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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

April

- 15 District O Convention, 1730 SE 117th, Portland, OR 97216 from 8-4
- 21-23 NWLLI scheduled at Sutherlin Comm Cntr
- 22 Dist. O Cab. mtg. 10am-1pm at OLSHF
- 24 SOLSHC Board meeting @ noon
- TBD District O Convention rescheduled

EVENTS

April

- 3 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE @ 6pm
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for May issue)
- 22 SOLSHC Bling Fling 10am-noon

Directory Updates

- p. 7 MD Chaplain PDG Hank Calhoun remove the home number.
- p. 10 Int'l Participation Secretary is now OPEN Under Hearing - Dist R is now OPEN Under Hunger Relief Chair is OPEN Under Hunger Relief, please list Diane Bash - Junction City for District R
- p. 12 Under Protocol/Parliamentarian Dist. O is now OPEN
- p. 28 Under Protocol/Parrliamentarian is OPEN
- p. 29 Gresham Supper Secretary is OPEN Gresham Supper now meeting on 4th Wednesday, same time at M & M Restaurant, 137 N. Main Street
- p. 34 Under Hearing this position is now OPEN Under Hunger Relief, please list both Diane Bash - Junction City and Edwena Matychuck - Eugene Bethel
- p. 51 Redmond Sunshine no longer has POB. Please use: c/o PDG Gary Mose, 52324 Barberry Circle, La Pine, OR 97739
- p. 86 Calhoun, Hank, PDG. Remove Business and residence number.
- p. 90 Giorgi, Judy, PDG has passed.
- p. 91 Henderson, Elaine has new address of 470 NE Oak St., Apt. 205; and has new email of elainehenderson33@gmail.com

ANNIVERSARIES

April 2023 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

Council Chair News



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I am writing this article in early March (10th) for the April issue. I mention that because the dates for the R and O Conventions have passed. However, the E and G Conventions occur in March. DG David O'Kelley had a wonderful and very well attended Convention in Eugene on the U of O campus. If you were unable to attend, you missed informative speakers, International Director Allen Snider and interacting with your fellow Lions.

The winter storm of February 24 caused DG Kerith Vance to need to reschedule her Convention: Her ID's flight was canceled into PDX from Hawaii, roads were impassible and she did not have a choice. She was able to reschedule her Convention for April 15. All in all, it requires a lot of work. I will see you there.

DG Gail Black has her District E Convention set for Sutherlin on March 17-19 and DG Cheri Jackson has her District G Convention set for the Wildhorse in Pendleton on March 31-April 1. Hopefully you will attend. There is so much information about Lions that is available at conventions. Together we have a good time. Join us!

April is the month for Officer elections in our Clubs throughout MD36. I urge the current board members to notice and talk to your members and consider a new Lion for a position. There are Lions that have talents you are not aware of. Remember – just ask. We need to inspire new Lions and take note of their ideas even if it is not “the way we always do things”.

April is Environmental Awareness month. Be sure to send your environment photos to CCE Phyllis Carlin in order to enter the annual competition that takes place at our Multiple District Convention May 19-21 in Seaside. It is an amazing and fun event with wonderful photos from every corner of our multiple district (especially if there is a Corgi in the photo).

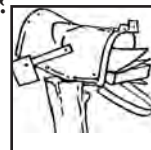
April is also Family & Friends Awareness month. Include your family and friends in Lions events and adventures. They can help you gather items for your food pantry, attend a lunch with Lions, or collect glasses for our Sight & Hearing Foundation. And, if you have friends or family with a place of business, be sure to give them an eyeglass collection box to help the Lions of Oregon recycle and send glasses all across the world.

We have a lot to do and serve in our respective communities. Together we can!

**Club Officer Reporting Form
(aka Form PU101)
Due to LCI by May 15, 2023
Please prioritize getting this completed
online for LCI
as is critical for MD36 annual directory to
be completed**

Are You Moving? Have You Moved?

MD-36 will need a few days to change your address. Please provide your former address as well as your new address preferably by attaching a label from a recent issue of The Oregon Lion Magazine in the space outlined below.



ATTACH YOUR ADDRESS LABEL HERE

Name (pls print): _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Former Address: _____

Lions Club: _____

Mail this entire form to: The Oregon Lion,
PO Box 51345, Eugene, OR 97405

District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column
Kerith Vance

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Here we are in April and ready to elect our club officers. It is also time when our next District Governor, Lion Ed Glad, is working to finish building his leadership team for 2023-24. This includes Zone Chairs who want to build collaboration with their local clubs, as well as Lions with particular interest areas who want to participate in the District O Cabinet. Are you interested in creating momentum and interest around environmental, hunger, vision, family and women's issues? Do you have a passion for Leos, guide dogs, the peace poster contest or even Robert's Rules of Order? Do you want to see change and be part of making it happen? Maybe you've held a position for a while and are ready to give your skills to another role. If you are, we need you and want to work with you to serve the Lions Clubs of District O and their communities.

