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Meet the Incoming Council of Governors 2022-2023



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Council Chair



DG David O'Kelley 36-R



DG Gail Black 36-E



DG Cheri Jackson 36-G

MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

July

- 9 District 36-R's Region 2 training
- 25 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

August

- 6 9am-noon OLSHF Trustee mtg., Sutherlin Community Cntr., 150 Willamette St.
1:30pm Council of Governor's mtg., Sutherlin Community Cntr.
- 13 Dist. O Cab. mtg. 10am-1pm, Rockaway Lions Clubhouse
- 20 Dist. E Cab. mtg., 10am, Dorris Comm. Bldg
- 27 Dist. R Cab. mtg. Yachats Lions Hall
- 29 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

EVENTS

July

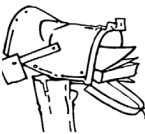
- 1-4 East Albany Lions Club's Lumberjack Breakfast, 6am-11am, Timber Linn Park, Price Rd., Albany
- 4 Lake Oswego Lions Club's Pancake Breakfast, 8am-11am, George Rogers Park, 611 S State St.

August

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

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ANNIVERSARIES

July 2022 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

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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“Together We Can”

Fellow Lions we are headed into a new Lion Year and we have a new theme for 2022-2023: “Together We Can!” We have a lot to accomplish. Lions Clubs around the world lost members during Covid. All four Oregon Districts had a loss. Lions gave up social gatherings, holiday parties and in person meetings. However, we still held food drives, clothing drives, delivered meals, constructed and delivered PPC, and many more activities of service. Avoiding contact did not stop us.

Now Lions are meeting in person. Service projects are again visible to the public. Clubs are seeing an increase in new member applications. We are in the public and inspire others to join us and help others through our many projects. With new members we benefit with new ideas and enthusiasm. With new members we show that “Together We Can”.

When you receive the July/August edition of the Oregon Lion Magazine, our new District Governors will have completed their training and trip to Lions International Convention in Montreal, Canada. They also filled their slate of

officers for their 2022-2023 term and set their goals. We thank each and every one of you for stepping up and taking on a new position. You make a difference in what Oregon Lions accomplish. And you help our DGs achieve the goals they have set for their respective districts. “Together We Can” with your help. Thank you for stepping up to serve with us!!

Our International President for 2022-2023, Brian Sheehan, adopted the theme of: “Together We Can”! The words energize us as we step out and serve our community with a renewed enthusiasm.

We thank you for joining us on this new Lions journey for MD36. We appreciate your ideas and your enthusiasm. This year of service will be exciting because: “Together We Can”.

Council Chairperson
Judith Poage

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District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column
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Here we are at the start of a brand new year. Thank you to PDG Doug Loose for his leadership last year, and to all the Lions that provided leadership and support to District O in 2021-22. I look forward to working with all of you this coming year to continue to build strength of leadership and service in District O and the Multiple District.

My goals this year are to work with the leadership team to help all clubs have a net growth in membership with a focus on clubs with under 20 members. As part of that goal, 1VDG Ed Glad and I will work with Zone Chairs and other leaders to build service projects and help our clubs be more visible in their communities. Working together for service we can build membership and positively impact our community. The fall focus will be diabetes related service – keep an eye out for information from your Zone Chair and club leaders.

Out of these service projects and membership growth we can look for and develop leaders in the Lions around us. There are some amazing new Lions in our District as well as some who joined a while ago but have not felt ready or been given an opportunity to develop their leadership potential. 1VDG Ed and myself will be working with PDG Doug to continue efforts to get more Lions involved in our service and leadership projects at the District level.

District 36-O has committee chairs that work to connect Lions to ideas and news for projects and club development as well as service and the international Lions organization. Through leadership training, Zone meetings and projects, my team and I will be working to get information to all of you about those committees and how you can work with us to increase the impact of Lions throughout the District O community and beyond.

Do you want to know more and get involved in the forward momentum of the Lions of Oregon and Northern California? Email me at andycat3@comcast.net.
DG Kerith

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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I am excited to begin my year of service, 2022-2023, as your District Governor. While I do not know many of our clubs in our District, I intend to work diligently to get my initial club visits done in Q1 (Jul-Sep) and then will follow up with additional visits later in the year. I want to listen and learn from each of the clubs about the great service that you do in your communities. Our District Cabinet is here to serve all our members and please feel free to reach out to any of us whenever there is a need.

Our International President, Brian E. Sheehan, has the motto of “Together We Can” which is so simple, so fundamental, and so true. He has asked the incoming District Governors to further enhance the Global Membership Approach (GMA) in each of our districts. It focuses on the 3Rs: **Rejuvenating** districts with new clubs; **Revitalizing** clubs with new members; and **Re-motivating** existing members with fellowship and exciting service. It relies on goals and action plans, accountability, focus areas made up from club members while utilizing the well-established processes of LCI.

