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White Cane Day... Officially?

On October 15th a number of Fort Vancouver Lions were seen at the White Cane Recognition in Ester Short Park. Thanks to Walt Miller our Lions set up table for students from the Washington State School for the Blind, handed out White Cane lapel stickers and enjoyed a great program honoring the day.

Mayor Royce Polard was present to officiate.

But... we as Lions are out in May to seek donations for White Cane Days. What's going on here?

As described in Wikipedia, White Cane Safety Day is an unofficial holiday in the United States, celebrated on October 15 of each year since 1964.

The date is set aside to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane.

On October 6, 1964 a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress, HR 753, was signed into law. This resolution authorized the President of the United States to proclaim October 15 of each year as "White

Cane Safety Day."

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the first White Cane Safety Day proclamation within hours of the passage of the joint resolution. White Cane Day remains largely unknown to the general public.

The answer is simple... The National Federation of the Blind, a leading organization for the blind, has established the third week in May as "White Cane Week."



Also, a bit of trivia, since 1946 Canada has honored White Cane Day during the first week of February.

Many of the blind related their feelings at Ester Short Park with a very similar message... the White Cane is a source of personal freedom and independence.

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM SCHEDULE Program Director - Roy Pulliam

- Nov 7th**—Brian Wheeler, Portland Trail Blazer Announcer
- Nov. 14th**—Jim Milner of Milner Motors, Electric Cars
- Nov. 21st**—David Madore, U.S. Digital
- Nov. 28th**—Lions Quarterly Report, Video Presentation

President's Corner



KING TURKEY? NOPE!

King LION Al Rhyasen

Wow! Are we having fun Yet! October was one busy month. Starting off with the Fall Forum at Osoyoos BC, which saw 10 Fort Vancouver Lions cross the 49th parallel and enjoy some good old Canadian hospitality. Kudos for Lion Terry and Helen Sutfin for getting there early and getting us Table #1 for the Saturday night banquet.

Then what about that Melvin Jones Banquet held at Club Green Meadows where some 50 Fort Vancouver Lions and friends celebrating not one, but three Melvin Jones awards! In the process we raised just in excess of \$2,000!



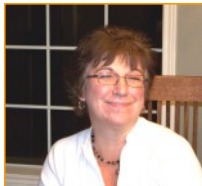
Congratulations to Lion Terry Sutfin and Rodger Vandewater for winning their Progressive

Melvin Jones award and still a **THIRD** recipient to be announced!



These three represent for all of us what it is to quietly go about serving in the community that we live in. We couldn't be prouder of their accomplishment.

Rick Giles hosted our Texas-Hold-Em night on Friday 17th with 18 Lions and friends raising \$360 for the club. Bill Shalaby showed up with two friends and the three of them enjoyed the evening so much I believe they



didn't even miss their money!

What time of Year or Month was It? APPLE AND PEAR SALES.

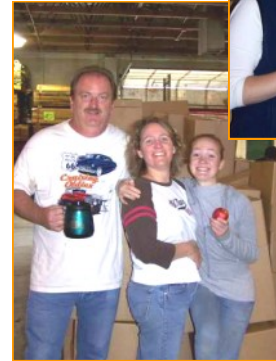
Ralph Harding, the project Chairman, had the club up to their elbows in apples and pears on 2 separate days.

We boxed approximately 900 boxes of apples, rented 6 U Haul big trucks and distributed all of the above fruit on a sunny Saturday in October.

The really special bonus on this project was to



work at "The Friends of the



Carpenter" ware-



house with not only 20 plus Lions and friends, but 16 Honor students from 3 local high schools and 6 young men from the Inmate Correc-



tions program. Projected income

from this project is in excess of \$6,000.

Lions International Website www.lionsclubs.org
 MD-19 Website www.lionsmd19.com
 Fort Vancouver Lions Club www.fortvancouverlions.com

On Monday, October 27th, a few Lions went over to celebrate with LeRoy DeBast, his 100th birthday party. LeRoy was Fort Vancouver's 1st President in 1955/56

and was instrumental in helping with the PIANO Hospital projects in the early years. What a legacy this man leaves us.