Often new Lions and younger Lions have incredible skills and ideas that the rest of us need to grow from around 800 Lions in our District up to 1000 Lions and Leos or more! They may not know how a club officer or district officer position works or what kind of time is involved. They may want to take a fresh look at a club tradition to keep it strong and current. If that is you or someone you know, please reach out to myself or Lion Ed. andycat3@comcast.net, eglad57@gmail.com There is a way for you to contribute and bring value to your fellow Lions and community that will fit. Believe me, we understand commitments to family, work, and other social groups and service projects and value your time and your effort enough to make it work.

To build stronger clubs, larger networks, and engage in meaningful service to those around us, we need to think outside the box! Check out this Lions International video and others on their website to learn more. <https://youtu.be/tSXBuTdOtUo>

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



District R Governor Column
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I would like to start with the premise that we are all leaders when we were given the **opportunity** to serve our communities and made the **choice** to become a Lion. As a result of that **choice**, we also took on a **responsibility** to participate in the service activities of our club. The great thing about Lions is our motto is simply "We Serve." Unlike many service organizations that gives us the opportunity to serve that align with our passions and we often find other Lions who share that passion and then we also benefit from the fellowship that comes with it.

In our District this month we saw the fruits of our leaders (members) that had an opportunity present itself, a choice to be made, and then the responsibility that came with that choice to execute on it. Specifically, the Mohawk Valley Lions club had an opportunity to turn in their charter, but they made a choice to try and recruit new members into their club and continue their responsibility of service to their community. Given this opportunity our district and neighboring club leaders also made a choice to support their efforts and act on their responsibilities that came with their leadership roles. Since January eight new leaders have chosen to join the Mohawk Valley Lions and continue their clubs' responsibility of providing service to their community. We all shared the joy of inducting seven of them at their March meeting into our Lions family.

Organizations, of all types, require leadership roles at all levels to function most effectively. Those leadership roles are filled by those that come from within the organization. In our case we are a volunteer organization, and we are provided with additional opportunities to fill those leadership roles. Those roles, when filled, help our organization operate most effectively and ultimately enhance our member's ability to provide/enhance the service that we all chose to provide to our communities. So, when choosing to fill a leadership role in our organization it does come with a responsibility to our family of Lions (member, club, district, multiple district, international). It is a two-way street and when we are functioning effectively all involved can benefit. What happened with the Mohawk Valley Lions club is a great example of **opportunity**, **choice** and **responsibility** when it all comes together.

Happy Spring - DG 36R Lion David O'Kelley –
Together We Can and Together We Will

District E - Southern - South Coast



District E Governor Column
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Once again District E had a great convention. We were honored to have Past International Director Justin Faber with us for the convention and were inspired by his keynote address. Unfortunately, we did not have any applicant for the position of District Governor nor for 2VDG for the forthcoming year, but our 2VDG was elected to 1VDG. All regions of our District were given their yard signs that were a result of the PR Grant received this year and now we look forward to seeing how much they can assist in gaining new members for our clubs. We had some interesting seminars, OLSHF gave us a wonderful review of what is happening with our Sight and Hearing Foundation, and some unique awards were presented. Fun for all was the Youth Robotic presentation, and donations were made to assist the robotic team who won the chance to compete in the world championships in their travel.

The NWLLI coming up on April 21-23 is a great opportunity for all Lions, as it is a great training session for future leaders in the organization. Both the District and Multiple District have leadership training funds available to assist with scholarships for this training. As a graduate of the NWLLI, I can honestly say that I found it to be stimulating, educational, and a most worthwhile training session. So if you haven't yet signed up, go on line, get the application and get it in!! You won't regret doing so.

By all means don't forget the Multiple District Convention. This year we are going to be in Seaside on May 19-20. Friday night is the individual dinner for each district and we always look forward to meeting our visiting International Director and recognizing special individuals in our district. The Multiple District Convention is the place where you renew old friendships, gain new, and learn about what is happening all over the state. You should come away with new ideas, new challenges, and new enthusiasm for accomplishing good things in your own district, your own community and your own club.

In keeping with St Patrick's Day- (just past) an Irish saying – *“Good luck happens when preparedness meets opportunity”* – as Lions we work as a team and are prepared to meet those opportunities as we serve from the heart.

