

# LIONS OF OREGON

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## Convention Basket Theme: Lions Are All In!

This is the theme for raffle baskets this year !  
The MD36 Convention will be held in Canyonville May13-14.  
We are looking forward to seeing all of you there!  
You might just take a prize home to your club.

## ANNIVERSARIES

April 2016 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

### April

Medford Host	April 07, 1925
Newport	April 20, 1929
Coos Bay	April 06, 1931
McMinnville	April 10, 1940
Gardiner Reedsport	April 19, 1940
Salem Northeast	April 23, 1940
Lakeview	April 03, 1942
Merrill	April 07, 1948
Prospect	April 26, 1948
Pendleton	April 21, 1950
West Linn	April 28, 1953
Roseburg Umpqua	April 14, 1954
Wilsonville	April 17, 1969
Corvallis Mid Valley	April 01, 1971
Heppner	April 04, 1974
Lakeside	April 08, 1975
Gresham Supper	April 01, 1989
Roseburg Breakfast	April 02, 1996
Cave Junction	April 30, 1996
Three Sisters	April 23, 2002
Crescent City	April 25, 2007
Central Linn	April 15, 2010
Irrigon	April 28, 2010



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## MONTHLY CALENDARS

### MEETINGS

#### April

- 6 MHSP Committee meeting - OLSHF @10am  
Board Development meeting - OLSHF @1pm
- 7 Finance & Audit Committee meeting - OLSHF @10am
- 13 Patient Care Committee meeting - OLSHF @ noon
- 16 District O Cabinet meeting - Sandy - Oral Hull Foundation @ 9am  
District G Cabinet meeting - Hood River - TBA
- 20 Patient Care Committee meeting - OLSHF @ noon
- 25 SOLSHC Board meeting - Medford @ 6pm

#### May

- 7 District R Cabinet meeting - Springfield Justice Center, 4th & B Street @9am
- 9 MHSP Committee meeting - OLSHF @ 10am  
Patient Care Committee meeting - OLSHF @ noon

### EVENTS

#### April

- 4 Eyeglass Sorting Party - Keizer - Keizer Lions Hall @ 6pm
- 8 Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC) Sorting @ 11am at LERC
- 11 *The Oregon Lion* article deadline (for May issue)
- 13 Keep the Promise Breakfast - Eugene - Valley River Inn @ 7am
- 15-17 Follies - Hood River Middle School Auditorium @ 7:30pm  
Follies on the 17th begins at 2pm
- 21 OLSHF Webinar @ 11am
- 21-23 Follies - Hood River Middle School Auditorium @ 7:30pm
- 30 Mt. Hood Lions Club Scholarship Dinner - Hwy. 26 & Woodsey Way, Zig Zag, OR @6pm

#### May

- 10 *The Oregon Lion* article deadline (for June issue)



## Council Chair News



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The theme for the MD 36 Convention in May is "Lions Are All In" and I encourage Story Boards from each Lions club. I have seen some excellent Lions club history, current projects and future project plans from the Story Boards already presented at District Conventions.

The MD 36 committee chairs are doing their individual work and will continue to do so. I am especially pleased with our youth chairs and how they are involving future Lions in their Lions clubs. The future of Lions is in our youth and our new Lions clubs. We have four months to reach our individual club goals and I am confident more will be fulfilled.

There are challenges that are coming up which need the help and support of all the Lions of MD 36. A new Executive Secretary, the additional commitments of the USA/Canada Leadership forum and our celebrating LCI's Centennial celebration along with the continued loss of Lion members in our MD are depending on our Lions being "All In".

"Where There's a Need There's a Lion", and when the "Lions Are All In", we are "Leaders in Outstanding Noteworthy Service".

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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- 31 Estacada Lions Club - new club address: 23397 S. Reed Rd., Estacada, Oregon 97023
- 39 Eugene Cascade Lions Club - new club address: PO Box 23954, Eugene, Oregon 97405
- 47 North Bend Lions - new time of 6pm and new location Kozy Kitchen, 2265 Newmark Street in North Bend

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## MD and District Websites

Find out what's happening in your District by going to the web and typing in your District website address listed below. You will be amazed at the amount of information located on the site.

**MD36:** [md36lionsclubs.org](http://md36lionsclubs.org)

**District O:** [www.lionsoforegon.net](http://www.lionsoforegon.net)

**District R:** [www.lionsclubs36r.org](http://www.lionsclubs36r.org)

**District E:** [www.districtelions.org](http://www.districtelions.org)

**District G:** [www.oregonlions36g.org](http://www.oregonlions36g.org)

# Happy Easter!





## Research & Development: A Critical Component of Our Mission

This column is a great opportunity for us to keep you informed about the other parts of our mission which are sometimes obscured by the powerful stories of donation and transplant that we all love to hear. The work we do with families through our Donor Family Advisory Council; the impact we have on the lives' of recipients; the collaborations we have with ophthalmologists from around the globe: these are all vibrant components of the comprehensive mission we undertake to cure preventable blindness. One prong of the mission, not listed above, is the Research and Development component of our work.

Our Medical Director, Dr. Mark Terry, has amassed one of the largest patient-outcome databases in the world, and has utilized that database to become one of the most prominent publishing corneal surgeons in the world. His prodigious research has helped shape many of the process and therapy innovations of the past twenty years and our Board of Directors has embraced that emphasis through investments in our Research and Development Department. Complementing the addition of top research talent like Dr. Khoa Tran, we've also made significant investments in lab equipment that has broadly increased the types of research we're able to conduct. Specifically, we've added an instrument capable of measuring the opacity of corneal tissue along a gradient (with applications to processing, storage, and potentially the clarity of devices); and another that can parse out individual cell vitality and function (with applications to evaluating processed tissues). Crucially, we've maintained our focus on creating research initiatives and publishing the outcomes in scientific journals and at industry conferences.

The basis of all scientific publications (besides the writ large application of the scientific method), is the fact that they are peer-reviewed journals, with quantifiable science serving as the only acceptable foundation upon which to build further knowledge. Rigorous scientific study of the cornea has really increased with the involvement of eye banks who study not only specific tissue functions, but also eye banking processes. **Lions VisionGift** has played an integral role in scientifically documenting much of the basic tenants of eye banking science, in addition to some of the most cutting-edge. That's why a quick perusal of our own research studies (which can be found on the **Lions VisionGift** website under the Medical Communities > Publications tabs), will show a diversity of titles, ranging from the relatively expository, "Standard Terminology and Labeling of Ocular Tissue for Transplantation" to the far more complex, "Quantification and Patterns of Endothelial Cell Loss Due to Eye Bank Preparation and Injector Method in Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty Tissues".

