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President's Corner

King Lion Al Rhyasen

"Guts and Gumption"

As I write my final column for our famous newsletter, I would like to take a moment and reflect upon past accomplishments. But yikes! There is just too much happening right now in our club to reminisce about yesterdays. Glance over our 3 month calendar and you'll see, we're right in the thick of things.

I spoke to a lady this week and she was saying how working in committees can sometimes be frustrating, because some are always looking for the reason something won't work. What she likes is "Guts and Gumption." That caused me to reflect on our WSSB track meet held this past month. The students that helped out in previous years were unable to come this year. Was this a deal breaker? Not for

Roy Pulliam and his crew that successfully held our 21st track meet. [See the write up in the newsletter]

It takes "Guts and Gumption" for Diana Olds to introduce a new service opportunity this past month, working at the Hazel Dell Parade, where many of you rose to the occasion. Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 5 to 6 Lions quietly serve dinner to about 125 guests at our local Share House. Steve Staudinger has chaired this project but effective June 1st Bill Shalaby [who has participated faithfully this past year on this project] will be our new Chairman. Please support Bill as you have Steve.

May 1st is not only May Day, but for our club it was also White Cane Day, where Walt Miller had almost 30 of us asking our fellow citizens to wear a white cane to sup-

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Huskies! Here we come!

By Helen Sutfin

Our year of service is drawing to a close. So many projects have been completed at our 'adopted' school, Washington Elementary! There is one more event, Catrina Galicz, coming before we say 'adios' to the kids for the summer...

On Thursday, June 11 (8:30 -2:40) we will be sponsoring the annual Play Day at Washington Elementary School.

This is a fun day teaching the kids of the kind of games many of us played as children. Sack races, stilts, bean bag throws, suitcase races and the limbo!

Fun, fun, fun! I invite all Lions to help the children have a wonderful day.

Give Helen Sutfin a 'yes, I can' call at 696-9162 or helens@wa-net.com.

Additionally, we are looking for someone to chair this event in the future. The day is planned (or a new person might have new ideas!) and there is much help for the new 'chair' to experience success.

Please, let Helen know if you are interested; it is a fun and worthwhile event that we have been doing for years and the kids absolutely love it!



Lion's Vice-District Governor
Terry Sutfin and his wife, Helen,
at one of many
Vancouver White Cane sites.



Don Fish Jr. has served over
50 years in Lion's !

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President's Corner Continued...

port the blind in our community. For many of us we had to step out of our comfort zone [**"Guts and Gumption"**] and interact with the public. Because you successfully did this we were able to raise almost \$1,300 and we donated \$1500 to NW Sight and Hearing.

Is Dave Rawson excited about Strawberries? Yes, I would say so! He wants everyone in Vancouver to fill their **"Guts"** with his fresh strawberries. We'll need the **"Gumption"** on June 20th to help deliver nearly 500 expected orders. Thanks Dave for working this project so well.

Tuesday, May 12th at 7am, about 6 of our Fort Vancouver Lions met with Vancouver Dawn at Sun Rise Bagels to celebrate with Lion Don Fish as we gave him his 50 year pin for his service in Lions. Quite a milestone to be proud of!

In June we have Play Day at Washington Elementary, which is a hoot! Once again if you haven't participated, please sign up for Helen Sutfin. The children have so much fun and we, as Lions, enjoy ourselves as well.

Mark Saturday June 20th down as a date to remember, as that evening we're holding our Installation Banquet, where Doug Hall will install your new officers for 2009/2010. Club Green Meadows

will host this venue [cost \$20/ person] so dress up and celebrate both the outgoing and incoming year!

By giving of ourselves in all the fundraising and service opportunities that we have, not only are we benefiting our community we live in, but we're helping ourselves by being involved in a good cause. We have all been blessed this year individually for this selfless service and that is the key to our clubs success.

You!

As we commemorated Memorial Day this past month I would like to pay special tribute to all the men and women in our club who have served in the military and have sacrificed so much for us! America is a great Nation and a beacon to the world but will only continue to be if we move forward with **"Guts and Gumption"** and count our blessings each and every day!

Yours in Lionism,
President Allen Rhyasen



Sight Committee Report

By Ken Milligan

We met on May 5, 2009 with 12 Lions from 7 Clubs attending. We reviewed 18 applications for exams & glasses approving 15 of them.

A total of 3 were denied 2 returned for more information and 1 for too many requests.

