

Jungleer March 2024 Edition

# Bellingham Central Lions



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Haskell Eye Clinic

## Mark Your Calendar:

- March 11 Community Needs Meeting
- March 12 Membership Meeting
  - Laurel Messenger WCC Foundation Scholarships Program
- March 19 Board Meeting
- March 23-24 District 19-O Spring Convention
- March 26 Membership Meeting
  - Nomination Meeting for 2024-2025 Board of Directors
- April 2 Board Meeting
- April 8 Community Needs
- April 9 Membership Meeting
- April 16 Board Meeting
- April 23 Membership Meeting
  - Election of 2024-2025 Board of Directors
  - Al Boe Wheelchair Warehouse 25th Anniversary Celebration
- May 23-26 Save the Date MD 19 Convention
- June 12 Annual Installation Dinner
- June 21 Annual Charity Golf Tournament

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



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# LIONS IN ACTION

"WE SERVE"

Cathy and Joe Nolting spoke at our February 15th Membership Meeting about their recent trip to El Salvador. Cathy has been working with the women there to develop a handbag sewing business. This is 10 years in the making. Joe took several reading glasses collected by the Lions and had several opportunities to pass them out and put a smile on the face of the wonderful people of El Salvador.



President Debbie visiting with fellow Coupeville Lion, John Boone, at their hot dog stand at the Coupeville Mussel Fest.



# CLUB COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES

## Committee Updates:

"WE SERVE"



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

**Contact:** Lion Amber Becker 360.319.8931

Upcoming Events: None



### **Community Needs:**

**Contact:** Lion Dean Bates 360.296.8057 or email deanbates76@yahoo.com



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

Spring is coming 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 [bellinghamcentrallions.org](http://bellinghamcentrallions.org). We look forward to seeing you.

### **Save the Date:**

Wed, March 13 "City Meet", SQHS hosts

Fri, March 22 "Twilight in the HAM"

Wed, March 27, Sehome hosts

Sat, April 6, Birger Solberg

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



## **Project Plastic (Update 500lbs 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 half way there!!!





## Frank Haskell Eye Clinic Recruiting Request:

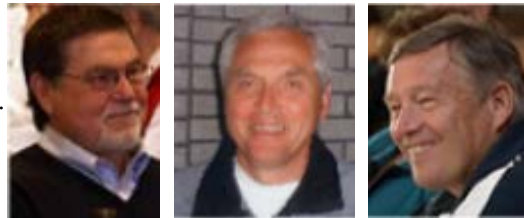
## "WE SERVE"

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:

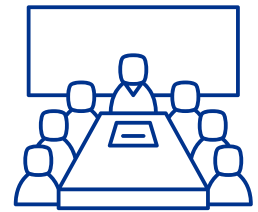
Did you know that our District Office MD19 provides free training? If not, check out this list of training opportunities coming up and sign up today! Each of the below trainings starts virtually at 7PM. RSVP today to [LionAI@Hedstrom.ws](mailto:LionAI@Hedstrom.ws).

New Member Orientation third Monday of every month	
Leader Dogs for the Blind *	5 Mar
Marketing 101 *	6 Mar
MS Word: Navigating long documents and using section breaks	11 Mar
New Member Orientation	18 Mar
Club Service Reporting *	20 Mar
Duties and Responsibilities of Club President	21 Mar
The Club Excellence Program *	27 Mar
The GAT positions *	28 Mar
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

### 2024 - 2025 Board of Directors:

The Bellingham Central Lions Club will elect a new Board of Directors for Lions Year 2024-2025 in April. Please note the following two dates on your calendars so you can participate in this important process:

- The Nominating Committee will present its slate of nominees for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors at the Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 26. This newsletter constitutes the notice of the meeting that the BCLC's constitution and bylaws requires must be given to the membership at least 14 days prior to the Nomination Meeting. Please note that nominations may be made from the floor during the Nomination Meeting on March 26.
- The election will be held at the Membership Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 23. Further information regarding the Election Meeting will be sent out after the Nomination Meeting on March 26.



### 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.
- The first renewal notice will be sent out on March 15. A reminder will be sent on April 15 to those who have not paid. A final notice will be sent out on May 15.
- You can, however, pay your dues now by going to [bellingshamcentrallions.org](http://bellingshamcentrallions.org) and clicking on the "Pay Dues" button on the top right of the screen. It looks like this:



- 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.



# 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:

#### March:

**Ron Dickerson 54 years**  
**Bradley Bearden 20 years**  
**Kent Dickerson 16 years**  
**Ron Evans 14 years**  
**Cathleen Mackay 9 years**  
**Jaclyn Kersten 3 years**  
**Joe Nolting 3 years**  
**Barbara Morgan 2 years**



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