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Great District 36-0 Convention



(l-r) PID Sunny Pulley, lion in costume,
ID B.J.Blankenship and PDG Carolyn Blankenship

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April is Officer election month. Report your incoming Officers to LCI (form PU101) either by online filing or paper filing. Goal is May 15, 2020! This is critical for preparation of the MD36 2020-2021 Annual Directory

Elgin Lions Send Needed Supplies to the Pendleton Area



(l-r) Jared Rogers, Debbie Rogers, Kathy Oliver,
PDG Gerald Hopkins, Lynn Knapp, David Fuhrman,
Jim Hallgarth, Mike Garver, Darlene Garver,
Mary Hopkins and Everett Grandeen

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Vision Screening in Bend.. What Kept 18 Crooked River Ranch Lions Busy this Fall?



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ANNIVERSARIES

April 2020 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

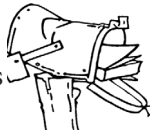
Medford Host	April 7, 1925
Coos Bay	April 6, 1931
McMinnville	April 10, 1940
Gardiner Reedsport	April 19, 1940
Salem Northeast	April 23, 1940
Lakeview	April 3, 1942
Merrill	April 7, 1948
Prospect	April 26, 1948
Pendleton	April 21, 1950
West Linn	April 28, 1953
Roseburg Umpqua	April 14, 1954
Wilsonville	April 17, 1969
Heppner	April 4, 1974
Lakeside	April 8, 1975
Gresham Supper	April 1, 1989
Cave Junction	April 30, 1996
Three Sisters	April 23, 2002
Crescent City	April 25, 2007
Central Linn	April 15, 2010

May

Salem Downtown	May 26, 1922
La Grande	May 2, 1929
Mt. Hood	May 11, 1951
Gresham Breakfast	May 6, 1980
Cloverdale/Nestucca	May 6, 1983
Florence-Siuslaw	May 26, 1983
Gold Beach	May 6, 1993
Waldport	May 17, 1993
Elgin	May 23, 1997
Mohawk Valley	May 6, 2003
La Pine	May 24, 2004
Weston McEwen	May 6, 2008

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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

April

27 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ 5:30pm

May

- 9 District R Cab. mtg 9-12 Viking Sal Senior Cntr. 245 W 5th Ave., Junction City
- 9 District G Cab. mtg. 10am-12, Black Bear Diner, Redmond
- 14 OLSHF Trustee mtg 9-12, 7 Feathers, Canyonville Council of Governors mtg. 1:30-4:30, 7 Feathers
- 14-16 MD36 Convention, 7 Feathers, Canyonville Speaker: PID Bob Littlefield
- 18 SOLSHC Board mtg. @5 :30

EVENTS

April

- 6 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave., NE @6pm
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* deadline (for May issue)

May

- 6 Keep the Promise Breakfast - Portland at Zoo
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* deadline (for June issue)



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Creating Harmony Through Service

Disaster and disease – what a time that we're having as I write this! Our Pendleton Lions Club is hard at work helping to restore some of the tremendous loss suffered by members of their community during the flooding of the Umatilla River. What a totally unexpected event – as are all natural disasters – and took the city of Pendleton completely by surprise both with its rapid development and the amount of devastation. The MD 36 ALERT team continues to work with Pendleton and District G Lions – particularly District Governor Elect John Taylor and District Governor Gary Mose – as the damage is assessed and the clean up process begins. Watch for communication from the ALERT team for possible ways that we Lions across the state can help in this work.

As we all read the reports of the COVID 19 (corona virus) and wonder if we are all going to be in the path of this disease, it's important to remember that we as Lions are here to help each other as well as our communities. Should a member of your club, a close family member or a friend be exposed to the virus, put into isolation or, more sadly, become ill, there will be ways to help. Work with your club to assess ways that Lions can provide assistance (while still remaining safe from contagion). We are all waiting for the much warmer weather to come, given that viral experts are telling us that the virus won't like heat and will slowly disappear – hopefully!

Lions Clubs International Foundation is offering immediate \$10,000 grants to the districts in Tennessee that were horribly affected by the powerful tornadoes on March 2-3. International Director BJ Blankenship and his wife Lion Carolyn, who live close to the areas affected and who just visited with District O at the convention, are keeping many of us in the loop as disaster

recovery begins in those areas. While we are some distance away from that tragedy, we can certainly help by making a donation to the LCIF disaster fund, indicating that you wish your donation to go to the relief project in Tennessee.

Remember that by donating \$1,000 to LCIF in the manner of purchasing a Melvin Jones or Progressive Melvin Jones Award, your clubs will be assisting in all of the services that LCIF provides. PID Robert Littlefield is looking forward to presenting many MJ or PMJ Awards at the MD 36 convention on Saturday, May 16 in Canyonville. If your club's chosen awardee will not be attending the MD 36 convention, recognition will still be given! If award(s) are mailed to your club secretary and the awardee will be present, please be sure to have the materials brought to the convention with whoever is representing your club.

How are you doing with putting your "Ah Ha" moment, the time when you became a Lion in your heart, into a story for our MD 36 book? Our district governors have reported to me that very few stories have been submitted. Please, put your creativity to work and describe your heartfelt moment, so that it can be included in the contest at the MD 36 convention and in the book to be created as a fundraiser for our Pediatric Cancer service focus.

We're Lions and WE SERVE – locally and worldwide!

Directory Corrections

- p. 49 Bend/Sunrise Secretary John Pasma has passed away.
- p. 49 Bend/Sunrise Lion Tammie Beck-Korn is new Secretary. Contact info: 60292 Arcapaho Ln., Bend, OR 97702
C) 541.915.2244 ~tammie.beck@yahoo.com
- p. 49 Enterprise-Joseph has new Secretary: Andrea Leuders, 207 NE 2nd St. Enterprise, OR 97828 R) 541.263.1188 ~andielue@gmail.com
- p. 88 De Lille Wright, Jadie has new address of 32177 Old Oak Dr., Tangent, OR 97389
- p. 95 Jaffer, Majduddin "Mo", PCC passed away.
- p. 99 Miller, James has new email which is jmducks@centurylink.net
- p.107 Shaner, Mildred has new cell of 541.429.8772 and she no longer has email

District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column
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I feel successful after our District 36-O convention is done. Thanks, Convention Committee, PDGs like Bert, and especially the energizing bunny Lulu.

