 98332.

Branch Coordinator Bob Wagers was recently honored by the *Gig Harbor/Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce as its 2008 Citizen of the Year.* Citing his 27 years of community involvement through the Gig Harbor Lions, Chapel Hill Church and the student mentoring program, Wagers was recognized for his contribution in helping to make Gig Harbor a better place to live. He joins several other Gig Harbor Lions that have received this honor in the past - Dr. Bill Wilbert, George Borgen and Milt Boyd.

PLF = Parachute Landing Fall



IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS

Starting with the November 10 meeting we will place and pay for our breakfast order at the restaurant counter when we arrive. This is a departure from the current procedure of the waitress taking our orders and our paying the bill prior to departure. This creates faster service and we can retire the "Dine & Dash Trophy" for regular meetings. Service for "Never Bored Meetings" remains the same.



AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM

LAST MEETING

Stacy Vogel, Event Coordinator for the LeMay Museum, shared the purpose, vision and current status of this world-class automotive museum about to be constructed in nearby Tacoma. Being built to house some of the over 2,000 cars amassed by Parkland garbage guru, Harold LeMay, this museum will showcase more cars at any one time than any other such museum on the world. In addition, it will be a venue for car club gatherings and will house a large auto reference library.

SUMMARY

"NEVER BORED MEETING" OCTOBER 27



Topics discussed were;

1. Status of "*White Paper*" submitted to parent club board of directors outlining division of fund raising monies. This paper authored by John Kirry provided for a split of proceeds based on hours contributed by parent and branch members. The paper was approved with a minor change.
2. Importance of getting recently arrived **2009 Tribute to Gig Harbor Calendar** in place at the various sales locations. Jars are available from John Kirry and the calendars are in the Lions cabinet at the Visitors Center.
3. "*New*" format for **LERC work parties.** In essence it is back to the original format. Early Birds first Monday & parent club 2nd Monday of each month.

In the tradition of the "Never Bored Meetings," Bart Morrison shared a couple of his classic jokes. The meeting was adjourned before he could tell another one.



HARBORVIEW NATURE WALK NOVEMBER 8


Chair Doug Johnson has selected Saturday 8 November for the next "Harborview Nature Walk." As in the past, we will meet at 9:00 AM at the foot of the Finholm Viewclimb armed with gloves and sunscreen. Bob Wagers has promised a dry, sunshiny day. This is a fast, fun project.

2009 TRIBUTE TO GIG HARBOR CALENDAR UPDATE



The following is a partial list of where calendars are currently on sale to include the servicing Lion:

Venture Bank - Pt Fosdick	Bradley
Venture Bank - Pioneer	Bradley
Rexall	Bradley
Chamber of Commerce	Bradley
Inn at Gig Harbor	Bradley
Volunteer Center	Bradley
Columbia - Judson St	Bugbee
Columbia - Pt Fosdick	Bugbee
Key Bank - North	Bugbee
WAMU-Chase	Bugbee
Bank of America	Bugbee
Harborstone Credit Union	Bugbee
Peninsula Light	Bugbee
Whole Foods	Bugbee
Kimball Espresso	Bugbee
Keeping Room	Bugbee
Rosedale Market	Bugbee
State Farm –Kevin Brooks	Bugbee
Mostly Books	Dearth
Fast Frame	Kirry
Birdnest Gallery	Kirry
Maritime Chiropractic	Wagers
Peninsula Trophy	Wagers
Harbor Kitchen	Wagers




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

Food for Thought



“Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, “I will try again tomorrow.”

Mary Ann Radmacker



To all the Early Birds & their families
Happy Thanksgiving


Make every month a Membership Month!



LERC REMINDER

Effective 3 November, the Branch and Parent Club will no longer combine their volunteer day at the LERC. We are in fact returning to the original format - Early Birds on the first Monday of each month and the parent club on the second Monday.


As in the past, both groups will continue to meet at 9:00 AM in the Rite Aid/Starbucks parking lot and will return after lunch at the Chinese buffet in Dupont. If you are a passenger, you will be expected to help with the cost of gas. This procedure will remain in effect until the LERC Hub Satellite is established in Gig Harbor.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2	John Kirry
November 25	Bill McMonnies

Happy Birthday, John & Bill!



LOOKING AHEAD

November 3 Branch LERC Work Party, meet RiteAid/Starbucks parking lot, 9:00 AM

November 4 Don't forget to VOTE!

November 6 Parent Club Board Meeting, Visitors Center, **Noon to 1:00 PM**

November 10 Early Bird General Meeting, Madrona Links Golf course, 7:00 AM

November 11 Veterans Day. Thank a veteran for their service

November 13 Parent Club General Meeting, Inn at Gig Harbor, 11:45 AM

November 24 Early Bird “Never Board Meeting” Madrona Links Golf course, 7:00 AM

November 20 Great American Smokeout!

November 27 Happy Thanksgiving!



This is the Gig Harbor Citizen of the Year? There must be some mistake!