

Mid-Month Update for all Gig Harbor Lions

From President John Kirry

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New Beginnings Breakfast a Huge Success!

If you didn't attend the July 13 New Beginnings Breakfast at Madrona Links, you really missed a great event. We had a packed house with 52 Lions and guests in attendance. Our year of New Beginnings was kicked off by **Mayor Chuck Hunter** who wished us well as we moved forward as one stronger club. **District Governor Dave Pratt** recognized our club for having the courage to make significant changes as we go forward in our year of New Beginnings, and **President John Kirry** presented a Power Point on "Who We Are and What We Do" and emphasized our 78 year legacy in the community. Lions from around the area came to wish us well and support our year of New Beginnings. We also received in-person thank-you's from two of our Scholarship winners, **Natalie Morningstar and Maria Fechko**. To top off the event, we made **Mayor Chuck Hunter, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Warren Zimmerman and Fire Chief Penny Hulse** Honorary Gig Harbor Lions.

What a great start to the year! Here are some photos by **Bruce Bugbee**:



Tacoma Rainiers and Lions Day at the Ballpark July 26

We've had a great response to the Lions Day at the ballpark event coming up on Sunday, July 26. According to **Van and Bonnie Manning**, we'll have 25 Gig Harbor Lions and their families and friends with us as we watch the Tacoma Rainiers take on the Las Vegas 51's at Cheney Stadium. A portion of the proceeds will go toward our administrative funds. Thanks, Van and Bonnie, for setting up this great social event!

Our Next Meeting, July 27

We have our next membership meeting on Monday morning, July 27 at 0700 at Madrona Links. Our featured speaker is **Rob Vatter**, Vice President of Planned Giving with the Northwest Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Come and hear Rob's presentation and enjoy some great fun at our next meeting. As in the Early Bird days, come prepared to share a joke.

Critical Information About Dues—ALL LIONS PLEASE READ!

At this point in our Lions year, we have received just over 60% of members dues. All dues needed to be paid by July 1 so that we can forward an accurate membership count to LCI and MD-19. We are **way** behind schedule and must correct this situation **immediately**.

For many members, it may simply mean that the dues reminder is somewhere on the desk and they just haven't gotten to it yet. But there may be others who have decided not to continue in our club and WE NEED TO HEAR FROM UNPAID MEMBERS RIGHT NOW so we can get an actual status count.

So here's the plan:

1. If you just haven't paid your dues, can't find your bill or whatever, please contact Joe Morales or Bill McMonnies and arrange to make your payment ASAP.
2. **If you have decided for *whatever reason* to not continue in our club, WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU IMMEDIATELY.**
3. Bill and Joe will be actively working to get all members accounted for. We will be making a phone call to you if you haven't responded to this message.
4. At our Board meeting on August 6, we will determine who is not continuing with the club and make the appropriate adjustment to our membership list on that day.
5. **PLEASE DON'T LET US INADVERTENTLY DROP YOU FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST IF YOU INTEND TO CONTINUE AS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE GIG HARBOR LIONS. We need to hear from you as soon as possible!**

Best Regards,

John