Feedback is important so we can innovate and improve our next event. I received praise for Jason Hickox (child cancer camp) and “new voices panel”. Mentoring our new members is recognized as necessary and we are learning how to be successful. District O is starting a generation change from our current Lions to those who will be our future Lions. Cyber is just appearing in our clubs’ awareness and soon will commonplace in the way we operate. The task of getting on board is somewhat vexing now but will soon be our best and most useful friend. Our “new voices” and technology will allow us to more effectively and have time for fun. Picture, an effective long distance meet by cyber then a social gathering to enjoy ourselves in our relationships. Picture, we Lions face to face, enjoying our expressions and seeing who is speaking - - - only, it is happening on a screen. Yes, we can. If you are ill that day – put on a nice top and stay in your pjs that way no coronavirus is spread.

Special praise to Lions trying new ways even when it looks difficult and unrewarding. The success will happen. Remember, try three ideas and learn from some because one idea will work and be worth all the other efforts. Success works that way. That is how we learn.

Carry on, wash your hands and District O Lions will experience a bright future.

Thanks sincerely,
Terry Bowman, District Governor 36-O.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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To all of the Great Lions of the State of Oregon as we start the month of April all kinds of things have changed. No Keep the Promise Breakfast for Eugene or Salem. We hope the MD 36 State Convention will go on as planned. Stay tuned. We all have hopes that our club meetings can get started back up again.

Service in our communities may need to be looked at as our food banks have been getting a lot of families coming in. So, they now will need our help more than they did during the holidays.

April is environmental month and with warmer weather starting, think about a possible community project as well as other groups in your community to partner with in that activity. Also think about your members who you haven’t seen for the last several weeks and reach out to them. Say Hi and make sure that they are ok.

Above all have fun and hope to see you soon.

DG STEVE

District E - Southern - South Coast



District E Governor Column
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Believe it or not we are into the final quarter of this Lions year and Spring is in the air. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, we had to cancel our annual 36E Convention. This was done after considerable consultation amongst the cabinet. As for the required elections, they will be held at the Multiple District Convention in Canyonville in May. This is per our constitution and bylaws which state that if a district convention is not held then the delegates will meet at the MD Convention to conduct the district elections and other district business and that will constitute the annual district convention.

We have received notice of intent that Carolee Blatter is running for District Governor, Steve Brewster for First Vice District Governor and Danny Hawkes for Second Vice District Governor. Thanks to all three of you for stepping forward. Also, Carol Swesso has agreed to run for another term on the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees. Thank you Carol.

I want to thank all of you who wrote and turned in a story for the Guiding Lamp Award. We, as a district, had more stories submitted than all the other three districts combined. I guess perseverance pays off. I look forward to putting all these moments into book form and letting the rest of the world see what makes District 36-E so great.

As for all of the clubs that turned in award, these awards will still be selected and taken forward to the Multiple District Convention. Once the winners have been determined they will be announced and sent out.

As I have mentioned in this article, the Multiple District Convention will be in our district in Canyonville. If you haven't already signed up, please do so.

There is going to be something new and unique this year. It's a KICK walk. What is that, you might ask?. Well the KICK Walk is to benefit Children's Cancers, thus the acronym K (Kicking) I (It) C (Cancer) in K (Kids). The walk will be on Thursday afternoon following the Council of Governors meeting. It will be about a ½ mile each direction with shuttle service for a return to the casino if you only want to walk one way. All entrants that sign up by the April 20 deadline will receive a T-Shirt. When you sign up please be sure to indicate what size you want.

As we wind down the one thing that keeps coming to the forefront is membership. There are a myriad of scenarios on how to bring in new members and not every one of them works every place. You just have to continue to try and find the one or ones that work for your club.

Finally, remember if your club is planning on presenting a Melvin Jones this year, we would like to have you have it ready for presentation at the Multiple District Convention so Dr. Littlefield can make a massive presentation of the awards to members of our district and multiple district.

Thanks to all of you for continuing to Rock the Roar.

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, we decided to cancel the upcoming District G Convention in La Pine. Please remember to cancel any reservations you have made. We continue working on Pediatric Cancer Service Projects: New or handmade blankets; New or handmade hats, caps, head scarves, or PJ's; Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House; and DG "That's What It's All About" T-Shirt's. For any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Service Reporting: Clubs continue to remain active serving their communities. However, service reporting is still down. Sixteen clubs currently have non-recorded service report activity. Some are very active clubs. We continue to emphasize availability of training and sharing LCI training documents in hopes to change the trend. Remember LCI needs these data to apply for grants from larger corporate partners like Bill and Linda Gates Foundation.

AirMedCare Agreement: Last year I was approached by representatives of our local AirMedCare network offering a partnership agreement with District 36-G. We submitted to LCI legal for review and received approval to move forward. The agreement must be renewed each year by the current district governor. It offers a \$20 discount to all new AirMedCare Lion members, or existing AirMedCare Lion members. Lions must remain in good standing within the district to take part.

Membership Growth: Growth continues. New membership is at 72. My district goal was 60. I am very pleased with how our clubs are working to grow membership.

Flooding: A big Thank You to Charlene Larsen and VDG John Taylor who have been helping me work through the process of obtaining all necessary disaster data on the flooding in Umatilla County. As soon as I receive all of the information needed I will be submitting a \$20,000 grant request to LCIF.

