



Fort Vancouver Lions Club
Vancouver, WA., U.S.A.

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May 2019 ISSUE

Join Us Weekly
at

China Cook Restaurant
2200 St Johns Blvd,
Vancouver, WA 98661
Check our meeting
schedule in the calendar!

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**MAY SPEAKERS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
DIXIE**

May 3

No Meeting
White Cane Day

May 10

Patrick Locke
Toastmasters

May 17

Steve Siegler
POW/MIA Program

May 24

Phio % Barbara Yasson
Ham Radio

May 31

Sarah Desaris
Office Mom & Dads



King Lion David

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David's Ramblings

CHANGE IS HARD

Over the past several months our club has been wrestling with how do we keep doing the great community work that we do with an aging volunteer base. We have a list of long time projects that we have been asking club members to take on and have found that a lot of our long time members no longer feel they have the health, time, inclination and/or energy to take them on. We put out a survey several months ago to try to get an indication from our club members on whether our club is going in the right direction or is some change needed to keep us viable. Generally (85-90%) thought the meetings were well run, everybody had a chance to participate and the speakers were good but 65% would like us to cut back on our meetings. After much discussion by the board it was decided that starting in July the club is going to meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month instead of weekly. There is the hope that this move will help us involve more community young adults to become part of our great club.

Contrary to popular belief, young adults want to volunteer and are volunteering at a higher rate than normal. This is good news for us because attracting and retaining younger Lions is vital to perpetuate our club. Attracting young adults can be a challenge; therefore, we may need to revitalize how we operate and how our members think in order to get young adults involved. This is a first change in that direction.

Young people gravitate toward others like themselves, and a good approach is to recruit with our youngest members which is why we have asked Tim Ragland to be our membership chair. Seeing someone of a similar age, lifestyle and perspective enjoying Lions service is a convincing reason to join.

Dues can also be a sensitive subject when approaching a prospective member, so it is important that we have a plan of approach. The concern of most young adults is where their money is going. Therefore, when discussing dues, explain that there is a one-time entrance fee and breakdown how much of their annual dues goes to the club, the district and LCI.

As I said in the headline "Change is Hard" but if we are to continue to grow and thrive for another 65 years we must change with the times.

**Fort Vancouver Lions Club
Officers 2018-19**

President: David Rich
 1ST VP - Fundraising: Terry Robertson
 2ND VP Service: Martha Johnson
 Secretary: Carol Bisbee-Cooper
 Treasurer: Bill Shalaby
 Membership Chair: Gay Enyeart
 Past President: Chriss Denny

Directors:

1-year Phyllis Robertson
 1-year Steve Seymour
 2-year Tim Ragland
 2-year Ken Milligan

Ceremonial Officers:

Tail Twister: Lee Denny
 Lion Tamer: Jerry Jacobus

Social Media:

Fort Vancouver Lions www.fortvancouverlions.org
 Our Facebook Members Group Fort Vancouver Lion Members
 Our Facebook Public Page Fort Vancouver Lions
 District 19G www.19glions.weebly.com
 LCI MD-19 www.lionsmd19.com
 LCI www.lionsclubs.org

**Chriss & Lee Denny
Going Away Party**



Over 60 Lions and spouses gathered on April 16th at the home of David and Penny Rich to wish Chriss and Lee Denny a fond Farewell. Len and Jen Ledger put together a fun list of over 30 items addressed at "Which one of the Denny's supported or took part in this club or community activity". Everyone drew a question and tried to guess which one did what. Not surprisingly the answer to most of the was both. The Fort Vancouver Lions club is going to greatly miss two very outstanding volunteers and most importantly "friends".

From the Denny's: On April 1st we moved to Salem, Oregon. We feel we need to be near one of our sons. Our choices were Seattle, Houston and Salem. It was an obvious choice for us as we like the size of Salem and the distance to move here was going to make things easier. Once we made the decision to make the move we began to look for housing. We found an apartment that we really like and decided to grab it before it was rented to someone else. So, here we are, on the 5th floor of the Meridian, close to down town Salem. We are not really that far away (about 1 hour drive) so we hope many of you will decide to take a little drive and come down to see us! The address is: 777 Commercial St. SE #518 Salem OR 97301. We are within walking distance of the best little dessert place (The Konditerai.) This might be an enticement to come visit.

