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**AUGUST SPEAKERS  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
PHYLLIS ROBERTSON**

**August 4**

Terry Robertson,  
The Future of our Ft Van-  
couver Lions Club-Open  
discussion

**August 18**

Rick Giles,  
Clark County Hearing  
Committee

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**King Lion Terry**



Good summer month of August to you all. I hope you are having a fantastic summer with your friends and family! Our first month of the Lion's year has been an outstanding one with the finish of our largest fundraiser of the year, Frozen Berry Sales, and again the largest fundraiser for Fort Vancouver Lion's Club. 100% of the moneys raised will go back to our community in the form of help and service to the needy. And while I'm talking about fundraisers, I think that Lion Allen had a surprise for us all when he announces the next Shredding Event. Please keep a lookout for information about the next shredding event.

We had our first Board Meeting of the year yesterday. The meeting was long, but we accomplished so much and I believe the entire board came away with enthusiasm and anxious in wanting to get so many things accomplished this year.

We approved a new service project that Eva and Jennifer proposed: to purchase the recommended school supplies for families of foster children who are in extreme need. This is a project in which we are asking all Lions to purchase needed supplies for

Kindergarten through HS students. Bring them to our next meeting on August 4. Michele Druschel will then take all of the supplies to Eva so that the Community & Family Services Foundation and Hillcrest can put together school kits for the children. I am hoping we get so many supplies that I also have to load my SUV to help haul them to Eva. PLEASE HELP, THE CHILDREN NEED US!!

Last month's LION'S UPROAR, I mentioned we needed 2 more program chairpersons for our meetings and what happened? Again, YOU stepped up and now we have 4 program chairpersons! Thank you, LIONS MEMBERS! LIONS, THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP WHEN THE NEED IS HERE! YOU are the reason that we are the largest service organization in the world helping others in need!! May our wonderful and fulfilling GOD bless you all!

**Yours in Lionism,  
King Lion  
Terry Robertson**



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club**

**Officers 2023-2024**

President: Terry Robertson  
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 2<sup>ND</sup> VP Service: Terry Sutfin  
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 LCI MD-19 [www.lionsmd19.org](http://www.lionsmd19.org)

**Lions  Back to School Night at WSSB**

Lion Mike Cavanaugh is planning a Back to School night at WSSB on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

Sign up to help by contacting Lion Mike to help with the planning and the service project.

Lion Mike  
 206-713-9175,  
[armd17thcav.wa@yahoo.com](mailto:armd17thcav.wa@yahoo.com)



**School Supply Drive for Foster Kids**

At the Board meeting yesterday, Lion Eva Halter requested the help of club members with a School Supply Drive for Foster Kids. Hillcrest Church is having a picnic for foster families August 17th. They are asking for help with getting school supplies for the children in foster care.

The supplies needed are

- o **crayons**
- o **scissors**
- o **pencil boxes**
- o **pencils**
- o **notebook paper**
- o **3 ring binders (2 inch)**
- o **composition books**
- o **compass**
- o **ruler**
- o **colored pencils**
- Backpacks for High School age students**



The school supplies should be collected by August 10th. Please bring the school supplies to the **August 4<sup>th</sup>** regular club meeting. Lion Michele Druschel will collect them and take them to Eva's house.

Thanks for your help serving this **BIG** need in our community!

Thank you for responding so fast!  
 King Lion Terry

## Fort Vancouver Lions Fruit Sale

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023, 17 Lions & friends delivered fruit to our customers in Clark County.

Fruit Sales were started 33 years ago by Lion Tom Gay.

We 1<sup>st</sup> started out with fresh strawberries & 17 years ago we added Frozen Fruit.

Tom had the idea, that we presell the fruit & have 1 day for delivery at 6 locations in Clark County. That continues now, as about 2 months before the sale these locations are contacted to advise them of our date for delivery. (asking permission to continue as well)

A reminder follow up call is made the week prior to the call.

Lee Denny (a previous Fort Vancouver Lion) a number of years ago developed a flow chart showing action items-- that starts about **90 days prior** to the sale. This flow chart has been slightly adjusted but really helps us keep on task.