Club Updates: Odell Lioness Club: We have been assisting Odell Lions Club President to sponsor the Odell Lioness Club as a branch club of the Odell Lions. Redmond Club: We are targeting April to begin working on a membership drive. Milton Freewater: We have been working getting a branch club started. The seed is being planted. John Day: I still have my sights set on getting a club going again in John Day before my term ends.

DG Gary Mose 36G "That's What It's All About"

International Director Tours Heartfelt House



(l-r) Lion Becky Thornton & ID Steve Thornton in front of sponsors sign



(l-r) DG Steve Moser and ID Steve Thornton

On their way to the District 36 R Convention in Corvallis, Oregon, International Director Steve Thornton and his wife, Becky from Wooster, Ohio, were given a tour of the Heartfelt House in Springfield. Lions International and Lions of Oregon donated over \$100,000 for the construction of the Heartfelt House.

ID Steve Thornton and Becky were greeted by 36R District Governor Steve Moser and a welcoming delegation and were then given a special tour, guided by Jennifer and Robin, representing Heartfelt House. Families with a medical situation that requires the medical facilities of Sacred Heart Hospital can request housing at a low or no cost. This service is provided during the time family members are in the hospital.



(l-r) DG Steve Moser, ID Steve Thornton, PDG Dale Bachman, Becky Thornton and Robin (staff representative of Heartfelt House)



Lions DG Steve Moser, 1VDG Linda Stent, PDG Dale Bachman, Becky Thornton, ID Steve Thornton, CC Sharon Rollins, 2VDG Lynn Coon, Dale Rollins, Hanalei Rozen, Judy Bachman and Henry Miller (President of Springfield Lions Club).

Heartfelt House has two wings. One wing is for families with children and the second is for adults. The facility and grounds are beautiful and spacious. We are proud that Lions are able to assist with this program.

submitted by Henry Miller

“Super Saturday” Food Drive Succeeds!

It was cold ... It was windy ... and it was RAINING! Well, it was February 1 in the lower Willamette Valley. It was the day of the “Super Saturday” Food Drive for partner Lions clubs from Beaverton and Tualatin. The Tualatin Lions and the Beaverton Lions have a long history of friendly competition, including at least one golf tournament and four food drives! They also have a great relationship of support and friendship and that little family thing with Lion Phil King (Beaverton) and Lion Brad King (Tualatin).

As winter ground on, the challenge was ripe and the Beaverton Lions Club established their camp at the Walmart Neighborhood Market on SW Murray Blvd. while the Tualatin Lions split their crew between the Tigard Walmart and Sherwood Walmart for their fourth annual “Super Saturday” Food Drive for the Oregon Food Bank on February 1, the day before the Super Bowl.



(l-r) PCC Joyce Anderson and Lions Karen and Andrew Danner.

Despite the mid-winter Willamette Valley weather, people shopping for their groceries and their Super Bowl party supplies dug deep and were very generous to their Oregon Food Bank. The Beaverton Lions Joyce and Wally even reported that one shopper brought a full shopping cart out to fill a barrel. Tualatin Lion Derek kept trying to make phone calls, but all that could be heard was Lion Derek saying, “Thank You!” to people bringing food out to his barrels.



(l-r) Lions Larry Lidberg, Priscilla Favro, Dick Gay, John Pedersen and Peter Pedersen



Lions Ed and Joann Casey with their helpers in Sherwood

When the rain stopped and the dust settled, 13 Beaverton Lions gathered 2,514 lbs. of food and \$187 and 8 Tualatin Lions took in 1,475 lbs. of food and \$200. Altogether, both clubs brought in enough poundage ... literally just shy of two tons! ... to account for 4,485 meals. That is a great amount of help to our neighbors in need and an excellent service project.

It's such a great service project that the Beaverton and Tualatin Lions challenge all of the other clubs in Multiple District 36 to join them next Super Saturday for a full-blown Lions club food drive all over Oregon and Northern California to support all of our local food banks! If you all have other food drives planned ... do them! But, let's all get out there on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, and fill the shelves of our food banks so none of our neighbors need go hungry!

submitted by PCC Brad King

Mary Marcelonis: LVG’s First Donor for Ocular Research in Boston

When Lions VisionGift (LVG) opened a location in the Seaport area of Boston in 2017, one of our commitments to the local community was to finally make ocular research tissue donation a reality. Two years later, on June 13th, 2019, LVG made good on that commitment. But it wasn’t LVG alone, it took one woman’s lifetime of giving, and the tenacity of her loving son to make it happen.

The day before, June 12th, Brian Marcelonis was contemplating what to do once his mother, Mary Murphy Marcelonis, who suffered from dementia, passed away. Having recently looked through some family files and spoken with his mother, Brian was proud of the fact that both his grandmother and mother wished to have their brains donated for dementia research. While he knew of his mother’s wishes to donate her brain for research, he wondered if there was anything more that could be done to help others with eye issues as there were many members of his mother’s family that had suffered from eye problems. As Brian says, “That’s what my mom was all about, helping other people”.



A lifelong Boston resident, early on Mary had set her sights on teaching as a way to make a difference. As former student, Frank Iarrobino says, "If there were more Mrs. Marcelonis walking the earth, the world would be a happier, safer and smarter place." Mary was president of the class of 1949 at Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury and was also president of the class of 1953 at Boston Teacher's College. She received a master's degree in education from Boston University in 1969. As a person and an educator, Mary led with kindness and humility. She took great pleasure in assisting challenged students who needed guidance and direction. She especially enjoyed helping students that were applying for scholarships and sharing in their joy when their efforts were rewarded. As Brian recounts, "I found letters from former students, I talked to several of the teachers that she taught with, and my mom

was just one dynamic, dedicated teaching professional. It's what she always wanted to do - have a positive impact on other people's lives."

Mary’s gift has gone to find a treatment, and hopefully one day a cure for macular degeneration. And just as it is clear that Mary led a life of giving, and instilled that in the generations that have followed, it is also clear that her legacy will continue to touch the lives of countless others through her generous final gift.