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column
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As this issue goes to press most of the district conventions will be completed. Sorry that DG Kerith Vance of District O had to re-schedule, but I am certain that convention will be great! It has been fun traveling across the State and getting to know Lions from other districts and meeting with more clubs in District 36G. We have such great people in Oregon, we have lots to be proud of and there are so many new ideas for service that have come forward.

The yard signs and magnets have been a big hit and I can't wait to drive through our towns and see how we are getting the message of Lions out to our neighbors and communities. I want to personally thank all the District Governors in Oregon and the other Lions that took the initiative and time to get the grant that brought these colorful signs to our towns. They sure catch your eye as you are passing by. I am certain it will get the community to ask questions and bring more members wanting to serve as do all our current Lions.

We still have the Multiple District Convention in Seaside in May. I hope to see lots of you there enjoying our Coast!

Yours in Lionism,
Cheri Jackson DG 36G



You'll Love the New LIONS PORTAL



But, we have some important dates & club actions first - 6/15/23 is the date to remember!

7/15/23-7/24/23: Target Conversion Date

Before 6/15/23: Enter all club officers for 2023-2024

Before 6/15/23: Enter service activity for events prior to 6/1/23. Reporting for 6/1/23 going forward will be in the new system after conversion

Before 6/15/23: Record any club or donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognition.

Before 6/15/23: Make sure club data is accurate for this year (2022-2023). For Example, new members, sponsors, new clubs formed, transfers and other end of year activities specific to clubs are correct and recorded in MyLion/MyLCI

- Make sure every member has an email listed and no shared emails can be used in the new LIONS PORTAL.
- Make sure member birthdays are entered since birth dates in MyLCI will be converted - even the old conversion 1/1/1900 date! Hint: in MyLCI under reports run "Member Information Update Report" and have your members update their info!
- Training is slated to begin in late April 2023 - Stay tuned!

submitted by Robin Stoeckler

Florence Siuslaw Lions Club Develops New Project to Benefit Youth In their Community!

The Florence Siuslaw Lions Club wanted to do a new project that would involve outreach to youth in our community. So, a small Lions committee met with a contact at the Siuslaw Library to discuss our desire to help impact youth through reading. We previously had decided that we wanted to focus on the two areas: Environment, and Kindness. Lions sincerely believe that kindness matters, and we want to encourage youth in our community to practice kindness with others. Caring for our environment is another area that Lions are committed to. Both are good areas to learn about and to reinforce beginning when children are young. The library was kind enough to send us a list of youth books focusing on those two areas, with a little about each, for us to review.

As it turned out, our committee selected a few from the list that we liked, and the library also selected some in those same two areas. Our Club approved a budget, and we gave the library the go ahead to order.



As you can see from the pictures, the library put our books out on prominent display at our local library. Over fifteen of them. Inside the front cover of each book the library placed a placard with the Lions logo, indicating also that they were donated by the Florence Siuslaw Lions Club. We were also glad that the books were at the library by March 2nd, which we heard was National Read Across America Day. The library thanked us for the donation, saying that the books will make a great addition to their collection. We are very excited about the impact the books will have on our youth!

submitted by Jan Wilbur, President

One Form Per Person Please!

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**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 36 CONVENTION REGISTRATION
SEASIDE CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER
MAY 19-20, 2023**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

FIRST NAME LAST NAME

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

Registration Fee \$140.00

LATE REGISTRATION FEE: ON OR AFTER April 28, 2023 \$165.00

NO REGISTRATION ACCEPTED AFTER MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

REFUNDS: The registration fee covers fixed convention costs. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**

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

Hotels Nearby: Inn at Seaside (503) 738-9581
Ocean Front Motel (503) 738-5661
Seaside Hillcrest Inn (503) 738-6273
Seashore Inn on the Beach (888) 738-6368
Kathryn Riverfront Inn (503) 470-4254

Tualatin Lions had a “Super Saturday”!

For the 8th year in a row, the Tualatin Lions Club held their “Super Saturday” Food Drive to help re-stock the shelves of local food banks in the Tigard-Tualatin-Sherwood region of southern Washington County, Oregon. This 2023 “Super Saturday” fell on February 11th (it’s the day before Super Bowl, thus “Super Saturday”). This was a Tualatin Lions “Food Fight” to remember!

The Tualatin Lions had their traditional pre-function breakfast at the local Country Inn Grill where they were joined by District 36-O 1st Vice District Governor Lion Ed Glad. Breakfast was delicious and productive as a meeting was convened and two new service projects were approved and donations were approved for the OLSHF “Parade of Checks” at the District O Convention on Feb. 25 and also for the Lions Clubs International Foundation to benefit the people and Lions of Ukraine. 1st VDG Lion Ed, just back from District Governor training in LCI Headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois, gave an up-date on LCI and the goings on in District O and MD36.

