



RENTON'S ROAR



Renton Lion's Award Winning Bulletin

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Even looks like a King Lion.

King Lion Roger called the meeting of April 18th to order at 6:30 and led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lion Jason led us in the singing of America, and Lion Rosemary handled the invocation. [Hmm, kind of a family thing.]

After our dinner break, King Lion Roger called the meeting back to order at 7:00 with the introduction of guests:

*Lion Diane introduced **Kristin Mannari** and **Flo Fugami**.*

Kristin is Diane's office assistant and Flo (Kristin's grandmother) is the widow of PDG George Fugami. Flo and George were very active in the Seattle First Hill Lions and Lady Lions.

Lion Diane had emailed: She is in her 90s and is coming to see old familiar faces. As she is of the "old school", it was quite confusing for her to be invited to the "men's club" meeting and she almost declined the offer when she realized it wasn't the LADY lions luncheon but after her daughter and granddaughter assured her she didn't have anything else on her schedule and that women really are welcome at the meetings, she confirmed she will be there.



Flo Fugami, looking good.

Lion Fred introduced his wife **Mervie**, aka "Miss Harmony". In Lion Fred's words, "if she isn't happy, there's no harmony!"



**Lion Fred...
you've still got it.**

King Lion Roger introduced **PID Anne Smarsh**, and **PDG Tom Smarsh**, who have recently re-located from Kansas, in order to be near their daughter and grandchildren. They live in Carnation.



PID Anne Smarsh

Remarks from *PID Anne*: Thanks to Renton Lions Club for a great job of airport hosting for last summer's International Convention. She read an article in Sunday's paper concerning the search for extraterrestrial life, and thinks that could provide an opportunity for membership extension. Now, that is thinking outside the box! *PID Anne* presented *King Lion Roger* with her personal Friendship Banner with the message, "if nothing ever changes, there would be no butterflies". *King Lion Roger* presented Anne and Tom with our Renton Lion's apron pins.

Committee Reports -

Youth Camp/Marv Hurtgen Memorial Bridge – Lion Terry reported that *Lion Homer* has volunteered to make a sign designating that the bridge is dedicated to *Lion Marv's* memory.

Ronald McDonald House Dinner – Lion Roberta reported that 7 Lions and 2 spouses did their magic in creating a chicken dinner with all the trimmings for about 75 guests of Ronald McDonald House on Sunday, April 15th. Following cleanup, the group treated themselves to a nice Italian dinner at Angelo's in Bellevue. A big thank you to the following for their service: *Lion Dave* and Barb Reed, *Lion Bob* and Carol Dinning, *Lions Jason and Patty Richert*, *Diane Dobson*, and *Dianna Showaker-Bangs*.



Our RMH Kitchen Krew. (Check out the sox)

Dr Joos Eye Day this Friday, April 20th – Lion Corne' reported 60 people have been scheduled for exams and is hoping for more. The exams will be provided by Dr. Joos and staff, free of charge. With the help of Lenscrafters, and free frames from *Lion Suellen's* connections with LERC, we should be able to cover any additional expenses. *Lion Corne'* says that she has everything covered....no volunteers required.

Pioneer Night – Lion Lila (standing in for *Lion Wayne*) said we are looking forward to hosting approximately 130 guests for dinner at the Renton Senior Center, Friday, April 27th; social 5:00, dinner 6:00. A signup sheet was passed for server volunteers and we are, happy to report that 14 Lions answered the call. This year's criterion for eligibility is "*living in Renton since 1938, or before*". If you know of someone who should be included, please talk to one of the committee members.



Lion Lila - better looking than Lion Wayne.

White Cane Days on May 4 & 5 (Fri & Sat) – Lion Corne' is looking for volunteers for Friday, May, 4th, and Saturday, May 5th. Please, please, please contact *Lion Corne'* if you are able to help.

