

The Lions Roar

Stanwood Lions Club –

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1. Smokestack vandalism and burglary. I know we were all saddened to learn of the loss of a good number of valuable items needed for our smokestack decorations work, but once again our fine neighbors have told us how much they appreciate our work by donating enough money to just about replace all stolen items. Here's part of Lion Paul LaCroix's letter to the Stanwood-Camano Island News Editor, updated with numbers from Don Dolan (underlined). " ... \$1,415 has been donated. Several of the donations were in memory of Robert Heichel who was recently killed by lightning. The largest donation was \$350 from the Chamber of Commerce. \$200 from the Hamiltons. \$200 from Preston Peightal, and \$100 from Floyd U. Jones and Maxine Reon-Nickell. A new hydraulic pump and motor have already been ordered so we will be able to put the Halloween lights up on the smokestack. The donations came from many individuals as well as from the business community. The checks were accompanied by many notes with kind words for our efforts."

2. Our speaker for the first meeting in October will be Harry Hoffman of Everett who is the Regional Director for Hope Housing. He will be accompanied by Carol Jensen from Camano Island who manages the Lervick Housing complex just above Pioneer Highway. You may have seen Carol's picture in the Stanwood-Camano News on September 26th since she is also a strong worker for the **Back To School** project which we supported also. Thank you again to the several Lions who helped with the collection bins. We really moved a good bit of material and Dana Baker was very pleased. A thank you note with lots of warm fuzzies was received and sent to our President.

Hope Housing <http://www.hopehousing.org/index1.html>, A nonprofit organization that offers affordable home ownership services, helps to eliminate erroneous entries in credit reports, and provides protection against predatory loan origination practices. In addition to their facilities in Everett, Marysville, and Arlington, this organization operates the Lervick Family Village here in Stanwood. Established in 1996, Lervick Family Village has thirteen apartment units including one emergency shelter unit and five transitional units for homeless families.

Harry Hoffman has been with Housing Hope since October of 2002. He served as the agency's Major Gifts Manager until September 2005 when he became **Regional Director**, responsible for representing Housing Hope in North and East Snohomish County. His focus is on building community support, establishing relationships with local elected officials and insuring that Housing Hope is serving local needs with local solutions and

guidance. Harry is a graduate of The Evergreen State College and the University of Washington's Fund Raising Management Certificate program. His community volunteer work includes two terms as President of the 12,000 member Seattle Youth Soccer Association. He has two daughters, ages 19 and 9.

3. School Screening. Thanks to around 20 Club volunteers we completed our mass screening of the school kids throughout the school district this past week. Not sure of the exact count, but around 1,200 is good estimate. Each individual shift was pretty short. We were finished on each occasion by 11:30 am at the latest. The Middle Schools were a little testy with 7:30 am start times, but we were finished by 9:30 in the morning for both schools. The nurses were very professional and made a good team environment. Our primary contact, Kristen Forslund, the Secretary for the Health Department, was an enthusiastic organizer and ran every day, every minute. It was no surprise that we stayed on schedule. A special hug to Barbara Cassidy who worked three shifts with Lion Dan. Sorry Dan, no hugs for you. I'll have more news as soon as the school district and our own board have had a chance to review.

4. "Are you ready to rumble?" Lutefisk is just around the corner and will be coming up at the end of October. Saturday the 28th is our work day to get ready for Sunday and we'll be getting large amounts of Lutefisk, potatoes, and meat balls ready to cook on Sunday. Unless things have changed a whole lot, we'll also get to see Bruce Miller and Will Webb perform their annual miracle to get the motor hooked up for the potato peeler and then we get to fire that baby up. For our new members, working on the peeler is a great way to meet new friends, but please dress accordingly. Rather like a water ride at an amusement park. We guarantee that you'll get wet. Then we'll also get the lefsa and pickled herring ready to sell at the door on Sunday also. Usually my wife, Sally, and Don's wife, Sheelah, have worked at the table doing that and there's room for another wife to help out there on Sunday. As a matter of fact, we could not get this great task done without our wives, the ladies from the high school and the Boy Scouts. Please put both Saturday and Sunday, October 28th and 29th on your calendar with starting times around 8:00 am on both days. We need all our members on Saturday and then members and ladies on Sunday.

5. Price Increase. Hope you saw the ad we placed in the Camano Island Senior and Community Center News (page 14). You may have also noted our increase in the basic price for adults only -- from \$15 to \$17. This was caused by a general shortage of cod in our area and our suppliers had to raise the price to us.

Very best as ever, Lion Roy

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