There are six goals for our district this year and each goal has an action plan (steps, responsibility, resources, and dates) behind it, and we will review and modify them as needed to meet our shared district goals. At the heart of the goals is **service** and the **fellowship**. As Lions we have the simple motto of “We Serve.”

This will be the first year we have offered membership and service chairperson training. Both positions really support the success of your club, assist your club secretary in their duties, and ensure that you are providing service that is relevant to your members and communities. We added a district administrator in 2021-2022 and clubs can add an administrator too that helps with both president and secretary tasks.

Practicing Servant Leadership. I look forward to serving you this coming year. I'm excited about a full year of service and fellowship, getting to listen and learn about each club in our district, and ensuring that the district is here to add value to our clubs. **Together We Can.**

District E - Southern - South Coast



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In 2014-15 as District Governor of MD36-E, I was honored and thrilled to have the “one time” experience of being the DG. Well, here it is 2022-23 and here I am again the DG of MD36-E. For anyone unaware of how this situation came about, the DGE Jan Slusser, and 1VDG Jerry Gomez, both resigned their positions due to health reasons. At the District E convention, Lion Paul Novak was elected to 2VDG, but we were now minus a DGE and a 1VDG. It became necessary to put someone into the position, and unfortunately an eligible candidate could not be found. Thus came the procedure of appointing a PDG into the position, and because of new changes in the Constitution and Bylaws this became a challenge as well. End result was that because I was willing to step forward, I received that honor.

Now you would think this would be an easy task considering I had “been there, done that” before, but I can assure you that is not the case. And even though I traveled with PDG Carolee Blatter during her year in 2019, since my time in office 8 years ago, there have been many, many changes. And having the appointment confirmed just 3 short weeks before international convention, as well as having missed some very important district trainings, it has been quite the effort to fill the cabinet positions, take the necessary on-line training, set up the district goals, get ready for the additional training taking place in Montreal Canada, and get an itinerary set up for a visitation to each and every club in the district. But things are progressing right along. My thanks to those of you whom I have contacted that have agreed to take a cabinet position. My visitation schedule has been set up based on information submitted by each club this year to LCI. I will be sending out a proposed visitation schedule soon, and contacting you to verify the planned visitation date.

There are some fairly big hurdles to jump this year, but I feel our biggest one is in finding leaders for the district. I know that in every club there are potential leaders. As a district, we just need to find a way to let them bring forth their abilities and step up into leadership positions. Many of our problems, I know, stem from the pandemic over the past 2 years which has wrought many changes to our clubs and our communities. Now we must start looking forward and creating our new normal. Amongst the things I look forward to this year will be better attendance at our cabinet meetings, better communication between clubs and the District Governor, and some good training. More than anything else as we go into this year together, I want us to enjoy every moment of it with fun and fellowship as We Serve.

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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As we enter our new year of 2022-2023 I am very excited about being your District Governor for 36G. What an experience we had in Montreal at the Lions Clubs International Convention! I feel that attending conventions boosts our spirits and reminds us why we are Lions.

I am anxious to get started with club visits and meet new folks and see old friends. This year our goal is to **Boot Up For Service**. I love doing projects where we help our communities in work boots, mud boots or whatever. But, this year I also hope to encourage use of our technology also. (*reboot* the system, etc.)

There is so much training available free through LCI which can answer many questions our members have. We also can make better use of social media to get our faces in the community. Maybe we can encourage younger members and give them a project of sharing our service to others.

I get asked often “What do Lions do?”. Why doesn’t the public know? Because we are not getting our message out there enough! Let’s have some fun taking lots of photos and sharing them with the public through various types of media. This year let’s ROAR our message across the District!

Yours in Lionism, DG Cheri Jackson, 36-G

New Fundraiser for St. Helens Lions

The St. Helens Lions Club took part in a new fundraiser on a recent Saturday morning when they washed about a dozen utility trucks and vans at the local Columbia River PUD. The PUD generously supports local non-profit groups once a month from March through September. The groups sign-up ahead for a date and the PUD makes a donation to the group in exchange for the man- and woman- power to wash their utility trucks and company cars. All of the necessary equipment was provided; the Lions just showed up and washed! It was a fun morning of teamwork to add some \$\$ to our treasury.



(l-r) St. Helens Lions Greg Bartsch, Kathy & Jim Syrstad, Jimmy Jeffrey, Mark Johnson and Mike McCoy. In front row are Lions Niki Kirsch and Linda McCoy.

St. Helens Lions Help Make Park Improvements

One of the Community Service projects the St. Helens Lions take part in is maintaining the 18 exercise stations along the walking trail in the local McCormick Park. The Club works as a group a couple times a year to make sure all the stations are weeded and cleaned of fallen branches and leaves. Members “adopt” a station that they check on monthly and do any needed cleanup, in between work parties. Recently members noticed that the original sign at the beginning of the trail was in need of rebuilding. The sign gives information about the exercise stations and their proper use. Chair of the project, Lion Greg Bartsch, contacted the local Dahlgren’s Building Supply where the owner generously agreed to donate the materials to rebuild the kiosk. Lion Greg attended the Parks Commission monthly meeting where they agreed to provide the manpower for rebuilding and he picked up and delivered the materials to the Parks Maintenance crew. The new kiosk was recently placed in a better location at the park. Lion Jim Syrstad will add a sign soon recognizing the contributions of Dahlgren’s Building Supply, the St. Helens Parks Department and the St. Helens Lions Club.



