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### January 2022 ISSUE

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#### January 7

Lions sharing what they are grateful for and their hopes for 2022. King Lion Cheri will give her input and vision for the club in the new year.

### January 14

Tim Durr, Battalion Commander, Sgt. Major on WA State National Guard deployment in Ukraine. Lions Terry & Helen Sutfin's son-in-law

> January 21 **TBA**

January 28 TBA

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ISSUE

# **King Lion Cheri**



A brand new year is an opportunity to review how and why we do the things we do! It is also a great opportunity to reach for do together as Lions! to bless others. Here are a few others! things to think about as we enter 2022.

is our most precious commodity. shame to get to the end of our ships. time and find that we spent too not amount to much! Perhaps your throughs! 2022 Breakthrough will be cenyou use your time.

working on how you spend your even more. time (only so many hours in the day), you may want to invest a Together We SERVE! little focused time in managing the money you are currently earning. King Lion Cheri Perry It sounds like FUN, I know- but think about this- if you were to get **AMAZINGLY BRILLIANT** 



some breakthroughs! As your new making the most of every dollar you Queen Lion- it is my honor to step make AND even manage to save or in and drive the actions we need invest more here or there- wouldn't to continue the amazing things we that be a great breakthrough? Do-When we ing more with less is a great aspiratake care of our own personal re-tion and one that comes with the sources, we have the added ability side benefit of being able to bless

RELATIONSHIPS- Life is all about relationships and many of us have TIME- We've all heard that time struggled at one point or another with developing, or caring for the How are you 'spending' your time? people in our lives. What an incredi-Are your precious minutes being ble breakthrough for the upcoming spent on the things or with the New Year to really find unique and people that make your heart sing? wonderful ways to treasure our true I sure hope so. It would be a treasures- our people- our relation-

Time, Money & Relationships- 3 much of it doing things that did great areas for our 2022 Break-

In the New Year my goal will be tered around being more thought- to lead and provide great tools that ful and intentional with the way help our club serve at its maximum These three areas are capacity. MONEY- On the surface, it great starting points to set the would seem that making MORE stage for not just 'another' year but money would solve most of our life for a year filled with intentional challenges. But since you may be choices that enable us to serve



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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!

Lion Bruce



# **Bell Ringing at Orchards Fred Meyer**

Fort Vancouver's December service projects to help the homeless and needy population was not only a massive participation in the Drive and Drop food drive but also, we volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army at 2 doors of the Orchards Fred Meyer; the grocery door and the variety door. We had a total of 21 volunteers and each one volunteered for a 2 hour shift. Our total hours donated to the Salvation Army was 42 hours that represents \$621 the organization didn't have to pay someone to ring bells.

Steve, Gail and Stephanie Seymour covered the grocery door and Julie Luedtke and Eva Halter took the variety door for the 8:00 shift on Saturday. The rest of the day was covered by: Bill Shalaby, Catrina Galicz (who took two shifts), David Rich, Nancy Brown, Shelly and Larry Brown, Helen and Terry Sutfin, Martha Johnson, Cheri Perry, Larry and Eva Halter. There were volunteers from Total Merchant Concepts, Cheri Perry's company: Rosy Vazquez, Shannon Fry and Steve and Carter Lawson. A big thank you to all who volunteered.

Lion Eva Halter

















### Santa Store 2021

We had a great time even though we were not allowed to have the Santa Store inside the Washington Elementary School due to the COVID Pandemic. Adam Hegewald used his box truck and at 7:30 December 2<sup>nd</sup> he arrived at the school to load our inventory for the Santa Store that was stored there. The school staff helped to load the toys and goodies on to the truck and Adam drove it to the Hillcrest Church in Salmon Creek where our volunteers were waiting to unload the truck and sorted the inventory on tables. Our wonderful Lions, volunteers from Cheri Perry's staff and some volunteers from Hillcrest then filled the "orders" for the children's family members.

The teachers at Washington Elementary had assisted each child to fill out a form with the names and ages of their family members. Our job was to choose an age appropriate gift for each person on the list. We had scheduled 2 days for this process, however we were so efficient that we had sorted and filled all of the orders the first day. Since we had scheduled the truck for the following day and the agreement with the school was that we would not deliver the gifts before 2:00 pm on Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Friday we returned to the church and loaded the truck to return the gifts and our left over inventory to Washington Elementary School. Being concerned about their health, we each wore a mask the entire time we were packing the orders. We had 16 volunteers that worked 4 hours on Thursday and 8 volunteers that worked another 2 hours on Friday for a total of 80 hours of volunteer time. Lions John Lyons, Bob Weller, Adam Hegewald, Nancy Brown, Helen Sutfin and her neighbor Forest Reader, Martha Johnson, Michele Druschel, Shelly Brown, Jenny Leger and Eva Halter represented the Fort Vancouver Lions for the Santa Store project this year.

