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NOVEMBER
SPEAKERS

PROGRAM DIRECTOR
ROY PULLIAM

November 6th

Alex Ilica
Viso beverage

November 13th.

Jackie Patching,
Goal ball athlete from
WSSB

November 20th

Sue Dodge
WA Elementary

November 27th

No Meeting
Thanksgiving

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President's Corner

King Lion Ralph Harding

We have successfully navigated our way through the very busy month of October, maybe the most active month of the year.

We started off the month with the eye glass sorting party, where about 18 lions processed over 17,000 pair of glasses, sorting the different type of glasses and packing them for shipment. We ended up with about 13,000 pair of good, usable glasses that will be sent to the Lions Eye-glass Recycling Center (L.E.R.C.) in Lacey, Washington.

During the second week of October, many of our Lions worked a very worthwhile project. Registering the participants of the Diabetes Walk-A-thon and thus aiding in raising funds to help conquer the ever growing disease of diabetes.

Walk & Knock Food Drive!

Dave and I first joined Lion's as a result of Walk & Knock and we've never looked back... enjoying every minute of Lion's and still very committed to Walk & Knock. This is my first year as Vice President of Walk & Knock and I am excited!

For those who are new to the club, 25 years ago Walk & Knock started with the small spark of an idea by two men, Lions Bud Pasmore and Doug Rae, the Walk & Knock Food Drive was created. It grew so big other service clubs were invited to join. It is now the counties largest and oldest food drive.

Walk & Knock provides a significant portion of the food to the local food banks each

Next up, we took a break from our rigorous schedule and had a fun social event at the Magenta Theater. Some gathered for a dinner together at the Salmon Creek Brewery before hand, then went to the theater and saw an entertaining play titled, "Wait Until Dark." This event was well attended by some 26 Lions who seemed to have a most enjoyable evening.

Mid-Month was our annual Melvin Jones Banquet and auction at club Green Meadows. About 45 Lions and guests turned out for the fun and eventful evening. The auction provided many good buys, the food was delicious, as usual, and the announcement and presentation to the two recipients of our Melvin Jones Awards was truly exciting!

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By Susie Rawson

year. In its 24 year history, Walk and Knock has collected 5,695,018 lbs of food valued at just over \$7.4 million.

Of course, we as Lion's know all of this is accomplished by volunteers; namely members of various service groups like ours! We have 3 opportunities to help VERY SOON! On Saturday, November 21st and 28th we will be folding bags for insertion into the newspapers. This will be done at the Stop Hunger Warehouse at 7509 NE 47th Av. beginning at 8am each day. Then, Saturday December 5th will be the day of the food drive.

Come out and fold bags or join with the food drive! It is always fun and it's for a great cause!



Special congratulations to our clubs' 50th and 51st Melvin Jones Fellow: Dave Rawson and Marilyn Robertson.

The silent and oral auctions provided about \$1750 to be used toward next years Melvin Jones Awards.

Another fun and entertaining evening was the fall concert, 'Masters of the Acoustic guitar.' The evening ended up being "sold out" and not surprising, considering the high caliber of entertainment. With the sell out and lots of ads sold, it appears that the gross proceeds will exceed \$4,500. What a great and successful event! Special thanks to Roy Pulliam, everyone who sold tickets and advertisements and yes, everyone who attended!

Regretfully, four Lions could not attend the fall concert because we went to Spokane to attend the MD-19 Lions Fall Forum. It was a very good convention; well attended; with over 450 Lions and guests registered; Interesting sessions, seminars and banquets; generally good food and a beautiful host hotel—The Red Lion Hotel at the Park. The highlights of the convention were the awards that we received. First, Was the "Secretary Excellence Award" won by our own Diana

Fort Vancouver Lions Club Officers

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Chriss Denny, Roy Pulliam and
Dave & Susie Rawson
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Visitations: Terry Sutfin
Social Chair: Lee Denny

Olds. Congratulations Diana! You were one of seven in District 'G' to win this award. Secondly, Fort Vancouver Lions Club won the 'Club Excellence Award' under the leadership of our past Club President Allen Rhyasen, we should be very proud and honored to have won this award as only 12 clubs received this award out of 482 Lions Clubs in our Multiple District 19.

