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November 2021 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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**NOVEMBER SPEAKERS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
PHYLLIS**

November 5

Doug Wilson, Archaeologist, Fort
Vancouver National Park Service.
Field School 2021

November 12

Larry Smith, Co-Chairman,
Community Military Appreciation
Committee

November 19

Meeting begins @ 11:45am
Garnet Hayes, Choir Director,
Teacher - Introduction to Music
Theatre & Leadership, Wy'east
Middle School

November 26

NO Meeting

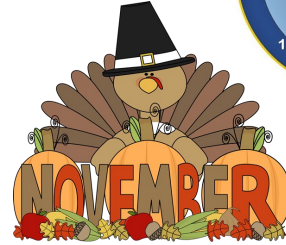
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King Lion Bruce



Serving as the President/King Lion of Fort Vancouver Lions Club has been a great experience for me. It was in my first "term" (2020-21) and it has been in these last 6 months. Technology has made a huge difference (not sure that I could call it all good) and in the last 2 years we have walked through this experience of a world-wide pandemic that has changed us all so much!

So, why am I musing about the year as President only half way through? Well, my wife Angie and I will be moving to Pasadena, CA in January, 2022. We will be living in an independent living retirement community. We have been on a waiting list for several years, and expected to be on the list for several more years. However, recently a cottage has become suddenly and unexpectedly available.

What are we to do now? We are to carry on, living up to our motto "WE SERVE" and planning how we can do even better! Regarding the President's Chair, Lions Club International has provided a suggested pathway:

"If the office of president or any vice president shall become vacant for any reason, the vice presidents shall advance in office, according to their rank. In the event such provision for ad-

vancement shall fail to fill the office of president, or any office of vice president, the board of directors shall thereon call a special election, giving each member in good standing prior fourteen days' notice of the time and place, which time and place shall be determined by said board, and said office shall be filled at said election meeting."

The FVLC Board meeting October 22, 2021, decided to follow this pathway. In the next 2 months you will be receiving regular updates as we move ahead.

In conclusion, I want to address those members who are unable to join us weekly. For some Zoom meetings don't work, for others it's just too hard. We hear you, we miss you, we care about you! Please hang on for a little longer! We will be getting together soon, in the meantime blessings to all!

**Yours in Service,
King Lion Bruce Armstrong**



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club
Officers 2021-2022**

President: Bruce Armstrong
 1ST VP - Fundraising: Cheri Perry
 2ND VP Service: Jennifer Denny
 Secretary: Shelly Brown
 Treasurer: Rick Giles
 Membership Chair:
 Past President: Gay Enyeart

Directors:

1-year Martha Johnson
 1-year Pati Sluys
 2-year Mike Cavanaugh
 2-year Michele Druschel

Ceremonial Officers:

Tail Twister: Allen Rhyasen
 Lion Tamer: John Caldwell, Jerry Jacobus

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Fort Vancouver Lions Club Salvation Army Shred Event and Food Drive

Mr. Douglas X Alexander, International President, encouraged the Lions Clubs to promote a service project during the week of October 10-16 and invite another service club to join. We did. We invited the Salvation Army to join us on Oct 16th, 2021. We will shred free of charge, donations accepted, all the documents that contain sensitive information, such as social security numbers, bank account numbers. The Salvation Army will collect food, for their warehouse, to serve those in need. With all due respect we were ahead of President Alexander.

Lion Allen Rhyasen and his 21 Lions, 2 potential Leos and 3 Salvation Army individuals worked so diligently to raise money and food. This definitely made a positive difference in our community by disposing safely of important documents and collecting food.

The event was promoted through the Columbian, local newspaper, Facebook, friends, churches and word of mouth.

The set-up crew, consisting of energetic Lions, erected the signs, anchored them with 50 lbs. of sandbags, erected the tent, and set-up the tables for the doughnuts and water, distributed the cones, all arranged based on a schematic (diagram) showing the flow of vehicles, The shredding truck location, the Salvation Army collection area, the Salvation Army familiar bell ringing and Kettle.

We gathered, close to the shredding truck, started with prayers, the Pledge of Allegiance, assignment of duties: guiding the drivers, greeting them, placing the shredded material in a barrel and taking them to shredding truck.

