

Mid-Month Update for all Gig Harbor Lions

From President John Kirry

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Our Last Meeting, March 8

We did a switcheroo and put the NWLERC presentation team on hold so we could revel in the fun and excitement we experienced at the district Conference the weekend before. And what a time it was. You all received Bob's special edition Lionaire, but I'll sum up and say WE DID VERY WELL AT CONFERENCE! I was especially proud of our Go-Team of **Bonnie Manning, Jeannie Phillips, Pat Phillips, Elaine Morales, Joe Morales, Bill McMonnies, Bob Wagers, Dave McKenney, and Sandy Bradley**. I think we did a great job being Host Club.

I was also VERY PLEASED TO SEE NEW LIONS **Roger Bird, Dick Dixon, Frank Hankins, Jodi Hocking** participate in this year's conference at the registration tables. All of you helped make this a memorable conference.

The capper to the meeting was the induction of three new members to our midst. **PZC Marilynn Danby** did the honors as usual, inducting new Lions **Diana Reinhardt, Jim McClure and Babette Owens**. If you haven't done so, please take the time to seek them out at the next meeting and personally welcome them to our club. Your President is completely red-faced for having misspelled Diana's last name on her certificate and name tag. This from a guy who has spent years trying to not be John Kirby...

New Lions Potluck a Great Success

We tried something new on March 12th: Mrs. Kirby Kirry and I opened our house to the new Lions and their sponsors for a very nice potluck and social gathering. Besides getting to know the new Lions a little better, we challenged them to come up with a service project of their choosing. . It is our hope that this service project will help bond our new Lions together. We had loads of fun and hope to make this a regular event as we get new members.

TCC Campus Club to be Chartered

As sponsors of the new TCC Campus Club, we are very excited that the TCC club is progressing nicely and will take the next steps to become a fully chartered Loins Club. On Monday, March 12th, Iris Young and I joined a dozen new members as they experienced "Decompression 101" as they called it. the Senate room at TCC was overflowing with goodies (Thanks Lions and Spouses for providing wonderful cookies) and the main event was conducted by Taekwondo Master Na, a Lion from Lacey who provided a very interesting program on self-defense called "Don't Be A Victim." What a great bunch of students who will be joining our Lions ranks shortly! This Campus Club is the first of its type, and we expect around 25 students/faculty and adults to join.

NWLEC Work Party / Potluck set for Saturday, March 20.

We'll gather to process glasses and have another friendly potluck this coming Saturday. These potlucks are always a lot of fun and we even get some work done in between all the visiting! Start time is 10:00 at the Gateway Pointe business Park, Building A. We'll get some work done and have a potluck at around noon. Come and see our new room!

Historic Charter to be Given to the Museum on Friday, March 19.

Please come and join the festivities as we take the first steps to partner with the Harbor History Museum. We'll be putting our historic charter into the Museum archives for safe keeping as well as giving the Museum a much needed financial boost of \$2000. We'd love to see all Lions at this event which will begin at 1pm in the museum parking lot. We expect to have coverage from the Gateway and Gig Harbor Life newspapers.

I think it is interesting to note how history comes full circle. One of the signatories to the charter was C.O. Austin, who built the first sawmill in Gig Harbor on the very site of the current museum!

Plans Underway for a Summer Salmon Bake!

As a follow-on to our very successful planning meeting in January, we have begun initial planning to hold a salmon bake this summer. Our new partnership with the Harbor History Museum will come to the forefront for this event, as we will be holding the salmon bake on museum grounds. Tentative date is July 17, which coincides with the Gig Harbor Art Faire. As we did with the Arch Roast, this will be an "All Club" effort, and we hope to make this an annual event. We need to put our very best "paws" forward and make this an event the community will really enjoy and look forward to.

Check out the May Issue of Lions Magazine

Editors of the Lions Magazine have confirmed that the long-awaited story on Arch Carpenter will run in the upcoming May issue. Arch is such a bashful guy, we can't wait to ~~embarrass~~ honor him again!



Elaine with the very nice VIP baskets she created for the conference.



Van and Bonnie Manning and Dave McKenney at the registration tables.



DG Dave took a lot of pies for charity, thanks to Jeannie Phillips!



Roger Bird, Jodi Hocking and Bonnie Manning



Marilynn with new members and sponsors



Marilynn put on a great conference!



Bill and Bob flank long-time member Kit Kuhn. We sure hope to see Kit more often!



Ted and Bruce talk computers. Or was it banks?



Joe getting ready for the meeting.