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Meet the Incoming Council of Governors



Pictured (l-r): DG Ed Glad 36-O, DG Lynn Coon 36-R, Council Chair Phyllis Carlin, DG Steve Brewster 36-E, and DG Pete Runnels 36-G at the Lions International Convention in Boston.

MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

July

31 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

August

11 OLSHF Trustee mtg., Juniper Room at Crooked River Ranch's Administrative Bldg., 5195 SW Clubhouse Rd., 9am-noon

Council of Governor's mtg. Juniper Room at Crooked River Ranch's Administrative Blvd., 5195 SW Clubhouse Rd., @1pm

19 Dist. O Cab. mtg. details TBA

Dist. E Cab. mtg., 10am, SOLSHC (Zoom option will be offered)

Dist. G Cab. mtg., Rufus, details TBA

26 Dist. R Cab. mtg., 9am-noon, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE

28 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

EVENTS

August

7 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE @ 6pm

10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for September issue)

ANNIVERSARIES

July 2023 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

July 16, 1946

July 20, 1950

August

August 29, 1929

August 9, 1938

August 25, 1938

August 28, 1948

August 22, 2008

Dorris
Yachats

Baker City
Hood River
Hillsboro
Amity
Oregon City



Publicity Suggestion:

PDG Gerald Hopkins plants Lions sign in front of his home for all to see. If you have not received your yard signs & magnetic bumper stickers, please contact your District Governor or your District's Publicity Chair.

Submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins
District 36-G Publicity Chair

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Council Chair News



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What is your Superpower? Give Your Best to Lions this Year By Phyllis Carlin, Council Chairperson

Gudrun Yngvadottir took the reins of the world's largest service organization at the Lions International Convention in July, 2018, becoming the first female president in the 101 year history of the organization. She was also our first president from Iceland. Gudrun became a Lion in 1992 and has held many offices and received numerous awards including our highest honor, the Ambassador of Goodwill. She is a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a biomedical research scientist, a university administrator and, to top it all off, a Lion.

I ran into her in a restroom at the International Convention the day before she was to be installed as our 101st president. We were alone, just the two of us there and I said to her, "You are going to do such a fantastic job." She hugged me and thanked me, treating me like an old friend, not like one of the 700-plus unknown District Governors assembled at the convention for training. She spoke to me in my native tongue, not hers. And right there in the underbelly of the MGM Grand in Las Vegas at the end of a very, very long day, I learned the superpowers of Gudrun Yngvadottir—that being her ability to make you feel special and, most importantly, valued.



One month from now, five years after Lion Gudrun's installation, we will install our second female president, Dr. Patti Hill from Alberta, Canada. Lion Patti is currently the president of a consulting firm with 30 years of experience as an educator and psychologist. In addition, she has

championed the rights of youth who are deaf and/or blind. While her theme and goals have yet to be released, I will certainly share them with you when they are. As I haven't heard her speak in person, I have yet to glean what her superpowers might be. But I have no doubt there are many.

This is my challenge to you, Lions of MD36, as we head into our new year of service: "Will you not give your best to Lions this year?" Each of you has your own unique set of "superpowers." Will you not channel these energies and talents toward Lions and toward the greater good as we strive to serve our communities, districts and state? Much progress has been made, but we are still in a state of rebuilding and revitalizing our organization as Covid wanes. We need to come together in service as we continue this process. "Will you give your best to Lions this year?"

Speaking of giving your best, we had a committee that did just that last year. The Public Relations committee, led by Lion Carrie Bartley, wrote and procured a grant to purchase yard signs and bumper stickers for every Lion in MD36. The committee met by Zoom and "Got 'er done" with the result being more visibility for our Multiple District. If you have yet to receive your yard sign or bumper sticker, please contact your district governor. A shout out to the fourteen Lions from around state who served on this committee.

Let's follow their lead because none of us want Lions to be the "Best Kept Secret" anymore. Put the bumper sticker on your car and the sign in your yard. Write articles for your local paper. Start an Instagram or Facebook page and show, through your club's great works, how proud you are to be a Lion.

I look forward to seeing you this year at club events, meetings and conventions and I wish you the best as you begin your new year of service this July. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at the phone number or e-mail listed above.



District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column
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Let me share a little about myself. I dedicated my career to the construction industry, specializing as a carpenter. For many years, I was involved in the formation of concrete structures during the early stages of my professional life. It was fascinating to discover that, back then, home foundations didn't necessarily include footings. It wasn't until the late 1960s and 70s that footings became standard components of foundations. Consequently, my current house, built in 1929, only has a concrete foundation wall without the wider base that distributes the weight of the house, commonly known as a "spread footing." Without this additional support, foundations tend to sink over time, much like a knife through butter. I often reflect on these lessons when contemplating Lions Clubs.

I've had the privilege of visiting numerous clubs within district 36-O, both large and small. One aspect that caught my attention is the absence of a formal new member orientation in most clubs when they successfully attract new members. Perhaps this crucial element has been overlooked or assumed that newcomers will naturally acclimate to the club's ways as they go along. Unfortunately, the absence of this fundamental practice weakens the impact of our clubs within the community. Highlighting what we do to our members, understanding what Lions do in our communities and what the possibilities are – not sharing this weakens the power of clubs in the community.