Following breakfast, the Tualatin Lions and 1st VDG Ed split up going to the Walmart Super Centers (Super again!), in Tigard and Sherwood where each team posted up outside the grocery entry with table, banner, A-Frame, food barrel and shopping lists for the most needed items. Of course, the Mighty Tualatin Lions had already taken advantage of great media tools including learning how to write a press release from the MD36 Public Relations Manual, (available at the MD36 website: <http://www.md36lionsclubs.org/public-relations>), and OLSHF’s connection with FlashAlert to get that press release out.

Throughout the day, shoppers coming to the Walmart’s took the shopping lists and brought out lots of non-perishable food, personal hygiene items, feminine hygiene items and a most wanted subject, toilet paper! Along with their beer, pizza, chicken wings, etc. for their Super Bowl parties, they also stuffed the Lions donation jars with cash. One “Super Donor” brought out 2 full shopping carts, saying she’d been gifted and lucky all her life and that it was the least she could do! Please see the photo and her big smile!



Our unnamed “Super Donor.”



(l-r) Lions PCC Brad King, Jackie Dannemiller and Eileen Weinstein at the Tigard Walmart Super Center.

When all was said and done Saturday afternoon, the Tualatin Lions had collected about a half ton of food and TP and over \$100, all of which was evenly split between the Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry, the Sherwood St. Francis Pantry and the Tigard Bethlehem House of Bread. As those Lions said that day: “Who said: ‘Feed the Hungry’?”

The Tualatin Lions have a busy Spring coming up that started with “Super Saturday”. Those Tualatin Lions have taken on another Trex bench project for a local charter school; their 50th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up soon as are Flags for 1st Graders; a new fundraiser for “Keep the Promise Days” in early June; and “Spaghetti Night for Student Sight”, to help fund school vision screening in the Tigard-Tualatin area School Districts. Keep an eye on these pages for news about those fun events! We Serve!

submitted by PCC Brad King

A Shout Out to the Youth Exchange Program

A happy surprise occurred for our family this past Christmas Eve, and it occurred because the caller and members of our family are or have been Lions. The call was from Australia, where it was Christmas Day (they are 18 or so hours ahead of us). The caller was Ian Coutts, who had been in the Lions Youth Exchange program in 1978 and stayed with our family – which included our teenaged daughter and son at the time.

Ian and our family had a great time together and each family has visited the other several times over the years. Ian and our daughter are 60 now, and we all can thank the Lions Youth Exchange program for the original get-togethers. In addition to Ian, we had seven other young persons as guests in our home.

Many thanks to the Lions of Oregon and the Lions of Australia for putting in so much work to make this important program function. The result was hundreds of young persons getting a first-hand taste of what life was all about in a different country.

submitted by PCC Richard Larsen

Astoria Lions Celebrate its 81st Anniversary

Astoria Lions celebrated their 81st anniversary as a chartered club (2/16/42) during its lunchtime meeting on February 14th. Coinciding with preparing flag sets to be given to first graders, we took a few moments to toast former and current Lions and reflect on the future. To mark the event, Lion Lavina Jones brought treats, most notably, her famous “Green Stuff” capped with an “81” label.



(l-r) Ron Larsen, Nancy Lockett and Lavina Jones celebrating our 81st Year of Service.

Quite tasty indeed!

submitted by Ray Montgomery

Hood River Lions Club's Recycling Program Gives Back in Big Ways!

The Hood River Lions Club was able through our bottles/cans recycling program to give away \$12,000 this month. Organizations in our area that received the money were:

- Adopt a Dog
- Klahre House
- The Next Door Warming Shelter
- Gorge Orchestra
- Helping Hands
- Guide Dogs – Hood River Chapter
- Friends of the Library-Lions Den
- Arts in Education
- Mt Hood Town Hall Summer Music
- Providence Sunshine club
- High School Music Dept
- High School Drama Dept

Lions also gave money earlier in December to Meals on Wheels and the Food Bank.

submitted by Pam Chandler

Human Services Groups Speak to La Grande Lions Club

The La Grande Lions Club listened to two speakers from the Department of Human Services: Chris Evans (Community Development Coordinator) and Tammy Blessing (representing Child Welfare) who outlined the services they provided to the community.

Evans discussed the efforts to assist with child welfare as well as services available to the aging. Evans has been involved with a community resource network to address the many problems seen in Union County. Through the network a variety of help can be given to those in need. Evans stated that 22% of the community needs supplemental nutrition and those needs are being met. The network also assists with medical insurance, cash assistance for extremely low income individuals, assistance with job searches, and training assistance. Through the network, the training can help businesses with assistance as well. Other items Evans touched on were assistance for working families, helping students get their GED, distributing "Coats for Kids," medical insurance, work with long term care, and partnering with the Warming Station.

