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DECEMBER SPEAKERS  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
LEN

**December 4**

Kate Dyer-Seeley, Author,  
"Scene of the Climb"

**December 11**

No Meeting – Bell Ringing  
Project

**December 18**

Sarah Desjarlais, Director,  
Office Moms Clark County

**December 25**

NO Meeting – Christmas

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We Walk, We Knock, We Give, We Serve

As the end of the calendar year approaches, we are rounding the corner to a new year of service. In our rear view mirror we can take satisfaction in starting the holiday season on positive notes. We have stepped up, over and over to serve those in need--and oh, by the way, we had fun doing it. We have done a good job both serving and raising funds to help the needy. This month offers even more opportunities in the form of Walk 'N Knock, Secret Santa, the Washington Elementary Christmas Store, and the beginning of a new project--the collection and distribution of hats, gloves, and scarves to those in need. The other day, in sub-freezing weather, I took a short walk and felt the bite of frigid air. Returning to my warm and cozy home, I pondered how the winter temperatures--a temporary inconvenience for most of us--can be life-threatening to those who don't have a home to call their own--or those who simply are unable to clothe themselves or their family the way we do.

This is what the hat/glove/scarf project is all about. If you have new or gently-used extras of these items, please either bring them to a regular monthly meeting or call me and I will ensure they are picked up. But please don't delay--we will be donating the items to the SHARE House sometime during the week that Lions International has identified as Hunger and Poverty Week

(January 10-16). This is also part of the events leading up to the commemoration of the Lions International Centennial Celebration in 2017. Please participate--it is a simple and easy way to make a difference. Which after all, is what we do!

If you can participate in Walk 'N Knock, I look forward to seeing you. Let's help fill the shelves at the Clark County Food Bank! Many thanks to Lion Adam for being so involved in the management of this great event, and to Lion Steve for being an Area Captain.

Social Chair Lion Len ("Mister Fun") has organized a lively Christmas social for us, a perfect addition to the service events of the season. Hope to see you there for the fun and camaraderie. Please remember to bring to the event canned goods for the food bank.

Merry Christmas to all,

**King Lion Craig**



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club  
Officers 2015-16**

**King Lion:** Craig Limoges  
**1st VP:** Diana Olds  
**2nd VP:** Tony Licata  
**Past President:** Sandy Hammond  
**Secretary:** Doug Wilson  
**Treasurer:** Gay Enyeart  
**Tail Twister:** Chriss Denny  
**Lion Tamer:** Fred Larson  
**Membership:** Dotty Scott  
**Board Members:** Steve Staudinger, Martha Johnson, Carol Cooper  
**Program Directors:** Bruce Armstrong, Len Leger, Cheri Martin, Roy Pulliam  
**Sunshine Committee:** Eva Halter  
**Visitations:** Terry Sutfin  
**Social Committee:** Len Leger, Roy Pulliam



**You Are Invited!!!**

**What: Fort Vancouver Lions Annual Christmas Party**

**When: Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> 2015  
6:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Where: Club Green Meadows, 7703 NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave.**

**Cost: \$30 per person** by December 4  
**At the door: \$35 per person**



Please join fellow Lions and guests for our club's annual Christmas Party! The Social Committee has planned a wonderful evening of Christmas cheer and fellowship. The evening will start with a social time, including a cash bar. The meal will be a Prime Rib & Salmon Buffet accompanied by potatoes, vegetables, salads, rolls and drink plus a choice of desserts.

Following dinner, we have the Christmas Joker Drawing. We will draw numbers until one lucky winner draws the joker and wins the Christmas Jackpot. Everyone attending will receive a complimentary raffle ticket with their dinner ticket and be automatically entered in the contest. Additional raffle tickets will be sold at \$1 each to improve chances of winning the jackpot.

There will also be a live auction for a special dinner. We will sing some Christmas carols to close the evening. Tickets are on sale now at every meeting. If you would like to join us but can't attend a meeting, please contact **Lion Len Leger at 360-216-3363** or [ljenjen1@comcast.net](mailto:ljenjen1@comcast.net).

**Special Activity:**

**We will be collecting canned food to donate to the Clark County Food Bank. Everyone bringing a can of food will receive a raffle ticket for the Christmas Joker Drawing.**



**Hope you can join us!!**





## Sight & Hearing Screenings

Once again, club members stepped up to screen students at Washington and Roosevelt Elementary schools. Volunteers welcomed and checked hearing and sight for 351 students on Nov. 12 at Washington Elementary. The following day 555 students were checked for hearing at Roosevelt Elementary. We normally screen students at Peter S. Ogden Elementary but this year it was inadvertently scheduled on Veterans Day, when there was no school. Ogden has since screened their students this year but we will take on the task next school year. This project is an example of "We Serve" at the local

level. This project is fun and very rewarding to all who participate. A special thanks to Stephen, the Chair for all his work and to Martha Johnson, Ron Nielsen, Tony Licata, Carol and William Cooper, John Lyons, Gay Enyeart, Nancy Brown, Adam Hegewald, Bob Weller, Helen Sutfin, DeLores and Ken Milligan and Bill Shalaby.