Our fruit supplier is contacted to confirm prices for the current year and supply availability of fruit. (Bill Shalaby & Allen Rhyasen)

**60 days prior** the fruit committee meets to review date of sale, sales price, 7 promotion pieces. (Kari Frabel is our promotion guru)

We currently promote our sale by using "mail chimp" to send out emails to about 800 previous customers, going back a few years. We send out about 4 or 5 email blasts for each sale.

Wanda Slevin has been our record keeper of our sales for about the last 10 years. (She spends about 50 hours each year recording current sales and handling all associated record keeping duties.

Sale Begins

About **40 days prior**, promotion of berry sales begins, Dotty Scott will set up our Web Page along with TMC setting up payments so our customers can order on line. (This year 83% of sales were on line)

Our 1<sup>st</sup> email blast is sent and club members are notified of the sale and encouraged to promote through Facebook, Next Door app, and sending emails to family and friends.

A sign up list for drivers and workers is completed, along with instructions for the day of delivery.

**2 weeks prior** to the end of sale, a phone committee (about 10 Lions) place calls to about 200 past customers who have most recently bought from us. A script is developed to help with the calls. (Wanda & Bill create this customer list)

**The week of the sale** a preliminary order is given to Columbia Fruit, after Wednesday of that week sales stop and web site is taken down.

On Thursday, Wanda gives final sales #'s that are communicated to Columbia Fruit, & creates location sales sheets that is reviewed by Bill with Kari (TMC) confirming all orders that have been ordered.

On Saturday, (day of the pick-up) 6 drivers arrive at Columbia Fruit in Woodland at 8:30am to load their vehicles, (dry ice & blankets are supplied), fruit signs are handed out, along with their customer lists.

Off they go to meet their fellow Lions volunteers at 9:30am to set up their site for Sales to begin at 10am or before.

There have been some changes over the years.

Prior to COVID we had a fresh strawberry sale in June which really appealed to jam makers as berries were cleaned & sliced & ready to go.

Columbia Fruit now only sells frozen berries.

One change that will be made next year will be added Frozen Strawberries in a bag (2½ lbs.) with no sugar added, just as the other frozen fruit is sold in bags.

This year our total sales and donations were \$7065.

Expenses approximately \$4490

Net profit to club \$2575

Total man hours worked on this project were 140!

We had 7 new customers this year and the only way we can sell more is with new customers so member participation in promotion is critical to the success of this project.

**If you would like to work on the planning of fund raisers please contact Allen or Bill. We'd love to have you & your ideas!!**

Thanks again for your support and we're looking forward to next year's sale.

Ps: Be sure to read the customer story from Helen Sutfin on the next page of this newsletter. There are also pictures from the various pick-up locations.



## An Amazing Berry Customer

On July 22, 2023 we learned of the great lengths a customer of Ft. Vancouver Lions Club's annual berry sales went to in order to get their orders.

The pick-up site at the Umpqua Bank on Hwy. 99 in Hazel Dell was the spot for Lions Diane Cavanaugh, Terry and Helen Sutfin. Sales supporters were on time and eager to get the berries into freezers, jams or desserts.

As Lions Diane and Helen were 'shading' from the heat, a C-tran bus stopped down the street. Off the bus came a woman in an electric wheelchair. After the bus departed, the woman continued north and gradually came down the driveway to our berry station.

After pleasantries, she reported that she was there to collect her berries!

Lion Diane and I looked at each other in amazement while the woman began to pull several plastic bags from her tote.

When asked as to how she was going to get them home, she replied that she had several bags that she would put the berries into and then she would hang them for the back and handles of her chair and then was going to take a return C-tran bus!

One can only imagine, our awe and astonishment! The berries consisted of 6 pkgs., each weighing 2.5 lbs. How would she manage the additional 15 lbs? Would the frozen berries thaw before arriving home? Obviously, our cars were not equipped for an electric wheelchair, so taking her home was not an option.

Turned out that she lived on Main Street. South of the berry pick-up location! YEAH! We would deliver her order.

The customer was, of course, thrilled for the service and we were more than glad to Serve.

