

Mid-Month Update for all Gig Harbor Lions

From President John Kirry

November, 2009

Our November 9 Meeting.

Our guest speaker was Warren Zimmerman, Executive Director of the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce, and we were treated to a great presentation on what's going on with that organization. A couple of weeks before I had asked Warren to focus his presentation on what we can do as Lions to partner with the Chamber to become more engaged in the community. He was very helpful and had several good suggestions as to how we can engage. The Chamber's "Weekly Snapshot" newsletter, the Thursday Public Relations Forums and once-monthly Chamber Luncheon are all ways for us to engage and establish partnerships with local business.

Winterfest 2009.

Our annual visit to Peninsula High School Winterfest is slated for the weekend after Thanksgiving. This is a great opportunity to sell some of our beautiful calendars, meet the public, show our flag and tell them about our Lions club. Winterfest runs Saturday and Sunday, November 28 and 29. Jeannie Phillips has the sign-up sheet. Please help if you can. It's a lot of fun and the calendars sell themselves!

Christmas Party December 5th!

We're thrilled that Van and Bonnie Manning are opening their beautiful home on Fox Island for our annual potluck Christmas party. We're doing things a little differently this year, so here's the deal:

Start time: 4pm. Bring your own libation. Dinner at 5pm: Bring a dish to share with everybody. Coffee, hot cider, soda and all utensils/ plates etc provided by the Manning's. Their address: 1074 Paha View Dr, Fox Island.

We're not having a gift exchange this year, so everybody please bring \$5 for the FISH food bank and a stuffed toy for Toys for Tots. There will be a special gift basket auction and other surprises so don't miss it!

Our Next Meeting--Monday, November 23

Three things: 1. Lion Iris Young, District 19C Extension Chair, will speak to us and answer that mysterious question: "Why does a chair need an extension?" A least I think that's what she said. Anyway, she's been a good friend to our Lions Club, so come and welcome her. 2. Since this meeting is just before Thanksgiving, Social Chair Bonnie Manning has asked that we all bring an "**Attitude of Gratitude**" to the meeting and share what we have to be thankful for. 3. Please bring a can of food for the FISH food bank and a stuffed toy for Toys for Tots (If you haven't already) and be prepared for a fun auction for the food bank.

See you Monday!

John



Roger, Elaine and Bob did a great job of keeping warm in front of the Post Office in October.



Van, Bob and Bonnie at the Post Office. They received over \$265 in donations for the calendar!



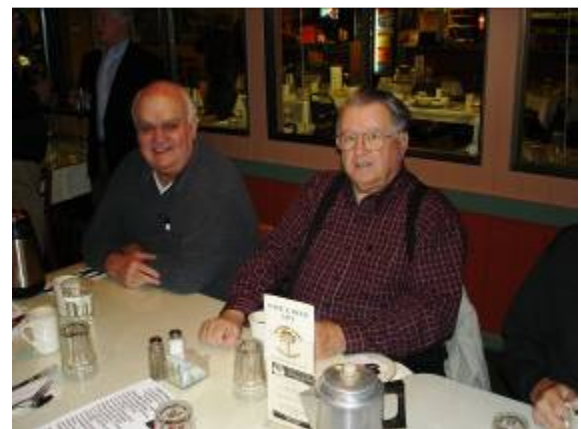
Arch and Doug talk about the rigors of staying awake while flying. Especially in the cockpit.



Bruce and Warren in a deep discussion of banking regulation. Or, more than likely, the good looking women they're married to!



We're happy to see Roger's Day-Timer filling up with Lions activities. His expertise is more than welcome on our membership committee.



Gayle and Dave. Bring on the ketchup!