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**Tualatin Lions
"Super Saturday" Food Drive!!!**



PCC Brad King and Eileen Weinstein.

See Story page 7

**The Mill City Lions Hold Annual
Sweethearts Dinner**



Mill City Lions Club President Steve Dougherty poses with his granddaughter Brynn. Brynn delivered gift baskets to the raffle winners.

See Story pages 12-13

**Please report your next year's
Club Officers (Pres./Sec./Treas. etc.)
(Form PU101 on LCI's website)
As Soon As Possible this Year!
Need for next year's directory!!!!!!**

MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

April

- 5 Dist G Cab mtg. 3:15-5pm @ Spoon's Restuarant in Sisters.
- 5 District G Convention, 11am-3pm with break for Cab meeting (noted above) and then resume at 6pm for dinner and convention kick-off, Brand 33 at Aspen Lakes Golf Course, 16900 Aspen Lakes Drive, Sisters
- 6 District G Convention continues
- 19-21 NWLLI, Sutherlin Community Center, 300 Central Street, Sutherlin
- 29 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

May

- 16 OLSHF Trustee mtg. 9am-noon, Bandon Community Center, 1200 11 St. SW
- Council of Governor's mtg. 1:30-3:30pm, Bandon Comm. Cntr., 1200 11 St. SW
- 17-18 MD36 Convention, Bandon Comm. Cntr. 1200 11th St. SW., Speaker: ID Robert K.Y.Lee (Pamela) from Honolulu, HI
- 27 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

June

- 8 Dist. E Cab. mtg., 10am, Klamath Falls, details TBA (Zoom option will be offered)
- 22 Dist. R Cab. mtg., 9am-noon, Albany Historic Museum, 136 SE Lyons Street
- 24 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

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

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- 1 Gales Creek Camp Clean-up 9am-noon
Water, snacks and lunch are provided **SO YOU NEED TO SIGN UP AHEAD**
- 3 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE @6pm
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for July-August combined issue)

ANNIVERSARIES

April 2024 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
Newport	April 20, 1929
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
Wilsonville	April 17, 1969
Heppner	April 4, 1974
Lakeside	April 8, 1975
Three Sisters	April 23, 2002
Crescent City	April 25, 2007
Central Linn	April 15, 2010



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Let's Tell Our Story!

For several years now -- Lions International has encouraged clubs to tell our story by encouraging us to no longer be the "best kept secret" in our communities. Lions across MD36 have headed the call. Striving to tell our story in many mediums, Lions have established Facebook and Instagram pages, updated websites and utilized local publications as a way of sharing our story.

By sharing service stories with our communities we increase our clubs' visibility, inspire new members to join and bring new awareness of the people and causes we serve. When thinking about sharing a service story, please consider the following:

- Why does your story matter to your community? Did your club feed the hungry, care for the environment or help prevent diabetes? Are these causes important to your community?
- Which details best show your impact? Did your club serve 100 families, plant 100 trees or volunteer 100 hours?
- What headlines will get the most attention? Can you ask a question, make a promise or spark curiosity so the reader is drawn in to learn more?
- Can a photo or photos enhance your story? – The quote, "A picture is worth a thousand words" is often true. Use photos to help tell your story. For example, if I tell you in Bandon, Oregon there's a giant rockfish named Finnian made entirely of plastic marine debris or if I show you a picture of Finnian, which has the greater impact?



Finnian, the tiger rockfish, is made entirely of plastic marine debris. A product of Washed Ashore, Art to Save the Sea, Finnian is designed by a lead artist and supported by dedicated staff and hundreds of volunteers who collect trash from the Oregon Coast. Finnian graces the back entrance to Old Town Bandon.

Let's Celebrate!

State conventions are always special but this one will be even more so as it's our 100th annual convention! We will have many traditional activities along with some new, exciting additions. The convention will be held in Bandon on May 17th and 18th. Registration forms can be found on the MD36 website at www.md36lionsclubs.org. I hope to see you there!

Our convention committee is working very hard to make this a special event for all. I would like to share some of the convention highlights with you:

We welcome International Director Robert Lee (Bob) and his wife Pamela to convention. ID Bob is a civil engineer and licensed land surveyor. He has held many offices within our association. In addition, he has served as the host committee chairperson of the 2015 International Convention in Honolulu, past chairperson of the Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii and past president and trustee of the Hawaii Lions Foundation. It is special for me to have ID Bob as our guest as he and I were in the same District Governor training class with our own PID Sunny Pulley as instructor!

New to convention is the Walk-a-Thon to help "kick" pediatric cancer. The walk can be done in segments or all at once. Proceeds from the walk will go to two pediatric cancer camps, Camp UKANDU and Camp Millennium, for scholarships for children whose families can't afford to send them to camp. Registration for the walk can be found on the convention registration form.

Reminiscent of speakeasies of 100 years ago, the "Lions Speakeasy" will open at 8:00 pm on Thursday evening at the Bandon Community Center. For those of you arriving on Thursday, this gives you the opportunity to meet our international guests in an informal setting. Gather with Lions from around the state to renew friendships and make new friends at the "Lions Speak Easy". Feel free to dress in the attire of the era if you so desire.

At convention, we would like to celebrate our Multiple District through a slideshow featuring all clubs in MD-36, but we need your help to make this happen. Springfield Lion Henry Miller has volunteered to compile this slideshow for us. Please e-mail Lion Henry two to four pictures of your club participating in service or fundraising projects and one group photo of your club. Henry will need these photos by April 15th. His email is: papa1henry@aol.com.

And speaking of photos, don't forget the MD36 Nature Photo Contest. Send your favorite nature photos to md36photos@gmail.com. You may send up to four photos. The top five photos will be selected by an independent panel of photographers. Then, at convention, attendees will select the contest winner from the top five photos. Send your entries by April 15th.