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

By unanimous vote the current officers will be returning for the fiscal year 2009 – 2010.

Bill Birdwell: Chairman
Ralph Harding: Vice Chairman
Ken Milligan: Treasurer
Bob Weller: Secretary
Dr. Jan Hurtubise: Patient Care

Call in the Clowns! It's a Parade!

By Dave Rawson



Lion Chris Lossinger with.... Some guy in a funny clown costume at staging area

While Hazel Dell Lion's club held their annual pancake breakfast in the fire house, a handful of Fort Vancouver Lions assisted in lining up all the parade participants in the staging area along Hazel Dell Avenue from 99th street to nearly 78th street!

We even ran across Lion Jerry Jacobus in what any retired California law enforcement person idolizes.... A historic California Highway Patrol vehicle! (pictured right)



Pictured above is our staging crew... back row: Diana Olds, Chris Lossinger, Dave Rawson. Front row: Clara Galicz, Catrina Galicz, Dorothy Scott and Elaina Hitt.

"The amphitheater is gearing up for a tremendous season..."

Can you hear the music?

By Dave Rawson

The time is getting close! Only a few more weeks until the first concert on July 10th! The group is COLD PLAY and it is a sold out concert! (18,000 people)

Our LAST Alcohol Training Class will be held on June 13th, so if you haven't gone or you need to renew your permit please let Roy Pulliam or Dave Rawson know as soon as possible.

Also, for those of you wishing to assist in the Beer Kiosk a Food Handlers Card is necessary. It is easy to get, just contact Dave Rawson and he will explain the entire process which only takes about

30 minutes and a drive to the County Health Department.

Here are the concerts for the next couple months:

Friday, July 10th
COLD PLAY

Tuesday, July 28th
MOTLEY CREW

Monday, August 10th
STAIND

Tuesday, August 11th
LARRY THE CABLE GUY

Friday, August 28th
NICKELBACK

World Traveler Report

By Dave Rawson

Earlier this year Lion Walt Miller and his wife, Dee-Dee had an awesome time traveling through many areas of Europe. While there, they even took in a couple Lion's clubs meetings and exchanged club flags during their visits.

Walt was our key note speaker back in March of this year, with a wonderful slide show of the many

beautiful places that they found during their travels.

Similar to the quality service received during his slide show presentation (which was not up to par for those who were not there) from... yours truly.... The same holds true on accounting for his visit in this, the Fort Vancouver Lion's Uproar!

Sorry Walt! Just give me one more chance.... I think I can do it this time! Wink....



Walt Miller presents our club with a club flags from Europe

Fort Vancouver Lions Club

Lion's Club 3 Month Calendar

June	Program/Dave/Susie
Board Meeting	June 5th@10:30am
	June 19th@10:30am
Executive meeting	Friday June 26th @10:30am [If necessary]
Clark Couty Sight	Tuesday June 2nd @ 6:30pm at WSSB
Clark County Hearing	Tuesday June 2nd @ 7pm at the School for the Deaf
Washington Elementary Play Day	Thursday June 11th @ School 8:30am to 2:30pm
Lion's Council Meeting	Tuesday June 16th @ 7pm WSSB
Share House	Wednesday June 17th @ 2:30pm
Strawberry Deliveries [Fresh]	Saturday June 20th
Installation Banquet	Saturday June 20th @ 6:30pm Club Green Meadows

July	Program/Chriss
Board Meeting	July 10th@10:30am
	July 24th@10:30am
Executive meeting	Friday July 31st @10:30am [If necessary]
International Convention	July 6th thru 10th Minneapolis
Clark Couty Sight	Tuesday July 7th @ 6:30pm at WSSB
Clark County Hearing	Tuesday July 7th @ 7pm at the School for the Deaf
Lion's Council Meeting	Tuesday July 21st @ 7pm WSSB?
Share House	Wednesday July 15th @ 2:30pm
Amphitheater Concerts	Friday July 10th, Tuesday July 28th
FIT JAM	TBD

August	Program/Roy
Board Meeting	August 7th@10:30am
	August 21st@10:30am
Executive meeting	Friday August 28th @10:30am [If necessary]
Clark Couty Sight	Tuesday Auguar 4th @ 6:30pm at WSSB
Clark County Hearing	Tuesday August 4th @ 7pm at the School for the Deaf
Lion's Council Meeting	Tuesday August 18th @ 7pm WSSB?
Share House	Wednesday August 19th @ 2:30pm
	Monday August 10th, Tuesday August 11th,
Amphitheater Concerts	Friday August 21st, Friday August 28th
Frozen Berry Sales	TBD

Future Dates to Mark Down:	
Fall Concert	September - TBD

Congratulations to Helen Sutfin!

