



Fort Vancouver Lions Club
 Vancouver, WA., U.S.A.
 Established 1955

December 2019 ISSUE

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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**DECEMBER SPEAKERS
 PROGRAM DIRECTOR
 MARTHA**

December 6
 Deon Bird
 72 Hour Kits

December 13
 King Lion Eva Halter,
 Lion Martha Johnson

December 20
NO MEETING!

December 27
NO MEETING!

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King Lion Eva



The Fort Vancouver Lions are well into our holiday service time of the year. The season started off with serving Thanksgiving lunch to the students at Washington Elementary School. Thank you Jerry Jacobus for your leadership in our traditional service project for the kindergarten through 5th graders. The Walk-n-Knock bags were folded in record time on November 23rd finishing before noon due to excellent leadership! Way to go Lion Adam Hegewald. The food barrels have been distributed in their retail collection locations and Lions will be facilitating the transport of the collected food to the Clark County Food Bank through mid-December. On December 7th, several teams of Lions will participate in our community's annual door-to-door "Walk-n-Knock" neighborhood food collection. Then on December 14th, Lion John Lyons' team of volunteers will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army at the grocery door and at the variety door of the Orchards Fred Meyer Store. Our annual Santa Store at Washington Elementary School will be December 19th with a setup date of December 18th. Lion Linda Licata and her team of volunteers, including Catrina Galicz who did a great deal of shopping for the merchandise for the store, will set up and assist the young shoppers to make their gift selections. This event has been a signature service

project for our club for many years; and a source of delight for all of the volunteers as well as the children who get to participate and select gifts for their family at this special time of year. Along with these special holiday service events we also have our volunteers at the Friends In Service to Humanity (FISH) who volunteer every week to distribute food to the needy in our community and our once a month volunteers, led by Nancy Brown, who prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at SHARE House.

We are coming up to the end of the first 20 years of the new century. It seems fitting to reflect since as they say "hindsight is 20/20." Humor aside, we as lions can be proud of our service around the world to humanity. We are the largest service organization on the planet and we continue to work diligently to make our communities a better place to live.

Merry Christmas and
 Happy New Year

King (Queen) Lion
 Eva Halter



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club
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Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our day for helping the **Salvation Army raise funds with its annual Christmas Bell Ringing campaign** at the Orchards Fred Meyer Store on 117th Street is coming up December 14..

We still need to fill the following time slot/locations:

9 AM – 11AM	Grocery Door	1 person needed
1 PM – 3 PM	Variety Door	2 people needed
3 PM – 5 PM	Grocery Door	1 person needed
3 PM – 5 PM	Variety Door	1 person needed
5 PM – 7 PM	Variety Door	1 person needed

This is a great opportunity to put in some service time with morning, afternoon, and after-work evening hours still needed.

If you can help, please contact **Lion John Lyons** at **360-696-9108** or via email to liondin@aol.com.

Washington Elementary Santa Store

Our annual Washington Elementary School Santa Store project is coming up and **we need Lions to help!** We look forward to hosting a fun day for the kids.

We have we have several important volunteer opportunities/needs yet to be filled that are highlighted below.

- ◆ **Team Lead Set Up** 12-18, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- ◆ **Team Lead PM Shift** 12-19, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
- ◆ **Team Lead Pack Up** 12-19, 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
- ◆ **Set Up Workers** 12-18, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- ◆ **AM Shift Workers** 12-19, 8:30 AM – 12:00 N
- ◆ **PM Shift Workers** 12-19, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
- ◆ **Pack Up Workers** 12-19, 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM



If you haven't already signed up at one of our Friday club meetings, please email or call Lion Linda Licata at lindamicata@gmail.com or 817-602-5520 with your availability.

Yours in service,
 Lion Linda Licata
 Fort Vancouver Lion's Club

To Gnome or not to Nome. That is the question.

So I gnomed it. One might ask, "What the heck is a gnome?" I'm not really into myths, legends or fairy tales, but a year or two ago I was scanning one of my favorite computer sights (Pinterest) and there it was.... How to make a Gnome. Of course I had to search what they were, and they were so cute. How could a faceless little guy with a pointed hat, big feet, and a fuzzy beard be so cute. Actually, half of downtown Portland look like gnomes on a rainy day. And that's what I like about gnomes.

They are little individual personalities. In fact, you can make them with floppy hats, bigger noses and longer legs. No rules here.