In addition to links for all of **Lions VisionGift's** publications, the 'Medical Community' tab on our website also has links to presentations and posters we've delivered or displayed at various ophthalmology conferences around the globe. Much like our peer-review publication record, **Lions VisionGift** is a prolific contributor to the communal learning model that many of the ocular science associations favor; a fact borne-out by the sheer number of posters and presentations we've given for a wide variety of ocular science specialties. Please take a moment to review the research when you have some time – and remember that these accomplishments are only possible through the generosity of our donors. It's work like this that helps remind us that a research and education donation is every bit as important as a transplant eligible donation.



## Lions VisionGift: A Global Impact

You'd be forgiven for thinking (if one had even ever considered it before) that **Lions VisionGift** is a Portland institution with partners across the state. After-all, our facility and staff are located in Portland, along with many of our important donation partners and surgical and research colleagues. This belief belies the fact that we are in fact a state-wide entity, empowered by our relationship with the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO), Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank (PNTB). This connection to the OPO is a defining aspect of our operation providing a compliance mechanism that ensures hospital cooperation, while also establishing things like our 'Service Area' and some policy parameters.

To start to unpack the relationship a little bit, consider the fact that PNTB's service area includes the entire state of Oregon in addition to Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Walla Walla counties in Washington and Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Gem, Payette, Valley and Washington counties in Idaho. Every single death that occurs in a hospital, within this service area, must be called to **Lions VisionGift** for evaluation of donation potential. With more than 75 hospitals in that region, our stakeholders are significant, but did you know we've also developed relationships with other facilities at which deaths occur? When you factor in the Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice Programs, Medical Examiner Offices, Funeral Homes, Law Enforcement Agencies, and Emergency Response Services from across the region who also notify us when they have deaths, you end up with which more than 200 entities that are tied to our mission. These relationships are also how we end up with more than 12,000 death referrals in a year.

Of note, this referral source component is the only regional aspect of **Lions VisionGift's** work. We're under no geographic limitations when it comes to distributing donated tissue for transplant, research, or medical education. So strictly speaking, we've expanded the scope of our impact to the entire globe – if not through providing tissue, then at least in providing education or training, for that is another aspect of LVG's mission. In just the past five years we have provided tissue to: Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Brazil, Chile, England, Greece, Germany, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, and many more. Additionally, we have trained surgeons from Brazil, Chile, Hong Kong, The Ivory Coast and many eye banks across the United States.

**Lions VisionGift** – and anatomical donation in general – benefit from a couple of important pieces of policy created to ensure that gifts of life or enhancement were being appropriately managed and optimized. The Uniform Anatomical Giving Act bulwarked the nascent practice of anatomical donation by granting precedence to donation for transplant purposes, and helped codify many of the practices which govern how anatomical donation notification and screening occurs. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services provides further justification for the scope of our policy reach by tying hospital's reimbursement rates to their compliance with factors including donation/transplant referrals and reporting - effectively expanding our scope into the compliance domain of hospitals.

As you can see, LVG is a global player with influence over some of the most highly-regulated entities and practices in our modern society – the mélange of responsibilities associated with health care, death, and dying. When you consider we make it all happen from 20,000 ft2 in SE Portland, it really is something to be proud of.



## A Great District O Convention



A member of the U of Portland Campus Club and one from the new Gales Creek Camp Lions Club

how to get Lions more motivated. He asked, "Do you have mojo and enthusiasm for life and Lions club activities?" He said some people have "nojo" because they block new ideas, especially from new Lions club members. What do you have? Mojo or Nojo?

The awards ceremony was held after lunch and DG Hank Calhoun recognized several people for their dedicated service and several clubs for their winning scrap book, posterboard, Facebook page and raffle basket. DG Hank called up about 20 first-time convention attendees and awarded them



Some of the club award presentations

dozen colorful talkative parrots and their owners, some of whom were war veterans, talked about the benefits of having these beautiful birds for pets.



Conference attendees donated canned food to the local Food Pantry

Parrots, awards and presentations filled the day at the District O Convention held on Saturday, February 20, at St. Henry's Church in Gresham, Oregon. DG Hank Calhoun welcomed International Director Dr. Robert Littlefield and his wife Kathy along with 150 other attendees.

The pre-convention dinner on Friday evening was planned by 1st VDG Garry Charbonneau and held at the gorgeous Riverview Restaurant on the Sandy River in Troutdale with 32 Lions attending.

ID Dr. Littlefield gave the luncheon speech on Saturday and focused on



The Parrots for Patriots presentation

with a special pin.

Other Lions gave educational presentations including Sharon Rollins regarding the LCI 100 Centennial Celebration; David Rich about growing more leaders in the District and Doug Thompson with his staff about the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation programs

One highlight of the Convention was the Parrots for Patriots presentation given by Christopher Driggins. A



Some of the recognition and appreciation awards

Many thanks goes to the Convention Chair, PCC Vince Bishop and to Robin Stoeckler as well as the Planning Committee members. Kudos go to the Convention emcee, Maiya Martin-Burbank, of the King City Lions Club.

*submitted by Bert Diamond, 2nd VDG, District O*

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## District O - Northwest - North Coast



### District O Governor Column

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This year the Lions of District 36-O can be proud of what we have done. We have been recognized by Lions Club International because of our increase in membership in many clubs, the chartering of a new Lions club, and the commitment Lions have for our communities through increased and quality service.

We have had a great Convention this year with 150 Lions attending. We had twenty, first-time Lions at our Convention this year. ID Robert Littlefield and his wife Kathy were very inspiring. We also had a quality session on leadership and a special program featuring sixteen parrots. We learned about the rescuing of exotic birds and how they can be great companions for veterans.

This is the time to start thinking about leadership. We often think that only the officers are the leaders of each club. As important as the officers are to keep things running smoothly, each member of a Lions club needs to think about how he/she can be a leader in some way with the club. Leadership involves knowing and caring about the needs of the community and each member of the Lions club. I have known several Lions clubs that did very well at taking care of the needs of the community, but took its members for granted. Those clubs are no longer with us and the needs of the community regarding sight and hearing are no longer being met. Good Lions leaders check in on members when they are not present at meetings or projects. Good leaders make sure everyone who works on a project feels appreciated and that the time spent in serving others was worthwhile. When Lions become as good at taking care of the members of their club, as they are at the needs of the community, our District will not have over one hundred drops with most of them due to nonattendance and not paying dues. I am very proud that more than half of the clubs in our District this year have not dropped a member due to nonattendance and non dues paying. If you are interested in learning how to make your club meetings more fun, get new members, value the members you already have, please make plans to attend the MD36 Lions Convention in May or make plans now to attend the USA/Canada Forum this September in Omaha. One can also make plans to attend District officer-training sessions even if you are not an officer. Much of the training at all levels helps us to understand how to work with and appreciate the abilities others have.

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



### District R Governor Column

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We have some great things going on in District 36R. Here are a few of which I am particularly proud.

The Western Oregon Lions Club has nineteen members and is working to recruit their twentieth member. They will apply for a charter in the near future. This will be our first Campus Lions Club. I look forward to presenting their charter before the end of my year as Governor.

