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Miss Washington



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Golden Ear Days is coming Sept. 27-28

**Organize now
by picking a
chairman and
setting your goal.**

Amanda Beers didn't let a hearing loss stop her from becoming Miss Washington, 2002. See her message on page 8.

Sights & Sounds

Siblings receive the gift of sound



Sawyer Griffin, age 5 and sister Tess, 2.

“Sawyer, do you want to hear what the TV sounds like?” That’s how Christine Griffin introduced her five-year-old son to his new digital hearing aids. Maybe it was the inspired introduction or the fact that he got to choose the color (red), but Christine reports Sawyer has claimed complete ownership of the aids, right down to changing the batteries himself when they need it.

Since receiving the aids last October through a **Patient Care Grant** from the **Bellingham Central Lions Club** and the **Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight**

& Hearing, Sawyer has also shown great progress in daily life and kindergarten. “My husband Steve and I couldn’t be prouder of him,” says Mom.

Now Sawyer has a new job to learn — serving as a role model for his younger sister, Tess. The two-year-old received her own state-of-the-art BTE hearing aids several months ago. Again the aids came courtesy of a Patient Care Grant given in equal partnership between the Bellingham Central Lions and your Foundation. Fred June, Hearing and Sight Chairman for the Bellingham Club, says he can’t think of a single higher use for his Club’s half of the cost than to invest it in a family like the Griffins.

“I can’t tell you how many times Christine has thanked me for our help and asked if there’s anything she can do to help our Club in return,” he says. “This is a single-income family with all the same expenses that the rest of us have, plus the cost of all this extra care for the kids. They deserve all the help we can give them.”

This summer the Bellingham Central Lions Club and your Foundation will team up again for a third Patient Care Grant, this time for a cordless FM system that will link Sawyer’s hearing aids to a tiny microphone and transmitter worn by his teacher. The system will act like a private radio station that broadcasts the teacher’s words to Sawyer at sufficient volume to be clearly understood. The combined cost for the three grants is over five thousand dollars.

“I used to think the Lions just did eyeglasses,” says Christine. When I found out that you might be able to help us with hearing aids, I was surprised. Also relieved because our insurance through Steve’s work doesn’t cover them. Now I’m more than surprised; I’m amazed. Your help changed Sawyer and Tess’ lives. We are so indebted to your cause.”

Remember: Money raised during Golden Ear Days makes Patient Care Grants possible. Your help makes the difference. ■

“Sawyer, do you want to hear what the TV sounds like?”

What the money does

The *Patient Care Grant* story on page one and the related story immediately below are great examples of the kind of *Northwest Lions Foundation hearing programs* that *Golden Ear Days* supports. So are the *LEAP* story on this page and the "Lift off" *Special Project Grant* story on page three. Money raised in this campaign also helps support the *Lions Health Screening Unit*.

"Pick up your coat."

No, the headline isn't a printer's error. If he heard them at all, the faint words above are probably how all those "requests" that adults are always making sounded to young Sawyer Griffin.

And it was the resulting lack of response that led parents Christine and Steve to take their five-year-old son in for a hearing test. "We thought we were just ruling out a hearing problem before we went to work on the behavioral issues," remembers Christine. "We were shocked when it turned out he really COULDN'T hear us."

Sawyer's test results showed a "moderate hearing loss." While that clinical description doesn't sound bad, it means that without his hearing aids, Sawyer can only understand conversational speech at a distance of three to five feet. If voices are not in his line of vision, he misses as much as 50 percent of what is being said. Imagine trying to learn new vocabulary and new language concepts when only half of the words are coming through!

Sadly, the delay in discovering Sawyer's hearing loss is not unusual. The Griffins did well to think of having the testing done on their own, and they have met every new challenge since to provide Sawyer with the support he needs. In the process, they have learned that their family has some lost time to make up. Studies consistently show the importance of diagnosing and beginning treatment for hearing problems within the first six months of birth. Think how much easier the Griffins task might be now if the hospital where Sawyer was born had made it a standard practice to conduct hearing tests on all newborns!

