



NPOV Lions Club Newsletter October 2008



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Road Trips!

Past Zone Chairmen (PZC) Bill Seebach and Kim Di Rienz visited the Kootenay Slocan Lions Club on September 17. They enjoyed a wonderful salmon dinner and reconnected with old friends. They were also added to the program for the evening and shared information about the train rides (and schedules too).

We will be scheduling a trip to pick up the donated speeder cars. Lion President Dick will be contacting the donor for details. Lions Bob Shanklin and Rob Payne both have their own speeder cars and have offered the use of their trailers for hauling our new acquisitions.

MEETING NOTES

Railroad/Depot News

Lion Bob Shanklin reported on upcoming events involving the railroad. There is a special ride that is lionmeetingnotesAt the September 4 regular meeting, Lion Kim Cress' hard work and dedication to the behind-the-scenes support of the train rides (website and reservation management) was fully recognized and appreciated. The members felt, however, that she has been overworking herself for years and it is time to give her a well-deserved break. The club will look at alternatives for processing reservations for next season that will reduce the level of stress for club members and will include the ability to accept credit and debit card payments.

It was reported that in the frenzy to prepare for the Labor Day Train Rides, errors in train ride times were posted on the answering machine and on the website and as a result people arrived at the Busta Park depot on Sunday expecting a 3:00 PM ride. The members approved a motion to have complimentary tickets on hand at the depot so that folks at the ticket office can offer them as "compensation" to individuals who are negatively impacted by Lions train ride activities or schedule changes.

It was reported that the club will be receiving a guaranteed payment for the special ride that will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 23. We will need Hosts for this special ride. Please contact Lion Bob Shanklin or Carolyn Myers to sign up as a host.

Depot Management

Lion Curt Lynn has stepped down as Depot Management Chair after many years of dedicated service. Many thanks to Lion Curt for giving up so much of his time and energy to make sure the depot is well maintained! Lion Larry Deming has offered to take over as Chair of the Depot Management committee. Please be sure to give Lion Larry a helping hand whenever you can.

Lion President Dick Norton is looking into options for installing a security system at the depot. We have experienced vandalism over the years that justifies the need for additional security. Lion Kim Cress shared the security tip that a bank of lights be left on in the depot at all times - this allows anyone outside the depot to see if someone is inside.



Website

It was reported that someone outside of the club has volunteered to update our website. Our current website has been extremely useful and is still functional, but is beginning to show it's age.

Fundraising

At the September 4 regular meeting, Lion Susan Mason was presented with a White Cane Days pin in recognition of her service as Chair of that fundraising event.

It has been reported that the contribution of recipes for the Lions Souvenir Cookbook has been extremely poor. Lions Susan Mason and Lori Deming have really been digging to come up with recipes. A suggestion was made that the request for recipes be broadened to include all communities. If you have a recipe (or many) to contribute to the cookbook, please get them to Lion Susan or Lion Lori.

Lion Carol Stone has reported that \$121.90 was recently collected from mint sales. Lion Carol reported that the effort necessary to maintain the collection stations far outweighs the funds generated by this activity. When the current supply of mints is exhausted, the club will discontinue this fundraising activity.

Lion Marita Norton reminded members that work will begin on refurbishing the Christmas Greeting Boards. Lion Bud Sargent has agreed to cut out a third wooden tree to be used. Anyone with ideas on how to improve the appearance of the greeting boards should contact Lion Marita.

Other News

Lion Treasurer Brandy Thomas provided a draft budget to the members at the September 18 meeting for their review and requested that any proposed changes to the draft budget be submitted to her as soon as possible.

There will be only one meeting in October due to the busy train ride schedule. We will meet on Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 PM There will be time to socialize prior to the meeting. This will be the District Governor's Official Visit and is a spouse/guest night.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Health Screening

Lion Gayle Pollock reported that the Lions Health Screening Unit was in our community on Thursday, September 11. This was the fourth year the van was here. They screened 274 students. Lion Gayle thanked Lions Cheryl Chalfant, Lynn Hofstad, and Larry Pollock for their help with the screening. Also helping were Julius Gage and Audrey Reeves.

Metaline Cemetary

Tori Reeves reported to the club that the Metalines Cemetery was able to purchase a new lawnmower for less than the amount they were funded. She submitted a request that the surplus funds be authorized for use in landscaping around the new gazebo. The members approved the request.



MEMBERSHIP

A special election was held during the September 4 regular meeting to fill the positions of 2-Year Board Member and Tail Twister. Lion Marita Norton was unanimously elected to fill the position of 2-Year Board Member and Lion Cheryl Chalfant was unanimously elected to fill the position of Tail Twister.

The following new club officers were installed during the September 18 regular meeting:

- Brandy Thomas - Treasurer
- Gayle Pollock - 1-Year Board Member
- Marita Norton - 2-Year Board Member
- Valarie BrooksBollers - 2-Year Board Member
- Cheryl Chalfant - Tail Twister

During the September 18 regular meeting, Past Zone Chairman Kim Di Rienz inducted new members Jeff King and Cindy Daggett. Be sure to welcome our newest members.

During the September 18 regular meeting, Lion Harley Young was presented with a membership chevron for his 25-years of service as a member of the North Pend Oreille Valley Lions Club.

Happy Birthday wishes to the following Lions:

Marita Norton

Dale Thomas

Rick Stone

MONTHLY CALENDAR

October 4 & 5, 2008 Second Autumn Colors Train Ride. Rides on each day at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 3:00 PM. Rides originate from Ione. Contact Lion Carolyn Myers to sign up to Host some rides.

October 11–12, 2008 Third Autumn Colors Train Ride. Rides on each day at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 3:00 PM. Rides originate from Ione. Contact Lion Carolyn Myers to sign up to Host some rides.

October 16, 2008 Board meeting immediately prior to the regular meeting. Board meeting will begin at 6:00 PM at the Lions Depot in Ione.

October 16, 2008 Regular club meeting and Official Visit by District Governor Jerry Flood. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM at the Lions Depot in Ione. Come a bit early to socialize. This is a Spouse/Guest night so bring along a friend.

October 18–19, 2008 Fourth (and final) Autumn Colors Train Ride. This is also the Great Pumpkin Ride. Hosts and passengers are encouraged to wear costumes. Adoptive parents of train cars are asked to decorate their car for Halloween.

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SPECIAL NOTE

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has reopened Gardner Caves during our train ride weekends. Please let folks know that they are offering tours of the caves on Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 AM, noon, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM There is no charge for the tours, but contributions are gratefully accepted.