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## St. Helens Lions Donate Hats for PUD “Warming Tree”



(l-r) Lions Linda McCoy, Amy Gadbois, Rosemary Jeffrey, Kathy Syrstad and Sue Mueller with the hats they delivered for the PUD Warming Tree. Not pictured is Lion Sharon Fraser.

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## The Dalles Lions & Sister City Lunch



Group photo after lunch.

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## A Few People from OLSHF Visit King City Lions Club



(l-r) OLSHF CEO Doug Thompson, King City Lions Club President Rick Castle and OLSHF Devel. Director Sam Doyle pose with a \$100 donation check from the club to OLSHF.

**See Story page 22**

# MONTHLY CALENDARS

## MEETINGS

### January

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

### February

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

## EVENTS

### January

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

### February

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 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 9, 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
Odell	February 24, 1971
Alvadore Franklin	February 2, 1979
Beavercreek	February 12, 1981



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## Council Chair News



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### Our New Year of Service

Happy New Year Lions of MD-36! I love this time of year as our clubs begin their new year of service. The two simple words of our motto, “We Serve” drive the actions of 2,796 Lions statewide as we strive to serve the needs of our individual communities and support our statewide and international efforts as well. Will your club perform traditional service projects or will you look for new and innovative projects to adopt this year? Or will your club have a combination of both, the traditional and the new? Tradition and change; both have value and a place as we evaluate the needs of our communities and decide how we can best serve.

And speaking of service, many Lions across the state participated in holiday service projects, enhancing this special time of the year in their respective communities. Projects ranged from photos with Santa, to food and toy drives to stuffing Christmas stockings for delivery to care centers and more. In addition, the teambuilding required for designing floats for holiday parades, preparing food for celebrations and activities such as hosting a Movie Night and a Christmas bazaar that ran for weeks brought club members together and increased club collegiality through service.

As we head into the New Year, remember that statewide service projects are once again on tap for our multiple district. These collegial efforts, which cross District borders, bring Lions across the state together in a common effort to serve. Thanks to our GST team and especially GST Chair PCC Sharon Rollins for organizing this effort. The next project will involve hunger awareness and will be held in February. Stay tuned for more information on this project.

### No longer “the best kept secret”

For years Lions International has been encouraging clubs to share what they are doing for

their communities with their communities. Urging us to no longer be “the best kept secret”, Lions have headed the call and are now getting the word out through their local newspapers, on social media and on websites. Some clubs have a marketing manager and are actively involved in this effort.

If your club excels at marketing and you have gained members due to your marketing efforts, Lions International has a contest for you. The contest is called the Lions International Marketing Award and your club could win \$2,000 dollars as well as a trophy and certificates for all members. Applications are due February 1<sup>st</sup>, but there is still time to enter if your club has been actively involved in this type of effort.

Go to the Lions International website and search “The Lions International Marketing Award” to review contest rules and download the application. Your project must have started on or after July 1, 2023. The project can be a service project, fundraiser, social media campaign or marketing campaign but it must have a membership recruitment element. You will need to explain what marketing materials you used as well as the number of members or prospective members gained through this effort. Good luck. I hope some of you will consider applying.

### The countdown has begun

In just a little over a month it will be time for our first district convention. District R will hold its convention on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Springfield at the Holiday Inn Express with the other districts following suit in March and April. Then our 100<sup>th</sup> state convention will be held in Bandon on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Our centennial convention will be very special with new events and special speakers. One of the benefits of attending convention is getting to interact with Lions from other areas of the district or state. In addition, the exchange of information that takes place at convention, be it through session attendance or through the informal exchange with your fellow Lions, can be invaluable. Registrations forms for District O and District R’s conventions can be found in this edition and are also posted on the MD-36 website.

### 2024 here we come

Best wishes to you all as we head into our New Year of Lions service. 2024 here we come!

## District O - Northwest - North Coast



**District O Governor Column**  
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As the year draws to a close, it's a fitting time to reflect on the noteworthy achievements within our District and the diverse initiatives we've undertaken.

During a recent Wilsonville meeting, I learned that OLSHF has surpassed an impressive milestone in eye screenings for children, conducting just under 120,000 screenings through approximately 560 setups since the school year's inception. OLSHF truly stands out as the shining gem among all Lions Clubs in Oregon and Northern California.

In talking with Brian Sauer, District-O's 2nd VDGE, I learned that the King City Lions had reached out to the McMinnville Lions to help them hone their Medical Device Lending Service to be more efficient. A collaboration that potentially could become something that expands the "brand" of Lions in the Northwest for not just being the eyeglasses folks but the place to go when medical devices seem to be unattainable.

Joy comes through simple things being taken care of by genuine kindness. I see that ten different clubs have added new benches to their parks and public spaces. Perhaps it's time to present a branding stamp to Trex to put an identifier - "This bench was earned through the recycling efforts of the Lions."

Though District O has lost two clubs this year, there have been two "at risk" clubs who have collectively voted to redouble their efforts to stay open and add new members. Our Portland Metro Club is alive and thrilled at the prospect of working with the District to learn what it takes to do membership recruitment (and potentially fostering some new connections with other Korean Language Clubs from Vancouver BC to San Diego.

District-O has already hosted two "cluster meetings" and a "Cluster Holiday party," each having a commitment to meet again to delve into the work of adding new members in a variety of "market communities."

