



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

**July
2026 ISSUE**

**Join us Friday
July 17 at Noon for
our regular meeting
at Golden Corral**

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**2026-2027
King Lion
Sandy**



Celebrating Ft. Vancouver's Century Club

It seems there has been a club tradition to celebrate members in the Century Club. What this means is taking the age of the member and adding the number of years they have been a member. If that equals or is greater than 100, VIOLA, they are a member of the Century Club.

Here is a list of current members and their 'age':

102, Bill Shalaby, 102 Allen Rhyasen, 103 Diane Hadley, 104 Rick Giles, 106 Wanda Slevin, 112 Larry Brown, 113 Fred Larson, 116 Helen Sutfin, 120 Sandy Conroy, 123 Steve Seymour, 128 Ralph Harding, 128 John Lyons, 130 Terry Sutfin, 132 Raymond Casey, 133 Terry Robertson. Congratulations and Thank You for your continued service and involvement.

We can't start something new until we take a few minutes to celebrate where our journey has taken us over the past year. Our club has excelled at fund raising. Our two Shred events and our Annual Golf Tournament have set us up to meet all our financial goals. What a great feeling it is to know we can financially support so many wonderful causes.

Our WE SERVE motto has been shining. Our year-end report shows 348 volunteers worked a total of 2,071 hours. Childhood Cancer had 11 hours, disaster preparedness had 41 hours, environmental had 8 hours, hunger causes had 544 hours, humanitarian services had 891 hours, vision causes had 72 hours and youth had 442 hours.

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As you can see, a smaller club can still be mighty. More hands will always be needed to meet our personal goals and the needs of our community. This year we were proud to gain Ian Tyler into our ranks. We also received an application from Pedro Johnson at our year end celebration.

Don't forget, our next meeting is July 17th at Golden Corral. Please plan on attending to hear a great presentation by director Derek Chinn of the Red Cross.

Our next Green Bag pick up day is **August 7th**. Please bring your donations to the meeting that day.

Queen Lion Sandy

Save the Dates

- **No meeting July 3rd**
- **Friday, August 7** Green Bag Pick Up Day
- **Sunday August 16, 2026 1:35 PM** Tacoma Rainiers
- **Tuesday August 4th and August 18th** - Kitchen Confidence for Youth with Vision Loss at Clark County Food Bank
- **Saturday, August 29** Multi-Zone Lions Leadership Training
- **April 16 & 17, 2027** - MD19N convention, Heathman Lodge, Vancouver

Dues for 2026-2027 Due!

If you have not paid your dues, please do so now!

- To Pay online, Visit: <https://fortvancouverlions.org/basic-membership/>. Important: On the checkout page, Zeffy will automatically suggest a contribution to support their platform. In the middle of the checkout page (between your contact information and credit card information), change the default contribution of 17% to "Other" and enter any amount you wish (we suggest \$5).
- To Pay by Check: Print your statement and mail to Diane Cavanaugh, Treasurer, Vancouver Lions Club, 1116 NW 54th Circle, Vancouver, WA 98663



PROGRAMS

July 17, 2026

**Derek Chinn, Executive Director,
American Red Cross**

Derek Chinn has been in the executive director role for the SW Washington chapter of the American Red Cross for 2 ½ years. His main exposure to the Red Cross was blood donation (16 ½ gallons donated and counting...) so the Humanitarian Services and disaster response work has opened up a new world of learning and opportunity. Prior to the Red Cross, he was in higher education as a professor and administrator. The bulk of his vocational life has been in the nonprofit world. Derek roots for the Oregon Ducks having started when they were the definition of mediocrity and tickets abundant to students to fill the stands.

2026 - 2027 FVLC Officers

- **Sandy Conroy - President**
- **Aziz (Bill) Shalaby - 1st VP**
- **Doug Wilson - 2nd VP**
- **Diane Cavanaugh - Secretary**
- **Jan Koenig - Treasurer**
- **Gay Enyeart - LCIF**
- **Wanda Slevin - 1 yr Director**
- **Phyllis Robertson - 1 yr Director**
- **Suzanne Day - 2 yr Director**
- **Dave Hutson - 2 yr Director**
- **Terry Robertson - Past President**
- **Tail Twister - Allen Rhyasen**
- **Dotty Scott - Webmaster**
- **Shelly Brown - Newsletter**

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**



Fund raising opportunity!