Let's share new ideas with each other both through convention presentations and through informal discussion! Let's make new friends and renew old friendships! Let's walk to "kick" pediatric cancer! Let's showcase the amazing work our clubs do and the beauty of our state! Let's celebrate us!

If you have questions about convention, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following: Convention Chairperson Bob Chaney - dcmal@dcmal.info or 541-817-2018
Council Chairperson Phyllis Carlin - pascarlin@gmail.com or 541-604-4816

I look forward to seeing you in Bandon in May!

Council Chair Phyllis Carlin

District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column
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What is fascinating about meeting so many people in Club visits is the wonderful variety of different views about what it means to be a Lion. Each person naturally started out with motives that likely have evolved over time. Some never hold onto the ideals they started out with, yet choose a new path to motivate themselves. I started out after my third son received another scholarship from the Lions and realized I really shouldn't be taking their money without giving back. That only lasted as long as it took to make friends, and somehow our collective motivations meld into a new understanding as to what really is our Mission. That evolution of thinking and motive is what kind of inspires me to be a Lion today 15 years later. Friendship, it changes us, makes us better people.

Some ways to bring new folks into Lions is to bring in already established friends, people we already have done the work in creating a friendship. But what has to be done as a Club is to create an environment where others in the community have a fun, pleasurable time in doing a community service sponsored, planned and put on by the local Lions Club. We do these things to bring our friends into meet our other friends, but we also do the service projects to invite new people to our community, especially folks who have received our services.

This brings us to community banquets and auctions. Business owners, logging companies, factory workers, political leaders, educators - whatever; all have a stake in the outcomes of the activities that we do. And from time to time, it is a smart event to not only raise money but to also expose our work as Lions to new people and extending a welcoming hand to join us. In my club we do an annual Golf Tournament. It's a fundraiser, sure, but it is a community service to unite old friends, bring together the farmers and the towns people. And people really like to know that they are giving sight to the visually impaired and hearing to the hearing impaired. At Gresham Supper the Bowling event brings together business owners, their workers and families to just do something fun. Community service is really **Just Making Friends**. What is your Club doing to get the word out? Is it time to make some new friends?

Happy Spring.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



District R Governor Column
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Fellow Lions of 36-R, what a great day to be a Lion serving the district and my fellow Lions. Something I heard from PID Lion Jerome Thompson was **Successful People Maintain A Positive Focus In Life No Matter What Is Going On Around Them**. This can be anything in life, in our Lions club or in the world. I'm not saying I'm successful but as most of you know I believe in keeping a positive attitude as I travel through this life. I believe it takes more energy and time being negative than positive. I believe that if we go out and show compassionate service to not only our communities but also to our members, putting our hearts into action, what a difference we could be making.

We have talked so much about Mission 1.5 and membership growth. Sometimes we don't emphasize keeping the members we have. Getting new members is so important but if we are letting our current members leave, we are defeating our purpose of growing to 1.5 million members by 2027. It's getting close to the time clubs try and clean house and remove members they haven't seen. Why aren't we reaching out to them and asking what we can do or what is the reason you want to drop membership. Can we do more to hold on to our current members? We have clubs struggling to retain their members. The question is Why? -- Some of the causes may be the members' interests or values are challenged; their needs are not met; misunderstanding or disagreements or not feeling respected; power or authority challenged; the club is afraid of change; are we afraid to listen to what new members have to say because we have always done things a certain way?; no dynamics to the meeting; or maybe they are not being included in projects.

Lions it takes all of us to be successful in serving our club and community. It takes all of us to grow. I heard something a long time ago and it has stuck with me, and I use it not only in Lions but in everyday life. **If I'm Talking - I'm Not Listening**.

We need to empower each of our club members to serve from their hearts. We need to communicate with our members. Most of all we need to listen to our members. Each one is a valuable part of our club and has an opinion that deserves to be heard. Let's be positive in our clubs, let's communicate with our members and let's listen to what others have to say. This may just be the key to retaining our members. As PID Lion Jerome said Successful people (LIONS) maintain a positive focus in life (LIONS) no matter what is going on around them we can be successful in both retaining our members as well as serving our community. We need to be positive and do it together. Thank each of you for all you do for others, you truly do make a difference.

Service from the Heart. DG Lion Lynn Coon, 36-R

District E - Southern - South Coast



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Spring is here and it's a time for renewal. Let's use our club elections to reinvigorate our clubs. Leaders that have been in these positions forever tend to get set in their ways of doing the same things over and over with nothing new sparking interest in your clubs. New officers bring new ideas and new ways of doing things.

Take a look at what you are doing. Is it the same thing year after year? Does it still reflect your communities' needs? Over time the needs of a community change and we need to change with them or our clubs die. We need to be doing things that attract new members. Looking toward the future LCI has given us a list of global causes. They are Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision and Youth. On their web page LCI provides suggestions of ways we can be of service to our community and change the world.



District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED IF WHAT WE DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE?

I recently had the opportunity to hear and read about how and what Lion's do can affect the lives of so many, in ways you and I never would have thought of. I was attending District O's Convention, and we had the pleasure of listening to a presentation from Canine Companion's and Guide Dogs for the Blind. These are amazing organizations that train dogs for the blind but also for other disabled needs. The handlers train their dogs in a variety of ways for all the interactions that they will come across and succeed in, to be that 'top dog'. Some dogs don't always reach the ultimate high mark to go on and guide or aid a need we humans may have, but they always have a place in the system to utilize their talents.

But what really caught my attention was the telling of a true-life story of a dog (companion) that was trained out of the San Rafael Guide Dogs for the Blind location in California. The base that the dogs which come to Oregon are from. The receiver of funds our clubs donate to when we choose to donate to them. My club or your club may have had a financial part in the training of a dog that was in the World Trade Center Tower #1 when it was flown into on 9/11.

