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OCTOBER SPEAKERS  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
MARTHA JOHNSON &  
JOHN LYONS

**October 7**  
Elizabeth Owen,  
Washington Elementary  
Liaison

**October 21**  
TBD

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Queen Lion Cheri



There are lots of changes in the air, especially as the seasons change this time of year.

Nature takes the lead by showing us how beautiful the circle of life can be. The vibrant colors of fall, the added chill in the air and the glorious sunsets that come just a bit earlier every day are just a few examples of the ebb and flow of life.

Our Lions club is also experiencing some seasonal changes. As members grow older, projects change and as we look for ways to reinvigorate our club, we are reminded of the immense beauty that is Lionism. Giving, sharing and caring for our community through every season is simply what we do. Your contribution to that mission is incredibly important. Whether you are actively attending meetings, investing your precious hours volunteering or serving in some capacity behind the scenes, your energy and efforts are greatly needed and appreciated.



As we watch the colors change and we experience the seasons of our own lives, I wanted to thank you for helping strengthen our club through your service and by sharing the Lions mission with those you come into contact with every day.

Together we can walk through the seasons and find the many ways to leave a lasting legacy with our amazing service organization.

Yours in Lionism,  
**Queen Lion Cheri Perry**



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club  
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President: Cheri Perry  
 1<sup>ST</sup> VP - Fundraising: Martha Johnson  
 2<sup>ND</sup> VP Service: (Vacant)  
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 LCIF Chair: David Rich  
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 1-year Michele Druschel  
 2-year John Lyons  
 2-year (Vacant)

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**First Game Night**

Our first game night. We didn't play any games, we didn't keep score, we didn't have any fights, and no one got sweaty.

But we had a great time talking about our club and gathered some ideas to go forward.

We're not giving up; we will try again. But then, who's keeping score, when a few of my favorite people get together to laugh and talk?  
 Lion Martha



**First Happy Hour  
September 30, 2022**

**First Happy Hour** is going slow. In fact, so slow that we might be calling it

*S I O W H O U R.*

The fact is, as I write this article, there's nothing to report yet. But, I know that those that are able to come will be special, we'll enjoy each other's company and we probably won't get sweaty; no one will score, and we'll come home.....happy.

**Curriculum Night at Washington Elementary  
September 28, 2022**

It's always a great day when we can meet at Washington Elementary and hug a few kids. Giving out a treat is just an excuse to get close enough to say hi, smile, and get to know them. Some remember us from the Santa Store, some from serving Thanksgiving dinner, and some just because.....

The parents will meet the teachers and the teachers will graciously tell them about the rules and expectations. Everyone will smile, skip out of the building, eat the treat, maybe even run to the playground equipment, and go home.

Aren't kids great? I still wish I could skip, run, and play on the playground equipment. We are so lucky to be able to exchange friendships with the Washington Elementary community. Our presence and service there are always welcome.

Way to go Lions!  
 Martha

**Ps. We'll be helping at the Washington Elementary Art Night on October 27!  
 Contact Martha if you are available to help!**



## Clark County Relay for Life

This year's Clark County Relay for Life was an abbreviated version from years gone by! What used to be a 24 hour vigil in the fight against ALL cancers is now an eleven hour 'all-out assault' on this killer. Cancer touches everyone's life these days, friends, family members coworkers and even members of our own Lions Club. Lion Al Rhyasen and his Grandson Alexander walked in the opening SURVIVOR's lap- it was such a joy to see them walking together in victory over this dreaded disease. Throughout the day, members of the community stopped by our Fort Vancouver Lions booth for snacks and encouragement. With the help of the team at Total Merchant Concepts, we were able to raise nearly \$1000 for the Clark County Relay and we hope to eclipse that number next year.

This year's event happened VERY QUICKLY and while we did not have much time to prepare- we did what Lions across the nations do- WE SERVED ☐ From helping friends and family celebrate their loved ones (past and present) by decorating Luminary bags, providing 'grab & go' snack options, setting up the evening Luminary event and cleaning everything up when the day was done, we logged more than 96 hours of amazing service work.

Our Queen Lion, Cheri Perry closed out the evening with the solemn and meaningful Luminaria event- she spoke about the far reaching impact of cancer and invited all participants to look at each luminary bag as they took a few silent laps around Esther Short park: every bag has a name. Cheri touched the crowd when she mentioned that cancer can take breath but it cannot take LIFE, MEMORIES, COMMUNITY and the will to BEAT this deadly opponent!

Next year, we will have a bit more prep time and hope to see many more of our local Lions standing together in the fight against cancer.

