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# Walk & Knock Food Drive

Last Year, Clark County Lions clubs along with

## December 6th

Kiwanis, Optimists, Rotarians, Amateur Radio Operators, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and thousands of volunteers throughout the county collected just over 143 tons of food (286,000 pounds) to feed the, at that time, 23,000 people needing food each month.

In just 6 short days, another army of kind, caring, loving citizens and volunteers of Clark County will amass to try and do that same thing



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## CLARK COUNTY HEARING COMMITTEE

Report by Lion Richard Giles

Clark County Hearing Committee met on November 4th. We were only missing representatives from Woodland. Please join us at our next meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. This is your committee we cover ALL of Clark County and the Woodland area.

HEARING AIDS DONATED: Fort Vancouver 124 (Collection Boxes)

A SINCERE THANKS: to the following clubs; FORT VANCOUVER, HAZEL DELL and PRIVATE PARTIES. They donated funds for Fiscal year 2008 - 2009. Without your support we would not have been able to help the low-income hearing impaired persons in Southwest Washington.

We reviewed applications for three people:

One Applicant received One Device

One Applicant was denied due to excessive income

One applicant was denied since current devices are less than one year old

Our Next meeting will be on DECEMBER 2, 2008  
 7PM WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

or... perhaps even better because now, instead of needing to feed 23,000 people, our local food bank is feeding over 27,000 people in need per month!

Times are tight for us all, but when we give of ourselves we make a difference for those in our community. This year, more than perhaps any other year, the need of our neighbors is great.

Give of your time. Please help us next Saturday, December 6th, to collect food for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

## DECEMBER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Program Director - Dave & Susie Rawson

- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> -  
Alycia Hadfield from "Must Love Dogs"
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> -  
Doug Tracy, Two Hills Trio, will perform music from the heartland.
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> -  
Christmas Luncheon with WSU Choir performance
- Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> -  
No Club Meeting

# President's Corner



## King Lion Al Rhyasen

Can you believe it!

December has arrived and we're just starting to have fun!

As a service club in our community, it's important that we attract and retain community minded individuals who understand what service means not only to the community but to themselves as well.

And boy have we been successful these past few years!

For all of you members that have been with us less than 3 years, a big THANK YOU for not only joining our club but bringing such added enthusiasm and fun to our club.

The Fort Vancouver Lion's Club continues to be a force for good in our home town.

One had only to look this past month at the Washington Elementary school Thanksgiving lunch which saw our club serve over 400 hungry kids and teachers.

On November 19th we made and served the dinner at Share House for those less fortunate than us.

Then to round out our food theme we spent the last two Saturdays folding bags for our an-

nual Walk and Knock Food Drive that happens Saturday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

Who was responsible for starting this huge community food drive?

Please e-mail me your answer with the names and date.

Then I'll see if Lion Dave could research information to give us next month



Not to be out done by all the emphasis on food...



I asked Dave Rawson at the bag folding event how he can be so involved with Walk and Knock and the Christmas Store. His response "I know our members will sign up for the store and the committee has everything

ready" He's right about that, you will turn out to help because you understand what service is all about.

On December 20<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 11pm we are helping Columbia Crest Lions Club by wrapping books at the Borders on 164<sup>th</sup>. Contact Helen Sutfin for more information.

Then it's time to celebrate this time of year by joining us Friday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> for lunch at the Skill Center (12200 NE 28th St, Vancouver, WA 98682 (360) 604-1050) where we'll hold our annual Christmas lunch.

Our Program directors were able to get the Washington State University Choir to



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sing and Lee Denny made all the arrangements for the luncheon. Thanks to all of them for taking care of this for us.

I'd like to take this opportunity, as your President this year, to wish you all the best for the Holidays, a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As you continue to be and stay involved with all these activities our club engages, may it be said about us... "We went about doing good!"

Now go bring in a good friend who would enjoy what you have as a member of the best service club in Clark County.

And, on a final note, I indicated in last month's article that we had yet a third recipient of the

Melvin Jones Award. We were thrilled to have Bob Arbaugh return after a brief time away due to surgery.

And, by the expression on his face, I do believe he was pleasantly surprised when we announced him as the Melvin Jones recipient! Bob Vernon, Sponsor of Bob Arbaugh, long time member



and past president of Fort Vancouver Lions presented the award.

