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**DECEMBER SPEAKERS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
ROY**

December 7
Special Lunch meeting at
Pearson Air Museum:
11:30

December 14
NO MEETING

December 21
Craig Limoges- Rafting
the Colorado River

December 28
NO MEETING

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President's Corner
Bill Shalaby

Fellow Lions:

For the December 2012 newsletter, I decided to depart from citing activities past and current, to write about The Retreat.

Retreat means seclusion. This is my third. At the first we learned about team work and stepping outside the box. The second was about excellence and the third about Lions code of ethics, honesty, accountability and RAP. There was not much of seclusion. The introductions by 15 members told stories about themselves. These stories were private and not known previously to the other members.

At the outset I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Hal Palmer, Past Chair Council, and Longview Lions Club member. Hal is a great facilitator, and to Charissa Steinmann who offered us the facilities, Manor Care, and the food for gratis.

WHAT MAKES OUR CLUB GREAT?

1. We have fun. 2. We feel wanted. 3. We are welcome. 4. We feel needed. 5. We feel useful. 6. We make a difference. 7. We have interesting projects. 8. We involve everyone. 8. We recognize individual contributions. 9. We invest in our members by affording them leadership training. 10. We are well organized. 11. We stay focused on our core commitments (vision, hearing and diabetes). 11. We have educational programs, and exciting social activities.

WHAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?

1. Knowledge of individual talents for better matching them with projects. 2. Fund raising. 3. Conflict resolution. 4. Getting to know each other better. 5. Better calendar. 6. Back-up for committee chairs and website. 7. Involve more members.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

1. Offered evening meetings so all members could attend. 2. Gained 21 new members. 3. Chartered a Leo Club. 4. Top 100 in tree planting. 5. Excellent programs featuring organizations sensitive to community needs and activities. 6. Helping out other Lions clubs. 7. Mentoring: no one is allowed to fail. 8. Leadership development. 9. Numerous awards: Best speech, best website, best newsletter and an excellence award.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

1. We seek diversity in our membership: young people, and minorities. 2. Decrease requirements for full membership. 3. Develop mentoring process to involve new members. 3. Continue Coalition building: clubs, zone, district, MD19, LCI). 4. LCI Project Reading Action Program (RAP).

READING ACTION PROGRAM: (RAP):

Wayne A Madden, International President, called on all Lions to initiate literacy projects. Fort Vancouver Lions Club is answering the call. We are planning locally to expand our involvement with the Washington Elementary School. Nationally, we want to partner with an organization that is working on literacy projects for the blind and adults. Internationally, we are seeking the help of a Lion to lead us in work for African school children and libraries. Bruce Preece is chairing this whole effort. He is working diligently to bring this whole project to fruition. Any help, ideas, or suggestions will be highly appreciated.

I wish you all blessed Holidays.

In Lionism: King Lion Bill

Fort Vancouver Lions
Club Officers 2012 –13

King Lion: Bill Shalaby
 1st VP: Adam Hegewald
 2nd VP: Sandy Hammond
 3rd VP: Pat Herrera
 Past President: Helen Sutfin
 Secretary: Carol Bisbee
 Treasurer: Hallie Walker
 Tail Twister: Marilyn Robertson
 Lion Tamer: Fred Larson
 John Caldwell
 Membership: Roy Pulliam
 Board Members: Sandy Foster, John
 Caldwell, Lee Denny, Ralph Harding,
 Dotty Scott, Len Leger
 Program Directors: Roy Pulliam,
 Dotty Scott, Bruce Armstrong,
 Len Leger
 Sunshine Committee:
 Colleen Lanphier
 Technology Guru: Dotty Scott
 Visitations: Terry Sutfin
 Social Chair: Lee Denny

Benefit Concert



On December 13th we will be putting on our next benefit concert: “A Christmas Party.” We are so lucky to have TWO Grammy Award winning Guitarist performing: Doug Smith and Mark Hanson. Their wives will also be joining them.

The venue will be the refurbished Kiggins Theater on Main Street in downtown Vancouver. We will be receiving a percentage of the concessions purchased that evening. Tickets are only \$15.00. We are also selling advertising in our Concert Program in the form of either a donation of \$100, \$250 or \$500.

At the writing of this article just a few tickets have been sold. Please consider attending and bringing a friend or two. If just half our club comes and brings a guest, that will be 100 attending the concert. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and we need everyone’s help to make it a success.

