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January 5
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King Lion Terry



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
FORT VANCOUVER LIONS**

All I can say to you is, THANK YOU!!!

To all of you the members, friends and families of our Lions for the giving of your time and resources to make this December such a memorable one of giving and service to our communities these past 6 months and especially this month of December.

We started with our Christmas Dinner Gathering at The Old Spaghetti Factory and what a wonderful evening shared by all. Then in a couple of days came the Fantastic Santa Store at Washington Elementary School where close to 300 children were able to shop and choose a gift for every member of their family AND THEN they each received a gift of warm gloves and candy canes and got their picture taken with Santa. What a great turnout of Santa's elves to make everything run smoothy.

The Share Backpack Program came to us the night of our Christmas Dinner Gathering and we had a large group of Lions say YES to purchasing food for Share to provide to students on Christmas Break for meals that they had no other way to get food to eat. We provided more than 200 pounds of food for them!!

Next came the annual Walk & Knock food drive that again was so successful gathering food this year and did you know that in the past

39 years of Walk & Knock, more than 9.51 million pounds of food have been collected valued at more than \$17.3 million!!

This was followed by the Fort Vancouver Lions and friends supporting the Salvation Army by taking a full day ringing bells at all the doors at Fred Meyers Orchard Store. We also supported Lion Eva Halter's program of purchasing Christmas gifts for Foster Children in our community. Lion Eva says that the Fort Vancouver Lions have provided Christmas gifts for over 60 foster children in the past 3 years.

WHERE THERES A NEED, THERE'S ALWAYS A LION

Happy New Year to you all as we start a fabulous year for the Fort Vancouver Lions, and friends who love to help and serve our neighbors in need!

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



**Fort Vancouver Lions Club
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In Memorium

Lion Ken Milligan

September 10, 1932 - December 19, 2023

He will be greatly missed!



Grandpa's White Cane Days

Our second presentation of Grandpa's White Cane was December 8th at Salmon Creek Elementary. The 22 students in Mr. Jeremy Stone's class were well prepared with many excellent questions. Bob Cavanaugh demonstrated Aira, a smart phone app that connects a live human on-demand to describe a blind person's surroundings, and a new feature of the Be My Eyes app called Be my AI, which, yes, uses artificial intelligence to describe what was in a single snapshot of the classroom. Then half of the students were instructed by Bob on the use of the white cane while Lions Diane and Mike Cavanaugh introduced the other half of the students to Braille. After a bit of practice, the groups switched. The next presentations will be to 5 classes at Truman Elementary on January 10th and 12th.

Lion Diane Cavanaugh



Santa Store 2023

The Washington Elementary 2023 Santa Store was a "roaring success". Wednesday afternoon, we met at the school after classes were out for the day and with the help of 4 young men Allen Rhyasen was able to recruit, we got the items out of storage and ready for the students shopping spree Thursday morning. Santa's helpers, Nancy Brown, Shelly Brown, Sandy Conroy, Suzanne Day, John Lyons, Michele Druschel, Lori Pulliam, Allen & Renee Rhyasen, Phyllis Robertson, and Wanda Slevin were on hand to help the students choose gifts for their family members, and make sure each child got a candy cane, a pair of gloves and a picture with Santa if they wanted one. The lines started forming at 8:15 and by 11:15 the last class was through. Elizabeth said the teachers even mentioned how well organized we were and commented on the gift selection.

A special thank you goes to Russ McCullough, who is Santa for the Foster Kids Christmas party. Mike Cavanaugh let us know the morning of December 13, that he was ill and unable to be Santa. I contacted Eva Halter right away, asking if she thought her Santa could be our Santa Thursday morning. As Russ said to me, "Who can say no to Eva?" and he saved the day for all the kids who look forward to a picture with Santa. Elizabeth Owen was able to get him cleared as a volunteer soon after he arrived and the children that shopped before he got there were able to come back and get pictures taken later.

Elizabeth had a wonderful lunch all set up for the volunteers in the teacher's lounge including the addition of pizza from Piehole Pizzeria provided by the principal, Stoney Myers. Everything was excellent and I can say without a doubt this Lion will be paying a visit to the pizza place again!

After lunch, everything was counted, boxed, and inventory sheets securely fastened to the outside of the boxes for next year. We asked Elizabeth to give the remaining McDonald's and Burgerville gift cards that weren't chosen as gifts to families that she knew were struggling to make ends meet this year. Lion Allen Rhyasen was able to again recruit young men from his church to move the boxes back into our storage area and Santa Store 2023 was wrapped up for another year.
Lion Michele Druschel



THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR FOSTER FAMILIES IN CLARK COUNTY

This year Fort Vancouver Lions partnered with Hillcrest Church and Community & Family Services Foundation again to help 70 children in foster care homes to have a merrier Christmas. Volunteers pledged \$75-\$100 per child and bought over \$6000 worth of gifts to fulfill the Christmas wishes of these children.