Blessing's work covers six counties. She discussed the "Eastern Oregon Community Resource Network," which is a web-based tool that connects resources to unmet needs through sharing information between organizations and community members. The EOCCRN focuses on firming up safety nets and expanding opportunities for individuals and families in Union, Baker, and Wallowa counties. Blessing said that EOCCRN is comprised of non-profits, service organizations, businesses, civic groups and individuals. When a member becomes aware of an unmet need, they can pursue assistance through the program.



Chris Evans.



Tammy Blessing.



Lion Tanner Willson.

Safety concerns are a major item the DHS addresses. Blessing stressed there is a high need for foster families. She added that there is an increased percentage of teenagers needing help. When behavioral concerns are seen in the family, the agency can work to solve problems within the family structure. Other areas include helping with groceries, giving gift cards for kids in foster homes, and spreading the word of individuals needing respite care. Blessing added that assistance in the distribution of the "Coats for Kids," is organized annually by the Lions in the community.

Lion Tanner Willson discussed the progress on the pre-cooked rib feed set for March 11. He noted there would be two seating's of 100 people each. The dinner will also cater to drive through delivery. Willson said that the Lions will partner with the baseball teams with the funds to improve the Lions' baseball field. The goal, Willson said, was to collect \$4,000. Half of this amount would go to the improvement of the baseball field. The Lions plan to meet with the Downtown Association to discuss various ideas for improvement.

A donation of \$250 was given by the American Legion to the La Grande Lions to help their many programs.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

St. Helens Lions Sew Pillowcases for Ronald McDonald House

The St. Helens Lions Club members recently spent a fun afternoon sewing brightly colored pillowcases for children who are guests at Ronald McDonald House East. These children are patients at Emmanuel Children's Hospital and many are cancer patients. The pillowcases were constructed of brightly colored kids' prints and will be used by the kids during their stay and then taken home with them. Each pillowcase included an inside label identifying them as a gift from the St. Helens Lions Club.



(l-r) Lions Rosemary Jeffrey, Kim Karber and Liz Karber.



(l-r) Lions Kathy Syrstad, Kim Karber and Sue Mueller.



(l-r) Kim Karber, Rosemary Jeffrey, Kathy Syrstad, Niki Kirsch, Linda McCoy and Jim Syrstad. Not pictured, Sue Mueller, Jean Kirsch and Liz Karber.



Lion Jean Kirsch.



Finished pillowcases.

submitted by Kathy Syrstad

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Staying Busy and Presenting Awards!

St. Helens Lions Club Presents Honor Roll Award

The St. Helens Lions Club recently presented a Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Honor Roll Award to Columbia City, City Hall. The Club has a great working relationship with the office staff at City Hall. The three ladies are always happy to take on a project to benefit the community. In the last three years, City Hall has collected many pounds of plastic for our Trex bench project, held an eyeglass/hearing aid collection to benefit LERC and held a peanut butter collection for the Backpack Weekend Food Program, a project to which St. Helens Lions provide many hours of help yearly. We are very grateful for the generosity of the office staff and the community.

Lion Greg Bartsch (right), presents the OLSHF Honor Roll Award to Laura Markham (left) and Lion Kim Karber (middle), representing Columbia City, City Hall.



submitted by Kathy Syrstad

St. Helens Lion Jim Syrstad Receives Melvin Jones

During the February 20th regular meeting in the Warren Country Inn banquet room, Lion James Syrstad received his plaque and pin to affirm his role as a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Bert Mueller had previously attested to Jim's worthiness with a seemingly endless list of accomplishments covering twenty-five years of membership in the St. Helens Lions Club, stressing his dedication to the Club's core values, taking part in many fundraisers and participating in almost every service project. Sponsored by Mike McCoy, Lion Jim served as Club Secretary for 8 ½ years, as well as Club President and Zone Chair for one year each. Lions Greg Bartsch and Kim Karber presented Jim with his plaque, pin and a commemorative silver dollar from LCIF's Centennial celebration. Congratulations Lion Jim!



(l-r) Kim Karber, MJF James Syrstad and Greg Bartsch.

submitted by Greg Bartsch

District E Lions Celebrate Their Successes

District 36-E “roared” through their recent convention in Sutherlin led by District Governor Gail Black. Her “Service from the Heart” provided the platform from which we (65 registrants) shared our passion for Lions. The festivities began on Thursday evening with a “Meet and Greet” for PID Justin Farber (Ubyly, Michigan Lions) at Dakota Street Pizza. A huge “thank you” to the Sutherlin Lions who dedicated a lot of time and energy in hosting the event.

