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Join Us Weekly at
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JULY SPEAKERS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
PHYLLIS

July 3
NO MEETING

July 10
Installation of New Members
& New Officers
Mark Mansell

July 17
Matt Overton, The Columbia
Future Forge

July 24
TBD

July 31
TBD

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Queen Lion Gay



As your incoming President for the 2020-2021 year, I would like to thank Eva for her year as president and compliment her on a job well done. This year we were faced with unusual circumstances. Thanks to technology and Dotty Scott we have learned to keep on going. At times this seemed so far out there for some of us but it has opened doors whether we like it or not. **CHANGE** is not easy! Let's continue in a positive move forward.

I would like us to take a look at the word linchpin. It is defined as a person or thing vital to an enterprise or organization. With that being said let's review the last couple of years.

We have and will continue to lose members. These factors include moving, health restrictions, death and no longer wanting to be a part of our organization. We need to add new members to offset losses and provide a positive environment for our members.

Some key factors: Linchpin Members - Their knowledge is so vital, and we need those folks to train others and share their experience. Do others have that knowledge? How do we fill the gap, when we lose those members?

I keep hearing we need younger members - that would be nice but the reality is most (not all) do not or cannot attend our meetings due to time and lunch expense. In our community we have a lot of retired folks who love children (I am thinking about Washington Elementary). Doing activities with them would make their day. They are dependable.

Branch Club - a Branch Club could be a way of expanding our club for those who cannot meet at noon on Fridays. This will be discussed at a later date.

Job Sharing - I am a proponent of

job sharing. With the age of our members, a lot want to travel, snow-bird, etc., so they are not here for months at a time. They say "I've done this already and don't want to do this again". So, I believe we need to have 2 people at some positions to share the duties and keep the continuity. Whether or not we like it things are changing. We must embrace the change.

"In the past we used to do it this way" many have said. I believe we need to be open to new ideas. Let's move forward!

Step Out of the Box - Let's put on our thinking caps. I'll be stepping out of the box a bit during my year. Once a quarter I will do something a bit different.

Leadership - Some of you have said "I could never be VP or President" yet you are a great as a committee chair. Same thing, smaller version. Don't sell yourself short.

Our projects - we do great projects as a club. A wonderful service to so many. The way we do them could be different in the future but we will continue to serve.

I am a team player and with our team, I look forward to leading you next year. Oh, and Dotty thank you for asking me to join this wonderful organization.

Sincerely,
Queen Lion Gay Enyeart



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club
Officers 2020-2021**

President: Gay Enyeart
 1ST VP - Fundraising: Allen Rhyasen
 2ND VP Service: Bill Shalaby
 Secretary: Shelly Brown
 Treasurer: Rick Giles
 Membership Chair: Craig Limoges
 Past President: Eva Halter

Directors:

1-year Helen Sutfin
 1-year Doug Wilson
 2-year Martha Johnson
 2-year Jennifer Denny

Ceremonial Officers:

Tail Twister: (Rotating)
 Lion Tamer: John Caldwell, Jerry Jacobus

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**REPORT ON THE FORT VANCOUVER LIONS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT:
LITTER PICKUP AT FORT VANCOUVER
Saturday, June 13, 2020, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
(In the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic)**

The Fort Vancouver Lions Club has been a strong supporter of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, our national park namesake, for many years. This Saturday, June 13, 2020, between 9 and 11 AM, the lions conducted a litter pickup at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. As this was in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Clark County just entered into Phase 2 a week ago, the pickup was consistent with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and local public health care officials' guidelines. Lions were organized into single or small groups of no more than four and all worked as singles or as couples who have been quarantined together. Safety was of the highest priority. All involved were given a special "Lions" cloth face covering (thanks to King Lion Eva) and a backup face covering (thanks to Lion Al). Teams covered the Visitor Center area, the Parade Ground, Pearson Air Museum Complex and 5th Street in front of Fort Vancouver. Lions and friends were Nancy Brown, Bella Christner, Tracy Fortmann, Eva Halter, Jen Leger, Len Leger, Allen Rhyasen, Rene Rhyasen, David Rich, Bill Shalaby, and Doug Wilson. A total of 11 lions conducted 23 Lions service hours!

