

The Zone Alert



LIONS: MD19 H-7

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Camp Horizon Clean-up—Zone Project

Congratulations people for a job well done. I hear that all went well beyond the hopes and expectation of the Camp Horizon coordinating team.

The weather had made the expectations for attendees be at around 50-75 people. In actuality 100 lucky individuals showed up to help out over the weekend.

Multiple projects were taken on, and other projects were also able to be handled. Painting, weeding, landscaping, plumbing, and cleaning projects were taken on. The incredible progress made, and the number of helpers were an unexpected bonus for Camp Horizon. Many thanks has been passed along to all who helped.

Zone H7 comprised about 43% of all present during the

work weekend.

For those people who were hoping to still help out at the camp, the next weekend scheduled was April 19-20. The 19th is the day of our Officer's Training, however, everyone else would be more than welcomed. Please let ZC Cyndi Bryan (Park Manager) know of your intentions. This way they will be able to provide enough food and accommodations.

In an e-mail from Camp Horizon President Don Webster said:

"Despite somewhat adverse weather, we had 98 District 19-H Lions, their family members and friends, representing 17 of our District's Clubs, register onsite for various work activities this past weekend. When you add in our 4 excellent Camp Cooks, who volun-

teered their time to keep us "well fed and watered", that means that over 100 volunteers SERVED together to improve Camp Horizon's facilities and grounds. Approximately half of the volunteers stayed overnight in the Dorms or the Birch Bay Hostel to continue the fun and work program into Sunday!"

"Photos will be posted on www.lionscamphorizonpark.org

Remember: If you were unable to participate last weekend, or had so much fun that you want to do it again, our second Spring Spruce-Up Weekend is April 19-20. We still have lots of work to finish and other projects yet unstarted. Once again, overnight accommodation and meals will be available. Please contact our Park Manager, ZC Cyndi Bryan to register for the weekend: manager@lionscamphorizonpark.org"

Officer Trainings

Officer Trainings: The Officer Training & Updates will be hosted by the South Whidbey Lions at the M bar C Ranch. The instructors will be announced. Starting time is 10:00am. All incoming Presidents, Secretaries & VP's should plan upon attending.

If you can not make April 19th Training, I will need to know which Training at one of the other zones you will be attending. I need to tell the other ZC's to expect you.

A Treasurer's Training has a new Host Club. Coupeville has volunteered to host the training. We are still waiting to hear from our Trainer. Since this is tax season, and the poor man is an accountant, we will find out after April 15th, if the date Coupeville has suggested works. When it is confirmed I will send out an e-mail notifying everyone of the date and place. I would like to open this training to H1 & H2 as

well, seeing that there has not been a Treasurer's Training in about 2 years. There are 23 clubs, plus myself and the instructor. The Instructor will be Bill Crim.

I will be sending the entire Training schedule for MD19H when it is made available to me. As you know, you can attend another zone's Training.

The DG's message:

Positive Pride

Have FUN

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Zone Chair Activities

April 19th, 2008: Officer Training 10:00 am—2:00pm

April 24th, 2008: Unofficial ZC Visit to South Whidbey

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News, News, News

MD19H Spring Conference in March

This year the Spring Conference took place in Abbotsford, BC., and was hosted by the Abbotsford Lions.

There were educational Panels:

ZC School for the 9 Zone Chair Elects

A panel presented by VDG Mel Stokes featuring tips and ideas for motivating members and creating great meetings.

Ron Mare presented on ID Theft and protecting yourself. Leonare Claypool & Bill Macklem explained mortgages of various types. Kyle Hall had a great inactive panel on Membership.

ZC Ken Ball's wife Lion Sandra Ball did a wonderful presentation with helpful tips and tricks for navigating the internet. For instance, when those nasty pop up boxes pop up, close the windows using the tiny X box, NOT the cancel button.

Camp Horizon President Don Webster did a great presentation on—yes you guessed it—Camp Horizon.

Diabetes Awareness was presented by Jones Atterberry. LFC was covered by Gord Graves & Ian Ashworth, and Jolene Bernhard covered NWLFSSH.

Presentations at the Opening Session on Saturday morning consisted of a welcome from Abbotsford's Mayor George Ferguson, PDG Rob Manifold speaking for the BC Hearing Conservation Society, Jolene Bernhard gave a presentation for the NW Sight and Hearing Foundation, Stephen Miller presented for the BC Lions Society and PZC Toby Hiller presented Awards for Leader Dogs.

PID Gary Tschache was the featured speaker at the District Governor's Banquet on Saturday Evening. His speech was truly inspiring to all present.

District Governor Grev Edgelow presented a number of awards to individuals in his cabinet, including a Melvin Jones to PZC Virginia Edgelow. DG Grev was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by his wife PZC Virginia Edgelow and VDG Mel Stokes (and his club). The DG's Zone Chairs also presented the DG with a Certificate for a Brick from Leader Dogs and a Plaque from Guide

Dogs of BC.

Club Event Congratulations

South Whidbey's Plant Sale went well. The club had 75 bare root Western Red Cedar trees as well as other plants for sale. They also had access to information which allowed their customers to see what the mature trees would look like, and caring instructions. A great idea.

There were a few plants which did not sell at the sale. The Lions were able to sell these few items at a Garage Sale the following weekend.

The South Whidbey Lions periodically help out with moving sales. They put on Garage Sales for elderly individuals who may not be able to handle a Moving Sale. On April 4-5, 2008 they were able to conduct a Moving Sale for an elderly couple who were downsizing. It went very well.

Orcas Island hosted the Health Screening Van April 7th-8th. They were able to help approximately 112 people. A number of high blood pressures and borderline Glaucoma were uncovered, as well as 1 young father who had a very high reading in Blood Sugar levels. All were sent to their doctors for further work-ups.