During the District O convention, the foundation for my term as District Governor was established. The top priority identified for the upcoming year was New Member Orientation. This bears a striking resemblance to a footing in a foundation. Especially during challenging times, such as the recent pandemic years, without this structure in place to distribute the weight, we witnessed severe consequences. Several clubs experienced membership losses or even had to close. With these losses, the momentum and camaraderie necessary to identify and carry out meaningful service projects waned. Although the structure is there, for some reason(s), it is sinking under the weight of these losses. The thinner our membership becomes, the more susceptible we are to further decline.

Hence, my theme for the coming year is "Rebuilding 36-O for the Future." You will witness a strong focus on developing New Member Orientation programs and reaching out to the public, aiming to establish Lions as a recognizable and welcoming organization. I eagerly anticipate working alongside each and every one of you to build the essential foundations that will allow us to thrive in our service well into the future. One message you will consistently hear from me is that the most impactful community service each club can offer is to ensure the existence of a Lions Club in your community 25 years from now.

Together, we can make this happen.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



District R Governor Column
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Dear fellow Lions,

As we begin the new Lion's year 2023-2024, I am thrilled to once again serve as your District Governor. Together, we can achieve limitless possibilities as we work from the heart.

Effective communication is the key to our district's growth. Every club member's voice is important, and we must keep them connected. Clubs should share their service projects with the district and other clubs, allowing others to offer assistance. We joined lions to serve our communities, district, and the world, and I take pride in being part of the world's largest service organization, THE LIONS.

Our district cabinet team is being assembled to support clubs and ensure their success. We are also planning club officer training, which is vital for new leadership and growth. This training covers club goals, servant leadership, and the new LCI portal training for secretaries. It also addresses treasurer and board member duties, tail twister and lion tamer responsibilities, as well as the Global Action Team which consists of Global Service, Global Membership and Global Leadership.

Every day I believe we can learn something to help us grow and to be successful at whatever we do. It reminds me of something I read from D Waitley pertaining to learning: Continued learning is the minimum requirement for success in any field.

In times of change, continuous learning is crucial. We must adapt, pivot, and move forward in life and as lions. We are looking for leaders who can contribute to our district's growth, so please step forward and share your talents, ideas and knowledge as we all grow together.

As I prepare for another term as your District Governor, I realize that I still have a lot to learn and I am not perfect, but I believe we can experience perfect moments together. Let me share a story about Roy Halladay, a baseball player inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019. Roy passed away at 40 in a plane crash in 2017 so his widow Brandi accepted on behalf of his family. In her speech Brandi said that despite his imperfections, he cherished perfect moments due to his character and teammates. Similarly, imperfect people can create perfect moments through hard work, humility, and dedication.

Join me as we strive for perfect moments in service, membership growth, and leadership development. Let's make a difference in our communities. Thank you for your dedication and for changing lives today and forever through service from the heart.

Yours in service, DG Lion Lynn Coon 36-R

District E - Southern - South Coast



District E Governor Column
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I am eagerly anticipating the upcoming Lions year and the opportunity to connect with Lions in MD36E. I am excited to learn from each of you about the successful strategies you employ to benefit both your club members and the community. It has been rightly said that wherever a Lions club exists, friendships are formed. As a former District Governor, my purpose here is not to dictate or prescribe methods. Rather, I am here to support you in identifying and implementing the most effective path for your club.

It is crucial for us to consider who will lead our clubs in the future. Will our clubs cease to exist simply because there is no one willing to step up as a leader? We must remember that we are all replaceable. Although our successors may not execute tasks in the exact same way as we do, they can still accomplish them, perhaps even more effectively. Our primary responsibility as Lion leaders should be to identify and mentor our replacements, ensuring that when the time comes, they are prepared and confident to assume leadership roles and successfully carry out their responsibilities. This principle applies to every position within the Lion club, from committee chairpersons to district governors.

This year, let us prioritize the search for our successors, actively listen to their ideas, and provide mentorship. By doing so, we can elevate our clubs and district to reach its highest potential.

Warm regards,
Steve Brewster District Governor MD36-E

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column
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Hello District 36G Lions,

As I write my first article for the Oregon Lion's Magazine, I am looking forward to the International Convention in Boston in July. It is such an honor and opportunity to have been elected the District Governor! What will it bring? Who all will I meet? What friendships will I make from other parts of the world? Will I meet someone from the region in Spain where I still have relatives living in the same house as my grandfather .. .who, where, what, when? There is a lot to look forward to **But, will I not be so burned out that I miss the chance?**

You see, that is a concern for me and should be for all of us, so this is how I like to deal with it **Turn on some music, sit back, relax, and give yourself some time to unwind.** We all need to do it; we all have a need to decompress. Even if you think you don't, you do! There is so much going on in our lives today that has been added over the years through electronics, social media, etc. that we now have put ourselves on the go more than we ever have. Oh, how I wish it was just choosing from 3 channels on TV or dialing in the one radio station that we could get locally, or the **only** mail I have to check is in the original mailbox ... awe!