Recently I took all the gnomes I had made this summer; rented a table space at the bazaar that Vancouver Dawns Lions sponsored and had a great time.



Selling what you've made with your hands is so rewarding. But the greatest reward is having your own club members take the time to come and see you. Cash in your wallet isn't so bad either.

Lion Martha

Lion Roy Pulliam Appreciation Party

Please save the date for our very special Lion Roy Pulliam Appreciation Party and help honor Lion Roy's Outstanding Community Service!

Saturday January 25, 2020

5:30 PM Cash Bar

6:30 PM Dinner

Club Green Meadows
7703 NE 72nd Ave,
Vancouver 98661

Cost: \$40 per person

Menu: Prime Rib, Salmon, Veggies, Salad Bar, Dessert

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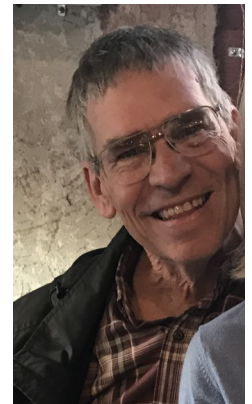
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Last day to purchase is January 18

Questions? Contact Len Leger 360-216-3363

Lenjen1@comcast.net



Who's Who in Fort Vancouver Lions Club

Three Hearts: Lebanese, German and American.

The place of my birth, where my Lebanese heart starts, is Mashghara, a small village in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon. My dad worked in the tanneries, loved us unconditionally and believed in education. His life was too short. He passed away at 42, when I was 10 years old. I became an orphan. With no family breadwinner, and a mother, who had no skills and was close to illiterate, our life was very poor relative to essential items such as food, clothing and living necessities. My two sisters, my mother and I slept on mattresses on the floor. We barely had enough to eat. We had just two outfits one on our backs and one in the laundry. At seventeen years of age I tasted chicken for the first time.

The German heart started with the Schneller orphanage. There I learned lifelong values. Here was the foundation for a life of abundance and prosperity. As a student I learned the love of peace, the value of forgiveness, the ability to accept others, no matter the race, religion or color. The school had blond tall Germans, Swiss, Lebanese, Palestinians, Jordanians, Syrians, and Bahrainis. Black and white. Hard work, honesty, and following orders were part of the values. This is the true Christian Schneller legacy that I carried with me throughout my life. One is influenced by teachers and friends, Yusef Murad, my teacher in office procedures, is someone I will never forget, Schwester Else was the perfect girl: beautiful, patient and caring, George Naim as the best classmate with whom I learned negotiation and analysis, and Abdo Khanashat who was determined to teach me to play flute accompanying him on the organ. Both are lifelong friends. At Lufthansa German Airlines in Beirut, my first job, I was transferred due to my honesty and following orders, to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.



In Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, my American heart started. I was exposed to the culture: Bowling, T-bone steak, slot machines and the cafeteria. I visited my uncle in Boston who took me to the Library where I decided to get more education. I got my Associate of Arts from Glendale College, CA, my Bachelors from California State University in Los Angeles and my MBA from University of Portland in Oregon. I was the first in my family to get a university education. Neither my father, nor my mother, nor my sisters had high school degrees. While attending the university, whatever work was available that was the perfect job: washing dishes, cleaning floors, bartending, depositing money in the bank, buying supplies for the restaurant, carpentry, dry cleaning, answering the telephone and preparing food. My work after my bachelor's degree was mainly in finance, accounting and management. My longest job was in the propane business with a company called Doxol. I progressed from a Credit Manager to Vice President. Here I got truly enmeshed and grew to appreciate the American culture more.

I got married to Bernadette, a wonderful Irish girl, and have two children, a boy and a girl. Both of them have college degrees, and good jobs. They are married and have two boys each. "To whom much is given, much is required" (Luke 12:48). Life with abundance has blessed me with wealth, knowledge, talent and time and I am using these well to glorify God and benefit others. I am with the Lions Club where we serve the community by working with school children, serving meals to the homeless, donating towels, mittens, and pajamas to the needy. I am the treasurer for Lutheran Board for Mission Support, where our charity focuses on Schneller schools in Lebanon and Jordan. We have donated funds for computers, library furniture, books, software, a basketball court, a biblical garden, girl's school, school supplies, and shoes. We established an Endowment for the school. Nicolas Neaimi, Rashid Abou Fakhr and I founded Schneller Alumni and Friends Association for ourselves and our kids to remember and support the school. We are in constant contact with the school's management regarding their needs. I was the treasurer of a soccer club in Salmon Creek, WA. My responsibility was to establish policies and procedures to prevent embezzlement.