Special Olympics Screening Time – Lion Suellen reported this event will be held at Joint Base Lewis McChord on June 1-3, 2012. She is looking for volunteers to help with the eye screening, and it is imperative that you let her know in a timely manner so that you can be cleared to enter the base. If you want to know more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity, talk to one of the following Lions who have been involved in the past: *Marsha, Rosemary, Diane, Ashley or Sue*. Or, talk to *PP's Ray and Lynn*, who participated in eye screening for this group at the Lions International Convention last summer in Seattle.



Highway Clean-up – Lion Paul is looking for assistance on this committee now that his job has taken him to Tacoma, and new baby **Parker** is requiring more of his "free" time.

Scholarships – Lion Paul has the same scenario as above...HELP!

NEW BUSINESS -

Cancer Research – Lion Jan made us aware of the American Cancer Society's *Relay For Life*, June 8th & 9th at the Renton Memorial Stadium. If you have not witnessed or participated in this event before, you might at least want to see their Luminaria ceremony. *Lion Jan* is making a Luminaria in memory of *Lion Marv*, and another honoring Emily Evans (*Lions John and Eleanor's* granddaughter) who is in treatment @ Cleveland Clinic. Luminaria bags are available for a minimum donation of \$25; you do the decorating. Contact *Lion Jan* or her daughter, *Debbie Hanson*, if interested. At the very least, if you can, go to the stadium around midnight June 8th to witness this very moving presentation.



***Lion Jan on
Relay For Life.***

ADA Expo April 21st – Lion Roger said Lion volunteers are needed.

Zone B5 Meeting May 1st at Vince's – Lion Roger reported *Lions Ray, Lynn, Diane, Dianna, Suellen, Jason and Patty* are planning to attend. *PP Lynn* is the incoming Zone Chairperson for 2012-2013.

Bits & Pieces –

Lion Bob presented 95 pair of eyeglasses to *Lion Suellen* for the KCERC sorting/cleaning party on April 21st.

Lion Homer is still wondering when we will be adding a Bohunk dangler to our club's red apron pin. *[And what will be the design?]*

Lion Diane is looking for someone to chair the Renton Lion's involvement with the Health Screening Van at Renton River Days, July 26th - 29th; *Lion Suellen* volunteered.

Time for the Tail Twisters –

TT Dianna was without TT Judith at the meeting, but we suspect that there was Lion Judith's involvement in the preparation of Earth Day questions and quotes. There were lots of questions, lots of guessing and process of elimination answers, and lots of fun had by most. Good job Tail Twisters.

Raffle

prizes were won by:

#1 – Lion Bob L (wine),

#2 – Lion Peter (wine),

#3 – Lion Patty (daffodils), and

#4 - Pet store gift certificates went to Lions Dave, Jason and Rosemary.

Happy/Sad:

Lion Dick is happy that Bernice came home from the hospital on Tuesday [cracked pelvis from a fall].

Lion Patty is sad that oldest daughter was involved in a fender bender; happy that she was not hurt.

Lion Kevin happy to be going to Cancun for a week.

PID Anne is happy to have moved from Kansas to Washington to be near family; sad for recent storms in Kansas; happy that none of their relatives were hit by storms.

King Lion Roger is happy that Lions Anne and Tom have moved here.

Lion Dianna is sad over the loss of her brother, but happy that he and Bill are together.

God Bless America led by Lion Jason & Adjournment 8:35

We have calls for help...

Pith Helmets -

Several years ago, numerous of those Renton Lions working the Renton River Days Pancake Breakfast donned pith helmets and binoculars as part of our garb. I believe we did this for at least two years. Now, we're searching for the pith helmets...and they are missing. Does anyone remember seeing them...or storing them...or throwing them? We're hoping to find them by mid-May, at the latest. Please, let me know if you have a clue about their whereabouts.

Many thanks.

God bless.

