



Zone C-1 Newsletter

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Here I sit with sweat dripping from my brow and running down my neck and I asked myself, "What am I doing here?" I'm tired, it's hot, and the lake is inviting. Why am I trying to write something for the Zone Newsletter? There are so many other things I would rather be doing. Then I stop, wipe the sweat from my forehead and catch a breath and realize why I am here.

Motivation is a subject that is well documented and I would not attempt to add my two cents to the pile, but it is something that all of us need from time to time. We all labor in the roles that has been given us to accomplish what we feel is our tasks in life and often we look inward to our self and are distracted from those roles. We get to feeling sorry for ourselves and that distracts us from what we know is a better thing. Left to ourselves, we might get so distracted that we abandon our dreams and seek a more self fulfilling life style. How to prevent this is simply "look around you".

If your are like me, I have aligned myself with others that believe in that which I am doing and when I get distracted by my own selfish wants, I look at those and they provide me with the will to forget my wants and press on. The power of belonging to an organization that aligns with your desires in life is that "others are walking ahead of you, behind you and beside you". They believe in the direction they are traveling and when you get weary, they will hold you up because THEY BELIEVE.

An example for me was last Saturday. It was hot. I was tired having just cook breakfast for 35 people and conducted my first Zone Advisory meeting. No sooner than I dropped the breakfast remains off at home, changed my clothes, and gather my things I was off to join my Club in painting a selected house in our community. I painted for awhile but finally my body said "sit down". That is when it happened, I begin feeling sorry for myself and wondered if the effort was really worth it all. Suddenly I felt a cold wet towel around my neck and looked up to one of those that I consider as "walking beside me". She recognized my need and had taken a towel, soaked in water and put it on my neck. Sure it took away one of my discomforts but it also motivated me to remember what I was doing there.

The house we were painting was owned by a rather elderly lady who had lost her husband several years ago. She was not able to keep the outside of her house up in the same manner that her husband had done for the most of their lives. Left to herself, she might even have to seek another place to live. Our Club had taken on the task to keep her comfortable where she had lived for some time. With those thoughts racing through my mind, it was a lot easier to get up, grasp the brush and start painting again. That night when I laid down to go to sleep, I felt really good about my day.

Remember you are not alone. Others in your Club stand beside you. Others in your Zone stand beside you. Others in your District stand beside you. One and half million "others" believe in what you are doing and stand beside you. Press on!



Zone Chair Ley

DG & ZC's Visitation Schedule for C-1 Clubs

(subject to change)

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| 8/5/2009 | KEY PENINSULA | ZONE CHAIR VISIT |
| 8/19/2009 | KEY PENINSULA | GOVERNOR'S VISIT |
| 8/24/2009 | GIG HARBOR | ZONE CHAIR VISIT |
| 9/14/2009 | GIG HARBOR | GOVERNOR'S VISIT |
| 9/22/2009 | LAKWOOD KNIGHTS | ZONE CHAIR VISIT |
| 10/13/2009 | LAKWOOD KNIGHTS | GOVERNOR'S VISIT |
| 10/14/2009 | LAKWOOD FIRST | ZONE CHAIR VISIT |
| 10/28/2009 | LAKWOOD FIRST | GOVERNOR'S VISIT |
| 10/15/2009 | LAKWOOD KOREAN | ZONE CHAIR VISIT |
| 11/19/2009 | LAKWOOD KOREAN | GOVERNOR'S VISIT |
| 10/27/2009 | UNIVERSITY PLACE | ZONE CHAIR VISIT |
| 11/10/2009 | UNIVERSITY PLACE | GOVERNOR'S VISIT |
| 11/12/2009 | TACOMA DOWNTOWN | ZONE CHAIR VISIT |
| 12/10/2009 | TACOMA DOWNTOWN | GOVERNOR'S VISIT |
| 12/30/2009 | TACOMA SOUTHEAST | ZONE CHAIR VISIT |
| 1/13/2010 | TACOMA SOUTHEAST | GOVERNOR'S VISIT |



Mark your Calendars!

