



The Lions Roar

Stanwood Lions Club

May 2006 Part I

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Hello dear friends. We're going to have a number of things to pass along this month so I'll pass them along in at least two parts.

I'm sure you all know what this little guy is. Answer tomorrow.



Stanwood Clean Up Day. This Saturday, the 29th. Our Club will be doing management assistance for the most part. We'll need to meet in the parking lot of the old Thrifty Foods Store around 8:30 to 8:45. See you there. Our primary job will be to help with parking directions, help to make sure the right material goes in the correct containers, to monitor the work in the designated areas, and to help keep the teams provided with garbage bags. If you also wish to help with the trash pick up, please do not wear your vest at that time.

White Cane Days. Coming up soon on Friday and Saturday, May 5th and 6th. We will have one more meeting before this event so if you haven't signed up for one or two shifts yet, Lion Dave Danubio will just help you take care of that small problem very quickly.

Zone Meeting. Our B-6 Zone meeting will be held this Wednesday evening in Arlington at the Local Scoop at 434 N.

Good parking lot right behind the restaurant and I'm sure we'll be meeting in the side room to the left as you enter. Lions Frank Votry and Ollie Stewart are handling the Warm Beach area and we have our normal park and ride set up for Terry's Corner at 5:30 pm departure. If anyone feels left out and needs transportation help, please call Don Dolan at 387-1616 or Roy Lesher at 387-0483

If you need, a map is at

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&addtohistory=&address=&city=Arlington&state=WA&zipcode=98223%2d1245&country=US&location=GWLZQPCwZ3e5cnPrb%2b12s5cz6mH6PvELsh3bQ6LZzLFnn0oJU8oZ1K7zo01oXUW31qVAfIMPY5CRkyzNE40%2fg%2fPStudtjDkOMajSDZ2IPAr6tBYhqt43rDwxoNC3nr6A&ambiguity=1>

Flag Subscription Renewals. For those of us, including me, who have not contacted our designated companies to gain new customers, we need to go ahead and get that done. For those that have not signed up to help with this review, Dan Cassidy will greet you with open arms at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd.



Eyeglasses and Hearing Aid Collections.

Our County Lions Foundation has embraced our new collection boxes and we have purchased fifty more for distribution throughout the zone. Those will be made available at our zone meeting this week.

We owe a major gold star to Ms. Carolyn Ehret from the Madrona Beach area. Carolyn is networked with several activities and has taken on eyeglass collections as one of her current projects. You should see an article on her work in the next issue of the Stanwood-Camano News. For starters she has added collection box locations at the Camano Chapel, Island Baptist Church, and Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church. In Stanwood she's added the Cedarhome Baptist Church as well as the Assembly of God church in Warm Beach. She has other locations targeted as well.

When you see hard working Cynthia Watson at the Camano Recycling Center, be sure to thank her. At our Camano 101 event this week she reported that she gets quite a few glasses at the recycling center -- and there will be a new collection box there for her as of this Tuesday, the 24th.

Very best to all.

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European Incoming Exchange Students - 2006

Traveling From Country	Traveler	Gender	Age	Arrival Date	Host Family Change Date	Departure Date	Notes About Student
Norway	Veronica Willard	F	17	6/26/2006	7/16/2006	8/6/2006	Wants to be a teacher. Likes reading, knitting, nature, languages. Has a cat, mom, dad & 2 younger sisters. Father is a pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Free Church. Lives in small city in the middle of Norway. Works in a store like Walmart. Likes to go to the cafe with her friends, Wants to learn about the culture and see some historical places.
Belgium	Pierre Carl Louis	M	18	7/1/2006	7/23/2006	8/15/2006	Studying Marine Biology. Requests a Large City. Wants to improve his English, already has a "Serious knowledge". Likes Diving & Sailing.
Finland	Pinja Koponen	F	17	6/25/2006	7/16/2006	8/6/2006	Taekwondo & music. Loves all kinds of animals, has 3 dogs. Likes to ride. Likes dancing, sports, jogging, swimming, badminton. Hanging out with friends, watching movies often.
Finland	Elina Marjaana	F	17	6/25/2006	7/16/2006	8/6/2006	Badminton, swimming, downhill skiing, animals, travelling. Likes sports and knitting. Has 2 guinea pigs. She is quiet but not shy. Likes to do things by herself - not in a big group.

