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SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS PROGRAM DIRECTOR JOHN LYONS

#### September 9

Jake Koch, Guide Dogs for the Blind

#### September 23

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PeaceHealth Southwest
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Queen Lion Cheri



For years, people have taken the challenge to run the HOOD TO COAST relay. I've always been intrigued but somewhere between the mountain peak and the sandy beach - I've never managed to commit to the journey. Until this year, when I learned of the Portland to Coast walk that has been part of the longer Hood to Coast for.

Doing what we can do as Lions is so powerful- even when it might be less than we used to do or less than others! Just like the relay- every single step or mile or volunteer hour counts BIG TIME! Just like the relay, our Lions Club activities take commitment.

The night before the relay, I met my new team and was pleased to find them very accepting and excited to have me on their team. We went through some details, loaded our supplies and decorated our vehicles. The following morning I drove out to meet the team and was pleasantly surprised at what I saw! SEA in action! So many people out on the path to SUPPORT runners and walkers. So many offering words of **ENCOURAGEMENT** -so many holding others and being held ACCOUNTABLE themselves. I found COMMUNITY.

It reminded me of US! Our Lions club is a Community and we provide Support/Encouragement & Accountability to each other and our fellow citizens.

As the day progressed I saw the magic of what happens when people lay down all their differences and come together to support a common cause - in this case Breast Cancer Awareness.

I found myself enjoying the various themes, creativity and human spirit during my 2 days and it made me think of how much I love people and how much I love what we do in our Lions Club.

Has it been a while since you volunteered or attended a meeting?

We can find community everywhere we look and we can see the beauty in all the differences we see. It's time to reengage, link arms with your Fellow Lions and recommit to the causes and service projects worth fighting.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting or event!

Yours in Lionism, Queen Lion Cheri Perry



#### Fort Vancouver Lions Club Officers 2022-2023

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### **Washington Elementary Popsicles**

On Thursday, August 25, when the sun was high, and the desert was dry, seven mighty warriors converged on the playground of Washington Elementary school to help welcome back the 300+ cute, adorable, scrubbed clean, new clothes, shoes, and hair-dos students that will return next week to school.

One thing in common- we were all sweating. But that didn't stop Helen S., Diane and Mike Cavanaugh, Martha J., Bob Weller, Michele Druschel, and Wanda Slevin from passing out tshirts and popsicles to those waiting in the sun

ready to see their teachers and new classroom. What fun! The freedom of summer is almost over.

Lion Martha



# **Relay for Life Snack Table**

The Clark County Relay For Life Event is happening on the 17th of September! We hope that you will be available to VOLUNTEER to work the SNACK BOOTH for our Fort Vancouver Lions Club as we work to provide some great snacks for the attendees.

We also hope you will JOIN our Queen Lion's Company team and walk around at Esther Short Park with us! Next Year we may elect to have our very own Lion's Club Team-Food For Thought!



If you would like to volunteer for the SNACK table (seated and standing positions available all day) please send a message to Leadership@FortVancouverLions.org If you would like to join Queen Lion Cheri Perry's company team please email Elissa@GetTMC.com and she will get your shirt size and let you know more details about the event. The event will begin at 9am and end at 9pm.

Bark For Life is also participating so bring your furry family members as well. This is an incredible event where the entire community comes together to raise funds to fight cancer of all kinds. This year's goal is to raise over \$100,000.00 and it looks like we are going to make it! Fort Vancouver Lions have an opportunity to spread the word about Lionism, support a great community cause, get a few miles in for health AND spend valuable time with friends! Looking forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Queen Lion Cheri Perry

# Fort Vancouver Lions 16th Frozen Fruit Sale

On Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>, 18 Lions & friends fanned out across Clark County to deliver our frozen berries to 72 happy customers! Our drivers met at 8:30am at Columbia Fruit in Woodland & loaded up our vehicles with fruit, dry ice, blankets, a berry sign & our clipboards with our list of customers.