Lion Greg Bartsch.

both articles submitted by Lion Kathy Syrstad

Lake Oswego Lions Club Spring Food Drive was a Success!

What a great day we had on Saturday, March 12, 2022! The weather was perfect, the location was awesome, and the results were fantastic thanks to the dedicated time and talents of our “FOOD DRIVE DREAM TEAM”: **Jaclyn Li, Lion Alice Yang, Jorie Liang, Lucy Xu, Sonia Zhang and Sandy Tang**. Thank you all for all your great work to research what food items are needed, create posters and flyers for advertising the event on Facebook, Next-door, and the club’s website the LO Review, the LO Chamber of Commerce, and our Oregon Lions District 36-O, and, then running the event to collect and deliver donations. \$170 in cash and 600 pounds of items stocked the shelves at Hunger Fighters Oregon and Bethlehem House of Bread. Thank you for your generous donations!



Alice Yang – new member of the Lake Oswego Lions Club.



Great job Jorie Liang!



(l-r) Jorie Liang, Sandy Tang, Lucy Xu and Jaclyn Li created and displayed beautiful posters.



Seeing the boxes fill up with much needed items brought wide smiles to the faces of Sonia Zhang, Tina and Lion Alice Yang.



Being able to reunite fed our souls as we united our efforts to feed the hungry in our community. Seated front and center is Lion Marlene Dutton flanked by Lions Jeanine Jensen, Alice Yang, PCC Sharon Rollins, Patti Sadowski, Diane Mead, Mary Ann Grosword, Bonnie Roeder and the young woman who spearheaded the food drive, Jaclyn Li.



The LOLC storyboard told the story of our humanitarian efforts during 75 Years of Service from the Heart while the many boxes were filled! Watching with wonder (l-r) Jaclyn Li, PCC Sharon Rollins, Lion Alice Yang and Lion Jeanine Jensen.

Lions clubs all over the world serve to improve human flourishing. We see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities, and believe true community improvement depends on the thriving of its members. We want to help ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods. For more information about how you can offer continued support in our local humanitarian efforts visit these websites:

- Lake Oswego Lions Club: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/lakeoswegoor/index.php>
- Hunger Fighters Oregon: <https://www.hungerfightersoregon.org>
- Bethlehem House of Bread: <https://bethlehemhouseofbread.org>

submitted by Bonnie Roeder, Events Chair
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Are You a Cornea Recipient?

Our hope is that you might consider taking a moment to reflect upon your improved sight and think about sharing that gratitude with the donor family whom made that precious gift possible. As corneal recipient, you have a few special opportunities we'd like for you to consider:

Write Your Donor Family: Many families of corneal donors take comfort in the knowledge that their loved one improved the life of another person. By writing an anonymous letter through our Correspondence Program, you can connect with the family that chose to give the gift of sight.

Share Your Story: The story of how you now see the world through new eyes can both be an inspiration to those in need, but also a way to pay living tribute to those who have given the gift of sight. Did you receive your cornea from Lions VisionGift? If so, we would love to hear and share your story.

We hope you'll take these next steps with us. If you would like to learn how to write to your donor family or talk more about how you can share your story, please contact us at (503) 808-7070, toll-free at (800) 843-7793, or at Matt@VisionGift.org.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you. Thank you.

submitted by Matt Webber



A New Captain at the Helm!

Hello to all my fellow Lions,

I would like to introduce myself as the incoming Executive Director of the Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center. I am a graduate of SOU with a Bachelor's Degree, and I'm excited to be entering the non-profit sector full of energy and compassion. I have worked for the Center as Agency Assistant for over a year, and have learned about leadership, community, and integrity from the best possible teacher: retiring Executive Director Glory Cooper.

I am eager to share the knowledge and competency that comes with my generation regarding technology, social media, and graphic design. I built the website for the Center, as well as connecting us to Instagram and Facebook. In order to reach the most people, we must use all the tools at our disposal! I love how people in the community react when you tell them you're a Lion, and am humbled by the decades of service and charity that Lions before me have contributed. I am inheriting an incredible relationship with the public, and eagerly await my stewardship of the principles that we as Lions hold dear.

Please join me in wishing Glory a relaxing, well-earned retirement!

Sincerely,

Jae Lamar
Future Executive Director
Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center

THE SCOUT TRAIL

Fundamentals of Scouting: The Crater Lake Council – BSA has written (Feb. 2022) on this subject and I want to pass the message onto you verbatim. To Begin, there are four major Programs for (1) Cub Scouts - Boys and Girl in Grades K-5, (2) Scouts BSA – Young Men and Women ages 11-17, (3) Venturing – Co-ed ages 14-20 and (4) Exploring – Co-ed Career Based ages 14-20.

