



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

Established 1955  
August  
2025 ISSUE

Join us Fridays,  
August 1st and  
August 15<sup>th</sup> at  
Noon for our  
regular meetings  
at  
Golden Corral

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**2025-2026**  
**King Lion**  
**Sandy**



Be patient. Read the whole thing. Yes, it is a reread but has the same impact now that it did 21 years ago.

“Dare to be Different”, or “Watch out for Bugs in your Teeth”

The other day I was having a conversation with a fellow Lion when the subject of the Lyle Lions pancake breakfast came up. We both thought it would be fun to drive out, eat some great food and visit with the Lyle Lions.

Now, normally, a road trip for me consists of gassing up the car, grabbing bottled water, turning up the radio and heading out. I am pretty much into getting from point A to point B with the least amount of fuss. Safe, but boring.

The conversation then turned to how much fun it would be to ride a motorcycle out Hwy 14 and enjoy the fresh morning air. Gosh, my friend has a bike! Now things were picking up. One thing led to another, plans were made, and we met on Saturday at 7 AM and headed down the Gorge.

So, how was the trip? Fantastic! The result was the same, but the new mode of transportation really spiced things up.

Here we are in 2025, and many things seem to remain the same. Maybe it is time to look at what our club does and see if we can find things that will ‘spice up’ the journey. Getting out of our normal will help reinvigorate members and show prospects that we can have fun and SERVE at the same time.

The Board has approved the budget for the 2025/26 Lions year. Please take a look to see what our goals will be for the coming year. Not much has changed. Just a little tweaking to numbers. Our newest project, the Columbia Play Project, will be an ongoing event. There will be opportunities for volunteering with young people throughout the year. All supplies will be provided. We just need to supply the manpower. P.S. We are also working on getting this to be a joint LIONS project throughout Clark County.

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## Visitations

A great learning tool for the club is visitations. Not only do we meet new Lions, but we can learn about other club projects and see how they work. It might also give us an opportunity to partner with them.

If you would like to chair the Visitation program, please contact Sandy. A list of Clark County clubs and meeting times/places will be available at the next meeting. To qualify for a visitation, at least two members need to participate.

### ***A Great Way to Meet, Learn and Grow as Lions!***

#### **Things to remember:**

- Lion Gay is putting together a list of time options for a trip on the historic Chelatchie Prairie Railroad. Keep tuned for further information.
- Lion Michelle D. will have volunteer information for the Back to School Event at Washington Elementary. She hopes to have this as soon as staff come back the beginning of August.
- Lion Diane will take the lead in a possible “Dinner in the Dark” event. She will contact Battle Ground L.C. about a partnership.
- It is important to report volunteer hours. A sign up sheet will be passed around the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month. If you are not at the meeting, please make sure hours are turned in to Lion Diane.

**King Lion Sandy**



**Facebook: FortVancouverLions**

**FVLC website: <https://fortvancouverlions.org/>**

**Lions International <https://www.lionsclubs.org/>**

**Multiple District 19: <https://lionsmd19.org/>**

**District N Zone 10 representative -**

**Shelley Staudinger, Battle Ground Lions Club**

## Save the Dates

- **Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Berry Sale Pick Up Day 10am - 11am**
- **Friday, October 3 New Member Orientation**

# 2025 FROZEN BERRY SALE



**ORDER BY  
AUGUST  
20TH**

It is time for smoothies, homemade jams, and delicious desserts. Buying berries from the Fort Vancouver Lions is the tastiest way to **support your local community**. 100% of profits are returned to the community. This year's berries are locally grown and come either bags, or you can also order sliced strawberries.



**Raspberries**



**Blueberries**



**Three Berries**



**Strawberries**



**Sliced Strawberries with Sugar**

Each 18-pound box is just \$75 and has **12 containers** (1.5 pounds each). Each container is sweetened with less than 4 ounces of sugar.

**EACH 15 POUND BOX IS JUST \$75 AND IS SEPARATED INTO 6 BAGS (2.5- POUND EACH)**

## ORDER FORM

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

We will call if you haven't picked up  
by 10:30 a.m. on August 23rd

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you ordering as a group?

- No – this is an individual order
- Yes – we are teaming up!

Name of Group Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PICK-UP LOCATION (check one)**

- Battle Ground – Umpqua Bank, 601 W Main St
- Salmon Creek – Kaiser, 14406 NE 20th Ave
- Vancouver Mall – Red Lobster, 8219 NE Vancouver Mall Dr
- Fishers Landing – Mill Plain United Methodist Church, 15804 SE Mill Plain Blvd
- Camas – Lot near Best Western off A St

### **BERRY SELECTION**

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen Strawberries                | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen Blueberries                 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen Raspberries                 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frozen 3-Berries (Straw/Blue/Rasp) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sliced Strawberries with Sugar     | _____ |

### **# of Boxes**

Quantity X \$75 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**BERRY PICK UP DAY IS SATURDAY AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> 10AM-11AM**

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Vancouver, WA 98662

-OR-



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to order online!



