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## Pendleton Enjoys the Safe Return of Troups



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## Eugene Downtown Lions Host Another Successful Christmas Breakfast With Santa



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## ANNIVERSARIES

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

### January

Grants Pass	January 18, 1928
Powers	January 30, 1942
North Bend	January 14, 1947
Philomath	January 13, 1948
Scio	January 26, 1948
Beaverton	January 16, 1951
G.P. Redwood	January 09, 1952
Brookings Harbor	January 10, 1953
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Mitchell	January 27, 1975
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## MONTHLY CALENDARS

Relieving the Hunger  
Global Service Action Campaign

### MEETINGS

#### January

- 11 OLSHF Patient Care Committee mtg. - noon @ OLSHF
- 23 Executive Committee mtg. - 11am @ OLSHF
- 24 OLSHF Board Development mtg. - noon @ OLSHF
- 30 SOLS&HC Board mtg. - 6pm in Medford

#### February

- 17 District O Cabinet mtg. - 10am @ Amity Fire District Fire House
- 25 District R Cabinet mtg. - 9am @ Albany Reginal Museum - 126 Lyon Street
- 27 SOLS&HC Board mtg. - 6pm in Medford

### EVENTS

#### January

- 2 New Years Day - HQ/OLSHF closed
- 11 The Oregon Lion article deadline (for February issue)
- 16 Martin Luther King Day - HQ/OLSHF offices closed

#### February

- 4 District R Conference - 8:30am - Corvallis OSU Alumni Ctr. - 725 SW 26th St. Speaker: ID Lewis Quinn from Alaska
- 6 Eyeglass Sorting Party - Keizer - Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave., NE @6pm
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 President's Day Observed - HQ Office closed



## Council Chair News



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When this article appears in our magazine, the holiday season will be over. I hope all you Lions in District 36 had a great season visiting with family and friends. A new year is upon us, with new beginnings and hope for a bright new future. We have worked hard this past year with many Lions successes. New clubs have started, but we have also lost clubs. Our District Governors are working very hard to reverse the trend of membership drop. We, as individual Lions, must do everything we can to help them. I believe I read that each Lion impacts 70 people. Just think-- the new club in Redmond will impact over 1500 people.

Now to change the subject. Our International President Corlew has designated the week of January 9-15 as Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger. Hunger is a terrible thing. When I taught 7th and 8th graders in the mid 70s in Texas, there was no breakfast program in our school. Many children came to school without breakfast. Studies have shown that when students are hungry they have trouble learning. It was so hard to watch hungry children and not be able to do anything about it. I'm so glad that schools now have a breakfast. Many schools also now have a backpack program in which food is collected and sent home with children who probably won't have food for the weekend. But this isn't enough. Because of the holiday season, our local food banks have empty shelves. If your club hasn't already done an annual drive, now is the time to start. It is a most rewarding service.

## Directory Corrections

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### MD and District Websites

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

**MD36: md36lionsclubs.org**

**District O: www.lionsoforegon.net**

**District R: www.lionsclubs36r.org**

**District E: www.districtelions.org**

**District G: www.oregonlions36g.org**



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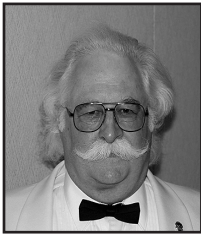
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## District O - Northwest - North Coast



### District O Governor Column

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Fellow Lions,

It'll be January when you read this column and the holidays in the past. Let me take this time to say that I hope your Christmas was merry and that you have the happiest of New Years. The holidays are a time for us to give thanks and praise, to pass our love on to the ones we hold dear in our hearts and to share the warmth of friendship with our fellow human beings.

As Lions you all worked hard to provide the needs for those not so fortunate, with food for the hungry, clothes for the needy as well as eyeglasses and hearing aids. There are so many things that all of you do in helping your communities to be a better place to live. Fellow Lions, you have proven time after time why we have grown into the world largest community service organization.

Lions Clubs International has a vision and that vision is: To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service. You are part of that vision in providing humanitarian service to your communities. You are the leaders in your communities for providing that humanitarian service. I know that you will continue to give what you can in helping your communities to be a better place to live.

Lions Clubs International has a mission statement: *To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.* Empowering volunteers is to invite others to help volunteer in your community projects. I'm hearing clubs say that they don't have the person power for this or that. We need to be open to the idea of working with others and just maybe you will get some new members.

Continue to Climb New Mountains and looking into that land of beyond. The need is always going to be there and that's when you will step up and say Lions Can Do.

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



### District R Governor Column

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Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were kind to you and you stayed safe and warm. There were times when we all wondered what the weather would be like since the forecasts were crazy some days. Mostly, the weather man was correct and we had that blast of winter a little early.

Now it's time to concentrate on the second half of our year and put together our plan to end the year with positive numbers. In District R we are focusing on retention. It is always on our minds and in the coming months we will be thinking of new ways to reward our members for their commitment to serve in our communities and beyond. Every club in District R has really been working to serve those in need and doing a great job! Whether you delivered food to families, gave warm clothing to the homeless or just took someone's hand to let them know that you care, you all touched many lives. THANK YOU! Your service is so important.

I am also very proud of the campus clubs and how they moving forward. Thanks to their advisers they are making progress to meet their goal of becoming chartered clubs! Also, thanks to all of you who are helping locate possible members for the three campus clubs. It is very rewarding to see how college students are working on their campuses and in their communities.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone in District R for working very hard to make our communities a better place to live. When I visit clubs I see what great progress you are making to serve your communities. Fundraisers are important to give us the needed funds, but the service to the community is the bottom line. Every club is doing a great job!

