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Join Us Weekly at
 Heathen Brewing Feral
 Public House
 1109 Washington St.
 Vancouver, WA 98660
 Check our meeting
 schedule in the calendar!

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King Lion Eva



The leaves are turning those beautiful autumn colors and the neighborhood children are settled into their school routine for another school year. Lion 2nd Vice President Lance Ebarb was the Chair of the Back to School Curriculum Night at Washington Elementary School. With his six volunteers all of the attending students and their parents were served Pizza and frozen pops. Thank you Lance and your crew.



Ft. Vancouver Lions are privileged to again support the Marine Cadets with their fundraiser of placing flags for all our National Holidays in the yards of each person who subscribes: Veterans Day, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. I can say from personal experience that it's wonderful to see that flag in my yard as I head out to work. The Marine Cadets arrive very early in the morning on those five holidays and plant the flag, and return before sunset to retrieve it. Ft. Vancouver Lions are cosponsoring this fundraiser. When current events in Portland demonstrated a lack of patriotism, it makes me feel proud that here in Vancouver, USA, we still honor our country by displaying the flag in our neighborhood. Signing up is easy, you can do it on line at <https://fortvancouverlions.org/product/display-american-flag-2/> or bring your check to our regular meeting at the Heathen Brew Pub on the Corner of Washington and 11th Street in Vancouver at noon every Friday. Past President David Rich is chairing this fundraiser.

We are very excited about our fundraiser November 30th, Brunch with Santa. It will be held at the Salmon Creek Methodist Church. Santa will be there with some very special help, characters from the Star Wars Movies. The price of admission will include a picture with Santa. Gay Enyeart and her team of volunteers will be preparing and serving an excellent brunch with blueberry pancakes, eggs, breakfast meats and fruit.

Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound. All profits from the ticket sales will go to Childhood Cancer Research at Doernbecher Hospital. All profits from the cookie sales will go to support the Santa's Store at Washington Elementary School. Tickets must be purchased by November 25th. Purchase tickets online at <https://fortvancouverlions.org/>, \$20 for Adults, \$15 for children and under age 5 are admitted free with a paying adult.



Jump Start the Christmas Season
Brunch with Santa
 & HOMEMADE COOKIES
 BY THE POUND
 November 30, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Salmon Creek Methodist Church
 12217 NE HWY 99
Get your picture with Santa!
 Get your tickets: fortvancouverlions.org
 Cost for Adults \$20, Children 5 + \$15
 Homemade cookies \$7 per pound
 All funds go to Childhood Cancer Research
 and the Santa Store at Washington
 Elementary School that has 95% free or
 reduced lunch students that would
 otherwise go hungry.

When Sara Desjarlais, CEO of Office Moms & Dads, spoke to our club recently several of our club members worked on the welcome boxes their volunteers give to children coming into foster care. These boxes have age appropriate toys and games, socks and underwear and some snacks. To date, we have provided 36 boxes. The Lions who worked on that donation were Georgie Jackson, Jen Leger, Joanne Zimmer, John Lion, Gay Enyert, and myself. Office Moms & Dads sent us a lovely thank you note for our efforts to help children in foster care feel that someone cares on that traumatic first day they enter the state foster system. We are making a difference in our community.



King (Queen) Lion Eva Halter

Fort Vancouver Lions Club

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Curriculum Night at Washington Elementary

On September 25 a team of Fort Vancouver Lions gathered to serve pizza and drinks to Washington Elementary School (WES) students and their parents who came to school for Curriculum Night. This event provides an opportunity for WES faculty and staff to review the curriculum planned for the new school year. There were tables set up for each grade level to display materials that will be used to teach the curriculum. WES principal Kris Copeland kicked off the event with a message to all students and parents.

WES staff values this event as way to get parental involvement early in the school year. They asked the Fort Vancouver Lions to provide the pizza and drinks to encourage participation. Using the \$300 budgeted, Lance and his crew ordered, prepared and served over 400 pieces of pizza. There were no leftovers! The Lions team consisted of Lance Ebarb, Chair, Bill Shalaby, Jenny Leger and Wanda Slevin.