Questions? Contact Allen Rhyasen at 360-721-6650

## Fort Vancouver Lions Club to Partner with Columbia Play Project

- On July 18, 2025 Fort Vancouver Board of Directors voted to partner with Columbia Play Project.
- Fort Vancouver Lions Club will become a Business Member of Columbia Play Project.
- Our club will participate in Two Events during the Lions Year 2025-2026.
- We will invite other clubs to participate with us at a Zone presentation on September 16.

### Lion's International Mission

To empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities ...

### Columbia Play Project (CPP) Mission

Columbia Play Project (CPP) creates exploratory play spaces and shared play experiences for the young and young-at-heart and inspires them to discover their passions. CPP believes that every child deserves the freedom to play – inside or outside, with materials or just their imagination, in a group or quietly on their own. To achieve this environment, Columbia Play Project is committed to creating a thoughtfully designed, flexible, attractive space that allows the young and the young-at-heart to have fun while learning.

Please visit <http://Columbiaplayproject.org> to learn more.

Watch for opportunities to serve as a volunteer.



### September 5 Speaker

Debra Erickson is the Executive Chef and Founder of The Blind Kitchen. Debra is blind (retinitus pigmentosa) with very little vision in one eye only. The Blind Kitchen is where she showcases adaptive culinary tools, strategies and techniques for cooking safely and independently in spite of vision loss.

# FVLC Installation Picnic

## June 27, 2025

The Fort Vancouver Lions wrapped up the 2024–2025 club year with a festive potluck and officer installation on Friday, June 27, at LeRoy Haagen Memorial Community Park. Around two dozen Lions and guests gathered to enjoy a generous spread of food, including four varieties of meatballs, baked beans, fresh salads, and tempting desserts.

Outgoing President Mike Cavanaugh expressed his gratitude by presenting appreciation gifts to the 2024–2025 officers. Special guest PDG Steve Staudinger officiated the installation of the new officers, adding a creative touch by giving each a small animal figure symbolizing their role for the coming year.

The evening also featured several special recognitions. Nancy Brown received the prestigious Gordon F. Smith Fellowship Award, and Diane Cavanaugh was honored as Lion of the Year. Incoming President Sandy Conroy presented Mike Cavanaugh with a vintage Lions T-shirt to thank him for his dedicated service.

Sandy closed the evening with heartfelt remarks, sharing her enthusiasm and hopes for a successful and engaging year ahead.

Lion Diane Cavanaugh







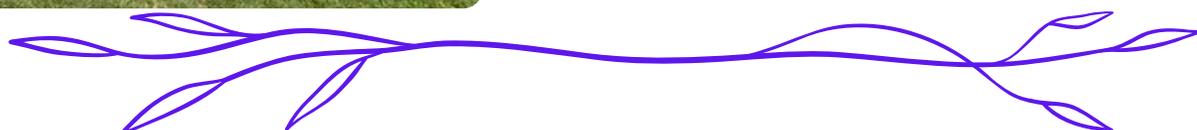
# FVLC 2025-2026 Budget

Admin Account		
	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Budget
<b>Beginning (06/30 Register) Balance</b>	<b>\$9,665.50</b>	<b>\$8,899.14</b>
<b>INSTRATION INCOME</b>		
Advertising (Newsletter)		\$120.00
Auctions	\$2,806.00	\$500.00
Banquets	\$3,565.00	\$750.00
Dues (Membership)	\$3,500.00	\$3,100.00
Donations	\$124.00	\$100.00
Promotions (ilani/Ridgefield Lions)	\$638.14	\$500.00
Happy Bucks	\$447.00	\$450.00
Raffle	\$104.00	\$450.00
<b>Gross Admin Income</b>	<b>\$11,184.14</b>	<b>\$5,970.00</b>
<b>INSTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
<b>LUB OPERATIONS</b>		
Advertising	\$5.00	
Awards	54.82	
Badges	\$71.74	\$160.00
Banquets	\$3,987.82	\$750.00
Card Access to Storage Shed (good for 5 years)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance		
Directors & Officers Liability (renew 5/1/2024, \$450)	\$450.00	\$450.00
Crime / Fidelity (Bond)	\$117.00	\$117.00
Lunches	\$146.11	\$200.00
Postage	\$76.76	\$50.00
Post Office Box	\$192.00	\$200.00
Printing (records, dues stmts)	\$6.40	\$20.00
Paper/Printing (brochures)	\$115.57	\$100.00
Pens for Speakers (100 ordered in 2023)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Raffle Pay Out	\$230.00	\$225.00
Sunshine Committee		\$45.00
Taxes & Licenses (Quicken, WA SOC)	\$148.13	\$150.00
Web Site	\$232.61	\$250.00
<b>ELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>		
Conventions	\$1,182.84	\$1,100.00
Credit Card Fees	\$158.62	\$0.00
International Dues	\$1,752.00	\$1,675.00
MD-19 Dues	\$1,114.57	\$984.00
Gift for Golden Corral Server		\$100.00
Zone Meeting		\$45.00
<b>Total Admin Expense</b>	<b>\$10,041.99</b>	<b>\$6,621.00</b>
<b>Net Admin Income</b>	<b>\$1,142.15</b>	<b>-\$651.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$10,807.65</b>	<b>\$8,248.14</b>