Ridgefield Lions have contracted with Ridgefield Raptors Baseball to provide oversight at the gate entrances for each home game. They need two Lions per game, one for each gate. Lions will be paid \$80 for 4 hours.

You can sign up (a week in advance or more) at

https://www.ridgefieldlions.org/volunteer_opportunities/.

**For more information, contact David Schick at 408-476-4589
or davidschick16@gmail.com.**



KITCHEN CONFIDENCE FOR YOUTH WITH VISION LOSS

A 2-part workshop designed to help families create safe, inclusive kitchens where blind and low vision youth can build independence and confidence.



Led by Chef Debra Erickson, Founder of The Blind Kitchen

What You'll Learn

- Make your kitchen accessible for all family members
- Safe cooking techniques for vision loss
- Labeling and organization strategies
- Measuring, cutting, and heat safety
- Building independence and confidence

Workshop Features

- Demonstration of adaptive culinary tools
- Hands-on instruction and discussion
- Strategies adaptable to all ability levels
- Access to follow-up video tutorials

Who Should Attend

- Youth ages 8-22 with vision loss
- A Parent, guardian or caregiver
- An adult must attend

Take-Home Tools

Participants will receive adaptive tools to practice skills at home!

Workshop Format

- 2 session workshop
- 2 hours each

EVENT DETAILS

Date: August 4 and August 18, 2026

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Clark County Food Bank
6502 NE 47th Ave

Vancouver, WA 98661

Cost: FREE

Capacity: Limited to 8 families

REGISTER TODAY!



Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/tCb569ggP6LNAmda7>

 Tool kits to be provided to each student!

Snacks
provided



District 19N Lions Clubs are coming together to provide free audible mini-soccer balls to children who are blind or have low vision -
so that every child can experience the joy of play!

You can help make a difference!

Club Contributions

We are asking each District 19N club to set aside \$105 in your annual budget to help with the purchase of balls at \$35 each.



Personal Donations via the Great Snow Depth Challenge

\$5 per guess or \$20 for 5 guesses



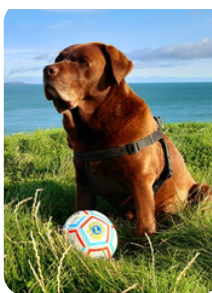
Deadline
October 31
2026

Reach out to get involved
CCABall4All@gmail.com
360-608-3395



Luxembourg

Ireland dog Lions



Thessaloniki



Bhutan



Namibia



Morocco

YOU'RE INVITED!!



MULTI-ZONE N9/N10/N11 LIONS TRAINING

Sharpen your skills, connect with fellow Lions, and leave inspired to serve—register by Monday, August 24 to receive training materials and lunch.

Choose from a variety of training sessions & network with fellow Lions!

Session topics include:

- Club Structure & GAT Team
- President & Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Service
- Membership
- Marketing
- LCIF
- Public Speaking
- Project Management

Register today!



Date: Saturday, August 29, 2026

Time: 8:15 AM - 2:15 PM

Location: Cascadia Tech Academy

Address: 12200 NE 28th St.

Vancouver, WA 98682

Training & Lunch Cost: \$0

Please take a moment to register so we can prepare materials & plan lunch.

Register by Monday, August 24: <https://forms.gle/i1Sv2PzKf59xp6cx5>

Space is limited - please register early.

FV/Camas Lions Clubs

Golf Tournament

On Friday June 26th at Fairway Village, 72 golfers lined up for a 1 pm shot gun start! Last year in pouring rain, this year in sunny skies!

There were some 40 Corporate “tee signs” lining the tee boxes with five Corporate sponsor food banners around our “wiener wagon” and three major corporate banners surrounding our registration table! At high noon golfers started to arrive, showing up at the registration table where they received a “gift bag” purchased “three foot string”, bought way too many mulligans, & purchased 50/50 tickets for a major prize!

