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Crooked River Ranch Lions Assist in Bringing Joy to Residents of Area Care Centers



The stocking stuffers: Pictured front row (l-4): Carole Stagl and Julia Randall. Pictured back row (l-r): Carol MacDougall, Cathy Schroth, Linda Bengtson, Ben Johnson, CC Phyllis Carlin and Pati Bengtson.

East Albany Lions Club Holds Annual Holiday Dinner and Auction



The East Albany Lions enjoying the evening and the Holiday Party.

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Elgin Lions Emerge Themselves in Christmas Activities



(l-r) PDG Gerald Hopkins, Shana Baker, Sharon Freeman, Patience, Jaxon, Shelby and Cat Elliott.

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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

February

- 2 OLSHF Trustee mtg. 9am-noon, Holiday Inn Express, 919 Kruse Way, Springfield Council of Governor mtg. 1pm-3pm, Holiday Inn Express, 919 Kruse Way, Spfd
- 3 District R Convention, Holiday Inn Express 919 Kruse Way, Springfield
- 10 Dist. G Cab mtg., Virtual, 10am-noon
- 26 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

March

- 1-2 District O Cab mtg. 2-4pm, Church on the Hill, 700 NW Hill Rd., McMinnville District O Convention, Church on the Hill, 700 NW Hill Rd., McMinnville
- 16 Dist R Cab mtg. 9am-12, Spfd. Justice Cntr., 230 4th Str., Springfield, OR
- 22 Dist E Cab mtg. 1:30pm, Bandon, info TBA (Zoom option will be offered.)
- 22-23 District E Convention, details TBA
- 25 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

EVENTS

February

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



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ANNIVERSARIES

February 2024 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

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
Eugene Bethel	February 23, 1955
Carlton Yamhill	February 22, 1965
King City	February 22, 1967
Odell	February 24, 1971
Alvadore-Franklin	February 27, 1979
Beavercreek	February 12, 1981
Gresham Supper	February 7, 1989

March

Cottage Grove	March 13, 1924
Salem West	March 4, 1942
Burns	March 27, 1942
Rogue Valley	March 16, 1948
Myrtle Creek	March 18, 1948
Riddle	March 23, 1948
Canyonville	March 24, 1948
Mapleton	March 29, 1950
Portland Lloyd	March 3, 1960
Tualatin	March 6, 1973
Silver Lake	March 6, 1975
Applegate	March 26, 1975
Portland Metro	March 2, 1992
Portland Oaks Bottom	March 27, 2003
Arlington	March 5, 2010

Directory Updates

- p. 30 Portland Hollywood Club now meeting on the 1 and 3, Tues., same place, correct address is 4733 NE Thompson, Ptlid, OR
 Portland Metro Club President is David Kang 10700 SW Beaverton, Hillsdale Hwy 200-9, Beaverton, OR 97005 ~farmers024@gmail.com
- p. 44 Jacksonville club is now Rogue Valley

Council Chair News



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On Christmas Eve I was “chomping at the bit”. I could hardly wait to get to the movie theater to watch *The Boys in the Boat*, the story of the 1936 University of Washington crew team who defied all odds and won Olympic gold in the 1936 Olympics or “Hitler’s Olympics” as they were known. Set in the heart of the great depression, it is a story of resilience, determination, overcoming adversity and most importantly, the power of teamwork. This hardscrabble group of young men defied all odds in their momentous win.

This story probably appeals to me so much because of my background. As a former teacher, coach and high school administrator for the Department of Defense Schools in Europe, in retrospect, I feel I had the most influence in my role as coach. I am still in touch with these “kids” who are now in their 40’s and 50’s. And through the miracles of modern technology, I’ve gotten to see them pursue professional ambitions, fall in love, raise their families and lead wonderful, productive lives. And when they talk about their high school athletic experiences, what it meant to them and what they gleaned from these experiences that they carried into their adult lives, I am filled with joy.

As Lions, we are very much a team. And while we are striving to serve, not to win a game, a match or a race, many components of teamwork come into play. As an individual who wishes to serve, what can I accomplish? Certainly some things, but when you join with like-minded people this effort becomes compounded and service greatly increased. Yet there are challenges for all teams or groups. As Lions we aren’t all alike. We don’t think the same, don’t feel the same, we don’t act the same; we are not clones of each other. So how do we perform as a well-oiled team as we channel our common desire to serve?

Going back to *The Boys in the Boat*, I recently read an article by Rick Ezell entitled “12 Lessons from the Boys in the Boat”, and I encourage you to read the article in its entirety. I share three points that especially hit home with me and I quote:

- Races are not won by clones. They are won by crews with a careful balanced blend of both

physical abilities and personality types, of ego and humility. They must adjust to the needs and capabilities of the other.

- No stars. Great oarsmen and oarswomen possess enormous self-confidence, strong egos, titanic will power, and aren’t immune to frustration. And yet at the same time – and this is key – they have no stars. The team effort is all that matters. Not the individual, not the self.
- Working together as one. It isn’t enough for the muscles of a crew to work in unison; their hearts and minds must also be as one. The losing of self entirely to the cooperative effort of the crew as whole.

