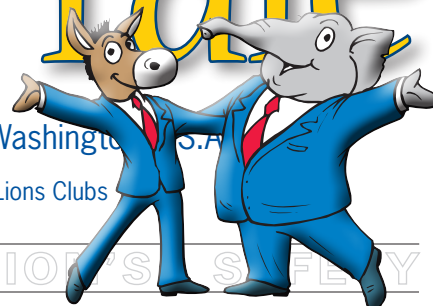


The Lions Tale

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LIBERTY INTELLIGENCE OUR NATION'S SAFETY

First Tuesday

We know, we are preaching to the choir; Lions really don't need to be reminded. But, this is a *newsletter*, and the news of this week is that this is the week of the first Tuesday in November. And we all know what that means!

November 2, 2010; The day the campaigning ends; The day the endless political ads blanketing every available TV minute cease; The day we will actually be able to find the real mail in our mailboxes without wading through dozens of four-color leaflets espousing the virtue of the day or the charge of the week; The day the righteous indignation calms; The day the punditry has to find some new theme to implant, some theory to either explain or to excuse the success or the failure of their punditry; The day the promises stop; The day the rubber hits the road.

It's Election Day! The bi-annual chance



We The People have given ourselves to have our say, which is to say who we will have carry our torch for the next two, four and six years. It is an opportunity to remind our friends that our government is not about "them", it is about "us". This is *our* democratic republic. We govern by choosing people to do our bidding. And in so choosing, we reap what we sow.

So for this first Tuesday, may we choose to sow well. Don't forget to vote.

projects

Ask A Friend To Walk And Knock

December 4, 2010. That is the date, less than a month away, for the annual Walk And Knock food drive.

Walk And Knock is generally recognized as the largest one-day food drive West of

the Mississippi. Most people outside our locale simply refuse to believe it really can be done. But it is done, every year.

To pull it off, Walk And Knock organizers have divided Clark County into 10 "Sectors". The VLC traditionally works in what is known as Sector C. Sectors are further divided into "Areas". Three VLC members serve as Area Captains in Sector C. Working from East to West, Lion J.D. Nellor supervises an area that meets at the Early Childhood Education Center (Lieser School to traditionalists), Lion Duane Lansverk handles the area based out of McLoughlin Middle School (Mac High), and Lion Dean Landers runs the show from the Washington State School For The Deaf. Each of these areas, and a few others, all report to the Sector C food collection site at Martin Luther King Elementary School. Another Vancouver Lion, Brian Rerick, is the head honcho of Sector C. At about 3:00 p.m. on Walk And Knock day, all the food is trucked from the Sectors to a warehouse at the Port of Vancouver, where it is off-loaded and then distributed to local food banks.

Most VLC Lions are old hats at the Walk by now, pretty much dividing up between the three areas our Lions run to help get the walkin' done. The area captains try to split their areas into smaller areas that can be handled by 6 to 8 walkers, but that still usually means each area needs volunteers other than VLC members to cover their whole areas. Which brings us to the whole point of this little Walk And Knock refresher: An idea— an epiphany, if you will: Ask a friend to Walk And Knock.

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Yeah, right... why would you want to do that, you say? Let's look at some numbers: There are currently 29 Lions on the VLC roster. Two of those Lions are at-large members (one residing in Wenatchee, the other a little farther away (but perhaps easier to get to from here) in Germany. Two more are out of the area this time of year. That means there are 25 Lions available for Walk And Knock. With 4 Lions already committed to Walk day tasks, that leaves 21 available to work the Walk. A couple of our Lions are unable to walk the Walk, which leaves us with 19 Lions at best— that means there are only 6 Lions available per area for the areas we are "responsible" for.

Now, let's look at what happens if we do just a couple of things: (1) Bring a spouse, and; (2) Bring another couple to the Walk. There are 27 spouses/significant others in the group. If each available VLC member brings another couple to the Walk, that would be another 54 people. Add it up: 27

Lions, 27 spouses, 54 friends— that is 108 walkers and knockers— 36 for each of our three areas.

Hmm. Not bad? And if every club member asks two couples... Walk And Knock is pretty much handled.