The more we don't take care of ourselves, the less we have to give to others through Lions. "We Serve" becomes a bit more of a struggle. So please take care of the one Lion who can help take care of others – yourself! Now, with music playing in the background ... remember my theme this year ... "Be Instrumental in Service."

Relax and do good things,
Pete Runnels – DGE - District 36G

Spaghetti Dinner, Live Auction, Dessert Auction and Silent Online Auction were fun and successful!

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club hosted a delightful Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction on April 26th, creating a memorable evening for Club members, their families, and friends. The event drew a remarkable turnout, and attendees were treated to a spaghetti, salad and wine was also available. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful Delta Gamma Sorority members who graciously served the hungry attendees.

Following the satisfying meal, our incredible Super Auctioneer, Sid Voorhees, skillfully conducted the live auction, generating an impressive \$657.00 in earnings from the sale of selected items. The excitement continued as thirteen tantalizing desserts, generously provided by our club members, were auctioned off individually, contributing a total of \$1,143.00 to the cause. Ticket sales also played a significant role, adding up to \$1,194.00.

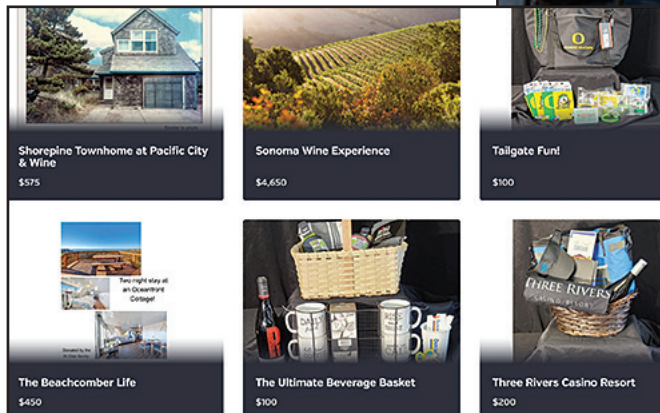
During the dinner, we enthusiastically promoted our Silent Online Auction, aptly named "Here Comes the Sun," which commenced on Monday, April 24th, and ran until Saturday, April 29th. There were many items up for bids that were put together as packages. While the number of online bidders fell short of expectations this time, their participation still helped us raise an impressive \$4,893.00. The profits from the online auction, live auction, and dessert auction will be allocated to the Club's Activity Fund, while the proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner ticket sales will contribute to the Club's Administrative Fund.



Just look at that wonderful dessert cake.



Looks like a full house for the Spaghetti Dinner.



Some of the packages up for bids.



Auctioneer Sid Voorhees.

We would like to express our special appreciation to our Auction Sponsors: Jerry's, Bi-Mart, and The Arc Park Legacy Project, whose generous support made this event possible. Gratitude is also extended to the Lions and other dedicated volunteers who assisted with the spaghetti dinner, as well as the Lions and friends who generously donated items for the auction. Lastly, we are deeply grateful to all the enthusiastic bidders who made this event a resounding success.

Another Silent Auction may be in the works. Stay tuned for public announcements regarding the specific date as we look forward to your continued support.

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman EDTL

Junction City Lions Help at Gales Creek Camp Clean Up!

Several Junction City Lions made the trip to Gales Creek Camp to assist with their cleanup for clean up before camps start this summer. The Club purchased new basketballs, pool floats and much needed sun screen also. The Junction City Lions who went were Lion President Ken Wells, Mike Beyerlin, Jim Matthews, Walt Harms and DGE Lynn Coon.



Pictured are a few of the campers receiving the new balls.

submitted by DGE Lynn Coon

East Albany Lions Work on Picnic Tables in the Park

The East Albany Lions did a service project replacing 65 boards and straightening picnic tables the 3rd and 10th of June. We had a good turnout of Lions who turned out to help! The weather was great to work in the park.



(l-r) Lions Doug Rogerson, Dean Butts, Terry Gorrell, Larry Nelson, Steve Hills, King Lion Roger Wylie and Ron Popp. Not in picture are Lions Jadie Wright, Jerry Boehme, Jerry Cox, Ray Hiltz, Neil Johnson, Steve Meyer, Dick Newkirk, Josh Provence, Jerry Shipman, Dick Wetzels, Steve Reinhart, Terry Wylie, Mark Raun and Bill Scheler.

*submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair
Oregon Lion July-August 2023 7*

The Hull Foundation and Learning Center – Enriching Lives through Vision Support

With a remarkable legacy of 60 years, the Hull Foundation and Learning Center continues to dedicate itself to serving adults with low vision and sight loss. As we embark on another extraordinary year, we are thrilled to present a series of fundraisers designed to maintain our low-cost (some of them are even free!), educational and exhilarating services.

