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On Friday at High Noon!

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FEBRUARY SPEAKERS PROGRAM DIRECTOR ROY

February 6

Chuck Atkins, Clark
County Sheriff

February 13

Jon Ulsh, McDonald
House in Portland

February 20

Darren Nichols, Executive
Director of the Columbia
River Gorge Commission

February 27

Lori Sobelson, Bob's Red
Mill

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King Lion Sandy

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Hello Fort Vancouver Lions,

Calling all leaders!! We are in the first stages of recruiting new officers for the 2015-2016 Lions year. Have you ever thought about serving in that capacity? Serving is not only playing an Elf at the Santa Store or ringing the bell at Fred Meyers at Christmas time, or preparing and serving dinners to the hundreds of needy community members or the other hundreds of ways we serve our community. It could be serving on our very own board so we can continue to serve our communities. Thank you to Lion Gay who is going to Step up and be our treasurer along with the help from Lion Terry and Lion Steve. The other positions we have open are Secretary, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd VP's and even King Lion if you are interested. Lion Craig is putting together a nominating committee to get these positions filled but please remember we need to serve our club and nurture it to stay strong and growing. Please contact Lion Craig if you would like to be on the committee; or if you would like to serve in one of the positions. We would be all for having a co-secretary if there are two of you who would like to join together to get the job done.

Another exciting event that is coming up is our 60th anniversary!! WOW, 60 years of service—we will be celebrating this monumental event in April. Along this same topic as above; do you know we have never had a repeat King Lion for the entire 60 years? Last year when we were struggling finding board members there were several veteran lions who stepped up to fill those positions on a temporary basis. One of those lions is Lion Craig who has served as King Lion in 2006-07 but will be our first repeat if no one steps up and takes that position. Don't get me wrong, he will make a great president again and we are grateful he is

doing that. But part of me wants to try to keep our heritage going of no repeat presidents. So again, please open up your hearts and minds and consider any of the above positions.

Please remember we have moved to China Cook for our weekly meetings. It sounds like Lion Roy has some great speakers lined-up for our February meetings. We will be having our first bake sale on Friday February 13th at our weekly meeting. Please come and get your **Valentine** a sweet treat!!



King Lion Sandy Hammond



**Fort Vancouver Lions
Club Officers 2014-15**

King Lion: Sandy Hammond

1st VP: Craig Limoges

2nd VP: Roy Pulliam

3rd VP: Helen Sutfin

Past President: Adam Hegewald

Secretary: Carol Bisbee

Treasurer: Terry Sutfin

Tail Twister: Marilyn Robertson

Lion Tamer: Fred Larson

Membership: Adam Hegewald

Board Members: Dotty Scott, Len Leger, Charissa Steinmann, Al Rhyasen, Molly McNealy, Catrina Galicz

Program Directors: Bruce Armstrong, Doug Wilson, Len Leger, Roy Pulliam

Sunshine Committee:
Colleen Lanphier

Technology Guru: Dotty Scott

Visitations: Terry Sutfin

Social Chair: Len Leger

Winterhawks Game

Nineteen Lions and friends attended the January 23rd Portland Winterhawks game. It was our January social event. We started the evening with many of us at Beaches for dinner and then on to the game. The Winterhawks won 4-1 over the Spokane Chiefs. It was a very entertaining game. Everyone also received a free Winterhawks hat.

Look for more fun social events in the coming months. Get out and have some fun with your fellow members.



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Spring Benefit Concert



Friday, March 6th will be our next Benefit Concert. It's our annual Spring Benefit Concert." It will be at 7 PM at Sherman Auditorium at the Washington State School for the Blind.

Appearing again will be the wonderful band "Three Together" featuring Grammy Award winning guitarist, Doug Smith. Doug's music can be heard regularly on Kink radio, on national commercials, and in several movies. Doug is also a past National winner of the "Finger Picking Guitar" competition that occurs each year in the mid-west. There is no better guitar player in our area. Doug is joined with Judy Koch-Smith on the flute and the always entertaining Don Mitchell.

Also back again from last year will be "The Rite of Spring." Three very talented musicians make up the band: Terry Prohaska and Michael and Lynn Attwood. They play a mix of original, traditional, contemporary music with a variety of musical instruments. We are so glad to have them back again.

Tickets are only \$15.00 and can be bought from me, at our Friday lunch meetings, or at the Washington State School for the Blind. Please consider attending and inviting your friends and relatives. We are also raising funds by selling advertising in our program for this event. Business card size ads sell for \$100.00. ¼ page ads are \$250.00 and half page are \$500.00. We would also love to find a Corporate Sponsor for \$1000.00.

The funds we raise will benefit the Student Betterment fund at the Washington State School for the Blind, and the charities of the Fort Vancouver Lions.

Concert Chairman, Roy Pulliam



Featuring
Doug Smith
3 Together



Rite of Spring



Sherman Auditorium, Washington State School for the Blind

2215 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver WA

Performance at 7 PM, Doors open at 6:30 PM

For tickets contact Janet at 360-696-6321 ext 120 or purchase through www.FortVancouverLions.org

\$15.00 per person



Fort Vancouver Lion's Club Foundation presents Spring Benefit Concert on March 6th, 2015

Fort Vancouver Lions Board Meeting January 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Hammond. A quorum was declared. Members present were Sandy Hammond, Craig Limoges, Helen Sutfin, Terry Sutfin, Carol Bisbee, Len Leger, Diana Olds, and Catrina Galicz, and Adam Hegewald.

Secretary Carol Bisbee: The minutes were approved as distributed. Correspondence included newsletters from several organizations that will be available at the January 9th meeting. We also received two contributions.

Treasurer Terry Sutfin: distributed two profit and loss statements. One statement was for the month of December and one for October 15th to December 31st. A full report will be presented at the January 22nd Board Meeting.

President Sandy Hammond: Courtyard Village: Len Leger reported \$282.00 was presented to the Council for the Homeless, designated to aid families from Washington Elementary who had received eviction notices. Len moved that we donate an additional \$300.00, which would come from our Foundation Account. The motion was seconded by Diana Olds and unanimously approved.

Newsletter: Shelly Brown noted that she has not been receiving information in a timely manner so our newsletters have been late getting published and distributed. Following discussion the decision was made to direct Shelly to go ahead and publish whatever information she had received by the 25th of the month. Therefore the newsletter can be sent out by the first of the month.

Club Excellence Award: Sandy reported that she had met with Carol to discuss what our club needs to do to receive this award. This will be discussed in greater detail at the Executive Board Meeting on January 15th, with a report presented to the full board on January 22nd.

Lions Leaders Forum will be March 7th 2015. This is for all Lions not just new people and officers. We have been asked if our club would sponsor a coffee break or contribute monetarily so we can continue this great offering at no cost to individuals. A motion was made by Helen that we sponsor the afternoon coffee break and should limit our cost to \$150.00 or less. The motion was seconded. There were 8 yes votes and 1 no vote. Motion carried.

1st Vice President Craig Limoges-Club Administration: Craig reported that the constitution and by-laws were almost complete and would be ready to present to the Executive Board on January 15, 2015.

2nd Vice President Roy Pulliam-Fund-Raising: Roy was not present. Len reminded us of the benefit concert on March 6th. He also gave a report from the social committee. The Christmas Party was very well attended. With the auction items we were able to cover all our expenses. Jen Leger won the 50/50 raffle drawing. The next social outing will be the Winterhawks game on January 28th.

3rd Vice President Helen Sutfin-Service Projects: The Santa Store went very well. There were enough gifts. Set up and take down went very well. All remaining are sorted and boxed. After Christmas shopping has not been done as the committee has not been able to coordinate a time. Multiple projects were completed including Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army and the Share House. Over 500 hours of service was reported to LCI for December. The next events for Washington Elementary will be Reading to first graders, and at the end of the year Play Day. National Lions Service Day is this month. Helen will pass around a clipboard at the meeting Friday listing opportunities to serve. We are still planning something for the First Responders.

New Business: Helen Sutfin reported that new eye glass collection boxes are coming and should be here January 20th. They are being sent from LERC. Pens have been ordered. Helen suggested we create a manual listing where all our various supplies are ordered. This would simplify ordering.

Terry reported 23 members have not paid their dues. The first 6 months payment was made and included these individuals. Members will attempt to contact these individuals to determine if they are going to pay their dues and continue as Lions, or if they wish to be dropped. These will be presented again at the next board meeting before dues have to be remitted.

Open Forum: 60th Anniversary Celebration. This will take place April 1st. Jim Moffit will help design the pin for the Century Awards, which will be given to individuals whose combined age and years of service equal 100 or more. The cost would be approximately \$200.00 for 100 pins. A second pin was discussed to be used as our 60th anniversary pin. Len moved that \$400.00 be designated for the two pins. The motion was seconded by Adam, and unanimously approved. Len will ask Jim to help design the 60th anniversary pin as well. A question was raised about the policy on reimbursements. Once receipts have been submitted they must be paid within thirty days. The suggestion was made to add that receipts should also have to be submitted within 30 days of the expenditure. No vote was taken on the matter. Adam asked that we do a 6 months review of how we are doing with Fund Raising and Expenses to see if we are on target for the year. This will be addressed at a future board meeting.

Leos Report: Helen reported that there are 9 active Leos and that they have been very busy. They have visited at the Share House three times handing out hygiene kits. They also helped with the Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army and have assisted the Vancouver Lions Clubs with several projects.

An executive board meeting will be held next week. Sandy will e-mail date and time. The next full board meeting will be January 22nd. The Zone meeting will be January 20th at WSSB at 6:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Bisbee, Secretary

LEOS

LEO Legends have started the new year with enthusiasm. They continue to fill the hard eye-glass cases with personal hygiene items. Plans to distribute them at SHARE on the 3rd Wed of each month (when the club prepares dinner) are in the 'works'. February will feature a **SHARE THE WARMTH** drive for SHARE. Area high schools and businesses will be hosting barrels for donations. The upcoming month will find them deep in plans for the WSSB Jamboree. In conjunction with Vancouver Lions this event was a huge success last year. Planned completely by the LEOs and funded by Vancouver club the students enjoyed a host of high school age games. Their up-coming calendar includes First Responders recognition, assisting Lion Martha Johnson with Santa Store items, helping with the Vancouver Lions Duck Derby.

Visitors and new members are welcome to meetings at 7pm - Northcrest Church on Mill Plain.

Contact Lions Dotty Scott or Molly McNealy.



LIONS LEARNING FORUM

Are you a 'seasoned' Lion with many years of service participation? Or are you a Lion who has recently become a member of the world's largest service organization? Would you work on club projects if you knew more about them? Does your job prevent you from joining fellow Lions in service? Perhaps you are somewhere in-between, a member who pays the dues, receives the newsletter and LION magazine, but really don't feel as if you part of the 'group'.

The Lions of SW WA and northern OR are joining together Sat. March 7 at the La Center High School for socializing, sharing and learning. This FREE event will offer an array of sessions (see attached registration form) for all levels of Lionism. It is well worth attending.

Associate Zone Chair Mark Mansell, (the bike across America guy) organized this FREE event last year and the huge success warrants a repeat forum this year. New topics! New ideas! FREE!

Registration is on line www.LionsLearningForum.org or use the hard copy attached. Mark your calendar and join Lions from other clubs for a fun filled day of sharing and learning.



Please email newsletter articles for the
March newsletter to:
Shelly Brown at Lsbrown65@comcast.net by
Monday, February 23! Thanks!!



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www.LionsLearningForum.org

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Registration Form

RETURN TO: Mark Mansell

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The day will be filled with round-table discussions covering a wide variety of topics designed to increase and enhance the Lion spirit. Local area Lions will share tried and true club secrets. Participants will leave with knowledge of the Lions organization, ideas for involvement, leadership and club improvement.

WEAR:

Your Club Name Tag!

BRING:

Note taking materials

LUNCH:

Provided

WIFI:

available

A great opportunity for:

*newer members to meet with 'seasoned' Lions.

*"Seasoned" Lions – to share Lions history

*Exchanging ideas with members of other clubs.

SESSIONS

Mark 1-5 choices from list below

1 being your 1st choice

Detailed session descriptions can be found on forum website

___ Proven ways to grow your club
Ideas for retention and recruiting

___ Tail twisting, putting FUN in your club
Fun beyond fines

___ Lions Learning Opportunities
There are many experiences available

___ Public speaking
Learning to relax before a crowd

___ Lions 101
What is the organization REALLY about

___ How to run a Club Meeting
Successful strategies for a well-run meeting

___ Melvin Jones and Lions Club International
How LCIF impacts what Lions is all about

___ Club excellence Process (CEP)
A strong club does not just "happen"

___ Conflict Resolution
Turning strong ideas into positive actions

___ What is Lionism?
Member of a Lions Club, or a Lion?

___ New Ways to Raise Funds
All clubs have 'winners' – learn how to replicate

___ Getting to YES
Tricks for members to use in the 'selling' game

___ Club officers roundtable discussion
For current and potential officers

___ Club Communications
Websites and social media help a club to grow

___ Lions International website
Navigation of the site in the computer lab



February 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Dates in RED mark our regularly scheduled meeting. Meeting location: China Cook 2804 St. Johns Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98661	
1	2 LEOs Meeting 7 PM	3 Clark County Sight 6:30 PM Happy Birthday Wanda McNealy (3) Clark Co. Hearing Blind Onion 6 PM	4	5 Happy Birthday Amy Hegewald Board Meeting 6 PM	6 Lions Meeting 12 PM	7 Happy Birthday Dotty Scott
8	9 Happy Birthday Colleen Lamphier Sammy Hale LEOs Meeting 7 PM	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Steve Staudinger	13 Lions Meeting 12 PM	14 Happy Valentine's Day! 
15	16 LEOs Meeting 7 PM	17	18 Share House	19 Board Meeting 6 PM	20 Lions Meeting 12 PM	21
22 Happy Birthday Martha Johnson Darvin Zimmerman	23 LEOs Meeting 7 PM	24	25 Happy Birthday Jack Sprinkel	26	27 Lions Meeting 12 PM	28
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