You could hear the truck shredding the documents. Eighty-three cars drove through a very well-defined route, manned by Lions as assigned. Food was collected and handed to the Salvation Army employees. Both functions were great success. The donations were about \$1,000.00 and 628 lbs. of collected food. This event was truly hard work and fun.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bill Shalaby



The Santa Store



Fort Vancouver Lions has been providing a Santa Store for the Washington Elementary School students for over 15 years. The COVID Pandemic has not changed that! Last year in 2020, we transported the Santa Store inventory from Washington Elementary to Hillcrest Church, then we bagged the gifts for the children and returned them to the school and they handed out the Christmas goodies. That process was very effective so the plan is to replicate that process.

Adam Hegewald is one of the key volunteers that makes this process successful. Adam has a big box truck that he will be taking to Washington Elementary School at 7:30 December 2nd. The staff of Washington Elementary will help to load the truck. Adam will drive the truck to Hillcrest and our volunteers there will unload the truck and sort the inventory into the categories. Martha Johnson has labels ready to put on the tables for sorting. We will fill the Christmas orders the children have filled out and place them in plastic bags that will be transported back to the school.

We have many behind the scenes volunteers: Georgi Jackson untangled all of the jewelry that was stored from last year, Michele Druschel has helped to shop for inventory to replace what we used last year. Dave and Georgi Jackson procured free knit hats and mugs that we will use for fathers and teen boy gifts this year.

This is a Fort Vancouver Signature event that is lots of fun for everybody involved.

We still need volunteers for December 2nd and December 3rd: John Lyons, Jen Leger, Shelly Brown, Michele Druschel, Adam Hegewald, Eva Halter and Martha Johnson, who have volunteered to date. Hopefully there will also be volunteers from the Hillcrest Church to help with the Santa Store, just like last year. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Eva @ 360-607-3310, evadmmhalter@gmail.com
Eva Halter



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Orchards Fred Meyer

8:00 AM—8:00 PM

Contact Eva Halter to volunteer.



Christmas Gifts for Foster Children

In September we received a list of 82 foster children for gifts this year. This number is almost 3 times the number we received last year. I contacted my friend in the Three Creeks Rotary Club to share the list for Christmas gifts, and they took 30 names. Jennifer and Ed Denny took a huge block of names and the rest of the list has been given to other Fort Vancouver Lions and friends. All of the gifts need to be in a gift bag, not wrapped, and brought to Eva Halter's home before November 29th. Shopping for the children has been so much fun for me I hope each of you has experienced that same joy.

Gifts will be handed out at Hillcrest Church on December 4th at a drive-by Christmas party that will feature a picture with Santa and elves.

Eva Halter



SAVE THE DATE

**DECEMBER 18, 2021
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**FORT VANCOUVER LIONS
HOLIDAY PARTY**

AND

**FAREWELL TO
BRUCE AND ANGIE ARMSTRONG**

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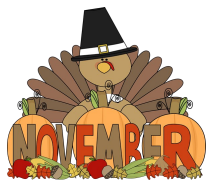
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Membership Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Notes
Phyllis Robertson, Program Chair			
Friday, November 5	12:00 Noon	Zoom	
Friday, November 12	12:00 Noon	Zoom	
Friday, November 19	12:00 Noon	Zoom	10:00 Board Meeting
Friday, November 26	NO Meeting		Day after Thanksgiving
Martha Johnson, Program Chair			
Friday, December 3	NO Meeting		Santa Store Project
Friday, December 11	12:00 Noon	Zoom	
Friday, December 17	12:00 Noon	Zoom	10:00 Board Meeting
Friday, December 24	NO Meeting		Christmas Eve
Friday, December 31	NO Meeting		New Year's Eve
John Lyons, Program Chair			
Friday, January 7	12:00 Noon	Zoom	
Friday, January 14	12:00 Noon	Zoom	
Friday, January 21	12:00 Noon	Zoom	10:00 Board Meeting
Friday, January 28	12:00 Noon	Zoom	

3-Month Activity Calendar



Date	Activity	Comments
November		
Tuesday, November 2	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, November 2	Hearing Committee Meeting	
Tuesday, November 16	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, October 17	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
December		
Thur, Fri., December 2-3	Santa Store Shopping 8:00—1:00 p.m.	Eva Halter, Chair
Saturday, December 4	Drop & Drive Food Drive, Foster Kids Drive-by Party	Eva Halter, Chair
Tuesday, December 7	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, December 7	Hearing Committee Meeting	
Saturday, December 11	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Eva Halter, Chair
Wednesday, December 15	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
Saturday, December 18	FVLC Holiday Party	Len Leger, Chair
Tuesday, December 21	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
January		
Tuesday, January 4	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, January 4	Hearing Committee Meeting	
Tuesday, January 18	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, January 19	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair

Frozen Fruit Sale

We finished the 2021 COVID fruit sale with the following results:
We netted approximately \$3000 to the club with 28 Lions & friends working approx. 180 hours. Bill and I estimated pay pal expenses to be \$136 so we could net \$3000.

