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Tornado Touches Down in Vancouver!

Pictures in this article are courtesy of the Goldberg family, VLC

January brought some interesting weather and opportunities to serve! Thursday, the 10th of January at approximately 12:30PM a tornado brush through the west side of town creating devastation as it went.



similar to the one below, which is reminiscent of a tornado, as a Thank-you for your help and support to the VLC.



Prior to making your donation to VLC please contact Dave Rawson so he can account for the donation and get your name to the artist. Contact Dave Rawson at 360-281-6766 or LionDaveRawson@msn.com

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Possibly hardest hit was the Vancouver Lake Crew club located on the east bank of the lake. Dozens of the clubs crew



boats were lined on the beach and literally ripped in pieces when the tornado struck!

For members wishing to contribute to the Crew Club there has been a fund set up for VLC at the Bank of Clark County, 1400 Washington Street Suite 200. (VLC is a non profit 501 (c)3 organization)

As a bonus for your donation... a local Jewelry Artist, Chuck Edmunds, has said that for every one of our Lions who donates a \$100 or more to the Vancouver Lake Crew Club he will send a handmade jewelry item,

CONCERT FEBRUARY 8th at 7PM

Only 7 more days to show time and there are 60 more tickets to sell! Please contact your friends & neighbors asking them to attend the concert!

FEBRUARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- ♥ Feb. 1st - Josh Tschirgi, starting offensive guard for the U. of O Football team.
- ♥ Feb 8th - Special Guest! TBA at meeting only. A Must Attend Meeting!
- ♥ Feb 15th - Ernie Schlegel, one of the all time great professional bowlers.
- ♥ Feb 22nd - Howard Buck, Educational Reporter at the Columbian
- ♥ Feb. 29th - TBA



President's Corner



King Lion Stephen

The winter weather is upon us. I woke the other day to see snow sticking on the grass on my front lawn. It only happens once or twice a year here, not like the winters I grew up in.

If you missed our last regular meeting in January, you missed hearing a lot of us telling stories of how we experienced encounters with the nasty winter weather. It was a great time to learn a little more about our fellow lions. A great idea from our tail twister, Lion Chriss. Come to our meetings, you never know how much fun you're missing.

Enough of the winter. It is February and spring is right around the corner. Before long, it will be Spring Conference (and the end of tax season). It is never too early to think about some of the contests you may want to enter. I understand from the presidents of some of the other local clubs, they are gunning to dethrone us from many honors we won at last year's Spring Conference. I am sure we are up to the challenge and will be in the thick of it all.

We, as Lions, have been asked to incorporate diabetes awareness in our annual program as well

Pins of our past... Original Fort Vancouver Pin, 25 Year Club Pin, 35 Year Club Pin



as continuing to support our sight and hearing program.

In order for us to understand what diabetes is and its effects, we need to be educated on it. February 23rd a diabetes expo will be held at the Portland Convention Center. The American Diabetes Association Diabetes EXPO provides the most comprehensive array of diabetes-related products, services and information available under one roof. It is for all people affected by diabetes, and anyone interested in healthy eating and active living.

I encourage all of you that are interested to consider attending.

January, February and March are months that we can pause a little, reflect upon what we have accomplished and look forward to all that we will do in the future for Lionism.

Kate Benson, our BSA District Executive sent me an email updating what is going on with the packs we support as well as thanking us for the support we give them.

February is the birth month of scouting in the USA. (The full content of her email is contained on page 3 of the newsletter.)

Be a good citizen: file your income tax return "timely."

We are truly a club that serves.

Yours in Lionism,

Stephen Staudinger

A note about Lions Mints...

We have lots of mints on hand and we encourage you to pick them up at Friday meetings!

We hope to keep all the mint boxes full and making money to benefit the blind. If the mint box you are tending is looking old and dilapidated, please let me know and I'll bring you a new one.

You can turn you mint money in at any time to Lion Lee Denny or me. If you can think of a place for a new mint box, please ask the owner of the establishment for permission to place it and we'll get you set up.