We have the same phone numbers (the convenience of cell phones.)





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May 5, 2019 2PM to 5PM

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We continue this annual tradition of relaxation coupled with live music as we raise valuable funds to support the blind and visually impaired living the lives they want. Our programs help the blind and visually impaired achieve independence and equal access to the world around us so that we can participate fully in society. Our president and MC of the event, Corey Grandstaff, will guide you through our mission and vision while presenting stories from the people that our programs help the most.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased prior to the event or at the door. A ticket gives you access to the event and includes a sample of cheese and your choice of a glass of wine, a flight sampler of wine or a soft drink. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone with a debit/credit card and will be available to you at the door.

There will be several raffles of our famous baskets stuffed full of goodies. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or get six tickets for \$5. Brand new to this year’s event is our silent auction. Stop by and see the great items that you can bid on.

To purchase tickets over the phone or for other event inquiries, please contact Matthew Hines at (360) 980-2385.

Cellar 55 Inc, 1812 Washington St., Vancouver, WA 98660

**LIONS SIGHT FOUNDATION OF CLARK COUNTY
APRIL 2, 2019 MEETING
WSSB BOARD ROOM**

Attending: John Caldwell, Jeff Fish, Ralph Harding, Kay Hust, Jennifer Ledger, Bill Lundin, Mark Miller, David Page, Mary Jarson, Marilan Anderson and Michael McCamish.

Called to order: 6:30 by Vice Chair Jeff Fish

March minutes Motion to accept by David Page/seconded by Kay Hust – Passed, A hard copy is available upon request.

Treasurer's report and the endowment fund were presented by Ralph Harding. Ralph noted our balance of the account and if all outstanding applications for services are processed our checking balance will be a NEGATIVE \$1263.00.

Motion to approve the Treasurers report by David Page/seconded by Marilan Anderson - Approved A hard copy is available upon request.

Endowment report - Ralph noted that the LSFCC needed to make 2 withdrawals from the endowment accounts in the first quarter of 2019 to make payments of our regular bills. A hard copy is available upon request.

Old Business: Dave Page reported the next quarterly meeting of the **100 Men of Clark County** will be in June and that we should prepare our power point and written materials for presentation in May. Jeff will contact Dean to see if he would consider presenting for us at this meeting.

New Business: Jeff requested volunteers to fill our Board Officer positions for the year 2019/20. This includes a Patient Care Coordinator as Jen is moving back to New York. As noted in last months minutes ***it is important to bring this matter up to your clubs.*** Please step up! Each Lions Club in Clark County has two seats on the LSFCC Board and Officers are elected from the Board on an annual basis.

Patient Care:

31 total applications presented
Four were denied and 27 approved

One application was moved for review by the committee of the whole. An 88 year "Young" US Citizen and current 8 Year resident of Clark County. There was a question on her income and monthly bills as shown on the application. Much discussion by the committee and questions answered. A motion to approve by Mark Miller/seconded by Jenny Leger – Application Approved.

Adjourned by Lion Jeff at 7:24 PM

Next meeting will be May 7, 2019. Yea!! Susan will be back...

Fort Vancouver Board Meeting Minutes

Friday March 15,2019 at 10:30 am

The meeting was called to order by President David Rich at 10:30 am

Board Members Present: David Rich, Bill Shalaby, Steve Seymour, Carol Cooper, Martha Johnson, Phyllis Robertson, Terry Robertson, Gay Enyeart, and Chriss Denny. A quorum was declared. Visiting Fort Vancouver Lions Helen Sutfin, Terry Sutfin, and Lee Denny.

