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President's Corner

Happy Spring, my fellow Lions –

Just as our gardens are showing new signs of growth, so it is with our Lions Club. Thanks to our Membership Chair, Roy Pulliam and several members, our club is growing by leaps and bounds. Now, how do we keep these new members involved and on their way to becoming strong Lions? Each of us has the responsibility to mentor and guide as they make their way through their orientation process.

Each of us joined Lions to serve our community, yet no club can provide enough opportunities to satisfy the volunteer needs of members. In order to offer a diverse variety of hands-on service, we often reach out to help area Lions clubs with their endeavors. Twelve members have signed up to help the Salmon Creek Lions with their annual fishing derby on Friday and Saturday, April 13-14. To be held at Kline Pond, this is reported as the largest of its' kind for such an event. Over 1500 children will be given a pole, T-shirt and the hope of catching their first fish. Washougal Lions are hosting a first-time event at the motocross course and 3 of our members will be helping them. We have been asked to organize a 'bag event' for SHARE. These used cloth shopping bags and backpacks will be used in their Backpack food program. Another opportunity to serve is with the Orchards Evergreen Club with their helmet fitting program. So many ways to serve – just let me know if you are interested and I will connect you with the opportunity.

Another call to service is to be a part of serving your organization. In a club our size, things don't 'just happen'. It takes several people, working together to come up with and plan the many events that we have. If the same people continue to do the same thing, we will always get the same results and little progress or new ideas will happen. We are now in the process of filling

the slate of officers for next year. Some of the existing officers will be remaining and some new faces are stepping up to the leadership role. However, the role of Secretary, to date, is still vacant and in need of a fellow Lion. Ideally, this should be someone who has been a Lion for a few years - Lions background is most helpful in this position. Chriss Denny, our current Secretary, has offered to mentor this person for the first few months. Think about it – are you ready to move into this role? It is time for Chriss to pass it on – who will catch the job?

April finds us getting ready for the WSSB track and field meet, our annual strawberry sales (think sunshine!!) and White Cane Days. Busy times are coming!

We are also looking at the District G conference, to be held in Kelso, May 11-13. There will be a Leadership 101 class on Friday, May 11. If you are interested, let me know.

Fun and fellowship is what this conference is all about. Friday night there is the Fun Night where we will be entertained by Tall Tales, Musical groups, Best Dessert and Achievement talk. Lion Dotty is preparing a wonderful scrapbook and her newsletter and websites will be competing. Our club has always placed in the top winners and I am guessing this year will be the same. There are registration forms on the lionsmd19.com website and at our meetings. When you attend the conference, the club will reimburse registration and Sat. lunch expenses.

Let's see our newer members in attendance with their sponsors!

I have only 2 ½ months more to serve you. As Steve Staudinger has said, "It takes this long to figure out what I am suppose to be doing". It is an honor to serve such a great group of Lions. Thank you.
Lion Helen

Fort Vancouver Lions Club Officers

King Lion: Helen Sutfin
 1st VP: Bill Shalaby
 2nd VP: Adam Hegewald
 3rd VP: Len Leger
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 Secretary: Chriss Denny
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 Hart
 Sunshine Committee:
 Wanda Slevin
 Technology Guru: Dotty Scott
 Visitations: Terry Sutfin
 Social Chair: Lee Denny

It's Strawberry Time!

It's Strawberry time!! If you are interested in being a part of the Fresh Strawberry Committee, there will be a start-up meeting on Wednesday, April the 4th, 7:00 p.m. at the Denny's. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Len Leger and Lee Denny, Chairpersons



Hearing Committee Report

There were no new applications this month. We will meet again on March 6th 2012.

By Richard Giles

White Cane Day

Mark your calendars! Friday May 4th our club will be participating in the White Cane Day fundraiser. This is a great event we do each year that gives us an opportunity to go out into our community and promote sight awareness. Our club has multiple locations approved around Vancouver to pass out white canes and brochures, accept donations, and tell everyone about the great activities Lions are involved in. Many people still do not know about our ability to help them with their sight and hearing needs. Others love to express their gratitude for the help we have provided to them or their family members in the past.

This year we will be donating the money raised to The NW Lions Foundation. They help us every year with patient care grants, and use of the mobile screening unit that we take to the elementary schools to test the students sight and hearing.

