



District 19C Newsletter (Together We Serve A Greater Need)

TEAMwork – Together Everyone Achieves More

June 2009

District Governor's Remarks:



We started the year with a purpose which was to provide quality service to our communities. We have served that purpose aptly as indicated by our many successes.

The phenomenal teamwork of the District is evidenced by the many outstanding community projects, the innovative fundraisers and the effective and proficient LEMPRR team, cabinet members, District officers, Lions, Leos and partners in service. The dedication, support and hard work by all of the Lions, Leos and partners in service is remarkable, I convey my personal thanks to all of you for making this a great year. I fear that I would omit mentioning someone that made a significant contribution to our successes so I will not annotate any specific name.

As we approach the end of the year, I am ecstatic over all the accomplishments and successes that have been made. The District is in good health and we all can continue to boast that we are the class District.

This has been a great year for all of us; particularly for me. I have gained a lifelong learning experience that I will always cherish with profound respect for all of you. I am confident that our successors will continue to pursue the purpose and end their year with a celebration of joy as we will upon passing the Banner.

My report on the State of the District received applause. I am including it for those who were not at the Multiple District's Convention. (page 2)

DG John

Congratulations Dist. 19C Lions

MD19 Contests & Awards 2008-09 Winners

- Club Folded Brochure – Enumclaw Lions (Winner)
- Club Bulletin – Olympia Host Lions (Runner-up)
- Club Inspiration – Pacific White River Valley Lions (Runner-up)
- Club Membership – Mt. Rainier Lions (Runner-up)
- Club Scrapbook – Poulsbo Noon Lions (Winner)
- MD19 Trading Pin – Ed Kane, Lakewood First Lions (Winner)
- Musical Performance – Tacoma SE Lions (Runner-up)
- Tall Tales – Federal Way Knights Lions (Runner-up)
- Visitations (over 50) – Lacey MidDay Lions (Runner-up)
- Visitations (per capita) – Tacoma SE Lions (Runner-up)

Intl. President's Commendation Awarded to Mel Williamson, Shelton Lions



Bonnie & Mel Williamson with CC Polly Voon
MD19 Convention, Penticton, B.C.

BANNER PASSING

Tuesday, June 23 - Tacoma Elks
6 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Dinner
Delicious Bar-B-Q - \$12 per person

Reservations should be made to
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No Later Than June 13

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STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

District Governor: John Doyle, Jr.

District: 19C

It is my distinct pleasure to report to you that District 19 C is healthy with a high state of morale. We are very proud of the accomplishments and successes of District 19C. Our team spirit concept gave us the momentum to aggressively pursue our goals. We had a significant number of drops mostly at the beginning of the year; a total of 319 drops. We have had an increase of 221 new members thus far and committed to having a plus at the end of the year. Regrettably we lost two clubs but gained one new club. A new club is being formed in Bainbridge Island, hopefully it will be chartered this year or converted to a club branch. Our Mt. Rainier Club was rebuilt from seven members; it now has thirty one members. Five new LEO clubs were certified and another LEO club is being formed, the District now has ten LEO clubs. Nine of our members attended the NW Leadership Institute. One member was selected and completed the Faculty Development Course. Problem Solving and Facilitator Training at the District level has been successful. Twenty-five members attended the Leadership 101 Course and are being utilized or encouraged to assume leadership roles. Monthly membership reporting has increased from 80% to a high of 98%. Communication has been tremendously improved through club newsletter, web sites, personal contact, telephone calls and visitations. The district has two major projects: Camp Leo and the NW Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. Most of the clubs have community projects and innovative fundraisers. Sixteen Melvin Jones Fellow Awards and five Progressive Melvin Jones Awards have been presented this year. All the officers' positions of the district have been filled. Membership dues have been paid to Multiple District and Lions Club International by all the clubs. Most of the clubs have made contributions to LCI and CARE. Nearly 600 peace poster entries were submitted. The District Conference was a great success with three hundred and thirty-eight (338) attending. Six International President's Certificates of Appreciation were awarded during the conference. A Leadership Award will be presented during the district's luncheon at this convention. Officers' training is scheduled for May 21 and May 30, we expect maximum participation. The LEMPRR Team and Zone chairpersons have significantly contributed to the healthy state of the District. Overall we contribute the good health of the District because of the meaningful service we provided.

