



**Fort Vancouver
Lions Club
Vancouver, WA.,
U.S.A.
Established 1955**

**December
2025 ISSUE**

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

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**2025-2026
King Lion
Sandy**



Happy Holidays to You All:

We have all reflected on why we are thankful. Turkeys have been cooked. The last of the autumn leaves are being raked. Yards are being readied for winter. I even braved the “not crowds” on Black Friday. Now, it’s time to prepare for Christmas. Holy Moly, December already!

As in our personal lives, Lions are getting ready for the final push for the end of the calendar year. Instead of slowing down, we are picking up the pace. How do we do it, Lions?

We are a special breed. We share friendships with each other and with those we serve. We share courage as we work tirelessly to meet deadlines. We share the Joy of the Holiday Seasons with all around us. We help pick each other up when things become overwhelming. Then, we come together to celebrate each other and all we have accomplished. What an incredible family of people we have in Ft. Vancouver Lions.

How can we share this with others? JUST ASK.

- 12/3 Sewing Party at Diane’s
- 12/5 Lions Meeting
- 12/6 Drive and Drop (Walk and Knock)
- 12/12-13 Bell Ringing at Salmon Creek Fred Meyers
- 12/17 Santa Store Set Up
- 12/18 Santa Store
- 12/19 Lions Meeting and Board Meeting
- Jan 2 Meeting Cancelled
- Jan 6 “We Survived the Holidays” party

This SHORT list of activities will help to keep us busy for the next few weeks. If I miss something, sorry. Sometimes you elves slip something extra in.

If you have sewing skills, can help pin or cut, please meet at Cavanaugh's Dec. 3rd at 10 am. We plan on working until around 4 pm or until we drop. Lunch will be available. Drive and Drop is Saturday, Dec. 6th starting at 9 am. You should have received bags by now to fill and drop off at designated areas. Check your neighborhood before you drive out in case someone set their donations out by mistake.

Make sure your calendar is marked to help with Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Dec 12-13. We will be working with Hazel Dell Lions and Vancouver Lions to cover these shifts at the Salmon Creek Fred Meyer. Many hands make the job go faster.

Set up for the Santa Store at Washington Elementary will be Wednesday, December 17th. Helping with the store and breakdown will be Thursday, December 18th. If you have not signed up, please contact Michele at 360-798-3372.

With all we have going on in our personal and Lions' lives, this year we have decided to try something new. Instead of having our usual Christmas party, we will have an "I Survived the Holidays" celebration instead. It will be on Tuesday, January 6th at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Plans are in the works right now. Please stay tuned.

At the Board Meeting on the 17th, it was decided to endorse the candidacy of Lion Ryan Morrison, of the Hazel Dell Lions, for 2nd VDG for Lions year 2026-2027. This information has been forwarded to ZC Shelley so she can pass the information to the District Governor. Good Luck Lion Ryan.

Put your thinking caps on. With a new Lion year starting shortly after, it is time to put together a nominating committee. We want to make sure we have enough time to come up with candidates that will be qualified to take on new roles next year.

From my family to yours, have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. Sandy

King Lion Sandy



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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

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84289457357?pwd=QHWxtsSvt9gflYcFUZQI2fR9baR4OL.1>

Meeting ID: 842 8945 7357

Passcode: 19550415

One tap mobile

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December Programs December 5

**J.D. Nellor, from the Vancouver
Lions Club will be speaking
about the changes coming with
NW Sight and Hearing.**



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**

December 19

**Come wearing your favorite holiday
attire. Program is TBD.**

Save the Dates

- **Wednesday, December 3 Lions Sewing Project**
- **Saturday, December 6 Drive & Drop**
- **Fri./Sat., Dec. 12 - 13 Salvation Army Bell Ringing**
- **Thursday, December 18 Wash. Elem. Santa Store**
- **Tuesday, January 6 “We Survived the Holidays” Party**

Lions Pad Project Kenya



The Lions Pad Project Kenya is a project by the Lions and Leos of District 105CE in partnership with Kenyan clubs to keep girls in school by addressing period poverty and its impact on their education. The project provides girls with sanitary pads and underwear, but it also includes educational components like menstrual hygiene management, health, and relationship education to address stigma and build confidence.

Fort Vancouver Lions are invited to help make reusable sanitary pads on Wednesday, December 3rd at Diane and Mike's house. We'll start about 10 am. Sewing skills are not required! There is plenty of cutting, pinning, ironing and snap fastening to do. Email Diane at diacav.pnw@gmail.com or text/call 206.375.1347 to RSVP so we know how many to expect for lunch! Mark and Debbie Mansell will deliver the items in February to Lions supporting young women in Kenya.

