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January 2023 ISSUE

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Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill  
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schedule in the calendar!

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**JANUARY SPEAKERS  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
JOHN LYONS**

**January 6  
Members sharing their  
thoughts on the past  
"Lions Year" and their  
ideas and hopes for the  
2023 year ahead.**

**January 20  
Renee Rhyasen,  
Just Serve**

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**Queen Lion Cheri**



**THE POWER OF VISION**

A New Year is the perfect time to examine your personal and professional goals/plans.

As Lions- we have included SERVING & giving back in our plans. Each year we find a variety of ways to serve our community and the people in our lives - certainly a wonderful way to use the valuable time God has given us.

This year, as we all make the plans that will carry us through, I wanted to share the 5 Virtues of Vision

Virtues of Vision:

1- Clarity- when we know where we are going and our friends and families know and can see their role - it easily leads to virtue 2

2- Energy- it is exciting to know where we are going/growing! If we see the vision and it not only includes us but resonates - we find it much easier to handle virtue 3

3- Purity - without a strong vision it is easy to get sidetracked and derailed. By keeping our eyes on the vision and keeping that excitement level high, we reduce the risks of falling into the pitfalls of everyday life. We stay pure and focused with a great vision and energy which naturally leads to virtue 4.

4- Unity- when the entire team is clear on the vision, they have energy wrapped around it and the keep their minds and hearts pure or focused on the task - they enter into unity as a team. Everyone is rowing and going in the same direction which leads directly to virtue #5

5- Victory- when we operate within the VIRTUES of VISION- we find that wonderful place called victory!!

Does your Vision for 2023 include your service within our Lions organiza-



tion? The international vision for Lions is clear.

The energy that happens when we are together working on a project is OFF THE CHARTS.

When we are engaged with our club, we are more connected and do not tend to get distracted by negative or impure thoughts - which lead to disconnection (not good at our ages!). With engaged club members our club strengthens its unity and we end up finding success! Now THATS a vision for 2023!

Let's make 2023 a magnificent year where our VISION produces energy, purity, unity and finally VICTORY!!

**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  
 Past President: Gay Enyeart

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 1-year Michele Druschel  
 2-year John Lyons  
 2-year (Vacant)

**Ceremonial Officers:**

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 Lion Tamer: (Vacant)

**Social Media:**

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 District 19G [www.19glions.weebly.com](http://www.19glions.weebly.com)  
 LCI MD-19 [www.lionsmd19.com](http://www.lionsmd19.com)  
 LCI [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Each year we volunteer as a club to support the Salvation Army. Each year we put on the apron, fill the pockets with candy canes, play some Christmas music and ring the bell. As the years pass- I find myself becoming more and more observant. This year I noticed how much of a HURRY we are in overall - rushing to the store to quickly grab some stuff and then rapidly returning to our vehicles. In so much of a hurry in fact, that we often miss eyeballs and smile sharing opportunities. I noticed several people attempting to steal items from the store - were they short on cash? Trying to provide for their family? Stuck in a poor cycle of choices? I noticed the carefree smiles of children - shiny boots, colorful clothes and so much energy! I noticed the tired, worn out and weary. I noticed the gentle pause that some people shared - recalling a time or a person impacted by the bell ringing Salvation Army. I noticed the hurt, the angry, the disconnected and the hopelessness. As I rang the bell and sang those beautiful Christmas songs, I found myself really wanting to 'catch' the best in people and 'give' the positive energy some were so obviously I need of.

You can see and experience every side of human nature when you ring the bell. Spending time in service to others helps us push our own life's PAUSE button and see all the things we have to be grateful for. It also helps us to see and hopefully fill the needs of our fellow human beings! We Serve Lions and often times when we do- we get served as well.

Next year come and volunteer to support the Salvation Army and our club. Put on the apron, fill the pockets with candy canes, play some Christmas music and ring the bell with me. Let's look together and find the many ways we can spread joy by serving our fellow human beings.

Lion Cheri Perry



## Santa Store 2022

This year was the first time in several years that we were able to have the Santa Store back in the Washington Elementary School. Yah!

Wednesday afternoon our wonderful volunteers showed up.

Helen and Terry Sutfin, Craig and Dotty, Martha Johnson, Michele Druschel, John Lyons, and Nancy Brown all stayed until we had all the boxes out and arranged in order on the tables. Clark Hegewald and crew from iTech, assisted by Adam Hegewald made sure everything was brought from the closet, tables assembled properly, Christmas tree up, and Santa's bench were all in order ready to open the store on Thursday.

