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#### **December 2017 ISSUE**

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#### December I

Christmas Dinner at Club Green Meadows

#### **December 8**

Frank Better, "Fields of Life" humanitarian work in East Africa

#### December 15

Lee Denny and David Rich, Report of Lions Club Project in Peru

December 22, 29
No meeting

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We have had a great month of programs at our Friday meetings. I wish every one of you could be there. I know that isn't possible. We are learning so much about our community and some really great and interesting endeavors. In November we heard from Andy Silver from the Council for the Homeless; Brad Richardson, Executive Director of the Clark County Historical Museum, and Kelly Jones, Veterans Resource Center Manager at Clark College. These folks contribute so much to our area and this is the best possible way for us to learn about their programs.

December finds us having only two noon meetings on December 8 and December 15.

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> we will not have a noon meeting as we will have our Christmas Dinner at Club Green Meadows that evening at 6:00 pm;

December 22 we will not meet since it is the Christmas weekend; December 29 we will not have a noon meeting as it is the New Year weekend.

Three members of our club – David Rich, Penny Rich and Lee Denny - have just returned from their trip to Peru. They worked with Lions clubs there to dispense sunglasses, caps with visors, and reader glasses for adults. And, possibly, the most important thing they shared was information about how they can prevent blindness by protecting their eyes. They will be presenting the program on December 15 during which they will share about their service there.

Our club has been busy this time of year at Washington Elementary School.

On November 16 several of our members helped serve Thanksgiving dinner to the students at the school. This is a big, fancy meal and the kitchen staff cannot possibly serve all the menu items offered. We are always happy to help them out. Also, our Santa Store Chairperson, Linda Licata, has spent many hours at the school - and hours away from the school - preparing for that special shopping day for the students. If you are new to our club you may not know that throughout the year we purchase enough items for the kids to 'shop' (free to them, of course) for their siblings and parents. They will also get to pick out a stuffed animal for themselves. Once they have finished shopping they go back to the classroom with gifts in hand. In the classroom are volunteer elves all set up with wrapping supplies and the gifts will be wrapped and made ready to take home to the family. Oh what joy - the children, the staff, the parent volunteers and we Lions so enjoy this day.

Several of our club members received chevron pins to acknowledge their years of service in Lionism. There is an article listing all of them in this newsletter. I would like to make special mention of one person recognized. Ken Serviss has been in the Fort Vancouver Lions Club for 50 years. Now, that is an accomplishment. Congratulations Ken!

The Walk and Knock Drive started up in November. First, the grocery bags that will be inserted in the Columbian Newspaper were folded on November 18. Our Adam Hegewald organized the

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#### Fort Vancouver Lions Club Officers 2016-17

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volunteers for this phase of the program. Next, barrels are distributed to various businesses around the city in which donors can leave their food items for the Clark County Food Bank. Our club participates in this important part of the drive. These barrels must be checked often and the food taken to the Food Bank. Thanks to Lee Denny and his crew, many pounds of food will be dispensed to the various outlets around the city for families in need. The main Walk and Knock drive will be on Saturday, December 2.

Roy Pulliam promoted a great fundraiser for our club at Warehouse 23. All we had to do was go out to lunch or dinner there on November 16, mention that we were there representing the FVL Club and Washington Elementary School, and 50% of the total of all meals sold to us would be donated to our cause. Watch for a more complete article about this endeavor in this newsletter.

Yours in Lionism, King Lion Chriss Denny



#### We Are Proud of Our Lions!!

Several of our Fort Vancouver Lions members were awarded "Years of Service Milestone Chevron pins."

We are fortunate to have members who wish to continue to serve our community year after year. These chevrons are given to recognize the anniversaries of our members and they are a reminder of the milestones in their lives.

Stephen Staudinger presented these chevrons to the following members on Friday, November 17. Len Leger – 15 years; Jerry Jacobus – 15 years; Allen Rhyasen – 15 years; Bob Weller – 26 years with our club – Bob actually has 36 years including membership in another club; Terry Robertson - 35 years; and Ken Serviss - 50 years. Two of our members were not present but they will receive their chevrons: Shelly Brown - 25 years, and Ray Casey -30 years.

Thanks to all of you and congratulations for accomplishing this milestone!