The handler of this certain dog was employed in the tower when the jet was intentionally flown into the building. It is a remarkable story of a calm handler, his well-trained companion and an outcome of that horrific morning. I encourage you to read this book, 'Thunder Dog – A True Story ...', you will enjoy it from start to finish.

Then when requests come before your club, for whatever purpose it may be, take time to think just how it could benefit folks down the road. We don't always know the results of our generosity ... as witnessed in the aforementioned book ... but we do know that nobody benefits when we don't. WE SERVE ... so we can help, in many unknown ways.

'Be Instrumental in Service' --DG Pete Runnels

MD36 Nature Photo Contest



Oregon is a beautiful, ecologically diverse state. With ten different ecosystems, there's plenty of beauty to capture in every part of the state. From mountains to lush green forests to the oceans and plains, we've got it all in Oregon and it's beautiful. Show us the beauty you've captured by entering the MD36 Nature Photo Contest.

Entry Rules:

- Photos must be taken by a MD36 Lions member.
- Limit 4 entries per Lion.
- No photo shopping.
- **Deadline** for entries is **April 15, 2024**
- A panel of three photographers who are not Lions will pick the top five photos.
- All photos will be displayed and the winners voted on at the State Convention in May.
- A Silent Auction of the photos will be held at the State Convention to defray the cost of printing.
- E-mail your photos to:
md36photos@gmail.com
- Questions, please contact:
 - Jon Awbrey at 559-300-0986
 - Phyllis Carlin at 541-604-4816

Tualatin Lions “Super Saturday” Food Drive!!!

On Saturday, February 10, 2024, the Mighty Tualatin Lions gathered for another round of their annual “Super Saturday” Food Drive, (the day before the Super Bowl, thus, “Super Saturday”). After a hearty breakfast at the storied Country Inn, the Lions split, with half taking their gear to the Tigard Walmart Super Center and the other half going to the Sherwood Walmart Super Center.

The Tualatin Lions were on time this year and were ready to greet shoppers coming for Super Bowl snacks at 9:00am, handing out shopping lists for the most needed items, like protein, toilet paper and personal care items.

Like 2023, the Tualatin Lions partnered with three local food pantries that help families within the footprint of the Tualatin Lions: The Tualatin School House Pantry in Tualatin, the Bethlehem House of Bread in Tigard and the St. Francis Pantry in Sherwood.

Some of the Lions got pretty creative as can be seen from the accompanying photos! Condiments were the flavor of the day: Lion Zone Chair Eileen Weinstein dressed as a bottle of “Honey Mustard” (and was taken as a product promoter all day! And Lion President Derek Sandell and Lion Ed Casey wore mustard and ketchup hats! Walmart shoppers were very generous!



(l-r) Derek Sandell and Ed Casey.



Eileen Weinstein at Tigard’s Walmart Super Center.

The real hit of the day was the 800+ pounds of food and products and almost \$350 in cash collected for the three local pantries. This “food fight” was just among the Tualatin Lions, but the challenge is on for all of the Lions Clubs in MD36. Hunger is still with us in Oregon: 1 in 5 of our neighbors is facing food insecurity; 223,480 Oregon children are food insecure; 72% of people who receive food from local pantries live below the federal poverty level. Hunger hurts children, families, seniors, veterans and the disabled. Hunger starves the human spirit. Communities thrive when people are nourished. Join the Tualatin Lions Food Fight!

submitted by PCC Brad King

One Form Per Person Please!

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100th ANNUAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT 36 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

MAY 17 & 18, 2024

Bandon Community Center, 1200 11th St SW, Bandon

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 9 May 2024

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 May 1**) and all meals \$140.00 \$ _____

Received after May 1st \$165.00 \$ _____

Registration Fee Only (**ALL** attendees must register) \$25.00 \$ _____

Voting Delegates MUST register and pay the registration fee

NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONSITE

SATURDAY BANQUET: Choose 1: Prime Rib _____ / Almond Crusted Halibut _____

Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian ___ Diabetic ___ Other: _____

If you are coming for a single meal:

Friday Lunch \$25.00 Friday Dinner \$35.00
Saturday Lunch \$25.00 Saturday Banquet \$50.00 Total Individual Meals \$ _____

Kick Childhood Cancer Walk \$20.00 Shirt Size: _____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED \$ _____

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

Hotel reservations Sunset Oceanfront Lodging, 1865 Beach Loop Road, Bandon (541) 347-2453.

Please Make Checks Payable to MD 36 Convention

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENTS to:

Tom Hilgers
3092 Timothy Drive NW
Salem, OR 97304-1036

QUESTIONS? Contact Convention Chair Bob Chaney, dcmal@dcmal.info, (541) 817-2018

DG Lynn Coon Has Very Special Moment with his Grandson Ty Sponsoring Him into Lions!!



I had the opportunity of sponsoring my grandson Ty into Lionism on February 19, 2024. He has always wanted to be like his Gpa and belong to the Lions since he was a little guy.

It was a very special evening for me as the DG and as his Gpa!

(l-r) DG Lynn Coon sponsor to his grandson Ty and Frank Hall, President of Junction City Lions Club.

submitted by DG Lynn Coon

Two Lions Honored at Special Luncheon

Stella Brown of the Portland Oaks Bottom Lions and Genevieve Ford of the Lake Oswego Lions were honored at special luncheon on February 10th.

(l-r) Stella Brown and Genevieve Ford.



submitted by Genevieve Ford

Mark your Calendars: June 1st, 2024 is Gales Creek Camp's Annual Camp Cleanup Day!