The screening unit was purchased by the Lions of MD 19. Our club name, as a major contributor, can be seen on the side of the unit.

## Folk Festival Fundraiser Concert

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Folk Festival Fundraiser concert:

Rick, thank you for printing the tickets and flyers.  
 Dotty, awesome job as always creating the flyer and program.  
 Ken Milligan for selling the ad to Cheri. And Cheri for donating Lori, for having the LIFT students serve refreshments.  
 Kathy for taking tickets.  
 Adam for always being there for anything we need and always buying an ad.  
 And to the 20 or so of you that attended the concert. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your attendance.

We ended up grossing around \$2400. We have the Concert Program expense of around \$72 and we donate \$500 to the School's Foundation for letting us use the venue.

The three singers were fantastic. Kelly Bosworth has such a lovely voice. Avery Hill's story telling songs about her family's past are so entertaining. Dan Weber gets better every time I see him perform. It's too bad we didn't pack the place.

Be sure to thank our sponsors if you frequent their business: US Digital our Main Sponsor with a \$1000.00 donation, The New Phoenix Casino \$250, and the \$100 donators: Hydraulics Inc, Total Merchants, Shanahan's, Salmon Creek Postal Annex, and The Blind Onion.



Thank you,  
 Roy



**Fort Vancouver Lions Board Meeting  
6:00 pm on November 5, 2015**

**Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order by president, Craig Limoges at 6:02 PM. A quorum was established. Members present were Craig Limoges, Diana Olds, Sandy Hammond, Doug Wilson, Gay Enyeart, Stephen Staudinger, Dotty Scott, Carol Bisbee-Cooper, and Wanda Slevin. PDG Terry Sutfin, Lion Helen Sutfin, and Lion Tracy Fortmann from the club were visitors.**

**Minutes:** The minutes for October 1, 2015 were approved.

**Treasurer:** Gay Enyeart presented the September financials (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, and Transaction List) each for the Fort Vancouver Lions Club and Fort Vancouver Lions Club Foundation. With no objections, the financials were accepted. Gay requested clarification for memorials, is it necessary to specify that a memorial gift to the hearing or sight committees are gifts? Steve indicated that the assumption of the hearing committee is that memorial gifts would go to the committee's memorial fund unless it is specified otherwise.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence.

**Vice Presidents Reports:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.** Diana Olds reported on the concert and noted that the ticket sales to date were low. Craig urged all to attend. Sandy indicated that there were good sponsorships for the concert and in the future it might be useful to have a free sponsored concert. Diana indicated that she would take that suggestion to Roy. Doug reported briefly on the preliminary results of the apple and pear sale. Steve suggested that the fruit committee may want to look at the apple and pear sale for improvement. Dotty indicated that there was an issue with the google ad approval process that prevented a broader reach for this fundraiser. Diana indicated that she would coordinate with the fruit committee.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.** On behalf of Tony Licata, Gay reported on the meal given at curriculum night for Washington Elementary and how well the service activity went.

**Membership.** Craig brought up the possibility of offering veterans membership in the club. It was noted that we had active veterans as members. Helen brought up the LCI campaign for membership – take one, ask two (see <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/ask-one.php>). Craig noted that membership was critical and how we can engage potential members who work.

**Administration/Past President.** Sandy reported on the distribution of the roster and it was discussed how the roster would be distributed to those who had not yet received it. After minor discussion, it was agreed that Sandy would pass out the roster to those who had not received it and would be at the meeting on November 6. Craig agreed to mail out the remainder of the rosters.

**Old Business:**

1. Dues, renewal update. Gay provided an aging report, and members agreed to contact those who had not yet paid their dues.
2. Washington Elementary Events: Craig notes the November 19 Thanksgiving Lunch and December 16-17 Santa Store.
3. Craig reported on the board/club retreat, indicating that it was a worthwhile and useful exercise.
4. Steve provided an update on health screening for the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. He will announce at the club meeting that there are a few slots remaining. For next year, it was agreed that he will put in for November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Wed), 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs), and 4<sup>th</sup> (Friday) for our first choice and November 16<sup>th</sup> (Wed), 17<sup>th</sup> (Thurs), and 18<sup>th</sup> (Friday) for our second choice. He also reported that he would pass around the sign-up for walk-and-knock and reported that we will meet at Truman Elementary (as usual), but that the drop-off would be at Hudson's Bay High School.
5. Diana urged people to attend the concert. See notes on concert above.
6. Craig reported on the drop off of clothing and items for the Okanagan Fire Victims. The drop-off went smoothly and that seven Lions Clubs were represented! He indicated that this was a good project that brought lions clubs from around MD-19 together.