That is the exact mission of **LEAP (Lions Early Assessment Program)**, a Northwest Lions Foundation hearing program. The story to the immediate right gives details on the excellent progress being made.

Golden Ear Days:



photo by Lion Toby Hillier

Orcas Island Lions and SHHH partners celebrate last year's Golden Ear Days in front of Island Market in Eastsound. From left, Chairperson Susan Kosiur, SHHH volunteer Grace Kidder, and Lions Ida Rae McDonald and Fred Granger.

Led by a member who knows firsthand the challenges that come with being profoundly hard-of-hearing, the **Orcas Island Lions Club** received the *Most Inspirational* award for the 2001 **Golden Ear Days (GED)** Campaign.

Now, in just its second year of participation, the Club won't be resting on its laurels. Its 2002 fundraising goal of \$1,500 would shatter last year's total of \$1,133, and an inspiring challenge by Club Golden Ear Days Chair Susan Kosiur would raise the final total to \$1,875. As an incentive for her Club to succeed, Kosiur has pledged to personally contribute 25 cents (up to a maximum of \$375) for each dollar the Club raises, IF and WHEN the \$1,500 goal is reached.

Born with severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss, Kosiur's personal experiences leave her with a crystal clear understanding of the importance of **Golden Ear Days**. "I'm one of the lucky ones," she says. "Growing up, my family had the financial resources to get me the help I needed to avoid being left behind in a world that just assumes you can hear. The hearing programs that **Golden Ear Days** supports give a fighting chance to children and adults with the same challenges as me, but not the same resources." ■

Hospitals get LEAP grants

Thanks to **LEAP (Lions Early Assessment Program)** grants from the **Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing**, three hospitals in Eastern Washington can now do hearing tests on all babies born in their facilities.

Okanogan-Douglas District Hospital in Brewster (\$8,000) and **Lake Chelan Community Hospital** in Chelan (\$5,000) received Foundation grants to establish new screening programs. **Sacred Heart Medical Center** in Spokane received \$5,000 to implement all-infant screening in addition to the high-risk infant screening that it does already.

When the Foundation joined with **Children's Hospital** in 1999 to advocate early assessment screenings, only 14 of the 78 birthing hospitals in Washington State did routine hearing assessment tests for newborns. Now, three years later, 37 hospitals do routine screenings, and the percentage of newborns that receive testing has increased from seven to 42 percent.

Research shows that a newborn who is diagnosed and gets treatment for hearing problems within six months will perform significantly better in terms of speech, cognitive, social, and emotional development than a child who is diagnosed and treated at a later age. By the time a child with hearing loss graduates from high school, more than \$400,000 can be saved in special education costs if the child is identified early and given appropriate educational, medical, and audiological services.

Note: *The Foundation wishes to thank the Spokane Shadle Lions Club (\$300) and the Community Foundation of North Central Washington (\$2,000) for their help in providing these grants.* ■

Clubs set 2002 goals

Here are some things the Orcas Island Lions did to succeed in 2001, as well as innovations they will be adding this year:

- A month prior to the start of its campaign, the Orcas Island Club sent its own news release to area newspapers in combination with the one provided in the Golden Ear Days campaign packets. Besides providing a local connection, the Club's release gave details on its campaign location.
- Recruited the Orcas Island Chapter of SHHH (Self Help for the Hard of Hearing) to join in the campaign. Golden Ear Days on Orcas Island ended up being a partnership where half of the participants were Lions and half were members of the SHHH organization.
- **New this year:** To increase success, the Club plans to run a shopping raffle of items donated by businesses. The sample business letter and a "tip sheet" included in the Golden Ear Days campaign packet will provide the Club with the resources it needs to encourage participation from local businesses.

Orcas Island was just one among many Lions Clubs who enjoyed great 2001 Golden Ear Days campaigns. Here are some success stories and campaign tips from other Clubs.