Standard Reports to the Board:

Secretary's Report:

There was not a quorum at the February Board Meeting, therefore no minutes were recorded. The January minutes were approved electronically so they could be published in the Newsletter.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

Administration Fund:	\$1,069.00
Commitments:	\$1931.00
Balance:	\$ 862.00
Foundation Fund:	\$ 633.00
Commitments:	\$2,150.00

A motion was made and seconded that we withdraw \$3,000.00 from our Investments to be distributed, \$1,000.00 to the Administration Fund and \$2,000.00 to the Foundation. Following discussion, the motion was passed unanimously

Proposals for Board Consideration

1. **18-19-18-Charity of the Month:** No Charity was selected
2. **18-19-19-Provide funding for two gift baskets for the 19G Convention**

Following discussion a motion was made by Phyllis Robertson and seconded by Gay Enyeart, that we provide funding for two baskets, with amount not to exceed a total \$200.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

Board Members Free Exchange of Information:

1. **\$100.00 for the Lions Learning Forum sent?** The check will be made out D.G Mark Mansell
2. **Nominating Committee:** The following members have agreed to be candidates for officers:

President:	Eva Halter
1st VP:	Gay Enyeart
2nd VP:	Lance Ebarb
Secretary:	Carol Cooper
Past President:	David Rich

(Board Minutes Continued)

One Year Board Member: Ken Milligan

One Year Board Member: John Lyon

Two Year Board Member: Helen Sutfin

Two Year Board Member: Doug Wilson

Treasurer and Membership Chairman are still needed

3. 3rd Thursday Social Meeting Discussion:

Craig Lyons and Adam Hegewald have taken the lead on this. The first one will be held on March 21st at Tap Union Firehouse, 1300 Washington St., Vancouver, WA 98660

4. How are your rating survey:

David Rich has 25 more forms to pass out to those who have not previously taken the survey

- 5. FVL Hosting the Spring Zone Meeting:** The date is April 16th. The location of the meeting will be announced by Zone Chair, Helen Sutfin. As host club we will provide refreshments, set-up and take-down at the location. David will bring cookies and bottled water. Carol will provide additional food, decorations etc.

(As time allows Board Members may use this time to report on activities, ask questions or propose new ideas to be referred to work groups and committees for development into proposals for Board consideration. Board members are welcome to reserve time for this segment but should notify the president in advance.)

1. Walk and Knock: They are in need of volunteers to step up into leadership. The current leaders have been serving for some time. Contact Adam Hegewald if you are interested
2. White Cane Day: The date will be May 3, 2019. We will be in two locations: Steve Seymour is the Chair and will have sign up sheets to pass around.
3. There will be no meeting on Friday May 3rd for White Cane Day and no meeting on July 5th.
4. Because Chriss will no longer live in Vancouver we will need a new Program Chair for July 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Cooper, Secretary FVL

Addendum: Rick Giles has agreed to run for Treasurer and Tim Ragland will run for Membership Chair. There will be three readings of the entire slate of officers and voting will also take place in April

The April Zone Meeting will be held at the PUD Building on Ft Vancouver Way. Social time starts at 6:00pm and the meeting at 6:30 pm



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01-Jan-2019 to 31-Mar-2019

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Households

\$ 42.20

Total Donations

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May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Lions Meeting 12 PM	4
5 Happy Birthday Dave Jackson	6	7 Clark Co. Hearing Blind Onion 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM	8	9	10 Lions Meeting 12 PM	11
12 	13	14 Happy Birthday Terry Robertson Eric Thompson	15 Share House	16 Happy Birthday Tony Licata	17 Happy Birthday Tracy Fortman Lions Meeting 12 PM	18
19	20	21	22 Happy Birthday Helen Sutfin	23	24 Lions Meeting 12 PM	25 Newsletter items due!!
26 Happy Birthday Nancy Preece	27 	28	29 Happy Birthday Allen Rhyasen	30	31 Lions Meeting 12 PM	

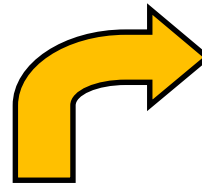


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scheduled meeting:

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