Join us from June 1st to August 31st for our captivating Summer Raffle, featuring an array of enticing prizes such as: a beautifully handcrafted quilt, 6-hour use of the HFLC's picnic pavilion, a luxurious 2-night stay at the Lanai at the Cove in Seaside, 12 bottles of wine, and the multimedia art created by the talented blind artist, Tina Christian.

On July 29th, we are hosting our Annual Tea Party, at the Hull Foundation and Learning Center in Sandy, OR. Join us for some delicious tea and treats, engaging conversations, music, and even some friendly competition by participating in our raffle for a variety of raffle baskets.

To commemorate our momentous 60 years of service, we are culminating with a grand Diamond Jubilee celebration on August 20th from 10am – 4:30pm. Join us at the park for a splendid day filled with carnival games, an obstacle course and a BBQ chicken lunch. There will also be music, raffle baskets and door prizes.

To participate in any or all of these remarkable fundraisers, or to obtain further information, please call our office at 503.668.6195. We eagerly anticipate your presence and look forward to celebrating with you!

*submitted by Creanna Read, Event Coordinator
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Interested in Becoming MD36 State Pin Sales Chair?

Do you like to interact with your fellow Lions? Do you like to sell MD 36 Lions Pins? Do you like to go to District and State Conventions? If you do, you might be interested in helping MD 36 as State Pin Salesperson.

What does this entail? You would attend each of the four District and the Multiple District Conventions to sell MD 36 state pins, at your own expense. You'll interact with people getting to talk with them. You will keep the pin inventory transporting the pins to each convention and then taking them home keeping a log of the number of pins. Money at the end of each convention will be turned over to Executive Administrator Vincent F. Bishop PCC

If you have questions or have an interest in this position please contact Lion Vincent F. Bishop PCC at vbishop@hotmail.com or C) 541.974.3620.

submitted by PCC Vincent F Bishop

The West Linn Lions Club Awards \$16,000 in Scholarships!

The West Linn Lions Club awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to West Linn High School Graduating Seniors at the school's June 1, 2023 Evening of Excellence. The six scholarships for those intending to pursue further education included:

'Community Service'. The Lions International slogan is WE SERVE so this scholarship emphasizes that, and the West Linn Lions Clubs, commitment to serving our community. **\$3,000.00**

'Engineering Systems'. This scholarship includes electrical and industrial engineering, robotics, math, systems design, etc. **\$2,500.00**

'Art, Music, Drama, Communication'. This scholarship went to an individual majoring in personal and human communication in all forms including performing arts, graphic art, journalism, web design, etc. **\$2,500.00**

'Health Care and Planet Care'. This scholarship is an attempt by the Club to emphasize the need to balance human health in a healthy environment. **\$2,500.00**

'Overcoming Challenges'. Lions International focuses on two major health issues – sight and hearing. This scholarship incorporates those and other factors that have made an individual's personal scholastic endeavors even more difficult. **\$2,500.00**

'Business.' The Egland Family, in conjunction with the West Linn Lions Club, awarded a scholarship for an individual intending to major in Business Administration. **\$3,000.00**

Any West Linn HS (or approved alternative HS) graduating senior was encouraged to apply and 74 did. Application information was publicized on-line or by contacting the West Linn High School counseling office. This year's winners increased the Clubs scholarship totals to 99 individuals and \$147,500.00 over the past seventeen years.

The Club is also actively working on six endowed scholarship accounts in our 501(c)3 'Lions Foundation of West Linn' (LFWL) which, when mature, will allow the Club to offer scholarships in perpetuity. Optimistically, depending on investment performance, all of those will be funding scholarships in 3-5 years.

submitted by President Tom Loun

Junction City Lions Hold their Keep the Promise Day!

Four Lions clubs in the area, namely Alvadore, Central Linn, Eugene Bethel and Junction City, came together to host the remarkable "Keep the Promise" pancake breakfast in Junction City on June 24th. From 8-11 am, these clubs diligently served a delicious breakfast, raising an impressive \$900 to be donated to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Not only did the participants relish the warm camaraderie, but they also cherished the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to their community.

This notable event marked the first time these four Lions clubs collaborated on a joint project, showcasing their unwavering dedication to serving their communities. Regularly visiting these clubs, Zone Chair Edwena Matychuck played a pivotal role in coordinating the event, ensuring its success. The Junction City Community Center served as the perfect venue for this heartwarming breakfast gathering.

Lions from Alvadore,
Central Linn,
Eugene Bethel and
Junction City who
helped with the Event.



submitted by Gerald Oliver

Sutherlin Lions Clubs



Flag Display in Sutherlin

On Federal holidays, rain or shine, Lions put flags along Central Avenue at 8:00 am, then retrieve them at 4:00 pm. Depending upon the number of volunteers, the display can run from the west at I-5 freeway and ends near the east edge of town.

School Vision Screening

November 2022, Lions screened 528 Sutherlin K-6 students, and 76 (14%) were referred for further testing. January 2023, they screened 194 Oakland students and referred 24 (12%).



