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January, 2022 Volume 6/21-22

## January is Hunger Awareness Month

**A Diamond Jubilee --  
For the Sutherlin Lions Club**

**How Do You Raise 1,000,000 Pennies?  
Ask your Lions Clubs!**



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PDG Steve Moser up late counting.....

**A Nice Christmas Story**

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Members and guests of the Gresham Breakfast Lions Club.

**See Story Page 23**

## ANNIVERSARIES

January 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.

### January

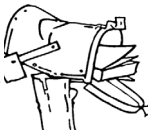
Grants Pass	January 18, 1928
Powers	January 30, 1942
Philomath	January 13, 1948
Beaverton	January 16, 1951
Brookings Harbor	January 10, 1953
Madras	January 30, 1970
Island City	January 14, 1974
Union	January 15, 1974
Mitchell	January 27, 1975
Cedar Hills/Sunset	January 11, 2011

### 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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## MONTHLY CALENDARS

### MEETINGS

#### January

31 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

#### 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
- 31 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

### EVENTS

#### January

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

#### February

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



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## Council Chair News



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And a Happy New Year!

Hello my fellow Lions. Now that we have 2021 and the holidays in the rear view mirror I trust that everyone had a joyous holiday season and is reinvigorated to move forward with growing and strengthening our Lions family. If you will remember from the last two month's articles that I have written about the three areas that we constantly talk about in Lionism; Leadership, Membership and Service. These areas of focus are ingrained in everything that we do just take a look at our Global Action Team. What are the three positions that we appoint? Global Leadership Team, Global Membership Team and Global Service Team. We appoint someone to each of these positions on a multiple district and a district level so I thought that with so much emphasis being placed on these areas maybe it would be interesting to explore each area as an acronym. This of course is my interpretation of each.

In November I discussed Leadership and in December we talked about Membership - so this time I have decided to take on Service.

**S – Selflessness.** This is defined as concerned more with the needs and wishes of others than with one's own. An example of this is a mother's devotion to her child causing her to always put the child's needs first, before her own. Devoted to others' welfare or interests and not one's own; unselfish; altruistic. Having, exhibiting or motivated by no concern for oneself but for others.

**E – Empathy.** This can be defined as the ability to sense other people's emotions, coupled with the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling. This is very important. As Lions in our service projects we interact with the less fortunate on a regular basis and we need to be aware of and able to understand their situation and the emotions that come with it.

**R – Respect.** For success in any endeavor anywhere you must have respect. Respect for what you are doing and the respect of others for doing it. We use the term Respect for others a bit flippantly but it rings true. Lions Clubs over the years have earned the respect of their

respective communities through the actions of their members and they continue to garner that respect.

**V – Veracious.** This can be defined as speaking or representing the truth. We must always in everything we do as Lions, be honest and truthful. Sometimes this truthfulness may not be what someone wants or expects to hear but as the old adage goes honesty is always the best policy.

**I – Imaginative.** Be imaginative. Use your imagination to create and reinvent things to fit the changing world about us. Think outside the proverbial box and remember just because we have done it a certain way for a hundred years doesn't mean we have to do it that same way for the next 100.

**C – Commitment.** This is paramount to the success of any service. This is a promise or agreement to do something. If you say you are going to be there, be there. This also walks hand in hand with responsibility and integrity. If you don't honor the commitments that you have made then your credibility is no longer valid and as Lions we must always strive to keep the highest credibility possible.

**E – Enthusiasm.** Strong excitement about something. A strong feeling of active interest in something that you like or enjoy. Basically have fun and enjoy whatever you are doing. Don't make it look like a painstaking task to provide the service. Show those receiving the benefit of our selflessness, empathy, respect, veracious, imagination, commitment and enthusiasm that we are proud of and enjoy providing service to others.

Finally, I want to take a moment to remind Lions that we are renewing our Northwest Lions Leadership Institute this April 8-10, 2022, in Myrtle Creek so if you have ever wanted or even thought about attending this incredible learning opportunity the time is now. I have to tell on myself a little. For years my club tried to convince me to attend but I always told them that I didn't need to because I already had all that knowledge and expertise. Finally, they convinced me to go and it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. So much so that I am now an instructor at this conference and eager to provide leadership skills to others. So if you are interested let your club President or Secretary or your District Governor know.

Until next time and remember to continue to strive to Restore the Pride Through Service.

CC Bob Chaney

## Directory Corrections

p. 92 Hooper, Carl has passed.

## District O - Northwest - North Coast



### District O Governor Column Doug Loose

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**Welcome to Journey January my fellow Lion's  
What do you do when you lose the big one?**



How do we deal with loss? Whether it's that we actually lost someone close to us in our club due to death, life change, moving or just quitting. Do we shut down, do we close the club, do we take some time and grieve the loss, or do we come closer together and redouble our efforts to provide more service to honor those who have left us? This is a great time to check ourselves, to figure out if we are providing a service our community needs, not just doing what we've always done. Check your bait and hooks to make sure you are doing what needs to be done and ensure not to lose the next big one.

Let me ask you this, why would I want to join your club? Yes I'm a helper, a server, a person who is crazy busy with life and helping others already. Why in the heck would I want to be involved with you and what you're doing? Would you listen to my concerns, my interests and the things I care about? We all have busy lives with work and families who need us, the many things that pull our attention during the days. Are your clubs offering a purpose to the very newest person and all club members or do we try to assimilate them into what we are already doing? Do we offer them a place to use their talents, to grow their leadership skills, to build into them the things needed to serve those who need us?