The variety of activity in the District is amazing, with pancake breakfasts, parades, erecting handicap ramps, eyeglass collections, White Canes Days, dictionaries distributed to students, fishing derbies, car shows, open houses, Lions 4 Kids House, response to disaster victims, food bank support, adopt a family, feeding the homeless, utilization of the Lions Health Screening Unit at schools, churches and shopping malls

and the establishment of a Low Vision Clinic. To list all the events of the District will fill an average size journal.

Our Lions, partners in service and LEOS have responded in a manner that makes us proud of them and themselves for their contributions.

It was a difficult task to talk about all the great things that were accomplished by the District during the year in the five minute time limit. I put forth my best efforts. Again, I thank each and everyone for their hard work, dedication and sacrifices to provide quality of service to make a difference in someone's life. Truly, you are the everyday heroes.

I salute the twenty-two clubs that were represented at the Multiple District's Convention and the fifty-six Lions, who endured the long trip to Penticton, BC.

Thanks for a great year.

Quote—

*"Face your past without regrets.
Handle your present with confidence.
And prepare for the future without fear."*

Jan Norman, Olympia Host Lions Awarded Intl. President's Leadership Medal at MD19 Convention



DG John Doyle with Jan Norman, Olympia Host Lions, displays award for Club Bulletin Runner-up.

**First District Cabinet Meeting
Tuesday, July 14
Tillicum Community Center**

The LEMPR&R Corner – June 2009

As the song goes, "Thanks for the Memories". As we head into the last month of the current Lions year, it's hard not to feel pretty good about what your district LEMPR&R Committee has achieved. There have been a number of accomplishments, including a new club, an ailing club rebuilt, new ideas in public relations, and a solid retention program that got the word out to our zones and clubs.

Most striking this year was the number of Lions reported as leaving our district. Over 300 membership drops were recorded as several of our clubs cleaned out names of people they'd been carrying for years. It was the right thing to do, but man did those negatives hurt. Then our district's membership machine kicked into gear as the clubs started inviting in new members into the fold at a profound rate. To date, more than 220 new members have been reported by our clubs. That's an amazing accomplishment!

All this would not have been possible without dedicated Lions clubs, a great district governor, motivated zone chairpersons, and an amazing LEMPR&R Committee. Thanks go out to each of you, to District Governor John Doyle, and to the following people who made up this year's LEMPR&R Committee:

Leadership: PZC Dan Comsia and Marilyn Danby
Extension: Council Chair (Elect) Jim McCown
Membership: PDG Barbara Ellis
Public Relations: Ed Kane
Retention: PZC Jan McCaffrey
Resources: PDG Bill Ellis
Zone Chairpersons: Rick Drury, Art Weatherly, Francis Freeland, Andi Lanxon, Ernie Wolfe and Ron Smircich

Thanks for the memories!

Dave Pratt
District Governor (Elect)

District Governor's Schedule (as of 5/19/09)

June 2009

June 2	DG/Woodbrook Leos
June 6	Zone 19C-1 Zone Social
June 13	Zone 19C-3 Zone Social
June 18	DG/Poulsbo Evening Pride Branch
June 20	Joint Zone 19C-2 & Zone 19C-6 Social
June 23	Dist. 19C Banner Passing at Tacoma Elk's

District Leadership

PDG Bill Ellis, Leadership Chair 2009-2010
lionellis@aol.com

A new Lions year is starting on July 1 for all of us. We have had two **Officer Training** sessions in May. Presidents and secretaries that did not attend need to go to a makeup session before Sept. 30 if they want to obtain the President Excellence Award or the Secretary Excellence Award. Contact Bill Ellis or your zone chairperson to set up one. The secretaries and presidents have several things to do differently than in the past.

The **NW Leadership Institute** will be held in Wenatchee Feb. 4-7, 2010. I encourage you and your club to get your members there, especially those that have shown or showing leadership potential. The room, meals, materials and instruction are all included for about \$300. The MD19 Services and Leadership Foundation will provide scholarships up to 50% for those who are first timers. The web site will give you the information and registration form at lionsmd19.com/leadershipinstitute/2010/Tri-FoldFlier.pdf.

The **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** will be in Memphis, Tennessee Sept. 24-26, 2009. This is an effective forum with over 60 sessions to choose from. The motivation speakers at the meals are some of the most outstanding you will ever see or hear. Go to their web site at usacanadalionsforum.org/.

The district can provide your club training or programs in all areas of personal development or Lions programs. We are here to help you and your club.

Time To Go To Camp Leo!

July 19-25

July is right around the corner and the kids are gearing up for a wonderful experience at Camp Leo, how about you?



In order to make sure we cover all the time slots that our volunteers are needed, we would like to see the names of anyone coming emailed to one of our two volunteer coordinator ASAP.

Please see the volunteer sign up sheet. Indicate the hours you will be working, don't forget to include the t-shirt size you'll need if you don't have one.

Thanks so much for the continued help; we can't do this without you.

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Camp Leo Volunteer Form – See Newsletter Attachment

Olympia Based Project Teaches Flu Prevention Technique Nationally

Karen Sell, Olympia Host Lions

"Never ignore the potential of a simple idea," Olympia Host Lions Club President Jan Norman says of her club's involvement in a nationwide health project that had its start right here in the south sound.

Handwashing is listed by the national Centers for Disease Control as one of the best ways to limit the spread of disease, including the current outbreak of swine flu.

Germ City, a Washington State University Cooperative Extension project on handwashing, was started in 1997 when Olympia Host Lions provided seed money to build the first prototype exhibit.

"We started with three refrigerator boxes and some duct tape, but today, thanks in large part to early support from the Lions, Germ City has grown into a national program that has already reached more than a million youth and adults," WSU Professor Susie Craig reports.

Germ City programs now are active in 30 states, with some states purchasing as many as 16 units for use at schools, fairs and in restaurant staff training. The program includes curriculum, evaluation tools and support materials used by twelve universities.

Germ City raises awareness of poor handwashing practices and the relationship to personal health by dramatically revealing "germs" left behind by poor handwashing techniques. Participants rub a black light sensitive lotion on their hands and view the "germs" by walking through a brightly decorated black light tunnel. After washing their hands, they re-enter the tunnel to see how well they did at removing the lotion.

"The "germ" lotion has a coloring substance that shows up under the black light, allowing people to see where they missed when they washed - much like a dentist's disclosing tablets can reveal problems with brushing," Craig notes.

"We expected the kids to love it but adults are fascinated by the amount of "germs" left behind as well," she says.

The Olympia Host Lions Club initially provided just \$500 and matching in-kind support for a grant to get the project rolling. "That seed money and a lot of manpower and moral support from the Lions in those early years really gave us the impetus to get this project going," Craig says. Partners in the Germ City project now include health departments, schools, nurses, senior citizen centers, community and military facilities, fairs, 4-H, food service operations and agencies including DSHS, Head Start, Agriculture and the FDA.

WSU Extension is eager to work with Lions Clubs to get the Germ City exhibit out to more schools and fairs. If your club would like to learn how to take the exhibit into a public setting during the new Lions year,

contact Karen Sell with the Olympia Host Lions at 360 561-5154 or KarenSell@aol.com.



Membership

IPDG Barbara Ellis, Chair

It is not too early to plan your membership program for the upcoming Lions year. Plan a membership drive, open house, coffee meeting, etc.

Our biggest challenge is membership retention in all of our Lions clubs.

Many of our Lions leave because a club is not meeting their needs. Clubs must continually ask themselves: What do our Lions need? How do we find out and what do we do when we know the reasons?

Lions Clubs International realizes that we have a membership retention challenge and a pilot program to strengthen clubs is in development. This pilot will concentrate on: Club Development (retention and membership invitation), Membership Growth Plans, Leadership Training, Service Objectives and Communication. It is anticipated, if approved, that these programs will be launched on July 9th at the International Convention in Minneapolis. Our International President, Al Brandel has invited me to attend this launch, but I will not be going to Minneapolis.

A vibrant, active club which is an important part to the community will attract new members and satisfy the needs of our current Lions. The new image will produce more hands to perform doing what we do.....We Serve.

Your new district membership chairman will be Lion Jack Ford from Lacey Sunrise Lions. I thank you all for your support and your new members for this past Lion's year. Keep up the good work.

Remember, no drops until July MMR.

Environment Projects Contest Winners

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse, Rethink, Reconsider

PZC Mitzi Ludwig, 19C Environmental Chairperson

Thirty-six entries for the Environment Projects Contest were judged on May 28th. Thanks to all the clubs that entered. The judges chose one club from each Zone that demonstrated, by their projects, that they are truly making a difference in helping to preserve and protect our planet. Be sure to congratulate and thank these clubs for their efforts.

Each club will receive a Banner Patch at the annual Banner Passing which will take place at the Tacoma Elks on June 23rd. One of these six will also receive a trophy for going above and beyond to help the environment. The trophy winner will be announced that evening. Be sure to be there to see which club this is.



Here are the winners:

Zone 1 – Lakewood First

Zone 2 – Shelton

Zone 3 – White River Valley

Zone 4 – Poulsbo Noon

Zone 5 – Eatonville Daybreak

Zone 6 – Rainier

Lion Judy Ann Bergvall will be the District 19C Environment Chairperson for 2009-2010. She is a member of Lacey Sunrise Lions Club. She will do an excellent job, just as she did in her position as District 19C Contest and Awards Chair.

Thank you Lions for making my job as your Environment Chairperson so much fun. I enjoyed my two years, and I certainly learned a great deal about how important it is to do our best to help the Earth survive. Keep up the good work!

Needed - Icemaker For Camp Leo

Camp Leo uses lots and lots of ice. The icemaker used at Camp Leo is in desperate need of replacement.

Donations or an institutional size icemaker are needed.

Please contact Jan Norman, Chair of the Board of Camp Leo, at 360-459-5123 if you can help. Thank you for your assistance.

Peace Poster Contest

**"We each have the power to create peace or destroy it.
Through love and compassion I can spread peace
to those around me."**



**2008-09 Merit Award Winner
Callie Roberts**

Lions have the power to spread peace by getting involved with the middle school youth in their community.

Let's make this happen in 2009-10 with
Peace Poster Chair, PZC Patsy Nutt
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**Thank you all for a great year.
I appreciate each and every one of you.
Iris Young, Peace Poster Chair-2008-09**

CARE

PZC Dennis Reed, Chair

The year is coming to an end and clubs in 19C have been faithful in their giving this year with all the economic setbacks, etc. However, would each club reconsider making a donation to CARE before the end of the Lions year. Many 19C clubs have sent donations but there are still quite a few that have not.

CARE is a very worthwhile project in South America, teaching women how to care for and raise healthier children and also develop skills/jobs to help support their families. This is an educational project aimed at keeping children out of the unsafe silver mines and affording them a better life through education and healthier living.

Clubs making donations must send their donations to the MD 19 office with MMR to get credit. As chair of the District CARE program, I do not take donations. Please make checks to CARE and send to MD 19 and let's have DG John's year be the best. Thank you.

Urgent Call for Camp Leo Donations!

Jan Norman,
Chair of the Board for Camp Leo



Help! We are \$12,000 short of our fund raising goal for 2009. If you have planned to donate to Camp Leo this year please do so now before we have to limit our support to children with diabetes wanting to participate this summer.

Please Note: The registration for all campers has been lowered by over \$200 below our actual costs as Lions donations have grown each year. The brochure says the camp tuition is \$300 for senior camp (a full week) and \$200 for junior camp (4 days). The actual cost for senior camp is \$530! Through stable and generous Lions donations we have gradually decreased the camp tuition for all campers, moving toward our goal of a camp totally supported by Lions donations.

Please send your much appreciated Camp Leo donation for 2009 to:

Art Weatherly, Treasurer
3029 Sleater Kinney NE
Olympia, WA 98506

If you have already sent in your donation, the staff and campers blow you a big kiss!

NW Lions Health Screening Unit Schedule for June 2009

June 2009			
1	Date Available		
5-7	The Russell Family Foundation 3025 Harborview Dr. Gig Harbor, WA 98335	Public	Gig Harbor Lions
13	IGA Grocery Store & Flag Day Parade 101 E. Chance Ala Mer Ocean Shores, WA 98569	Public 1 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Ocean Shores Lions
20	Lowes Home Improvement Warehouse 5610 Corporate Cntr. Dr. SE Lacey, WA 98503	Public 8 a.m.-4p.m.	Lacey Mid-Day Lions
21		Public	Burien Lions
23	NW Airlines Reservation Office 17900 International Blvd. Seattle, WA 98188	Public 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	NW Airlines Reservation Office
26-27		Public	Oak Harbor Lions
30			Everett Central Lions

NW Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing

PZC Mary Jo Cady, District C Trustee



Going Green
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Sights and Sounds is now available in eNews format. All readers are encouraged to **switch to this more convenient way of receiving Foundation news** to save production costs that can be re-routed to charitable sight and hearing projects in Lions communities. **eNews also offers these advantages to you as a reader:**

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- Photos are in full color instead of gray.

Here's how much money the Foundation saves:

At the low-bid price, it costs \$4,170 per quarter to print *Sights & Sounds* and another \$2,000 to mail it at bulk rates. That equals about 70 cents per issue per subscriber. If everyone opts for eNews instead, the Foundation saves almost \$25,000 per year to better spend on Lions Patient Care Grants, the Lions Health Screening Unit, and other Foundation sight and hearing projects.

Log on to: www.nlfoundation.org to sign up for the new format.

My special thanks to all the readers and contributors to the 19C Newsletter for their help and support. I'm looking forward to serving you in Lions year 2009-2010.

Sandy Johnston, 19C Bulletin Editor
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Newsletter Deadline – 20th of Each Month

Real "Hands-On" Lionism

John Kirry, President, NWLERC

It's been a busy spring for NWLERC. We've taken our show on the road to district conferences in Longview, Smokey Point, Tacoma, Yakima and Post Falls ID, as well as the MD-19 Annual convention at Penticton, BC. And at these conferences we pass the message that NWLERC is real "hands-on" Lionism. It's nice to report that more and more clubs are taking that message to heart.

I recently spoke to Aleta Widows of the Connell Lions Club, in Eastern Washington. She wanted to know if a LERC satellite project could help promote club vounteerism. She said her Lions Club was a 25-ish member club that needed to find a project that could ignite the members passion for service as well as provide a much needed social interaction. Other projects had come and gone and a renewal of interest was a high priority.

I explained that NWLERC was a terrific "hands-on" project for any club. By collecting, sorting, processing, and cleaning glasses for shipment to NWLERC, her Lions club is participating in a project that can help itself as well as people half a world away. With the eyeglasses processed by the Connell Lions, children can learn to read, and adults who have never seen clearly can learn new skills. Untold lives are improved as people experience the hope and promise provided by clear vision. And her Lions Club members can come together in the process.

Another club, 7 Lakes from the Arlington area, has just decided to start a satellite for the same reason, and my own club, Gig Harbor, started satellite operations in May. We had a great "Grand Opening" party. We processed glasses for a few hours, and then had a fun club potluck. The social time was pure gold as new and old members united in the common bond of volunteerism. I can't think of a better way to bring a club together.

It's hands-on Lionism at its best.

Special Recognition: I would be remiss if I did not publicly thank Lion Sandy Johnston, the District Bulletin Editor, for her hard word in bringing the good tidings to us on time in such a comprehensive and professional manner. Thank you, Sandy.

DG John Doyle, Jr.

HAPPENINGS AROUND DIST. 19C

Lacey Sunrise Lions Installation Banquet – Saturday, June 6 at Chambers House Restaurant (Panorama City). Social begins at 6 p.m. - Dinner at 7 p.m., 1751 Circle Lane SE in Lacey, WA. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP by June 3 to Beth Davis at anniem@oz.net (phone 360-584-9395)

Spanaway Lions & the Roadrunners Motorcycle Club present the 13th Annual Poker Run – Sunday, June 14. All street legal vehicles



are invited. Start & Finish: Paradise Bowling Center, 12505 Pacific Ave., Tacoma. Sign-up: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.; Last Vehicle Out: 10 a.m.; Course Closes: 3 p.m.; Awards: 3:30 p.m. \$20 Donation per participant. Proceeds support the NW Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation & Spanaway Lions Community Projects. For more info call: Don Bitterling at 253-581-1665 (h) or Dave Bartlett at 253-531-5006 (h).

Lacey Mid-Day Car Show on Saturday, June 20.

The Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 at the Lacey Lowe's parking lot on College and Yelm Highway.

Puyallup Valley Lions Club 19th Annual Golf Tournament - June 5, Brookdale Golf Club in Spanaway. Information call: Scott Hurst, 253-770-1113 or scottphurst@msn.com or Chuck Waid, 253-862-6557 or cbwaid@comcast.net.

Tacoma Downtown Lions Installation Dinner Wednesday, June 17 at Bella Nina's Restaurant in Tacoma. Social is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. To RSVP or get more information please contact PZC Marilyn Danby at mdanby@comcast.net or 253-208-4556.

Federal Way Lions Club Sponsors Annual Volksmarch, June 6 & 7. Weyerhaeuser



Rhododendron Walk. Park & sign-up in Weyerhaeuser's east parking lot. 10k – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 5k - 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 3k – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. FOOD - Breakfast - \$5; Lunch - \$5. Free entry into Rhododendron Garden.

