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ANNIVERSARIES

April 2017 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

April

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



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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

April - Club Officer Elections

- 8 District G Cabinet mtg. Hood River TBA
- 24 So. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center Board mtg. - Medford @ 6pm
- 29 District O Cabinet mtg. Oral Hull Camp for the Blind @ 10am

May - Recycle for Sight Month

- 6 District R Cabinet mtg. Florence Pacific RV Park @ 9am
- 18 OLSHF Trusttee mtg. Pendleton -Wildhorse Resort & Casino @ 9am Council of Governors mtg. - Pendleton -Wildhorse Resort & Casino @ 1:30pm
- 22 So. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center Board mtg. - Medford @ 6pm

EVENTS

April

Keep The Promise Bkfst - Eugene TBA

- 3 Eyeglass Sorting Party Keizer Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave., NE @6pm
- 10 The Oregon Llon article deadline (for May issue)
- 11 1st Day of Passover
- 14 Good Friday
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 21-23 NW Lions Leadership Forum Lake Oswego - Crown Plaza, 14811 Kruse Oaks Drive

May

Keep The Promise Bkfst - Portland TBA

- 10 The Oregon Lion Article deadlilne (for April issue)
- 14 Mother's Day
- 19-20 93rd MD36 Convention Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Guest Speaker: ID Bill Phillipi from Kansas
- 29 Memorial Day Observed HQ office closed

Council Chair News



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Greetings from Eastern Oregon's winter wonderland, still. By the time you read this article, hopefully I will have visited District G's and E's Conventions (weather permitting). I was able to travel to District O's Convention without mishap. And a wonderful convention it was. The highlight for me was the opening, a takeoff from an old time game show. Everyone in attendance was given a stick on mustache. DG Charbonneau's 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors wore a DG Charbonneau look-alike mustache. The MC had the real DG Garry Charbonneau stand up. What a great time.

I understand District R's Convention was also great. I wish I could have gotten out of the snowdrift so I could have attended. I 'm sure District G's and E's will be equally as good.

I recently read a 1960's quote from a Baptist minister. He said, "Religions differ to some extent because some require the participants to come out of the grandstands and on to the playing field." I think we can apply the same philosophy to our Lion clubs. We see some clubs failing or stagnating while other clubs are thriving and growing. The failing clubs are probably still in the grandstands watching the others perform while the thriving clubs are out on the playing field doing whatever they can to serve mankind. What do you want your club to be, a spectator or a player? Each club member must make that choice.

I hope everyone had a chance to watch the recent webinar on women in the Lions on how to encourage women to participate in service projects and to use service projects to recruit new women members. What would we do if we didn't have women in Lions? Kathy and I visited

Directory Corrections

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- 45 Bandon Lion Club new President: Robert Braddy
- 45 Crescent City Lion Club has new address of 900 Northcrest Drive
- 86 Add Braddy, Robert 600 SW Windcrest Drive, Bandon, OR 97411
 - robertjbraddy@gmail.com
- 93 Hafer, Cheryl new address is: 1809 Gekeler, #157, LaGrande, OR 97850 New email is: Cheryl.lyon44@gmail.com
- 101 Milts, Bob, PDG change of address: 2471 Meadow creek Drive, Medford, OR 97504. All else same
- 104 Redler, Tim new address: 1024C Newline Road, Central Point, OR 97502

MD and District Websites

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

MD36: md36lionsclubs.org
District O: www.lionsoforegon.net
District R: www.lionsclubs36r.org
District E: www.districtelions.org
District G: www.oregonlions36g.org

the only Lions Club in Aruba a few years back, a men only club. They were shocked to find out that Kathy was a Lion. I believe this club was a strong viable club but how much better it would have been if it had women members. International President Corlew sent out a message: He is encouraging each District Governor to rise to the moment and do everything in their power to increase membership in their districts. Make membership growth a priority especially working with clubs that haven't inducted a new member this year. There are your marching orders. Until next time.

District O - Northwest - North Coast



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Fellow Lions.

There's interesting information from Lions International that is just coming out. We are not just the world's largest service association. The United Nation has confirmed that we are the World's largest Humanitarian Service Association. As Lions we knew that some time ago, knowing that we have over 1.4 million Lions in over 46,000 Lions Clubs in 210 Countries and Geographical locations around the world. Our Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is often the first to respond to emergency disasters wherever Lions are in the world. You ever wonder how it is that Lions over the entire world can accomplish so much in a peaceful manner. Could it be that the Lions of the World have hearts and minds that desire to see that all are treated as we would like to be treated, that the golden rule applies to all, no matter your race or beliefs?

Our LCIF started in 1968 and has now surpassed the billion-dollar mark in disaster and humanitarian relief. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation was founded before LCIF in 1959 and all Oregon Lions can be proud of this fact. Every International Director that visits our Multiple District is blown away with what the Oregon Lions have achieved through the work of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. We might not have spent a billion dollars but our Foundation is tops in many ways.

We are tops in the number of kids we vision screen in a year and the goal we have set to screen every child in the State by year 2020. No other Multiple District comes close to our vision screening of kids or the KEXs eyeglasses for kids. The Lions of Oregon have embraced the knowledge that good vision is important to the success of our kids in school.