Camas Lions brought their famous “wiener wagon” ready with hot dogs, chips, cookie & a drink that the golfers ate before hitting the links!

Our famous “Putting for the Blind” was ready for action during the tournament and many a golfer donated for the Leader Dogs for the Blind raising over \$400!

In total we raised well over \$15,000 and netted around \$10,000 to be split between the 2 clubs!

Many thanks to our corporate sponsors who brought this tournament over the top!

Fairway Village staff said we were the most fun, easiest to deal with, and look forward to many more years working together!

A special thank you to the photographers who took amazing pictures and working with the friendly outgoing Camas Lions is always a treat! And let's not forget David Rich (who has since moved to Oregon) for starting this brainchild event! Many kudos to you David!

Until next year!!

Lion Allen Rhyasen

See the pictures on page 8.

FVLC/Camas Golf Tournament



FVLC End of Year Celebration

On Friday, June 26, 25 Lions and guests gathered for a great 4th of July party. Many great dishes and desserts were shared and devoured. One more bite seemed to be heard several times.

A special Thank You to PDG Terry Robertson who did a great job installing our new board for the coming year. PDG Sandy inducted Ian Tyler into our family. Ian has already participated in several activities with us and has volunteered to be our representative to Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. Way to jump in the deep end.

A Progressive Melvin Jones award was given to Allen Rhyasen for his exemplary performance in all facets of the club. A Gordon Smith award was given to Bill Shalaby who also exemplifies a truly caring heart.

One person, Melvin Jones, made a difference as he helped form and promote what turned into the world's largest service organization. One person, Helen Keller, challenged Lions to become Knights of the Blind, setting the stage for our continued involvement in promoting services for blind and sight impaired people. One person, maybe you, will be responsible for the next major endeavor taken on by Lions.

Celebrating Members who have **Stepped Out of the Box.**

Although all of our members excel at what they do, there were a few that took that extra step.

Lion of the Year: Phyllis Robertson for her unending energy working with Columba Children's Play Project, Promoting the Blind Kitchen and programs with Clark County food bank, working with zone clubs to make these true Lion events.

Rookie of the Year: Jan Koenig for her willingness to try many new things, take on jobs out of her comfort zone and smiling participation in many service projects.

All Star of the Year: Diane Cavanaugh for her seemingly endless desire to do it all. She has been an exemplary secretary and treasurer, promotes our club frequently on social media, excels on promotional materials and has moved forward as N10 Zone Chairman for the 26/27 Lions year. I want to know what type of Wheaties she has in the morning.

Providing Wisdom and Support: Bill Shalaby has been willing to help with some new ideas we are trying to adopt to help our club gain membership and become more efficient with what we do. He is a person who wants to make sure our club Shines.

I Haven't met a Project I won't take on: Allen Rhyasen is willing to take on jobs that most of us would run from. When David Rich told us he was moving, Allen stepped into the role of Chairman of our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament with Camas Lions. His way of leading with a smile and voluntelling our assignments helped make this year's event truly successful.

Please take a moment to congratulate these **Members for a job well done.**

FVLC End of Year Celebration



Melvin Jones Fellow
Allen Rhyasen



Lion of the Year Phyllis



New member
Ian Taylor



CARE Award to Aziz Bill Shalaby



2026 -2027 FVLC Board Members

Washington Elementary End of Year Picnic

Lions Michelle, Jan, Terry and Phyllis enjoyed themselves greeting children and parents at the Washington Elementary School year end picnic barbeque. We distributed 300 plus packages of Frito Lay chips as families enjoyed food and fun activities. Many children, parents and teachers thank us for being there.



Clark County Population

Clark County estimates in 2024 population estimate is 527,269 (Census gov.) Applying the Washington state disability rate (9.5%) to this figure yields an estimated – 50,090 people under age 65 with a disability. If we assume that a portion of this group has vision loss (consistent with national patterns) the blind and visually impaired population could be in the tens of thousands. For example, if 20-30% of those with a disability have vision loss, that would suggest – 10,000—15,000 people in Clark County have some level of vision impairment, including blindness.



