



SPANAWAY LIONS CLUB



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We meet every 2nd & 4th
Tuesday of each month
6:30 pm – Social
7:00 pm – Dinner
Location:

Paradise Village Bowl
12505 Pacific Ave S.
Tacoma, WA.

**Guests and Visitors
Are always welcome!**

Our Web Page:

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From the President...

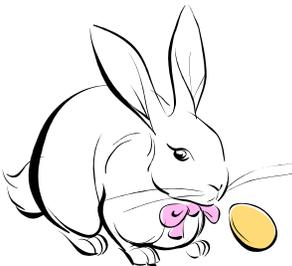
Greetings fellow Lions!

Can you believe this Lion's year is about over! Well, we had our elections on March 22nd and the list of officers for Lions year 2011-2012 was unanimously approved. We will have the installation on *Tuesday, June 14th* at Paradise Bowling Lanes. The list for our new officers is on page 2. Our annual Easter Egg hunt for children with special needs is on *Saturday, April 23rd* at the Prairie House Museum. Let's all come out and support this worthy project. It's always a lot of fun and very rewarding. We'll have doughnuts and hot coffee! Thanks to the Prairie House members for letting us use their facility and **Lion Nancy Slade** for organizing the event.

Also, a big THANK YOU to **Immediate Past Council Chair, Jim McCown** for sponsoring our newest member, **Rosita Dodd**. Welcome Rosita to our club. We had another good program at our last meeting. Scott Hall informed us on the status of Sprinker Recreation Center in Spanaway. Thanks **Lion Mike Exley** for such a fine job of providing us with interesting programs.

Our yard sale at the Prairie House Museum has been changed from *May 7th* to *June 7th*, starting at 9 am. Please bring all of your good, used items (no clothes) early so we can put prices on them and get them displayed. If you have any items to be picked up, please call **Lions Holly and Ken Wedin**, at 253-847-9553.

KL George



“Don't Squat With Your Spurs On”

-Texas Bix Bender

“If you want to forget all your troubles, take a little walk in a brand-new pair of high-heeled ridin' boots”

Looking Ahead

Mark Your Calendar

Spanaway Lions Club

Apr 12	Board Meeting Dinner Meeting	5:45 pm 7:00 pm
Apr 23	Easter Egg Hunt for Special Needs Children	10:00 am
Apr 26	Dinner Meeting	7:00 pm

Happy Birthday

DAVE MCCLINTOCK April 28



Spanaway Board of Officers 2011 - 2012

President	Darrell Behounek
1 st VP	Anne Asplund
2 nd VP	Nancy Slade
Secretary	Dave McClintock
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1 Yr Directors	Ken Wedin Holly Wedin
Membership	Anne Asplund

WELCOME NEW LION

The Spanaway Lions want to welcome our newest Lion, **Rosita Dodd**. Rosita was sponsored by **IPCC Jim McCown**, from Lacey Mid-Day Lions Club.

Rosita was born in Madrid, Spain and lived there until she married her husband, who was in the U.S. Air Force. They had 3 children, a girl named Iomaculada, a son named Douglas and a daughter named Karen. All three children live in the area. Rosita and her husband moved to Spanaway in 1968. Rosita then became a court interpreter (Spanish) in 1991. Her husband passed away in 2009.

A big Lions THANK YOU to IPCC Jim McCown for sponsoring Rosita and a hearty WELCOME to Rosita for becoming a Lion!!!

BETHEL COMMUNITY SERVICES

By: Lion Donna Saling, Spanaway Lions

Bethel Community Services is working to help families in Bethel School District, an unincorporated rural community in Pierce County. Bethel Community Services is a collaboration of citizens, service providers, clergy, and school district personnel that formed in 2001 to address the BECCA Truancy Laws and to re-connect truant students to school. Our Principal Missions are: (1) *To address the needs of our most at-risk families at the Bethel Family Center, (2) To network and provide services for homeless youth, (3) To prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth, and (4) To promote attendance and achievement and success at school and the community.*

Bethel Community Services took over management of the Bethel Family Center in 2003, following the lead agency's exit and was granted non-profit status in 2004. The Bethel Family Center, situated on the grounds of Challenger Alternative High School, serves more than 2,000 families each month through the WIC Program, Health Department family support workers, DSHS **Access To Care**, an emergency food bank and year round parenting classes.

Parenting With Love and Logic classes, which are held throughout the school year, are fashioned after the model, "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent", founded by Jim Fay and Foster W. Cline, M.D. The primary goal is to give parents practical strategies for reducing behavior problems and build assets that contribute to life-long resiliency, to encourage appropriate parenting skills and break the cycle of child abuse and family violence. More than 450 parents have graduated from the Love and Logic trainings since they began in 2003. Family meals and childcare are provided at no cost for all evening programs.

There are 2,426 Hispanic families residing in the Bethel community. Until 2010, Spanish speaking Love and Logic classes were not offered anywhere in Pierce County. BCS hired a Latino social service provider and mother of 5 to be trained at the Love and Logic Institute in Colorado. She taught the first **Ser Padres Con Amor y Logica** to Latino families in September 2010.

The 2010 census revealed there are 12,549 persons of ethnic background living in Bethel and 3,800 citizens who speak a language other than English at home. **English Second Language** classes have been missing from Bethel school district for the past 3 years. This popular program is vitally important to Bethel's non-English speaking population. Bethel Community Services will purchase a mobile computer lab, hire an ESL instructor and re-launch ESL classes this year.

On December 11, 2010 Bethel Community Services held the fourth annual **Mom and Pop Christmas Shop**, a free gift distribution for Bethel children and teens living in poverty. Families are referred through school counselors and family support center staff. This wonderful event is held in the childcare facility of a local church and provides a Merry Christmas for up to 500 needy children and teenagers.

For the past four years, BCS has partnered with a local church to operate a free clothing store, situated temporarily in a portable on the campus of Camas Prairie Elementary School. **Wear It Out** offers clothing and shoes for adults, infants and children and career clothing for individuals seeking employment. **Wear It Out** provided clothing for 6,000 families in 2010.

The Bethel Family Center also operates a small emergency food bank and is currently leasing 2 homes in Spanaway and Graham that provide transitional housing for older homeless teens. The only criteria: that the youth remain in school until graduation.

BCS receives its only support from private foundations and community donors. Our programs have endured due to collaborations with the County Health Department, Bethel School District, local churches, Camp Murray, Spanaway businesses and local service groups. These partnerships have strengthened the service we provide to Bethel families and children.