The District 36R Women's Symposium is a reality. It will take place on April 30 in the Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane County Fairgrounds. We have lined up a group of excellent speakers who will discuss a wide range of topics including health, exercise and even music therapy. In addition, there will be a dozen organizations, both businesses and non-profits, who will have tables. Our keynote speaker will be journalist and author Bob Welsh. Our luncheon speaker will be Linda Burden-Williams who is an outstanding motivational speaker. The Symposium is open to women and men, Lions and non-Lions. Contact Vice Governor Judy Kauffman for reservations. We hope this will spark interest in finding out about Lions Clubs International.

I am excited about the 101 on 101 Bike Tour. It will take place on October 1. The tour will start in south Lincoln City and end in Yachats. Five coast Lions Clubs from Lincoln City to Yachats are working together to make this a success. A shout out to the Newport Lions Club which created the idea of a bike tour and has served as the lead Club in organizing this project. As with the Women's Symposium, I hope this project will prompt interest in the Lions and provide a chance to recruit new members.

Finally, we had two Lions from District 36R attend the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute – Jadie DeLille Wright and Dori Showell. This is a national leadership training institute sponsored by Lions Clubs International. Both the trainers and the seminars are top notch. I hope we can continue to have District Lions attend this excellent training forum.



## District E - Southern - South Coast



### District E Governor Column

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With all the District Conventions/Conferences behind us, it is time to talk about what is on the horizon.

The next big event is the Multiple District Convention at Seven Feathers in Canyonville on May 13-15, 2016. Plan to attend. The agenda will be available around the first of May. Our International Director Guest Speaker will be Rodrick "Rod" Wright from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia.

The last USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was well attended by Oregon Lions. It was a wonderful event. The next USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in Omaha, Nebraska, on September 15-17, 2016. A great group of Lions from Oregon is registered for the Forum but we need more Lions to attend and help spread the word about the USA/Canada Forum in Portland, Oregon, on Sept 21-23, 2017. At that time we will need lots of Lions to help make this great event successful. PCC Joyce Anderson is Host Committee Chairman. Please let her know how and when you can help. This will be the best chance we will have to show off our wonderful Northwest/Oregon hospitality.

Let's don't forget about Lions University. This is a wonderful chance to learn about leadership that will help you in everyday life as well as in your years as Lions. I have completed course requirements for the Bachelor's Degree and am working on courses for the Master's Degree in Lionism. By going online to USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and selecting Lion's University, you too can take advantage of this training. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

With Waves of Lionism

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



### District G Governor Column

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District G had a tremendous Convention March 4 and 5 at the Discovery Center in The Dalles. PID Brian Sheehan had perhaps the most entertaining, upbeat and active speech I've heard at a Convention, all packed with the punches needed for those in attendance. Many thanks not only to our guests, Brian and Lori, and to all those in attendance, including first-timers, but especially to The Dalles Lions under the tutelage and directions of that masterful techie guru Tim McGlothlin, Convention Chair!

As this year starts to wind down, it is time for all our clubs to be looking for that special person to become a Lion or to enhance skills and start on their leadership path via election to some office. April is the month for club elections – so, if it is appropriate for you, nominate a good Lion or volunteer your services to improve your club and be a leader! From Directors to Presidents are needed, as well as the difficult positions of Treasurer and Secretary!

With the advent of Spring, we push our clocks ahead an hour, and begin again the process of growth in our own gardens, lawns, trees and shrubs! But – what about our clubs, zones and District? Have we neglected their needs for nurturing and growth? How many friends and neighbors have you asked to join our ranks to become a Lion and make communities a better place to live, work and play? As a club, have we looked forward to the 100th anniversary celebration of Lions and what we may leave as a legacy? Let's strive to identify the needs in our communities and then plan a solution that will be long honored and remembered. WE SERVE, being our motto, must stand for more than rhetoric; action is necessary – no matter how large or small the project may be - to improve the lives of our communities and its peoples!

My DG year may be in its waning moments, yet it is my fervent hope and belief that growth in the number of Lions takes place, that our activities and projects multiply and that each of us gets that warmth of satisfaction for doing a job that in some small measure demonstrates Lionism at its best. We need to open our hearts and minds to make the least of us better, and the best of us serve more; lest we forget as Lions our duty of being a servant leader must always remain paramount. Tucker and I are on the road to help you and your clubs have the success deserved; so invite us and we shall come!

## You, Me and Diabetes!

Hello Everyone,

Now that we are on daylight saving time we have more time to do yard work, plant gardens and the annual Spring cleaning, plus more time for biking, hiking and extended walks if you're so inclined. It's like Spring is a whole new vista for us and so many opportunities continue to present themselves for us to partake in. With this increased activity we must be careful especially we that are senior citizens not to over extend and create problems for ourselves. The following article I plucked from "Answers at Walgreens" a free publication they put out. This one is about the use of aspirin in small doses as a blood thinner. I myself take a 81 mg aspirin daily. Enjoy!

### **Aspirin, Diabetes and Heart Disease**

**What you should know about the link between this simple medication and these serious conditions.**

**By: Robert Ehrman, MD**

Do you, or does someone you know, take an aspirin every day to lower the risk of a heart attack? Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of Americans, and millions of Americans take an aspirin every day.

If you have diabetes, your risk of heart disease is two to four times greater than people without diabetes. Taking aspirin could be even more important for you than for others.

However, there are some risks in taking aspirin, and not everyone should take it. The American Diabetes Association has provided a set of guidelines to help people know if they should take aspirin.

#### **How does aspirin lower your risk of heart disease?**

Heart disease starts when vessels that bring blood to the heart are damaged by unhealthy conditions, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking. As the damage continues, thick, fatty deposits made up of cholesterol and calcium build up inside the blood vessels, called plaque. This narrows the blood vessels and limits the amount of blood that can pass through them.

Sometimes one of these plaques breaks open. When this happens, a blood clot can form in the blood vessel and stop blood from getting back to the heart muscle. Without blood, the heart starts to die - this is a heart attack.

Aspirin can help stop the blood clot from forming. The first thing that happens when a blood clot forms is that cells in your blood, called platelets, stick to the injured area. This happens if the injury is a cut on your finger or if it occurs inside your blood vessels.

Aspirin works by making platelets less sticky so they don't form a blood clot in a potentially dangerous place - such as inside your blood vessels.

#### **Can taking aspirin cause problems?**

Aspirin can cause some problems, but the risks are very small. Because aspirin makes it harder for your blood to clot, bleeding may occur in your blood vessels as well as other parts of the body. This is because aspirin makes it harder for your blood to clot, not just in blood vessels but also in other parts of your body.

With any medicine, there is a balance between the benefit and the risk of taking it. With aspirin, the risk of bleeding is very low. You won't bleed to death if you cut your finger while making dinner. but if you're in a bad car accident, it may be harder to stop the bleeding from any injuries that may occur.