Our current president, Dr. Patti Hill also understands the importance of teamwork. Through her presidential theme “Changing the World” Hill believes that when we change our communities we change the world one step at a time. Well aware that change happens gradually, not at once, Hill states that, “change happens through many small choices and with every act of kindness that is given to someone else.” It is Hill’s belief that through teamwork we can effect this desired change. Working collaboratively with community leaders, other service organizations and each other, we are better able to help solve the problems facing our communities.

I will close with my own feelings on teamwork. It is through teamwork what we develop collegial relationships, form friendships and have lots of fun. Never underestimate the importance of fun in keeping your club healthy, strong and thriving.

And speaking of fun, here comes convention season. Not only will there be informative sessions, our conventions offer great opportunities for networking and renewing friendships with Lions from around your district and the state. The exchange of information that takes place at convention, be it through session attendance or through the informal exchange with your fellow Lions, can be invaluable. So mark your calendars. Our convention season begins with District R on February 3rd in Springfield and ends with the State Convention in Bandon on May 16 and 17 with Districts O, E and G following between. And remember, it’s our MD36 centennial convention and it’s going to be a special one. Hope to see you there!

Club Officer Reporting Form (aka Form PU101)

Due to LCI by May 15, 2024

**Please prioritize getting this completed
and submitted to LCI as is critical for MD36
annual directory to be completed**

District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column
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Planning a party

I am better at going to a party than I am at planning a party. Trying to figure out the details and put them in order is really a stretch for my little mind. Give me an invitation I'll show up. Give me a task I'll do my best.

For the past few months, I have been working with the Convention Planning Committee with a great and knowledgeable, experienced crew. We are going to have a convention! This will be on March 1-2 at the Church on the Hill in McMinnville. The intricacies about this event could only be done well with a committee. Convention planning requires a finesse and my dear hammer doesn't make finesse quite like the math does. PCC Joyce Anderson, PDG Bert Diamond and PCC Sharon Rollins have graciously shared their experience and expertise. 2VDG Brian Sauer with a patient and cool determination has done the amazing background and leg work throughout McMinnville. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and everyone will have a chance to visit this beautiful town and all it has to offer. If you are a "foodie", a music lover or a shopping expert you will find McMinnville a wonderful place to be.

Tom Hammond, Jim Vincent and Raema Manning just do their jobs as if it was second nature. And the McMinnville Club's knowledge of the town and the businesses there are just superb. It is no wonder the Lions name is so well known throughout the community. This is going to be a good time and I hope every one of our clubs will be represented to share with each other what the priorities are for next year and what District-O is doing right.

Our speakers including OLSHF, International Director Lee Vriese, and Local 'hometown boy done good' Nick Kristof; will, I hope inspire us all to continue to do what we do best – **Being Knights for the visually and hearing impaired**. Encourage each other to come, especially the newest members. Our efforts this year, I hope, will have positioned us to see a good deal of growth with the new cabinet that you will be electing. And our new members will be so critically important in the continued rebuilding of District 36-O.

See you In McMinnville.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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Fellow Lions as we are in our eighth month of our Lions year, I thought it was a good time to reiterate International President Patti Hills Theme Changing the World. There is an old saying – It's the journey, not the destination. Changing the world is a journey. There is no middle and no end. There is, however, a beginning. Over my years of serving as a Lion I have found the following to be true: (1) Lions have Heart; (2) Lions are amazing people doing amazing things to help other people; (3) Lions are people who love service; (4) Lions are people who show and perform acts of kindness; (5) Lions love to have fun; (6) Lions are the best volunteers I know; (7) Lions change lives today and forever; and (8) Lions make a real difference that individuals see and feel.

Lion Patti said that with every small act of service Lions contribute one step towards change. It's up to each of us to simply begin. In fact, fellow Lions, we are all changing the world with every decision we make. I once heard this, and it stuck with me in my everyday life. (To make a difference in someone's life you do not have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.)

If we strive to be positive in our lives and strive to bring positive to others we are putting good into the world. We Lions have been doing our part for 106 years. Every project, every donation, every eye screening, every pair of glasses, every hearing aid, every flag for first graders, every food bank we support. We are making a difference. This is because we care.

Last year Lions & Leos served over 539 million people through 1.5 million service activities around the world. You, my fellow Lions, were part of that because you cared.

As we continue forward, we have great things going on in our District. Our reporting has gone up to 82%. That's 28 of our clubs now reporting. Thank you to all! We continue working with other clubs to help with their service reporting. Thanks to our GLT Lion Fran putting together our second officer training. We had a very successful training session with dedicated Lions showing a passion for Lions and serving their clubs. Our membership isn't where we would like it to be, but we feel if you just ASK, we can see growth this Lions year. When you read this we will have had our 36-R convention with International Director Lion JoAnne Ogden. My next article will be reporting on the convention and other great things happening in 36-R. Again, I want to thank each of the Lions of 36-R for the service you provide to your community. We make a difference. It's because we care. DG Lion Lynn SERVICE FROM THE HEART. I firmly believe that when we Lions serve from our hearts, we go beyond making a difference in our communities. We are in fact CHANGING THE WORLD.