Your Foundation has the only Optical Finishing Lab In the world of Lions Club International that provides high quality frames and lenses at a much more affordable price, that allows our Lions Clubs to help more people in need. Great job Lions of Oregon.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coas



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Once again we think of all that we have to do before the end of this term and the list is still long. We complete one task and another one takes its place. We are still working on campus clubs and, hopefully, when you read this we will have a campus club charter at Western Oregon University. We will try to add one additional club by June 30. It is unfortunate that we have seven clubs in the District that do not have any new members so far this year. So, I have two challenges regarding new members. Challenge #1: I challenge every club to have at least two new members by May 5. Challenge #2: The club with the largest percent increase of new members by May 5 will win this challenge. Recognition and awards will be given out at the District R "Night at the Oscars", at the MD36 Convention, Friday, May 19.

As I look at reports coming from LCI, there are a couple other items of note. We have 38.26% females and 61.79% males. As of February 28, seven clubs had not done their MMRs and sixteen clubs have not filed activity reports. Let's work to do better about our reporting, please. Of the three canceled clubs, Lebanon, Scio, and Blue McKenzie, we are working to reactivate Lebanon and Blue McKenzie. Scio has closed and their property and funds will hopefully go to another club. We all do better when we have more members, but small clubs can also be healthy. We have six clubs that have less than ten members. We also have four clubs that have more than fifty members. Together, large and small, we make a difference in our communities!

Again. I want to thank each of you for the work you are doing. Our numbers are down a little, but I am proud of each of you and the work you are doing in the communities, whether it is a Centennial project or a service project. All working together, you make a great team!

District E - Southern - South Coast



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Right now the two largest clubs in District 36-E have 52 members each. Our two smallest clubs have 5 members each and 15 out of 36 District clubs have 15 or fewer members. That means that about 42% of our clubs are in the smaller club category. We have many sparsely populated towns in District E. Our bigger town clubs are having trouble getting new Lions, so think how hard it must be for a town like Silver Lake, with a population of about 145, to find another member or Bonanza, a town of around 415. Many of our small town clubs have already closed down like Sprague River, Bly, Chemult and Chiloquin. These communities are economically depressed and need our help. The children need us for vision screening; the people need us for their sight and hearing needs and for food donations. Your club might go away but the need doesn't.

Our District is dwindling rapidly. We are down 75 members since last July. District clubs are doing a good job of getting members, 47 new Lions this year. That's an average of 1.3 new Lions per club. But there are 19 clubs in the District that haven't added a new member this year. If your club hasn't inducted a new member try and see if you can find just one new Lion. I know you can do it and, if you need help, let me know and we will get your Zone Chair to assist or I can assign a Guiding Lion to help you. According to Lions Club International, with every new Lions member you get, you can serve 70 more people in your area. Your community needs you.

Let's concentrate on the positive things our clubs can do and think outside of the box. For example, Langlois' population is about 175 and they have less than 15 Lions. They have been thinking outside the box by asking Bandon to partner with them. Langlois and Bandon have gotten together and decided to help each other with their projects. That is awesome. Maybe your club can partner with another nearby club. As our clubs dwindle in size, we need to start looking for ways of getting volunteers or developing partnerships. Teamup with other non-profits in your city or get the Scouts, Middle School and High School students to assist you. Some people can't afford the annual dues. Offer scholarships to help with the annual dues and joining fee. You can earn Admin money with a fundraiser like a yard sale for scholarships as long as you don't advertise the Lions in any way. Some people are willing to work but don't want to join a group. Call them and see if they are willing to help with your next fundraiser. Maybe the more they help, the more they will feel part of your club and eventually want to join. Lastly....

..You Gotta Have Heart Lions; Don't Give Up; We Can Work Together As One, You Gotta Have Heart!

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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District 36-G Convention is completed. And, I was so inspired by enthusiasm, encouragement and friendship of the wonderful Lions from MD36 who attended. HATS off to you!

The following Hood River Lions pulled everything together: Lion Dave Barringer, Lion DeeAnn Bohn, Lion Pam Chandler, Lion Rachael Fox, Lion Dave Henne, Lion Susan Hoffman, Lion Linda Holloway, Lion Judy Judd, Lion Griselda Ochoa, Lion Nancy Pavlinko, Lion John Rust, Lion Peyt Turner, Lion Chris Voyles, Lion Dave Waller, Lion Stu Watson, Lion Pam Webster, Lion Tony White, Lion Cindy Winfield, Lion Leonard Wood, Lion Tom Yates. A special thank you to my Registration Chair, Lion Shirley Voyles and District IT Chair, Lion Scott Thomson with Lion Greg Simpson. Thank you to Lion Jeff McCaw and Troop 282 for their participation. I must acknowledge the special talents of Lions Follies Director, PCC Bev Bridgewater for creating the special souvenir program (I hope you kept yours); and a thank you to District Secretary and Credentials Chair Lion Trudy Tallman. Thank you to our very own chanteuse, the very talented Lion Kristen Reese. Also a heartfelt thank you to my Convention Chair and all around sidekick, Lion Elaine Johnson. Lion Elaine will surely miss my daily calls!? She pulled it all together and kept me on track – not easy!

President of Bend Sunrise, Lion Russell Chase, gave an informative presentation on his Club's Twinning with Lions in Honduras. Twinning is when a club voluntarily adopts a club in another country and they exchange information that aides in the understanding of each other's culture.

Lion Jerold Hustafa, President of Enterprise/Joseph, had every Lion present lining up to enjoy the slopes at their Lions Ferguson Ridge Ski Resort after viewing his slide presentation.