Fortunately, serious accidents don't happen too often, but this is still a good reason why you shouldn't take an aspirin without first talking with your healthcare provider.

#### **What do the guidelines say about who should take aspirin?**

Your healthcare provider will help you understand your heart disease risk, and can decide if you are a low, medium, or high risk based on your: age, gender (men are at greater risk than women), family history of heart disease, if you smoke, and other medical problems, like high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity.

*reprint from Answers at Walgreens*

"The reason a dog has so many friends is because it wags its tail instead of its tongue"

***submitted by PCC Charlie Tate, Diabetes Chair***

One form per person

One form per person

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 36**

**MAY 12, 13, 14, 2016**

Seven Feathers Casino Resort  
145 Chief Miwaleta Lane  
Canyonville. OR 97417

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Please Print If Different from 1<sup>st</sup> Name

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Please Mark One

Lions Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District Other than in MD36 \_\_\_\_\_

Current Elected Office \_\_\_\_\_ PID \_\_\_\_\_ PCC \_\_\_\_\_ PDG \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON LINE: //WWW.OREGONMD36.COM**

Hospitality Book Includes Registration (Through May 4, 2016 and includes all meals) \$100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
After May 4, 2016 (and includes all meals) \$125.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON SITE.**

REGISTRATION FEE ONLY: (All Attendees must register) \$ 25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The meals at this convention will be: Friday Lunch, Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Saturday Banquet

**Individual Options:** Please note that if you are planning on only coming for a single meal, the registration fee is not required.  
However, the registration fee is required if a voting delegate.

Individual Meals:	Friday Lunch	\$20.00	Friday Dinner	\$35.00
	Saturday Lunch	\$25.00	Saturday Banquet	\$40.00

Total Individual Meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner Entrée Choice: Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

REFUNDS: None prior to the convention. Request refunds in writing to Lion Nancy Lockett. 1611 Irving, Astoria. OR 97103.  
A \$25.00 handling fee will be deducted from all refunds. Requests must be received no later than May 31, 2016.

Hotel reservations must be made individually with the hotel of your choice. Hotel lists are available. Special offers are noted.

Convention Dress: Casual except for banquets. Fri. District Dinner: Sport Coat/Dressy. Sat. Banquet: Dressy, PDGs: Whites

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Please type or print all information on this form. **Only one person per form, please.** Attach additional forms and check(s) made payable to : **MD 36 CONVENTION**

**SEND TO:** Lion Glynis Beyerlin, Registrar  
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QUESTIONS: Contact Lion Bob Guerrant, PCC 541-296-3860 or [bguerrant@charter.net](mailto:bguerrant@charter.net)



## Glimpses Of District G Convention....



(l-r) PCC Bob Guerrant, DG Paul Zastrow and Genevieve Marvin, from Hermiston winner of the Multiple District Peace Poster Contest



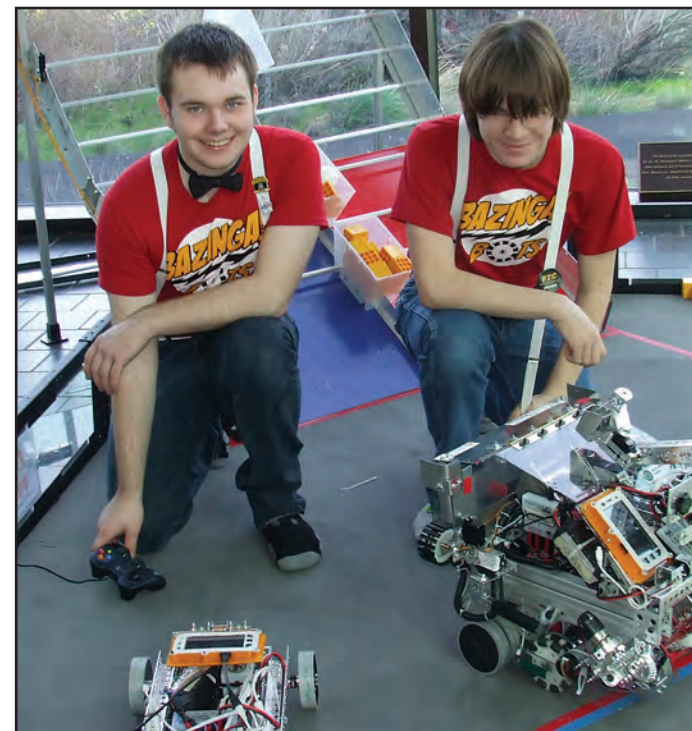
(l-r) Lion Art Carroll is recognized by Director Doug Thompson for his work with Sight and Hearing



PID Brian Sheehan (middle) meets with Lions at Baldwin Saloon, built in 1876 and close to the railroad and Columbia River



(l-r) PID Brian Sheehan recognizes Lion George Sahlberg for sponsoring 137 new members over the years



LEOS from The Dalles High School Bozinga Bot Team give a demonstration of their robots

## Vision Screening Gone Small To Appreciation Gone Large

"I barely had the SPOT turned on before I was finished with the vision screenings", stated Central Oregon Vision Screening Coordinator Ted Carlin after screening just five students at Brothers School in Brothers, Oregon. "They were all in attendance that day!"

The Brothers School reopened this school year. Along with the 5 students, they have a full time teacher, a teacher's aide and another person who does it all from bus driver, custodian, nutrition specialist (yes, a full lunch program), maintenance and other jobs as assigned.



The Five Brothers School (yes, the entire student body) posed by their new school sign along with their teacher, teacher's assistant and Central Oregon Vision Screening Coordinator Ted Carlin (left)

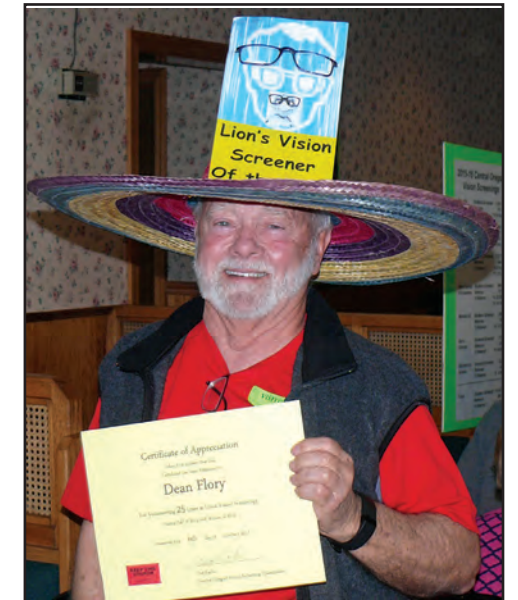
"After screening about 300 high school students in La Pine and on my way to screenings in Burns, it was a real joy to stop at this small school. It has amazing facilities in a beautiful setting and everyone is so happy and positive", stated Lion Ted. "They did not believe the SPOTs really worked until we finally got a "referral" when we tested the teacher with her glasses off, very healthy eyes for all" continued Ted.