Workers showed up at their locations at 9:30 to 9:45am to prepare the site for customers. Everyone who showed up for the fruit seemed very happy with the new packaging and we were able to sell the 4 extra orders that we had on hand. One concern we had, there seemed to be more customers who we couldn't reach so we had to store our fruit until we could make contact.

Here is a message I received from Martha Johnson on one such encounter.

"Diane Hansen just came by and picked up her berries."

What a sweet lady. We talked for at least 30 minutes in the driveway. (She talked more than I did- I know, surprise). Marvin has said I should work for the FBI the way I get information from people.

Well, I told her more about Lions and what we do with the "berry money" and the service we perform for the community. I asked her if she would like to come to a meeting and see what we do. She said, "Yes, I've been looking for something to do since I retired last year, and service sounds good". Thanks for the opportunity I would have missed if I hadn't stored two little boxes of frozen berries. Martha"

Isn't that just the coolest encounter!! We might even get a new Lion's member because of Martha agreeing to take those extra berries.

Final results for the sale:

Gross Sales 138 boxes \$8,760.00 which includes a \$60 donation.

Expenses berries, dry ice & rental blankets \$5400.

Net Proceeds for the club \$3320!!

Special recognition goes to Wanda Slevin who does her amazing record keeping, Bill Shalaby who helps with the planning and follow through on all the many details, Kari & Jamie at TMC who work with us on all the on-line orders and also the promotion of this sale. My son Dan Rhyasen created the promotion pieces we used and sent via Mail Chimp to over 800 of our previous customers. Dotty Scott who maintains our web site that allows us to sell our fruit. We had 10 lions call over 300 customers to remind them of the upcoming sale about a week before.

After the sale we had 2 customers who wanted fruit so I went back out to Columbia Fruit and picked up these berries. Scott Peterson, the president donated these 2 boxes.

Thanks again for the wonderful support of all of you in making this a fun, successful event.

Lion Allen Rhyasen

### **DG Debbie Mansell's Visit**

DG Debbie Mansell visited our club meeting on Friday, August 5. She had a very inspiring message, a certificate for Queen Lion Cheri and raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt she has made.





# **School Supply Drive**

Lion Eva is collecting school supplies for Foster Kids in our area.

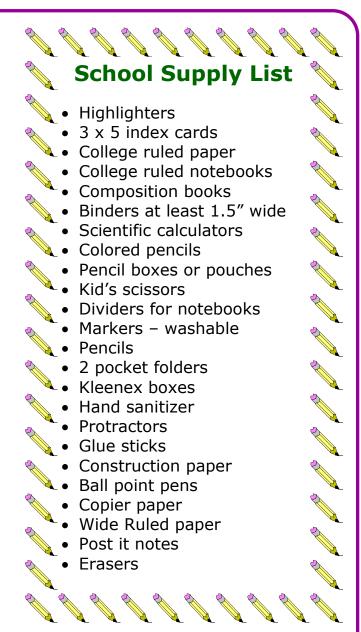
Please help by bringing supplies from the list on the right to the next meeting in August (Friday, the 19th) or the first meeting in September (Friday the 9th)!

Lion Gay will transport them to Lion Eva for distribution to the Foster Kids!

Thanks for helping with this very worthwhile project!

Eva Halter







Please email newsletter articles for the October newsletter to: Shelly Brown at Lsbrown65@comcast.net by

Monday, September 26!
Thanks!!!