Why do people quit? Did they get their feelings hurt? Did they find that there is just no place for them or they didn't fit in? Does your club provide a mentor for the new people so they know what's going on and can find a place to serve? Are you in touch with your club members on a weekly basis, if not why not? We as Lions cannot and will not let another Lion fail no matter what! If your partner has a big one on the line it's your job to net it and make sure it stays in the boat. I know we all go through our ups and downs, when we are up let's help those who are down.

Oh by the way let's not forget to have FUN. If it's no fun then what's the point? Alone we can do so little but Together We Can Catch The BIG One!

As always In Service DG SuperDoug

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



### District R Governor Column Lynn Coon

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Lions of MD 36 -- As we pass from 2021 into 2022 I ask all Lions to continue to be positive as we move forward this Lions year. Service, Membership Growth and Retention will keep us moving in the right direction. As we District Governors were taking our training prior to becoming your DGs there was something said that stuck with me. I believe it is something that can help all of us as Lions as we serve our communities and work on recruiting new members and establishing new clubs. If you fail never give up because FAIL means First Attempt In Learning. End is not the end in fact. END means Effort Never Dies.

If you get no as an answer remember N.O. means Next Opportunity. Change your Mindset. I'm saying this because as we work towards new members or new clubs not everyone we approach will say yes and want to join. Remember NO means Next Opportunity. If we don't ask we will never know. I know I would not be a Lion or your DG had my friend and neighbor at the time Lion Paul not asked me to join him at a club meeting over 30 years ago. I myself thought I was too busy with things going on in my life but Lion Paul asked again so I said I would. When I saw what Lions were all about helping others in the community I said to my wife I needed to join. You see I've always believed in giving back to my community and helping others. Lion Paul had that mindset to ask again. What I'm trying to emphasize is if you are told no just look at it as another opportunity to ask again. Lion Paul has moved from Junction City and is now a member of the Woodburn Lions. Thank you Lion Paul for asking again and showing me what Lions were all about. Thank all you Lions for what you do. Let's ask our neighbors and our friends because you never know who your future DG could be. It could be that man or woman who said NO but was asked again because some Lion took NO as the next opportunity. Remember SERVICE FROM THE HEART. I believe Lions Change Lives Today.

DG Lynn Coon 36-R



(l-r) Lions Paul Nordling, DG Lynn Coon, Jerry Weir and Clarence Timmons.

## District E - Southern - South Coast



### District E Governor Column

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As 2021 ends and 2022 begins, it is time to gather our club members into an environment of inclusion and friendship. We need to start holding regular scheduled meetings in an environment that allows members to feel comfortable and safe. If your current location does not allow room for proper distancing, look around and find a new location. Legion clubs, elks clubs, grange buildings, and in some cases, churches have an area you can meet in.

We need to return to doing our fundraising so we can return to our service projects. We need to rethink the way we do our projects, so we include as many members as possible in a safe and responsible environment.

We need to come back together in the spirit of service and friendship. Then we will grow as an organization.

Stephen Brewster, District Governor  
MD36-E

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



### District G Governor Column

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Happy New Year to all!

I hope your Christmas was wonderful. Lions have the perfect projects at Christmas. Gift shopping for families needing help and food boxes. Some clubs actually take the whole family shopping, so that involves 4 or 5 Lions. What a great time that is.

So a new year to start fresh is 2022 -- what will it have in store for us? Can we conquer COVID? Will kids get to stay "in" school? Will people still be working from home? Will prices keep going up? Whatever happens we will still be Lions serving our communities, still helping with disaster relief, still working to keep others fed, clothed and well.

Things may not be the same as they used to be, but one thing never changes and that is, there is always someone who needs help. Winter in our part of Oregon is maybe not the easiest time to recruit members but don't give up. For instance, don't give up on someone the first time they say NO. Maybe they are just needing to be asked twice. Be seen when you're out doing service in the community, show people you are having a good time helping. Sometimes when they see you having too much fun, they want to have too much fun also. Attend meeting as much as you can. The officers need your support and you need to know what's going on. Don't be afraid to volunteer, you'll have fun. Help with committees that are putting together new projects. "Do all you can to be all you can."

May this be your best year ever.

DG Kathy Oliver

## King City Lions Hold Donation Drive

The King City Lions Club found a way to hold a successful fundraiser last summer despite all the COVID-19 restrictions and benefitted from all the events being held outdoors. The Club netted \$679 in a drive to collect clothing and soft household goods to donate to the Tigard Value Village. Lions cleaned out their closets, and flyers, newspaper ads and social media notices promoted four community drop-off events (one held during the historic heat wave!).

The donations were stuffed into hundreds of bags and stored at the home of Club Treasurer Mary Thibert. She graciously donated the space in her garage and yard to store the items until club members loaded them onto a rental truck and delivered them to the Tigard Value Village on the appointed day and time, earning the Lions 20 cents per pound. A few left-over expensive donations were sold online and added to the total.



Taking a break for a photo op are (back row, from left) Rick Schwarzenberger and Cindy Nemeč; (front row, from left) Doug Foster, Mary Thibert and Paul Hailey.



Mary Thibert and Paul Hailey carry a couple of bags from among the hundreds of stored ones at the rear of the house to a waiting rental truck in the driveway.