The Orcas Island Super Shopping Spree on April 12th was also a smashing success. They were able to reach their projected goal of \$1000.00 which will be donated to Camp Horizon.

Lopez's Blood Drive was a smashing Success in March. They not only reached their goal, but exceeded it. Usually when they reach 45-50 people donating, it is considered a job well done. They not only reached their goal, but had 8 new people sign up as a result. It was a tremendous job—well done.

Their next Blood Drive will be in June. Good Luck Lopez.

Camp Horizon Foundation did well with their Getaway Raffle. The winner was Aundrea Holmes, wife of Lion Ron Holmes of the Dogwood Monarch Lions Club. The winner won a stay at Harrison Hot Springs.

The Raffle was able to make \$2200.00 to support operations at Camp Horizon.

Secretaries and Reports

March has found all club in Zone H7 complete for reports again this month. This makes 9 months straight of reports being filed on time by our club secretaries. Congratulations, Well done and keep up the wonderful work.

Health Screening Van

As many of you know, the Health Screening Van is a project of the NW Sight & Hearing Foundation.

This year they have screened more than 3000 children to date. Usually these numbers run at 300 children screened.

Their numbers for screening adults and making stops at new locations has also increased.

They are expecting to get a new van some time either later this year or early next year.

Their schedule is year round. Unfortunately, the prices of gas is getting more than costly. A number of year ago, their gas was supplied for free. The gentleman who sponsored this has sold his business. The new owners are not supplying the Vans with gas. This means they need more help if they are to keep the Health Screening Vans operational. Please consider giving a few more dollars to this cause. Thanks.

Congratulations for Awards received at the Spring Conference

Club 1st VP Lion Kyle Hall of the Orcas Island Lions received the International President's Appreciation Award for his work as Membership Chair of the USA clubs for District H.

Club President Lion Don Webster of the Orcas Island Lions Club received the Brian Stevenson's Award for his exemplary work as this year's President of Camp Horizon.

Zone H7 took home a few of the Contests Awards:

North Whidbey for their Website

Coupeville for their Scrapbook

And

South Whidbey for their Folded Brochure.

Lion Lisa Brown, the Advisor for the San Juan Leos won a cute stuffed bear.

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Club Activities within the Zone

4/19/2008—Coupeville: Soup Social & Scholarship Auction

This event is to help Coupeville with their Scholarship Fund. The dinner consists of Appetizers, Soup, Salad, Dinner, Wine & Dessert. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. It is being held at the Crocket Farm Barn down by the Keystone Ferry near Casey Road. Contact person is Lion Molly Hughes (360) 678-8312. The events starts at 6:00PM so give them plenty of time to get back to you if you need directions.

4/27/2008—Lopez: Annual Pancake Breakfast

This event is in conjunction with the Tour de Lopez (a cyclist event circling the island). Cost of the tickets: \$5.00 for a single & \$10.00 per family. Please contact Don Langrock (360) 468-4404 for time of the event.

5/3/2008—South Whidbey: Hearts & Hammers Event

5/4-5/2008—South Whidbey: White Canes

5/5/2008—South Whidbey: Freeland Harborside Parade

WE SERVE

Membership Moments—Successful Membership Trainings

On Saturday and Sunday, April 5th and 6th, we held two successful Membership Trainings. The first was hosted by the Oak Harbor Lions at the Skagit Valley College for the USA clubs in District H. The second was hosted by the Fort Langley Lions and held in Langley, BC.

While the turn out for the USA training was disappointing, only 4 clubs had people in attendance, the feedback from the attendees indicated the training was fun and effective. The Canadian training had 28 people from over 20 clubs, and the feedback was also very positive.

Clubs that attended the Membership Training received a copy of the Membership Resource CD and discussed topics such as:

- How to make our clubs more attractive to younger members?
- Recruiting new members...what works and what doesn't?
- How to retain our new members?
- How do Open Houses work?
- Why have a 3 person Membership Committee?
- Why pursue 100% Membership?

Another set of Membership Trainings will be planned for sometime in September or October.

Just a note: Kyle's Membership Trainings are an interactive form of Training. Everyone present participates in sharing their ideas and wisdom. It is well worth the time to attend.

Convention to Remember

Annual Convention: May 22nd—24th, 2008 in Yakima, WA. Hotels are booking fast.

The Conference is the District's Gathering in the Spring. The Convention is the entire Multiple District's gathering in the spring. This is when elections are done, Zone Chair-Elect Training takes place, and Con-tests for the entire Multiple District occur. The Zone Chair-Elects are sworn into office, friends meet, new friends and acquaintances are made, and there is much fun to be had by all. Please plan on attending. Please go to the MD19 website for info and registration form.



Birch Bay Hostel's telephone number is

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To Have Your Club's Events Posted

Please let me know of your events. I would love to put them into the bulletin. I would also love to share your observations and experiences with the zone. Please send me anything you would like to share. 200—500 words. It can be less if you like.

Please make sure you attend the various fundraising events other clubs are holding. My understanding is that there has been a decrease in interclub support. Interclub visits enrich our Lions experience and allows us to bring a fresh perspective back to our clubs.

District H Whale Watch

August 23rd, 2008: A 7 hour sight-seeing Orca Whale watch trip. Cost: \$55.00 per person. Boarding time 9:30am, Arrival time back at Bellingham is 5:00PM.

Boarding will be at Island Mariner Cruises in Bellingham.

Bookings must be received by July 1st, 2008.

There are 105 seatings, so send in registrations ASAP. 1-877-734-8866.

Registrations can be mailed into Capt. Don Wight: <donaldwight@yahoo.com> or PZC Judy Portas <judy.lynn@shaw.ca>