Convention is coming early in February, Alumni Center in Corvallis. Make your reservation and plan to come celebrate 100 years. We're going to have a lot of fun!

## District E - Southern - South Coast



### District E Governor Column

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Happy New Year and it's going to be a great one. The Centennial Celebration is in full bloom. On the Lions Club International website, lionsclubs.org, LCI is asking clubs, during the month of January, to focus on "Relieving the Hunger Centennial Service Challenge".

Most of the 36-E clubs help "Feed the Hungry" in some manner during the year. Several clubs like Crescent/Gilchrist and Sutherlin take part in a Backpack Friday food program that partners with local schools. Lions provide easy-to-fix, unbreakable items like granola bars, noodle bowls, peanut butter, etc. to feed the kids over weekends, especially long holiday weekends. During Thanksgiving and Christmas, clubs gave out food boxes. Many clubs in 36-E hold Food Drives and others have Lions bring in food at each meeting that is taken weekly or monthly to a local food bank. It warms my heart to hear Lions talk about how they are providing food for others.

The "Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger" is January 9-15. What can your club do? Here are ideas to help you host a project to fight hunger in your community during that week.

- ♥ Help stock a local food pantry by having a food drive,
- ♥ Donate money to a food bank (they get discounts at stores and money can be stretched),
- ♥ Bag school lunches,
- ♥ Give out holiday food baskets,
- ♥ Serve food at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter,
- ♥ Start a Backpack Friday program, food for kids,
- ♥ Hand out quart-size bags filled with granola bars, nuts, jerky and crackers to the homeless.

As a bonus, if your club secretary reports your project in MyLCI you will receive a Centennial patch for your club banner. No matter how you choose to serve Lions, you can be assured you have the "heart of a Lion" and you are heroes in your community. Keep up the good work!

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



### District G Governor Column

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR LIONS!! HAPPY "100" YEARS!!

Each and every Lion in 36-G is giving and serving. We are all so proud of the accomplishments of Oregon Lions!!

Please make special note of March 10 and 11 on your calendar and attend our 36-G District Convention. Our speaker will be International Director Jennifer Ware from Rapid River, Michigan. DI Ware is a psychiatric nurse. She is a Brampton Township Days River Lions Club member and has held many offices including: Club Secretary, Club Director, District Governor, Council Chair, District GLT And Sight Preservation Chairperson. I had the pleasure of visiting with her in Fukuoka, Japan and look forward to her energy and enthusiasm. You will want to visit our convention in Hood River.

We have many Centennial projects in 36-G. Sherman County Lions began the construction of two baseball fields and a soccer field on eleven acres adjacent to their new single campus school which services Moro and adjacent communities.

I submitted to LCI a matching grant application for Dr. Samuel Kimball of the La Grande Lions. Dr. Kimball and three other optometrists are forming a community vision clinic for adults and children with low income. Approximately 20% of Union County adults live below the federal poverty level and are in need of eye and vision care. The Community Vision Clinic currently has used/donated equipment. Additional information was needed by LCI. Now the grant application is on the way through the system and new equipment will be on the way.

Our newly chartered Redmond Lions Club has increased to 25 members. Zone Chairman, Lion Timothy McGlothlin is pursuing the possibility of a Lion's club in Boardman and one in Condon. His visitations are stimulating ideas for new clubs. (Thank you, Lion Tim) We will be starting a new club in Bend on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the help of LCI specialist from Texas. (We must wait for warm weather when working with a Texan).

The Lions of 36-G wear a variety of HATS and they spread the word to "Help Another Through Service". Our new year is full of promise.

## Visions of Pancakes and Sausage Rather than Sugar Plums

They say timing is everything and this time that statement couldn't be more true. The storm that produced freezing rain, sleet and hilltop snow was gone and only typical Oregon showers alternating with breaks of sunshine remained for our special day. This year's guests feasted on pancakes with syrup, sausages, eggs, juice, cocoa, and coffee. The event,



**Santa and Mrs. Claus posed for many family pictures**

of course, was the Eugene Downtown Lions Club 9th Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus fundraiser. The Breakfast was held Saturday morning December 10th from 8 AM until Noon at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall and served well over an estimated 300 hungry guests. The Hall was full most of the time with Lions, their guests and other hungry patrons. You could hear the joyous sounds of Christmas music from Lion Craig Ford's

wife Klea and her singing group "Diamond Dames." There were holiday treats and baked goods available for sale from Mrs. Claus' kitchen.

This was a wonderful family affair with Santa's helpers assisting kids with putting frosting and decorative sprinkles on their own Christmas cookies. Members of the Downtown Lions Club flipped pancakes, rolled sausages, and scrambled eggs to prepare the meal. The servers were members of the North Eugene Key Club, the Junction City LEOs and Downtown Lions and they did a great job of keeping the guests tables served with piping hot delicious food.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were, as usual, a big hit with the youngsters and adults alike as they gave candy canes to the children. Many kids gave Santa and Mrs. Claus one



**A great crowd enjoying breakfast**



**Lion Jim Origliosso called out the bike winners**



**Lion Karen Norton with bike winner Joren Lindberg**



**Robert Baguio and Jan Sohlman working in the kitchen**



**Lion President Sharon Newton was a server along with one of the young volunteers**

of the cookies they decorated at the Christmas Cookie decorating table.

Raffle tickets were sold for two children's bicycles, which were graciously donated by Guy DiTorrice from River Run Place. Lion Gene Gustafson enthusiastically encouraged everyone to buy raffle tickets for the bikes. You can still hear his voice echoing in the room "20 for 20!" to encourage ticket purchases. Lion Jim Origliosso picked the winning tickets with the aid of some of the youngsters.

