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## It lives! It breathes! It Changes! Have you seen it recently ?

Well, perhaps lives and breathes are a bit much but thanks to our very own member, Lion Dorothy Scott our club website changes! This is not just one of those websites where every time you visit you see the same ol' things from one year to the next! Dotty works hard at keeping pace with the ever moving, ever serving Fort Vancouver Lions Club!

Did you know that you may purchase tickets for the upcoming Concert to Benefit the Blind? Yes! It's true. Buy your tickets right now by clicking [HERE](#) and you'll be whisked away in a second to the club's website and the page specifically designed for the concert that will be held on February 6th at the Washington School for the Blind!

That's not all, no sir! All the club activities are there for you to see and plan for, links to Lions International and Dotty's latest addition that she titled, "Gallery of Fun!" Enough said about that, now you just have to go to the website and see what I'm talking about! (Since we are coming up on Valentines Day, I suppose I can give you a gift early... simply click on ["Gallery of Fun"](#) and you'll be on your way to the clubs home page where you may enter the ["Gallery of Fun"](#)!

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### FEBRUARY

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE Program Director - Roy Pulliam

**Feb. 6th:** From the Hazel Branch of LA Fitness: Training General Manager-Sharon Prestell and Club General Manager Don Torgerson

**Feb. 13th:** Executive Coach, Author, Tainer, and Speaker: Kathy Condon on "What it Takes to Write a Book"

**Feb. 20th:** State of Washington Representative from the 18th District: Jaime Herrera

**Feb. 27th:** Lions Quarterly Video

We will be helping Washington Elementary celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Tuesday, February 10th.

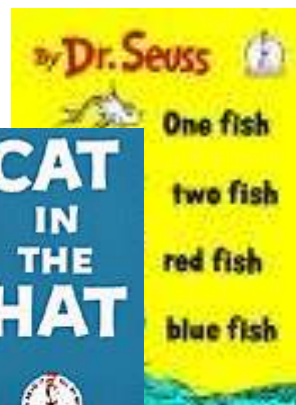
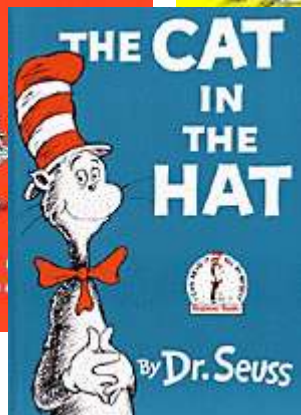
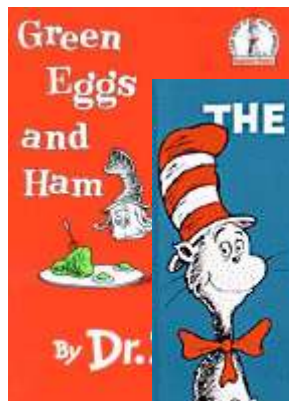
We will be reading to first graders and then each child will receive a book of their choice.

It is a fun time reading to the kids and it only takes about an hour. We will be starting at 1:00pm and finishing up at 1:45pm.

If you are Interested in helping please contact Helen Sutfin at 360-696-9162.

Also, as we are doing our yearly sorting of 'too much' - think of the students at the school.

Good, warm clothing, pencils, pens, small items that can be used as rewards, children videos, etc. These can be brought directly to the school or drop them with Helen Sutfin at one of our Friday luncheons. Thank you so much!



# President's Corner



**King Lion Al Rhyasen**

## Miracles of Service for Fort Vancouver Lions

This was the topic of an e-letter that Zone Chair Lee Denny distributed at our Lions Council meeting this month.

It caused me to reflect on what miracles of service I have seen with our club over the past few months.

### Members who need our prayers:

Lion Ron Staggs and Lion Hilde Kepfer both need our thoughts, prayers and visits. Please contact Lion Terry Sutfin to get info on Ron who is in SW Washington Hospital and Susie Rawson for Hilde who is in an Alzheimer center.

