



Fort Vancouver Lions Club
Vancouver, WA., U.S.A.

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November 2023 ISSUE

Join Us at

Goden Corral Buffet
11801NE Fourth Plain Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98682

Check our meeting
schedule in the calendar!

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**NOVEMBER SPEAKERS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
SANDY CONROY**

November 3

Edie Brannon
LaCenter Lions Club
Wonderful Onesies

November 17

DG Lisa Ikeda
Induction of new
members

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King Lion Terry



November is here and it's exciting to start a new month of service and help our community. We've just finished our fall shredding and E-device collection this past Saturday for the Vancouver area and what a fabulous event with so many of our Lions turning out to help on this fundraiser for the Club. We did show the people of our community that "Lions do Serve". Thank you, Lion Allen Rhyasen for chairing this fundraiser and making it a great success!

We are looking forward to our CHRISTMAS GATHERING, DINNER AND AUCTION. December 6th at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Mill Plain Blvd. Social time 5:30 to 6, dinner 6 to 7. The winners of the Silent Auction will be announced at 7, AND THEN, a live auction for an International Dinner for 12 persons, donated and cooked by Lions Gay Enyeart and Rick Giles. I'm hoping to get 2 seats for this outstanding event. Keep a look out for announcements in your e-mails for Silent Auction items.

Santa is coming to Washington Elementary on December 14th for the Santa Store where all the children at the school will be able to shop for a gift for their Mother, Father and siblings. We need all the Lions help we can get to be Santa's Elves to guide the children through the store

to help them pick the gifts for their family and of course, a gift for themselves. Lions Gay Enyeart and Michele Druschel are the co-chairs for the service project to serve this school which is one of the Vancouver School District's Schools at Risk! SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

We are also helping Santa by ringing bells for the Salvation Army, Saturday December 16th at the Orchards Fred Meyer. Lion's Allen Rhyasen and David Rich are co-chairing this project.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITATION
NOVEMBER 17**

District Governor Lisa Ikeda is visiting Fort Vancouver Lions Club November 17 to be our program and install our 2 newest Lions. Let's give her a large welcome. Please come and hear her tell us what is happening throughout our world of Lions International.

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



Fort Vancouver Lions Club

Officers 2023-2024

President: Terry Robertson
 1ST VP - Fundraising: Mike Cavanaugh
 2ND VP Service: Terry Sutfin
 Secretary: Shelly Brown
 Treasurer: Diane Cavanaugh/Phyllis Robertson
 Membership Chair: David Rich
 LCIF Chair: David Rich
 Foundation Rep. Gay Enyeart
 Past President: Cheri Perry

Directors:

1-year Michele Druschel
 1-year John Lyons
 2-year Sandy Conroy
 2-year Rick Giles

Ceremonial Officers:

Tail Twister: Allen Rhyasen
 Lion Tamer: Kari Frabel

Social Media:

Fort Vancouver Lions www.fortvancouverlions.org
 Our Facebook Members Group Fort Vancouver Lion Members
 Our Facebook Public Page Fort Vancouver Lions
 District 19G www.l9glions.weebly.com
 LCI MD-19 www.lionsmd19.org
 LCI www.lionsclubs.org

Fort Vancouver Lions Partner with FISH

The Fort Vancouver Lions Club held a very successful Paper Shredding and E-recycle event on a brisk but beautiful day at the Mill Plain United Methodist Church in October. The club partnered with FISH (Friends In Service to Humanity) to provide a way for individuals and/or businesses to shred important documents that were no longer needed and helped free up valuable space in their homes, business, or storage space. In conjunction with the paper shredding the club, working with DataSafe, also recycled electronic items such as computers, tablets, phones, laptops and printers to keep them out of the landfills. Through this event the club was able to raise over \$1,200 which will be used for the many local service projects to help those in need in our immediate area. FISH was also presented with several hundred pairs of new reading glasses that can be handed out to their ever growing customers who need vision assistance. Just because you are poor doesn't mean you don't have the right to see. The club meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at the Golden Corral Buffet & Grill on Fourth Plain Blvd. Lion David Rich



Paper Shredding, E-Cycling and Food Collecting Event

On Saturday October 21st, 23 Fort Vancouver Lions and friends met at the Mill Plain Methodist Church to work a Shredding, E-Cycling and Food Collecting for FISH Event.

We started by 10 am and closed it up by 1 pm.

