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## MEET THE INCOMING COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS 2021-2022

# MONTHLY CALENDARS

## MEETINGS

### July

26 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

### August

- 7 Dist. G Cab. mtg., 10-1, Texas Bob's Steakhouse in Rufus
- 14 Dist. E Cab. mtg. 10am, SOLSHC in Medford
- 21 Dist. O Cab. mtg. 10-1, Rockaway  
Dist. R Cab. mtg. 10-12:30, Yachats Club House
- 28 9-noon OLSHF Trustee mtg. Rockaway Club House, 268 S. Anchor  
1:30pm Council of Governor's mtg. Rockaway Club House
- 30 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

## EVENTS

### July

4 Independence Day Observed

### August

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

July 2021 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.

### July

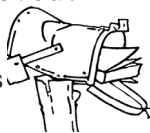
Dorris	July 16, 1946
Yachats	July 20, 1950

### August

Baker City	August 29, 1929
Hood River	August 9, 1938
Hillsboro	August 25, 1938
Amity	August 28, 1948
Oregon City	August 22, 2008

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## Council Chair News



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Let's get loud about Lions!

Hello everyone, I'm baaaaaack! And so is the Multiple District, to in-person meetings that is, Yaaaah! I am so looking forward to seeing each of you in-person and being able to embrace or shake hands or just converse.

This last year and a half has been trying not only for all of us Lions who have "suffered" through countless Zoom meetings and not been able to put boots on the ground but to those who have lost in their everyday lives. The floods, fires and this pandemic have certainly taken a toll on all of us individually and collectively so as we start to emerge from under this guise let's remember why we are Lions, To Serve!

This year first and foremost we are going to have fun. You have a Council of Governors who are looking forward to serving each of their districts and having a lot of fun in the process.

Probably the biggest concern facing Lions in the multiple district and throughout North America is membership. We are losing Lions at an alarming rate and if we are not able to stem the tide we will soon be unable to conduct business. But here's the thing. It's not that hard to ask someone to join and if we all ask at least one person odds say that between 30 and 50 percent will say yea. What does that mean? If you look at our current numbers across our Multiple District you will see a total of 2,997 that would translate to between 899 and 1498 new members. Just saying, can you imagine the influx of new ideas and energy and passion?

That brings me to the theme for the multiple district for this year. *Restoring Prides Through Service*. What does this mean? Well we as Lions were able to provide some much needed

service in the form of meals up in the Gates area following the wildfires and this service will go a long way to keeping the Lions name known and even possibly re-establishing a club in that area. Also all of the outreach that clubs have done through all kinds of service have resulted in new members like the Mt Hood club who had a net gain of 10 in membership this last year. We sometimes don't know that breadth and depth that our service projects have on individuals and on a community as a whole.

There are times when we become discouraged or disenchanted with some of the things we do and this last 18 months has certainly played heavy into that. I know personally that I was starting to be a bit disillusioned but when we were able to get together for training the passion and enthusiasm of your District Governors reinvigorated my soul. I know this group is going to do great things this year so I hope you give them the opportunity to lead.

Another issue I see that is paramount with this group is making sure that everyone is willing to work together. As our motto says We Serve. I know that most of you will remember my first term as District Governor I had a theme of Together We'll Restore the Roar and I still feel that way that by working together across all borders that we will be able to return Lions clubs to the robust and vibrant entities they were.

I have long been a proponent of tooting our own horn, Roaring, if you will and we must continue to do this in order to get away from that old saying I have heard since I joined Lions some 18+ years ago, Lions, the greatest service organization in the world but the best kept secret. Let's not let Lions be a secret any more. Scream it from the rooftops, shout it from the mountain tops, show it in everything we do.

We are the best and largest service organization in the world and we should be proud of that fact. So remember as we traverse through this coming year we are going to make a lot of noise and get loud about Lions and have a lot of fun doing so as we *Restore Prides Through Service* all across this multiple district.

Council Chair Bob Chaney



## District O - Northwest - North Coast



### District O Governor Column Doug Loose

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Happy Summer Fellow Lions,

#### **Are you satisfied in your Lionism? ... "Catching your Limit"**

As we enter a time of renewal and get past our long Covid winter I really feel like this is going to be the best year ever. I love fishing and will be using a lot of fishing analogies such as "Catching your Limit".