Oh, and let's not forget the Portland Oaks Bottoms Club, which recently returned from a successful vision mission to Mexico where they distributed 400+ eyeglasses and screened 1,000 kids and adults. Furthermore, in January, some Milwaukee Lions will be flying to Peru to bring them a new Spot Screener to replace the old one that essentially wore out.

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



**District R Governor Column**  
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Hello Lions! I hope you had a happy holiday season with family and friends. As we enter 2024, I encourage each Lion to maintain positivity throughout the remainder of the year. Let's persist in our commitment to membership growth, retention, and impactful community service. Our District is committed to supporting you in these areas. By doing so, we not only leave a mark in our communities but also uplift our fellow Lions.

I would suggest that clubs reflect on goals they have set — Are you progressing as envisioned? Actively fostering growth and retention? Extending your reach into communities for tangible change? For clubs without goals, it's never too late to set objectives promising success for both your club and our District. Goals guide us, providing direction and purpose throughout the Lions year. Without them, we lack clarity.

As the new year begins, many engage in the tradition of making resolutions. Personally, I want good health, to be a better person and Lion, and to help more individuals in need. I find inspiration in the words of these past leaders who embodied values we can integrate into our Lions ethos:

- The 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."
- The Late Lion Leader Haynes Townsend: "Kindness Matters."
- Past Lions International President Doug Alexander: "Service From The Heart."
- Past Lions International President Brian Sheehan: "Together We Can."
- Our current Lions International President, Lion Dr. Patti Hill: "Changing The World."

As we reevaluate our goals, let's shape our path toward membership growth, retention, and enhanced community service using the lens of these leaders.

Consider JFK not just as the 35th President but as a Lion. His call could be reframed as: "Ask not what my Lions and community can do for me; ask what I can do for my Lions and community through Kindness and Service from the heart because together we can Change the World."

Recalling the wisdom of Alabama's football coach Nick Saban: "What happened yesterday is history, What happens tomorrow is a mystery, What we do today makes a difference." Reflect, Lions. Yesterday is behind us, tomorrow is uncertain, but today holds the power to make a difference in membership, retention, and the lives we touch.

I extend heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication. Kathy and I wish you the very best for 2024. In the spirit of "Service From The Heart," remember our actions as Lions extend beyond making a difference—we are, indeed, **CHANGING THE WORLD.**

## District E - Southern - South Coast



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January is the time to set New Year's resolutions and the time to set goals for the future of your clubs. As district officers, it is incumbent upon us to establish and articulate goals for our district, charting a course for their achievement. Our focus is on fostering growth within the district and enhancing the overall quality of Lions Clubs within our district.

Clubs in our district are encouraged to define their unique goals, encompassing objectives such as membership expansion, heightened community visibility, and proactive engagement in addressing local needs. To meet these goals, we need to determine the needs of the community and how these needs can be met by our club. Identifying prospective Lions to join our ranks is equally crucial, necessitating thoughtful approaches to attract and integrate them into our clubs.

Lions International offers valuable programs designed to assist clubs in assessing their strengths and weaknesses. They can also provide insights on effective member recruitment strategies. Additionally, our dedicated Lions within the district cabinet stand ready to offer guidance, ensuring your club realizes its full potential. As your District Governor I am also at your disposal and ready to be called upon for support as you strive to elevate your club to new heights.

Steve Brewster, DG MD36-E

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2024!

Hello and Happy New Year Lions of Oregon's MD36-G! I hope it's off to a great start for you personally and for your clubs. It is a good time of year to plan ahead and maybe initiate that new project you've talked about in the past.

Also a good time to work on that membership challenge we have going throughout 36-G. Two free registrations to our District 36G Convention to be held in Sisters, Or. are up for grabs! Save that date in April ... the 5th and 6th.

I was really challenged this month on what I should write about and then I received a small package in the mail from Lion's International. Not knowing what was inside I carefully broke into it and found 78 award letters for years of service and I had my story!

1,870 combined years of service from 78 dedicated Lions is well worth celebrating! I will give a quick breakdown of the awards here and call out a few Lions for the milestones they have reached serving their club and communities. Here we go: 19 10-year awards; 17 15-year awards; 12 20-year awards; 8 25-year awards; 1 30-year Charter award; 3 35-year awards; 5 40-year awards; and 4 45-year awards!

I wish I had room here to list all of you by name. Congratulations and thank you from myself and the clubs and communities you serve. Geez, I feel like a rookie amongst all of that Lionism!

And here are some shout outs by name for those 50 years and above! 2 50-year Charter Monarch awards: PCC Al Starns (Burns) and Kenneth Beeman (Island City). 6 50-year Chevrons: Martin Vavra (LaGrande), Michael Brown (Madras), Frederick Jette (formerly Odell Lions), Elton Fadness (The Dalles), John Duckworth (Wallowa) and PDG Gerald Hopkins (Elgin). Last but not least and hats off to John Byers of The Dalles Lions for 70 years of service! THANK YOU!

A year from now there will be another whole new group reaching milestones for their respective years of service. We just need to keep it going, a new recruit today is celebrating their year achievements before you know it. And it continues into the future for all to see - WE SERVE - it is clear for all to see!

'Be Instrumental In Service'

Lion Pete Runnels, District Governor MD36-G

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## St. Helens Lions Donate Hats for PUD “Warming Tree”

Some of the ladies of the St. Helens Lions Club recently delivered a dozen hand-knit hats to the Columbia River PUD for their annual Warming Tree collection. In December, the PUD collects hats, scarves, gloves and blankets to be given to local residents in need.