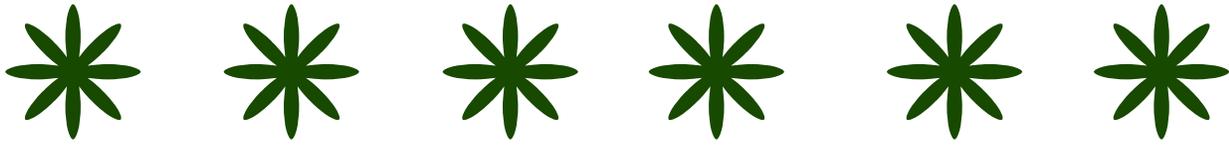


Washington Elementary Santa Store

It's Time for the Santa Store!



- Set up is Wednesday December 17th at 2:45pm.
- Santa Store begins Thursday, December 18th at 8:15 a.m. for the kids to start shopping.
- **Lions should arrive at 7:30 a.m.**
- If you haven't signed up and would like to help at this amazing event, please contact Michele Druschel coekid@live.com 360-798-3372.



Columbia Presbyterian Church Choir Concert

You are cordially invited to attend Columbia Presbyterian Church's Choir which will be presenting a Christmas Concert of glorious music and dramatic readings celebrating this majestic season. A choir of 45 voices will be singing "And The Glory" by Handel, "Candlelight Carol" by John Rutter, "Amen, Tell It on the Mountain" by Mary McDonald and more.

Services are: **Sunday, December 7th** at
9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Columbia Presbyterian Church
801 Columbia Ridge Drive
Vancouver, WA.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

This year, FVLC are bell ringing for the Salvation Army in conjunction with Vancouver and Hazel Dell Lions at the Fred Meyer, Salmon Creek, North door (variety dept).

The only shift left is Saturday, 12/13/25
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Please contact Susan Nellor
sanellor@gmail.com 360.513.7036 if you are
able to help out at this time.



An Impromptu Food Drive: Lions in Action!

It all started with a simple email. Lion Gay spotted a great deal in the Chuck's Produce ad—50 pounds of potatoes for \$14.99—and asked that a note be sent to the club. “Check the ad for Chuck's Produce. I know folks will buy them for the food banks!”

Lion Diane replied, “If you can't get to Chuck's this week but will be at the meeting on Friday, I can take your \$\$ to buy a box on your behalf.”

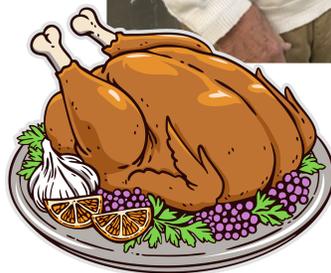
That small exchange sparked something big! Club members jumped into action, purchasing and donating 400 pounds of potatoes and contributing \$285 for additional food purchases. When Lions Mike and Diane delivered 200 pounds of potatoes to FISH of Vancouver, pantry manager Lauren was very grateful. She thanked the Lions—but also shared that the pantry had just received plenty of potatoes from other generous donors. What they really needed were Thanksgiving staples: cranberry sauce, green beans, stuffing mix, margarine, and gravy. So, Lion Jan and Diane put the donated funds to work—purchasing 276 pounds of those holiday favorites to help fill local tables this season. This will provide 60 families with sides for the holiday dinner. Wow! What started as a casual email turned into a wonderful example of Lions' generosity and teamwork. Thank you, Lions, for your quick response and big hearts!



Thanksgiving Meal at Washington Elem.

Lions Penny and Lion David helped serve meals for the annual family Thanksgiving meal at the Washington Elementary School on behalf of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club.

It was an enjoyable experience. They hadn't seen or heard so many young kids at one time in a long time. As far as the cafeteria food, it wasn't bad!



