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JULY 2009

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JULY SPEAKERS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
CHRISS DENNY

July 3
No meeting

July 10
Debbie Conway DFHS
Peer Counselor

July 17
Jeff Lann
Update from the
Oral Hull Foundation

July 24
Ron Wirenga
Clark County's Clean
Water Program

July 31
Fran Kendrick
"My Life Part II"

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President's Corner

King Lion Ralph Harding

It is truly an honor to serve as **President of the Fort Vancouver Lion's club.** I am excited for this opportunity and I am looking forward to this coming year.

July 1st is **"Day One"** of this exciting journey of fun, fellowship, challenges, lots of successes, maybe a few surprises and finally, a renewal of our commitment to serve our community and support our fund raising activities.

If fresh strawberry sales were any indication, this year is going to be absolutely fantastic. The net income of over \$10,000 is more than twice the profits of last year. I **express a huge "Thank you" to Chairman, Dave Rawson** and to everyone who helped with this fund raiser.

These kind of functions are supposed to be just a lot of work, but there was much more, we had great fun and fellowship. We heard more positive comments from the people picking up their strawberries. They were so happy that we provided this kind of service and that it was handled in such a professional and organized manner.



Henry participates in WABDL National Bench-press and Deadlift Championships

You may recall that our club provided a donation for a few students of WSSB to attend this championship. On June 14th I received this email from the NWABA board:

The Northwest Association for Blind Athletes would like to congratulate Programs Director and Powerlifting Coach Billy Henry on competing in the Welker Engineering National Bench Press and Deadlift Champion-

Congratulations are in order to two of our lion's, whose awards were announced at our Installation banquet: **"Rookie of the year" is Walt Miller, while "Lion of the Year" is Dave Rawson.** Both of these awards are well deserved.

Our amphitheater concert series begins with 2 dates in July (10th and 28th), followed by 4 in August (10th, 11th, 21st and 28th) and one on September 11th. This is where we do wrist banding, security and man the beer kiosks. It requires 50-60 volunteers for each concert. Being one of our biggest fundraisers, it is important for each of us to make a concerted effort to support Roy Pulliam and Dave Rawson in their need for Volunteers.

Our second installment of berry sales is fast approaching. Frozen berry flyers will be ready for distribution in mid-July, while the delivery of the fruit will be in mid-August. Can we again double our sales of last year?

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as your president.

Yours in Lionism,
President Ralph Harding

By Dave Rawson

ships on June 13th in Portland, Oregon.

Billy took second in the bench press with a final lift of 225.7 this was a personal best and a NWABA team record.

In the Deadlift, Billy took second with a final lift of 374.7 this was a personal best and a NWABA team record.

Your support enriches the lives of our athletes—Thank you!

Fort Vancouver Lions Club

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Kathy Howell



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Bill Shalaby
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2009-2010 CLUB OFFICERS

Featured Member—Kama May

By Kama May

The Listening Lion



Attending the 2009-2010 Installation Banquet are Renee Rhyasen, Kama May, Al Rhyasen and Susie Rawson



Kama at the Membership Banquet February 2009

Fort Vancouver Lions Club Officers

King Lion: Ralph Harding
 1st VP: Bruce Armstrong
 2nd VP: Helen Sutfin
 3rd VP: Dave Rawson
 Past President: Allen Rhyasen
 Secretary: Diana Olds
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 Board Members: Chriss Denny, Dorothy Scott, Kathy Howell, Lee Denny, Bill Shalaby and John Caldwell
 Program Directors: Chriss Denny, Roy Pulliam and Dave & Susie Rawson
 Sunshine Committee: Wanda Slevin
 Technology Guru: Dorothy Scott
 Visitations: Terry Sutfin
 Social Chair: Lee Denny

The Lion of the Year, Dave Rawson, pulls me aside one crisp and colorful day to say, **"I just wanted to be the first to tell you that you are our newest Lion!** I was overwhelmed and filled with pure gratitude and joy. My life as an AmeriCorps VISTA, coordinating community members in the Vancouver area to service had lead me to this point. What a roaring triumph I felt. It was my new pride around me, though, to which I humbly pay homage! I had been to one meeting, just one, and there were two couples offering to sponsor me as a member. Even though I did not have the funds to become a member, I was told to not let that deter me! How extraordinary is this group, I pondered! **I hadn't seen anything yet!** Well, the Sutfin's are my new storytelling guides, taking my hand through the process and procedures that make the Fort Vancouver Lions what they are – **GOOD!** And the Rawson's – oh, **the Rawson's** – they are everything else! Welcoming me into the Land of the Lions with open arms. Actually, my story of service starts right now!

