



**Fort Vancouver Lion's Club**  
**Vancouver, WA., U.S.A.**

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**APRIL 2009 ISSUE**

**APRIL 2009  
PROGRAM  
SPEAKERS:**

**April 3rd**  
Paul Van Dyck—  
The Sounds of  
Awareness

**April 10th**  
Billy Henry  
Enriching Lives of  
the Blind Through  
Athletics

**April 17th**  
Marcie Maynes  
Emergency Prepar-  
edness

**April 24th**  
Ron Wierenga  
Clark County Clean  
Water Program

**APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS**

1st  
Catrina Galicz

14th  
Roy Pulliam

15th  
Walt Miller

24th  
Diana Olds

26th  
Shelly Brown

28th  
Cheri Perry

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## President's Corner

King Lion Al Rhyasen

Spring arrived last month and a typical NW start for spring it was, with sunshine and rain throughout the day. I just completed the 3 month calendar and I was shocked to see June 2009 surface. But I was excited to see the new slate of officers you have elected for the upcoming year. Our club has so many talented, trained individuals whose heart is focused on service in the community we live!

Our Spring Conference was held this past month in Long Beach, Washington, where 19 members of our club participated in this grand event. The Saturday morning presentation by Erin Rumer was educating us on what life was like for her growing up blind and her involvement with "Guide Dogs for the Blind"

Then our luncheon speaker,

Allen Kopp (aka: Rex Ziak), narrated a 45 minute documentary on living on a huge sailing ship with 80 young men and women that sailed from Denmark to United States and back over a 6 month period. These young people learned the lessons of life on the ship from their experienced captain. The documentary won an Emmy.

Speaking of winning, Fort Vancouver Lions walked off with 6 awards [tall tales, music, scrapbook, website, uniforms, and business card] Zone Chairman Lee Denny had his G2 clubs win most, if not all of the awards.

Meeting in a conference setting is a great way to meet other Lions and see what is happening all over SW Washington. I think its cool how many small communities have a Lion's club because they realize how

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## Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

By Roy Pulliam

We had our first repeat winner at our most recent Lions Club Poker tournament. It was Adam "Lucky" Herbenson. He knocked out veteran player Roy Pulliam's pocket Aces with a miracle Queen on the turn early in the tournament, and continued to pull in pot after pot. Adam received \$180.00 as the winner.

Taking second place and \$100.00 (of which she donated \$40.00 back to the club) was new Lion, Diana Ross. Sandy Hammond won \$80.00

for third place and Jenson Gee took third and \$20.00. Host Ann Giles had the highest hand of the evening and won a Northwest Beer Association T shirt. Her husband Rick also won the same shirt at the last tournament.

The best part of the evening was of course all of the fun and great food we enjoyed. We had 18 participants and raised \$400.00 for very worthwhile charities.

Look for our next tournament in a few months!

## President's Corner Continued...



Speaker Erin Rumer



Speaker Rex Ziak

### Fort Vancouver Lions Club Officers

King Lion: Al Rhyasen

1st VP: Ralph Harding

2nd VP: Bruce Armstrong

3rd VP: Helen Sutfin

Past President: Stephen Staudinger

Secretary: Diana Olds

Treasurer: Lee Denny

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Lion Tamer: Fred Larson

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Board Members: Terry Sutfin, Richard

Giles, Susie Rawson, Chriss Denny,

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Sunshine Committee: Wanda Slevin

Technology Guru: Dorothy Scott

Visitations: Terry Sutfin

Social Chair: Lee Denny

valuable a service club is to their home town.

If you haven't had a chance to attend one of these events you should seriously consider MD19 Spring Convention May 14 thru 16<sup>th</sup> in Penticton, B.C., Canada. [Ralph Harding has the registration forms]

Also, congratulations to our own Terry Sutfin who won the election for "1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect". He appreciated every one's support and credited his campaign chairman [Helen Sutfin] for keeping him focused on his goal.

Diana Ross, one of our newest members, took Second Place at our Spring Texas Hold-'Em Poker Night held this past weekend at Rick Giles home. 18 Lions and friends participated and had a very enjoyable evening helping raise needed money for our club. Thanks again to Dave Rawson, Rick Giles and Roy Pulliam who promote and hold this event every calendar quarter.

Fellow Lion Ron Staggs is in SW Washington Hospital recovering from a bad bout with diabetes. If you have an opportunity to drop by please do so but keep your visit short. Ron needs as much rest and

prayers he can get from all of us.

On Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> we will participate in our annual "White Cane Days" fundraiser, where Walt Miller will have approximately 30 of us strategically located in front local businesses. This is a very important fundraiser for NW Sight and Hearing and it makes all of our clubs visible in our community. Kudos for Walt Miller for chairing this fundraiser and encouraging us to once again "get out of our comfort zone".

I started this column with a poem that Walt Miller gave us at one of our luncheon meetings. That particular meeting, we had 38 Lions from our club, plus 1 visiting lion and the speaker. As I looked out over all of you I was so thrilled to call you my **Friends in Lionism**. Let's continue to stay involved, looking after each other, helping out when we can, and most of all let's have a fun time. Thank you for your membership in our club and let's have March leave us with the "**Roar of a Lion.**"

Yours in Lionism  
Al Rhyasen



## Sight Committee Report

By Ken Milligan, Walt Miller

The Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County met on March 3, 2009 with Twenty Lion's members present representing eleven clubs.

The committee reviewed thirty three (33) applications for exams & glasses approving twenty five (25) of them.

Eight (8) applicants were denied for the following reasons: two (2) applicants were non-residents of Clark County, four (4) applications were returned for more information, two (2) ap-

plicants were DSHS eligible.

An application was approved for prosthesis for a 29 year old woman that had received one as a six year old.

The Lion's Sight Foundation of Clark County will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with a dinner and auction on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Club Green Meadows. (See flyer in this newsletter for details)

The next Sight Committee meeting will be on April 7th at the WSSB Administration Bldg. Starting at 6:30 pm.

**APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER...**

Sight Committee	April 7th
Hearing Committee	April 7th
WA. Elementary Pancake Breakfast	April 11th
Share House	April 15th
Sight Committee 60th Anniversary	April 18th

Have you found the hidden names? There are two in this newsletter. If you find your name see the Lion Tamer for a FREE raffle ticket!

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Lion Terry Sutfin  
1st Vice District Governor Elect



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Saturday, April 18, 2009

Club Green Meadows

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6:00 p.m. - Social hour and silent auction

7:00 p.m. - Buffet dinner and music

(Baron of beef and chicken)

Oral auction to follow

\$30 per person

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