



THE SKAGIT VALLEY LION

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Our granddaughter, Shannah Marie Taylor. She sure looks like a future Lion.



Greetings Fellow

Lions, I AM from the government and I AM here to help you.... More on that, later! I'd like to congratulate and thank all the Club officers in our Zone for taking up the challenge to serve more than you already do as Lions. I especially want to express my gratitude and excitement for the new Presidents and Secretaries; we've got some new blood this year.

From Burlington, taking the helm as President is Jerry Hedbom; alongside as Secretary is PZC Katy Carter.

Andy Anderson is the President for Concrete and Barb Withrow is serving another term as Secretary.

Taking another run as President for Mount Vernon is

Gary Roessel; while the Secretary this year is Chuck Moffatt.

Last but certainly not least, leading the team from Sedro-Woolley is Chris Allen. He'll be working alongside Beth Ward as she serves a second term as Secretary.

Clubs – take pride in your choice for leadership this year; you have big-hearted and dedicated individuals working for you!

I'd also like to express my sincere gratitude to Past Zone Chair Rock White for his tireless service this last year! I had the privilege of helping put together Rock's bulletins each month and I could always count on Rock to share many pearls of wisdom. Rock – be proud of your work and achievements!

Thanks, also, to PZC

Ken, "spouse of" as he prefers to be called. Lion Ken has agreed to be my bulletin editor this year and I am grateful for his willingness to help and serve.

In my opening I eluded to being from the government.. well, my full-time day job is a computer support person with Skagit County government. My desire to help is a sincere offer. As your Zone Chair, my job is to help you in any way you want me to. I'll work projects with you, have a planning session, assist with an open house, go for coffee and a chat.

We REALLY do have an exciting year ahead and I'm very much looking forward to working with you all!

YIL Sandy

DG & ZC VISITS—COMING SOON TO A CLUB NEAR YOU!



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SEDRO-WOOLLEY

ZC— July 20/09

DG— August 3/09

BURLINGTON

ZC— September 16/09

DG— October 7/09

CONCRETE

ZC— November 4/09

DG— November 18/09

MOUNT VERNON

ZC— November 5/09

DG— November/09



Zone Chair
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The bulletin features an additional insignia; that of the Tomahawk brigade from the Stryker Brigade out of Fort Lewis. Our son, Nathan, is bound for Afghanistan soon and his insignia proudly bears the Motto "We Serve."

Our daughter Sarah, her partner Dan and their daughter Shannah all live in North Carolina.



A little bit about your District Governor's theme for the year. DG Virginia believes very strongly that every Lion is a Lion on Purpose, and a star in their own right. That's why she petitioned the board of Governor's to make a small change to the official uniform. The men will wear a star studded tie, and the women will wear a star studded scarf. This is in keeping with the theme of the pin, the Oscar signifying that we are all Oscar worthy in what we do, and are stars in our communities.

After all, we're all

LIONS ON PURPOSE.

For the first time since Sandy and I joined the Mount Vernon Lions Club, the annual MD-19H Spring Conference is going to be held in the states. It will be at the Lakeway Inn and Convention Center in Bellingham the weekend of March 26 thru 28. It's real nice that it's so close, so let's get a good crowd this year. More information will be coming as we get closer to the event.

Presenting your District Governor's goals for the Lions year 2009-2010.

1. Focus on our one true resource, Lions
2. Orientation manuals in each zone
3. Net member growth +14
4. Hispanic Lions Club in Skagit Valley
5. 100% on-time MMR & VAD
6. 12 Leadership Institute graduates
7. Club and Zone excellence awards
8. Recognition for what Lions do
9. 85 new Lions under age 50 (Bonus)

We all know that we contribute to the District Governor's chosen project when they visit. Give thought to the Leader Dogs when your Governor makes her official visit this year.

The first zone meeting will be hosted by the Mount Vernon club and will be held at Lions Park in Mount Vernon on July 25th. The start time is 10am. The zone meeting will be a zone planning session moderated by the MD-19H Leadership Chair, PZC Rosemary Small. We will be doing a BBQ lunch at around noon when the zone meeting ends. Cost is \$5.00. Please RSVP either ZC Sandy or PZC Ken.

The banner passing this year is being hosted by the Richmond Chinatown Lions Club. It will be held on 18 July, 4pm, at the Richview Banquet Hall in Richmond, BC. For details, contact ZC Sandy or PZC Ken.

Our annual zone project organized by the Burlington Lions Club food booth at the Skagit County Fair is from 12 to 15 August. This is always a fun event and well worth the time. Proceeds will be donated to Leader Dogs in the name of the clubs based on participation. Contact PZC Rock White to get on the schedule or for more information.