



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

Established 1955
**September
2025 ISSUE**

Join us Fridays,
September 5th
and September
19th at Noon for
our regular
meetings at
Golden Corral

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**2025-2026
King Lion
Sandy**



**Dog Days bright and clear
Indicate a happy year;
But when accompanied by rain,
For better times, our hopes are vain.**

Zone Training, Partner on a Ball, September 14th, Chelatchie RR, Berries

I looked up Dog Days of Summer and found astrological info about Sirius and the Sun. Usually, it is the end of summer when things are the hottest and people are starting to think about winding down summer activities.

Ft. Vancouver ended the summer with two great activities: Back to School at Washington Elementary and the Frozen Berry Sales. So, I guess that means we will be slowing down for fall???

Yeah, right! When do Lions ever slow down? Coming up, we have our regular meetings with some great guest speakers. In addition, there is a Zone Leader Training on September 13th at Cascadia Skill Center, Grandparents Project with Columbia Play Project on September 14th, and Ft. Vancouver will be hosting the first Zone Meeting of the year on September 17th.

Sept 13th: At the Leadership training, our own, newly elected ID Mark Mansell will talk about club structures, then there will be training on Marketing, Secretary duties, Membership, Treasurer duties, hints for the club Service chair and President/VP duties. Any club member with an interest in learning new ideas is invited to attend. There is no cost and lunch will be served.

Sept 14th: Ft. Vancouver will be working with other community volunteers at Grandparents Project. We will be hosting a booth where kiddos can get and color bookmarks. These promote Sight and Hearing endeavors. There will also be club information to hand out.

Sept 17th: Our first zone meeting of the year will be at the Cascade Park Library starting at 6:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend since we are the hosting club. We will also have our Zoom account ready to use if you would like to visit that way.

Don't forget to check the website for Chelatchie Railroad's "Headless Horseman" event on Oct 25th. This appears to be developing into a Ghoulish time.

Back to those Dogs, I guess our Lazy Days of Summer are now in the rear-view mirror. This great group of Lions is ready to start our next chapter of WE SERVE.

See you all Soon!

King Lion Sandy

Can't make it to our meeting in person? Join via Zoom!!!

FVLC Regular Meetings

First and Third Fridays, 12:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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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

- **Sunday, Sept 14, 2025** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Grandparents' Play Day -- Fort Vancouver Lions Booth
- **Monday Sept 15, 2025**, 9am-12pm - Work at the 78th Street Heritage Farm for the Clark County Food Bank
- **Saturday Sept. 20 and Sunday Sept 21, 2025** ilani Wine and Food Festival
- **Friday, October 3** New Member Orientation
- **Saturday October 18** - Shred Day
- **Saturday, October 25** - Chelatchie Prairie Railroad ride



September Programs



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.

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

September 19 Speaker

Lions Steve and Gay Enyeart will give a slide presentation from their fabulous 3-month adventure on a cruise. They saw lots of amazing sights that they will share with us.



The funds from the International Dinner will be donated to Childhood Cancer

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

2025 Columbia Play Project

Grandparents' Play Day - Fort Vancouver Lions Booth

Sunday, Sep 14, 2025 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

1069 E McLoughlin Blvd - Vancouver, WA

Join us at Marshall Park for a free, inclusive day of fun, engaging over 1000 children and families in exploratory play. Your participation as a Community Partner helps bring this event to life while promoting your organization to a broad audience.

Fort Vancouver Lions Club will have a 10 x 10 space with a pop-up tent and two tables.

Our booth will have:

- Lions' activities Trifold
- (Lion) bookmarks for children coloring activity
- Lions Membership brochures
- QR code directing people to visit the website
- Clark County Sight and Hearing Committees applications
- Shred event flyers
- Braille cards

Volunteer hours are: 9:30 am to 11:45 am; 11:30 am to 1:45 pm and 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Please email Phyllis Robertson goldpill@comcast.net or call 360-901-1188 to sign up. (Bring your own chair.)



Lions Clubs
WE SERVE.