The annual cleanup at Gales Creek Camp will be on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 9am-noon. They have a list of specific jobs and you sign up for whatever works best for you. There will be everything from washing windows to organizing art supplies. Everything you need will be ready for you – simply wear your work clothes and bring your can-do attitude. PLEASE SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME as water, snacks and lunch is provided SO THEY NEED A HEADCOUNT! There will be veggie and gluten-free options as well as low/no-carb beverages.

Please go to www.galescreekcamp.org and sign up.

submitted by Rob Dailey

Eugene Bethel Lions Celebrated their 69th Anniversary in February!

As the State of Oregon celebrated its 165th anniversary of becoming a state on February 14, 1859, the Eugene Bethel Lions Club celebrated its 69th anniversary on February 23, 2024. The Eugene Bethel Lions met on Tuesday, February 13th at Putter's Entertainment Center. Lion Edwena Matychuck provided the Birthday cake and party treats.

The featured speaker for the meeting was Bethany Cartledge newly promoted Executive Director for the regional St Vincent DePaul. Her service area extends to northern California. Bethany has worked for St Vincent DePaul for the past 20 years. She shared her vision of expanding housing for the homeless. In the Eugene area, St Vincent DePaul is building single-wide mobile homes that will be priced to accommodate low-income buyers. She noted that in June, Oregon law will allow recycling of mattresses and box springs.

Later in the month, three Bethel Lions members assisted in a canned food drive on the parking lot of Albertson's grocery store. The food donation assisted ABC Community.



(l-r) Jason Padgett, Edwena Matychuck and Chuck Parnell
at the ABC Community food drive.

The Eugene Bethel Lions club is always eager to serve our local community. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at Putter's Entertainment Center on Highway 99 at 6 pm. We schedule speakers from the community at each meeting.

submitted by Gerald Oliver

Johan Steed Wins Central Lions Club's Peace Poster Contest

Jonah Steed from Talmadge Middle School won the Central Lions Club and the District 36-R Peace Poster contest. Addressing the "Dare To Dream" theme: Jonah depicted a crowd. He wrote, "The majority of the crowd [along the bottom of the poster] have wide, glazed-over eyes, observing the world as a negative place and with no hope of improvement, while one figure, the central figure, with eyes calmly closed, dreams of what the world can be and how we all can, and will, improve how we all work to choose love and peace when given the option."



(l-r) President Danny Jaffer, Michele Haney (TMS art teacher), Wyatt Harrison (honorable mention), Contest Winner Jonah Steed, and Michael Ward, Peace Poster Chair.



Mahala Myrick, honorable mention.

Home schooled Mahala Myrick received one of the honorable mention awards. She wrote "One of my dreams is for my sister to be healed from Rett Syndrome, a rare genetic disease, and be able to walk. In my picture I drew us in a meadow at sunrise and Elaina walking with my wonderful family cheering her as she walked on the bark chip path."

submitted by Michael Ward

St. Helens Lions Make Fleece Blankets for Ronald McDonald House

On a rainy February afternoon, St. Helens Lions members Niki Kirsch, Sharon Fraser, Amy Gadbois and Kathy Syrstad met to create fleece blankets to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The fabric was a donation from a community member who requested it benefit someone in need. We hope the warmth of the blankets will help provide encouragement to the recipients.



(l-r) Amy Gadbois and Sharon Fraser hard at work



Sharon Fraser displays her finished blanket.

submitted by Kathy Syrstad

The Mill City Lions

The Mill City Lions Club hosted its annual Sweethearts Dinner on February 10 in the Freres Family Gymnasium at Santiam Jr/Sr High School. The annual event is the Club's main fundraiser.

Almost 50 items were auctioned for an amazing total of \$9,765 more than double last year's record earnings. Twenty-six raffle items were donated, spurring \$1,900 in raffle ticket sales which also more than doubling last year's sales. Combined with some cash donations, the total topped \$12,000. This is a remarkable effort considering the tiny club has fewer than twelve active members!



Lion Shelley Dougherty managed the raffle item display.



Yvonne Kratka and her mom Bobbie Corey stuffing raffle tickets



Ruth Lemke, wife of Mill City Lions Club Treasurer Dan Lemke, is pictured stuffing raffle tickets. Ruth has been making elaborate desserts and helping to organize the auction tables for many years



TO THE LEFT: Santiam Service Integration Team Coordinator, Kim Dwyer, reviewing the evening program. The Mill City Lions Club is a financial sponsor for her agency.



Bev Thacker stuffing raffle tickets.



Some of the 139 patrons served in the Freres Family Gymnasium



Jan Long writing an inventory of the auction items. The basket of treats in the foreground were made by the local high school's Culinary Arts students

A record crowd of 139 guests were served a meal of salad, stuffed chicken, baked potato, vegetable, rolls and dessert prepared by a volunteer kitchen crew led by Lori Lindemann. Caroline Gillaspay and Aniese Mitchel recruited and supervised the student volunteers who assisted with setting up the tables and chairs, placing dishes, decorating tables, serving meals, delivering items to winners and then cleaning up.

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Hold Annual Sweethearts Dinner

“This event just gets bigger and better every year,” said Steve Dougherty, Mill City Lions Club President. “We are so grateful for the community-wide support. This is our major fund raiser. We awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to high school seniors last year. Our supporters know that every dollar they spend on our auction and raffle goes directly to our charitable causes.”

Club Treasurer Dan Lemke served as the master of ceremonies and Mill City’s mayor and longtime Lion Tim Kirsch once again added to the evening’s pleasure with his light-hearted auctioneering talent.



Mill City Mayor Tim Kirsch served as auctioneer. Tim is pictured with sixth grader Tennessee. Tennessee made the hand-crafted wooden flag. Oregon Representative Ed Diehl won this auction with a bid of \$500 and plans to display the art in his legislative office at the State Capitol.



