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February is Childhood Cancer Awareness & Membership Focus: Women

Member of Klamath Falls South Suburban Lions Club Has Experience of a Lifetime



(l-r) International President of LCI Douglas Alexander and Lion Paul Novak.

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Newest Member of the Dallas Lions Can Teach Us All About Getting Things Done!



Lion Misty Vandiver picking up pet food in the rain.

Gift to Junction City Lions Club to Benefit Gales Creek Camp



(l-r) Wayne Howard, DG Lynn Coon and Lindy Moore.

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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

February

- 5 Dist R Conv., 9-4, OSU Alumni Center, 725 SW 26th St., Corvallis.
Speaker ID: Deb Weaverling from Kansas
- 12 Dist. G Cab. mtg., 10-1, Texas Bob's Steakhouse in Rufus
- 19 Dist. R Cab. mtg. 10-12:30, Junction City Senior Center
- 25 Dist. O Cab. mtg. 10-1, location TBA
- 26 Dist. O Conv., Astoria @ the Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts
Speaker ID: Dr. Diane Pitts from S Carolina
- 28 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

March

- 4 OLSHF Trustee mtg., Sunridge Inn, Baker City, 9am-12pm **or Virtual TBA**
Council of Governor's mtg., Sunridge Inn, Baker City @ 1:30pm Live/Via Zoom
- 4-5 Dist. G Conv., Sunridge Inn, Baker City
Speaker ID Larry Edwards from Pennsylvania
- 26 Dist E Conv., Yesterday's Plaza, Klamath Falls
Speaker ID Ken Ibarra from California
- 27 Dist E Cab. mtg, 9am, Klam. Falls Shilo Inn
- 28 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

EVENTS

February

- 7 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE @ 6pm
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline for March online issue

March

- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline for April issue

Directory Corrections

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- p. 44 Powers now meeting at VFW Hall, 1st and Spruce in Powers, OR
- p. 49 Bend/Sunrise remove 4th Tues., mtg. at Pappy's Pizzeria
- p. 51 Three Sisters has new President, Kathleen Davis, PO Box 916, R & C) 541.410.6831 ~dttoing6811@yahoo.com
- p. 82 Adams, Don, PCC has passed.
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ANNIVERSARIES

February 2022 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.

February

Eugene Downtown	February 20, 1924
Corvallis	February 25, 1925
Junction City	February 2, 1929
Astoria	February 16, 1942
Illinois Valley	February 27, 1948
Elkton	February 14, 1951
South Salem	February 28, 1951
Portland Bentham	February 3, 1954
Sherman County	February 26, 1964
Carlton Yamhill	February 22, 1965
King City	February 22, 1967
Klamath Falls S. Suburban	February 6, 1970
Odell	February 24, 1971
Alvadore Franklin	February 2, 1979
Beavercreek	February 12, 1981



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Conventions and Children

It is February and time to start that trek around the state to the various district conventions and yes these are all in-person conventions, Yay! As you read this you are probably getting ready to attend the District R convention in Corvallis set for Saturday, February 5, at the OSU CH2M Hill Alumni Center. That will be followed later on this month by the District O convention set for Saturday, February 26, at the Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts in Astoria.

As March rolls around District G will hold its convention set for March 4 and 5 at Sunridge Inn in Baker City. Remember that the Council of Governors meeting will be that Friday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. We will try and provide a Zoom meeting but that is not a given. At the end of the month we will wrap up the district conventions with District E's, which is set for March 26 at Yesterday's Plaza in Klamath Falls.

I am really looking forward to convention season. It's a time that is needed and looked forward to, especially now as we emerge from the shroud of the pandemic. At convention you not only have the opportunity for training but for networking with your fellow Lions and renewing friendships with Lions. I thoroughly enjoy and look forward to all the conventions because it revitalizes my Lions spirit. It rejuvenates my soul and I love to see all of the friends that I have made over the years and, yes, I look forward to seeing Vince, so I look forward to seeing all of you and having the opportunity to interact once again.

On a serious note this month is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month within Lions and I would like to offer a few items from Lions Clubs International on how we as Lions can get involved in doing something to help:

*Raise club awareness about childhood cancer by holding an educational talk with a healthcare professional or public health official at your club or district meeting or related events.

*Collaborate with a local childhood cancer hospital or support home staff to learn about the needs of their patients and families. Brainstorm ways your club can address key challenges and gaps.

*Research and develop a list of local childhood cancer organizations in your community to support future projects.