Results were over 3000 lbs of paper, almost 400 lbs of food for FISH, & 4 barrels of electronics were collected from 76 cars! (We need more customers.)

We had 3 friends of Lions—James & Renee Rhyasen & John Phillips working the event with us.

A big thank you to our Corporate sponsors who more than covered the costs of holding this event.

Corporate Sponsors were: **Kings Cross, TMC, Premium Websites, Hearing by Design, State Plate, Rich Family Trust, Phillips Woodworks, & Odom Home Mold Remediation.**

Most of these sponsors are connected with our club, so if you can use their services please support them.

Here are the financials:

Money collected:

Fort Vancouver Lions	\$1246
FISH	\$85
Corporate Sponsors	\$800
Total revenue	\$2131

Cost of Truck from Data Safe-	\$760
Net Proceeds	\$1371

Fish received \$85 & Fort Vancouver Lions \$1286
110 Manhours worked on this project were approximately, \$ raised per volunteer hour \$11.69



What Worked well!

- 12 Lions promoted event on "next door app"
- Other members distributed flyers & emailed friends & family
- Over 800 emails mailed to Fruit Customers. (Thanks Kari)
- Working with Data Safe for both the paper Shred & E-Cycle
- Working With FISH volunteers
- Huge support from the club to work this event
- Dave Jackson collecting \$
- Ralph Harding counting \$
- Dave Rich brochure on "Why Lions?" handed out to every client
- Every one interacting with customers promoting Lions and asking for them to join!



Our next Shred-recycle / Food FISH drive is tentatively set for Sat, April 20th, 2024!

Thank you everyone for your hard work.

If you have better ideas for promotion please share them to me by text or email.

Yours in Lionism,
Allen Rhyasen





Proclamation

WHEREAS, since 1925, when asked to champion the blind by Helen Keller, Lions Clubs International has a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired. We remain committed to this mission into the next century; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International Global objective for VISION is, “prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired;” and

WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind community member of Vancouver, WA has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and

WHEREAS, every community member should be aware that the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

WHEREAS, Vancouver, WA law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind community members by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, Vancouver, WA, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of local Consumer Organizations of the Blind, including the American Council of the Blind, Washington Council of the Blind, and the National Federation of the Blind Washington can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2023, to be

“White Cane Awareness Day”

in the City of Vancouver and call upon our schools, colleges, and universities to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; upon employers and the public to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 9th day of October, 2023.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE MCENERY-OGLE, MAYOR

White Cane Awareness Day Proclamation

King Lion Terry Robertson, Lions Helen Sutfin, John Lyons, Phyllis Robertson and Diane Cavanaugh attended the Vancouver City Council meeting on October 9th to receive from Mayor Pro Tem Ty Stober a proclamation of October 15, 2023 as "White Cane Awareness Day".
See the Proclamation on the previous page.
Lion Diane Cavanaugh



Grandpa's White Cane Days

Lions Diane and Mike Cavanaugh, Gay Enyeart and President of the Clark County Council of the Blind Bob Cavanaugh attended a training from the MD19 Knights of the Blind (KotB) committee on September 24th, and then presented the book Grandpa's White Cane to the 3rd graders at Washington Elementary on Friday September 29th. Copies of the book had been provided to the teachers and read to the students prior to our arrival. Bob started the presentation with his story as a blind person. He also demonstrated several tools that he uses, including an app on his phone that identifies the denomination of paper money.

Then the about 30 kids were split into 3 groups. One group went outside with Bob and Lion Diane to learn the basics of using a white cane and then practice with one. A second group went with Lion Gay to discuss the Do's and Don'ts for interacting with people with white canes. The third group stayed in the classroom with Lion Mike, who is a Brailist, to learn a bit about the Braille alphabet and numbers used by the blind. This group got to decipher the message on the bottom of the Braille cards. After about 10 minutes, the groups were changed so that all the kids got to do everything. This first presentation of this project went very well. More books have been acquired and the hope is to schedule presentations to 2 to 4 other schools between now and Thanksgiving, and at least 2 schools per month January - May.

Upcoming dates are December 8th at Salmon Creek Elementary and January 10th and 12th at Truman Elementary.

Lion Diane Cavanaugh

Washington Elementary Santa Store

The Washington Elementary Santa Store shopping extravaganza will be held on December 14th, from 8:15 - 11:15 a.m. Santa (Mike Cavanaugh) will be there for a photo opportunity for every child who wants a picture taken.