Dr. Samuel Kimball of the La Grande Lions Club introduced us to the CHD Community Eye Clinic Project. International Director Jennifer Ware presented Lion Samuel with the Presidential Certificate, which is Lions Club International's fourth highest award. Lion Kimball inspired us all with his vision and service to the community of La Grande.

ID Jennifer Ware, our very special guest, also inspired us and encouraged us to service. We will have the opportunity to visit with her again at the USA/Canada Forum in Portland, September 21 to 23.

Thank you to everyone who attended, promoted and helped. I am humbled by your service. HATS off to you!

The Multiple District 36 Convention is in May and I challenge each of 36-G's clubs to induct just one new member before the convention. If you do, your club will receive a special Oscar at the convention. Oh my - did you hear the rumor that District R is scrambling for an Oscar. Hmmmm!

We will be working on a new club in Bend beginning on April 23. The LCI new club specialist arriving to assist us is PDG Ronnie Martin. Watch out District R!! (yes the gauntlet has dropped). We will meet in the Old Mill District of Bend, Oregon to begin the process. Exact time TBA. And our next District G Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for April 15 in Rufus.

Crooked River Ranch Lions Club and Sherman County Lions Club Provide Vision Screenings

"That's my great granddaughter," said Pat Gabriel from the Sherman County Lions Club as she smiled and beamed with pride. "And I have another one coming in later," she added. Not only did Lion Pat have two great granddaughters in the school but another screener from Sherman County



Lion Pat Gabriel as she smiles with great granddaughter Mya Degrange

was able to screen his own daughter. That was the Deputy Sheriff of Sherman County and also the Sherman County Lions Club President Geremy Shull. As he was screening his daughter you could hear him say, "Now, sit up straight and focus." Maybe said with a little more authority than he would use on other students.

Lion Pat's two great granddaughters are Mya Degrange and Savanna Degrange who both left the screenings after big hugs and smiles with great grandmother Pat.

The Sherman County Lions joined the Crooked River Ranch Lions to complete the vision screening at Sherman County Elementary School in February. Lion Nell Melzer, also a Sherman County Lion, taught kindergarten at Sherman County Schools for many years and also received many smiles and hugs as she knew almost all of the students by name.



Savanna Degrange poses with great grandmother Lion Pat Gabriel following her vision screening

The Crooked River Ranch Lions started early leaving the ranch at 6 a.m. However, the beautiful drive and the nice camaraderie at the country school made it all worthwhile, not to mention the vision referrals which hopefully will improve the visual world for those students.



Vision screeners (I-r) Sherman County Lions President and Deputy Sheriff Geremy Shull, Lou Sheldon, CRR and Jon Awbrey, incoming CRR Lion President enjoy a quick break from the students

submitted by Ted Carlin



Sherman County Lion President and Deputy Sheriff Geremy Shull was able to screen his own daughter

Beaverton & Tualatin Lions "Triple Play" Helps Re-Stock the Oregon Food Bank

On extra cold Saturday, January 14, the Beaverton Lions staked out the Beaverton Walmart Neighborhood Market for the Oregon Food Bank. A few weeks later, the Tualatin Lions staked out the Walmarts in Tigard and Sherwood collecting food for the Oregon Food Bank. Both Lions Clubs got a helping hand from Lake Oswego Lion and Zone

Chair, Lion Dane Parreira, "Huckster Extraordinaire!" Both Clubs were a little afraid that they'd have to explain to local authorities that we were just good Lions helping our communities and that Lion Dane just gets a little excited!

Well, the Beaverton Lions braved the cold, snow and ice and collected 1,403 pounds of food and \$82.00. The Tualatin Lions waited for a nice sunny day and collected 424 pounds of food and \$50.00. Beaverton takes home this year's trophy, thoroughly besting Tualatin (in an unexplainable sequence of events!).

Together, the "Triple Play" Lions of southwest Washington County managed to garner 1,827 pounds of



Lions Dane Parreira, Mark Willon and PDG Brad King at the Tigard Walmart



Lions Mary Johnson, John Pederson and Phil King at the Beaverton Walmart

food equaling 1,523 meals and \$132 equaling another 400 meals. In all, the Beaverton Lions and the Tualatin Lions helped provide 1,923 meals to their less fortunate neighbors, helping to restock the shelves of the Washington County Branch of the Oregon Food Bank at a time of critical need.

This friendly competition is in its second year and will surely be repeated in the coming years and may even expand to other service projects! Partner with another club in your area. Accomplish more and have more fun! And ... don't forget to publicize it in local media!!!

submitted by PDG Brad King

by Matt Webber, Partner Relations Manager

"How can we help a family make meaning?" These were the words spoken by the hospital chaplain at the orientation for new nursing graduates that I was attending at 7:30am. The idea of bringing meaning to a family who has just lost a loved one was a lot to think about as we had our first cup of coffee of the morning. It was also a lot for me to think about having just spent the last couple of weeks orienting myself in my new role as Partner Relations Manager at Lions VisionGift (LVG).

Prior to this new role I had spent the last several years on the other side of the donation process. While at Donate Life Northwest, I predominantly worked with donor families and transplant recipients. My daily interactions with families were based in hope and gratitude as they were far removed from the moment the hospital chaplain was speaking about. In my daily experience, I got to see how the work we all do does just that - it helps makes meaning.