The last event of the month is our Apple and Pear Sales. We will be delivering the fruit on the 31st and even though the poor market conditions have kept us from meeting our sales goals, our co-chairmen Al Rhyasen and Bill Shalaby have done a great job with this project! Certainly a project that we need to continue with next year!

We have had a great month. One that you should all be proud of with the many successes and accomplishments—Thank you for your participation and hard work! Fort Vancouver Lions are the greatest!

Yours in Lionism,
Ralph Harding



October Social Events...

By Chriss Denny

Wait Until Dark was a play filled with skullduggery and evil goings-on. Twenty-two of us enjoyed the cozy atmosphere of the Magenta Theater playhouse. Jim McGlasson.

The bad guys just hadn't counted on the keen sense of hearing and intuition of their 'victim.'

Before arriving at the theater, however, several of us enjoyed a nice meal at the Salmon Creek Brewery.

Here's another great thing about the evening. Several people were not able to attend due to illness, but they shared their tickets with others who were able to attend - that's what makes our club so WONDERFUL.

Fall Concert at WSSB a HUGE Success!

By Roy Pulliam

On October 23rd, a packed house at Fries auditorium was entertained by three fantastic guitar players.



Terry Robb— He is the reigning Cascade Blues Association's Blue's Guitarist of the year.

The evening opened with Loren Schulte from Battle Ground. Loren's story telling songs were a big hit. All of his music is original and composed by Loren. His song "Stranger in my own Kitchen" was a crowd pleaser. Look for Loren playing all of the area including at the Rusty Grape Vineyard in Battle Ground on Saturday night, November 21st.

Our second musician was the great Terry Robb. Terry is a singer, song writer, and producer, who recently opened his own studio to help record local talent. He is the reigning Cascade Blues Association's Blue's Guitarist of the year. And this month was inducted into the Oregon Music Hall of Fame. He impressed the crowd with his amazing talents. We were so lucky to have Terry play for us. He had a paid gig at Grande Ronde Casino that evening, but still showed up for us. For his last number he invited Judy Koch-Smith up to perform a song from the cd that Terry had just produced for Judy. It was a song about friendship that included teachers at WSSB as background singers. Included in that group, and making her performance debut, was our own Lori Pulliam.

The final act was the incredible Doug Smith.

The final act was the incredible Doug Smith. We owe so much to Doug for all of the shows he and his friends have done for us over the years. He has helped us raise thousands



and thousands of dollars for charities. He is a national champion finger picking artist that has also won a Grammy award. He is so talented and put on a memorable performance. His final song included his wife Judy singing a duet, that everyone enjoyed, about two wallflowers at a party .

We received lots of compliments from the crowd after the show. I was told by one gal that we should charge a lot more as the show was sure worth more than \$15.00. It was a great team effort by our club. Lion Dave Rawson designed the flyer that we displayed all over the area and emailed to potential advertisers and attendees. He also put the program together, and with wife Susie, sold tickets at the door. Lion Kathy Howell at PIP did a great job printing everything at a reduced cost. Janet Merz at WSSB again handled the public sale of tickets. Lion Dotty Scott put the concert information on our web site that resulted in many Pay Pal sales. Several members of our club sold tickets and advertising.

The exact figures are not in as we will be collecting money from our advertisers. We think the we will ultimately raise over \$4000.00. The recipients of the profits will be the Student Betterment Fund at WSSB and the charities of the Ft. Vancouver Lions.

Thank you so much for all of your help making the concert such a success.



Stepping out Diabetes!

By Craig Limoges



...raising \$70,000 for diabetes research!

Six members of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club helped the American Diabetes Association's "Step Out For Diabetes" on Saturday, October 10th at Nautilus World Headquarters. The Walkathon clearly surpassed expectations, raising \$70,000 for diabetes research.

The weather was sunny and crisp for the event



and well attended by teams and individual walkers who navigated strings of colorful floating balloons to start the Walk. It was a fun community event for a cause near and dear to Lions Clubs.



Sight Committee Report

By Ken Milligan

On October 6th thirteen Lions representing eight clubs in Clark County met to review several applications for Eye Exams and Glasses.

