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No One 'Parties' Like a Lion!

Twenty five and spouses from six Vancouver Lions clubs recent September Saturday Seafarers Center parking lot, sorting a huge pile of mixed used eyeglasses into preselected and pre-marked boxes.



dedicated Lions different local spent part of a day, in the sorting a huge pile of mixed used eyeglasses into preselected and pre-marked boxes.

Lions: Karin Redman, Cindy Maltsburger; Columbia Crest Lions: Len Ledger, Jen Ledger; Hazel Dell Lions: Kathy Morrison, Ron Morrison; Vancouver Dawn: Brian Wolfe.

A special thank you to all who participated in this great service project. For any who didn't and would like to in the future, have no fear, there will be more eyeglass sorting parties in the future. I have just received word that Lion Ralph Harding just picked up 30 more boxes of unsorted glasses from a local church.



The nearly 15,000 eyeglasses were sorted in to four different boxes: Multiple vision, Single vision, Sunglasses and Unusable metal and plastic frames.

Because of the excellent turnout of the participants, the eyeglasses were sorted in little over 2 hours. These sorted glasses will be sent to the Northwest Lion Recycling Center in Lacey Washington.

Soft eyeglass cases were also recycled. The only items not recycled were loose lenses and hard cases. The hard cases were taken by a few Lions to local Goodwill stores who sell them for a dollar a piece.

Lunch was provided and the weather cooperated during the party, although, it did rain a little before the party started.

Lions participating in the party were from Fort Vancouver Lions: Ralph Harding, Lee Denny, Fred Larson, DeLores Milligan, Colleen Lanphier, Del Lanphier, Jenson Gee, Diane Hof-sletter, Wanda Slevin, Craig Limoges, Allen Rhyasen, Sammy Hale, Mary Hale, Walt Miller, Shelley Staudinger, Stephen Staudinger; Wash-ougal Lions: Tom Hayes, Peggy Hayes; Camas

Also, thank you to all the Lions who have turned in glasses to be recycled and to all the individuals who have provided the boxes needed to sort the glasses.

Some of the key players behind the scene, that deserve a round of applause, are Lions Lee Denny and Ralph Harding

for helping get the empty boxes down to the storage center, helping set up the sorting tables and getting the sorted boxes to the place that will have them shipped out.



Also, Lions Jerry Weaver and Fred Larson for getting all of the eyeglasses from our collection boxes throughout the local area on a regular basis. Let us continue to our efforts in this area which is a major part of the core mission of Lionism.

By Stephen Staudinger LERC Director 19-G

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OCTOBER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Program Director - Chris Denny

- Oct 3: Ken Serviss— Piano Tuning Ditties
- Oct 10: Gala Miller— Exec Dir. Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center
- Oct 17: Barbara Sheldon— WA. State School for the Blind Foundation
- Oct 24: Julie Stallaby— Autism
- Oct 31: TBA – Fort Vancouver Lions Club Member



President's Corner



King Lion Al Rhyasen

LeRoy DeBast—Who Are You?

I received an e-mail invitation to attend this man's 100th birthday party Monday October 27th at 2pm. How many of you would like to join me?

In addition to helping LeRoy celebrate his 100th birthday [which is no small feat] we could thank him for being the founding [1st] President of the Fort Vancouver Lion's Club 1955-56. That's 58 years ago folks!

Look at the fun we're having now as a result of a few Lion's that wanted to form a "noon luncheon" club for downtown Vancouver.

This past Thursday some 20 Fort Vancouver Lion's along with the Elks attended "Sarge" Bill Kepfer's funeral. He will be missed and our Texas-Hold-Em nights won't quite be the same!

Ken Milligan handed me a notice at the funeral that mentioned Dr. Barry Seng [a past member of our club] funeral will be Thursday October 2nd. [See Ken for details]

With the passing of these 2 members and the 100th birthday celebration of another it does cause one to pause and think of our roots and pay respect to those who have forged the way.

In looking at our roster this year, I noticed that our own Wally Teuscher has been a member of our club since 11/58. That's 50 year's folks! [Wally at our Melvin Jones Banquet Friday October 10th could you give us a rendition of what it's like to be a Lion for 50 years?]

Today we are the 2nd largest club in G2 [Longview Pioneer is 1st by a long shot] but we do keep busy and we have a lot of fun.

This past month has been no exception with 3 events at Washington Elementary, Share House, L.E.R.C. eyeglass sorting party [26 lion's 15,000 glasses sorted], 2 amphitheater projects, and our own "Harvest Moon" concert. Throw into that mix: visitations, a lion council meeting, Sight and Hearing monthly meetings and oh yes a Saturday Board retreat that saw 14 lions discuss ways to build teamwork in our club. We cap off the month with helping Saturday Sept 27th at the Diabetes Walk-A-Thon.

Did anyone mention our Apple/Pear project that is underway now and we had our 1st Paypal sale this month for a box of apples?

Ralph will be sending around sign-up sheets for boxing Saturday October 18th and Friday October 24th with delivery Saturday October 25th.

For all of you Lions involved with our club today I want to give you a big THANK YOU! It doesn't matter if all you can do is come to our Friday luncheons or work on one fundraising or service project a year; we need you!

The pure joy of service is

sweeter when we can share it with fellow Lions. So if you haven't been out for awhile, come on in and see your club in action. You won't be disappointed!

Yours in Lionism,

President Allen Rhyasen

The 'Sarge' We Knew... So Long Dear Friend...



WILLIAM "SARGE" R. KEPFER
Aug. 16, 1927 ~ Sept. 17, 2008

A member of the Lions Club and the Vancouver Elks. "Sarge" enjoyed traveling, fishing and playing poker and golf.