YAKIMA LIONS CLUB - \$2,900 CONTRIBUTION IN 2001, up from \$1,000 the year before. "Some very generous Lions left money in the Club's trust fund to be spent for sight and hearing and other projects," said VDG and Club member Barbara Dower. "As their investment has grown, so has our awareness of what Foundation hearing programs accomplish. This Club is very serious about responding to Helen Keller's charge to be 'Knights of the Blind AND the Hearing Impaired.'"

CHEWELAH VALLEY LIONS CLUB - 2002 GOAL OF \$826. The Club wants to beat last year's contribution of \$726 by one hundred dollars. To accomplish this, it is considering the possibility of adding a second campaign location. One location or two, Lion Matthew Yarnell guarantees this: "We'll be out there with smiles on our faces and friendly greetings, and we'll hand out GED stickers and promote Lionism and the NW Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing to everybody who comes by."

WENATCHEE CENTRAL LIONS CLUB - CONTRIBUTED \$1,200 to the 2001 Golden Ear Days Campaign, a 20 percent increase from the year before. "We feel that the hearing aspect is important, just as sight is," said Bob Bradford, Club member and Past Council Chairman. "That's why we have committed to supporting Golden Ear Days at a higher level than ever before."

These success stories are just a few of many. "As more Lions learn about the isolating effects of hearing loss and see the difference that Foundation hearing programs make in their communities, they are increasing their effort and commitment to Golden Ear Days," said Michael Feltman, NLFSD Director of Development. ■

Lift off!

Temporarily stuck on the ground, organizers for an international convention for the hearing impaired used a **Special Project Grant** from the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing to achieve "lift off" for a children's workshop at the Boeing Museum of Flight.

"Our entire conference was geared toward families," said John Allen, chairman of the local organizing committee for the 17th International Self Help for Hard of Hearing People Convention held June 21-24 in Seattle. "We wanted to offer an enjoyable learning experience for the kids. The Museum of Flight was perfect, but we needed assistive listening equipment that the museum doesn't have."

At the urging of fellow committee member Robert "Woody" Woods (*Lakewood First Lions Club*), Allen asked the Foundation for help. The Foundation responded with a \$2,000 Special Project Grant for the purchase of 14 assistive listening devices. Essentially pocket radios that pick up an FM signal from tiny microphones and transmitters worn by workshop leaders, the devices enabled young participants to draw full enjoyment from workshop activities like the simulated Challenger rocket launch.



Assistive listening devices purchased with a NLFSD Special Project Grant made it possible to hold a workshop for hearing impaired children at the Boeing Museum of Flight.

"Everyone had a blast," reports Allen. "We can't thank the Foundation enough for its role in making our workshop a success."

Note: *With the conference over, the Washington State Association – Self Help for the Hard of Hearing (WASA-SHHH) will continue to make good use of these assistive listening devices by loaning them out for use at other public meetings or workshops.*

"When you're blind you lose touch with things, but when you're deaf you lose touch with people."

- Helen Keller

Sights & Sounds

Thank you to everyone who gave the gifts of sight & sound
(Contributions made March 28 through July 11, 2002)

We greatly appreciate your gifts to the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing. If our records are incorrect, please notify Rachel at (800) 847-5786.

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Kelso Lions, *WCD
Mansfield Lions, *WCD
Mercer Island Lions, *WCD
Millwood Lions, *WCD
Morton Sr. & Jr. High & Morton Elementary School, *WCD
Morton Lions, *WCD
Moses Lake East Lions, *WCD
Mount Vernon Lions, *WCD
Mukilteo Lions, *WCD
North Pend Oreille Valley Lions, *WCD
Osburn Lions, *WCD
Othello Lions, *WCD
Port Angeles Lions, *WCD
ProAction Foundation, *WCD
Pullman Lions, *WCD
Puyallup South Hill Lions, *WCD
Rathdrum Lions, *WCD
Redmond Lions, *WCD
in memory of John Way
Renton Highlands Lions, *WCD
Richland Central Lions, *WCD
Rochester Lions, *WCD
Seattle First Hill Lions, *WCD
Seattle Lady Lions, *WCD
Seattle Lake City Lions, *WCD
Seattle Queen Anne-Magnolia Lions, *WCD

