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## Fort Vancouver Lions Go 'Bottoms Up' in Kelso!

Under the superb direction of Lion Marilyn Robertson Fort Vancouver Lions took First Place at Spring Conference for Best Musical Performance! Lions Marilyn Robertson, Helen Sutfin, Craig Limoges, Ken Milligan, Ralph Harding Tom Gay Terry Sutfin Diana Olds and Susie Rawson belted out, to the tune of B-I-N-G-O, a song written by Lion Marilyn.

At the end of their performance the group turned their backsides toward the crowd and shocked everyone by mooning them! Their bottoms which were individually lettered, spelling out "Fort Vancouver Lions"!



When asked how they printed the letters on their bottoms everyone exclaimed that Dave Rawson did it!

When the performers left the stage area they presented District Governor Mark Koelsch with his own bare bottom as a memento of the clubs un-forgotful singing! (Why you ask? The conference theme was "Bottoms Up")



Also, First Place Awards were presented to the Fort Vancouver Lions Club for Best Website created by Lion Dorothy Scott, Best Business Card created by Lion Ken Milligan and Best Chili

by Lion Chriss Denny! The Club also received a runner up award for the Newsletter edited by Dave Rawson.



22 members of Fort Vancouver Lions attended the conference! In addition to our Musical Folk mentioned above, King Lion Steve and Shelly Staudinger and Lions Sammy and Mary Hale, Nancy Harding, Wanda Slevin, Tory Luetjen, Lee and Chriss Denny, Terry Robertson, Dave Rawson, DeLores Milligan and Ron Staggs were all present. Fun, good food and friendship was enjoyed by all!

Lion Dorothy Scott entered a beautiful club scrapbook



however it was disqualified from the judging. Better luck next year Dorothy!

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### MAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Program Director - Roy Pullium

- May 2nd - White Cane day no meeting
- May 9th - Carl Jacobson from Salem Downtown Lions club. Community spirit at Fort Clatsop.
- May 16th - Carol Andrew from CJ's Dog Training.
- May 23 - John Deeder, Superintendent of Evergreen School District.
- May 30th - Business meeting



# President's Corner



## King Lion Stephen Staudinger

The cool spring weather is winding down. The days are getting longer and the warmth of summer is just around the corner. Our club activities are heating up also. We are headed into one of the busiest fund raising times for our club.

But, before we get into the future, let us revisit the past for a minute or two.

We saw 22 dedicated Lions attending the District G Spring Conference in Kelso. Although overall attendance was down this year, our club was still very well represented.

We came away with many awards, renewed acquaintances, met new friends and maybe we learned a little from the various classes and panels that were offered.

Congratulations to the many award winners from our club who are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

I even acquired a few Lion's pins!

A well deserved thanks to Lion Craig and Lion Tom, who joined me to present a panel on fund raising at the conference. Our club has proven time and time again we are experts in this area.

Oh, I survived the end of tax season early the following week. My suggestion: Let's have Spring Conference the week following the tax deadline next year.

The end of April, we were a

*Pins of our past...Original Fort Vancouver Pin, 25 Yr Club Pin, 35 Yr Club Pin, Revamped Club Pin & our 50 Yr Club Pin*



part of the Open House involving the clubs of Clark County that was held at the WSSB. Thanks to all who participated to make this happen.

On to the future: We enter May with White Cane days, a fund raising project for Northwest Sight and Hearing Foundation, and a banquet honoring the new members of our club.

There will be no board or lunch meeting that day, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A big thanks to Lion Sammy and his co-chair Lion Mary who headed up the White Cane Day project this year.

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> we become officials at the annual WSSB track meet. If you have never participated in this service project

you are missing a very moving experience. Come on out to see just what these special athletes can accomplish and how much it means to them to have the opportunity to compete..



The latter part of May leads us to the Annual MD19 conference that is being held in Yakima this year. Mark your calendars for May 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. It should be fun and a good time of learning and inspiration with Lions from around our multiple district.

