

Jungleer April 2024 Edition

Bellingham Central Lions



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District 19-O Convention / Lions Books for Kids

Mark Your Calendar:

- April 16 Board Meeting
- April 23 Membership Meeting
 - Election of 2024-2025 Board of Directors
- May 7 Board Meeting
- May 13 Community Needs
- May 14 Membership Meeting
- May 21 Board Meeting
- May 23-26 MD-19 Convention
- 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
- 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



April 2024

LIONS IN ACTION

"WE SERVE"

So much fun had by all. Look at all these smiling faces. The first District 19-0 Convention at the Four Points Sheraton in Bellingham, WA was a huge success. The cover photo showed all of the volunteers helping Lion Amber Becker and Lion Carole Evans with book prep for Lions Books for Kids distribution. The hospitality suite was a success with pictures to prove it. We also had a few winners amongst the group. Thank you to President Debbie and Lion Don Webster for accepting those awards.



President Debbie and Scholarship Chair Lion Wes Reynolds presenting a \$9,000 donation to Laurel Messenger the Whatcom Community College Scholarship Program Specialist. These funds will go towards the scholarships for the 2024 - 2025 school year. This past year three students received funds donated by the Lions and I have shared a quote from one of the students below. The Board also approved this year a \$9,000 donation to Bellingham Technical College to their scholarship program.

"When I first received the news that I was awarded a scholarship, I felt excitement and relief. I could not attend school without it., as my financial situation had changed. Receiving these funds has allowed me to continue moving forward to achieve my goal. I am wholeheartedly thankful and appreciative of this opportunity. Thank you."
Hannah Marsau, Paralegal Studies



CLUB COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES

Committee Updates:

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Lions Books for Kids:

Contact: Lion Amber Becker 360.319.8931

Upcoming Events: 4/11 9:30 - 1:30 Salvation Army Food Bank

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

8/3 Kids Fest Civic Field

8/24 Back to School @ Bellingham High School



Community Needs:

Contact: Lion Dean Bates 360.296.8057 or email 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 one of our bigger fundraisers of the year and the more the merrier! Here is the schedule as we know it today. Sign-up at bellingshamcentrallions.org. We look forward to seeing you.

Save the Date:

Wed, April 10, SQHS hosts

Wed, April 24, Bellingham hosts

Wed, May 1 Sehome hosts

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



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Charity Golf Tournament



Calling all Lions! Sign-up for our largest 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, Tim Vail, Bob 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!



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Project Plastic (Update 550lbs 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!!!



Lions Camp Horizon - Fundraising & Photos Wanted:

Looking to donate to a wonderful organization and see that donation double? If so, Lions Camp Horizon is doing a 50:50 Fundraiser. For almost 50 years, Camp Horizon has operated with mostly volunteer management and maintenance personnel. They have reached a point where they now need to recruit a small paid staff to handle fundraising, day to day management, maintenance, etc. so that volunteer leadership can focus on strategy and the future of the camp. The goal is to raise \$100K as "seed" money to recruit a professional fundraiser. Donations of any size will be matched up to \$50K from previous Lions sponsors. You can Donate today at LionsCampHorizon.org or send a check to 7506 Gemini St Blaine WA 98230.

Lions Camp Horizon is seeking old photographs of Camp Horizon to help us build a memory board of our 50 years of Camp. Contact Don Webster if you have any that you could loan or scan and send him. Webb930@orcasonline.com

2024 - 2025 Membership Dues:

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 reminder notice will be sent on April 15 to those who have not paid. A final notice will be sent out on May 15.
- Please pay your dues now by going to 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.

Frank Haskell Eye Clinic Recruiting Request:

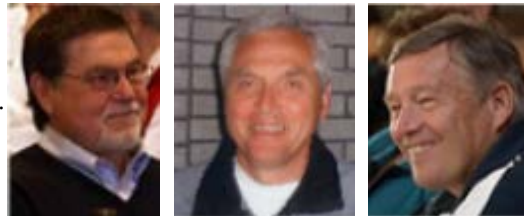
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We are in the process of recruiting interested members of the club to become involved in the operation of the Haskell Eye Clinic. The clinic has been in existence for 13 years providing free eye examinations and glasses to folks in need. It is an outstanding service project for our club, and we are trying to perpetuate its operation by getting more members involved in helping with the administrative duties of the clinic. Examples would be:

1. Working with our professional volunteers, doctors and opticians on schedules for volunteer times. The same with our Lions volunteers who help us on clinic days in the reception area and preparing files.
2. Scheduling our Interpreters
3. Working with our different providers who have clients we take care of. Examples would be Lighthouse Mission Ministries, Unity Care, Seamar group and Goodwill services.
4. Helping with our IT needs.
5. Preparing patient schedules for our regular openings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
6. Helping with informational meetings with other Lions' clubs and interested civic groups.
7. Working with Peace Health representatives on physical needs at the clinic and any lease questions.

We have a great group of volunteers in place, and they are wonderful to work with. You will find volunteering at the clinic is a very rewarding experience. It is important for us to prepare the clinic with future leadership so we can continue to provide this great service to our community. We hope we have piqued your interest and are ready to answer any questions you might have. We encourage you to come have a tour and join us volunteering and becoming future leaders for this outstanding community service project.

Thank you,
David Goss, Ron Dickerson and Ken Henderson, DO ret.
Frank Haskell Lions Eye Clinic Committee



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.

New Member Orientation third Monday of every month	
Navigating the MD-19 Web Site *	3 Apr
Duties and Responsibilities of Club Board of Directors	8 Apr
Duties of the New Member's Sponsor	12 Apr
New Member Orientation	15 Apr
Duties and Responsibilities of Club Secretary	22 Apr
Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Tail Twister	23 Apr
Leader Dogs for the Blind *	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

CLUB CELEBRATIONS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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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 to be included in upcoming Jungleer.

Lions Club Anniversaries:

April:

Bruce Ayers 32 Years
William Bliss 26 Years
John Marthens 18 Years
Candi Pataky 16 Years
Ken Ballweg 4 Years
Simon Sefzik 2 Year
William Dowe 1 Year



Advertising:

Contact: Lion Jennifer Evans Thompson; email jethompson11@msn.com

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