The first winning ticket belonged to Lion Karen Norton who then donated the bike she won to Joren Lindberg who was overjoyed with his new bike. The second winner was Mike Burns who was not present at the time of the drawing. Bicycle helmets were given to the winners and some helmets were also raffled off. They were provided by James Miller from "Helmets for Every Head."

Special thanks go to Lions Karen Norton and Lion Jim Origliosso for their first-time effort in organizing this great event and to St. Thomas Episcopal Church for allowing us to use their facilities again this year, to all of the Lions who worked so hard setting up, cooking, selling tickets and baked goods, and cleaning up afterwards. A job well done! Thank you also goes to a another set of special folks including Ye Old Pancake House, Original Pancake House, HWY 58 Espresso, Meza Luna - John Fitzgerald, Kat Chinn & Kids, Jan Sohlman of Remax, Vet's Club of Eugene, Janet Snyder, all of the Lions Elves and, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

*submitted by Tim Chuey*

## WE'RE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

Our Lions International Centennial year of celebration is almost one half complete! Many clubs are working hard at meeting goals of membership, Centennial service, and Legacy projects.

### Centennial Service Goals

The four areas of Centennial service continue to be: Sight (and hearing), Youth, Hunger and the Environment. As your clubs perform service in these four areas, it is important that the club secretary report these service acts on the MyLCI website under the Service Activity report area. Club banner patches will be earned for each area of service performed and reported. We Oregon Lions would like the world of Lionism to know what great service work is being done in our MD 36!

### Centennial Legacy Projects

The Community Legacy Projects are designed to help clubs connect with their communities and to create a visible and lasting Lions legacy. With the three levels of participation, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved at a level that fits the club's goals. Clubs have until June 30, 2018 to design, carry out and complete a Legacy Project that will earn Lions International recognition. Club secretaries will report these Legacy projects on the MyLCI Service Activity report area, in the highlighted Legacy box.

**Level 1:** Raise your community visibility: A public item such as donating a park bench, bike rack, or a new Lions sign. Many clubs in MD 36 have completed Level 1 projects. An example is the colorful benches provided to the City of Sutherlin by the Sutherlin Noon Lions and Sutherlin Evening Branch Lions.



**Level 2:** Provide a community gift: A larger contribution such as refurbishing a park, establishing a community garden, or providing needed equipment. Several clubs have completed Level 2 projects, such as the new picnic tables to create a lunch and activity center at Tucker Maxon School for the Deaf provided in partnership by the Lake Oswego Lions.



**Level 3:** Make a community impact: A significant community impact such as building an eye clinic, expanding a school or library, developing a training center. The La Grande Lions are completing a Level 3 project – an eye clinic in partnership with local medical providers.

### Centennial Parade and Event Publicity Materials

Each of the four Districts has a set of panels depicting Lions in action. These panels are designed to be used in parades, mounted on trucks or other vehicles, or freestanding at events. In addition, each District has a set of Centennial bags designed for use in collecting eyeglasses, hearing aids, food donations or such during parades or events. An 8 foot banner will also be available in January for use in advertising Lions community events. These materials are available through reservation with each District Centennial Coordinator.

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*submitted by PDG Sharon Rollins*

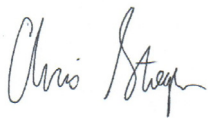
## A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For over 40 years, **Lions VisionGift** has served as a trusted link between a generous donor and a recipient in need. Our mission to advance transplantation, research and medical education to honor our donors and their gifts of sight, has led to the transplantation of over 30,000 corneas, as well as numerous medical breakthroughs from the gifts received for research and medical education. As we look to the future and the changing paradigms in healthcare, global economic struggles, and new political leadership in the United States; we at **Lions VisionGift** strive to be a positive impact on the world at large as well as the communities in which we live and work.

In the next 12 months, **Lions VisionGift** will tackle some extraordinary changes of our own, as we continue to evolve to help lead eye banking into a new era. In addition to a new name leading the organization forward, we will also reach beyond our long-time regional home to open a new facility across the country in Boston, Massachusetts. **Lions VisionGift's** commitment to research and innovation will be at the forefront of what we do in the coming years through new and long-time collaborations with ophthalmic industry leaders around the world. Our Board of Directors and staff are poised to embrace these changes and growth with grace and professionalism.

As the new CEO, I commit to you an unwavering dedication to the mission of **Lions VisionGift**. In the 16 years that I've been with LVG I have had the joy of watching our small community organization grow from ~10 employees in 2000, into the 62 (and growing) employees we have today; and I am tremendously grateful for the support and dedication of each and every member of our staff.

In the coming years, we will continue a program of ambitious growth and change. Our previous successes provide a strong foundation from which to push forward and meet the aggressive goals we have set for the future. We will strive to continue our history of collaboration to achieve results far beyond what we could accomplish alone. I would like to thank our generous and selfless donors, our staff, our Board of Directors, and the many Lions, other individuals and institutions with whom we work each and every day to achieve change and make what we do possible.



Christopher Stoeger, MBA, CEBT, CTBS  
Chief Executive Officer

### 36-R CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

#### *"Celebrate Lions - 100 Years"*

February 4, 2017 \* CH2M Hill Alumni Center \* Corvallis, Oregon

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**Registration Deadline: January 28, 2017**

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<i>Sessions only (No meal): \$25.00</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>		• Gluten free diet: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Meals Include: Morning: Coffee, tea, water, pastries, & fruit. Lunch: Buffet-Mediterranean chicken and sides.				• Diabetic diet: <input type="checkbox"/>	
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#### **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 28, 2017. 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: Craig Urbani, 370 College Drive NW, Salem, OR 97304.