So, ask a friend or two, or four, to join you at Walk And Knock. How hard can that be? And, you can make it even easier if you can get a count of participants to Walk And Knock chair Lion Brian by, say, November 18, your area captains can actually have everything arranged before the morning of the walk. Sounds like a pretty good deal from this end of the Tale.



projects

Bell Ringing Reminder

So what do we do after Walk And Knock? Why, we stand in front of a red bucket posted at the West entrance to *Macy's at Vancouver Mall* ringing bells and soliciting donations for the *Salvation*



Army, on December 11, 2010. That's what. As we pointed out in the last Tale (Issue

If, through some strange twist of fate, you wake up tomorrow as a **Orchards Evergreen Lion**, your Club's 2010–11 officers are:

President..... David McCleerey
Secretary Peggy Bowe
Treasurer..... Jack Robins

8), you know that Lion Linda Bannon, the VLC *Salvation Army* Bell Ringing project chairlion, will be handing out a sign-up sheet for volunteers. And you also know that Lion Linda is accepting early sign-ups from those Lions proactive enough to give her a call or drop her an email before she hands out said sign-up sheet. You did heed our request, did you not, and have already given Lion Linda a call?

Just in case that hasn't happened for you yet, here is a refresher on what you can do to short-circuit the whole process before Lion Linda gets to bug you at a dinner meeting: Give Lion Linda a

the hungry lion

"food fit for the pride"

Hot And Sour Soup

THE HUNGRY LION has travelled the world in search of the perfect meal. This week he shares a treat from the Far East, an extraordinary and sustaining soup of marvelous flavor, full of vitamins and protein. A meal in itself. Serve in a tureen after a football game or (for the refined Lion) after the theater; this soup is perfect for a winter evening. Give it a try!

1. Bring 6 cups of chicken stock to boil in a large (8 to 12 quart) pot.
2. Slice 10 to 12 mushrooms* into thin strips. Caps and stems, or just the caps, depending on how you want it to look. Set aside.
3. Slice 1 can of bamboo shoots into thin strips, lengthwise (julienne). Set aside.
4. Slice 4 or 5 pieces of black fungus (also known as cloud ears) into thin strips (julienne). Throw out any woody pieces. Set aside.**
5. Slice one package of firm

6. Slice 1 lb. chicken breasts (use chicken tenders or filets to save yourself some work) into thin strips.
7. Add chicken to boiling chicken stock. Stir constantly. Bring to rolling boil.
8. Add bamboo shoots to boiling chicken stock. Stir constantly. Bring to rolling boil.
9. Add fungus to boiling chicken stock. Stir constantly. Bring

to rolling boil.**

10. Add mushrooms to boiling chicken stock. Keep stirring. Bring to rolling boil.
11. Add 2 tablespoons light soy sauce to stock. Bring to rolling boil.
12. Add 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar to stock. Bring to rolling boil.
13. Add 1/2 teaspoon ground pepper to chicken stock. Bring to boil and then turn down heat to low.
14. Dissolve 2 tablespoons cornstarch in 1/4 cup water (the easiest way is to put the cornstarch in a coffee cup, fill 1/2 full with water, and stir with your index finger).
15. Stir stock and slowly pour in cornstarch/water mixture. Turn heat to high. Keep stirring. Bring to a rolling boil.
15. Add tofu to stock. Keep stirring. Bring to rolling boil, and then turn off heat.
16. Beat 2 eggs. Stir stock and slowly add beaten eggs to stock. Stir quickly for 30 seconds.
17. Add 1 tablespoon sesame seed

oil to stock. Stir 30 seconds.

18. Serve.
- Add more pepper and vinegar if you want it spicier.
- Add more soy sauce if you want it saltier.
- Add more cornstarch if you want it thicker.
- * The traditional recipe calls for black mushrooms, which must be reconstituted before use. Honestly, regular old white mushrooms work just fine.
- ** Fungus is optional, but is not nearly as gross as it sounds. Won't hurt you one little bit. It needs to be soaked before it is ready to use— follow the instructions on the package. ☺



call (254-6788 or 901-6779), *right now*, and offer to fill one of the available, two-hour time slots! And with any luck, if we have enough Lions sign up in advance, Lion Linda will not have to break out that sign-up sheet at all.

members

Who's That Lady

Hmm. It feels like a good time to spend some time on one of our club members. So, as long as we are on the subject of Lion Linda (we were talking about Lion Linda, weren't we), it seems only appropriate to



▼ **Our First
Lady: Linda
Bannon**

spend a little more ink introducing, or re-introducing, this terrific member of the VLC: Lion Linda Bannon.

