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Several Answered the Call to Texas! Texas Hold 'Em That Is! Great Social and Fundraiser!

Fort Vancouver Lions met on Friday February 29th for a social gathering and fund raiser at Rick & Ann Giles home. Goodies and beverages were brought in by the players who met for a fun night of \$5 Buy-in Bunco, for the girls (except Sandy, call me "San Antonio Sandy" and Ann "Amarillo" Giles) and \$40 Buy-in Texas Hold 'Em for the guys and two gal card sharks!

All monies contributed during the evening, \$220 were split between the Sight & Hearing Committees. This event was originally started as a Sight First II campaign fund raiser but after meeting our goal of some \$20,000 dollars in December all fund raiser events now go to local club projects!

With thousands of dollars raised through these fundraisers we should see a huge benefit to our biggest community projects such as the Hearing and Sight committees which review and fund hundreds of hearing devices, eye exams and glasses !

Other Fort Vancouver Lions projects that will benefit will be the Health Screening Unit, the many events held at our adopted school in need, Washington Elementary, our sponsored Scout troops, Leader dogs for the blind, our Clark College scholarship program, the seafarers center and sponsored Diabetes camps for children and their parents!



Sandy

Now, back to the games!

Our past first place winner, Dave 'I'm not drinking tonight' Rawson was present to pass the title to our nights first place champions, San Antonio Sandy and Steve 'The Shark' Staudinger. Each won \$80.00!

Also leaving with smiles on their faces were Cash Kissing Ken Milligan and Rick 'Sailor Boy' Giles. Each won \$20 for second place and Rick won an additional \$50 for best hand of the night.



Rick



Ken

Our Bunco girls certainly took the spotlight in noise as they rang their bell, threw a fuzzy 4 inch square die and screamed "Bunco!" at the top of their lungs!



Chriss

Susie

Delores

Diana

A fun night was had by all! Hope to see YOU the next time!



Steve



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MARCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- March 7 - Washington Elementary Principal Theresa David -Turner
- March 14 - Patrick Callahan, Parkinson's Disease
- March 21 - Nancy Miller Rock Solid Community Team
- March 28 - TBA



President's Corner



King Lion Stephen

It is March and spring is upon us. It's time for coughs and colds to vanish and for better health to all of us. It is time for warmer weather and new club growth.

I encourage all of you to spread the word about our great and dynamic club and invite anyone to a Friday meeting you feel would add value to our club.

Our membership team is hard at it and will be actively pursuing, with your help, new growth in the coming months.

A membership banquet is planned for April.

Although our club's activities generally slow during the winter months, our weekly programs continue to excel. A very appropriate thanks to our program chairs, Roy Pulliam, Chriss Denny and Rick Giles for the great speakers we have had the privilege to listen to. Thanks for your hard work and dedication to this very important part of our club.

As we start to look towards a new club year the nomination committee has begun the process of determining next years officers, board members and positions that make this club work so well.

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



Lion Craig, Lion Diana, Lion Dolores and I will be contacting many of you in the next few weeks asking if you will want to play a more active role in running this club. I highly encourage you to accept a position if asked.

Spring Conference will be held in Kelso on April 11 and 12th. I hope all of you will attend. As in years past some of your costs for attending will be paid by the club. It is also now time to think about some of the contests you may want to enter. Let me know if you need a registration form.

I want to thank First Vice President Lion Allen for filling in for me at a few of the February meetings. We all got a glimpse of what we can expect when Allen takes over next year as our President.

Let us also all give a warm thanks to our newsletter editor, Lion Dave for his work putting together this newsletter for the last 12 months. Happy Anniversary, Dave.

Many thanks to Lion Chriss and Lion Susie for their efforts in selecting samples of new shirts and vests and presenting them to our club. A new design has been selected and orders are now being taken. We all should look sharp at spring conference.

Be a good citizen: File your income tax, April 15th is just around the corner.

We are truly a club that serves!

NW Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing 2007 Recap



- 2801—Sight Restoring transplants made possible
- 163—Custom Corneal Tissue Transplants
- 31,147— Individuals Served by Lions Health Screening Unit
- 426—Free aids distributed by AUDIENT
- \$79,892—Lions Patient Care Grants
- \$179,045—Lions Project Support Grants
- \$227,131—Money Raised for White Cane Days
- \$47,643—Money Raised for Play It By Ear 2007
- \$65,224—Money Raised for Year End Giving 2007

Revamped Club Pin and our 50 Year Club Pin



Here's What's Cookin'... at Natasha Rezhenkov's (Bill's Chicken & Steak House)

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.