(l-r) Carol Swesso, Joyce Finnegan, Lisa Martin and Terry Finnegan.

Flags for 1st Graders

In February, Sutherlin Lion Emily Blakely (aka Betsy Ross) delivered flag sets to 102 of the town’s first grade students. They were told our flag is 246 years old, and when they say the “Pledge of Allegiance” they show respect for the flag.

District 36-E Convention March 17-19

Sutherlin Lions hosted the event at the Community Center under the direction of DG Gail Black. PID Justin Faber was keynote speaker, and he had everyone sign on his vehicle license plate. Fun and good food were sprinkled between business and well-deserved awards, plus a robotics class came to demonstrate their creations.



Robotics class demonstrates what they are working on.

PID Justin Faber was keynote speaker.



Miss Douglas County’s Outstanding Teen

Lions made a donation for Contestant Kendyl-Rae Bartz. Half of the money that Kendyl collected from sponsors goes into her personal account where it will be held until she graduates from high school. The monies will then be sent directly to her college to help pay tuition. She didn’t win this year but will try again next year.

Backpack Friday Food

Branch President Carma Fisher said 10 food bags were prepared for East School children to take home, and Noon Lion Frank Morby reported 23 going out weekly at West School to feed kids and family on weekends.



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Stay Busy!

LEOS Club

Cignos Restaurant matched \$25 from the Leo bank account with a \$50 certificate to be raffled as a fundraiser at school. Their goal is reorganizing the High School clothes closet, and snack foods will now be located in the Library. One of our newer Noon Club members won that raffle!

A second project was to donate to Canine Companions via money raised at a car wash. Companion puppyraiser brought almost-year-old "Vanessa" and the club raised about \$500.

Lion advisors Sharon Elliott and Carma Fisher organized a lunch at the Lions' Den for the Leos and their two school advisors, and many Lion hands helped. Leos learned about some of the Lion projects: City flag displays, bottle/can sorting to fund scholarships, etc., blessing bags prepared for the "In Need" community, backpack Friday processes.

Branch Bunko for Books in April



(l-r) PDG Carol Brink, Bertha Egbert and Gail Lund.

Toby provides eye exams and eyeglasses for people who can't afford them. He organizes school Vision Screening for K-6th grades in Sutherlin and Oakland. Lions have honored Toby with the Spirit of Service award, Vision Fellowship award, and named a Helen Keller Benefactor. He is active with coaching youth sports teams, 4-H, and Parent-Teacher Organization. He is passing his Spirit of Service on to his children when they share in his day to sort can and bottles for the Lions recycling program, or put out the flags on holidays. He is truly dedicated to his family, his profession, and the community.

Flag Retirement Bin

Toby Palm's son, Ely, is graduating from Sutherlin High School, and the senior project he chose to do was to refurbish the Lion Flag Retirement Bin. He not only painted and put signage on it, but Ely then correctly disposed of many boxes and bags of flags that were collecting in the Lions building. He is set to attend the University of Oregon in the fall to study biology and eventually pursue a doctorate in optometry. Following in his father's footsteps, Ely aspires to become an optometrist and envisions one day working alongside his father.



For a second year, Branch Bunko raised over \$1,000 to support the Sutherlin Library. It operates with no tax money and a volunteer staff plus one paid half-time person. These funds will help purchase books and support vital programs like the summer reading program.

2023 Sutherlin Man of the Year

In April, Lion Toby Palm was named Man of the Year by the Sutherlin Chamber. When Toby came to Sutherlin, he established the Palm Family Eye Care and has served as a Lion since 2006. Through our Lions eyeglass program,



Lion Toby Palm is named 2023 Sutherlin Man of the Year.

We also held a public safety Appreciation Event to thank Sutherlin's first responders with K-9's for "ALWAYS ANSWERING THE CALL."

*submitted by Emily Blakely
photos are by various members*

Successful Seaside

What a wonderful Multiple District convention in Seaside, Oregon on May 19-20, 2023. So many great speakers, vendors, and raffle baskets. Over 150 Lions attended from almost 50 different clubs and five different districts (including the visiting ID from Wisconsin). Also, there were twelve first time convention attendees.

FRIDAYS ACTIVITIES:

On the first day, Lions attended the morning Celebration of Life to honor fellow club members who passed away this year. The luncheon presentations by our Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) was truly dynamic. We learned about their many programs and their 40% Spring Sale on prescription eyeglasses. The afternoon speakers included the General Manager from the Seaside Aquarium. Did you know that it was a wrestling facility before it was an aquarium?

Each district also held their own separate Friday night banquets. After this, was the OLSHF Hall of Fame Ceremony for all convention Lions. Inducted this year were Helen McNaughton, PDG Terry Bowman, Trudy Tallman, Chris Gustafon and Gerald Caldwell. The last two Lions were inducted posthumously.

When asked what she liked about the convention, TiAnne Rios, 2nd-year Yachats Lions Club member in District R, said, "I really love interfacing with others and meeting new people. I often read the Lion magazines and, as a club member, I think it's good to get different perspectives from others in the organization. Like at lunch, I sat with people from four different Lions Clubs."