Santiam Jr/Sr High School students are queued up with auction items.



Santiam Jr/Sr High School students delivering meals to patrons as Student Supervisor Aniese Mitchell looks on.



TO THE LEFT: Lion Sandy Lyness presents the Rod Winn award for outstanding community service to Jan Long.

Club Secretary Sandy Lyness presented the Club’s Rod Winn Award for outstanding community service to Mike and Jan Long. The couple were the instigators of the long running and very successful Youth Benefit Golf Tournament. Mike passed away last year.

TO THE RIGHT: Wally is pictured with a raffle gift basket being auctioned by Lion Tim Kirsch as Lion Sandy Lyness



TO THE LEFT: Auction winner Howard Kim displays the metal art he won.



The kind donations by more people than can be named included delectable desserts, works of art, gift certificates and an array of themed gift baskets.

Lake Oswego Lions Club's VisionEnvoy Club Branch Members are Leading

It's Campaign Season! This year, VisionEnvoy members Jorie Liang & Carol Wang are co-leaders in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)'s Student Visionaries of the Year Campaign (SVOY), with their team being known as "Team Kancer Kickers." VisionEnvoy members Lucy Xu, Jessie Pan, Sandy Tang and Alice Yang have joined to raise money for this cause.



Carol Wang and Jorie Liang strike a pose together!

Kicked off on February 22nd, Student Visionaries of the Year is a 7-week development program to raise the most money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS is the largest nonprofit dedicated to creating a world without blood cancers and all donations go toward cutting-edge research and treatments. It has invested more than \$1.6 billion in cancer research since 1949, leading to breakthroughs in immunotherapy, genomics, and personalized medicine that are improving and saving patients' lives. Not only is LLS making a national footprint, but our work is also supporting local blood cancer research. At OHSU, LLS funds Dr. Brian Druker and Dr. Julia Maxson.

This year, there are 13 SVOY teams raising money for LLS, and the campaign leader that raises the most money by the end of seven weeks is named the "Student Visionary of the Year." VisionEnvoy members Jorie and Carol decided to participate in this campaign because of their personal connection to cancer and grief. Jorie's close family friend died of cancer when he was in his early 20's. His death was a traumatic experience for his family. Carol's close friend's family member passed because of cancer. She recalls singing with her community at their funeral and the misery that affected everyone. They have decided to raise \$30,000 dollars in the next seven weeks so that less people will go through the emotional journey of losing a loved one. United by a cause to fight blood cancers, team members of Team Kancer Kickers have all aspired to raise \$500-\$1,000 dollars for this campaign.



Jorie Liang and Carol Wang read the script for the video. (l-r) Jorie Liang, Colleen Bourassa and Carol Wang.

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“Team Kancer Kickers” in the LLS Student Visionaries of the Year Campaign

Over the past few months, the VisionEnvoy Club Branch has put in a great deal of effort into preparing for the campaign. Recently on Presidents Day Weekend, Jorie Liang and Carol Wang collaborated with fashion influencer Colleen Bourassa and fashion model Kerry Yu to film a promotional video for their campaign. Since the campaign’s kickoff on February 22nd, the team has made growing and significant funds for LLS. Our leaders and team members have been working hard securing corporate sponsorships, emailing and writing letters as personal asks, and social media promotion. For the Lake Oswego Lions, the months of March and April are dedicated to this cause. If you or the people around you have been touched by cancer, donating is the easiest way to end the pain of losing people. Help Team Kancer Kickers reach their goal of \$30,000 by April 12th so that a world without blood cancers can become reality.

Every donation is very appreciated and is tax deductible. The NewAcme company is matching every donation up to \$1,500!



Jorie Liang explains to an attorney about sponsoring the Student Visionaries of the Year campaign and about Team Kancer Kickers.



VisionEnvoy members and fashion influencers brainstorm on ideas for the promotional video. (l-r) Jorie Liang, Colleen Bourassa, Carol Wang and Kerry Yu

If you would like to know more about LLS please go to: <https://www.lls.org/>

If you would like to donate to Kancer Kickers please go to: <https://events.lls.org/oswim/svoyporland24/kancerkickers#who-we-fund>

Note: Visionaries look to the future—and see infinite possibility. They challenge the status quo—and make the impossible possible. They boldly imagine a better world – and lead the charge to create it.

We are thankful to have these young visionaries in our Lions family. Blessings to this team in all they are doing! Changing the World. WE SERVE!

submitted by Jessie Pan

Oregon Lion April 2024 15



Doug Thompson
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March Comes In -- And Goes Out! -- Like A Lion

Here at the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation there is no shortage of news to report, so this month's column will be an assortment of items from OLSHF News Bin:

School Vision Screening

Recently named the #1 Lions vision screening program in the U.S. by Lions International's KidSight USA coalition, our School Vision Screening (SVS) program has screened over 158,000 Oregon students through March, on our way to screening well over 160,000 students for vision health issues this school year. We're excited to have both the Beaverton School District and Salem-Keizer School District back on board with SVS next year, which should ensure that the SVS program screens over 200,000 students for the first time (Please see page 18 for SVS growth over the years).

Schedule a OLSHF Presentation For Your Lions Club

OLSHF Staff and members of the OLSHF Board of Trustees are available to visit your Lions Club to provide an update on the Foundation's programs and information on how your Lions Club can partner with OLSHF to help a member of your community receive eye exams and new eyeglasses, a hearing exam and hearing aids, and other OLSHF services. OLSHF Trustee Lucinda Awbrey of the Crooked River Ranch Lions visited the Prineville Lions in March to provide the Club with OLSHF information.

To schedule a OLSHF presentation for your Lions Club, please contact Doug at Doug@olshf.org



OLSHF Board Secretary Lucinda Awbrey updates the Prineville Lions on what's new at the Foundation.