I am now entering my fourth week at LVG, and find myself on the other end of the story, behind the curtain so to speak. I also find myself with a newfound appreciation for just how complex, critical and caring the work being done by LVG employees is at every level. The process of making meaning, enhancing lives, and restoring vision is present at all facets of LVG in every corner of our office.

From the front door reception where patients are greeted each week for blood draws and eye drops, to the Lions' volunteers who help as couriers throughout our region. The staff in Logistics who are juggling phones, medical records, paperwork, regulations, and more; all in a timely manner – and all while being present and attentive to a grieving family on the other end of phone, many of whom are experiencing the worst day of their life. The recovery technicians working twelve hour shifts, who are the ones eventually alone in the room with the donor, sharing a sacred space and working to make sure that person's pledge is honored with the highest level of professionalism and caring. Those working in the lab doing the processing, evaluation, and research work. It's here in the lab where the eventual transplant surgery that the doctor performs actually begins - and where advances and innovations will take place through research. To the Distribution team assessing cornea and tissue suitability for distribution throughout our region, the rest of the United States, and around the world; and finally to our Eligibility and Quality teams for their final stamp of approval to ensure we "do no harm" and that our corneas and tissue are the safest they can be. All of these parts working together - making meaning out of tragic circumstances that one often cannot find meaning in at the time - but one day may find closure and healing from the knowledge that many lives have been touched and someone's vision has been restored.

Many years ago, prior to my work in donation and transplantation, I heard "Lloyd's Story", a short piece written by Oregon poet Kim Stafford. I felt it spoke well to the idea of legacy and to this special region of the world I live in, the Pacific Northwest. It wasn't until I started working with donor families, recipients, and all the medical professionals involved in the process of enhancing and saving lives – that the piece spoke to me in an even more profound way – a way that speaks to maximizing the gift, honoring loved ones, and the power of enhancing someone's life beyond your own.

"Lloyd Reynolds, the international citizen of Portland spent his last days silent, unable to write or to speak, lying in a hospital bed. In his last day at home as his wife scurried to pack his suitcase for the hospital Lloyd made his way outside to the garden, and there she found him on his knees awkwardly planting flower bulbs with a spoon. "Lloyd," she said, "you will never see those flowers bloom." He smiled at her, "They are not for me" he said, "they are for you. The salmon coming home, they are for you, the calls of the wild geese, they are for you. The last old trees, they are for you and your children, for the seventh generation and beyond they are all blooming into being for you."

You, Me and the D!

Welcome Everyone,

It's wonderful to know we are once again enjoying the arrival of spring with advent of daylight saving time. This means we are also enjoying extended light in the evening, which makes it possible for us to spend more time indulging in outdoor activities such as planting a garden, property improvements and other related activities. It also opens up extended opportunities for many types of outdoor exercises, which are of great value to our personal health maintenance and growth. To put it bluntly, we are filling our lungs with fresh air and that's as good as it gets! Following is a great article about a chef who shares his secrets for reversing type 2 diabetes.

Note: In the next to last paragraph of the article there is a quote: "Congratulations! You no longer have diabetes. Your blood pressure is perfect and your cholesterol level is down," my doctor said. In reality, this is like any addiction. You always must maintain or you can become diabetic again.

My Secret Recipe: A chef shares his secrets for reversing type 2 diabetes By: Ernest Guansah

"Im a chef and pastry chef by trade. I would bake desserts, cookies, and cakes and eat them for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Overworked and stressed, I didn't have the time to take proper care of myself."

All of a sudden, I noticed I was having an intense craving for sugar. I'd buy massive jugs of lemonade and drink it all day long. I began to lose weight very rapidley. In one month, I lost about 20 pounds. I noticed a sticky, whitish substance covering my tongue and the corners of my eyes each morning.

In a panic, I went to my doctor. He said, "We need to get a blood test right now, because I suspect you have diabetes." The test results showed my blood sugar was 394. (For most people without diabetes, blood sugar levels before meals hover around 70-80 mg/dL.) My doctor said, "Do you realize you're steps away from going into cardiac arrest?"

He put me on heavy doses of medication. Then my eyes shut down. I couldn't see, thought after four weeks, my eyesight came back. I was 46 and felt overwhelmed.

Finally after two years of struggling, I asked my doctor, "Can my diabetes be cured?" He asked me if it ran in my family. I said no. He then said, "Yes. The best way to cure it is by using several approaches all working together."

I put together a diet and exercise program with my doctor. Basically, I ate no simple carbohydrates. I'd make my favorite soup -- tofu and cabbager with lots of vegables. Or I'd cut up raw vegetables and eat them with hummus. For breakfast, I'd make steel-cut oats with a little cream and egg whites. I stopped drinking anything sweet.

Every morning, I'd go to the gym and exercise properly. When I first started, I couldn't lift very much and was only able to do seven minutes of cardio. Then slowly, I was able to stay on the machine for 10 minutes, then 15 and then up to 45. My doctor started reducing my medication.

At nighttime, I went back to the gym, and did only cardio. I worked out seven days a week. I began to feel a surge of energy. Further tests showed that I was healed. "Congratulations! You no longer have diabetes. Your blood pressure is perfect and your cholesterol level is down," my doctor said.