Lion Linda joined the VLC 20 years ago, in May, 1990. Then Vancouver Lion (now Ridgefield Lion) and WSSB Superintendent Dean Stehenjem was her sponsor. Lion

Linda was the first woman to join the VLC. Lion Dean reports he warned Lion Linda that being the first woman in the VLC, and based on the make up of the membership at that time, she would have to be the kind of person who could "take it and dish it out". Let's just say Lion Linda fit right in from her first day. And over the last 20 years of taking (a lot!) and dishing, Lion Linda has earned the unfettered respect of her VLC peers.

Prior to her retirement a few short years ago, Lion Linda spent a career teaching at the Washington State School For The Blind. And teach she did. Lion Linda was a terrific teacher, universally acknowledged by her fellow educators as at the top of her craft. Lion Linda almost always worked with severely or multi-handicapped and deaf/blind students. Tough duty at which she excelled.

Linda was always the strongest advocate for inclusion of her kids in all events, a char-

acteristic she carries with her to this day. Just watch her at any VLC event at her former school— watch her at a bowling night, watch her work the Carnival, watch her at the swim meet. Perfectly at home with the kids, a perfect advocate for the kids.

Lion Linda has served this club well. She has twice been club president (1993–1994 and 1999–2000), and has served several terms on the board. She organizes the *Salvation Army* bell ringing project, the School for the Blind swim meet, and pretty much just handles the Club's frequent contacts with the Washington State School for the Blind. And, she has been the welcome voice we all greet on the other end of the phone as a part of the VLC phone committee for several years.

Lion Linda has also proved to be the most quotable Lion in the long history of the club, which has earned her occasional recognition right here in the Tale. Oh, and in case you hadn't noticed, Lion Linda has a terrific sense of humor!

What an incredible addition she has been to the VLC. Lovely Lion Linda Bannon. Once and forever, the First Lady of the Vancouver Lions Club.

zone

Presidents Council Considers Joint Fund Raiser For Piano Hospital

Remember the LCIF grant King Lion John Donnelly has been pursuing to help fund replacement of the failing HVAC system at the Piano Hospital? It is progressing well. But perhaps more significant, it has become a general topic of discussion at the Presidents Council, which has begun focusing on how to fund the shortfall in project costs that will remain even if the LCIF grant is awarded (recall, LCIF will fund only 1/2 the costs).

This is a pretty big deal, for reasons we will get to. But first, a trip back to some basics: We have talked within these pages about the Zone, the District and LCI (Issue 4). But, what on earth is the "Presidents Council?"

Quite simple, really. The Council has been around in some iteration for several

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2 November, 2010 (Tuesday), Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County. Board room, Old Main Building, WSSB. 6:30 p.m.

2 November, 2010 (Tuesday), Clark County Hearing Committee. Washington State School for the Deaf. 7:00 p.m.

4 November, 2010 (Thursday). Dinner meeting. Bill's Chicken & Steak House 6:30 p.m.

11 November, 2010 (Thursday). Board Meeting, teachers lounge, teachers lounge, Irwin Building, WSSB, 7:00 p.m.

18 November, 2010 (Thursday). Dinner meeting. Bill's Chicken & Steak House 6:30 p.m. Zone Chairman Steve Staudinger's official visit.

25 November, 2010 (Thursday). Board Meeting, teachers lounge, teachers lounge, Irwin Building, WSSB, 7:00 p.m.

2 December, 2010 (Thursday). Dinner meeting. Bill's Chicken & Steak House 6:30 p.m.

4 December, 2010 (Saturday). Walk & Knock food drive. 9:00 a.m.

6 December, 2010 (Tuesday), Lions Sight Foundation of Clark County. Board room, Old Main Building, WSSB. 6:30 p.m.

6 December, 2010 (Tuesday), Clark County Hearing Committee. Washington State School for the Deaf. 7:00 p.m.

9 December, 2010 (Thursday). Board Meeting, teachers lounge, Irwin Building, WSSB, 7:00 p.m.

16 December, 2010 (Thursday). Dinner meeting. Bill's Chicken & Steak House 6:30 p.m. District Governor Terry Sutfin's official visit.