Fort Vancouver Lions General, Foundation and Board Meetings May 15, 2026 Golden Corral

Fort Vancouver Lions Club meeting

Our program was on emergency preparedness and the importance of having a 72-hour go-bag ready for potential disasters, presented by Steve and Joanne Sorensen.

Secretary Report

Total People Served 42,932 Total Volunteers 324 Total Volunteer Hours 1,927

Treasurer Report

- Admin balance 4/30/2026 \$8,683.48
- Foundation balance 4/30/2026 \$18,576.78

New Business

A discussion was held as to whether to maintain or modify our meeting opening of Pledge of Allegiance, singing and prayer/invocation. After the comments, members were invited to mark ballots by circling any and all elements that they wished to keep.

At the end of the board meeting, Sandy indicated the result was to keep all three, with the prayer/invocation being either non-denominational or silence.

Announcements

- The club has received a Melvin Jones patch, in recognition for their contributions to LCIF in 2025-2026.
- Bill passed around a copy of "The Messenger" containing an article about our club.
- Golf tournament – June 19. A few more volunteer slots remain to be filled.
- WSSB track meet - Lori reminded everyone that the track meet is May 28th, week after next. There is still time to volunteer.
- Anyone who wants one of the new lime green/yellow Lions shirts (only \$10) and has not yet indicated such, please email Diane with the size you want.
- Volunteers will be needed for the Washington Elementary end-of-school-year event on June 5th after school. Michele D. will provide details soon.
- Phyllis gave a preview of the Blind Kitchen project that will be presented at the June 5th meeting.
- Reminder: Green Bags to be returned at the June 5th meeting.





Fort Vancouver Lions General, Foundation and Board Meetings May 15, 2026 Golden Corral

Fort Vancouver Lions Club and Foundation Board meeting

Call to Order 1:15

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

Board members absent:

Guest present: Doug Wilson, Suzanne Day

Ongoing business

- Membership Matters – Bill reported that efforts to spread the word about our club continue. Follow-up with the Chamber of Commerce is needed.
- Columbia Play Project – Phyllis indicated things appear to be still in flux.
- Committee List – Sandy passed out a list of potential committees, to which several items were added. Incoming 2nd VP Doug will organize this by month and help to fill the slots.

New business

- Delegates for MD19 convention will be Mike and Diane Cavanaugh.
- The budgets developed by committee were reviewed.
 - o Allan moved and Gay seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Admin budget as presented. Motion passed.

o Allan moved and Suzanne seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Foundation budget with notes added to fund the following if funds allow:

- MD19 Cares \$125
- FISH \$125
- Camp Leo \$125
- Columbia Play Project \$250

Motion passed.

- o The budgets will be presented to the membership for approval on June 5th.

NO MEETING JUNE 19 – GOLF TOURNAMENT 😊

Adjournment 2:16

Next Board meeting July 17, 2026

Diane Cavanaugh, Secretary

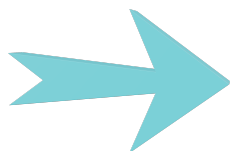


July 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 NO Lions Meeting	4 
5	6 Happy Birthday Jan Koenig	7 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark Co. Sight 6:30 PM WSSB	8	9 Happy Birthday Steve Seymour	10 Share House	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Lions Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1 PM	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



**Third Friday
Noon Meeting**



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



August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark Co. Sight 6:30 PM WSSB	5	6	7 Lions Meeting 12 PM Bring Green Bags	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Share House	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Lions Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1 PM	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Ian Tyler	28	29 Multi- Zone Training



**First & Third Fridays
Noon Meeting**



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September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Clark Co. Hearing 6 PM Clark Co. Sight 6:30 PM WSSB	2 Happy Birthday Bill Shalaby	3	4 Lions Meeting 12 PM	5
6 Happy Birthday Nancy Brown	7	8	9	10	11 Share House	12 Happy Birthday Larry Brown
13	14 Happy Birthday John Lyons	15	16	17	18 Lions Meeting 12 PM Board Meeting 1 PM	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Dave Hutson			



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