



The Lions Roar

Stanwood Lions Club

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Hello dear friends. Our Wednesday, February 1st meeting is just around the corner so there are a few things we want to get out before then.

1. Our guest at this meeting will be our new Stanwood Mayor Dianne White. Ms White is a native of Stanwood, she was away from the area for 40 years and returned in 2001 to quickly become active in Stanwood's government and leadership. One of her opening statements reported by the Stanwood/Camano News was "Together as a community, our future is constrained only by our lack of motivation."

2. The photographs below show Lion Jim Bonniefield helping to show that our new Island Country voting equipment is quite friendly to the vision impaired. For our subscribers outside the Stanwood Club, we need to point out that Jim is blind. Our Island County Auditor, Suzanne Sinclair, introduced the equipment at a recent Town Hall meeting on Camano Is and Ms Michele Reagan from the Auditor's office is shown here assisting Jim through the new procedures. Latest statistics show that 69% of Island Country now normally vote by absentee ballot so perhaps the voting machines will someday be a thing of the past.



3. As the quality of the above photographs shows, I am not a professional photography on even a serious amateur. But. In order to show our Club photographers how easy it was to submit an entry into our annual Lions Clubs International contest, I slipped down to my community's Lost Lake, snapped a

few pictures, wrote up a half decent narrative to go with the best one, and entered it into the contest with copies to our more serious photographers. I'm not sure how many other district pictures were entered, but (Ahem) my picture is currently posted on the MD 19B website if you'd like to see it (<http://www.lions19b.org/>). I sincerely hope we can generate a bunch of good entries next year. Entries will normally be due to our District Governor around the 15th of December so start making your collection now.

4. Drum roll please. As of the end of September, there were 1,317,456 Lions around the world in 45,252 clubs.

5. I guess I should point out that the January/February issue of The Lion has a two-page spread on the I-5 corridor through Washington and is really quite an unusual piece. Apparently nothing happens between Seattle and Bellingham except the Skagit tulips. Oh yes, and La Conner is right on I-5. As they say, don't fail to miss it.

6. Conventions and meetings. This is the only time I'll mention the international convention on July 4th in Boston this year. Details are in the Lion magazine if you're interested.

Closer to home is the Appreciation Dinner in Vancouver, B.C. starting at 5:30 p.m. on April 25th. Hosted by the Vancouver Chinatown and Arbutus Lions Clubs. The dinner will honor International President Ashok Mehta and International Director Dur Roberson. Tickets will be \$55 per person, but we'll either need to host a table of 10 or join another group who be taking the lead in reserving a table. Ten seats to a table. If you and your spouse are interesting in going, please contact me by the end of February.

And real close to home - and right around the corner is our District 19B Spring Conference in Seattle on February 24th and 25th. those who go will usually car pool down on Saturday, the 25th. Please see the Busy B, which just came out for registration and pricing details. If you want to go, please send a note or otherwise let Secretary Don Dolan know. Registrations are required by February 16th even if you're only going down for the day. All activities will be at the South Seattle Red Lion at 11244 Pacific Highway.

7. Please welcome our 99% new member Dennis Roberts and his wife Janet. They live on Camano at 1502 Thompson Dr, and their telephone number is 387-9024. Dennis is a retired parole officer for the State so we better work extra hard to keep Jack Hare straight.

8. Lion Val Durham returned home yesterday, January 30th, and is recuperating from surgery and complications. I'm sure his view of Livingston

Bay will be much better than the Colby Campus of Providence. So great to have you home, Val.

9. Smokestack. The star was taken down and two hearts put up Sunday, January 29th. Lions present were Vic Parcells, Jim Richeson, Jim Foster, Oisteen Boge, Mike Writer, Will Webb, Dale Tetlow, and Bill Davis who passed this on to me.

10. Birthdays this month.

Frank	Votry	3-Feb
Roy	Lesher	6-Feb
Marv	Suiter	9-Feb
Marv	Seferos	10-Feb
Bill	Davis	13-Feb
James	Richeson	16-Feb
Jim	Joyce	17-Feb
Bill	Williams	28-Feb

Very best to all. See you tomorrow night.

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"Rain is famous for falling on the just and unjust alike, but if I had the management of such affairs I would rain softly and sweetly on the just, but if I caught a sample of the unjust out doors I would drown him."
- quoted in *My Father Mark Twain*, Clara Clemens

"Now that you have time to put all your pictures in an album, you have no idea who all the people are in the pictures."
Senior Moments,
Joey Green and Alan Corcoran, Simon and Schuster publishers