"Sarge" was a kind hearted caring person who never hesitated to speak his mind.

A fond memory of "Sarge" was last year at a club meeting we had Mac Potts perform for us. Mac, a talented, blind, young man played with such feeling and as I looked toward "Sarge" tears rolled from his eyes, deeply moved by the music.

Always with his bride of 60 years, by his side, "Sarge" cared for Hilde for many, many years. He was truly devoted to the love of his life. A shining example to us all.

Keep them shuffled "Sarge" and we will play when we see you again! Until then, so long dear friend. God Bless.


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CLARK COUNTY SIGHT COMMITTEE
 Report by Lion Ken Milligan

We met on September 2, 2008 with 18 Lions from 12 Clubs attending. We reviewed 25 applications for exams & glasses approving 18 of them. A total of 7 were denied, 2 as non-resident of Clark County, 4 returned for more information and one as having sufficient income. We reviewed one application for cataract surgery which will be forwarded to Northwest Lions Foundation when approved.

Our next meeting will be on October 7th at the WSSB Administration Bldg. Starting at 6:30 pm.

**Washington Elementary
 Curriculum Fair**
 Washington Elementary School Curriculum Fair a Great Success

Each year the Washington Elementary School holds a Curriculum Fair to encourage the parents of the children to come to the school, meet the teachers and to discuss and learn about what their children are being taught. It's a fun night for everyone.

The Ft. Vancouver Lions provide a meal for the attendees. This year we served nachos and it appeared to be a big hit.

Many thanks to the people who helped with this: Dave and Susie Rawson, Ken and DeLores Milligan, Terry and Helen Sutfin, Roy Pulliam, Mila Chase, Craig Limoges, Diane Hofstetter and Nancy Harding. Also, we want to thank the school staff that helped us so much. The cook, Martha, and the custodian, Tom, provided us with the guidance and assistance we needed to get the work done.

This is a good project to invite friends and non-Lions to help us with. Mila is a Craig's friend, and Nancy is Ralph's wife. We had just the right amount of people who worked together beautifully.

By Lee and Chriss Denny



Fort Vancouver Lions Club
Melvin Jones Banquet & Awards Ceremony
Club Green Meadows
7703 NE 72nd Ave, Vancouver

October 10th, 2008

6pm - Cocktail Hour - No Host Bar
Silent Auction Bidding between 6-7PM
7pm - Dinner & Awards Presentation

For Further Information Contact
Lion Craig Limoges 360-903-7501

Magic & Juggling Acts
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* - hidden names only, there will be no magic or juggling acts at the Melvin Jones Banquet.... Sorry



Welcome to the Pumpkin Patch...

OCTOBER 2008



EARN YOUR FREE RAFFLE TICKET: LOCATE YOUR NAME (THERE ARE 2 HIDDEN NAMES IN THIS NEWSLETTER) AND NOTIFY EITHER THE LION TAMER OR THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					Fall Forum, Osoyoos BC	
					12PM WEEKLY MEETING	
5	6	Sight Committee 6:30PM School for the Blind Hearing Committee 6:30 PM School for the Deaf	 Happy Birthday Chriss Denny		Board Meeting 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	
					Melvin Jones Banquet	
12	 Happy Birthday Wanda Stevin	14 Zone Meeting YMCA 7:00PM	15 Share House Project Contact Sammy Hale	 Happy Birthday Bonnie Hunter	17 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	18 Apple & Pear Boxing 10AM
					TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT	
19	20 Lions Council Meeting WSSB 7PM	 Happy Birthday Jensen Gee	 Happy Birthday Gilbert Rivero		24 Board Meeting 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	25 Walk & Knock Bag Folding 8-12 Apple & Pear Deliveries 10-12 Craft Bazaar WSSB
26	 HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY LEROY DEBAST					
					31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN Happy Halloween Del Lanphier	Friday the 31st also Exec Board Meeting 12PM WEEKLY MEETING

November dates to plan for::

4th- Sight/Hearing Committees 8th- Holiday Bazaar

27th—Thanksgiving

29th- Walk & Knock Bag Folding



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WALK & KNOCK FOOD DRIVE.

Plan for the future...Walk & Knock Food Drive will be held Dec.6th, 2008 Tell your friends, families, neighbors! They can sign up to help at: www.walkandknock.org

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51 cards later...

DeLores Milligan
Picks the Joker!

Congratulations to DeLores Milligan who, finally, picked the joker and walked out with major moohla!

Is it the huge smile on DeLores' face as she holds the joker that expresses the excitement or is it Ken's flailing arms in the background? Needless to say, both were happy!

Diabetes Walk-a-thon

On Saturday the 27th several Fort Vancouver Lions helped out at the Diabetes Walk-A-Thon taking in registration packets for all the walkers. There were about 400 walkers at this years event! Thank you Lions Wanda Slevin, Steve Staudinger, Al Rhyasen, Dorothy Scott, Kathy Howell & Dave Rawson for all you do! Plus... Special thanks to our honorary and very hard working—Elaina, Dorothy Scott's daughter!



Clark County Amphitheater

Until next season... we bid farewell to the Clark County Amphitheater! Nine shows later we survived, finishing with the biggest show of the season on September 21st—Journey, Cheap Trick & Heart! The amphitheater was packed with nearly 18,000 very thirsty people! Wrist banding & beer kiosks surpassed anticipated fund raising by several thousand dollars!

Thank you all for your time & effort to make this project a huge success!

Roy Pulliam, Dave & Susie Rawson, Project Chairs.



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