

The Lions Roar

Stanwood Lions Club –

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Just a reminder that we could "gussy" this up with pictures, but some of our members have computers that are a bit less capable than others. So we keep this in text form for them.

1. Feedback from the LERC. I had send a copy of our local newspaper article dealing with our eyeglass collection program to the refurbishing center in Lacy, and received a super nice note back. "You did an outstanding job of promoting your home club and the LERC. You obviously presented the paper with intriguing information. The article was well written and did a beautiful job of explaining your club's role in the community and showing how the glasses are used to help those in need. Thanks for your continued support. We can't exist without Lions like you and clubs like yours. Yours in Lionism,

Terry Wright, President, NWLERC, twright@lionsnwlerc.org.

PS. Got a separate note from Terry advising they would also use our materials as suggested samples for MD 19 also.

2. Illegal Immigration. I received a request from Lion Kathy Schumer in Mill Creek to circulate a petition relating to illegal immigration. If you are interesting in supporting this, please contact the folks below. Here is the thrust of their petition. "It is already impossible to live on Social Security alone. If we give benefits to illegal aliens who have never contributed, where does that leave us that have paid into Social Security all our working lives?" For further information contact Lisa C. Evans, West Region Accounts Rec. Coordinator, Headwaters Resources, Inc.(801).984.3753 Direct, (801).984.3750 Fax, or e-mail levans@headwaters.com, or Lion Kathy Schumer at kshoom@comcast.net or (425) 481-0462

Note from Kathy this morning also advising that she is a brand new grandmother. Sophia Isabell Schumer, 6 lbs 8 oz. Kathy didn't mention Sophia's parents. Guess they were just along for the ride!

3. School Children Screening. We are off and running and good to go. Notice from Ms. Gale Forrest, Director of Special Services for the School District, announced our schedule. We will only be doing Sight screening this year. Hopefully Hearing will come along in the future. We have some trained members from last year, but **I'm already aware of two of them that will be out of town during at least part of the time. We will need some good support from the club to fill out schedule.** Since we are only doing the Sight screening this year, we need around six or seven club volunteers now to begin filling out the schedule. Volunteer application forms will be available at the next meeting. This should be challenging and a wonderful experience for our club members. It's what our Lions do best. The screening we do is pretty simple using a "Tumbling E" chart and our members can be trained in only a couple of minutes. The rest of our concern is making sure we handle the children with care.

Tuesday	9/12	Stanwood Elementary	8:15 am
Thursday	9/14	Elger Bay elementary	8:30 am
Friday	9/15	Utsalady elementary	8:30 am
Monday	9/18	Cedarhome Elementary	8:30 am
Tuesday	9/19	Twin City Elementary	8:30 am
Monday	9/25	Stanwood Middle School	7:30 am
Tuesday	9/26	Port Susan Middle School	7:30 am

4. Celebrate Shoreline Parade. Lion Bobby Mills of Edmonds Lions Club, Zone B-3 Parade Chairman is heading up Lions participation in this parade on Saturday, August 19th. Lions from all neighboring zones are invited to join. For further information, please contact Bobby at (425) 778-0974. The meeting place will be at 10:00 am at the St Mark's Catholic School at 18033 15th Place NE, Seattle.

5. The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. This event will be held in Mount Vernon with walkers meeting at the train station on **Saturday, September 9th.** Not sure of starting time yet. I checked with the Mount Vernon Lions and apparently they will not field a team. With our upcoming Fair, we probably will not do so either. Jean and Larry Bach from Camano Island have formed two teams to represent both Camano Island and Stanwood. If you would like to register as part

of their team or to make a donation, please go to <http://www.alzwa.org.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=160142> and then click on the Stanwood-Camano Island Team entry at the lower right.

6. Paul LaCroix in Russia. Received Sunday morning. Hi Roy, Greetings from Saint Petersburg, Russia. So far the trip is going well. Had a good 2 weeks with sugar company personnel in Belgorod. About 350 miles south of Moscow. They seemed to think the advice I had to give them was valuable. **Frances** is here now and we are on a Scandinavian cruise. Helsinki is on the agenda for tomorrow. Then on to Stockholm and other ports. We will return home on 8/22 so I should be available for the School District schedule Gale has outlined. Say Hi to the rest of the Lions for me. Paul

7. Dave Wellington heads for Russia. From Dave yesterday. "I'll be in Russia and France the whole month of September. When I return I've scheduled back surgery for early October. Around mid-October I should be back to normal and available for duty!!! Dave"

8. Dues have been "due" for some time. Per Hamlet, please avoid the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" and bring check for \$75 or checkbook to Wednesday's meeting. Our great Tailtwister Lion Val, AKA the Grim Reaper, will have more to say too. I'm sure Don and Larry will accept cash as a suitable sub.

9. Readiness to Learn and the Back to School Project. This is mainly for our volunteers who are collecting supplies, but if you haven't contributed yet, please stop by at QFC, Stanwood or Camano Properties, the Camano Plaza IGA, the Camano Pack This and Ship That, Stanwood Riteaid, or Twin City Foods. This from project person Dana Baker. " Roy, please put an email out to the volunteers as you did yesterday, letting them know if they have school supplies that have been donated they can contact me on my cell (425) 231-5129 or by email danamb7@aol.com. On Thursday the 17th and Thursday the 24th I will make arrangements with them to meet and pick contributions up. That will give us time to set up for the following week of distribution. August 31st is the last day of the supply drive and if they could pick up the supplies and collection bins that day I will make arrangements to pick up from them for the final time. " **Added. Dana only lives a few blocks from me in Lost Lake so if anyone would like to bring contributions to the meeting Wednesday night,**

including our designated volunteers, I would be glad to collect and deliver them to her. Roy

10. Program for this Wednesday is the Director of the Stanwood Senior Center, Ms. Michelle Johnson. Just a reminder for our super Treasurer, Larry LaVern, to have check available for presentation. This is one of our annual and budgeted contributions.

11. Parking Control at the Camano Senior Center. Went very well and thanks to leader **Bob Purrier and Vic Parcels, Skip Ingraham, and perhaps one or two others.** I'm sure I'm missing one or two and Bob will recognize them at our meeting Wednesday.

11. Note from DG Joe Oriente re: American Diabetes Association. "Recently I accepted the challenge of walking in the American Diabetes Association's Walk for Diabetes annual fund-raising event. I am involved because I believe in and support the Association's mission: to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. You, too, can help by supporting my fundraising efforts with a generous contribution. Now it's faster and easier than ever to support this great cause! You can make your donation online with a credit card just by clicking the link at the bottom of this message. If you prefer, you can send your tax-deductible contribution to the address listed below. You can learn more about the American Diabetes Association, its programs and diabetes in general at www.diabetes.org. For more information on America's Walk for Diabetes, please visit www.diabetes.org/walk.

DG Joe Oriente, 19B

You can also make a contribution by check by making it payable to the American Diabetes Association and sending to: Joe Oriente
3026 Russell Way, Lynnwood, WA 98087-5119

12. Evergreen Fair is right around the corner and will run from August 24th through Labor Day. Lion Bill Davis will make our final review of shift schedules this Wednesday. Depending on time availability, we may try to put together an additional shift. More on that Wednesday.

13. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. If anyone is going, or is interested in going, please contact me for registration information.

Note: Dear Friends. This is a busy newsletter and there's much on our plates at the moment. Speaking of plates, our Lutefisk Dinner isn't too far away! I can hardly wait!

Very best, Lion Roy