(l-r) Lions Linda McCoy, Amy Gadbois, Rosemary Jeffrey, Kathy Syrstad and Sue Mueller with the hats they delivered for the PUD Warming Tree. Not pictured is Lion Sharon Fraser.

The Lions Club received a donation of yarn from a local resident who wanted it used to benefit people in need. Lions Kathy Syrstad and Sue Mueller knit hats and Lions Linda McCoy, Sharon Fraser, Rosemary Jeffrey and Amy Gadbois were happy to sew seams, make pom poms and add other decoration. Some of the donated yarn has also been used to make hats for cancer patients staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

The ladies enjoy gathering for coffee, cookies, conversation and creating something to help someone in need.

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## St. Helens Lions Members Participate in “Adopt One Block”

Four members of the St. Helens Lions Club have been taking part in the Adopt One Block program since last spring. The program asks participants to commit to cleaning up a square block, or more, of litter once a week. The website [www.adoptoneblock.org](http://www.adoptoneblock.org) allows participants to choose the area they want to «adopt» and order supplies to help in the effort. Adopters are sent a litter picking tool, trash bags or a bucket and gloves, all free of charge.

Lions Sharon Fraser, Greg Bartsch and Jim and Kathy Syrstad have all adopted blocks in the St. Helens area. The work is usually an enjoyable walk and leaves participants with a very rewarding feeling that they have made a difference in their community. The Syrstads have found that after cleaning up their areas for several months there is much less litter that accumulates. Every trip yields at least one “thank you” from passersby or residents. Funny how that little bit of encouragement keeps you motivated! These Lions highly encourage others to consider adopting their own blocks and joining in the movement to clean-up communities. This is a great environmental project and another good way to show how Lions live up to their motto of “We Serve.”



Lions Kathy and Jim Syrstad with their bags of litter on their “adopted blocks”.



Lion Sharon Fraser picking up litter on her “adopted block”.



Lion Greg Bartsch (who is a bit camera shy) uses his litter bucket to promote Lions.

*both articles submitted by Kathy Syrstad*

## King City Lions Club Holds Annual Holiday Bazaar!

The King City Lions Club's annual Holiday Bazaar has been raising approximately \$1,700 each year since 2020, according to organizer Mary Thibert, and 2023 was no exception. "We had a full house with 29 vendors renting 39 tables (our maximum) this year," she said of the Nov. 10-11 event. "I had to limit vendors to two tables each and had a waiting list for tables, plus others asking to be put on the list for next year. Vendors sell in several bazaars each year and claim this is their favorite — sales are up, everyone is friendly."

Mary added, "Shoppers praise the variety and quality of merchandise, and some who go to several bazaars each year say, 'This is the best,' and ask for next year's dates to be put on their calendar." According to Mary, attendance was packed on Friday, but Saturday's wind and heavy rain slowed attendance, although most vendors said they did well. "The availability of food is a big draw," Mary said. "The vendors appreciate the ease of getting lunch on premise so they don't have to leave their booth, and also the free coffee and muffins before the doors open. And the shoppers like the convenience of getting lunch without taking an hour to go to a restaurant. We advertise that food is available, and some plan it in their shopping schedule. The Baked Potato Bar is such a success (46 sold) that Bingo players ask if we can include it at Bingo."



Lion Rick Schwarzenberger.



Lion City Thibert.



Lion Bill Gerkin.



(l-r) Lions Sandy Williams and Laurie Thibert.



Lion Mary Thibert.

A number of King City Lions Club members and several of Mary's children worked before, during and after the event. Furniture had to be moved from the living room and banquet room into the smaller rooms at the south end of the Clubhouse. Tables had to be set up along with ones borrowed from St. Anthony's Catholic Church, which had to be returned after the bazaar, and food had to be purchased.

*submitted by Barbara Sherman*

## The Dalles Hold BBQ at Sorosis Park to Induct New Members and Thank Car Show Sponsors

On October 18, The Dalles Lions Club had a BBQ at Sorosis Park in The Dalles to induct 3 new members. We also thanked our Car Show Sponsors. The weather was great and everyone had a good time.

We inducted the new members after we ate and it was starting to get dark. For some reason, the lights in the Lions Shelter didn't come on so everyone got their cell phones out and turned on their flashlights. About half-way through the ceremony, a Parks and Rec employee came by and unlocked the electrical panel and turned the lights on. The lights came on just in time to get some pictures.



Lion President Ethan Wray standing at the podium in the Lions Shelter at Sorosis Park in The Dalles.



Crowd and Lion Jim Wilcox.



Lion Carolyn Layson arranging the food.



BBQ Team, Lions Mike Kilkenny and Ken Onstot.



Lions Ruthie Emmett, Ethan Wray, Nikki Lesich, Ed Goodman and Timmy Mac.



Lions Jim Wilcox, Ruthie Emmett, Nikki Lesich, Ed Goodman and Timmy Mac.

*submitted by Mike Kilkenny*



## Elgin Lions Club Had a Good Turnout for End of Year Discussion about Activities

Thirty-seven Lions turned out for a discussion about year-end activities. The group also welcomed Jared Boyd who is running for Circuit Judge. Although the Lions do not endorse political candidates, individuals can appear and tell about themselves and their goals. Boyd stated that he has served as a prosecutor and defense lawyer and felt he had outstanding qualifications for his position.

It was reported that \$217 was donated to Lions through the pie and ice cream social. It was also reported that Cycle Oregon is planning on starting and finishing their bicycle tour in Elgin next year. The Lions will be involved and members attended the organizational meeting.