Lion Eva Halter











# **Gingerbread Houses for Underprivileged Children**

Lords Gym is headquarters for a local nonprofit that assists families who have had one or both parents incarcerated. This nonprofit is called RESTORED & REVIVED. They describe themselves as a community

based nonprofit (WA 501c3). Our passion is to provide services to families who have been held captive in chains of addiction and incarceration. We exist with the intention to help break those chains by providing practical resources to restore and revive each person and give them back to their families and communities. They provide weekly activities for children who really have no other place to be.

Jennifer Denny organized a project of making gingerbread houses for 20 children. Michele Druschel and Eva Halter assisted Jennifer to make a fun evening for children ages 5-12.

This is a great organization for us to partner with for other projects in the future.

Lion Eva Halter



### The Christmas Train Ride

Fort Vancouver Lion Jerry Jacobus is a long-time volunteer for the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad, in Yacolt, WA. This year because of COVID Pandemic concerns, the reservations for the first run of the Christmas train normally reserved for the children of a local state agency was cancelled. Jerry knew we were providing Christmas presents for foster children so he asked if those children would like to ride the Christmas train. The answer was a resounding "YES!" We invited all the foster children families on our list and the children and families served by Lord's Gym in the Restore and Revive program. We had 120 signed up but the weather was very, very cold and a few were unable to make the trip. There was a little mishap with the equipment and all of the passengers had to walk back to the station. Everyone was so delighted with the event there was absolutely no grumbling or complaining. Everyone had a really great time as you can see from the pictures.

Thank you Jerry for thinking of the disadvantaged children we have been working with for this special

treat.

Lion Eva Halter





### **Secret Santas for Foster Children**

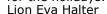
In September we received a list of 82 foster children's names for gifts this year. This number is almost 3 times the number we received last year. I contacted my friend, Carol Mackey, a member of the Three Creeks Rotary Club to share the list for Christmas gifts, and the Rotary Club took 39 names. Jennifer and Ed Denny took 25 names and the rest of the list has been given to other Fort Vancouver Lions and friends. All of the gifts needed to be in a gift bag, not wrapped, and brought to Eva Halter's home before November 29<sup>th</sup>. Shopping for the children was so much fun for me I hope each of you experienced that same joy.

Gifts were handed out at Hillcrest Church on a very cold December 4<sup>th</sup> rainy day at the drive-by Christmas party. There is a covered area where Santa and his elves were waiting for the foster families to arrive. A member of the Hillcrest

Church, Imy Durfey, painted a 6 foot by 8 foot winter scene on canvas as a back drop for where the pictures with Santa were taken. The pictures with Santa and elves featured all wearing masks. The gifts for each family were in black garbage bags so all the gifts would remain a surprise until Christmas. The agency, Community and Family Services Foundation that gave us the names of the foster children was there to also provide a lasagna dinner and a supply of masks for adults and children for each family.

There were 23 Fort Vancouver Lions who participated in this service project: Nancy brown, Gay and Steve Enyeart, Jennifer and Ed Denny, Allen and Renee Rhyasen, Pati Sluys, Shelly and Larry Brown, Cheri Perry, Eva Halter, Michele Druschel, John Lyons, Bob Weller, Sophie Doane, Diane and Michael Cavanaugh, Phyllis and Terry Robertson, Helen and Terry Sutfin, Jen and Len Leger, Georgie and Dave Jackson. The Friends of Ft. Vancouver Lions Julie Luedtke, Susan Veneruso, Sara Veneruso, Bonnie Garvin and Christine Blick also participated as secret Santas. Bonnie Garvin made doll clothes for 18 inch dolls, similar to the American Girl Dolls. She made 10

piece wardrobes for 12 dolls. Thank you each one for making this a nice Christmas for children who can't be with family for the holidays.















# Membership Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Notes
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	
Phyllis Robertson, Program Chair			
Friday, March 4	12:00 Noon	Zoom	
Friday, March 11	12:00 Noon	Zoom	
Friday, March 18	12:00 Noon	Zoom	10:00 Board Meeting
Friday, March 25	12:00 Noon	Zoom	

3-Month **Activity** Calendar









Date	Date Activity		
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	
March			
Tuesday, March 1	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom	
Tuesday, March 1	Hearing Committee Meeting		
Tuesday, March 15	President's Council Meeting	Zoom	
Wednesday, March 16	16 Share House 11:00-2:00 Nancy Bro		

Please email newsletter articles for the February

newsletter to: Shelly Brown at Lsbrown65@comcast.net by Monday, January 24! Thanks!!!

# **DeLores Milligan**

# In Memorial... Fort Vancouver Lions Club

PZC Ken Milligan reports the passing of his 'bride' and 'honey', Lion DeLores. Lion DeLores joined Ft. Vancouver Lions in 1998 and is a MELVIN JONES FELLOW. She could be found working the Sight and Hearing van, the Santa Store, and sponsored garage sales. She was known for her bright smile and willingness to assist with the many club projects. When asked to help, she was always willing and rarely said 'no'.