Italy	Ilaria Gober	F	17				Likes Theatre, Cinema & music, playing the guitar. Also likes sports (volleyball & swimming). Has a lot of friends and she grows "fond of anyone", even if shy at first, she is very sociable. She's very excited!
Italy	Carlo Martinelli	M	20				Likes sports & theatre. Interested in politics. Likes skiing, swimming & windsurfing. Plays football and has a Karate blue belt.
Italy	Federica Orselli	F	16	7/8?	7/29?	8/20?	Went to NJ in 2004 & Canada in 2005 for YE. Scientific studies. Likes Music, films, books, and friends. Has a cat. Lives in a village in the country near the sea. She is funny and "solar" and optimistic. She likes to read & shop with her friends. Likes to go biking, she stays on the phone too much.
Belgium	Leen Vandenbussche	F	20	7/1/2006	7/23/2006	8/15/2006	Skiing, snowboarding, basketball, badminton. Speaks dutch, french, german & english. English is good. Studying to be an Industrial Engineer, specializing in construction. She has gone on 2 other exchanges. She finds it hard to "do nothing in a day".

Youth Exchange 2006. Congratulations to our Lion John Casto for taking the lead in the Youth Exchange Program by signing up for one of our European visitors. I sincerely hope we have other Lions with room in their hearts and a room at their home for at least one of these students. It would be a super occasion to have them meet at one of our Lions' meetings. I'll have all the details at the end of this table, but the key thing is that if you're interested, please contact Kathy Schumer in Mill Creek immediately to see what students are still available and for what period. Please!

The first objective of Lions Clubs International is to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. We can strongly support that objective by hosting students from Europe during the summer months.

Here are all the questions and answer. Please contact Kathy for further information and to see what students are still available.

Q. How do I qualify to be a host family?

A. A potential family should consider the following criteria before submitting an application: (1) You must be of high moral character. You should be able to comfortably house a youth for a two to three week period, you must be tolerant and willing to learn of other's culture, and you must be sponsored by your Lions Club.

Q. What are the ages of the visitors? A. From 16 to 21.

Q. How long will our youth be staying? A. The youth will stay in the area of British Columbia, Washington or Northern Idaho for a period of 4-6 weeks. They will be assigned two host families of 2-3 weeks each (unless special arrangements are made for the entire period.)

Q. When will they arrive and depart? A. The youth will arrive between the end of June to mid-July and depart the last part of August. For the wintertime exchange, they arrive about the middle of December and depart the last part of January.

Q. How many organized activities are there during the stay of our youth? A. The number of youth staying in any particular district, will depend on the number of activities arranged.

Q. What type of entertainment would my family be expected to provide during the stay of our youth? A. The youth will be staying with you as a member of your family. You are only expected to participate in the activities that you and your family want to do or can afford.

Q. Will special menus be necessary? A. No. Your visitor is encouraged to join the family in your normal family dining fare.

Q. What if both parents work? A. There must be at least one adult member of the family in attendance during the stay of the youth. On occasion, special approval is granted to mature teenage children of the family as acceptable replacement of the parents during working hours.

Contact: Lion Kathy Schumer, the MD 19 Lions Youth Exchange Coordinator, Please call her at home at (425) 481-0462 or Office at (425) 483-5006. e-mail at kshoom@comcast.net.

Here is the answer to yesterday's little puzzle. The question was to identify the little baby.



Mother and newborn baby bison are doing fine. This picture was taken this past weekend, shortly after birth, at the Northwest Trek near Eatonville. Photographer credits at the end of today's message.