Veteran's Day Open House

- The Community Military Appreciation Committee hosted a free Veterans Day Open House at the Pearson Air Museum following Vancouver's Veterans Day Parade. Attendees enjoyed complimentary food and explored booths from veteran-supporting organizations.
- The Lions of Clark County staffed a table featuring all 11 county clubs and highlighted our vision and hearing related services. We distributed Sight and Hearing Foundation applications, free reading glasses, club business cards, the KOTB Adjusting to Vision Lossbrochure, and also conducted some on-site vision screenings.
- FVLC member Suzanne Day also marched in the parade with the Royal Rosarians 😊



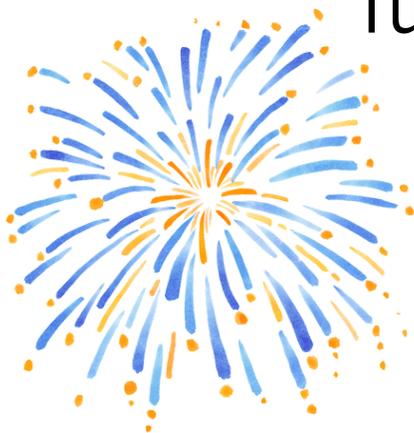
"We Survived the Holidays" Party

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Old Spaghetti Factory

5:30 Social

6:00 Dinner



Watch for more information to come! Page 7



CRABAGANZA 2026: Saturday, February 7

2026 Battle Ground Lions Crabaganza

Tickets only \$60 / person with "Early Bird" discount
when purchased by December 31, 2025

Ticket price= \$65 / person starting January 1, 2026
~ No tickets sold at the door~

Roasted chicken served as the alternative entrée if you don't like crab.
Please bring your own crab crackers and picks.

- ✓ No-Host Beer & Wine Bar
- ✓ Lots of FUN Raffle Prizes

Battle Ground Community Center

912 E Main St, Battle Ground WA 98604

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Serving food around 6:00 PM

Get Your Tickets Soon...Before Price Increases in January



On the web: www.bglions.org

Message/text: 360.798.9764

Email: bglionsclub@yahoo.com

Scan the code with your phone to reach our website!

Event proceeds benefit LOCAL service projects of the BG Lions Club
through the Battle Ground Lions Foundation. We're a 501 c 3 organization: 46-4542761

MD19 STEP CHALLENGE

START
OCTOBER 6, 2025

A one-time \$5.00 participation fee, paid to your District Diabetes Chair, goes to Diabetes Camps in your area

30 Weeks of counting steps - submitted weekly

Last day to walk May 3rd, 2026

Updates posted in:
MD19 Diabetes Newsletter & Border Crossing

Open to Lions Members and Non-Members
(Family and Friends pay the one-time \$5.00 participation fee for steps to count)

All money raised
will send kids to
Diabetes Camps
in Canada
and USA

Winner announced at the MD19 Convention in Wenatchee, WA
weekend of May 23 - 24, 2026



CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT DIABETES CHAIR FOR MORE INFORMATION

District L: PDG Georgia Medwedich: gdalmaine@gmail.com

District I: Lion Linda Schaffrick: lindashaffrick@gmail.com

District O: Lion Michael Contreras: mikercv.nac@gmail.com

District N: TBD

District S: TBD



Greetings Drive & Drop Volunteers (formerly Walk & Knock)

We have four great ways for you to get involved this year:

1. Neighborhood Organizing & Food Pickup

If you'd like to "adopt" a neighborhood, street, or area, we'll provide you with door hangers to place on doors the week before the food drive (Sunday, November 30 – Friday, December 5).

Please have all door hangers placed no later than Friday, December 5.

On Saturday, December 6, after 9:00 AM, return to collect any food bags placed out for pickup. Bring collected bags to one of the nearby Drive & Drop locations.

To sign up, please email president@walkandknock.org with:

The area you'd like to cover

The approximate number of homes in your area

Please contact us by November 10 so we can order enough door hangers.

2. Drive Day Drop Location Help

We'll have 16 Drive & Drop locations around the county on Saturday, December 6. Each site needs 15–20 volunteers to help unload cars and load trucks. If you'd like to help at one of these locations, please email president@walkandknock.org.

3. Barrel Pickups

Over 80 donation barrels will be placed throughout Clark County at locations such as Les Schwab, Riverview Bank, McDonald's, and Cost Less Auto Parts. These barrels will be out from December 1–15, and many will need daily pickups. If you'd like to help with barrel collection, please contact kay.hust@hotmail.com.

4. Flyer Distribution & Social Media

We've created flyers to help spread the word about Walk & Knock / Drive & Drop. You can place them at local businesses or community spots throughout November. Please also consider following us on Facebook or Instagram and helping us to spread the word.

We know this year's format is a change, but your continued support and enthusiasm make Walk & Knock possible. Please consider volunteering in any way you can — every bit helps make this community effort a success.