Friday afternoon included three mini-sessions provided by DG Gail (on changes to the on-line Lion Portal), PCC Bob Chaney (renewing our knowledge of meeting protocols) and PID Justin (updates on the international level; changes, dues, etc.). This was followed by “RU Ready to be a Trivia Master?”

The evening session (and lunch and dinner the next day) was catered by “Rolling Thunder BBQ” who served delicious food right off the grill. It was followed by a “Casino Night” where attendees played blackjack, a horse racing game, a golf putting challenge and spun a few different prize wheels.



PID Faber visits with PID Sunny Pulley during the “Meet and Greet.”



Lions enjoy the Casino Night sponsored by the foundation

During the first morning session on Saturday, nominations were made for officers and a trustee for the foundation. This was followed by a professional development session led by Lion Robin Stoeckler who challenged clubs to analyze where they were performing and some tips on team building. Jae Lamar, Executive Director of the Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center, gave an update of the Center, upcoming events and tips on how to reach younger generations.

During his presentation, Past Council Chair Vince Bishop use of the DG as the focal point added some humor as well as some tips on how to manage one’s time more effectively.

A very thoughtful, inspirational “Celebration of Life” was then facilitated by District Chaplain Barb Dehlinger. 27 Lions from 15 different clubs have passed during the last year. Lion Barb asked a member from each of those clubs to pick up a rose for their member and to place it on their table as a remembrance of the “fragrance” they have left with us as Lions.



DG David O’Kelley deals to PCC Joyce Anderson

During the lunch session, Peace Poster Chair, Carma Fisher, presented the District 36-E Award to Mya Mercado, a sixth grader from Sutherlin Middle School. Her poster captured the theme “Lead with Compassion” perfectly. The afternoon session included updates from the foundation staff and presentations and demonstrations from the Joseph Lane Middle School and Roseburg High School robotics teams. One of the high school teams, “Aries,” qualified for the upcoming world competition. The festivities concluded Friday night with a passionate speech about Lions from PID Farber. Presidential awards were given by PID Farber to Lions Carma Fisher, Debbra Hall and Stewart Fowler.



Peace Poster District and Multiple District winner, Mya Mercado, receives her award from Chair Carma Fisher.



Students teach each other (and Lions) about their robots.



Sutherlin Lion Stewart Fowler receives a presidential award from PIDs Pulley and Faber.

submitted by Jeff Plummer

General Manager of the Eugene Emeralds Baseball Team Speaks to the Eugene Bethel Lions

Baseball season came early to the Eugene Bethel Lions Club on March 14 as the General Manager of the Eugene Emeralds professional baseball team, Allan Benavides, spoke to the Eugene Bethel Lions Club. Also joining in the festivities were visiting Lions from the Springfield Lions Club.

Mr. Benavides has been the General Manager of the Eugene Emeralds since January 2010. Previously, he served as the Assistant General Manager of the Lake Elsinore Storm in Los Angeles where he grew up. Presently Mr. Benavides is in the middle of discussions to build a stadium in the Eugene area and save the Emeralds for the city. The Emeralds have been a Eugene fixture since 1955.

Due to new standards for minor league baseball stadiums, PK Park (the home of the Oregon Duck baseball team) is no longer able to house the Emeralds. The new standards include large club houses, training facilities and changing rooms for females. The Emeralds must be in their new stadium for the 2025 baseball season. The Emeralds are in the High A league affiliated with the San Francisco Giants.

Mr. Benavides spoke for thirty minutes and responded to questions from the audience for another fifteen minutes. He brought an exclusive history book of the Emeralds that was raffled off to next year Bethel Club President Michael McCoy, the only person wearing an Emeralds baseball hat. A wonderful speaker and a timely presentation.



Allan Benavides, General Manager of the Eugene Emeralds.

submitted by Eugene Bethel Lions President Gerald Oliver

Elgin Lions Honor Requests for Glasses/Hearing Aids



Pat McDonald brings in packets of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Elgin Lions received requests for two glasses and two hearing aids this past month. The Lions gave immediate assistance to those in need. Lions also signed up to help usher at the Elgin Opera House, which is featuring the play "Peter Pan."

The Lions are selecting the Young Man of the Year for the Chamber of Commerce, as well as delivering dishes for the Teacher In-Service to express appreciation for the Elgin staff.

Members assisted with the baseball field in Elgin, as well as purchasing membership for young players who could not afford registration.

Pull top tabs are being collected for the Ronald McDonald House and will be presented at the District Convention.

Members have expressed an interest in sponsoring a LEO's club at school. Information will be collected for the group. Several students are interested in belonging to a service club.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins



Doug Thompson
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April Comes In Like A Lion Too!