#### **To Register**

Make checks (NO CASH) payable to District 36-R. Mail registration form and check to: Craig Urbani, 370 College Drive NW, Salem, OR 97304. Registration materials can be picked up on site on arrival at the conference. ***Applications received after January 28, 2017 can not be guaranteed meals.***

#### **Questions:**

Please direct all questions to: Craig Urbani, Registration Chairman: 503-378-7041; e-mail: [ccurbani@comcast.net](mailto:ccurbani@comcast.net).

## You, Me and the D!

Welcome Everyone,

My role as your MD36 Diabetes Chairman is to let some one with a greater knowledge on the subject plant the seed and if it bears a beautiful fruit I pass it on to you. Enjoy and Happy New Year to All!

NOTE: I don't remember where I found this material, but I thought it was worth passing on.

### WHAT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING YOU'VE EVER SEEN?

This year, the theme of World Diabetes Day is *Eyes on Diabetes*. What better time to celebrate the gift of eyesight and the most beautiful things your eyes have ever captured: a sleeping child, one of the world's greatest paintings or a perfect sunset?

It's easy to take our eyes for granted. But this last November, when you saw the World Diabetes Day blue circle, it was a reminder to remember all the other images your eyes let you take in every day. Do what you can to protect the gift of eyesight. How? We have 2 ideas that probably won't come as a big surprise:

1. Watch your blood sugar. Working with your healthcare team to control diabetes can reduce the risk or slow down the progression of eye disease (as well as all of the other long-term health issues associated with diabetes).
2. Don't fall behind on your eye exams. The American Diabetes Association recommends a dilated eye exam for people at the time of diagnosis for type 2 diabetes and a dilated eye exam within 5 years of diabetes onset for those with type 1. After that, if there's no sign of damage, your doctor may just want to see you every 2 years. If they see some early damage, they will want you to come in more often.

Keep in mind that treatments often work well if you start them early. So don't wait 'til you think something might be wrong. Protect the gift!

*submitted by PCC Charlie Tate, MD36 Diabetes Chairman*

*Feel free to contact me at my cell: 503.409.1861 or my email: commontate@hotmail.com*

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there" - Will Rogers

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### What is the Elgin Lions Club Up To?

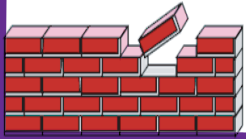


**Elgin Lion Mike Garver awards Susan Freels a Christmas ham during blackout BINGO**



**The Elgin Lions Club continues to usher at the Elgin Opera House. (l-r) PDG Gerald Hopkins, Steve Craig and Linda Johnson for the play, "A Christmas Story."**

**JOIN THE TEAM AND  
BUY A “VIRTUAL BRICK”  
\$5 EACH  
FOR **Dogs For The Deaf’s**  
NEW KENNEL**



**Dogs For The Deaf** a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization depends solely on individuals, businesses and groups for funding. Currently they are in the process of starting a 2.5 million dollar construction project in order to meet the demands of providing Assistance Dogs to people in need.

**Oregon Lions** are applying to Lions Clubs International Foundation for a matching funds grant of \$ 85,000. Dogs for the Deaf is in partnership with Oregon Lions who need to provide \$ 42,500 and LCIF will match the funds. The grant money and your \$5 donation for each “virtual brick” will be used to build kennels to increase the ability to train more Assistance Dogs.

**Dogs For The Deaf** *currently trains dogs who will enhance their client’s ability to function in our society and improve their day to day lives.*

- 🐾 Hearing Assistance Dogs
- 🐾 Program Assistance Dogs
- 🐾 Autism Assistance Dogs



**Please send Dogs For The Deaf Grant donations by February 1st, 2017 to :**

**Wes King,** Brookings-Harbor Lions Club  
98360 N. Bank Chetco Road  
Brookings, OR 97415

## Serving Those Who Serve Us 2016



Lion Dwight Johnson was one of several Lions greeting people as they arrived for the party and giving them free raffle tickets



CW2 Jacob Radke and Cpt. Bree Westman-Evans approved of the party. Lion John Taylor in the background



Lions Tamara Strickley, Judy Severin, Jan Stewart and Roxanne Hanel get ready to serve dessert



Commanding Officer of the 1/168 Aviation, Cpt. William Liebhaber, thanked the Lions for their support

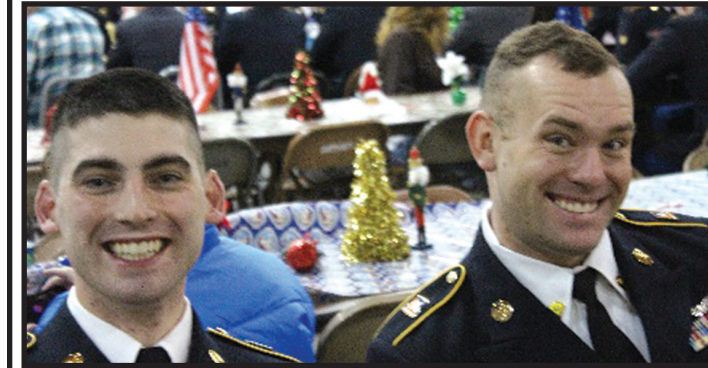
The Lions provided live music for the party, to the great enjoyment of young and old alike



Continuing a tradition of Christmas giving, the Pendleton Lions turned out December 4th for the Oregon Army Guard Family Christmas Dinner, which was held at the Pendleton Armory at the Pendleton Airport. Lions decorated the tables, provided live music and free tickets for lots of raffle items, helped serve the dinner and presented the head of the Family Readiness Group (FRG), Lorri Swiger, with a check for \$750 to help with FRG expenses. The 1-168 Aviation had returned from a long deployment to Iraq a couple of months earlier without any loss of people or equipment. It was a true honor for the Lions to serve these returning veterans and their families and offer recognition for their continuing service to our community and country.