KTP Days 2024! They're back!

Designed to help raise awareness of the work that Lions do in Oregon and Northern California, our new Keep the Promise (KTP) Days were a hit in 2023, as over 20 Lions Clubs took an existing event -- or created a new one! -- and added it to the calendar of events held in honor of the promise that Lions made to Helen Keller to address preventable blindness and hearing loss.



"The Myrtle Creek Lions were proud to hold the first KTP Days event of 2024, our annual Crab Feed was a success, and we invite all MD-36 Lions to celebrate KTP Days also!"

MD-36 Convention - Hope To See You at Parade of Checks!

Also from Bob: "Most MD-36 Lions know that our Foundation was founded by us Lions and we have an obligation to ensure that OLSHF has the support needed to help those in need of sight and hearing services. As OLSHF Chair, I encourage every Lions Club in MD-36 to attend our state convention in Bandon and to plan to participate in the Parade of Checks."

A *Roar!* of gratitude to the Lions Clubs that supported OLSHF at District Conventions in 2024 and we hope to see you all in Bandon on May 16-18!

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received in mid-January through mid-March 2024. OLSHF values all of our donors and we do our best to recognize each and every gift. To help us maintain accuracy in our recognition, thank you for letting us know of any errors on our part by calling or emailing us at Info@OLSHF.org.

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2024 Lions Conventions: Highlights

2023 See Clearly Award



Lions International Director Lee Vrieze from Wisconsin presents the Lions International KidSight USA 2023 See Clearly Award to District Governors Ed Glad, Pete Runnels, Lynn Coon, Council Chair Phyllis Carlin and OLSHF Vice Chair Paul Zastrow at District O Convention in McMinnville on March 2nd.

District E Convention



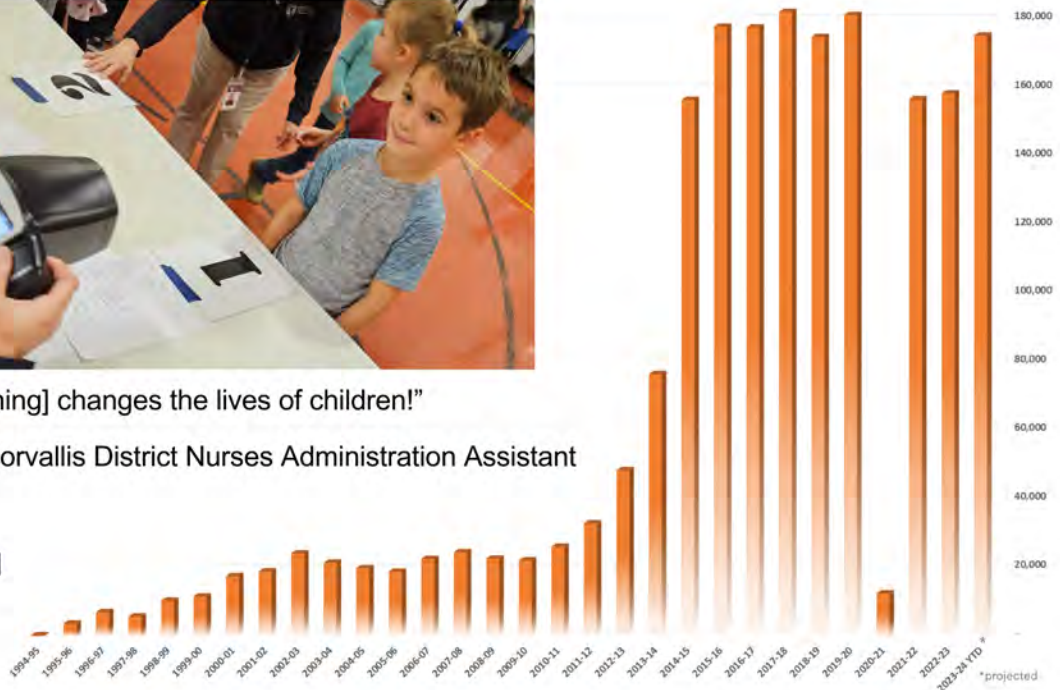
Much of OLSHF's enjoyment of attending Lions Conventions is meeting and catching up with amazing Lions from around Oregon and northern California. At District E Convention in Bandon in late March, our trip was highlighted by the conversation and hospitality of Bandon Lions Mike (OLSHF's 2023 Volunteer of the Year) and Valerie Rudolph.

School Vision Screening Total Students Through the Years



"[Screening] changes the lives of children!"

- Donna Cowager, Corvallis District Nurses Administration Assistant





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2024 Lions Conventions: Highlights & Schedule



McMinnville Lion Tyler Yeoman-Millette announces his Lions Club donation to OLSHF At District O Convention on March 2nd –100% of Lions Club donations directly support OLSHF sight and hearing programs.

Other District O Lions Clubs supporting OLSHF that day were: Vernonia, King City, Gresham Breakfast, St. Helens, Milwaukie, McMinnville (Pictured), Rockaway, Carlton-Yamhill, Lake Oswego, Cloverdale Nestucca Valley, Gresham Supper, Portland Downtown, Sandy, Estacada, Hollywood, and Portland Bentham!!!

<https://www.md36lionsclubs.org/district-g-convention-registration>



District G

Apr. 5th + Apr. 6th

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DG Pete Runnels

MD-36

May 17th + 18th

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Who will take the cup back from the McMinnville Lions this year in our Lions Flight?

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Thank You Leah!

As we transition to spring and the new beginnings that come into bloom we also prepare to say goodbye to Leah Malcolm as Leah's retirement as MD-36 Executive Secretary becomes official on June 30th.

"I have loved my position of MD-36 Secretary!" Leah shared with us recently.