The vendor area of the convention also provided new perspectives. Along with the OLSHF displays and Eye Promise Optical Shop eyeglass offerings, there was the pin-traders table, displays about disaster preparedness, and club posters by the Springfield Lions and the host club, the Astoria Lions Club. There were also several long tables with entrees for this year's photo contest.



ID Lee Vrieze.



PDG Garry Charbonneau at Pin table.



(l-r) DG Gail Black and CC Judith Poage.

Ethan Wray and Lori Stiles, from The Dalles Lions Club told why they were at the convention. Ethan said, "I like getting new ideas from other clubs to bring back to my own club. For example, the Easter Egg Hunt that the Tualatin Lions do with the audible addition for the hearing impaired." And Lori said, "I think the best thing is getting to meet everybody and hear about their stories and projects their clubs do."

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MD Convention

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES:

There were several presentations in the morning and afternoon. This included: breakout sessions about camps for kids and a multiple district update by our local past international directors. Voting and a multiple district awards luncheon was also held.

At the Saturday dinner banquet, visiting ID Lee Vrieze from Wisconsin spoke about changes in policy at LCI. This includes the change from MyLCI and MyLion to a new Salesforce-driven Lions database and website. He also said that the LCI dues will go up \$3/year per Lion on July 1 for the upcoming year, then \$2 more per Lion each of the following two years. There is a new goal by 2027 to have 1.5 million Lions Club members in the world.

ID Lee suggested we innovate by getting ideas from our new members and also when we attend conventions. He said, "Think outside the box, to be ourselves, and to also step out of our comfort zones." He told us a good way to improve our networking is to smile and compliment others and also to listen more.

Nancy Locket sitting at the banquet with her fellow Astoria Lions said, "It's been wonderful to see people who I've not seen for a while. I liked the meals and to be in Seaside again for a convention."

Also at the Saturday dinner, Council Chair Judith Poage awarded two International President's Certificates of Appreciation. They went to Leah Malcolm and DG David O'Kelley.



Mya Mercado, MD36 Peace Poster Winner, with her \$100 check presented to her by DG Gail Black.



PDG Bryan Longland, PDG Dan Wolf, CCE Phyllis Carlin and PDG Dale Bachman.

At the end of the banquet, Council Chair Elect Phyllis Carlin announced the 2020 and 2023 winners of the MD 36 Environmental Photography Contest.

About the photo contest, Barb Dehlinger from the Merrill Lions Club in District E said, "I especially liked the photo with the fish-eye lens in the middle. And I enjoyed the convention speakers, especially the ID presentation and the Guide Dogs for the Blind." Barbara was a Lioness for about 23 years.

After the Saturday banquet, Daniel Phelps, a brand new Tillamook Lion, was very excited about the whole weekend of events. He said, "I'm just finding it a lot more fascinating to hear what Lions do in their club's and also outside their clubs."

A million thank yous to the many Lions on the convention planning committee including PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair, and Ray Montgomery, Host Club Chair. And, a big Lions Roar goes to the host club, the Astoria Lions.

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

More photos on pages 14-15







Doug Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



OREGON LIONS
Sight & Hearing
= Foundation =



Bob Chaney
Board Chair

Welcome 2023-24 OLSHF Board of Trustees!

One of the features that make your Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation truly a statewide organization is the makeup of our volunteer Board of Trustees. OLSHF bylaws set forth a Board structure that includes:

- An Executive Committee appointed by the Board consisting entirely of MD-36 Lions Club members
- The Vice District Governor of each MD-36 Lions District
- Four elected Trustees from each MD-36 Lions District
- Up to Four At-Large Trustees that are non-Lions

This unique method of Board composition provides true statewide leadership for OLSHF and provides local Lions from every part of the Multiple District to have “a voice” with your Lions Foundation.

The Role of The OLSHF Trustee

In addition to attending the quarterly OLSHF Board of Trustee meetings, all members of the OLSHF Board are required to serve on at least one OLSHF Committee (Program Services, Finance & Audit, Development and Marketing, to name a few) and are expected to act as “Ambassadors” of OLSHF by communicating Foundation information to local Lions Clubs in their part of the Multiple District. OLSHF Trustees help local Lions understand Foundation programs, share success stories, and should be available to address questions or concerns that a local Lions Club may have about OLSHF.

Meet the 2023-24 OLSHF Board

We are proud to introduce our new OLSHF Board of Trustees:

Executive Committee: **Bob Chaney, Chair** (Myrtle Creek Lions); **Paul Zastrow, 1st Vice Chair** (Hood River Eye Openers); **Belinda Petshow, 2nd Vice Chair** (Forest

Grove Lions); **Lucinda Awbrey, Secretary** (Crooked River Ranch); **Sharon Rollins, Secretary** (Lake Oswego Lions); **Tom Hilgers, Past Chair** (West Salem Lions).

