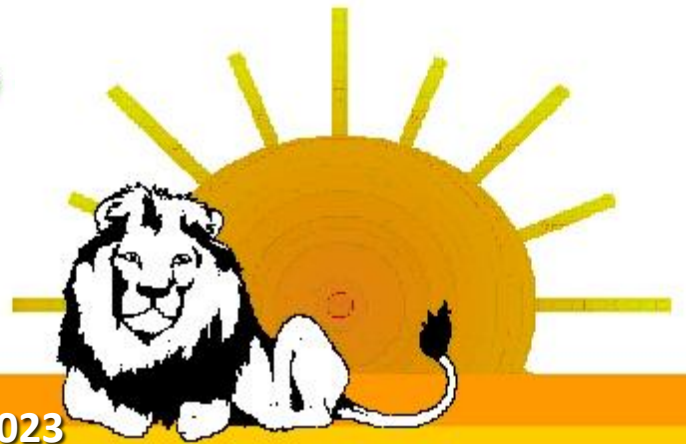


# The Sunriser



JUNE 2023

Board of Directors meeting—all members invited  
JUNE 6th Tues 6:30-7:30pm  
at Lacey Fire District 3 on Franz Street

If you pay your dues in June, you will save a ton of money. Dues go from \$43 to \$46 on July 1<sup>st</sup>, so why not pay for the whole year?

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



8<sup>th</sup> Ted Lucas  
9<sup>th</sup> Carol Roberts  
9<sup>th</sup> Ed Taylor  
9<sup>th</sup> Bob Wright  
13<sup>th</sup> Andrew Barkis  
22<sup>nd</sup> Cliff Brandsma

## JUNE GUEST SPEAKERS



1<sup>st</sup> – Art Dolan – the flag guy  
8<sup>th</sup> - TBA  
15<sup>th</sup> - TBA  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Port Ommissioner

*“Small acts of kindness add up to big things...”*  
Melinda Gates, NBC Today Show, May 5, 2023.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, we change from Lions Multi-District 19C—Zone 6 to MD19N—Zone 7.  
For most members, this will not be a thing.

**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> INSTALLATION BANQUET**  
5pm social, 5:30 meal at the Lacey Senior Center  
**The indomitable Al Hedstrom officiating (LEFT)**



KL Peggy and others have worked hard to keep the price low and reasonable, while at the same time, providing a quality meal and experience. We are looking at \$40 per person - Lasagna and Chicken Alfredo catered by Pelegrinos. Come on out and support your new officers. You'll be home before dark.

## FOODBANK WAREHOUSE REPACKAGING

after the Thursday morning club meeting



JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 9 to 1130am ... at the Thurston County Foodbank Warehouse (2260 Mottman Rd). Typically, we take bulk food and repackage it into smaller portions for delivery to local foodbanks. Some positions are sit down and easy, while others require standing. POC: Lyell Clark



## The Last Newsletter?

To be the editor of this fine publication, you only need to know how to use *Word*. It's that easy. When I do it, I take the newsletter from the month before, save it as the current month I'm working on and just edit the contents. For example, to do the June newsletter, I first brought up the May newsletter, saved as (202305\_newsletter) and saved it for June (202306\_newsletter). Then I started changing dates and things, like when the board meets, the Food Bank date, King Lion comments, etc. Frankie gives me the guest speakers. I bug people to get photos, like the White Cane Days photo Connie gave me at right, or I go out and take the photos myself.

**If you want to edit this newsletter, see Malena.** She has all the old files. She can give you a thumb drive with all files since the beginning, so you don't have to reinvent the wheel. Isn't that great? When you get it put together, send it to her and she will email it out to everyone in the club, including the MD19N President, MD19N 1VP and the MD19 Secretary; this will ensure that you and the club get the Club Excellence Award at the end of the year and can be entered into the newsletter contest at the convention. Cool, huh?

## Website and Facebook

As of June, I am no longer editing the website or Facebook. Editing Facebook is pretty easy—lots of people know how to use it. The website is done in *Wordpress*. It is a simple plug-and-play program, and fairly easy to use. The only thing you really need to do there is make the photos as small as possible, but clear. For example: Our phone cameras take huge photos (pixel rates of 3000 x 5000). But for the website, you only need 300 x 500. Have you gone to a website and watched a photo load slowly? They didn't resize it. Our website comes up quick and all the photos load quickly, because every photo has been trimmed down as low as possible, while remaining clear and sharp. If you want to edit the website, please see Malena. She has the user-name and password for access, and all the old files. PS: If you do not know how to resize photos, then this is not for you.

