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JANUARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- January 4th, Theresa from The Kite Shoppe, "All You Want To Know About Kite Flying and More"
- January 11th, Stacy Walters PDG, Overview on Walk & Knock
- January 18th, Bob Freedmore, The Confluence Project [1- 5 Bridge up-date]
- January 25, Susie Rawson, Why I Fly...

CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE BLIND

Three Together & Misty Mamas

Friday - Feb. 8th

7PM - Fries Auditorium - \$15

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Call Janet Merz at 696-6321, ext. 120 for tickets. Doors open at 6:15PM

Lions, now is the time to sell tickets and advertising! Program ads sell for \$25 for a couple of text lines, Business card size for \$100, 1/4th page for \$250, half page for \$500 and full page corporate sponsors are \$1000.

For more info please contact Concert Chairman, Roy Pulliam at rapid14@aol.com or at 360.608.3043

Marilyn Robertson, see you on February 8th!



President's Corner



King Lion Stephen

Happy New Year to All !!! Out with the old and in with the new? Well, not so fast! Not before we take a little look at some of what our club has accomplished this last year.

Our biggest monetary accomplishment was raising the last of the money to complete our Sight First II campaign of \$20,000. Thanks to all of our Lions for a job well done!

We supported our cause by continuing to bring in big money from various sources such as the amphitheatre, selling strawberries and other fruits and many smaller income generating projects too numerous to mention.

We continue to excel in our service. We supported our local Clark County Sight and Hearing Foundations by generous donations.

We supported the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing

through White Cane day and Play It By Ear.

We gave generously to LCI and the Melvin Jones Foundation.

We put on the annual WSSB track meet. We supported Washington Elementary school in various ways including our annual Santa Store which was a great success this year and is off to a great start for next year thanks to the efforts of our after Christmas buying crew.

We participated in Walk & Knock, a very important food drive for Clark County.

We added our services to Share House this year, feeding the hungry and homeless once a month.

We sponsored a family in need for Christmas. The list could go on for many more lines but you can see we really do serve.

All of the above efforts take time and workers, and as club members age we lose some of the energy we need for that effort.

In December, longtime member and PDG Bill Thomas left us. We lost a dedicated individual that served with fervor.

I have noticed that lately a lot of our projects are being accomplished with the help of non-members. Let's turn them into new members! Invite them to a meeting! It never hurts to ask.

We need to concentrate on welcoming more members in 2008 and to continue to do our good deeds.

Next year we should reap the ongoing benefits from the Sight First II projects and see more money enter our club coffers. In the coming months, the budget committee will be meeting to pencil out next year's budget. Any ideas you may have for the committee regarding this new money would be appreciated. Let Lee Denny, Craig Limoges, Tom Gay or me know.

As we enter 2008, let us hope for a happy and prosperous New Year to all.

We truly are a club that serves!



Here's What's Cookin' at Bill's Chicken & Steak:

We have a three choices that will be our 'regulars' and then a surprise fourth menu item served by Marsel Tingey each week!

- ☺ **Bills Bacon Burger with fries! An awesome treat for the carnivore in us!**
- ☺ **Fish & Chips... Not quite wrapped in newspaper like the English fish & chips but just as good!**
- ☺ **Crispy Chicken Salad... A wonderful choice for those of us trying to watch our weight. Comes with dressing and bread.**

BEVERAGES AVAILABLE WEEKLY:
Iced Tea, Coffee, Ice Water, & Pop



We Serve

CLARK COUNTY HEARING COMMITTEE

Report by Lion Richard Giles

We met on December 4th with 12 members present and 9 clubs represented. We were missing representatives from Ridgefield and Woodland. Presidents please make sure your club members join us at our next meeting on January 8th at 7PM. We would love to have your club's involvement!

Welcome to our newest member, Columbia Crest Lion Chris Kelsey.

Secretary Rick Giles gave the report at the Presidents Council meeting and at the Zone meeting. There is continued discussion on decreased donations from clubs. If the bank balance drops below \$3000.00 new applications will not be processed. The balance as of October 2007 was \$6707.68.

Each fully funded application costs \$425 per hearing device. This month we approved 3 devices for 2 patients.



[Fort Vancouver Lions Live Our Motto](#)

["We Serve"](#)

On Wednesday, December 12, Fort Vancouver Lions raised almost \$200.00 for the Salvation Army by bell ringing at the Fred Meyer store on Chkalov Drive.