*Identify local advocacy events related to childhood cancer and explore ways to get involved.

*Identify nearby childhood cancer centers and support homes to request a wish or needs list. Conduct a drive to donate the requested items.

*Prepare healthy meals for families with children undergoing treatment. This can be done in collaboration with other community members to ensure the family receives food on a regular basis.

*Collect recyclable materials and donate the profits to a childhood cancer organization.

*Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.

*Donate financial support or gift cards to identified families in need or a nearby childhood cancer center. This could cover expenses like gasoline, parking, food, medical expenses, etc.

*Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves or blankets to donate to childhood cancer centers.

*Volunteer at a local childhood cancer organization fundraising event.

*Organize a community drive to assemble a toy library for the enjoyment of patients.

*Participate in a blood donation or bone marrow registry event to benefit cancer treatment.

These are just some beginning ways to get involved in this fight.

Finally, on a sad note. Most of you are probably already aware that at the beginning of this year we lost one of our longtime Lions and family members in the passing of PCC Don Adams. He served as District Governor for District O in 1989-90 and as Council Chair in 1996-97. He was involved with the pin trading for a number of years and was a charter member of the Gresham Breakfast Club. Our condolences go out to his wife Nancy and the family. He will certainly be missed.

Yours in Lions, CC Bob Chaney

District O - Northwest - North Coast



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Welcome to Fabulous February My Fellow Lion's

Resetting our goals and expectations:

This is the time of year when we evaluate what we've done and how it's going. Have we been providing quality service to our community? Do we need to raise more funds to provide for the basic needs of those we care for? How are those in your Club faring, have you reached out?

Goal setting can be tedious, or it can be a fun team building event. Start small like getting 1 new member or starting one new service project. We all get stuck in a rut. Well, it's time to get out your rut and onto bigger and better things in your service career. It's time to check your bait or lure to make sure there's a hook on it. Some of you are fishing hookless or not fishing at all so get your line in the water and check the hook as it's time to Catch the big one.



Two things are happening this month. First of all it's the month of love and it's time for us to show our Service from the Heart. How can your club be of better service? What can we do to serve from the Heart this month and every month? Second of all it's convention season. This is a very exciting time to reconnect with friends from other clubs as well as get new ideas and reinvigorated with enthusiasm. This year District 36-O convention will be in Astoria at the Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts, 588 16th St., on February 26th, sign up now. This is going to be an interactive event showcasing the many areas of service we provide and our mighty OLSHF. There are many areas we can better help our own foundation in all the services they provide.

It's time to move forward planning for your club's success, time to start building momentum or continuing to build for some of you, time to try new things (maybe a LEO club a Branch club or a Boy Scout troop). Has your club ever sponsored a Peace Poster or Essay? Now is the time to get it ordered and get ahold of the local school. Teachers are desperate for a positive thing to share with their classes and this could be it. Has your club helped LCIF lately? If not, why not? They are always helping us. Has your club been reporting on MyLion? If not, why not? We now have a district administrator who would be more than happy to help you report as well as any zone chair can also help.

If you're not catching fish maybe it's time to move your boat to a different part of the lake, the fish are out there we just need to be there to catch them.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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Lions here we are in February 2022 and I hope everyone has started the New Year with positive thoughts and determined to make 2022 better than 2021. I find myself reflecting on how we as a District are doing, how we as clubs are doing and how we as members are doing. We as a District are moving forward with growing our clubs. We as clubs are meeting in person for most of the clubs and we continue to provide service to our communities. We need to ask ourselves are we doing all we can for our members are doing all we can for our communities?

As I have said many times we all had a goal and reason for becoming Lions and that was serving others and making things better for the future. That is who and what we Lions are about. It's not just helping our communities but also helping our fellow Lions. I think of all of the service our Lions have provided and continue to provide.

As our International President Lion Doug Alexander has stressed from the beginning of this Lion's year "SERVICE FROM THE HEART." He stressed the importance of a community. If we all work together and support each other we can make a better life for everyone. Being a Lion is more than what we do – it's who we are. We give our service from the heart. We all have that vision to make this world a better world for all people. It all begins with us Lions in our own clubs, with our members working with our communities.

In 2021 our Lions did great things. Let's continue great things in 2022 and be guided by our hearts. Let's keep working together with our members, our clubs, our District and our communities. As International President Lion Doug has said "LET'S SHOW THE WORLD WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO HAVE A HEART OF A LION."