DG Lion Lynn Coon 36-R

District E - Southern - South Coast



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It's convention time again. You might wonder why do I want to attend a Lions Convention? I only care about what is going on in my local club. I don't care about what Lions outside of my town are doing. It is easy to get into the mindset that we are doing great by ourselves. We don't need anyone else.

Lions conventions are a great place to network with other clubs and to exchange ideas. To possibly learn new and better ways to serve your communities. They may have ideas on how to make your meetings more enjoyable. You may learn how other clubs attract new members. It is a good place to expand your network of friends beyond your local club.

Conventions are also a great place to meet your international leaders, to communicate your concerns and learn what Lions International has to offer you and your club. These people are leaders that started just like you as a member of a club somewhere, sitting in the back row of a meeting just learning how to be a Lion and how to best serve their communities.

I encourage all of you to sign up and attend one or two of the upcoming conventions to expand your horizons. We have the MD36E convention on March 22-23 and the MD36 convention on May 17-18, both in Bandon. Join me at both conventions for great fellowship and a great learning experience.

Stephen Brewster, District Governor MD36E

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column
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What is Mission 1.5? You may have heard the term, and maybe not! The thought process behind Mission 1.5 is definite. A definite goal for membership in Lions Clubs worldwide. 1.5 million members by 2025. It is a pledge that we continue to serve our communities and people for the growing needs world-wide. It helps continue the promise made to Helen Keller to be the Knights of the Blind - continuing her work is aiding and assisting those with that specific need. And there are so many more needs in our communities that we help with. So many new unknowns with which we are dealing with.

One need in communities that are seldom talked about on a smaller scale is the needs of those kids whose families cannot afford park and recreation fees, or fees for an extracurricular activity. There are organizations out there that have the proper protocols in place that do a good job of screening those in need. With the cooperation of another entity, you know your clubs' donations will be used properly. There's another way that WE SERVE!

Doing our part for Mission 1.5, do not forget our ongoing club challenge to win a registration fee to our District 36G convention. It is shaping up to be a fun-filled weekend in Sisters, Oregon. Mark the date ... April 5th and 6th, 2024. Registration fees have been held down the best we could at only \$95 per person for all activities. Friday night there will be a hosted BBQ for your enjoyment. All you are responsible for is your beverage of choice. Registration form is in this issue of the Oregon Lion – do not delay, register today!

'Be Instrumental in Service'
DG Pete Runnels

Seek Joy!

Four years ago, a central Oregon resident dreamed of bringing joy at Christmas to residents of area care centers. She established the "Seek Joy" program. Christmas stockings filled with personal and fun items then topped off with brainteasers and candy canes were delivered to several local care centers. The stockings were received with joyful, smiling faces. Since that humble beginning, the program has grown in numbers and scope with 1,200 stockings being distributed this year to care centers in central Oregon and as far away as Seaside and Burns.



(l-r) CRR Lions president Cathy Schroth and event organizer Carole Stagl.



Carol MacDougall, Cathy Schroth, Linda Bengtson, Julia Randall and Carole Stagl prepare to stuff the stockings.



Julia Randall and Ben Johnson enjoying the activity.



Linda Bengtson and Carol MacDougall stuff stockings.



Stockings are ready to be distributed to Care Center residents.

Many groups have joined in this effort, sewing stockings, gathering all the 'stuffing' for the stockings and filling them with the goodies. Crooked River Ranch Lions Club became involved last year and this year they partnered with the Ranch Chapel Women's Ministry to collect and stuff 50 stockings. These stockings were added to the other groups collection and were distributed the week before Christmas.

*submitted by Carole Stagl
photos by CC Phyllis Carlin*

Lake Oswego Lions and the VisionEnvoy Branch at the “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!” 2023 LOLC Christmas Party

On Tuesday, December 5th, the Lake Oswego Lions and the VisionEnvoy Branch got together to have a Christmas party/potluck dinner at the Lakewood Center for the Arts. Different foods from different cultures were presented, making it an inclusive space.

Afterwards, one of the members talked about the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (“LLS”) fundraiser. The fundraiser is a 7-week competition where people get into teams and try to raise the most money, and earn the LLS Student Visionary of the Year title.



Bonnie Roeder talks about the many things that the Lake Oswego Lions Club and VisionEnvoy branch achieved this year.



Jorie Liang talks about the LLS fundraiser.



Gaurangi Rastogi presents her peace poster drawing and explains the meaning behind it while Bonnie Roeder (District O’s Peace Poster representative) stands beside her.



Jessie Pan and Jorie Liang sell various items on the table in order to gain more donations for the LLS fundraiser.



It’s showtime! Jorie Liang plays the background music while her grandmother sings the lyrics.

