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JANUARY SPEAKERS PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHERI

January 6

Alishia Topper, Director of Strategic Partnerships f/t Vancouver School District

January 13

Sharon Pesut, Executive Director Partners in Careers

January 20

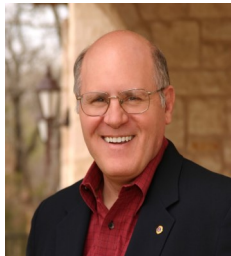
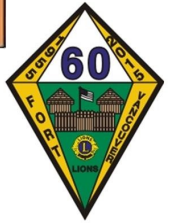
Mary Oldham, Northwest Children's Outreach

January 26

Stacey Graham, Executive Director, Humane Society for Southwest Washington



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King Lion Tony



Happy New Year to all my fellow Fort Vancouver Lions! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and made more special memories with your loved ones.

Have you recuperated from our very busy Season of Service? Starting with our Thanksgiving lunch at Washington Elementary, three days of eye and hearing screenings at Washington, Roosevelt, and Ogden Elementary Schools, two days of Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and the Santa Store and its associated weather related challenges, we were energetically engaged this past two months. More can be found on these activities as you read on through this newsletter.

We had a service activity both spontaneous and new this year. Lions Chriss Denny, Nancy Brown, Gay Enyeart, and Lion spouses Linda Licata and Bernadette Shalaby were led by Lions Eva Halter and Jen Leger in a fundraising activity to help foster children. The team produced around two hundred hand-crafted college and NFL themed stuffed sock snowman that they subsequently sold at the Legacy Hospital annual Christmas fair. Their efforts raised \$1000 for Bridge the Gap, a community outreach program designed to enrich the lives of abused and neglected children in Clark and Skamania Counties. As with many things, this project seemed to grow organically to the benefit of the children as more Lions became involved. Congratulations to this Lions team! Perhaps this is a project we can repeat and grow in future years.

The team of FVLC Lions working to raise funds for our Foundation has been diligent, having worked several events in December. Moda center concessions management company Levy named the Fort Vancouver Lions Club, Non-Profit of the Month and recognized our partnership with them and the good work we do in our community. Congratulations and thanks are in order to all these Lions.

We've got some interesting things coming as we open the second half of our Lions year. In January, we will be working an environ-

mental project at the Fort Vancouver National Historic site as an MLK Day of Service. In March we are planning to hold our Habitat For Humanity build day under Lion Bruce Armstrong's direction. Lion Ralph Harding is forming our centennial project committee to identify a project(s) to designate and complete as part of our Lions 100th anniversary celebrations. And I've asked Lion Stephen Staudinger to form a Melvin Jones Award committee for the club.

Our FVLC Board of Directors has been in discussion for a while to help us better understand how to put our foundation resources to work in a reasonable time frame. Over the past several years, our foundation has benefited from a few wind-fall donations. In parallel, a series of FTVC Lions Boards in good faith have done what so many people do in similar situations; that is balk at tapping into an accrued surplus no matter its amount or age. The consequence of this is that our foundation balance becomes static in a way that was never intended by our benefactors or ourselves. So we decided to put some collaborative thought into what a good reserve guideline should be and how to encourage ourselves and future boards to meet the expectations of our donors and put the money to work for the community in accordance with our mission in a timely way. I will be sharing more about this with members at our general membership meetings in January. We expect to vote on this new guideline at our January 20 board meeting.

In closing this month's presidential message, I want to again ask everyone to focus on FVLC membership growth and sustainability. As we know in the end, everything we do depends upon membership. We need to find ways to recruit new members from all segments of our community. The membership need is great in order to insure our future. We need ideas and actions on this to abound

**Yours in service,
 King Lion Tony**

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President:	Tony Licata
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Secretary:	Doug Wilson
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Membership Chair:	Martha Johnson
Past President:	Craig Limoges

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1-year	Steve Staudinger
1-year	Wanda Slevin
2-year	Eva Halter
2-year	Lee Denny

