



Zone H7 Newsletter



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2010 Bellingham, Washington.**

What does \$12 get you these days? Not much unless you are a Lion! That's right. For \$12 (well, you can pay a little extra if you want meals and such) DG Virginia is bringing our Annual Conference across the border and setting it down in Bellingham. She's been packing up and working on the logistics for months. But it is finally coming together and all will be ready to accommodate a big turnout from our zone. For the past nine years we have had to cross the border into Canada in order to attend the Annual Conference. No long drive with accompanying gas expense this year! Why, we don't even have to stay overnight if we don't want to. We could go for a day, or two, or three with time left over for shopping and a show. Speaking of a show, how about the improv and standup comedy of The UpFront Theater? No need to leave the Conference as Conference Chair Galen Laird and his crew have arranged for it to be right there in the Conference Hotel. We all read the lengthy article in the Lion magazine about the Christmas Ship. While Galen couldn't get the Christmas Ship itself into the hotel, he was able to get Santa down the chimney - quite a feat since this is typically Santa's non-diet time of year.

Recently we have been hearing about the massive earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. Our zone clubs have done a great job helping in Haiti through our gifts to LCIF - PDG Mel talked about this at our zone meeting. But what if an earthquake happened right here? A few years ago there was a good sized one in Seattle and it is only a matter of time before one hits in our zone. Galen and his helpers want us and our Lions Clubs to be prepared so he has scheduled a panel on Earthquake Preparedness. Talk about timely!

Finally, speaking of timely - its time to get your registration in. Just \$12. Let's have a big turn-out. We had 60 at the Zone Meeting. Can we top that? Registration materials, schedule, etc. are available at: www.md19hlions.com

Upcoming Club/Zone Events(send news of your event and editorial comments/suggestions to: kapaws@comcast.net)**February 2011, 25th Anniversary Charter Night, North Whidbey Lions****March 24, Coupeville Lions Open House****April 10, Zone Project - Clean-up Deception Pass Park****May 15-16, Anacortes Waterfront Festival**

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Eight months and counting. THE STREAK CONTINUES. Congratulations to our secretaries: **Fritz Baesman**, **Dennis Doll**, **Pam Harney**, **Kathy Marley**, **Troy Nakamura**, **Deanna Rogers**, **Charlie Seablom**, **Carl Sundman**, and **Curt VanHying**. Thanks to them we have had 100% on time MMR's and VAD's in July, August, September, October, November, December, January and now February. They are doing a fantastic job for our clubs, our zone and our district.

Zone Meeting

We had a great Zone Meeting thanks to Central Whidbey Lion **Kathy Marley** and her crew. Sixty members and guests including **DG Virginia**, **PDG Grev** and **PDG Mel**. We sounded pretty good as we sang Happy Birthday to **DG Virginia** so we did an encore with Oak Harbor Lion birthday boy **Roger Wisniewski**. Orcas Lions **Carol Vincent-Hall** and **Kyle Hall** gave us lots of good information about membership and retention. Central Whidbey Lion **Gary Giovannoni** won the 50/50 draw - \$82. North Whidbey Lion **David Glass** was recognized as the Lion who has sponsored the most members (3) since July 1. In an extremely close vote among 5 worthy candidates, Central Whidbey Lion **Bill Jones** was selected to represent our zone as Lion of the Year. Coupeville Lion **John Kohlmann** was elected Zone Chair for 2010-2011. Coupeville Lion **Ed Walker** received the Membersip Director Excellence Award, Coupeville Lion Deanna Rogers received the Secretary Excellence Award along with Lopez Lion **Fritz Baesman** and San Juan Lion **Curt Van Hying**. Oak Harbor Lion **Jeannine Wisniewski** received the Secretary Excellence Award and was named MD19 Lion of the Year. The Club Excellence Award went to Coupeville. Lynden Lion and Conference Chair **Galen Laird** got us excited about the upcoming Convention. South Whidbey Lion and Zone Secretary **Troy Nakamura** donated two cookbooks and a plant for the auction which raised \$42. PID and Oak Harbor Lion **Dur Roberson** spoke of the need to replace the furnace at the MD19 office and encouraged clubs to make a donation. ZCE and Coupeville Lion **John Kohlmann** spoke of our upcoming Zone Project at Deception Pass State Park.

Special thanks to **Joan-Marie Gertz**, former Lion Exchange Student, who played Taps during our remembrance service for those who passed away this year. We miss them all: **Sara R. Drum** - Anacortes; **Jerry George** - Anacortes; **Everett Coffman** - Central Whidbey; **Edward Seifert** - Lopez Island; **Richard W.P. Boberg** - Orcas Island; **Wilma Bailey** - San Juan; **Lawrence Thie** - Coupeville; **Orlan Dean** - Coupeville.

H7 NWLERC

The Central Whidbey Lions have taken over the operation of the H7 NWLERC. Lion Ginny Munn will be in charge of the project. To arrange for drop off of your collection of recycled eyeglasses, please contact Lion Ginny at ginnym38@comcast.net. Thanks to PZC Ralph Nakamura for getting this project started in H7 and arranging a smooth transition.

Save these dates

March 26	Lions Day
March 26-28	Spring Conference: Bellingham
March 27	Cabinet Meeting: Bellingham
April 10	Zone Project: Clean-up Deception Pass Park
May 8	Zone H7 New Officer Training: Farm House Restaurant, LaConner
May 13-16	MD19 Annual Convention: Olympia
July 4-8, 2011	International Convention: Seattle

To Volunteer for the International Convention in Seattle go to: www.lionsconvention2011.com

FREE CAMPING

Please don't forget to put April 10th on your calendar for our Zone work party at Deception Pass State Park. Make it a fun family camping outing and stay for the weekend. Because of our volunteer work, the camping will be free!

If you would like to camp, make a reservation at 888-CAMP-OUT, or online at parks.wa.gov. Pay for your reservation, and then after the work is done, they'll refund the camp fee here at the park. It's best if reservations are made with a credit card as you will then get the refund on your credit card. Make the reservation now so that you will have your site locked in and are not left out on the day of the event looking for a site. There is always the potential that they can get booked up.

Zone Secretary Profile

If you have seen the Zone Meeting Minutes you know what a fantastic Zone Secretary we have. South Whidbey Lion Troy Nakamura has been a Lion for a short period of time, just 3+ years but in that time she has made her mark on her community, her club and our zone. (Have you noticed that new members not only bring energy to our clubs and but also are often willing to step up to leadership positions shortly after they join!) Every Lion must have a sponsor and Troy had one of the best, PZC Ralph Nakamura.



Troy took over the club secretary position in the latter part of 2007. In 2007-2008 she was club secretary and bulletin editor. In 2008-2009 she was club secretary, bulletin editor and zone secretary. For 2009-2010 she has remained in all three jobs. She was selected as club Lion of the year for 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 and received the Secretary Excellence Award in 2007-2008.

She retired in 1993 as vice President of Community Relations, Hemmeter Investment Company - a privately held owner-developer of 5 major resorts in Hawaii. She and Ralph moved to Whidbey Island on February 2, 1995 and have been here ever since although they have plans to return to Hawaii later this year. They have one daughter, two sons and four grandsons.

In her spare time, Troy enjoys painting, photography, weaving, needlework and other crafts but most of her spare time has been devoted to Lions.

A big THANK YOU to Troy for stepping up this year and once again serving as Zone Secretary.