The Fort Vancouver Lions serve the sight and hearing impaired, the disadvantaged, homeless and hungry, and at-risk students and families of our Vancouver and Clark County community.

fortvancouverlions.org





This is a picture of the new playground at the Washington State School for the Deaf honoring Despo Varkados who was a member of our club for many years. Some of our Lion members will remember her.



Lion Diane helped the Ridgefield Lions at their famous food booth at the Clark County Fair!



FVLC is hosting the September Zone Meeting.

Phyllis Robertson will be speaking about the Columbia Play Project!

**Wednesday, September 17
6 PM**

at Cascade Park Community Library

Celebrate Community 2025 – Year Three!

It's time once again to join forces for Celebrate Community, a week-long initiative where Lions International, Kiwanis International, Optimist International, and Rotary International partner on service projects that make a real difference. This year's celebration runs September 14–20, 2025, and we're excited to continue a tradition that began right here in 2023.



One of our most meaningful projects has been working at the **78th Street Heritage Farm**—planting, weeding, harvesting, and caring for produce that goes directly to the Clark County Food Bank and its partner agencies. Together, we've made a tangible impact on hunger in our community, and now we have the chance to go for a three-peat in 2025!

Where: 1919 NE 78th St., Vancouver, WA 98665

When: Our work party is scheduled for **Monday, September 15th, 2025, 9am-12pm**

What we'll do: Get our hands in the dirt! Volunteers will help harvest and learn more about the vegetables that feed our neighbors in Clark County.

How to sign up: Contact Diane Cavanaugh at diacav.pnw@gmail.com or 206.375.1347. She will send you a volunteer registration form and let Stephanie O' Dell know who is coming!

Join us for a rewarding, hands-on experience that strengthens both our clubs and our community. Let's keep the spirit of service growing—together!

Cancellations - We're counting on your help to get food out to people who really need it! We understand things come up; if you have to cancel, please email us at volunteer@clarkcountyfoodbank.org as soon as possible.

Arriving at Heritage Farm - Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your shift. Follow designated CCFB signs to find the check-in station. The volunteer orientation begins promptly at the scheduled start time. If you arrive late, please check in with a Volunteer Shift Leader for directions.

Safety Guidelines

- All new volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Registration form (attached).
- All volunteers are required to sign in and out on the Volunteer Service Log as a way to track volunteer hours.
- Parents/guardians are required to sign Volunteer Registration forms for first-time volunteers under the age of 18 years.
- If you have cold symptoms or open wounds, please do not join us to volunteer.
- Temperatures and weather conditions can vary. Layers and comfy clothes are recommended.

Inclement Weather - In case of severe weather, volunteer shifts have the potential to be canceled. For closure announcements, please call 360.693.0939.

Food & Funds - We thank you for the many ways you help alleviate hunger and its root causes in our community! For more information on how to host a food drive or becoming a Hunger Hero, please visit [https://www.clarkcountyfoodbank.org/donate/!](https://www.clarkcountyfoodbank.org/donate/)



Volunteer with the Lions at ilani Wine & Food Festival

The Ridgefield Lions will be assisting ilani Casino with its upcoming Wine & Food Festival. This is a great opportunity to serve, raise funds for our communities, and enjoy a fun event!

MAST Certification Required

All volunteer positions require MAST Certification (Mandatory Alcohol Server Training). If you don't already have it, you can complete the online training at aplusservereducation.com.

- Cost: approx. \$19
- Time: about 3 hours (may be completed in shorter sessions)

Valid: 5 years

Event Details

Wine & Food Festival – Rooftop of the Parking Structure, ilani Casino

- Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025
 - Shift I: 12:00–4:00 pm (check-in 10:30 am)
 - Shift II: 5:00–9:00 pm (check-in 4:00 pm)
- Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025
 - Shift: 1:00–5:00 pm (check-in 12:00 pm)
- Volunteers Needed: 15 per shift (all must be MAST certified)

Sign Up Today

- Visit: ridgefieldlions.org/volunteer_opportunities

When signing up, please include:

- MAST – Yes if certified
- Shirt size
- Your Lions club

What to Wear & Other Info

- Orange event shirt (available at check-in if needed)
- Black slacks/jeans, or black/khaki shorts if hot
- Comfortable shoes
- Parking available in casino parking structure
- Remember to sign in AND sign out at the event

Questions?