Jared Rogers shared about a Light Parade to be held December 9<sup>th</sup>. Jared also shared information on the Mo's clam chowder can drive as a fund raiser.

The Elgin Lions Club will also support a Christmas shopping spree for a deserving family, purchase turkeys for the Christmas baskets, usher for the play "Anastasia" at the Opera House, help purchase instruments for the elementary school, serve community meals and donate \$100 to the Elgin Museum on behalf of Everett Grandeen.



Jared Boyd, guest speaker at Lions meeting.

## Elgin Tailtwisters Put Fun In Meetings



(l-r) Irene Garlitz is given a prescription for RX2411 by Bob Thomas.

A grant for public restrooms is being presented to Lions International which was unanimously endorsed by the club members. In other action, Lion Daryl Hawes found a Christmas tree for the Clarence Witty Park, and Lions supplied cables and concrete anchors for the tree.

Under the chairmanship of Lion Jared Rogers, a two-day basketball tournament was held at the high school. Five teams participated in the event. The Lions also organized the coaches' room with many goodies during the game.

Elgin's Tailtwisters, Bob Thomas and Susie Harris, put fun into the meetings. The two filled a jar of tabs for the Lions to guess the number. The guess at 2,000+ won Jan Keil the dinner for the tabs (there were **2,411**). As a result, she won a meal at Cowboys and Angels for **\$24.11**. Irene Garlitz guessed over 4,000 tabs, so was presented with an "extra effort" prescription for **RX2411**, and was instructed by Thomas to take one pill per week to help improve her counting and guessing ability. She was also given a rousing "roar" when it was rumored she liked those particular pills! The tabs are sent to the Ronald McDonald House to aid the families. At the same meeting, PDG Gerald Hopkins announced that Santa had left a large bag of tabs on his doorstep. However, he was able to discern that the bag was also from the Tailtwisters.



(l-r) Bob Reiter, Jared Rogers and Daryl Hawes man the ticket sales for the basketball tournament.

(l-r) Lions Doreen Baker, Mary Hopkins, Darlene Garver, Debbie Rogers and Risa Hallgarth serve coaches and drivers at the tournament.



both articles submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

## The Dalles Lions Have Float in the Starlight Parade

Every year the day after Thanksgiving, The Dalles Chamber of Commerce puts on the “Starlight Parade” and The Dalles Lions normally put a float in the parade. This year Lions Ethan Wray, Rose Mays and Ben Cole came up with the idea and built the float.



The Lion isn't sure what to make of the snowman.



Lion Joseph Rankin's children Chris and Mercy.

They borrowed a trailer from one of the members; Lion Ben brought his John Deere Tractor; and they solicited one of the Lions member's kid to man the Lion suit. Unfortunately, that person wanted to throw candy and in the suit you can't do that, so Lion President Ethan Wray “squeezed” into the Lion suit for the parade.



Lions Ethan Wray and Rose Mays.



Our float in the Starlight Parade.

Our entry in the parade advertises our annual Christmas Tree Pickup which is held in January.

*submitted by Mike Kilkeny*

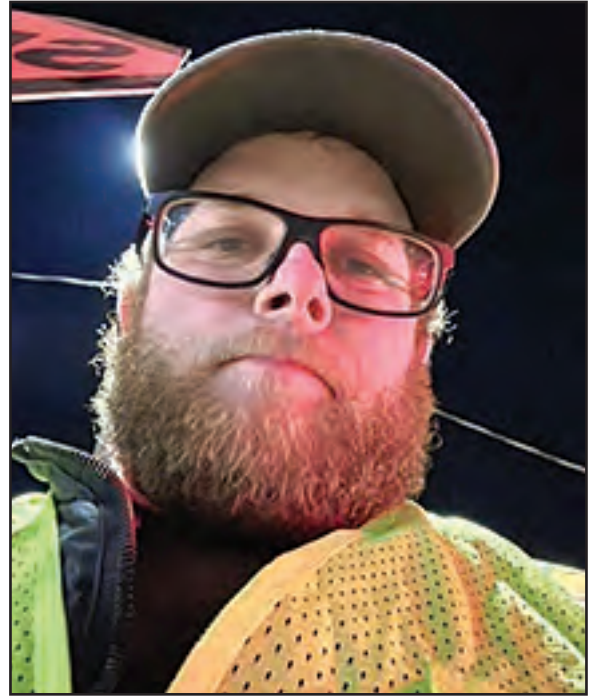
## The Dalles Lions Assist Pedestrians During Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Every year after the “Starlight Parade” in The Dalles, a festive tradition continues with the Chamber of Commerce hosting the Christmas Tree Lighting, ushering in the joyous holiday season. Nestled along one of The Dalles’ busier streets, the Chamber office seeks assistance from the dedicated members of The Dalles Lions Club to ensure traffic safety.

Adorned in Lions Club regalia, members line both sides of 2nd Street, wielding authoritative Stop paddles, orchestrating a seamless flow of traffic. Their vigilant efforts facilitate a smooth transition for attendees, guiding them from the parking lot to the Chamber office.



Lion David Congdon.



Lion President Ethan Wray.



Crowd enjoying the event.



Crowd at Tree Lighting. Santa had just arrived.

Remarkably, The Dalles Lions Club has faithfully provided this invaluable service for many years, and their commitment to safety has resulted in an impeccable record—no injuries to date.

In proud proclamation, THE DALLES LIONS, WE SERVE!

