

# LIONS OF OREGON

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## *Mission 1.5 We're on a mission to grow!*



(l-r) The St. Helens Lions Club recently inducted Alex Tardiff, Sponsor Lion Jim Syrstad and DG from MD36 District O Ed Glad.

(l-r) Janann Kellogg is inducted into the Jefferson Lions Club by DG Lynn Coon from MD36 District R and her sponsor Lion Wendy Samples.



**(l-r) New member Paige Porterfield is inducted into the Dorris Lions Club. DG MD36-E Steve Brewster, Lion Jeremy Edgar and Lion Robert Edgar.**

(l-r) MD36 DG-G Pete Runnels inducts Fran Davis and Cindy Murray into the Crooked River Ranch Lions Club.

Mission 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by 2027 so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever. By building vibrant clubs we can make our communities stronger and the world a kinder, healthier and better place to be.

# MONTHLY CALENDARS

## MEETINGS

### December

5 District O Cluster mtg., 6pm, Beaverton

### January

6 District R's 2nd Officer training, 8:30am - noon at Keizer Club House  
 29 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

## EVENTS

### December

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

### January

10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for February issue)

# ANNIVERSARIES

December 2023 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

### December

Mill City	December 11, 1947
Eagle Point	December 16, 1951
Garibaldi	December 7, 1953
Halfway	December 8, 1965
Estacada	December 15, 1966
Hood Rvr Eye Openers	December 29, 1975
Bonanza	December 21, 1977
Mt. Angel	December 19, 1980

### January

Grants Pass	January 18, 1928
Powers	January 30, 1942
Philomath	January 13, 1948
Beaverton	January 16, 1951
Brookings Harbor	January 10, 1953
Madras	January 30, 1970
Island City	January 14, 1974
Union	January 15, 1974
Mitchell	January 27, 1975
Cedar Hills/Sunset	January 11, 2011



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## Council Chair News



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In last month's column, I was excited to announce that we were in the plus column in membership growth in our multiple district for the first time in many years. Congratulations to all who have had a hand in this, District Governors, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG's, GMT's, club leaders and members. Through membership growth planning and simply asking a friend or family member to consider joining, we were in the plus column and that felt really good. Through a common vision, we are working as a state-wide team to grow our membership.

In keeping with the charge of Mission 1.5, which is to build worldwide membership to 1.5 million by 2027, we must continue our efforts as we head into the New Year. Here are some ideas for membership growth:

- **Hold membership drives.** Organize events and activities that will attract new members to your club. This could include community service projects, social events or informational sessions.
- **Use Social media to promote your club.** Share photos and videos of your club's activities and highlight the benefits of membership.
- **Reach out to potential members personally.** Invite people who you think would be a good fit for your club to join.
- **Make sure your club is welcoming and inclusive.** Create a supportive environment where new members feel valued and respected.

How about we all make a New Year's Resolution to "Ask One". Let's keep our growth going!

And once we have new members, it's important to actively involve them in the meaningful work of our clubs. Don't let them sit on the sidelines, let's get our new members involved quickly. Does your club have a membership orientation program? It's a great way to educate and inform new members about your club and our parent organization. I know District O is working to develop a District Orientation

Program and there is also information on orientation programs on the Lions International website. And let's always, always listen to our new members' ideas and suggestions. New members means new ideas and a refreshing of our clubs and this is exciting.

We once again are hosting state service projects. This was kicked off with the statewide eyeglasses collection in October. Thanks to our GST team for getting this going. The next statewide project will involve hunger awareness and will be held in February. GST Chair Sharon Rollins will put out more information as the project is developed. Leadership training for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG's took place in November and soon our VDG's will be heading to St. Charles, Illinois for training conducted by Lions International in preparation for their DG year. Officer training has taken place across the districts.

'Tis the season. Many clubs are involved in holiday projects. From parades to Christmas tree pick-up, from wreath and candy sales to stuffing stockings to be delivered to area assisted living facilities, from photos with Santa to coat and hat drives and many more -- Lions will enhance the holiday spirit in their respective communities through their service. Thanks for all you do MD36 Lions, not just during the holidays but throughout the year!

And after the holidays comes the New Year and our convention season begins. I would like to remind everyone that this year's State Convention is especially exciting as it's our 100<sup>th</sup> convention. The State Convention Committee is already meeting and working on plans to make this a meaningful and fun convention. Something new this year, there will be a walk for Pediatric Cancer. The convention is May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Bandon. Here's the schedule and location for all conventions. Mark your calendars. I hope to see you there!

District R Convention - February 3 Springfield  
District O Convention - March 1-2 McMinnville  
District E Convention - March 22-23 Bandon  
District G Convention - April 5-6 Sisters  
State Convention - May 17-18 Bandon

## Directory Updates

- p. 36 Florence-Siuslaw Club now meeting at the Disabled Americans Veterans Hall, 1715 21st St. (Same days/time.)
- p. 93 Lesetz, Steve, PDG has passed.

## District O - Northwest - North Coast



**District O Governor Column**  
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I visited my mother the other day and came across some pictures of some of the many Fourth of July parties she has had over the years. I recognized many of the friends and the kids who no longer are kids. I saw myself without any grey in my beard. I even saw myself as I once was without a beard. And then I had to get going to make it to our first Lions "Cluster" meeting in Vernonia.