That was four years ago. Today, I'm full of energy. I'm still a chef, and occasionally I'll have something sweet on the weekend -- ice cream or a cookie. But eating healthy and exercising -- that's the secret.

submitted by PCC Charlie Tate, MD36 Diabetes Chairman Feel free to contact me at my cell: 503.409.1861 or my email: commontate@hotmail.com

"Attitudes are contagious. Are yours worth catching?" Author unknown.

One form per person One form per person

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM MULTIPLE DISTRICT 36 MAY 18, 19, 20, 2017

Pendleton Convention Center 1601 Westgate Pendleton. OR 97801

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Island City Lions Club Feeds 12 Families

Twelve local families had a turkey dinner on Christmas thanks to the Island City Lions members and Grocery Outlet.

On a December Friday, members of the organization took the cases of turkey dinners from Grocery Outlet, along with clothes they bought at JC Penney and donations from students at Island City Elementary School, to give to families who need a little extra help.

"It's been an ongoing thing," said Dan Cosner, President of the Island City Lions Club, about the donations. "We have close relations (with) the Island City Principal, John Tolan. He's a member." Lion President Dan Cosner also said that John Tolan selects the families who receive the dinners. He said that John generally knows which families could use the gifts, dinner and other donations provided.

"The Island City students also collected approximately \$80 for games and toys for the children in the families," said Lion Moneta Woollard, Chair of the event. "There are more than 30 students in the 12 families," she added. Island City Elementary also had a canned food drive and three cases of food also went to each family, she said. The Parent Teacher Organization donated popcorn tins. "It's amazing," Lion Moneta said. "They are very giving kids and parents."

The money for the dinners comes from Lions Club fundraisers. "The main fundraiser we have is Hog Wild Days," President Dan Cosner said. "Many people don't know this, but we organize the whole thing. We'll be celebrating 39 years of that event in 2017."

The Lions Club members in attendance at Grocery Outlet on the designated Friday didn't know how many years the organization had been delivering turkey dinners to area families. But Lion Dan said it started with eight families and has grown from there. "More families need it," Woollard said.

"But we also have the money from our fundraisers to add more."

Grocery Outlet owners and husband and wife duo, Randy and Michelle Willson, are members of the organization, which is how they got involved. "It means the world to us that we're able to help these families," Randy said. "I have been in this area for 30 years, and my wife grew up here. We love this community. We feel blessed to give back to the community. It's our favorite time of the year. Everyone's hearts get so big."

The Christmas dinner isn't the only thing the Island City Lions help with. They do a similar donation to families for Thanksgiving and also hold sight and hearing screenings in partnership with Apple Eyecare.

President Cosner said the organization is always looking for new members to join the

Trace Jones, who works at Grocery Outlet, loads turkey dinners into Island City Lions' vehicles. The meals went to families who were selected by Island City Elementary Principal John Tolan.

group. The Island City Lions meet every first and third Tuesday at Denny's. Dinner is at 6 pm and the membership meeting is at 7 pm. The public is welcome to join us.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins reprint from The Observer

It was a Great District 36-O Celebration Convention!

District Governor Garry Charbonneau asked attendees to wear glitter mustaches and challenged Lions to climb higher mountains in the future. Visiting ID Howard Hudson encouraged us to ask and ask again our friends and family to join Lions. And, the McMinnville Twighlighters Choir made a spectacular jazz performance with two standing ovations.

Those are just some of the highlights of the District 36-O Lions Convention in McMinnville, Oregon on February 18. About 150 Lions attended and enjoyed the camaraderie with new and old friends.

ID Howard Hudson speaks to the Convention attendees

Bill Perry, 50-year charter Lion in the Estacada Club, said, "I like the Convention being in McMinnville and I really liked the choir at the end."

Two veteran Lions instructed us. PDG Sharon Rollins told us to continue doing Centennial and Legacy Projects and to get ready for a celebration parade at the Multiple District Convention in Pendleton in May. PCC Joyce Anderson gave us a great look at the USA/Canada Forum in Portland this September and asked for more volunteers.

We had two invited guest speakers. OHSU Dr. Josef El Youssef

inspired us to diet and exercise to ward off early on-set diabetes. And Kevin Bradley, Coffee Creek Correctional

Institution Education Director, reminded Lions about the wonderful optician training program at Coffee Creek.

New Lion Bill Loss said, "This was my first Lions Convention. The speakers and their presentations were excellent and provided a wealth of information. I highly recommend any Lion to attend their Convention

(I-r) Lions ID Howard Hudson, MD36 Leos Committee Chair Don Markle and DG Garry Charbonneau. Lion MD36 Leos Committee

Chair Don Markle received an Award of Appreciation.



Some of the Convention attendees

and I am looking forward to attending the State Convention in Pendleton."

Dave and Margie Williams from the McMinnville Lions Club said, "The programs were very interesting and informative. The morning snacks were great and so was the lunch." Lions Margie and Dave

> were on the convention planning committee.

Lion Dane Parreira said, "The expanse of the knowledge was great. Everyone walked away with something." And Lion Dean Surface said. "I liked the speaker from OHSU and his presentation. It was important to me and was very informative."





Big thanks to the Convention Planning Committee including Chair Vince Bishop, and key members Lions Robin Stoeckler, Diana Richardson, Raema Manning, Lulu Bowman, and Michelle Don. Much appreciation also goes to



The McMinnville High School Twighlighters Choir entertained at the end of the day



(I-r): The newly-elected District officers for District O are: 2nd VDG-Elect Terry Bowman, DG-Elect Bert Diamond, 1st VDG-Elect Dan Wolf and **DG Garry Charbonneau**

the McMinnville Lions Club whose members helped with pre-planning, registration, and the followi-up dinner.

