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May 15th

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May 22nd

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President's Corner

King Lion Al Rhasen

May Day!

Tulips and Lilacs are in full bloom and Spring is really here! Grandkids are playing baseball [those long games] and my garden is ready to plant. We just got back from my son Mike's college graduation. All of these events make us excited for this time of year.

As Lions we are looking forward to White Cane Day, [May 1st] where we can ask our fellow citizens to "Support the Blind by wearing a white cane." I checked with Walt Miller today [chairman of this event] and he indicated all the bags have been handed out and we are ready to hit our locations this Friday from 11:00am to 1:00 pm. [The liquor store locations have another shift in the afternoon.] Thank you for supporting this fundraiser as the proceeds really do benefit the blind and it's a great way to promote Lions work in our community.

Mark down Thursday May 21st on your calendar to help at the WSSB track meet. Roy Pulliam is our chair for this event and needs all the help he can get. The students that normally assist us this year are not able to come down because of funding issues, so please invite your family and friends. I can guarantee that this one experience will affect how you look at your own life and the blessings that we all enjoy. My first year working this event just solidified for me why I wanted to be a Lion and why I was so happy to be a member of Fort Vancouver Lion's Club.

We have a new service opportunity this month marshalling at the Hazel Del Parade Saturday May 16th. Lion Diana Olds is passing a list around for those who want to help out that day. This Parade is a signature event for our community and to promote Lions serving once again in our community is awesome.

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On Your Mark, Get Set, GO !!!

By Roy Pulliam

On May 21st, one of our favorite and longest running projects will take place. It is the annual Washington State School for the Blind/Ft. Vancouver Lions Track Meet. Visually impaired athletes from all of the State of Washington and Oregon will be on hand to run, throw and jump. We will help run all of the events and feed every participant and their family, volunteer and teachers Johnsonville Brats for lunch.

We need lots of help this year as the Middle School helpers from White Salmon won't be here to help. So recruit your friends and relatives to take the day

off and join us for a day of fun.

If you have worked this project before you know what a pleasure it is to see these kids compete. My favorite event is the wheel chair races. I love the look on their faces as the wheel chair crosses the finish line. This is a great opportunity to bring potential members to work. It displays what our club is all about.

So sign up, recruit a crew to help, and plan on being there by 8:30 AM for the volunteer breakfast buffet. The event is usually over by 3 PM or so. Contact project chairman Lion Roy Pulliam to sign up.

What time is it?



It's Strawberry Time!



Lion Ralph Harding and wife Nancy at the 60th Anniversary Dinner for the Sight Committee

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President's Corner Continued...

"What Time Of Year Is It?" **Fresh Strawberry Sales!** Lion Dave Rawson e-mailed all of us with the flier and encouraged us to promote the sale of berries to all we know. The actual delivery date is not until Saturday June 20th but let's make this fund raiser a huge success. The berries are awesome and we have a list of nearly 1800 previous customers that will receive a flyer. If any of you have e-mail lists that you send items out on, please consider forwarding Dave's flyer to one and all.

The MD 19 Spring Convention is being held in Penticton B.C. May 14th through May 16th. This is always a neat experience. Please contact Ralph Harding for registration information.

The budget Committee is meeting Thursday May 7th to plan our next year's budget. If any of you have any new ideas for fundraisers or service projects please contact either Ralph Harding or myself. It's interesting to see how we plan our year's budget and what in reality happens. I haven't seen the final numbers for this past year from Lee Denny, but I'm confident we met all our planned obligations and funded a few unexpected ones, due to all of your hard work.

The 60th Anniversary Dinner for the Sight Committee was held Saturday April 18th at Club Green Meadows. Lion Ralph Harding and Lion Ken Milligan were instrumental in making this a huge success for Clark County Sight. Over 135 Lions

and friends joined in a delicious dinner and raised in excess of \$8,000 for the Committee. Another successful event that we can be proud of.

I had a friend call me last week and ask if I knew where they could get boxes as he was moving his office. I called Ken Milligan to see if he had boxes and he didn't have any at his home. He then said "let me check with the PUD" and yes they had some so during his lunch time he went down and got the boxes for me so they could have them that afternoon. This is a small thing but it typifies what our members do not only for our community but us as members as well.

Marcy Maynes one of our speakers this past month told my wife "As I listened to their business meeting and saw all that these people were involved with in our community I was in awe and humbled that they invited me to participate with them."

You are a wonderful Pride of Lions. Keep up the good work and enjoy this beautiful time of year. Service is the rent we pay for living on this earth and it's time for all of us to step back and "Smell the Roses."



Yours in Lionism,
 Al Rhyasen



Sight Committee Report

By Ken Milligan

We met on April 7 2009 with twenty one Lions from eleven Clark County Clubs attending.

We reviewed Forty Eight applications for eye examinations and glasses approving twenty six of them.

A total of twenty two were denied. Six as non-resident's of Clark County, nine were returned for more information, three were DSHS eligible, two as

having sufficient income and two for too many requests.