I want to thank each of you Lions as we continue this journey together serving all with Service From The Heart. I believe Lions Change Lives Today.

DG Lion Lynn Coon 36-R.

District E - Southern - South Coast



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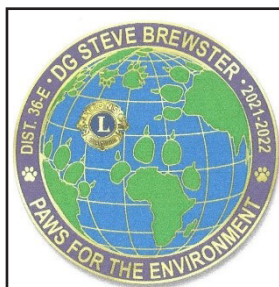
Has your club established procedures for orientating and mentoring new members into your club? Getting new members and retaining existing members needs to be a priority for club presidents and membership chairs. We need to create an environment where members, whether new or existing, are made to feel included in all aspects of the club.

WE need to get rid of the attitude “We have always done it this way and We have tried that it doesn’t work”. We need to be willing to listen and consider all options. We can no longer be the old people clubs, to grow we need to embrace new ideas, new technology, and new ways of doing things. We need to get back to respect of all Lions.

Conventions are coming up. Yes, we are planning an in-person convention this year. We hope to make this one different and more fun and engaging. Our Convention will be one day Saturday March 26th with a daytime and evening session. To include all Lions and meet covid restrictions masks will be required and because of limited venue availability it will not be handicap accessible.

For those of you I have not visited I hope to see you soon.

Stephen Brewster, DG-36E



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District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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Convention time is very near. Please support your District Governor by going to your district’s convention. We need you there. Some of the things you can learn would be: solving difficult situations, getting new ideas for new projects, new friendships, and just plain having some fun. Come enjoy and learn.

I’m so happy to see New Members, at the club meetings I’ve gone to. At a visitation yesterday, while enjoying our meal, a young man walked in and asked if this was the Lions Club. After assuring him that it was he said he wanted to join so he could help serve the community. No one had asked him -- he just knew about what Lions do. I know it’s not always that easy, but sometimes it is.

Be thinking of ways to invite new possible members. Remember being seen in public doing needed services, wearing our vests is a big plus for encouraging new members. Our opportunities are many if we remember who we are and what we do.

I also want to mention that it is not just about how much money you can raise -- it’s also how we help with the needs of the community. We should also consider helping each other. After all we are not in competition with each other. We all have the same goals, which is SERVICE.

Please keep in mind to ask someone to join, and to serve, .. how easy is that.

District Governor Kathy Oliver

The Importance of Leo Clubs

I began my volunteerism adventure when I bought my first vehicle, a 1972 Jeep CJ5. A co-worker at the time suggested that I join the Washoe County Jeep Squadron/Civil Air Patrol Search & Rescue. Through that association I was introduced to Easter Seals as a coordinator for their annual River Raft Race. The squadron provided water rescue, first aid and property security along the 3 mile stretch of the Truckee River located in Reno, Nevada. As a result of working with Easter Seals I was introduced to a young men's organization, the Reno Junior Chamber of Commerce, commonly referred to as the "Jaycees". I was Nevada State Junior Chamber of Commerce President in 1994-95. I have noticed that some Oregon Lions members were also associated with the "Jaycees" in past years. Another group of young men who helped out Easter Seals were the Active 20-30 Club. Both of these organizations taught young adult leadership through volunteerism.

I reference these two organizations because in their heyday the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce numbered over 350,000 members in 1976 and there were additional members and Chapters located throughout the world just like Lions Club International. As of 2020, the U.S. Jaycee numbers have dwindled down to 12,000 (400 Chapters in U.S. and down from 32,000 members in 2008) with some states no longer having a "Jaycee" presence. As for the Active 20-30 Clubs, their membership has decreased to 700 (2021). I always thought that Active 20-30 Clubs was nationwide but when I contacted their headquarters in Sacramento, CA, I was informed that their membership peaked at 2,200 and that their representation was limited to California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Western Canada.

Leos get things done



7,200+
clubs worldwide



140,000+
Leos



150+
countries and territories



30,000
service projects 2019-20

The decrease of charitable organization membership continues especially with the advent of COVID-19. In fact, many people refer to it as "bowling alone," after Robert D. Putnam's bestselling book by that name in 2000. But not all older civic organizations have had the same experience: for example, Lions Club International, founded 1917, has 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs in almost every country in the world, and about 300 staff members. And Leos Clubs number 177,000+ members, 7100+ clubs in 147 countries according to 2019 statistics. Leos Clubs are also growing at the rate of 10.5% per year.