President, Chriss Denny





## **CHRISTMAS DINNER** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

CLUB GREEN MEADOWS
7703 NE 72<sup>ND</sup> AVE. VANCOUVER WA.
NO HOST BAR 6:00 PM
DINNER 6:30 - 8:00 PM



For Questions, Contact: Gay Enyeart 503 799 1099 Eva Halter 360 607 3310



Serving Thanksgiving lunch to the Washington Elementary students is always one of Lions favorite activities each year. A traditional meal consists of turkey, gravy over mashed potatoes, "hold the cranberry sauce" please, veggies, a big fat homemade roll and pumpkin pie, then smiles all around.

Lions served approximately 350 students on the Thursday before Thanksgiving in the joyous, happy and very good smelling cafetorium of the school. We had such a good time talking and laughing with those cute, cute kids.

Did you know that Bill Shalaby has put in his application to work at Burgerville for the Christ-mas season. I personally think he will get the job. He was really good with those mashed potatoes, as were all the other servers: Nancy and Bruce Preece, Jerry Jacobus, Dixie Hotaling, Tim Ragland, Chriss Denny, Nancy Brown, Barbara Fey, Wanda Slevin and Martha Johnson.

Thank you Washington Elementary for letting us take over your lunchroom and have such a good time. The turkey was great. One student remarked, "the compost can isn't nearly as full today as it usually is". Guess it was a success. Lion Martha Johnson

#### Cash Back Day at Warehouse 23

The Cash Back day at Warehouse 23 was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that ate there and invited others. We just received a check for \$1051.00 for our efforts. Be sure to thank the staff at either Beaches or Warehouse 23 if you eat there. We will be doing the same thing at Beaches this coming Spring.

Our next effort for a fundraiser will be on January 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be at Mod Pizza. It is a wonderful place to eat pizza. It is like a Subway. You pick what you want on your personal pizza. We will have a coupon to present that will pay us part of your bill.

Thanks again for your help and support of our fundraisers.

Lion Roy Pulliam











### Fort Vancouver Lions Board Meeting Friday, October 20, 2017, 10:30 am

King Lion Chriss Denny called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Lions Doug Wilson, Gay Enyeart, Eva Halter, Barbara Fey, Phyllis Goldhammer, Len Leger, Jen Leger, Lee Denny, Rick Giles, Tony Licata, and Steve Staudinger. Members present: Bill Shalaby. A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** The minutes from Friday, September 15, 2017 were presented. Rick made a motion to approve the minutes. Len seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gay presented the balances for the accounts and discussed the treasurer's report for September. There was a short discussion of the aging list.

#### **Proposals for Board Consideration:**

- 1. **1718-10.** Shall the Fort Vancouver Lions Board approve the 2017-18 Budget for the Fort Vancouver Lions Club as presented (see the budget as sent via e-mail by Gay Enyeart, Treasurer.) Rick Giles presented the budget. There was an objection that the past year's budget was not presented alongside this year's budget and it was decided to table the club and foundation budget discussion until these tables could be prepared.
- 2. **1718-11**. Shall the Fort Vancouver Lions Board approve the membership application Timel (Tim) Ragland (sponsor Roy Pulliam.) Tim has attended several of our luncheon meetings. He wanted to join when he found housing in Vancouver. He submitted his application last week.

Result: Len made a motion to approve, Phyllis seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion:

- 3. **1718-12.** Shall the Fort Vancouver Lions Board approve the membership application for Makena Kerr (sponsor David Rich.) Makena is a student at Clark College. She has been a past recipient of help from the Lions Club for her vision impairment. When David met her she mentioned she would like to be involved with the Lions. David generously offered to pay her membership fees and she has submitted her completed application. Result: Rick made a motion to approve, Gay seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion
- 4. **1718-13.** Shall the Fort Vancouver Lions Board approve the membership application for Greg Flakus (sponsor Roy Pulliam.) Roy has worked with Greg at the FISH food distribution center and enjoyed volunteering with him there. He has submitted his completed application. Result: Eva made a motion to approve, Gay seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion
- 5. **1718-14.** Shall the Fort Vancouver Lions Board approve the membership application for Wendy Bucowski (sponsor Roy Pulliam.) Wendy is the Operations manager of the FISH Warehouse. She spoke to our club in October, expressed her interest in our club and was invited to join.

Result: The motion was tabled as the application and club dues had not been submitted yet.

#### **General Membership Comments or Reports**

(This is a time for Board members to listen to club members. It may be appropriate for Board members to ask clarifying questions however generally, no immediate action nor debate is appropriate during this segment of the meeting.)