We need volunteers to help with set-up on December 13th after school is out for the day, and again on the 14th to partner with the students and help them shop.

If you aren't already registered to volunteer with the school district, it can be done online. Washington residents can apply online by going to www.vansd.org and click Schools, then click Volunteer and follow the instructions. Oregon residents can also use the above steps, but the application must be presented in person. If you are unsure whether or not your volunteer status is still active you can contact Elizabeth Owen at 360-313-3074 or elizabeth.owen@vansd.org. She can look up your status in the system. Also, if you need help with the online application she has offered to assist in the process if you have Washington state ID and can come by the school. Per Elizabeth, the process takes about 10 minutes.


The school will serve the volunteers lunch from 11:15 - 12:15 and then we can pack up what's left and put it back in storage for next year.

Elizabeth will have forms sent home with the students so we have an idea of how many people we'll be supplying gifts for along with gender and ages.

If you have any new/unused items at home that you would like to donate to be used as a gift they'll be welcome. Especially for dads and teenage boys.

Lions Gay Enyeart and Michele Druschel





2023 Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Old Spaghetti Factory

5:30—7:30 PM

◆ White Elephant Gift Exchange

(\$10 maximum value)

◆ Oral and Silent Auction

All meals include salad, fresh baked
bread & ice cream.

Choices:

Managers Special w/Mizithra Cheese and Rich
Meat Sauces

Meat Lovers Treat

Chicken Marsala

Beverages items not included in price

Cost: \$30 per person

Sunshine Committee Chair Needed

If you have a heart to help make others feel better in their time of need, celebrated on their birthday, or just generally wanting to show that you care, we have a role for you! Please let John Lyons know of your desire to take on this role.

Lion Helen Sutfin offered to take on this role, but she has had a health setback. Please keep the Sutfin family in your thoughts and prayers.

Lion Ken Milligan has been falling and was moved into a care facility. He would still enjoy receiving cards. The address to send cards is:

Ken Milligan
c/o Pam Carter
470 Beaver Valley Road
Newport, WA 99156

Giving is what Fort Vancouver Lions Do

Christmas is the best time to give to the vulnerable population of foster children in our community. For the past three years Fort Vancouver Lions have provided Christmas gifts for over 60 children who don't get to be with their family of origin during the holidays.

This year we have a list of 66 children, ages 2 mos. to 18 years old. If you are willing to take a couple of names let Eva Halter know and let her know the gender and age of the children you want to provide a Merrier Christmas for. Gift suggestions will be provided. If you don't like shopping we have shoppers ready to assist us.

We are spending \$75 to \$100 per child on presents, and the gifts need to be unwrapped and in a large gift bag. The best bargains on toys and teen gift items is Ross. The super large gift bags are at the Dollar Tree.

The gifts must be delivered to Eva's house before December 1st. We have volunteers ready to pick up your gifts and/or money for gifts.

Thank you for your generosity
Lion Eva Halter



Zone Chair Needed

Our zone is looking for a zone chairman to finish the year. We have not had a zone chairman for the last two years. The candidate should have been either a club president or secretary. They don't have to have served the position in our club. Training is available and I will help any way I can. Please talk to PDG Sandy for more information.

Please email newsletter articles for the **December** newsletter to:
Shelly Brown at
Lsbrown65@comcast.net by
Saturday, November 25! Thanks!!!

Fort Vancouver Lions Club Bell Ringing

The Fort Vancouver Lions Club will once again be part of legacy of helping those less fortunate than ourselves by doing Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army on **Saturday, December 16th** at the Orchards Fred Meyer.

Have you ever considered joining us but aren't sure it is right for you? **Here are ten great reasons to bell ring this red kettle season:**

1. You'll Be Part of Changing Lives

Bell Ringing is a great way to give a priceless gift of help, hope, and comfort to 1000's of individuals and families who turn to The Salvation Army across The Great Lakes Division. The ringing of The Salvation Army bell is not just a sound of a bell...it's the sound of curing hunger, the sound of Christmas to a child in need, the sound of a safe place for our neighbors to sleep. It is the sound of help, hope, and comfort to our neighbors when they need it most during the holidays and beyond.

2. Doing Good in Your Community

Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar collected in your community stays local and supports local Salvation Army programs. By helping raise funds through a Red Kettle, you're a neighbor helping your neighbors.