(See flyer on page 3)

Membership Growth Award

Once again, our club has received an outstanding award! In addition to the TOP 100 CLUBS IN PLANTING trees (in our constitutional area), we have also received the **LIONS INTERNATIONAL FLAG SET** for being the **TOP** club, for our size, in our constitutional area for the **2011-2012 Year-Round Membership Growth** program. This high honor was given to only 26 clubs world-wide. Our constitutional area is one of two in the United States and Canada! This honor is given not to just our club, but to all members, and especially, Roy Pulliam – our membership chairman. It honors those who have invited people to join, those who have made visitors feel welcome and to those who have worked to insure that new members are made to feel part of our family. As Immediate Past President Wing-Kun Tam has said, “we are achieving another goal: the philosophy of; ‘My Club, My Family’. We believed we could bring in 20+ new members last year and WE DID! Thanks so much for all you did and for all you do.

PP Helen Sutfin





A Christmas Party

Benefit Concert for the Fort Vancouver Lions Club

Featuring

Grammy Award Winning Guitarists

Doug Smith and Mark Hanson

Also Appearing:

Three Together

and

Greta Pedersen

December 13th, 2012

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Fort Vancouver Lions Board Meeting November 1, 2012

Present: President Bill Shalaby, Dotty Scott, Helen Sutfin, Roy Pulliam, Len Leger, Terry Sutfin, Bruce Preece, Lee Denny, John Caldwell, Ralph Harding, Sandy Hammond, Hallie Walker, Marilyn Robertson, Adam Hegewald, Sandy Foster Carol Bisbee

President Bill Shalaby called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Columbia Credit Union on Fourth Plain
Minutes of the October 5th meeting were approved as written. A request was made to include the time and place of future board meetings

Treasurers Report: Hallie handed out the treasurer's reports for September and October. Questions regarding the Leo Club monies will be addressed in another section.

Correspondence: There was no new correspondence at this time.

- **Old/New Business:**

Awards: Roy Pulliam reported on all the awards Fort Vancouver Lions received at the MD19 Annual Conference. Individuals recognized for bringing in at least two member were Dotty Scott, Adam Hegewald and Roy Pulliam. Chris Denny received a Secretary Excellence, and Past King Lion Helen's year was recognized with the Club Excellence Award. Roy Pulliam was also recognized as a Membership Director and the winner of the 5 minute speech. (A description of all the awards will be in the November Newsletter).

Christmas Party: The Christmas Party will be held on December 7th at Pearson Airport. We need to make a deposit of \$146.00 by November 3rd. The treasurer will send the payment. November 30th will be the last day to sign-up and pay for your ticket.

Retreat: The retreat will be on Saturday November 3rd from 9:30-3:30. Our facilitator will be Hal Palmer of Pioneer Lions in Longview.

Survey: Len Leger summarized the findings of the membership survey on meeting frequency, location, etc. The consensus was meetings should be continued weekly. Bills Chicken and Steak house should be approached for at least one lighter fare selection which would cost less. Alternate suggestions were to meet twice a month, and meeting alternative was the Food Bank.

Policy and Procedures: The Policy and Procedure changes that were recommended by the executive committee were discussed. Two additions were recommended. The first change is to reinstate the treasurer as a recipient of free lunches. The second is to make the voting for the Melvin Jones award by secret ballot. It was moved and seconded that the amended policies and procedures be accepted as presented with the two additions. Motion carried.

Membership: Roy stated we have two membership applications. One is Molly, Terry and Helen Sutfin's daughter. Her sponsor is Dotty. The other is Martha, Adam Hegewald's mother-in-law. We will vote on them at the next board meeting. We are still waiting for the Eugene Lions Club Jan Vanderspek who belonged to the Eugene club to forward his transfer.

Leo e-club: Dotty and Helen reported that 11 students have their applications completed and several more have applications to complete. Twenty members are required, to charter a club. Five hundred dollars has been budgeted for the Leo's club. One hundred dollars pays for the first twenty members. As we are the sponsoring club it was moved and seconded that each member who wants to join would have their application fee paid. Motion carried. Any expenses for the club are to be checked by Dotty and then submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement. If the \$500.00 budget is depleted we will consider additional funding. The club members chose to meet on the first and third Monday evenings. They also elected officers, and chose their club name which is Leo Legends.

- **1st VP Adam Hegewald: Club administration**

Melvin Jones Auction Chair : Ralph Harding stated the banquet and auction were very successful Our new Melvin Jones Fellows are Steve Staudinger and Len Leger. We raised approximately \$1,200.00.

Bag Folding: There will be two dates for bag folding. They will be on Nov. 17th and 24th. These are for the Walk and Knock project on December 1st. The bags will be placed in the "Columbian". FVLC will be helping collect the bags. Adam and Steve are both area captains for Walk and Knock

Barrells Pick Up: Individuals in Apartment Complexes can not be contacted at their door so we will be delivering barrels to various locations on November 12th.

Super Auction:

Walk and Knock: The date for this is December 1st.