My goals this year are simple, first of all FUN: Lets have FUN in all we do in service because otherwise what's the point? Second, GROWTH: I see a year filled with growth like we've never seen before. The needs are bigger and people are needing purpose in their lives so all we have to do is invite them to join us. Third, COMMUNICATION: As some of you know I'm a bit of an over communicator but I think its important for everyone to know what's going on, so expect a phone call..... or 6. And finally, back to FUN: Again, if we don't have fun then what's the point!?

So, as we go through Summer and into the Fall does your club have service projects lined up? Are you meeting? Are you reporting? Do you have a plan? We cannot accomplish greatness alone so find a friend and go out to find more friends to be a part of the greatest service club in the world. If you need help call me, text me, email me as I'll be fishing with you. Together we can "Catch Our Limit."

When you are raising money do you feel satisfied? Or when you are testing at the neighborhood school and find a child with a great need of glasses are you satisfied? When you made that mask or flipped a burger or just helped your neighbor-friend are you satisfied? You just gave someone a pair of glasses, picked up a piece of trash, fed a homeless person, helped a child go to college.....ARE YOU SATISFIED?! We do so much and can do so much more if we only had more people to help. So now go find a friend. Just one and invite them to be a LION because it is so satisfying. Go out, "Catch Your Limit", and have FUN doing it.

The actual goals I am sending to LCI are that we are going to start 2 new clubs, strengthen the clubs that are struggling, increase our clubs to more than 75% reporting ( I think we can do better than that) and have 100% of clubs giving at least a little to LCIF as they have helped us so much. We have a great GAT team to help us reach these goals starting with 1VDG Kerith Vance, 2VDG Ed Glad, PDG Bert Diamond GLT, PDG Terry Bowman GMT, Fae Lloyd GST, and our Zone Chairs 1 Ray Montgomery, 2 Ed Glad, 5 Mary Karter, 6 Fae Lloyd, and 7 Steve Studer-Carrie Bartley. How can you help you ask? Well, that's easy. Just start telling everyone you meet about how much fun it is to be a Lion. We can't do it without you so help us to "Catch our limit" this year and in the years to follow.



We're in this together!

Yours in Service DG SuperDoug

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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Greetings Lions of 36-R.

As your new District Governor I look forward to visiting all of your clubs, meeting all of you and serving alongside each of you Lions of 36-R. As this 2021-2022 new Lion's year begins I want you to know that 36-R's District Cabinet is looking forward to great things for our District and for our clubs.

I am excited to be your District Governor and make this journey this Lion's year with each of you. One thing I want the Lions of 36-R to know is that we as a Cabinet are here to serve you. It's your club your way but we are here to help the clubs succeed and serve their communities. We all share a bond and that is the service we do for others. New clubs. New members. New opportunities to lead, to grow, to encourage and to do good things.

Our incoming International President Doug Alexander's theme this year is Service From the Heart. I encourage each Lion of 36-R to follow the lead of President Alexander and go out there and serve. When we serve from the heart it is contagious and others will follow.

As Mohammed Ali said and I try to follow this very thought "Service is the rent we pay for our time here on earth."

So Lions of 36-R – let's have fun this Lion's year. Let's help one another serve others in our communities. Let's grow our club membership because as you know the more members we have the more service we can do.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve YOU the Lions of 36-R this Lion's year.

District Governor Lion Lynn Coon 36-R



## District E - Southern - South Coast



### District E Governor Column

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Lions of Oregon I look forward to joining you in the challenges of the upcoming year. With the restrictions of Covid being lifted and Lion's clubs all over the district being able to meet on a regular basis again. It is time to rediscover our commitment of service to our communities.

Lions Clubs International has put their focus on five global causes: diabetes, vision, childhood cancer, hunger and the environment. I have chosen the environment with the theme "PAWS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT" to encourage all members to participate in projects of high visibility within their communities. There are many projects from simple like planting flowers in public places to cleaning parks and roadways and more complex projects like providing outdoor recreational facilities, and tree and plant sales. We can also encourage public recycling and promote ways to reduce our carbon footprints. These projects can energize you club members, while attracting new members with the visibility of your club.

With the pandemic end in sight, we will not be returning to the old normal, we will be creating our new normal. Our new normal will be creating great fellowship, both with old and new members, creating new ways to serve our communities. Our new normal will be how we relate with our fellow lions and serve our communities.

This year let us all go out and have fun serving our communities. Let us follow the motto of our International President Douglas Alexander which is Service from the Heart."

We Serve.