It was a great day to be in the park and out of quarantine! In spite of a few sprinkles, several bags full of litter were picked up. A few patches of blue sky were noted! Tracy Fortmann picked up over 85 cigarette butts. She reports that she couldn't help but start counting them once she got going! Many members of the public went out of their way and stopped to say "thank you," to us as we worked. Toward the end of our volunteer work, a couple who were parked in the Visitor Center parking lot rolled down their window and said, "We love this place. Thank you for picking up litter and keeping this place so beautiful." Thank you to all the Lions who could take part on such short notice!

Respectfully submitted,
 Lion Doug Wilson

GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, July 18
9 am to 3 pm**

Location: 7410 NE 30th Avenue, Vancouver WA 98665

***Support Washington Elementary School
Santa's Store for children who can't afford
Christmas presents for family!***

Items for sale include items that are "pay what you think" and items with specific prices (ie. furniture and more valuable items).



Annual Service Project
of the
Ft. Vancouver Lions Club



What Time is It? It is Frozen Berry Time!

Our Fort Vancouver Frozen Berry Fundraiser is scheduled for August 29, 2020. We need your help to spread the word. We will have information on our Facebook page in July/August. An order form will be in the August newsletter along with more details.



COVID 19 guidelines will be followed for the sale and distribution of these berries.



Dear Charity Administrator,

Good news! AmazonSmile is now available in the Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones. You can use the copy and assets below to share the news with your supporters.

AmazonSmile customers can now support Fort Vancouver Lions Club Foundation in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

- 1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device*
 - 2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'*
 - 3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process*
- If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app.*



Please email newsletter articles for the
August
newsletter to: **Shelly Brown** at
Lsbrown65@comcast.net by **Saturday,**
July 25! Thanks!!!

◀ Jun 2020		July 2020					Aug 2020 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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5	6	7 Clark County Hearing, Blind Onion Pizza Mill Plain & Grand Blvd 6:00 pm	8	9	10 Induction of officers meeting 12:00 Mark Mansell speaker Steve Staundinger	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17 Board Meeting 10:30 Meeting 12:00 Matt Overton The Columbia Future Forge	18 Garage Sale 7410 NE 30 th Ave 9:00 – 3:00	
19 Garage Sale 7410 NE 30 th Ave 9:00 – 3:00	20	21 G2 President Council 6:30	22	23	24 Meeting 12:00 Speaker TBA	25 Officer Training Zoom register before July 22	
26	27	28	29	30	31 Meeting 12:00 Speaker TBA		

Why I like wearing my mask By Lion Eva Halter

1. There is a 65% less chance of getting Covid-19
2. I don't have to wear make-up
3. It is unnecessary to cover my coughs or sneezes
4. If I don't have a tissue, not a problem when I'm wearing my mask
5. I never have to worry about halitosis when I'm wearing my mask
6. If I have broccoli in my teeth no one will ever know because I'm wearing my mask
7. I don't have to be concerned about that occasional chin hair or nose hair
8. If I see someone I don't have time to visit with I can just pretend I don't recognize them

Wearing a mask is a requirement that has lots of benefits!



Fort Vancouver Lions Board Meeting
Friday, April 24, 2020, 1:00 pm
Via Zoom in the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

King Lion, Eva Halter called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Board Members Present: Lions Eva Halter (King Lion), Carol Bisbee-Cooper (Secretary), Doug Wilson (Secretarial Assistant), Rick Giles (Treasurer), Lance Ebarb, Gay Enyeart, Craig Limoges, John Lyons, David Rich, and Helen Sutfin. A quorum was present.

