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December 2021 ISSUE

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Vancouver, WA 98660
Check our meeting
schedule in the calendar!

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DECEMBER SPEAKERS PROGRAM DIRECTOR MARTHA

Sponsors

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December 3 NO Meeting

December 10

Alan Hamilton, Clark County Food Bank Director

December 17

Lions around the state, A few Lions from other clubs will be telling us about their service projects

December 24 NO Meeting

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1st VP Lion Cheri



THE EARLY ARRIVAL

Sometimes life has a way of pushing forward in your endeav-Whether it be a well meaning you ors! friend encouraging you to go after your dreams or a gifted teacher whispering 'YOU CAN DO IT' in your ear. This time, the EARLY ARRIVAL or little 'push forward' happens to be a result of our King Lion, Bruce Armstrong, realizing his dream of moving to California into a community that will be perfect for he and his bride! I'd like to begin my tenure as President with a hearty Thank you. Lion Bruce has been a member of the Fort Vancouver Lion's Club for many years and he has served in many capacities over the years. Having the heart of a servant is truly a gift and one of the many things I will miss about working directly with Bruce. It is very easy to see his passion for Lionism and serving our community. It is also incredibly easy to see that his move is one that he wrestled with due to his position in our club. The thought and preparation behind his final decision to resign his position is something I will always rememberas a lesson in how to well! Thank you for the trust you have placed in me Bruce and for your many years of dedication and service to our club- you will be missed!

As I considered the options, when Bruce let me know of this opportunity, I was at first humbled and a little scared! So many impactful leaders have lead our great organization and as we heard at a recent Lion's Conference-we have BIG SHOES to

fill! Many questions popped into my brain like:

- Would I be up for the task?
- Would I be able to make the time needed to be a successful leader in our club?

WWWD- What Would Wally Do?

Then I looked around and here is what I saw- Al Rhyasen, Eva & Gay and so many other friends & faces of Lions who would be more than willing to help- even though I arrived a little EARLY to my post as King Lion (is it still King Lion?). I recalled the GRACE and wisdom that my sponsor, Wally Teuscher shared with me and I knew that not only would I say yes- I would give it my very best effort and try to make him proud.

Lions is an amazing organization- I will be working diligently to make sure that I honor King Lion Bruce Armstrong and all of the other leaders and members of our organization by representing our club well.

It's a little EARLY- but I am excited to step up and work on filling those shoes!!! Thank you for your trust and thank you IN ADVANCE for the assistance and guidance you share!

Together We SERVE!

1st VP Cheri Perry



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NOTE FROM THE FVLC BOARD

On November 19 the FVLC Board agreed to explore the possibility of having a hybrid club meeting beginning in January. The in-person meeting will be held, as it was pre-pandemic, at:

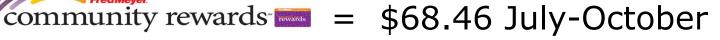
Feral Public House 1109 Washington Street Vancouver, WA

on Fridays at noon. At the same time the Zoom meeting will be available to members and friends who wish to continue meeting virtually. There are some details to work out, including the purchase of equipment. Stay tuned for further information!

President (King Lion) Bruce









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Please email newsletter articles for the January newsletter to: Shelly Brown at Lsbrown65@comcast.net by Monday, December 27! Thanks!!!



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, evaddmhalter@gmail.com Eva Halter



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Orchards Fred Meyer 7411 NE 117th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98662

8:00 AM-8:00 PM

Contact Eva Halter to volunteer.





Membership Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Notes
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	
Len & Jenny Leger, Program Chair			
Friday, February 4	12:00 Noon	Zoom	
Friday, February 11	12:00 Noon	Zoom	
Friday, February 18	12:00 Noon	Zoom	10:00 Board Meeting
Friday, February 25	12:00 Noon	Zoom	

3-Month Activity Calendar



	Date	Activity	Comments	
	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 (cancelled)	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	
	February			
	Tuesday, February 1	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom	
	Tuesday, February 1	Hearing Committee Meeting		
	Tuesday, February 15	President's Council Meeting	Zoom	
	Wednesday, February 16	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair	





David Rich

Who's Who in Fort Vancouver Lions Club

I was born on August 12, 1944, in Vanport, OR. I was the youngest of four children. Over the next ten years we moved many times which included living in a children's home in Palmer, Alaska for two years when we moved back to Oregon we lived Scholl's, in a converted chicken coop at a berry picking camp and we also lived in a 20-man army tent in Estacada before settling in SE Portland in 1954. We certainly did not live a privileged life.