The manager at our local IKEA is retiring, so I sent him this cake...



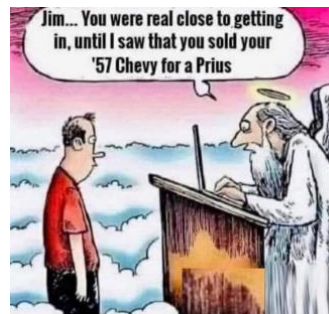
Remember that everyone you meet has their own battles. None of us have it all together. We are all a work in progress. Keep going.

"Just cleared out some space in the freezer" sounds so much more productive than "I just polished off another pint of ice cream."



## WHITE CANE DAYS

May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Grocery Outlet in Lacey – raised \$427. In this photo, Jim Perrou, Dorothy Reed and Connie Short (Charlie Short took photo). Special thanks to Laurel Strong-Olson for chairing this program. Approximately forty years ago, the idea of using and distributing miniature white canes to the public became a fundraising and awareness symbol to help Lions support their sight programs. Locally, the major portion of our White Canes donations go to The Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing. This Foundation in turn donates the funds to support their many programs.



## Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lacey Sunrise Lions Charity Golf Tournament – May 21<sup>st</sup>

Raised \$16,000+. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of you wonderful Lions volunteers (and Boy Scouts Justin and Stephen – and mom Valerie), who made this event as successful as it was. It just could not happen without you and your dedicated support and volunteerism spirit.





## KING's KORNER

As I complete my year as King Lion, I have to say it has been an honor and a real close-up view of the many things Lacey Sunrise Lions does each month. We might not do as much as we used to, but we are in the community to serve every week. Thurston County Food bank, keeping the eyeglass reader boxes emptied throughout Lacey, Dictionary Project, All Kids Win, scholarship committee, visitations, Applebee's breakfast fundraiser, LERC, first responders chili, bell ringing, White Cane Days, Santa breakfast and Firehouse Christmas Charity, and roadside clean up. These are just a few of the things we do. I only held the gavel. It is all of you, the Board, the committee chairs, and the members who do the work. You organize the events, gather volunteers, and make it happen. I sincerely thank all of you. We work together as a club, we are friends, we serve our community. And we are all Lacey Sunrise Lions. As I end my term, please join me in welcoming our new Board of Directors. With these leaders comes enthusiasm, fun meetings and projects, and perhaps a different and better way to get the job done. We are all Lions, who want to serve our community. Remember, KINDNESS MATTERS. Thank you for a great year. KL Peggy Rogers



## Maytown Exit Coffee Fundraiser

**July 28-30, Fri-Sun**

**28<sup>th</sup>, Fri, 9am-10pm -- 29<sup>th</sup>, Sat, 6am-10pm**

**30<sup>th</sup>, Sun, 6am-9pm -- Chair: Jim Perrou**

***When we get closer, Jim will pass around a sign-up sheet.***

I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHY  
AMERICAN BALD EAGLES ARE  
ALWAYS PHOTOGRAPHED  
FROM THE SIDE



**A new study recently found that humans eat more bananas than monkeys. I can't remember the last time I ate a monkey.**

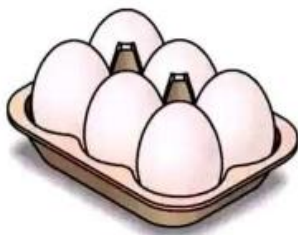
## As of July 1<sup>st</sup> :: 2023-24 Slate of Officers

**IN THE COMING YEAR**

**to be successful as leaders and as a club, they need your wholehearted support.**

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. KL Mike Ragan             | 9. 1YD Lyell Clark/Asst Treasurer           |
| 2. 1VP Frankie Sokso         | 10. 1YD Jim Perrou                          |
| 3. 2VP Isabella Colvin       | 11. 2YD Carol O'Rourke                      |
| 4. 3VP Laurel Strong         | 12. 2YD Berta Fender                        |
| 5. Secretary Malena Hine     | 13. LCIF Coord Terry Storey                 |
| 6. Treasurer David Noble     | 14. Mbr Cmte Director & Immediate PKL Peggy |
| 7. Tail Twister Connie Short |   |
| 8. Lion Tamer Jan Goebel     |   |

## MAY PUZZLE RESULT



**I have 6 eggs  
I broke 2. I fried 2.  
I eat 2.**

**How many were left?**

So you take two eggs, break them into the pan, cook them up and eat them – two eggs only – 4 left.