3. Impacting Neighbors

Did you know that donating 2 hours of your priceless time generates \$80-\$100+. That means 80+ meals, helping keep 8 children warm this winter, or providing 2 underprivileged children with the opportunity to attend summer camp!

4. You'll Be Spreading Christmas Cheer

The Red Kettle bell is an iconic sound of the season. It really doesn't feel like Christmas until you hear the first bell ringing. You can be a part of sharing holiday joy by providing the sounds of the season. You'll put people in the Christmas spirit and you get to be right in the midst of the holiday bustle spreading joy. Get creative – dress up, sing Christmas Carols, bring your friends, family, or co-workers.

5. Hear Uplifting Stories from People Impacted by The Salvation Army

When people walk by the kettles, more often than not, they stop by with a story to tell. Whether they were once helped by The Salvation Army, used to volunteer or know someone who was a recipient of some sort of service, the stories they share are enlightening and uplifting.

6. Make New Friends and Warm the Heart

You'll get to meet lots of new people as you invite them to donate to your red kettle. Add to the fun by asking friends and family to ring a bell with you. You can even make it a new family tradition! For every time you thank someone for their donation you will be gratefully thanked for ringing the bell!

7. Know Your Impact

Our Red Kettle coordinators work hard to track daily Red Kettle donations and can share how much you and other ringers raised at a location! We want your donation of your priceless time to be as incredibly rewarding to you as an individual/group as it is to our programs and those we serve.

8. Christmas Fun

Christmas Caroling and Wacky Christmas Sweaters are some of the best parts of the holiday season. Nothing says, "It's Christmastime" like hearing people singing or playing their favorite holiday tunes or dressed in their favorite Christmas Sweater, Santa or Mrs. Clause, elf or reindeer costume.

9. Channel Your Competitive Side

It is easy to see your efforts are paying off as your Red Kettle begins to fill. Set a personal goal for such as: "how many people can I get to stop?" or a personal fundraising goal.

10. Be Part of a Legacy

The Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign has been a Christmas tradition since 1891. Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee set out a kettle to raise funds to feed the hungry in San Francisco. Now, The Salvation Army and Red Kettles can be found all over the world.

History of the Red Kettle

In 1865, General William Booth founded the Salvation Army in London's notorious East End slums with a call to action for the more fortunate members of society as they celebrated the holiday season.

"William Booth was a Methodist lay preacher in the east end of London, which is an area that had a lot of poverty, a lot of recent immigrants, drunkards, prostitutes, and orphans, so William Booth began to go out and preach. He was kind of your typical soapbox preacher and he realized that there, it's hard to say, that there's a loving God out there when people are hungry and cold. So the concept came up of soup, souls and salvation," said Captain John Gantner of the Salvation Army Kroc Center.

The kettle collections started accidentally in San Francisco in 1891 when a local Salvation Army captain named Joseph McFee publicly promised to feed 1,000 destitute people near Fisherman's Wharf.

To raise the money needed, McFee found an old lobster pot and came up with the slogan "Keep the pot boiling." He then set up on the waterfront.

"He stepped forward and agreed to do something and had a bunch of people he needed to feed a Christmas dinner to and he wasn't sure exactly how he was going to do that. He basically put a lobster pot out there and began to collect money to help that year and he was able to meet his goal in San Francisco," Gantner said.

The bell tradition began in 1900 with a teenage volunteer in New York City named Amelia Kunkel. She was apparently frustrated by the many bankers on Wall Street who walked by and ignored her.

Kunkel went to a nearby Woolworth's department store and bought a small bell for ten cents. The rest is history.

"There was a girl in New York who was 16 years old and that's when she started ringing the bell and that became the bell tradition and now the red kettle program.

Lion David Rich





**Fort Vancouver Lions Club & Foundation Board Meeting
Friday, September 8, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Golden Corral Restaurant**

King Lion Terry called the meeting to order at 1:12

Board Members Present: King Lion Terry, Phyllis Robertson, Diane Cavanaugh, Mike Cavanaugh, Michele Druschel, Sandy Conroy, Allen Rhyasen, Kari Frabel, and Shelly Brown. Club members Ken Serviss and Larry Brown were also present.