C-1 Zone Advisory Meetings:

November 2nd – 6 p.m. – Tillicum Community Center

February 6th – 7 a.m. – Tillicum Community Center

District "C" Spring Conference

March 5th – 6th, 2010 – LaQuinta, Tacoma



C-1 Lions are ROARING

Congratulations to PZC Bob Grevstad from the Tacoma Southeast Lions Club. He was the winner of the District "C" Visitation Lotto for 2008 – 2009. Lion Bob received \$150. Tacoma Southeast had 239 visitations. Way to Go Tacoma Southeast!

Gig Harbor Lions at their "New Beginnings" Breakfast Celebration



The Gig Harbor Lions Club's New Beginnings Breakfast Celebration was held July 13 at the Madrona Links Golf Course. There were 52 people in attendance to wish them well as they started down the road to a New Beginning. The Mayor of Gig Harbor, the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Fire Chief were all inducted as honorary members of the Gig Harbor Lions.



Congratulations to Lakewood First Lions newest Lion of the Year Eric Renz!

Lakewood First Lions IPP Riley Smith recently presented Lion Eric Renz with the Lion of the Year award. While he was caught off guard by the honor, Lion Eric was quick to say "I'm just following my older brother (1st VDG Dan Comsia)!" We celebrate your commitment to "We Serve" Eric!

Does your club have an upcoming fund raiser or event? Please send me the information and I will post it in the Zone newsletter.

PZC Marilyn Danby (mdanby@comcast.net)



Here's what's happening in the District!



MARDI GRAS
MD19 Fall Forum October 23 & 24, 2009
In Spokane, Wa

Peace Poster Contest

"The Power of Peace" is the theme of the 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. **October 1** is the deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

Extension..... DuPont, WA

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This thriving business and military retirement community of 8,000+, has the 2nd highest per capita income in the state (Redmond is 1st). **What is it lacking?** A Lions Club to enhance a sense of community and stimulate the social networking within the city, and the City Administrator agrees! DG Dave has been invited to present a 3 minute information speech to their City Council on August 11, 7 p.m. It will be televised on your cable channel. Check it out... **ALSO** If you have any contacts in that area, please let me know.

Congratulations to Lion Devanni



Miss Washington & Auburn Noon Lion Devanni Partridge with parents IPP John & Shirlee Partridge (photo courtesy of Team Photogenics)

Miss Washington Devanni Partridge is a member of Auburn Noon Lions where her father John Partridge is Immediate Past President. During the recent competition, she performed on the platform, "Donate Life: The importance of Organ and Tissue Donation." Partridge, the 2007 Miss Auburn and reigning Miss Seattle was crowned Miss Washington this July. She will compete for Miss America in January.

Devanni is available to speak to Lions Clubs or businesses, on either the Miss Washington Scholarship Program or her work with Donate Life - Organ and Tissue Donations.

Anyone interested can request an appearance on the misswashington.org website.

NW Lions Regional Leadership Institute

February 4 – 7, 2010 VDG Dan Comsia

We are excited to announce the upcoming Northwest Lions Regional Leadership Institute which will take place at the Wenatchee Convention Center and Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel, February 4-7, 2010. In cooperation with the Leadership Division of Lions Clubs International, there is an outstanding curriculum presented by both new and senior Lions. The Institute offers seminars which will develop and enhance leadership and communication skills. The learning atmosphere at the Institute will encourage individual participation and team building, to enhance your business, personal and club involvement in a relaxed learning environment. The Institute will start on Thursday, February 4 at 1 p.m. and will continue through graduation at approximately noon on Sunday, February 7. The fee is \$325 which includes supplies, materials, lodging for three nights and seven meals. There is a scholarship available which will pay for half of the fee--\$162.50. This is a great opportunity to foster leadership growth. Please feel free to contact VDG Dan Comsia at 253-840-0116, dancomsia@comcast.net or PDG John Bergval at 360-491-1800, johnbergvall@comcast.net

Lions Quest

Cheryl Comsia, 19C Lions Quest Co-chair

Congratulations to the following clubs in Zone C-1! **Lakewood Knights, Lakewood First, Tacoma South East**, who saw a future in sponsoring 5 of the Skills for Action grades 9-12 curriculum boxes for their local JROTCs housed in area high schools. These clubs are stepping up to establish a relationship with the JROTC instructors and their students by presenting them with a box of curriculum and the possibility of being guest speakers for each other and/or future service partners.