Over half of the fifty Central Oregon Lions screening volunteers are seen smiling following the Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon in Redmond

Following the final Central Oregon screening in Grass Valley that week, the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was on tap. Fifty Lions from seven Lions clubs were honored for volunteering their time to make all the screenings run smoothly. Over 11,000 students were screened in Central Oregon this school year, of which 988 were referred for further eye exams. Hopefully this will lead to better vision and more success in school and life.

Dean Flory qualified for 25 egg rolls (days volunteered doing screenings) and was honored as the Lions Vision Screener of the Year for Central Oregon at the Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon at Yi's Wok Chinese Restaurant in Redmond.



Dean Flory was honored as Lions Vision Screener of the Year for Central Oregon after attending 25 screenings while driving long distances through winter weather to attend the screening at many schools.



(l-r) Bus driver, custodian, cook and maintenance man Lewie Chandler, Assistant Teacher Michelle Marzullo, Head teacher Gretchen Stack and students

*submitted by Ted Carlin*



## Women's Symposium Isn't for Women Only!

While this first-ever Women's Symposium highlights issues of interest to women, it does not preclude men from attending. In fact, many of the health issues being presented have relevance for men also. However, time is running out to register for this event, which will be held on April 30. Supported by District 36 R, Lions Clubs International and the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, this one-day event will feature an exciting array of speakers including keynote speaker noted author and columnist Bob Welch. The luncheon speaker will feature Linda Burden-Williams exploring the idea of *Building Mind Muscle*. Lindy Smith of Courtsports, Debra Weinman from the Alzheimer's Association, Danielle Oar from the Music Therapy Refuge, Dr. Frances Munkenbeck of the Oregon Heart & Vascular Institute and representatives from the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation round out the speakers for this event. Among the many vendors who will be providing information for Symposium attendees will be: *Rodan & Fields Skin Care*, *Art with Grace*, *Days for Girls (Springfield Lions)*, *Audiology Professionals*, *Center for Community Counseling*, *Secure Solutions Insurance Group* and the *Eugene Downtown Lions*. Our thanks to these groups for supporting the Symposium. For more on the event check out our Facebook page: Women's Symposium-A Nonprofit Organization.



### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER LIFE**

#### **A Women's Symposium**

*Saturday, April 30, 2016*

*Wheeler Pavilion, Lane Events Center*

*Eugene, Oregon 97404*

#### **REGISTRATION**

**Deadline:** April 24, 2016 for guaranteed registration. Reservations made after this date will not be guaranteed a lunch.

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#### **Registration Fee:**

*\$15.00 Cash or Check made to: District 36R Women's Symposium*

**Mail form and payment to:** District 36R Women's Symposium, PO Box 4211, Salem, OR 97302.

**More Information:** 541.547.4632, or 503.361.7285.

## USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2017 Volunteers Needed!

MD36 is fortunate to be hosting the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in 2017. The Forum will be held in Portland September 21-23, 2017. We will be hosting about 2,500 Lions from North America and other countries. The Forum will be attended by Lions who are interested in developing our Lions organization.

We will need 275-300 volunteers to help with the forum. There will be several types of volunteer opportunities. Volunteers will be needed for outside and inside areas, as Forum helpers at the Convention Center, hotel/motel greeters and MAX helpers as well as other spots during the Forum.

We are just starting to put our LIONS VOLUNTEER list together. If you would like to volunteer to help and/or find out more information about helping with the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in 2017, please send your information to: [usacanada2017volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:usacanada2017volunteer@gmail.com)

We will need your: 1) Name (first and last); 2) Phone number; 3) Cell Phone number; 4) Email address; 5) Your club name; 6) Preference for the type of volunteer job you're interested in and 7) Are you a definite volunteer at the 2017 USA/Canada Forum or just want more information at this time?

Starting in May, a monthly newsletter about the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2017 will be sent to all those interested in volunteering. If you have already signed up to help, please submit your information again to the email address listed above. This will help us double check information already submitted.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2017 will be a great way for Oregon and Washington Lions to learn more about Lions, meet Lions from all over the world and have a great Lions time.

Thanks for all of your help!

*submitted by PCC Rod Bach co-vice chair  
503-508-2121*

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## Elgin Couple Enjoys Lions

John and Cary Broughton have been married for 38 years and have had "an awfully good life together," according to John. They said they shared the same interests and the Elgin Lions Club is one they both enjoy. Cary said, "They do so much good for the community. When I worked at the fireworks booth, I had so many parents and kids say they got glasses through the Lions and wanted to buy fireworks from the Lions because of the good they do." "It is one fantastic organization," John added. "You never hear anything negative about it." John served two years as vice-president for the Elgin Lions.

John graduated from La Grande while Cary finished high school in Cut Bank, Montana. John went into the logging business, eventually becoming a supervisor at Boise Cascade. Cary went on to Kenman College in Spokane, Washington, receiving an associate degree in accounting. Ten years later, the two met in Elgin. John added, "I wanted to stay here in Elgin. Now I see so many good things are going on including the Eagle Cap Railroad, Opera house, new medical facility and museum plans. It's a pretty fantastic little town. Of course, I always have to be close to a golf course."

John has been retired for 18 years. They sold their home and bought a 5th wheeler to travel together, which they both enjoy. Cary said that they go back to Montana every summer to see family, as well as to Arizona over a ten year period of time. They returned from their travels to manage the RV Park in Elgin.

The couple has been involved in other areas. John served on the Elgin City Council and Cary in the Women's Service Club. Both are active in the Nazarene Church, where John serves on the Board. Both are proud of the sons Cliff and Randy, as well as four great granddaughters and one great grandson. In free time, reading, fishing and hunting are favorite pastimes.



*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



# OREGON LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION



**Carleene Iverson**  
Chair

## *Raising Awareness Through the Sightless Challenge*

OLSHF is pleased to introduce the Sightless Challenge this spring - information is located on page 18 - our new effort to raise awareness of the importance of vision health as well as to raise support for the Foundation's sight-saving programs. I encourage everyone to accept the Sightless Challenge at a level that is comfortable for you!

**I also suggest that we don't take our eyes for granted.** From WebMD.com here are a few tips for taking good care of our eyes:

1. **Eat for Good Vision** - The old cliché of eating carrots for good vision actually has some truth to it. Studies show that nutrients such as omega-3 fatty acids, lutein, zinc and vitamin C and E might help ward off age-related vision problems such as macular degeneration and cataracts.
2. **Look Away From The Computer Screen** - Staring at the screen too long can cause eyestrain, blurry vision, dry eyes, and headaches. The following steps are recommended:

- a. Position your computer so that your eyes are level with the top of the monitor, allowing you to look slightly down at the screen.
  - b. Try to avoid glare on your computer from windows and lights. Use an anti-glare screen if you can.
  - c. If your eyes are dry, blink more.
  - d. **Remember 20/20/20:** Every 20 minutes, rest your eyes by looking 20 feet away for 20 seconds.
3. **Wear sunglasses** - the right kind, that is. Choose sunglasses that block 99% to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays. Wraparound lenses help protect your eyes from the side. Polarized lenses reduce glare when driving. Plus, they make you look cool!