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



### District G Governor Column

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I want to thank those who encouraged me to do this awesome job. I hope that I can make a difference in my year as District Governor.

This past year has been a real challenge for all of us. Membership has wavered. We now face the challenge of building back our numbers as there is much to do in the coming year.

Please join me in moving on with what we do as Lions do.



# We Serve!

## Lions of MD36 Prepare

After 19 successful years of vision clinics and cancelling the clinic in 2020 due to the pandemic, plans are gearing up for another vision clinic in Valle de Banderas, Nayarit, Mexico. Lions members from around our Multiple District who will be volunteering at the clinic include Lions from the Portland Oaks Bottom, Gresham Breakfast, Portland Legacy, Sandy, Roseburg, Rockaway Beach and Estacada. In addition, Lions from Canada will be joining us from the South Edmonton and Lethbridge Host Lions Clubs. A total of 42 volunteers!



More than 50 Lions and friends gathered in San Blas, Nayarit, Mexico to celebrate the last day of the 5-day clinic. More than 2,000 people were given the gift of vision care!

Over the past years we have given vision care to more than 33,000 people in need, and of all ages. We test and provide glasses to more than 2,000 people in the five-day clinic. In addition to vision testing, we also provide blood pressure and blood sugar screening.

This year's trip is from November 3 - 13. If anyone is interesting in joining us this year, please contact PDG Sharon Elder at 971-570-8956 for additional information. Approximate cost, which includes airfare and hotel arrangements, is between \$1,200 and \$1,500. That includes a single room, or you can double up with a roommate for extra savings. Our hosts provide our breakfast and lunch meals during the clinic and dinner is typically on your own.



Lion Dr. Steve Tronnes, Roseburg Lions Club, examines a patient.



Lion Ron Shaw, Portland Oaks Bottom Lions Club, adjusts a pair of eyeglasses for a better fit.

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## for Mexico Eyeglass Clinic

Giving the gift of sight is truly a life-saving gift to people who have no financial means to see an eye doctor or purchase eyeglasses. Eyeglasses provide the ability to be able to work and care for their families. The average day laborer in Mexico earns \$2.62 per hour, or \$425 a month and this barely covers food and shelter for one person let alone a family. Being able to be part of helping people to better their lives through eye care is also helping to care for their immediate families.



Lion Val Wilson, South Edmonton Lions Club (Canada) assists with acuity testing.



Lions Jim Sevcik, Dallas Lions, and Hilary Fox, make sure all glasses are washed and clean at the last station of the clinic.



PDG Mary Lee Turner, Portland Oaks Bottom Lions Club and friend Karen McDonald, train a patient in the use of the white cane.

If you are not able to come with us this year but would like to be on the list for the annual clinic trip in the future, give PDG Sharon a call to be placed on the list. Additionally, you can still help by collecting toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, costume jewelry, men's ties or baseball caps, small toys for children and hair care accessories for women. These are given to the patients as gifts at the end of their exam. Or you can donate funds personally or through your club to help with equipment and freight costs for the eyeglasses and materials. Checks can be made out to the Hull Foundation and Learning Center (Oral Hull) and mailed to PO Box 157, Sandy, OR 97055 with a memo "Mexico Clinic".

*submitted by PDG Sharon Elder*



## Byron Ball: Never Rule Yourself Out



Pictured: Patrice and Byron Ball

Byron Ball was a beloved family man, a kind soul, and a gifted high school science teacher. Byron loved sharing his enthusiasm for the natural world with his students in the classroom and beyond: on field trips to the Oregon coast, Jewel Meadows, Sauvie Island, and central Oregon. Byron made the world of science a real hands-on experience, beyond just the pages of his students' books.

In 2015, Byron was diagnosed with cancer. He and his family knew for several months that this was a battle he would not win. During this window of time, the family gathered, spent time together, put things in order, and also discuss the possibility of donation. While his family knew that Byron's cancer would not allow him to be an organ donor, they did think he might still be able to donate his corneas. And so on the morning of Byron's death, at home and surrounded by loved ones – his family called Lions VisionGift and were able to honor Byron's wishes.

Byron's corneas provided the gift of sight to two recipients who can now enjoy the beauty of nature: birds and animals, the sun and stars and sky, green spaces, waterways, and—probably most importantly— the faces of their own loved ones.