So it is important that as Lions Club members that we continue to support the Leos program which gives YOUNG ADULTS the opportunity to develop leadership skills through community action projects. Especially, as it is one of the last remaining institutions in order to accomplish this goal and task! <https://nonprofitsectornews.org/2020/06/26/once-a-booming-organization-jaycees-struggling-as-membership-continues-to-fade/>

submitted by Lion Dale Howard – Springfield Lions Club Publicist

McMinnville Lions Do Big Things

The McMinnville Lions is not the biggest Club in the multiple district but they get a lot done with their forty some members. With 31 men and 9 women, this Club meets weekly on Wednesday at noon. Lion Dr. Scott Gibson arranges for weekly speakers on a wide range of topics.

This article is about their fundraisers, sight and hearing committee, and medical devices program which help many people and charitable organizations in their area. The Club's main fundraisers are their Christmas tree sales in winter; their two spring and summer events; a plant sale in April; and a community breakfast and car show in June. Long-time Lion **Bill Nourse** (since 1963) has been the committee chair for the tree event for several decades. Lion **Todd Caster** takes care of the procurement and purchasing of the trees and Lion **Dave Williams** does the money deposits and keeps track of the sales. Incidentally, Bill has recruited 27 new club members in that time. To help with this tree event, the Club asks the local high school wrestling team to assist and muscle the heavy Christmas trees. It has been a great partnership with both sides gaining an appreciation for each other. We now make a donation to the high school wrestling team for the many hours those students put into this valuable fundraiser.



Lions Club member **Penny Smith** has chaired their sight and hearing committee for the last 16 years. With \$10,000 from the Club's budget, this committee helps about 57 people with glasses a year with free eye exams, eyeglasses and 9 with hearing aids. They partner with McMinnville Eye clinic and Jerrys Optical shop and Give a Little Foundation a local organization to help get as many people served as we can. They also test students in 6 local grade schools, this year over 1,700.

The Club's Medical Devices Program helps hundreds of people a month. That's right – every month. It was started in about 1970 by club member Jerry Wolf at Jerry's Optical in McMinnville. Current Club President **Brian Sauer** took over the program in 2017. Some of the items available are hospital beds, wheelchairs, oxygen generators, IV and transfer poles, canes, crutches, CPAP machines, and many more devices and supplies. They receive and share these used or new items from different places. Some are from retirement and rehab care homes in McMinnville, Lincoln City, Newberg, Salem, Tualatin and Wilsonville. Also 38 home health care providers and individuals give and receive things for this program.



Lion Brian and Judy Sauer work with MacHub to bring medical devices to those in need.

Their storage room is at Hope on the Hill (the old Chemeketa College building) and is provided free of any rental fees. The Church on the Hill through their Hope on the Hill organization does not charge any rent. We are co-located with a clothing pantry, food pantry, and firewood repository that provides these items to those in need.

Now, here are some numbers to keep in mind: In the last 12 months the McMinnville Lions Medical Devices Program had 2,203 pieces of equipment loaned out to people to the value of \$161,000. They helped a little over 2,000 people - almost 200 people a month. All at no cost to the recipients. If you have equipment to donate or a need, please contact Brian at 503-550-2980.

The McMinnville Lions also provide 12 scholarships to local seniors to use for tuition assistance.

submitted by Lion Brian Sauer and PDG Bert Diamond

Honoring Our History: Dr. Emanuel Tanne



“It's hard to understand when you don't have useful vision or poorer affected vision, what it's like to have real vision that you can drive a car or accomplish things that you thought you could never do. I was amazed how just doing one eye in a person who had no vision in either eye was enough to change them dramatically. They began to go to school, they looked at higher education, they often achieved higher job levels - and indeed became sort of a change personality from a little piece of corneal tissue.” ~ Dr. Emanuel Tanne

With all the advances that have made in eye banking over the many years, the challenge of tissue recovery remains much as it did in the beginning. It is part of what makes the eye banking field so special. Above is a quote from a new video we just released featuring Lions VisionGift's founding Medical Director, Dr. Emanuel Tanne, talking about the beginning of the eye bank. Dr. Tanne still serves on Lions VisionGift's Board of Directors after retiring from practice in the late 1990s. Please take a moment to visit one of our social media channels to hear his story and then think about how far we have come.

Things have changed a bit since the early days, but the end result is the transformation from darkness to light that eye donation provides. For those in need of a transplant or research for a binding eye disease, Lions VisionGift's mission unlocks hope for the future. That has not changed.

