

Jungleer February 2024 Edition

Bellingham Central Lions



Debbie Costello, President

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Mark Your Calendar:

- February 13 Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker Patty Allen-White "The Lions Way" & Tech Learning (Bring your cell phone)
- February 20 Board Meeting
- February 27 Membership Meeting
 - Wheelchair Warehouse Celebration
- March 5 Board Meeting
- March 11 Community Needs Meeting
- March 12 Membership Meeting
 - Laurel Messenger WCC Foundation Scholarships Program
- March 19 Board Meeting
- March 22-23 District 19-O Spring Convention
- March 26 Membership Meeting
 - Induction of Candi Pataky as Past President
- May 23-25 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

Al Boe Wheelchair Warehouse Spotlight

"WE SERVE"

The Wheelchair Warehouse is a very important part of our club in serving the community. You ask anyone in our community, and they have heard of it or have utilized our services. Open Mondays and Thursdays, our Lions and community volunteers are busy cleaning, fixing and distributing equipment as quickly as it comes in. From wheelchairs to walkers to toilet seat risers, the medical equipment we have is endless. You can see in the statistics provided that the need continues to increase from year to year. If you are interested in learning more about the Wheelchair Warehouse please reach out to Bob Curtis @ curtisbob9216@hotmail.com



Bill Dow, Mark Kennedy, Mike Sundine, Tess & Dave Tondi

	2022	2023	Increase
Clients Served:	3785	4843	1058
Volunteer Hours:	3051	3423	372
Mobility Equipment Loaned:	1934	2033	99
Rental Value:	\$358,140	\$387,240	\$29,100
Donations Received:	\$30,974	\$33,228	\$2,254



Ron Evans is putting a wheelchair in the washer/sterilizer machine. Fun fact, it can clean a wheelchair in 5 minutes.



Welcome to the Club!

What a great way to start off the New Year with the induction of new Lions to the Bellingham Central Lions Club. At our January 9th Membership Meeting we welcomed the following (from left to right): Carole Evans, Bill Dowe, Joseph Burda, Eric Johnson, Rich Sundance & Todd Hathaway. Please reach out and say "hi" and welcome!



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

- At the January 16th Board Meeting a motion was carried to donate \$5500 to the YWCA to purchase beds and bedding for 11 rooms in the new permanent housing space for abused women.
- At the January 16th Board Meeting a motion was carried to donate \$700.00 to purchase a SmartLux hand-held video device to help a retiree with reading.



Concession Stand is Back!

Spring is coming and so are the High School track meets. As you are planning 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. More information about sign-ups and meet times will be coming soon.

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



Project Plastic (NEW):

BCL, we have a new project! Lion Amber Becker has done some research on NextTrex Recycling Challenge program. The challenge to organizations is to recycle 1000 lbs of plastic bags in a 12 month period. We have already started so 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? Start 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 and let's make this happen



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 to be included in upcoming Jungleer.

Lions Club Anniversaries:

January:

Wes Reynolds 17 Years
Janet Henderson 14 Years
Mike Perry 12 Years

February:

Mark Costello 12 Years
Hannah Joyner 1 Year
Mimi Curtis 1 Year

At our December Board Meeting Governor Joel Haggan came and presented years of service awards to the following Lions for their years of service as of the end of 2022. Congratulations!

Milestone Chevron Awards for years of service to the following members of the Bellingham Central Lions Club present at the Board Meeting:

Dennis Gudbranson for 55 years of service.

Dan Cantrell for 45 years of service.

Dan Robbins for 40 years of service.

John Marthens for 25 years of service.

The following were also awarded chevrons for years of service:

Nancy Abbot for 5 years of service.

Bradley Bearden for 20 years of service.

Craig Chambers for 30 years of service.

Gary Dickerson for 35 years of service.

Janet Henderson for 15 years of service.

Mike Kent for 20 years of service.

Wayne Weed for 35 years of service.

John Wilson for 20 years of service.

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary to
Ron and Carole Evans (Feb '69)



LIONS NEWS

Lions Education Corner:

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

"WE SERVE"

New Member Orientation third Monday of every month	
Washington Secretary of State Charities information *	5 Feb
Reserved for Charities follow-up	6 Feb
Duties and Responsibilities of Club Treasurer	8 Feb
Your Club's Constitution and By-Laws	15 Feb
Succession Planning	16 Feb
New Member Orientation	19 Feb
Duties and Responsibilities of the Zone Chairperson *	20 Feb
MS Excel: The IF and LOOKUP functions	21 Feb
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

BCL on Instagram:

Lions, we are again active on Instagram. Please go out and follow **bellinghamcentrallions**. Share our posts on your page so we can gain even more followers. The goal is to share with the public all of the great things our club does in hopes to bring in some more members and club support. If you have photos of Lions activities please send to Jennifer Evans Thompson at 360.303.0715 or jethompson11@msn.com to be posted. Before sending please make sure everyone in the photo is okay with it being on Social Media. Thanks for following let's make this a success!!!!



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