We are in a time when our clubs are ageing out. And in the frustrations of getting smaller and not being able to do the things we have been proud to have been a part of, because of who we are now. Yet invariably we still see ourselves personally with the vigor of pictures past, perhaps without the grey hairs. When folks were gathering at our first cluster meeting a voice of recognition rang out saying "we haven't had a visitation for so long! I miss when we had visitations." Some of the older folks can remember the importance of friendship between clubs as one of the most pleasant parts of being a Lion. In a way the idea of Cluster Meetings is to revive that sense of joyful friendship in gathering with others Lions who are not the regulars we meet with in our own club. Sharing in the right now. Sharing new ideas. Sharing in the vision of what we can do if we pull together and sharing because we can relate with other's pensions to serve our communities.

We have to provide an environment for the newer members of our community to exercise their natural compassion of serving our common communities in new and modern ways. We have to envision what that is and create plans among members of our own clubs and the Lions from different clubs and community environments. Strengthening ourselves as Lions is not a solo exercise. Envisioning what we can do in organizing for new members is like looking at pictures from days past shoulder to shoulder with each other and at the same time looking at ourselves as we are right now and being realistic not to get the visions mixed up.

We can and will find ways to do this. Even if we just have a day in the park with young families running around to talk about and share the power of Lionism that they too can be a part of.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season, DG Ed Glad

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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Dear Lions of MD36,

As we find ourselves immersed in the holiday season, it's a time to pause and reflect on the abundance of things we hold dear. We're grateful for our families, our friends, and the communities we call home, where we proudly serve as Lions. What's even more heartening is the knowledge that each day, through our dedicated service, we have the power to make a positive impact in countless ways.

During this season, there's a natural inclination to extend our acts of kindness and service, illuminating the lives of those around us. We reach out to those who may never have witnessed such compassion before. As Lions, we possess the ability to effect change not only during the holidays but throughout the entire year.

I often think of the kindness and service I witness being provided from Lions as I travel our District. I see nothing but service from the heart. This is a practice Lions do every day. I believe when we serve with kindness we set an example for others to follow.

Each one of you, dear Lions, should recognize the profound impact you're making in your communities and the lives of those you serve. Think of those that observe your kindness and move forward themselves to serve others. This is proof that kindness and service are contagious.

I know Lions give selflessly. Your unwavering service and boundless kindness are transforming lives and communities. Let's not limit our reflections to the holiday season alone, but carry them with us throughout the year. Remember, somewhere out there, a stranger recalls your kindness when no one else was there.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for all that you do. My warmest wishes go out to you and your loved ones during this season, and throughout the year. Cherish one another and hold gratitude for what you have, as well as for the ability to share with others. Always bear in mind that true service springs from the heart. I am steadfast in my belief that when Lions serve with heart, we transcend the boundaries of our communities. In essence, we are indeed changing the world.

With Kindness and Service, DG Lion Lynn & Kathy

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

First of all, let me wish you all heartfelt holiday greetings to you and your families! The stress only builds this time of year ... manage it your way, and enjoy the memories that can and will be made this holiday season. Renew old traditions, continue family traditions, or try something that could become a new tradition for years to come!

Many of our clubs have community service projects that help folks in so many different ways during the holidays. Kudos to all of you for working on a project that benefits those less fortunate in our communities. This is where 'We Serve' really becomes obvious to our communities and is a great time to recruit a new member. Many people offer to help with this type of community project - non-Lions a plenty to tap on the shoulder and invite to a meeting.

As mentioned in my article last month, the 36G Club Membership challenge is on! The two clubs that recruit the most members by 1) percentage gained and 2) total individuals will win a free registration fee to the district convention! Again, I remind you to look ahead and plan now to attend the 36G Convention which will be held in Sisters Oregon. Registration information will be out soon. Reserve April 5th and 6th, 2024 on your calendars now for a memorable weekend! We encourage families to come join in the fun. Teaser ... the first 30 people to register will win something for their 'soles'!

I wish you all A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

'Be Instrumental In Service'  
Lion Pete Runnels, District Governor MD36-G



How do we keep and attract new members? We do this by Serving our communities in multiple ways. We have 8 global causes that we have taken up. These causes attract a wide range of potential and current members with varied interests. As a club you can do small service projects each month focusing on one cause a month, or several major projects over a longer period of time.

People are more likely to join you if they relate to your community service. Many people only see us out there when we are fundraising. We need to show them what we are doing for our communities and engage others to help with our causes.

Only by seeking out our community needs and working to fulfill those needs will we be able to attract and retain members.



# East Albany Lions . . . . .

## Hold Fun BBQ & Cornhole Tournament:

The East Albany Lions had fun on August 5th with a barbecue and cornhole tournament that 36 members were able to attend. A good way to end our summer break with food and fun competition.



(l-r) 2nd place Lions Terry Gorrell and Eric Elder, 1st place Lions Larry Nelson and Betsy Hills and 3rd place Lions Steve Hills and Dan Herbst.



Everyone had such a great time!

## Install New Member:

The East Albany Lions start up after summer break with a new member being installed.

Roar together we can!!!!!!

(l-r) New member Terry Gorrell, Derrick Olsen and Jadie Wright doing installation.