There were a total of fifty four applications to review, of which thirty two were approved.

Twenty two of the applications were denied—sixteen were returned for more information, two were DSHS eligible, three were non-residents of the county and one had sufficient income.

Have you ever read the sight committee report and asked yourself "Who are these Lions who review applications?" The answer is simple... they are club members, just like you, who help the sight committee, sometimes every month, sometimes every few months. The sight committee is YOUR committee and you are invited to go. Your help and participation is appreciated! Our next meeting is November 3rd at WSSB Admin. Building at 6:30PM

New Melvin Jones Fellows...

By Craig Limoges



On October 17th, around 50 members of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club gathered at Club Green Meadows for our annual Melvin Jones Banquet.

With Lion Jim Terrell as MC and Roy Pulliam as the auctioneer, the club raised about \$1800 for LCIF by members and guests bidding on nifty auction items in both a silent and oral auction format. Dinner, a buffet including perfectly cooked and served prime rib and salmon, was again as tasty as ever. Hats off to Lion Sandy Hammond and her committee for her terrific efforts rounding up auction items.

The highlight of the banquet was the naming of two of our deserving club members as Melvin Jones Fellows. Lions Marilyn Robertson and Lion Dave Rawson are the newest Melvin Jones Fellows awarded by the Fort Vancouver Lions Club.

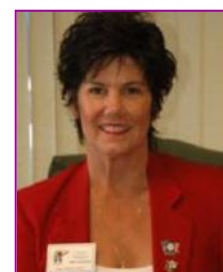
Congratulations to Lions Marilyn and Dave!



Ambassador of the Year!

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce awarded Susie Rawson the 2009 Ambassador of the Year award in recognition of her dedication to the chamber. Susie received the award at the chamber's Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers banquet, held on Sept. 17, at the Hilton Vancouver.

Susie Rawson is an Associate Broker and Realtor with Mountain View Properties NW in Vancouver. She has been a chamber ambassador since 2005. The award honors her commitment to the chamber by assisting at a variety of events all year. In addition, Susie serves as the chair of the Membership Mentor committee, which pairs new chamber members with an ambassador "mentor" to help them get acquainted.



Multiple District 19 Fall Forum

By Helen Sutfin

Ft. Vancouver Lions received the Club and Secretary Excellence awards for 2008-09

The MD 19 annual Fall Forum was fun and exciting. Exciting to renew friendships with Lions from all over our multiple district (WA, BC and northern Idaho). The forum opened with the pre-council of Governors meeting Thurs. evening. This is when all of the current and last years' Governors report on how things are going in their districts. They also report on various items that affect the general membership, in addition they set the agenda for the general meeting to be held the next day.

Friday's meeting allows each of the Governors to 'brag' about their district as well as further discuss items of general interest. The results of this meeting included a discussion of SIGHT LIFE and The NW LIONS FOUNDATION FOR SIGHT AND HEARING. A committee was appointed to investigate the relationship between the two groups and how they represent MD 19 Lions. More to follow.

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09 – way to go Al and Diana!

Fun night was a Mardi Gras theme, great fun. We didn't win the flat screen TV....

Saturday had several break-out sessions covering various topics from Tail Twisting to Stamping as well as tours of the Davenport Hotel. Terry spent his day in sessions with his fellow Vice District Governors training in preparation for next year. Of course some of the talk was of the convention in Sydney, Australia.

The speaker at Saturday's banquet was Barb Beddor, the person in charge of bringing the US World Figure Skating Championships to Spokane. This was quite a feat – the winners will go to the Olympics in Vancouver, BC. Ken Milligan.

Once again, our district is having the M&M membership program. We will be hearing more about that from our membership chair.

All in all it was a great time, for fun, fellowship and learning.

Apple & Pear Deliveries—A Photo Collage...