Knocking on the first door, on a cold, **crisp day, and one's stomach tenses and turns** in anticipation. It was at this moment I remembered why I was there, to feed the hungry. Those who feel the want and need for nutrition every day. A woman answered in her nightgown through a gated doorway with no words. I offered our mission to her generosity of spirit and was instantly rewarded! "Yes, of course, I know Walk and Knock.

Hang on there, I'll be right back." Two bags of food followed and the steady stream of salvation for the starving, or malnourished did not end there. Not every house that day gave, or opened their doors to our plea. However, with a pick-up and second car filled with food, I relished in the knowledge that I had served my community and given them a warm helping of food and hope!

From then on I have enjoyed every moment as a Lion, amongst friends. I have joined in on numerous events and beam at every dollar we raise for our cause. The Fort Vancouver Lions just had their annual Installation Dinner and I was so pleased! **Susan Rawson left me with these words; "I hope we see you on the board next year!" I smiled and responded, "me too!"** I ask you, can you get any more inclusive than that? My hope is that my appreciation is absorbed with each handshake and hug. My vision is to give all that I have to this tremendous organization!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

~ Margaret Mead



Sight Committee Report

By Ken Milligan

The Sight Committee met on June 2, 2009 with thirteen Lions from nine local Clark County clubs attending.

The committee reviewed Thirty-five applications for exams and glasses approving Twenty-five of them.

A total of ten were denied. Three were returned for more information, two were DSHS eligible, four because the applicants were non-residents

and one had sufficient income.

Our next meeting will be on
 Tuesday, July 7th
 at 6:30 PM
 WSSB Administration Building

Hope to see you there!
 All are welcome to attend!

Strawberry Sales Soar!

By Dave Rawson



When I took on the strawberry sales, I just wanted to match what had been done last year but the good weather, thought of tasty strawberries brought people running from both Washington and Oregon to purchase our berries!

There is a lot to be said when **you don't have to spend hours** hunched over the sink cleaning, stemming and slicing the delicious red treats!

This is NOT a project that one person does, but we all play a part in getting the word out, passing out flyers, hanging

posters with order forms and chatting the berries up! So thank you to all!

A special thank you to the following people who took so much of their time on Saturday June 20th to help pick up the berries and deliver them to our customers: Doug Hall, Chriss & Lee Denny, Al Rhyasen, Ralph Harding, Ken Serviss, John Caldwell, Roy & Lori Pulliam, Allen Kopp, Terry & Marilyn Robertson, Craig Li-moges, Sandy Hammond, Terry & Helen Sutfin, Kathy Howell, Walt Miller, Susie Rawson, Catrina Galicz, Len Leger, Stephen & Shelly Staudinger.

A total of 136 volunteer hours were needed to make this project as success that brought in \$10,800 for the activity fund! 100% goes to the community!

Each year the Fort Vancouver Lions Club finds one individual to award a two year scholarship.

Scholarship Award 2009

By Ralph Harding

Scholarship Award
July 2009

Heather Oberst, a Skyview High School graduate, was awarded a two year scholarship worth \$2400 per year! She will be majoring in Education (Sign Language) at Clark College.



HEARING COMMITTEE INDIVIDUAL CLUB DONATIONS 2008 - 2009

FORT VANCOUVER	7,425.25
HAZEL DELL	3,100.00
BATTLE GROUND	2,000.00
CAMAS	1,750.00
COLUMBIA CREST	1,000.00
LACENTER	500.00
ORCHARDS EVERGREEN	400.00
PRIVATE PARTY	50.00
TOTAL:	\$16,225.25

Clark County Hearing Committee

By Rick Giles

Although we haven't heard a lot from the Clark County Hearing committee, they have been working up a storm!

Since February the committee has screened dozens of applications for hearing devices! Unfortunately, a few of those applications had to be returned for one bit of information or another but of those that were reviewed the committee was able to fit nine hearing

devices for residents of Clark County!

With the help of individuals and clubs who donate to the hearing committee these devices have been made available for those who would otherwise have to go without. Great job!

The Hearing Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at Washington School for the Deaf. Their next meeting will be on July 7th at 7pm. All are invited to attend!