An old lady offers the bus driver some peanuts... so the driver happily munches them. Every 5 minutes she gives him a handful more peanuts..  
Driver: Why don't you eat them yourself?  
Old lady: I can't chew. Look, I have no teeth..  
Driver: Then why do you buy them?  
Old lady: "Oh, I just love the chocolates around them."

**YOUR HEART FOR LIONS**  
**—my final editorial—**

*What does it mean to you, personally, to be a Lion?*

What attracted me to the Lions was the comradery and purpose. That a group of disparate people could put aside their differences long enough to unite and do something cool for their community. I smile to think of Bob Kelley at the Hawk's Prairie restaurant, shouting for people to stop their chatter so Jim Perrou could speak. I don't think it is in our nature, as humans, to get along with everyone all the time. Few do. There will always be differences of opinion. People have different politics, like different styles and colors of vehicles they drive, different preferences on television, food, church, clothes, hot drinks, and everything else. We have different personalities and world views. And yet, for the greater good, we Lions work together with a common purpose.

**Have you been upset lately by someone in the club?** Probably. But as mature adults, we have the ability to put aside those differences and move forward, continuing to be kind, considerate, and passionate about service.

When a conflict happens, it helps to talk to someone about what happened or talk to the leadership. Sometimes just talking about it with someone helps.

When I hear that someone is upset and leaving the club (or has already left), or not helping anymore with the projects, because they are upset with someone, I wonder where their *Heart for Lions* derailed. In a diverse group like ours, there are many personality types, and a few might rub you the wrong way. But isn't it just like a family? I have a brother who talks like a sailor and has few filters. He can be obnoxious, short-tempered, highly opinionated and a general pain in the butt. But we love him. We look forward to his visits, and he always feels welcome in our home. He is family.

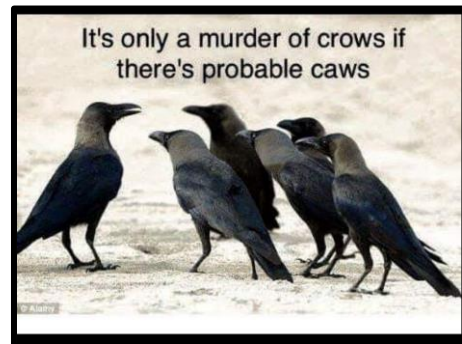
If you feel run over or abused or grumpy about someone in the club, then talk to them or the King Lion or a board member. Air it out. Let the King Lion mediate the situation and see if an apology is in order

or some other action. Perhaps public flogging. But don't leave the club.

Pat and I have tangled. At times, he can be loud and obnoxious. He has different politics than me, thinks differently on different matters, has thrown me *under the bus*, so to speak, several times, but I love that guy. If he calls me to get his mower unstuck from the mud below the house, I stop what I am doing and go help. Period. If he pisses me off, we talk about it. If I rub him the wrong way, we talk about it, then we get back to doing Lions business. Pretty darn simple, if you ask me.

Every person is needed and valued. Like the human body, we each have a function necessary for the success of the whole (a biblical principle – see 1st Corinthians). Don't cut off the foot because the hand offended you. If you feel hurt about something done or said, don't forget why you are a Lion.

Finally, it recently came to my attention that one couple refused to help this year with the golf tournament, because me and another Lion (Pat, of course) argued about something at last year's tournament. Another couple is quitting Lions because of me – not exactly sure what happened there. If you are leaving or rolling back your involvement in our club – especially if because of me – I am truly and profoundly sorry. I apologize and regret that I have offended or hurt you in some way. Mea culpa. Please forgive me. Joel



**If you ever get locked  
out of your house, talk to  
your lock calmly.  
Because communication  
is key.**