“When somebody's life is saved because they got a new heart or they got a new kidney - that's amazing. But so is the gift of sight - that's amazing! Ask somebody who is looking at the face of their newborn child, or ask somebody who's seeing their first sunrise or fireworks - isn't that amazing!” – Patrice Ball

**Each person's medical condition is evaluated at the time of death to determine if they are viable for donation. Few conditions prevent a person from becoming a cornea donor.**

submitted by Matt Webber

## Big Changes at Oral Hull Foundation

New Name - New Services - New Executive Director

Hope springs eternal! That phrase holds more meaning now as we emerge from the months of confinement and shake off the effects of the pandemic.

Here at Oral Hull we have embraced this feeling and have exciting new developments to share with our supporters. Oregon Lions Clubs and their members have been generous contributors to the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind for many years and we are grateful for that loyal support.

Our grand news is that we have recently changed our name to reflect the new services now offered at our location. We are renamed as the "Hull Foundation and Learning Center". Find out more about us at [www.oralhull.org](http://www.oralhull.org) or call us at 503-668-6195. Stay informed of our activities on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/oralhullpark>

For almost 60 years the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind has offered recreational, and more recently, adjustment to sight loss services for blind persons and those with sight loss. Since Covid-19 started, persons with sight loss have become even more isolated than before. Hull Foundation has addressed this by creating a continuously expanding number of Zoom classes about subjects such as Intro to Low Vision, What is Macular Degeneration? How to successfully use an iPhone or Android, "Reading in the Dark" book club and many others. A computer is not necessary as these classes can be accessed by phone and all are free. People from across the United States are joining these classes and we are encouraging you to help us spread the word.

Our last piece of news is that PDG Sharon Elder retired after 8 years of successful leadership at the Hull Foundation & Learning Center. We are thrilled to welcome 1VDG Kerith Vance as the new Executive Director of the Hull Foundation! She brings a vast experience of program development and leadership skills as well as deep knowledge of vision issues. Her work as Patient Services Director at the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation for more than 11 years will inform her direction of Hull programs. Help us welcome 1VDG Kerith in her new role and reach out to get to know her! We wish both PDG Sharon and 1VDG Kerith success and happiness in their futures.

*submitted by Lion and Hull Foundation Board Member Tom Ciesielski*

## We Did it Before and We Did it Again Even Better

In this age of COVID-19 restrictions life as we knew it has changed. The Eugene Downtown Lions Club held its first-time-ever Oral and Silent Auction in the fall of 2020. For the premier attempt it was a reasonably successful event. Since it replaced the fundraising events that were canceled by the pandemic, any profits would be considered successful. The event produced about \$6,000 for the club's Community Service Committee to distribute to those in need locally.

Led once again by Fund Raising Committee Chair Lion Karen Norton a second online auction was planned. This time though only a silent auction was planned.

The Silent Auction was scheduled to start at Noon Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> and conclude bidding at Noon Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> to give potential bidders plenty of time to peruse the items and decide on which items they would place bids.

A much larger database of potential bidders was prepared by the auction committee, so that email and text messages inviting them to the auction could be sent out. That is one of the big differences between this auction and the first one. The more bidders that signed up, the better the chances for all of the items to be bid on and purchased.

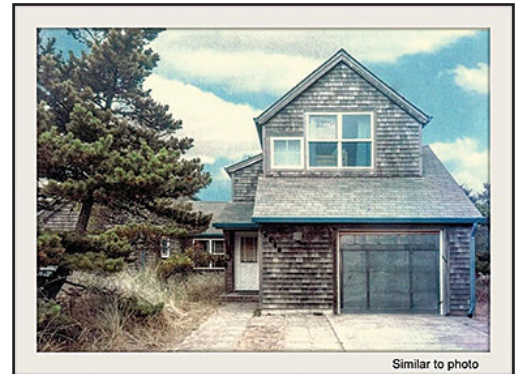
A flyer was developed with the theme "See The Bright Side" and it was sent out with the auction invitations to potential bidders and to all local media outlets. Some of the items up for bids included paintings by local artists Robert Canaga and Julie Ann Mills; a McKenzie River Fly Fishing Trip for two from Caddis Fly shop - this guided fly-fishing trip was designed for one or two anglers and included equipment, flies, lunch and water; Shadow Hills Golfing and Greg Norman Sunglasses included Golf for four with carts and practice facility; and a 7 Nights Stay at Shorepine Village Townhouse/Condo.



Julie Ann Mills Painting Spring Meadow.



Bob Canaga Painting.



Shorepine Village Townhouses/Condo.