Judging was completed and congrats to the award winners of the club brochure, Facebook page, and other club contests.

The votes were tallied and congratulations to newly elected 2nd VDG-Elect Terry Bowman, 1st VDG-Elect Dan Wolf and DG-Elect Bert Diamond.

What's next? Aside from other District Conventions in March, the

next big show is the Multiple District Convention in Pendleton on May 19-21. Let's celebrate our first 100 years of Lions. ROAR!

submitted by DGE District O Bert Diamond





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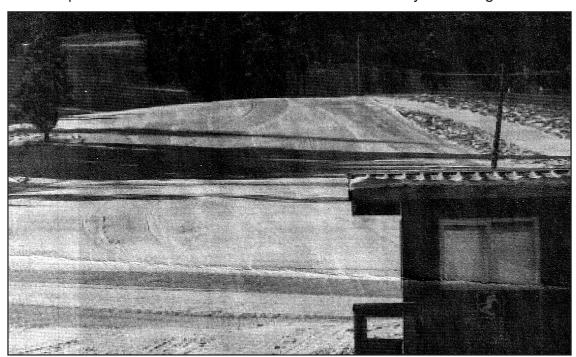
All neighboring or visiting Lions and Leos are invited to come and walk with us in the parade.

For details contact Joan and Jenna Willis, Lions Design Team at lionjcw@yahoo.com

Enterprise-Joseph Lions Club Now Owns Ski Area

The Enterprise-Joseph Lions Club is the new owner of Ferguson Ridge Ski Area, northeast of Joseph. The Enterprise-Joseph Lions Club has run the area for more than 10 years. Ferguson

Ridge or Fergi, as the locals call it, was first leased as a ski area from Joseph Forest Products in 1983. Lion Charlie Kissinger, a Lions Club member and long-time manager of Ferguson Ridge, says members of the Eagle Cap Ski Club moved a rope tow from Ski Run Road to Ferguson Ridge near McCully Creek.



submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Rockaway Lions Start Branch Club

Rockaway Lions Club has successfully started an evening Branch Club: "The Night Lions". The Branch Club was started to allow working residents of our city an opportunity to do service for their community. Hank Calhoun, PDG and GMT, initiated the



PDG and GMT Hank Calhoun with Mark Fiebig



PDG and GMT Hank Calhoun with John Magnano

first five members and installed their first officers. Two other Night Lions were unable to attend at that time. The Night Lions are attracting our younger residents to become Lions in our community.

Goldie See was elected to serve as President and Mark Fiebig to hold the office of Secretary/ Treasurer. Several members of our day Club were present for the festivities and snacks and cake were enjoyed by



Goldie See, PDG and GMT Hank Calhoun and LuLu Bowman



PDG and GMT Hank Calhoun, with Ron Herder and LuLu Bowman

submitted by Lion Marilou "LuLu" Bowman

Elgin Lions Remain Active

Elgin's Lion David Fuhrman displays a sign of



looking for "smart" team members for the Trivia Contest sponsored by the Lions Club. Lion David represents the Cowboys and Angels team.

> submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Elgin Lion Linda Johnston is awarded a Centennial Recruiting pin from Vice-President Lion Everett Grandeen.

> submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins







Art Abbott Board Chair Doug Thompson Executive Director

SB 187 - Furthering Our Mission Through Advocacy



The other day it was brought to my attention that a Lion was concerned that OLSHF was involved in supporting SB 187 since "Lions shouldn't be involved in politics". It's a valid concern and I'd like to use this column to address this issue.

First, SB 187 and the effort to pass legislation that will provide funding for Oregon schools for vision screening is not a "Lions Bill", although we hope that all Lions are supportive of SB 187. OLSHF did introduce SB 187 and some of our partners in this effort include: The Oregon Optometrists Physicians Association (OOPA), the Oregon Academy of Ophthalmologists (OAO), the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) and Legacy Health - Devers Memorial Eye Clinic. We are keeping very good company in this effort, and are proud to be associated with these groups.

Second, it is important to understand the difference between advocating for public policy that is consistent with our mission statement (which nonprofits can do) vs. publicly supporting a political candidate's bid for office (which a nonprofit is not allowed to do). Lions as individuals, and OLSHF as a 501(c)3 organization have the right to support proposed policy (some would maintain we have an obligation to do so) that supports our mission statement.

As OLSHF Chair, I am proud to share our Mission Statement with you: "To screen, treat, save and restore sight and hearing in partnership with Lions Clubs."

I hope you'll agree that by helping to lead the way toward public funding of vision screening in our schools, we are fulfilling the mission, and the very purpose, of why OLSHF was founded nearly 60 years ago.

2017 OLSHF Hall of Fame on May 19 at MD-36 State Convention in Pendleton

This year, the OLSHF Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be held at the MD-36 Convention in May 2017.

The event will be held in a main room following the district dinners on May 19.

The Foundation will host dessert for all Convention attendees that would like to attend the induction ceremonies.

Thank you for helping OLSHF and Lions to honor those that have given so much!