We had a huge donation of enough Beanie Babies so every child got one as a gift from our wonderful volunteer Santa, a member of Hillcrest Church Russ McCullough. There were snowmen (made by Lions) for decoration on each table. Community and Family Services provided the meal catered by Olive Garden, games and prizes.

A huge thank you to the following Lions who gave money for gifts, shopped for gifts, set up for the party at Hillcrest Church or all three: John Lyons, Chris Denny, DeeDee Miller, Bill and Bernadette Shalaby, Diane and Mike Cavanaugh, Jennifer and Ed Denny, Shelly and Larry Brown, Terry and Phyllis Robertson, Allen and Renee Rhyasen, Lori Pulliam, Michele Druschel, Eva Halter and Steve and Gay Enyeart.

Community and Family Services Foundation unexpectedly donated \$500 to Fort Vancouver Lions with a suggested use of using that money for a CARE award.

What a wonderful privilege it was to serve one of the most vulnerable populations in Clark County, WA.
Lion Eva Halter



Lions International Foundation Donations

A new year is upon us. Are you thinking about your donations this year? As I think about the charities I donate to, I want to get my "monies worth." Lions International Foundation is one of the best charities out there. One hundred percent, yes 100% of the money you donate goes to the cause you choose. The Disaster Relief Fund – a donation to LCIF is specifically reserved for disaster relief. The Empowering Service Fund – a donation to LCIF is for all the causes the foundation supports. You can donate online by going to Lions International Foundation click donate then follow the prompts. You will need our club number 7892 and your member number. If you want to mail a check, send it to:

Lions International Foundation
300 W. 22nd St.
Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Make sure you include your member number and club number in the memo line.

Fort Vancouver Salvation Bell Ringing at Orchards Fred Meyer

On Saturday, December 16th, 31 Lions & friends rang bells to collect money for the Salvation Army at Orchards Fred Meyer. We covered 3 separate doors from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm (10 hours each) and these were the results:

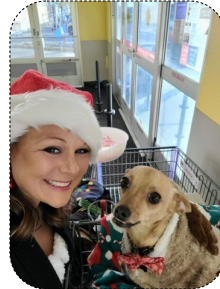
Grocery Door---	\$499.38
Garden Door---	\$278.85
Variety Door---	\$411.86
Total amount:	\$1,190.09

Participating were 20 Lions and 11 friends of Lions! What a fun way to spread the holiday cheer.

I heard a number of volunteers say they were surprised at how pleasant the customers were.

Again thanks to all who participated!

Yours in Lionism
Allen Rhyasen



iCARE Project Trip

Nina Day, a local Lion, made a trip to Jamaica in November with 32 other doctors and volunteers from the greater Portland area. They established an eye clinic in an old community church in Mango Valley, Jamaica changing many lives for the better! Following is her report of this trip.

First, thank you so much for your support for me in this project. Because of your support, we were able to see over 300 patients a day in this clinic, for a total of 2095 patients. Our team had 48 volunteers - 13 doctors, 14 opticians, and the rest were all non-optical volunteers who learned it all. We performed over 1000 health screenings for diabetes and hypertension, and dispensed over \$200,000 worth of medications for glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and dry eye. We distributed 837 pairs of reading glasses, and 1,862 pairs of sunglasses - every single patient was offered sunglasses. 63 pairs of pre-fabricated NEW prescription glasses were dispensed (simple, spherical single vision prescriptions), and we measured 648 patients for their custom-made pairs that will be made in the US and dispensed by another team in February. Our ophthalmologist performed 9 PRP laser surgeries that halt the progress of diabetic retinopathy, and I even got to assist him! That was an incredible experience in itself.

I am so grateful for the support and sponsorship I received for this trip from so many of you. Thank you! This will certainly not be my last iCARE Project trip! And next time, I hope to bring some of you with me!

Nina Day

Fort Vancouver Christmas Party

On Wednesday December 6, 32 members and guests of the Fort Vancouver Lions gathered for our yearly Christmas Party at the Old Spaghetti Factory in East Vancouver. It was an evening of fun and merriment as well as a fundraising event. The evening started out with emcee David Rich leading the pledge of Allegiance, followed by Allen Rhyasen providing the prayer and Terry Robertson leading us in the singing of America.

The Emcee, following protocol, introduced the Past District Governors attending including President PDG Terry Robertson, IPDG Debbie Mansell, PDG Terry Sutfin, PDG Sandy Conroy and PDG Mark Mansell along with himself PCC David Rich.

The food was good and there was a rousing White Elephant gift exchange where some strange gifts were drawn and exchanged. There was also a fundraising silent auction which netted \$1,470 made up of donations from 16 of our club members. Also, there was a chance to win the pot from our administration fund by drawing the Joker out of the deck of cards used during our regular meetings. The object was to keep drawing until someone won the pot but due to time constraints the Joker was never drawn and the pot was designated for the Washington Elementary ongoing projects.

