



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

**January  
2026 ISSUE**

**Join us Friday  
January 16<sup>th</sup> at  
Noon for our  
regular meeting at  
Golden Corral**

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**2025-2026  
King Lion  
Sandy**



As we reflect on all that we've accomplished together, it's important to remember the friendships we've built and the positive impact we've made. Your dedication and enthusiasm have truly set this group apart, and each of you has played an essential role in our shared success.

It's nearly the end of the year, but is it really the end? I see six months spent learning about new ways to Serve, six months spent growing as Lions and becoming an integral part of the community, six months working and celebrating with our fellow Lions.

So, we have come to the end of this chapter. We are enjoying a well-earned breather, with time to celebrate ourselves, our families and our community. Knowing Lions, ideas are in the planning stages for greatness to come.

I look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party on the 6th at Old Spaghetti Factory.

Happy New Year to all you Wonderful Lions!

As the new year begins, we have things that we, as a club, need to prepare for. The first thing is establishing a nominating committee. Candidates need to be nominated and elected no later than April 30th. That gives enough time to go through a smooth transition into the coming year. Please, search your hearts about either serving on the nomination committee for next year's board.



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We are looking for a candidate for the Lions Leadership Institute. It will be held June 4-7, 2026 in Chilliwack, BC. This is a top rate event that focuses on leadership development, not just as Lions but in everyday life. Applications must be finished and submitted before May 1, 2026, which also includes a fee reduction request. Please contact PDG Sandy at sandyconroy@comcast.net or 360-256-6698 if you are interested in this opportunity. You will be notified upon board approval.

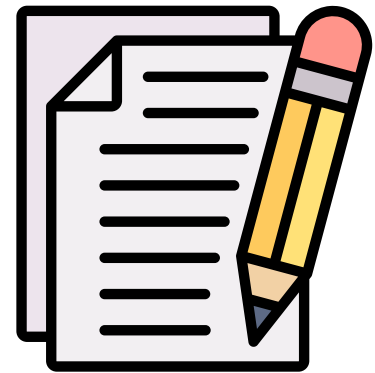
We are looking for someone in our club that is knowledgeable about grant writing. There are many places in our community that could be asked to help sponsor our events. Please contact a board member if you are interested in helping.

Our wonderful speakers on Dec. 19th gave a great presentation on the Green Bag program. We will be checking in to how this works and how we, as a club, can participate. If you would like to help oversee this, please let a board member know.

**King Lion Sandy**

# Congratulations!

District 19N Essay Contest is completed. The winner is Meka Nordquist, sponsored by Fort Vancouver!



**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**

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

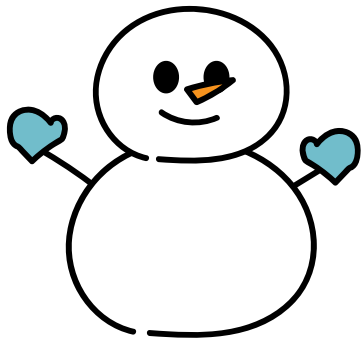
**FVLC Regular Meetings**  
**First and Third Fridays, 12:00 PM Pacific Time**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
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## 2025 - 2026 FVLC Officers

## January Program January 16

Our January 16 program will be Phyllis Hyatt from Ridgefield Lions Club sharing her story about making Baby Quilts for children who are born blind.



Here is Phyllis with one of her quilts for blind children

- **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**

## Save the Dates

- **Tuesday, January 6** “We Survived the Holidays” Party
- **Saturday, Jan 10** CRESA I am Reddi Training- Emergency preparedness opportunity hosted by Camas Lions.
- **Tuesday, January 13** Sewing Project for Kenya girls
- **Saturday, February 7** Battle Ground Lions Crabaganza
- **Wednesday, February 18** Zone Meeting #2- "Hey! Shut the Back Door!" Hosted by Ridgefield Lions.
- **April 10–11, 2026** District 19–N Lions Convention Tacoma, Washington U.S.A

# "We Survived the Holidays" Party

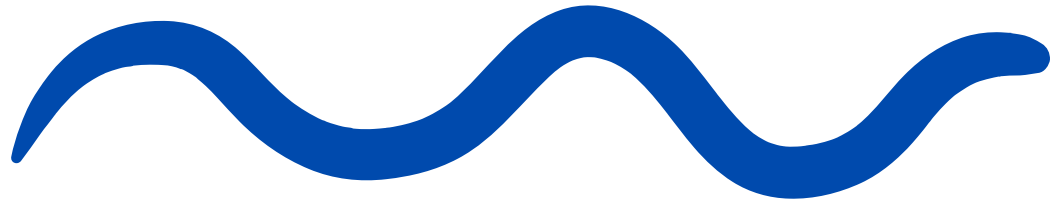
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Old Spaghetti Factory  
730 SE 160<sup>th</sup> Ave

5:30 Social  
6:00 Dinner



International Dinner Auction  
*A night of Celebration and Festivity*



## 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 **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:diacav.pnw@gmail.com) or text/call 206.375.1347 to RSVP so we know how many to expect for lunch!



