

# *Mid-Month Update for all Gig Harbor Lions*

From President John Kirry

May, 2010

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## Gayle Burke Honored as Melvin Jones Fellow

The highest award in Lionism, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, was presented to **Gayle Burke** at our May 10 meeting.

**District Governor Elect Dan Comsia** presented Gayle with his well-deserved Fellowship. Lion Gayle has been a devoted member of the Gig Harbor Lions as well as a member of the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce since the beginning. He earned this prestigious honor by making a generous contribution of \$1000 to the Sight First II campaign. Gayle was also a \$1000 sponsor of the Arch Roast in October, and is the resident "Ketchup King" of Madrona Links.

Congratulations, Gayle!

## "Food Backpacks for Kids"

We were very pleased to have two delightful representatives of the Food Backpacks for Kids program speak at our May 10 meeting. **Jan Conger** and **Judy Issacson** provided an overview of the program and told us what we can do to help. They not only need help filling the backpacks, but they need financial help as well. New members **Frank Hankins** and **Diana Reinhardt** have spearheaded the efforts to get us going on this project, so stand by for more information. This looks like a GREAT new service project for our club!

## NWLERC Satellite Work Party

Our next eyeglass recycling work party/potluck will be held this coming Saturday, May 22. We'll be starting at 10:00, sorting eyeglasses until about noon and then partaking in a wonderful potluck lunch. These work parties are lots of fun. We do a great service while enjoying the fellowship of Lions. Please contact **Joe Morales** and tell him what you'll be bringing! 858-8109.

## Salmon Bake Update

**Roger Bird** reported that the Salmon Bake date has changed once again. The museum has indicated that it has now tentatively scheduled the event for September 18th. Please mark your calendars!

## White Cane Days a Big Success!

Thanks to everybody involved in White Cane Days, the event brought in over \$1700 to benefit the sight and hearing programs at the NW Lions Foundation. Thanks go to **Sandy Bradley** for organizing the event, and to a dozen or more Lions who spent time greeting the public and making our case for sight conservation.

## We're Going to Hawaii June 26th!

Our Installation and Awards Banquet, usually a coat-and-tie- affair, has gone Hawaiian!

On June 26th, we will be having our annual event at Harbor Place and we plan to cast off our semi-formal wear and go native. Hawaiian shirts, muumuus and Island Casual will be the order of the Day. District governor **Dave Pratt** will

install the new officers . This will be a change of pace for us and I guarantee lots of fun. The best news is, the Hawaiian buffet dinner will only be around \$15 per person! More to follow...

### .Mark Your Calendars

- May 22 NWLERC Satellite Work Party, 10-1
- May 24 Membership Meeting. 55 Years of Lions Recollections from Rick Waller
- June 3-6 Second Time Around Sale
- June 14 **The Cheesy Awards! Madrona Links 0700**
- June 26 Installation and Awards Banquet--Hawaiian theme!

#### **Gayle Burke Awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship**



**District Governor Elect Dan Comsia reads the citation accompanying the Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Gayle Burke. Gayle was awarded the MJF on the occasion of his generous donation of \$1000 to LCIF and Sight First II.**



**"Food Backpacks For Kids" representatives Jan Conger and Judy Issacson explain the program to the assembled Lions.**



**Secretary Joe Morales and DGE Dan share a laugh.**



**Bill, Pat and Dan discuss the Melvin Finger Award.**



**Faithful Lions show up at 0700!**



**Gayle and his pal Poncho pose for a fotographia..**



## **SECOND-TIME-AROUND-SALE** **JUNE 3-6, 2010** **SIGNUP SHEET**



Coming up very soon, we will be conducting our annual Second-Time-Around-Sale. This important fundraiser will once again be at the Gig Harbor Grange and will span four days - June 3 for set up, pricing, etc. and June 4, 5 & 6 for the sale. As important as these four days are, the days leading up to June 3rd are even more important and require your help in the following areas:

- 1. We need your donations.** To be cost effective we need those treasures that have been taking up valuable room for months, possibly years. Ideally, you can bring them to the Grange Hall on the 3rd. If you need to move them before the 3rd, contact Joe Morales (858-8109) and he will arrange to have them stored at our LERC satellite location. If they are too big for you to deliver, contact Dave McKenney (853-1778) or Bill Amesbury (265-2748) to arrange for pickup. If all else fails, call John Kirry (265-1466, [jkirry@centurytel.net](mailto:jkirry@centurytel.net)) or Bob Wagers (851-5318, [bwagers@comcast.net](mailto:bwagers@comcast.net))).
- 2. We need your person.** This is a pretty labor intensive project and requires a large dedicated staff. Attached you will find the positions available for the four days. Please look it over and let either John Kirry or Bob Wagers know where you want to serve. You will have another opportunity at the May 24th meeting where we will pass a Sign Up Sheet. Please feel free to fill in any of the blanks. The more times and positions you can fill the better.

As those that have participated in this project in the past know, this is a fun project. It involves some great Gig Harbor Lions fellowship and some great interaction with the public - the public that supports our fundraisers. And if you want to make it even more fun, join the "Go Team" each of the four mornings at 7:00 AM (0700 for the ex-military) at the Sunset Grill. It is here that we discuss the day's activities, tell a few "war stories" and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

OK, that should do it. If you have any questions, please contact me. And thanks in advance for being an important part of this important project. Without you, we are doomed to fail.

Bob Wagers

Co-Chair