Also, we provided food, clothes, books, games and toys for a family of 5 who recently moved into a Habitat for Humanity house in Vancouver. The gifts were delivered, following the Christmas Luncheon, on December 21 by Lions Steve Staudinger, Al Rhyasen and Bruce Armstrong.

Thanks to all who contributed to these wonderful projects! Indeed, "We Serve"!

Contributed by Al Rhyasen



37 Fort Vancouver Lion members, spouses & friends worked a total # of 283 hours for Walk & Knock for this year's drive. This includes hours attending planning meetings, bag

folding at The Columbian on 2 different days, Friday night warehouse work, and on drive day 12/1/07. These 37 volunteers representing our club were a part of a total of 3,850 volunteers (1600 were SCOUTS!!) working on drive day December 1st. Total food collected – 283,540 lbs. Valued at \$453,664. This breaks down to each participating volunteer contributing food valued at \$117.83 to local food banks.

The 2007 Walk & Knock Food drive was a tremendous success and all who participated are to be commended and because of their efforts there are a few less hungry people in Clark County.

Contributed by Ken Milligan

CLARK COUNTY SIGHT COMMITTEE

Report by Lion Ken Milligan

We met on December 4th with 16 Lions from 9 clubs attending.

We reviewed 44 applications for exams & glasses approving 26 of them. A total of 18 were denied, 1 as non-resident of Clark County, 1 as Non-Citizen, 13 returned for more information, 2 as DSHS eligible and 1 as being too soon since last approval.

A request for prosthesis and surgery to correct bleeding in both eyes will be paid for by the NLFSS.

Next meeting Tuesday January 8th – 6:30PM at WSSB Administration building.

Remember... If you'd like to donate an item worth \$40 or more to the

Fort Vancouver Lions Club, just take it to



"iSOLD It on E-Bay"

Orchards Market Center, by Rite-Aide & JoAnn Fabrics

SUGAR AND SPICE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Sugar and Spice bazaar was a huge success. We sold tables to 25 vendors which allowed us to make over \$600.

Shoppers were buying and the vendors were pleased with the way things ran, so it may be that we will do this event again.

Special thanks out to Dave Rawson and Ken Milligan who took care of the making and placement of the signs. Many folks commented on the great advertising!

The vendor "break area" was under the careful hands of Delores Milligan who took on the job of keeping the vendors happy with hot drinks and snacks.

The day started at 6am with Lions helping to unload and setup tables and making sure everything was ready by 7am. THEN they came back at 4pm and took things away and left the Grange in top shape, thus we received our deposit back!

This was an awesome project that required many hands and I want to personally thank all who helped. If you missed this holiday shopping opportunity, mark you calendar for next year. It was great!

Contributed by Helen Sutfin

December has been such a busy month!

A month of memories in photos...

Lions International Website www.lionsclubs.org

MD-19 Website www.lionsmd19.com

FV Lions Website www.fortvancouverlions.org



Craig & Steve

Walk & Knock... Dec. 1st



Just getting started...



Pick Up Site



Jerry



Nearing the end...
128 Tons!



Sugar & Spice Bazaar... Dec. 8th



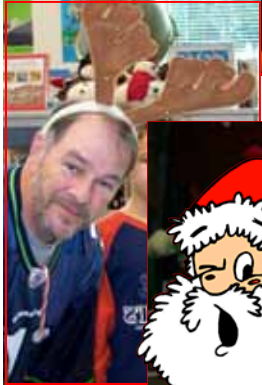
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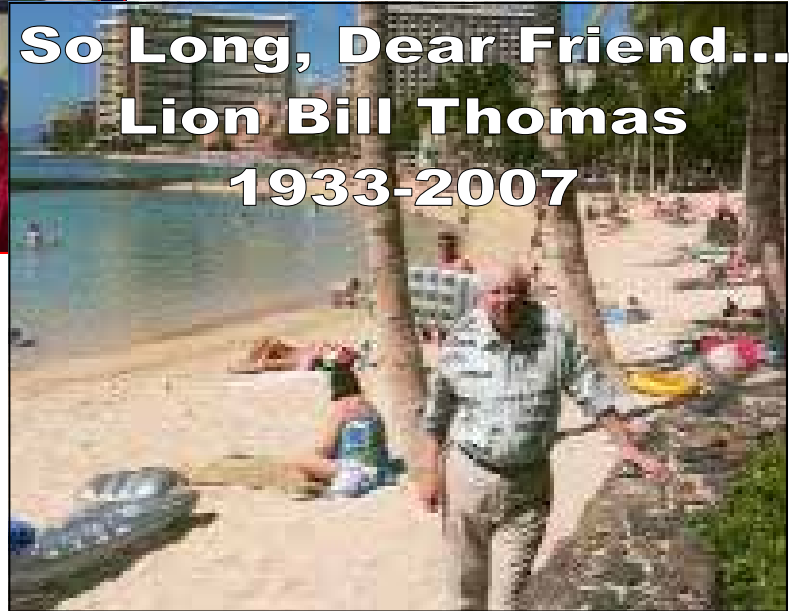
Christmas Family... Dec. 21st