Baseball Trip. Please get this on your schedule. Friday, July 7th. My notes say the tickets, which will include your bus transportation and selected snacks and beverages, will only be \$34 each. A bargain and we always have a full bus.

Very best to you all,

Lion Roy Leshner

The photographer of mother and baby bison is my very talented stepdaughter Stephanie Hamilton of Bellevue. Stephanie cleans up into a beautiful lady, but she seems to still prefer crawling in muddy tulip fields and other similar places just to get perfect pictures. Her magnificent website is at http://www.photostockplus.com/home.php?tmpl=7&user_id=9252&event=





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Programs for May are still a bit work in progress however, Lion Kert Kertson has a commitment from a speaker from Bellingham to address the "Paws with a Cause Program." See

<http://www.pawswithacause.org/>. Somehow, we seem to run into so many organizations with goals similar to ours. Their mission statement is "Paws With A Cause[®] trains Assistance Dogs nationally for people with disabilities and provides lifetime team support which encourages independence. PAWS[®] promotes awareness through education." That will be our second program on May 17th. Kert is still working on the first week.

Rules for Safety. We take a great deal of pride in our smokestack displays, but we have occasional incidents that tell us that our safety program needs improvement. I believe Lions Vic Parcels and Pat Metz worked together to issue the new rules and checklists that will help make this a safe operation and one in which we will always be proud. Key features of the program are the use of a whistle blower who will be able to immediately stop all operations whenever a safety hazard is observed, the definition of safety zones for

guests (25 feet) and also all workers whenever the hoist is energized (15 feet) and in case you forget, we'll have a safety briefing at the start of each work party. Please remember that rules and checklists are there to HELP us be safety conscious. We must all work to be safe in our own work and to look after our fellow Lions, too.

Club Activities. Key points from Secretary Don Dolan's Zone report. Current membership at 79. Club activities for the past three months.

Donated \$1,000 to Stanwood Resource Center,

Collected Over 200 pairs of glasses,

Donated \$5,500 for the scholarship award program,

Purchased Braille equipment at \$4,500,

Hung and removed American flags for one holiday at 155 business locations,

Conducted four work parties at the smokestack to evolve from the Christmas tree lights to a shamrock, then a Valentine, then to Easter, and now the White Cane.

Spent 25 hours each week for our Newspapers on Tape program recording news articles for mailed distribution to the visually impaired, and

Approved a leadership role in the modernization of Stanwood's Christmas lighting, donated \$3,500 in initial seed funds.

Lions Clubs International Fund. A recent report from Dr. Clement Kusiak, the 2005-2006 Chairperson, provided links to several web sites that cover the major programs being supported by your LCIF donations at this time. (Thank you Lion Rosemary Richert for distributing).

Campaign SightFirst II, <http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/index.shtml>

Lions Counter Trachoma, http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_nytimes.shtml

New York Times Web site, http://www.nytimes.com/ref/health/2006_BRINK_SERIES.html

LCIF's Trachoma Web Page, <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/trachoma.shtml>

Hurricane Katrina, <http://www.lions-katrina.org/index.php>

Tsunami – LCIF & Lions help rebuild., <http://www.lions-tsunami.org/index.php3>

Pakistan – LCIF & Lions help rebuild, http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_pakistanearthquake.shtml

We've been very busy and productive, but please remember. the worst we can do is to spend our time thumping each other on the back to tell ourselves how good we are. We are always at our best when we're busy, working, and actively serving our community.

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"This simple device was invented in 1930 by Lion George A. Bonham of the Peoria, Illinois, USA, Lions Club. Today, blind and visually impaired people throughout the world use Bonham's invention. Instruction in the use of white canes is taught by schools for the blind. This includes explanations of "white cane laws" which state that motorists must yield the right of way to the blind and visually impaired."

See http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_services_whitecane.shtml