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OCTOBER
SPEAKERS

PROGRAM DIRECTOR
CHRISS DENNY

October 2nd
Larry Littleton
"Things I Have Learned
about Investing & What to
be Aware of"

October 9th
Amy Cheng
"Wheel Chair Kids"

October 16th
Erin Rumer
Training Humans to Work
with Their Guide Dogs

October 23rd
Vicky of Lords Gym
Their Mission

October 30th
Diana Olds
Fort Vancouver Lions
member.

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President's Corner

King Lion Ralph Harding

Very sad news when we received word that Mary Lou Thomas, one of our long time Lions, had passed away on Monday, September 7th. Mary had been a member since 1987 and was, in fact, the very first lady lion in the Fort Vancouver Lions Club. Mary Lou's up beat and cheerful personality will be missed. Over 25 of our members attended the funeral – a testament as to how well she was liked and respected.

This past month concluded one of our largest fund raisers – successfully support 7 concerts at the amphitheater. A special "Thanks" to Roy, who managed the wrist banding and security function and Dave & Susie, who managed the beer kiosks – they did an absolutely superb job! And many thanks to our many lions who volunteered and worked these concerts – we had lots of fun and Chriss Denny have many new and interesting stories to tell about our experiences this year at the am-

phitheater.

Our biggest social event in September was an especially fun day when about two dozen of us went to the Mariners/ Yankee's Baseball game. We had a good bus trip, thanks to the Denny's... fun and games; the weather was beautiful and the game was great, since the Mariner's whomped the Yankee's 7 to 1. Many kudo's to Lee and Chriss for doing such a good job in setting up the event.

October is going to be another very busy month for our club, one that has lots of fun and rewarding activities. To start off, the month is a service project. The Oral Hull painting party on October 1st, which had to be re-scheduled due to the funeral last month (Now cancelled due to weather). Then on the 3rd we have an Eye Glass sorting party, where we will be re-boxing and sorting over 15,000 pair of eye glasses.

On Saturday, October 17th is our
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New York Yankee's took a beating!

By Lee & Chriss Denny

The baseball enthusiasts hit a home run with their Mariners Trip. Twenty one Lions and friends made the trip via the Oral Hull Excursion Bus - with Lion Ralph Harding at the helm.

After arriving at the stadium we scattered about feverishly looking for proper nourishment - which ended up consisting of hot dogs at various locations.

The weather was great, the Mariners played great, and Ken Griffiee, Jr. hit a home run for us. The sunny day was accompanied by a somewhat cool, circular breeze. And, by the way, the Mariners won!!

Our condolences to you Yankee fans that accompanied us. Thanks again, Ralph (and his co-pilot, Nancy) for driving. We may see you again next year.



annual Melvin Jones Banquet at Club Green Meadows. You will want to attend this fun and exciting evening, where you will learn who was selected as our two Melvin Jones Fellows for this year of 2009.

There will also be a silent auction and oral auction – lots of great buys will be available on this special evening. It would be great to see a record turnout for this event!

Another upcoming and fun evening will be our Fall Benefit Concert **‘Masters of the Acoustic Guitar’** on Friday, October 31st. This fantastic night of entertainment features: Terry Robb, guitar player of the year and Doug Smith, Grammy award winner and will be held at the Emil Fries Auditorium at the Washington State School for the Blind.

To close out the month is one of the biggest fundraisers, our Apple and Pear project sale on October 31st. **This year won't be so work intensive as we won't have to pack each box of fruit. We will just have to load the pre-packaged boxes of fruit the next day.** Co-Chairmen Al Rhyasen and Bill Shalaby are well on their way to having a most successful sale. With an expected profit to be over \$6,000!

Yours in Lionism,
Ralph Harding



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- Techno Guru: Dorothy Scott
- Visitations: Terry Sutfin
- Social Chair: Lee Denny

Washington Elementary/September Kick Off!

By Dave Rawson

September brought us our annual kick-off of activities at Washington Elementary.

On the 8th we started with our Ice Cream Social with Allen Kopp as chairman of the event. Concerned **that we wouldn't have enough Lions at the social**, a last day request was put out, and we had volunteers! Lots and lots of volunteers!



It was a great event, between handing out pop-sicles to the students and their families, we simply were able to socialize with one another as the event took place! Great job Allen!

