

# The WORM

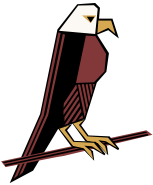
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General Meetings 2nd Monday, Never Bored Meetings 4th Monday, both at 7:00 AM, The Madrona Links Golf Course

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## Ramblings From the Top Branch

These are exciting times. In less than three months we will be one big happy family again - the Gig Harbor Lions Club! PERIOD!! We will be under the leadership of John Kirry our immediate past Branch Coordinator and current President of the NW Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC.) John, as you will see from page two, has assembled a strong leadership team that will help him build the "New Beginnings" Gig Harbor Lions Club into a force to be reckoned with. His focus will be on increasing membership, dramatically increasing member involvement and participation, getting the Gig Harbor LERC Satellite up and running and identifying new programs/projects that will improve our wonderful community and attract new members. And he is going to do all this while preserving the wonderful camaraderie and unique brand of humor, fun and fellowship for which the Early Birds are famous. Needless to say, if John is going to be successful, he will need the help of every Gig Harbor Lion - not just the faithful few. So let's all pledge now to back John Kirry to the maximum - to step up and be accountable with him for the success of the "New Beginnings" Gig Harbor Lions Club. For more information about the "New Beginnings" see John's great 2010 calendar letter at page 5.

As you will notice under "Next Meeting," we have a treat in store April 13th. Our speaker will be none other than Honorary Member VDGE Dan Comsia sharing a PowerPoint presentation of the trip that he and Cheryl took to Romania in late August/early September. Unfortunately, I will be vacationing in Cannon beach April 13th, so will miss this meeting. However, the proceedings will be in the capable hands of our Vice Branch Coordinator Bart Morrison. Having discussed the matter with Bart, I can assure you that he is excited about the opportunity to display his leadership skills.

I'm sorry that I will not be able to share our April meeting with you. But someone has to help the economy of Cannon Beach. See you all in May.

*Bob*

### Branch Leadership

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

### The Workers

John Barelli, PBC	Bonnie Manning
Bruce Bugbee	Van Manning
Gayle Burke	Bill McMonnies, PBC
Steve Dreiling	Pat Phillips, PZC
Maria Barnowl-Kjaerulff	Shelley Ryan
Dustin Lewis	Ana Sosa



### NEXT MEETING

April 13, 2009

### Romania Today

VDGE Dan Comsia

We are privileged to have as the program in April our good friend and Honorary Member VDGE Dan Comsia sharing his recent trip to Romania. Dan's parents emigrated from Romania in the early 1900s and Dan still has distant cousins living in the Transylvania region, an area made famous by the artificial monster Frankenstein. As a result, Dan has indicated that his PowerPoint will be a bit about family reunion and a lot about the Euro Build for Habitat for Humanity that Dan and Cheryl participated in. For the record, 27 homes were built in five days by people from all over Europe.

Needless to say, this is a "don't miss" program by a very special friend of the Early Birds. Couple this with a great breakfast and the famous Early Bird fellowship and you have a win-win situation.

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



## EARLY BIRDS IN THE NEWS

*Early Birds Pat & Jeannie Phillips, Van & Bonney Manning, John Kirry and Bob Wagers* represented the Early Birds at the District 19C Spring Conference, March 6-7 in Tacoma. *John Kirry and Jeannie Phillips* were panel presenters and *Jeannie Phillips* represented Zone C-1 in the International Dessert Contest. *Bob Wagers* nominated now DGE Dave Pratt for District Governor, LY 2009-2010.

As reflected elsewhere on this page, the Gig Harbor Lions Lion Year 2009-2010 slate of officers includes a number of Early Bird Lions: *President John Kirry, First VP Bill McMonnies, Third VP Bonnie Manning, Co-Lion Tamers Bill Amesbury and David McKenney. One Year Director Gayle Burke, Two Year Directors Van Manning & Bob Wagers and Membership Chair Bill McMonnies.*



### CHANGE IN DATE & VENUE

#### COL. ARCH CARPENTER ROAST & TOAST

- When:** *October 10, 2009, 6:00 PM*
- Where:** *Canterwood Golf & Country Club*
- Menu/Cost:** Steak & Prawns @ \$50.00
- Events:** Silent Auction, Live Auction, Roast/Toast of Arch, Arch Rebuttal & more

*Ex-military are encouraged to wear their dress mess and/or medals.*

This event is classified as a fund raiser, but more importantly, it is an opportunity to honor a very special Lion, community leader and bona fide war hero.

