



The Lions Roar

Stanwood Lions Club

March 2006

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1. Highlights of the Business Meeting of this past Monday, March 6th.
Extracts from Secretary Don Dolan's notes.

Christmas Lighting: The City of Stanwood, in concert with local businesses, clubs and civic leaders, is launching a major program to transform the entire business area and environs into a Christmas holiday season spectacular- State of the Art- Christmas Lights- new plastic bulbs, LED string lights , different configurations and area coverage. It is envisioned that the Stanwood Lions will participate through a considerable enhancement of their present displays along with new additions and fund donations. When undertaken, the targeted results will change and increase our displays to the point of restructuring our entire holiday decorating schemes. The price tag for all activities involved, Lions, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, etc.; and City Hall over a period of two or three years is estimated at \$10,000. Total Price tag for Lions estimated at \$3,500.

Lionism: A short discussion as to a possibility of improper use of funds in participating in the above. Consensus voiced as to such expenditures are and always will be within the "We Serve" motto.

Stanwood Lions- Overview and Composure. Lion Mikky Barnett opined that the comparatively high membership count of the Stanwood Lions was deceptive to a degree. Age (Senior) Status (Retired) Recruitment (Friend or Neighbor) – are all factors that gravitate to a Reaction as opposed to Proactive organization. The Club does not advertise their strengths, purposes and goals in a positive manner.

Relay for Life: Note: This is an activity we participated in heavily with both membership participation and financial contributions last year. The board recommended a donation of \$500 for membership approval.

Fence Repair: Pat Metz briefed the board on storm damage to the Fairgrounds and presented an offer from the Boy Scouts to repair a fence on Lions property. A donation between \$100 and \$150 was approved in recognition of the Scout's work.

Sight/Hearing Coordination: Lion Roy Lesher. Our support of Amber Hoggart-Case for vision therapy has been forwarded to the NW Lions Foundation for approval. Immediate action is expected.

Zone Chairman Elect Lion Frank Votry. One of the key factors in the recent decline of the number of Clubs in 19B is the marked failure in providing orientation and guidance to new members. Additionally, the recruitment processes, as now practiced, do not actively seek out qualified younger members and those still active in the business community.

Financial : Present status of funds availability for upcoming projects is less than favorable. Income from Flag Program just commencing will serve to alleviate the shortages.

Affirmation of Application to Join submitted by Terry Wittren. – After discussion, the board unanimously approved an application for membership from Terry Wittren. Induction is planned for the next meeting.

2. Kennydale will be hosting a Crab Feast and Bake Sale on March 18th, a week from Saturday. Location is the Kennydale Memorial Hall, at 2424 NE 27th in Renton and the hours will be 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Thanks for the note Lion Rosemary.

3. Sight and Hearing. I'm sorry to inform you that we have collection boxes for glasses and hearing aids at exactly one church in all of Stanwood and Camano Island. As you might suspect that one church is the United Methodist Church under the guidance of Lion and Reverend John Shaffer. Would you all please check with the pastor at your church and see if they would host a collection box? We have a number of nice options so if the response is favorable, please call me for details. As a matter of fact, we can always use recommendations on any new location for a collection box.

4. The Stanwood Camano News has good coverage of the new Braille equipment for Derek Roberts. Page 5 of the March 7th issue. If you need I have this scanned in pdf format and can send it to you on request. E-mail address in the header.

5. Thanks to the Lions who visited the Arlington Club last week. Lions Cassidy, Lesher, Lund, Christoferson, and Votry.

I attended a District Hearing meeting this past week. Well attended with good informal presentations. We also had our monthly meeting of the Snohomish County Lions Foundation this week and we received approval for a 25% rebates on our Braille equipment purchase and one hearing aid. Richard and Karen Fern have been surveying the Corn Booth for supplies and other enhancements needed and the board approved purchase of a dolly to help move large amounts of supplies.

Very best to all.

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PDG Lion Phill Thorleifson from Marysville does the honors for our new member Dennis Roberts with his wife, Janet, attending. The Roberts reside on Thompson Drive on Camano Island. Picture courtesy of Lion Skip Ingraham.



Valentines are out and shamrocks are in at our smokestack work party a week or so ago. This is a typical slice of our work activity. Tom Webb is explaining the whole operation to our new member Dennis Roberts in the background. Will Hodgen and Frank Votry are telling jokes, and Jim Richeson with his back to the camera is doing the productive labor at the moment. We had a great crew, good weather and got the job done in less than two hours.



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Hello dear friends. At our meeting this past week, we cranked out some major work.

Christmas Lighting: The Club unanimously endorsed our participation and leadership in Stanwood's major upgrade in Christmas lighting. The Club will match the seed money contributions from the City Council and the Kiwanis Club at \$3,500 from each organization. Our immediate past Treasurer, Ron Zentner will be serving as Treasurer for the multiple organization effort. Lion Jim Joyce made the presentation and leads the Club's participation. One of the major upgrades includes conversion of all lighting to more durable and brighter LED lights. Lion Vic Parcels has prepared a demonstration of the new lights and asked any and all members to stop by his home to look at them. We certainly recommend doing that and calling in advance.

Relay for Life: The Club approved \$500 to have the Club's name appear as a primary sponsor on the tee shirts being prepared for this event. We will begin organizing teams, formal team members, and relay participants at our next meeting. Lion Oisteen Boge leads this great program.

Vision Therapy Approved. At the last meeting we approved a request to the Northwest Lions Foundation for assistance in paying for vision therapy for a young girl from Camano Island. In spite of absences and serious illness within the Seattle committee members, the Foundation responded to our request for rapid consideration and approved the full \$1,800 we had requested within one week of receipt. The Alderwood Vision Clinic was notified and treatments for Amber Hoggart-Case will commence immediately. Thank you again fellow Lions and a big thank you to our Seattle friends for their robust and sustained support of our work. Lion Roy Lesher, Sight and Hearing.

New member Terry Wittren. Our new Lion Terry Wittren was formally Inducted on Wednesday, March 15. He and his wife, Karen, live on Camano Island. Welcome Terry and Karen! Lion and sponsor Marv Seferos does the honors.



Welcome back Lion Val Durham. Your substitute Tail Twister Lion Jim Joyce appeared to be overjoyed at your return. Val pointed out that I had his e-mail address wrong. It should be Vald56@wavecable.com. Please check your records.

Lion Bill Mattocks gave me his new e-mail address, too. It's billcmattocks@netzero.net.

Birthday babies for March: Gene Adamson - 5 March, Brian Esser - 14 March, and Roger Eggins - 28 March.

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