She thanked us for the help, turned her chair around and slowly made her way up to the sidewalk, where she rode south for a bit, crossed Hwy. 99 and headed a short distance to a bus stop. Way to go!!!!

When I delivered the berries, I found her in the sitting room of her residence, eagerly awaiting fresh berries for her afternoon snack!

"WE SERVE" COMES IN MANY SHAPES!!  
PDZ Helen Sutfin





## FVLC Installation Banquet

On Tuesday, July 18, about 30 Fort Vancouver Lions gathered to celebrate our previous year's achievements and to look toward the next year with great anticipation! Featuring a delightful potluck dinner, with chicken as the main entrée provided by the club, members were able to enjoy time to eat and visit. A cake was served as dessert, delighting all!

Lion David Rich was the emcee for the evening. He started by reading an end of her Presidency message submitted by Queen Lion Cheri. The next part of the evening was led by Lion Sandy Conroy. She gave our transfer member, Michele Jensen her new Lions name tag, welcoming her to our club. Her next task was to induct the two new members into our club, Kari and Jeff Frabel.

The new 2023-2024 Board Members were installed by PDG Mike Parker. Our new King Lion Terry closed out the evening with an inspiring message to start off our new year!



## Eyeglass Recycling

Lion Nancy Brown is a part of a group of eyeglass recyclers in our club. It recently came to her attention that there may be more than 1 Lion picking up eyeglasses at some of the locations. She would like to coordinate the collecting of these glasses and report the hours for recording in our LCI website.

Please contact Lion Nancy Brown at: [nancylbrownwaf66@gmail.com](mailto:nancylbrownwaf66@gmail.com) or at 360-980-8755 to let her know about the places and hours you give to pick up eyeglasses.

Thank you for your service!!



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club & Foundation Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Cameo Café**

Queen Lion Cheri called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Queen Lion Cheri, Michele Druschel, Gay Enyeart, Rick Giles, Mike Cavanaugh, John Lyons, Allen Rhyasen and Shelly Brown. Phyllis and Terry Robertson, Sandy Conroy, Diane Cavanaugh, Helen and Terry Sutfin, and Bill Shalaby were also present.

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

**Standard Reports to the Board:**

**Secretary's Report:** Lion Rick made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2023 Board Meeting as presented. Lion John seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Rick reported that we are in good shape financially. We have \$12,000 in the Foundation account. Lion Rick would like to keep \$5,000 in the Foundation account and fund some of the charities we support with the remainder. Below are the final amounts contributed.

	Proposed	Meeting revisions	Actuals
Camp Leo	150.00	50.00	200.00
CC Hearing	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
CC Sight	1,250.00	250.00	1,500.00
Friends of the Carpenter	150.00	50.00	200.00
Gales Creek	150.00	50.00	200.00
Guide Dogs for the Blind	150.00	-	150.00
Leader Dogs	150.00	-	150.00
Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center	250.00	-	250.00
Lions Club International Foundation	1,500.00	(500.00)	1,000.00
MD19 Care	400.00	(250.00)	150.00
NW Association for Blind Athletes	150.00	100.00	250.00
Pacific Foundation for Blind Children	150.00	-	150.00
Salvation Army	500.00	-	500.00
Seafarers Center	50.00	50.00	100.00
White Canes (NWLF)	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Oral Hull (partial Scholarship for Bob Cavanaugh)	-	350.00	350.00
Totals	7,500.00	150.00	7,650.00

Lion Rick has a list of members who have already paid their dues, as well as members who have not paid their dues. He will be resending the invoices to those who have not paid their dues yet. He recommends that we meet again in late June to decide about members who haven't paid their dues for the next Lion year. He will send the lists he has to the Board members.

Lion Mike made a motion that we have the following signers on our account at the bank: Terry Robertson, Terry Sutfin, Diane Cavanaugh and Rick Giles. Lion John seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**New Officers:** Lion Cheri has removed her name from the President's office for next year.