# Drive and Drop

Fieldstone Estate neighbors in Vancouver received their drive and drop (formerly walk and knock) bags in the mail and were notified that Lions David Rich and Jan Koenig, along with her husband Mike (Fieldstone Estate neighbors and members of the Fort Vancouver Lions Club) would be picking up the bags starting at 9 am on Saturday, December 6th to help those less fortunate than we are with a donation.

Thanks to the 34 Fieldstone Estate families who helped those less fortunate than us. Forty five grocery bags were picked up for the drive and drop campaign. What a great neighborhood to live in.



## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Lions David Rich and Jan Koenig joined forces with the Vancouver and Salmon Creek Lions to collect money for the Salvation Army annual fund drive to help those in need.



## Santa's Helpers at Washington Elementary

Waking up to a power outage and learning that classes were cancelled district wide on Wednesday, December 17 was not how I imagined set up day for the 2025 Santa Store at Washington Elementary beginning. Luckily the lights came back on, and along with some young recruits Allen Rhyasen brought with him, Jan Koenig, Diane Cavanaugh and I were able to get everything out of storage and set up for one of the most fun events of the year. The morning of the 18th, John Lyons met each of the 247 students at the door handing them their shopping bags. Each student was given the opportunity to have a picture with Santa (Steve Seymour) who was assisted by his favorite elf (his wife Gail) or they could start their shopping right away. Fort Vancouver Lions personal shoppers Shelly Brown, Diane and Mike Cavanaugh, Sandy Conroy, Jan Koenig, Allen and Renee Rhyasen, Phyllis Robertson, and I, along with a couple of staff from the Boys and Girls club, helped the kids pick out gifts for their family members, then let the students were able to pick a gift for themselves, choosing from books, magnetic games, small toys, gloves or Christmas stockings. The last stop before lining up to return to class was getting a candy cane from Nancy Brown. From the little girl who picked out a Barbie for her dad, because he likes to play dolls with her to the student who wasn't sure what to get for the new baby (was still in mom's tummy and he didn't know if it was a brother or sister), we had lots of reasons to smile.

The school provided us with pizza, salad, cupcakes and drinks for lunch. Once we finished with lunch, we inventoried and packed up what was left for 2026 Santa Store with the help of Allen Rhyasen's young recruits yet again.

Spending time with the kids, seeing the excitement in their eyes and the smiles on their faces, getting an occasional hug and hearing a lot of Thank You(s) make this one of my favorite events. I want to give a special shoutout to Jan Koenig, who offered to co-chair this event with me this year. While I'm looking forward to Santa Store 2026, I'm pleased to say Santa Store 2025 is a wrap!

Lion Michele





## LIONS IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

For the last 5 years Fort Vancouver Lions have partnered with the community to provide Christmas gifts for children in foster care. In October this year we received a list of children in foster care from the non-profit Community and Family Services Foundation (CFSF) who hosts a Christmas party for the foster families on their case load. There were 80 names on that list with their Christmas wishes. The first of November 10 names were added to that list bring the total to 90 children.

It was a splendid collaborative effort of the Fort Vancouver Lions, Three Creeks Rotary Club, Hillcrest Church and friends and neighbors to provide Christmas wishes for 95 children who couldn't be with their own families.

CFSF arranged with the Elks to have the Christmas party in their big hall and a catered meal from Olive Garden (provided by Fort Vancouver Lions) was provided for the foster families. The party was complete with Santa and his helper (Russ and Tammy McCullough from Hillcrest Church) and even the Grinch attended (an Elk volunteer) who was in his best behavior for the evening. Members of the Three Creeks Rotary Club served the dinner as well as setting up for the party and cleaning up afterward. A special thanks to Carol Mackey and her volunteers.

Five more children came into foster care the week before Christmas. We received an urgent request for Christmas gifts for each of them. After going back to some of the same donors who had already been so generous and contacting many others we came up with an oversized duffle bag full of gifts for each child.

Because these children came into care after the Christmas party and they were in different homes, a local small business owner and foster parent (Deborah Polen) decided to host the five children at her house for a spaghetti dinner and gift unwrapping party. The social workers, foster parents and Ms. Poland worked out the logistics so that the children were together for Christmas Eve.

I Love this Vancouver, WA community because of the generosity of the people living here and their willingness to help one of our most vulnerable populations, children in foster care. Our service clubs, a church and friends and neighbors banded together to successfully provide a little cheer to those children in foster care.

Respectfully submitted  
Eva Halter



# NW Lions Leadership Institute

The Northwest Lions Leadership Institute will be held June 4–7, 2026, in Chilliwack, British Columbia, with applications due by May 1, 2026. The cost is \$350 USD, with a required \$150 deposit. Fees include three nights lodging at the Coast Chilliwack Hotel, most meals, and all training materials. Applicants from MD19 clubs may qualify for a special fee waiver reducing the cost by \$200.