The Fundamentals are:

Leadership Development: Scouting is where leaders learn to lead. From running corporations to walking on the moon, the accomplishments of Scouting alumni have shaped our country. Leadership is taught at every level of Scouting from Cub Scouts all the way to Eagle.

Experience Learning: Scouting's advancement program develops resilience by providing a series of surmountable obstacles and steps to overcome them. Scouts progress at their own pace as they meet each challenge and explore new opportunities.

Career Exploration: Scouting inspires youth to explore their futures and opens a new exciting world around them. Scouting puts youth on the path to a successful career by introducing them to purpose packed adventures.

Community Impact: For more than 100 years, Scouting has led the charge to make our communities better places to live through giving back and instilling values. Scouting's impact transcends national origin, race, gender, political affiliation and time.

Our Scouts are learning the building blocks of leadership from the moment they join.

submitted by Ted Yarosh, MD36 Scouting Chair

The Dalles Lions & The Dalles Leos Provide Vital Support to the Community

There are currently 15 active Dalles Leos and they have proven to be vital in our Club's ability to man activities such as flags for first graders, sight screening for all elementary students in our region, and many more events that we are now returning to our activities as a Club.

For the past three days, our Club has been actively screening about 1,000 students in four elementary schools in our area. Earlier this year, we completed 4 schools before Covid once again shut down entering the schools. We have now caught up and will await the start of the next school year to begin the process.



Even though The Dalles Lions Club remains the largest club in the state: some of our members moved to other states; dropped their membership (tired of zoom); and, unfortunately, we have had a large percentage of our Club that passed away this past year. Coming out of the shadows of Covid, we will rebuild our numbers and once again resume many of the activities that were canceled due to the pandemic.

In May, we awarded two scholarships to two students at 1,000 dollars each. This money will assist students attending college or trade schools.

That's about it from The Dalles Lions for now.

submitted by Tim McGlothlin

Elgin Lions Celebrate 25th Anniversary

The Elgin Lions held their 25th anniversary with business and celebration. President Barbara Hawes started the evening by introducing charter members including Maureen Smolkowski, Scott Ludwig, Janet Stafford, Jared Rogers, Deb Rogers, Ed and Laveta Botz.

On the business end, reports were given by committees on the progress of public restrooms for the city and planning for Riverfest, June 18th. Committee members listed details of each of the events planned. Chair Pat McDonald reported that an additional two pairs of glasses were purchased for individuals in need. Daryl Hawes was pleased to announce a trailer had been purchased for the duck train - "Now the train has a home."



(l-r) DG Kathy Oliver presents MD Award of Leadership Excellence to PDG Gerald Hopkins.



Original charter members Jared Rogers, Deb Rogers, Janet Stafford, Maureen Smolkowski, Scott Ludwig, LaVeta Botz and Ed Botz.



(l-r) President Barbara Hawes receives Neil Parks Publicity Award from DG Kathy Oliver.

Kate Bottger also reported on the success of the Walk-a-thon by elementary students. In spite of rain and snow flurries, the students were able to complete the events with the assistance of eight Lions helping with laps and encouragement. PCC Steve Oliver stated that flags were distributed to the Elgin first grade students and nine Lions were present to help. Bottger reported the name of the Elgin student who will receive a \$1,000 Lion scholarship, and DG Kathy Oliver and President Hawes will make the presentation at Elgin's graduation. Daryl Hawes reported the Elgin Lions completed planting four new trees at the High School, and that Elgin Lions had cleaned the debris at Pocket Park in Elgin. PDG Gerald Hopkins was asked to renew business cards which had previously been printed for the Club. Lion Elma Jean Wilhelm has continued to assist the community meals.

DG Kathy Oliver presented two District Awards. The first was the Neil Parks Publicity Award, which is the fourth time in succession. DG Oliver then presented PDG Gerald Hopkins with the Multiple District "Excellence in Leadership" Award.

Dinner was catered by Urban Vine of Island City, followed by the speaker for the celebration, PDG Gerald Hopkins. PDG Hopkins discussed the success of the Club over the years, and the subtle difference of "becoming a Lion" over joining the Lions. He noted that it is a great experience to be a part of an organization of 1.4 million Lions from 46,000 clubs worldwide. He asked the group how many other clubs they could list that give 100% of funds collected in the community back to their communities. "I consider it to be the greatest service organization in the world," he stated.

Bottger concluded the evening by giving out several gag awards to members for their service as well as listing pages of activities in which the Elgin Lions have been involved.

Great Multiple

It was so wonderful to be able to meet again in person at the Multiple District Convention on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield, Oregon. With almost a hundred Lions attending, we were able to connect with new and old friends, learn things to improve our clubs, and be inspired to continue to serve the community.

Sixteen tables fit into the ballroom space for attendees including the head table with our District Governors, Council Chair and other dignitaries. Beautiful flower centerpieces on each table were donated by PDG Judy Kaufman from Yachats Lions.