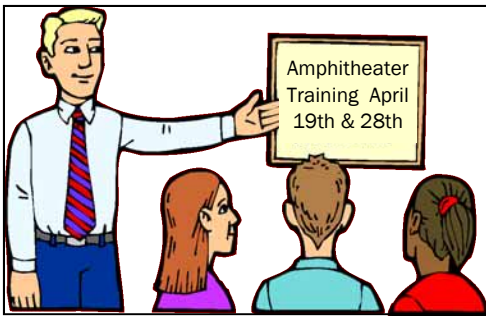
BEVERAGES AVAILABLE WEEKLY: Iced Tea, Coffee, Ice Water, & Pop

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

AMPHITHEATER NEWS On the Lighter Side...

CLARK COUNTY SIGHT COMMITTEE

Report by Lion Ken Milligan



The Clark County Amphitheater is gearing up for the 2008 concert season! We have two Liquor Classes schedule:

Saturday, April 19th 11AM to 2PM

Monday, April 28th 5:30 to 8:30PM.

As you might have imagined, the Clark County Amphitheater is one of our biggest fundraisers.

This year in addition to wrist banding, at the biggest shows, we will be serving beer!

We will need more licensed alcohol trained workers this year. Please consider telling your friends, relatives, and neighbors about helping us this year.

The class costs \$25.00. Our club will reimburse you once you have worked one show.

Not only will we be making thousands of dollars again this season, it is one of the most fun projects we ever work. Just ask any of the previous year's workers and ask them about the job. They will have several stories to tell you about.

If you took the class on the first year your license expires this year. You must retake the class. If you don't know contact Roy as he has a copy of most everyone's license.

Bring on the music!

Chairman, Roy Pulliam

Co-Chairmen, Dave & Susie Rawson

An elderly gentleman... had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet! I just sit around and listen to the conversations.'

I've changed my will three times!



Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?' Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?' 'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'



Three old guys are out walking. First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?' Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'



A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool.. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

We met on February 5th with 15 Lions from 9 clubs attending. We reviewed 44 applications for exams & glasses approving 30 of them.

A total of 14 were denied, 1 as non-resident of Clark County, 1 as Non-Citizen 7 returned for more information, 1 as DSHS eligible and 3 as being too soon since last receiving glasses.

To date we have received \$650 in donations in memory of PDG Bill Thomas, \$100 from BG Lions & \$150 Fort Vancouver Lions Clubs, PLUS \$400 from individual friends & loved ones of Bill.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 4th at 6:30 PM at Washington State School for the Blind Administration building.

CLARK COUNTY HEARING COMMITTEE

A note from the editor

While there is still money within the trust fund that the Hearing Committee has established, withdrawing only on interest earned, there has been little in donation monies received and as a result the Hearing Committee has been unable to grant any hearing devices to any of the applicants.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 4th at 7:00 PM at the Washington State School for the Deaf.



Needs of the Club:

While it seems a long way off, we need to look to the future for a few small items, perhaps you know of someone who can help out....

By October we need a large open warehouse to deliver and sort apples for our annual fundraiser.

Additionally, we need a fork lift, small pallets and a pallet jack.

Please contact Tom Gay, 256-8351

Toward the end of November or first of December our club's Sugar & Spice bazaar. Will need a hall that can easily hold 30 -50 tables, be low rent, in a busy traffic corridor & available on a Saturday.


