

Mid-Month Update for all Gig Harbor Lions

From President John Kirry

September, 2009

District Governor Dave Pratt Visits!

On Monday, September 14, District governor **Dave Pratt** made his official visit to the Gig Harbor Lions. **DG Dave** brought humor and informality to our meeting and we enjoyed his talk very much. Dave has a program he calls "Unsung Heroes" and he presented two very worthy Gig Harbor Lions with certificates of appreciation: **Dave McKenney and Bill Amesbury**. **DG Dave** also presented a pin from **Eberhard Wirfs**, the President of Lions International, to club president **John Kirry**. He then capped his visit by inducting new member **Roger Bird** into our club (see below)

Our club presented DG Dave with many mementos of his visit, including the Pink Slip to Bill Amesbury's Nash Metro and a Sleeping Beauty Award to this wife Jacqueline who wisely stayed home at such an early hour.

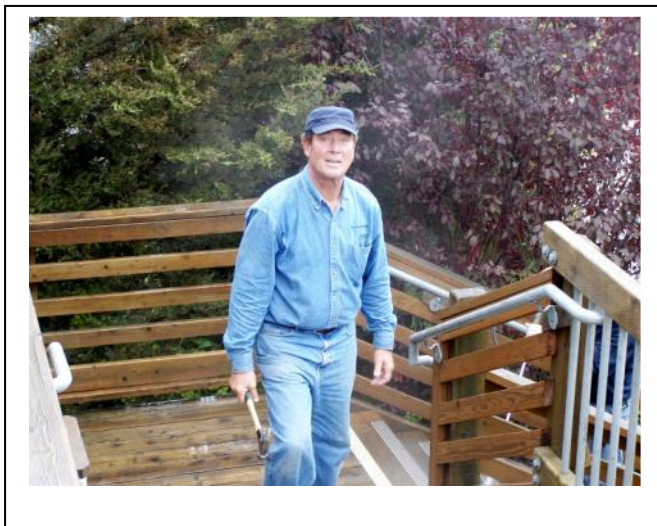
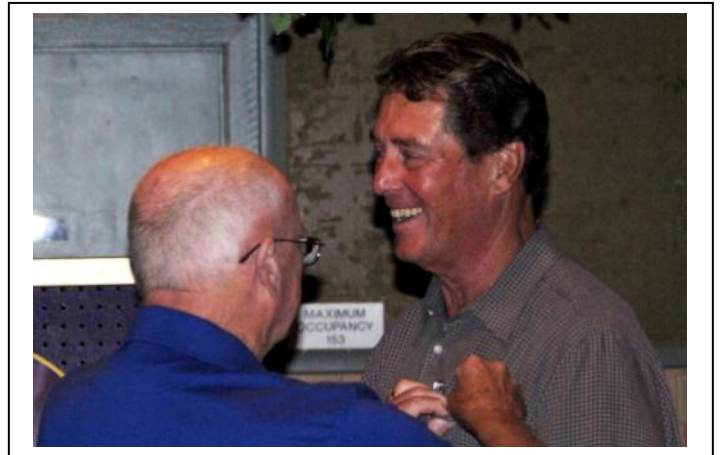
It was a fun visit and we appreciated guests ZC **Parley Applegate**, 1VDG **Dan Comsia**, ZC **Dave Risley** (Poulsbo Noon) and **Glen and Ronnie Nutter** from Dave's home club Yelm.



Roger Bird Inducted as New Member

Our club had the honor of inducting our newest member, **Roger Bird**, into the Gig Harbor Lions on September 14.

Roger is sponsored by **Bill McMonnies** and lives in Bill's Franklin Street neighborhood. Roger has the unique distinction of organizing a clean-up of the Finholm View Climb before he was inducted as a member! Roger took it upon himself to get a crew together to power wash and clean up clean the stairs and bricks as well as trim the encroaching foliage. The place looks great again. **Thanks, Roger, and welcome to the Gig Harbor Lions.**



Gig Harbor NWLERC Satellite Up and Running. Again.

Despite our small space, our NWLERC satellite is busy processing glasses, albeit on a smaller scale than we initially planned. Currently we have four teams of volunteers rotating through the workspace and we're making a good dent in our eyeglass supply! Thanks to all who are helping with this vital project.

Van Manning, Rick Waller, Pat Phillips and Bill Amesbury process glasses at our new satellite workspace on September 16.



Our Next Meeting, September 28

We have our next membership meeting on Monday morning, September 28, 2009, 0700 at Madrona Links. Our featured speaker will be Donald Leingang, Executive Director of the Puget Sound area USO. Since the USO will have a tie-in with the upcoming Arch Roast, it is a perfect time to come and see CDR Leingang and find out what's in store for us at the Arch roast.

The Arch Roast: Buy your Tickets NOW!

The clock is ticking and the Arch Roast is less than a month away. I am very proud of our planning committee and auction procurement experts, Bob and Vonnie Moore. We have a very exciting evening planned and **Bob and Vonnie have announced that they have received over \$23,000 in auction items!** This event is shaping up to be a spectacular fundraiser for our club, and you need to get your ticket order in NOW. *We only have seating for 200, so don't be left out.* All tickets must be prepaid. Call Bill McMonnies or me to order yours.

As they say on the shopping channels: "Call Right Now!"

Best Regards to you all. See you Monday, September 28!

John