Visit our YouTube channel or Facebook to watch the video

submitted by Matt Webber



DISTRICT 36E ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Yesterday's Plaza, 125 N. 9th St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601

March 26, 2022

Paws For the Environment with District Governor Steve Brewster

ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER BY MARCH 18, 2022

Check category that applies: { } Lion { } Leo { } 1ST Timer { } Guest

Name (to appear on badge): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail _____

Phone: _____ Club: _____

Current Lions office held: _____

Convention Price: **\$75.00 No Refunds**

Price includes registration, Saturday lunch and Saturday informal banquet.

Make Checks Payable to: District 36E Convention

Mail registration to: Klamath Falls Lions, P.O. Box 305, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

BASKETS: is your club providing a basket for auction { } Yes { } No

SILENT AUCTION: is your club providing an item for silent auction { } Yes { } No

Masks Are Required

Venue Is Not Handicap Accessible

Direct questions to Steve Brewster at 541-591-6483, or email sbrews6140@gmail.com

Nearby motels: Fairfield Inn, 460 Timber Mill Dr., Klamath Falls, OR 97601, 541-205-4800

Maverick Motel, 1212 Main St., Klamath Falls, Or 97601, 541-882-6688

The Dalles Lions Ring Bells

On Saturday, December 18, The Dalles Lions Club manned the Kettles for the Salvation Army. We all had a good day raising money for the local Salvation Army to help others in need. Each year The Dalles Lions rings bells for the Salvation Army and there is a competition between Service Clubs.



(l-r) Tom Peachy and Lions Travis Nelson and Jim Wilcox.



(l-r) Potential member Jaclyn LaForte with Lion Tony Howe.



(l-r) Lions Dick Lafever and Ross Cain.



(l-r) Lions Ethan Wray and Bill Hamilton.



(l-r) Lions Marv Elsberry and Mark Fortin.

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For the Salvation Army

For many years The Dalles Lions has won this competition and had our name on the trophy but last year the Kiwanis wrote a lot of checks and beat us. This year we were determined to get the trophy back to its rightful place. A good day was had by all and I hope that we brightened someone's day!



(l-r) Lions Mike Kilkeny and Ken Onstott.



Lion Al ("Who?") Wynn.
An inside joke for the Club is that whenever anyone says someone's name and doesn't say Lion before stating the name, Lion Al Wynn always says "Who?"



(l-r) Lion Linda Elsberry.



(l-r) Lions Tony Howe and Forrest Carsten.



Lion Rick Wolf and spouse.



(l-r) Lions Mike Kilkeny and Jim Winterbottom.

Spotlight on a Few Clubs

2 of the 3 clubs spotlighted this month were chartered in 1950: Yachats and Mapleton -- Salem South Lions was chartered in 1951. The club meetings for these clubs have been modified for health reasons but the clubs have remained active in their communities.

Yachats Lions Club -- the Gem of the Community

The town of Yachats is known as the GEM of the Oregon Coast, and the Yachats Lions Club is known as the GEM of the town. Club members pride themselves on being part of the community. Their thrift store has become a center for raising money to help others in the community and for letting the town members and tourists know about Lions and their club. They have inducted over 9 new members in the last month.

Giving to their community and helping others is their Clubs' goal. Each year they give \$1500 grants to 12 or more community groups, a \$1000 scholarship, and \$6000 to the OLSHF. They have also provided 4 ocean front benches.

When you visit Yachats don't forget to visit their thrift store and maybe make plans for their annual crab feed in January.



The Yachats Thrift Store.

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in District R

Mapleton Lions Club -- Meeting Community Needs

The Mapleton Lions Club members pride themselves on being strong giving community members. For you history buffs the Mapleton Lions built the first Lions community swimming pool in the 1970s and have not quit giving to the community since then. Their community projects include having a community breakfast for the last 50 years, an annual Easter egg hunt, maintaining the local cemetery grounds, donating to the community food share, giving \$5000 in grants to community groups, giving scholarships, putting up the memorial day flags, and screening ALL the children in the local K-12 school with the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

For the last 71 years the Mapleton Lions Club has meet their goal of MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS.

Salem South Lions Club – Going Strong

The Salem South Lions Club has 20 active members. Their longest Lion member has been a Lion since 1971, a Lion for 51 years, amazing. The South Salem Club continues to help their community during our unique last 2 years. According to the Club President, Lion Sharene Nolan, Club members are still out doing projects like Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, working with the local food bank, screening kids with the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation in the local schools, helping sort Toys for Toys for Joy, and still helping the local women’s shelter. Along with all their activities they are still adding new members to their Club.



