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JULY SPEAKERS PROGRAM DIRECTOR BRUCE

July 1

Karen Lovely,
local singer

July 8

King Lion Tony Licata

July 15

Jeff Waters,
Vancouver Filmworks

July 22

Amy Lodholz,
Habitat for Humanity

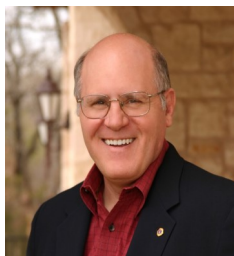
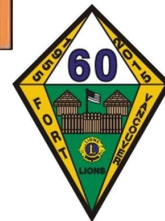
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King Lion Tony

Recently, I recalled an experience from a business trip to Japan early in my professional career. Our Japanese hosts had invited us to a dinner at a very old and renowned restaurant. As we entered the restaurant that evening, I could tell we were going to experience something special. The architecture of the building, the décor, the history, and the cultural expression were all harmoniously available for the guests. Perhaps sensing an opportunity that age and wisdom best recognizes, the most senior member of the Japanese team guided me through an astounding part of our evening. The restaurant had an inner courtyard that housed a garden of a very beautiful collection of bonsai. My host showed me each of the bonsai and we discussed the species of tree when either he or I could identify them. He explained to me that the philosophy of bonsai is that you view a tree in miniature and see its age and character from above, and thereby you gain a whole new perspective on life. My host shared the last and best piece of information as we departed the garden to assemble for dinner. He gently smiled and said with a bit of a twinkle in his eye, "700 years old!"

I thought a lot about the generations of caretakers who built the garden and cared for the bonsai. I thought about how each person must have spent their entire life dedicated to these tasks, how they trained and mentored those that would replace them, and how they invited and recruited new individuals to help them in this most delicate, fragile, and yet enduring work. The reality of the dedication of the unknown people involved to keep this garden alive in the face of the obstacles and inevitable change of 700 years left me profoundly impressed.



We have a great team made up of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club membership, Directors, and Officers. We are grateful to departing Lion President Craig Limoges for his collaboration in helping us pull this leadership team together and equally grateful to our board members for agreeing to serve us this year. We too, have a great tradition of 100 years of Lionism and 61 years of The Fort Vancouver Lions Club. We too, have a garden that is our community of Vancouver, Clark County, and the Pacific Northwest. We have a humble and yet important mission in our service to our community in general and to its disadvantaged sight and hearing impaired, its homeless and hungry, and its at-risk youth.

As we embark on our new Lions' year, collectively we should attempt to answer a question: Whom will we invite, engage, and mentor; and whose creativity will we inspire, unleash, and nourish, such that when our names are no longer recognizable nor remembered, our garden will be tended and our mission will be strong?

King Lion Tony



Fort Vancouver Lions Club Officers 2015-16

President: Tony Licata
1ST VP - Fundraising: Chriss Denny
2ND VP Service: Len Leger
Secretary: Doug Wilson
Treasurer: Gay Enyeart
Membership Chair: Martha Johnson
Past President: Craig Limoges

Directors:

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

CEREMONIAL OFFICERS

Tail Twister: Allen Rhyassen
Lion Tamer: Fred Larson

New Officer and Board Installation

Twenty-eight club members gathered for a potluck and barbeque at the home of Lion DeDe on June 11th to pay respects to the outgoing Officers and Board members, and to listen to PDG Mark Koelsch install the new Officers and Board members. It was a fun way to spend a beautiful day. PDG Mark handed out musical instruments to the incoming leadership team and a conductor's baton to incoming King Lion Tony. The band may need a little work and will have to heed King Lion Tony's baton to come together. Outgoing King Lion Craig recognized many in attendance for the much-appreciated service of the outgoing leaders. The Lion of the Year award went to Lion Martha Johnson and the Rookie of the Year award went to Lion Cheri Martin. Both awards were well deserved. We look forward to another great year under our new leadership team. Many thanks to Lion DeDe for opening up her house and yard to the event.



Lion Craig presents Lions Sandy Hammond, Chriss Denny, and Wanda Slevin with Appreciation Awards.