*Contact Bob Moore if you have donations for either the silent or live auction. More information to follow as we get closer to the date.*

### GIG HARBOR LIONS SHIRTS FOR SALE



If you have not yet purchased your beautiful Gig Harbor Lions shirt, contact Super Salesman Bill McMonnies at any meeting, by phone at 851-7111 or by email at lbmcmonnies@comcast.net. This great looking shirt is a bargain at \$20.00.

## LAST MEETING



In the interest of preparing ourselves for the coming baseball season and the reappearance of Ken Griffey, Jr. as a Seattle Mariner, we invited Ms. Lindsay Enger, Group Event Manager, Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Team to talk baseball with us. And what a fine job she did. Lindsay talked about all the special events and opportunities available to Rainier baseball fans individually and as a group, with the emphasis on affordable fun. She also emphasized that Rainier baseball is professional, played by players that are a heartbeat away from the majors.

In addition to the presence of club president Elaine Morales and club secretary Joe Morales, we were privileged to share this meeting with Gig Harbor Lions Bob Moore and Sandy Bradley and prospective members Ted Ralston and Ed & Julianne Smith.

### "NEW BEGINNING" GIG HARBOR LIONS CLUB

#### SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS LION YEAR 2009-2010

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| President            | John Kirry                              |
| 1VP                  | Bill McMonnies                          |
| 2VP                  | Sandy Bradley                           |
| 3VP                  | Bonnie Manning                          |
| Secretary            | Joe Morales                             |
| Treasurer            | Bill Arness                             |
| Tail Twister         | Rotational                              |
| Lion Tamer           | Bill Amesbury<br>David McKenney         |
| Directors - One Year | Joy Melgard, Bruce Gair,<br>Gayle Burke |
| Directors - Two Year | Bob Wagers, Van Manning,<br>Bob Moore   |
| Membership Chair     | Bill McMonnies                          |

The election of officers and directors will take place at the April 23 General Meeting of the parent club.



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

The Editor's records do not show any Early Bird birthdays in April. However, we did overlook one important birthday in March:

March 19 Maria Barnowl-Kjaerulff

*A Belated Happy Birthday Maria*



## LOOKING AHEAD

April 9	Parent Club General Meeting, Inn at Gig Harbor, 11:45 AM
April 13	Early Bird General Meeting, Madrona Links Golf Course, 7:00 AM
April 12	<b>Easter</b>
April 13	Parent Club LERC Work Party, meet RiteAid/Starbucks parking lot, 9:00 AM
April 16	Parent Club Board Meeting, <i>United Methodist Church</i> , 12 Noon -1:00 PM
April 23	Parent Club General Meeting, Inn at Gig Harbor, 11:45 AM
April 24	Living Successfully With Low Vision Seminar, Methodist Church, 8:00 AM
April 27	Early Bird "Never Bored" Meeting Madrona Links Golf Course, 7:00 AM
April 30	<b>Fifth Thursday. No meeting of any kind!</b>
May 1 & 2	<b>WHITE CANE DAYS</b>
October 10	Arch Carpenter Roast & Toast

## SUMMARY

### "NEVER BORED" MEETING



The following were discussed at the 23 March "Never Bored Meeting:"

1. Bob Wagers reviewed the events of the 5 March parent club board meeting which included a motion to return to the process of **uniting the parent and branch** into a single entity - the Gig Harbor Lions Club. This Gig Harbor Lions Club would meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 AM at the Madrona Links Golf Course. There would be a single board meeting each month at a location to be determined. The motion carried
2. As a result of the above, those present agreed that we should mount **an aggressive membership drive** focused on the businesses in the Harbor Plaza and Uptown shopping complexes.
3. A **letter** prepared by John Kirry to be used in support of the above **"membership blitz"** was reviewed by those present. All agreed that it did a great job of sharing the Gig Harbor Lions story and should be include in the recruiting packet.
4. There seems to be a lot of confusion as to just how much is in the **Early Bird treasury**. It was agreed that we should schedule a meeting with the club treasurer, Bill Arness, to clear this up.

Although classified as a board meeting, we had a large contingent from the Lakewood First Lions Club in attendance: VDGE Dan Comsia, his sister Ria Johnson, PZC Jan McCaffrey, ZCE Parly Applegate, Hugh Hedges and Docia Espino.

