

Mid-Month Update for all Gig Harbor Lions

From President John Kirry

October, 2009

The Arch Roast—A Grand Event!!

It started over a year ago as a good idea by Past President Marilyn Jacobs and came to fruition on Saturday, October 10. If you haven't heard by now, the Arch Roast was a great success. In the end, it all points to one simple thing: **outstanding teamwork by the New Beginnings Gig Harbor Lions.**

All the credit goes to the hard work and commitment of dozens of Lions who saw the benefit of throwing a great party and making some money doing it. Some contributed a lot, others did what they could, but make no mistake; this was a solid team effort that really paid off in the end.

The auction income was over \$10,000, and our auction coordinators **Bob and Vonnie Moore** did a magnificent job of gathering the items and making the auction go smoothly and efficiently. The money we brought in will go a long way toward the fulfillment of our vital Lions projects both here in Gig Harbor and around the world.

The biggest Thank You, of course, goes to **Arch and Mary Ellen Carpenter** and their family who allowed us to intrude on their lives for months as we planned and plotted to have a good time at their expense. In the end, their cooperation made it all worthwhile and there were three full tables of Carpenter family who were able to enjoy the event honoring Arch.

I've thanked them all individually, but I'd like to thank the Arch Roast Team again for their energy and enthusiasm and for making this one of the most significant events in the near 80-year history of the Gig Harbor Lions. Thank you all for your time and talent. It was a grand event..

The Arch Roast Team

Bill Amesbury, Maria Barnowl, Sandy Bradley, Bruce Bugbee, Gayle Burke, Arch Carpenter, Bruce Gair, Jodi Hocking, Marilyn Jacobs, Bonnie Manning, Van Manning, Dave McKenney, Bill McMonnies, Bob Moore, Vonnie Moore, Bart Morrison, Elaine Morales, Joe Morales, Jim Panks, Jeannie Phillips, Pat Phillips, Ted Ralston and Bob Wagers.

Special thanks to Jim Borgen for an outstanding job as our auctioneer. Special thanks also to Ed Johnson for his wonderful photography the night of the event. To see all the photos, visit Ed's website at www.edjohnson.net/roastweb.



The "Friends of Willie and Joe"



Arch and Mary Ellen



John thanks Char and Gayle Burke



Our wonderful auction coordinators Bob and Vonnie Moore



Jim Borgen-our talented auctioneer



Arch prepares to be roasted



Arch and Gretchen Wilbert



Arch presents a check to the USO



"Thanks, Arch, for your service to our country and to the Gig Harbor Lions"



Can you believe Bill and John were in the same Air Force?