*both articles submitted by Lion Bill Scheler, Membership Chair*



## The Dalles Lions Club Co-Sponsors & Assists with Community Cleanup

On October 14, The Dalles Lions Club co-sponsored the Dalles Community Cleanup put on monthly by Columbia Gorge Toyota & Lion Rachel Carter. The Community Cleanups run the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from March through November. Each month a different area in town is the focus of the clean-up and the event runs from 10:00am until noon. Lions Ruthie Emmett, Tony Krueger, Jeff & Lori Stiles, Ken Onstott, Mike Kilkenny, Ethan Wray and LEO Charles Rankin participated picking up trash to help clean up our city.



The group before we started work.



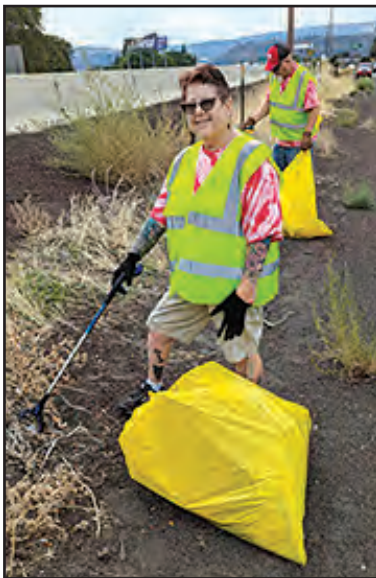
Lion Lori Stiles.



Lion President Ethan Wray.



Lion Tony Krueger.



(l-r) Lions Ruthie Emmett & Mike Kilkenny.



Lion Jeff Stiles.



Leo Charles Rankin.

*submitted by Mike Kilkenny*  
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## Ach! Du Lieber! The Tualatin Lions Oktoberfest was a HIT!

Harvest time was coming to the Lower Tualatin Valley, you could smell it in the air! That set the Tualatin Lions Club to work and the community waiting!

Zenner's Sausage Company donated three cases (that's a lot) of delicious German sausage, Safeway discounted apple (apfel) strudel and dinner rolls. Lion President Derek acquired delicious Willamette Valley sauerkraut and seasoned Hamburg style fries. The press release and flyer went out all over the valley. The Tualatin Lions partner, the Tualatin Valley Elks Lodge rented the dining room and kitchen for a whopping dollar! On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> the German drinking song volume was turned up, the smell of sausage and sauerkraut wafted all over central Tualatin and the tables were draped in Bavarian flag tablecloths and ... the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tualatin Lions Oktoberfest was on!

The residents of Tualatin were ready! The doors opened at 5:00PM and by 5:15PM the dining room was full and the "fest" was on. While diners were happily enjoying sausage (wurst) and kraut served by the Scouts of Troop 530, many "to-go" dinners were making their way out the door. The Elks bar was also doing good business selling soda, wine, beer and cocktails, (all of those funds going to support the Casey Eye Institute). By 6:15, a re-supply of sauerkraut had to be acquired, (lucky the Tualatin Fred Meyer was just around the corner!), and there was a fresh crowd in the dining room. Members of the Tualatin City Council even joined the Lions and Scouts for dinner.



(l-r) are Lion Eileen Weinstine, Soon-to-be Lion Andy Lyon, Lion Derek Sandell & Lion Norm Dannemiller, all working hard in the kitchen.

Patrons also took part in the traditional merchant raffle and "50/50" raffle. Raffles were pulled promptly at 7:30PM and there were a variety of winners. Some went to visiting Lions and most went to community members (Ya!). PCC Lion Sharon Rollins was the lucky winner of the "50/50" raffle. At about the same time, the sausage and sauerkraut were running out ... just in time to close out at 8:00PM. Viel spass! (Lots of fun!)

Another successful Tualatin Lions Club Oktoberfest is in the books and plans are in the works for next year!

The Tualatin Lions Club's next "scheduled" event is the "Super Saturday Food Drive" on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (the day before the Super Bowl). That said, we're sure we'll find some mischief to make before then! Stay in touch with the "Merry Pranksters" of the Mighty Tualatin Lions Club at [tualatinlions@gmail.com](mailto:tualatinlions@gmail.com).

\*A personal note on language and phrases: My German grandmother's favorite expression of surprise or delight was: "Ach! Du Lieber" which literally translates to: "Oh, you dear!" I miss my grandma a lot!

*submitted by PCC Brad King*



## Keizer Lions Donate Quilts and Pillow Cases to CASA

The Keizer Lions of 36-R donated Quilts and pillow cases to CASA for foster children to receive and keep for their own. Vanessa Nordyke of CASA was presented with 113 sets and they will be receiving another 100 by mid-November. Thank you Keizer Lions for Service From the Heart.



(l-r) Lion Jim McNally, Vanessa Nordyke (CASA representative) DG Lion Lynn Coon, Lion Anna Channel and Lion Kathy Henry.

## Jefferson Lions Club Induct a New Member!



(l-r) New Lion Jayann Kellogg, DG Lion Lynn and Club President & sponsor Lion Wendy Sample.

## Mapleton Lions Grow by 4 Towards Mission 1.5



(l-r) DG Lion Lynn Coon, new Lions Abbie and Kevin Kimble, new Lion Janine Halverson and Club President Carl Halverson (not pictured new Lion David Haberman).

## Woodburn Lions Know the Importance of Service and Helping Others

The Woodburn Lions of 36-R is a great little club that knows the importance of service and giving back to help others. Lion Paul Nordling (in wheelchair) introduced me, DG Lion Lynn Coon, 34 years ago to Lions.



(l-r) Lions Terry Emmons, Jerry Wear, Clarence Timmons, Zone Chair Dave Fitzgerald, Walt Howell, DG Lynn Coon, Paul Nordling and Club President Pat Paradis.