Doug Foster (left) hands a bag to Rick Schwarzenberger in the rental truck.

The King City Lions plan to do this twice in 2022, holding collection drives in the spring and fall to avoid collecting items in the summer heat.

*submitted by Barbara Sherman  
Photos by Barbara Sherman*

## Silverton Lions Step Up When There is a Need

The Silverton Lions Club was chartered September 27, 1938. They have 23 active members. Two years ago when the fires were going through the Detroit Lake area many of the small towns and local folks were devastated by the fire. After the fires were over the Silverton Lions lead by Lion Ward Frederick and several other Lions didn't wait. They drove up to the fire area to see how they could help. Immediately they saw the need for feeding the folks who had lost their homes, their trailers and much of their belongings. Within days they had a serving kitchen set-up. The members opened the kitchen up for breakfast, lunch and dinner serving anyone who showed up in need. Many of the Oregon Lions clubs helped by donating food and supplies to help out. The Lions and other volunteers served food from a few days after the fires until November 21 – breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days a week. Because of their efforts and giving to others Lion Ward Frederick was awarded an International President's Award of Appreciation and the Club received an International Club Excellence Award.



Proud members of the Silverton Lions who ran the food kitchen after the fire.  
(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Heidi Ostrom, Pastor Mike Stair of Gates Community Church,  
Tomi Wolff, Ward Frederick, Jon Debo and Steve Potter.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon presents an International Presidential Club Excellence Award to the Silverton Club President Dave Marinos.



DG Lynn Coon (on right) presents an International President's Award of Appreciation to Ward Frederick.

*submitted by PCC Rod Bach*

# LIONS VISION GIFT

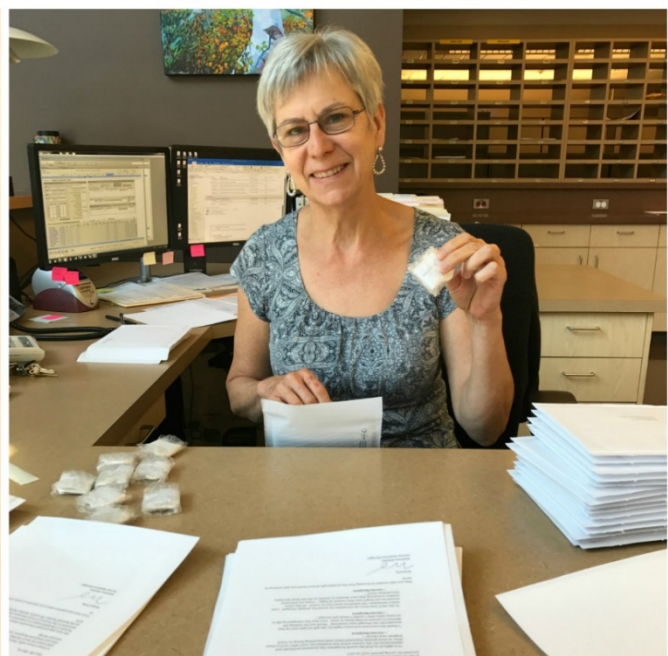
## *Remembering Hearts (and remembering Janet too!)*

The willingness to donate one's corneas is an amazing act of generosity that will benefit those in need of restored vision. At **Lions VisionGift**, we recognize this and strive to honor donors and their families. We know the importance of remembering them and their generous gifts of sight.

Until her recent retirement at the close of 2021, Janet, our administrative assistant, was the first smile you would see when you walked in our doors and the first voice you heard when you called. Janet was also the one who sent out *Remembrance Hearts* to donor families when their loved one passed away and became a donor. For those who have just given the ultimate gift, they receive our gratitude, our condolences, and a **Lions VisionGift Remembrance Heart**.

At the time of recovery, a **Lions VisionGift** technician will place a small ceramic heart around the donor's wrist to indicate that this person has given a heartfelt gift. Within a day, a letter goes out to the next-of-kin with another ceramic heart. This mailed heart is a little bigger than the other, as it once held within it the smaller heart that was placed on the donor's wrist at the time of the eye recovery. The Remembering *Heart* is two hearts in one. We want families to know that the tiny inner heart has gone on with their loved one, and the larger outside heart is for the donor family to have. When a special someone dies, they take with them a part of those who love them, and so the Remembering Heart is a symbol of love and a reminder of the ongoing connection we have with those we have lost. It is our hope that the hearts will bring some comfort in that there will always be an unbroken connection between the families and their loved ones.

Even though Janet will have retired by the time this story is printed, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge her many years of service to all those donor families who gave the ultimate gift to LVG. Janet's fingerprints will continue to be on all the good work we do and continue to leave a mark on all those we serve. We wish her the best!



submitted by Matt Webber



## 36-R CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

*“Service from the Heart”*

February 5, 2022 \* CH2M Hill Alumni Center \* Corvallis, Oregon

**Registration Deadline: January 31, 2022**

Please print legibly

<b>Registrant</b>	Lion <input type="checkbox"/>	Guest <input type="checkbox"/>	First Timer <input type="checkbox"/>
NAME:	_____		BADGE NAME: _____
	Last	First	If different from first name
TELEPHONE:	_____		E-MAIL: _____
	Area Code	Number	
CLUB:	_____		CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____
<i>Hospitality Book (Registration &amp; Meal): \$40.00</i> <input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Special Needs</i>	
<i>Sessions only (No meal): \$30.00</i> <input type="checkbox"/>		• Vegetarian diet:	<input type="checkbox"/>
		• Gluten free diet:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meals Include:		• Diabetic diet:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morning-Coffee, tea, water, pastries, & fruit.		• Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lunch-Bufferet with Garlic & Herb Roasted Airline		• Hearing Impaired (Signer Needed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chicken Breast with Lemon Sauce and sides.		Most all dietary needs should be met among the buffet offerings.	
Afternoon-Coffee, tea, iced tea, and water.			