**And here's another challenge: We all need to visit the eye doctor for a full examination every year.** Early detection of vision health issues is important and can ensure that we'll be able to enjoy healthy eyes for years to come!



**Doug Thompson**  
Executive Director

## *Are you up to the Challenge?*

This spring OLSHF is looking for true "Knights of the Blind", people that are willing to raise awareness and support for the Foundation's sight-saving programs by taking the new Sightless Challenge.

I hope you'll turn to page 18 and see that Lion Mary Lee Turner - who lives every day with the challenge of vision limitations - asks YOU if you are "up to the challenge" in one of three ways:

**The 30 minute Challenge:** Sponsor yourself for \$30 - which is the cost of one pair of single lens eyeglasses for a person in need through our LEAP Optical Lab - and challenge three friends or family members to do the same.

**The 60 minute Challenge:** This is for those of you that are a little more ambitious and are willing to spend 1 hour - on a day and time that works for you -

experiencing what it is like to be legally blind. Those taking the 1 hour challenge will sponsor themselves for \$60 and will challenge three others to do the same.

**The 1 Day Challenge:** is for those that are really looking to raise awareness and funds for OLSHF in a significant way. Much like a walk-a-thon, the 1 Day Challenge participants will seek donors that will sponsor their effort of living one day from sun up to sun down as a legally blind person would.

**For all three Challenges, OLSHF will provide special eyeglasses - or help you modify your own eyeglasses - that replicate conditions such as cataracts and macular degeneration.** We'll help you raise awareness through an email campaign and/or through Facebook to let people know you're taking the Sightless Challenge and help you raise support for MHSP vision screenings, the LEAP Optical Lab and our other sight-saving programs.

**So, are you up to the Challenge?** If so, contact Melinda at our offices on how to get started or to learn more about the Sightless Challenge:

**Melinda@OLSHF.org or 503-413-8055**

# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

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# 2016 “KEEP THE PROMISE” CAMPAIGN

**Lion PDG Mary Lee Turner, who lives each day with severe vision limitations, asks YOU...**

**“Are you up to the challenge?”**



*Oregon Lions*  
Sight & Hearing Foundation

**“I encourage EVERY Lion in MD-36 to take the  
Sightless Challenge!”**



We're looking for individuals willing to accept the challenge of going “sightless” for 30 minutes, 1 hour, (or even 1 day!) to raise funds and awareness for the sight-saving programs that we offer through your Oregon Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF).

**WHY:** 100% of all funds raised during the “Keep the Promise” Campaign will benefit



**30 Min/1 Hour Challenge:** Sponsor yourself for \$30 - which pays for 1 pair of eyeglasses for someone in need - and **challenge 3 others** to take the challenge too! Or sponsor yourself for \$60 - what it costs to screen a classroom of kids for vision issues - and **challenge 3 others** to take the challenge for 60 minutes.

**1 Day Challenge:** Sponsor yourself and ask others to sponsor your efforts of going “sightless” from sun up to sun down on a day of your choosing.

**FOR ALL CHALLENGES, OLSHF can supply special “sightless” eyeglasses and materials needed to raise support for OLSHF sight-saving programs.**

**WHO:** Anyone can agree to accept the “Sightless Challenge”!

**WHEN:** The Sightless Challenge is part of OLSHF’s “Keep the Promise” campaign and runs from April through June.

**HOW:** To learn more about how to accept the challenge, please contact Melinda Rhodes at [Melinda@OLSHF.org](mailto:Melinda@OLSHF.org) or #503-413-8055

**Please join our webinar on the Sightless Challenge at 11am on April 1st! Visit your Foundation at [www.facebook.com/olshf](http://www.facebook.com/olshf) to register!**



## LEAP LAB TURNS ONE!



Katie Warren, LEAP Lab Optical Manager (front far right) strikes a pose with the Milwaukie Lions in the photo booth which was set up in the soon-to-be Optical Shop!

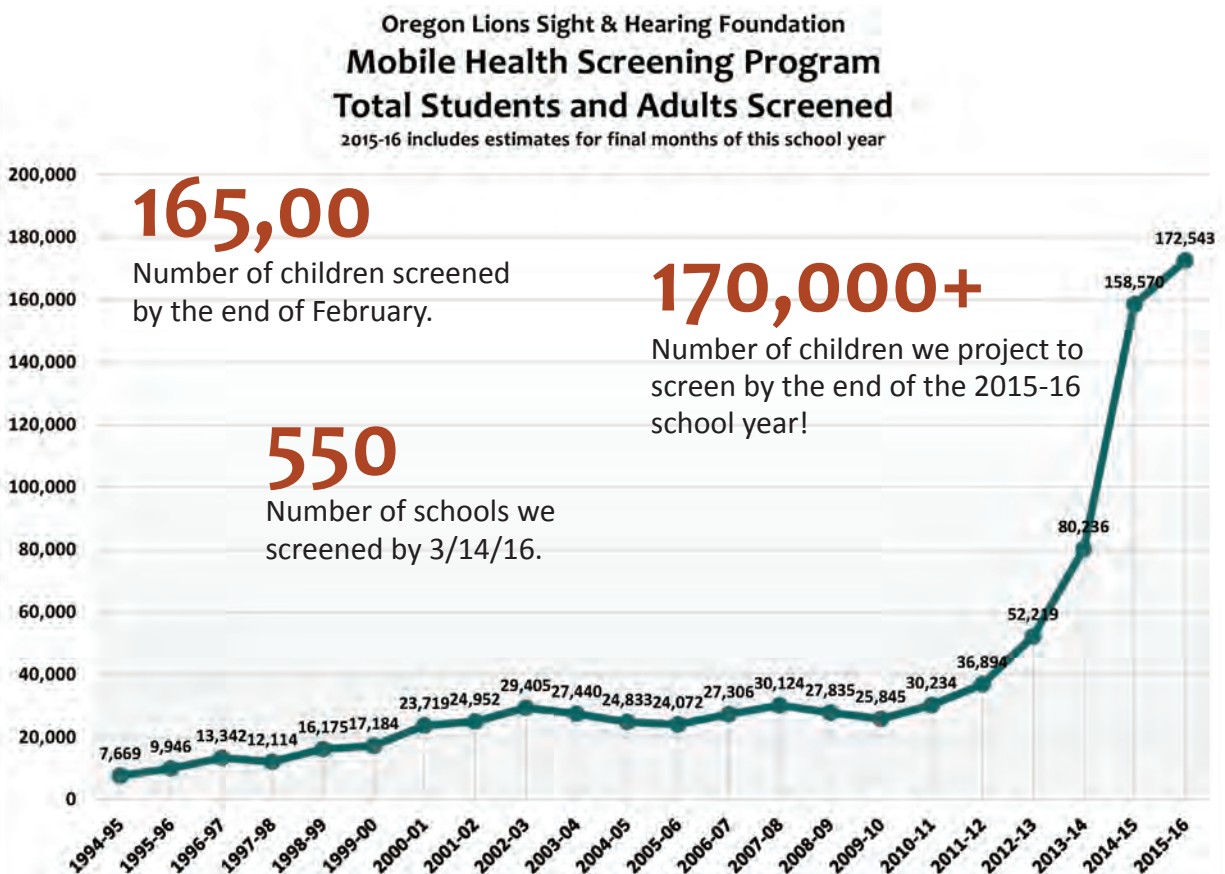
On Leap Day, we celebrated the lab's one year anniversary with 60 guests from near and not so near. The Milwaukie Lions Club won \$130 in credit towards glasses through one of our raffles. Several Lions from Florence-Siuslaw brought their first account check to make their partnership with the lab official. Local businesses generously donated food, drinks, prizes and decorations. LEAP Lab Director Kelly Asbra made delicious cookies in the shape of eyeglasses! We held a silent auction with items donated by OLSHF staff and local businesses. Lion Dale Bachman outbid Lion Colan Slaght for a round of golf with Executive Director, Doug Thompson.