The International Director's Saturday morning Q & A presentation was inspiring and informative. ID Justin Faber from Deckerville, Michigan told about recent changes at the LCI level that will affect all of us. He talked about the LIONS FORWARD policies and that LCI decided to change our official organization name to Lions International, dropping the word "Clubs". "It's just like Rotary International and Kiwanis International," he said.



ID Justin Faber addresses the convention attendees in the early Saturday morning speech.

Patty Harrison, a 20-year Lion from the Mapleton Club in District R said, "I enjoyed the ID speech. He talked about things that will take effect like zone chairs can only hold the office for three years and that PDGs cannot be zone chairs."

At lunch, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation conducted the Parade of Checks with clubs donating from \$100 to \$1,500 each to help with the program's services. Executive Director Doug Thompson said the donations do not go to pay any administrative costs.

After lunch, there were several large group presentations. PCC Paul Zastrow and PCC Sharon Rollins talked about the benefits of donating to Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF). And a collection was taken on the spot for LCIF and almost \$2,000 was received. The special prize for the donations was the shaving of PCC Paul Zastrow's lengthy white beard which was done by DGE Cheri Jackson and Lion Betty Jane Bugbee.

Also PCC Gail Black and CC Bob Chaney told us where our \$71 a year Lions dues goes. This was extremely informative as sometimes we have a difficult time explaining to prospective members why we collect annual dues. Did you know that \$28 of your dues stays here in Oregon for things like leadership training, future district and state conventions, and administrative services? It's true.

Another presentation was made by CC Bob Chaney about New Member Orientation. He covered the hierarchy of Lions International from club secretary to international president. He reviewed about the Lions motto, Lions mission and purpose and also about LCIF. You can contact CC Bob Chaney for his PowerPoint presentation to use for your own club.



PCC Paul Zastrow gets his long beard trimmed by Lion Betty Jane Bugbee as part of the LCIF donation challenge. At left is Council Chair Bob Chaney.

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District Convention!

Club awards were given out after lunch. Lion Paula Hilgers, the MD36 Awards Chair, announced the winner for Facebook and Instagram and poster and brochure categories, among other awards. Several clubs received multiple awards. DG Doug Loose wore his fish hat to congratulate many of the award recipients.



(l-r) DG 36-O Doug Loose, Joan Oliver and DG 36-G Kathy Oliver. Lions Joan and Kathy accepted the Public Awareness award on behalf of the Elgin Lions Club.



(l-r) MD36 Awards Chair Paula Hilgers with two public relations award recipients: 2nd VDG Ed Glad and PDG Garry Charbonneau.



Club president Linda McCoy and Lion Mike McCoy.



(l-r) Lions Monica Henkle and Ron Isbell of the Springfield club won the Club Storyboard award. DG Lynn Coon in the background.



(l-r) PDG and CCE Judith Poage, ID Justin Faber and PID Sunny Pulley.

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Great Multiple District Convention! -- continued...



ID Farber recognized Lion Kelly Asbra with his own ID pin.



Convention Credentials Chair Jim Vincent and Lion Raema Manning.



ID Farber recognized Lion Tracy Brown with his own ID pin.



(l-r) Springfield Lion Henry Miller, DG Stephen Brewster, OLSHF Trustee and District R Cabinet Secretary Jadie De Lille-Wright, PDG Garry Charbonneau and MD36 Executive Secretary Leah Hawes.



(l-r) ID Justin Faber, PDG Dan Wolf, PID Sunny Pulley and PID Denny Tichenor. PDG Dan Wolf was given a medal award.

Saturday evening was the more formal banquet with short presentations and special recognition award medals. ID Faber delivered the keynote address to inspire us as Lions.

PDG Dan Wolf received a Leadership medal award, PDG Tom Hilgers received Presidential medal, and PDG Steve Moser received a Leadership medal. Also, PDG Gerald Hopkins was given the MD36 Excellence in Leadership award.

It's also good to mention that on Friday there were several important events before the official convention. The Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) Trustee meeting was held in the morning. The Council of Governors met in the afternoon. An eyeglasses sorting service project took place also in the afternoon. And the OLSHF held their celebration banquet in the evening where they recognized the KidSight and school screening programs and the Eye Promise Optical Shop services.

Cheri Jackson DGE, District G, summed up the experience well. "I met some great new people and learned new things. Every time you come to a convention you learn new things."

Carol Swesso, Lion from District E said, "It was great seeing everyone this year. Our ID was a great speaker and very engaging. The food was very good for both meals and the caterers were great. Several of my club members came this year and we're all looking forward to going to Seaside next year!"

Thank you to the convention planning committee, including Convention Chair PCC Joyce Anderson, for all of their hard work to bring us a successful event.

*submitted by PDG Bert Diamond
photos by Henry Miller and PDG Bert Diamond*

East Albany Lions...

Install New Members

Lion Charile Mouradian installs two new members. We have add 6 new members this year so we are going in the right direction. ROAR !!!!!