### COVID PROTOCOLS

**No one will be admitted without providing acceptable proof of vaccination or documentation of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the event. For details on what constitutes acceptable proof, refer to the Oregon State University COVID safety guidelines at**

**<https://covid.oregonstate.edu/attending-events-fall-2021>.**

**In addition, masks must be worn at all times when not actively eating/drinking.**

#### Room Block

The Headquarters Hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 2500 SW Western Blvd, Corvallis, OR 97333. The hotel is within a 5-minute walk of the convention location at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center. The room block covers Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The rate is \$102 plus tax per night. You may block your room by calling the hotel at 541-752-5000. Be sure to mention the 36-R Lions. The deadline for the block is January 22nd.

#### To Register

Make checks (NO CASH) payable to District 36-R. Mail registration form and check to: Tom Hilgers, PO Box 5145, Salem, OR 97304-0145. Registration materials can be picked up on site on arrival at the conference.

***Applications received after January 29, 2022 can not be guaranteed meals.***

#### Parking

Parking is available on site. The street address is: 725 SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Corvallis.

#### Dress Code

Casual, club vests.

#### Refund Policy

100% refund if request is received by January 29, 2022. Once meals have been reserved, no refunds will be granted. No refunds at conference. All requests for refunds must be in writing and mailed to: Tom Hilgers, PO Box 5145, Salem OR 97304-0145.

#### Questions:

Please direct all questions to: Tom Hilgers, Registration Chairman: 503-884-9854; e-mail: [thilgers@comcast.net](mailto:thilgers@comcast.net).

## District G Governor Makes Official Visit

District Governor, Kathy Oliver, made her official visit to her home club of Elgin. DG Oliver emphasized the theme of International President Douglas Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York. DG Oliver described the president as being very large with a large heart, tall, purposeful, graceful, quiet, direct, and passionate about his goal of "Service from the Heart." Membership is everything she noted.



DG Kathy Oliver addresses Elgin Lions.

The District Governor described her club members as "awesome" and ready to volunteer at a moment's notice. She said that the Elgin Lions have always been generous with their time and service. She added that the members need additional ideas to attract new members and to show the community what the Lions do as projects. A discussion followed on future ways to increase membership.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

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## Bingo is Back for the Elgin Lions



Cheryl Coe was the first \$400 winner and presented cash by PCC Steve Oliver.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## District G Announces Peace Poster Winner

District G's Peace Poster Chair, PDG Gerald Hopkins, announced that 13 year old Avery Brown of Pendleton was the winner of the District G Peace Poster Contest. The poster will be presented to the state contest for consideration.

District G's Peace Poster winner submission by 13-yr.-old Avery Brown.



*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Elgin Lion's Hold BINGO and Have Big Winner



Darlene Garver was the banner winner at the Elgin Lions BINGO taking home 4 of 15 pots along with the Thanksgiving turkey.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Elgin Lions Have Fun Getting Tree Up

Well, the tree is up. Fun (and maple bars !!!) was/were had by all 13 Lions that helped.



(I-r) Elma Jean Wilhelm, Ann Warren and DG Kathy Oliver.

(I-r) Ann Warren, Lynn Knapp, Risa Hallgarth, Barbara Hawes, Kristi Perry, PCC Steve Oliver, Daryl Hawes, Elma Jean Wilhelm, Jim Way, DG Kathy Oliver, Andrew (PCC Steve & DG Kathy's great nephew) and Mark Johnston.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## A Diamond Jubilee --

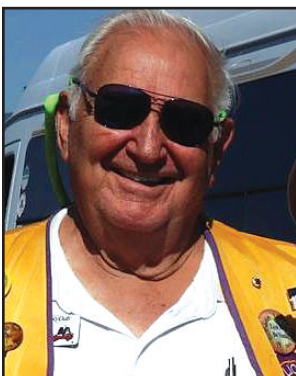
For the Sutherlin Lion Clubs, 2021 is their diamond year--established in 1946 and still going strong. "We Serve"!

Officers were installed in July by PCC Gail Black. It was a potluck picnic ceremony by the waters of Sutherlin's Plat I Reservoir. Club presidents are Lions Carma Fisher for the Branch Club and Dennis Denney for the Noon Club.



Installation - front: Lions Carol Swesso, Pam Cameron; middle: Carma Fisher, Bertha Egbert, Sharon Elliott, Emily Blakely, PDG Carol Brink; back: Stewart Fowler, Gwen Best, Jon White, Doug Brink, Dennis Denney and Rick DeYoung.

A new service project for the Noon Club, serving the homeless in the community, began with the purchase by St. Vincent DePaul of a portable shower. Two days a week the shower is transported to the St. Francis Community Kitchen that provides meals. The third spoke in this partnership wheel was placed by Lion Rick DeYoung for the shower transport process. With helper Lion Dixie Utterback, homeless individuals can depend upon a meal and a hot shower available two days a week. Additionally, Lions are filling "Blessing Bags" to offer on those two days, or any day of the week when a need is observed in the community. Small bags are filled with snacks, paper/pen, and important contact information for help.



