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New Beginnings

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Happy 2012, is that you wearing a smile? I would think so after seeing all that you have accomplished this past calendar year.

I'm seeing, and feeling the energy that surrounds me whenever I'm at NWLERC, I would have thought those that have been giving their time volunteering at the facility for these past 7 years would be getting a little weary.

WRONG, everyone is more dedicated than ever. I contribute this in part to the fun we promote while lifting, toting, sorting, washing, polishing and reading thousands of used glasses. Doesn't sound like fun, does it? Yes! It can be if



PZC Jeannie Phillips,
President, NWLERC

you stop and realize what the end product is going to give someone you'll never meet... SIGHT!!!

I'm so pleased to see our satellites doing a fantastic job in your quest of getting the word out in your communities of the work we Lions do. Now numbering 13 with Pasco about to be added, we applaud everything you do to make our program

what it is today. Added to this is MT has made a decision to ship their entire states used glasses to us.

Each New Year we think of new beginning, just think what our glasses might mean to a person in need....it may be the beginning of a whole new life, because of you and what you have done through your contributions to "changing lives, one pair of eyeglasses at a time".

Be happy in the knowledge "you make a difference".

Prez Jeannie

Jeannie



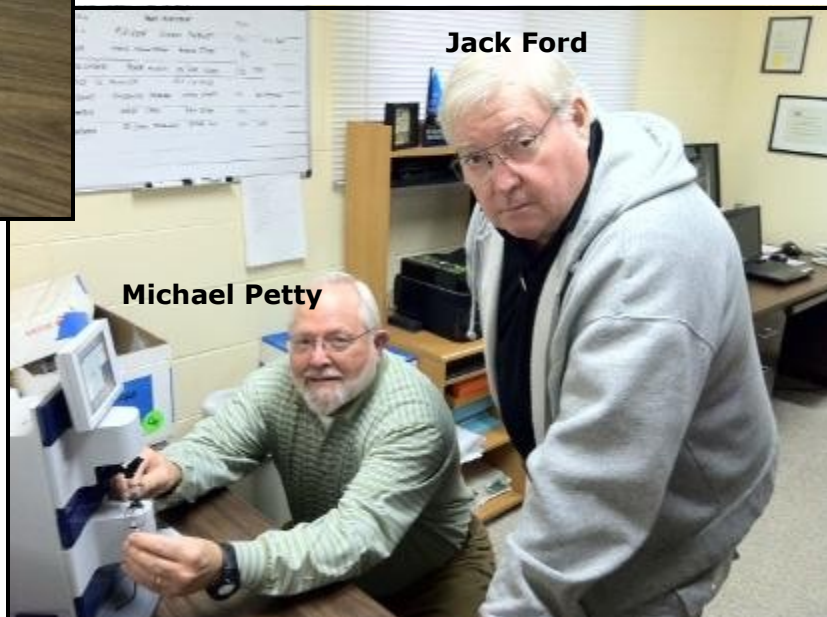
Meet The Quality Assurance Team



Jack Ford



Pat
Baron



Michael Petty

The casual observer may not notice the fine line between quality control and quality assurance, but each plays an important role in our work at NWLERC. **QUALITY CONTROL** is something we do every step of the way, from sorting incoming glasses, to washing, and reading with the lensometer. **QUALITY ASSURANCE** is the final process that ensures each pair of glasses that goes on a mission is up to our exacting standards. In charge of Quality Assurance is Michael Petty from Olympia Host Lions. He is ably assisted by Lion Jack Ford from the Lacey Sunrise Lions. Together, they inspect EVERY PAIR of eyeglasses that comes from our Lens techs. This rigorous final inspection ensures that all glasses that leave the building meet the highest standards of quality.

Our quality assurance program falls under the purview of VP-Operations, Pat Baron. Pat was a long-time Quality Assurance professional and she works directly with Michael and Jack. Together, this team makes good on our core philosophy of producing the highest quality product in the LERC industry. Thank you Michael, Jack and Pat!

Things You Should Know About



President Jeannie (standing, center) addresses the District C Cabinet in December. She gave the cabinet members a n update on our building campaign and mission status.



In November, NWLERC Facilities manager (and landlord!) Pat Bucknell was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship by his club, the Lacey Sunrise Lions. Pat has been a dedicated member since the 1980's.



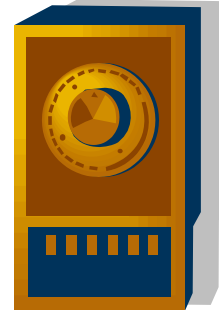
Tacoma Downtown Lions Club, in partnership with the Community Based Transition Program/Tacoma Public Schools, has developed an eyeglass sorting team of young people who incorporate service to the community as part of their transition to independent living. These folks, ages 18-21 are developmentally challenged and this is how they're learning to "give back". Lion Ron Reierson is the liaison for this program. Ron recently delivered the first shipment of recycled glasses and Single Vision to LERC as part of the program. Here's a picture of Lion Ron and some of the students who are part of the team.

More Things You Should Know About....

An Important note from VP-Operations, Pat Baron

Hi folks,

Wanted to let you know the thermostat has been programmed to 55 deg. 24/7. Whenever you come in for a shift, merely hit the ^ button on the thermostat repeatedly until it designates the desired temp. It is not now necessary to manually lower the temp when leaving, as the thermostat will default back to 55 deg. in several hours.



This may be a temporary arrangement , but for now that's what we'll be using for the chilly winter months. Thanks for your attention!

VP Pat

Richard Monohon Update



It's Wednesday evening and people are wondering out loud "Where's Richard?"

One of our great community volunteers is taking a little time off from his weekly Wednesday work schedule at NWLERC.