2016 OLSHF Hall of Fame Inductees Bill Nourse, Sharon Rollins, and Rod Bach



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Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Keeping the Promise

LEAP Optical Lab Serves Lions Low Vision Clinic

This past month, Dr. JP Lowery, pediatric optometrist and professor at Pacific University School of Optometry, hosted a Lions Low Vision clinic day at the OLSHF office.



Brand new eyeglasses



Trying them on

During the clinic, one youngster, pictured here, was found to need a particular type of frames. Not wanting him to wait for the glasses, Dr. Lowery talked with Katie and Kelly to see what they could do through the LEAP Optical Lab. Fortuitously, everything they needed was in stock, including the special frames. Within the hour, the glasses were finished.

They fit perfectly!



Katie and Kelly show off the lab

The Lions Low Vision Clinic receives generous funding through the Blind & Visually Impaired Student Fund. Thanks to this ongoing support, Dr. Lowery, through LVC, examines up to 150 visually impaired children every year.

The LEAP Optical Lab and the larger Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program relies on Lions Clubs, eye care providers, and you for it's ongoing support.

Eye Promise Optical, our newest endeavor, is coming to you during state convention. With over 80 new frames to choose from, progressives, and top of the line coatings, we hope you find the pair of Rx or non-Rx eyeglasses and sunglasses you need. All proceeds keep our eyeglass assistance programs going.







Keep the Promise 2017 Please Be Our Guest

Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation invites YOU to enjoy a complimentary breakfast with your friends to support Oregon Lion's sight and hearing saving programs right here in Oregon! Every year, local Lions Clubs and OLSHF serve tens of thousands of children, adults, and seniors from your community with exams, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and even with surgeries like cataract removal.

OLSHF relies on help from caring people like you to make our sight and hearing saving programs possible!

April 12 at Valley River Inn in Eugene

May 3 at Oregon Zoo in Portland

7:00am Registration & Breakfast

7:30am Program Begins

8:30am Program Concludes

Please, so we can ensure all of our guests enjoy breakfast, RSVP by contacting OLSHF at (800) 635-4667 or Info@OLSHF.org

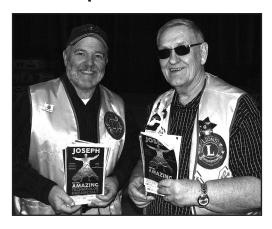
Newest Member of Elgin Lions Club

Bryn Moore is the newest Elgin Lions Club and was sponsored by Lion Linda Johnston.



submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Opera Ushers



(I-r) Elgin Secretary Jared Rogers and PDG Gerald Hopkins help with ushering for the play "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," recently held at the Elgin Opera House.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Kevin Duffy Student of the Month

Senior Kevin Duffy was selected as the Elgin Lions "Student of the Month." Born in Ukiah, California, Kevin's parents, Allan and Michelle, moved to Willits, California, where Kevin attended kindergarten through second grade. The Duffys moved to Elgin and Kevin completed grades 3-8. He continued his high school education with the Baker Charter School, taking college classes and accumulating a 3.7 grade point average. These classes will be used at Eastern Oregon University in his long-range plan to earn a law degree.

Kevin has participated in two years of cross-country and in four years of track in Elgin. He has also served as a life-guard and swim instructor for four years at the community pool. Helping to coach the junior high basketball team was a part of his senior project. His activities also included four years of mission work in Mexico where he helped to build homes. "We have had as many as 100 in our team with about 50 of those individuals from this area."

As a result of Kevin's efforts, he was selected to be on the Elgin City Council as a student representative. He was assigned to the Public Safety Committee, as well as to serve as liaison between the school and city. "It is interesting to see what needs to be done in the city and how it gets done. There is a lot to be done each month."



Kevin Duffy, Elgin Lion's "Student of the Month"

"I enjoy the small town," he said. "It is quiet but there is still a lot to

do." In his spare time he likes playing basketball, swimming, shooting, running and fishing.

When asked about his knowledge of Lions, Kevin noted that they have meetings to decide what help is needed for the community. "They help a lot in the area of vision and hearing as well as volunteer fundraising for various projects."

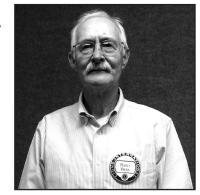
submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

La Grande Lion Enjoys Volunteer Work

Although Marty Vavra joined the Lions in 1973-74, he still gets excited when talking about the volunteer work that the Lions do for the

community. "I like volunteering. It really brings a positive attitude among the group. They want to contribute to their community."

Lion Marty was born in Johnson City, New York, and went to grade school there before his family



Marty Vavra

moved to Del Rio, Texas. He graduated from high school in Del Rio and went on to receive Bachelor and Master degrees at the University of Oregon. Lion Marty completed his PHD at the University of Wyoming with emphasis in animal nutrition and ecology.

Lion Marty accepted a position at the Agricultural Research Center in Union through Oregon State University. Research included areas of livestock, range, timber and wildlife management. His work also included research conducted at the Starkey Unit out of La Grande. "I really am committed to natural resource management and I love doing it." While Lion Marty was located in Union, he became a charter member of the Union Lions Club. Moving to Burns in 1984, Lion Marty became a member of the Burns Lions Club. After retiring from the staff of Oregon State University, he went to work with the Forest Service at Starkey. After his second retirement. Lion Marty continued with his love of natural resource management and volunteered with the forest service as needed.