Sedro Woolley Lions, *WCD
Shell Oil Products US - Puget Sound Refinery
Rick Shrewsbury, *WCD
in honor of Judy De Paoli and Whitey Gann
Silverdale Dandy Lions, *WCD
Silverdale Sunrise Lions, *WCD
Spanaway Lions, *WCD
Spokane North Lions, *WCD
Spokane Shadle Lions, *WCD
Spokane Suburban North Lions, *WCD
Spokane West Valley Lions, *WCD
Carol Suguro
Sunnyside Lions, *WCD
Tacoma Downtown Lions, *WCD
Tieton Lions, *WCD
in memory of Ralph Stevens
Vancouver Lions, *WCD
Walla Walla Eastgate Lions, *WCD
West Seattle Lions, *WCD
Willapa Harbor Lions, *WCD
Yakima Terrace Heights Lions, *WCD
Yelm Lions, *WCD
Zillah Lions, *WCD
LEAP \$1,000 to \$2,499
Auburn Noon Lions, *WCD
Bellevue Lions, *WCD
Bellevue East Hills Lions, *WCD
Bremerton Chief Kitsap Lions, *WCD
Burien Sea-Tac Lions, *WCD
Camas Lions, *WCD
Castle Rock Lions, *WCD
Central Park Lions, *WCD
Chehalis Lions, *WCD
Chewelah Valley Lions, *WCD
Clearwater-Kalaloch Lions, *WCD
Coeur d'Alene Lions, *WCD
Columbia Crest Lions, *WCD
Concrete Lions, *WCD
Cosmopolis Lions, *WCD
Eastonville Lions, *WCD
Elma McCleary Lions, *WCD
Enumclaw Lions, *WCD
Everett North Lions, *WCD
Everson Lions, *WCD
Federal Way Lions, *WCD
Fort Vancouver Lions, *WCD
Grand Coulee Dam Lions, *WCD
Granite Falls Lions, *WCD
Harrington Lions, *WCD
Hood Canal Lions, *WCD
Kennewick Lions, *WCD
Kent Lions, *WCD
Lacey Mid-Day Lions, *WCD
Lacey Sunrise Lions, *WCD
Lake Chelan Lions, *WCD
Lakewood Knights Lions, *WCD
Russell & Marjorie Jones, *WCD
Longview Monticello Lions, *WCD
Lynden Lions, *WCD
Mineral Lake Lions, *WCD
Montesano Lions, *WCD
Moses Lake Lions, *WCD
Naches Lions, *WCD
in memory of Robert Tenney
North Mason Lions, *WCD
Oak Harbor Lions, *WCD
Ocean Shores Lions, *WCD
Olympia Host Lions, *WCD
Port Orchard Lions, *WCD
in memory of William Flowers
Post Falls Lions, *WCD
Poulsbo Lions, *WCD
in memory of William Rudolph
Puyallup Lions, *WCD
Renton Lions, *WCD
Sequim Valley Lions, *WCD
Shelton Lions, *WCD
Shoreline Lions, *WCD
South Whidbey Lions, *WCD
Spanapark Early Risers Lions, *WCD
Spokane Hillyard Lions, *WCD
Spokane Southeast Lions, *WCD
Spokane Sunrise East Lions, *WCD
G. Raymond Taylor
Tenino Lions, *WCD
in memory of Byron E. Johnson
Tumwater Lions, *WCD
Union Gap Lions, *WCD

Top 10 Clubs: White Cane Days

Yakima Lions Club	\$10,000.00
Forks Lions Club	\$8,285.11
Snohomish Lions Club	\$7,137.38
Spokane Manito Lions Club	\$6,683.81
Aberdeen Lions Club	\$5,000.00
Bremerton Central Lions Club	\$4,256.05
Lakewood First Lions Club	\$4,111.59
Gig Harbor Lions Club	\$4,025.60
Moscow Central Lions Club	\$4,021.00
Spokane Central Lions Club	\$4,000.00