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We Serve

- **2nd VP Sandy Hammond: Fund Raising**

Apple and Pear Sales: Len Leger reported that we made a profit of approximately \$2,000. Revenues are down from previous years. He also suggested a donation of \$100.00 be made to the Friends of the Carpenter for their help with the sales. Adam moved that we give \$100.00 to the Friends of the Carpenter. Roy seconded the motion, Motion carried.

- **3rd VP Bruce Preece: Projects:**

Activities summary: Upcoming events include: Thanksgiving lunch at Washington Elementary which will be on November 15th. Jerry Jacobus will be in charge. Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army will be on December 5th and 6th. We will be at two entrances to the Fred Meyer store on 117th. Bruce and Nancy Preece will be in charge. Our Benefit Christmas Concert will be on December 13th. Roy Pulliam is in charge and stated Doug Smith would be one of the headliners. The cost for tickets is \$15.00. It will be at the Kiggins Theater. We need to pay \$500.00 in advance to hold the facility. Adam moved that we pay the \$500.00. It was seconded by Ralph. Motion carried.

- **Other Items:**

Meetings during the holidays: The consensus was to cancel the meeting the day after Thanksgiving. A vote of the membership will be taken for the December 14th meeting as that is the same day as the Santa Store. The membership will also vote on the December 28th meeting.

1st Responders Day: This will be on November 30th. We took cookies to the fire Station last year. It was decided we should do this again and the cookies will be distributed after the meeting on November 30th.

District Governor: The district Governors visit will be November 9th. Helen suggested we give the DG a \$50.00 gas card as we did last year. It was moved by Roy that we give the DG a \$50.00 gas card. Motion seconded by Carol. Motion carried.

RAP program: Reading projects are a priority for our International President. This will be addressed at the Retreat on Nov.3rd.

Chinese Auction: Will be held at tomorrow's regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be December 6th at 6:00 pm at the Columbia Credit Union on Fourth Plain.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Bisbee, Secretary

PS Each month our club has to report to LCIF and to the DG, ZC and MD19 on how many service hours our club has performed. This month we reported a record 588 hours of service, and raised over \$5,000.00 What an awesome club. We have such great people.



Walk N Knock





LEO Legends Bag Folding

Saturday, on the 17th of November, our Leo Club was involved in an important volunteering event for Walk'n'Knock at the Clark County Food Bank. The task was to fold large paper bags to a fitting size for the newspaper, so that in the future, they may be filled with donated food for families in need. Many other people from the Clark County community came and we all had a great chance to share a lot of joyful memories. It was a great opportunity to get involved with the community. As soon as one walked through the double doors, they'd be greeted by delicious doughnuts and coffee, provided by the Fort Vancouver Lions club.

There were competitions on who could fold a set of 25 bags the fastest, or who could carry the most sets of folded bags to the packers. Who knew folding bags would be so fun and exciting! Even for the noncompetitive people, who either watched and cheered on, or were engaged in healthy conversations with nearby folders. The event was a great success, which felt like two hours instead of five! The productive morning ended with tasty pizza and a satisfied and delighted group of volunteers.

~Kristina Gavrilin.



LEO Legend Members help community kids

Every year the Fort Vancouver Lions provide a Santa Store for the kids at Washington Elementary school here in Vancouver. The kids get to go shopping for everyone that they live with for Christmas. They get to go home with 1 gift per family member. For some of these families these are the only gifts the kids get to give.

The LEO Legends spent a great deal of their meeting on November 19th assembling gifts for this Santa Store. Fun was had by all as they assembled various gifts for girls, boys, women, and men. It turned into a huge work party where everyone had fun!

LEO Legends help Vancouver Dawn Lions

The LEO Legends were contacted by the Vancouver Dawn Lions club to help them layout the Alki Middle School gymnasium for their Christmas Bazaar.

Participating were Elaina, Matt, and Brianna as well as LEO advisors Dotty and Terry.

We learned how to read a map of the floor, measure and mark the outline for display tables, and working together. In just 1 hour we marked off 70 display areas in the main gymnasium as well as about 15 in the next room. The spots had all 4 corners marked with tape and a number entered into each display position so the vendor's could find their locations the next day.

This was a quick and fun project. We hope to be able to help all the Lions clubs in the greater Vancouver area soon!

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If you would like to keep informed on the activities of the LEO Legends please go to their website and register for their Newsletter. www.LeoLegends.org

**Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County
November 6, 2012 Meeting
Washington State School for the Blind Board Room**



The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Birdwell at 6:34

Attending: Sherry Varner, Orchard-Evergreen; Mark Miller, North Clark; Jim Best, Camas; Vikki Hart, Fort Vancouver; Bill and Robin Birdwell, La Center; John Caldwell and Pete, Fort Vancouver; Elsie Holly, Salmon Creek; Don Holly, Salmon Creek; Ed Hewitt, Columbia Crest; Ralph Harding, Fort Vancouver; Bob Weller, Fort Vancouver

It was moved by Ralph H. seconded by Scott H. to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2012 meeting.
Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report: Vikki Hart

October 2, 2012 Balance	\$ 17,551.06
Receipts \$ 50	50.00
Cash on Hand	17,601.06
Disbursements	6,914.50
Balance	10,686.56
Pending Payments	6,250.00
Minimum Balance	2,500.00
Available Balance	1,936.56

It was moved by Scott H. seconded by Don H. to approve the Treasurer's Report Jim Best, presented a check to the Foundation from the Camas Lions in the amount of \$ 2,000. Jeanette Hewitt contributed \$ 150 to the Foundation.