#### Membership Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Notes
John Lyons, Program Chair			
Friday, September 9*	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
Friday, September 9	1:00 P.M.	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	1:00 PM Board Meeting
Friday, September 23*	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
Friday, September 30	Fourth Friday	Game NightLocation to be determined	
Martha Johnson & John Lyons, Program Chair			
Friday, October 7	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
Friday, October 7	1:00 P.M.	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	1:00 PM Board Meeting
Friday, October 21	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
Friday, October 30	Fourth Friday	Game NightLocation to be determined	
Cheri Perry, Program Chair			
Friday, November 4	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
Friday, November 4	1:00 P.M.	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	1:00 PM Board Meeting
Friday, November 18	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	

### 3-Month Activity







Date	Activity	Comments	
September			
Tuesday, September 6	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom	
Tuesday, September 6	Hearing Committee Meeting		
Saturday, September 17	Snack Table @ Relay for Life	Cheri Perry, Chair	
Tuesday, September 20	President's Council Meeting	Zoom	
Wednesday, September 21	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair	
October			
Tuesday, October 4	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom	
Tuesday, October 4	Hearing Committee Meeting		
Tuesday, October 18	President's Council Meeting	Zoom	
Wednesday, October 19	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair	
November			
Tuesday, November 1	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom	
Tuesday, November 1	Hearing Committee Meeting		
Saturday, November 11	Gee Creek Rest Area project	Martha Johnson, Chair	
Tuesday, November 15	President's Council Meeting	Zoom	
Wednesday, November 16	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair	
Thursday, November 17	Serve Thanksgiving Lunch @ WA Elem.	Martha Johnson, Chair	



#### Fort Vancouver Lions Club & Foundation Board Meeting Saturday, July 16, 2022 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Cheri Perry's office & Zoom in the time of COVID-19

Queen Lion Cheri called the meeting to order at 8:15

**Board Members Present**: Queen Lion Cheri, David Rich, John Lyons, Rick Giles, Gay Enyeart, Michele Druschel, Mike Cavanaugh, Martha Johnson, and Shelly Brown

**Member Wins:** Board members shared their wins for the previous week.

**Secretary's Report:** Lion Gay made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2022 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Lion David seconded. Lion David wanted to clarify that even though the Redistricting passed, it will be a couple of years before this takes effect. The motion was approved.

**Team DISC Review/Conversation:** Lion Cheri shared the results of the DISC Personality Profile reports for each of the Board members. This is a great tool to use to learn to work together as a team.

### **Current Status of Club:**

#### **Membership Numbers:**

Lion John will check with Ken Milligan about his dues.

Lion Rick will check on the dues payments for the members and send a report to the Board by the first week of August.

It was decided that the dues statements be sent out by May 1 of each year. Lion Cheri will write an article about the ease of paying dues online.

Lion Rick will send out bills for the advertisers in the newsletter this next month.

Our current club membership is 60 members. The Board would like to set a goal of 80 members by this time next year. This is a 33% increase in membership. This will require a membership plan.

Lion Gay will work with the printers to create an updated Roster of the club members.

#### **Meeting Numbers:**

Currently there are about 12-15 people attending each of the two meetings a month. The Board would like to work to have a 50% attendance of our membership at these meetings.

#### Membership:

Lion David brought a flyer about a resource guide for non-profit organizations to be published in the Columbian in October. Lion Cheri will put the ad in the Columbian.

Lion Cheri will update the club flyer and business cards.

Lion Gay will contact IQ Credit Union about a membership connection.

Lion John will reach out to previous members who have dropped their membership.

Lion Martha will write up a list of the duties of a Sunshine/Social Committee.

Lion Mike will put together a plan for a Game Night idea and schedule, to include sign up sheet options.

#### **Meetings:**

When we decided to have meetings on two Fridays a month, the idea was to have the other two Fridays for service projects or for social gatherings. Need to work on planning and scheduling various service projects.

It was decided to continue to have the meetings on Zoom while we are meeting at the restaurant. This gives an opportunity for people to join who logistically can't be there.

Lion Shelly will check with Dotty about getting a meeting/events calendar on the website. Need to update the meeting location on website.

Lion Shelly will check with Dotty about the leadership email account.

It was decided that the monthly Board meetings will be held after the first regular meeting of each month.

It was decided that we need to reorder the rosewood pens to give to the speakers at the meetings.