A busy time for sure but well worth the effort.

We are truly a club that serves.

## '08-'09 Budgeting Ideas?

It's that time of year we need to think about the Clubs 2008-2009 Budget. If any of you have ideas, request, wants etc. regarding the 08-09 budget for the Ft Vancouver Lions Club please contact me, Club Treasurer, Lee Denny.

The Budget Committee will be meeting soon to start the budget process. If you have an interest in being on this committee contact me. Thanks Lion Lee

## Amphitheater Training! Last Chance!

You have one more chance to take the Washington State Liquor Training class on May 12th a Monday evening at 5:30.

The cost is \$25.00 and will be repaid to you by our club once you have worked a concert and contact us to pay you back.

Even if you do not take the class we will still need your help. Please ask your neighbors, friends, and relatives if they would like to see some music this year while helping us raise funds for our club.

Contact Lion Roy Pulliam or Dave Rawson to help.

You can visit the Amphitheater's web site at: [www.clarkcountync.com](http://www.clarkcountync.com) for a listing of all of this year's concerts.

Scheduled in June are: Rush on the 1st, Kenny Chesney on the 3rd, Tim McGraw on the 25th, and Earth, Wind, and Fire on the 27th.

Bring on the music!

## Here's What's Cookin'... at Bill's Chicken and 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.

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**CLARK COUNTY SIGHT COMMITTEE FEATURED MEMBER**

Report by Lion Ken Milligan

The committee met on April 1st with 13 Lions from 8 clubs attending. We reviewed 34 applications for exams & glasses approving 23 of them.

A total of 11 were denied, 1 as non-resident of Clark County, 8 returned for more information, 1 as having sufficient income and 1 as being too soon since last receiving glasses.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 6th at 6:30 PM at WSSB Administration building. Hope to see you there!

**WSSB TRACK MEET**

On Thursday, May 22, we will be working at our annual Washington State School for the Blind Track Meet.

Plan to arrive around 8:15 to 8:30 AM for a potluck breakfast put on for us by the staff at WSSB. The events will start at around 9 AM.

Athletes from all over the Pacific Northwest will be in town for this event.

We will need help timing the running events, measuring the shot put, long jumps and soft ball throws.

There will be several other tasks such as lawn bowling, bean bag throw, high jump, and much more.

We will also need help cooking and serving lunch.

If you have worked this track meet before you know how much fun everyone has, so don't miss out on the fun!

Contact Track Meet Chairman Roy Pulliam at [rapid14@aol.com](mailto:rapid14@aol.com) or by phone 360-574-9038 to help.

**Fort Vancouver Club Wear**

If anyone wishes to order a white, collared polo style shirt with the club logo on it...or a navy, fleece vest with our logo on it...please contact Chriss Denny.

Chriss will be placing an order after the first of the month.

Also, if you ordered a shirt and have not picked it up yet, please contact Chriss to make arrangements to get it. (360.254.9106 or [lcdenny8@msn.com](mailto:lcdenny8@msn.com))

**DOROTHY SCOTT**



**Why I joined the Lions**

by Dotty

Let me give you a little background. I grew up in a small Eastern Washington town named Walla Walla.

We lived about 10 miles south of the town and aside from school, I got to ride into town with my mom every Saturday. (Yes – went to the grocery store once a week and did not get to go over to a friend's house either – gasp).

Every Saturday we did all our errands and my mom and I also did errands for her elderly friends and one elderly family member.

These people did not have any way to get around town and the help we provided allowed them to remain in their homes and not in an assisted living situation.

I grew up thinking this was the normal thing to do – help others who really needed it.

When I moved away and started my own life I realized that most people are very self absorbed and I began to realize just how special my childhood was.

I owe a great deal of who I am to my mother – and I never realized that as a child.

When we moved here 7 years ago my daughter was in Kindergarten. We moved here to start a business and did not know anybody. No friends and no family.