(l-r) New Lion Steve Meyer, Old Lion Charile Mouradian and New Lion Greg Devalois.

Award Scholarship

Lion Jerry Shipman enjoyed presenting an East Albany Lions scholarship to recipient Claire Hoffman. 2022 Graduate from Albany Options School.



(l-r) Lion Jerry Shipman presents scholarship to Claire Hoffman.

Have Fun on May 31st

The East Albany Lions enjoyed a 5th Tuesday miniature golf and pizza event together. It was a good time and opportunity to promote fellowship for all members.



(l-r) Lion Bill Bramblett, Karen Bramblett and Lion Larry Nelson.

submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair



OREGON LIONS
Sight & Hearing
= Foundation =



Celebrating An Amazing 2021-22!

Phyllis Carlin
Board Chair

Doug Thompson
Chief Executive Officer

We're pretty confident that when Portland Downtown Lion Norm Ross - and others - came up with the idea of the Oregon Lions Sight Foundation in the 1950's, that part of the plan was to help Oregon Lions Clubs help people in need with critical vision surgery and treatment, now known as OLSHF's Patient Care program.

We'll never know if these pioneers of OLSHF envisioned the organization becoming one of the most highly respected nonprofits in Oregon and beyond, but we do believe that they'd be extremely proud of the accomplishments that the Foundation has experienced in 2021-22.

We're #1...Again!

In the fall of 2021, Oregon Business Magazine named OLSHF as the #1 Best Nonprofit to Work For in Oregon for the second year in a row. These ratings are based on employee satisfaction relating to work environment, management and communications, and sustainable practices, and they reflect the investment that OLSHF Board and Staff have put into establishing a work environment based on positive core values and adherence to our Mission to screen, treat, save, and restore sight and hearing for those in need, in partnership with Lions Clubs.

We are grateful for all past and current OLSHF Board members, MD-36 Lions Clubs, and our amazing sight and hearing providers for helping to create a work environment that makes this recognition possible.

The Premier School-Based Vision Screening Program in the U.S.

Recognition also came our way from the Lions Club International "KidSight USA" program, as MD-36 Lions and OLSHF were the recipients of the first Lions KidSight USA "See Clearly" award, which recognizes the top Lions vision screening programs in the United States. MD-36 Lions and OLSHF came in as, you guessed it, the #1 Lions vision screening program in the U.S., ranked ahead of the rest of the Top 10, which were: 1. Oregon 2. Indiana 3. Arizona 4. Wisconsin 5. Virginia 6. Missouri 7. Iowa 8. Texas 9. Montana 10. Colorado. Congratulations to the entire Top 10!

Keeping The Promise

Most importantly, we continued to "keep the promise" that Lions made to Helen Keller so many years ago, by addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss for those in need. Not only did the School Vision Screening (SVS) program screen more students for vision health issues than any other program, we referred more Oregon students (Over 24,000) for comprehensive eye exams than ever before. We anticipate screening more students than ever during the upcoming 2022-23 school year, with a projection of over 215,000 students scheduled to be screened.

Additionally, our Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) Optical lab built nearly 2,000 pair of new eyeglasses for Oregonians in need, the ROAR! Hearing Assistance Program helped over 150 people receive new hearing aids, the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LEC) collected over 140,000 pair of used eyeglasses and made over 25,000 pair available for mission trips worldwide, and our oldest and longest running program, Patient Care, provided surgery and/or treatment for over 100 Oregonians this year.

Talk about keeping the promise!

How You Can Help

On the following pages you'll see some great ways to help sustain our important sight and hearing programs: Our annual golf tournament takes place in person on August 22nd at Langdon Farms GC - golfers can also play their own course between August 19-29 and support our SVS program in the Ted Carlin Memorial golf event. The annual OLSHF Gala returns in 2022 with the Halloween Ball at Portland's Sentinel Hotel on October 22nd, where a highlight of the evening will be selecting the winner of our annual raffle where a lucky winner receives a trip of a lifetime - Buy your tickets while they last!

Whether you are an individual donor, an SVS volunteer, or a member of a Lions Club that supports OLSHF through the Parade of Checks, we are grateful for your support -- and we look forward to seeing you soon in 2022-23.

Thank you for helping us "Keep the Promise" in 2021-22 -- and beyond!

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Dear friend,

This school year (2021-2022), statewide OLSHF has found over **15.8% of students** have vision issues (compared with 11.25% in previous years). Our network of partnering eye doctors advise that too much screen time can strain young eyes and without crucial yearly vision screenings, conditions may worsen. COVID-19 impacts delayed many of our screening events in 2020 and 2021.



In mere seconds our SPOT screening device can detect eight different eye conditions with up to 92% accuracy! Early detection allows parents to make informed choices for their students' health.

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One day we would like to offer screenings in **every school** in every district all across the state of Oregon, but **we can't do that without the generous support of our donors, sponsors, and partners**. Increasing the scope of our programs means investing in more equipment and hiring additional talented staff members to lead screenings, to securely manage data, and to manage our programs that help students whose families don't have access to vision insurance like the KEX Kids Fund, and our charitable LEAP lab.