Thursday morning, everyone was smiling. This was the day we've all waited for. SANTA STORE. "I can shop for my brothers and sisters, for free".

First class arrived at 8:40 a.m. right on time and from then until the end of the day, Santa's elves helped all the students at Washington Elementary shop for those that live in their house. Later that day, they would wrap those gifts and take them home with a photo of Santa made possible by Boys and Girls Club advisors.

Thanks to the following elves for such a great and fun day!  
Steve Seymour (Santa), Gail Seymour – his special helper, Helen & Terry Sutfin, John Lyons, Michele Druschel, Nancy Brown, Shelly Brown, Al & Renee Rhyasen, Jerry Jacobus, Dixie Hotaling, Jennifer Denny, and Catrina Galicz. A special thank you to the Key Club from iTech for lending a hand. They were naturals! Clark Hegewald, Kaitlin Medina, Megan Connelly, Mylia Pax, and Jessica Blackburn.

A thanks must go to a special person at Washington for always making sure that everything runs smoothly, handles a wonderful luncheon for us and always makes us feel welcome....Elizabeth Owens.

Thank you Ft. Vancouver Lions for all your service this past season. You've given a lot to some wonderful little citizens in Vancouver and possibly future Lions.

Martha Johnson



## Christmas Dinner

On Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, the Ft. Vancouver Lions celebrated their annual Christmas Social at Club Green Meadows. The turnout was great as was the food. We were served salmon, prime rib with sides and dessert.

David Rich performed the MC duties, bringing class and humor. Martha Johnson was our liaison with Club Green Meadows and did a wonderful job coordinating the setup and making the center pieces. Assisting her were John Lyon, Michelle Drushel and Nancy Brown. She also was responsible for the 18 donated and wrapped prizes won by attendees in a raffle. Queen Lion Cheri contacted the quartet who provided music enjoyed by all, also leading the Lions in Christmas Carols. Bill and Wanda Slevin handled the finances for the evening. Jerry Jacobus brought John Caldwell. John Lyon brought Ken Serviss. The 3 gift baskets created and donated by Eva Halter for the Silent Auction raised \$275.

A big thank you for all who made this wonderful evening so memorable. Thank you to all who came to enjoy the evening with us!

Lion Allen Rhyasen



## Christmas Gifts for Foster Children

Congratulations Fort Vancouver Lions!

This year we helped 73 children in foster care have a cheerier Christmas by providing gifts from their wish list. We partnered with other community members (Friends of Ft. Vancouver Lions, the Salmon Creek Rotary Club and Boy Scout Troop 393) to make Christmas wishes come true. One foster family has Three 3 year old boys in their care. Gay & Steve Eneyart and their sons provided for a Schwinn Tricycle for each little boy and they assembled them as well, plus providing funds for gifts for a fourth child.

Jennifer and Ed Denny provided gifts for 10 children on our list. Thank you for your generosity. Over the last 3 years Jennifer and Ed have supplied over 50 children in foster care with Wonderful Christmas gifts.

Shelly and Larry Brown gave 5 children in foster care a brighter Christmas and let them know the community cares about them.

Bill & Bernadette Shalaby, Georgi and Dave Jackson, Martha Johnson, Allen & Renee Rhyasen, David and Penny Rich, Michele Druschel, DeDe Miller, and Eva Halter each provided gifts for the children on our list.

The gifts were delivered to the Halter home, labeled, and taken to Hillcrest Church where a delightful party was held for the foster families, complete with dinner and Santa.

It is fitting that Fort Vancouver Lions who are committed "to Serve" provide Christmas Cheer for our most vulnerable population, children in foster care.

Lion Eva Halter



## Gordon F Smith Fellowships

Each year Lions Clubs are able to award a Gordon F. Smith CARE Fellowship for every \$500 donated to CARE through MD19 during a Lions year.

Through CARE, MD19 Lions have helped build clean water systems, improve maternal health for women and children, stop the sexual exploitation of children and fill many other philanthropic needs throughout the world.

Fellowships can be awarded to any individual the donors want to honor. Fellowship recipients receive a beautiful pin and a certificate.

The Fort Vancouver Lions Club have two Lions who want to be anonymous, have together donated \$500 this year to CARE, and unanimously decided to bestow this honor on one of our hard-working club members. That caring Lion is SHELLY BROWN.

Congratulations Shelly.