Rosemary

Youth Exchange Program –

Kathy Schumer [posted in Lions of MD19.](#)



Kathy Schumer

10:19pm Mar 13

Attention all Lions of MD-19: Host Families are now needed for the summer of 2012 for youths arriving from Germany, Finland, Italy and Japan. Please visit the MD-19 Lions Youth Exchange website at <http://www.LionsYouthExchange.org/> and click on Hosting to view an up-to-date list of incoming kids and to find a Host Family Application Form!



Lions Youth Exchange MD19
www.LionsYouthExchange.org

The Lions Club of Washington, Northern Idaho, and British Columbia Youth Exchange Program (YEP)

Renton Lions Club Website –

Lion Paul, our webmaster, reminds us to...

Check us out on the internet...

www.rentonlions.com

Up-to-date news, announcements and calendar events

Also make sure to follow us and add us as a friend on
Facebook, Twitter & Youtube: rentonlionsclub



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Twitter.com/rentonlionsclub

Youtube.com/rentonlionsclub

Upcoming events to mark on your calendar...

- **Pioneer Night Dinner**, Friday, **April 27th**, at the Renton Senior Center. Social @ 4:30; Dinner @ 5:30.
- **White Cane Days** - Chairperson Corne' has provided the sign-up sheet, which includes both dates **[Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th]**. The location is QFC, at 4800 NE 4th, in Renton...same as before.



- **District 19-B Spring Conference, May 18-19, 2012.** Hilton Garden Inn, 22600 Bothell-Everett Highway. Register now for an entertaining, informative and educational event. The Registration Form is in the March issue of the "Busy 'B".
- **Renton Lions Installation Night, Wednesday, June 6th,** at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Tukwila.
- **MD 19 Lions Fall Annual Convention -**



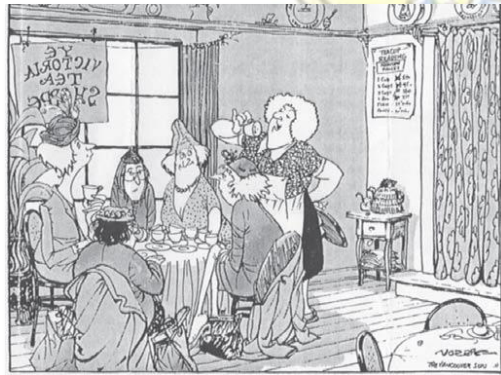
Ahoy, Maties!

See all you scallywags
In Nanaimo, B.C.
October 11 - 13, 2012
at the MD19 Lions
Fall Annual Convention



Treasures Abound

Excellent Speakers.
Hear stories of those who have gone beyond what they ever imagined.
Curling on a Thursday afternoon?
Harbour Boat Tours.
Visit infamous Dinghy Dock Pub
Famous Murals in Chemainus
Unusual Seminars
Coombs Country Market & goats on roof?



Ride a ferry; eat Nanaimo Bars!

Sure, this sounds soooo far away, but remember that October will be here soooo fast. Please consider attending the Fall Convention in Nanaimo, BC. This is a fabulous time of year to travel to British Columbia and enjoy the hospitality of our fellow Lions.

*I see a journey over water ... could be Hawaii ...
or a trip to Nanaimo for the Fall Annual
Convention October 11-13, 2012.*

Call for items that can be included in Renton's Roar club bulletin:

If you have any items of interest, events and dates to be announced, or things that should be shared with the club, just email to the editor at rentonroar@rentonlions.com. Items of humor are welcome, but they will be screened to be sure that they are appropriate.

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MD19 Peace Poster Winner Announced

The Peace Poster Contest was won by 12-year-old Jessica Hose, grade seven, Timbercrest Junior High School, Woodinville, WA, and sponsored by the Woodinville Lions Club (19-B).

Jessica says: "Peace is a goal to be achieved, a dream to be transformed into a reality."



MD19 Trading Pin Winner Announced

Incoming 2012-2013 Zone Chairperson F-2 Ray Fujiura designed the winning Trading Pin selected to represent MD19 at the International Convention in Korea and throughout the year.