*all 4 articles on this page submitted by DG Lynn Coon*

## St. Helens Lions Club Marks Diabetes Awareness Month with Free A1c Diabetes Testing Event

In recognition of Diabetes Awareness Month, the St. Helens Lions Club sponsored a free A1C Diabetes Testing Event on Tuesday, November 7. The Columbia Pacific Food Bank provided use of their Community Room for the half-day event, while Columbia Health Services generously agreed to administer the tests.



The A-board sign that was used and the other was taken at the event.



Kat, from Columbia Health Services, is pictured testing a participant, along with St. Helens Lions Kim Karber and Kathy Syrstad.

Co-chairs Kim Karber and Kathy Syrstad worked on advance publicity, putting up flyers created by Lion Sharon Fraser, getting the information posted on social media and providing flyers to go in every food box sent by the Food Bank in the preceding month. Lion Jim Syrstad provided an eye-catching A-board that was displayed in front of the Food Bank for two weeks prior to the event.

A total of twenty-one people were screened with one person surprised to learn they were considered pre-diabetic and several others happy to be told that their lifestyles were keeping their A1C in the targeted range.

The St. Helens Lions feel this was a successful first event and appreciate the partnership with Columbia Health Services, Columbia Pacific Food Bank and the OSU Extension Service which provided healthy recipes and information on their food preparation classes held monthly in the beautiful Food Bank kitchen facility.

*submitted by Kathy Syrstad*

## The Dalles Lions are Busy with School Screenings Again



(l-r) Lions Mike Kilkenny, Timmy Mac, Ken Onstott, PDG Kerith Vance, Ethan Wray, Bob McFadden and Tetyana Gouge.

On October 16, seven Dalles Lions vision screened all of the students at The Dalles Middle School. We had PDG Kerith Vance of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation with the Spot machines. The whole school took less than 3 hours to screen. Lions Jim Bishop, Bob McFadden, Ken Onstott, Tetyana Gouge, Lori Stiles, Ethan Wray and Timmy Mac all participated.

*submitted by Mike Kilkenny*



## LCIF Update

LCIF, the Lions Clubs International Foundation, completed their fund drive called Campaign 100, where the goal was to raise some \$300 million in 3 years to assist those in need world-wide. Lions of the world were successful, having reached over \$324 million during the program. There were a number of club awards and recognition for raising a specific amount of money. One way for individual clubs was to raise \$100 per member and become a Model Club.

Four clubs in MD36 achieved this amount: Brookings Harbor in District E, Florence-Siuslaw in District R, and in District G there were two clubs the Pendleton Lions Club and the Hood River Eye Openers Lions Club. The Hood River Eye Openers donated sufficient monies to be designated a Model Club for all three years of the program.

Currently similar programs award club donations - the Hood River Eye Openers gave an average of over \$250 per member this past year, and received a banner patch to commemorate it. Additionally, District R was recognized for a District donation of 30,000 or more in a single year.

Please donate to LCIF, let's see that more clubs in our Multiple get recognition in assisting those in need world-wide.



(l-r) MD36 LCIF Coordinator PCC Paul Zastrow from the Hood River Eye Openers and Pendleton Lions President Sherri Sievert holding their recognition awards.

*submitted by PCC Pául Zastrow, LCIF Chair*

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## Florence Siuslaw Lions Help at Coast Radio's Great Pumpkin Giveaway

The Florence Siuslaw Lions Club enjoyed a fun afternoon on October 26th, when they participated in Coast Radio's Great Pumpkin Giveaway in downtown Florence. For thirty-five years, Coast Radio and its partners have been putting on this fun event where they give away tons of free pumpkins for kids in the community. Our Lions Club had a great time cooking donated hot dogs and serving drinks. Our cuddly Lion was a big HIT onsite giving hugs and high-fives to children and adults! It was special to see the smiles on the faces of all, and our Lion enjoyed all the hugs too!



*submitted by Jan Wilbur*



## VisionEnvoy and Lake Oswego Lions at the Down Syndrome Network of Oregon's Buddy Walk

On Sunday, September 24th, the Lake Oswego Lions and the VisionEnvoy Branch arrived at the Millennium Plaza in Downtown Lake Oswego for the Annual Down Syndrome Network of Oregon ("DSNO") Buddy Walk. The goal of this advocacy event is to raise money for DSNO, while also creating a safe community for those who attend.

Our VisionEnvoy and Lions volunteers arrived at Millennium Plaza by 8:30 am and started to set up the grills to cook lunch. They worked for several hours straight, serving hundreds of meals until 1:30 pm.



Time to start cooking! VisionEnvoy and Lake Oswego Lions volunteers set everything out and go behind the grill. (l-r) Sophia Liu, Genevieve Ford, Sonia Zhang, Ophilia Lu and Ya Li Jia.



VisionEnvoy volunteers cook sausages for the event. (l-r) Lucien Lu, Linda Yu and Min Jin.



Teamwork! Dave Smith and Ophilia Lu work together to pour the sausages in.



(l-r) Ophilia Lu, Lucien Lu and Dale Rollins serve a variety of drinks while also offering cheese for the visitor's lunch.

Although it was quite rainy, our volunteers persevered and served towards a great cause. Thank you to everyone who participated!