Lion Cheri Perry



**Membership Meeting Schedule**

Date	Time	Location	Notes
<b>Martha Johnson &amp; John Lyons, Program Chair</b>			
Friday, October 7	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
<b>Friday, October 7</b>	1:00 P.M.	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	<b>1:00 PM Board Meeting</b>
Friday, October 21	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
Friday, October 30	Fourth Friday	Game Night...Location to be determined	
<b>Cheri Perry, Program Chair</b>			
Friday, November 4	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
<b>Friday, November 4</b>	1:00 P.M.	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	<b>1:00 PM Board Meeting</b>
Friday, November 18	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
<b>Martha Johnson, Program Chair</b>			
Friday, December 2	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
<b>Friday, December 2</b>	1:00 P.M.	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	<b>1:00 PM Board Meeting</b>
December date TBD	TBD	TBD for Christmas Gathering	

**3-Month Activity Calendar**



Date	Activity	Comments
<b>October</b>		
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
<b>November</b>		
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
<b>December</b>		
Saturday, December 3	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Cheri Perry, Chair
Tuesday, December 6	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, December 6	Hearing Committee Meeting	
Thursday, December 15	WA Elem. Santa Store	Michele Druschel, Chair
Tuesday, December 20	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, December 21	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club & Foundation Board Meeting  
Friday, August 5, 2022 1:00 p.m.  
Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill**

Past President Gay called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Gay Enyeart, John Lyons, David Rich, Martha Johnson, Michele Druschel, & Shelly Brown

**Standard Reports to the Board:**

**Secretary's Report:** Lion David reported that Grocery Outlet asked him to come back in 6 months for a food drive collection. Lion Michele made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 16, 2022 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Lion John seconded. The motion was passed by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Lion Gay passed out copies of the proposed budgets.

**Administrative Account:**

After a discussion of the items in the Administrative budget, Lion David made a motion to accept the Administrative Account budget as presented, seconded by Lion Martha. The motion was passed by the Board.

**Foundation account:**

After a discussion of the items in the Foundation budget, Lion John made a motion to accept the Foundation Account budget as presented, seconded by Lion Martha. The motion was passed by the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Membership:**

The meeting today was very well attended. There was lots of energy in the room. It was suggested that Board members contact members who haven't been coming to meetings. Lion Martha will coordinate this project.

Lion Gay will contact IQ Credit Union about volunteering for the Pancake Breakfast and for the Santa Store. Lion Martha has completed a list of the duties of the Sunshine Committee. She will check with Club Green Meadows about scheduling a gathering in December.

Lion Martha will give us more information about Washington Elementary School activities.

Lion Michele and Lion Patty will be the co-chairs of Washington Elementary Santa Store.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Events:**

Lion Gay is working on the logistics for the Relay for Life Pancake Breakfast. We need to determine how many meals we should plan for and the price to charge. Lion John made a motion, seconded by Lion David, and approved by the Board to reimburse Lion Michele for getting her Food Handler's Card.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be September 9, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelly Brown

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articles for the **November**  
newsletter to: **Shelly Brown** at  
**Lsbrown65@comcast.net** by  
**Monday, October 24! Thanks!!!****



## ZONE MEETING MINUTES September 20, 2022 via ZOOM

**Present:** Moderator PCC J. D. Nellor, Vancouver; PZC Helen Sutfin, Fort Vancouver; PZC Ryan Morrison, Hazel Dell President; Don Stose, Ridgefield President; DG Debbie Mansell; David Goggin, Vancouver Dawn President; Sam Gunn, Salmon Creek President; Janet Bausch, La Center President; PDG Kathy Morrison, Hazel Dell Secretary; Doug Ballou, Salmon Creek Secretary; Shelley Staudinger, Battle Ground Secretary; Martha Johnson, Fort Vancouver 1st Vice President; Mary Peck, Vancouver President; Allen Rhyasen, Fort Vancouver.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Moderator PCC J. D. Nellor welcomed everyone to the Zone Meeting. He called the roll. Clubs represented were Battle Ground, Hazel Dell, La Center, Ridgefield, Salmon Creek, Vancouver, Vancouver Dawn, and Fort Vancouver. North Clark President David Lund notified Zoom sender PZC Ryan to say that he would be out of the country.

PCC J. D. Nellor introduced DG Debbie Mansell.

PCC J. D. Nellor reported on the redistricting status. The formal request to redistrict MD19 was submitted to LCI on time. At this time the biggest issue seems to be how to renumber the zones. The redistricting committees are working to smooth out the "bumps." There will be an election before the end of the year so the "District N" officers will be eligible to attend district governor and zone chair trainings.

DG Debbie Mansell explained that PDG Mark Mansell is now the District G merger chair because PDG Kathy Crawford had to step down due to health issues. He will meet with District C merger chair PDG Marilyn Danby next week to discuss progress.