To celebrate the safe return of the troops from their deployment, a drive was held to raise funds and the Pendleton Woolen Mills was commissioned to manufacture special wool blankets showing the symbols of the 1-168<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, somehow the order was one blanket short so Lorri gave up her blanket for one of the troopers. In an interesting twist, the Lions had purchased two blankets to give away in our raffle and when the ticket for the last blanket was pulled, Lorri held the winning ticket! How's that for a Christmas miracle.

*submitted by John Taylor  
photos by Bill Taylor*



Everyone enjoyed the party, even SANTA!



Lorri holds up the blanket she won



Lions with some of the items raffled to the Guard families: I-r John Taylor, Tamara Strickley, Randee Bronson, President Jan Stewart, Roxanne Hanel and Michael Palmer



The Lions presented a check for \$750 to Lorri Swiger and the Family Readiness Group, the civilian group which helps the National Guard families. I-r: Lions Dwight Johnson, Jan Stewart, Lorri Swiger and Lion John Taylor



**2017 District G Convention - HATS**  
**“HELPING ANOTHER THROUGH SERVICE”**  
**March 10-11, 2017**  
**HOOD RIVER, OREGON**

Friday events at Springhouse Cellar – 13 Railroad Street, HR  
Saturday events at Columbia Gorge Hotel – 4000 Westcliff Drive, HR

**Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending. Please register before March 3rd to assure meals.**

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( ) Lion ( ) Lioness ( ) Guest District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2016-2017 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any special needs you may have: \_\_\_\_\_

Dress Code: Casual or club attire – hats encouraged Saturday night: Dressy, but not formal

Hospitality Book: Includes registration, all training/workshops, all meals.

( ) Lions and Guests: \$95 until Feb 28. / \$105 after Feb. 28 (includes all programs & three meals)

( ) Saturday only (registration, lunch & dinner): \$80

Individual Options: (Please note that if you are planning on coming for a single meal, the registration fee is not required. If you attend any of the events, the registration fee does apply.)

( ) \$15 Registration (non-refundable)

( ) \$20 Friday Dinner/Entertainment at Springhouse Cellar

( ) \$28 Saturday Lunch at Columbia Gorge Hotel

( ) \$37 Saturday Dinner at Columbia Gorge Hotel (select one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pork Loin

\_\_\_\_\_ Shrimp Scampi

\_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan

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TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail registration & check to:  
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Area hotels:

Columbia Gorge Hotel & Spa, 541-386-5566, Garden view - \$189, River view - \$209 (winter rate)

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(book by 2-11-17 for room block)

# District G Convention

## The Historic Columbia Gorge Hotel

### March 10 & 11, 2017

The Lions of G are planning the District Convention, or as our Governor calls it ~ **“HATS”** time ~ and you are invited!



DG Judith and crew are planning a fun event for Friday night. Lions will gather at the Springhouse Cellar in Hood River. Springhouse is situated in a historic, century-old building near the railroad tracks in Hood River. They provide a unique, cozy atmosphere for gatherings of all kinds, which is just perfect for the Lions. DG Judith has some tail-twisting, games and music in mind for the evening - plus, wine-tasting, of course.

Then, on Saturday, we will be at the historic Columbia Gorge Hotel where we will celebrate 100 years of Lions in style. Focus will be on “Helping Another Through Service” and several District clubs will be giving presentations on their own community projects. Leadership Chair Bev Bridgewater, with Convention Chair Elaine Johnson and DG Judith Poage, are preparing a great line-up of forums to motivate even the most timid Lion. Don’t forget to bring your checks for the annual Parade of Checks for our own Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. In our 100th year, we hope to set a new record for giving at the G convention.



So, where should you stay since there is not a “host” hotel? If you want to have the full experience, you can splurge to stay at the Columbia Gorge Hotel. They have 15 rooms for us from \$189 - \$209. The former Vagabond Motel is now Westcliff Lodge, is next door and has their winter rates from \$59 - \$85. For luxury, checkout the Best Western Hood River Inn where rooms are \$86 - \$134 (until Feb. 11, 2017), and do consider the quaint Hood River Hotel located in downtown Hood River.

So, Lions and friends of G, we urge you to start your planning to attend the G Convention in Hood River on March 10 and 11. Please bring and wear a hat or two to show off your service in Lions. And don’t forget the basket contest. Design your best basket around the theme. Baskets will be part of a raffle. Best themed basket and most popular will each win a \$50 cash prize.

*submitted by PCC Bev Bridgewater*



**Art Abbott**  
Board Chair

**Doug Thompson**  
Executive Director



## **SB 187 will allow the successful Oregon school vision screening program to continue.**

### ***It's 2017 - Now Is The Time To Contact Your Legislator!***

For many of us Lions here in Oregon, 2017 couldn't come soon enough. The 2017 Oregon Legislative session begins on Feb 1st and this is our best chance to pass legislation that will provide state funding for vision screening in Oregon schools. Our legislation - SB 187 - has three times as many sponsors as in 2015 and has the support of key legislators in both houses and on both sides of the aisle.

***For a complete update on SB 187 and a list of SB 187's sponsors please email Doug at [DougT@OLSHF.org](mailto:DougT@OLSHF.org) or Nicole at [Nick@OLSHF.org](mailto:Nick@OLSHF.org)***

Here is some background on SB 187, which will establish a fund for vision screening in Oregon schools:

1. Senate Bill (SB) 187 will allow the successful Oregon school vision screening program to continue.
2. SB 187 is a follow-up to HB 3000, which was passed by the legislature in 2013. That bill (enacted as ORS 336.211) requires all Oregon students to provide proof that the student has received a vision screening or eye exam prior to starting school.
3. HB 3000 was enacted to ensure that students with vision issues will be identified early on, which is a key factor in ensuring student success from the very start of a student's education. Early identification and treatment has been proven to dramatically improve student outcomes, with a direct effect on student success up to and including affecting high school graduation rates.
4. HB 3000 was envisioned as a public-private partnership, with the schools providing logistical support, and the state partnering with private non-profit entities to provide the necessary equipment, training, and financial resources.