Then, members from the VisionEnvoy Branch showed off their talents, which included singing, playing instruments, and more. There was also a gift exchange, which made many of the members excited to receive presents. Last, but not least, the Lake Oswego Lions showcased the winners and their drawings of the annual International Peace Poster contest. It was a great evening, which everyone enjoyed.

submitted by VisionEnvoy Club Branch member Jessie Pan

MD 36
February
Service Project
for ALL clubs
and Lions

Help hungry folks thrive!
The holiday generosity that
filled food pantry shelves in
December is now depleted.



Clubs and individual Lions can make a donation
of non-perishable foods to your local community
food bank in the month of February 2024
and help those who are hungry
in your community.

***We are Changing the World
Through Service!***



*submitted by PCC Sharon Rollins, MD36 GMT Chair
artistic credit to Linda Thomson*

East Albany Lions Donate to Albany School Foundation

The East Albany Lions made a heartfelt visit to the Albany School Foundation, presenting not only a generous donation to support the foundation but also extending their commitment to education through the establishment of the East Albany Lions Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, two scholarships were graciously provided to South Albany High School in honor of Lion Dean Butts, a devoted member and former teacher at South Albany High School, commemorating his lasting impact on education. This initiative stands as a poignant tribute to the memory of Lion Dean Butts.



(l-r) Lion Jerry Shipman, Director Peggy Burris and Lion Bill Scheler.

East Albany Lions Club Holds Annual Holiday Dinner and Auction

The East Albany Lions held their annual Holiday Dinner and Auction. We had 36 members attend having good fun and laughter. The food was great and flavorful as always at Pops Branding Iron. The club chose to donate funds raised from the auction to the Honor Flight which sends veterans to Washington DC. We have witnessed firsthand how this has changed veterans live by Thanking them for their service. This is a great program.



King Lion Larry Nelson starting the Holiday Party.



Long time Lion Merle Helms. He was proud of his large chocolate bar with this high bid.

both articles submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair

District 36E Lions Annual Convention

The Bandon Barn Community Center

March 21-22, 2024

“Changing the World” District Governor Steve Brewster

One Application Per Person

Check applicable category Lion Leo First Timer Guest

All attendees must register!

Name (as you want it printed on badge)

Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Club _____ Current Office Held _____

No breakfasts are included. (community menus provided in welcome bag)

Friday evening Meet and Greet and Q & A for International Director Lion Marie Cunning.

Evening Buffet and Social (No-Host Bar) This is a gathering of Lions to socialize and get to know their fellow Lions and our honored Guest Lion ID Marie Cunning

Friday Evening Meet and Greet with Dinner. All Lions must register \$35

Saturday Lunch \$25

Convention Registration \$35

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Registration must be received by March 15, 2024

Baskets/Silent Auction:

Is your club providing a basket for the raffle Yes No

Silent Auction Yes No

Convention Dress:

Friday Night – Saturday Lunch and Meetings: Business Casual with Club Vests or Shirts

Make Checks Payable to : District 36-E Convention

Mail with Registration to : Lion Jeff Plummer P.O. Box 566, Winchester Oregon 97495

Convention Location

The Bandon Barn Community Center

1200 11th Street SW, Bandon, Oregon 97411

2024 District 36G Convention
"ROCKING THE MEMBERSHIP"

April 5 & 6, 2024

Location: Brand 33 at Aspen Lakes Golf Course Pete Runnels, District Governor
16900 Aspen Lakes Drive Host Club: Three Sisters Lions
Sisters, Oregon

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending. Please Print Legibly

Name _____

() Lion () Leo () Guest Club: _____ District _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone#: _____

Please list any special needs you require:

Indicate your attendance by checking items below.
Hospitality Book: Includes registration and all meals.

() Lions and Guests: \$95 until March 22. () Late Registration: \$110 until April 1.

Individual Options: (Please note that if you are planning on only coming for a single meal, the registration fee is not required.)

() \$25 Registration (non-refundable)

() \$35 Saturday Lunch- Light lunch buffet and OLSH program

() \$45 Saturday Dinner Awards, International Director Guest Speaker, Sock Hop

Total Paid \$ _____

Pre-Event: District Cabinet meeting, Friday, April 5, 3:30 pm at Spoon's Restaurant (see below)

YOU ARE INVITED – WELCOME TO SISTERS BBQ. Hosted by Richard and Vicki Smith

Friday night BBQ – 6 pm at Spoon's Restaurant – 473 E. Hood Ave.
No cost for convention attendees. Donations please for other Lions and guests
Drinks on your own. Early registration & project donation drop-off

We Need a Count!!! Will you attend the Friday BBQ () Yes () No # of Guests _____

Dress: Friday and Saturday: Casual or Club Vests
Saturday night: It's 50's nights.
Have fun and dress accordingly.



Lodging: Contact Sisters Ponderosa Lodge

500 Hwy 20 West, Sisters, Oregon
Local Number 541-549-1234 (36 G room block)
Cost \$159 (2 queen or 1 king bed) Pet options.
Upgrade to Suite \$50

To get this rate, reservations must be made by March 8.
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.38103.html?groupId=144ZW9R8

SERVICE PROJECT
G Lions will sponsor a service project during this convention. We are donating socks to the Family Access Network for distribution to Sisters school children and families in need. So, gather and bring those socks to convention and we will make the distribution at Sat Lunch.