Standard Reports to the Board:

Secretary's Report

Minutes: minutes from April 17 were approved unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report:

As of today four members have donated \$3,768.62 which will make the Foundation Account whole. Cannot open up a separate account until the banks open up. The restricted funds are in a separate account in Quickbooks. Did file for the community grant and it has been submitted. Asking for \$10,000 from the Community Foundation regarding what we lost for berry sales.

Gay asks about minimum amount in the bank to avoid a fee. Rick will look into this.

Old Business

19-20.25—Slate of new officers (Craig Limoges)

President Gay Enyeart; 1st Vice President Allen Rhyasen; 2nd Vice President Bill Shalaby; Secretary Shelly Brown; Treasurer Rick Giles; Membership Craig Limoges; Past President Eva Halter; 1st year director Helen Sutfin; 1year director Doug Wilson; 2year director Martha Johnson; 2year director Jennifer Denny; Tail Twister Rotating; Lion Tamer John Caldwell, Jerry Jacobus.

Motion to accept nominating committee Lance motion, David second, passes unanimously.

Will announce this slate to the membership three times (once via email, once in the newsletter, and once at the next Zoom meeting) and ask for nominations from the floor, then an email vote and sending list of officers to MD-19 and LCI. Carol notes that she will need to enter that into LCI before May 15.

New Business

19.20.27—Appeal letter for donations Eva Halter. Eva will email the one to the members this afternoon to Craig. Craig will send to board regarding wordsmithing, then will send to Tony to email out.

Some discussion on wordsmithing the letters and about whether to send out the letter to the Friends of Fort Vancouver Lions.

Motion: to table the solicitation letter to the Friends of Fort Vancouver Lions (berry list). Moved and seconded. Passed, one opposed.

Committee Reports

Fundraising (Gay Enyeart): good first step for fundraising. By next board meeting will have a good idea for what we can raise money for. Suggests we may want to have a fundraiser dinner. Bowling fundraiser for the Diabetes Foundation will be rescheduled.

Service Projects (Lance Ebarb): Service projects for COVID-19 County list. Seeking projects given the limited ability to move around. Notes that our school indicated that there was nothing that we could do right now with the school closed, but Elizabeth will let us know if we can help out.

Membership Committee (Craig Limoges): see notes above. See attachment – issues of bringing in new members. Craig summarizes approaches to bringing in new members. Every member could invite good friends and neighbors to meetings or service projects once the place is opened up. Lions could be a magnet for projects that will appeal to younger people – maybe a different set of membership class – participants in service projects.

John Lyons puts forth a member application, Patty Sluys. Rick motion to accept, David second. Approved as a member unanimously.

Dues Increase

Motion to raise dues to \$90 for a Member and \$70 for Family. Rick made motion, John second. Passed unanimously.

Announcement will be sent out to the meeting next week and into the newsletter written by Rick.

Next meeting will be May 15th, 10:45 AM Zoom Board Meeting prior to club meeting.

Meeting ends at 2:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Doug Wilson

**Fort Vancouver Lions Board Meeting
Friday, May 15, 2020, 10:45 am
Via Zoom in the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

King Lion, Eva Halter called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM

Board Members Present: Lions Eva Halter (King Lion), Doug Wilson (Secretarial Assistant), Rick Giles (Treasurer), Lance Ebarb, Gay Enyeart, Craig Limoges, John Lyons, David Rich, and Helen Sutfin. A quorum was present.

Standard Reports to the Board:

Secretary’s Report

Minutes: minutes from April 24 with one typo corrected were approved unanimously. Second page – send LCI not LIC.
Correspondence: None.

Treasurer’s Report:

Donations to Foundation targeted \$100 to LERC, \$100 to Seafarers Center, \$100 each to Leaderdogs and Guidedogs for the Blind. Also sent funds to LCI for our Melvin Jones (\$1000) and the NW Lions Foundation (\$1000).

