

Jungleer February 2025 Edition

Bellingham Central Lions



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At the end of the day, it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished. It's about what you've done with those accomplishments. Its about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It about what you've given back.

Mark Your Calendar:

- February 11 Board Meeting
- February 18 Board Meeting
- February 25 Membership Meeting
 - (Speaker Jen Lautenbach, Camp Horizon)
- March 4 Board Meeting
- March 11 Membership Meeting
 - (Speaker Teri Carten, Camp Saturna)
- March 18 Board Meeting
- March 21 - 22 District 19-O Lions Convention
- March 25 Membership Meeting
 - (Speaker Dean Fulton, BTC Foundation)
- April 1 Board Meeting
- April 8 Membership Meeting
- June 10th Installation Dinner Squalicum Boat House
- June 27th Bellingham Central Lions Charity Golf Tournament

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



February 2025

LIONS IN ACTION

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Eye Glass Sorting Party

Thank you, Lion Tess, for organizing a fun morning of 14 volunteers for eye glass sorting. We talked, we laughed and if you were brave enough you tried on some fashion worthy glasses. We separated into piles, boxes, garbage and Goodwill over 2400 pairs of sunglasses, readers, children's glasses, prescription glasses as well as cases, lenses and the random extra items we found. Also, thank you Tess for spoiling us with wonderful snacks and a very thoughtful lunch.



Lion Mark, Costello, Gloria Harden, Nila Shriver and Mimi Curtis



Volunteer Blakely sporting some very stylish sunglasses.

CLUB COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES

Committee Updates:

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Lions Books for Kids:

Contact: Lion Amber Becker 360.319.8931

Upcoming Events: Volunteers needed. Contact Amber for details.

2/10 - Bellingham Food Bank 9:30 - 2pm



Community Needs:

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

The Community Needs Committee and the Board of Directors have been busy these last few months providing support to the community.



Golf Committee:

Contact: Lions Bob and/or Mimi Curtis, Jennifer Evans Thompson, Amber Becker or Mark and/or Debbie Costello

Calling all golfers and helpers. It is that time of year to start planning our annual BCL Charity Golf Tournament. We would love to have you as part of the committee. We need people for a variety of things. Recruiting golfers, calling on sponsors, gathering raffle and silent auction items, putting flyers up around town and if anything just spreading the word about the tournament and your support for the club. Updated flyer coming soon and we will email out to the membership this month.

SAVE THE DATE: June 27th, 2025 at Shuksan Golf Course

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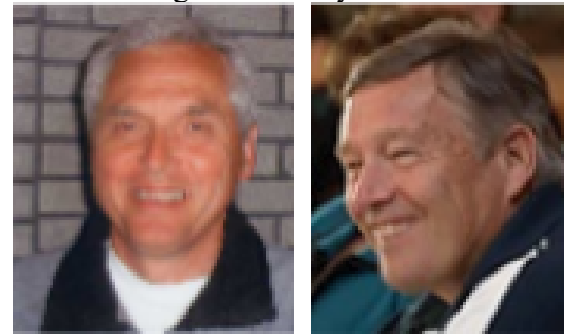
Frank Haskell Eye Clinic Recruiting Request:

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 14 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



Why Volunteer?

Hi Lions, the Haskell Eye Clinic is in great hands today, but David, Ron and Ken have put in a lot of time and would also like to go on vacation and enjoy their retirement. This is a special place and if you haven't visited you really should. Clinic Manager volunteer hours are reduced with more help as these three have experienced. It is about 12 hours/month per person. The clinic has wonderful Doctors and Pre-Optometry students who are learning and volunteering as well. If you are interested in shadowing any one of these wonderful Lions please do not hesitate to reach out to them at eyeclinik@bellinghamcentrallions.org.



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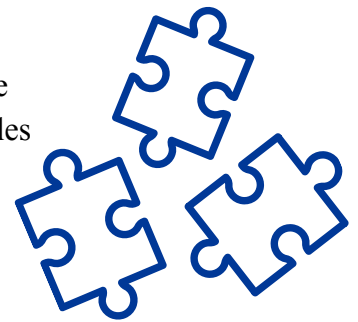
Lions Education Corner:

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	
Ethics in Lionism	3 Feb
Your Club, Your Way	4 Feb
Starting a New Club: The Role of a Guiding Lion	6 Feb
NW Lions Leadership Institute	13 Feb
New Member Orientation	17 Feb
Public Speaking Strategies with Presentation Software *	19 Feb
Brief Software Intro: MS PowerPoint	20 Feb
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club President	21 Feb
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club Secretary	25 Feb
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club Treasurer	3 Mar
Recognition with Pizazz on a Shoestring Budget	4 Mar
Duties & Responsibilities of the Zone Chair	13 Mar
The Lion Portal for Club Presidents, Secretaries (and anyone else)	14 Mar
New Member Orientation	17 Mar
What your district does for your club	19 Mar
An Introduction to LionsVirtual	20 Mar
Duties & Responsibilities of the Club Board of Directors	25 Mar

Puzzle and Game Exchange:

Have any old games or puzzles lying around that you would like to donate or swap for something new? Please bring them to the MD-19 office between now and the end of the year. We will be organizing a game night/exchange beginning of 2025. If bringing puzzles please make sure all pieces are included. Kids puzzles and games are also welcome and what is not exchanged will be donated to future book events.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PO Box Update:

At our Board Meeting in December, it was decided that we were going to stop using our PO Box. The address is PO Box 602 Bellingham WA 98227. If you have anything that has this address on it please discontinue use of it ASAP and update to 4137 Bennett Dr Bellingham WA 98226.



Calling all Future Board Members:

Are you interested in being on the BCL Board of Directors? The Nominating Committee is going to be gathering soon to start recruiting for upcoming positions. Anyone interested in being the next Jungler Editor? Treasurer? Another position opening up is the Secretary position. If that is interest to you there is a class coming up February 25th that Debbie Costello is going to attending and would love to have people who are interested or even just curious about the role of Secretary join her. You can sign up for classes on this web page under MD-19 Training: <https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/md19-training-schedule.pdf>. Stay tuned for more information about openings that are coming. New positions would be for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year starting in July.

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, a wonderful life. You name it we want to recognize and celebrate it. Please send pictures, celebrations, accomplishments and news to jethompson11@msn.com to be included in upcoming Jungleer.

Lions Club Anniversaries:

February

Mark Costello 14 Years

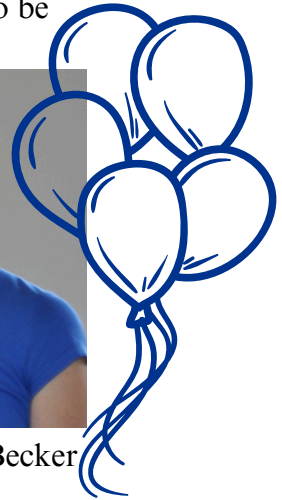
Hannah Joyner 3 Years

Mimi Curtis 3 Years

HAPPY
birthday



Lion Amber Becker



Advertising:

Contact: Lion Jennifer Evans Thompson; email 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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