

Jungleer May 2024 Edition

# Bellingham Central Lions



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**JUNE 21ST**

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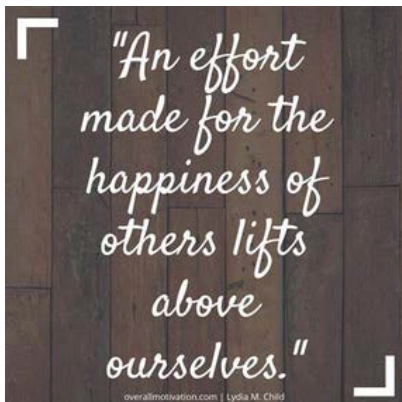
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## Mark Your Calendar:

- May 7 Board Meeting
- May 13 Community Needs
- May 14 Membership Meeting
- May 21 Board Meeting
- May 23-26 MD-19 Convention
- June 1 Deadline for Bellingham Central Lion Dues
- June 1 Lions/Kiwanis Spring Spruce-Up at Lions Camp Horizon
- June 4 Board Meeting
- June 10 Community Needs
- June 12 Annual Installation Dinner
- June 18 Board Meeting
- June 21 Annual Charity Golf Tournament
- June 22 Lions Camp Horizon 50th Anniversary Celebration
- July 2 Board Meeting
- July 9 Membership Meeting
- July 16 Board Meeting
- August 8 - 17 Northwest Washington Fair Wheelchair Rental Booth
- September 5-7 Save the Date USA/Canada Leadership Forum

Board Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ Noon  
Membership Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday @ Noon  
Community Needs Meeting 2nd Monday  
Meeting Place: Lions Community Room



May 2024

# LIONS IN ACTION

"WE SERVE"

## Donation

Congratulations to the Bellingham Central Lions Haskell Eye Clinic on receipt of a \$5,000 donation from Northwest Eye Surgeons. This is the second donation from this group in the last three years. This presentation was done in March of 2024.



From Left to Right: Dr Brian Koenig, Lion Dr Kristi Bailey, Aaron Kuzin Surgeon, President Debbie Costello, Lion/Volunteer Ken Henderson, Emily Quintero WWU Student and Lion/Volunteer Dean Bates



## Lions Books for Kids

Another successful book event for Bellingham Central Lions. On April 11th, our wonderful Lions volunteers gave out 225 books to families and children that came to visit the Salvation Army Food Bank.



Left to Right: Lion's Patty Allen-White, Carole Evans and Joe Nolting

# CLUB COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES

## Committee Updates:

**"WE SERVE"**



### **Lions Books for Kids:**

**Contact:** Lion Amber Becker 360.319.8931

Upcoming Events:

5/13 Bellingham Food Bank 9:30 - 2pm

5/23-5/24 Cleaning, labeling and distribution MD-19 Convention

6/1 Barkley Safety Fair 10 - 1pm



### **Community Needs:**

**Contact:** Lion Dean Bates 360.296.8057 or email [deanbates76@yahoo.com](mailto:deanbates76@yahoo.com)



### **Concession Stand is Back!**

Spring is here and so are the High School track meets. As you plan activities for the upcoming months, please consider marking your calendar to volunteer at the Lions Club Concession Stand at Civic Field. Remember this is our largest fundraiser of the year and the more the merrier! Here is the schedule as we know it today. Sign-up at [bellinghamcentrallions.org](http://bellinghamcentrallions.org). We look forward to seeing you.

#### **Save the Date:**

Wed, May 8, 2A Sub-districts

Fri, May 10, 2A Sub-districts

Wed, May 29th, Middle Scholl All City

Fri, June 7, 5th Grade All City



### **Gardening with Wes**

It's that time of year to get out and spruce up the yard and the grounds of our Wheelchair Warehouse and MD-19 Office are no exception. Lion Wes Reynolds would love some volunteers to come help him. The fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 - 12pm he will be there and invites any and all volunteers. Whether it is weeding, pruning, trimming or tidying up the gravel areas there is always plenty to do. As a club we do have several tools but if you are coming and can bring a large 5-gallon bucket to support the clean-up efforts that is appreciated. Send pictures to [jethompson11@msn.com](mailto:jethompson11@msn.com) or 360.303.0715 for the Jungleer! Look forward to seeing May's volunteer turnout!





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## Charity Golf Tournament

Lion Friends..... we truly need your support. This tournament cannot go on with the help of only a few Lions. This year is proving a bit more challenging to get "yes's" so in order for this to be successful we need your participation. We need sponsors, we need players, we need auction and raffle items and if nothing else we need a simple donation. We ask that you reach out to your network of family, friends and businesses and do your part to support your club.

"WE SERVE"



Sign-up for our largest single-day fundraiser of the year is open and ready for your registration. Seeking players, sponsors, auction items, raffle items, lunch goers, donations, volunteers, etc. If you can think of it we probably need it! Please reach out to your friends, family, co-workers, contacts, acquaintances, financial planners, hairdressers, doctors, etc. and tell them all about it. We would love to exceed our player count and net proceeds from last year. If you have any questions or would like a flyer, two or three to hand out or hang up at your favorite community hang-out please reach out to a member of the golf committee. Your 2024 Golf Committee Members are Mark Costello, Jennifer Evans Thompson, Amber Becker, Bob Curtis, and Mimi Curtis. We had a wonderful time last year and look forward to another great time this year. Save the date. June 21st. Mark your calendar today!