District O: **John Drake**, Cedar Hills-Sunset Lions; **Dan Kaufman**, Estacada Lions; **Art Abbott**, Gresham Breakfast Lions; **Brian Sauer**, McMinnville Lions

District R: **Jadie de Lille Wright**, East Albany Lions; **Steve Moser**, Central Lions; **Jim Origliosso**, Eugene Downtown Lions; **Judy Kauffman**, Yachats Lions

District E: **VDG Paul Novak**, Klamath Falls Lions; **Gail Black**, Myrtle Creek Lions; **Jerry Gomez**, Ashland Lions; **Jeff Plummer**, Roseburg Lions; **Dr. Melissa Clinton**, Klamath Falls Lions

District G: **VDG Betty Jane Bugbee**, Weston McEwan; **Russ Chase**, Bend Sunrise; **Mike Kilkenny**, The Dalles; **Judith Poage**, Hood River Lions

At-Large Trustees: **Dr. David Brown**, Pacific University Audiology; **David Rocker**, Attorney at Law, Black Helterline

Schedule An OLSHF Presentation for 2023-24 Today!

We invite your Lions Club to schedule an OLSHF presentation in 2023-24, either in person or virtual. OLSHF Staff members and Trustees are available to provide a presentation to your Lions Club and we can tailor the presentation to a particular program of interest if you desire. Feel free to reach out to Doug or Sam at DougT@OLSHF.org or Sam@OLSHF.org to schedule an OLSHF for a visit to your Lions Club!

The strength of any nonprofit organization can be traced to the quality of individuals that comprise its Board. We are grateful to those that have served on the OLSHF Board in the past to help make our organization one of the Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon!

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Please find our complete list of PRIDE members online at www.OLSHF.org/pride



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Tucker from Low Vision Clinic Thanks Lions!

Meet Tucker from Medford



OLSHF's **Lions Low Vision Clinic (LVC) Program** provides comprehensive low vision exams for children across the state, resulting in new strategies for learning at home & succeeding in school.

Tucker, a child from Medford & a recipient of our LVC Program, has expressed his thanks to Lions Clubs for the magnifier that he received through the clinic!

Tucker wrote us an incredible thank-you letter.

Not only did he personally express his thanks to us with a hand-written letter, but he sent it in Braille, too! You can see his letter to the right.

Tucker's magnifier is just one example of how free low vision aids & devices through LVC can help children achieve autonomy in their personal lives & education.

We hope you enjoy playing *Magic: The Gathering* with your new magnifier, Tucker!

"Thank you for the magnifier. I love it. I use it to read Magic cards. This way no one gets to know my cards when playing the game."

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KTP Breakfast: First time together in 4 years!



2023

KEEP THE PROMISE BREAKFAST



"It was great to be together again!
Great to see everyone, your
smiles, the light in your eyes, and
your support for the programs of
YOUR Oregon Lions Sight &
Hearing Foundation."

**Brad King,
KTP Breakfast Emcee
& OLSHF Staff**



Brad King

"Thank you
for helping us
Keep the
Promise!"



KTP Days are still going strong! See upcoming events below:

<p>KTP DAYS 2023</p> <p>A month-long event to raise awareness of ALL MD-36 Lions Clubs and the impact we do through our programs.</p> 	<p>KTP DAYS 2023 7am - 12pm</p>  <p>Silverton Lions Club's 75th Anniversary of Silverton Lions Harvest Breakfast Sat-Sun, 8/5-8/6 @ Coolidge McCloine Park, Silverton</p>	<p>KTP DAYS 2023 6:00pm</p>  <p>Hood River Lions Club's Families in the Park: 40th Anniversary! Thursday, 8/10 @ Jackson Park, Hood River</p>	<p>KTP DAYS 2023 8:00am</p>  <p>Central Lions Club's Central Lions Cruise-In and Car Show Saturday, 8/19 @ Riverview Park, Independence</p>	<p>KTP DAYS 2023</p> <p>Your Lions Club can SIGN UP to add your event to Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's KTP Days at:</p> <p>olsHF.org/ktpdays</p>
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June - August 2023
OLSHF is promoting YOUR Lions Club
events all summer long with **KTP Days!**

A New and Very Significant Location

The job of planning the Eugene Downtown Lions Club's Annual Awards and Installation Banquet always goes to the President Elect. Lion James "Jimmy" Koch had that job this year. He planned a more informal outdoor gathering at The Arc Park in Springfield. That may seem unusual, but there is great significance in choosing that location. The Eugene Downtown Lions Club will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2024 and in keeping with our motto "We Serve" the Club's Legacy Centennial Project is to financially support the Arc Park project to give all children regardless of disabilities a place to have fun.

Lion President Jim Newton presented the check for \$26,000 dollars for the Club's participation in building specific special activities for disabled children to Pam Ring, Executive Director of the Arc of Lane County, Jo Ann Henderson, Development Director, and Scott Connell, President of the Arc of Lane County's Board.



(l-r) President Newt presents check for \$26,000 to Pam Ring (Executive Director of the Arc of Lane County), Jo Ann Henderson (Development Director) and Scott Connell (President of the Arc of Lane County Board).