Transporter of the portable shower - Lion Rick DeYoung.



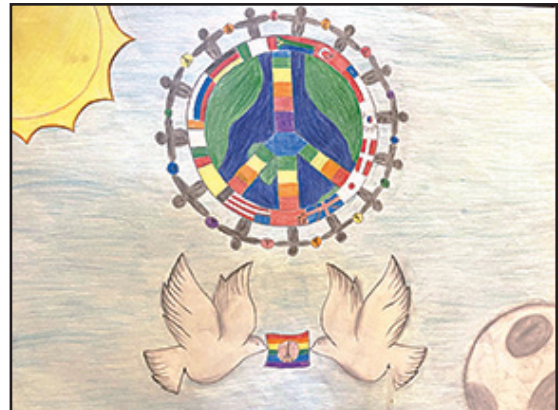
Blessing Bags - Lions Lanette Denney and PDG Carol Brink.

## For the Sutherlin Lions Club

Lions Peace Poster Contest is another highlight of the year, and difficult to narrow down to the top three pieces of art. "We Are All Connected" was the 2021 theme. The 1st place poster will go to the Lion 36E District competition and if chosen goes on to the MD36 state contest and eventually could compete internationally. Prizes: Peyton Keith 1st place \$50; Emily Wright 2nd place \$25; AJ Martin 3rd place \$15; and teacher Dan Wilson was presented with \$50 for the Art Program. Judges were Lions Lanette Denney, Stewart Fowler and Tami Foltz.



(l-r) Peace Poster winners: 3rd place AJ Martin; 2nd place Emily Wright; and 1st Place Peyton Keith.



Peace Poster first place - by Peyton Keith.

Sutherlin Lions participated in a Downtown Trunk 'N Treat event for Halloween. Branch Lions provided a very popular spooky backdrop for making fun and memorable photos. They filled 400 bags with candy and small toys but ran out and scrambled to put together 100 additional bags to hand out. No rain that evening was perfect for the 1,500+ people who turned out for the event.



Branch Lions Halloween -- Lions Carma Fisher, Pam Cameron, Rachel Dailey, Bertha Egbert, Carol Swesso, and non-Lion friend Pam Medlock - we are hopeful she may join.



Swesso Lions Darlings - Paisley Swesso and Makenna Swesso.



More Trunk "N Treat bags please - Lion Bertha & Lion Frank Egbert and Denny Cameron

Bringing attention to the 75th anniversary of Sutherlin Lions, a poster was exhibited in a downtown store window, thanks to Lion Sharon Elliott. At the November 8th City Council meeting a commemorative proclamation was read by Mayor Michelle Sumner along with presentation of a beautifully engraved acrylic award to Noon Club President Dennis Denny. That really capped the year for our Lions, and many will attend a special dinner planned for the final celebration in November.

*submitted by Emily Blakely*

ONE FORM  
PER PERSON

# DISTRICT 36-0 CONVENTION

## 26 FEBRUARY 2022



**IMPORTANT** – PLEASE BE SURE YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND LEGIBLE!

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_  
IF DIFFERENT FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> NAME

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Apartment City State ZIP

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Lion \_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Timer \_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Potential New Member \_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District O--- R--- E--- G  
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE

Current Elected Office \_\_\_\_\_ PID \_\_\_ PCC \_\_\_ PDG \_\_\_

**LION MEMBER / GUEST CONVENTION REGISTRATION  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY 19 FEBRUARY 2022**

**\$55.00**

**BECAUSE FOOD HAS TO BE PRE-ORDERED, NO LATE  
OR ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Please type or print all information on this form.

Make check(s) made payable to: **DISTRICT 36-0 CONVENTION**

**SEND TO:**

**TOM HAMMOND  
5727 SE VIEW CREST DR  
MILWAUKIE, OR 97267-4144**

**ONE PERSON  
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**REFUNDS: REFUNDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED DUE TO FIXED CONVENTION EXPENSES.**

**YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN FOR OVERNIGHT ARRANGEMENTS.**

**HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:  
COMFORT SUITES COLUMBIA RIVER, 3420 LEIF ERICKSON DR. (503) 325-2000**

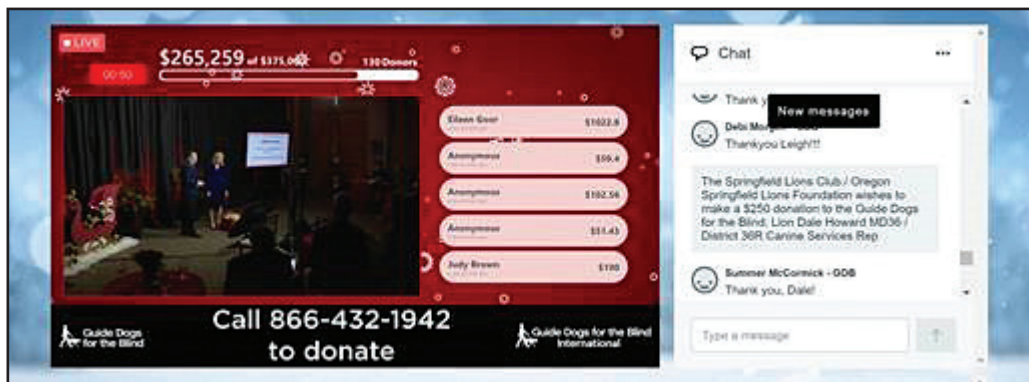
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**QUESTIONS: Contact Convention Chair Lion Vincent F. Bishop at 541-974-3620 or email: vfbishop@hotmail.com**

## The Guide Dogs for the Blind Christmas Extravaganza! Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation Grants GDB \$250

The Guide Dogs for the Blind (“GDB”) held their second online Christmas Extravaganza event on December 5, 2021 and they surpassed their goal of raising \$375,000 to the tune of \$413,000 and change. The Springfield Lions Club/Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation were happy to support this cause as they are dedicated to supporting all facets of helping others improve their Life Styles as created through the condition(s) of being visually challenged.