“It’s a fitting tribute to her incredible legacy that she was a pioneer; being the first donor for ocular research in Boston. Her gift has gone to help find a treatment, and hopefully one day a cure, for macular degeneration.” – Corrina Patzer, Chief Strategy Officer at Lions VisionGift

Breakthrough for Type 1 Diabetes

I was on the internet looking for anything that might be of importance, when I came across the heading above. The article was on the webpage of “The Stem Cellar.” This is what it said.

More often than not, people don’t really think about their blood sugar levels before setting down to enjoy a delicious meal, partake in a tasty dessert or go out for a bicycle ride. But for type 1 diabetes (T1D) patients, every minute revolves around the readout from a glucose meter, a device used to measure blood sugar levels.

Normally, the pancreas contains beta cells that produce insulin in order to maintain blood sugar levels in the normal range. Unfortunately, those with T1D have an immune system that destroys their own beta cells, thereby decreasing or preventing the production of insulin and, in turn, the regulation of blood sugar levels. Chronic spikes in blood sugar levels can lead to blindness, nerve damage, kidney failure, heart disease, stroke and even death.

Those with T1D manage their condition by injecting themselves with insulin anywhere from two to four times a day. A light workout, slight change in diet or even an exciting event can have a serious impact that requires a meter check and an insulin injection.

There are clinical trials involving transplants of pancreatic “islets”, clusters of cells containing healthy beta cells, but these rely on a pancreases from deceased donors and taking immune suppressing drugs for life.

What if there was a way to produce healthy beta cells in a lab without the need of a transplant?

Dr. Matthias Hebrok, director of the UCSF diabetes center, and Dr. Gopika Nair, postdoctoral fellow, have discovered how to transform human stem cells into healthy, insulin producing beta cells.

In a news release written by Dr Nicholas Weiler of UCSF, Dr. Hebrok is quoted as saying, “We can now generate insulin-producing cells that look and act a lot like the pancreatic beta cells you and I have in our bodies. This is a critical step towards our goal of creating cells that could be transplanted into patients with diabetes.”

For the longest time, scientist could only produce cells that, at an immature stage, were unable to respond to blood sugar levels and secrete insulin properly. Dr. Hebrok and Dr Nair discovered that mimicking the “islet” formation of cells in the pancreas helped the cells mature. These cells were then transplanted into mice and found that they were fully functional, producing insulin and responding to changes blood sugar levels.

Dr. Hebrok’s team is already in collaboration with various colleagues to make cells transplantable into patients. In the article, Dr. Nair is also quoted as saying, “Current therapeutics like insulin injection only treat the symptoms of the disease. Our work points to several exciting avenues to finally finding a cure.” Dr. Hebrok added, “We finally able to move forward on a number of different fronts that were previously closed to us. The possibilities seem endless.”

Dr. Hebrok, who is also a member of the CIRM (California Institute for Regenerative Medicine) funded {UCSF Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research), was senior author of the new study, which was published February 1, 2019, in Nature Cell Biology.

Yours in Lion Can Do.

*submitted by PDG Garry Charbonneau PDG
MD 36 Diabetes Awareness Chair*

One Form Per Person Please!

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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 36 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

MAY 15 & 16, 2020

Seven Feathers Casino Resort Canyonville

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

FIRST NAME LAST NAME BADGE NAME (if different than 1st)

Address Number Street Apt City State Zip Code

Home Phone Cell Phone Email Address

Lion ___ Lioness ___ Leo ___ Guest ___ Interested in Joining? ___ 1st Time Attendee ___ New Member ___

Lions Club Name District (MD 36 O, R, E, G) Other than MD 36

Current Elected Position PID PCC PDG

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE: www.md36lionsclubs.org

Hospitality Book includes Registration (through April 20) and all meals \$125.00 \$
Received after April 20 \$150.00 \$

NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONSITE

Registration Fee Only (**ALL** attendees must register) \$35.00 \$
Voting Delegates **MUST** register and pay the registration fee

Individual Meals – if you are coming for a single meal, the registration fee is waived, except for voting delegates.

Friday Lunch \$25.00 Friday Dinner \$40.00
Saturday Lunch \$25.00 Saturday Banquet \$50.00 Total Individual Meals \$

Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian ___ Diabetic ___ Other: _____

Thursday 4pm - Kick Childhood Cancer Walk \$25.00 – Shirt Size: _____ \$

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED \$

REFUNDS: None prior to the convention. Request refunds in writing to Lion Nancy Lockett, 1611 Irving, Astoria, OR 97103. Due to expenses incurred, \$35.00 is non-refundable and will be deducted from any refund. Requests must be received no later than May 31, 2020 to be considered.

Hotel reservations Group #168. 1-888-677-7771. East Wing (new), West Wing (original section)
<https://book.b4checkin.com/chameleon/sevenfeatherscasinoresort#groupSignin>.

Convention Dress: Casual except for banquets. Friday dinner Sports Coat / Dressy. Saturday banquet Dressy

Please Make Checks Payable to MD 36 Convention

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENTS to: Tom Hilgers
PO Box 5145
Salem, OR 97304

QUESTIONS? Contact Convention Chair Joyce Anderson, lionjo45@gmail.com (preferred) or (503) 644-2753

Where the Plastic Meets the Road

“Plastics” is what Ben Braddock heard in the movie *The Graduate* back in 1967. “The window is closing faster on plastics than on climate change, I really believe,” said Scott Rosin of *Plastic Up-Cycling*. The stats on the ground and in the water are staggering. “Think about it,” he said. “Predictions of a billion tons of plastic produced each year by 2025. Compare that to 1.5 million pounds produced in 1950.”