Our SPOT screening device allows us to serve students who were previously been unable to be screened with older methods, like students in our special education programs. Our methods don't require a student to be verbal, speak English, or sit still for long periods of time. As pictured above, we can easily adapt our methods to meet the students' needs.

Will you help us **Keep The Promise** to support Oregon's students? Every donation, no matter the size, has an impact. We rely on the generosity of **people like you** to keep our programs running!



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Year End SVS Update

- This year OLSHF **screened more schools than ever before**. Our reach has continued to widen, even during a year impacted by the pandemic.
- We've **referred more students than ever**, over 3,000 more students referred than 2019-20; referral rates are nearly 4% higher!
- In total, OLSHF **screened 156,454 students** this year and **referred 24,718 students** (15.8%) at **over 650 schools!**

Check out the chart below to see the impact OLSHF had on students across every Lions District this year!

Lions District	Screenings	Referrals	# of Events
E	26,347	3,975	137
G	24,927	3,872	115
O	63,453	9,683	232
R	41,649	7,175	184
(blank)	78	13	2
Grand Total	156,454	24,718	670

Astoria Lions Awarded County Grant for Sight & Hearing Assistance

The Astoria Lions Club is pleased to announce for the second year, a county Board of Commissioners grant of \$1,000.00 to fund its Sight & Hearing Assistance Program for Clatsop County.

Astoria Lions Club Returns to Astoria Sunday Market

Returning for a second year, on May 8th, Astoria Lions Club pitched its tent and set up tables to interact with the community and visitors attending the start of the 2022 Astoria Sunday Market. This year, we allocated table space for International Peace Poster contest information being co-hosted with our partner, Astoria Art Loft. As seen in the photos, we added a colorful and informative banner this year. We also added a Ring Toss game that visitors can play. We are also collecting used eyeglasses.

Of particular note, we hung our new Astoria Lions Club advertising banner that can be seen across the parking lot and hopefully draw more people to our tent. Please zoom-in on the photo to see the details.

Hoping to meet other Lions, couples from the Lake Waccamaw Lions Club of Lake Waccamaw, NC and from the Norris Tennessee Lions Club stopped by to introduce themselves, talk about their clubs, and learn about ours.

Everyone is encouraged to come by on Sundays (10 - 3pm) and check us out.



Astoria Lions Tent on Opening Day at the 2022 Astoria Sunday Market.



Astoria Sunday Market Table Layout.

submitted by Ray Montgomery

Elgin Lions Distribute Flags to First Graders

The Elgin Lions have been distributing flags to first graders at the Imbler and Elgin Schools.

Lynn Knapp at Imbler.



Lion Pat McDonald.



submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Astoria Lions Distribute American Flags to First and Second Graders

Reclaiming a cherished, multi-decade tradition, Astoria Lions distributed American Flag sets to first and second grade classes at Warrenton Grade School on May 25, Astoria's Astor Elementary on June 1 and Knappa's Hilda Lahti School on June 2.

Normally, flags would be given only to first graders but this year second grade classes were included to make up for last year's cancellation of distributing flags.

Many thanks to Lions Charlene Larsen, Ron Larsen, Norm Davis, Rosalinda Vasquez, Lavina Jones, Lenard Hansen, Rose Lewin (prospective member) and Ray Montgomery for assembling the flag sets.



Lions Assembling Flag Sets. (l-r) Ron Larsen, Ray Montgomery, Norm Davis and Rose Lewin (prospective member).
Not shown - Lenard Hansen (photo taker).



A special thank you goes out to Mark and Wendy Montgomery for acquisition of lumber and for cutting, drilling, and sanding of over 300 flag bases. We look forward to distributing flags next year!

submitted by Ray Montgomery

Flags for First Graders Returns!

During the days leading up to and including June 14, 2022, "Flag Day" in the U.S., members of the Tualatin Lions Club were busy delivering Flags for First Graders to all of the elementary schools in Tualatin. This included a little conversation with students about the U.S. flag since the 1st graders had been learning about the flag in class during that time. There were great questions from the students and ... well, pretty good answers from the Lions.

At each school, just before the flags and the popular Tualatin Lions "1st grade Flag coloring brochure" were handed out, the Lions and students joined to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The 1st graders did a great job and the Lions generally remembered which hand was their right hand!

All of the flags distributed by the Tualatin Lions came with nice cedar bases cut, drilled and sanded by the Lions at work parties throughout the year. In all, members of the Tualatin Lions Club handed out over 300 U.S. flags to Tualatin first graders at four schools.

The Tualatin Lions made a stealthy entrance to local elementary schools in June, 2021 and delivered boxes of small US flags for 1st and 2nd graders that were delivered to students by school staff due to pandemic related rules about school visitors. The 2nd graders got their flags because there simply hadn't been any in-person learning in schools in June of 2020.