The evening closed at 7:30 PM by wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season since our next meeting was not going to be until January 5, 2024.

Lion David Rich



Ft. Vancouver Lions Shirt and Jacket order form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

OG-101 Men/Women Polo, Short Sleeved, Polyester, "Electric Blue"

Item	Size	Quantity	Amount
Men's XS – 4XL			
Ladies XS – 4XL			



The price depends on the total number ordered by the club.

For 1-8 items: \$49.64

For 9-13 items: \$47.29

TORRENT JACKET (Same jacket as purchased last time)

Item	Price	Quantity	Amount
MEN'S			
S-XL	76.07		
2XL	78.25		
3XL	82.59		
4XL	84.77		
L Tall	78.25		
XL Tall	78.25		
2XL Tall	80.42		
3XL Tall	84.77		
4XL Tall	86.94		



Item	Price	Quantity	Amount
LADIES			
S-XL	76.07		
2XL	78.25		
3XL	82.59		
4XL	84.77		
L Tall	78.25		
XL Tall	78.25		
2XL Tall	80.42		
3XL Tall	84.77		
4XL Tall	86.94		

There is no price break for quantity on jackets. Prices include tax.

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

Fort Vancouver Lions Club

Inaugural

GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 10, 2024

(Friday)

Fairway Village Golf Course

15509 SE Fernwood Dr. Vancouver, WA 98683

8:00 am Shotgun

Nine Holes Scramble

Four player Scramble Format
One Player \$50 (\$200 team)

Donation to support Fort Vancouver Service Projects
Includes greens fees, bag lunch, soda/water



Benefits Fort Vancouver Lions Service Projects

- Washington State School for the Blind
- Clark County Sight Committee
- Christmas for Kids
- Eyeglasses for the needy
- FISH
- Share House

Join us for a fun morning of golf, competition, and friendship!

Registration closes May 3, 2024

For more information contact David Rich
david.rich38@gmail.com (503) 577-8315



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Limited carts are available, but it is a
very easily walked course

Business and Individual Sponsorships Available



Charity Golf Tournament Sponsorship Request

Members of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club are sponsoring our inaugural Charity Golf Tournament on May 10, 2024 at the Fairway Village Golf Course in Vancouver to raise funds to support various activities in our local area. Donations will be used to help fund many service projects including providing eyeglasses and hearing aids for low-income members of our community. The clubs also support various youth projects such as providing resources for the Washington State School for the Blind, Flags for First Graders, Christmas for Kids at Washington Elementary and eyeglasses for the needy. In addition, we provide services to FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity) and Share House.

As the project chairperson and a member of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club I am reaching out to you as a potential sponsor to help us raise money which will allow us to meet pressing needs in our community.

Sponsor Opportunities

- **MAJOR SPONSOR** – (\$2,500) Includes Banner sign at registration table, and entrance for a team of four.
- **Platinum Sponsor** - (\$350) receive a Hole Sponsor sign, and entrance for a team of four.
- **Gold Sponsor** - (\$100) receive individual Hole Sponsor signage.
- **Silver Sponsor** - (\$50) receive shared Hole Sponsor signage.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the Web site at www.lionsclubs.org.

Please contact me at (503) 577-8315 or david.rich38@gmail.com for more information about sponsorship opportunities.

Yours in community service
David Rich, Program Chair

Membership Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Notes
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.	
John Lyons, Program Chair			
Friday, February 2	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
Friday, February 2	1:00 PM	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	Board Meeting
Friday, February 16	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
Sandy Conroy, Program Chair			
Friday, March 1	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	
Friday, March 1	1:00 PM	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	Board Meeting
Friday, March 15	12:00 Noon	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.	

3-Month Activity Calendar



Date	Activity	Comments
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
February		
Tuesday, February 6	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, February 6	Hearing Committee Meeting	Bennie's Bottle Shop
Tuesday, February 20	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, February 21	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair
March		
Tuesday, March 6	Sight Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, March 6	Hearing Committee Meeting	Bennie's Bottle Shop
Tuesday, March 20	President's Council Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, March 21	Share House 11:00-2:00	Nancy Brown, Chair

We Serve



January 2024

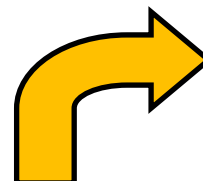
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark County Sight 6:30 PM (Zoom)	3	4	5 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1:00 PM	6
7	8	9	10 Grandpa's White Cane	11	12 Happy Birthday Gay Enyeart Grandpa's White Cane	13
14	15	16	17 Happy Birthday Marcel Tingey Share House	18	19 Lions Hybrid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



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scheduled meeting:**



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