We lived in the longest place for seven years where I started in the fifth grade and went through my junior year at Clackamas High School until we, once again, moved to inner Portland in 1962. I never got to graduate with my Clackamas High School class but instead I graduated from Washington High School. I graduated at the age of 17 in early June and joined the Navy a few weeks afterword which when I look back was the best thing that ever happened to me. I didn't have much direction and was, at that time, a follower and was running with the wrong crowd. Had I not joined the Navy I would probably have been in serious trouble somewhere.



I joined as a 17-year high school seaman recruit and because of my age I was to get out the day before I turned 21. During basic training I scored high on some test that made me eligible to become a Communication Technician (CT). To be eligible for the class A Navy school I had to sign a one-year extension to my obligation, which I did. I was assigned to CT school in Pensacola, FL. Me, being from the all-white Portland Oregon, I was hit was some things that I was not used to. There was a service station outside our gate that had (this was 1962) white bathrooms and colored bathrooms and drinking fountains with the same designations. I had made friends with a black sailor and at one time I asked if he wanted to go with me to Pensacola Beach and he replied to me no. At that time, I did not realize that his no was because he was not allowed, because he was black, to go the beach. This was also the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis and being in Florida we understood Cuba was only a few hundred miles away so here I am 18 years old walking the perimeter of the base with a utility belt and a baton. Boy, I was going to keep those Cubans out with my baton.

After finishing school, I had obtained the rank of Communication Technician Seaman (E-3) with orders to go to Guam, a place I had never heard of. I spent three year and a half there and advanced to E-4 during that time. On November 22, 1963, I was leaving our breakfast mess hall when I learned of the assisination of our president John F Kennedy. Being young, a million miles away, it did not resonate, but to this day, I can visualize where I was when I heard the news. I spent a year and a half on Guam as an ignorant 18 -19 American. We, the group I hung around with, thought we were special because we were Americans. As I look back, I wish that I

had tried to interact with the Guamanians who lived there.

I left Guam in December of 1964 and was assigned to Skaggs Island Communication Station in Sonoma, CA just outside Napa. At that time, I had attained the rank of E-5 under three years thinking that maybe I would become a Navy lifer. As I said earlier, I had signed a one-year extension on my enlistment in boot camp to got to a class A Navy school. My original enlistment was due to expire on the day before my 21st birthday and I assumed that was to happen I received a call from the Personnel Department around the mid July and the told me that when I signed the extension agreement in 1962 that I was 17 years and 22 days old and since I was not 18 it was not a legal document. I had a choice. Stay in the Navy or get out in a month. I had met a Napa girl who eventual became my wife, so I decided to not re-enlist. After ten years we got divorced and I moved to Fairfield, CA where I met and married Penny.

I first joined the Lions around 1980 with the Suisun Valley Lions Club in Fairfield, Ca. During that time, I was very active in our

club and served as club president and formed a LEOS club (West Wind Leos).

I was working for Mare Island Naval Shipyard as a Fleet Support Desk Supervisor and was recruited by the Naval Sea Systems Command as a member of their Executive Development Program which was called Commanders Development Program (CDP). Only eight people a year were selected for this program, and I was very fortunate to have been one of those eight. It was an extensive training program with multiple temporary assignments around the command in executive positions. Part of the program was continuing education and I was able to complete my education, with Navy funding my MS in Business Management through an evening program. During that time, I also had the opportunity to take a Congressional Liaison position in the Pentagon. I also served on the Base Realignment and Closure Committee which included being part of the committee that closed my old facility Mare Island. The training an

education process was so intense that I did not rejoin a Lions club in Virginia.