Wapato Lions, *WCD
Yakima West Valley Lions, *WCD
in memory of Marie Shattuck
Visionary \$2,500 to \$4,999
Anacortes Lions, *WCD
Bellingham Central Lions, *WCD
Bremerton Central Lions, *WCD
Coupeville Lions, *WCD
District 49A Foundation
Percy Driggs, Moses Lake Lions
Everett Central Lions, *WCD
Gig Harbor Lions, *WCD
Hoquiam Lions, *WCD
Lake Stevens Lions, *WCD
Lakewood First Lions, *WCD
Longview Pioneer Lions, *WCD

Lopez Island Lions, *WCD
Moscow Central Lions, *WCD
Orcas Island Lions, *WCD
Sandpoint Lions, *WCD
Seattle Capitol Hill Lions, *WCD
in memory of Arthur Lambo
Spokane Central Lions, *WCD
Stanwood Lions, *WCD
Champion \$5,000 to \$9,999
Seattle University Lions, *WCD
Suskin Foundation
Lion Heart Society
\$10,000 to \$19,999
John Moffitt Foundation
***WCD = White Cane Days 2002**

Lion Link United Way contributions

Planning to contribute to United Way this year? Consider "Lion Linking" your gift by designating the Northwest Lions Foundation as the organization that you would like United Way to support with your contribution. The pledge form in the United Way packet provides you with the option of making this designation. Tell your friends!

Thank you for partnering with us!

HEARING AID BANK
 Aberdeen Lions
 Anacortes Lions
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 Bellingham Fairhaven Lions
 Bremerton Central Lions
 Forks Lions
 Kennewick Lions
 Lake Stevens Lions
 Lynden Lions
 Mount Vernon Lions
 North Mason Lions
 Orting Lions
 Pasco Lions
 Poulsbo Lions
 Pullman Lions
 Quilcene Lions
 Quincy Lions
 Seattle North Central Lions
 Seattle University Lions
 Shelton Lions
 Tacoma Northwest Lions
 Wenatchee Valley Lions
 Yakima Lions

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 Bellingham Central Lions
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WELCOME NEW FELLOWS!

March 28 - July 11, 2002

SIGHT FELLOWS
Bob Olson
 Silverdale Dandy Lions
Michael Carrell
Daniel Comsia
Paul Timmerman
Boyd Wilton
Adam Worden
Cindy Worden
 all Lakewood First Lions
The following have moved up to the White Sword Level:
Margaret Bailey
Dorna Bullpitt
Diane Formoso
Sarah Lee
Elton Lippert
Alvin Piotrowski
James Saunders
Sally Saunders
Danielle Sharp
Claudia Thomas
Stephen Wilson
 all from Lakewood First Lions
The following have moved up to the Blue Sword Level:
Robert Allen
Alice Bush
Grace Gius
Robert Gius
Hugh Hedges
Ruth Anne Hickey
Bill Hubbard
Dianna Kieilian
Minoru Uyechi
Robert Wood
 all from Lakewood First Lions

HEARING FELLOWS
Ray Tremblay
 Langley Lions

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NORTHWEST LIONS EYE BANK

Eye bank laboratory undergoes expansion

A critical lack of laboratory space has set the wheels of expansion moving this summer at the **Northwest Lions Eye Bank** in Seattle.

“Five years ago when we moved to the Cabrini Medical Tower, the Eye Bank employed five full-time staff members and we recovered and supplied about 700 corneas a year for surgical transplant,” said Manny English, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer. “Last year we supplied over 2,400 corneas for surgery and we now have 13 full-time and six part-time employees. Basically, our technicians have run out of room.”

While quarters at the Eye Bank have been cramped for several years, the departure this June of a neighbor tenant on the

eight floor of the Cabrini Medical Tower spurred the Northwest Lions Foundation to expand now, while the opportunity is available. Construction is expected to begin within the next few weeks. Besides providing more space, the \$152,000 project will help the Eye Bank stay in compliance with increasingly strict safety and reporting regulations.