Lion David Rich



Please email newsletter articles for the **February** newsletter to: **Shelly Brown** at **Lsbrown65@comcast.net** by **Tuesday, January 25!** Thanks!!!

**Membership Meeting Schedule**

Date	Time	Location	Notes
<b>John Lyons, Program Chair</b>			
Friday, January 6	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
<b>Friday, January 6</b>	1:00 P.M.	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	<b>1:00 PM Board Meeting</b>
Friday, January 20	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
Friday, January 27	TBD	Fourth Friday TBD	
<b>Cheri Perry, Program Chair</b>			
Friday, February 3	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
<b>Friday, February 3</b>	1:00 P.M.	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	<b>1:00 PM Board Meeting</b>
Friday, February 17	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
Friday, February 24	TBD	Fourth Friday TBD	
<b>TBD, Program Chair</b>			
Friday, March 3	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
<b>Friday, March 3</b>	1:00 P.M.	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	<b>1:00 PM Board Meeting</b>
Friday, March 17	12:00 Noon	Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill	
Friday, March 24	TBD	Fourth Friday TBD	

**3-Month Activity Calendar**



Date	Activity	Comments
<b>January</b>		
Tuesday, January 3	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, January 3	Hearing Committee Meeting	
Tuesday, January 17	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, January 18	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
<b>February</b>		
Tuesday, February 7	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, February 7	Hearing Committee Meeting	
Wednesday, February 15	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
Tuesday, February 21	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
<b>March</b>		
Tuesday, March 7	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, March 7	Hearing Committee Meeting	
Wednesday, March 15	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
Tuesday, March 21	President's Council Meeting	Zoom



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club & Foundation Board Meeting  
Friday, November 4, 2022 1:00 p.m.  
Fiesta Bonita Mexican Grill and Zoom**

Lion Martha called the meeting to order at 1:12.

**Board Members Present:** Lions Martha Johnson, Mike Cavanaugh, John Lyons, Allen Rhyasen, Michele Druschel, and Shelly Brown.

**Standard Reports to the Board:**

**Secretary's Report:** Lion John made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2022 Board meeting as presented. Lion Michele seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Rick sent the financial report to the Board members. A discussion of the members with outstanding dues and which Board members will contact the members who need to pay their dues for this year. There were no other questions about the financial reports at this time. The Treasurer's report will stand upon further observation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Game Night:** There was not a Game Night in October. There was not an interest to have this happen.

**WA Elementary Activities:** Lion Martha reported the Art Night at Washington Elementary went well. They served lots of pizza and poured lots of lemonade. The next event there will be the Santa Store.

**Santa Store:** The Santa Store will be Dec. 14-15. The sign-up sheets were sent around at the meeting today. Lion Allen will be contacting people to help with this project. Lion Martha will prepare an email to send out to the club asking for more signups. Lion John is taking care of the tablecloths. The committee will work out the rest of the details.

**Salvation Army:** Lion Cheri is heading up this project. The sign-up sheets were sent around at the meeting today. She will contact members to finish filling the empty slots. She will need to get candy canes to hand out to people while Bell Ringing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Location Committee:** We do not have a new location committee. A discussion of why people are not attending occurred. Lion Martha will email people who have not attended.

**Amazon Smile Club Sign Up Initiative:** Lion Cheri would like to have a group meet to call and help members sign-up for donating to the Fort Vancouver Club through Amazon Smile. We can also coordinate with family members to have them sign up.

**December Christmas Meeting:** Lion Martha shared that she has been in contact with a person at Club Green Meadows. The date for this is Friday, December 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. There is still a question if they will have enough staff to serve. Lion Helen will check with Cascadia Tech to see if that will be an option for plan B.

**Adopting Foster Kids for Christmas:** Lion Eva will be sending a spreadsheet for emailing to the club members.

**FVLC Sunshine Committee:** Lion Martha says that the Sunshine Committee is up and running. There will be a special surprise for members at next week's meeting.

**Need for a Roster:** Lion Helen requested that we get an updated roster put together.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Next meeting will be December 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelly Brown

**We Serve**



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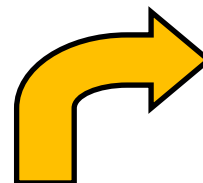
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM (Zoom)	4	5	6 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1:00 PM	7
8	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Gay Enyeart	13	14
15	16	17 President's Council 6:30 PM Happy Birthday Marsel Tingey	18 Share House	19	20 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM	21
22	23	24	25 Newsletter items due!!	26	27 Fourth Friday Games	28
29	30	31				



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scheduled meeting:



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