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November 2014 ISSUE

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DECEMBER SPEAKERS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
LEN

December 5

Randy Harper, SW Gold
Prospectors

December 12

NO MEETING

December 19

Ed Lynch,
Community Leadership

December 26

NO MEETING

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King Lion Sandy

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Fellow Fort Vancouver Lions,

Happy Holidays Lions!!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I know one thing I am thankful for this year is each and every one of my Lions family. It is remarkable what we do to serve our community not only the sight and hearing impaired, but our entire community. November was such a busy month for all of us, but very rewarding too.



December will be another busy month! We have the Santa Store that is coming. Set up for the store will be on Wednesday, December 17th at 3pm. The opening of the store is the next day, Thursday December 18th at 8:30am. I'm sure Lion Martha could still use some help on both days so contact her if you are able to help. This event would be a great time to bring a potential Lion to help out and show them what we are all about.



This time of year is always sentimental to me because really it is the reason I became a lion. About 20 years ago when I was newly divorced and was raising my 3 children by myself our first Christ-

mas came around and I found myself very sad and anxious on how I was going to give my children the Christmas they have come to know. That is when my work family stepped up and provided my children with a wonderful Christmas, both with gifts and with promise of a great future to come. None of them wanted to be paid back but I made the promise to them all I would pay it forward. Then Roy asked me several years later to come to a Lions meeting and that's when I discovered how I could pay back my debt of kindness through Lionism!! So that's my story on why I became a Lion what is your story?? I would love to feature someone else in next month's newsletter on why they became a Lion let me know if that someone is you.



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

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Secretary: Carol Bisbee

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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

Ft. Vancouver Lions Annual Christmas Dinner

This is one of our most exciting social events of the year. On December 11, 2014 we will again gather together as Lions to celebrate Christmas. It will be held at the **Inn at the Quay (Red Lion) in Vancouver**. Our social time will begin at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00. Cost will be \$25.00 per person (rather than \$30.00 per person.) We will have a raffle to offset the cost (details below.)



We will follow in the tradition set last year to draw 50/50 tickets until a winner draws the joker from the deck of cards. Last year Jerry Jacobus won this drawing (over \$800.00).

A ticket will be given to each attendee at the door (no charge). The drawing will be going on throughout the evening until the lucky winner draws the joker!

Raffle items will be accepted throughout the month of November until December 11. The raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each the evening of the dinner. Ideas for donations: a batch of home baked cookies for each month of the following year; a batch of peanut brittle; a home baked pie; a good book; a night at your vacation home; movie tickets, etc. You will be able to drop your raffle tickets in the basket by the gifts of your choice. The winners will be selected at the end of the evening.

As we did last year, we will have the wine auction table. This will showcase wine and wine accessories donated by members and it will be held as a silent auction. Accessories might be cork baskets (to hold your used corks,) wine glass accessories such as markers to designate each guest's wine glass, etc.

Also, following tradition, we will have some kind of Christmas musical group event.

Please contact Chriss Denny (360-771-2134) or Martha Johnson (360-719-9912) if you wish to attend and you have not been able to sign up at one of our meetings.



American Diabetes Exposition

We helped with registration, welcoming and giving directions to attendees, staffing the bookstore, and greeted and helped other volunteers. The EXPO provided education and resources to those who have diabetes or who are in some way touched by diabetes. It was a fun event attended by many from the Portland/Vancouver area.

Craig Limoges, Deanne Miller, Bill Shalaby, Nancy Brown, Ken Milligan, Catrina Galicz, Steven Staudinger, Wally Teuscher

Calling all Elves

Now is the time to sign up for one of Ft. Vancouver Lions biggest service events of the year. Our Santa Store Committee is gearing up for another wonderful shopping experience for our students at Washington Elementary School. This school is in a low income area of our fine city. For many years we have been providing an exciting time for all the students that attend. Throughout the year our club buys gifts for school age children and on this special day we will provide a "gift shop" in the media center for the students. If you are able to be 'in charge' of an area such as: girls gifts, boys gifts, stuffed animals, or infants, please make note of that when you sign up.



This year will be a little different as we will allow the children to shop for their siblings and themselves only. In previous years they have shopped for their parents, as well. Due to the rising costs of buying gifts and the lack of special grants by local merchants, we have decided to allow shopping for the children only. The school staff is in total agreement with this decision.

Mark these dates on your calendar and help if you are able: We will set up the store on **Wednesday, December 17th starting at 3:30 p.m.** after the students have left the school. We will work together with school staff to set up tables, get all of our inventory out of their storage room, prepare Santa's bench and area, and make the room festive! We will be through with the set up about 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. Nine people have signed up so far, but we can definitely use more helpers.

Thursday, December 18, starting at 8:15 in the morning we will gather in the media center to prepare to receive shoppers at around 8:25- 8:30. The children will come through the 'store' by classrooms and we, as elves, will assist them as they shop for the people on their list. They will be greeted by Santa, have their picture taken by a parent volunteer, receive a candy cane and a shopping bag, and then will be assisted through the shopping experience. When they are through they will return to their classroom and wrap their gifts. This is such an exciting time for the children (and the staff.) Speaking of the staff -- they are wonderful! They always prepare a lovely lunch meal for us to thank us for what we do for the children.