November and December promise to be busy months as well, but concentrating our efforts more on service than fund raising.

Since it's the start of our holiday season, giving back to our community in these next two months will be a blessing for us all.

As you look over the calendar of events that we're involved in, pick one that you want to learn more about.

Ask questions of those who you're working with and become more informed on how that project benefits those we serve and how we might improve our service.

I have completed 1/3 of my year as your club President and I want to thank each and every one of you for the many hours of selfless service you have given your club.

Rubbing shoulders with Lion Friends is a blessing I'm

eternally thankful for and I've learned so much from you these past 4 months.

I brought a young man with me to the apple/pear sorting party who has been unemployed for some time. As we were getting ready to leave, he thanked me for inviting him to come and help. He then asked me if I thought the economy would

ever rebound again. I said "Chris look around you and think about what all of us accomplished this afternoon.

As long as this nation has citizens who want to help their fellow man, we'll be just fine." He thanked me once again.

Take time out these next two months to count your blessings and remain positive and enthusiastic so that we'll continue to set the example and leave our own legacy of service.

Yours In Lionism,
Allen Rhyasen



Ralph Harding



Blazer Tickets



CLARK COUNTY SIGHT COMMITTEE

Report by Lion Ken Milligan

We met on October 5, 2008 with 16 Lions from 10 Clubs attending.

We reviewed 47 applications for exams & glasses approving 28 of them.

A total of 19 were denied 5 as non-resident of Clark County, 8 returned for more information, 3 as DSHS eligible & 3 for too many requests.

Our next meeting will be on November 4th at the WSSB Administration Bldg. at 6:30 pm.



Every month, on the third Wednesday, Fort Vancouver Lions can be found preparing meals and serving the many people who visit the share house.

Thank you Terry Sutfin, Helen Sutfin, Bruce Armstrong, Tory Luetjen, Sammy Hale, and Mary Hale for your dedication and hard work!

If you would like to help out contact Steve Staudinger, Share House Chair.

Event Calendar

NOVEMBER 2008



EARN YOUR FREE RAFFLE TICKET: LOCATE YOUR NAME (THERE ARE 2 HIDDEN NAMES IN THIS NEWSLETTER)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints Day
2 Happy Birthday Carol Corey! 	3 Happy Birthday Mary Lou Thomas! 	4 Sight Committee 6:30PM School for the Blind Hearing Committee 6:30 PM School for the Deaf	5 Happy Birthday Ken Serviss! 	6	7 Board Meeting 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	8 Sugar & Spice Holiday Bazaar  Hazel Dell Grange 9am-4pm
9	10 Direct Dial Coast-to-coast Telephone Begins 1951	11	12 American Actress Anne Hathaway Born 1982	13	14 12PM WEEKLY MEETING  Sensory Safari School for the Blind (After Lunch)	15
16 Sante Fe Trail Founded 1821 William Becknell Sante Fe, New Mexico	17	18 Lions Council Meeting WSSB 7PM	19 Share House 2:30 pm Contact Steve Staudinger	20 Washington Elementary Thanksgiving Dinner 10:30am-12:30pm	21 Board Meeting 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	22
23	24 Baseball Player Steve Yeager Born 1948	25	26	27  THANKS GIVING	28 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	29 Bag Folding at The Columbian 8am 
30	<p>Planning Ahead... December Dates to Remember:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">December 6th - Walk & Knock Food Drive December 11th - Salvation Army Bell Ringing December 19th - Christmas Luncheon at Skills Center</p>					

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Pictures from the Pirates Ball...

If you see any of these people, be very, very afraid!

Hazel Dell lions had their first ever Pirates Ball on October 25th. While the turn out wasn't what they had hoped for, those who were there had a blast! Mark your calendar for new years ball because it is a blast!



Lion Walt Miller
DeeDee Miller

Pictured here are Lion
Terry Sutfin, Lion
Craig Limoges



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Lion Chris Denny
Lion Lee Denny



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