In 2001, the Eye Bank Association of America honored the Northwest Lions Eye Bank for the second consecutive year as the leading eye bank in the country. “All Lions and Foundation staff can be proud of what we’ve accomplished, but there’s no time to rest on our laurels,” said Dr. English. “There’s a reason we’re expanding, and that reason is to keep up with a demand for our services that’s going to keep us all running fast for a long time.” ■

Lions Club connection garners grant from Shell

Kudos to Lion Tim Walters for bringing his Club and his employer together in a community giving partnership that will provide operating funds for the **Lions Health Screening Unit (LHSU)**.

In generous response to a request from the Anacortes Lions Club where Walters serves as President, the Shell Oil Products US - Puget Sound Refinery has awarded a \$500 grant to the LHSU. Led by contributions from Lions Sara Drum and Sybil Graham, the Anacortes Club then promptly stepped up to match the grant. Through their combined generous efforts, the worldwide corporation and the local Lions Club raised \$1,000 to help fund the LHSU’s continued stops at communities and schools throughout the Northwest.

“This partnership is a great example of how Clubs, companies, and employees can combine resources to meet common goals in serving the communities where they work, live, and do business,” said Sue Chaplik, Development Manager for the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing.



Shell employee Gretchen Buchmeyer presents Lion Tim Walters with a \$500 check earmarked for operation of the Lions Health Screening Unit.

Walters is a piping/mechanical coordinator at Shell’s Puget Sound Refinery in Anacortes. “I was excited to bring the Lions Health Screening Unit to my employer’s attention because I’ve seen the difference it makes to our community,” he said. “Compared to the effort extended, the impact is so great that it’s easy to recruit members to staff the different screening stations. I can’t tell you how many people, both kids and adults, we’ve helped to discover health problems so that steps can be taken to get needed help.”

Walter’s employer reciprocates his enthusiasm. “Shell’s Puget Sound Refinery strives to support our surrounding communities and our employees who participate in community activities,” said Tom Smith, Refinery Manager. “The Lions Health Screening Unit is a worthwhile project. On behalf of Shell’s Refinery and Tim Walters, we’re pleased to contribute \$500 to help keep the wheels rolling.”

Foundation Note: The *Golden Ear Days* packets that will arrive soon at Lions Clubs include a sample business letter and a “tip sheet” for use in inviting employers to join your Club in supporting the campaign or other Lions programs. For further information, contact Sue Chaplik (suec@nlfoundation.org or 206-682-8500). ■

Lions Health Screening Unit Schedule

August 2002

- 13 Ellensburg Lions
- 15 & 16 Wahkiakum Lions
- 23 & 24 Key Peninsula Lions
- 29 Tacoma Southeast Lions
- 31 Ocean Shores Lions

September 2002

- 1 & 2 Ocean Shores Lions
- 4 - 6 Shelton Lions
- 7 Willapa Harbor Lions
- 9 Shelton Lions
- 11 & 12 Asotin Lions
- 13 - 15 Moscow Central Lions
- 17 - 19 Moses Lake Lions
- 20 Othello Lions
- 22 - 24 Soap Lake Lions
- 25 Ephrata Lions
- 26 Quincy Valley Lions
- 27 Quincy Lions
- 28 Grand Coulee Dam Lions
- 30 Fort Vancouver Lions

*A message from the chairman***A new year begins**

The Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing is embarking on its 33rd year as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. During that time we have grown into a Foundation with many significant programs developed by the Lions of Washington and Northern Idaho that effectively serve the needs of our fellow citizens who suffer from sight and/or hearing impairments.



Fred Minifie, PhD
Seattle University Lions

As I begin my term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, I would like to open a dialogue with you about the programs offered by the Foundation. We will use articles in *Sights & Sounds* as a vehicle for describing these programs. For example, in this issue we have articles about Golden Ear Days, the Lions Early Assessment Program (LEAP), a human interest story about patients who have received Patient Care Grants, and the Lions Health Screening Unit. On other occasions we will run articles about our outstanding Northwest Lions Eye Bank which has become the leading Eye Bank in the country, the distribution of hearing aids through the Lions Hearing Aid Bank, special project grants to Lions Low Vision Clinics, the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project, and equipment grants for research in sight or hearing. Much work is underway. What do you think about these programs?