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#### **Board Members - Free Exchange of Information**

Membership Drive Information – The Board reviewed the request made by David Rich, Membership Chair, asking for each member to submit three names of prospective members. The Board provided feedback on flier.

Club Rosters (booklet and spreadsheet) – This has been a difficult process. We have now decided to have our booklets printed by Minute Man Press. Lee Denny will submit our membership information to them. Many thanks to Tony for preparing the spreadsheet and working out the details for the booklet.

Review 3 month calendar – Chriss reviewed the calendar. It was noted that December 1 would be the Christmas party at Club Green Meadow. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, there would be a fundraiser night at Warehouse 23 for the Club Foundation in support of Washington Elementary School. Len and Tony discussed a potential fundraising opportunity – a Christmas Wreath Sale. It would take a \$1300 commitment and we could target our customer list. Funds raised could be targeted to diabetes. After some discussion, it was felt that the time line was too tight for this year.

Steve discussed the October 27<sup>th</sup> visitation, which will be given by PDG J.D. Nellor instead of District Governor Bill Karcher who is recovering from a minor setback. He will likely visit later, perhaps in the Spring. Steve and J.D. will induct the new members.

Steve noted that the Board and Club would need to endorse him for  $1^{\rm st}$  Vice District Governor and that a letter would need to be written by the Club Secretary. The Board unanimously endorsed Steve Staudinger and King Lion Chriss promised to bring it forward to the Club at the regular meeting that afternoon.

Steve noted that he and Shelley would continue to chair the Walk-N-Knock this year but that they are looking for a replacement for next year.

LERC – LERC has outgrown their current building in Lacey and will be moving to a larger space. They are asking Lions Clubs to help by donating funds.

FISH/can openers – Upon hearing Wendy Bucowski and Roy Pulliam expressing the need for can openers for certain folks in the homeless population, our members agreed to bring can openers to today's meeting. It was suggested by Lion Len, that if we don't collect 100 can openers possibly the Board could purchase enough to meet that number as a part of our ongoing Lions Centennial Celebration.

Lion Statue at WSSB – Update from Len Leger regarding the statue. The statue will be placed in back of the Stenehjem gym and will be lighted. It was noted that the Lion is the mascot for the school! The dedication will be during the track meet.

Camps for Children with Diabetes – We need to determine how much we want to donate to the Oregon and Washington camps. A proposal will be prepared for November's Board Meeting. Next Board Meeting will be November 17 at 10:30 am at China Cook Restaurant.

11:30 pm - Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Please email newsletter articles for the January newsletter to:
Shelly Brown at Lsbrown65@comcast.net by Tuesday, December 26! Thanks!!!

#### **Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County**

October 3, 2017

Board Room: Washington State School for the Blind

Officers:

Chair: Steve Seymour, Fort Vancouver

Vice-Chair: Bill Lundin, Hazel Dell Secretary: Jen Leger, Fort Vancouver

Treasurer: TBD

Patient Care: Ralph Harding, Fort Vancouver

Attendee Introductions: Susan Nellor, Vancouver; JD Nellor, Vancouver; Bob Weller, Fort Vancouver; Bill Lundin, Hazel Dell; Steve Seymour, Fort Vancouver; Jen Leger, Fort Vancouver; Ralph Harding, Fort Vancouver; Dave Tanner, Ridgefield; Kay Hust, Salmon Creek; Dana Hantho, La Center; Steve Komlofske, Washougal

Meeting called to order by: Chairman Steve Seymour Time: 6:30 pm

Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting: Motion to approve with no changes: Bill Lundin

Seconded by: Ralph Harding

Discussion: None

Vote Result: Motion Passed

Treasurers Report:

| Beginning Balance (from Sept 5, 2017)  | \$4,846.01 |
|--|------------|
| Donations/Income                       |            |
| David/Patty Page                       | 25.00      |
| In memory of June Serviss              | 25.00      |
| Rebate from VEC                        | 25.00      |
| Total Donations/Income                 | 75.00      |
| Total Donations/Income/Cash in Account | 4,921.01   |

<u>Disbursements</u>

Checks for 36 eye exams and glasses 4,416.03

Total disbursements 4,416.03 Balance of Account 504.98

Average cost per case this month \$120.14

Accounts Payable

Total Pending Vouchers 50

Total Pending Payments (-\$6,000.00)

Total Accounts Payable

#### Available Balance to Date

(\$5,495.02)