### CLUB REPORTS

President Janet Bausch reported that in July La Center held officer installation and inducted new member Kat Rodgers into Lionism and they have another new member to induct. Their fireworks stand was successful. DG Debbie Mansell made her official visit. Some of their members helped at the Ilani event; she thanked Ridgefield for organizing it and including other clubs. They are ordering new chains for the "chain gang," club members who volunteers to help at high school football games. They will be honored for their service at the October 28 game. They help with "Wonderful Onesies." They applied to LCIF for a grant to upgrade the school lunch silverware. Their Leo Club is growing and developing more service projects. Allen Rhyasen asked "What are wonderful onesies?" Janet explained that they are one piece infant wear. When babies needed chemo, they had to be undressed so the "port" for the tubing was accessible. That meant they were cold because the room where chemo is administered has to be cold. PZC Edie Bannon, La Center, redesigned a onesie with a flap that can be opened over the port so the baby can remain dressed while receiving chemo treatment.

President Don Stose reported that PDG Terry Sutfin and PZC Helen Sutfin had inducted new members at the Ridgefield installation. Ridgefield was very busy at the Clark County Fair. They participated in the Ridgefield sausage fest and the Ilani wine fest. They will volunteer at the Ilani Octoberfest. They have been helping two Ukrainian families with finances and with accessing services. They will be reaching out to other clubs to help with the Ilani Octoberfest October 8 and 9.

Hazel Dell President reported that the club is gradually transitioning out of COVID and back into activities. They sponsored the first motorcycle run for sight since June, 2019. The fireworks sales were successful. They spent a weekend cleaning out the semi trailers that had been used for storage for many years and hauled lots of stuff to Goodwill and lots of stuff to the dump. They have held two in person meetings.

President David Goggin reported that Vancouver Dawn is assimilating new members. The new members are younger people and want to redo the club Facebook and web site. They are partners with the Downtown Vancouver Association and help with landscaping. They are well into planning for the Crystal Plum Bazaar to be held at Alki Middle School November 12. They now meet at Paul's Restaurant on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30am.

Salmon Creek President Sam Gunn said that they will be helping set up for the Crystal Plum Bazaar. They had a great 40th Anniversary evening with lots of guests, video presentations, and awards. They applied for a grant from the Price Foundation to purchase a new vision screening camera. They will hold a shred event October 15, proceeds earmarked for Evergreen Habitat for Humanity. They are not screening in Vancouver School District. They teach the school nurses to use the cameras and then lend the cameras to them. They do screen at schools in the Gorge and have had help from other clubs. To sign up to help, go to the Salmon Creek Lions web site and open the calendar. They cleaned 119th Street and will clean the Salmon Creek Trail.

Mary Peck, Vancouver President reported that they did road cleanup on Hazel Dell Avenue. They had meetings at member homes during the summer. They will now be meeting in the West Park Community Room at 610 Esther Street. They are planning a Harvest (Halloween) Party. They are considering whether to re-activate the Hawaiian raffle that was a major source of income for them pre-Covid. She asked what

to do about notifying others when a glasses drop site stops accepting glasses.

PCC J. D. said we need to let everyone know which sites are no longer accepting glasses. The names of those businesses need to be taken off the posted lists.

Martha Johnson, Fort Vancouver 1st Vice President reported that the berries had new packaging. There were some complaints about the fresh berries and they are looking for a different provider for next year. They volunteered at the Washington Elementary Back-to-School Night and handed out t-shirts and popsicles. They are meeting at La Fiesta Bonita on the first and third Fridays at noon. They are preparing for the Washington Elementary School Santa Store.

Secretary Shelley Staudinger, Battle Ground, reported that they had a successful Duck Pond work party. The water is low so they found lots of trash to pick up. They are participating in Give More 24 with the proceeds to go to the North County Food Bank. They are expanding their efforts in the schools.

PZC Helen Sutfin asked if G-2 Lions would be interested in training for emergency preparedness. Club representatives present indicated an interest. Helen will talk to CRESA which now does the training for the Red Cross Emergency Group. The training is probably eight hours and needs to be repeated annually. For example, trainees learn to handle and set up equipment and take registration. We need a Zone Chair.

DG Debbie and PDG Mark just returned from the USA/Canada Forum. Multiple District 19's annual convention is in Penticton October 13-15, 2022. She is working with ilani as a likely venue for her District G Conference May 12-13, 2023.

The next Zone Council meeting is October 18. Salmon Creek President Sam Gunn will be the moderator. In closing PCC J.D. Nellor commented that it is great to be doing things and trying new things; and don't be afraid to re-invent things.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Pro tem, Kathy Morrison



## Waitsburg Lions Salmon Feed

Queen Lion Cheri Perry and her husband Dean visited the Waitsburg Lions in Waitsburg Washington for the 64th annual Salmon Feed. Lions were at work, serving salmon and lots of smiles as the community came together for the eagerly anticipated serving of the salmon! Dean grew up in Waitsburg and said the Lions have always been part of the annual Salmon Feed. They also do a Rib feed a bit later in the year. FOOD for thought Fort Vancouver, and FOOD for the tummy! It really is FUN to connect with other Lions.

Lion Cheri Perry





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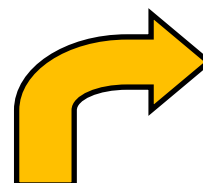
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