Each location only requires a 2 hour commitment from 11am to 1pm on the day of the event. There are still a couple of evening shifts available from 4pm to 6pm if you happen to work and are unavailable during the day but would like to participate. These shifts will go quickly so please feel free to email me directly at VancouverSandy@gmail.com or call [360-521-4964](tel:360-521-4964) if you would like to volunteer, or if I can answer any questions for you. There is a signup sheet circulating at the lunch meetings also. Thanks again for your ongoing service in Lions!

Lion Sandy Foster

Sight Committee

The Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County met on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. We received 63 applications for exams, glasses, and surgery this month. 8 applications were denied: 1 needed more information; 2 non-resident; 1 was too soon; 1 had too many requests; and 3 had insurance. A total of 60 applications were reviewed and approved for exams and glasses.

The Foundation will be hosting our annual fundraising auction on April 21, 2012 at Club Green Meadows. We are currently seeking donations and auction items.

Our next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the Washington State School for the Blind.

Help Wanted

Dozer Days

We need YOU for this fun event. Adam is looking for 10 volunteers to help with Dozer Days on Friday May 18th. This is the day that grad school children come to the event. I participated a few years ago and had a blast. This is a FUN event. We help children on and off the heavy equipment. The look on their faces when they get to operate the equipment is priceless ~ one of my real reasons for being a Lion! So far we have 2 people sign up—we need 8 more!

Contact Adam Hegewald if you are interested and he will give you all the details. 360-909-2746

Dotty

LUNCH & READING & MENTORING BUDDIES – WA ELEMENTARY

- Meet with a child one day week for one hour (time set to your schedule)
- Must fill out Volunteer Application form (school office)
- There are a wide variety of opportunities for service at the school
- Contact Principal Sean McMillian: Sean.Mcmillan@vansd.org

SCRAPBOOK EDITOR – on going

- Compile the club's year of events into a scrapbook
- The finished product will be entered into the MD19 Scrapbook Contest
- Guidelines for the contest will be provided

PHOTOGRAPHER – on going

- Take pictures of the various club activities
- Distribute pictures to the Scrapbook Chairperson and to the area newspapers

POSITIONS OPENING—

The current Secretary and Treasurer have indicated that will be 'retiring' in June. In future newsletters we will be talking about what is required to fulfill these offices. If you are interested please contact Treasurer Steve Staudinger, Secretary Chriss Denny or Pres. Helen

On Thursday, March 22nd, 15 Lions and friends went to the Portland Trailblazer ~ Memphis Grizzlies game. We once again had our own box above the 300 level. We like it up there because we can get up and walk around. They also have a television to watch the game or any other channel. We watched the NCAA Basketball tournament. We had our own waiter too. We were lucky enough to watch the Blazers finally win 97-93. It was also Lion Rick Giles birthday. He did not know that his wife had a birthday cake hidden there for a surprise. Happy birthday Rick and great job Blazers.

Roy Pulliam





The Village Lions

L.I.O.N.

Young ones, Do you want to have fun
I said, Young ones, we can get things done
I said, Young ones, it's a wonderful group
There's no need to be outta the loop

Young ones, you can help you own town
I said, Young ones, there's lots of need that's around
Young ones, If you join we're sure you will find
Many ways to have a good time

It's fun to be a L I O N
It's fun to be a L I O N
Do a lot of good things and there's much to be done
And there is always time for fun

It's fun to be a L I O N
It's fun to be a L I O N
It's so cool to help the poor get a good meal
I can tell you how you will feel

Young ones, are you listening to me
I said Young ones, please listen to me
I said Young ones, we need your help now
Come to a meeting and ask us how

If someone needs some help to see
I said, Young ones, We can help them see
Have them see a L I O N
I'm sure we can help all of them

It's fun to be a L I O N
It's fun to be a L I O N
Do a lot of good things, there is much to be done
And there is always lots of fun

It's fun to be a L I O N

It's fun to be a L I O N

At our meetings you can have a good meal
But helping others is the best you will feel

Young ones I was once in your shoes
They asked me to join and I paid the dues
Right away I felt part of the team
It was better than I had dreamed

That's when someone came up to me
And said Young one, will you take the lead
That is when I joined the L I O N
Then I became part of the den

It's fun to be a L I O N
It's fun to be a L I O N
You won't be sorry if you sign up with us
All the fun we have is a real big plus

L.I.O.N, it's fun to be a L.I.O.N.