In 1994 I was asked to serve on a military joint assignment at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. It was the Joint Logistics Service Command (JLSC) where my position was to help develop a depot repair software program that could be used across all services. Because of service inter rivalries it never came to fruition and the command closed and I retired from the Department of the Navy in 1996. Following my retirement, I worked for Intergraph Corporation until 2002 as a senior management consultant. While I worked for JLSC we lived in Beavercreek, OH. A multitude of communities in Ohio were big on weekend events and festivals. Beavercreek had an annual Popcorn Festival. At this festival one of the vendors were selling Elephant Ears and it was run by the Beavercreek Lions Club. I struck up a conversation with one of the members and was invited to a club meeting the following evening. During my next six years with this club, I held multiple positions in the club, zone and district and served as the district 13-J District Governor during the 2001-2002 Lions year. One of the things that I am proud of is that for some reason whoever had been organizing the city's 4th of July parade decided not to do it one year. Penny and I decided that we needed to have a parade and worked with the city and made sure the parade would continue.

In 2002 my son called and asked if I would be interested in buying a company in Tigard (Reitmeier Mechanical) which we did. When we moved to Beavercreek in 2002, I became a member of the Beaverton Lions Club. I held many offices over the years within the association, including club president three times in three different clubs across the county, secretary, region chair, zone chair, district governor, council chair and served as the initial Lions Clubs International Foundation Multiple District Coordinator. I have had the opportunity to present leadership seminars at four USA-Canada Leadership Forums. I also served as the Protocol/VIP Chair for the 2003 USA/Canada Leadership Forum and prior to my move to Washington was GMT Chair for District 36-O and has been presented with a senior builder award from LCI. I was also the MD-36 Council Chair 2006-07 and ran for, but was not elected, for Interna-

tional Director in 2010.

I have also received many awards including 100% Presidents Award, Council of Governors Leadership Award, Lions Clubs International Presidents Medal, Lions Clubs International Leadership Medal, and five Lions Clubs International President's Certificates of Appreciation. I am also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. I was also a past Chairman of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

In addition to my Lions pursuits, I have been active in numerous professional and community organizations. I served ten years as a National Board Member of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and is a board member and Treasurer of the KEX Kids Fund and a member of the Portland Royal Rosarians.

My wife Penny, also a Lion, and I have four children and six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.



Fort Vancouver Lions Club & Foundation Board Meeting Friday, October 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Via Zoom in the time of COVID-19

Board Members Present: King Lion Bruce, Martha Johnson, Rick Giles, Michele Druschel, Gay Enyeart, Jennifer Denny, and Shelly Brown.

King Lion Bruce called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Reflection: Lion Bruce shared a memory of the Velveteen Rabbit and how coming across the book in his house has brought many memories and provided much wisdom! Being real is an important virtue!

Standard Reports to the Board:

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lion Rick and seconded by Lion Martha to approve the minutes as presented from the September 17, 2021 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Rick reports that the Administrative account has \$4,645.31. The Investment account has \$10,107.43. The Investment account has not been touched in many years and should not be touched unless an extreme emergency. The Foundation account has \$14,947.02. The only funding to come from that during September was \$1,581.56 for the Santa Store. Eva is the only one authorized to make purchases for the Santa Store. There was a deposit of \$1,070.00 from the 3 on 3 Basketball event and another deposit of \$971.25 from the Paper Shredding event into the Foundation account. Rick shared that \$2,582.00 was inadvertently transferred into the Administrative account. With only one PayPal account, there are potential issues with money going into the incorrect account. Rick is working very hard to make sure that monies are transferred carefully. The Treasurer's Report will stand pending observation.

Observation Report: The Observation Committee Report for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 was given by Lion Gay. The committee found the financial records of the FVLC and Foundation to be in proper order. The debit card will only be used when we meet in person to pay for expenses at the restaurant. With the PayPal account, there is no way to identify what the money is for, it's just a dollar amount. As a committee member, Cheri Perry offered to help make this easier using Merchants Services. Rick, Cheri and Dotty will discuss making this happen. Good job Rick!

OLD BUSINESS

Washington Elementary: The district is still not allowing volunteers on campus to help with hosting a turkey dinner in November or Health Screening. The Santa Store will occur as it did last year on Thursday and Friday, December 2-3, 2021.

Shredding Event: Lion Martha reported that the Shredding event was FUN!! She also shared that many people commented about how well organized this event was, due to Lion Allen sending a drawing of how to set up. Lion Rick offered the lot at his office on a Saturday for future shredding events.