Mail completed form with fee to: Kristen Harmon, PO Box 235, The Dalles, OR
Checks made out to: 36-G Lions Convention

Another Successful Pancake Breakfast

Eugene Downtown Lions Club's 14th annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus was held Saturday December 9th from 8 am 'til noon at the Heartfelt House in Springfield. Cost was \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids although those 3 and under were free. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, cocoa and coffee were served. Holiday treats and baked goods were available for sale, six kids bikes with helmets were raffled off along with a wagon and a mountain of toys.



Kitchen volunteers filling plates.



Breakfast served by volunteers.



The kids loved Santa and Mrs. Claus.



The "Mountain of Toys".



6 bicycles and the Red Rider Wagon around the Christmas tree.

A head count shows 177 people attended the breakfast. The attending families obviously had fun. Besides the meal there were things for the youngsters to do. There was a coloring contest, cookie decorating, ornament making, and a Balloon Maker. The Bicycle winners are: Quentin Wahi, Kali Little, Lion DG Lynn Coon, Lion PDG Dale Bachman, Miss Lane County Teen Lena Larecy's Mother Angela Larecy, and Lisa Vos. The Sims family won the Red Rider Wagon. An airplane ride over the Eugene-Springfield area donated by Lion pilot Jim Origliosso was won by Lion Bob Rust.

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with Santa & Mrs. Claus

Santa and Mrs. Claus were big hits with the kids and their parents as they took family pictures. The youngest children were especially cute meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus. In between the bicycle drawings there were tickets drawn for the mountain of toys.



Lion President Jimmy Koch calls out the winning raffle numbers.



First bicycle winner Quentin Wahi.



Miss Lane County Teen, Lena Larecy, was in attendance, her mother Angela Larecy seated.



Kids coloring contest.



Kids decorating their own Christmas cookies.

Now we get down to the financial outcome. We had cash sponsorships totaling \$1,560 plus many in-kind sponsors. Ticket sales totaled \$1,400 with raffle ticket sales equaling \$480 along with \$220 in donations. The raffle tickets sales profit was donated to Heartfelt House. The rest of Profits go to the Club's Activity Fund.

The volunteers and Heartfelt House residents ate for free. Special thanks to all of our sponsors and in-kind sponsors: Bricks and Mini Figs, Radar Toys, Bi Mart, McDonalds, Lochmeade, Ye Old Pancake House, Murphy Plywood, OCCU, National Business Solutions, Parties To Go, and The Original Pancake House. Thanks, of course, to all the individuals and families who attended the event and our volunteers.

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman for EDTL

MD36 Nature Photo Contest



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

Contest Rules:

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

La Grande Lions Help with "Coats for Kids"

The La Grande Lions Club "Coats for Kids" project is the proud recipient of Community Bank's annual "Change for Charity" Holiday drive. We were presented with a check for \$5,422.00, which will buy a lot of warm coats for needy kids!!



(l-r) Mark Rhodes, Lions Club President; Branch Manager, Tina Smart and personal banker, Raylene Freeman who are presenting a check for \$5422 to co-chairs Linda Gleeson, Tim Gleeson and Wes Williams (not pictured is co-chair, Jen Williams).

submitted by Linda Gleeson

Klamath Falls Lion Ken Goswick Volunteering for our Candy Sales



submitted by DG Steve Brewster, MD36E

LET'S GET IT STARTED!
**HOOD RIVER MIDDLE
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

MARCH 1ST, 2ND, 3RD*, 8TH, 9TH, 2024

ALL SHOWS START AT 7PM AND

*MARCH 3RD ALSO HAS A MATINEE PERFORMANCE AT 2PM

2024 MID-COLUMBIA

LIONS
FOLLIES!

SCAN QR CODE
TO BUY TICKETS



TICKETS:

\$15

ADULTS

\$10

KIDS
12 & UNDER

BUY TICKETS
LOCALLY OR
ONLINE AT:

OLSHF.ORG/LIONS-FOLLIES



ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OLSHF
SIGHT & HEARING PROGRAMS





Doug Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



OREGON LIONS
Sight & Hearing
= Foundation =

Happy February Oregon Lions!



Bob Chaney
Board Chair

A rundown of some upcoming OLSHF happenings and other important events in February and beyond:

District R Lions Convention

We kick off 2024 Lions Convention season with **District R Convention in Springfield on February 3rd** and we appreciate District R DG Lynn Coon for inviting OLSHF to host the Saturday luncheon to share important sight and hearing information to Lions in attendance.

One of the highlights of our presentation: **Honoring our 2023 OLSHF Provider of the Year, Nick Schenfeld of Play it Again Hearing of Eugene!** Nick helps to make it possible for OLSHF and local Lions Cubs to provide state of the art hearing aids and exams to people in need, reconnecting them to the world of sound and helping to stay connected to those they love. Thank you, Nick!