<b>Foundation Budget</b>	<b>2024-2025 Actual</b>	<b>2025-2026 Budget</b>
<b>Beginning (6/30 Register) Balance</b>	<b>\$8,330.51</b>	<b>\$11,886.68</b>
<b>FOUNDATION INCOME</b>		
BERRY SALES beginning 6/27/2024	\$6,665.00	\$5,500.00
Interest on savings	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kroger	\$134.05	\$100.00
Member Donations (including from Berry Sales)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Paper Shredding	\$5,760.00	\$5,500.00
Golf Tournament (gross)	\$11,615.00	\$11,500.00
Public Donations (Prebble Ann La Dage, Benevity)	\$1,078.67	\$1,000.00
<b>Gross Foundation Income</b>	<b>\$26,252.72</b>	<b>\$24,600.00</b>
<b>FOUNDATION Expenses</b>		
Cost of Berries 5/1/2023-7/22/2023	\$4,073.28	\$4,500.00
Cost of Shred day	\$1,137.50	\$1,800.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$529.09	\$600.00
Washington Elementary Santa Store	\$1,197.07	\$1,500.00
WSSB events		\$350.00
Golf Tournament expense	\$3,483.52	\$3,200.00
Golf Tournament - Camas Share	\$4,075.06	\$4,150.00
<b>Total Foundation Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,495.52</b>	<b>\$16,100.00</b>
<b>Net Foundation Income before donations</b>	<b>\$11,757.20</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>
<b>plus Beginning Register Balance</b>	<b>\$20,087.71</b>	<b>\$20,386.68</b>
<b>FOUNDATION DONATIONS</b>		
CAMPS:Gales Creek Camp Foundation - for Children with Type 1 Diabetes	\$250.00	\$250.00
CAMPS:Leo - Lions camp for children with Diabetes	\$250.00	\$250.00
CAMPS:Oral Hull - for adults with blindness & sight loss	\$250.00	\$250.00
Memorials: Clark County Lions Hearing Committee	\$100.00	\$250.00
Memorials: Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County	\$100.00	\$250.00
Clark County Lions Hearing Committee	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00
Columbia Play Project		\$500.00
Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00
Dogs (Guide dogs for the Blind) - Oregon	\$200.00	\$400.00
Dogs (Leader Dogs) - Michigan - Blind Putting	\$200.00	\$140.00
Fish of Vancouver (food bank)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Friends of the Carpenter 2023-2024	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Pocket Guide (Lois Smith 360-326-3970)		\$150.00
Knights of the Blind Grandpa's White Cane	\$250.00	\$250.00
Lions International (LCIF)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC)	\$300.00	\$300.00
MD-19 Care	\$250.00	\$250.00
Northwest Association for Blind Athletes	\$250.00	\$0.00
Pacific Foundation for Blind Children	\$250.00	\$250.00
Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center	\$150.00	\$150.00
Walk & Knock/Drive & Drop (Dues)	\$250.00	\$250.00
NW Lions Foundation / White Cane Days	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$8,800.00</b>	<b>\$8,640.00</b>



Follow-up from the Golf tournament: \$290 was raised for Leader Dogs from Blind Putting!



Here's your chance to have fun and make a difference!

The **Ridgefield Lions Club** is looking for energetic community volunteers to help us run our famous food booth at the Clark County State Fair!

**August 1st to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

What you'll get:

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A 4-hour shift full of laughs, community spirit, and the smell of hamburgers in the air!

But most importantly...

You'll be supporting local scholarships, youth programs, and families in need across our community. Every shift helps us give more.

[https://www.ridgefieldlions.org/volunteer\\_opportunities/](https://www.ridgefieldlions.org/volunteer_opportunities/)

This is a fun and family-friendly volunteer opportunity — perfect for students, service groups, and anyone who wants to give back while enjoying the fair!

