

Mid-Month Update for all Gig Harbor Lions

From President John Kirry

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January 11 Membership Meeting

Our own PDG Bob Wagers, the Chair of our Leadership Committee, gave a wonderful Lions Orientation presentation. "Lions 101" as it was called, was top-to bottom look at the structure of Lions, and what we do to be of service. Of particular note was his thorough decade-by-decade history of the Gig Harbor Lions since our chartering in 1931. Aimed at long-time Lions as well as new Lions, it was a great presentation, especially for our two newest Lions in attendance, **Jodi Hocking** and **Roger Bird**.

We were very pleased to see that Jodi brought guest **Nicole Long**, the General manager of Harbor Place. We began using Harbor Place this month for our Board Meetings, and will have our Planning Session at that venue as well. Welcome, Nicole. we hope to see her at future meetings and would love to have her as a new Lion!

Club Visitation to Tacoma Southeast a Rousing success!

We had a great time visiting the Tacoma Southeast Lions club on January 13. Seven Lions joined in: **Bob Wagers, John Kirry, Pat and Jeannie Phillips, Sandy Bradley, Dave McKenney and Bill Amesbury** all traveled through the pouring rain to Elmer's in Tacoma to greet Lions friends and ~~make fun of~~ honor our District Governor, **Dave Pratt**.

Breaking News:

Seems as if people named Gayle--or Gail--have had a rash of broken things lately. First Gail Ferguson, now Early Bird **Gayle Burke** has fallen and broken his leg! He had surgery at St Joe's last week. More as we learn details.

"Bring a Prospect" Slated for the January 25 Meeting

Our next meeting is simply called "Bring a Prospect," but it's much more than that. I'd like EVERYBODY to bring a prospective member to this meeting, somebody who will add quality and value to our club. We'll have a presentation on what we do as Lions, and then hear from real people who have benefitted from our programs and services! We'll also be inducting a new member at this meeting, so come and see a great program!

Invite somebody **right now** and ask them to breakfast on the 25th. This will be a very innovative meeting and we hope to generate lots of interest! **Since we're stepping outside the box here, I'd like you to call or email me with the name of the person you will be bringing, so we can all anticipate who will be here! You get extra credit for bringing a current member who hasn't participated in a while.** kirry@centurytel.net 265-1466

NWLERC Satellite Work Party Saturday, January 30th.

Join us at our NWLERC satellite from 10-12 to sort glasses, followed by a potluck! Great fun and a chance to see what we are doing to give the gift of clear vision to people around the world! We'll meet at the NWLERC satellite in the Gateway Pointe business park. We're in the "A" building.

Planning Session Held at Harbor Place

First Vice District Governor Dan Comsia was on hand to facilitate a successful planning session on January 16. Dan used some creative methods to get us thinking out of the box to see if we could come up with ideas for a "Big-Event" that would create working partnerships while serving the needs of the community. Of note, the group focused events and programs centered around the **City of Gig Harbor, The Historical Museum and local schools**. This is a work in progress as we take the next steps to plan and prioritize our efforts to become more visible in the community. We also talked about membership issues and how we can attract high quality Lions who want to contribute to the betterment of the community. The meeting was well run by Dan and the nice setting of Harbor House (including the great lunch) made for an excellent session.

In addition to Dan, we had 16 Gig Harbor Lions in attendance: **Bruce Bugbee, Bruce Gair, Van Manning, Bill McMonnies, Sandy Bradley, Dick Dixon, Pat and Jeannie Phillips, Jim Panks, Bob Moore, Roger Bird, Joe and Elaine Morales, Don Moore, John Kirry and Bob Wagers**.

After the meeting, **Van Manning** stepped forward to head the planning committee as we go forward with ideas from our session on January 16th. Also as a result of ideas from the session, **Bob Wagers, Bill McMonnies and Roger Bird** have met to revise and update our membership packets. They will be available at our January 25th "Bring a Prospect" meeting.

Thanks, everybody, for taking the initiative to move things forward! Thanks also to **Jeannie Phillips**, our meeting scribe, who had the meeting minutes finished the next day--they are a separate attachment to this newsletter.



1VDG Dan Comsia leads the discussion at the January 16th Planning session.



Dick Dixon and Bill McMonnies enjoy some coffee and sweets provided at Harbor House



Pat Phillips, Bruce Gair and Sandy Bradley



Jim Panks leads the lunch line...



Bob Moore and Van Manning discuss scholarship issues and other things.



Bib Wagers, Dan Comsia, John Kirry and Jeannie Phillips.