McKenzie River Fly Fishing Trip.



Shadow Hills Golf & Greg Norman Sunglasses.

There were 60 packages of items that were won by very happy bidders. Since it was an online auction there were bidders from as far away as Washington and even New Jersey. A Douglas Fir tree will be planted in the Holiday Farm wildfire area by Lion James Koch's son Ian and Scout troupe 428 for each of the bidders. This Silent Auction proved to be an even bigger success than the club's first effort. Net profits totaled about \$12,000 which just about doubles the net from the first auction. The Eugene Downtown Lions Club wishes to thank all of the sponsors, donors, and auction bidders for supporting our efforts.

*submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman  
Eugene Downtown Lions Club*



## Springfield Lions are Back in the Saddle Again!

Because of COVID-19 all of the Springfield Lions Club 2020 fundraisers were curtailed. Fast forward to 2021 and the Springfield Lions Club were back in action doing what they do best!

On April 8, 2021, the Mother's Day Plant Sale SOLD OUT! Obviously, people were tired of being cooped up and wanted to add a little color to their surroundings. They weren't disappointed and the event netted the Springfield Lions Club a little over \$1,000.



Plant Sale: (l-r) Mike and Jan Wilbur and Judy Potter hiding behind pup!



Plant Sale: (l-r) customer and Lion Judy Potter.



Plant Sale: (l-r) PDG Dale Bachman, Past Springfield Lions President Henry Miller and his son Past member James.



Plant Sale: (l-r) PDG Darrell Scott (transfer from Mohawk Lions Club) Mike Wilbur and PDG Dale Bachman.



Plant Sale: Such a tiring day that even the banner was drooping! (l-r) Lions Springfield Lion Club President Dianne Rush and Jo Schechter.

June 7, 2021, brought an end to the 2021 Spring Raffle. 1,482 tickets were sold ... not bad for a pandemic. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped with ticket sales. This amounts to \$5,928-\$7,410 gross with the net difference to be equally split between WomanSpace, Looking Glass's New Roads program and the Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation (<http://raffle.springfieldlions.org/>)

On June 12, 2021, the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Springfield Lions Club Golf Tournament was being held. There were over 80 people signed up to participate. New-ish members Lion's Larry Barnett and Paul Pevehouse took over the reins of the event from PDG Dale Bachman and Lion Lee Wacker. The weatherman predicts 20-30% light rain for this event and since this article is being submitted on June 10, 2021, hopefully his forecast is wrong or at least it can hold off until the evening hours.

*submitted by Lion Dale Howard*



# Huntington Lions Have Been

## Record Smashed at Huntington Lion Derby

A catfish weighing in at 38.78 pounds, hauled in by a Burn's man, broke all records since 1986. Tony Hauth pulled the catfish into his boat the second day of the tournament. The previous record was held by Ryle Rollins in 1990, when he landed a 37.20 pound fish. According to Hauth, the family has been entering the tournament the past ten years, and he had won the Lion's tournament twice during that time.

A bonus for the family was Tony's daughter, Kymber, snatching the win for the junior division with a catfish weighing in at 23.78 pounds. Kymber will be a sixth grader this coming Fall.

Co-chairs Mike Raney and Eric Pinkston agreed that the year was a good one, following the tournament cancellation the previous year due to Covid -19. Mike stated he had registered 223 fishermen for the Memorial Day weekend.

Hayth related that he looked forward every year to the Huntington Lions Club tournament. "We spend every holiday fishing the Snake River. The project for the Lions is a good cause," he said, "and they are good people. We camp out at Farewell Bend and it is for the whole family. That's what I like about it. The secret is putting in your time," he added, "and the water temperature is a big deal."

Other activities over the weekend included Lions BINGO, a flea market, Duck Derby, Lions Breakfast and Lunch, New York Strip Dinner & Spaghetti by the Community Center volunteers, and music in the Lions park by Gerry and the Dreambenders.



Daniel DeCoteau, a LaGrande fisherman, looks over a 14 pound "cat" caught during the tournament.



Kymber (left) and Tony Hauth (right) receive winning trophies for the event.



Lions Brad Albro Sr. and Wendy Gray, chair the Lions BINGO activities.

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## Busy, Busy, Busy . . .

### Improvements to the Lion's Meeting Hall

The Huntington Lions completed two additional projects in spite of Covid-19 restrictions. A cement ramp was poured for the Lion's meeting hall. Eric Pinkston said it would be easier for individuals to enter the building. Pinkston added that two large trees, shading the building, will have to be cut due to hazardous conditions.