We are making a special plea to ask for help with cleaning up after all the students have shopped. We carefully re-pack any items that are left, take inventory of it all, and prepare it for storage. Therefore, on Thursday afternoon we will have the 'afternoon shift' for which we will need about ten people. Those of us who have worked Wednesday and all morning Thursday will be tired and will need a break. So if you aren't able to help on the previous shifts, please consider this one: **12:00 - 4:30, Thursday, December 18.**

If you have not been able to sign up at one of our meetings please contact Chriss Denny (360-771-2134) or Martha Johnson (360-719-9912)



Please email newsletter articles for the
January newsletter to:
Shelly Brown at Lsbrown65@comcast.net by **Monday,**
December 22! Thanks!!

Fort Vancouver Lions Board Meeting November 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, at the Columbia Credit Union by President Sandy Hammond. A quorum was present. Members attending were Sandy Hammond, Catrina Galicz, Dotty Scott, Roy Pulliam, Diane Olds, Len Leger, Tony Licata, Adam Hegewald, and Carol Bisbee-Cooper

The minutes were approved as distributed. There was no correspondence. Treasurers report was handed out. The Net Income for the Club during October was \$1,863.69. The Administration Fund Profit and Loss report indicates a balance of \$5,967.20.

Future Dates to Keep in Mind: Lions Leaders Forum at La Center High School is March 7, 2015. Northwest Lions Leadership Institute is scheduled for April 12-15 2015

Executive Board Meeting will meet in January to discuss the information from the Club Retreat.

1st VP-Administration New member induction was discussed. We currently have three new members to induct. A tentative date for this is January 30th. Adam Hegewald, Membership Chair is working on a booklet for new members

2nd VP- Fund Raising Roy Pulliam The benefit concert raised between \$2,500 and \$2800. Next year we need to incorporate more gong acts. The talent was very good. Social Committee Chair Len Leger reported on proposed activities.

- November 15 is the date for Bowling. We still need at least three people to sign up. It will be from 7 -9 pm. Cost is \$25.00 and includes bowling, shoes, food and drink.
- Our Christmas party will be December 11 at the Quay. We are collecting wines and accessories for a silent auction. Other items can be donated for the raffle.

3rd VP-Service Projects Helen Sutfin submitted a written report of service projects for November and December. There was one date that needed to be added.

- The Diabetes Expo is November 22nd. Craig Limoges has the information.

New Business:

- Eva Halter's son passed away following a heart attack. He was 47 years old. Announcements about the service will be given later.
- Flags for first Graders: For the last several years Fort Vancouver Lions have participated with the other clubs in Clark County to hand out flags to first graders just before Memorial Day. Color books were added last year. Sandy Hammond announced that the Columbia Credit Union will contribute \$500.00 toward the purchase of four packs of crayons to go with the color books. Sandy asked if Fort Vancouver Lions could contribute additional funds. A suggestion was made that we present this at the Presidents Council on November 18th to see if other clubs would like to participate. We will check for a best price before a final decision is made.
- Fund Raisers: Several suggestions were made for possible future fund raisers. One suggestion included buying a storage unit or more at auction and having a huge garage sale. Another suggestion involved putting on a breakfast. Catrina Galicz will gather more information on the storage units and Tony Licatta will gather more information for a breakfast.
- Charity of the Month: Roy Pulliam made a motion that we give \$100.00 to the Friends of the Children. (We had a speaker present information on this organization) The motion was seconded by Len Leger. The motion carried unanimously.
- Our club meeting on November 14th will be at the restaurant South Pacific at 1110 Washington Street.
- Walk and Knock bag folding will be on November 22nd at the Food Bank on 63rd St. There will be only one day of bag folding this year. Walk and Knock will be on December 6th. Steve Staudinger will have a sign up sheet.
- Christmas Party: This will be held December 11th at the Quay. We will be collecting wines and/or wine accessories for a silent auction. Other items can be donated for the raffle. If no one had won the 50/50 pot raffle tickets will be drawn until someone wins,
- Santa Store: There are two days to volunteer. Wednesday December 17 - set up will begin at 3:00 pm. On Thursday the 18th the Santa Store opens at 8:30. Chriss Denny or Martha Johnson can be contacted if you wish to volunteer on one or both days.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next board meeting will be November 20th at the Columbia Credit Union at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Bisbee, Secretary

CLARK COUNTY LIONS HEARING COMMITTEE MEETING November 4, 2014

MEMBERSHIP:

We are missing representatives from Woodland. Presidents please make sure your club's member joins us at our next meeting on the 1st Tuesday of every month. This is your committee. We cover **ALL** of Clark County and the Woodland area. We want your clubs involvement. Applications for Hearing assistance available on-line go to <http://fortvancouverlions.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Clark-County-Lions-Applications-2014-01.pdf> for a printable copy. You will need Acrobat Reader version 5.0 or later.