It was a triumphant return to the schools for both the students and the Tualatin Lions. The Lions hope to continue this 40+ year tradition for many years to come.



(l-r) Lions Derek Sandell and Ed Casey at Tualatin Elementary School.

submitted by PCC Brad King

The Dalles Lions Work Alongside the Kiwanis and Rotary

The Dalles Lions Club along with the Kiwanis and Rotary jointly sponsored a local Blood Drawing in The Dalles on Wednesday, June 15. We manned the “Raffle table” selling tickets, manned the beverage and snack table and wiped down the donation tables when a donor was finished. It was nice to do a joint project like this with the other service clubs in The Dalles. The results of the Blood Drawing were: 52 donors, 6 first time donors, 51 unites collected which relates to 153 potential saved lives!!! The Dalles Lions Club: We SERVE!



(l-r) Lions Lori Stiles and Jeff Stiles (President and 1VP).



The Dalles Lions Work at Swim Meet

Lions Kris Harmon, Nancy Cain, Carolyn Layson and Mike Kilkeny manned the concession booth at the Ted Walker Swim Meet on June 18 and 19. Lion Nancy Cain came with this new event and we ran with it. We did breakfast stuff: coffee, tea, hot chocolate, muffins, yogurt and protein bars. We are always looking for a fundraiser or Community Service project. The Dalles Lions- We Serve!



(l-r) Lions Kris Harmon, Nancy Cain, Carolyn Layson and Mike Kilkeny.

both articles submitted by Mike Kilkeny

The Elgin Lions Club Plants 4 Trees

The Elgin Lions Club planted four trees at the high school as a part of their beautification project.



(l-r) Pat McDonald, Daryl Hawes, PCC Steve Oliver, Barbara Hawes, Jim Hallgarth and Jim Way. Also not pictured is Jared Rogers.

Oveson-Sanders Guest at Lions Meeting

A guest at the Elgin Lions meeting was Lynique Oveson-Sanders, who was recently hired by the Elgin school district to teach 7th and 8th science as well as integrated science at the high school. The horticulture programs Oveson-Sanders will be teaching at the high school will qualify for college credit through Treasure Valley Community College.-

Lynique will be teaching tractor and ATV safety programs at the school. She is currently working on school fall and spring carnival activities. Part of her program involves students with the care of city water baskets. Oveson-Sanders asked for assistance from the Lions to keep the baskets watered often during the warmer weather. The Lions agreed to set up a schedule to care for the planters throughout the city.

In other action, the Lions are gearing up for the Riverfest program and outlined the numerous activities associated with the event. Also taking place at Riverfest will be the Opera House productions, Car Show, vendors, museum "Jail & Bail," Quilt Show, Fireman's Breakfast, Father's Day Excursion Train and school reunions.

The Club purchased an additional five sets of glasses for individuals in need, plan to serve lunch at a high school football camp, and set up the Lion's fireworks booth.



Lynique Oveson-Sanders.

both articles submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins



(l-r) La Grande Lions Brent Lewis and Carla Sorweide prepare to plant flowers at the Union County Fairgrounds on June 4, 2022.

La Grande Lions Club Project Spruces Up Union County Fairgrounds

By Dick Mason

The Observer (June 15, 2022)

LA GRANDE — Members of the La Grande Lions Club are using their green thumbs to add color to the Union County Fairgrounds.

Three hundred flowers were delivered on Saturday, June 4, and planted at the fairgrounds as part of a community effort to help the site come into full bloom.

The work will make a major impact, according to Kathy Gover-Shaw, manager of the Union County Fair.

“People coming here are really going to see a big difference,” she said.

Imbler High School’s FFA chapter donated the flowers to be planted at the fairgrounds.

“They have a fair market value of \$1,300,” Brent Lewis, a member of the La Grande Lions Club, said.

Caring for the flowers will now be easier at the fairgrounds because many have been planted in new wooden troughs that are 2 feet high and 5-6 feet long.

The large size of the troughs means they can hold more water and will not dry out as quickly as the small pots the fairgrounds’ flowers were previously in.

Flowers not planted in the troughs were placed in barrels and in the ground next to the fairgrounds’ small stage.

The troughs were filled with compost donated by City Garbage Service of La Grande and soil purchased from Imbler High School’s FFA chapter. The compost and soil were placed in the troughs by Bill Delashmutt, of the La Grande Lions Club, who transported it with a tractor.

The troughs for the flowers were donated by Behlen Country, a Baker City firm that carries livestock and farm supplies. Gover-Shaw said it donated the troughs, which are seconds, because D&B Supply in Island City is a major sponsor of the Union County Fair and has a strong partnership with Behlen Country. Gover-Shaw said Behlen is a supplier to D&B.

The Union County Fair manager said the work and leadership of the La Grande Lions Club and the contributions of Imbler High School’s FFA chapter, La Grande City Garbage Service and Behlen Country were all instrumental to the success of the flower project.

“It took a big partnership to get this done,” Gover-Shaw said.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins