



NPOV Lions Club Newsletter August 2008



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Have a Happy & Safe Vacation!

The members of the North Pend Oreille Valley Lions Club are now enjoying their well-deserved summer vacation. There are no regular meetings scheduled for this month.

There is one special meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 6:00 PM to critique this year's Down River Days. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. The purpose is to help us make next year's event even better than this year's.

Even though we're on vacation, please don't forget that to sign up with Lion Bob Shanklin to host a ride or two for the Labor Day Train Rides—Saturday, August 30 at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM and Sunday, August 31 at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM Remember, these rides begin and end at Metaline Falls as part of the Affair on Main Street celebration.



MEETING NOTES

Railroad/ Depot News

During the July 3, 2008 regular meeting, a work party was scheduled for July 12 to get the train spruced up for the Down River Days rides. It was noted that since the Kinsellas are moving away, we will need someone to adopt their railroad car. The adoptive Lion is responsible for seeing that maintenance work is done throughout the season. They aren't expected to do all the work themselves, but would be the one(s) to coordinate with other Lion volunteers. Please let Lion Bob Shanklin know if you are interested in adopting a train car.

Fundraising

“9 for K-9” Golf Event: It was reported that this year's event raised \$550.15 for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Thanks for “chipping in”, Lions!

White Cane Days: It was reported that over \$200,000 was collected by Multiple District 19 for White Cane Days this year. North Pend Oreille Vally Lions raised and donated \$677.00 from White Cane Days.

Down River Days was a success again this year. At the time this bulletin went to press, information on the net funds raised was not available. More information will be forthcoming in the September Bulletin.

The Bicycle Breakfast was served on July 31. Lions were on hand at Box Canyon Dam warehouse to start preparing breakfast at 4:30 AM and opened the chow line at 6:00 AM. We had plenty of helping hands (even some Selkirk students thanks to Susan Vermuelen) and the breakfast was a big hit with the riders. We will be getting a break next year. The event organizers rotate tour routes over the years so that the event stays fresh for the riders. The event raised about \$1200 this year (thanks to an extra \$500 donation from the event organizers).



Other News

NPOV Lions recently experienced vandalism at our depot. Four vandals broke into the depot through the West double doors - damaging them to the point that they will need to be replaced. They broke into the office, stole beer, wine, and snacks from the kitchen, and broke a motion light on the outside deck. They also ruined a door to a restroom on one of the open cars. These geniuses left plenty of fingerprints around the scene and were seen by several witnesses, as a result of which all have been rounded up. One, who is old enough to be considered an adult (chronologically only), has been arrested, two are now in juvenile detention, and one is in the custody of his parents. It is not likely that the club will get any compensation from the vandals or their parents.

Lion Laura Wintersteen-Arleth recently reported, at a District Governor's Cabinet meeting, that clubs in District 19E donated \$11,000 to local diabetes camps - Camp Fun in the Sun and Camp STIX. Lion Laura served as camp director for Camp STIX. NPOV Lions sponsored one of the 95 kids who attended Camp STIX this year. Our District has an opportunity to purchase Bear Paw Camp where Camp STIX is held. The camp could also be used for camps for kids with disabilities or could be reserved for club planning retreats. Watch for more news on this topic.

If you include a trip to the North Idaho Fair and Rodeo this month (August 20–24) keep an eye out for the Lions food booth. Several clubs in our District will be hosting a refreshment booth as a fundraiser. There's an opportunity to get a snack or lunch while helping other clubs serve their communities.

The Multiple District Fall Forum is being held in Osoyoos, BC on October 3 and 4, 2008. There will be lots to see and do and many new friends to meet. The theme for the event is “Back to School” and the event will be held at the Sonora Community Centre - formerly a school. A registration form with information on hotel accommodations is included with this bulletin.

Start planning for next year's District 19E Spring Conference—April 17–19, 2009. It will be held at Templin's Red Lion Inn at Post Falls, Idaho. The theme for Fun Nite will be “Gold Rush Days” so start collecting items for your costume now. Rumor has it that the Panhandle Polecats have been booked for entertainment on Friday night.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

During the July 3 regular meeting, members voted to approve the following community projects for the 2008-2009 Lion Year:

- Donation to First Book for the purchase of books for disadvantaged kids;
- Donation to the Metaline Cemetery for purchase of a lawn mower;
- Donation to Fire District #2 for purchase of equipment and furniture for the new station at Tiger;
- Donation to the Cutter Theater to add lighting on auditorium aisle steps;
- Donation to the Metaline Fire Department for purchase of a garage door opener for the engine bay;
- Pend Oreille River Fish Net Pen, Sullivan Lake Fish Net Pen, and Sweet Creek Pilot Aquaculture Projects;



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- Purchase of banners for Main Street in Ione;
- Donation to Boy Scout Troop #935 for camping equipment and construction of a soapbox car track;
- And a donation to the Tiger Historical Center for repairs of their water system.

Lion Gayle Pollock has reported receipt of a letter confirming that the Lions Health Screening Unit (LHSU) will be here September 11, 2008 to provide vision and hearing test for all students in the area. If you will be available to help staff a testing station at the LHSU that day, please contact Lion Gayle Pollock and let her know.

MEMBERSHIP

During the July 17, 2008 regular meeting, Lion Brandy Thomas was elected to serve as Treasurer. Please be sure to provide Lion Brandy with receipts for any materials purchased for approved projects—sign the receipts and put a note on it stating what the project is.

Lion Dick Norton was formally installed as our new President by Past Zone Chairman Bill Seebach.

Welcome new members Rob and Kay Payne, sponsored by Lion Bob Shanklin. Lions Rob and Kay and Lion Lynn Hofstad were inducted during the July 17 regular meeting. Be sure to visit with our newest members and take them up on their offers of help.

Prospective members Jeff King and Cindy Daggett were introduced to the club during the July 17 meeting, but were already known to many members. Jeff and Cindy have already been lending a hand with the train rides.

A Bon Voyage reception for Lions Karen and Kevin Kinsella was held on August 3 at the Lions Depot. It was very well attended, which shows that they have touched many people in the community. We will anxiously await their return to our area.

Happy Birthday wishes to the following Lions:

Lori Adamson-Deming

Rob Payne

Eric Hofstad

Jack Sherry

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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| August 14, 2008 | Special meeting to critique Down River Days; begins at 6:00 PM at the Lions Depot. All are invited to attend. |
| August 23, 2008 | First meeting of Zone E-8 cabinet (club president, secretary, membership chair & anyone else who is interested). This meeting will be held at Zone Chairman John Bowles' home in Balfour, BC, beginning at 10:00 AM. Contact Lion Secretary Kim Di Rienz if you would like to carpool. |
| August 30–31, 2008 | Labor Day Train Rides. Saturday rides are at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm and Sunday rides are at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Contact Lion Bob Shanklin to sign up to host a ride or two (or more!). |