*submitted by Mike Kilkenny*

## Lake Oswego Middle School Students Win Local Competition in the 2023-2024

Sophia Valladares of the 5th period art class and Gaurangi Rastogi of the 3rd period art class at Lake Oswego Middle School (LOJ), have taken the first step to become an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Lake Oswego Lions Club and VisionEnvoy Club Branch.



Sophia Valladares of the 5th period art class.



Gaurangi Rastogi of the 3rd period art class.

Valladares' and Rastogi's posters were among more than 600,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"Peace isn't here to take every second on a clock when every minute is waiting on you." said 13-year-old Sophia.

"Peace is something worth fighting for." said Gaurangi, age 12.



Wendy Hinderhofer, Teacher of Creative Arts & Technology, Architecture Team Advisor and Peace Poster Contest Supervisor and Facilitator.

For their originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Dare to Dream" these girls' posters were selected by the club members from among the 47 wonderful posters that were created and submitted by their classmates. The Contest Supervisor and Facilitator was Wendy Hinderhofer, Teacher of Creative Arts and Technology and Architecture Team Advisor. Coordinated by the club's Peace Poster Contest Chair, Lion Bonnie Roeder, the judging was held on November 7th at the in-person meeting of the Lake Oswego Lions Club at the community room at Lakewood Center for the Arts.

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## Lions International Peace Poster Contest “Dare to Dream”



“At the same location, these two young artists will become “award winning young artists” as they are honored and awarded a certificate of recognition and a cash prize at a celebration on the evening of December 5,” said Roeder.

Lake Oswego Lions Club President, Eric Weberg said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at LOJ. “It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I’m so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions.”

“Posters will advance through the district, multiple district and international levels of competition if one of them is to be declared the international grand prize winner,” Weberg said.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000 and will be recognized at a special awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

“Our club is cheering for our Lake Oswego girls as the posters advance in the competition, and we hope that their vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world,” Weberg said.

(l-r) Peace Poster Chair Lion Bonnie Roeder and Lake Oswego Lions Club President, Eric Weberg.



For additional information about Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest and media resources, visit [www.lionsclubs.org/peaceposter](http://www.lionsclubs.org/peaceposter).

**UPDATE: Immediately after the December 5th meeting, 7th grader Gaurangi Rastogi learned that her poster was the winning poster at the District level. She will be recognized again at the District convention on March 1-2, 2024 in McMinnville, Oregon!**

*submitted by Bonnie Roeder  
District O's Peace Poster Representative*

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# DISTRICT 36-O CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, March 1st 1 to 5 pm

Doors open at Noon

Saturday, March 2nd 8:45 to 3 pm

Doors open at 8 AM

CHURCH ON THE HILL

700 NW HILL RD McMinnville, OR 97128

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS FORM

Last Name First Name Badge Name (if different from First Name)

mailing address City State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone email

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Club Name DG \_\_\_ PDG \_\_\_ PCC \_\_\_ PID \_\_\_ District O - R - E - G (circle one)

Elected office

Lion Member / Guest Registration, in Person \$60.00 per person  
Or via ZOOM Sat. 10:30 to 2 PM \$10.00 per person Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No refunds due to fixed expenses

Special needs: Vegetarian \_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

IF REGISTERED PRIOR TO JANUARY 31, 2023, your name was placed into a drawing for the Registration Fee to be paid by District O, for one (1) lion to attend the MD-36 State Convention in Bandon in May.

\*\* NO REGISTRATION AFTER FEBRUARY 24, 2023 \*\* \*\* NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION \*\*

TO REGISTER:

Make check(s) payable to:

District 36-O Convention

mail to:

Lion Tom Hammond  
5727 SE ViewCrest Dr  
Milwaukie, Or. 97267-4144

Expect breakout sessions, minute-to-win-it-games, and a service project "Rebuilding our future"

Clubs are encouraged to bring baskets to be raffled Saturday afternoon. Prizes will be awarded for the basket with the most tickets entered and also the basket best matching the theme.

Questions: Contact PDG Bert Diamond 503-730-7119 - or - bertdiamond@gmail.com



# DISTRICT 36-R CONVENTION REGISTRATION

*“Changing the World Through Service from the Heart”*

February 3, 2024 – Holiday Inn Express, 919 Kruse Way, Springfield



## \* Two Ways To Register This Year!\*

Mail in the traditional paper form below with check payment – OR – Look for the new online registration option on the District 36-R website at [www.LionsDistrict36R.org](http://www.LionsDistrict36R.org)

**Registration Deadline: January 31, 2024**

Please print legibly

<b>Registrant</b>	Lion <input type="checkbox"/>	Leo <input type="checkbox"/>	Guest <input type="checkbox"/>	First Timer <input type="checkbox"/>
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CLUB:	_____		CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____	
Registration & Luncheon: \$45.00..... <input type="checkbox"/>			<i>Special Needs</i>	
Sessions only (No meal): \$30.00..... <input type="checkbox"/>			• Vegetarian diet: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Leo Registration & Luncheon: \$30.00..... <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: Potato bar, green salad, breadsticks/rolls			• Hearing Impaired (Signer Needed) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Afternoon: Coffee, tea, and water			Most all dietary needs should be met among the buffet offerings.	