### Membership and Potluck Dinner Friday Feb 20th:

The Board has approved 4 new members to our club in the past month:

Lion Catrina Galiez

sponsor Roy Pulliam

Lion Marilyn Martin

Sponsor Susie Rawson

Lion Kama May

sponsor Dave Rawson

Lion Christopher Losinger

sponsor Roy Pulliam

These four along with

Lion Bill Shalaby

sponsored by Allen Rhyasen

And

Walt Miller

sponsored by Lion Craig Limoges

will all be inducted into the club at our annual Membership Potluck Dinner, Friday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, at the downtown PUD building.

Rumor has it that there are a few

more potential new members that will be added.

With our mentoring program in place, these new members will be functioning very effectively participating in all the programs we support.

I would ask that the committee chairs look at these new members and invite them to help with your particular event. The key to a healthy club is participation by every member as much as they want to or the time feel they can give.

I want to personally invite all the new members to our next Board Meeting that will be held Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at "Bill's Chicken & Steak House," just prior to our luncheon meeting that day.

### NW Leadership Training Thursday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

This year four of our Board members are participating in this 4 day training event to be held in Lake Oswego Oregon. Li-



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have all enrolled in this 4 day training event.

You want to know why Fort Vancouver club continues to lead effectively in our community? Check to see how many other clubs send this many officers to be trained for our future.

Thanks to the club for sponsoring them financially and thanks to these Lions for taking this valuable time away from their families and jobs.

Our club will reap the benefits and **SOAR** to new heights of service in our community.



## Spring Concert



**"3 Together & Misty Mama's"**

**Friday Feb 6th**

This is our last major fundraiser for this fiscal year other than the fresh strawberries in May and June. To date, we have sold 14 ads and about 100 tickets. It would be great to sell out again this year and have our money benefit the blind community of Clark County.

Our major corporate sponsor this concert is "Ethos Salon," who has set aside Friday Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, as Fort Vancouver Day. Any person who makes an appointment for that day, will have 100% of the money spent donated to the concert.



In addition they are raffling off a Spa Day, valued at \$250, the night of the concert. Check out more about Ethos in this newsletter and let's all get spruced up for Valentines Day. (see pg. 3)

### Lions Liking Vikings District 19-G Conference March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

This year's Spring Conference is to be held in Long Beach WA. at the Chautauqua Lodge.

Application forms are now available [See Ralph Harding] and the club will pay for your registration fee and Saturday's

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luncheon. If you've never been to one of these events they are a blast and gives us a broader view of Lionism.

Mentors of our new members should think seriously about inviting them to join you for this weekend of "odorous" activities. [see the Conference application for explanation]

**Diabetes Expo  
Portland Expo Center  
Sat Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**

At our club retreat last September we discussed how we might get more involved with Diabetes, so Craig Limoges has volunteered Lions to "Strut their Stuff" on this Saturday in February acting as guides to the 5000+ attendees for this event.

Lion Lee Denny is going to invite the other clubs in our district to participate in this activity. This promises to be an educational and fun day for all involved.

**Lion Wally Teuscher  
50 years a Lion and going Strong**



At our Luncheon meeting Friday

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Lion Cheri Perry surprised Wally



by presenting him his 50 year pin. Wally's wife Joan, was aware of this surprise award and was trying to scheme on how she could come to the meeting. Wally said that morning " Would you like to come with me to our Lions meeting today as we have that other meeting to go to in the afternoon." Kama May. Thanks Wally for making this sur-

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prise presentation come off without a hitch!

We are so proud to have Dr. Wally Teuscher as our patriarch of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club!

**What Lies Ahead!**

To quote from the e-letter referred to earlier from Lee Denny "Nothing could illustrate how quickly times can change better than the worldwide economic turmoil of 2008. But like all change, it presents both challenges and opportunities. Difficult economic times often motivate community-minded individuals to do even more for their neighbors in need.