*submitted by VisionEnvoy Club Branch member Jessie Pan*



## VisionEnvoy Lions Branch Club at the Y2K Flea Market

On Sunday, August 20th, the VisionEnvoy Lake Oswego Lions Branch Club arrived in downtown Portland to participate in the Y2K flea market as a non-profit partner. The Portland Y2K flea market is Portland's first Y2K themed market where the different vendors selling all sorts of vintage items will send shoppers back to the early 2000's.

At this market, VisionEnvoy was able to host a fundraising booth focusing on ancient Chinese fashion styles. Some of our youth volunteers dressed up in gorgeous hanfus and explained to interested shoppers the history of the piece of the cultural clothing and why it's special. At our booth we also hosted an interactive game where you could answer trivia questions about Ancient China in exchange for prizes!



Vision Envoy volunteers present information about Ancient China and hanfus to people passing by!  
(l-r) Lucy Xu, Sandy Tang and ShengYao Liu.



(l-r) Alice Young and ShengYao Liu introduce the visitors into the world of hanfus!



Alice Yang sells one of the many beautiful items on the table.

All in all, the event went smoothly. Thank you to Portland Y2K for hosting VisionEnvoy and giving us this opportunity to share Chinese culture and raise money for our cause.

*submitted by VisionEnvoy Club Branch member Jessie Pan*

## DG 36-E Pete Runnels (36-G) Sets Outline for Year and Convention Dates

“Rocking the Membership,” was the theme outlined by District G Governor Pete Runnels during his second cabinet meeting in Pendleton. Emphasizing his theme of “Be Instrumental in Service,” DG Runnels described his 36G Convention as one to be fun and involve music with a sock hop during the event in Sisters, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. DG Runnels stated “There are tons of things going on in every club he has visited.”

**DG Pete Runnels distributes goals to Cabinet members.**



DG Pete announced that he will begin a membership drive between clubs for the next four months. There will be two categories so large and small clubs have a fair chance to win. One award will be for the actual number of new members signed up and the other will be for the largest percentage gained in a club. The successful club in each category gets a free registration to the district convention.



**PCC Paul Zastrow presents award to Sherri Sievert.**

PCC Paul Zastrow stated that District G has not been good with contributions to LCIF but the district does well at collecting grants. PCC Paul indicated that we did have two of the four clubs in the Multiple District that received awards as Model Clubs. His own club, the Hood River Eye Openers, has been recognized three years for the campaign 100. To qualify, he stated, at least \$100 per member had to get credited by LCIF in the year of the award. PCC Paul then recognized Pendleton as the second club to be recognized as a Model Club, and he presented the president, Sherri Sievert, with the prestigious award.

PCC Paul also reported on the Lions Youth Exchange program, stating that host families are needed for the youth, ages 15-21. He said that the youth will be treated as family, going on trips, participating in the normal summer family activities; and as leaders we need to lead Oregon back to being active participants.

PDG Jim Stagl announced that the Crooked River Ranch Lions Club has endorsed CC Phyllis Carlin as a candidate for Lions International Director for 2025-27. A motion to support the candidacy was made by PDG Cheri Jackson, which carried unanimously with the group. Committees will be formed to advance CC Carlin’s candidacy.

Lion Ethan Wray plans to get more membership material to involve more Lions locally. He sees several past members returning and noted there are now 82 members in The Dalles Lions Club.

PDG Gerald Hopkins, District G’s Public Relations Chair, plans to send out a sheet of information on PR tips, as well as fun club activities to each club.

Cathy Schroth, Crooked River Lion’s Club President, reported “that the club had received a donation of \$5,000 from a ranch member, and recent business owner, for our Foundation. Many of the Lion’s member have visited his establishment over the last few years. He and his wife saw upfront the commitment and work the CCR Lions put into making the community special.”

DG Pete said there are opening for VDG’s, Region and Zone positions, and asked members to get the word out to all clubs.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



# Gresham Lions Supper Club 9 Pin No-Tap Annual Bowl-A-Thon



Gresham Lions Supper Club just completed its annual 9 Pin No-Tap Bowl-A-Thon which was held the last Sunday in September. It was a huge success. We made over \$13,000 which will be spent helping those in East County with eye exams, glasses, hearing service, coats for elementary students, high school scholarships and so much more. We also donated \$1,500 to the Guide Dogs for the Blind, Puppy Raisers.



Lions President Leslie Pompel & Deb Breimon.



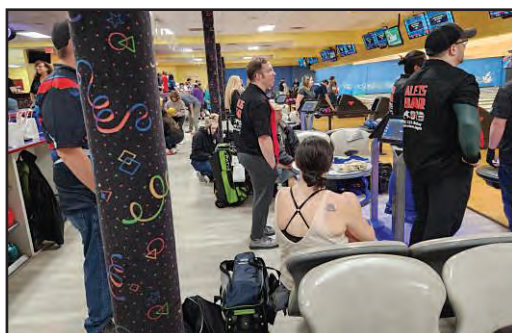
Members Leslie & Leslie with some of the raffle prizes.

This year we had great participation from the community and other Lions Clubs in the area. Not only did our club have a team participating, but we had 4 teams from the Gresham Breakfast Club, and teams from the Mt. Hood, Hollywood, Beaver Creek and King City Lions Clubs, total participation was 192 bowlers. We had 34 local businesses sponsor one or more lanes.



Some of the local sponsors.

A small sampling of the bowlers.



We were even surprised with a visit from Ed Glad, 36-O District Governor. It was a great day.