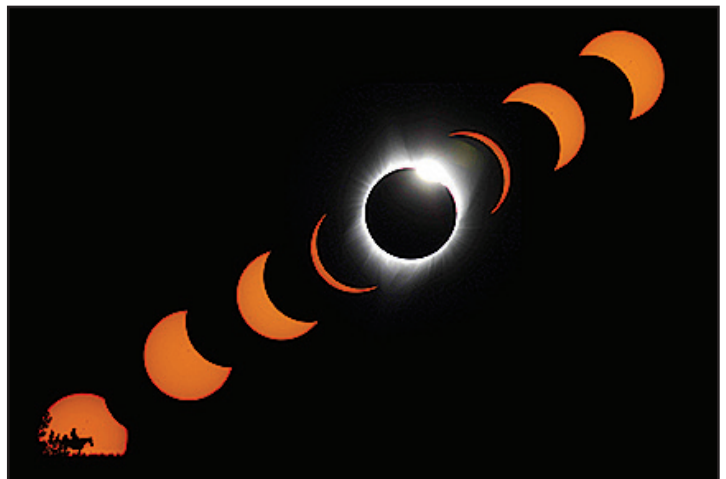
He went on to punctuate this staggering stat. “Predictions about current rates of plastic waste state by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish.” Rosin sees innovator *TechniSoil* of Redding, California, as taking recycled plastics, bitumen, asphalt substrate and integrating it into a flexible and long-lasting paving mixture (up to 15 percent of the total volume for paving roads could be plastic).

Then there is *MacRebur*, a Scottish Company, working in Southern India helping people at landfills gather potentially reusable items and sell them. Rosin observed that some of the plastics the pickers culled were put into potholes and set on fire. Instant melted plasticize pothole filler. “Not the most environmentally friendly way to fill potholes,” Rosin stated, “However those plastic-filled potholes outlasted the actual roads.”

“MD-36 Lions are leaders in environmental projects and I am sure many clubs have projects involving the recycling of plastics,” stated Ted Carlin, MD-36 Environmental Chairperson.

Lions MD-36 Nature/Scenery Photo Contest for 2019-20

“Many beautiful and quality photos have been entered, but always room for more,” said Carlin. “The deadline for photo entries is **April 1, 2020**, which is coming up quickly.”



Two uniquely different but quality entries for the 2020 MD-36 Nature/Scenery Contest.

The rules are simple 1) Photo must be taken by a Lion in Oregon; 2) No photo shopping, and 3) A limit of four photos per Lion. The photos can be sent to the below email or hard copies to the below mailing address.

After April 1, the photos will be judged by four professional photographers in Central Oregon who will pick out the top five photos. The five will then go the MD-36 Lions Convention in Canyonville in May 2020. Each registered participant will be given a ticket to vote for the best Nature/Scenery Photo of the year. The winner will receive a GoPro photo and video camera and head strap for wearing it. All top five finalists will be recognized at the MD-36 Convention.

All of the photo entries (there were 78 in 2018-19) will be displayed and Lions will be able to purchase them through a Silent Auction. See you in Canyonville...

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What a great 36-O Convention on Saturday, February 29 in Hillsboro. District Governor Terry Bowman and the Convention Planning Committee did a super job. The main speakers were Jason Hickox, Director of Camp UKANDO for children with pediatric cancer, PDG Carolyn Blankenship and ID B.J. Blankenship, the keynote speaker.



(l-r) PID Sunny Pulley, lion in costume, ID B.J. Blankenship and PDG Carolyn Blankenship



One of the speakers Jason Hickox, Director of Camp UKANDO, a summer camp for children with pediatric cancer.

Jason mentioned that their camp on the Oregon coast needs your donations and also your time at the summer camp to help kids enjoy the outdoors regardless of their serious health issues.

Carolyn told a touching story about Amber, one of the young members in their club in Tennessee who was a Lion for a short time before she died. She inspired the Lions so much that each year their club gives an Amber Award and also pays the dues of a new member who cannot afford it. Her husband, ID B.J. Blankenship, the keynote speaker, gave us the charge to continue helping people, especially kids through the vision screening program. One young woman he knows was fortunate to have her eyes checked by Lions at a young age and, because of this, she got the needed treatment to grow up to be a highly successful adult.



That's Tracy Brown, one of the Emcees on the left with another Lion.

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District Convention!

The day started with an anonymous Lion in costume greeting many of the convention attendees. Then Rockaway Lions John Luce and Mary Reynolds brought in the flags. Before lunch the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF), showed excellent videos about their programs and staff and also hosted a panel of its staff to answer questions. During lunch, nomination speeches were made and voting for district officers was held. Elected were DGE Sheri Young, 1st VDG Doug Loose, and 2nd VDG Kerith Vance. Also, the annual Parade of Checks provided donations to OLSHF.

Lion Carrie Bartley gave awards to the clubs with the best flyer, brochure, Facebook page, Instagram page, website, and other items. DG Terry recognized Steve Studer and Carrie Bartley with official LCI Certificates of Appreciations for their outstanding service to the district.



(l-r) DG Terry Bowman, Lulu Bowman, Kaitlin Anderson, Tracy Brown (in lion hat) and Andrea Ostensen.

The final presentation was one of the highlights. Six young Lions voiced their opinions to questions about how to: bring in younger Lions, communicate best with younger Lions and include current young Lions in our clubs. It was an eye opener for some attendees and a jumping off point to increase our club membership.



The panel for the Q & A about the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. (l-r) Nicole Madarano, PCC Brad King, Mike Malter, Kaitlin Anderson, Matt Phillips and Kerith Vance. (Katie Torgerson not shown.)

Thanks to Vince Bishop and Joyce Anderson who coordinated the Convention Planning Committee and to the three emcees: Andrea Ostensen, Kaitlin Anderson and Tracy Brown. Much appreciation goes to the Lions who helped, the vendors and the attendees for they made this year's District 36-O Convention a fun and informational day.

submitted by PDG Bert Diamond

Mark your calendar!
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FREE ADMISSION
Saturday, June 6th
From 10 to 12 only!