Her meeting seat, right inside the door, made sure that visitors and newer members received a personal Fort Vancouver welcome. Often times visitors were invited to join Ken and herself at the table!

DeLores was an avid reader, master crocheter and her many scrapbooks of family and LIONS's activities, will bring solace to Lion Ken.

She is predeceased by son Kevin Riley. In addition to PZC Ken, she is survived by her son Shawn Riley and daughter-in-law Robin Riley, brother Ron and his wife Sherri. She also leaves 2 step-children and several grandchildren.





# Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County December 2021 Meeting ZOOM

Lions Presidents and Secretaries,

Please share the results of the December 7th meeting of the Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County with your clubs, 23 needy Clark County residents will get the gift of improved sight this month.

The July through December numbers are as follows: 117 eyeglasses and or exams, and one ocular prosthesis.

Thank you to the following clubs who have supported LSFOCC from July to December 2021:

Hazel Dell Fort Vancouver La Center Washougal Camas Salmon Creek

The January 2022 LSFOCC meeting will be by ZOOM on January 4, 2022 at 6:30 in the evening. Watch for the link closer to the meeting date.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Nellor, Secretary



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

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

King Lion Bruce called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Reflection:** King Lion Bruce shared a quote: A leader is best when people barely know he/she exists. When the work is done, the aim is finished, they will say, we did it ourselves.

**Standard Reports to the Board:** 

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Lion Gay and seconded by Lion Michele to approve the minutes as presented from the October 22, 2021 Board meeting. The motion was approved by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Rick started by answering a question raise by Lion Gay about the funds in the Restricted Scholarship account. Rick will research what happened with a transfer but assured the Board that the amount in the account was correct. \*At the end of the meeting, Lion Rick let everyone know he had sent a corrected Foundation balance sheet.

The Washington Elementary Santa Store has spent the budgeted amount for this year. The Shred Event is about at a break even amount.

Rick also brought up that we need to look at Lions who have not paid their dues for this year. He will send out another reminder during the first week of December and requested that dues be paid by December 31. Lion Catrina asked to be dropped as a member. Lion Rick made a motion to drop Catrina as a member, per her request, seconded by Lion Martha. The motion was regretfully passed by the Board. The Treasurer's Report will stand pending observation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Report on completed projects:** Lion Jennifer reported on the Christmas Train Ride. There were 66 kids and their families on the train. It was a fun time, in spite of the train breaking down. Jennifer will write an article for the newsletter, to include pictures from the event.

**Leadership positions (Membership Chair, Model Club Coordinator, other needs):** Lion Bruce shared that we need to fill these positions so that our club is advertised when we participate in events. After a discussion, Lion Gay suggested that a committee be formed in January to work on filling the leadership positions for the 2022-2023 year.

**In-person/Hybrid Club meetings:** Lion Bruce reported that he has had communications with the place we have used for in person club meetings. Lion Rick shared that we have the possibility to do a live stream of the meetings. We would need to purchase a camera that has HDMI output and a microphone, along with a tripod (which Rick already has). We do have some money in the budget for equipment. Lion Bruce suggested that the gathering on December 18 would be a good time to announce this and an opportunity to raise some funds to make this happen. He will make announcements about this starting with the meeting today. Lion Rick made a motion that we solicit donations for equipment to be used to live stream our in-person club meetings, seconded by Lion Gay and approved by the Board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Presidential Transition:** Lion Gay made a motion to have Lion Cheri serve as interim president from January 1-June 30, 2022, seconded by Lion Michele and approved by the Board. Lion Jennifer will move up to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. This leaves the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position open. After discussion of some possible names from the club, it was decided that Lion Bruce will talk to some of the names discussed. A discussion of some of the fund -raising projects our club has participated in followed. Lion Rick suggested that we make a concerted effort to have our membership choose Fort Vancouver Lions for their Rewards program with Fred Meyer as well as Amazon Prime.

#### **Planned Projects:**

**Santa Store:** Lion Martha shared that Lion Eva has everything organized for this event, which is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you want to help, contact Lion Eva.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you want to help, contact Lion Eva.

**Social Gathering:** This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. Lions Len and Jenny Leger are planning this event.

**Gingerbread Houses:** Lion Jennifer shared that she will be participating in an event to help kids decorate Gingerbread Houses on Friday, December 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Next meeting is Friday, December 17, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Brown, FVLC Secretary



# January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						Happy New Year
2	3	4Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM (Zoom)	5	6	7 Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM	8
9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Gay Enyeart	13	14 Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM	15
16	17 Happy Birthday Marsel Tingey	18 President's Council 6:30 PM	19 Share House	20	2 1 Board Meeting-Zoom 10:00 AM Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM	22
23/30	24/31  Newsletter items due!!	25	26	27	28 Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM	29







**Dates in RED** mark our regularly scheduled meeting:



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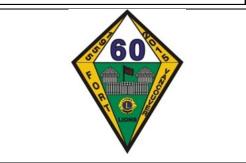


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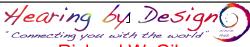
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