Even though we liked the area, I was very discouraged about remaining here. People were unfriendly, not helpful, and “in it for themselves”. If there was nothing in it for them then just forget it – that was the attitude we found everywhere.

One day I received a notice in my mail box about an open house for the Lions club. I had been in both 4-H and FFA and my parents were ELKS – so I thought why not? I will give this self-absorbed city one more try.

I met Lion Helen and she invited me to visit her club. When I did I found a whole group of people that were very positive, uplifting, and GIVING.

Lions International Website [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
 MD-19 Website [www.lionsmd19.com](http://www.lionsmd19.com)  
 Mary Hale [www.get-ur-raffle-ticket.com](http://www.get-ur-raffle-ticket.com)

I had finally found a sense of community that had been missing from my life since I left Walla Walla. I wanted to provide a connection to the community for my daughter just like I had – and this is the perfect avenue.

I have never regretted my decision to stay in Vancouver since that blessed day that I found the Fort Vancouver Lions. Everyone has made us both feel welcomed and included in our community.

I have an awesome avenue to give back and show my daughter what it feels like to help others and expect nothing in return.

Being a Lion has been very rewarding for me personally and it has filled a part of my life that I had taken for granted as a child but as an adult found that I greatly missed.

I want to thank each and every one of you for this precious gift!

Dotty

Would you like to share your story of what brought you into the Lions? People want to know what brought others to such a great service organization. Drop me an email or letter and I will be happy to share it with club.

**Northwest Lions Foundation**

Terry and Marilyn Robertson will be attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new office of the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing in Seattle, WA on Friday May 30th.

Terry is the Immediate Past Chairman of the Board and it was during his time (3 years) as Chairman that the Foundation researched and found this new, fantastic building to service their headquarters.

Terry now is the Chairman of the Philanthropy Committee that allocates dollars for Patient Care and Project Support Grants for individuals and organizations through out our Multiple District.

We have a budget of close to \$300,000 to help people in need and organizations as the Clinics throughout the State of







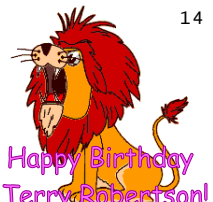
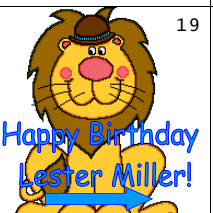



help people organizations throughout Washington.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

# MAY 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><b>Hey Fort Vancouver Lions!</b><br/> <b>What time is it?</b><br/> <b>It's Strawberry Time!</b><br/>                     Order forms will be available at club meetings, newspapers and online!</p>  |   |   |   |  |  <p>EVERY DOLLAR GOES TO SERVE SIGHT</p> |  |
|    |   | <p><b>Sight Meeting</b><br/>6:30PM WSSB</p> <p><b>Hearing Meeting</b><br/>7:00PM WSSD</p> |   | <p>Don Rickles<br/>Comedian<br/>Born 1926</p>  | <p>12PM<br/>WEEKLY MEETING</p>  |   |
|   | <p>State Liquor Training<br/>Amphitheater<br/>5:30-8:30pm</p>                       |   |  |  | <p>12PM<br/>WEEKLY MEETING<br/>Board Meeting<br/>10:30 AM</p>   | <p>1903-1992<br/>Musician<br/>Lawrence<br/>Welk</p>                                 |
|   |  | <p><b>Lions Council Meeting</b><br/>7 PM</p>  | <p><b>Sharehouse !!!</b><br/>2:30—6:30 PM<br/>Contact<br/>Sammy Hale</p>            |  | <p>12PM<br/>WEEKLY MEETING</p> <p>Happy Birthday<br/>Hilde Kepfer!</p>  | <p><b>MD19 ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b><br/>YAKIMA<br/>May 23-24</p>                       |
| <p>The Movie<br/>Star Wars<br/>First Released in<br/>1977</p>   |   | <p>1939<br/>DC COMICS<br/>Releases 2nd<br/>Superhero...<br/>BATMAN</p>                    |   |  | <p>12PM<br/>WEEKLY MEETING</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Future dates to mark on your calendar:</b><br/>                     June 1st &amp; 3rd—Amphitheater Concerts<br/>                     June 7th at 10am—Gales Creek Camp Clean-Up<br/>                     June 7th—Piano Hospital Clean Up<br/>                     June 13th—Installation Dinner, Club Green Meadows</p> |   |   |   |  |                                        | <p>RED DATES<br/>INDICATE<br/>REGULARLY<br/>SCHEDULED CLUB<br/>MEETINGS</p>         |

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# April Board Action

## APRIL 4th:

S. Rawson announced the representative from Serve-A-thon is anxious to help our club with a project and will be our speaker in August.

H. Sutfin confirmed the date for the zone wide open house is April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

H. Sutfin also reported she will discuss the April 26th Clark County Homeless Project and have a sign-up sheet at the next general meeting.

A motion to pay \$200.00 to Dorothy Scott to bring up and maintain the club website under the condition she remains as webmaster on a volunteer basis. Motion carried.

H. Sutfin announced the Membership Banquet will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the PUD Center and there will be a pot-luck just like last year.

Staudinger gave an update on the Spring Conference and reported all of the entry forms for the contests and awards have been tuned in.

Limoges announced he is looking for volunteers for the Senior Expo on April 15th.

K. Milligan reported he will be sending in an order for club business cards soon and for those interested to contact him.

## April 18th:

A motion to make a donation to sight and hearing in memory of Ken Trimble. Motion carried.

R. Harding indicated The Big Helmet Program is continuing. Breakfast at the North Clark Lions Club for Mothers Day will be held at the Museum in Amboy.

S. Hale reported that White Cane Days will be held one day onl. If we extend to two days it will be at the liquor stores on Saturday afternoon.

H. Sutfin reported that the Membership Banquet will be held Friday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at

the Clark County PUD meeting room.

H. Sutfin mentioned the Open House on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the WSSB.

L. Denny reported there are two other clubs interested in obtaining a Community Center for all of Clark County Lions Clubs to use.

H. Sutfin will circulate a sign-up sheet regarding the Clark County Homeless Project to be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

K. Milligan reported on the Senior Expo that was held last weekend at the Vancouver Hilton.

S. Staudinger reviewed the list of contest and award winners from our Club.

T. Gay discussed Clean-up Day at the School of Piano Technology set for June 7.

H. Sutfin presented information regarding the Backpack Project at Washington Elementary School.

The date of Thursday, May 22, has been set for the WSSB Track Meet.

May 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> are the dates of the Annual Conference in Yakima.

The Installation of New Officers Banquet will be on June 13 at Club Green Meadows at 7:00 p.m.

L. Denny asked if there was any interest in going to the Foundation for Sight and Hearing Open House to be held on May 31

L.Denny reported that June 21<sup>st</sup> an annual Golf Tournament sponsored by the White Salmon Lions club to be held.

J. Weaver reported that there are 12,700 sorted eyeglasses for North West Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (NWLERC.) They are asking us to officially become a HUB for eyeglass sorting.

T. Gay announced a meeting of the Melvin Jones Fellows to start the nomination process for this years' award will be May 9 at 10:30

a.m. The Melvin Jones Banquet will be in October.

S. Staudinger announced there will be no luncheon or board meeting on May 2 due to White Cane Days. Only one Board Meeting will be held in May on the 16th.

Steve Staudinger presented the third reading of the nomination of officers for the 2007-2008 Fort Vancouver Lions Officers and Board Members at the General Meeting on this date.

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
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| 3 <sup>RD</sup> VICE PRES | HELEN SUTFIN       |
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| TREASURER                 | LEE DENNY          |
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| BOARD OF DIRECTORS:       |                    |
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|                           | RICK GILES         |
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A motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. Motion Carried unanimously.

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