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Lion Holiday Celebration

Fifty members of the Fort Vancouver Lions club celebrated the holidays with a party on December 22 at Club Green Meadows. The fact that we had a party is a tribute to the resilience of Lions **and Doug Harper**, CGM Banquet Manager since the event had to be rescheduled twice due to two weather related events. The group gathered at 6:00 pm for a social hour and background Christmas music played by Lion **John Caldwell**. King Lion **Tony Licata** welcomed everyone and Lion **Bruce Armstrong** offered the invocation. Lion **Martha Johnson** came up with a great way to choose the order of tables going into the buffet. The first table to correctly answer a question and sing a Christmas song went to the excellent Prime Rib/Salmon Buffet. All selections on the buffet line were excellent including an outstanding selection of desserts. After dinner, **Roy Pulliam** auctioned the International Dinner which was donated for the third year by **Steve and Gay Enyeart**. Five couples bid \$150 each to raise money for the Lions Admin. Fund. Thanks Steve and Gay! The event everyone was waiting for came when Lions **Jerry Jacobus** and **Jen Leger** (previous winners) came forward for the Joker Draw. Someone at the dinner would win the \$783 jackpot by picking the Joker from the remaining 8 cards left in the deck. **Ann Giles, Lee Denny, John Caldwell, Ralph Harding and Martha Johnson** – all had a chance to pick the Joker but it eluded them. Finally, with only three cards remaining, **Lion Shelly Brown** hit pay dirt! Lion **Martha** led the group in a melody of Christmas Carols to end the evening.

Thanks to the Holiday Party committee:
Chriss and Lee Denny, Martha Johnson, Eva Halter, Len and Jen Leger.



Ft. Vancouver Lions Push Through the Storm— Washington Elementary Santa Store

If you're from Minnesota, The Dakotas, or east of The Cascades, you would have thought Vancouver had been covered to the eaves with snow and ice recently, especially if you watched any of our major weather stations. It's rather embarrassing.

However, we're persistent and determined...*"Washington elementary students will get their gifts this year". And they did.*

With the help of the Washington staff, parents, Ft. Vancouver Lions and other volunteers, quick haste was made and all was well. Hundreds of gifts went flying out the door to the families of the students.

A big thank you goes to Principal Patrick Connors for leading his staff and suggesting we open the store on Saturday. Wow - what a great idea! He would ask staff and parents to come back on Saturday when their vacation was just starting. And they did. With happy faces, great attitudes and quick action we were there and ready.

Ft. Vancouver Lions should feel very good about the way the staff and students handled themselves during a busy time of the year.

What a fun time! What a great honor it is to help those so appreciative of everything we do.

We love you Washington Elementary. Keep up the good work.



ANNUAL WALK & KNOCK FOOD DRIVE

The Annual Walk and Knock Food Drive was held on December 3rd. As in the past, the Fort Vancouver Lions participated with drivers and walkers in the Truman Elementary area. This year eleven Fort Vancouver Lions participated in this area. Stephen and Shelley Staudinger wish to thank these Lions as well as their helpers for making this drive a success: Craig Limoges, DeAnn Miller, Barbra Fey, Tony Licata, Roy Pulliam, Lori Pulliam, Danny Pulliman, Len Ledger, Jen Ledger and Craig Lyons. It has been reported that around 125 tons of food was collected in this drive this year. Great Job Lions.



HEALTH SCREENING UNIT PROJECT

The Fort Vancouver Lions sponsored the Lions health screening unit on December 5th at Washington Elementary, December 6th at Peters S Ogden Elementary and December 7th at Roosevelt Elementary. Two daily shifts, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM were covered by our Lions resulting in 90 volunteer hours for this project. We screened 1,334 students in the 3 days. I would like to thank the following Lions for participating in this very needed and rewarding project: Helen Sutfin, Martha Johnson, Allen Rhyasen, Tony Licata, John Lyons, Chriss Denny, Adam Hegewald, Bob Weller, Dolores Milligan, Bill Shalaby, Craig Limoges, DeAnn Miller, Doug Wilson and Stephen Staudinger. Great Job Lions.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing



**Fort Vancouver Lions Board Meeting
November 17, 2016
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by president, Tony Licata at 4:30 AM. A quorum was established. Members present were Tony Licata, Doug Wilson, Gay Enyeart, Len Leger, Chriss Denny, Eva Halter, Wanda Slevin, Martha Johnson, Steve Staudinger, Craig Limoges, and Lee Denny. Guest Lions: Tracy Fortmann, Delores Milligan, Ken Milligan, Bill Shallaby, Helen Sutfin, and Terry Sutfin.