**President:** Terry Robertson

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Mike Cavanaugh

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Terry Sutfin

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** open position

**Secretary:** Shelly Brown

**Treasurer:** Diane Cavanaugh/Phyllis Robertson assistant

**Membership Chair:** David Rich

**Foundation Rep:** Gay Enyeart

#### **Directors:**

Michele Druschel (1 year)

John Lyons (1 year)

Sandy Conroy (2 year)

Rick Giles (2 year)

**Lion Tamer:** Kari Frabel

**Tail Twister:** Allen Rhyasen

**Past President:** Cheri Perry

**End of Year Budget Items:** Lion Rick supplied the Board with a list of the charities and the amounts that he recommends based on historical perspective. Our two greatest donations have been to Clark County Sight and Hearing Committees. After discussion, Lion John made a motion to accept the list of contributions as it was discussed.

**Officer Installation/New Member Induction:** Lions Helen, Gay, and John will work together to find a place to hold the Installation Dinner and New Member Induction. It was recommended that this be held the last week of June.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Service Project Update:** Lion Mike had a conversation with Adrienne at the School for the Blind. She would love to see our club be more of a participant as volunteers. Mike will be planning a volunteer opportunity for August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraiser Opportunities:** Lion Allen discussed fundraisers for next year. There will be one berry sale next year. There will be a shred event in October and another in April 2024. We are also raising money by working at the Ilani event next weekend. Lion John made a motion that the club reimburse members who get their MAST training in order to serve alcohol at these events. Lion Diane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Knights of the Blind Service Project:** Lion Diane presented about a Knights of the Blind activity that involves a book, called "Grandpa's White Cane". The book would be presented to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade elementary classes in the Vancouver School District along with one to the principal for having in the school library. She made a request for \$260 for getting this project started and ready to implement in the fall. This project idea was tabled for now, to be discussed by the new Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Next meeting will be July 28, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m. at the Orchards Golden Corral

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelly Brown

## **Washington Elementary Back to School Night**

On Tuesday, August 29, we will be providing students at Washington Elementary School with a fun treat as they meet their new teachers and get ready for a new and exciting school year!

Contact Lion John Lyons to volunteer! 360-696-9108 or lyonsdin@aol.com

# We've Moved

Starting in **August**  
Our club meetings will be held at:

**Golden Corral**  
**11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.**  
**Vancouver, WA 98682**

- Meetings start at noon, but Lions should try to arrive around 11:30 a.m. to get their food and drink from the buffet and go to the banquet room to eat and be ready for the meeting.

• **Meeting Dates:**

August 4 and 18

September 8 and 22



Please email newsletter  
articles for the **September** newsletter to:  
Shelly Brown at  
[Lsbrown65@comcast.net](mailto:Lsbrown65@comcast.net) by  
**Friday, August 25!** Thanks!!!



**Membership Meeting Schedule**

Date	Time	Location	Notes
<b>Phyliss Robertson, Program Chair</b>			
Friday, August 4	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
<b>Friday, August 4</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Friday, August 18	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
<b>Helen Sutfin, Program Chair</b>			
Friday, September 8	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
<b>Friday, September 8</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Friday, September 22	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
<b>John Lyons, Program Chair</b>			
Friday, October 6	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
<b>Friday, October 6</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Friday, October 20	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	



**3-Month Activity**

Date	Activity	Comments
<b>August</b>		
Tuesday, August 1	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, August 1	Hearing Committee Meeting	Bennie's Bottle Shop
Tuesday, August 15	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, August 16	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
Tuesday, August 29	Lions Night at WSSB	Mike Cavanaugh, Chair
Tuesday, August 29	Back to School @ Washington Elementary	John Lyons, Chair
<b>September</b>		
Tuesday, September 5	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, September 5	Hearing Committee Meeting	Bennie's Bottle Shop
Tuesday, September 19	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, September 20	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
<b>October</b>		
Tuesday, October 3	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, October 3	Hearing Committee Meeting	Bennie's Bottle Shop
Tuesday, October 17	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, October 18	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair



**We Serve**



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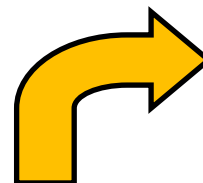
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM (Zoom)	2	3	4 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1:00 PM	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday David Rich
13	14	15 President's Council 6:30 PM	16 Share House	17	18 Lions Zoom Meeting 12 PM	19
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27	28	29	30			



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