- What:** **HUGE Used Jewelry Sale!**
From modern to collectible to vintage to watches to crafter bags. Over 2000 items **priced to SELL**
- Why:** To raise money for our vision and hearing programs
- Who and Where:** Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center
228 North Holly St, Medford, 97501 (near downtown)
- What else:** Bring in your used jewelry to donate for next year's sale



Elgin Lions Send Needed Supplies

The Elgin Lions did what Lions are noted for, and that is to help others in need. With the severe flooding in Eastern Oregon, the club banded together to collect and send needed supplies to the Pendleton area, ravished by floods and material losses. Lions Teri and David Fuhrman proposed the idea to the Elgin group and, along with Lynn Knapp helping chair the activity, the members quickly filled a large trailer with household items, clothing and cleaning supplies to haul to Pendleton. Knapp noted that following the first load, the trailer would return to Elgin to fill once again by the generous townspeople. "This is what Lions are all about," David Fuhrman stated, "and we are going to continue collecting needed supplies for the people needing help in the flooded areas."



Trailer used to haul supplies to Pendleton

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Elgin Lions Screen Imbler School Students

Elgin Lions showed up in mass to help screen students in the Imbler School system. Those attending served as spot checkers, runners, and "kid control" for the group.



(l-r) standing are: PDG Gerald Hopkins, Steve Craig, Daryl Hawes, Darlene Garver, Betty Jane Bugbee and Bruce Bugbee
Seated are Pat McDonald, Jim Hallgarth, Risa Hallgarth and President Kathy Oliver. Not pictured: Mary Hopkins



Students Kayden Warren (foreground) and Forest Caldwell are screened by Pat McDonald and Jim Hallgarth

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

St. Helens Lions Club Sponsors Community Flag Display

On January 20, in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the St. Helens Lions proudly displayed approximately 235 large American Flags in our community, a process that is repeated on 7 national holidays. The flags go out early in the morning of the holiday and are picked up the same evening. They line the west side of Highway 30 through St. Helens, both sides of Columbia and St. Helens Boulevards, and through Old Town. A little extra incentive to get out of bed early to put out the flags is the group breakfast (no-host) and social time afterwards at one of the local restaurants.



Flags line Columbia Boulevard in St. Helens

Local businesses help support this patriotic activity with a small annual donation to have a flag placed in front of their business. It is not unusual to receive "honks" of appreciation from motorists as they pass. Several Cub Scouts from the pack our club helps sponsor also assist on one of the routes.

submitted by Jim Syrstad



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Hank Calhoun
 Board Chair



Doug Thompson
 Executive Director

FLATTENING THE CURVE

Greetings OLSHF Trustees, Staff, and Friends:

On behalf of OLSHF Board leadership, we wanted to reach out to you with our organization's stance in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and outbreak here in the United States and in Oregon.

As of our writing this, there are 114 known cases of COVID-19 in Oregon. Based on the number of COVID-19 tests available, it stands to reason that there are far more than this in actuality. The illness very likely is already in your community. Those exposed to the virus are directed to "self quarantine" to reduce exposure to others, to emergency responders, and to their families. Public health experts urge us not to panic, rather to be concerned and take precautions.

We believe that this is a legitimate danger to all of our well-being and that it is time to take the Corona Virus seriously. Our healthcare system does not have the capacity to provide care to the amount of patients that are projected to need hospitalization if steps are not taken to "Flatten the Curve" of hospital visits. It is time to take reasonable and rational steps to protect other Oregonians and ourselves.

We are in the process of determining exactly what steps will be implemented by OLSHF to support the effort of "Social Distancing" that is necessary to slow the spread of the virus and to "Flatten the Curve" of hospital visits. Social Distancing measures are taken to restrict when and where people can gather to stop or slow the spread of infectious diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.

These Social Distancing steps now include, but likely won't be limited to:

- Postponing all School Vision Screening events through at least April.
- Shifting upcoming supporter events to 'virtual' campaigns for Keep the Promise to support patient services and hearing assistance.
- OLSHF staff working remotely and closing Eye Promise Optical to the public through April.

It is strongly recommended that you take steps as well. We are early in the outbreak and health officials expect far more cases to be reported. It is expected to get much worse before it gets better.

We ask that we all follow the guidance of the medical professionals at the Oregon Health Authority: <https://tinyurl.com/OHA-Website>

More information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

Immediate steps that we should all practice now:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and throw the tissue away after use. If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve, not your hands.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received February 16 to March 15, 2020. Thank you to each and every donor and supporter!
If you have questions about donating, our programs, or how you can volunteer, please contact us at Info@OLSHF.org.

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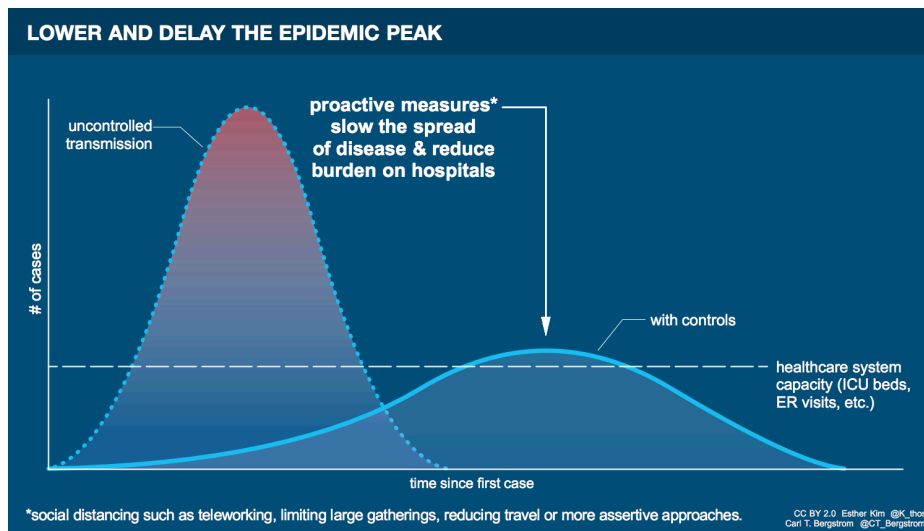
FLATTENING THE CURVE continued

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand-sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.
- Clean and disinfect doorknobs, switches, handles, computers, telephones, bedside tables, bathroom sinks, toilets, counters, toys and other surfaces that are commonly touched around the home or workplace.
- To the extent possible, avoid touching commonly used surfaces in public places like elevator buttons, door handles and handrails and avoid handshaking with people.
- Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something.