5. Oregon non-profits have met their part of the bargain, and more than 180,000 Oregon students now have a comprehensive and quick vision screening provided for them in the school setting.
6. Despite an Oregon Department of Education report (December, 2013), recommending a significant state expenditure on the vision screening program, no state money has ever been provided. As a result, the participating non-profits have been supporting the programs by themselves, at an unsustainable cost and resource drain.
7. SB 187 will allow the successful Oregon school vision screening program to continue.
8. SB 187 would provide a \$3MM appropriation to the Department of Education, specific to the school vision screening program. While the Dept. of Education study recommended a funding level of \$3.75MM, the private side (private non-profit entities) of the public-private partnership has done and continues to be willing to do more than it was asked to do originally.

***Please tell your legislator you want them to support this Bill!  
Contact them today!***

***Find your legislator at:  
<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html>***

***Or search online using the key words:  
"Oregon Legislator Finder"***



## Gifts & Memorials

Contributions list includes gifts received 11/16/2016 through 12/15/2016 only. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy and we appreciate you bringing any issues to our attention by emailing [Info@OLSHF.org](mailto:Info@OLSHF.org).

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Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas!**  
Leslie Seward

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*Oregon Lions*  
Sight & Hearing Foundation

## Salem Man with Special Needs Loves the ROAR! Hearing Assistance Program!



*Terry made the trip from Salem to thank the OLSHF staff in person. His excitement and gratitude was palpable!*

Terry is the kind of person you meet and never forget. He recently visited OLSHF and staff were delighted. Through many hugs and tears of joy, Terry expressed his gratitude for the Salem Downtown Lions Club, OLSHF, Chris Gustafson at Evergreen Hearing Center, and his incredible mentors, Lynette and John Crocker.

Terry has persevered through many obstacles in life. Born with Cerebral Palsy, Terry spent many of his childhood and young adult years at the Fairview Training Center in Salem. John recalled the difficult challenges of communicating with Terry before he had hearing aids.

Terry is VERY talkative and it was hard to believe that less than a month ago he would not have been able to communicate! Terry is a fantastic speaker (just one of his many talents) and he has traveled around the world to speak about living independently with a developmental disability. Terry hopes to speak on behalf of the Roar! Hearing Aid Assistance program, so be on the lookout for him at future Lions Club district conventions and Keep the Promise events! People like Terry truly embody the mission that Lions believe in so strongly.

## Need New Year's Resolutions?

*Look no further - Here are a few ways you and your Lions Club can make a BIG IMPACT in 2017!*

1. Call your state legislators and tell them to support Senate Bill 187 that will provide funding for vision screening in schools. (See pg. 16) Bonus Resolution: Mark your calendar and attend Lions Day at the Capitol on March 16th in Salem to advocate for SB 187 and raise the profile of Lions in Oregon.
2. Donate your tax refund to OLSHF through the Charitable Checkoff. Choose #14 on your Oregon State Tax Return to make your gift! 100% of your donation directly supports OLSHF vision and hearing programs!
3. Send us success stories highlighting how your club makes a difference in your communities. We'll print your stories in the Oregon Lion, use on Facebook or share at your District Convention!
4. Plan with your club to participate in the Parade of Checks - your club's gift multiplies in value 5 times and directly supports OLSHF's sight and hearing assistance programs.
5. Does your workplace have a Giving Program? If so, please invite us to your office so we can share information about how participating in a Workplace Giving Program helps further the impact of a gift to OLSHF.



*Oregon Lions*  
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## What a Difference a Vision Screening Makes - Paige, Then and Now



*Paige during her interview for the SB 187 legislative video filming.*

In Fall 2015, MHSP identified Paige's vision issue with the SPOT device and she was referred for follow up care. During past traditional eye chart screenings with the school nurse, Paige "cheated", using her strong eye to read the letters and then recite from memory with her weak eye. So her vision problem worsened as did her ability to succeed in school.

Fast forward to December 2016. Paige, now a 7th grader, loves her glasses and more importantly she

loves school. Not only is Paige thriving academically, she is involved in many activities - from musical theater, learning the trumpet to exploring martial arts. Her mom, Karen, says her creativity and curiosity knows no bounds, thanks to her newfound confidence and improved vision. Paige used to stumble often and squinted through her school day. Karen is grateful for MHSP and the Lions - without the vision screening, she said, "Paige would have continued to struggle but now she's thriving."



### Claire Davis-Thran, North Clackamas School Nurse:

***"This is the third year we have partnered with Lions and it has been a game changer."***

Lions can literally screen an entire class of students in less than 10 minutes. This drastically reduces both the time nurses are taken away from other important work, and the amount of time students are out of class missing instruction time.

***Claire, seen on the left, during a recent vision screening event at one of the schools she serves.***

We feel passionately as school nurses that what Lions has provided should be the standard for all school screenings in the state of Oregon. School is fast paced, and children's vision can change rapidly as they grow."

## Can You Ever Have Too Much Turkey?

There is going to be plenty of turkey in the home of Dick Barnes and his wife Bernadette.



Dick and Bernadette with Thanksgiving turkey

Each won a bird at the turkey BINGO sponsored by the Elgin Lions. Dick was the first week's winner during a blackout game for the evening. The following week, Bernadette St. Onge-Barnes won a turkey during the first blackout game.