I am planning on establishing a charitable family foundation focusing on education in the Middle East with the emphasis on the American University of Beirut, Lebanese American University and scholarships for Schneller students.

Fort Vancouver Lions Joined by WSSB LIFTT students for Walk and Knock Food Drive 2019

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, 14 Fort Vancouver Lions members were joined by 7 students from WSSB LIFTT Program (Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow) in the 37th annual Walk and Knock Food Drive. Together with boy scouts and youth groups we helped collect a total of over 120 tons of food for the Clark County Food Bank. It was an overcast and rainy day but spirits were high and everyone enjoyed this volunteer project.

Fort Vancouver Lions participating were: Tony and Linda Licata, Lance Ebarb, Nancy Brown, David Rich, Larry and Shelly Brown, Craig and Joy Lyons plus 6 family members and friends, Al Rhyasen and 3 grandchildren, Roy and Lori Pulliam, Jeni Norman and 7 students from the WSSB LIFTT Program.

Area Captains were Jenny and Len Leger. Adam Hegewald served as Sector Chairman. Fort Vancouver Lions can be proud of the club efforts to support Walk and Knock, the largest single-day food drive in our country.



Amazon Smile

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.

1. If you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, open the App on your Android device.
2. View Settings and select AmazonSmile.

Follow the in-App instructions to complete the process.

If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, update your App. See <https://www.amazon.com/gp/browse.html?node=15576745011&ref%5F=pe%5F732550%5F434054570&pldnSite=1> for instructions.

AmazonSmile is not currently available for iOS users. We will notify AmazonSmile charities when it becomes available.

Mark Your Calendars for these events @ Washington Elementary

- 12-18/19 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)

**LIONS SIGHT FOUNDATION OF CLARK COUNTY
NOVEMBER 5, 2019
WSSB BOARD ROOM**

Attending: John Caldwell, Jeff Fish, Kay Hust, Steve Komloske, Bill Lundin, Mike Camish, Mark Miller, JD Nellor, Susan Nellor, David Page

Meeting called to order 6:30 by Jeff Fish

Approval of November minutes: Jeff asked for a motion, moved to do so by Bill Lundin, seconded by Ralph Harding. Approved by all as presented.

Approval of November Treasurers/Endowments: Ralph Harding presented the November Treasurers. Jeff asked for a motion to accept. Motion made by David Page, seconded by Mark Miller. Approved by all as presented. Endowment fund: No withdrawals necessary last month. Hard copies available for either report.

Old Business: Guitar project was brought up again, no progress from last month. David Page presented an update on latest electronic filing changes. There is now coding available (M = US mail, D = David Page and R= Ralph Harding). All electronic filings are stored in a Dropbox account found on website.

Patient Care Coordinator: 51 applications were received by David Page; 1 declined due to residency, 3 needed more information, 47 were presented for committee review. David noted that only 14 needed to be mailed. Great Job, David!! Enjoy your vacation.

Next meeting will be on December 3, 2019.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Nellor



Please email newsletter
articles for the **January** newsletter to: **Shelly Brown** at
Lsbrown65@comcast.net by **Monday, December 23!** Thanks!!!



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December 2019

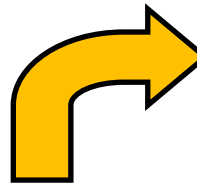
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Happy Birthday Ralph Harding Georgi Jackson	3 Clark Co. Hearing Blind Onion 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM	4 Happy Birthday Sandy Hammond	5 Happy Birthday Eva Halter	6 Lions Meeting 12 PM	7 Walk & Knock
8	9	10	11	12	13 Lions Meeting 12 PM	14 Bell Ringing
15	16 Happy Birthday Joanne Zimmer	17 Happy Birthday Lori Pulliam	18 Share House Happy Birthday Jerry Jacobus Santa Store	19	20 NO Lions Meeting	21
22	23 Newsletter items due!!	24	25  Happy Birthday Kathy Howell	26	27 NO Lions Meeting Happy Birthday Doug Wilson	28
29	30	31  Happy Birthday Patricia Edwards				



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scheduled meeting:**





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