Contact Dean Stenehjem at 360-607-4840 or dean.stenehjem@gmail.com.



Let's help make this festival a success while supporting
Lions projects in our communities!

Chelatchie Prairie Railroad

Fort Vancouver Lions – You are invited to spend a fun spooky afternoon riding the Chelatchie Rail Road October 25, 2025 at 12:00. This is called the Headless Horseman Halloween Run. Invite friends and family. Tickets are not available on line until about a month ahead of the event. I know some of our members have done this before and it really sounds like fun. Stay tuned for updates!
Lion Gay



Chelatchie Prairie Railroad
207 N. Railroad Ave YACOLT, WA 98675

FARES*	DIESEL	SPECIAL EVENTS
Adults	\$ 20	\$ 22
Military & Seniors (60+)	\$ 19	\$ 21
Youth 3 - 12	\$ 14	\$ 16
Lap Child under 3	Free	Free



*QR maps location of station



Please arrive 30 minutes prior to departure
For Info, Charter Rates, and Reservations
Go to www.bycx.com or call 360-686-3559
*Fares, Charter Rates, Schedules subject to change



We are an ALL-VOLUNTEER excursion railroad running in north Clark County, Washington. We operate from May through December. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities for railroad enthusiasts including track work, car and locomotive maintenance, serving as part of the train crew or working in the ticket office. The entire operation is run by volunteers, both men and women are welcome to join. We are always looking for new members who love railroads as much as we do!! So if you want to come out and be part of an actual running railroad or if you want to ride on one of our runs, look us up!! We have more info at www.BYCX.com.



2025 Chelatchie Prairie Train Schedule

Date	Departure
Mother's Day Weekend	
May 10 & 11	Noon & 2:30pm
Here comes Summer Weekend	
May 31 & June 1	Noon & 2:30pm
Father's Day Weekend	
June 14 & 15	Noon & 2:30pm
End of June Weekend	
June 28 & 29	Noon & 2:30pm
Train Robbery Weekend	
July 19 & 20	Noon & 2:30pm
Mid Summer Weekend	
August 2 & 3	Noon & 2:30pm
Train Robbery Take 2	
August 16 & 17	Noon & 2:30pm
Late Summer Weekend	
August 30 & 31	Noon & 2:30pm
September Run	
September 13 & 14	Noon & 2:30pm
Fall Begins Run	
September 27 & 28	Noon & 2:30pm
Fall Leaves Run	
October 11 & 12	Noon & 2:30pm
Headless Horseman Halloween Run	
October 25 & 26	9:30am, Noon & 2:30pm
Patriot's Weekend Diesel Run	
November 8 & 9	Noon & 2:30pm
Christmas Special Trains	
November 29 & 30	9:30am, Noon & 2:30pm
December 6 & 7	9:30am, Noon & 2:30pm
December 13 & 14	9:30am, Noon & 2:30pm
December 20 & 21	9:30am, Noon & 2:30pm

Please see Special Prices on Fare Schedule
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Frozen Fruit Sale/Pick Up

On Saturday August 23rd Thirteen Lions & 2 friends of Lions delivered 71 boxes of frozen fruit from 5 locations in Clark County. Once again the fruit was purchased from Columbia Fruit in Woodland. They were very good to work with. This year had it's challenges but in the end we sold all the fruit but 1 box of blueberries which John Lyons has put in his rather full freezer. Most of the challenges came from duplicate orders.

We received \$150 in donations. Terry Robertson visited with one customer about our club & how we help in our community. He turned around & wrote a check for \$100! Way to go Terry!!

Summary of Frozen Fruit Sale:

Revenue	
Sold 70 boxes of fruit	\$5,250.00
1 Box left to sell	\$ 75.00
Donations	\$ 150.00
Total Revenue	\$5,475.00
Expenses	
Berries	\$3,282.00
Dry Ice	\$ 51.28
TMC Admin charge	\$ 26.38
Total Expenses	\$3,359.66
Net Profit to Club	\$2,115.34





Fort Vancouver Lions Club & F.I.S.H. Free Shred & E-Recycle Day!

