

Ft. Vancouver Lions Roar ~ January 2010

Ft. Vancouver Lions Club

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Meeting every Friday at noon—Bill's Chicken and Steak House 2220 St. John's Rd—Vancouver WA
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This has to be one of the saddest Decembers I have ever experienced. When I heard of the passing of Dave Rawson I was stunned, shocked and so sad to lose such a great man, a great Lion and a great friend. I've never seen anyone in Lions who: 1) provided so much service to so many people; 2) chaired so many successful projects—more successful than previously; 3) worked so hard to successfully complete each and every project and 4) in every case, had the most positive attitude of anyone—always happy and having fun, while doing more work than anyone else. We will sorely miss our friend, but are thankful that he is now at peace and not in pain. We continue our prayers for Susie and family.

WALK AND KNOCK: The years food drive set an all time record, collecting in excess of 162,000 tons of food for those in need in Clark County. Congratulations to our own Susie Rawson, who was vice-president for Walk and Knock for 2009 and a huge “Thank You” to each one of our Lions who worked the project in one capacity or another.

BELL RINGING: We provided 12 shifts of 2 people each or about 24 Lions for the Salvation Army Bell ringing at the Chaklov Fred Meyers store on Dec. 10. Thank you to Catrina Galicz for leading this fund raising effort, which was a total success, as we raised many dollars for the causes of the Salvation Army.

SANTA STORE: What a fantastic 2009 Santa Store for those kids at Washington Elementary School. We had lots of great help setting up the store on Dec. 16th, then opening the store on Dec. 17th to each of the elementary classes. A special “Thank You” to our leader Dave Rawson, our Santa, Bruce Armstrong and everyone who had so much fun working this unforgettable and memorable project. Also, thanks to Lions DeLores Milligan, Chriss Denny and 5 other Lions whom they guided out on the town Dec. 26 to buy all the Santa gifts for next years store. Thanks, again, for all your dedication and hard work.

SECRET SANTA FAMILY: Our adopted Santa family of a single mother, 13 yr. old son and 9 yr old daughter had a much happier and merrier Christmas this year, thanks to our Santa, Bruce Armstrong, and all his Lion elves who provided gifts. Santa reported delivering all the gifts early on Christmas morning—THANKS to each of you Lions for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: We had a great turn-out of about 60 Lions and friends to our holiday luncheon at the Clark County Skills Center on Dec. 18th, with lots of good food and Hawaiian style entertainment.

MUSIC WITH BENEFITS is coming up on Friday, Feb. 5 at 7pm at the Washington State School for the Blind. Lion Roy Pulliam has put together a fantastic group of entertainers—”Two Rivers Music”, the ‘Misty Mama’s” and the star act of “Three Together”. All of that, plus a secret entertainer for only \$15. Let's get out and sell lots of tickets so we can have a full house at the Emil Fries Auditorium.

Congratulations to each of our Lions for an exceptionally successful year in 2009 and a huge “Thank You” for all your hard work and support for our many successful projects.

Fellow Lions— You have noticed the different format of this issue of the **Ft. Vancouver Lions Up Roar**. Our previous editor Lion Dave Rawson did a fantastic job in editing our award winning communication tool. He will be greatly missed, especially with the loss of his editorship. The newsletter is the best and strongest means of keeping all members informed about club happenings—a VERY important tool. Our club needs a new editor. The

newsletter does not have to be a replica of past editions, it can take on a new look. Each editor puts a personal touch to the project. Templates are available, or new ones may be made by the editor. There are Lions who help with gathering information and mailing. Many features are in place and only need someone to pull it all together. Consider this an invitation to pick up the pen and become our new editor. I am only able to do this issue and future issues are still to be composed. Contact King Lion Ralph with your offer to help fill this valuable and important vacancy.

SIGHT COMMITTEE— Ken Milligan

We met on December 1, 2009 with 15 Lions from 12 Clubs attending. We reviewed 41 applications for exams & glasses approving 25 of them. A total of 16 were denied- 4 returned for more information, 1 as DSHS eligible, 5 as non-resident, one had sufficient income & 3 for too many requests. Our next meeting will be on January 5, 2010 at the WSSB Administration Bldg. starting at 6:30 pm.

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FROM THE LIONS MOUTH—Marilyn Robertson

The Ft. Vancouver Lions and all who knew or were related to our Lion Dave grieve with emptiness and void with the passing of a too young, too soon, too wonderful person, "Super-Lion Dave." He will be missed! Please remember our other "Awesome Rawson" Lion Susie and their sons as you remember this terrific man, friend and Lion.

In the happier part of December, our "Awesome Rawson's" chose to entertain us with real Hawaiian singers and dancers while we dined on delicious food from the Culinary Center. What fun to see some Hawaiian shirts and shorts arriving on white northwest bony legs. Actually some of those legs were pretty cute and some could even dance while throwing nets out into the sea and making fish swim with their hands... forget the hips! The Hawaiian entertainers were a hit and the food delish! We hope you were there to enjoy the kids who served, prepared and cooked for our South Seas Christmas Luncheon.

As if we don't keep our members busy enough...Lion Susie made her wonderful presence known and us proud again with her receiving the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce award for 2009, Ambassador of The Year. I know that was in our November Uproar but it is worth repeating.

Did you know that Terry and T.T. Marilyn missed being with you for the first meeting of the year 2010? They were invited to a post-Christmas dinner with Sight Life employees and volunteers. After a meeting on Friday and Saturday, Terry will be sitting in as Past Chairman of the Northwest Lion's Foundation Board. T.T. Marilyn hopes that Johnny and all of you at the meeting will be singing your best on the "Happy Birthday" song as she is sorry she will be missing those sweet voices and partly in her honor too as Pres. Lion Ralph introduces our January babies. (Well sort of.)

WONDERFUL EVENING OF MUSIC

Lion Roy Pulliam

February 5th is the date of our next concert: "Music with Benefits." Grammy award winner Doug Smith and his band, Three Together will head line the night. Misty Mama's will

also be playing again for our annual winter concert. These gals play ballads and folk songs that will please everyone.

Also joining the group this year will be Two Rivers Music. They consist of Eric Tworivers and Deanna Ramage. Eric's original music has been recorded by many musicians. He sings some Native American ballads and folk songs. Deanna joins Eric's guitar music with the flute. They play all over the area.

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 have missed me singing "A Boy Named Sue" and Marilyn Robertson's rendition of "Tip Toe through the Tulips." You won't know who it is, but again we will have a surprise for everyone.

Tickets are only \$15.00 Tickets are available at our weekly luncheon, at the Washington State School for the Blind, or can be purchased through our web site (www.fortvancouverlions.org). 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. Let's sell out this show. See you all there.

SHARE THE LOVE - Orchards Evergreen Lions

Wine and Dessert Gala featuring SW Washington Wineries and Silent Auction Fundraiser starring the music of Johnny Martin. Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 -7 - 10 PM. Camas Meadows Golf Club—4105 NW Camas Meadows Drive - Camas, WA 98607. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased by contacting Elaine Sabo 360-600-7354 or Audrey Christina 805-844-9192

HAPPY BIRTHDAY—January Lions

- 6 – Marilyn Robertosn
- 14 – Rodger VandeWater
- 17 – Marcel Tingey
- 22 – Don Fish
- 23 – DeLores Miligan

HEALTH SCREENING UNIT

We will be screening students at Washington, Sarah J. Anderson and Minnehaha elementary schools on January 20-21.

This is a great hands-on project. Contact DeLores Milligan if interested in helping.

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