(l-r) Pinkston and Raney show off new ramp to the Lions Hall.

### Improvements Made to the Lion's Cook Shack & Storage Building

Burnt River Farms made a donation to help side the Lions Cook Shack and storage building located in the Lions Lee Stevenson Memorial Park.



Pinkston, Thomas McKay of the Burnt River Farms, and Raney stand in front of the Lions Cook Shack.



## Weston-McEwen Lions Hold First Meeting

The Weston-McEwen Lions held their first meeting since January of 2020, with an official visit from District Governor John Taylor of Pendleton. Members expressed a concern about membership and projects, and if the club could continue to serve without growth.

District Governor Taylor encouraged the club to do a self-evaluation to determine strengths and weaknesses. DG John stated that the Lions were the “greatest unheralded group in the world,” and that the members should look at projects which might be successful. DG John then invited the Lions to participate with the Pendleton food wagon, which will be a part of the Pendleton Roundup set to take place this year.



(l-r) Betty Bugbee and President Cheri Jackson lead the discussion on the future of the Weston-McEwen Lions Club.



DG John Taylor presenting the award to Lion Betty Bugbee.

DG John stated that as District Governor he had the honor to be able to recognize individual outstanding Lions. He then presented an award to Betty Bugbee, not only for her work within the club, but for her hours of service with visual screening across District G.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Stella Elementary Students Run for Playground Improvements



Lion Jim Hallgarth encouraging Erma Smith.



Lion Mary Hopkins with Kadana Lowe.

Students in grades K-6 are running to improve their playground equipment at the Stella Mayfield School in Elgin. Given a 30 minute time period, the students run as many laps as they can around the designated course, with pledges for each of the laps achieved. Those pledges will be used for playground improvement. Elgin Lions Club members assisted with marking the running sheets pinned to the backs of the students as they completed each of the laps, while encouraging the runners to do their best for the event.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



## Central Lions Have Been Busy

Central Lions Club members pick up trash several times per year along the street connecting Monmouth and Independence. Volunteers walk the 3 miles from downtown Independence to Highway 99W in Monmouth.

Lion Joy Lund participating in an April Central Lions Club road cleanup.



Central Lions Club “passed the hat” to collect money for the local food bank. In honor of long-time Club members PCC Mo and Pat Jaffer, in just two weeks we raised \$1,270 from members and non-members as well.

Central Lions presenting a \$1270 check to the Ella Curran Food Bank of Independence. (l-r) are food bank director Patty Nevue, Club President Terry Cable, Club Treasurer Michael Cairns, and Club member and food bank volunteer Jan Burks.

Central Lions Club pulled off its annual crab feed this year as a take-out drive-through event. Tickets were sold in advance via text messaging and, even though the pick-up happened on the rainiest day of the month, it was a success.

Lion Russ Cooper participating in April's Central Lions Club April 24 crab feed.



*submitted by Michael Cairns*



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Sight & Hearing  
Foundation



Phyllis Carlin  
Board Chair

# Happy New Year!



Doug Thompson  
Executive Director

Yes, we know it's summer - it's just that we're so excited for the 2021-22 Lions and OLSHF program year that we're celebrating the new year.

So, Happy New Year!

And YOU and your fellow Lions Club members are invited to take part in the celebration by joining us for our monthly Happy Hour on Thursday, August 19th at 3:00 pm, where participants will:

- Have a chance to have fun and win great prizes!
- Learn more about OLSHF and our sight and hearing programs
- Meet other Lions from around Oregon and northern California

Our monthly Happy Hours are fun, fast paced events that also feature special guests, which can include:

- One of our sight and hearing partners

- A recipient of one of our sight and hearing programs.
- Mystery guests that help us play "What's My Lion?"

But don't take our word for it, here's what others are saying:

*"The OLSHF Happy Hour is amazing.... worth every penny! (it's free)" -- Lion Dane Parreira*

*"Spectacular...can't wait for the next one." -- PCC Sharon Rollins*

*"Fun, informative, what's not to like?" -- PDG Bert Diamond*

*"It will open your EYES about your Foundation" -- OLSHF Past Chair Art Abbott*

Join in the fun and mark your calendar for the OLSHF August Happy Hour on August 19th at 3:00 pm at [https://links.olshf.org/zoom\\_127a75](https://links.olshf.org/zoom_127a75)

See you there...and bring your favorite beverage (Noise makers and confetti optional!)