We were hampered by only having 2 varieties of fruit but thanks to Len & Jen & the phone committee we pulled some respectable sales results

Once again Wanda did an awesome job of recording all our sales.

Thanks to all who helped out.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allen Rhyasen



BEING PREPARED

Lions - Do you remember our speaker last year who talked about "Being Prepared".

Just a reminder—Now is the time to get prepared. Maybe you are already and just need to check your pantry.

You should have 1 gallon of water per person per day. I suggest bottled, sealed water for starts.

You should have a 72-hour Grab and Go Kit. (check for full details on any sight).

Don't forget to keep in the pantry items that you WILL EAT, but don't need refrigeration or cooking; like canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, protein bars, dried fruit, and vacuum-packed foods. Canned fruits and veggies can be eaten from the can, as pork and beans and other bean products can.

Don't forget to have your medications both in a grab kit and extra in your home.

I used to keep large containers of wheat, corn, and powdered milk. Inventory: "I don't like powdered milk". Nix that idea.

Now's a good time to order as many med's as your doctor allows, always keeping ahead of the game.

Lions, even if we don't have a disaster this year, imagine this epidemic affecting the grocery stores and supply lines. Even trees falling during a storm could shut your electricity off for a few days.

Just makes good common Lion Sense to BE Prepared.

Martha Johnson



**Please email newsletter
articles for the **December**
newsletter to: **Shelly Brown** at
Lsbrown65@comcast.net by
Wednesday, November 24! Thanks!!!**



Fort Vancouver Lions Club & Foundation Board Meeting
Friday, September 17, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom in the time of COVID-19

Board Members Present: Gay Enyeart, Mike Cavanaugh, Martha Johnson, Rick Giles, Cheri Perry, Jennifer Denny, and Shelly Brown. Lion Allen Rhyasen was also present.

Past President Lion Gay called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Reflection: Lion Cheri Perry shared that her staff have been meeting and discussing a book called Emotional Intelligence 2.0. It's making a difference in her staff. Mike Cavanaugh also shared that he is reading the book Redemption at Hacksaw Ridge, a true story of a WWII soldier who refused to carry a weapon. He shared how inspiring the theme of working to better yourself and serve others is in this book.

Standard Reports to the Board:

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lion Martha and seconded by Lion Rick to approve the minutes as presented from the August 20, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Rick shared that Lion Gay noticed 2 discrepancies in the financial reports for July and August. Money that was taken out of petty cash for the end of year banquet did not get taken off the financial report, when the money was returned to the bank. Rick will correct those accounts. The records indicate we have \$5,000 in the restricted savings account. Rick transferred \$1,000 from the Bob Arbaugh Memorial account into the Foundation checking account. Rick will correct those records. Dues are coming in, but Rick will be sending out second notices to those who have not yet paid their dues. The dues for MD19 and to Lions Club International, so our club is legal there. The financial report stands pending observation.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Projects:

Frozen Berries Sale—Lion Allen shared that this was a very successful sale. 158 boxes of strawberries and blueberries were sold. The net for this project was just under \$3,000. Pay Pal was 70% of the order. The pick-up day went very smoothly. Lion Allen will be meeting with Columbia Fruit to discuss a Fresh Berries sale for next spring.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament—Lion Gay reported that this was a very successful project. They sold donut holes, Gatorade, water bottles, Pringles, small bags of chips, and Pepperoni Sticks. Lion Gay deposited \$1070 from this project. Lion Cheri suggested that we should have a project checklist. She also suggested the use of a tip jar for events like this. Lion Gay said that we need to update our club brochure.

School Supplies—Lion Jennifer reported that there were a lot of donations. There were 70 backpacks, and 6 giant carloads of school supplies donated. There are enough supplies to continue handing them out at Washington Elementary and Discovery Middle Schools through September and October.