She took 1st place in 'Tall Tales' during the MD 19 Convention!

35th Annual WSSB Track Meet a Huge Success!

The 35th annual Washington State School for the Blind/Ft. Vancouver Lions Track Meet was a huge success. Over 150 visually impaired athletes competed on what turned out to be a perfect weather day.

17 Lions and 11 non-Lions worked a total of 126 hours. Johnsonville Brats along with macaroni salad, apples, chips and cookies were served for lunch to everyone in attendance (approximately 325).

Chips were donated by Frito Lay. The Brats were partially donated by Johnsonville, Tracy Hein from Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop donated the hot dog buns. St. Johns IGA donated the condiments. Clark College sold us 50 pies for only \$2.00 each. Gateway produce sold us apples and cookies at a reduced cost. Our total expense for this wonderful day was \$598.92

The best part of the event was watching the kids compete. They ran, jumped and threw the best they could and regardless of the result there were a bunch of very happy kids. All of us that worked received lots of praise for putting on the track meet. And we have a bunch of new Johnsonville Brat lovers now.

As chairman of this event I want to thank each and everyone of you that helped this year. Every event went off without any problems because of the great workers. Since 1974 (John Caldwell) the Fort Vancouver Lions club has worked this track meet and each year it would have not been such a success without everyone's support.

Thank you,
Roy Pulliam
Track Meet Chairman



Top Female Athlete











Top Male Athlete





JUNE 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  Happy Birthday Claudia Fredricks & Diane Hadley	2  Happy Birthday Wally Teuscher (June 3rd)	3 Sight Committee WSSB 6:30PM Hearing Committee WSD 7:00PM	4  Happy 50th Birthday Susie Rawson	5 Club Board Meeting 10:30AM Lions Meeting 12PM	6
7 1982 Graceland opens to the public	8	9 1963 Actor Johnny Depp Born	10	11 Washington Elementary Play Day 8:30am-2:30pm	12  Happy Birthday Warren Pechman Lions Meeting 12PM	13
14  Happy Birthday Craig Limoges	15	16 Lion's Council Meeting WSSB 7pm	17 Share House Contact Steve Staudinger	18 1940 'Final Hour' Speech Delivered Winston Churchill	19 Club Board Meeting 10:30AM Lions Meeting 12PM	20 Strawberry Deliveries! 10am-1pm Installation Dinner Club Green Meadows 6pm
21 Fathers Day	22  Happy Birthday Despo Varkados	23	24  Happy Birthday June Serviss	25	26 Lions Meeting 12PM	27 1985 Route 66 ceases to be an official U.S. Highway
28	29  Happy Birthday Ron Staggs	30				
JULY DATES TO REMEMBER... Sight & Hearing Meetings July 7th Lion's Council Meeting July 21st Share House July 15th Amphitheater Concerts July 10th & July 28th					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lions Activities ■ Volunteer Activities ■ Weekly Meetings ■ Birthdays ■ Trivia 	
						Dates in RED mark our regular scheduled meeting

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From the Lion's Mouth...

By Marilyn Robertson

Lion Walt Miller not only had his workers on the spot with their White Canes but when all the donations were counted he had the privilege of bringing in the most profits EVER for N.W. sight. Hurray for Walt and those Ft. Vancouver Lion's!

Birthday's...what a busy time for May Mother's. We had 6 celebrants including Bing Crosby, who couldn't make it for our H.B. song led by Lion Johnny.

WOW! Such interesting Lions! Lion Fran was our end of April speaker. What ancestors our Fran has! Our problem was that time and story didn't work out as we always have so much to get in before 1:00, so this is a,

"To Be Continued" account of a very interesting family!

President Allen, Lions Wanda and Bruce have all been away from us, traveling to sunnier places. The good news... all made it back healthy and happy to see and be with us again. Vice District Governor Elect, Terry, went to school with the hierarchy Lions who hope to bring him up-to-speed on all the ins-and-outs of District G before he travels to Pentictin for more meetings. We know that Lion Terry, with Helen's help, will find time for fun too in that beautiful Canadian area... right Pres.?



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