The Institute offers hands-on leadership training focused on collaboration, communication, and confidence. Participants develop skills in team building, effective communication, member engagement, delegation, conflict resolution, goal setting, time management, and public speaking. The program also emphasizes understanding Lions Clubs International priorities and crafting a personal mission statement. Learning is reinforced through group assignments, real-world scenarios, and guided reflection. Pre-Institute assignments help participants prepare and begin building confidence and connections in a supportive environment.

Classes will be held in the Mount Cheam Lions Hall. More details and the full application at <http://nwlli.org/default.asp>.



The MD 19 Convention is Memorial Day Weekend,  
May 23 and 24, 2026,  
at the Coast Hotel in Wenatchee.

Training will take place on May 22nd, Friday. The banquet will  
take place on Sunday at a local winery.  
Theme: "Celebrating the Fruits of Service"



## **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](http://www.bglions.org)

Message/text: 360.798.9764

Email: [bglionsclub@yahoo.com](mailto: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



## **Fort Vancouver Lions • Meetings • November 21, 2025** **Golden Corral, 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98682**

Speaker - Annie Hess, Development Coordinator at Fosterful shared some of her journey as a volunteer, foster parent, and now employee of Fosterful. She also invited members to The Land of Narnia Gala, February 27, 2026, 5:30 at the AC Hotel Vancouver Waterfront.

### Secretary Report

We have logged 160 volunteers serving approx. 17,626 people over 958.25 hours as of mid-November.

### Treasurer Report

- Admin balance \$9,615.27
- Foundation balance \$12,817.02
- Thanks to the volunteers at Dozer Days, we received a \$1000 donation!

### Ongoing Business

- Children's Play Project – Bricktastic! November 8th – Phyllis reported it was wonderful to see what the children had built of Legos and how proud they were of their work.
- Veteran's Parade Service Booth – Terry gave a brief report.
- Thanksgiving meal at Washington Elementary – David and Penny helped serve meals for the annual family Thanksgiving meal at the Washington Elementary School on behalf of FVLC. It was an enjoyable experience. Hadn't seen or heard so many young kids at one time in a long time.
- Bell Ringing will be a joint effort with Vancouver and Hazel Dell Lions, Friday 12/12 & Saturday 12/13 at Fred Meyer, Salmon Creek, North Entrance. Our ringers will be David & Jan, Steve & Gail, and Michele D, with one spot still open, 2-4pm Saturday 12/13.
- Thursday, December 18 Wash. Elem. Santa Store – Michelle, with some help from Jan, has been shopping and has found some great bargains. Sign up sheets were passed around for set up on the 17th and helping on the 18th.
- Holiday meetings/party – Sandy. 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 at the Spagetti Factory.
- Step Contest – Diane is coordinating. Sign up by 12/31/2025.
- Saturday, December 6 Drive & Drop – Diane - see the newsletter for ways to volunteer.
- Sewing Project, Keep a Girl in School – Diane. Meet December 3rd 10am at Cavanaugh's
- Tickets are now on sale for the Battle Ground Lions Crabaganza! February 7, 2026.

Next Meeting December 5th at the Golden Corral, noon.



**Fort Vancouver Lions • Board Meeting • November 21, 2025**  
**Golden Corral, 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98682**

Call to Order 1:22

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

Board members absent: Gay Enyeart

Guest(s) attending: Terry Robertson

Secretary/Treasurer Report

• Phyllis moved, Sandy seconded that the October 17 minutes be approved.

### Ongoing Business

- Holiday meetings/party – Discussion of whether to have an auction at the Dec 19 meeting or the Jan 6th party. Decision is to have a small auction on Jan 6th.
- Foundation Credit Card Issues – Bill reported on the recent meeting with Kari at TMC. Several changes will be made. After discussion, Bill moved that we keep working with TMC and continue to review our relationship regularly. Allen seconded; motion passed. Bill made an additional motion to have Treasurer (Diane Cavanaugh) and President (Alexandria “Sandy” Conroy) be signers on the TMC account, and that we update signers yearly to be the Treasurer and one other Board member. Mike seconded; motion passed.
- Invitation to Partner on a Ball for All w/Camas Lions – Diane – Stephanie is trying to schedule a kickoff meeting; it’s difficult due to schedules and the holidays.

### New Business


- Diane brought up the possibility of converting to the free Lions e-Clubhouse for our website, as the cost for hosting our current site is \$255/year. Diane will ask Dotty for feedback.
- Partnering with Debra Erickson to teach cooking – Phyllis has not been able to connect with Debra on this.
- Possible Camas/FVL partnership on Octoberfest for next year – Diane has not yet contacted the chair of the Ridgefield Lions about their event.

Next Board Meeting December 19th. Adjournment 2:09

Diane Cavanaugh  
Secretary



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11	12 Happy Birthday Gay Enyeart	13 Sewing Project 10 a.m. Cavanaughs	14	15	16 Lions Hybrid Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1:00 PM	17 Happy Birthday Marcel Tingey
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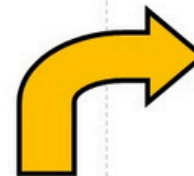
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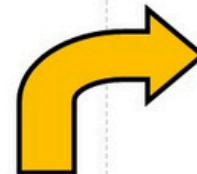
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