# Happy Hour

Thursday, August 19th

3:00 pm

<https://links.olshf.org/zoom-127a75>



# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

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Contact Doug Thompson at [doug@olshf.org](mailto:doug@olshf.org) for more info!

## The Scout Trail

In the previous issue we learned about the very beginnings of the Boy Scouts of America. An American business man in London in 1909 learned about the Boys Scouts in Great Britain. After visiting with Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, he returned to the United States and with other business men organized the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910.

Lions Clubs International began in a somewhat similar way. In 1917 the world was being ravaged by a world war in Europe, Russia's czar was deposed by Bolsheviks, and they then came into power. In the United States an insurance business man, Melvin Jones, on June 7, 1917 called together community leaders from service organizations to form an association. His thought was instead of meeting mostly for business purposes, the group would meet to improve their communities. They met in the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago.

At the meeting was Dr. William Woods, President of the International Association of Lions. There were 27 Lions clubs. Jones, who was secretary for the Business Circle in Chicago since 1913, asked Woods to join the LaSalle Hotel meeting. The intent was to join the two organizations into one. After much discussion and communications the two organizations melded together under the name The International Association of Lions Clubs on July 21, 1917 with a convention to be in Dallas, Texas on October 8-10. The Lions became international with the first club in Canada in 1920 with Mexico following in 1927. Dues to the International Association were \$1.00 per member paid in advance semi-annually.

To be continued.

(Much of the above data is from *Lions Club in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 2011*, by Paul Martin and Robert Kleinfelder.)

*submitted by Ted Yarosh  
District. 36-E Director of Scouting and Secretary of Klamath Falls Lions Club*

## Columbia City Eyeglass Collection Project Assists the St. Helens Lions Club

The St. Helens Lions Club was lucky to have a partner in collecting eyeglasses this spring. The ladies in the City Hall office at Columbia City generously offered to sponsor an eyeglass drive for us. (Columbia City is a small town on the Columbia River just three miles north of St. Helens.) The City Hall staff supports different causes through the year and they suggested making eyeglass collection for the Lions one of those causes. The project was advertised in the city newsletter and residents responded enthusiastically with over 100 pairs of glasses! We are most grateful for their efforts.



Lion Jimmy Jeffrey (r) meets with the City Hall staff to accept the collected glasses.

*submitted by Jim Syrstad*





**SUTHERLIN LIONS SCHOLARSHIPS** - the club provided \$4000 in scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to go on to college. Club President Rick DeYoung informed our club members about the high school awards program he went to at the athletic field in May. He said “One of my best experiences as a Lion happened last week. I attended Sutherlin High School’s 2021 Senior Awards ceremony and presented six outstanding students with Lions Club scholarships. Two were for \$1,000 and four were for \$500. In presenting them, I was able to talk about the joy we Lions get when “We Serve” members of our local community”.

**Thank You Cards Received From Three Of The Recipients**

Thank you so much for awarding me with this scholarship. It means so much to me that you were willing to support my dreams. It’s very encouraging to have the support of my community as I go off to further my education. Thank you again for your generosity... *Emily*



First off I want to say thank you for the financial help! I am so appreciative of the support, work and love you provide our community. My childhood and experience of growing up here would look different without you guys and I’m thankful for it. I have been recently elected as an FFA Oregon Officer for 2021-2022. Thank you for a 1 year deferral on my Lion scholarship while I fulfill my duties on the FFA State Officer Team... *Katie*

Thank you so much for giving me your scholarship. It means a lot to me. It will help me through college with little debt... *love Emma*

*“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence” – Helen Keller*

*submitted by PDG Carol Brink*

**Klamath Falls Lions Club Presents Awards to Senior at Klamath Union High School**



On June 2, 2021, Klamath Falls Lions Club President Sara O’Connor-Merck presented Klamath Union High School graduate Samantha Fernandez with the Club’s 90th anniversary pin. Lion Sara also presented Samantha with the Club’s annual \$1,000 scholarship. Samantha will attend the University of Oregon and major in sociology. Samantha was accompanied by Senior High Counselor Rebecca Pierce to the Club’s meeting.