NEW BUSINESS

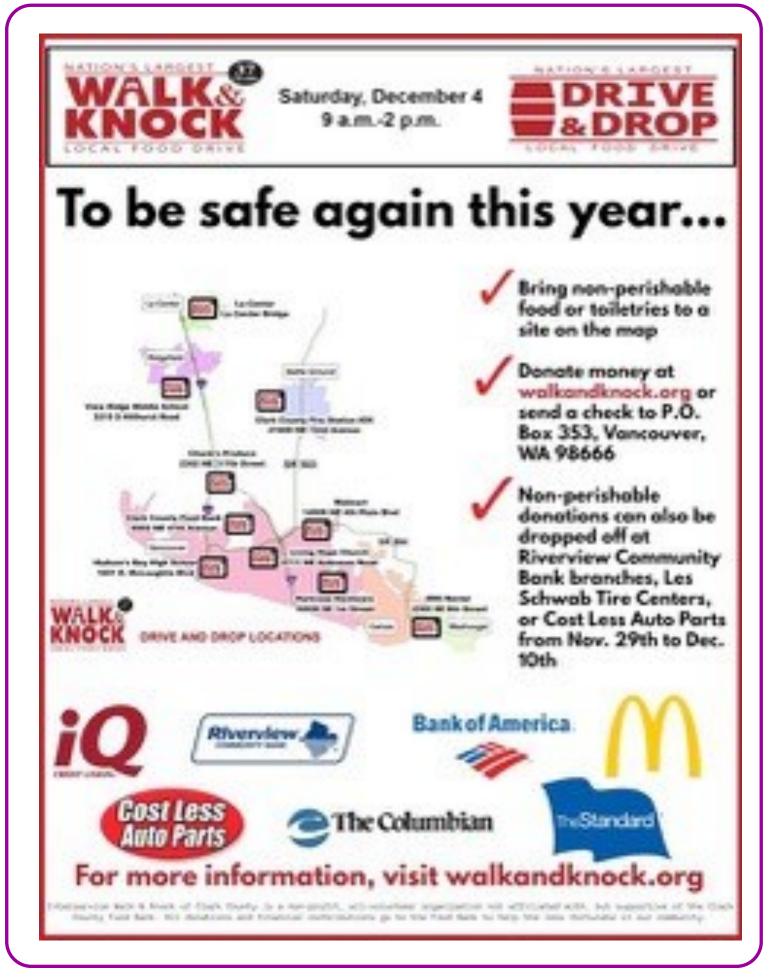
President's Report: King Lion Bruce reported that he and Angie will be moving to California in January to move into an Independent Living situation. This is something they have looked at doing for some time and due to circumstances of COVID, a cottage has come open. Due to this move, it is necessary to begin the process of selecting a new president. There is a procedure in the Standard Club By-Laws of Lions Club International as follows:

"If the office of president or of 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 advancement 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 (14) 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."

A discussion of the process followed. It was decided that we should wait until the next Board Meeting to make a final decision. The other vacancies in our leadership are concerning. We don't have a Membership Chair or a Model Club Coordinator at the present time.

Post Office Box Key: Lion Rick suggested that we should have 2 people with keys to the Post Office box. Lion Rick made a motion, seconded by Lion Martha that Lion Gay be the second Mail Box Care Taker. The motion was approved. He also suggested that we have an additional person as a signer for checks. Lion Martha recommended that Lion Allen be an additional signer. This will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Shelly Brown, FVLC Secretary





December 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	Happy Birthday Ralph Harding Georgi Jackson	Store NO Lions Meeting 12 PM	4 Drive & Drop Foster Kids Christmas Party
Happy Birthday Eva Halter	6	7Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM (Zoom)		9	10 Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM	1 1 Bell Ringing 8 AM - 8 PM
12	13	President's Council 6:30 PM (Cancelled)	15 Share House	16	17 Board Meeting-Zoo I0:00AM Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM Happy Birthday Lori Pulliam	n 1 8 Happy Birthday Jerry Jacobus FVLC Holiday Party 7:00 PM
19	20	21	22	23	24 NO Lions Meeting 12 PM	Happy Birthday Kathy Howell
26	27Happy Birthday Doug Wilson Stephen Enyeart Newsletter items due!!	28	29	30	3 1 NO Lions Meeting 12 PM Happy Birthday Pat Edward	



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Dates in RED mark our regularly scheduled meeting:



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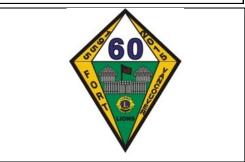
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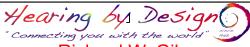
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