OLSHF will have a presence at all 2024 Lions Conventions, we hope to see you at one or more this year!

Mid-Columbia Lions Follies Are Back!

One of the oldest - and best! - Lions events in Oregon returns next month in Hood River as the Mid-Columbia Lions Follies make their return after a brief hiatus. Featuring local cast members and led by the one and only Lion Bev Bridgewater, the **Lions Follies will make a five show run at Hood River Middle School on March 1st, 2nd, 3rd (Matinee) 8th and 9th** - all shows start at 7pm except the matinee on March 3rd starts at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under and may be purchased at OLSHF.org/Lions-Follies or using the QR code found on page 15 - tickets purchased are good for any one show.

PLUS: All proceeds support OLSHF sight and hearing programs!

2024 Lions Survey

Following up on last month's column, we encourage all MD-36 Lions to participate in OLSHF's 2024 Lions Survey to tell us what we're doing right, where we can improve, and to share your ideas on how your Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation can better "keep the promise" of addressing preventable sight and hearing loss for those in need.

We'll use your feedback to guide OLSHF through the process of setting new goals and objectives for the Foundation.

Many OLSHF features, such as our "2020 Vision" of one day all Oregon students being screened for vision health issues, and our LEAP Optical lab, are results of receiving feedback from Oregon Lions. Who knows what YOUR input will lead to? Please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OLSHF_survey_2024 OR use the QR code to access the survey.

OLSHF 2024 Survey



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Join Us For an OLSHF LEAP Day Celebration!

What are you doing with your "extra" 24 hours that we're all provided with on February 29th?

Clean the garage? Exercise? Binge watch that show you've heard so much about?

These all sound great, but we suggest that you ALSO use some of this time to join us for a special OLSHF LEAP Day Zoom Special!

OLSHF LEAP Day Zoom Special February 29th - 1 PM

Our OLSHF LEAP Day celebration will include a LIVE report from our Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) optical lab featuring Kelly, Tracy, Voycetta and other members of the LEAP optical team.

The LEAP Day Zoom Special will also include opportunities to **win great prizes** as well as an update on our award winning School Vision Screening (SVS) program and the amazing ROAR! Hearing Assistance program.

Go to <https://shorturl.at/hAR08> to register OR use this QR code and plan to join us on LEAP Day for a special OLSHF celebration!

LEAP Day Special



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Happy LEAP Day!

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Lions Mission Trip to San Pancho, Mexico!



This past November, a team of about 20 volunteers, consisting mostly of Lions, traveled to Mexico on a mission trip to provide vision services to a local community in San Pancho.

This story comes to you from Roseburg Lion, Dr. Steve Tronnes, who shared his wonderful experiences while in San Pancho with this team of dedicated volunteers.

This mission trip is by no means new -- these trips to vision screen and dispense recycled glasses have been going on for at least the past 20 years. Lion Steve started going on these trips to Mexico as early as 2015.

This year, the team volunteered with a local nonprofit, *Entreamigos* ("Among Friends"), thanks to Indra Santos, who helped coordinate their mission trip. *Entreamigos* is in a vibrant community center, which was built from an abandoned warehouse with the support of community members.

This center is where the volunteers screened, dispensed glasses, and engaged with local clients to ensure they left with what they needed!

So what did a day in the life on this trip look like?

First, clients would come in for a visual acuity check. They would get vision screened with a Spot Device to get their closest Rx approximation.

Second, volunteers would help match each client's Rx using a catalog they brought with the sorted recycled glasses.

Once they've found 2-3 pairs of glasses that could work for each client, they would choose the best pair, and then move on to have their vision measured and glasses adjusted.

Lastly, when their glasses were fine-tuned and cleaned, clients would pick out a case, sunglasses, and an additional gift that volunteers brought!

Mission Trip Breakdown

6,000 glasses brought to San Pancho

800 clients served

2,000 glasses dispensed

Leftover glasses were donated to the school of ophthalmology in Tepic



¡Juntos Servimos!

Thank you for sharing your experiences in San Pancho and on past mission trips to Mexico, **Lion Steve!** When asked why he goes on these trips year after year, he responded, **"It's the smiles on people's faces that keep you coming back."**



Dr. Steve Tronnes,
Roseburg Lion,
OLSHF School
Screening Events
Coordinator



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2024 Lions Conventions Keep Coming!

District O

Mar. 1st + 2nd

Church on the Hill
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**Registration
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Sisters, OR

DG Pete Runnels

**Registration
Coming Soon!**

MD-36

May 17th + 18th

Bandon
Community Center
Bandon, OR

CC Phyllis Carlin

**Registration
Coming Soon!**

**Lions
Gift Card
Challenge
Returns!**

Donate a gift card (\$50 in value or more) to OLSHF for our 2024 fundraising gala to be entered to win a short promotional video for your Lions Club!

Bring your gift cards to convention and give them to any OLSHF staff!

Helen Keller Award Pool

Winner to be drawn at 2024 MD-36 Convention

Lions in each district will have the opportunity to donate \$10 per square (out of 100) to win an OLSHF Helen Keller Benefactor Award!