*submitted by Leslie Pompel, President  
Gresham Lions Supper Club*



Doug Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer



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Sight & Hearing  
= Foundation =



Bob Chaney  
Board Chair

## 2023

# An OLSHF Year in Review

If you're anything like us, 2023 was a blur of activity - and service - for your Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. Let's take a look at some of the highlights:

### January

To start the year, we hit the ground running by visiting a variety of Lions Clubs to update Lions on their Foundation and to recognize those Lions that partner with OLSHF to keep the promise of addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss. Clubs visited in January included: Eugene Downtown, Yachats, and Gresham Breakfast. **Has YOUR Lions Club scheduled an OLSHF presentation in 2024?** Contact Sam (Sam@olshf.org) or Doug (Doug@olshf.org) to do so!

### February

Did you know that your Foundation is **one of only 19 Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERC) in the world...** and we are the smallest! In February, the Oaks Bottom Lions Club participated in a LERC "sorting party" to help in the process of making donated used eyeglasses "mission ready". All told, **MD-36 Lions helped collect over 174,000 used eyeglasses in the past year, enabling our LERC to provide almost 20,000 pair of eyeglasses to those in need around the world.**

### March

We worked with our **2023 Partner of the Year, Verian Wedeking and the OHSU Casey Eye Institute** to provide a community outreach event in St. Helens, providing vision screenings and comprehensive eye exams for those lacking resources to see a vision professional. Those needing eyeglasses had them made at the OLSHF Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) optical finishing lab, which made 1,838 high quality, low cost eyeglasses for Oregonians in the past year.

### April

**OLSHF VP of Programs Kelly Asbra represented the Foundation and MD-36 Lions at the annual Oregon Optometrists Physicians Association (OOPA) Conference in Redmond.** A past OOPA Optician of the Year, Kelly utilizes her OOPA membership to further her vision education and to initiate and strengthen OLSHF relationships with vision professionals in Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest. OLSHF also was a featured sponsor at the annual meeting of the Oregon School Nurses Association in April, enabling OLSHF and Oregon Lions to initiate and enhance relationships with School Nurses from every part of Oregon.

### May

OLSHF's month of May was highlighted by our presence at the MD-36 State Convention in Seaside, which included the induction of the OLSHF Hall of Fame Class of 2023 which featured: (Posthumously) **Gerald Caldwell** of the Portland Lloyd Lions and **Chris Gustafson** of the McMinnville Lions; and (Living Category) **Trudy Tallman** of the Hood River Eye Openers and **Terry Bowman** of the Rockaway Lions. Nominations are now open for 2024 Hall of Fame consideration and can be sent to Doug by describing in 250 words or less why your nominee (with at least 10 years of service to OLSHF) deserves consideration.

### June

The OLSHF Board of Trustees convened for their annual retreat in Portland to review organizational goals and to receive training on communicating Foundation info to local Lions. We welcomed new Trustees to the Board, including: **Brian Sauer** (McMinnville Lions), **Judy Kauffman** (Yachats Lions), **VDG Paul Novak** (Klamath Falls), **Jeff Plummer** (Roseburg Lions), and **Judith Poage** (Hood River Lions).

### July

OLSHF was pleased to be named (for the second year in a row) **the #1 Lions school vision screening program in the United States** by Lions KidSight USA Chair Dr. Ed Cordes, who shared:

*"On behalf of all of us at Lions KidSight USA Foundation I am pleased to announce that you are the 2022-23 Project SEE CLEARLY #1 Multiple District Recognition winner. This recognition is based on the total number of children who have been reported to our database between July 1, 2022 and May 30, 2023. Thank you for leading your Multiple District in saving the sight of children with risk factors for vision impairment and improving their lives."*

### August

In partnership with **OLSHF's 2023 Provider of the Year Nick Schenfeld and Play It Again Hearing**, the Foundation held a ROARmobile hearing event in Sutherlin on August 12th, providing hearing diagnostics and new hearing aids at approximately 10% of the retail value. For the year, **our ROAR! Hearing Assistance program restored the world of sound for 178 Oregonians in need of hearing assistance.**



# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received in October thru mid-November 2023. 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](mailto:Info@OLSHF.org).

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*Please find our complete list of donors on page 20 and PRIDE members online at [www.OLSHF.org/pride](http://www.OLSHF.org/pride)*

## 2023: An OLSHF Year in Review continued

### September

We were so grateful to learn that **OLSHF was again named the #1 Best Nonprofit to Work For in Oregon** by Oregon Business Magazine. Based on employee surveys, the rankings are based on an assessment of the following organizational features: work environment; management and communications; mission and goals; career development and learning; and benefits and compensation. OLSHF was also named #1 in 2020 and 2021 and was named #2 in 2022.

### October

We are grateful to the following Lions Clubs that supported our 2023 Halloween Gala at the Sentinel Hotel in Downtown Portland that raised a record amount of support for OLSHF sight and hearing programs: **Eugene Downtown, McMinnville, Beaver Creek, Forest Grove, Klamath Falls, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Portland Bentham, Portland Legacy, St. Helens, Sutherlin Evening Branch, Sutherlin, The Dalles, and Tualatin.** 100% of proceeds from our Gala directly support OLSHF sight and hearing programs, and we appreciate all Lions that supported the Gala!

### November

Our award winning School Vision Screening (SVS) program rolled on in November, continuing our

effort to identify vision health issues for Oregon students and referring those that need them for comprehensive eye exams. A school nurse shared with us recently "The Lions vision screening program is so important for our students, Thank you for making this program available to our school district."