#### Events:

Lion Cheri presented an opportunity for a service project to serve pancakes for the Relay for Life event on Saturday, September 17 at Esther Short Park. Lion Gay will check on prices for pancakes and sausage. Lion Cheri will check with Brewed Awakenings for coffee donations/prices. Lisa Howser who is in charge of this event will come to be our speaker on Friday, July 22, 2022 to share more information

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about this event. Lion Cheri will check with Ryan Morrison about the griddle they have used for previous pancake breakfast events.

Lion David proposed a Food Drive on a Saturday this fall. He will check with Grocery Outlet to see if they will let us hold the event on their property.

Lion John suggested that we send an email to the membership about an emergency Food Drive for this coming Friday due to the shelves being so depleted at FISH. Lion Cheri will have a flyer created that can be sent to the membership.

Lion Martha will meet with Elizabeth in August about scheduling events for Washington Elementary. Lion Rick scheduled a Finance committee meeting for August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at his house. The Finance Committee is Lions Cheri, Gay, John, Allen, Martha and Rick.

Lion Gay said that she is in contact about hosting the 3 on 3 Basketball event the first weekend of September.

Fundraising Project: Lion Gay proposed having a fund raising meal (breakfast, lunch or dinner) served at their church. She will check on a Saturday in October and get more information to the Board. Lion Martha proposed a project of working the Gee Creek rest area on November 11 & 12.

#### Calendar:

September meetings will happen on Sept. 9 & 23, due to the Labor Day holiday being the first weekend of September. We need to set up a phone tree to call members. District Governor visit is August 5. She will be the speaker that day.

#### Name Badges, Vests, Jackets:

It was decided that we would stay with the same current blue name tags. If you need a new name tag, they can be ordered. Lion Cheri will write an article for the newsletter about name tags for wearing to the meetings. Lion Gay will talk to Lion Eva about how to order the vests and jackets.

#### LCIF

Lion David will be checking about our Model Club commitment, since we have had a decline in membership. He shared an opportunity for members to receive pins based on their giving. The finance Committee should discuss how money raised from projects should be directed to this commitment. Members can make direct contributions that count toward our commitment. Be sure to indicate our club name when making a donation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. Next meeting will be Friday, August 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Fiesta Bonita.

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Brown

Each month, 3 dedicated Lions spend 2-3 hours of the third Wednesday helping with meals at Share House. Here are their reports from July and August!

July: This week due to a shortage of volunteers, Share House had to eliminate lunch meals. Instead, Lions Michele Druschel and Nancy Brown assisted in preparing hot to-go dinners. Dinners consisted of shredded beef and a tortilla, steamed zucchini, a vegetable salad, condiments and cookies. We prepared 100 dinners and served 98. We also chopped potatoes and Italian parsley for a future meal.

August: Today at Share House Diane Cavanaugh, Michele Druschel and I handed out 43 lunches and milk and made 83 sandwiches to be handed out for lunches in the next couple days. We also assembled 100 hoagie sandwiches for tonight's dinner. Michelle took a picture. We each worked two hours.

Lion Nancy Brown



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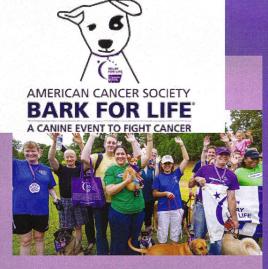
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# PARTY IN THE PARK

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RELAY FOR LIFE American Cancer



# September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Happy Birthday Bill Shalaby	3
4	Happy Birthday Ann Giles	6 PM Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM (Zoom)	Dixie Hotaling (6th)	8	9 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1:00 PM	1 O Happy Birthday Ken Milligan
11	12 Happy Birthday Larry Brown	13	14 Happy Birthday John Lyons	15	16	17 Relay for Life Snack Table 9 AM - 9 PM
18	19	20 President's Council 6:30 PM	2 1 Share House	22	23 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM	24
25	26 Newsletter items due!!	27	28	29	30 Fourth Friday Games	



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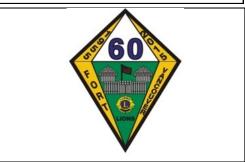
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