Lion Chriss

♥ S... Ditto, Love D ♥

Revamped Club Pin and our 50 Year Club Pin



Here's What's Cookin'!

We have a three choices that will be our 'regulars' and then a surprise fourth menu item served by 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

The price is always the same, \$11.00 which also includes gratuity.

A note from our Treasurer...

Thanks to all who have paid their dues, it makes my job much easier. Also, thanks to those that reminded me they had pre-paid. I appreciate your patience.

I'd also like to mention that payment for the newsletter ads is due in January. Lion Lee



Hi dear one "FLOATING FEATHER". It's been 30 years of beautiful memories and none more memorable than the lighter inscribed "LOVED ONE" Love forever, "LAUGHING WATER"



Boy Scouts of America



Hello Lions!

As we roll into February, scouts and scouters have the opportunity to recognize the birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. The BSA started up in February of 1910, and is still going strong 98 years later. Many thanks are due to you- as a chartering organization, you provide vital support to the packs that you charter. The values of character, fitness, and citizenship are being instilled in young men throughout the country- including here in Clark County.

Pack 964, a scout reach pack based out of Washington Elementary school, has renewed their charter and is posted and active. In addition to their weekly meetings, they recently visited the winter lodge and are making plans for summer camp. For many of the boys in that pack, a fee-free program is the only way they can get involved in scouting. Kim Louie, the Cubmaster, is grateful for all the support that you provide!

Pack 320, a traditional pack based out of Franklin Elementary school, has also renewed their charter for 2008. In addition, they have been recognized as a Centennial Quality Unit for 2007- the leaders have attended training, they plan out their year, and their program helps them to retain scouts even as they invite new families to join the pack. In addition, all of their dens are signed up for summer camp- the younger dens will be going to Day Camp at Lewis and attending Cub world, while their older cubs (Webelos), will be attending longer overnight camps at Butte Creek and Adventure Cove. Richard and Darcy Wells are also grateful for the support that you provide.

Thank you for doing your best to support the young boys in our community- you truly make a positive difference! Warmest regards,

Kate Benson

Ft. Vancouver Sr. District Executive, Cascade Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America

CLARK COUNTY SIGHT COMMITTEE

Report by Lion Ken Milligan

The Clark County Sight Committee met on January 8th with 14 Lions from 8 clubs in attendance. As a group, we reviewed 35 applications for eye examinations & glasses. Sammy Hale.

We approved 24 of them.

A total of 11 were denied.

1 as non-resident of Clark County.

1 as Non- Citizen.

6 returned for more information.

and 3 as being too soon since last receiving glasses.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 5th at 6:30PM at Washington State School for the Blind Administration building. Hope to see you there!

Dave -Roses are red , beaches are sandy – your kisses taste like candy – love Suz



CLARK COUNTY HEARING COMMITTEE

Report by Lion Richard Giles

Clark County Hearing Committee met on the 8th of January with 9 members present, 7 clubs represented. This is your committee we cover ALL of Clark County and the Woodland area. We want every club to be involved.

Applications for Hearing assistance available on-line go to <http://www.fortvancouverlions.com/hearing.pdf> .

Fort Vancouver Lions donated 24 devices this month.

APPLICATIONS: Each fully funded application costs the committee \$425.00 per hearing device. The committee reviewed applications and 2 devices were approved.

Our next meeting: 7PM on February 5, 2008, Washington State School for the Deaf

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!