L.I.O.N, it's fun to be a L.I.O.N

Young ones, young ones, there's no need to wait
Young ones, young ones, get to the gate
L.I.O.N. and be a L.I.O.N.

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Young ones, young ones, get to the gate
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**Fort Vancouver Lions Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2012**

Present: Helen Sutfin, Stephen Staudinger, Chriss Denny, John Caldwell, Terry Sutfin, Dotty Scott, Bill Shalaby, Len Leger, Adam Hegewald, Bruce Armstrong, Roy Pulliam, Sandy Foster, Terry Robertson and Lee Denny.

1. President, Helen Sutfin, called the meeting to order and a quorum was present.
2. **Minutes** of the February 3, 2012 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.
3. **Treasurers' Report:** Stephen reviewed reports for both the Foundation and the Club.
4. **Correspondence:** No correspondence.

Business – For Action:

Discussion of various subjects:

CEP Progress Report: Helen reviewed the goals and status of each. We are on track for all of them.

The Washougal Lions Club needs help with a **Bicycle Motocross event on April 14**. The Salmon Creek Club needs help with the **Klineline Fishing Derby on April 13 & 14**. Len will circulate sign-up sheets for both of these events.

Friday, March 30 – 5th Friday evening meeting: Following discussion it was determined that we will have a game night (probably BUNCO) with potluck desserts, at the Clark County PUD building. The building is reserved.

Membership: Roy reported that we have 3 new members on which to vote. **Jennifer Deering, Craig Lyons, and Tracy Hein.** Terry R. moved to accept these application, Len seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financial Review Committee: Bill reported that this committee will provide a document establishing a procedure for a financial review to be done annually. This document will be sent to the Board Members via e-mail for their review.

Nominating Committee: Three Directors are needed for the 2012-2013 year. Len Leger, John Campbell and Dotty Scott will fill these positions. We still need a Secretary, a Treasurer, a 3rd Vice President and a 2nd Vice President. At this time no one has stepped forward for any of these positions.

Fundraising – Adam presented a **request from the Ridgefield Lions** asking for help with their annual auction. Terry R. moved to form and investigational committee and have them report back with information about this endeavor. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **Dining in the Dark** will either be postponed or Lori Pulliam will check on another caterer (the initial caterer will not be available until fall.) **White Cane Days** – Sandy now has a committee (Carol Bisbee, Helen and Sandy F.) They will prepare all items needed for While Cane Days. **March 23 concert at WSSB**, Len suggested we have a “Friends of the Lions Club” page in our program for this concert and for \$50.00 a donor will have their name printed on this list. The Leger’s and Pulliams have agreed to each donate \$50 for this purpose. Roy encouraged us all to start selling tickets for this event. Dotty will get PayPal up and running so tickets can be ordered online. **WSSB Weight Lifting Team:** This group has asked for help with their fundraising concert.

White Cane Days Proceeds – Stephen moved that we send 50% of the donations received to NW Lions Foundation and the remaining 50% will be donated to various causes determined by the Board. We voted by ballot. 5 for – 6 against – 3 abstentions. The motion failed. Roy moved that all money be sent to the Lions NW Foundation. Len seconded the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands.

Service Projects: The Friends of Trees Project was a big success. 125 trees were planted last Saturday. Dotty has put a short video on our website. **Share House** – Marilyn Matusch has volunteered to Chair this committee. Stephen asked that we make sure everyone at the Share House and at their main office be informed of the new chairman’s phone number. **Scholarship Committee** – Ralph Harding has agreed to chair this committee. **Breakfast at Washington Elementary** – We will not be cooking pancakes for this event if the neighborhood church decides to do it this year, as the griddles we have used are no longer available.

Club House Possibilities – Results are pending regarding properties that might be suitable for us to use as a Club House.

New Speakers – Adam moved that we allow \$150 to purchase speakers that will be used with our computer when our guest speakers have video presentations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Monthly \$100 charity donation – Dotty requested that this month’s charity donation be given to Bridge the Gap. This organization helps children in foster care. Helen suggested Dotty check with Stephen to see if that money is available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chriss Denny, Secretary

Concert to Benefit the Blind

The March 23rd Benefit Concert for the Blind was a huge success. The two bands were again very entertaining. Three Together opened the show this year. Grammy Award winner Doug Smith is so talented. We are lucky to have one of the premier guitar players in the nation perform for us. Doug plays with his wife Judi Koch-Smith on the flute and Don Mitchell on guitar. Their acoustic rock songs and traditional ballads were awesome.