Standard Reports to the Board:

Secretary's Report: Lion David made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2023 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Lion Mike seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Diane sent out the Treasurer reports to the Board members ahead of the meeting. She shared that the 9-90s have been filed and the Foundation's active status has been filed to the state of Washington.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review 2023-2024 Budget: Lion Diane presented information for the Administration account. We don't have any coverage for Property insurance. It was cancelled due to non-payment. We are not insured for Director's and Officer's Liability. It will cost us \$400 per year. Lion Diane made a motion to purchase This insurance through the Lions Club International. Lion Allen seconded. The motion was approved by the Board. Lion Diane recommended that the Policies and Procedures Manual be updated to indicate that we follow and affirm the Bylaws and Constitution as specified at LCI. The Administration Budget was approved as amended.

Regarding the Foundation account: it was decided to close the Savings account and move that money into the Checking Account. We will continue to support Guide Dogs for the Blind as well as Leader Dogs. Lion Sandy made a motion to have Lion Diane send a check to LCIF for \$2,000 at this time to be used as unspecified funds. Lion David seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

Lion Diane made a motion to accept the Foundation Budget as presented today. Lion David seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board. Lion Allen recommended sending out the Budget to club members by email.

Review "Planning Our Future" member suggestions: This topic was tabled today due to time constraints.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Member Applications: Lion Diane made a motion to accept the two new potential members Janice Koenig and Jeffery Byram. Lion Michele seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

Second Vice President position: Lion Terry discussed the Board position that Lion Terry Sutfin had been in. It was recommended that we find someone to temporarily fill the position, but take time to find someone. We should discuss this office at several meetings so that someone can express their interest.

Santa Store at Washington Elementary: Lion Michele and Lion Gay are going to various locations to get gift certificates to add to the gifts for the Santa Store. These would be more for the older students and parents. They are planning to continue with the store as it has been in the past. Lion Diane will call Elizabeth and talk about the logistics to include the date.

Upcoming Christmas Party: Lion Sandy has been having trouble getting Club Green Meadows to work with her. Lion Phyllis is looking at a place in downtown Vancouver. The date is still undetermined.

A proposed proclamation from the MD19 Knights of the Blind Committee for White Cane Day: Lion Diane has completed the application to have the mayor make a proclamation about this event. She will send out more information as she gets it.

2022-2023 Observation Report: The observation report is still in progress. The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Next meeting will be Friday, October 6, 2023 @ 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Brown



Membership Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sandy Conroy, Program Chair			
Friday, November 3	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
Friday, November 3	1:00 PM	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	Board Meeting
Friday, November 17	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
Phyllis Robertson, Program Chair			
Friday, December 1	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
Friday, December 1	1:00 PM	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	Board Meeting
Friday, December 15		NO Meeting	
Helen Sutfin, Program Chair			
Friday, January 5	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
Friday, January 5	1:00 PM	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	Board Meeting
Friday, January 19	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	

3-Month Activity Calendar



Date	Activity	Comments
November		
Tuesday, November 7	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, November 7	Hearing Committee Meeting	Bennie's Bottle Shop
Wednesday, November 15	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
Tuesday, November 21	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
December		
Tuesday, December 5	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, December 5	Hearing Committee Meeting	Bennie's Bottle Shop
Wednesday, December 6	Christmas Party	Sandy Conroy, Chair
Friday, December 8	Grandpa's White Cane @ Salmon Creek Elementary	Diane Cavanaugh, Chair
Thursday, December 14	WA Elem. Santa Store	Gay Enyeart, Chair
Saturday, December 16	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	David Rich, Chair
Tuesday, December 19	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, December 20	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
January		
Tuesday, January 2	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, January 2	Hearing Committee Meeting	Bennie's Bottle Shop
Wednesday, January 10	Grandpa's White Cane @ Truman Elementary	Diane Cavanaugh, Chair
Friday, January 12	Grandpa's White Cane @ Truman Elementary	Diane Cavanaugh, Chair
Tuesday, January 16	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, January 17	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair



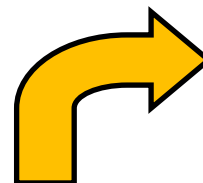
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1:00 PM	4
5 Happy Birthday Ken Serviss	6	7 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM (Zoom)	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Share House	16	17 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM	18
19 Happy Birthday Michele Jensen	20	21 Zone Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23 	24 Happy Birthday Carlee Stiltner	25 Newsletter items due!!
26	27	28	29	30		



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scheduled meeting:



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