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Wait Until Dark... a social event

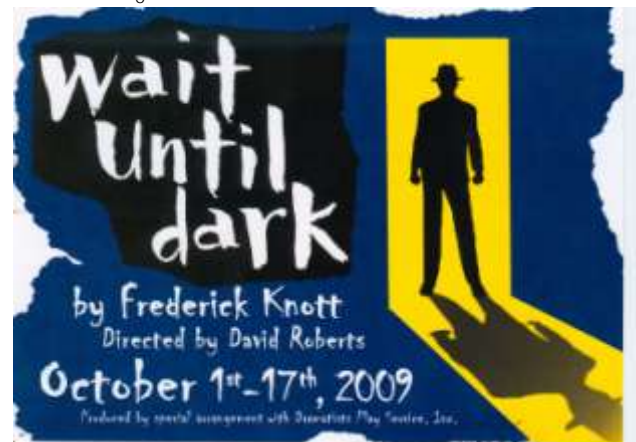
By Chriss Denny

It's not too late to sign up for the play "Wait Until Dark". We will attend the Thursday, October 15, performance at 7:00 p.m. The tickets are \$14.00 each (\$4.00 of which will be donated back to our club.)

The Denny's are paying for the tickets which we will pick up at the door. If you pay by check, please make it out to Lee Denny.

If you wish to join some of us for dinner - we'll be dining at the Salmon Creek Brewery at 5:30 pm. The address is 106 West Evergreen.

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MASTERS OF THE ACOUSTIC GUITAR...

TERRY ROBB,
DOUG SMITH
& LOREN SCHULTE

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR
OCTOBER 23RD
AT 7PM!

Masters of the Acoustic Guitar

By Roy Pulliam

Friday, October 23rd will be our next **Benefit Concert. It will be called "Masters of the Acoustic Guitar."** It will be at 7 PM at Fries Auditorium at the Washington State School for the Blind.

Terry Robb will headline the event. Terry has won the coveted Blues Guitarist of the Year awarded by the Columbia Blues Association several years in a row. He is considered one of the best blues guitarists on the West Coast. He tours all over the U.S. and Canada and has agreed to play at our event.

Also appearing is Grammy Award **winning guitarist, Doug Smith. Doug's music** can be heard regularly on Kink radio, on national commercials, and in several movies. Doug is also a past National winner of the **"Finger Picking Guitar" competition that occurs** each year in the mid-west. There is no better guitar player in our area. Doug has played at several of our benefit concerts and always impresses the crowd with his abilities.

Local musician, Loren Schulte, will open the evening. Loren has played for many years, in bands and as a soloist. I saw Loren play previously at a concert and his blues song, **"Lost in my own Kitchen" is very entertaining. His live performances and two solo CD's of all original music** reflect a unique mix of songs.

Tickets are only \$15.00 and can be bought from me, at our Friday lunch meetings, or at the Washington State School for the Blind. Please consider attending and inviting your friends and relatives.

We are also raising funds by selling advertising in our program for this event. Business card size ads sell for \$100.00. ¼ page ads are \$250.00 and half page are \$500.00. We would also love to find a Corporate Sponsor for \$1000.00.

The funds we raise will benefit the Student Betterment fund at the Washington State School for the Blind, and the charities of the Fort Vancouver Lions.



What time is it? Hood River Apple/Pear Time!

By Allen Rhyasen

This year marks the 4th year our club has sold Apples/Pears to go along with the fresh and frozen berry sale in the summer. The fruit committee consists of: Dave Rawson, Ralph Harding, Bill Shalaby, Lee and Chriss Denny, Allen Kopp and Allen Rhyasen.

In August Bill, Ralph and Lee traveled to Hood River to meet with Gary Wells our fruit supplier and determined the **type of fruit we'd sell this year, our cost and delivery date.**

Next, with Dave's help, we developed a budget for the sale of the fruit to determine how much we should sell the fruit. [\$18/ box for 22 lbs works out to be **\$.82/lb**] **We're hoping to sell 1000 boxes** this year. We net about \$6.00/ box after all expenses.

We are advertising in the Columbian 6 times, Camas paper twice and Battleground once. We mailed just over 2000 tri-fold order forms out to past customers. We are renting 6 Penske trucks for delivery and the fruit will not have to be boxed by the club this year. We have 6 locations to deliver the fruit on Saturday October 31st.

Dorothy Scott has our Apple/Pear sale on the internet and customers can order on line and pay with a credit card.

How Can You Help!

Please pick up posters, flyers and then e-mail all your family, friends and every one you know a flyer for the fruit.

This past week I went to businesses that I deal with and all were excited to have the order forms. This can be a huge success for our club but we need you to order fruit and promote as best you can this project.



Two shoot outs
in Vancouver had
four men 'robbing' six
others of their cash!



Shoot out in Vancouver!

By Roy Pulliam

10 Lions and friends met for an evening of fun and Texas Hold 'Em Poker on Friday, September 18th at the home of Dave and Susie Rawson.