What to Bring:

- Food for F.I.S.H.
- Donations to support Fort Vancouver Lions
- Documents (Personal and Business)
- Accepted media items: CDs, cassette tapes, hard drives, laptops, towers, and monitors (22" or larger)

Not accepted: 3-ring binders, hanging files, binder clips, plastic, metal, empty boxes, or cardboard, Televisions, Printers or Appliances of any kind



Protect yourself or your business by shredding important documents that are no longer needed and free up valuable space in your home, business, or storage spaces.

JOIN US!

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

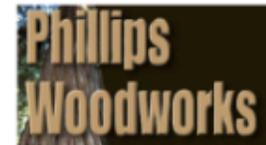
Saturday October 18, 2025

Mill Plain United Methodist Church

15804 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA

Questions?
Call or text
Allen Rhyasen
360-721-6650

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Fort Vancouver Lions Club Meeting July 18, 2025 Golden Corral

Speaker: Lisa Durkin Jones, Play Director, Columbia Play Project.

Columbia Play Project is dedicated to creating playful, inclusive environments for all ages, promoting curiosity, learning, and fun. Since 2021, CPP has reached over 57,000 people through play kits, events, and their Mobile Children's Museum. The ultimate goal is to build a permanent children's museum in Clark County—an educational, nonprofit space fostering social, emotional, and cognitive development. In 2024, they launched the Dream the Museum campaign to gather community input and guide planning. Accessibility is central to their vision, with design features and programs to support children and adults with sensory, physical, and cognitive disabilities, ensuring equitable access to play.

Secretary Report:

Thank you letters received from:

- Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County
- Oral Hull Foundation
- Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Gales Creek Camp
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- NW Association for Blind Athletes
- Camp Leo for children with Diabetes

Treasurer Report:

Admin balance 6/30/2025 \$8899.14 – register balance \$10,578.14 reflects dues deposited 7/1.

Foundation balance 6/30/2025 \$19772.62 – register balance of \$11,886.68 is after Golf expenses and Camas's share paid.

Sight Committee: No report

Hearing Committee: Four hearing aids were donated last month. The next meeting is August 12th rather than August 5th.

Golf Report: David and Sandy presented the check for \$4075.06 to Camas Lions for their share of the proceeds.

Berry Sales: Orders due August 20th. Pick up day is Saturday August 23rd. Please post the flyer on Nextdoor and Facebook and contact Allen if you can help on pick up day.

Installation Picnic: A fun time was had by all

International Dinner: Amazing food, lots of laughter. Thanks, Gay and Steve! Money raised will be donated to an organization fighting childhood cancer.

Chelatchie Prairie Rail Road Trip: Gay has a fall schedule and will see what date folks would like to go at the next meeting.

Back to School at Washington Elementary: Michele D. has not heard from Elizabeth as to when and what help will be needed for this annual event. Only 2-3 volunteers will be needed.

Dinner in the Dark: Diane will work with Battle Ground Lions to make this happen in the Spring. Other Clark County Lions will be invited to help/participate.



Fort Vancouver Lions Club and Foundation Board Meeting July 18, 2025 Golden Corral

Commenced at 1:06

Board Members Present: Diane Cavanaugh, Sandy Conroy, Gay Enyeart, Jan Koenig, Allen Rhyasen, Phyllis Robertson, Aziz (Bill) Shalaby, Wanda Slevin

Board Members Absent: Mike Cavanaugh

Guest(s) Attending: Terry Robertson, Fred Larson

Secretary Report: Motion made by Phyllis and seconded by Allen to accept the minutes of June 6, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

24.25.11 Columbia Play Project – Phyllis proposed that

1. Fort Vancouver Lions Club become a Business Member of Columbia Play Project in the amount of \$500.
2. We participate in Two Events during the Lions Year 2025-2026.
3. We invite other clubs or our Zone to participate with us.