Lion Marty has three children. His oldest son, Martin, runs a videography business in Portland. Cody has just been elected county assessor for Union County. Daughter Sarah Beth is a business operations and chief market manager for a hedge fund in New York City.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Leos Host 36-O District Governor

On Thursday, February 23, Garry Charbonneau, District Governor for 36-O met with Don Markle, Rockaway Lions Leo Chair at Neah-Kah-Nie High School to attend the local Leos Club meeting. The Rockaway Lions sponsor this Leos Club, which boasts one-fourth of the high school as active members. The Club

meets monthly during the school year in the home room of the student advisor teacher, Mr.
Lorincz. These meetings are held at noon time for 30 minutes, which allows the majority of members the opportunity to participate.

The Club was honored to have the District Governor attend this meeting and appreciated hearing his comments on what they were doing and accomplishing for the community. Some of the projects discussed were the recycling program, eyeglass collection and the second Red Cross Blood Drive to be held this year.



Don Markle, MD36
Leo Chairman holding
the Certification of
Appreciation he
received at the District
36-O Convention
for his outstanding
dedicated service
for many years as
guiding Lion for the
Neah-Kah-Nie Leos



(I-r) Lions Don Markle, MD36 Leo Chairman, with DG 36-O Garry Charbonneau visit with the Leos of the Neah-Kah-Nie Club

submitted by Don Markle, MD36 Leo Chairman

CENTENNIAL PARADE AND PARTY

Come to a parade, party, and best ever MD 36 Convention! Pendleton Lions and the City of Pendleton will welcome all of the MD 36 Lions to a convention full of excitement and opportunities for Lion growth. Activities will begin on Thursday, May 18 with the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting, followed by the Council of Governors. May 19 and 20 will bring seminars for Lions interest and learning, fellowship, great food and a BIG celebration of our 100 years of service.

Pendleton and the Pendleton Lions know how to put on a parade and a party! On Saturday morning, May 20, Lions and community groups and members will gather and parade down the center of the city, showing off our banners, parade panels, club decorations and just plain having fun! The parade will be approximately one-half mile on flat and gentle incline surface streets allowing accessibility for everyone. Lions in cars, trucks, on bicycles, horses of the wooden variety, and Lions on foot are all welcome and encouraged to participate in this hour of fun as we showcase our clubs and members. School buses will transport participants and viewers from the Roundup Center to the parade gathering area, and return from the parade end area to the Roundup Center. There is no cost for entry in this celebration.

Clubs, think about being a participant in this Lions celebration event! Design decorations for a truck, arrange with your District Centennial Celebration Coordinator to use the parade panels and banners created for this purpose, bring your club banner and signs, wear costumes, bring hobby horses or red wagons – be creative! Live animals are not allowed, however, due to liability restrictions. Candy and other treats cannot be thrown from a parade entry, but can be handed directly to the appreciative viewers.

Registration applications for the parade are available from your District Secretary and on the MD 36 website. This application is easy to complete and no cost is involved. The City of Pendleton requires that each **GROUP** entry be registered, and the registrations will help our parade organizers create a lineup to show off each and every entry. All registration applications must be turned in to the Pendleton Lions (address on the registration form) **by April 1**.

Saturday lunch will be our PARTY! Entertainment will be included with a delicious lunch and huge 100th Anniversary cake as we celebrate this milestone of the world's largest service organization – our Lions Clubs International.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Hey, Lions of MD 36!

There is exciting information on two websites about the Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Portland September 21 – 23. On www/lionsforum.org the official link to Registration and other information concerning the Forum, you can register and read the two Newsletters that have been sent to Lions in the United States and Canada and have a direct link to the Host Committee website http://2017pdxforum.wixsite.com/2017pdx forum. _The Host Committee site is loaded with information that can be shared to help Lions find all kinds of things to see and do in and around Portland as well as Forum information.

REMEMBER, while it will benefit you as a Lion, both in your club as well as in your personal life, there are some volunteer opportunities you could help with and not register for the Forum. On the Host Committee site, to the "Register to Volunteer" tab and complete the registration form. It allows you to choose your areas of interest, days and times you are available to volunteer and other interesting things you need to share with us. You will be contacted by a Committee Chair!

If your club sponsors a Leos Club, please look at the information on Leos Day (Saturday, September 23). There are special seminars for Leos and Young Lions and the cost for the whole day, including lunch is \$25.00. This is the fee for the one day event for Leos, Young Lions and their Advisors. It will be a great day for all of them and we will have the opportunity to share information and ideas with them, too.

We're looking forward to working with all of you from now until September, to make this the best Forum yet!

submitted by PCC Joyce Anderson, Host Committee Chair

Update on Dogs for the Deaf Grant Application

I would like to update everyone on the Dogs for the Deaf grant application to Lions Clubs International Foundation. With the help we have received from Lions and Lions Clubs throughout the Multiple District and other nonprofit organizations we have met the \$42,500 matching grant funds required to make application for this grant. The grant application is presently at Lions Clubs International Foundation and will be acted on in May 2017. An affirmative vote will assist Dogs for the Deaf with their expansion project allowing them to provide more service dogs for people who need assistance. For more information about the services provided by Dogs for the Deaf, please go to their web site at www.dogsforthedeaf.org

submitted by PDG Wesley King

If you wish to have a display table at the MD36 Convention, please contact Phyllis Carlin @ 541.604.4816 or pascarlin@gmail.com prior to May 1st.

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