Tom Hilgers
Board Chair

Yes, we know the old saying says “March comes in like a Lion” but take a look at some of the exciting events taking place in April...and beyond:

Conventions

District G Lions kicked off the month with their Convention at Wildhorse Casino in Pendleton, and the snow-bound District O Lions are holding their rescheduled Convention on April 15th in Portland. There is still time to register for MD-36 Convention in Seaside where the Foundation will be making an exciting announcement that every Lions Club in MD-36 can benefit from...we hope to see you in Seaside on May 19th and 20th!

OLSHF Hall of Fame

One of the highlights of MD-36 Convention is the OLSHF Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Friday, May 19th immediately following the dinner that night. There is still time to nominate a candidate for the OLSHF Hall of Fame, simply email Doug at Dougt@olshf.org your nomination in 250 words or less why a Lion should be considered for this prestigious recognition. Candidates should have a minimum of at least 10 years of Service to the Foundation, nominations may be made for posthumous candidates and also for those still living.

Lions Day at the Capitol - May 3rd

MD-36 Lions and your Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation have been recognized by LCI as the top Lions vision screening program in the United States, and we are grateful that the School Vision Screening program (SVS) is considered the premier school-based vision screening program in the U.S. You can help sustain the SVS program by attending Lions Day at the Capitol in Salem on May 3rd -- see page 18 -- by joining Lions from around Oregon to show support for SB 276 which will bolster the school vision screening fund at the Oregon Dept. of Education, making it possible for Lions to continue our quest for one day every Oregon student having their vision screened each year.

KTP Breakfast Returns - May 31st

Who says there's no such thing as a free breakfast? We will be returning to the Oregon Zoo on May 31st at 7 am for the revival of our annual Portland Keep the Promise Breakfast. We are looking for Lions willing to host a table of 8 to enjoy a morning of Lions fellowship, food, and feasting on feel good sight and hearing stories of those we've helped through the sight and hearing programs available through OLSHF. Contact Samantha at Sam@OLSHF.org for more info or to let us know that you'd like to attend the KTP Breakfast!

Meet Samantha

The newest member of the OLSHF Team has hit the ground running and we hope you have a chance to meet her soon. Samantha Doyle -- she's comfortable with Sam or Samantha -- comes to OLSHF with a strong communications skill set, wonderful creativity, and tons of energy. Sam will be attending both District O Convention on April 15th and MD-36 Convention on May 19-20 and she is looking forward to meeting as many MD-36 Lions as possible.

“I'm so thankful for the warm welcome that I've received since joining the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation community. I look forward to meeting and connecting with the Lions to better share OLSHF's story and celebrate the Lion's service!”

KTP Days

We are inviting every MD-36 Lions Club to join in on the new KTP Days celebration taking place during the month of June. Lions are encouraged to take an existing activity -- or create a new one like the Eugene Downtown Lions “Lions Go to the Ballpark” at a Eugene Emeralds baseball game this summer. Please visit olshf.org/ktpdays for tons of information on this exciting new endeavor designed to raise awareness of the important work that Lions do throughout Oregon and northern California.

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LIONS OF OREGON 2023 Day at the Capitol



Wednesday, May 3rd
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KTP Days & Breakfast June 2023

A new opportunity to raise awareness of ALL MD-36 Lions Clubs and the important work we do throughout Oregon and northern California.



This month's featured club -

Stickers available soon

The Eugene Downtown Lions KTP Days event is sure to be a Home Run... "Lions Go To The Ballpark" is July 7th at PK Park in Eugene at the Eugene Emeralds minor league baseball game! This event will feature a used eyeglass collection, a pregame picnic on the Third Base line, the Lion mascot will appear...and much more!

Sign up - OLSHF.org/ktpdays



Meet Samantha Doyle

Our new Development Coordinator!

"I look forward to getting to know the OLSHF community, hearing its story, and celebrating the service the Lions and the OLSHF team provide Oregonians!"





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The Northwest Regional ESD Board of Directors recognized Dr. JP Lowery and OLSHF for their Low Vision Clinic statewide work.



"I am forever grateful to be part of such a dynamic team of warm-hearted people who share the precious gift of sight. The Low Vision Clinic would not be possible without the work of many Lions, including all of you at the Foundation, working behind the scenes to make all our programs successful."

- Dr. JP Lowery

Patient Care News - Crescent City, CA

An uplifting phone call from a recent Patient Care recipient:

"Hi, Noelle; I just wanted to let you know that yesterday's cataract surgery went great. I just got back from a walk in the redwoods and seeing better than I can remember, so thank you so much for your help, and please thank all involved you have all changed my world, and I am so grateful.... god bless you all. "



- Tom Clemens

Tom Clemens (recipient) with his wife

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Submitted by Brad King

Notes from my travels: Lions School Vision Screening Success in 22-23!