**Thank you for celebrating with us. We will see you next Leap Year at the LEAP Lab's 5th anniversary party in "20/20" 2020!!!**

## LEAP OPTICAL LAB UPDATE

Five Lions clubs have joined our LEAP Lab network since January including Florence-Siuslaw, Estacada, Enterprise-Joseph, Weston-McEwen, and King City. We have edged 648 glasses since our launch on April 2015. Clubs save up to \$75-\$200 per client through the lab! Just recently, we made a pair of transition bifocals with prism to correct a client's large angle exotropia and photophobia, costing the Beaverton Lions Club **only \$65!** These glasses would retail for well over \$500 if purchased elsewhere.

## MHSP UPDATE



## Canby Lions Are On the Prowl

Members of the Canby Lions Club are on the prowl to sign up new members to join them in serving the citizens of the Canby area. "The more members we have the more we can do to help make Canby a better place to live," states Larry Arendt Membership Chairman. The Club was chartered in 1951 and has been very active in the Canby community ever since.

Lions Club International is an international service club with its roots going back to 1917 when the first Lions Club was organized in Chicago, IL. At present, one can find its 1,377,872 members in 210 countries and geographic areas around the world. It's most memorable moment was in 1925 when Lions accepted the challenge from Hellen Keller to become, Knights of The Blind. It would be next to impossible to say how many people Lions have helped around the world.

It would also be hard to say how many people the Canby Lions have helped locally. We provide eyeglasses to those in need within the financial constraints of our budget. We also provide free of cost hearing tests and aids to those in need.

Many, if not all, of our programs reach out to the families and children of the Canby community. Our most ambitious project is the eye screening of nearly 25,000 elementary students in the Canby schools.

Our programs are mostly funded with money that the Club raises from various activities. The Club's two largest fundraisers are the Christmas tree sales in December and the upcoming Plant Sale which comes the Saturday before Mother's Day.

We are always recruiting new members and we do not discriminate against anyone. Interested people may contact a local Lion or call President Colin Maulding at 503 706-9044, Larry Arendt 503 678-5890, or Dale Friedemann 503 805-8296. If you are asked, "just say yes".

*submitted by Dale Friedemann*



(l-r) New member Ryan Oliver, DG Hank Calhoun and new member Brandan Mantei

## Hermiston Lions Plan Spring Activities



Kelly Sanders with the Lion and Easter Bunny at Easter Egg Hunt

The Hermiston Lions have numerous spring activities scheduled, including the sight and hearing screening of four additional schools. The Club has screened a total of 1,384 students to date and had a 15% referral rate of the children screened. A concern was expressed about students screened in previous years getting the examination and needed glasses. The Club will invite school counselors to its meeting to discuss ways to meet student needs. Twelve grants have been received from the Oregon Sight & Hearing LEAP Program to purchase glasses.

The Umatilla Lions held a Chile Cook-off on February 26 and the Hermiston Lions Club members attended to support the event.

An Easter Egg Hunt is planned at Riverfront Park on March 26 for students with disabilities.

Kelly Sanders was recognized by Lion Clubs International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada for 25 years of service to the Club.



## Build Your Lions Legacy!

We are in the midst of the second year of the Lions International Centennial Celebration and the time is NOW for all MD36 Lions clubs to work on planning and carrying out your club **Centennial Legacy Service** project. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that will both commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of service contribution(s). All Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a community Legacy Service project by June 30, 2018. With three levels of participation possible, there is an opportunity for EVERY club to get involved!

For complete information on the levels of participation, how to promote your Legacy project in your community and the method of reporting your project through the MyLCI site, go to [www.lions100.org](http://www.lions100.org). This site provides any and all information clubs need to celebrate our Centennial, from inviting new members to join us, to reaching out to our communities for service and celebration festivities.

May 13 and 14 will bring our MD36 Convention, to be held at the 7 Feathers Resort in Canyonville. A forum will be available where we can learn the new information about celebrating our Centennial. At the Convention's display area there will be a large array of Centennial information and at that display we would like to showcase club Legacy Projects for all attendees to enjoy. If your club is in the process of planning a project or has completed one, please bring photos (perhaps before and after?) and a description of the project to be displayed. Clubs that bring their projects to share will be given special Centennial pins for the Lions who were the "worker bees". Let's share our service and the fun and fellowship involved!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or ideas to share: PDG Sharon Rollins, Centennial Celebration Coordinator, at [sgrollins@comcast.net](mailto:sgrollins@comcast.net).



PDG Sharon Rollins informs 36-G Convention attendees of the Centennial Legacy Service Program

*submitted by PDG Sharon Rollins*

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## Newport Lions Partner with Project Homeless Connect

On January 28, the Newport Lions Club participated in Project Homeless Connect by providing the Oregon Lions Mobile Health Screening Community Kit for the event. Of the 38 individuals screened, 24 were screened for blood pressure, 10 of whom had problems detected, 32 were screened for visual acuity issues, of which 19 had issues, 12 were screened for diabetes of which 2 had problems, 23 were screened for glaucoma with 3 having a potential problem. Thanks to all the Newport Lions Club members that assisted and students from the Nursing program from Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC). A special thanks to Robert Springer and his assistant.

