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President's Corner

King Lion Ralph Harding

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DECEMBER SPEAKERS

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RAWSON

December 4th
Ed Hewitt
U.S.S. Yorktown

December 11th.
Dawn Johnson
Innovative Services

December 18th
Christmas Luncheon
Skills Center

December 25th
No Meeting
Christmas Day

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I hope that everyone had an especially good and Happy Thanksgiving! I'm sure most of us had a bit too much to eat, but how can you pass up such great food that is available throughout the holiday season?

November's schedule wasn't near as busy as it has been in the recent past. On November 18th six of us Lions went to the Share House and prepared and served dinner to about 250 needy people. It's a real eye opener to see and realize that there are so many people and families who do not have a home.

On the Saturday the 21st and 28th, we had a great turn out to fold 138,500 paper bags. These bags will be inserted into The Columbian, Reflector and Camas Post-record newspapers and distributed throughout Clark County for our **25th Annual Walk & Knock Food Drive** on **Saturday, December 5th!**

Our next activity is the **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** on Thursday December 10th from 8am to 8pm at the two entrances of the Fred Meyer Store on Chkalov Drive.

The third week of December is going to be a real busy one. On Tuesday, December 15th the **Lions Screening Unit** will arrive and we will be screening the elementary kids

Secret Santa Family !

Once again this year Fort Vancouver Lions are expressing their Ken Serviss commitment to others by providing Christmas gifts to a family.

Our family has been selected for us by the staff at Washington School – a single mother, 13 year old son and 9 year old daughter.

Lion Bruce Armstrong has a sign up list of suggested gifts for each family member.

If you would like to participate in this

at Washington and Fruit Valley Elementary schools for sight and hearing and then on Wednesday we'll screen the kids at Minnehaha Elementary. That same afternoon, some of our club members will be at the **Share House**, preparing and serving dinner, while others will be setting up the **Santa Store** at Washington Elementary.

Then on Thursday, December 17th the **Santa Store** will be open so each student has an opportunity to get a Christmas gift for each member of their family.

After such a busy week, we will celebrate the holidays and have our **Holiday Luncheon** on Friday, December 18th at the Skill's Center. The students at the center always provide us with a great meal. Also, the Rawson's have some special entertainment for our enjoyment, so you don't want to miss our annual **Holiday Luncheon!**

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best throughout the holidays, Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Yours in Lionism,
Ralph Harding

By Bruce Armstrong

very worth-while service project, see Lion Bruce at the December 4 or 11 meeting, and bring your wrapped gift to the Lions Holiday Luncheon on December 18.

Please enclose a "gift receipt" in case exchanges need to be made.

The gifts will be delivered to Washington School, who will distribute them to the family.

If you have any questions, contact Lion Bruce (bruce@columbiapresbyterian.org or 901-0055)

CLARK COUNTY-WIDE INTER-SERVICE CLUB

WALK & KNOCK

FOR FOOD BANKS



Next Saturday, December 5th is the BIG day for Walk & Knock!

For many, the day will start early with breakfast at Home Town Buffet (by Target, all are welcome to come), a last minute enthusiastic Charissa Steinmann speech and a shove out the door to begin gathering, what we hope will be a record gathering, of food for the Clark County Food Banks.

Fort Vancouver Lions have been represented in the Walk & Knock food drive since its beginning 25 years ago. Now, this year, that tradition continues with Fort Vancouver Lions overseeing two areas of the county and manning the Discovery Middle School collection location.

Your Help is Needed!

Our Lions will be meeting at the Truman Elementary school at 4505 NE 42nd Avenue at 8:30am. Once at the school Shelley Staudinger, Area Captain, will team you up with other Lions and volun-

teers to canvas the neighborhoods—walking to homes to pick up bags of food left out on the door step and knocking to doors requesting a food donation.

Every door in Clark County will be visited! Last year there were more than 4000 volunteers to get this huge task accomplished and the results were great! Our combined efforts brought in more than 286,000 pounds of food and an additional \$40,000 in monetary donations to buy more food (approx. 26,700 pounds of additional food).

So come out! Wear warm clothes, gloves and don't forget the raincoat! (the weatherman says its going to rain this year but that has never stopped us!)

This may be our best year ever! You'll want to be part of something so great! See you Saturday!



Fort Vancouver Lions Club Officers

- King Lion: Ralph Harding
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- 3rd VP: Dave Rawson
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- Techno Guru: Dorothy Scott
- Pianist: John Caldwell
- Visitations: Terry Sutfin
- Social Chair: Lee Denny

Bag Folding! Over 300 volunteers arrived!

By Dave Rawson

On the 21st and 28th Walk & Knock prepared bags for distribution in the local newspapers. Over 300 volunteers arrive for the 2 days and folded 138,500 bags!

More Photo's on Page 3



Dorothy



Helen



Shelley



Terry II & Susie



We reviewed 37 applications for exams & glasses approving 25 of them.



Sight Committee Report

By Ken Milligan

The Sight Committee met on November 3, 2009 with Eighteen Lions representing ten Clark County Lions Clubs.

We reviewed 37 applications for exams & glasses approving 25 of them.

A total of 12 were denied:

- 2 returned for more information,
- 2 as DSHS eligible,
- 6 as non-residents of the county,
- two had sufficient income and
- 2 for too many requests.

One request for cataract surgery denied since their insurance would pay for it.

If you have a friend or family member in need of an application for services from the Lions Sight Committee of Clark County, direct them to our website at www.fortvancouverlions.org. There is a new application available online.