Old Business

New Officers were elected and reported to MD19: President Gay Enyeart; 1st Vice President Allen Rhyasen; 2nd Vice President Bill Shalaby; Secretary Shelly Brown; Treasurer Rick Giles; Membership Craig Limoges; Past President Eva Halter; 1st year director Helen Suftin; 1year director Doug Wilson; 2year director Martha Johnson; 2year director Jennifer Denny; Tail Twister Rotating; Lion Tamer John Caldwell, Jerry Jacobus.
Tail twister and Assistant Tail Twister

New Business

19-20.27—Appeal letter for donations.....Eva Halter

19-20.27—Environmental project.....Doug Wilson

Wilson reports on proposed litter pickup project at Fort Vancouver as an Environmental Project. Waiting for the State to go to Phase 2, probably in June. The park will provide plastic bags and gloves. Will likely be small groups picking up litter in different areas of the park to maintain no more than 5 unrelated people. Stay tuned.

Training for New Officers.....Eva Halter

Training will be on May 30. Virtual training. Helen notes for Zone B, but there will be a similar training for Zone C. Everyone should look to take training from Zone B – good program!

Committee Reports

Fundraising.....Gay Enyeart

Gay reports that Len and Jen and Al and other fundraising committee will report at the general meeting. Want to sell 100 14 Lb. containers. One pickup. *Lost connection . . .*

Service ProjectsLance Ebarb

Membership Committee.....Craig Limoges

Meeting ends at 11:20-ish AM

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Doug Wilson



Did You Know? Women in the Lions Club

The Lions Club was founded by Melvin Jones in 1917, at that time it was exclusively a businessmen's service club. In 1925 Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan spoke at the Lions International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, and asked the Lions to be Knights of the Blind in a crusade against darkness. Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan were honored as the "First Lady of Lionism" and "Second Lady of Lionism" respectively.

Women were allowed to go to the conventions but were not members. There were women in attendance in 1925, to hear Helen Keller's inspiring speech that changed the focus of the Lions Club International and it was the foundation of the sight and hearing foundations that are at the center of our service to the community.

It wasn't until 1975 that the Lions allowed women to serve when the Lioness Program was started and they continue today. It is separate from the Lions Club for men but had similar goals and service programs. Thirteen years later, in 1987, the first woman was inducted into Lions Club International. LCI was the first service club organization to admit women.

In April 2018, the LCI International Board of Directors made the decision to encourage all current Lioness clubs to join the Lions family by extending the Join Together program effective until June 2021. June 2018, additional concessions were made by the LCI Board of Directors to encourage individual Lioness to formally join the Lions family. In April 2019, LCI International Board of Directors made the decision to separate the Lioness Bridge program from the Join Together Program. Consistent with the decision made in April 2018, the Lioness Bridge program will end on June 30, 2021 when all concessions will no longer be offered.

In 2003 the Women's initiative began to encourage women to join the Lions Club. At that time women made up only 14% of the Lions membership. By March of 2013 women members were 25% of the Lions Club International

The methods that were used were worldwide women's workshops, changing policies and protocols using gender neutral language, offering women leadership positions. The first female District Governor was elected in France in 1991, Louise Colornbani. The first female International Director was elected in 1999, Nilofar Bakhtiar from Pakistan.

The first woman I found record of in the archives of Ft. Vancouver Lions is Linda Bentz in 1989. Linda was Lion Tamer along with Roy Pulliam.

If you want to listen to Helen Keller's speech to the convention in 1925 you can at:
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=helen+keller+lions+speech&docid=608043506324210894&mid=47565D98F2A37FAA3A0947565D98F2A37FAA3A09&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

Fourth Of July Facts

- Congress made Independence Day an official unpaid holiday for federal employees in 1870.
- Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.
- The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies.
- The average age of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45.
- The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the Colonies would appear equal.





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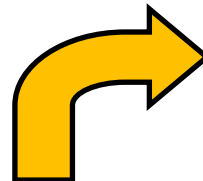
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7 Clark County Sight 6:30 PM (Zoom) Clark Co. Hearing Blind Onion 6 PM	8	9 Happy Birthday Suzanne Day Steve Seymour	10 Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM	11
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