Savings and Investment Report: Ralph Harding

	Value	Two Month Change
Savings	\$ 2,732.20	+ .45
USAA	21,866.62	+ 547.17
Vanguard	41,558.57	+ 1,413.39
	66,157.39	+ 1,960.98

It was moved by Jan H, seconded by Jim B. to "Authorize Ralph Harding to transfer up to \$ 5,000 from Investments to Checking Account, when requested by Vikki Hart." Motion Passed.

It was announced by President Bill, that the tentative date of the annual dinner/auction will be April 20. Ralph H. will contact Club Green Meadows regarding arrangements. (Alternative location discussed in previous meetings not an option this year)

Patient Care: Dr. Jan Hurtubise

- 87 Applications
- 10 DSHS exams
- 8 held, more information needed
- 1 denied, has insurance coverage
- 1 denied, sufficient income
- 5 denied, non-citizen, non-resident

Group discussion/decision: 73 year old woman, received services in June 2011. Glasses have prisms that are no longer meeting needs. Income need, It was moved by Ralph H. seconded by Vikki H. to approve "early service" (2 year requirement) though this will count as a second and final service. Motion passed.

62 applications for exams and/ or service were considered an approved.

Good of the Order:

Ralph Harding and Dr. Dean Stenehjerm made a presentation to residents at Glenwood Senior Living. Presentation went well, several folks made contact with the Low Vision Clinic located at Washington State School for the Blind.

Ed H. reported that the Veteran's Day "USO type program" sponsored by Columbia Crest Lions and originally scheduled for November 17 has been cancelled because of weak sponsorship support.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00



Northwest Lions Foundation update

Fall is here and that means we are screening thousands of elementary school children throughout Washington and Northern Idaho. It is interesting that on average about 14 percent of these children are found to have some significant sight or hearing problem.

Lions Health Screening Unit;

Adults;

97 tested; 17 had sight problems, 38 had hearing problems, 8 had diabetes and 38 had high blood pressure.

Children;

5,018 Tested

730 with sight problems

409 with hearing problems

All patients with problems are referred to their local physician or Public Health Department.

We have two Lions Clubs in Eastern Washington who want to sponsor a MINI Lions Health Screening unit under a new pilot project of the Foundation. This is a one-time low-cost option to have clubs serve selective rural areas that our larger Screening Unit cannot reach because of schedule conflicts or inclement weather. The Foundation Board believe that we could reach an additional 5,000 children with this project.

Patient Care Grants;

We had 1 incoming application from the Yelm Lions Club in October.

We completed 2 applications, Burlington Lions and the Renton Lions Clubs.

Hearing Aid Bank;

Applications Received; 26

Completed Patients; 22

Number of outgoing hearing aids; 40

White Cane Days;

Through October 31, 2011 we had received \$108,822.76

Through October of this year we have received \$105,280.64

It is so important to remember that White Cane Days funds a large part of the Patient Care grants and the Hearing Aid Bank.

Thank you for your continued support for the Northwest Lions Foundation and all that we can do through your efforts.

PDG Terry Robertson, Vice Chair

Please email newsletter articles for the January newsletter to:
 Lsbrown65@comcast.net by
 Thursday, December 27!
 Thanks!!





We Serve

December 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Happy Birthday Lisa Hodge
2 Happy Birthday Ralph Harding	3	4 Clark County Sight Clark Co. Hearing Happy Birthday Sandy Hammond	5 Salvation Army Bell Ringing	6 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Board Meeting 6:00 PM	7 Christmas Event 11:30 Pearson Air	8
9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Linda Sullivan	13 Benefit Concert	14 WA Elem Santa store	15
16	17 Happy Birthday Lori Pulliam	18 Happy Birthday Jerry Jacobus	19 Share House	20	21 Lions Meeting 12 PM	22
23/30 Happy Birthday Danny Worle (30)	24/31 Happy Birthday Charissa Steinmann (24)	25 Happy Birthday Kathy Howell Christmas 	26	27	28	29 
 <p>FVL C Original Pin</p>				 <p>Lions RECYCLE For Sight</p>		<p>Dates in RED mark our regular scheduled meeting</p>

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