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Good news! AmazonSmile is now available in the Amazon Shopping App to all AmazonSmile customers using supported Android devices. You can use the below copy and instructions to share the news with your supporters!

If you are an AmazonSmile customer, you can now support Fort Vancouver Lions Club Foundation in the Amazon shopping app on your Android device! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

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Who's Who in Fort Vancouver Lions Club

TURNING ADVERSITY INTO SERVICE

Sometimes life throws us unplanned curves. I have grown to realize that the challenges in my life have been the ones that have given me strength and hope. It's a process that one must go through. Have you ever noticed that when stressful situations crop up the tendency is to dwell on the negative? As time passes the negative reaches a fork in the road. Either the memory softens or resentment grows. Usually the challenges in my life have been the lessons that have helped others. What kind of memories do you have?

Journey with me, as I share the amazing life chapters that God has outlined for me. Every challenge has been used to help others.

My grandmother was the constant in my life. Her favorite saying was, "Dixie, give an honest day's work for a fair days wage." When my grandmother could no longer care for me, my parents took over.

In my early teen years my parents drove me to the city; threw my suitcase out on the curb and me afterwards. My mother's parting words were, "Good riddance to bad rubbish." That was the last time my mother spoke to me. Street life was hard. I remember crouching beside the garbage bins in a city alley, hoping I would not be a rat's next meal; and that I would wake up alive the next morning.

On my eighteenth birthday, my father found me, and 'enlisted' me in the Army. After I was sworn in my father turned to me and said, "Now you will never be an embarrassment to the family again. Have a good life." Little did he know that Army life was exactly what I needed. It gave me food, shelter, clothing, community and family. Later, benefits would include a college education.

Years later those experiences would be used to serve God by helping others.

When my 31-year marriage ended, leaving 12-year old Angela and me standing alone, my faith would be tested.

God had a plan. In 1989 Children's Home Society developed a Treatment Foster Care Program. They needed caregivers and homes. They took a chance and licensed me (for four teens) as a single parent caregiver. These girls had to be involved in two systems to qualify for the program. First was the mental health system, others were Juvenile Justice, Family Court, Drug and Alcohol programs. 71-teens passed through the doors. Challenges turned into Blessings. God worked miracles. He used my early life experiences to understand and help them.

There are so many stories I could share, however one stands out. We'll call her Michelle. She was a thirteen year old prostitute. Michelle had no boundaries. Rules meant nothing to her. We had simple house rules: a dollar a door slam, twenty five cents for any word that offended any other member of the household, etc. When the money jar reached \$50.00 the teen with the least amount of offences got it. Two weeks into the program, Michelle received her allowance. She handed me a five dollar bill and said, "Let me know when I use it up." That behavior sums up our relationship. Although the program was designed as a ninety day reunification plan, Michelle exceeded her time. She had nowhere to go. At age sixteen she aged out of the treatment program and was placed in main-line foster care. Years passed. One day my phone rang, "Mom, this is Michelle. Remember me (How could I ever forget?)? I'm calling to let you know I made it."

My question was, "And what does that mean to you?"

She answered, "Well, I married a good man. I'm a good Mom. I keep a clean house. I go to church twice on Sunday and once on Wednesday." What a glowing testimony. BUT, then she had to add, "And, I spend a lot of money at the mall."

I asked, "What line of work are you in?"

"I'm a stay-at-home mom," she replied.

"Where do you get all the money you spend at the mall?"

There was a pause and she answered, well, my husband can't keep his mouth shut so I charge him a dollar a word."

In 1996 Charlie and I were married. He became licensed for foster care. Sadly five years into the marriage he became very ill. In the early 2000's we closed the doors on foster care. He passed away in 2011. It would be the veteran's organization that supported me in this time of grief. However, along life's journey I had completed my BS and MS in Criminology; a four year degree from the Children's Institute of Literature and finished up the courses in the mental health field to become a licensed registered counselor. This education was used to create the Embrace Success (ES) Counseling Services. It inspired me to write programs for families dealing with various issues. These have been taught throughout the school systems, as well as in other areas.