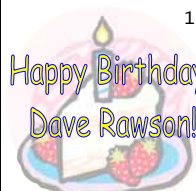
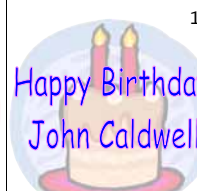


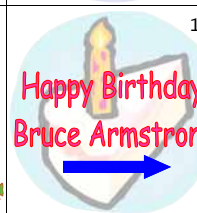
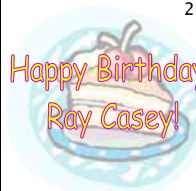
Please contact Helen Sutfin 696-9162



EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 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 on E-Bay" Orchards Market Center, by Rite-Aide & JoAnn Fabrics</p>						1
2 King Kong, the motion picture, premiered in New York, 1933	3 Dr. Suess Reading Day at Washington Elementary	4 Sight Meeting 6:30PM WSSB Hearing Meeting 7:00PM WSSD	5 Happy Birthday Irene Schultz! 	6	7 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Board Meeting 10:30 AM	8 Happy Birthday Fred Larson! 
9	10 Happy Birthday Dave Rawson! 	11 Happy Birthday John Caldwell! 	12	13 The Battle of the Alamo ended after 13-day siege, 1836	14 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	15 Happy Birthday Natasha Rezhenkov! 
16	17 St. Patty's Day! 	18 Happy Birthday Bruce Armstrong! 	19 Sharehouse !!! 2:30—6:30 PM Contact Sammy Hale	20	21 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Board Meeting 10:30 AM Blazer Night!!! 	22 Pancake Breakfast at Washington Elementary Happy Birthday Rick Giles!
23 The United States Mint produced its first coins made by a press, 1836	24 Happy Birthday Ray Casey! 	25 RCA first produced color televisions, 1954	26 First long distance telephone call made from Boston to New York, 1884	27	28 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	29 Hazel Dell Lions Clebrate 45 years as a Club!
30	31 "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway, 1943	<p>Future dates to mark on your calendar:</p> <p>April 11th-13th, Lions Spring Conference in Kelso</p> <p>April 19th & 28th, Amphitheater Liquor Training</p> <p>June 7th at 10AM Gales Creek Camp Summer Clean-Up</p>				<p>RED DATES INDICATE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLUB MEETINGS</p>

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February Board Action

February 15th, 2008:

L. Denny reported a total of \$800.00 would be split evenly between CC Sight and Hearing in the name of Bill Thomas.

L. Denny also reported the Three Together/Misty Mama concert gross proceeds were \$4405.00 and the net amount will be split evenly with the WSBF.

Rhyasen announced the name of the Sight First II Committee will be changed to the Fundraising Committee.

Harding reported the Scholarship Committee has distributed packets to 6 schools in the Vancouver School District.

Gay discussed the WA Elementary PTA and announced he told them to schedule the OMSI event and our club will supply the check.

C.. Denny announced she is still working on the proposal for the new apparel.

President Staudinger reported a Nomination Committee meeting will be scheduled soon and announced if anyone is not interested in retaining their position on the board to let a member of the committee know.

Staudinger announced he heard the other clubs in our area are looking to defeat us at the Spring Conference. The theme will be "Bottoms Up".

K. Milligan reported the Karr's are not interested in transferring their membership to the Woodland club. A motion to drop Gary and Kathy Karr per their written request. Motion carried.

K. Milligan also announced he is looking for the boards support with the Downtown membership recruitment drive during the month of March and the Senior Expo.

Limoges reported he is keeping the communication lines open with the Gayle's Creek Camp for Kids with Diabetes and they will have a clean-up day the 1st weekend in June.

Limoges also requested the club have a list of each committee and the members involved. The board agreed this was a good idea and everyone is to report to their respective VP's and they will forward the information to the President to compile and send to the membership.

Gay reported he is need of additional helpers at 1:45 pm on March 3rd for the Dr. Seuss Day at WA Elementary.

Gay also announced the following tentative dates for fruit sales: June 21st-Strawberries,. August 9th-Frozen Berries, Oct 18th & 25th-Apples/Pears-He is looking at 2 dates for this due to the man power involved with packing.

L. Denny reported he received information from the Mariners' Organization for group tickets; 40 people are needed to pay and attend. He also mentioned the Beavers Game at PGE Park was another option.

Bits & Pieces...

Charlene Davis, a former member of Fort Vancouver Lions Club, passed away at 8:30AM Thursday February 28th.

There will be no memorial service but cards could be mailed to her daughter & Son-in-Law at following address: Allyson & Mark Brown 3811 Pioneer Way Medford OR 97501.

From the Treasurer Lee Denny: I will be unable to attend the meetings of Friday March 7th & 14th. Lion Sandy Hammond will be aptly covering for me in my absence.

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