Two applications for Cataract surgeries, Al Rhyasen, were returned for more information.

We approved purchase of a Visual Tech Enlarger at a cost of \$125.00

Our next meeting will be on May 5th at the Washington State School for the Blind Administration Bldg. Starting at 6:30 pm.

Washington Elementary Play Day!

By Helen Sutfin



Del Lanphier shows the 'art' of Can Walking—2008

Mark your calendar! Play Day will be held Thursday, June 11 at Washington Elementary School - 8:30 to 2:30 pm.

As with our Santa Store, this day is one the students look forward to celebrating.

To insure that the children can fully participate in the field games, 12 volunteers are needed for the morning and afternoon shifts.

Adults monitor the games and help students form teams.

Adults need not actually play the games (although it is great fun). It is a fun experience for all.

If you are one of our newer members, this is service at it's best. For those members who are employed full time, perhaps your employer would allow you use half of the day as a community out-reach opportunity. It never hurts to ask!

Looking forward to seeing many new faces on the field this year.



“Everyone's help is needed to make this project successful.”

The Amphitheater is Calling !

By Roy Pulliam

One of our largest fund raisers are quickly approaching. This will be our 7th year working at concerts at the Clark County Amphitheater. We run a beer booth, wrist band concert attendees and serve as alcohol monitors. Last year we raised over \$14,000 !!!

Everyone's help is needed to make this project successful. In the past not only Lions club members, but also our friends and relatives have volunteered. What makes the workers more versatile is having a Class 12 Mixolo-

gist License. It allows you to check identification and serve alcohol. There are two chances to take the 3 hour class given by the State of Washington. They are both 11 AM to 2 PM at the Amphitheater. They are on both on Saturdays, May 9th and June 13th. The cost is \$25. Once you work a concert, and request us to do so, we will reimburse all of our members and friends that take this class.

If you have any questions about the class or project contact De Lores Milligan Lion Roy Pulliam

A Flippin' Good Time...

By Lee Denney

We had a 'flippin' good time at Washington Elementary school, Saturday morning, the day before Easter. Lions teamed up with Turning Point Christian Center providing a really fun day for the families. There were activities inside the school with music, games, craft activities, an egg hunt, and the pancake breakfast. The breakfast includes sausage, orange juice, and pancakes.

Fort Vancouver Lions provided the griddles and personnel for cooking the pancakes for more than 300 people! Many thanks to the following: Flippers - Ralph Harding, Bruce Armstrong, Wanda Slevin and Terry Sutfin.; Pancake inspector - Helen Sutfin; Batter Server - Chriss Denny; Griddle Moving Assistants - Craig Limoges and Ken Milligan; Assistants to all - Jerry Jacobus and Lee Denny.



Pancake Breakfast File Picture

Featured Member...



Featured Member
Catrina Galicz

Catrina Galicz is a new member of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club. She joined the Lion's in December of 2008 and is excited to get involved in service projects like the Hazel Dell Parade, concerts, fundraisers, and Christmas Wrapping!

Catrina was born in Vancouver in 1982 and is currently a Washington State Auditor with emphasis that she DOES NOT work for the IRS...

Whew! Had me sweating for a moment!

Catrina has a big family (7 brothers and 2 sisters) who live locally and in the Eastern U.S. (Ohio) with Grand Parents in Arkansas.

Travels have included trips to visit the family in Ohio and Arkansas and a trip to Mexico... probably to try on those colorful sombreros and poncho's! Ole!

Catrina loves to hit the gym in her 'quote un-quote spare time' and spend time scrapbooking with her younger sisters.

Catrina is looking forward to more involvement with Lion's projects... (she just doesn't know us very well does she! It will come, oh yes, it will!)

Catrina and her cat 'Ozzy' enjoy life and have their motto in life as "You own your own choices." Welcome to the club Catrina!

"I would like to acknowledge those individuals who have given their time so generously"

Share House !

Every month, the third Wednesday around 2:30 PM, a group of Fort Vancouver Lions meet at Vancouver's Share House to prepare and serve a meal to the residents of Share House and the homeless. It is not uncommon to serve 150 individuals at this meal. Since December of last year eighteen different Fort Vancouver Lions have participated in this service project. Some have volunteered more than once. Over 105 volunteer hours have been worked in those five months.

As the Chairperson of this project I would like to acknowledge those individuals who have given their time so generously for the good of the Share house. I

By Stephen Staudinger

also encourage anyone who has not recently participated to consider it.

A sign-up sheet goes around at the weekly meeting. You can also get a hold of me and I can sign you up for a slot. The time is the third Wednesday of every month from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM. I wish to thank the following Fort Vancouver Lions for volunteering and put out the effort at the Share House service project: Bill Shalaby, Marilyn Martin, Ken Milligan, Dolores Milligan, Terry Sutfin, Helen Sutfin, Chris Denny, Lee Denny, Dave Rawson, Susie Rawson, Kama May, Chris Losinger, Bruce Armstrong, Craig Limoges, Ken Serviss, Ralph Harding & Roy Pulliam.