### Room Block

The Headquarters Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, site of the convention. The address is 919 Kruse Way, Springfield, OR 97477. The room block covers Friday, February 2nd and Saturday, February 3rd. The rate is \$129 plus tax per night. You may block your room by calling the hotel at 541-284-0707. Be sure to mention the 36-R Lions. **The deadline for the block is Friday, January 12th.**

### To Register by mail

Make checks (NO CASH) payable to District 36-R. Mail registration form and check to: Arnie Anderson, 145 River Rd #6, Junction City OR 97448. Registration materials can be picked up on site on arrival at the conference.

### To Register online

Scan the QR code in the upper right corner of this page or navigate to the 36-R web page and follow the instructions.

**Registrations received after January 26, 2024 cannot be guaranteed meals.**

### Parking

Parking is available in the hotel parking lot.

### Dress Code

Casual, club vests.

### Refund Policy

100% refund if request is received by January 26, 2024. 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, 3092 Timothy Dr NW, Salem OR 97304- 0145.

### Questions:

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



Doug Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer



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Bob Chaney  
Board Chair

## Help Shape the Future of OLSHF Take the Lions Survey!

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For many of us it would be difficult to imagine the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation without our “20/20 Vision” of one day all Oregon students K through 8th grade having their vision screened each year. And can you fathom a MD-36 Lions world without the Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program’s (LEAP) Optical Finishing Lab?

Without past OLSHF Strategic Planning efforts it’s entirely possible that neither of these important features of the Foundation would exist, and **we are grateful to all OLSHF Board, Staff and the MD-36 Lions Club members** that helped with past OLSHF planning efforts by completing and submitting our OLSHF Lions Surveys that help us identify organizational strengths, challenges, opportunities, and obstacles that exist for the Foundation.

We invite all MD-36 Lions to complete the new 2024 Lions Survey that will be available later this month and that will be featured at all Lions District Conventions in 2024. The Lions Survey will be available as a hard copy document and also is available electronically, please see details below on how to access the Lions Survey online.

### Lions Survey - What We Hope to Learn

Similar to our Lions Surveys of the past, the 2024 Lions Survey will provide you with the opportunity to provide feedback on OLSHF Programs, Communications, Resources, Management, and OLSHF Leadership. New this time around, the survey also allows for Lions to share feedback on your perceptions of Lions work in your own District -- this information will be shared with your District Governor for their own planning purposes.

### We’re Proud of Our Success...And Know We Can Get Better!

We’re extremely grateful for recent recognition that OLSHF has received from **Oregon Business Magazine** as the #1 Best Nonprofit to Work For in Oregon, and from **Lions KidSight USA** as having the #1 School Vision Screening program in the United States...but we know that there are areas that OLSHF can improve as an organization and we hope you will be part of the process to help in this way.

### You Can Also Help Spread The Word!

In addition to taking and submitting the Lions Survey, we are also looking for those willing to help share the opportunity to take the Lions Survey during the Winter of 2024. Feel free to contact Doug at [DougT@OLSHF.org](mailto:DougT@OLSHF.org) to let him know if you are willing to share the survey link with other Lions so that we can receive as much feedback as possible.

### After The Survey, What’s Next?

Our Strategic Planning Committee plans to gather information next Spring from external sources also: Oregon schools, government agencies, vision and hearing partners, and donors to name a few. During the Summer and Fall months we’ll analyze the feedback, identify common denominators, and create new goals and objectives for OLSHF. Then in January 2025 -- on the 100th Anniversary of Lions making the promise to Helen Keller of addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss -- we will release our OLSHF 2025-2030 Strategic Plan which will outline how, here in Oregon, Lions will continue to Keep the Promise to Helen Keller in the future.

**Thanks in advance for your help!**



# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received in November thru mid-December 2023. OLSHF values all of our donors and we do our best to recognize each and every gift. To help us maintain accuracy in our recognition, thank you for letting us know of any errors on our part by calling or emailing us at [Info@OLSHF.org](mailto:Info@OLSHF.org).

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Ayla Jade  
Himmelsbach & Matt Strong  
Brenda & Nathan Anderson  
James Brown  
Kelly Ma  
Khoa Tran & Bailey Pope  
Michael & Tiffany Fogoros  
Rachel & Derek Ahlson

## Lion Sentinel - \$1,000 to \$2,499

Amber & Patrick Dunn  
Elizabeth Hyde  
Karey & Kevin Carter  
Legacy Devers Eye Institute  
Lyndal Ayers  
Paula Jones  
Portland Lloyd LC  
Taisha Molina

## Lion Tamer - \$500 to \$999

Alix & Paul Santos  
Ben & Jennifer Elliott  
Hermiston LC  
John Anderson  
Russ & Deborah Lee  
Terry Bowman

## Lion Patron - \$100 to \$499

Amber Arndell  
Bev Bridgewater  
Beverly Nicholson  
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Brandon Butler  
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Carol & Todd Morrison  
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## Lion Donor - Up to \$99

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Tiffany Warren  
Timothy & Margaret Hill  
Tom & Edmunda Harding  
Tracy Brown  
Walter Sinclair & Carolynn Hamilton  
William & Keren Reinhart

William Nourse III  
William Taylor

## IN HONOR OF

**In Honor of Dale Rollins**  
Heather & Ian Rollins

## **In Honor of Sharon Freeman**

Gerald & Mary  
Martha Hopkins

## IN MEMORY OF

## **In Memory of Donald L. Moss**

Earlene & Reginald Powell  
Shirley Jacobs

## **In Memory of Eugene Wardwell**

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Margaret Ray

## **In Memory of Ted Wener**

Arthur & Diana Carroll

## **In Memory of William Abraham**

Lavina & Glen Jones

*Please find the complete list of our PRIDE members online at [www.OLSHF.org/pride](http://www.OLSHF.org/pride)*



## The ROAR! Hearing Assistance Program in Bend!

**“You all are providing a gift from God...  
Thank you...thank you so much.”**  
— Frank, ROAR! Mobile Client

**The 2-day Bend ROAR! Mobile event was a success!** Over the course of December 8th and 9th, 11 recipients were able to receive hearing care.