Please understand that we believe that our actions are responsible and appropriate, given the nature of the crisis that we all face.

We trust that by taking these steps we will do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 here in Oregon and hasten the process of our lives returning to normal.

Please let us know of any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have by OLSHF at Info@OLSHF.org.



Even with Oregon schools suspended at least through April, **we have already screened almost 200,000 students** for vision health issues during the 2019-2020 school year, including this class at High Lakes Elementary last October.





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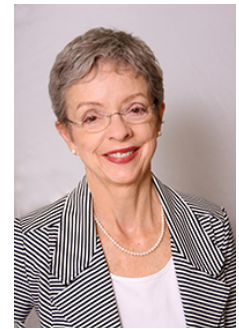
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Our Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, as we Lions all know, provides an amazing level of sight and hearing service to folks in our communities. Now, we Lions face a serious challenge. The COVID-19 directed cancellation of all of our spring fundraising activities will severely impact the ability of OLSHF to provide needed services. Unfortunately, there cannot be the four planned Keep the Promise events, nor the Parade of Checks at the cancelled District conventions. The fate of the MD-36 convention and that Parade of Checks is unknown at this time.



As a Past Chair of OLSHF and Council Chair of MD-36, I ask each of you Lions and your clubs to consider making your planned donation for either or both the Parade of Checks or the Keep the Promise event that you have missed enjoying. Your donation can be sent directly to OLSHF via mail, or you can make an electronic donation through the OLSHF website.

Please do continue to support the mission of our Foundation, even in this challenging time. Thank you for your dedication to serving our communities!

Sharon Rollins



**THROUGHOUT APRIL
KEEP THE PROMISE
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Raising support for sight and hearing health service programs in Marion & Polk counties

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What Did 18 CRR Lions Do This Fall?

One hundred, thirty-six vision screenings were conducted by eighteen Crooked River Ranch Lions at 42 different schools in Central and Eastern Oregon this fall. A total of 15,394 students were screened at these schools with the important number of 1,225 student referrals for further eye exams. Many times the parents, teachers and the student were unaware there was a vision problem and the Lions are so proud when a student gets an eye exam, corrected vision and does better in both life and school.



Since 2012 the Crooked River Ranch Lions have been volunteering to help with Vision Screenings all over Central and Eastern Oregon. This photo at Terrebonne School in 2012 was prior to the start of using the great SPOT Vision Screener machine.



Pictured back row (l-r): Ted Carlin, Central Oregon Vision Screening Coordinator; Russ Chase, Bend Sunrise Lions, PCC Richard Smith, Three Sisters Lions Club and Greta O'Brien, Crooked River Ranch Lions. Pictured front row (l-r): Jon Awbrey, Crooked River Ranch Lions Club, Cinda Awbrey, Crooked River Ranch Lions Club, PDG Vicki Smith, Three Sisters Lions Club and the school nurse.

"There were Lions from eight different Lions clubs in Central and Eastern Oregon volunteering at these screenings," said Central Oregon Vision Screening Coordinator Ted Carlin of Crooked River Ranch Lions. "The great part is all these different Lions clubs working together, telling stories, laughing, but taking seriously the job of screening the student's vision," he continued.

Bend, La Pine, Prineville, Madras, Sisters, Redmond, Sherman County, Burns, Silver Lake Lions helped screen the more than 15,000 students from mid-September until mid-December.

Greta O'Brien, CRR Lions, was "Vision Screener of the Year", assisting with 38 different screenings during this time. Jon Awbrey, did 32 screenings, while Vene Dunham and Gail Desbrisay each assisted with 16 screening. All of CRR Lions were also busy during the fall.

"We have a couple more elementary schools and middle schools to screen in 2020 and by the time they are finished it will be golf season," stated Ted Carlin.

submitted by Ted Carlin

What Does 150 lbs. of Food Look Like?



On February 8, seven members of the Bend/Sunrise Lions Club donated about 150 lbs. of food to the Bend Food Project in support of the Giving Plate Food Ministry and school backpack program. This donation is only a small part of the thousands of pounds collected every other month by this program.

submitted by Russell Chase, Service Program Chair

Springfield Lions Club “Spring Fling Raffle”

The Springfield Lions Club will once again hold their annual Spring Fling Raffle. Last year’s recipient was the Bags of Love. They were awarded \$10,240.05! This year’s recipients have been chosen to be Courageous Kids, Candlelighters and the Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation.

Courageous Kids is a grief support program for youth ages 6-17 and their caregivers. Adults may sometimes try to protect children from the facts of death, believing that they are too young to understand or will become too upset. However, we know that children who don’t grieve the death of someone significant in their lives can develop physical and emotional problems throughout their lives. Courageous Kids operates solely on grants and donations.

Candlelighters provides support for families in Oregon and SW Washington impacted by childhood cancer. From diagnosis through treatment and beyond, they provide programs such as emergency financial assistance, an annual family camp, family activities, bereavement support, and a hospital meal program that offers comfort and support for families during a difficult journey. Through it all, they never charge families a dime.