Salem South has DG Lynn Coon (r) awarding achievement awards to two special Salem South Lions: Bruce Schnieber and Jane Morris.



Salem South has DG Lynn Coon (r) installing Kim Pinkerton as 1st VP.

submitted by PCC Rod Bach

District 36-G Convention

“Look to the Future”

Kathy Oliver, District Governor

March 4 & 5, 2022

Baker City, Oregon

Sunridge Bar & Grill Convention Center -1 Sunridge Lane, Baker City

Host Motel Reservations Currently a Quality Inn changing to Best Western on March 2, 2022. Please contact Soham (915) 352-9323 for reservations referencing Lions Convention.

soham@finehospitality.com

Please fill out a separate form for each person attending. Register before February 25th.

Please Print Legibly

Lion Lioness Leo Convention 1st Timer Guest

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Badge Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Club _____ District _____ Current Office _____

Hospitality Book \$85.00 includes Friday Buffet, Saturday Lunch Buffet, Saturday Night Dinner & Registration.

\$15.00 Registration Only

\$15.00 Saturday Lunch Buffet

\$25.00 Friday Night Buffet Dinner

\$30.00 Saturday Dinner **Prime Rib** or **Salmon**

Special Dietary needs will be met for all meals. Please note on form. Thank you.

Mail completed form with fee to Janet Stafford, 1931 Clifford St. Baker City, OR 97814

Contact info (541) 437-1453 email jlstaff@eoni.com

Checks made out to Lions 36G Convention

Member of Klamath Falls South Suburban Lions Club Has Experience of a Lifetime

I had the experience of a lifetime recently at the Rose Festival. The highlight of my trip was meeting the International President of Lions Club International -- Douglas Alexander from New York. I was a representative of our Club and helped put flowers on the floats for the parade. It was an honor to meet ID President Douglas. And to later see the Lions float with the International President on it.



(l-r) International President of LCI Douglas Alexander and Lion Paul Novak.



Lion Paul Novak in front of the Lion's float.



Lion float that was in the Rose Festival.
submitted by Paul Novak, Secretary/Treasurer



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Sight & Hearing
= Foundation =



Phyllis Carlin
Board Chair

Congratulations to MD-36 Lions!!!



Doug Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



Those familiar with Lions vision screening beyond Oregon and Multiple District 36 are aware that Lions Clubs International has formed the Lions KidSight USA Foundation for the purpose of bringing Lions Clubs across our country together to ensure our children receive eye screenings and follow up care when needed.

Dr. Ed Cordes, O.D., the Chair of Lions KidSight USA recently announced the results of the Lions KidSight USA Foundation - Project SEE CLEARLY 2021 - Plusoptix Top Ten Multiple District Awards:

Congratulations to the following Multiple Districts, these results are from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. GREAT WORK Lions. You have made a huge difference in the lives of many children:

Multiple District	# of Students Screened
1. MD-36 (Oregon and No. Cal)	88,217
2. MD-25 (Indiana)	49,970
3. MD-21 (Arizona)	38,544
4. MD-27 (Wisconsin)	37,509
5. MD-24 (Virginia)	37,355
6. MD-26 (Missouri)	28,186
7. MD-9 (Iowa)	25,743
8. MD-2 (Texas)	23,145
9. MD-37 (Montana)	20,894
10. MD-6 (Colorado)	19,842

School Vision Screening (SVS) Update for 2021-22

As we continue to pursue our “2020 Vision” of one day all Oregon students K through 8th grade receiving annual vision screenings, we do so in a safe and responsible manner. Due to the increase of COVID-19 cases throughout Oregon in January, many of our school vision screening events have been moved back to March and April, and we do expect to screen in the neighborhood of 150,000 Oregon students during this 2021-22 school year.

What’s YOUR Resolution?

Last month in this space and during our OLSHF Happy Hour last month we shared the sight and hearing-related New Year’s Resolutions of our own and invited other Lions to consider a commitment to support OLSHF sight and hearing programs in some way.

We also encourage EVERYONE to schedule and receive a comprehensive eye exam this year. As Lions most of us are aware that even if we have “perfect” vision there are age-related issues that can develop and lead to problems if not detected at an early stage. Please join us by scheduling your appointment today!

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Lions KidSight USA Chair Dr. Ed Cordes says, "I am proud to announce the Lions KidSight USA Foundation Project SEE CLEARLY 2021 Top Ten Multiple District Awards!"