Through November, **SVS has provided screening events at 423 schools in Oregon, screening 112,000 students and referring 18.5% of them for comprehensive eye exams.**

### December

You are invited to **join us for the 2023 (Not The) Holiday Special** this later this month, details are available on Page 19. We'll share recent sight and hearing stories from around the Multiple District; We hope you'll join us as we wrap up an amazing 2023 and celebrate the joys of the season!

On behalf of all of the OLSHF Board and Staff, we say Thank you for partnering with and supporting your Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation in 2023 and invite you to reach out to us in 2024 as we continue to "Keep the Promise" of addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss!

**Happy Holidays!**





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## Looking Back at 2023 Event Highlights

### Lions Conventions



Hall of Fame & Lions Day at the Capital

### KTP Breakfast & Golf Tournament



KTP Days Events

### Hallowe'en Ball



## ROAR! Update with Eugene Downtown Lions & Play It Again Hearing

The Eugene Downtown Lions recently sponsored a ROAR! client to get hearing aids — the client originally believed that she would owe money for the aids, but our partner, Nick Schenfeld from Play It Again Hearing shared that the client would be completely covered for both of her hearing aids.

See the quote to the right that Lion Susan Pfanner so graciously shared with us!

### OLSHF's Provider of the Year



Play It Again Hearing  
Nick Schenfeld

*"I just called [the client]...before even saying hello, she exclaimed, 'You guys are amazing!'"*

*"Nick had contacted her, got her in for an appointment, and fit her with hearing aids. She told me she is hearing the rain on the roof, car tires hitting the water, as well as birds singing. She says she is thankful and can't express how happy she is to have new glasses and hearing aids. [She] forgot what it was like to hear all the little sounds."*

*"We are so grateful for you, Nick. Our hearing assistance was about to hit a dry spot and you have filled the gap. Thank you very much. Congratulations on being the Provider of the Year for OLSHF." — Lion Susan Pfanner*







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## OLSHF Hall of Fame Nominations



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# Hall of Fame

## Nominations

Nominations for OLSHF's Hall of Fame are open!

In 250 words or less, email [DougT@olshf.org](mailto:DougT@olshf.org)  
**your nominations for our Hall of Fame!**  
Induction ceremony will take place at the 2024  
MD-36 Lions Convention in Bandon, OR!



## Save the Date! We're inviting you to 2024 Lions Conventions!

# KTPDAYS



[olshf.org/ktpdays](http://olshf.org/ktpdays)

In 2023, we had **22 Lions Clubs** participate in OLSHF's "Keep the Promise Days" -- we helped promote special Lions Club "KTP Day" events to further spread the good work that the Oregon Lions do throughout the state!

Our goal this year is for **40 Lions Clubs** to sign up one of their club events as a "KTP Day" so we can help you promote it! Sign-ups will begin soon at [olshf.org/ktpdays](http://olshf.org/ktpdays)! Email [Sam@olshf.org](mailto:Sam@olshf.org) if you have any questions.

## You're invited to our (Not The) Holiday Special 2023!

This is *DEFINITELY* not the same ol' Holiday Special you've seen before -- welcome to our "(Not The) Holiday Special!"

Join us **virtually** for compelling stories, program updates, highlights from past holiday specials, and the long-awaited **LIONS GIFT CARD CHALLENGE RAFFLE DRAWING!**



DECEMBER 21ST @ 6PM

**Thursday, December 21st @ 6:00pm PST**

Tune in on our Facebook page!

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*Happy Holidays from your friends*  
at the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation!



# Elgin Lions Club Stays Busy!

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins



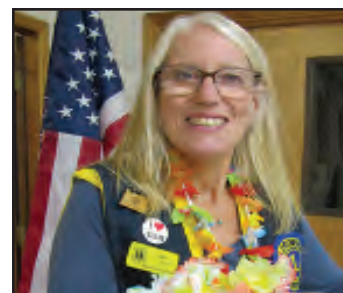
Elgin's Vice-President Bob Reiter is presenting a membership key award to Doreen Baker for the two newest members.



Head of the Elgin Food Bank, Gail Sutherland, expressed appreciation for the food collected during a Saturday session.



Many Lions continue to assist with ushering for the Opera House productions. PDG Gerald Hopkins meets with Meaghan O'Leary and Evan Leary, portraying apes, following the play of Tarzan.



At each Elgin Lions meeting, greeters meet their fellow Lions as they enter the room. Jan Keil is pictured presenting each of the members Hawaiian leis as they enter the club meeting.



Elgin Lions Provide Vision Screenings to Students from Elgin and Imbler Schools

(l-r) Lions Daryl Hawes, Ann Warren, Susie Harris, Shana Baker, and Jared Rogers.

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## The Dalles Lions Club Assists with Halloween!

The Dalles Lions Club provided crossing guards for the intersections downtown that did not have a light again this year, as we have done for many years. Everything went well and no injuries were reported.

It is very interesting to see all the costumes. We also helped at the Granada Theater for their costume contest. Lion Chuck Gomez, the owner of the Historic Granada Theater, and his wife each year put on a Halloween Costume Contest and this year The Dalles Lions Club was a Sponsor.