Washington Elementary School—Lion Martha shared that they are having a successful start to being back in person at Washington Elementary School. Our efforts on August 26 handing out treats and t-shirts were much appreciated. The Santa Store will happen, details on procedure will be coming later. In November, we may be asked to help with Health Screening, for hearing and vision. More details will be coming later. There is a need for a Human School Bus Driver to help with walking kids to school in the mornings. Contact Lion Martha for more information.

Shred Day Event—Lion Allen discussed the upcoming Shred Day event. The Salvation Army is excited to be working with us on this project. The event date is October 16. Lion Bill will be running the event, since Lion Allen will be out of town. The first \$1,000 collected will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Others—Lion Jennifer shared that she was able to share a giant box of masks and a couple of cases of fruit pies, donated by the Salvation Army to the Restored, Revived group. We need to share this in our club newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Lions 19G Redistricting—Lion Gay asked if any of the Board members were able to attend the most recent redistricting meeting. The redistricting committee is doing lots of work on this process. There is information on the website.

Club Officer Meet Up—Lion Gay shared that this will be happening on October 8 from 7-8 pm. This is a social time to discuss officer positions, etc.

Other—Lion Cheri shared that she would like to have a list of all the fund raisers/projects. Lion Allen suggested that the budget will list the fund raisers we are currently involved in. She shared a couple of emails with information about fund raising.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Shelly Brown,
 FVLC Secretary

Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County ZOOM October 5, 2021 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Jeff Fish

Attending: Jeff Fish, Stephanie O'Dell, Susan Nellor, Ralph Harding, Bill Lundin.

Jeff Fish called for a motion to approve the September minutes. Motion made by Ralph Harding and seconded by Stephanie O'Dell. Vote taken and minutes approved.

Jeff Fish called for a motion to approve Treasurer's report. Motion made by Bill Lundin, seconded by Susan Nellor. Vote taken and Treasurer's report approved.

Recap of his report:

The October starting balance was \$8,556.00. No receipts. Disbursements: 10 vouchers were redeemed for a total of \$1,300.00. Average cost of each voucher was \$130.00. The bill totaling \$75.00 for services rendered was paid to Premium Website. Ending balance was \$7181.00. Ralph Harding stated that there were \$3,000 in pending vouchers; he also calculated that 33% of vouchers issued in August and September have not been redeemed. Endowment balance is \$65,990. That plus the checking balance totals \$73,173.

Stephanie O'Dell has been communicating with Southwest Washington Community Foundation to finalize payment of Second Chance Grant from the Cowlitz Tribal Foundation.

Stephanie reported on the Sight Foundation Facebook Page. She is working on adding testimonials from individuals who have benefitted from receiving eyeglass from the Lions Sight Foundation.

Zenni PCC Stephanie O'Dell reported that she has helped another qualified individual to order their glasses and that there are two more pending orders. She will order more Zenni vouchers from the Specialty California Lions Club that provides free Zenni vouchers to our Foundation.

PCC Ralph Harding reported on the developing partnership with Nina Day from Walmart. He summarized that the LSFOCC will pay the Walmart Central Office directly for services and product redeemed in Walmart Optical Department from our vouchers. Ralph is meeting with Nina this Friday, October 9th to firm up additional details.

PCC report: 21 applications were received. 3 were denied: one, too soon, one non-resident and one inappropriate request for help paying for medical bill assistance. Of those 18 vouchers, 9 were referred to Pacific University October 19, 2021 event and 9 were assigned to our various traditional medical partners.

Ralph and Susan are researching Walmart Cyber Grant program.

New Business: Bill Lundin explained he is asking for help reaching out to past eyeglass recipients to have them create video clips of appreciation that Bill will use in the North West Sight Foundation presentation during the MD19 Convention on November 5th and 6th.

Meeting adjourned 7:30.


Don't forget, November 2, 2021, 6:30 is the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Nellor,
Secretary



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November 2021

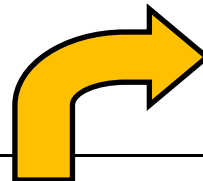
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM (Zoom)	3	4	5 Happy Birthday Ken Serviss Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM	6
7	8	9	10	11 	12 Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM	13
14	15	16 President's Council 6:30 PM	17 Share House	18	19 Board Meeting-Zoom 10:00 AM Lions Zoom Meeting **11:45 AM**	20
21	22	23 Happy Birthday Jenny Leger	24 Happy Birthday Carlee Stiltner Newsletter items due!!	25 	26 NO Lions Meeting 12 PM	27
28	29	30 Happy Birthday Sophie Doane				



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scheduled meeting:



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