Pay at District Conventions or online at any time:

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Lions Follies is BACK...as a KTP Day!

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**KTP DAYS
2024**

Your Lions Club can SIGN UP to add your event to Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's KTP Days at:

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Pendleton Lions Help with Vision Screenings



(l-r) Risa Rikken, Betty Jane Bugbee, Craig Hylton.
Seated: Sherri Sievert and Alfred Wood.

This picture was taken at the Pilot Rock school following a vision screening. These members of the Pendleton Lions Club take their assistance on the road, helping with vision screenings from Weston to Boardman, whenever Betty Jane needed help!!!

submitted by Risa Rikken

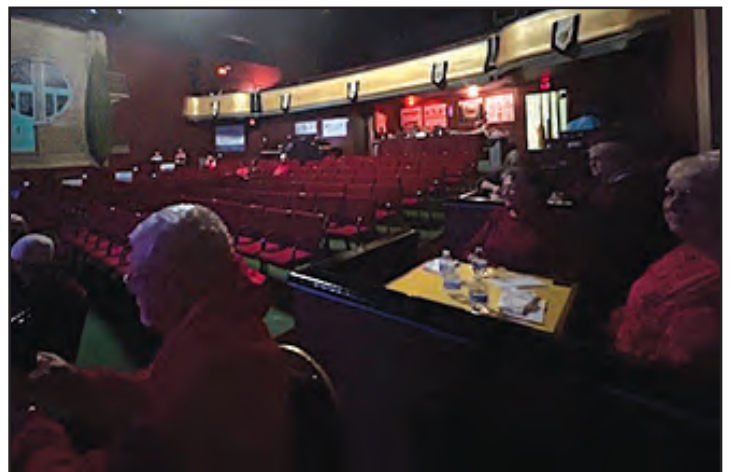
The Dalles Lions Hold their Annual Christmas Party

On December 6, The Dalles Lions Club in association with The Historic Granada Theater put on our Annual Christmas Party. Lions met from 5:00-7:00 to socialize and eat a meal of Brisket Chile, Mac & Cheese and Brats prepared by Lion Chuck Gomez and his spouse Debra of the Historic Granada Theater. We also got to see Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving.

At 7:00pm, the general public was invited in with a canned food donation to share a meal and watch Charlie Brown's Christmas. The canned food will be donated to The Salvation Army and The St. Vincent de Paul. A good time was had by all and we look forward to the next event at the Historic Granada Theater in Downtown The Dalles.



(l-r) Lions Dick Lafever, Jim Wilcox and Ethan Wray leading the Pledge of Allegiance.



(l-r) Lions Timmy McGlothlin, Kate Mast, Gene Parker and Carolyn Layson.

submitted by Mike Kilkenny

Elgin Lions Emerge Themselves in Christmas Activities

Following the holiday basketball tournament and Elgin Light Parade, the Lions have further emerged themselves in holiday activities. They continued to usher the play of Anastasia, shown at the Elgin Opera House.

The annual auction with items made by Lions proved very successful for the year. Members brought finger foods for all to enjoy, and the items were set up for bid by auctioneers PCC Steve Oliver, Susie Harris and Daryl Hawes. Items ranged from food products to quilts and bidders carted out boxes of their favorite treasures.

The club treated a family to a Christmas shopping spree at Wal-Mart, sponsored by the Lions with support from WalMart. Fourth grader Patience McKinley commented, "This is the best day ever." Afterwards, the Lions and shoppers celebrated with a treat at McDonalds.



Lions ushering for the noon production of Anastasia are Mary Hopkins, PDG Gerald Hopkins, Jan Keil and Shana Baker.



Finger foods are set up for the Lion's auction by Darlene Garver, Jan Keil, Daryl Hawes and Barbara Hawes.



Auctioneer PCC Steve Oliver displays a little pant suit which might not fit, but the suit magically turns into two dish towels.



Ann Warren displays a quilt she made for the Lion auction.



(l-r) PDG Kathy Oliver and President Pat McDonald look at items on display for the Lion's auction.



The Lions' Christmas shopping for a family featured PDG Gerald Hopkins, Shana Baker, Sharon Freeman, Patience, Jaxon, Shelby and Cat Elliott.



The shopping party celebrated at McDonalds. (l-r) PDG Gerald Hopkins, David Fuhrman, Jaxon, Patience, Shelby Elliott, Cat Elliott, Mary Hopkins, Shana Baker and Sharon Freeman.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Mapleton Lion Jim Grano Is Inspiring Speaker at a Florence Lions Club Meeting



Lion Jim Grano, club secretary from the Mapleton Lions Club, spoke to the Florence Lions Club about the “Stream Team” he started for 7th grade students in 1995. Lion Grano combined classroom studies with fieldtrips to provide students with “hands-on” learning about stewardship for the watershed, especially salmon, and to give students the opportunity to connect with nature.