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion to move \$5,000 from Vanguard Account into Checking Account – Bill Lundin

Seconded by: JD Nellor

Discussion: None

Committee Vote result: Motion Passed

Status of Endowments Report: Oct 3, 2017

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|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| <u>Instrument</u> ·           | <u>Value</u> | Gain/Loss |
| USAA Cornerstone              | 3,660.07     | +\$31.17  |
| USAA Income Stock Fund        | 4,541.16     | +103.28   |
| Vanguard Bonds                | 15,418.01    | -\$49.31  |
| Vanguard-Dividend Growth      | 8,186.60     | +169.12   |
| Vanguard-Health Care          | 6,776.94     | +121.45   |
| Vanguard – Wellesley          | 7,905.76     | + \$80.77 |
|                               |              |           |

<u>Total</u> <u>\$46,488.54</u> <u>+\$456.48</u>

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Patient Care:

26 Applications for Service 2 denied 24 Applications approved

#### **New Business:**

Bob Weller distributed the new business cards which state the purpose of the foundation. The goal is to hand this card out to DSHS workers or others who could communicate our foundation goals.

Steve Seymour reviewed a copy of the revised Foundation Application form. The revised form has had the requirement for the social security number removed. It has been distributed to the members of the sight committee for uploading to each Lions Club web page.

Jen asked members to utilize new attendance list. A "check" next to your name is all that is required. She requested members to add their phone numbers on sign in sheet.

Bill Lundin acknowledged and thanked all members of the Sight Committee for all their hard work.

Steve Seymour read 3 thank you notes from recent eye glass recipients.

Steve reminded every member to communicate our need for a new Treasurer. Current duties of position are being covered by Ralph Harding.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 20 pm

Next meeting: November 7, 2017; WSSB Board Room; 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jen Leger, Secretary

## Proposed FVLC General Membership Meeting Schedule December 2017

| Date            | Time            | Location              | Notes                                |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bruce Armstrong |                 |                       | Program Chair                        |
| Friday, Dec 1   | 6:00 pm         | Club Green Meadows    | Gay Enyeart,<br>Eva Halter Co-Chairs |
| Friday, Dec 8   | 12:00 noon      | China Cook Restaurant |                                      |
| Friday, Dec 15  | 12:00 noon      | China Cook Restaurant | Board Meeting 10:30                  |
| Friday, Dec 22  | NO NOON MEETING |                       | Christmas Weekend                    |
| Friday, Dec 29  | NO NOON MEETING |                       | New Year Weekend                     |

## FORT VANCOUVER LIONS ACTIVITY CALENDAR DECEMBER 2017

| DATE    | DAY  | ACTIVITY  | COMMENTS   |
|---------|------|---|--|
| Dec. 1  | Fri  | FVLC volunteers will provide health screening to students at Roosevelt Elementary | Stephen Staudinger and Martha Johnson<br>Co- Chairs 8:30 am until done |
| Dec. 2  | Sat  | Walk and Knock Collection   |  |
| Dec. 13 | Wed  | Santa Store Set-up at Washington Elementary                                       | Linda Licata Chair 3:00 pm until done                                  |
| Dec. 14 | Thur | Santa Store for students at Washington Elementary                                 | Linda Licata Chair 8:30 am until done                                  |



# December 2017

| SUN                            | MON                             | TUE  | WED                             | THU | FRI   | SAT                                  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----|---|--------------------------------------|
|                                |                                 |  |                                 |     | 1<br>Lions Christmas Dinner<br>6 PM                   | 2<br>Happy Birthday<br>Ralph Harding |
| 3                              | 4                               | Clark County Sight<br>6:30 PM<br>Clark Co. Hearing H<br>Blind Onion 6 PM | appy Birthday                   | 7   | 8 Lions Meeting 12 PM                                 | 9                                    |
| 10                             | 11                              | 12   | 13                              | 14  | Board Meeting 10:30 AM Happ Lions Meetingloy Ko 12 PM | 16<br>y Birthday<br>sterman (15)     |
| 17 Happy Birthday Lori Pulliam | 18 Happy Birthday Jerry Jacobus | 19   | 20<br>Share House               | 21  | 22<br>NO Lions Meeting                                | 23                                   |
| 24/31                          | Happy Birthday Kathy Howell     | Newsletter items due!!   | 27  Happy Birthday  Doug Wilson | 28  | NO Lions Meeting                                      | 30                                   |



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