## "WE SERVE"

### Project Plastic (Update 575 lbs Collected):

You are doing great Lion friends!! The challenge is to recycle 1000 lbs of plastic bags in a 12 month period. We have until September 2024 to reach this goal. If we do, Trex will donate a bench to BCL and we in turn would like to place it in a local park with our Lions Club logo on it. So what does this mean for you? Continue collecting your plastic bags. Qualifying plastic to donate is any plastic that stretches. Example, cereal bags, zip lock, grocery bags, the plastic all your Amazon deliveries come in, etc. Ineligible plastic are meal bags, frozen vegetables bags and anything that makes a loud crinkle sound. So, where does all this plastic go? Please bring to the Book Room at the Wheelchair Warehouse/BCL Meeting Space. Thank you in advance. Let's make this happen we are over half way there!!!



### 2024 - 2025 Membership Dues:

# LAST CALL

The annual dues renewal process has officially kicked off for Lions Year 2024-2025:

- At the Board Meeting on February 20, 2024, the Board of Directors decided that any member who has not renewed their membership by June 1 will be terminated at the Board Meeting scheduled for June 4. This is to prevent the BCLC from having to pay 2024-2025 dues to Lions Club International and Multiple District 19 for members who will not renew. Please note that any member terminated on June 4 for non-payment of dues will have up to a year to reapply for BCLC membership.
- A final reminder will be sent out on May 15.
- Please pay your dues now by going to [bellinghamcentrallions.org](http://bellinghamcentrallions.org) and clicking on the "Pay Dues" button on the top right of the screen.
- We look forward to your continued commitment and membership to our club. The future is bright and we have so many more stories of community support to write.

### Lions Education Corner:

Did you know that our District Office MD19 provides free training? If not, check out this list of training opportunities coming up and sign up today! Each of the below trainings starts virtually at 7PM. RSVP today to [LionAI@Hedstrom.ws](mailto:LionAI@Hedstrom.ws).

New Member Orientation third Monday of every month	
Leader Dogs for the Blind <del>(cancelled)</del>	7 May
PR in Action *	8 May
Duties of the Guiding Lion	15 May
Human Guide Training for the Visually Impaired	16 May
Intro to MS PowerPoint	17 May
New Member Orientation	20 May
Duties of the Club Treasurer	28 May
Duties of the Club Secretary	29 May
Duties of the Club President	6 Jun
Intro to MS Excel	7 Jun
Women in Lions Leadership	10 Jun
Introduction to NW Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center	11 Jun
SMART Plans	14 Jun
New Member Orientation	17 Jun



# LIONS NEWS

## Camp Horizon Donation:

Recently, the Bellingham Central Lions Club made a \$10,000 donation to Lions Camp Horizon. Your club's donation will be matched by private donors as part of the Camp Horizon Foundation's 50:50 campaign which seeks to raise \$50,000, matched by another \$50,000 from those private donors for a total of \$100,000. The BCLC donation brought our total raised to \$35,000 (\$70,000 after matching).

Our District's camp serves teens and adults with no maximum age. It is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024 and has always been managed with volunteers undertaking virtually all of the business management, planning and operational supervision. This "lean" organization has helped to keep our costs down but creates significant risk of continuity because of the dependence on year-round volunteers who essentially work full-time. We have also not employed professional fundraisers which can diversify our funding and provide opportunities to fund refurbishment projects in our 73-year-old facility.

When we achieve our \$100,000 fundraising objective, this "seed" money will enable the Foundation to hire 2-3 year-round staff members, one of whom will be our new Executive Director/Fundraiser. That individual will be expected to raise enough money from previously untapped sources to cover the cost of this additional year-round staff plus provide significant additional income to help pay for facility projects.

We thank those Clubs, Lions and others who have donated to the 50:50 campaign and we hope to achieve our \$100,00 goal soon so that we can proceed to take the next step in our leadership transition.

Save the afternoon of Saturday, June 22nd when we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary with past and present campers, seasonal staff, Lions, other volunteers and donors. Watch for the announcement in the next couple of weeks. - Lion Don Webster



## President Debbie Goes on Vacation:

Who authorized President Debbie to go on vacation? I didn't think as President you got vacations. We might have to re-visit our by-laws. Speaking of laws looks like she was doing a good job of getting protection while galivanting around in Arizona. Can never be too safe. Glad to you see you and Mark having a wonderful time with your Grandkids Pres Debbie. You deserve it!!!



# CLUB CELEBRATIONS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## "WE SERVE"

**Calling all Lions!** As a club we have so many things to celebrate so why not share. Could be a milestone birthday or anniversary. A new baby, a new grandbaby, a goal accomplished. You name it we want to celebrate it. Please send pictures, celebrations, accomplishments and news to [jethompson11@msn.com](mailto:jethompson11@msn.com) to be included in upcoming Jungleer.

### Lions Club Anniversaries:

May:

**Dan Robbins 40 years**

**Andrew Sloley 21 years**

**Meg Jacobson 14 years**

**Tim Vail 14 years**

**Eric Johnson 2 years**

**Jack Keith 1 year**

**Polly Keith 1 year**



### Advertising:

**Contact:** Lion Jennifer Evans Thompson; email [jethompson11@msn.com](mailto:jethompson11@msn.com)

**Lions:** Did you know you can advertise here for \$25.00/year? Yes, that is a year. We would love to promote you as you promote the Lions and our mission to support the community. Thank you to our current sponsors. Contact Jen today!



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