## INTRODUCING THE DISTRICT 19C LEADERSHIP TEAM 2009-2010

**District Governor**  
**David Pratt**  
Yelm Lions



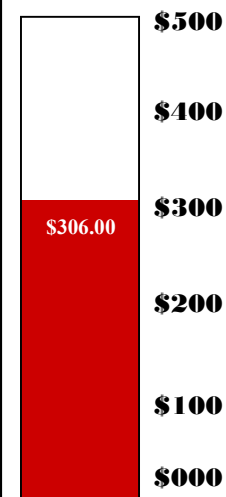
**1st Vice District Governor**  
**Dan Comsia**  
Lakewood First Lions



**2nd Vice District Governor**  
**Rick Drury**  
Lakewood First Lions



## FISH AUCTION THERMOMETER



**WHITE CANE DAYS ALERT**  
**MAY 1 & 2, 2009**

**An every-member project!**

## 2009 TRIBUTE TO GIG HARBOR CALENDAR STATUS



At last count, over one-half of the Gig Harbor Lions (parent club and branch) have yet to purchase their 2009 Tribute to Gig Harbor Calendar. If you happen to be one of those, please contact Bruce Bugbee, John Kirry or Bob Wagers and get your calendar today.

## GIG HARBOR LIONS WEBSITE UPDATE



We have a new page on our Gig Harbor Lions website: a photomontage of our club members. This page is accessible from the link on the "Become a Member" page (**A Photomontage of Our Gig Harbor Lions Club Members**) and on the "About Us" page (**A Look at Our Gig Harbor Lions Club Members**).

Images of more members will be added as they are available.

There is also a new page with information about the Lions Club Purposes and Ethics: To access this from the website, open the "About Us" page and click on the appropriate link.

*Lion Maria A. Barnowl/Kjaerulff*  
Web Mistress



## THE PARENT CLUB BOARD MEETINGS HAVE MOVED

Effective 2 April the parent club board meetings have moved from the Methodist Church to Round Table Pizza located in the Olympic Village Shopping Center. The meetings will start promptly at 12 noon, so if you plan to have lunch come early.

## SCENES FROM THE MARCH 9, 2009 MEETING



L-R Prospective member Ted Ralston & Early Birds Bonnie Manning, Van Manning & Doug Johnson enjoy a great Madrona Links Restaurant breakfast.



President Elaine & Secretary Joe Morales enjoy their breakfast while absorbing the presentation of Tacoma Rainiers spokesperson Lindsay Enger.



L-R Dave McKenney, Gayle Burke, Pat Phillips, Bob Moore, potential member Julianne Smith, Jeannie Phillips, potential member Ed Smith & Sandy Bradley give speaker Lindsay their complete attention.



BC Bob Wagers presents our attractive speaker with an Early Bird Certificate of Appreciation.

## New Beginnings

We are very pleased to bring you our 2010 Gig Harbor Lions Club fundraising calendar, and hope you will consider using the provided envelope to make a tax-deductible donation to support our worthy sight and hearing causes, both inside and outside the community. We are also pleased to tell you that this is a year of New Beginnings for the Gig Harbor Lions.

For the past 79 years, the Gig Harbor Lions Club has been serving our community with a unique brand of caring service that has enabled us to become one of the premier service organizations in the region. This year, we will continue that commitment while making significant changes to our meeting time and day. We will also actively seek local business people to join the Lions and participate in our New Beginnings.

Starting July 1, 2009 we meet the second and fourth Monday's at 7AM. By doing so, we hope to draw more interest from local merchants who wish to serve the community while networking and forming business contacts. The result will be to strengthen and enhance ties to local business while creating new opportunities to serve the community.

So what are the New Beginnings? Besides our new time and day, we are adding a very significant sight related project in partnership with the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. We will provide key volunteer services that will give thousands of people throughout the world the gift of clear vision. With the eyeglasses collected, sorted and processed by the Gig Harbor Lions, children can learn to read, and adults who have never seen clearly can learn new skills. In doing so, people half a world away will experience a New Beginning as well.

We'll continue to build our program Living Successfully with Low Vision, participate in White Cane days, staff the mobile Lions Health Screening Van, provide scholarships and senior project mentoring to our local high schools, provide youth camp opportunities for kids with diabetes and continue the fun of sponsoring a Little League team. While doing all this, we bring a unique brand of humor, fun and fellowship to our meetings, projects and services to the community.

Won't you join us in our New Beginnings? We meet the second and fourth Mondays from 7-8am at the Madrona Links Golf Course restaurant. There you will meet others like yourself, dedicated to making Gig Harbor a better place to live, work and play.

To see what we do, visit us at [www.gigharborlions.org](http://www.gigharborlions.org).

John Kirry  
President 2009-10

If the donation envelope is missing from this calendar, please send your tax-deductible donation directly to the Gig Harbor Lions, PO Box 331, Gig Harbor WA 98335. We are a 501(C)3 charitable organization.