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# LIVE LIKE A LION

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## 2016-2017: Who's What, Who's New A Club that's Jellin' Just Keeps on Swellin'

With the Installation event under our belts (*and given the culinary delights spread out for us, the event truly is under our belts*) the next twelve months begs the question - What now?

But before that can be addressed we'll take a look at what we have to work with, now that the new and continuing officers have accepted their responsibilities and have been installed via our Rose Passion ceremony. The Rose Passion is so dubbed for Dan Comsia. Both he and his lovely wife Cheryl are former members of Lakewood First Lions Club, but transferred their membership to Puyallup where they reside and work. Dan has a passion for growing roses and, while still a member of our club, initiated a ceremony presenting a different rose to each new officer as



DeAnne Bennett (L), installed as the continuing president of LFL, is presented with the bouquet of roses by Dan Comsia

they are installed to their position. Each officer then places his/her rose in a vase.

The final

installation is for the member elected president. Upon accepting the office the vase of flowers is presented to the president as a token of the duty to the club accepted by each new officer.

In all there were installations of eleven officers that will be charged with taking the club into the next 12 twelve months of operations. While it is considered best to draw new members

into positions of leadership to insure a more experienced club with greater prospects for a solid path ahead, it can also be said that experienced leadership will be more sure-handed, more confident and perhaps more able to consider positive changes. Whatever may be most advantageous we are fortunate to be able to call on both. A sprinkling of fresh staffing with experienced members continuing on in familiar positions surely will be able to advance the club's agenda and continue to grow its membership.

As important as each officer installation is, probably more important and more telling of the future prospects for the club is the formal induction of new members. It is not always the case that new members are available for induction at an installation ceremony, but this occasion was highlighted by four new members, though only two were available to attend. But the signs



New members to the club were inducted during the installation ceremony. Each new member was accompanied by her sponsor. Left to right are: DeAnne Bennett, sponsor for new member Lynette Destefano; Dan Comsia, officiating; new member Lynda Johnson, sponsored by Nancy Burri.

are more promising than has been seen in many years. A club that's jellin' will keep on swellin'.

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**2016 Installation, continued**

The club has in fact been swellin' lately, with considerable credit belonging to Jan McCaffrey who, as membership chairperson, kept the issue to the forefront. She has been asked to continue in that role for upcoming year. In addition she has agreed to take on the important position of Club Secretary.

Mike Brandstetter will be the club's 1st vice president. During the event he announced he had to leave to fly out to help his father and couldn't stay for the ceremonies.

Jillian Klingenberg has a remarkable record with the club and this year has agreed to take on the responsibilities of treasure.

Dennis Higashiyama will continue in the role of community director for next year, but shortly thereafter will be retiring and leaving Lakewood.

Nancianne Anderson will continue as director



Jan McCaffrey will continue as membership director, but will do double duty in the role of secretary.



Jillian Klingenberg will take on the responsibilities o treasurer.



Nancianne Anderson maintains the position of youth director



Dennis Higashiyama accepted for another year the job of community director.



of youth programs and Jan Rich (not pictured) will maintain her role as director of senior issues.

Bob Allen and Roger Martin (above) will share tail twister functions and Martin (R) will also share Lion tamer tasks with Pete Piotrowski.



Ed Kane will continue in the public relations position and webmaster.



Sally Saunders (front center) received grateful appreciation and applause for her generous sharing of her home and her hard work serving as host for the installation party.



Virginia Gonnason (R) receives her Lion pin at the Monday meeting. Pining her is her sponsor Kathie Theoe. Below, Chris Lawler of the Lakewood Police Department receives his pin from sponsor Eric Warn. Both new members Lawler and Gonnason were unable to attend the installation event days earlier and were inducted at the Monday meeting.



The highlight of the evening came when our president was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship for her total dedication to the club, and her tireless efforts to tackle the responsibilities of president so early in her Lions experience.



Former President and Co-President Eric Warn is smiling at the thought of stepping down to the lowly status of Immediate Past President.