Fort Vancouver Lions Club

July 2008 to May 2009

Total Service Hours: 3969

A. Club Activities

1. Served Monthly Dinner at Share House
2. Transported Corneas for Eye Bank
3. Served Breakfast at City of Vancouver Picnic
4. Held Learning Fairs and Play Day at Washington Elementary School
5. Worked Mobile Health Screening Unit
6. Volunteered at Hazel Dell Parade
7. Volunteered at American Diabetes Walkathon and Expo
8. Sold Fruit and Worked Concerts at the Amphitheater
9. Participated in Walk-N-Knock
10. Sponsored Holiday Bazaar
11. Held Concerts to Benefit Clark County Sight and Hearing
12. Participated in Salvation Army Bell Ringing
13. Provided Santa Store at Washington Elementary School
14. Participated in Read Across America at Washington Elementary School
15. Fit Bike Helmets for Elementary Students
16. Participated in White Cane Days
17. Sponsored Terry Robertson Track Meet at WSSB
18. Sorted 15,000 Pairs of Eyeglasses for LERC

B. Donations

1. \$1500.00 White Cane
2. \$1000.00 LCIF
3. \$350.00 Gales Creek Camp
4. \$350.00 Oral Hull Foundation
5. \$500.00 Leader Dogs for the Blind & Guide Dogs for the Blind
6. \$200.00 Walk N Knock
7. \$7577.75 Clark County Hearing (including memorial contributions)
8. \$6407.50 Clark County Sight (including memorial contributions)
9. \$200.00 Washington Elementary School Art Project
10. \$250.00 Terry Sutfin Seafarers Center
11. \$100.00 NWLSHF
12. \$200.00 The Computer Guy & Coffee Creek Quilters
13. \$500.00 Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
14. \$1050.00 NWABA & USABA
15. \$500.00 School of Piano Technology
16. \$300.00 Friends of the Carpenter
17. \$1000.00 WSSB Betterment Fund
18. \$100.00 Habitat for Humanity

Terrific Job!



JULY 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Princess Diana Born 1961	2	3 No Club Meeting Today	4th of July
5 Happy Birthday Fran Kendrick	6	7 Sight Committee WSSB 6:30PM Hearing Committee WSD 7:00PM	8	9 Tom Hanks Born 1956	Amphitheater COLD PLAY Club Board Meeting 10:30AM Lions Meeting 12PM	11
12	13 Harrison Ford Born 1942	14	15 Share House 2:30 PM Contact Bill Shalaby	16	17 Lions Meeting 12PM	18 Red Skelton Born 1913
19 Joe Walker Flies the X-15 100km from Earth in 1963 Human Spacecraft	20	21 Lion's Council Meeting WSSB 7pm	22 Happy Birthday Len Leger	23 Ford Motor Company sells its first car! 1903	24 Club Board Meeting 10:30AM Lions Meeting 12PM	25
26	27	28 Amphitheater MOTLEY CREW	29 First United States Elections in Hawaii 1959	30	31 Lions Meeting 12PM	

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Sight & Hearing Meetings August 4th
- Lion's Council Meeting August 18th
- Share House August 19th
- Amphitheater Concerts August 10th, 11th, 21st & 28th
- Frozen Berry Delivery August 22nd

- Lions Activities
- Volunteer Activities
- Weekly Meetings
- Birthdays
- Trivia

Did you know... hidden in this newsletter are two names. If you find your name tell the Lion Tamer (Fred Larson) for a FREE raffle ticket!

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From the Lion's Mouth...

Acting Pres. Protem, Helen, finally shared her winning "Tall Tales" speech from District G Convention in Pentictin. What a clever gal, (although Terry had to help her remember). She was throwing out quips throughout the lunch hour, you might say she's just full of one-liners.

Susie's mom, Norma has been a regular at our meetings and she even helped serve lunch during our Wash. State School for the Blind Track Meet. But, Boo-Hoo, she has headed back to sunnier CA. I think the June storm was too much for her to take.

Our Warren was asked to be the guest speaker at Van Mall Retirement Center and our Terry R. was asked to install Columbia Crest's officers. Steve helped guide some Lions with financial stuff and Roy gave basic

By Marilyn Robertson

training instructions to the volunteers who will be working at the Amphitheater. Craig never ceases to amaze...singing, swimming, AND clearing the high jump at the WSSB Track Meet. We just have so much talent!

What makes Ft. Vanc. Lions smile? Walt Miller on stilts and Susie Rawson singing and doing the Limbo. Miss Helen and side kick Terry S. were in charge for Play Day at Wash. El. School and the playground was teeming with helpers having as much fun as the kids, although a bit more tired.

Len Ledger with his able assistant Jen, gave many of our cooperative members "Yard Duty." The Piano Hospital is in good shape now both inside and out.



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