Our next meeting will be on January 5th, 2010 at the WSSB Administration Bldg. Starting at 6:30 pm.

Hearing Committee Report

By Richard Giles

A sincere thanks to the following clubs: Ridgefield, Vancouver, Fort Vancouver, Columbia Crest Camas, Orchards Evergreen and North Clark. They have donated funds for Fiscal year 2009 - 2010. Without your support we would not have been able to help the low-income hearing impaired persons in Southwest Washington.

We are missing representatives from Woodland. Presidents please make sure your clubs member joins us at our next meeting, which is on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

This is your committee we cover all of Clark County and the Woodland area. We want your Helen Sutfin clubs involvement.

Applications for Hearing assistance available on-line go to <http://www.fortvancouverlions.com/hearing.pdf> for a printable copy.

Winter Concert Inked!

By Roy Pulliam

Reserve the date of February 5th. Three Together and Misty Mama's will again be on stage for our annual Winter concert. Also joining the group this year will be TwoRivers Music.

The show will start at 7 PM and will be at WSSB's Fries Auditorium. If you attended the show last year you know how much fun it was. These bands are absolutely wonderful and donate their time and talents for this evening.

If you have not attended this annual event you have missed out on surprise singing by one of our own members. You won't know who it is, but again we will have a surprise for everyone.

Tickets will be only \$15.00 and will go on sale in a few weeks. We are also looking for companies to help sponsor the concert by purchasing advertisement in our concert program.

So, mark your calendars and tell all of your friends. See you all there!



Troy—Kama's Mom



Lions... We Serve and It's Fun!



Al



Ralph

Steve



Catrina



DeLores



December 2009

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|-----|--|--|--|---|---|
| | | <p>1 <i>Haggy Birthday</i> <i>Lisa Hodge</i></p> <p>Sight Meeting 6:30pm School for the Blind</p> <p>Hearing Meeting 7pm School for the Deaf</p> | <p>2 <i>Haggy Birthday</i> <i>Ralph Harding</i></p> | <p>3 <i>Haggy Birthday</i> <i>Diana Ross</i></p> | <p>4 <i>Haggy Birthday</i> <i>Sandy Hammond</i></p> <p>Club Board Meeting 10:30AM</p> <p>Lions Meeting 12PM</p> | <p>5</p> <p>WALK & KNOCK FOR FOOD BANKS</p> |
| 6 | | 8 | | 10 | 11 | <p>Chanukah December 12-19</p> |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | <p>Health Screening Unit Washington Elementary Fruit Valley Elementary</p> <p>Lion's Council Meeting 7pm School for the Blind</p> | <p>Health Screening Unit Minnehaha Elementary Share House 2:30 PM Santa Store Set-Up Washington Elementary 3PM</p> | <p><i>Haggy Birthday</i> <i>Lori Pulliam</i></p> <p>Santa Store Washington Elementary 8:30AM-3PM</p> | <p><i>Haggy Birthday</i> <i>Jerry Jacobus</i></p> <p>Holiday Luncheon Skills Center 12PM</p> | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | | | <p><i>Haggy Birthday</i> <i>Charissa Steinmann</i></p> | <p>Christmas</p> | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| | | | | <p>New Years Eve</p> | | |

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER...

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sight Committee Meeting | January 5th |
| Hearing Committee Meeting | January 5th |
| First Club Meeting of the New Year | January 8th |
| Portland Blazer's Basketball Night | January 15th |
| Lions Council Meeting | January 19th |
| Share House | January 20th |

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

Did you know... hidden in this newsletter are THREE 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...



By Marilyn Robertson

The USO stars, Bob Hope and Dorothy LaMour, alias Terry & Marilyn Robertson, were thrilled to help our friends of the Columbia Crest Lions friends a Sunday matinee.

One of our favorite associate members, Len Leger was just one of the reasons, plus part of the proceeds will go to Clark County Sight and Hearing. We were happier still that some of our Ft. Vancouver Lions came to see the show. The Fairway Village players were pleased to be included in a worthy cause and met some great Lions. Besides they enjoyed entertaining a super responsive crowd of people and especially all the Veterans that we love to honor with our show.

We were elated to have our Lion John Caldwell back on the keyboard. "America" just never quite sounds the same without him and it was so kind of quiet and not musical during the start of our meeting. Thanks Johnny! John did share some sad news about our Patty Cantrell. She is in need of some assistance and will not be at our meetings for some time. You're in our thoughts and prayers, Patty.

Another missing Lion made his appearance at our last meeting...Lion Rick Giles, remember him? He shared that

his beautiful sailboat, his work and his marriage to our Ann (maybe not in that order) has kept him busier than usual...and now it's snowing on the mountain... we may never see our Rick again...

Lion Walt Miller brought his lovely wife DeAnn to join us for lunch on Friday. We had some other distinguished lions, such as associate member, Jim Terrell, Jack and Roxie, each from different Lion's clubs. This added fun to our Secret Greeter, newest member Vicky, as many of our own members had to really get friendly to try to get a jewel for the T.T.'s cup.

Our own Lion Susie was again astounding us and the community with her abilities to move "Walk & Knock" to a new level of work with fun and enthusiasm. We believe that the "Ft. Vancouver Lion's Rawson Twosome" should and will soon be known as the "Ft. Vancouver Lion's Awesome Rawson Twosome." What a team...lucky us.

We hope that all of you Lions survived Thanksgiving and Black Friday. It's always an empty feeling when we can't meet for our luncheon at Bill's and see everyone and take their happy bucks. But as for me, we may not have stuffed, the Lions cup but I'm sure that most everyone got



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