November 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	 Happy Birthday Carol Casey	3 Sight Meeting 6:30pm School for the Blind Hearing Meeting 7pm School for the Deaf	4	5  Happy Birthday Ken Serviss	6 Club Board Meeting 10:30AM Lions Meeting 12PM	7 1. What is a baby turkey called? A. A chick B. A squab C. A poult D. A goblet	
8	2. A spooked turkey can run... A. 50 miles an hour B. 5 miles an hour C. 20 miles an hour D. 60 miles an hour	10	11	12 3. How many degrees can a turkey see with its eyes? A. 360 degrees B. 100 degrees C. 270 degrees D. 90 degrees	13 Lions Meeting 12PM	4. How high must a cranberry bounce before it is harvested? A. 12 inches B. 8 inches C. 36 inches D. 4 inches	
5. What utensils did the pilgrims eat with at the first thanksgiving? A. They were proper Englishmen. They had all the basic utensils. B. Their hands C. A spoon and knife D. A fork E. B and C F. C and D	22	23 7. How can a turkey drown when it's raining? A. By looking up. B. By getting its beak stuck in the mud. C. By hiding its head between its legs.	17 Lion's Council Meeting 7pm School for the Blind	18 Share House 2:30 PM Contact Bill Shalaby 260-3070	19 6. The original thanksgiving lasted how long? A. 2 months B. 14 days C. 7 days D. 3 days	20 Club Board Meeting 10:30AM Lions Meeting 12PM	21  Walk & Knock Bag Folding 8am - Noon
29	30 9.. Which gender of turkey says "gobble, gobble"? A. The female, when she is eating. B. They both do! C. The male, but only seasonally and when going to sleep.	24	25 8. Plymouth Rock is how big today? A. The size of Manhattan B. The size of a car engine. C. The size of Carnegie Hall. D. The size of a peanut. E. The size of New York Block	26  THANKSGIVING DAY	27 Holiday Weekend No Meeting	28  Walk & Knock Bag Folding 8am - Noon	
Answers to Thanksgiving Trivia: 1. C, A poult, 2. C, 20 miles an hour, 3. C, 270 degrees. (It gives a whole new meaning to having eyes behind the head. No wonder they are so hard to catch!), 4. D, 4 inches, 5. E, B and C - Their hands, a spoon and a knife. (They did not have forks available for the dinner), 6. D, 3 days, 7. A, By looking up, 8. B, The size of a car engine. (It has cracked 3 times over the years, each time getting smaller and smaller), 9. C, The male, but only seasonally and when going to sleep.							
DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER... Sight & Hearing Meetings on the 1st Walk & Knock Food Drive on the 5th—Contact Susie Rawson Health Screening Unit on the 15th & 16th—Contact DeLores Milligan Santa Store at Washington Elementary on the 17th—Contact Dave Rawson Club Christmas Luncheon on the 18th Share House on the 16th—Bill Shalaby 260-3070					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lions Activities ■ Volunteer Activities ■ Weekly Meetings ■ Birthdays ■ Trivia 		

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From the Lion's Mouth...

By Marilyn Robertson

Our own Roy Pulliam seems to have the knack for getting the best performers at the WSSB. Last Friday's concert was fortunate to have Doug Smith, Loren Schulte, and added attraction, Terry Robb.

The Student Betterment Fund and Ft. Vancouver's Lion's enjoy the talent and the benefits. Thank you Roy and all who attended!

During Tail Twister time last Friday, new Lion Gary Matusch, was our Secret Greeter and Lion Susie won the prize for saving our beloved Melvin Jones recipient, Dave's life. She won for "the best thing that happened to you," with humble thanks, from Lion Dave and all of us.

The M.J. Banquet had some amazing donations, thanks to our Lion Sandy Hammond, Lion Wanda Slevin and their crew of helpers. Some Ft. Vancouver Lion's may have overdone their bidding...at least that's what some of the spouses complained about, but we're not mentioning names.

Our own sweetheart, Lion Chriss Denny gave

her husband Lion Lee and others some scary moments when she skipped the banquet to follow doctor's orders and stay in the hospital overnight. They let her go after many tests and said she was a good little Lion and could go home.

Lion Warren Pechman's talented granddaughter is teaching classes in Russia. She speaks fluent Russian and likes helping others. She sounds like a "chip off the old block." Tory Luetjen.

SAT Questions for November:

Q: What is the Fibula?

A: A small lie

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.



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