This ROAR! Mobile event is thanks to the efforts of sponsoring Lions Clubs (Crooked River Ranch, La Pine, and Prineville Lions), Nick Schenfeld from Play It Again Hearing, and OLSHF’s Patient Services Director, Melinda!

Nick traveled from Cottage Grove to Bend to help alleviate the large queue of folks who have been waiting for hearing services for a long time (some having waited for over a year!).

Thirteen people were scheduled and 11 made it for the event. Two clients were from Crooked River Ranch, five from Prineville, and four clients came from La Pine. Thank you, Lions Clubs, for helping connect these local community members to receive the hearing care they needed!



**Lonna** is from La Pine. She stated that the hardest part of hearing loss is feeling left out of conversations and life in general. When Nick fitted her with the aids, **she transformed, beaming with excitement of hearing the world around her.**



**Mary** is from Prineville. She has hearing loss and is now very happy to hear normally again. She just wanted to give us all big hugs for **this wonderful gift of hearing and for being able to be a part of the conversation again.**



**Judy** is from La Pine. She had severe hearing loss and was so grateful for this help for her hearing. She said that **it is so wonderful to actually hear the conversation and not have to guess at what is being said.**

**Nick Schenfeld of Play It Again Hearing, OLSHF’s 2022-2023 Provider of the Year**



**Frank** is from Redmond. He had very severe hearing loss caused by listening to hard rock music through earphones when he was younger. He came away hearing “normally” for the first time in years. He said, **“You all are providing a gift from God...thank you...thank you so much.”**



Thank you for capturing these wonderful quotes and photos, CRR Lion Jon Awbrey!



Thank you for organizing this incredible ROAR! Mobile event, Melinda!



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## Mark those Calendars...2024 Lions Conventions are Here!



**FEB**



**District R**

Feb. 3rd  
Springfield, OR  
DG Lynn Coon

**Register  
Now!**



[bit.ly/district-r-convention-2024](https://bit.ly/district-r-convention-2024)



**MAR**



**District O**

Mar. 1st + 2nd  
McMinnville, OR  
DG Ed Glad

**Register  
Now!**



[bit.ly/district-o-convention-2024](https://bit.ly/district-o-convention-2024)



**MAR**



**District E**

Mar. 22nd + 23rd  
Bandon, OR  
DG Stephen Brewster

**Registration  
Coming Soon!**



**APR**



**District G**

Apr. 5th + 6th  
Sisters, OR  
DG Pete Runnels

**Registration  
Coming Soon!**



**MAY**



**MD-36**

May 17th + 18th  
Bandon, OR  
CC Phyllis Carlin

**Registration  
Coming Soon!**

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## Parade of Checks & OLSHF Awards



Parade of Checks is your Lions Club's opportunity to **publicly celebrate a donation you're gifting** to YOUR Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation!

Remember that **all Lions Club donations count towards your club's Award Balance** to order OLSHF Awards such as the Helen Keller Benefactor or the Norman Ross Awards!

To Order your Awards:

[olshf.org/lions-hq](https://olshf.org/lions-hq)

Password: "md36"

Scroll down to:

"The OLSHF Awards Program"

Reading this online?  
Click this button:

[Ready to apply? Click here!](#)

## The Dalles Lions & Sister City Lunch

On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, The Dalles Lions Club prepared and served lunch to the Sister City group of kids in town from Miyoshi Japan. We barbequed burgers in the alley behind City Hall and served the lunch in the Workshop. From the look of things, I think all of the kids enjoyed the meal.

Lions members helping out were Carolyn Layson, Ruthie Emmett, Ethan Wray, Tony Krueger, Jerry Anderson and Mike Kilkenny. Lion Bob McFadden stopped in to make sure all was going according to plan. (Lion Bob and his wife Kris were instrumental in getting the Sister City connection going over 30 years ago.)



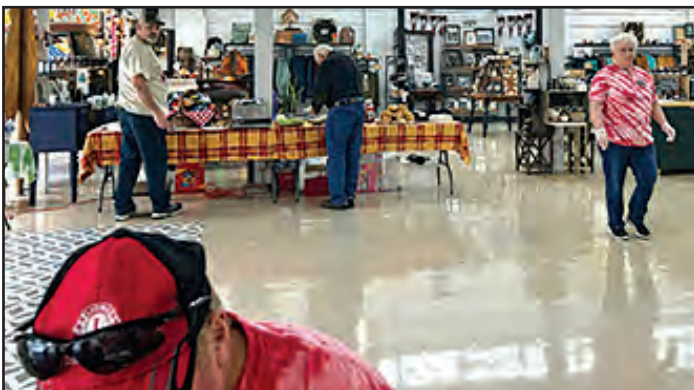
(l-r) Group photo after lunch.



(l-r) Lion President Ethan Wray.



(l-r) Lions Ruthie Emmett and Carolyn Layson.



(l-r) Lions Jerry Anderson, Bob McFadden and Carolyn Layson.



(l-r) Lions Jerry Anderson, Tony Krueger and Ruthie Emmett.