I placed some videos on YouTube depicting some of the highlights of this event. GDB clientele and their four legged buddies as they experience everyday life. <https://youtu.be/IOkr5awiZZ0> Puppy raisers receiving their puppies at the GDB facility in Boring, OR. <https://youtu.be/gkaUINM8z7c> Special Christmas Holiday cookie recipe video (Jam ThumbPrints, Coconut Almond Fudge Puddles & Cardamom Orange ShortBread) <https://youtu.be/vukj5-i7idc>



*submitted by Dale Howard  
MD36 Canine Services Chair*

## The Way Home -- Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation

Every once in a while the Springfield Lions Club makes a call out to members of their roster -- especially to those members they haven't heard from in a while. All contacted members are appreciative of receiving this call and the fact that their Lions Club is interested in their well-being and if there is anything that they need help with. This past call out was informative as two members had just had surgery and were taking it easy and recovering. Another longtime member's wife had just passed away the day before. So it pays to keep in touch with your membership!

Another longtime member, Lion Linda Carnine has been devoting most of her time to helping out "The Way Home" program. The Way Home provides direct service to people living outside. This includes providing food, clothing, other essentials and human kindness. They have free pantries which include mobile distribution. They ask people what they need and then follow through. An Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation grant in the amount of \$250 was approved to help out this organization and spread Holiday Joy! <https://thewayhomeeugene.org/>

*submitted by Lion Dale Howard  
Springfield Lions Club Publicist*



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Phyllis Carlin  
Board Chair

## Resolve to Support OLSHF in 2022!



Doug Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer

New Year's Resolutions often receive a bad rap since they can be based on things about ourselves that we're not satisfied or happy with. But we choose to believe that, since resolutions are essentially goals, that they increase a person's well-being because they force us to consider what we value most and can help us structure our priorities in an extremely positive way.

To make a New Year's Resolution extra special, we invite you to consider setting a goal that will enhance the lives of others from a sight and hearing standpoint.

### The 2022 OLSHF New Year's Resolution Challenge

Every MD-36 Lion is invited to join us on January 27th at 3:00 pm for our first OLSHF New Year's Resolution Challenge. This interactive Zoom event will feature the sharing of sight and hearing related resolutions from you and your fellow Lions, and update on OLSHF sight and hearing programs, and prize giveaways for those participating.

Every participant will be eligible to win some great prizes, and those that share their sight and hearing related resolutions will increase their odds of winning!

### How Do I Submit My Sight and Hearing Related Resolution?

Submitting your sight and hearing related resolutions is easy! We ask that you limit your resolution to 50 words or less, and that you email your resolution to [Info@olshf.org](mailto:Info@olshf.org) no later than January 25th.

### What Are Some Examples of Sight and Hearing Related Resolutions?

We're glad you asked! We encourage MD-36 Lions to develop a sight and hearing resolution that reflects their values and interest in OLSHF sight and hearing programs, here are some examples:

For the Lion that would like to see more people aware of OLSHF programs, such as the Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) Optical Lab:

*"I resolve to be an ambassador for OLSHF by sharing social media content and/or sending OLSHF emails to fellow Lions to raise awareness of our sight and hearing programs."*

For the Lion that desires to see programs such as ROAR! Hearing Assistance and the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC) have the support that they need:

*"I resolve to text the word "keep" to 71777, and join the PRIDE monthly recurring donor program through easy to make monthly donations that add up to a significant annual donation."*

### Already a PRIDE member and want to do more?

*"I resolve to continue my PRIDE membership AND will invite at least one other Lion, friend, or family member to join PRIDE in 2022."*

### We'll See You on January 27th!

We are so grateful for the support of MD-36 Lions and we look forward to seeing you either in person or through virtual meetings and events in 2022. We hope that you are safe, and able to provide service to others in a way that is meaningful to you. At OLSHF, we are constantly looking at ways that we can help more people in need and to deepen the impact of the programs that we offer. With your help, we believe we can do so much more to "Keep the Promise" of bringing sight and hearing services to those in need.

**There are countless ways to support OLSHF sight and hearing programs and we look forward to sharing other ways to do so on January 27th - We'll see you there!**

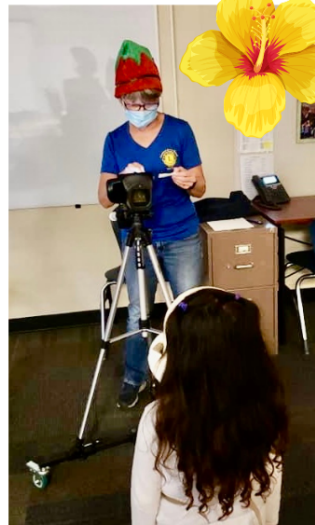


# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received in November and December. Thank you to each and every donor and supporter! If you have questions about donating, our programs, or how you can volunteer, please contact us at [Info@OLSHF.org](mailto:Info@OLSHF.org).