Minutes: The minutes from October 14 were approved unanimously.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Treasurers Report: Gay reported on the Administration (Club) and Foundation accounts. Currently, the Club account has a total of \$32,140 and the Foundation Account has a total of \$27,057. She reported that two checks from the MODA center work was recently deposited to the foundation account totaling \$900. Tony noted that the money raised from the MODA center project had to be deposited into the 501C3 Foundation account. Tips can go to the administration account. Gay reported that recently \$98.50 in tips from the MODA work had been transferred into the administration account.

Proposals for Board Consideration:

Proposal Number: 1617-18

Lion Member(s) Offering Proposal: Delores Milligan, Ken Milligan, Martha Johnson

Proposal Title: Approval of FTVC Lions Membership New Lion Barbara Fey

Proposal Description: Lions Delores and Ken Milligan have introduced new member Barbara Fey to the Fort Vancouver Lions. Lion Delores is acting as Barbara's mentor. Barbara has visited our club meetings on a number of occasions, has attended an orientation meeting with Lion Craig Limoges, and submitted her completed LCI membership application and FTVC Lions annual dues payment. Additionally she is already volunteering for club service projects. This is a proposal for the Board to formally to approve Barbara's membership and welcome her to the Fort Vancouver Lions.

FTVC Lion Board Member Making Motion for Consideration: Martha

FTVC Lion Seconding Motion: Steve

Describe Motion: Motion approved unanimously

Committee Report: Fort Vancouver Lions Reserves Committee

Committee Members: Doug Wilson, Len Leger, Lee Denny

Doug discussed the committees' work in drafting two budget proposals for reserves, one for the Club and one for the Foundation and a proposal for a grants committee. For the former, in short, a sum of 25% of the current year's budget would be reserved in case of performance shortfalls and to identify any surpluses in the accounts that could be used to benefit the community. Tony suggested that there is a need to spend our surplus. He suggested that the proposal was a simple solution that did not legislate to the board how to spend the surplus.

Steve was not comfortable with a three month buffer and prefers a six month buffer. He also suggested that the actual expenditure average over the last three years would be a better metric for determining the reserve. Craig suggested that the proposals, once they are finalized should go out to the membership via email, hard copies at meetings, and snail mail for those who do not have email. Delores commented that she wants to make sure that the sight and hearing committees and our commitment to diabetes work is covered. Len posited that the development of three years of actuals may be difficult. Craig reported that the topic had been the subject of past boards, including his, and he supported (in concept) the guidelines. He also noted that a very important Lions project may require going into the reserves in any given year. Also some projects may require movement of funds from the club to the foundation. The reserves policy will give us a guideline for how much can be moved or spent. Chriss noted that for a big project, the board would bring it to the general membership.

Tony noted that the club is trying to solve the issue of what to do with excess funds. Given that some of the donations were given with the expectation that they would be put to good work, we have an incentive to formulate a means to utilize these windfalls. If there is a good idea and the club is willing to invest, then we can move forward. Wanda argued that it was unnecessary to have reserve guidelines for the club account as much of this came in the form of dues. Craig noted that in the past when the surplus in the Admin fund went beyond immediate annual uses (associated with work at the amphitheater) it could be put to good use. Lee noted that in the past, the board budgets have transferred funds from the administration account to the foundation account.

It was decided to send the proposals back to the committee for review of the input from the board and club members and to return it to the board. From there, if it is acceptable to the board, it would go to the membership for input. After input from the membership, it would return to the board for approval.