The Rite of Spring was the closing act. They played old whaling and pirate ballads along with original songs. We especially enjoyed the song Terry Prohaska wrote as a dedication to his musically talented parents. They played a wide variety of musical instruments and had the crowd on their feet when the music was over.



The surprise act this year was the song Y.M.C.A rewritten to L.I.O.N. The lead singer was our own Terry Robertson as the Construction worker. His backup singers were: Adam Hegewald as the soldier, Sandy Hammond as the motorcycle rider, Hallie Walker as the Indian, and Pat Herrera as the Cowboy. They were fantastic. The crowd was on their feet helping with the classic song. Perhaps they can perform it again at the Spring Conference competition.

Dotty has placed songs from the concert on Youtube again. If you want to view songs from the concert, search out Fort Vancouver Lions. You will see performances by both bands, the L.I.O.N song and all of the surprise singers we have had over the years.

We raised more money with advertising donations than ever before. Dave Madore of US Digital stepped up again and pledged the largest single donation for our benefit concerts to date: \$2500.00. He offered to match up to that amount if we could raise it. We exceeded the goal by raising another \$2600.00. The \$5100.00 in ads was by far the most we have ever raised. We raised approximately \$2100.00 in ticket sales and \$179.00 from the concert raffle. That totals \$7379.00. The most we have ever grossed at a benefit concert.

Businesses donating by purchasing ads were: US Digital, The New Phoenix Casino, Shanahan's, Riverview Bank, NW Financial & Tax Solutions, Neathamer Insurance, Total Merchants Concepts, Corner Cobbler Shoe Repair, Attorney Arthur Miller, Corwin Beverage, Postal Annex, The Blind Onion Pizza & Pub, Clear Water Escape, Chris Losinger and American Family Insurance, Heritage Bookkeeping, Dr. Brent Dixon, Hydraulic inc, and Limoges Investment Management. If you frequent any of these businesses please thank them for their donation

We did sell a couple of new ads, but members stepped up by donating \$50.00 each as Friends of the Lions. Donating \$50.00 were Terry & Marilyn Robertson, Len & Jen Ledger, Bruce & Angie Armstrong, Terry & Helen Sutfin, Colleen Lanphier, John Lyons, Wanda Slevin, Hallie Walker, Fred & Ann Larson, Wallace and Joan Teuscher, Sandy Hammond, Bill & Bernadette Shalaby, Adam & Amy Hegewald. Thanks for helping us reach our goal of \$2500.00 for the matching funds by US Digital.

I would also like to thanks following:

Dotty Scott for creating the promotional flyer and the concert program. She also videotaped the event and put in on our web site.

Rick Giles for printing the tickets and helping at the door taking tickets.

Steve Staudinger for taking tickets at the door and keeping track of our income.

Al Rhyasen , John Caldwell and Ken Milligan for selling ads.

Jessica Sydnor and Ann Giles for selling raffle tickets.

My wife Lori for helping me write the L.I.O.N. song and all of her support.

All of our members that came to the show and the entire club for their support of the Benefit Concerts.

More music will come in the future. It is fun way to raise funds and display local talented musician.

Thank you,

Lion Roy Pulliam

Benefit Concert Chairman





We Serve

April 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Happy Birthday Catrina Galicz	2 	3 Sight Committee WSSB 6:30PM Hearing Committee WSD 7:00PM	4	5	6 Club Board Meeting 10:30AM Lions Meeting 12 PM	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Lions Meeting 12PM	14 Happy Birthday Roy Pulliam
15 Happy Birthday Walt Miller	16	17 Zone Meeting	18 Share House	19	20 Lions Meeting 12PM	21 Sight Foundation Banquet
22	23	24 Happy Birthday Diana Olds Happy Birthday Bruce Preece	25	26 Happy Birthday Shelly Brown	27 Happy Birthday Russell Ivey Lions Meeting 12PM	28 Happy Birthday Cheri Perry
29	30 					
MAY DATES TO REMEMBER... WSSB Track Meet May 17th						 FVL Original Pin
						Dates in RED mark our regular scheduled meeting

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