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years. It is a monthly get-together for the presidents, and any other club members who wish to attend, of all Lions clubs in Clark County. Notice we said “Clark

If you were a **Salmon Creek Lion**, one of the 10 other Lions clubs in Zone G-2, your Club’s 2010-2011 officers would be:

- President..... Doug Ballou
- Secretary Don Holly
- Treasurer.....Sherry Parker

County”, not Zone G2. The Camas and Washougal Lions attend as well (and, although within Clark County, they are part of Zone G6).

The Council has no official duties, and no authority over anyone or to do anything. It is not a part of the LCI hierarchy. It is the brainchild of local Lions: An informal gathering so local Lions Clubs can share ideas, brainstorm, and compare calendars to avoid getting in each others way.

The Council meets the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 P.M. at the same place the VLC holds board meetings— the teachers lounge in the Irwin Building at the Washington State School for the Blind.

Your King Lion, John Donnelly, has attended each of the Council meetings this year. As is the tradition, the meetings are chaired by the G2 Associate Zone Chairman (Lion J.D. Nellor this year).

One more side trip, a little bit of history: There has been, for years, discussions about “Zone Projects”— efforts to create

to do. Most Lions pretty swiftly spot and then dismiss efforts that appears to be little more than résumé-building. But, at the same time many G2 clubs get together frequently on projects (The VLC teams with the Salmon Creek Lions at the WSSB carnival, for example). And pretty much every Lion agrees there is strength in numbers— with only a couple of exceptions, the vast majority of G2 clubs have fewer than 30 Lions, and even the big clubs report “active” members in the 20s.

So, how to break the logjam. How can Clark County Lions actually tackle large needs that require people, money, or expertise beyond the resources of a single club?

Here is what happened at the last Council meeting brainstorming hoe to raise \$27,000 for the Piano Hospital: There was consensus that: (1) Other clubs want to help the VLC fund the Piano Hospital HVAC replacement; (2) Different clubs can help

the code

THE LIONS CODE OF ETHICS NUMBER 6: Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

do that in different ways; (3) The fact that there are 11 G2 clubs does not mean each club will be limited to, or required to provide, 1/11th of the project’s needs, and; (4) A small group of Lions from several clubs could form an *ad hoc* committee to design a Piano Hospital fund-raising project that we, as clubs, can present to the Clark County Lions clubs, without running afoul of the independence all clubs hold so dear, giving every club an opportunity to participate, taking advantage of the considerable power of the clubs combined. No empire-buildin. No clubs taking advantage of others. Just Lions getting together to get something done for a School each club has traditionally supported.

What does King Lion John need? Just a volunteer or two willing to spend some time with a volunteer or two from a couple of other clubs.

So, if you want to try something new, something that may get big results, something that may even be fun, give King Lion a call. ☺



VANCOUVER LIONS

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CONTEXT-FREE HIGHLIGHT FROM SOMETHING LION LINDA ONCE SAID



“I am always busy on the fourth.”

or impose a project on G2 Lions from the Zone level. The topic has viewed like poison by most G2 clubs. The mere mention of the words “Zone Project” strikes a pall when uttered in the presence of Lions. And it makes perfect sense why: Lions Clubs are independent (fiercely so), and no Club takes kindly to someone telling it what

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The Vancouver Lions Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	National Deviled Egg Day 7:00 pm Zone Chairman's visitation @ Orchards-Evergreen Lions	7:00 am District Governor's visitation @ Salmon Creek Lions	6:30 pm Dinner Meeting @ Bill's Chicken & Steak House	5	6
7	8	6:30 pm Clark County Sight Committee @ WSSB 7:00 pm Clark County Hearing Committee @ WSSD 7:00 pm District Governor's visitation @ Orchards-Evergreen Lions	10	7:00 pm Board Meeting @ WSSB teachers lounge Veterans Day	12	National Indian Pudding Day 13
World Diabetes Day 14	15	16	17	6:30 pm Dinner Meeting @ Bill's Chicken & Steak House Zone Chairman's visitation	19	20
21	22	National Cashew Day 12:00 noon Washington School for the Blind Foundation board meeting @ WSSB	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4