Our primary challenge during this year will be the successful completion of a search for a new Chief Executive Officer for the Foundation to replace Dr. Manuel English, who will retire as of February 28, 2003. Manny has played a crucial role in increasing the size of our Foundation's annual revenue. He will be missed.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I want you to know how mindful we are that the work of this Foundation would not exist were it not for the dedicated support provided by the Lions of Washington and Northern Idaho. Indeed, we are deeply grateful for your support! The competent and loyal group of Lions who serve on the Board of Trustees is working very hard to improve the Foundation and to make each of you proud of the work being carried out on your behalf. We welcome any suggestions you may have about how we can improve the Foundation. Please direct your suggestions to me by email at f.minifie@worldnet.att.net or by telephone at 425-338-3868, or by sending a letter to the NLFSSH office. We look forward to hearing from you.

Fred D. Minifie, PhD
Chairman
NLFSSH Board of Trustees

Trustee Meeting Dates

Sept. 13	Leadership Training Seminar	9:30 am-4:15pm
	Embassy Suites Hotel, Tukwila	
Nov. 4	Exec. Com. Meeting	1-5 pm
	NLFSSH Conference Room	
Dec. 13	Board of Trustees Meeting	1-5 pm
	Location TBD	
March 10	Exec. Com. Meeting	1-5 pm
	NLFSSH Conference Room	
April 12	Annual Board of Trustees Meeting	9:30 am-4 pm
	Location TBD	

WELCOME NEW CLUB!
Mt. Baker Lions



We lament to announce the passing of past NLFSSH Trustee J.R. Vogel. A longtime member of the Troy Lions Club and a PDG, Lion J.R. gave many hours of service to his Club, his community, and to this Foundation. He will be sorely missed. His family has asked that any remembrances be sent to the NLFSSH.

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Play Ball!

Saturday, August 24 is **Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing Night** at the **Everett AquaSox** game. In addition to heightening public awareness of our sight and hearing programs, the Foundation will receive \$2 for each ticket sold.

The August date bodes well for a warm summer night at the ballpark — the perfect setting for a Club outing and/or time spent with the family. Bring your kids or grandchildren because the first 1,000 kids through the gates will receive a limited edition Webby bobblehead doll.

Our group will be comfortably seated in a block of Upper Box seats. The cost per ticket is \$8. To buy tickets, or for more information about this event, call Lisa at the Foundation, (206) 682-8500.

Foundation CEO announces retirement plans

Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing, President and Chief Executive Officer Manny English, PhD, has announced that he will retire on March 1, 2003. A search committee has been formed to select a replacement. For more information, contact Foundation Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Ralph Harding, (360) 750-9157.

*“I was born with 50% hearing loss in both ears and have suffered the frustrations of trying to learn in a hearing world...I have chosen to focus my platform on helping to break down the daily barriers encountered by those who are deaf and hard-of-hearing, and I am proud to serve as **Honorary Spokesperson for Golden Ear Days.**”*

— *Amanda Beers, Miss Washington, 2002*



Skookumchuck 2002 hits winners circle

District C Lions did some real peddling this year to take their 2nd Annual **Skookumchuck Challenge** to a higher level of participation.

This year's total of 118 bicycle riders represents a 500 percent increase over 2001, when 24 riders participated in the first-year event. The riders peddled distances ranging from six to 106 miles and raised \$2,700 in contributions, a near fourfold increase over last year's total of \$700.

Organizers wish to thank the Tumwater, Centralia, Lacey Sunrise, Lakewood Knights, Port Orchard, Gig Harbor, Yelm, Rainier, Puyallup, and Tenino Lions for their participation.

All of the proceeds from rider entry fees and the spaghetti feed that is part of this event benefit the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing. Congratulations on your success, District C, and thank you! ■



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