Leah's departure provides the opportunity for a Lion from MD-36 to assume the role, which is now a "job share" position with OLSHF, helping the Foundation to enhance our communication with Lions from Oregon and northern California.

"And I LOVE working with OLSHF! You couldn't have a more supportive group of people to work with!"

What Does The MD-36 Executive Secretary Position Involve?

Leah describes her role this way: "I personally appreciate the variety of responsibilities I have. Being the editor of the Oregon Lion magazine (laying out 11 issues a year) is one of my favorite jobs. I am in communication with the Lions in MD-36 and get to highlight what amazing service we are doing here in MD36. I have also been able to meet SO MANY KIND and WONDERFUL HUMAN BEINGS!!"

When asked about the challenges of the role, Leah shared "It's almost entirely a position where you work independently. So, it is very important to be organized and stay on top of upcoming responsibilities. The most challenging project is the annual directory, but I work on it some over the year to try and keep it easier to update."

MD-36 Executive Secretary Has Its Perks!

With its responsibilities and challenges, Leah shares that there are also some great perks that go along with the role: "Part of the job is attending the four Council of Governor meetings every year and also the MD36 Convention. I find it a bonus that I'm paid to travel across our lovely state – a paid vacation if you will (yes work is involved and a lot more at the MD36 convention), but still.... Such enjoyable times! I love the camaraderie and fellowship I have developed over the years at these meetings and being around such supportive, kind and thoughtful Lions!"



The Multiple District Executive Secretary (MDES) role provides both MD-36 and OLSHF with skilled administrative support services through specialized focus and partnership with the Lions Clubs of MD-36.

The purpose of this job role is to:

- Administratively support the MD-36 office and help OLSHF with managing Lions Clubs data (i.e. Club Sight & Hearing Chair contact information) and coordinate communications between the foundation and Multiple District 36 Lions Clubs;
- OLSHF extends full time employment benefits along with operational resources to the MDES role to ensure the role can continue to provide the necessary support services to the Lions Clubs of Multiple District 36 (Oregon and Northern California).

Position: The title is Multiple District Executive Secretary, and they report to OLSHF's VP of Finance & Operations for foundation based work and the MD-36 Executive Administrator for MD-36 based work.

Hours: This would be a full time position of 32 to 40 hours per week typically working core hours of 10 AM to 4 PM Monday thru Friday. Occasional work travel for Council of Governors meetings.

Job Duties: Job duties include but are not limited to:

- Accounting and bookkeeping such as accounts payable, receivable, invoicing, and maintaining the checkbook for MD-36.
- Coordinating and attending the Council meetings including travel and lodging needs for MD-36.
- Creating and managing the publication of the Lion magazine and the annual directory for MD-36.
- Manage and update the spreadsheets and or databases of the MD-36 mailing labels, Lions Club information for the directory, gather and input club Sight & Hearing Chair information for OLSHF.
- Manage and update the multiple district and OLSHF websites as needed.
- Manage and coordinate OLSHF's award program.
- Manage and coordinate OLSHF's referral of requests for assistance efforts.

Compensation. Earn \$20.00/hour with employer-paid benefits: medical, dental, vision, Life, AD&D, Short & Long Term Disability, OR Paid Leave. Also a employer-paid SEP-IRA starting at 4% gross wages.

Qualifications & Skills:

- High school diploma or equivalent; additional education or certification in office administration is a plus.
- Ability to organize, multi-task and prioritize.
- Demonstrated ability to work with efficiency, reliability, flexibility, and good humor.
- Proven ability to build and maintain relationships with a diverse array of people.
- Outstanding communication and interpersonal skills.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook) and general office equipment.
- Ability to lift 25-40 pounds on occasion.

About OLSHF:

Ranked as the #1 Top Nonprofit to Work For in Oregon (medium-sized) by the Portland Business Journal. Awarded a 4-star rating by Charity Navigator.

How to Apply:

Email your resume to employment@olshf.org with the subject line "MD-36 Executive Secretary". A cover letter telling us what interests you about the job will be appreciated. OLSHF does not use automated review systems, we value the unique ways applicants show their skills and personality throughout the hiring process.

Equal Opportunity Employer:

OLSHF is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. Studies indicate that women and people of color may be less likely to apply for jobs unless they believe they meet every qualification. We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive organization, seeking the best candidate for the job, even if they come from a less traditional background. We strongly encourage you to apply, regardless of meeting every qualification, as job descriptions are intended to describe the general nature of the role and may be subject to change as deemed necessary by the organization.

Directory Updates

- p. 11 Opportunities for Youth Under Scouting: MD36 Scouting Chair Ted Yarosh has passed.
- p. 29 Forest Grove Club now meeting 8am on 3rd Wednesday, same location
- p. 30 Portland Oaks Bottom now meeting at 11am and there is a Zoom option
- p. 42 Under Opportunities for Youth - Scouting Thaddeus Yarosh has passed.
- p. 45 Powers Lions Club now meeting only at 6pm, 2nd Thursday, same location
- p. 90 Heathman, Warren, PDG, new address is 8300 SW Barnes Rd., Ptlid, OR 97225
- p. 91 FOR BOTH Hilgers, Paula and Hilgers, Tom, PDG they have new address of 3092 Timothy Drive NW, same zip
- p. 100 FOR BOTH Rollins, Dale and Sharon, PCC they have new address of 841 North Providence Dr., #51, Newberg, OR 97132
- p. 107 Yarosh, Thaddeus has passed.

East Albany Lions Donate to Camp Taloali

The East Albany Lions delivered a check to Camp Taloali. The Oregon Lions have been a big supporter for 50 years now. The camp is for deaf and hard of hearing children and youth. It is situated on 111 acres along the Santiam river with mixed meadows and forest just outside of Stayton on highway 22. It has one of the top ten Disc Golf courses in the state which is open to the public. They will have their 50th year anniversary Gala August 30th thru September 2nd. This would be a good time for Lions to volunteer to help make this celebration and see what Lions have helped them achieve for 50 years.