Also many families are looking for activities in which all members can participate and which do not require a large monetary investment."

There is no better way to serve than in our own Fort Vancouver Lions Club, but our friends and neighbors won't know about this opportunity, unless we open our mouths and invite them to join us in serving the needs of the Sight and Hearing citizens of Clark County.

I am so proud of you all and what a difference you make for this my home town where I live.

Thank you.

**CLARK COUNTY HEARING COMMITTEE**  
Report by Lion Rick Giles

We review 4 applications and approved 3 at no cost and 1 at Lions cost due to the applicants income.

We also raised the income cut off level to stay consistent with the latest published Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Our next meeting will be on February 3rd at the Washington State School for the Deaf Starting at 7 pm.

**CLARK COUNTY SIGHT COMMITTEE**

Report by Lion Ken Milligan

We met on January 6, 2009 with 17 Lions from 12 Clubs attending. We reviewed 29 applications for exams & glasses approving 14 of them.

A total of 15 were denied 1 as non-resident of Clark County, 12 returned for more information and 2 as DSHS eligible.

Our next meeting will be on February 3rd at the WSSB Administration Bldg. Starting at 6:30 pm.



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# Calendar of Events... FEBRUARY 2009

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Start of Black History Month	2	Sight Committee 6:30PM School for the Blind Hearing Committee 6:30 PM School for the Deaf	4	5 Zone Mtg. 6:30pm	6 Board Meeting 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Benefit Concert WSSB 7pm	7 Happy Birthday Dorothy Scott!
8 Happy Birthday Sammy Hale! (Feb. 9th)	9 Happy Birthday Colleen Lanphier!	10 Dr. Seuss Day WA. Elementary 1-1:45pm	11	12 Happy Birthday Stephen Staudinger!	13 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	14 Happy Valentine's Day!
15	2006 The last Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) is decommissioned by the United States Army.	17 Lions Council 7pm	18 Share House 2:30 pm Contact Steve Staudinger	19	20 Board Meeting 12PM WEEKLY MEETING Member Banquet P.U.D. 7pm	21 Happy Birthday Kama May! Diabetes Expo
22 Happy Birthday Ralph Jones & Darvin Zimmerman! If there was a 29th... Happy Birthday Roy Brothers! Catch you in 2012!	23 1940 Peter Fonda, American actor Born	24	25 Happy Birthday Jack Sprinkel!	26	27 12PM WEEKLY MEETING	28

Mark your calendar... March dates to remember...

March 13th & 14th - Spring Conference, Long Beach WA  
March 18th - Share House  
March 20th - Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament

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# BOARD MINUTES...

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## Unfinished Business-Follow-up:

D. Rawson reported he is still following up with corporate donations for the 2009 Santa Store at WA. Elementary School.

## New Business:

Pulliam discussed the 3 Together/Misty Mama concert on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> and reported we are still looking for a primary sponsor.

A motion to accept a new member application for Catrina Galicz. Motion carried.

A motion to accept a new member application for Kama May. Motion carried.

H. Sutfin announced February 10<sup>th</sup> will be Dr. Seuss day at WA. Elementary School.

L. Denny reported a non Lion sent a \$50.00 donation through paypal to the club.

Limoges asked if the board was interested in participating in the 50+ Expo again this year. The decision was no, because the attendees last year had no interest in the Lions.



## Lions Liking Vikings Spring Conference March 13-14

You still have time to qualify for the Early Bird Drawing, just register prior to February 27th!

The conference is being held at the Chautauqua Lodge Resort in Long Beach Washington. The resort offer is offering a special Lions Rate for the weekend of March 13-14. There are going to be a lot of people in attendance so making your reservation early is a very good idea.

The 13th is scheduled for registration and a fun night full of contests and awards. The 14th there will be seminars, buffet style lunch and the Governors Banquet! It going to be a great time!

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