The Elgin Lion Club hosts BINGO at the Elgin Community

Center every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. New games will feature a Christmas ham for winners of the blackout games.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Brookings-Harbor Lions Club Shines in Community ChariTree Event

On December 3, 2016, the Brookings-Harbor Lions Club participated in the community's annual ChariTree Auction Event. It is a community festival where non-profit groups decorate Christmas trees for public auction. The Brookings-Harbor Lions Club was one of 19 charities or clubs that decorated trees at this event.



(l-r) Brookings-Harbor Lions Club Design Team, Joan and Jenna Willis

The Lions Design Team's "The Lion in Winter" tree theme won the Judges' 1st Place Award for Originality and Best Design which showcased our Club. The public voted and we won 2nd Place in People's Choice Award!

## Elgin Lions Welcome The Holiday Season With Special Activities

The Elgin Lions Annual Light Parade was held on December 10, according to organizer Lion Jared Rogers. Floats were assembled at 5:00 p.m. and the parade began at 6:00 p.m. Floats were encouraged from the community and donations were appreciated by the Club with awards given.

The Club continued with its weekly BINGO bash held at the Elgin Community Center. Christmas hams could be won during the blackout sessions. Members also helped usher for the program "A Christmas Story," shown at the Elgin Opera House during the month of December.

Members of the Club constructed a tree for the community, which will be used annually at the local park. The Lions will be sending a family Christmas shopping during the holiday season.

The Lions hosted a basketball tournament on December 2-3 at the Elgin High School. Because it is a fundraiser for Lions, school seasonal passes are not honored for the event.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



Community Christmas tree constructed by Chair Daryl Hawes and fellow Lion members

A silent auction was also held. Among the items auctioned was Christmas tree with a small live wreath that netted \$95. In addition, a large live hand-made wreath went for \$40 and four toy packages had bids totaling \$130 with all of the money from these five items donated to Dogs for the Deaf grant fundraiser.

*submitted by Jenna Willis*

## Elgin Huskies Unbeatable In the Lions Kick-Off Tournament

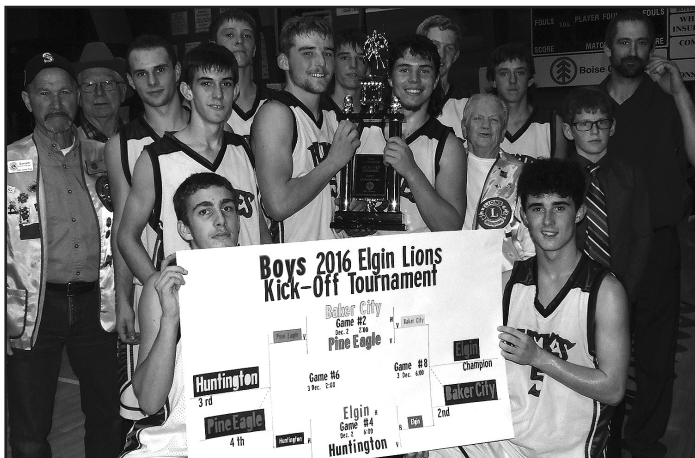
The Lions Kick-off Basketball Tournament was dominated by the Elgin Huskies, with the



**Husky girls win first place**

boys and girls varsity teams capturing first place.

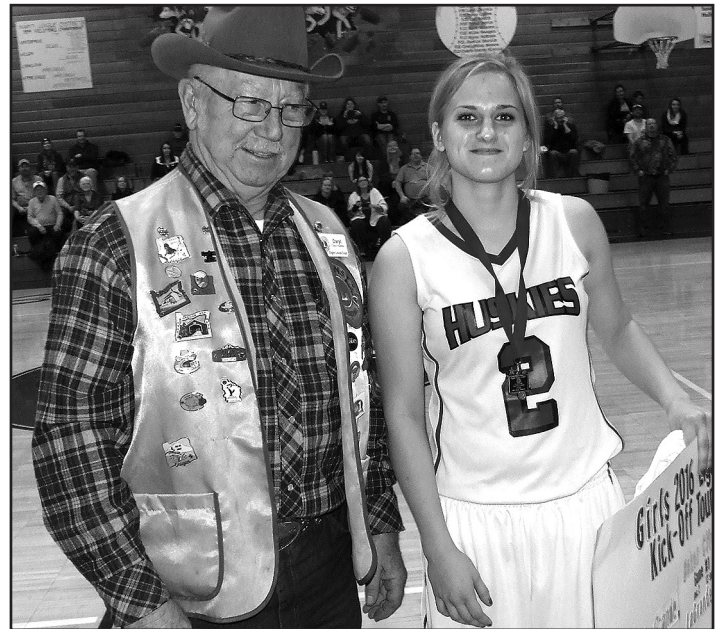
In the girls' bracket, the audience sat through a nail-biting game with Elgin coming out on top of the Baker Lady Bulldogs Jr. Varsity by a score of 42-40. During the trophy presentations, Baker's Anna Carter and Averi Elms received All-Star medals, while Taylor Noble, Talia Whitmore and Sicily Simpson received the medals for Elgin.



**Husky boys hold winning trophy**

The Elgin boys scored 60 points to Baker's Jr. Varsity 43. Earning All-Star awards for Baker City was Kaden Sand and Landon Nelson. Awards for Elgin went to Brandon Howes, Chance Weaver and Caleb Lathrop.

The Tournament included teams from



**Sicily Simpson of Elgin earns one of the all-star medals**

La Grande, Pine Eagle and Huntington. Prior to the game, the Lions stressed the values of positive, competitive experience for the players; positive working experience for both, and an entertaining experience for the spectators. All team players showed the values throughout the Tournament.