With gratitude,
Justin Wood
President,
Walk & Knock / Drive & Drop





Fort Vancouver Lions • Meetings • October 17, 2025 Golden Corral, 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98682

Our program was by Wade and Jacie about Silver Star Search and Rescue, their history, operations, and recent activities.

Secretary Report

- 83 volunteers served approx. 13,987 people over 586.75 hours through September.
- Thank you letter received from Pacific Foundation for Blind Children.

Ongoing Business

- Chelatchie Prairie R.R. trip – Carpool?
- Dinner in the Dark – Battleground Lions have decided to focus on their “Crabaganza” and are not available to actively participate in planning a dinner in the dark at this time.
- Dozer Days – October 4-5 – About 11 volunteers, and it was fun.
- Shred Event October 18 – arrive by 9:30; it will be important to have someone to help keep the driveway clear due to the “No Kings” protest.
- ilani Octoberfest recap – Michele D. and Gay helped at this event. We received \$272 for their efforts.
- Peace Essay project – Two entries have been received, one titled “Peace War I!” and the other titled “World Peace”.

New Business

- Adopt a Foster Child – Eva has only a few foster children left that will need gifts.
- Santa Store – Michele has been shopping and doing inventory. She was encouraged to ask for help in making such preparations.
- District Governor Donna Muir will have her official visitation on November 7th.
- Sewing Project- Keep a Girl in School: Sew reusable feminine pads at home to help Kenyan girls stay in school. Mark and Debbie Mansell will deliver the items in February to Lions supporting young women in Kenya. Contact Diane for the pattern.
- Eyeglass Sorting Party: Sunday, October 19, Staudinger’s





Fort Vancouver Lions - Board Meeting - October 17, 2025

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

Called to Order at 1:13pm by President Sandy

Board members present: Sandy Conroy, Phyllis Robertson, Jan Koenig, Gay Enyeart, Bill Shalaby, Wanda Slevin, Allen Rhyasen, Diane Cavanaugh, Mike Cavanaugh

Board members absent: none

Guest(s) attending: none

Review/approve last minutes – Correction requested to clarify that the Childhood Cancer Donation from Int'l Dinner should go to Edie Brannon's project as needed. Mike moved to approve as amended, Jan seconded.

Treasurer Report

- Foundation balance as of 9/30/2025 was \$14,807.65.
- Admin balance as of 9/30/2025 was \$9,625.04.
- Actual-to-budget figures were updated as of 10/4/2025.
- Allen moved, Gay seconded a motion to reimburse Terry R. from Admin account \$395.51 for new 12x12 pop up, T-sign outdoor A-frame signboard and 24x36 poster.

Ongoing Business

- Foundation Credit Card Issues – Bill reported that a meeting will be held with Kari at TMC on October 29th at 10am. Questions and concerns will be forwarded to her before the meeting.
- Children's Play Project – Bricktastic! Will be November 8th. We will provide our bookmarks for the goodie bags. Phyllis has had few responses to our request at the zone meeting for other clubs to join us in supporting this project; she will follow up.
- Invitation to Partner on a Ball for All w/Camas Lions – Diane will attend the planning meeting when it gets scheduled.

New Business

- Visitation gifts for Zone Chair and District Governor will be our standard pens.
- Possible Camas/FVL partnership on Octoberfest for next year – Diane will glean some ideas from the chair of Ridgefield's Octoberfest.
- Foster Dinner @ Elks December 11 – We will provide the \$\$ and the organization will take it from there.
- Step Contest – details are in the October newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to participate, as the goal is mainly to get everyone to be more active.
- Holiday meetings/party – We will have regular meetings at the Golden Corral December 5th and 19th and January 16th. The January 2nd meeting will be cancelled. Our holiday party will be Tuesday January 6th.
- Phyllis has had a discussion with Lori Pulliam and Marcie Ebart who both worked at WSSB about partnering with Debra Erickson to teach blind and low vision individuals (young and old) to cook. What this might look like still TBD.
- Veteran's Parade Service Booth: Stay tuned for details. Tuesday, November 11.

Next Board Meeting November 21st. Adjournment 1:54 pm.



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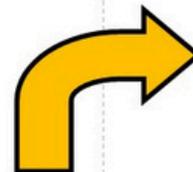
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Golden Corral Buffet
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Vancouver, WA 98682



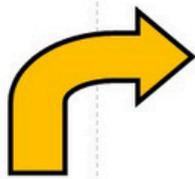
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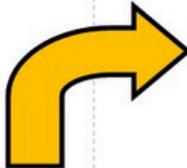


February 2026

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