2005 brought the most challenging event yet. Returning home from dinner one evening, I listened to this message on the answering machine. "Mom, this is Rob. The Army chaplains just left and you know what that means." Indeed I did. It meant that my grandson, Timothy, had been killed in Iraq. How does one deal with the loss of a child? I kept asking God, "How can I heal? What do You want me to do?" Nagging thoughts persisted. <Dixie, think about it. You are a Veteran who understands military life. You are a Mother/Grandmother. You are a counselor. Pick yourself up. Do something to help these combat veterans and their families.>

In 2006 Healing on the Homefront was established. This service is designed to help families dealing with reunification. It offers counselling, resources and peer support. Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam veterans have utilized the services. This is an on-going program. Today, the program includes reaching out to the homeless veterans (who are still fighting the war).

The Veteran community embraced me. I was able to heal.

God is still chartering my life. He sent Jerry, a fellow veteran, into it. Jerry has taught me to slow down and enjoy life. We volunteer on an excursion train, travel and enjoy playing cards. Best of all, he invited me to attend a Lion's Club Meeting. Life is coming full circle, I help volunteer at a local elementary school from time to time. My Fort Vancouver Lion's Club hosts a Santa Store, Literacy Program and fun family events. We are busy with the sight and hearing programs.

2019 marks my 80th year. God outlined the many chapters of my life. All I had to do was fill in the blanks. I can hardly wait to see what adventure awaits me.

This is my story. Thanks for reading it. Dixie Lee Hotaling

David Rich My life as a Lion

I first got involved with a Lions Club when I was living in California around 1980 when I was 35ish. Through playing softball, a group of guys started running around together and called ourselves "The Fearsome Foursome" and when our wives were with us, we were the "Crazy Eights". One of our Fearsome Foursome group had been asked to go to a Lions club meeting and decided to join so naturally he shared that with us and in a matter of weeks we were all members of the Suisun Valley Lions Club. I admit I was in the club for quite a while until I figured out what the Lions club actually did and really started to get involved. This was my first Lions club presidency.

I was a funds administrator at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, CA. In 1987 I was recruited into a three-year Executive Development Program with the Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, DC. Due to the rigorous training and travel schedule I did not have time for extracurricular activities so rejoining a Lions club was not an option.

In 1994 I transferred to the Joint Logistics Systems Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH where I retired in 1996. When we moved to Ohio, I once again had the time and joined the Beavercreek Lions Club. This is where I became a Lion club president for the second time and then went on to become District 13-J Governor for the 2001-2002 Lion year.

Upon completion of my District Governor year, our oldest son asked us to come to Oregon and purchase a business (Reitmeier Mechanical) with him; so in July of 2002 we moved to Beaverton, OR. Upon arrival I started to look for a local club and found the Beaverton Lions Club. During my 14 years with this club I was president twice and was also elected and served as Council Chair of MD-36 in 2007-2008. I also unsuccessfully ran for International Director in 2010 but lost to a very good Lion Sunny Pulley.

We downsized and moved to Vancouver in 2016 and joined the Fort Vancouver Lions Club and proudly served my fifth times as a Lions club president during the 2018-2019 Lions year.

Mark Your Calendars for these events @ Washington Elementary

- 11-21-19 Thanksgiving Lunch (about 10:30am-12:45pm)
- 12-18-19 & 12-19-19 Santa Store
- 1-29-20 Cultural night (5-6:30pm)
- 3-4-20 Books Before Bedtime (5:00-6:30pm)
- 4-22-20 Literacy night (5-6:30pm)
- 5-17-20 Flags for First Graders (takes place the week before Memorial Day but the exact date is decided later)

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October 2019

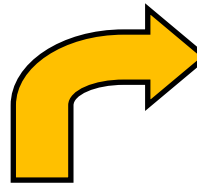
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13 Happy Birthday Wanda Slevin	14	15	16 Share House	17	18 Board Meeting Lions Meeting 12 PM	19
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