*submitted by Mike Kilkenny*

## Lion David Congdon Receives The Dalles Lion of the Month Award for October

Lion President Ethan Wray has installed a “Lion of the Month” award and from those 12 he will choose the overall “Lion of the Year” for our Club. Lion President Ethan Wray presented Lion David Congdon with the “Lion of the month” for October.



(l-r) Lions Ethan Wray and David Congdon.

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## A Few of The Dalles Lions Drive Lead Cars in Veterans Day Parade



The Veterans Day Parade in The Dalles was going to be cancelled because they only had 3 entries, but after this was posted on Facebook 25 more entries came forward. On the Wednesday before Veterans day the parade was back on.

Needing drivers for the lead cars, Lions Mark Fortin, Mike Kilkenny and Patrick Kilkenny volunteered to drive the Red, White & Blue cars to lead the Veteran’s Day parade. Thanks to all veterans for your service!

(l-r) Lions Mark Fortin, Mike Kilkenny, Patrick Kilkenny and Mike the Parts Guy from Tonkin Motors.

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## The Dalles Lions Help the Salvation Army Moving Tables and Boxes

Lion Kris Harmon of the Salvation Army needed some help moving tables and boxes to the site of the Christmas Program, so she asked for Volunteers at our weekly meeting. Lions Chuck Gomez, David Congdon, Ethan Wray, Tatyana Gouge, Lori Stiles, Timmy Mac, Jeff Stiles, Kris Harmon and Mike Kilkenny answered the call. We then spent a couple of hours loading up and moving the tables and boxes.



(l-r) Lions Chuck Gomez, David Congdon, Ethan Wray, Tatyana Gouge, Lori Stiles, Timmy McGlothlin, Jeff Stiles and Kris Harmon (not in photo is Lion Mike Kilkenny, photographer).

*all 3 articles submitted by Mike Kilkenny*

## A Few People from OLSHF Visits King City Lions Club

Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's Chief Executive Director Doug Thompson, OLSHF Development Director Sam Doyle, and Brian Sauer who is a member of the McMinnville Lions Club and a Trustee on the OLSHF board, visited the King City Lions Club at its Nov. 7 lunch meeting at Mizumi's restaurant.



(l-r) OLSHF CEO Doug Thompson, King City Lions Club President Rick Castle and OLSHF Development Director Sam Doyle pose with a \$100 donation check from the club to the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

"Our mission is to screen, treat, save and restore people's sight and hearing in partnership with Lions clubs," Sam said. "We have been keeping the promise for almost 100 years since the Lions club made the promise to Helen Keller in 1925."

She recognized Sandy Williams, who is the King City Lions Club's sight and hearing chair, and listed the many different programs OLSHF offers: Patient care, school vision screening, eyeglasses assistance, ROAR! hearing assistance, recycling eyeglasses, and the low vision clinic.

According to Sam, for two years in a row thanks to the Lions, Oregon has the No. 1 school-vision screening program in the U.S. For the 2022-23 school year, 158,117 students were screened for vision health issues, although there are 400,000-plus students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

OLSHF, which was founded in 1959, has a YouTube channel with many videos available to watch, and it sponsors a Keep the Promise Day in conjunction with Lions clubs' events and will help promote the joint events.

Sam congratulated the club for donating a total of \$402,754.55 to OLSHF over the years, which OLSHF was able to leverage into more than \$4 million. "This is what the King City Lions Club has provided to Oregonians," Sam said. Club President Rick Castle presented her with a check for \$100 and pointing to the number on the screen, he said, "That number is wrong!" Sam immediately changed it to \$402,854.55."

*submitted by Barbara Sherman*

## The Dalles Lions Club Participates in Annual ELFF (Everyone Loves a Fire Fighter) Food Drive

On December 5, The Dalles Lions Club in cooperation with Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue, The Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul participated in the Annual ELFF (Everyone Loves a Fire Fighter) Food Drive at the Main Fire Station in The Dalles.



Lions Jim Bishop, Rena Hunley, Jeff Stiles, Forrest Carstens, Ken Onstott, Rick Jones, St. Vincent DePaul volunteers Mike Hernandez and Sandy Lutgens, LEO Ari Durso, Lions Lori Stiles, Gene Parker, Rose Mays, Brad Durso and Kate Mast.



The crowd outside.



(l-r) Lions Kris Harmon, Ethan Wray and Rick Jones.

This event is 30+ years old and has changed over the years. It used to be that the Fire Trucks would go out into the neighborhoods and collect food left on front porches over two nights. COVID killed that method and it morphed into what it is today and that is a Drive Through the Fire Station parking lot to drop off food.

There was a display of Fire and Police vehicles with their lights going along with Santa Claus. The Lions duties were to count and sort the food. It was then loaded onto a truck and divided between the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantries.

## Hood River Eye Openers Presents: Enchanting Moments with Santa

For several years running, the Hood River Eye Opener Lions Club has held a Photos with Santa event for the Hood River community. Typically gracing the first or second Saturday after Thanksgiving, this year was no exception, as we joyfully gathered at the Hawks Ridge Senior Living Center. Accompanied by the invaluable assistance of our delightful elves – the spirited Hood River Leos Club – the occasion was marked by their festive songs and warm greetings, creating an atmosphere of joy and welcome to the festive season.



**The Santa and Eye Openers: Back - Trudy Tallman, John Buckley, Len Hickman; Front - Kim Hawkins, Santa (PCC Paul Zastrow), Erma Hickman and Lynetta Hickman.**



**Santa with the Leo/Elves.**