Two shoot out games resulted in four different winners. Orchards Evergreen member, and "Card Shark", Dave McCleerey won the first shoot out with Cody "Poker Ace" Steinman finishing second. In the second game, Walt "the Calculator" Miller was the winner and Roy "Bluff Em" Pulliam took second.

We paid \$60.00 to each winner and \$40.00 to the second place finisher. But, best of all, \$200.00 was raised for Lions Sight and Hearing. Watch for the announcement of our next Poker Tournament and join us for the fun!



Sight Committee Report

By Ken Milligan

The Clark County Lions sight Foundation met on September 1, 2009 with 14 Lions who represented 8 Clubs in the area.

23 applications for exams & glasses were reviewed with 12 of them being approved.

The remaining 11 applications were denied...

5 returned for more information

1 was DSHS eligible

4 were Clark County non-residents and one had sufficient income .

Our next meeting will be on October 6th at the WSSB Administration Bldg.

Starting at 6:30 pm.

Season's Over! Clark County Amphitheater

By Roy Pulliam & Dave Rawson

The season at the Clark County Amphitheater has come to an end. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone that contributed to the success of this fund raiser. Several members of our club worked many of the shows. Sammy Hale. The Orchards/Evergreen club was a huge supporter of every concert. But we could not have met the demands from our employer there, if it were not for all of our friends and relatives that helped us.

Most of the 7 concerts were close to sell outs. We often needed over 50 workers and the response from non Lions to work these shows was tremendous. This is the first full year that we were also Alcohol Monitors. It added to the amount we earned this year, but is a demanding task. Thanks to all of you that took on this role and helped keep the crowd in order.

The Wrist Banding and Alcohol Monitoring Crew this season earned \$8575.00 for the seven concerts we worked. That is an average of \$1225.00 per show. There are not too many fund raisers that can earn that amount in a single evening. **Let's hope that next year there are more concerts.** I was told at the end of the last show that the Amphitheater has already booked 5 concerts and have 3 more that they are close to closing. Perhaps we can work 12 to 15 concerts next year.

Thanks everyone for all of your hard work and the long hours. See you all next season!

Roy

Beer pourers of the world... UNITE!

So, we only had 5 concerts this season to demonstrate our uncanny ability to serve up a nice beer on tap but, Man! What a season!

Our tips alone brought in over \$1330! Which comes out to \$260 per concert—or \$32.50 per person per show!

Of course, the tips are nice but **that's not the only reason we show up for this great fundraiser... Another 5% (roughly)** of our net sales is earned! Combine that with our tips and that amount is about \$4200 (final numbers have not come in) Fantastic!

With our combined efforts between wrist banding and beer pouring an amazing \$12,775 has been earned! That is HUGE!

Thanks to all those who helped out in the beer kiosk, everyone did an awesome job. A very special thank you to Roy Pulliam as he is 'the guy' who got this fundraiser going and keeps it running smoothly on his end and in those times when the beer kiosk needs an extra person desperately at the last minute!

Dave

2009 Concert Memories...



Allen & Cara Kopp



Wrist banding crew enjoying the great weather on our final concert of the season

Plan on being at the
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Awards Ceremony

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Great Time!



You are cordially invited to the Fort Vancouver Lions Club Melvin Jones Banquet & Awards Ceremony

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Friday, October 17th, 2009

6pm - Cocktail Hour - No Host Bar
7pm - Dinner & Awards Presentation

Prior Reservations are Requested
Please Contact
Lion Dave Rawson 360-281-6766

Buffet Dinner of
Prime Rib and Salmon
Silent Auction to be Held

Sunday Best Attire, Melvin Jones Fellows are Invited to Wear Their White Dinner Jackets



Washington Elementary (continued from page 2)

By Dave Rawson

Then, on the 22nd several of our club members, under the guiding direction of Chriss and Lee Denny were able to serve a few hundred of the students and their families and wonderful dinner of Chili Dogs with all the toppings!

Washington Elementary, a school at risk, provides many opportunities for us as

a club to help. Beyond the Ice Cream Social and Learning Fair Dinner, there is the Husky Store, the Lunch Buddy Program, Thanks-Giving Dinner, Health Screening Unit, the Santa Store, Dr. Seuss reading day, Easter Pancake Breakfast and Play Day.

If you don't know about these events or haven't attended them, it is well worth it! Washington Elementary has a huge percentage of families on assistance so anything we can do is appreciated by the students, parents and teachers!