Tony then read the proposal for a grant-making committee. He clarified the process as the annual budget would establish the usual groups we support with funds and any funds available in excess would be targeted for grants. A Grants Committee would send a letter to those groups in the past which we have given nominal amounts to and request proposals in the \$500 to \$1000 range. Tony indicated that the process would not replace proactive giving which will be covered in the annual budget. The process will allow for larger grants that can do much more good than the small nominal donations the club has done in the past. Steve suggests that the process should not be too

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complex or time consuming. It was decided to send the proposal back to the committee for review of the input from the board and club members and to return it to the board with the reserves proposals.

Formation of a Melvin Jones Banquet Committee. Tony expressed the desire to form a Melvin Jones Banquet Committee. Steve volunteered to chair the committee.

Centennial Project Ideas. Tony identified a few possible project ideas for the Lions Centennial including financial support for an 80-ft. tall flagstaff on the parade ground of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, a Project at Columbia Springs, a work day and/or other project for Habitat for Humanity. Martha identified a proposal for a Year of Hundreds: including:

Serving 100 meals at the Share House

Distributing 100 blankets and/or 100 turkeys and/or 100 books and/or 100 cans of food or loaves of bread to those in need, or

Other service projects that could have a metric that adds up to 100 to celebrate the Centennial.

Tony wishes to form a Centennial Projects Committee.

Craig noted that Cub Scout Pack 320 was requesting \$350 for its chartering fees, which should be taken up with the board next month.

Helen noted that at the President's Council, there was a need for a donation for the stands for Flags for First Graders. They are about \$2500 short this year and Helen indicated that a donation of \$250 would help out greatly.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM. The next board meeting will be at 10:30 on Friday, December 16 at China Cook Lounge prior to our Friday lunch meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Douglas C. Wilson, Secretary



FVLC General Membership Meeting Schedule **January 2017 through February 2017**

Remember, we hope to open up a few more opportunities for current or new members whose work schedule conflicts with an exclusive Friday midday schedule. Unless we inform you otherwise, meetings including evening meetings will be held at

China Cook 2200 St. Johns Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661.

Please think about making a special effort to invite guests either to our meetings or to participate in our service activities. This is part of our all important member retention and recruitment efforts.

Date	Time	Location	Notes
Friday, Jan 6	12:00 Noon	China Cook	
Friday, Jan 13	12:00 Noon	China Cook	
Friday, Jan 20	12:00 Noon	China Cook	Board Meeting at 10:30 AM
Thursday, Jan 26	6:00 PM	China Cook	
Friday, Feb 3	12:00 Noon	China Cook	
Friday, Feb 10	12:00 Noon	China Cook	
Friday, Feb 17	12:00 Noon	China Cook	Board Meeting at 10:30 AM
Thursday, Feb 23	6:00 PM	China Cook	

Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County December 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Steve Seymour at 6:30.

Attending: Dean Stenehjerm, (Ridgefield) Bob Weller (Ft. Vancouver) David Page (Salmon Creek) Stephanie Starke (Camas) Mark Miller (North Clark) John Caldwell (Ft. Vancouver) Bruce Manning (Columbia Crest) Ralph Harding (Fort Vancouver) Steve Seymour (Ft. Vancouver) Bill Lundin (Hazel Dell) Ken Milligan (Ft. Vancouver) Delores Milligan (Ft. Vancouver). Barbara Fay.

Motion made by David P. seconded by Bruce M. to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting with one modification. (The average cost of a pair of glasses purchased by the Foundation each month is \$ 100.00.) Motion passed.

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Bruce Manning

Beginning Balance	\$7,137.25
Donations/Income	
David and Patty Page	25.00
Ft Vancouver Lions in Memory of Carol Casey	125.00
Waneta Filbin in Memory of Carol Casey	30.00
Hazel Dell Lions In Memory of Dodie Reinholdt	125.00
Lorreta Babbit in Memory of Carol Casey	50.00
Battle Ground Lions	500.00
Cash in Memorial of Carol Casey	20.00
Total Donations/Income	\$875.00
Total Donations/Income plus cash in Account	8,012.25
Disbursements:	
69 Eye Exams and Glasses paid	7,220.00
Stamps	94.00
(\$ 104.64 average per case paid)	
One Sight Vouchers for Lenscrafters 9 x \$ 50 +	\$450.00
Total Disbursements	7,314.00
Balance of Account	698.25
Pending Vouchers 66	
Total Pending Payments	6,906.24
Available Balance	(- 6,207.99)

Motion by Ralph H. second by Dean S. to approve Treasurer's Report

Ralph Harding reported on the status of endowments. The value of December 6, was \$46,973.73 and this is down \$ 465.09 since November 1, report.

Continuing Matter: Discussion of What to Do When Endowment Fund gets down to \$25,000. Discussion included: The \$25,000 is an important number because one benefactor of the cause of Lions Sight in Clark County gave the Committee \$25,000. Over the years there have been other private contributions in the amount of \$10,000 donated. In addition grants in the amount of \$10,000 and \$15,000 have been given by the Firstenberg Foundation. \$2,000 grant from Riverview Bank is pending.

One comment was that presentations to Lions Clubs in Clark County have been important in generating interest in sight services and related funding.

The Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County is a 501(c)3 organization and tax credits are earned by individuals who contribute to Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County, PO Box 1804, Vancouver, WA 98668 - 1804.

In recent years the Foundation has supplied examination and glasses annually from 370 to 400 individuals, plus 470 in 2008. The average cost per individual is near \$100 each. The fee we pay to service providers is \$ 25 for frames, \$ 50 for regular lenses, \$75 for bifocals. Exams are \$50, however most of clients receive free examinations through government or social service providers.

If LSfofCC provides 400 glasses in a year, expected revenues to cover expenses would be \$40,000. What would be the pro-rated cost per individual Lion in Clark County?

In the past, the Auctions netted \$10,000. Two individuals who did the heavy lifting on the projects are no longer involved in Lions Foundation efforts. The bulk of the funding for the auction, was provide by Lions members, who provided the items, bought the items auctions, and by their ticket purchase paid for the food and the rental of the facility.

Another source of additional funding, can come from contributors whose employers match employee giving to helping agencies.

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Some proposed drafts of messages are being prepared to help with some of the issues mentioned above.

Patient Care: Ralph Harding
48 Applications 2 denied (non resident)
45 Regular applications approved
1 Special case considered

Mr. C. E. age 66. Recent treatment for Bone Marrow cancer, 2 relapses. Treatment for Brain Tumor, Stroke, Bankruptcy. another stroke March 21. Dealing with Double vision. Needs Special Glasses.

LSFofCC purchases glasses for 1/3 of retail costs. Estimated costs not solid, but \$600 number was mentioned.

Moved by Dean S. seconded by Bill L. for approval of application. Motion passed with no dissent.

Bill Lundin reported that a law and supporting WAC's are now in place to authorize Eye examination in State schools. This covers electronic vision screening, by lay persons who work in Nationally Recognized Service Organization who use test/retest protocols. Retest by Optometrists.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50
Bob Weller, Substituting for Peggy Lansverk.

Next Meeting. January 3, 2017



Please email newsletter
articles for the **February** newsletter to:
Shelly Brown at Lsbrown65@comcast.net
by **Tuesday, January 24!** Thanks!!
It's much appreciated when this deadline is
observed!



January 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2	3 Clark Co. Hearing Blind Union 6 PM Happy Birthday Craig Swoverland (3) Clark County Sight 6:30 PM	4	5	6 Happy Birthday Marilyn Robertson Lions Meeting 12 PM	7 Moda Center Food Booth
8	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Gay Enyeart	13 Lions Meeting 12 PM Moda Center Food Booth	14
15	16 	17 Happy Birthday Marsel Tingey	18 Share House	19 Moda Center Food Booth	20 Board Meeting 10:30 AM Lions Meeting 12 PM	21
22	23 Happy Birthday DeLores Milligan	24 Newsletter items due!!	25	26 Lions Meeting 6 PM	27 NO Lions Meeting	28
29 Moda Center Food Booth	30	31				



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