### 2016-17 Leadership

President .....	DeAnne Bennett
Immediate Past President .....	Eric Warn
1st Vice President.....	Mike Brandstetter
Secretary .....	Jan McCaffrey
Trasurer.....	Jillian Klingenberg
Membership.....	Jan McCaffrey
Community Director .....	Dennis Higashiyama
Youth Director .....	Nancianne Anderson
Senior Director .....	Jan Rich
Tail Twister .....	Bob Allen
Tail Twister .....	Roger Martin
Lion Tamer .....	Pete Piotrowski
Lion Tamer .....	Roger Martin
Public Relations .....	Ed Kane

## Vision & Hearing Testing Schedule

The following schedule is for the 2016-17 season. Most, if not all appointments are set, so you can go through and pick schools and dates to suit your needs and availability. Please contact Jeff Rich at bugled42@hotmail.com to sign up to volunteer.

Wednesday, August 31, 9 am  
Notes: 700 students  
Four Heroes Elementary  
9191 Lakewood Dr SW, Lakewood

Thursday, September 1, 9 am  
Notes: 300 students  
Dower Elementary  
7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood

Thursday, September 8, 9 am  
Notes: 600 students  
Rainier Elementary  
2410 Stryker Ave, JBLM

Tuesday, September 13, 8 am  
Notes: early departure, 40 students  
Anderson Island Elementary (Dupont Lions)  
13005 Camus Rd, Anderson Island

Thursday, September 15, 9 am  
Notes: 600 students  
Meriwether Elementary  
10285 Compass Ave, JBLM

Monday, September 19, 9 am  
Notes:  
Custer Elementary  
7801 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood

Friday, September 30, 9am  
Notes:  
Tyee Park Elementary  
11920 Seminole Rd SW, Lakewood

Tuesday, October 4, 9 am  
Notes: 300 students  
Park Lodge Elementary  
6300 100th St SW, Lakewood

Wednesday, October 5, 9 am  
Notes:  
Hudtloff Middle School  
8102 Phillips Rd SW, Lakewood

Tue, Wed, Thu, Oct 11, 12, 13  
Notes: 600 students  
Chloe Clark Elementary  
1700 Palisades Blvd, DuPont

Tue, October 18, 9 am  
Notes:  
Salters Elementary  
908 3rd St, Steilacoom

Tuesday, November 1, 9 am  
Notes:  
Cherrydale Elementary  
1201 Galloway St, Steilacoom

## Submitted Fundraising Ideas

Nancieanne Anderson has compiled the following list of ideas for raising funds for our community programs. Check the list and give some thought as to which programs you think would work and how. This issue will be covered in an upcoming meeting and your input will be critical.

1. Multi-Family garage Sale
2. Round Table pizza takeover/family and community
3. Applebee's takeover
4. Fun walk/run — Fort Steilacoom Park
5. Summerfest booth
6. Legal flower pot sales
7. Dog walk
8. Sponsor 5K-10K Walk/Run
9. Bike Race or ride
10. Sales of something at Farmers Market
11. Farmers Market at Lkwd/Stlcoom (root beer floats?)
12. Pancake breakfast Applebee's
13. Raffle autographed Seahawk items
14. Pipin Pie Fundraiser
15. Garage Sale
16. Holiday Wreaths
17. Spaghetti Feed
18. Car Wash
19. Leave money in will
20. Ask money from Fire Department and Police
21. Sell Candy
22. Donate Books so can sell to 1/2 Price Books
23. Work at Mariners Stadium selling food for profit
24. Partner with other Lions Club for bigger fund raiser
25. Walkathons- walk 100 mile for pledges,
26. Ask local Businesses to donate
27. Farmers market crafts or food
28. Fishing tournament
29. Sell Xmas trees or fireworks
30. Write grants
31. Make purchases w/Amazon Smile — Fred Meyers
32. Order of the Garry Oak Recognition program
33. Sell Coupon Books at the Bon

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## Fit for Fundraising?

The club now will wade into the always difficult task of developing and/or fine tuning ideas for our current primary fund raiser as well as ideas for supplementary fund raisers. Developing something genuinely unique can take years for the public to warm to and cost money to develop and market. These are issues every club struggles with. Every great idea brought to fruition eventually becomes same-old, same-old. Does the idea truly become old, or do members just want to change the pace or the concept?

Is there an idea above that can provide tasks to fit all members and their natural task skills? Asking for money from friends and acquaintances is a hurdle most Lions members find uncomfortable. They will need to be contributors in their own way. We have a largely new membership. Learning each individual's skills and comfort zones will contribute to building a strong club and an environment based on mutual respect.