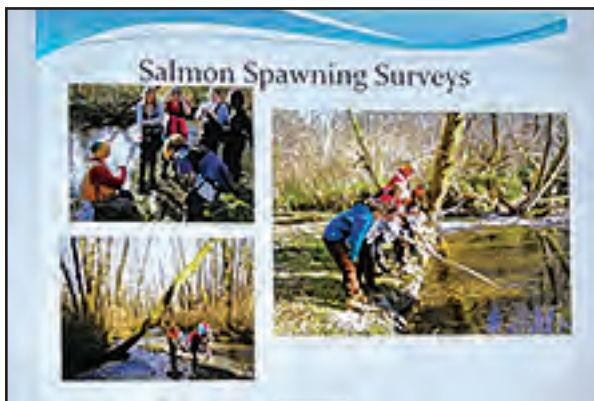
He then went on to create the “Siuslaw Salmon and Watersheds Education Program” for elementary school grades. Several students have gone on to careers in Natural Resources and one of the Middle School Steam Team teachers is a former Stream Team student.

Over the years, the program has evolved and expanded to its current status with the Siuslaw Watershed Council now organizing and assisting with the field experiences for local students. Lion Grano has been a Siuslaw Watershed Council member since it began and a Board member for more than 20 years. Currently, he is vice president of the Board of Directors.



“We learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it than we do from learning the answer itself.”

Lloyd Alexander



submitted by PDG Linda Stent

The Dalles Lions Assist with Christmas Food Program for Families in Need

On December 14th and December 19th, Lion Kris Harmon needed some help with the Christmas Food Program done jointly between Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul. The Dalles Lions sprang into action and volunteered to help the shoppers get their food from the shelves and then took it out and delivered it to their cars.

120 families were helped with this program, which gives them some extra food for the holidays. I can tell you that the clients were very happy to be getting this food for their Holiday and it made you feel good inside. The Dalles Lions We Serve!!!



(l-r) Lion Ethan Wray, Dave Lutgens, Kris Harmon, Jim Bishop, Lori Stiles, Mike Kilkenny and Rena Hunley. Not pictured (because I forgot to take a picture the 2nd day) were Lions Carolyn Layson, Tony Howe, Timmy McGlothlin and Dave Congdon.

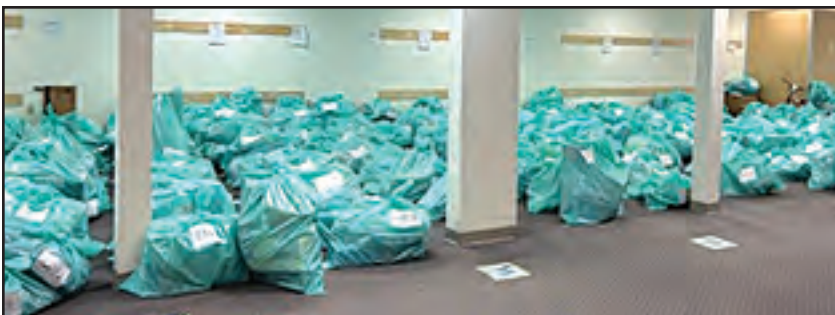


Jordan Kilkenny, age 2, is already getting started in her future life of Volunteerism.

The Dalles Lions Help Pass Out Christmas Toys

On December 21, members of The Dalles Lions Club helped with the annual Salvation Army/St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Toy handout. Over 120 families signed up back in October to request toys and clothes for their family members. These requests were then put on Angel trees around The Dalles and people would take a tag or two and get the items listed and bring them back to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Wasco County requested many tags for their employees to fill as did Adventist Columbia Gorge Hospital. Starting at 9:00am Lions members delivered and loaded into cars the toys and clothes to everyone that signed up. Almost every family also got a bike for their children as so many bikes had been donated this year. Some of the bikes were donated by Waste Connections/The Dalles Disposal who each year donates bikes to this event.



Stacks of toys & clothes to be handed out.



(l-r) Lions Annette Byers, Gene Parker, Ethan Wray, Mike Kilkenny, Dave Lutgens, Carolyn Layson and Kris Harmon.

articles submitted by Mike Kilkenny
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East Albany Lions Stay Busy . . .



(l-r) Lions Terry Gorrell and Doug Rogerson.

Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army!

The dedicated volunteers from East Albany Lions enthusiastically took on the responsibility of bell-ringing to fill the Salvation Army kettle, with a generous \$20 match for every contribution, up to \$40,000. Using creativity and teamwork, they ingeniously employed a stick to ensure the kettle was brimming with support. The event fostered a sense of camaraderie within the community, making it a truly memorable and impactful experience.

Volunteering for Christmas Storybook Land

The East Albany Lions volunteered for Christmas Storybook land. We were delighted to hear it was a very successful 47th year! Over 35,650 visitors enjoyed the family event. And over 30,350 non-perishable food items were donated. The Fish of Albany, Inc.'s warehouse (a food pantry) was filled with mountains of food for our neighbors.



King Lion Larry Nelson helps the grinch jump.



(l-r) Lions Betsy Hills and Deb Nelson.

submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair