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Helen Keller Award Presented to Warren Pechman

On May 9th Fort Vancouver Lions Club was privileged to have a fantastic presentation regarding Community Spirit at Fort Clatsop speaker by Carl Jacobson, a visiting Lion from the Salem Downtown Lions!

After Carl's enlightening presentation of the build and re-build of Fort Clatsop the Salem Lion's took the opportunity to present their long time member and our recent Lion transferee, Warren Pechman with the honored Helen Keller Award for his many years of service and dedication in helping the community and individuals in the Salem Area.



Pictured in the award presentation are Lions Carl Jacobson, Warren Pechman, Dennis DeJong and Brian Rangitsch.

Editors Note: The Helen Keller Achievement Awards were established by American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) in 1994 to acknowledge Helen Keller's extraordinary efforts and promote the notable achievements of individuals and organizations that have improved the quality of life for all people who are blind or visually impaired.



Thanks to this years' White Cane Days Chairmen Sammy Hale and his lovely Co-Chair, Mary Hale, Fort Vancouver Lions scattered about several locations within the Vancouver area to heighten the public's awareness of the needs for the Sight Impaired and Blind.

In contrast to last year's chilling winds and low temps for White Cane Days, this year we were thrilled to have a beautiful day, even one that we could shed our sweatshirts and jackets! I don't know what you told the Man upstairs Sammy, but it sure did work! Obviously Hebrew has a better connection than English!

Our many volunteers simply handed out the white canes and several community members took full advantage of making a donation right on the spot! Our total donations received were somewhere in the neighborhood of One Thousand dollars! Every bit of



which goes to serving sight, just like the sign says! Thanks to all that helped!

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Here's What's Cookin'... at Bill's Chicken and Steak House!

We have Wally Teuscher giving 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 \$11.00 (includes gratuity)

President's Corner



King Lion Stephen Staudinger

As my year as your president winds down, I look back and recap in my mind what our club has accomplished this year. As always, we continue to raise large sums of money for use in the mission of Lionism.

Through these efforts, we completed our lofty goal of \$20,000 to the Sight First II campaign. We continue to perform numerous service projects. But most important, we continue to work together as a club by serving and having fun doing it. It is truly what being a Lion is about.



Four Lions delivered around 5,000 pairs of eyeglasses to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (L.E.R.C.) in Lacey, Washington. It was well worth the time to see how things are done and what is being accomplished at the center. We are investigating the possibility of our club becoming a collection hub for the center. I am sure you will be hearing more about this in the near future.



DISHWASHERS AND GLASS RACKS



FRED LARSON READING THE PRESCRIPTION OF A PAIR OF GLASSES

WHILE JERRY WEAVER WAITS FOR HIS TURN

We saw five dedicated Lions and my wife Shelley attend the Multiple District 19 Conference in Yakima. Although overall attendance was down a bit this year, our club was still well represented. We came away with two first place awards: our website was rated #1 in the Multiple District. Hats off to Lion Dorothy for the hard work she put in to revising and improving our web site.

Our former Tail Twister and soon to be a VP took top honors in the Tall Tales competition. Congratulations Lion Helen, the competition was fierce. Taking any awards at this level is truly an honor. I attended some classes, made some new acquaintances and of course acquired a few more pins. All in all, it was a good conference and well worth the time spent.

Our biggest fundraiser starts this month: wrist banding and selling beer at the amphitheater. Please make a big effort to support this fundraiser by donating your time to work the concerts. We make a big commitment to this project each year and it takes many volunteers to meet the commitment. Thank you, Roy, for all your efforts year after year spearheading this project.

Another big fund raiser, strawberry sales, is also on the agenda for this month. Distribution is set for Saturday, June 21st. Again we need help to make this a success. Please sign up to help at the distribution sites. Big kudos are due to Tom Gay and each of his committee members for their efforts year after year to make this project a success. Frozen berry sales are also just around the corner.

Service projects this month include the Washington School Play Day, a fun time for both workers and participants. Thanks goes to Helen Sutfin and her crew for their efforts on this project.

This will be my last "President's Corner" newsletter article. I want to thank all the members of our club for their support in making this a truly enjoyable year as your president.



The successes we had as a club this year would not have been accomplished without the dedication and efforts of our members, our officers, our board members, our committee and program chairs.

During this past year, I feel I have grown as a Lion with the help I have received from many of our members. It has truly been an honor to serve as your president. In the future, I will continue to serve as needed.

The installation banquet will be held on June 13th. Please make an effort to attend to support our incoming officers and board members. It should be a night of reflecting upon the past and gathering inspiration for the future.

Please join me in supporting our incoming president, Lion Allen Rhyasen, so he too can enjoy a successful, rewarding and satisfying year like I did.

We are truly a club that serves!

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



King Lion Stephen's Newest 'Find' Fort Vancouver Lions 40th Year Button!



FEATURED MEMBER

Rodger



Vandewater

Born January 14th, 1927 in Grand Rapids Michigan, Rodger Vandewater re-located to Vancouver Washington in 1988.