(l-r) Lion Betsy Hills, Camp Administrator Tim Kirkpatrick and Lion Terry Gorrell.

submitted by Lion Bill Scheler, Membership Chair

District R Holds 3rd Cabinet Meeting

District 36-R held another successful cabinet meeting on March 16, 2024. The meeting was held at the Justice Center in Springfield.

There were 20 enthusiastic Lions in attendance that gave reports and shared ideas about projects and clubs happenings. There were 35 written reports turned into District R's Cabinet Secretary Diane Bash.

Two LCIF grants were explained and discussed. The first LCIF grant was the Hunger Grant for \$75,000 to help build a new food bank in Independence. The Ella Currin Food Bank helps those in need from Salem, Independence, Monmouth, Rickreal, Dallas and other rural areas. This grant has been approved by LCIF and granted to Lions of District 36-R. A BIG thank you to all the clubs and individual Lions that donated to this cause and helped to make this grant successful. The second grant, which is in the process of being completed, is a Disaster Preparedness Grant. This LCIF Grant will develop materials that can help those in our District who need immediate help after a disaster. This grant for \$10,000 will be submitted to LCIF in early April.

We also discussed membership, possible Multiple District International Director, Club service and many other subjects. A good time was had by all!



(l-r) PID Ed Gear, Karen Norton, Jim Origliosso, Fran Camacho-Silbernagel, PDG Dale Bachman, Judy Bachman, David Nielson, Allan Oaks, PCC Rod Bach, Paula Hilgers, DG Lynn Coon, PDG Tom Hilgers, Susan Pfanner, Edwena Matychuck, Mike Skinner, Diane Bash and PDG Linda Stent.

submitted by PCC Rod Bach

The Dalles Lions Assist with Hood River Lions Follies Event



(l-r) Lions Lori Stiles, Jim Wilcox, Ethan Wray, Kris Harmon and Dave Congdon.. Not pictured is Lion Rick Jones.

On Friday, March 1, members of The Dalles Lions Club traveled to Hood River to assist in the annual Hood River Lions Follies that benefits the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. This event has been going for many years and has just made a comeback after it was shut down by COVID. Lions Clubs from all over the Columbia River Gorge come to help out with the Follies. Duties include handing out seat cushions for donations, watching doors, handing out programs, keeping the crowd quiet and just general helping out with what needs to be done. Members of The Dalles Lions Club has been volunteering at the Hood River Follies for many years.

submitted by Mike Kilkenny

The Dalles Lions Have Members Participate in “Polar Plunge” to Benefit the Gorge Special Olympics

On Sunday, February 25, Lions Rick Jones and Brad Durso of [The Dalles Lions Club](#), participated in the Annual “Polar Plunge” benefitting the Gorge Special Olympics. The Club passed the hat at a couple of weekly meetings and then matched the donation for a total donation from [The Dalles Lions Club](#) of \$900.00!!! Luckily the weather wasn’t super cold, raining or snowing.



Lion Rick Jones taking the plunge with Lion Brad Durso already underwater with Lions Ruthire Emmet and Tony Krueger watching.

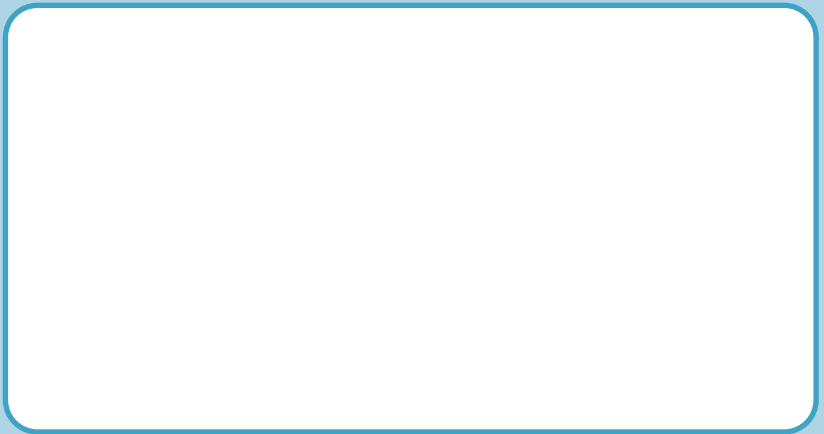


(;-r) Lions Ruthie Emmet and Rick Jones.



((-r) Lions Brad Durso and RickJones.

submitted by Mike Kilkenny



The Dalles Lions Present Lion John Byers with his 70-Year Chevron!

On February 13, a group of The Dalles Lions Club ventured to Lion John Byers' home to present him with his 70-year Chevron and a letter proclaiming the same from Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill. John is 91 years old and has been a member of Lions for 70 years here in The Dalles.



(l-r) Lions Jim Wilcox and Bill Hamilton greeting Lion John Byers.



(l-r) Jim Wilcox, Dick Lafever, Lori Stiles, Rick Jones, Ethan Wray and John Byers.



(l-r) Lions Bill Hamilton, Mike Kilkenny, Dave Congdon, Ethan Wray, Dick Lafever, Al Wynn, Rick Jones, Lori Stiles and Jim Wilcox. Seated is our Honoree, Lion John Byers.

John's family members were present for the presentation by Lion President Ethan Wray and then we had cake to celebrate the event. The cake was prepared by Safeway and they did an excellent job and it was enjoyed by all in attendance. Lion John was instrumental in procuring the money used to fund our Charitable Trust, it came from one of the last Madams in The Dalles.

submitted by Mike Kilkenny