Multiple District and # of Students Screened from July-December 2021

1. Oregon & No. California (MD-36 - 88,217)
2. Indiana (MD-25 - 49,970)
3. Arizona (MD-21 - 38,544)
4. Wisconsin (MD-27 - 37,509)
5. Virginia (MD-24 - 37,355)
6. Missouri (MD-26 - 28,186)
7. Iowa (MD-9 - 25,743)
8. Texas (MD-2 - 23,145)
9. Montana (MD-37 - 20,894)
10. Colorado (MD-6 - 19,842)



Thank you to our amazing School Vision Screening Staff members, all MD-36 Lions that volunteer at Oregon School Vision Screening events, and to all of our Oregon school partners that helped to make this recognition possible...Congratulations to MD-36 Lions!!!

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO OUR HOLIDAY SPECIAL SPONSORS!



91,755 students screened at 405 events so far!
 14,212 students referred (15.5%)

Sutherlin student reaps the benefits of school vision screenings

A young boy, "Sam", in the **Sutherlin School District** suffered with **low retention, memory and socialization skills**. He and his classmates had received screenings last year. After a Family Liaison staff member remarked that this young student received a referral on his vision screening, the teacher realized the crux of Sam's problem - **he sat in the back of the classroom and couldn't see the lessons or the nonverbal signs from the teacher**. On the playground he couldn't see nonverbal cues, recognize facial expressions or participate in activities fully, so he isolated further.

Soon Sam's family brought him to the doctor for an eye exam and new eyeglasses. **Lion Steve Tronnes** of the SVS team recently returned to this school for screenings and a school counselor shared that **Sam, promoted with his class, is now achieving at grade level**. She further stated that the vision screening & resulting **follow up care saved Sam "potential harm to his self-esteem, his academic abilities, and his social and emotional development."** The Family Liaison staff said that for some students SVS can be a life changer: **"We cannot thank you enough for providing this service to our school children."**



Students being screened at Hugh Hartman Elementary, November 29th, 2021. Photo credit: Phyllis Carlin

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Watch your small monthly gifts have a big yearly impact.
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Your monthly gift	Your yearly impact
\$5	Provide a pair of glasses to an Oregonian in need
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\$30	Cover the cost of ABO-NCLE certification for two LEAP interns
\$40	Provide screenings for one entire elementary school
\$80	Provide one treatment or surgery through our Patient Care Program
\$100	Cover the cost of 30+ low vision aids for children through our Low Vision Clinic

The amounts listed above are **suggestions**, but you are welcome to pledge any monthly amount that you like. To increase your existing PRIDE donation, please contact Nick@OLSHF.org.

The East Albany Lions Club was Busy in December



River Dale Wright enjoying his gift!

The East Albany Lions King Lion Steve Reinhart, members Neil Johnson and Dick Newkirk were some of the members who helped at Christmas Storybook Land. Storybook Land saw over 18,000 people attending and donated over 13,000 non-perishable food items for Fish of Albany food pantry to distribute to community members.



Lions Jerry Shipman, Zachary Wright and Daniel Ortiz helping with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

The East Albany Lions Holiday Dinner Auction was full of Fun and Fellowship. One high bidder was River Dale Wright. He LOVED the books he got. River's Mom (Jadie, District R's Cabinet Secretary), Grandma and Great Grandma are all 3 generations of Lions members. Looks like he might be going for Fourth Generation. ROAR! The Auction brought in \$1,770.00 to go for sight and hearing. ROAR!



King Lion Steve Reinhart, Neil Johnson and Dick Newkirk were a few of the Lions who helped at Christmas Storybook Land.

The East Albany Lions also helped with Salvation Army Bell Ringing to bring \$620.80 in for the day. So much fun with the public going about their holiday shopping.

submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair

Newest Member of the Dallas Lions Club Can Teach Us All Something About Getting Things Done!

Back in the fall somebody in the Dallas Lions Club suggested that we do a food drive. Everyone said great. The grocery store said no.

Our newest member, Misty Vandiver, who had been in the Club about a month, suggested a food drive for pets. Nobody thinks about them. She said she would check with the food bank and the feed store and see what we could do.

At our next meeting, she tells us that the drive is underway, there is a barrel at the feed store and the food bank is excited because they are always in need. This has pretty much been a Misty project: It was her idea; she put it together; and she has collected the feed and taken it to the food bank. So far she, and the Club, have collected about 450 pounds of dog and cat food.