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OLSHF would like to offer a special thank you to everyone who made an end of year or holiday gift. Your gift during this giving season will have a lasting impact year round, all across the state. Donors like you are the backbone of our organization, and we are continually awed by the level of generosity we see each year. Thank you for your support, now and always.



Congratulations to Lion **Kristi Peterson** (*left*), the winner of our holiday vacation raffle! Kristi is the Crooked River Ranch club president, and active in school vision screening.

Thank you to **everyone** who purchased tickets. We were able to raise over **\$10,000** for our sight and hearing programs!

**Good luck next year!**

## THIS YEAR, MAKE A RESOLUTION YOU CAN KEEP!

Become a PRIDE member and resolve to **do more good** in 2022

*Already a PRIDE member? Consider increasing your monthly gift!*

Your monthly gift	Your yearly impact
\$5	Provide a pair of glasses to an Oregonian in need
\$15	Provide a hearing aid through our ROAR hearing assistance program
\$30	Cover the cost of ABO-NCLE certification for 2 LEAP interns
\$40	Provide screenings for one entire elementary school
\$80	Provide one treatment or surgery through our Patient Care Program

Becoming a PRIDE member is **easy!** Go to [OLSHF.org/pride](https://OLSHF.org/pride) or text **MYPRIDE** to **71777** and set up your recurring monthly donation using the simple online form. 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](mailto:Nick@OLSHF.org).



Thank you to everyone who attended the Holiday Special! Our year end giving campaign, which included the Special, has raised **over \$45,000** so far that will support our sight & hearing programs year round!

Missed the livestream of our Holiday Special? You can watch a full recording on our YouTube or Facebook pages!

Visit [www.facebook.com/OLSHF](https://www.facebook.com/OLSHF) or search for "The 2021 OLSHF Holiday Special" on **Youtube!** While you're there, don't forget to subscribe!



**THANK YOU** for helping to make the 2021 OLSHF Holiday Special a success!

# School Vision Screening Update

Rep. Anna Williams attended a screening and Tweeted: "Thanks to the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation for inviting me to help administer vision screenings at Westside Elementary today. It was such a delight! These screenings are crucial for student success. Lions Clubs have done do much good for our communities over the years."



*Photos (above/below) courtesy of Lion Jon Awbrey*

**OLSHF has screened 85,000 students at 385 events, with 13,200 referrals (15.5%) so far!**



*Photos (above/below) courtesy of Lion Jon Awbrey*



*Photo courtesy of Rep. Anna Williams*



## NEW LIONS QUEST INFORMATION

Something new has been added to the Lions Clubs International Foundation Lions Quest programs for 2021-2022. Going virtual means the Lions Quest kits will contain all the resources for the student journals. Also gone are all the shipping and handling charges. The online version means that a Lions Club can set up training for a teaching staff of 40 for no cost at all.

LCIF has a grant that pays for 75%. In Oregon, the Lions have two endowments that will pay the 25% remaining. It generally runs about \$9500 for a 40 person training session.

The digital resources and virtual training means that Lions are no longer responsible for a lot of the physical aspects of a Lions Quest project such as room set up, refreshments and distributing hard copies of the curriculum are no longer needed.

The local club needs to establish a project chair. Networking with local schools and community organizations prior to the event is a key to success.

District VDGs or Officers will be receiving an updated version of the Lions Quest booklet by mid-February. If you have an interest contact them: MD and District 0--PDG Jim Jagers; District R--PDG Dale Bachman; District E-- Lynda Olsen; and District G--Carol Mose.

*submitted by MD36 Quest Chair, PDG Jim Jagers*

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### The Scout Trail

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is a highly organized corporation. Its core units are those at the local level, i.e. Scout Troop, Cub Scout Pack, Explorer Post, Ventures, and Sea Scout Ships. Let's discuss the Scout Troop (troop). A youth must be 11 years old, or have completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at school, or has completed the Arrow of Light award in Cub Scouts to join a troop. The minimum number of members is five in order for the troop to be chartered by the BSA. There is an exception for the Lone Scout. This is a youth that is not able to be a member of a normal Troop because of inability to attend a troop meeting or activities as for distance or other reason. These are rare.

The troop is managed by the youth with guidance by an adult leader or leaders. This is designed to give the youth experience in leadership, service to the community and citizenship, and experience in outdoor activities of many kinds and through the earning of rank requirements and merit badges. These give the youth exposure to many experiences that in some cases guide the youth into a trade or chosen profession as an adult (as in mine, to study forestry and have a 36-year career in forestry).

I use the term "youth" because scouting now has boys and girls in a troop, a boy troop and a girl troop. The youth are no longer called Boy Scouts with girls now as scouts, hence the nomenclature now is a scout is a "Scout BSA" for both boys and girls. This historic change will be written about in the next column of *The Scout Trail*.

*submitted by Ted Yarosh, District MD36 Director of Scouting*

## The Wall That Heals Comes to La Pine

A couple of years ago, The La Pine Band of Brothers visited the La Pine Lions to tell us about a project that they wanted to bring to town, but needed community support. They asked if our Club would support bringing The Wall That Heals to La Pine. We, along with others in our community, wholeheartedly pledged our support and La Pine was ultimately chosen to host The Wall in the fall of 2020. Unfortunately, COVID had other plans and the tour was cancelled.