For Terry - Loved the last 48, let's keep laughing together forever. Love ya' Helen



EVENTS CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 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	
<p>Remember... If you'd like to donate an item worth \$40 or more to the Fort Vancouver Lions Club, just take it to</p> <p>iSOLD It®</p> <p>"iSOLD It on E-Bay"</p> <p>Orchards Market Center, by Rite-Aide & JoAnn Fabrics</p>					<p>12PM WEEKLY MEETING Board Meeting 10:30 AM</p>	<p>2</p>	
3	4	<p>5 Sight Meeting 6:30PM WSSB</p> <p>Hearing Meeting 7:00PM WSSD</p>	6	<p>Happy Birthday Dorothy Scott!</p>	<p>8 12PM WEEKLY MEETING</p>	<p>9 Happy Birthday Colleen Lanhier & Sammy Hale!</p>	
10	11	<p>12 Happy Birthday Stephen Staudinger!</p>	13	<p>14 Happy Valentines Day!</p>	<p>15 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Board Meeting 10:30 AM</p>	16	
17	<p>18 Presidents Day</p>	19	<p>20 Sharehouse !!! 2:30—6:30 PM Contact Sammy Hale</p>	21	<p>22 12PM WEEKLY MEETING</p>	<p>23 Happy Birthday Ralph Jones & Darvin Zimmerman!</p>	
24	<p>25 Happy Birthday Jack Sprinkell!</p>	26	27	28	<p>29 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Happy Birthday Roy Brothers!</p>	<p>Leap Day!</p>	
			<p>A note about our T- shirts...</p> <p>From the 'New Shirt Committee': We keep checking shirts to find just the style & color that our Lions might like. We will bring them to the meetings so that you can get a first had look at them & give us feedback. We are in no hurry, here, so we'll just keep looking & sharing what we find with all of you.</p> <p>Lions Susie, Dorothy & Chriss</p>			<p>RED DATES INDICATE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLUB MEETINGS</p>	

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January Board Action

A motion carried to send \$6000.00 now from activity fund and remaining \$6000.00 at end of this fiscal year to Sight First II.

A motion carried to send \$125.00 each to Sight/Hearing in Bill Thomas' name per our guidelines.

H. Sutfin reported the Christmas bazaar was a very good project and handed her final report to Olds. Total profit was \$595.15.

President Staudinger announced he plans on working on the club 501(c) 3 non profit status soon and hopes to send to IRS at the end of this fiscal year.

Gay reported the WA Elementary PTA will let us know when and if they need money for the OMSI funding. They have not scheduled the date yet.

Giles asked the board if they would be interested in sponsoring a table for the cost of \$75.00 at the Senior Connections Expo on April 13th.

Staudinger announced we would be presenting our waitress from Bill's with a \$50.00 check from the club for a Christmas gift.
Roy Brothers

A motion carried to add \$1000.00 to conventions and take away \$1000.00 from scholarships for this fiscal budget.

S. Rawson briefed the board on a new membership drive that will start March 3rd and go for 3 weeks. There will be 8-10 teams and K. Milligan will call club members to assign.

A motion carried to pay \$75.00 fee for table at the Senior Connections Expo on April 13th.
Motion carried.

Staudinger discussed the Orchards Evergreen Lions situation and said they were looking for a few representatives to attend a planning meeting from our club. T. Sutfin announced he and H. Sutfin were already part of this, but could use 2 more people.

H. Sutfin and Staudinger discussed their conversation at the Lions Council meeting regarding a community club house. Each club was asked to approach their club and see if they were interested in pursuing this then report back at the next Lions Council meeting.

The City of Vancouver was inquiring if we were interested in assisting them with the basket deliveries in May and the picnic this summer. The board all agreed this was good representation for the club and we are interested.

Bits & Pieces...

Our club now has two real good wheel chairs that can be loaned out for Lions family members &/or friends that may have need for one.

Thank you to Lion Diane Hadley & deceased Lions Rex & Harriet Von Krohn for donating these to our club!

This is the first time in several years that they have not been out of our storage shed so, anyone desiring use of one, please contact Ken Milligan 696-0500 or email milstar3@comcast.net



Do you recall the logo to the left? Last year we started to recycle ink cartridges but the program never quite took off so it has been discontinued. Remember, however, that if you take your cartridges into most any office supply store they will give you a \$3 coupon & your ink cartridge will get recycled properly. **Think Green!**

Clark County Amphitheater has already announced the first two concert dates... Sunday June 1st and Tuesday June 3rd! Mark them on your calendar!

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