**New Business:**

1. Lion Helen reported on the Leo Legends. Helen reviewed the history of the Leos, indicating that Helen and Terry have acted as club liaisons and that Dotty and Molly have acted as advisors. There are only a few Leos, as many in the club have aged out. It was reported that the Hazel Dell Lions Club may be interested in co-sponsoring the Leos and that at their board meeting held on November 4, it was decided to donate \$100 to the Leos as part of their "Charity of the Month". Helen indicated that Terry is willing to continue to act as a liaison to the Leos from our club and is willing to work with the Hazel Dell Lions club. Dave McCleary, a member of the Hazel Dell Lions, who is a father to one of the

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Leos is willing to act as an advisor. Some discussion ensued. Dotty suggested that Dave could run the Leos now as the dues have already been paid, and that we could revisit the issue in June before the end of the fiscal year. It was agreed that Dave would be able to work with Terry to try to add members to the club. Steve asked what the Club's liability would be having a non-club member as an advisor. Helen indicated that the Leos are covered under the umbrella LCI liability. Craig indicated that he did not see a downside to co-sponsoring with the Hazel Dell Lions. Helen recommended that Hazel Dell should also have a liaison. Sandy made a motion to co-sponsor the Leo Legends with the Hazel Dell Lions through June 30, 2016 with Terry Sutfin as the club's liaison and Dave as the advisor. Dotty seconded.

Discussion ensued. Wanda asked about whether the Leo club name would be appropriate and if it included "Fort Vancouver" in the official name. Helen indicated that it was the Leo Legends and that our club name was not in its official name. The motion passed unanimously. Everyone thanked Terry for taking on the role as liaison.

There was no report for the Christmas Club Event. Craig indicated that there was a secret Santa event underway for foster kids with Eva Halter as the lead.

Doug reported on an environmental project idea called the Bioblitz. He described that a bioblitz was a chance for citizens to work with experts to map the natural environment at places where it was difficult for one small group to do it. It relies on "citizen-scientists" to observe wildlife and plants and uses smart phones and tablets to record the information (additional info: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/biology/biodiversity/bioblitz.cfm>). He also indicated that this year, the bioblitz was part of the National Park Service's Centennial and that Fort Vancouver was one of the parks that would hold a bioblitz (additional info: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/biology/biodiversity/bioblitz2016.cfm>). He indicated that the Lions could participate in the Bioblitz in a number of ways, including manning tables for volunteers, providing orientation, and participating directly in the bioblitz. Craig noted that MLK day was a community service day and that would be a great day for an environmental project. Doug noted that he would try to contact City Parks to see what projects they may have that the club could participate in. Dotty indicated that the city has a list of needs for parks on their website (Info: <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/cmo/page/volunteer-programs>).

Helen reported on the Lions Centennial and what was proposed at the District Level. She noted that in District G after the first of the year, she will be going to the boards to put together a planning committee for the Centennial. The committee will lay out proposals for the celebration of the centennial and ways to let the community know about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lions, including advertising. One possible idea was to hold a banquet in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup>, having a great keynote speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. The next board meeting will be 6:00-7:00 pm on November 19, 2015 at the H.H. Hall Building.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Douglas C. Wilson, Secretary**



Please email newsletter  
articles for the  
January newsletter to:  
**Shelly Brown at [Lsbrown65@comcast.net](mailto:Lsbrown65@comcast.net) by  
Saturday, December 26! Thanks!!**



# December 2015

## We Serve

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Clark County Sight 6:30 PM Clark Co. Hearing Blind Onion 6 PM	2 Happy Birthday Ralph Harding	3 Board Meeting 6 PM	4 Lions Meeting 12 PM Happy Birthday Sandy Hammond	5 Happy Birthday Eva Halter
6	7	8	9	10 Lions Christmas Meeting 	11 NO Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Herb Schwartz	12 Happy Birthday Linda Sullivan
13	14	15	16 Share House	17 Happy Birthday Lori Pulliam	18 Lions Meeting 12 PM Happy Birthday Jerry Jacobus	19
20	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Charissa Steinmann	25 Happy Birthday Kathy Howell NO Lions Meeting <i>Christmas</i>	26
27 Happy Birthday Doug Wilson	28	29	30	31		



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