**Lions Daryl Hawes, Bernadette St Onge-Barnes, Jared Rogers and Lezlie Reid sell tickets for the tournament**

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## What Can Six Lions Clubs and 48 Lion Volunteers Accomplish?

Vision screenings of 12,410 students from September to the 2016 holidays resulted in 1,166 referrals by 48 Lions volunteers from the Crooked River Ranch (CRR), Sisters, La Pine, Bend, Prineville, and Silver Lakes Lions Clubs. The screenings stretched from Silver Lake to Grass Valley with many screenings in Bend, Redmond and Prineville.



**Vision screeners at Miller Elementary School, Bend, Front (l-r) Vene Dunham, CRR, parent volunteer, office manager, parent volunteer; Back (l-r) Vicky Burt, CRR, Ted Carlin, CO Coordinator, Pati Bengtson, CRR & Dean Flory, CRR**

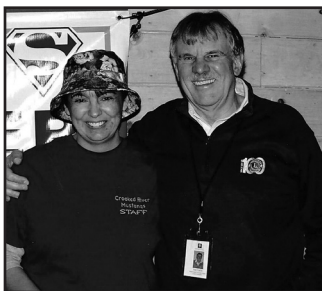


**Vision screeners at Silver Rail Elementary School, Bend Front (l-r) Dean Flory, CRR, parent volunteer, Cinda Awbrey, CRR; Back (l-r) Jon Awbrey, CRR, Vicki Smith, Sisters, Richard Smith, Sisters, & Ted Carlin, CO Coordinator**

Elementary School. Laura has now taught 2nd Grade for 21 years, causing Lion Ted to comment, "I must be old!"

With a few more screenings in the new year the six Lions Clubs will celebrate with a Lions Volunteer Recognition Lunch at Kim & Karla's Pasta Restaurant in January.

We've become a pretty tight knit group during the screenings and have fun celebrating," stated Lion Ted Carlin. With the six clubs working closely on the vision screenings it also gives them a chance to talk of their clubs' successes. Sisters talks of their Christmas Market, Bend of their Demolition Derby, La Pine of their new concession trailer, Prineville on their community involvement, Silver Lake on how small numbers still have large accomplishments and CRR on their famous Limp Dump which will be burned in late January.



**Laura (Maldanod) Graydon and Ted Carlin are all smiles as they reunite after 39 years**

"You gotta love the kids. They come up with something different everyday," stated Lion Dean

Flory of the CRR Lions, who tops the list of volunteers with 32 screenings attended. "The 48 volunteers who have helped out with the Central Oregon screenings are amazing, not just for the time they volunteer, but also for the many, many miles they drive," stated Coordinator Lion Ted Carlin.

"My son was referred by the Lions and received glasses when he was a first grader at Jewell ES in Bend," stated his mom Robin Raiter, a teacher at Juniper Elementary School in Bend, where screenings were taking place. "The glasses changed his outlook on school and Jake is now 21 years old, a junior at Southern Oregon University, and studying Theater," said Robin. "We love these success stories, and with the 1,166 referrals we have had so far this year we hoping for more of them," said Lion Ted.

While screening at Crooked River Elementary School in Prineville, Lion Ted was amazed to run into Laura (Maldanodo) Graydon, who was a 2nd grader in his Physical Education class during his first year of teaching in 1977 at Jefferson



**Vision screeners at Obsidian Middle School, Redmond Front (l-r) Dean Flory, CRR, Pati Bengtson, CRR, School Nurse, Carolyn Ladd, CRR, Irv Ladd, CRR; Back (l-r) Jim Moody, Redmond, Vene Dunham, CRR, Ted Carlin, CO Coordinator, Dave Palmer, CRR & Richard Smith, Sisters**



**Redmond schools, this year, have all their kindergartners together at the Early Family Learning Center. A parent is all smiles as her kindergartner son gets ready for vision screening along with many, many other kindergartners that day**

Camaraderie, ideas and lots of laugh erupt between asking students for their sticker and screening their eyes. The Central Oregon Lions have bonded together through the vision screenings, so watch your eyes if you see this gang heading your way with their SPOT machines at the ready.

*submitted by Ted Carlin*

## Centennial Parade and Party

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

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

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

Registration applications for the parade are available from your District Secretary. This application is easy to complete. The City of Pendleton requires that each entry be registered and the registrations will help our parade organizers create a lineup to show off each and every entry. All registration applications must be turned in by April 1.

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

## Come And Join The Fun!

*submitted by PDG Sharon Rollins*

### Plaque for Continued Membership Awarded



President Jeremy Shull (who is also the Sherman County Sheriff) presents Lion Latrelle Smoot with a plaque for thirty years as a Lion. Latrelle is currently the Club Membership Chairman.

*submitted by DG Judith Poage*

### Lion Received Leo Advisor Pin



Lion Kristen Reese (center) receives a 5 year pin for being LEO advisor, awarded by DG Judith Poage, and honored by several of the Hood River LEOS officers.

*submitted by PDG Paul Zastrow*

## **French Prairie Lions Club Helping the North Marion School District Giving Tree**



**top-----Lion Matt Jaggars with three Giving Tree volunteers for the North Marion Giving Tree program. The Club delivered over 500 items on December 7.**

**middle----PDG Hank Calhoun and Zone Chair Dane Parreira met with the French Prairie Lions Club and guests and survey the items collected and made by Club members for the North Marion School District Giving Tree.**

**Bottom----Items made and collected by members of the French Prairie Lions Club totaled over 500 for the North Marion School District Giving Tree. Items included fleece jackets, dolls, purses, slippers and hat and scarf sets.**