On February 8, the Newport Lions Club delivered to the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation 197 recycled glasses, 6 recycled hearing aids and 5 cell phones for recycling.

This February, 248 students out of 2,335 screened were found to have a potential vision problem in this year's school screening at Newport, Toledo, Eddyville and Siletz schools. This year's school screenings were provided by the Newport Lions Club with the assistance of a grant from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

*submitted by Newport Lions PR Chair*

## New Member Orientation, Club Ratings Discussed In Elgin

The Elgin Lions had a full agenda at the March 14th meeting, with members getting information on history, orientation, club ratings, Lions community garden and planning for the Riverfest

Jared Rogers led a discussion on the history of the Club, stating the charter date was May 23, 1997 with 21 original charter members. The remaining members from that charter, he stated, are Joe Garlitz, Irene Garlitz, Scott Ludwig, Janet Stafford, Maureen Smolkowski, Jared Rogers and Deb Rogers. He added that Scott Ludwig was the first president and Gerald Hopkins, from the Huntington Lions, led the Invocation at the Charter Nights. Jared stated that the meeting places have included the Botz Restaurant, Timbers, Sig's Restaurant, the Stampede Inn, St Mary's and then the Christian Life Center. "The Club kept growing," Jared stated, "and we had to keep looking for a larger meeting place." Jared said that since that time, the Elgin Club has sponsored the Weston McEwen Club in 2008. "Steve Oliver and Gerald Hopkins were Guiding Lions and spent many evenings with them."

Jared then continued with a list of their activities including Sight and Hearing Screening, Flags for First Graders, food baskets, Duck Train, RV dump site, Elgin Christmas tree, Trunk or Treat, canned food drive, Christmas shopping, Young Man-of-the-Year, community meal servers, Pie and Ice Cream Social, used eye glass collection, Riverfest, turkeys for the Ministerial Association, reading with school kids, Light Parade, roadside cleanup, community garden, ushering for the Elgin Opera House, Chamber Cleanup Day, Boy-of-the Month/Year, Apple Cider Festival, Lions mints, fireworks sales, BINGO, and basketball tournaments.

Past District Governor Gerald Hopkins provided information on the history of Lions, including



(L-r) Lions Jared Rogers, PDG Gerald Hopkins and PDG Steve Oliver, presenters of the club and national history of Lions

the conception of Lions in 1917 with Melvin Jones being the founder, the events of World War I leading to the establishment of Lions with Wilbur Woods as the President. "One of the key events was when Helen Keller appeared before Lions International and challenged, 'Will you become knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness,' and now we see most Lion clubs involved in helping with vision," PDG Hopkins said. "We are now approaching our Centennial Celebration, and it's going to be exciting throughout the world. You'll see many activities celebrating our 100 years of service."

Past District Governor Steve Oliver covered the current organization of Lions including information on the organization's effort to eradicate River Blindness. "Now with the help of the Bill Gates Foundation, Lions are working on eliminating measles worldwide." PDG Oliver explained the goals of various International Presidents and emphasized how the public and environmental services have been helped throughout the world. PDG Oliver stated, "Lions International is all about serving others."



Lion Jared (r) presents a pin to Lion Gregory Chamberlin, sponsor of three Lions

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President Bob Thomas shared the results of a membership survey including speakers at the meetings, meeting times and dates, preference on status, and suggestions for the meetings. In all areas members wished to continue with the current protocol with emphasis on making new members welcome and active and giving them information on Club goals and objectives. President Bob said that the survey also showed a need to offer opportunities for individual members to receive awards for doing a good job and having influence in the Club. Some of the comments received included finding mentors for new members, expressing appreciation of the friendly people that are a part of the Lions, having too many non-Lion activities and need for more Lions activities, continuing the great Club with positive community responses, helping some people who feel left out because they don't speak up and choosing which activities one would like to be involved in throughout the year. One member stated, "I like the jokes and laughter and I like learning about new things too. Sometimes a little more detail about the upcoming projects and how to participate in them would be helpful. I'm having fun though." Lion Bob stated that the issues were addressed at an Executive Board meeting and new ideas will be tried to address the comments received.



**Lion Steve Craig (right) presents Lion President Bob Thomas his own manual clock so that he will not have to pay a \$5 fine for going over the hour's meeting time.**

Plans were then discussed on the 24th annual Riverfest. Lion Bob listed the many activities on a chart and asked for members to sign up as chair or leaders for the events. Susie Thomas added that the community garden is ready to give out the 24 plots and that there is soil and water for those who would like to have a section. Footage of each lot is 4 feet by 8 feet. Interested parties can contact her.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## **Profile of Hermiston Lion Carol Nevin**

Carol Nevin, of the Hermiston Lions Club, might be referred to as the newest Lion in the fold. Carol was sponsored by her husband Dave two months ago. However, she might also be called one of the oldest serving members since she has been helping her husband with Lion activities for the past 35 years. "I decided that as long as I have been working for the group, I might just as well join." Carol quickly added, "I like the fact that all money collected stays in the community and serves projects such as sight and hearing, scholarships, and people needing assistance of some kind."

Carol was born and graduated high school in Butte, Montana. She attended Montana Tech College for two years before transferring to the University of Montana, where she earned her bachelor's degree in history and political science. Canada was looking for teachers, so Carol moved there to teach history to middle and high school students. Returning to Montana, she took a position at the Montana Bureau of Mines in Butte. Carol met and married her husband, Dave, who worked for Lamb-Weston. During this time, Carol took a position in the Office of Admissions at Whitman College. She later joined Blue Mountain College and worked there for 25 years teaching English classes.

"We have a great, supportive community," Carol stated. "I like that the community comes together to support every event. They're just good people."

Carol enjoys spending time with her family and two daughters, Stacy and Caitlin. "I also like to travel, and I like to visit cities. I just like be be active and I enjoy doing volunteer work."

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Pin Ideas Needed for the 2017 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

The MD 36 Host Committee for the 2017 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, to be held in Portland, Oregon, needs your help in the form of one or more sketches that could be used for a pin or pin series, which will convey what our MD is about. Please translate your ideas into sketches or, if not a sketch, just send the ideas for us to put into pin form. Please submit them to Host Committee Chair PCC Joyce Anderson via email: lionjo45@gmail.com or via mail to: PCC Joyce Anderson, 1025 SW Perfecta, Beaverton, OR 97005. Please submit your sketches/ideas by May 1, 2016, for consideration.

Just to get your artistic juices flowing, examples of prior forum pins made by other Host Committees are included. Hopefully these will inspire you to create some great sketches!

Our purpose is to sell these pins as a fundraiser. The Host Committee will use the funds to cover operating expenses that are needed to accomplish our mission. We want everyone involved to help our Multiple District be the best Host Committee that we can be for the 2017 USA/Canada Forum.

We look forward to receiving your great sketches for consideration for this creative challenge.

*submitted by PCC Vincent F. Bishop*