This announcement was made at the Winter Council of Governors' Meeting by Contests and Awards Chairperson Rena Larson. Ray also designed the attractive 2011 Fall Annual Convention pin that looked like a US Marshall's Badge.

Congratulations, ZC Ray



36th Annual
**USA/CANADA Lions
Leadership Forum**
September 13-15, 2012
Tampa, Florida





Lions Clubs International Newsletter

Wing-Kun Tam, International President

April 2012

Dear Lion,

We all know that maintaining the positive membership momentum that Lions Clubs International has achieved over the past few years will require bringing more women into our Lions clubs. But doubling the number of women in your club this year - is that possible?

Yes, it is and in the latest edition of *Family and Women's News*, First Vice District Governor Karen Sell, District 21 B, Tucson, Arizona, USA, offers no fewer than 50 dynamic and effective strategies for doing just that. Number one on her list may be the simplest and most effective:

"Ask every woman to bring in one more woman. They already know women - sisters, friends, neighbors, co-workers, daughters - who would be great Lions."

Doubling the number of women in your club is not only possible, it is desirable. The women of your club bring a level of talent, dedication and compassion available from no other source. Adding to their numbers can propel your club toward a new level of service toward your community and the world - and that is what a Lions club is all about.



I am strongly encouraged by the infusion of female talent and enthusiasm that women Lions of District 411A, Nairobi, Kenya, are bringing to bear on the needs of their communities. At a ceremony in October, 2011, it was my privilege to personally accept the charter applications from two new Lions clubs to be made up entirely of women and to formally induct 15 new women members into

existing Lions clubs, for a total of 65 new, dynamic women members joining our family.

Increasing the number of women in our clubs is a part of the larger *My Club, My Family* effort. When members invite spouses, sons and daughters living in the same household to join their Lions club, those family members will pay no entrance fee and pay only half of the international dues. Clubs can get the youngest family members involved and develop future Lion leaders by sponsoring a Lions Family Cub Program or Leo club.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam

International President





Fort Langley Lions

Celebrates 40 years of Lionism

Saturday, May 12, 2012

Happy Hour 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.

Fort Langley Seniors Hall

23022—88th Avenue,

Fort Langley

Contact Lynda Davidson at lmag@shaw.ca or

Chuck Leblanc at lionchuckles@shaw.ca

Cost \$30 per person or 2 for \$50.00

Come and join in the Fun, Fellowship,
Entertainment and seeing old friends again

If you choose to respond to this invitation, please, e-mail one of the two contact persons listed above. Please, do not reply directly to this e-mail to make reservations.

OPENING EYES – SPECIAL OLYMPICS – LIONS

Helping Athletes Succeed in the Games and Life

“We have never had a more significant partnership in the history of Special Olympics than the partnership we have today with the Lions Clubs.” Dr Timothy Shriver, Chairman & CEO of Special Olympics Intl.

The Lions Clubs Intl-Special Olympics Opening Eyes program ensures that vision screenings are part of select Special Olympics sporting events worldwide. More than 15,000 volunteer Lions and 10,000 trained doctors have played an integral part in the success of the program, helping with registration, color vision testing and visual acuity tests. Opening Eyes provides life-changing clinical intervention through the provision of prescription eyeglasses and protective sports goggles, while also helping those athletes with more urgent eye needs to receive a referral to an eye care specialist in their community.

It's time to sign up for the 11th Annual Special Olympics Lions Clubs Intl Opening Eyes vision screening. The screening will be held again this year at JBLM (Ft Lewis).

Dates: Sat/Sun June 2-3 2012 with an orientation meeting at the Liberty Inn in Dupont on Friday night, June 1st at 7:30pm. (The orientation meeting is optional for you seasoned volunteers). Nearly 2500 athletes will be participating in the Washington State Special Olympics Summer Games. We will screen more than 300 athletes during the weekend. Names needed now so that info via email may be sent as time gets nearer regarding registration, base access, sign up sheets, etc.

Names need to be submitted to Eric A Hartman, OD ASAP.
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