There are a couple of morals to this story. First, if one plan doesn't work then get a new plan. Second, and most important, the newest member can have a really good idea and point the club in a new direction.



**Lion Misty Vandiver picking up
pet food in the rain.**

*submitted by PDG, John Hamstreet
President of the Dallas Lions Club*

Gift to Junction City Lions Club to Benefit Gales Creek Camp

Wayne Howard and Lindy Moore belonged to the former Eugene Cascade Lions Club. They presented a check for \$5,000.00 to the Junction City Lions Club to be used in sending kids to Gales Creek camp for kids with Diabetes.



**(l-r) Wayne Howard, DG Lynn Coon
and Lindy Moore.**

submitted by DG Lynn Coon

Elgin Lions Pick Family for Shopping

The Elgin Lions held their annual “Shopping for a Deserving Family” program. With the support of a Wal-Mart donation, Logan Sandifer and younger brother JW picked out clothing and toys for the Christmas season.



JW, Kim Sieber, Lion Darlene Garver, Lion PDG Gerald Hopkins and Logan Sanifer push their cart of Christmas gifts.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

It Is Not a Scrooge Christmas

The Elgin Lions ushered at the Elgin Opera House during the month of December. But it was anything of a Scrooge Christmas season for the Elgin Lions. The Lions not only ushered at the Opera House, but took a deserving family Christmas shopping, purchased 25 turkeys for the Christmas food boxes for the needy, gave out additional prizes at the LION BINGO including a Christmas ham, and purchased glasses for an individual in need. Members generously gave items they made at home, with the generous group purchasing all the items through an auction to raise over \$1,700 for the Club.



(l-r) Lion Mark Johnston, Henry Sadner (Little Scrooge), Kevin Cahill (Scrooge), Sam Shown (Young Scrooge), Lions PDG Gerald Hopkins and Jan Keil.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Klamath Falls Lion With the Heart of a Lion

Klamath Falls Lions Club Member James Mathers exceeds limitations to become a valued member of the Club and community. James is also instrumental in gathering a large quantity of donations for the local women's shelter.



Lion James Mathers wearing a sweatshirt presented to him by the local taxi company at their annual Christmas party.

submitted by DG Stephen Brewster

La Pine Lions Club Assist When Disasters Occur

The La Pine Lions Club presented a check to Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, who lost their home and all of their belongings in the Darlene Fire disaster this past summer. The La Pine Lions served meals to displaced evacuees at the evacuation center as soon as they learned the community needed their services.



(l-r) Lion President Joe Foran, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker (center) and Lion Patricia Williams.

When new disasters arise, the La Pine Club will be on hand to deliver assistance. The Club is working on plans to refine their disaster response, including working with local officials and organizations, a disaster response vehicle, emergency supplies and more.

*submitted by Cathy Foran
Marketing/Communication Chair, La Pine Lions*

Lions Help with Food Drives and Food Pantries

The Dalles Lions Club Helps Sort Food for Everyone Loves a Fire Fighter (ELFF) Food Drive

Last night The Dalles Lions Club helped sort food for the annual Everyone Loves a Fire Fighter (ELFF) food drive. This annual event has been going on for many years and this year's event was a little different as it was only one night. We had many Lions members in addition to a large contingent of Leos. We also had some young people there helping that just wanted to help sort, which was great to see. Next up for the Dalles Lions will be Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army on December 18, 2021.



(l-r) Lions Jim Wilcox, youth volunteer (future LEO), Kate Mast, Forrest Carsten and Jim Bishop, sorting food.

submitted by Mike Kilkenny

Florence-Siuslaw Lions Sponsor Neighborhood Food Pantry

Florence-Siuslaw Lions have partnered with the Burrito Brigade to place a neighborhood food pantry in an over-55 neighborhood in Florence. The pantry is located on Lion Patty Harrison's property, and she monitors the contents and adds and removes items as needed. "Perishable food items can be a problem because of neighborhood bears," stated Lion Patty. "They were not the intended community we were hoping to attract." The pantry is for persons affected by food insufficiency.



Lion Patty Harrison and a neighbor.



The Burrito Brigade provided the brightly colored wooden pantry and local Lions contribute nonperishable food items. Neighborhood residents also are encouraged to participate. There is no charge for taking anything. It is strictly a "take-what-you-need and leave-what-you-can" project, according to Lion Patty. It has been a resounding success with the pantry filled to capacity most days.

submitted by PDG Linda Stent