Richard Monohon has been volunteering every Wednesday night for YEARS at our facility in Olympia. He says he'll probably miss a month or so due to some recurring medical issues.

Our best wishes to Richard . He has been volunteering his time at NWLERC for a long time and is one of our most consistent lensometer technicians. Thanks, Richard, for your faithfulness to our mission. You are a great example of a community volunteer!

Custom Eyeglass/Hearing Aid Boxes Now a Reality!

The Longview/Kelso Earlybird Lions in conjunction with NWLERC are selling eyeglass and hearing aid donation boxes. These boxes are different than the boxes sold by LCI in several of ways: First, they sit vertically on a counter or desk, thereby saving space. Second, each box is customized with the name and contact information label of the sponsoring club. And third, these boxes are slightly less expensive than those found on the LCI website.

We are using this as a fund raiser to help pay down the loan on the property that NWLERC has bought. Please see attached pictures of the boxes and information on how to order boxes. The price for the customized boxes is \$6.00 ea. plus shipping, we are asking clubs to buy in lots of ten. We will work with small clubs that would not need so many boxes. Please help make this a success.

Kerby Kee
NWLERC 19G Director

Information required to customize your boxes: Name of club, email address and /or telephone number for club contact.. Send checks and information to the following:

Longview/Kelso Earlybird Lions
2839 Magnolia St.
Longview WA ash. 98632
360-430-1214

See pictures of boxes below:



Volunteer Opportunities!

Help Wanted



Wash, Sort, Polish

No Experience Necessary

*We have some open time slots at our Lacey facility that need a few dedicated of volunteers!
In fact, why not start the new year off and bring your club to NWLERC for a work party!
We have the following monthly time slots available:*

Second Wednesday, 11:30am-2:30pm

Third Wednesday, 6pm-9pm

Third Thursday, 6pm-9pm

Third Thursday, 1pm-3pm

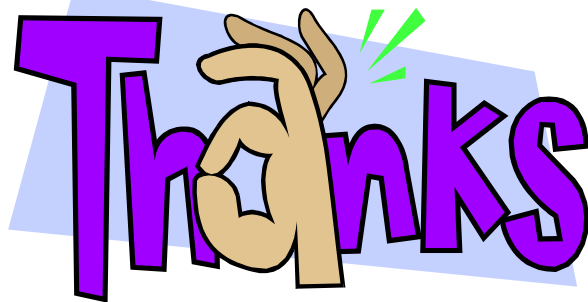
Call or email Volunteer Coordinator Iris Young. Phone (253)241-6760 or tomatonj@aol.com

Thank You Lions Clubs for Your Generosity!

A note from President Jeannie:

To all the US clubs in MD-19, our Executive Committee says “thank you” for the donations you have sent to us since our October letter was sent out. As the letter stated it takes around \$30,000 to operate our program. All of us at NWLERC are very excited about new opportunities and future growth. We will keep you fully informed as they materialize. In the meantime we will continue to do service to others both here and abroad. We look forward to the donations other clubs will be making as the year continues. **New donations are posted in red.** Again, thank you!

Seattle Lake City	B-3	Almira	E-2
Renton	B-5	Hauser	E-3
Seattle West Seattle	B-5	Spokane Manito	E-9
Key Peninsula	C-1	College Place	F-3
Tacoma Southeast	C-1	Craigmont (Idaho)	F-4
University Place	C-1	Lind Lions Club	F-8
Olympia Host	C-2	Longview-Kelso Earlybirds	G-1
Olympia West	C-2	Kalama	G-1
Kent	C-3	Kelso	G-1
Fife	C-3	Columbia Crest	G-2
Bonney Lake Lions Club	C-3	Battle Ground	G-2
Bremerton Chief Kitsap	C-4	LaCenter Lions Club	G-2
North Mason	C-4	Vancouver Dawn	G-2
Silverdale Dandy	C-4	Chehalis	G-4
Mineral Lake	C-5	Skamania County	G-6
Mount Rainier	C-5	Lynden	H-1
Lacey Sunrise	C-6	Birch Bay	H-1
Roy Lions Club	C-6	Sedro Woolley	H-2
Rainier	C-6	Bellingham Harborview	H-1
Tinino	C-6	Couville	H-7
Lake Chelan	D-2	Lopez Island	H-7
Wenatchee Central Lions Club	D-2	Port Angeles Lions Club	I-1
Leavenworth Lions Club	D-2	Sequim Valley	I-1
Waterville	D-2		
Soap Lake	D-5		
Medical Lake	E-1		
Spokane Central	E-1		
Spokane North	E-1		
Spokane Suburban North	E-1		





NWLERC Stars
January 2012



George Robison

Key Peninsula Lions

Pat Lang

Community Volunteer

**Thank you, George and Pat. Your volunteer efforts
have changed lives of people around the world.
People like these...**



Upcoming Events



January 11 NWLERC Executive Meeting, 10am

January 25 Kitsap Homeless Connect, Sheridan Park Community Center, 680 Lebo Blvd, Bremerton.

In December we prepared shipments for the following missions:

El Salvador - 1200 pairs for Peacehealth Medical Mission

Zambia - 50 pairs for Needs Care Day Center

Honduras - 1050 pairs for St. Charles Borromeo Church

Key Statistics, 12/29/11	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	PRIOR YEARS	SINCE 2004
Eyeglasses Received	4,780	68,286	1,135,090	1,203,376
Eyeglasses to Missions	2,300	10,726	114,601	125,327
Progressive Eyeglasses to VOSH (*new category)	0	1,582	*	*
Gold Recycled	0	3,200	39,278	42,478
Recycled to ReSpecs	0	84,892	441,627	526,519
Volunteer Hours	416	3,499	31,122	34,621
Missions Supported	3	17	126	143
Mission-Ready Inventory	11,050			

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