Greetings MD36 Lions! This article will be in the “First Person”, but it’s about so many people! I’ve had a very busy school year so far and the schedule continues to be full going into the Spring. I’ve been a lucky Lion and a lucky staff member of your Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundations School Vision Screening Team. I know my teammates will all agree; this has been a fantastic year so far!

This lucky Lion screener has had the opportunity to travel throughout the Multiple District this year. I’ve gotten to cover for my teammates when they’ve been on sight missions and I’ve had the opportunity to take our School Vision Screening Program to schools and districts that have never experienced the effective, efficient, objective and equitable screenings you provide to students, or the follow-up resources for low-cost/no-cost comprehensive vision exams and eyeglasses for under-served student families.

Early in the school year, I had the opportunity to travel to Grants Pass, in District E, to screen at all of the elementary schools and both Middle Schools with the Grants Pass Lions. Lion Dr. Steve Tronnes was on a sight mission to Mexico so I had my first experience in Grants Pass. These Lions were AWESOME! Here’s a picture from South MS where we screened 591 students in just 85 minutes. I think it’s a new “land speed record”!



Notes from my travels: Lions School Vision Screening Success in 22-23! continued

Also in the fall I got to venture into District R, meeting up with my new teammate, Lion Deb Nelson for a screening at the McKenzie River School. I also ventured into District R for screenings with the Stayton and Mill City Lions the North Santiam School District.

I spent most of the late fall in District O where I met members of a number of Lions clubs at screenings all over the District. Here are Lion Ed Casey from my Tualatin Lions Club and Lion Dale Rollins of the Lake Oswego Lions Club screening in the Tigard-Tualatin School District.



And during the winter, I got the chance to travel to District G and the Columbia River Gorge, (one of my most favorite places anywhere!), to screen with Lions from Hood River County and these Lions from The Dalles at The Dalles Middle School.



As I said at the beginning, it's been quite a year! I sometimes run out of adjectives! If you appreciate the numbers as a measure as I do, here it is:

During this 2022-2023 school year so far, (it's still just March 7th as I write this), you've provided highest quality vision screening to 142,559 students, referring 21,414 for comprehensive vision exams (exactly 15%) at 615 school vision screening events this year.

Notes from my travels: Lions School Vision Screening Success in 22-23! continued

Lions of MD36, keep up the good work and be ready to be named in the “Top Ten” of the Lions Kid Sight USA See Clearly Award again!

Remember, this is your program and it couldn't/wouldn't happen without you! Thank you from me and all of my teammates: Robert, Deb, Donna, Betty Jane, Jon, Chuck (newest cool member of the team in the Eugene metroplex), Stephen, Dr. Steve, Kerith and Bert!



2023 Lions KTP Days

June 2023 (or whenever is convenient for you!)

A new opportunity to raise awareness of ALL MD-36 Lions Clubs and the important work Lions do throughout Oregon and in Northern California.

All Lions Clubs in MD-36 are invited to use the Lions KTP Days celebration to raise awareness of their Lions Club in their community and to strengthen an existing Club activity -- or begin a new one!



We invite YOUR Lions Club to plan now to participate in the 2023 KTP Days to help generate awareness, support, and possibly even new Lions members and supporters in YOUR community.



The Northwest Regional Education Service District recently featured the Oregon Lions Statewide Low Vision Clinic in their news and publications.

An Optometrist Apart: Blending Vision Care with Pediatrics and Education

In the world of vision care, it's common to find eye doctors who know how to treat adults with waning vision. It's also common to find eye doctors who treat children with slight vision problems. But there are not many who specialize in treating children who experience moderate to severe vision loss.

When asked how many people in the state specialize in the field of pediatric low vision, John Lowery, an optometrist and professor at Pacific University who also heads up the Oregon Lions Statewide Low Vision Clinic, Dr. Lowery can't come up with any names beyond his own.

"There's just me," he says.

He explains that eye doctors who specialize in low vision — meaning vision issues that cannot be corrected with glasses, surgery or medication — are typically treating older adults. They are not accustomed to working with preschoolers, he says. And on the flip side, pediatric optometrists or ophthalmologists do not usually manage the functional aspects of low vision. Their specialty is in helping children by correcting common vision conditions or treating eye disease.

Read the entire article online at
<https://www.nwresd.org/Home/Components/News/News/719/59>



John Lowery, an optometrist and professor at Pacific University who leads the Oregon Lions Statewide Low Vision Clinic, tests out a preschooler's field of vision during a recent low vision clinic at Northwest Regional Education Service District.

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