Lion Craig presents Lion Martha Johnson with the "Lion of the Year Award."



Lion President Craig Limoges presents incoming 2016-2017 Lion President Tony Licata with his Lions Presidents pin.



PDG Mark Koelsch installs the 2016-2017 board.



Share House

On the third Wednesday of each month, five of our club members meet at Share House from 3:00-5:30ish. They peel, chop, mix salads, butter bread, open cans, stir large vats on the stove, wipe tables. At 4:00 they serve dinner to the men who live at Share House (I think that's around 25 men). At 4:30 they start serving the people who've lined up for dinner. Mostly men, a few women and occasionally children. We usually finish serving around 5:30. And then we just walk away, no clean-up. It's fun and very heartwarming.

Please contact Nancy Brown if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Play Day at Washington Elementary- June 14, 2016

Each year the Ft. Vancouver Lions spend a day in June at Washington Elementary School playing with the kids. Organized play. With help scheduling from our liaison Elizabeth Owens, we are able to do some pretty fun activities with all the students there.

It started shortly after the first bell. Five or six classes came outside to the playground where Lions Adam and Amy Hegewald had already set up 5 different play stations. We played some fun, old-fashioned games. Games that many of us played as kids or as we raised our kids. Who remembers tree tag? No kid on our block can forget bark dust in our socks, if we wore them, or screaming from excitement to get to the next tree before another player tagged us. Who remembers carrying an egg on a spoon in relay form and trying not to drop it? In this case we used a ping pong ball, but it still got the same results. Fun and lots of laughter. Best part was watching Chriss Denny demonstrate running with a spoon around the big tree. By the way, neither one of us can twirl a hula hoop.

Lee Denny looked and acted about half his age trying to keep his students engaged, which he did. Al, Catrina, Dixie, Jerry, Roy, Nancy and Bruce Preece, and Bob Wheeler were all wonderful playmates and are good friends on the playground.

Amy's great whistle kept us in line and on schedule, while Dottie and her friends were a good sight to see as they road into camp on their white horses and saved us all from collapsing on the playground. It's hard work playing.

Fierce rain and wind put us under cover a couple of times but that didn't dampen our spirits, just our parachute.

All in all, I think what we learn on the playground is vital to the rest of our life.

Thank you Ft. Vancouver Lions for a wonderful day of play on the grounds of Washington Elementary School. It was much appreciated. And thank you Adam and Amy for all your hard work in laying out our Play Day once again.

Lion Martha Johnson



Avery Hill



Mary Flowers



Paul Kwitek

June Meeting Entertainment!



Rae Gordon

Fruit Sales

The fruit sales started off this year with Fresh strawberries being finished up with delivery date of June 11th. Gross sales were \$19,085 with expenses of \$11,040 leaving net profit for the club of \$8,045. 31 lions & friends worked on the project with 160 hours. Special recognition for Wanda Slevin who was our record keeper this year and logged in approximately 60 hours. Great news. She has also agreed to be our record keeper for frozen fruit sales.

Columbia Fruit had about 4 workers who helped us load our vehicles and we were on the road by 8:30am. Kudos to them as well.

Here are the workers who participated this year:

Bill Shalaby, Len & Jen Leger, Marsel & Joylene Tingey, Nancy Brown, Allen & Renee Rhyasen, Wanda Slevin, Martha Johnson, Ken & Delores Milligan, Ken Serviss, Sandy Hammond, Carol Cooper, Craig Limges, De Miller, Terry & Helen Sutfin, Roy Pulliam, Eric Thompson, John Lyons, Lee & Chris Denny, Bob Waller, Fred Larson, Terry Robertson, Ron Nielsen, Bruce & Nancy Preece, Tony Licata. Special thanks to Dotty Scott whose web site work is so critical to our success. Fifty five percent of sales were by pay pal this time.

The Cherry sale is now in full swing with Roy & Eric heading up this project. The web site is up and I have a check to deliver to Roy from a strawberry customer this past Saturday. Cherry sales are sold through the club and via email so please promote this event. Delivery date for cherry sales is Saturday July 9th.