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lions Activities ■ Volunteer Activities ■ Weekly Meetings ■ Birthdays ■ HALLOWEEN Trivia 			<p>The movie "Halloween" was filmed in only 21 days in 1978 on a very limited budget. The movie was shot during the spring and used fake autumn leaves. Also, while the film is set in Illinois, all the cars have California license plates.</p>	1	<p>2</p> <p style="color: blue;">Club Board Meeting 10:30AM</p> <p style="color: red;">Lions Meeting 12PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p style="color: purple;">Eye Glass Sorting Party 8am ABC Plastics Contact Steve Staudinger 608-8361</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>The world's record for biggest pumpkin is currently held by a gigantic gourd weighing a whopping 1,385 pounds!</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p style="color: blue;">Sight Meeting 6:30pm School for the Blind</p> <p style="color: blue;">Hearing Meeting 7pm School for the Deaf</p>	7	<p>8</p>  <p style="color: yellow;">Happy Birthday Chriss Denny</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p style="color: purple;">Diabetes Walk-a-thon 7am Nautilus Headquarters Contact Craig Limoges 903-7501</p>	
11	<p>12</p> <p>Halloween candy sales average about two billion dollars per year.</p>	<p>13</p>  <p style="color: yellow;">Happy Birthday Wanda Slevin</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p style="color: blue;">Magenta Theater "Wait Until Dark" Club Social Event 7pm Contact Chriss Denny 254-9106</p>	<p>16</p> <p style="color: blue;">Club Board Meeting 10:30AM</p> <p style="color: red;">Lions Meeting 12PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="color: blue;">Melvin Jones Banquet 6pm Club Green Meadows Contact Dave Rawson 281-6766</p>	
<p>18</p> <p>Jack o'lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p style="color: blue;">Lion's Council Meeting 7pm School for the Blind</p>	<p>21</p> <p style="color: purple;">Share House 2:30 PM Contact Bill Shalaby 260-3070</p> <p style="color: yellow;">Happy Birthday Jensen Gee</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p style="color: blue;">Fall Concert 7pm School for the Blind Contact Roy Pulliam 608-3043</p> <p style="color: red;">Lions Meeting 12PM</p>	24	<p>MD 19 Fall Forum in Spokane, Washington</p>
25	<p>26</p> <p>According to superstition, if you stare into a mirror at midnight on Halloween, you will see your future spouse.</p>	<p>27</p>  <p style="color: yellow;">Happy Birthday LeRoy Debast</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night, so they began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.</p>	<p>30</p> <p style="color: red;">Lions Meeting 12PM</p>	<p>31</p>  <p style="color: purple;">Apple & Pear Delivery 10am to Noon Contact Al Rhyasen 910-7721</p> <p style="color: yellow;">Happy Birthday Del Lanphier</p>	
<p>NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER...</p> <p style="color: blue;">Sight & Hearing Meetings on the 3rd Lion's Council Meeting on the 17th Share House on the 18th—Bill Shalaby 260-3070 Holiday Bazaar on the 21st—Helen Sutfin 696-9162 Walk & Knock Bag Folding on the 21st & 28th</p>							

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From the Lion's Mouth...

By Marilyn Robertson

Lion Lee and Lion Chriss Denny, Cleverly led a merry bus load of Fort Vancouver Lion Mariners Fans to the Safeco Field in Seattle.

The group headed up to the nosebleed level on a sunny, windy, wonderful win over the **Yankee's. A tired but happier bus load of Lion's** came home again with our able bus driver, King Lion Ralph at the wheel and navigator Nancy at his right hand.

Lion Tail Twister Marilyn went vacationing with **Lion Terry I to the beach, Mariner's** Game and then to her former home, Walla-Walla. She was given news that **Lion Roy Pulliam had his stop watch ready for "long-winders"** and Lion Allen Rhyasen also kept everyone on the toes so that Tail Twisting keeps up its record of good fines!

Our Fort Vancouver Lion's remembered two special members in September, Lion Mary Lou Thomas and Lion Gary Nielsen. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends for the many service projects, hours as

well as love, for their community that they had given through their dedication. Thanks Mary Lou and Gary... **We will miss you!**

MORE S.A.T. TEST QUESTIONS:

(ANSWERED BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT LIONS)

Q: WHAT IS A TERMINAL ILLNESS?

A: WHEN YOU ARE SICK AT THE AIRPORT.

Q: WHAT DOES THE WORD "BENIGN" MEAN?

A: BENIGN IS WHAT YOU WILL BE AFTER YOU BE EIGHT.

Q: WHAT IS A TURBINE?

A: SOMETHING AN ARAB WEARS ON HIS HEAD.

Q: WHAT ARE STEROIDS?

A: THINGS FOR KEEPING CARPETS ON THE STAIRS.

Q: WHAT IS THE COMMON FORM OF BIRTH CONTROL?

A: MOST PEOPLE PREVENT CONTRAPTION BY WEARING A CONDOMINIUM.



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