Allen moved to partner with Columbia Play Project and add \$500 to the budget. Gay seconded. Motion passed.

24.25.28 Written Guidelines for Club meeting – After discussion, Gay moved to accept the guidelines and add them to our policies and procedures. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

24.25.31 Member Orientation – will be the program for October 17th.

24.25.32 Cost of name tags and where do we get them – Sandy is still working on it.

24.25.33 Pin/button 70th Anniversary – Decided that we should have had these before the April celebration, so they will not be pursued any further.

NEW BUSINESS:

25.26.01 Budget for Foundation was modified slightly. Admin budget adopted as presented. Terry R. as proxy for Allen moved to adopt both; Jan provided seconds. Budgets included as amendments to these minutes.

25.26.02 Designate new signers for Fort Vancouver Lions Club and Fort Vancouver Lions Club Foundation bank accounts (checking and savings) at Columbia Credit Union.

Nominated as new signers:

- Diane Cavanaugh
- Alexandria (Sandy) Conroy
- Janice (Jan) Koenig
- Gay Enyeart

Removed as existing signers:

- Richard (Rick) Giles
- Terry Robertson
- Aziz (Bill) Shalaby
- Terry Sutfin

Terry Robertson as proxy for Allen Rhyasen moved to remove existing signers and add these new signers. Phyllis Robertson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 2:06pm. Next board meeting will be August 15, 2025 after regular meeting.

Diane Cavanaugh
Secretary, Fort Vancouver Lions Club

Lions Training — Multi-Zone N9/N10/N11

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 8:15 AM–1:00 PM

**Location: Cascadia Technical Academy,
12200 NE 28th St, Vancouver, WA 98682**

Cost: \$0 (Lunch provided at noon)

👉 **Register now:** <https://forms.gle/dtDh29p1FYQCybLS6>

Deadline: Please register by **Monday, Sept 8** to receive printed materials and lunch.

Sharpen your skills, connect with fellow Lions, and leave ready to serve!

* share with others in your club who might be interested- all welcome!*

Let's learn, connect, and gear up for a powerful year of service! Join Lions across Zones N9, N10, and N11 for a fast-paced morning of practical training and fellowship —free of charge, with lunch at noon.

Quick Details

Coffee & Sign-In: 8:15–9:00 AM

Welcome: 9:00 AM with ZC Casey O'Dell

Breakouts: 3 sessions, 2 choices each (45 minutes/session)

Lunch: Provided at 12:00 PM

Bring: Your laptop for accessing LCI e-books (optional)

What to Expect

General Session (9:05 AM): Club Structure & GAT Team with ID Dr. Mark Mansell

Three 45-minute breakouts (each with two choices) with 5-minute transitions

Networking time to connect and get your questions answered

Lunch at 12:00 PM (stay after the morning program to eat, hear about LCIF, and mingle)

Excellence Awards - This session satisfies the training requirement for Club, President, Secretary, and Treasure Excellence Awards.



Questions?
Contact **ZC Casey O'Dell** at
caseyodell1127@gmail.com
or 360-772-4497.

Session 1 (9:35 AM)

· Marketing — Lion
Stephanie O'Dell
· Secretary — ZC Shelley
Staudinger

Session 2 (10:25 AM)

· Membership — ID Dr.
Mark Mansell
· Treasurer — PDG Steve
Staudinger

Session 3 (11:15 AM)

· Service Chair — PDG
Debbie Mansell
· President/VP — Dr.
Brian Scott

Lunch & Closing (12:00 PM)

Lunch served

12:10 PM General Session: LCIF with PDG Debbie Mansell & Dr. Brian Scott



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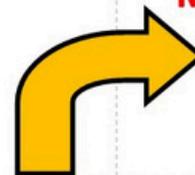
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28	29	30 Happy Birthday Dave Hutson				



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**First & Third Friday
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Golden Corral Buffet
11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98682

Zoom link can be found on page 2.



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19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Chelatchie Prairie Railroad 12:00 PM
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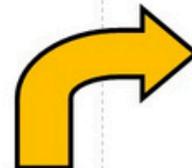
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