(l-r) Lions Tatyana Gouge, Gene Parker, Brad Durso, Ethan Wray, Rick Jones, Mark Kendrick, Jim Wilcox, Timmy Mac, Kris Harmon, Jim Bishop, Ken Onstott, Carolyn Layson, Dave Congdon, Rich Mays, Forrest Carstens, Bob McFadden, Rose Mays, Sea Scout Leader and Bill Hamilton. Not in picture, Lions Rena Hunley, Mark Fortin and Mike Kilkenny.



Granada Theater, site of the Costume Contest.



Lion Ruthie Emmett going incognito.



Lion Mike Kilkenny.



Lion Joseph Rankin.



LEO Patrick Rankin.



The Dalles City Police Chief Tom Worthy as "K-9 Cop".



## A History of the American Flag, our Country's Emblem

The history of the American flag is a story of evolution, reflecting the growth and transformation of the United States from its colonial beginnings to the diverse and powerful nation it is today. The American flag has undergone several changes in design and significance over the years. Here is a concise history of the American flag:

Before the United States declared its independence from Great Britain, various colonial flags were used. The first official flag of the American colonies was the Grand Union Flag, with 13 stripes to signify the original 13 colonies, but had the Union Jack in the canton (a blue field) and was used from 1775 to 1777 or until the Second Continental Congress. George Washington, while attending the Continental Congress in 1776, accepted command of the troops needed to succeed from British rule. Betsy Ross made flags for the Navy. According to Betsy's grandson, Washington spoke to Betsy and, from that discussion, she designed the first official American flag, keeping the 13 stripes and adding 13 6-sided stars in a circle pattern in the canton.

The American flag is rich in symbolism. The 13 stripes represent the original 13 colonies, while the stars represent each state in the Union. The red symbolizes valor and bravery, the white stands for purity and innocence, and the blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

In 1960, Alaska was admitted to the Union, and a 49th-star design was offered. Hawaii followed six months later; President Eisenhower issued an executive order establishing the 50-star flag design.

The town of **Sutherlin, Oregon**, is known as the "City of Flags," when it was initially raised, the flag flying at the I-5 exit was the largest flag flying between Mexico and Canada. The Sutherlin Lions have been honoring Sutherlin's motto and the emblem of our country since the 1980s. On every National Holiday, rain or shine, a group of Lions meet at the Den at 7:45 a.m. and load flags for attaching to poles or placed in holders throughout the town. Flags then are collected at 4 pm and brought back to the Den.



(l-r) McKenna and Paisley with their grandma Lion Carol Swesso. They love to sit in the back of a truck and wave back at folks honking their horns to indicate how they appreciate seeing the Lions service to the city.



Jon White grabbing flags to load in his truck.



Doug Brink selecting flags from over 100 flags maintained for street decoration on Federal holidays.



Beverly Wilson getting ready to deliver flags to poles.



Lisa Martin placing a flag. It's a reach even when you are tall.



Holidays flags along the streets of Sutherlin.

*submitted by Sharon Elliott*



## Elgin Lions Thank Community for their Support

A beautiful warm day was welcomed by the Lions as they thanked the community with free pie and homemade ice cream in the park. Over 30 pies were on hand, along with several gallons of ice cream were scooped up for community members by the Elgin Lions in the Clarence Witty Park.

“We want to thank the community for all they do to support our local club,” said Pat McDonald, President.



(l-r) Lions Barbara Hawes, Doreen Baker and Pat McDonald.



Eileen Larkin, Laura Parsons and Carol Shumaker enjoy pie and ice cream in a relaxed setting.



Lion James Johnston driving the Duck Train.



(l-r) Lions Sharon Baker and Risa Hallgarth serve up the treats.



(l-r) Lion Daryl Hawes, James Johnson with his sons Keniu and Khyren filled up with pie and ice cream.

## Elgin Lions Have “Quarterlies Cookies” Program

The Elgin Lions have embarked on a project of recognizing various service clubs with its “Quarterly Cookies” program. The latest recipient were the Elgin firemen. Lion Risa Hallgarth, (front center) made the cookies and presented them to the firemen of Elgin.



Risa Hallgarth (center) serves cookies to Elgin's firefighters to express appreciation for their service.

both articles submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins



## VisionEnvoy Branch Lions and Lake Oswego Lions at the Guide Dogs for the Blind Adoption Event

On Saturday, July 22nd, the Lake Oswego Lions and VisionEnvoy Club Branch arrived in Boring, OR for the annual cook-out at the Guide Dogs for the Blind Adoption Event. Guide Dogs for the Blind is a dog school where future guide dogs are trained to help families.



Let's get cooking! Vision Envoy volunteers cook onions on the stove. (l-r) Grace Wang, Kadee Liang, Melissa Mei and their grandmothers.



Lion PCC Sharon Rollins talks about the event while Vision Envoy Lions stand on stage. (l-r) Melissa Mei, Di Mei, Grace Wang, Alice Yang and PCC Sharon Rollins.



Young Vision Envoy volunteers serve pancakes. (l-r) Kadee Liang, Grace Wang & Amy Liu. Is that dog part Lion?



Melissa Mei pets one of the training dogs.



(l-r) Lions Dale & PCC Sharon Rollins serve sausages while enjoying the sunshine.

The volunteers arrived at 7:15 am and got straight to work cooking breakfast and lunch until 2:00 pm. Everyone worked together, and in the end, the event was a success! The Lions donated \$500 to Guide Dogs for the Blind and everybody had a great time in the nice weather.

submitted by VisionEnvoy Club Branch member Jessie Pan