Rodger and Marilyn have 2 daughters, who, after completing college accepted jobs in Vancouver and they decided to be close to the girls.

Rodger graduated from the University of Michigan and lived in a number of places prior to settling down locally.

In Lansing Michigan, Rodger worked in the insurance business later forming a commercial fire and casualty insurance company. Rodger sold his business and retired in 1985.

Joining the Lion's Club in Lansing Michigan in October of 1972, Rodger now has 33 years of Lionism under his belt and has held many positions as secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, working his way through the chairs and served as King Lion in Lansing in 1982-1983.

When Rodger arrived in Vancouver his involvement with Lion's did not stop. Joining Fort Vancouver Lions Club in November of 1989, he has served in many capacities with 6 six years as treasurer and 6 years as newsletter editor! Wow!

Rodger explained that his most memorable experience in Lion's is probably the many, many years I have been a timer at the Blind School Track Meet. This is a fantastic project that we do each year.

While serving here as Co-Chair and Chair of the Membership Committee back when it first started, we started the annual membership dinner and got things rolling for membership. Actually, this very active club itself is a very memorable experience for me.

Rodgers Motto in Life: "Remain honest and loyal, no matter what!" and his favorite saying, "Time flies when you are having fun."

TRACK MEET & TRACK STARS!



A good time was had by all at the May 22nd Track Meet at the Washington State School for the Blind put on by the Fort Vancouver Lions Club.

Events this year included: Shot Put, Modified Throw (tennis ball throw), High Jump, Running and Standing Long Jump, Sprints, Long Distance Runs, games in the school building and one of our favorite races: The Wheel Chair Race. There was a lot of athletes proudly wearing their ribbons and medals.



Just about everyone that worked has a story to tell about the athletes and their families. It is one of the most fun and full filling events that we work at every year.

Thanks to everyone that made this year's track meets such a success. Chairman Roy Pulliam

And, on the other side of sports.... Our own



Craig Limoges not only showed the patience of Job at the high jump, he showed us what he could do at the high jump himself! Very impressive Craig!



We purchased 320 Johnsonville Brats to serve for lunch and only had about 15 left after everyone ate. That means we fed over 300. We had a huge crowd this year of athletes, their families, and volunteers.

Lunch also consisted of macaroni or potato salad, apples, chips (donated by Frito Lay) and cookies. We received lots of compliments for this great meal. Thanks to Rick Giles and Robbie Pulliam for cooking the Brats.

21 members of our club worked 97 hours this year and total expenses were \$473.41.



And, a final last note... On May 30th our own Elaina Bradstreet competed at the All District



Girls 800 Meter Relay! Way to go, Elaina!

Track & Field Championships taking 1st in the girls 400 Meter Race and 2nd in the girls 800 Meter Race! Plus a 1st in the



Helping Out... Crock Pot Picnic...

Every month friends, friends of friends request help from Lion's members for just about everything... and you know what? We always seem to be there!

Last Month the city needed a few helping hands to disperse potted plants to their employees who purchased the plants for Mothers Day gifts. Every third Wednesday the club provides the cooking and serving crew for the Share House downtown.



Many of our Lions volunteer at other locations, such as Hospice, Loaves & Fishes, Red Cross and many other community organizations.

If you ever have time to help out there is always someone that has a place for you.

If you would like to help out at the Share House, Sammy Hale (833-2151) is the man to call.

The city of Vancouver generally funnels the requests through Tom Gay (256-8351)

Loaves and Fishes, the meals on wheels people, have their own contact person, Wendy (699-6325), and she is always looking for drivers to deliver hot meals between 10:30 and 11:30AM.



We Serve

Fort Vancouver Lion's enjoyed, with an overwhelming crowd, the induction of two 'new' members in the early part of May.

Okay, so Dorothy Scott and Natasha Rezhnikov aren't exactly new faces in our group of Lion's but somehow they slipped through the cracks for their own Inductions! (Actually I believe it was just another good reason to get together and eat!)



Lee Denny, Assistant Zone Chairman, conducted the Inductions for Dorothy and Natasha while their sponsors stood



strongly by their sides!

Helen was out of town for the event so Terry stood in for her, which no one seemed to notice the difference.

The Crock Pot Picnic was fabulous and there was plenty of food, fun and good friends. A special thanks to the banquet committee who prepared the location and meal and the membership committee who

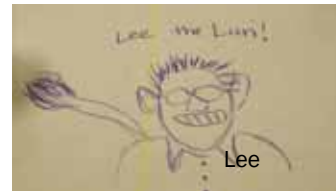
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Lions International Website www.lionsclubs.org
MD-19 Website www.lionsmd19.com



planned the presentations!

A Caricature contest was the Fun event of the evening with Wanda Slevins

taking 1st Place for her drawing of Roy Pullium (right).



Other drawing samples are provided also.





**YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT THE
FORT VANCOUVER LION'S CLUB
2008-2009
INSTALLATION BANQUET**

DATE: JUNE 13th, 2008 6:30PM

LOCATION: CLUB GREEN MEADOWS

COSTS: \$27 PER PERSON

(PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT AT TIME OF RESERVATION)

**You still have time to sign up for the
Installation Banquet!**

**It's going to be a great night to celebrate
our past years' achievements and officers and
greet our new club officers!**

Contact Lee Denny or Al Rhyasen

Check Your Social Calendars!

**We are organizing a social event
for the month of June.**

Eric Foxman (who entertained us on April 11, at our Lion's Luncheon Meeting) will be performing at the Milwaukie Community Club at 10666 SE 42nd in Milwaukie, OR (between Harrison and Jackson) Doors open at 7:30 pm ..curtain at 8:00 pm. Tickets at the door \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple.

"Enjoy an evening of humor and laughter from around the world starring characters from classics by Chekhov, Wodehouse and others. A one-man Theatre Performance by master Raconteur, Eric L. Foxman."

All proceeds benefit the Milwaukie Community Club Building Fund. Refreshments served before curtain and during intermission.

Lee and Chriss Denny will be organizing a carpool. Please call or e-mail them if you wish to participate (lcdenny8@msn.com or 254-9106.)

CLARK COUNTY SIGHT COMMITTEE

Report by Lion Ken Milligan

We met on May 6th with 15 Lions from 9 Clubs attending. We reviewed 45 applications for exams & glasses approving 29 of them.

A total of 16 were denied, 3 as non-resident of Clark County, 8 returned for more information, 1 as having sufficient income, 2 as being too soon since last receiving glasses, 1 as DSHS eligible & 1 for too many requests.

Officers Elected for 2008-2009 year:

Bill Birdwell – Chairman
Ralph Harding – Vice-Chairman
Ken Milligan – Treasurer
Bob Weller - Secretary

Our next meeting will be Tuesday June 2nd at 6:30 PM at WSSB Administration building.

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 the Editor an email or letter and I will be happy to share it with club.

Play Day! Washington Elementary!

Play Day at Washington Elementary School will be held Monday, June 16.



Volunteers will be needed from 8:15am to 2:45pm. This is always a fun event that the children and staff look forward to each year.

Games are designed after those that we played as children. Many were made by our own Ken Milligan!!!

To make this a smooth running day, 20 volunteers are

needed. Helpers should be at least 16 years old.

There will be a morning shift and an afternoon shift - come and help out for as little as

an hour or for the whole day!

This is one of our big sponsoring events for the school. The benefits will far outweigh the sore muscles on Tuesday and the faculty prepares a GREAT lunch.

I will be calling members to help - this is a great way for prospective members to see what we are all about.

Thanks! Helen Sutfin

(Photos from 2007 Play Day)





EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 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 RUSH Concert	2 Sight Meeting 6:30PM WSSB Hearing Meeting 7:00PM WSSD ➔	3 Kenny Chesney Concert	4 Happy Birthday Susie Rawson!	5	6 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Board Meeting 10:30 AM	7 Piano Hospital Clean-up Day!
8 ↑ Happy Birthday Claudia Fredricks & Diane Hadley!	9	10 ↑ Happy Birthday Wally Teuscher! 	11	12	13 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Installation Banquet	14 Happy Birthday Craig Limoges!
15	16 Washington School Play Day !!!	17 Lions Council Meeting 7 PM	18 Sharehouse !!! 2:30—6:30 PM Contact Sammy Hale	19	20 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Board Meeting 10:30 AM	21 Strawberry Sales !!!
22 Happy Birthday Despo Varkados! 	23	24 Happy Birthday June Serviss! 	25 Tim McGraw Concert	26	27 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Earth, Wind & Fire Concert	28
29 Happy Birthday Ron Staggs! 	30	<p><i>Fort Vancouver Club Wear</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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)</p>				RED DATES INDICATE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLUB MEETINGS
<p><u>July dates to mark on your calendar:</u></p> <p>Concert Dates: 11th—The Police 18th—Toby Keith 24th—James Taylor</p>						

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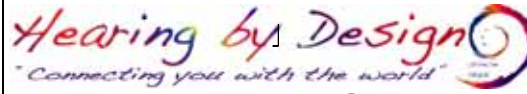
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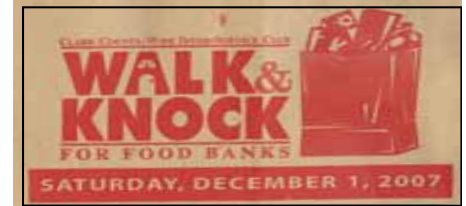
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It's Strawberry Time!

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Walk and Knock met early May and voted in their 2008-2009 officers and board as follows:

- President—Joe Pauletto
- Vice President—Dave Rawson
- Treasurer—Justin Wood
- Secretary—Liz Elfring
- Board Members:
 - Roxie Olsen
 - Tom Carney
 - Rod Pollack
 - Stacy Walters
 - Jeff Fish

Let's make this year the best ever in food donations for the food banks in the area!

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