HEARING AIDS DONATED:**TREASURERS REPORT****DONATIONS:**

Camas	\$2000.00
Ridgefield	1000.00

INDIVIDUAL CLUB DONATIONS 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

	OPERATIONS	MEMORIAL
Vancouver	\$1000.00	
North Clark	500.00	
Camas	2000.00	
Ridgefield	1000.00	
TOTAL:	4500.00	

MEMORIAL FUND

MEMORIAL FUND BALANCE as of 8/18/14 – \$17,477.23

DISCUSSION:

Approved Y. Waddell's application from October for 2 ITE's refit from RJS due to Atresia of the pinna

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: CCU \$4,601.18 AS OF August 18, 2014

NOTE: balance does not include all the current donations or expenses for some previously approved cases. Thank you to the clubs listed below, we have enough funding to approve cases for the next several months but funding continues to be at a level future cases may be pended because of lack of funding. Presidents, if your club is able to donate funds, the low-income hearing impaired of Clark County will be able to continue to receive care.

A SINCERE THANKS: to the following club(s); Vancouver Lions. They have donated funds for Fiscal year 2014-2015. Without your support we would not have been able to help the low-income hearing-impaired persons in Southwest Washington.

APPLICATIONS:

B. Cochran	1 Device	Program 2	HBD
Y. Karpenko	1 Device	Program 1	ENT NW
S. Hill	1 Device	Program 2	HBD
N. Schach	1 Device	Program 2	HBD
F. McCarty	1 Device	Program 1	ENT NW
E. Foote	1 Device	Program 2	HBD
S. Rowin	1 Device	Program 1	HBD

NEXT MEETING:

December 2, 2014, 6 PM Blind Onion Pizza corner of Mill Plain & Grand Blvd.

Please park in the Taxi lot on east side of building or across the street at the Air Academy and plan on purchasing either food or beverage for use of the free meeting room.

Respectively Submitted, RICHARD GILES

**Lions Sight Foundation Board Meeting
November 4, 2014
Washington State School for the Blind, Board Room**

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

Attending: Dick and Sue Fox, Washougal; Steve Seymour, Ridgefield; Ralph Harding, Fort Vancouver; Vikki Hart, Fort Vancouver; John Caldwell, Fort Vancouver; Don and Elsie Holly, Salmon Creek; Bill Lundin, Hazel Dell; Ed Hewitt, Columbia Crest; Jeff Fish, Hazel Dell; Bob Weller, Fort Vancouver.

It was moved by Ed H. and seconded by Vikki H. to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report Vikki Hart

Beginning Balance	\$ 11,949.52
Receipts	2,545.00
Cash on Hand	14,494.52
Disbursements	3,468.78
Balance	11,025.74
Accounts Payable	5,100.00
Available Balance	5,925.74

It was moved by Ralph H. seconded by Jeff F. to approve Treasures' Report. Motion Passed

Savings and Investments: Ralph H.

Instrument	Value	Change
Savings	\$ 2,826.08	+ 0.23
USAA-Cornerstone	\$ 10,153.89	+ 85.52
USAA Income Stock Fund	\$ 6,590.46	+ 158.37
Vanguard Health Care	\$ 48,589.73	+2,369.43
	\$ 68,160.16	+\$2,613.55

Note: Since January 1, 2014 there have been \$ 11,291.64 in earned interest.

Old Business: Vikki Hart announced that December will be her last meeting as Treasurer, she will be going abroad. Wide range discussion on how to proceed. Jeff Fish volunteered to have two people who work in his business office fulfill the Treasurers duties on an interim bases. Procedural details are being worked out with Foundation leadership.

Patient Care Coordinator Ralph H.

29 applications for exam and glasses.
29 applications approved.

Ralph reported on services complete or in progress for other than exam and glasses

Fitzpatrick— Ocular Prosthesis \$ 1,910 to Clark County Sight \$ 1910 Northwest Lions Sight
Heimlick— Ocular Prosthesis \$ 1,910 to Clark County Sight \$ 1910 Northwest Lions Sight
Kay Kipp— Insurance covered our expected expenditures
Joseph Marlette— His insurance covered our anticipated expenditures
Jeffrey White— Single cataract surgery at PCLI our costs \$ 1,100.
Bad cataract, was legally blind, Near 20/20 now and back to work
Beatrice Cochran— Purchase of vision aide camera and TV, \$634— On loan to Beatrice as long as she needs

it.

\$5,044 paid on these special service thus far in 2014.

Jerry Joseph— \$150 for special examination for cornea issues.

Discussion related to Northwest Lions Sight Foundation.

It takes \$190,000 a year to operate the Health Screening Van.

White Cane Days: years ago raised \$300,000 per year. White Cane Days in 2014 in \$95,000.

Good of the Order

Fund Raising: Pacific Foundation, wine tasting and dinner, \$ 20,000 raised

Spaghetti Feed at 40 et 8 for fund raising for American flags for First Graders in ESD 112. \$1,000 net.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37

Next Meeting: December 2, 2014

6:30 Washington State School for the Blind Board Room



We Serve

December 2014

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