Yours in Lionism,

Allen Rhyasen



### CLARK COUNTY SIGHT COMMITTEE

Report by Lion Ken Milligan

The Clark County Sight Committee met on November 4, 2008 with 11 Lions in attendance from 6 Clubs.

We reviewed 30 applications for exams & glasses approving 19 of them.

A total of 11 were denied 2 as non-resident of Clark County, 6 returned for more information and 3 as DSHS eligible

Our next meeting will be on December 2 at the WSSB Administration Bldg. Starting at 6:30 pm.

Hope to see you there!



Break open the spaghetti and get the garlic bread buttered! We're going Italian tonight!

On November 19th we had five Fort Vancouver Lions cook an outstanding meal at the Share House!

Thank you Dave Rawson, Susie Rawson, Ken Milligan, DeLores Milligan and Stephen Staudinger for your dedication and hard work!



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

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









Event Calendar

# DECEMBER 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 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lisa Hodgel Happy Birthday Ralph Harding! (Dec 2nd)	2 <b>Sight Committee</b> 6:30PM School for the Blind <b>Hearing Committee</b> 6:30 PM School for the Deaf	3 Illinois Becomes the 21st State 1818 Happy Birthday Ray Maddix!	4  Happy Birthday Sandy Hammond!	5 <b>Board Meeting</b> 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	6 
7 <b>Attack on Pearl Harbor 1941</b>	8	9 <b>Beau Bridges Actor Born in 1941</b>	10	11 <b>Salvation Army Bell Ringing</b>	12 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	13  Happy Birthday Lorraine Schloss!
14	15 <b>Animator Walt Disney Died on this Date 1966 (b.1901)</b>	16 <b>Lions Council Meeting</b> 7 PM WSSB	17 <b>Share House</b> 2:30 pm Contact Steve Staudinger	18 <b>Santa Store Washington Elementary</b> Happy Birthday Jerry Jacobus!	19 <b>Christmas Luncheon Skills Center</b>	20 <b>Borders Christmas Wrapping</b>
21	22	23	24	25  <b>Christmas Day</b> Happy Birthday Kathy Howe!	26 No Meeting Today	27

**Hanukkah - Hanukkah - Hanukkah - Hanukkah - Hanukkah**

28 	29	30 Davey Jones, Singer The Monkeys Born 1945	31 <b>New Years Eve!</b> Welcome 2009!			
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**Planning Ahead... January Dates to Remember:**

- January 6th - Sight and Hearing Meetings
- January 21st - Share House
- January 24th - Blazer Night Basketball

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**WALK & KNOCK  
FOOD DRIVE.**

Plan for the future...Walk & Knock  
Food Drive will be held Dec.6th,  
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# BOARD MINUTES...

**Fort Vancouver Lions Club Minutes**  
Board Meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>,  
2008

The meeting started without a quorum present until other members arrived. Acting President H. Sutfin appointed those non board members as board members for this meeting.

A motion by S. Rawson and seconded by Harding to approve the minutes from the November 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Motion carried.

L. Denny announced the insurance bond company is requesting he submits the monthly bank reconciliation statement to the board for review.

**Unfinished Business-Follow-up:**

D. Rawson reported 18,000 bags need to be folded for Walk N

Knock on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Friends of the Carpenter.

D. Rawson also discussed the Christmas store status as well as the musical entertainment for the Christmas luncheon.

**New Business:**

H. Sutfin announced she received a request from a potential member who could not afford to pay dues to join and asked if the club offered a scholarship. The board agreed this person is welcomed to be involved in our events, but we can not pay their dues.

Armstrong reported he needs 4 more to sign up for bell ringing on Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Pulliam discussed the upcoming spring concert on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and announced \$1000.00 of the

proceeds will be donated to the WSSB Students Betterment Fund. All monies in excess of \$3000.00 raised will benefit the Sight Committee in addition to the already budgeted amount of \$6000.00.

Limoges reported the National Diabetes Assoc. will have a booth at the Expo Center and needs participation. He will put together a proposal and present to the board at a later date. Limoges also announced the charter renewal for the Cub Scouts that the club sponsors is coming due.

H. Sutfin announced the meeting on Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled because Bill's will be closed this day and the next board meeting will be Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

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