**(l-r) Samantha Fernandez accepting Klamath Falls Lion’s Clubs’ 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin from President Sara O-Connor-Merck.**

*submitted by Ted Yarosh*

**Elgin Lions Present Plaque and Scholarship to Gage McKay**

Gage McKay was awarded a plaque and scholarship of \$1,000 from the Elgin Lions during the Elgin High School graduation. McKay plans to use the scholarship to attend a school specializing in welding techniques.

**Presenting the award was President 1VDG Kathy Oliver and PDG Gerald Hopkins.**



*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



## The Dalles Lions Help with Park Clean Up

The Show piece park in The Dalles (Soros Park) had a major pine beetle infestation and all the pine trees had to be cut down leaving a huge pile of bark chips to dispose of. The Park & Rec department reached out to The Dalles Lions to help get rid of it, so we organized "Bark in the Park" on Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>. We loaded up pickups and trailers with the bark chips for a donation.



(l-r) Lions Al Wynn and Marvin Elsberry.



(l-r) Lions Al Wynn and Jon Schellinger.

While doing this we also had some LEOS helping to repaint the play structure that has been there for 25 years and was faded out. In addition to that we also repainted the main sign coming into the park as it was very faded. We weren't able to get rid of all of the bark chips so another event will be organized.



LEOs painting.



Lion Janelle Neustel.



(l-r) Lions Kris Harmon, Lori Stiles and Ruth Delarosa.



(l-r) Lions Jon Schellinger, Bill Hamilton, Marvin Elsberry and Chuck Covert.

*submitted by Mike Kilkenny*



## Albany East Lions Do Roadside Cleanup on World Environment Day!

On June 5, the East Albany Lions had 7 members from their Club clean up a 2 mile stretch of Hwy 20. They picked up 40 bags plus some other larger pieces.

(l-r) Neil Johnson, Dave Althous, Larry Nelson, Jerry Shipman, Doug Rogerson and Eric Elder.



*submitted by Jadie De Lille Wright  
and photo taken by Lion Jadie as well*

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## The Dalles Lions Help the Salvation Army

On Tuesday May 25, the word went out that the Salvation Army needed some help packing some Food Boxes that were being donated the next day and help with sorting out expired food from donations that they had received. Lions Stacy Coons, Bobby Delarosa, Ruth Delarosa, Kris Harmon, Mike Kilkenny, Carolyn Layson and Ethan Wray, answered the call along with Carolyn's Mother, Pat Lucas. We packed 50 boxes and stacked them on a pallet; sorted numerous boxes of donated food; and tossed out of date items. We organized the food that was remaining for future Food Boxes. The Lions Club in The Dalles steps up on short notice when either the Salvation Army or St. Vincent de Paul needs help.

*submitted by Mike Kilkenny*

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## Elgin Lions Clean Roadway

The Elgin Lions took advantage of the weather to clean Highway 82 running through the city of Elgin. The project, chaired by Barbara Hawes, takes place twice a year to help beautify the roadway around the city.



(l-r) Barbara Hawes, Risa Hallgarth, Jared Rogers, Jim Hallgarth, Daryl Hawes, Mary Hopkins, Bob Thomas and Susie Thomas.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



**New Lion Tom Heuberger putting up the Lions logo.**



## **Hood River Lions Improve Jackson Park**

Construction of a permanent roof over the stage at Jackson Park was completed in May. The new superstructure, with one beam weighing in at more than six tons, is a signature project of the Hood River Lions Club. The Club proposed this improvement to the City of Hood River in 2019 and hired a contractor in 2020. However, the Club did not stop with the stage project. As a celebration for the community, the Hood River Lions along with other community sponsors have scheduled four concerts in the park. These concerts will be held every Thursday evening in August in a series called Families in the Park. These free concerts will not only celebrate the new stage, but be a welcoming back to normal for our community to gather together again after the pandemic. The concerts kick-off with Hit Machine, a perennial favorite on August 5<sup>th</sup>, followed by the 50's and 60's music of Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts. The last two concerts feature the R&B sounds of Sister Mercy, and we finish with a bang with Jennifer Batten and her Full Steam Band. Jennifer Batten was the lead guitarist for Michael Jackson, and after his death she moved to Portland and formed her own band.



**Contractors at work.**



Families in the Park will be a total Lions event. The Hood River Eye Openers Club will be serving a family meal package in the park each Thursday and the Leos Club will be selling treats and recycling bottles and cans. The Odell Lions Club will also be involved with a Lions booth recruiting new members. We are expecting crowds of 2,000 or larger and looking forward to the first major community gathering in well over a year.

*submitted by Mike Schend*