And finally, the Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation is a newly recognized 501(c)3 developed by the Springfield Lions Club. Its sole purpose is to support community projects and charities through grant acquisition and distribution. Throughout the process of achieving the 501(c)3 status the procedural efforts have been documented so that they may be shared with other Lions clubs in order to help them acquire 501(c)3 status for themselves. All of the necessary steps from start to finish will be outlined on a website for easy access. This will save Lions clubs financially as they endeavor to better serve their communities.

As in the past, people may sign up for a FREE RAFFLE in which 1 out of 5 tickets will be awarded towards the final drawing to be held on June 1, 2020, at the Springfield Lions Club meeting. Up to one million signups will be available for this purpose so be sure to participate as often as you wish. Go to the Free Drawing website at <http://raffle.bigbig.com>! Anyone wishing to buy tickets online can do so by going to <http://raffle.springfieldlions.org>

submitted by Lion Dale Howard, Springfield Lions Club Publicist



2019 Bags of Love presentation (Backdrop: Bags of Love volunteers; Forefront: Lion Dianne Rush, Bags of Love - Becky Stenzel – Executive Director, Lion Ginger Rogers-Howard, Springfield Lions Club President Henry Miller and Lion Rosemarie Hastings)

Elgin Lions Collect for Food Bank

The Elgin Lions set up a collection drive at Food Town Grocery and, in a five-hour period, collected over 275 pounds of food and personal hygiene products for the Elgin Food Bank.



(l-r) Darlene Garver, PDG Gerald Hopkins, Mary Hopkins, Barbara Hawes and Daryl Hawes.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

WHAT DO THESE 2 PEOPLE HAVE IN COMMON?



Left - Lion Rick De Young was named Man of the Year at the March 7th Sutherlin Area Chamber of Commerce's First Citizens Awards Banquet. A Sutherlin Lion member since 2016, he collects cans and bottles to raise money for kid's projects, displays US flags in the city of Sutherlin on holidays and will become club president in July 2020. Outside of club activities he mentors a local High School student, volunteers on the city's Emergency Preparedness Committee and is involved in the Chamber of Commerce.

Rick, a former police officer, Air Force veteran and retired attorney, said when he worked he was too busy making the payroll to volunteer. He began volunteering after moving to Sutherlin as a retiree. At 82, he's been volunteering now for 20 years.

"What I find out is it kind of keeps you young," he said.

Right - at our March 3 Lions meeting our President Lion Lou Fuller (*left*) inducted Gail Lund (*right*) into the Sutherlin Lions club. For many years, Gail has served side by side in the Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce with Lion Rick DeYoung (*center*). In fact he became her Lion sponsor.



Gail is well known for her past and present service in the community and was awarded Woman of the Year by the Sutherlin Chamber in 2007. As a member of the Sutherlin Lioness Club Gail held several officer positions and completed 14 years of service until the Lioness sadly disbanded in 2019. Over the years she has helped Sutherlin Lions with many of their events. It is an added bonus for our club to have an experienced dedicated Lioness bridge the gap and become a Sutherlin Lion. Welcome to the pride Lion Gail.

What do these 2 people have in common? They are passionate about serving!

submitted by PDG Carol Brink



Sara Baker

FFA Representative Speaks to Lions

Sara Baker, representing the Elgin Future Farmers of America program, spoke to the Elgin Lions on club activities coming to the community. Sara explained that the weekend would feature a drive through pickup for barbecue sandwich at the school. In conjunction with the barbecue, members would also be selling beef raffle tickets. The drawing for the beef would be the first of April. Funds raised would help members attend the State Convention. Sara, who is currently vice-president of her organization, stated that a banquet would be held at the Elgin Stampede Hall on March 28.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Flags for First Grader Kits Delivered to 259 Students

First graders in all public, private and charter schools in Crook County, ranging from one first grader in each of two rural schools to 112 in a school in Prineville were recipients of the flags. This was accomplished during the first 13 school days in February by seven Lions, four 5th grade helpers and one feline, aka The Cat in the Hat.



Baines Butte Elementary School. (l-r) Brad Larkins, Dick Hollenbeck, Bob Brumagin and Nancy Nennig.



Brothers Elementary School.



Crooked River Elementary School. (l-r) Dick Hollenbeck, Chris McCabe and Matt Stephens.



High Desert Christian Academy.



Paulina Elementary School. (l-r) Chris McCabe, Bob Brumagin, Dick Hollenbeck and the Cat in the Hat.

The Lions involved were Chris McCabe, Brad Larkins, Jerry Pimentel, Nancy Nennig, club President Dick Hollenbeck, Bob Brumagin and Project Chair Matt Stephens. Lions David James and Don Martin did lots of prep work.

*submitted by Jerry Pimentel
pictures by Nancy Nennig*

Thank You Once Again Lion Don Adams

As I look around the Multiple District there are certainly many people we can thank and praise for their leadership and dedication to our organization. Our Past International Directors Sunny Pulley, Ed Gear and Denny Tichenor who have provided guidance for many years. Executive Director PCC Vince Bishop and our past and current Council Chairs definitely have helped in so many ways. Then there are the past and current district governors, district and MD committee chairs and zone chairs who also give a lot of their time. Three cheers and serious kudos to all of our leaders because where would we be without you.

One of these leaders over the past many decades is Lion Don Adams. After being district governor, council chair and executive director, I think it's a good time to thank Don again for all his long-term commitment, especially this year with his 90th birthday approaching.

Along with rising to the top as our executive director for nine years leaving that role in 2011, Don has been to more than 30 International conventions, was our multiple district pin seller for over 30 years and is entering his 40th year as a Lion. Wow! That's incredible! And he's also an active member of his Gresham Breakfast Lions Club.

When asked for his advice for new Lions, Don said, «Get out there and serve. It's a lot of fun and the more you do, the more you will enjoy it.»

Thank you again Don Adams. We greatly appreciate you!

*submitted by PDG Bert Diamond
(Portions of this article came from a previous article in 2011.)*



**PCC Don Adams at a past
Multiple District convention
banquet**