Featured Member ...

Allen James Kopp was born in 1981 in Toledo, Ohio and moved into the Vancouver area a year ago in February (2008.)

Apparently not a stranger to moving... Allen has lived and traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, Perrysburg, Ohio, Chicago, Illinois, Laramie, Wyoming and Evanston, Wyoming. Wow!

Allen is married to his lovely wife Cara Joy, 25 (soon to be 26 on May 15th!) and have two children.

Both Allen and Cara Joy enjoy Las Vegas as their favorite vacation destination as they are avid NASCAR Race fans!



Featured Member
Allen Kopp

Allen really digs his job (sorry, I could not resist!) as a local Vancouver Funeral Director and Embalmer.

Allen joined the Lion's just this year and says that he loves the weekly meetings, and is very excited for the upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Allen's life motto is "Remember where your power lies" and his favorite saying is "Never argue with an idiot because they will bring you down to their level and beat you at it..."

It's great to have you aboard Allen!

Editorial

If we all pull together it will make the job so much easier! We work at the amphitheater, we sell strawberries in the spring, frozen berries in the summer and apples and pears in the fall! When is it all going to end?

Hopefully..... Never!

It is because of these fundraising projects that we have a few very important items... Fellowship and friendship with one another and the funds to assist the charities that we so desire to assist!

Sometimes, I think the club members see the work, work, work but during our meetings, as the announcements are given, listen to what we gave and to whom. The WSSB track meet coming up couldn't happen with our fundraising projects, Clark County Sight and Hearing Foundations couldn't provide the needed hearing devices, eye glasses and surgeries, our students at Clark College wouldn't enjoy their scholarship funds and perhaps no higher education at all and the many projects that we do for our school in need, Washington Elementary, would not get done. And, all this above is only a part of what we as a Lion's group do.

We Serve.

We serve together in friendship and love.

We serve to make things better for others less fortunate.

Lions... We Serve.

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We Serve

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER...</p> <p>Washington Elementary Play Day Share House Fresh Strawberries Delivered Club Installation Dinner</p> <p>June 11th June 17th June 20th June 20th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lions Activities ■ Volunteer Activities ■ Weekly Meetings ■ Birthdays ■ Trivia 					<p>1</p> <p>LIONS WHITE CANE DAYS EVERY DOLLAR GOES TO SERVE SIGHT</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Diane Hoffstetter</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Bing Crosby Born 1903 (d. 1977)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sight Committee WSSB 6:30PM Hearing Committee WSD 7:00PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Club Board Meeting 10:30AM Lions Meeting 12PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Letter Carriers Food Drive 3-6 PM Call Dave For More Info</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Mary Hale</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Emilio Estevez Actor Born 1966</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Terry Robertson</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Lions Meeting 12PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Hazel Dell Parade</p>
<p>MD 19 Spring Convention Penticton, BC</p>						
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Lions Council Meeting WSSB 7PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Lester Miller Share House Contact Steve Staudinger</p>	<p>21</p> <p>WSSB Track Meet</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Club Board Meeting 10:30AM Lions Meeting 12PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> ← Helen Sutfin (May 22nd)</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Victoria Day Canada</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Golden Gate Bridge California Opens to Peds. Traffic</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i> Allen Rhyasen</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p>	<p>FVL 25 Year Pin</p>	<p>35 Year Pin</p>		<p>Lions RECYCLE For Sight</p>	<p>FVL Original Pin</p>	<p>Dates in RED mark our regular scheduled meeting</p>

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From the Lion's Mouth...

Lion Lee Denny returned as a money changer after having a set back with leg surgery. It's nice to have our treasurer back!

Lion Sandy Hammond was missed, due to an operation. Her auction position was open and Lion Dave Rawson, tried to fill her shoes. It looks like Lion Sandy will have to get back soon to save the last Friday of the month's auction. Dave tried!

Lion Craig Limoges competed in the Masters Swim competition in Sun River and placed with swimmers who held national titles! What a Lion!

Lion Warren Pechman shared an "unhappy buck." No more driving for him, so those who can help a fellow Lion need to give Warren a "happy lift" to Friday's meetings.

New Member, Lion Allen Kopp brought

along his beautiful wife Cara, darling 8 month old daughter Ashlyn and a set of aluminum crutches to join us at "Bill's." Allen had foot surgery and they all came to help Dad at the luncheon meeting.

Terry and Marilyn Robertson returned from a trip to Garden Grove, California where they celebrated the life of Rob, Terry's brother, who died of a heart attack at age 61.

That Walt Miller! He had us jumping to fill the "White Cane" positions and take our bags and get with it. Was he ever a Drill Sergeant? That Lion knows how to get the crew movin'. See you at your posts next Friday, May 1st.

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