Shifts are flexible and fill up fast!

Sign up now and tag a friend to join you!

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# August Programs



## August 1

Representatives from Guide Dogs for the Blind in Boring will discuss puppy raising. They will be bringing a puppy along.

## August 15

Jeff Fish

Future of Walk N Knock

## 2025 - 2026 FVLC Officers

- Sandy Conroy - President
- Aziz (Bill) Shalaby - 1st VP
- Mike Cavanaugh - 2nd VP
- Diane Cavanaugh - Secretary/Admin.
- Diane Cavanaugh - Treasurer
- Gay Enyeart - Membership, LCIF
- Jan Koenig - 1 yr Director
- Phyllis Robertson - 1 yr Director
- Wanda Slevin - 2 yr Director
- Mike Cavanaugh - Past President
- Tail Twister - Allen Rhyasen
- Dotty Scott - Webmaster
- Shelly Brown - Newsletter

## International Dinner

On July 11th 11 Lions, 1 non-Lion and two Lion chefs met for the 10th Annual International Dinner. Everyone's reaction was "WOW"! Each course had its own wine. By the time dinner was over, all in attendance had huge smiles on their faces.

This was to have been the last year for the Dinner. Lions Steve and Gay decided that it went so well this year that they would like to host again. The difference would be having a committee of cooks that would each supply a portion.

Discussion at the dinner decided that the \$1000 raised for the evening would be donated to a Childhood Cancer cause. We are checking into different places to do this.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO LIONS  
STEVE AND GAY for a wonderful evening!**



Pictures and menu on the next 2 pages.

# International Dinner



**Appetizers:** Cantaloupe with Prosciutto ham glaze balsamic dressing,  
Dates stuffed with goat cheese  
bacon wrap

**Salad:** Parmesan cheese bowl with arugula lettuce, raspberries, blueberries poppy seed dressing



**Soup:** A Goulash soup featured in many Bavarian towns including Ljubljana, Slovenia and Prague, Czech Republic-Venison and Elk, onion, rutabaga, carrot, red and orange peppers, potatoes, paprika



**Main Course:** Jager schnitzel with mashed potatoes, featured everywhere in Germany and the Bavarian regions

**Dessert:** Gelato: Lemon, Mango and Vanilla





## Fort Vancouver Lions Club and Foundation Board Meeting June 6, 2025 Golden Corral

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Cavanaugh at 12:40

Board Members Present: Mike and Diane Cavanaugh, Phyllis and Terry Robertson, AzizShalaby, Gay Enyeart

Board Members Absent: Rick Giles, Jan Koenig, David Rich, Sandy Conroy, Allen Rhyasen

Guest Attending: Wanda Slevin

Secretary Report: Motion was made by Terry Robertson seconded by Diane to accept the minutes. We did not have a quorum

Treasurer Report: The Administrative account balance is \$8008.09 and the Foundation account balance is \$15,465.68. Report stands pending observation.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

24.25.25 Helen Keller Challenge – Diane mentioned dinner in the dark

24.25.28. Guidelines for the Club- Postponed for next board meeting for vote

24.25.29 Year End Celebration – No Report

24.25.31 Member orientation update: No report

24.25.32 Cost of name tags and where do we get them No report

24.25.33 Pin or button for 70th Anniversary - Diane will check on this

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

New Fund Raisers: Various items were mentioned Sausage festival Gay will follow up for next year

New Service Projects: Nothing written down

Member drop: Diane will check with members who have not paid

### Committee Reports:

24.25.26 Chelatchie Prairie Railroad - Gay will check fall schedule

24.25.27 Berry Sale – No report Allen absent

24.25.30 Golf Tournament - Need one more team

Meeting adjourned 1:25 by President Mike Cavanaugh.

Next board meeting will be July 18, 2025 following regular meeting

Gay Enyeart,  
Secretary Fort Vancouver Lions Club



# August 2025

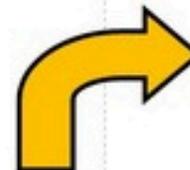
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3	4	5 Clark County Sight 6:30 PM WSSB	6	7	8 Share House	9
10	11	12 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Happy Birthday David Rich	13	14	15 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1:00 PM	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Frozen Berry Sales Pick up 10 AM
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



FVLC Original  
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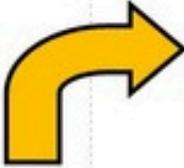
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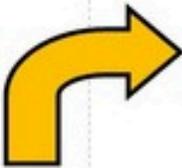


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28	29	30 Happy Birthday Dave Hutson					
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# October 2025

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26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween 	
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