La Pine reapplied and was chosen again to host The Wall the next year. It was the only Oregon town to do so in 2021. The three-quarter size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. and its mobile education center arrived in La Pine on September 29th for its four day visit. The display was open 24 hours a day from 9/30 - 10/3 and was free to the public. Several La Pine Lions not only volunteered throughout the event, but they also fed the 35 plus volunteers who helped tear down the wall with an after event BBQ.

The Wall That Heals has traveled to over 700 communities since its dedication in 1996 to honor those who served, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War. Over 58,000 names are engraved on the wall. Thank you to all the community support and volunteers who helped make this possible.



Evening visitors to the Wall That Heals..

*submitted by Sue Mose*

## How Do You Raise 1,000,000 Pennies? -- Ask your Lions Clubs!



PDG Steve Moser up late counting.....

First an energetic Lion has to come up with the idea – and that was PDG Steve Moser. Then he needed the support and encouragement from the current District Governor of MD36-R, Governor Lynn Coon. They developed a fundraising campaign that included the District clubs, zone chairs, individual Lions and others. Thanks to the efforts of PDG Lion Steve and Governor Lynn the 1,000,000 penny fundraiser information was spread out to the clubs. 22 clubs and lots of individuals donated to this campaign. All funds raised will be donated to LCIF to be used in the Empowering Service area.

And how did they do? They didn't raise a million pennies but they did collect 493,508 pennies or \$4935.08. Thanks to all who donated!

*submitted by PCC Rod Bach*

## Elgin Lions Sponsor Basketball Tournament

Tickets Anyone? The Elgin Lions sponsored a basketball tournament, which included teams from Grant Union, Baker, La Grande JV's and Elgin. A coaches' room included a variety of dishes and desserts for the visitors.



(l-r) Susie Harris, Jared Rogers and Daryl Hawes at the gate.



Jim Hallgarth is not sure what his wife Risa is asking him to sample.



(l-r) Jim Hallgarth, Darlene Garver and Risa Hallgarth put out food for the coaches.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## A Nice Christmas Story

Each year the Gresham Breakfast Lions Club has a Christmas Social but the Covid issue prevented us from having it last year. This year we started up again and the theme was Toys for Tots, a nationwide 501(c)(3) charitable organization run by the U.S. Marine Reserve. Last year, they collected and distributed over 26,000 toys just in Multnomah County and we decided to help. So... everyone in the Club who was coming to the social was asked to bring a toy. When the final arrangements were being made with the Director of Operations at the Persimmon Golf Country Club, she was asked if it would be at all possible for her to contact their members for help. To make a long story short - she not only posted flyers all around the clubhouse and pro-shop but she forwarded our request to all the members and neighbors - as a result, we got nine huge bags of toys to be distributed by the Marines.



A full house.

The Gresham Breakfast Lions Club had a great meal, a nice social and the good feeling you get for helping those in need, especially children. The local Toys for Tots volunteer and ex-Marine herself, Marygene Smith, was asked to be our guest at dinner and she gave a nice summary of what they do and how they do it. She also mentioned, privately, that the toys were really top-notch compared to what she normally sees. Then, one of the top reporters for our local newspaper (Gresham Outlook) was told about our activity, and he said he would be glad to come for interviews and to take photos and he did a really nice write-up in the December 7<sup>th</sup> edition. All in all, it was a lot of work, for a lot of people, but certainly worthwhile.



(l-r) Lion Steve Solcz and Marygene Smith, Toys for Tots volunteer and an ex-Marine.



Lion Steve Solcz and Marygene Smith –  
(without the masks this time.)

*submitted by Steve Solcz*  
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## French Prairie Lions Collect for the Holidays

The French Prairie Lions Club collected over 1,200 toys for Love Santa in November in support of Love Santa. Love Santa provides food, clothing and toys for families in northern Marion County. French Prairie Lions have collected toys for the past 4 years. This is the first time in two years that boxes and barrels were out in the communities of Aurora, Donald and Hubbard.

Lion Matt Jagers, Project Chairman, stated that around 1,229 were collected during the month of November. He reported that 641 toys were collected at the December 1 roundup. "Last year we gave gift cards to families, instead of toys due to the pandemic." During the last week of November, large amounts of items were donated, including 12 cases of crayons, 126 color books and 52 dolls.

Jewelry for teenagers, both boys and girls was donated as well. Lion Matt Jagers reported that enough jewelry was donated for around 200 teens. The Club works with a 5th grade classroom in the North Marion School District, which decorated the boxes and barrels once again this year.



French Prairie Lions Club Project Chair Matt Jagers collects some of the boxes prepared by Mrs. Anne McGillicott's 5th grade classroom.

The boxes were distributed to businesses in Aurora, Donald and Hubbard for the Love Santa program which gives out food and gifts to families in northern Marion County.



Project Chair Matt Jagers works to unload boxes and barrels of toys and gifts for young people in northern Marion County for the Love Santa project. The Club also collected new jewelry for 350 teenagers as a part of the project. Over 1,200 items were collected.

Toy collection project Chair Matt Jagers unloads the last two barrels of toys the French Prairie Lions Club collected for the Love Santa program of northern Marion County. The club put out 20 boxes and barrels in Aurora, Donald and Hubbard.

*submitted by PDG Jim Jagers*