Frozen Berry sales will be in August but we'll hold the tri-fold party at the Rhyasen's Tuesday July 12th 2pm. Mark down that date!

These projects are an example how Fort Vancouver Lions work together to benefit Clark County.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen Rhyasen



Fresh Strawberry Sales June 11, 2016

Chairman – Allen Rhyasen
Co Chairs- Bill Shalaby & Ron Nielsen
Recordkeeping- Wanda Slevin

Another successful starting of our fruit sales for 2016 with delivery date June 11th.

Here are the facts—

1-Sold 421 pails of Strawberries grossing \$19,085.

\$10,575 of sales were pay pal – 55%

Small pails 247; large pails 174

2- Expenses for this project:

Cost of fruit---(\$1.21/lb)	\$10,079
Printing	\$300
Postage	\$400
Miscellaneous	\$50
Pay pal charges (estimate 2%)	\$211
Total Expenses	\$11,040
3- Net Profit for Project	\$8,045
4- Total Workers 31, including 2 non lions	
5- Total hours on project:	160 hours
Record Keeping	60
Tri-fold	16
Distribution	60
Allen/Bill	24





It's Smoothie Time!
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Marion berries @ \$40 X _____ = \$ _____ Strawberries @ \$35 X _____ = \$ _____ TOTAL: \$ _____

Please indicate below which pick up location you prefer:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Battle Ground - Umpqua Bank, 601 W Main St (Next to Fire Station) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Vancouver Mall - Red Lobster, 8219 NE Vancouver Mall Dr. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Salmon Creek - Kaiser 14406 NE 20th Ave | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Fishers Landing - Mill Plain United Methodist Church, 15804 SE Mill Plain Blvd. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Hazel Dell - Umpqua Bank, 8015 NE HWY 99 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Camas - Bank of America Parking Lot on 3rd |

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VP Service Report

As the new VP Service, I am excited to explore new ways our club can serve our community. As a first step, I plan to connect with the organizations that provide our club with community service opportunities. Club members will be asked to join me for any visits that interest them. Our goal at these meetings will be to review our past service projects and ask if there are other ways our club can be of service.

Our first visit to the **Washington Elementary School** went extremely well. I was joined by Martha Johnson and Tony Licata. We met with Elizabeth Owen, Family Community Resource Coordinator, to review our past efforts and to ask for new opportunities. As a result, we will be helping with Family Nights for Literary, Math and Science. More details will be forthcoming from our service coordinator, Martha Johnson. We hope each meeting with our community partners goes as well. In fact, Elizabeth Owen is booked to speak to the club on Aug 12. She will have more information about our partnership next year. The highest rated project at Washington Elementary was Santa Store which will continue, but we would like someone to help Martha as co-chair this year and be ready to take over the leadership role next year – 2017.

Do you have ideas for new service projects? Service projects are what makes a difference, helps attract new members as well as keeping current members happy. One possible new service project the Board will consider is helping the **Clark County Food Bank** sort the food they receive every day from 18 local area merchants. This food needs to be unloaded, sorted and put away in designated spots. At this time, we're thinking 3-5 people every Monday or Tuesday from 10am – 1PM. Stay tuned for more details. Do you have an idea for a new service project? If so, contact **Len Leger** at lenjen1@comcast.net or 360-216-3363. **Let's make it a great year of service to our community!**




Please email newsletter articles for the **August** newsletter to: Shelly Brown at Lsbrown65@comcast.net by **Monday, July 25!** Thanks!!



We Serve



July 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Lions Meeting 12 PM	2
3	4  Happy 4th of July!	5 Clark County Sight 6:30 PM Clark Co. Hearing Blind Onion 6 PM	6 Happy Birthday Fran Kendrick (5)	7	8 Lions Meeting 12 PM	9 Cherry Pick-up Happy Birthday Ruth Ann Barnard
10	11	12	13	14	15 Lions Meeting 12 PM	16
17	18	19	20 Happy Birthday Adam Hegewald Share House	21	22 Happy Birthday Len Leger Board Meeting Lions Meeting 12 PM	23
24/31	25 Happy Birthday Carol Cooper	26	27	28	29 Lions Meeting 12 PM	30



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Dates in RED
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