Santa's Store... Dec. 20th



So Long, Dear Friend... Lion Bill Thomas 1933-2007



Contributed by Ken Milligan

The picture above was taken on the beach in Waikiki, Hawaii on Valentines Day 2007. This was one of the Thomas family's favorite vacation locations.

Bill served numerous times in past ten years as chairman of the LCIF Melvin Jones Fellows committee. Many of the MJ Fellow's in our club, that participate in this selection know that Bill would withdraw his name from any voting because as he said, "I've already received this honor and also, what I feel, is the highest honor a Lion could receive the International Presidents Certificate & Medal of Appreciation".

He emphasized the importance of recognizing others in our club and would always stay with this procedure. If it were not for his staying with this, Bill Thomas would certainly have been a Progressive Melvin Jones many times.



Christmas Luncheon... Dec. 21st





EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2008

EARN YOUR FREE RAFFLE TICKET. LOCATE YOUR NAME (THERE ARE 2 HIDDEN NAMES IN THIS NEWSLETTER) AND NOTIFY EITHER THE TAIL TWISTER OR THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Board Meeting 10:30 AM	5	
Happy Birthday Marilyn Robertson!	7	Sight Committee Meeting 6:30PM WSSB Hearing Committee Meeting 7:00PM WSSD	8	9	10	11 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	12
13	Happy Birthday Rodger Vandewater!	14	15	16 Sharehouse !!! 2:30—6:30 PM Contact Sammy Hale	17 Happy Birthday Marsel Tingey!	18 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Board Meeting 10:30 AM	19
20	21	22 Happy Birthday Don Fish!	23 Happy Birthday Delores Milligan!	24	25 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	26	
27 Happy Birthday Taj Aokil	28	29	30	31			
				<p>A correction to the club roster: Please add our newest member: Lorraine Schloss 3917 SE 100th Ave. Portland, OR 97266 Home phone; 503 760-9943</p>		<p>RED DATES INDICATE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLUB MEETINGS</p>	

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December Board Action

December 7th, 2007 Old Business-Follow-up:

H. Sutfin discussed the final report for the Melvin Jones Banquet; the amount raised was \$2602.00.

H. Sutfin also reported on the final details for the Christmas Bazaar and announced all of the vendors have paid this year and there are 50 people in the data base for next year.

L. Denny discussed the final details for the Holiday Luncheon on December 21st at the Skills Center. A motion for the club to pay \$2.00, per person, as a gratuity to the Skills Center. Motion carried. Giles announced the marimba band is all arranged. A motion to pay a total of \$150.00 for the entertainment of the marimba band, \$100.00 will be a bus fee, and \$50.00 will go to the school. Motion carried.

A motion to commit to matching a grant up to \$200.00 for the OMSI assembly at the Washington Elementary School; and to re-visit funding at a later date providing the PTA schedules the date for the event. Motion carried.

New Business:

Harding passed out the scholarship committee's proposal and discussed several options. A motion to adopt option 1, which is expanding our current program to include any field of study not just vocational. Motion carried.

A motion to accept Armstrong's proposal of partnering with Evergreen Habitat for Humanity to sign-up and bring specific gifts to a family in need. Motion carried.

Blazer Night !!!

Join us in March for Blazer Night !!! Our club March social gathering. We will only have 24 tickets to the Blazer-Memphis game on Friday, March 21st.



We will be in the Blazer Boxes again in the 300 level. The cost is \$42.00 per ticket. Contact Roy Pulliam at 360.608.3043 as soon as possible as tickets won't last long!



Cleaning out your cabinets?

Making room for the new gifts?

The Santa Store for December 2008 may be able to use your discarded items! We need coffee mugs, music cd's and a gamut of other clean, useful items!

If you have items to donate please contact Delores Milligan at 696-0500

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