Bonney Lake Lions Lions 4 Kids House

Carol Wells-Reed

Zone C3 Zone Social Hosted by Enumclaw Lions Saturday, June 13, 2 p.m. 'til? Just bring a favorite dish (and a chair). Dress Casual. Hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee & soft drinks will be provided for \$5 per person. BYOB. Lion Em & Lea Bishop's Backyard, 25605 SE 392nd St., Enumclaw, RSVP by June 5 to 360-825-6328 or embishop@comcast.net.

Bonney Lake Lions - will no longer be serving lunch at their meetings (2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month at noon - 1 pm). Please bring your own lunch and join them!

Zone C-1's Beach Party Social - Saturday, June 6, Tacoma Elks Club.

Social is at 5 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. ZC Rick will be announcing the C-1 Lion of the Year. Come cheer on your club's nomination. To RSVP or get more information please contact PZC Marilyn Danby at mdanby@comcast.net or 253-208-4556.



Lacey Sunrise Lions We Serve.....Pizza?

The Lacey Sunrise Lions Club is proud to announce, hopefully, what will be a new fundraiser for years to come. This June 15 Lacey Sunrise Lions is signed up for Monday Night at Mangano's Pizza Night.

It is a great fundraiser where we serve pizza for 4 hours and receive 25% of the profit from the night. The added bonus is that all of the Lacey Sunrise Lions club members that serve get to keep their tips for the club. A great night to sit and have some good food, maybe have a glass of wine and watch club members try to not drop food on the floor!

Here are the details: Monday, June 15, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Mangano's Italian Ristorante 8879 Martin Way E., Lacey, WA 98516, (360) 456-2212. For parties of 6 or more please call in advance for reservations. Please come support their club!

LIONS 4 Kids: Prom Project: Courtesy of our third annual Prom Project, when our last prom ends on May 29th we will have had the joy to send 35 senior boys and girls from five local high schools to their proms. The students must be low-income seniors on track to graduate, in good standing and referred by their school counselors. The students receive tuxes, gowns, tickets, flowers, photos, professional hair and makeup design and pampering by many generous community fairy godmothers and godfathers. To watch the transformation from their everyday personas into gorgeous Cinderellas and handsome Cindfellas is an unparalleled delight, especially when we realize that without the kindness and generosity of our communities these kids would be unable to attend this landmark high school event for reasons that are far beyond their control. This program has provided many "goosebump moments".

College 4 Kids: We are delighted to be kicking off our new College 4 Kids program! The State of Washington offers the "College Bound" scholarships to children who qualify for free or reduced lunch programs, maintain a 2.0 gpa and avoid criminal activities from the time they enroll in the program in 7th or 8th grades until high school graduation. While the schools send information home with the students early each school year, many, many children are not applying for a host of reasons just now being uncovered.

Because this is such an important benefit we at Lions 4 Kids House have perused our client cards and discovered we have *over 200 students* who qualify for this incredible opportunity for a fully-paid four-year college scholarship at any Washington college or university. This year's 8th and 9th graders must apply for the program prior to June 30th or they will be ineligible for the program, so we are contacting each student personally and encouraging them to apply. In the future when the families come to the clothing bank for resources we will also be able to provide cheers, encouragement and incentives for the applicants to keep going.

Thank You DG John & Marlene for an Amazing Year!

Since we've begun our programs 2 1/2 years ago we have seen improved report cards and attendance among many of "Our Kids" so we know we are making a difference. It is incredibly exciting to know that we could also provide the seeds of determination that enable a child to attain a higher education and the potential of a better future. Many come from backgrounds of generational poverty -- we aim to change that, one child at a time.

Children Served: We opened our doors in September 2006 and that first school year had visits by 635 children. (Monthly numbers are counted by the actual number of children served. Annual numbers are counted by "visits" since the children may return once each calendar month to replenish personal care supplies and replace worn or outgrown clothing".) Last school year we had 1650 visits. With 3 1/2 months left in this school year we just surpassed 1700 visits. August is our busiest month of the year as we are outfitting kids for Back to School. In August 2008 we saw 333 children and we are gearing up to assist between 450 and 500 children this year.

With over 4000 children qualifying for free or reduced lunch programs in the five small school districts that make up our "service area" we are barely scratching the surface of the need. But we are reaching out and touching many children that would otherwise be targets of ridicule and derision by their peers which impacts their lives far beyond the classroom. The generous support of our communities enable us to do what we do. We Serve!



DGE Dave & Jacqueline Pratt with DG John & Marlene Doyle
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