A look at the Arc Park Sensory Wall.



"Lion of the Year" is Lion Tom McCann.

Next were the awards presentations. Lion Newt emphasized that all of the Club members have done a great job this year and the awards are given to those who stood out as exceptional.



Lion Tom Buckhouse is "Lion Cub of the Year."



Our new Club Centennial Logo on the celebration cake.

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Made for a Fun Evening

First were Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship awards. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest honor given to Lions. The progressive meaning is that this would be the second Melvin Jones Fellowship awarded to the recipients. They were presented to Lions: PDG Chuck Blanchard, Karen Norton, Judith Grosenick, Jim Origliosso and Teri Yerton.

Spirit of Service Awards go to Lions: Kat Chinn, Ted Fox and Bob Hixson. President's Appreciation Awards were presented to Lions: Tim Chuey, Diane Gregoire, Leah Malcolm, Diane Landon, Jim Mueller and Joan Vaughan. Outstanding Service Stars went to Lions: Tim Arbow, Jeff Musgrove, Susan Pfanner, Sharon Newton and Jim Newton. The last two awards are the culmination of the year of outstanding service. The "Lion Cub of the Year" award was presented to Lion Tom Buckhouse and Lion Tom McCann was honored as "Lion of the Year."



Installation: (l-r) are Lions PDG and DG Elect Lynn Coon, President Elect James "Jimmy" Koch, VP Jim Origliosso, Treasurer Teri Yerton, Secretary Karen Norton, Tail Twister Judith Grosenick, Lion Tamer Ted Fox. The Board of Directors members are Lions PDG Chuck Blanchard, Connie Fehlman, Jim Mueller, Leah Malcolm, Tom McCann and Liz Roberts.



PDG and DG Elect Lynn Coon speaks to the inductees and the rest of the membership.

The Officer and Directors Installation was performed by PDG and DG-Elect Lynn Coon. The first to be installed was President Elect Lion Jimmy Koch. Then rest of the Officers are Lions: Vice President Jim Origliosso, Treasurer Teri Yerton, Secretary Karen Norton, Tail Twister Judith Grosenick, Lion Tamer Ted Fox. The Board of Directors members are PDG Chuck Blanchard, Connie Fehlman, Jim Mueller, Leah Malcolm, Tom McCann and Liz Roberts.

Of course, as usual, the food was excellent and the special cake with the Club's new Centennial logo on it was wonderful.



Look at the great food.



Enjoying the great food and fellowship.

Congratulations to Lion President Elect Jimmy Koch for planning and executing a perfect outdoor event for the very important annual banquet.

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman EDTL

East Albany Lions Present Scholarships

East Albany Lions were proud to present South Albany graduate Savannah Heinen with Jack Haines memorial scholarship for \$2000.

West Albany graduate Sasha Hoehne with the Jack Haines memorial scholarship for \$2000.

East Albany Lions were proud to present a \$2000.00 scholarship Albany Options School senior Jonathan Sullivan. Roar!!!!

The East Albany Lions have been very busy! WE SERVE and together we can.



Lion Jerry Shipman presents the \$2,000 scholarship to Jonathan Sullivan.



Lion Jerry Shipman had the honor of delivering Savannah Heinen with her check for \$2,000.



Lion Bill Scheler had the honor of presenting Sasha Hoehne with the Jack Haines Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000.

East Albany Lions Enjoy Golf Night Out!



(l-r) Ray Ryan and Spencer Hooker and spouses.

Five East Albany Lions Attend District R's Officer Training

The East Albany Lions recently sent five members to participate in District R's recent officer training, graciously hosted by the Junction City Lions. Lions Roger Wylie, Terry Wylie, Deb Nelson, Betsy Hill and Bill Scheler. The meeting had an impressive turnout, with 57 Lions actively participating (including the presenters). It was a dynamic and inquisitive group, and the training was filled with thought-provoking questions and invaluable advice. It was a very well-run meeting!



all submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair

Crooked River Ranch Lions Host Event to Honor Memorial Day

In a poignant and heartfelt ceremony, approximately 150 Crooked River Ranch residents and visitors paid tribute to the brave men and women who died in military service to our county. The Crooked River Ranch Lions, in their role as hosts, orchestrated a memorable occasion that allowed attendees to honor and contemplate, with Lions Memorial Park providing a picturesque setting for this solemn assembly.

Lion Randy Peterson welcomed attendees to the ceremony. Following the Posting of the Colors by CRR Fire & Rescue, Ranch resident Don Banich sang the National Anthem. The invocation was given by Ranch resident Rebecca Bailey, further heightening the solemn atmosphere.



Event organizer Randy Peterson welcomes attendees to the Memorial Day Ceremony at Lions Memorial Park.



Posting of the Colors by CRR Fire & Rescue.



Lion Ann Light reads "The River of Life" as Lion Randy Peterson looks on.



Lion Sheryl Jones with the Heritage Girls, who passed out programs at the event, in the foreground.

The ceremony included readings by Lions members Ann Light and Sheryl Jones. Musical numbers included "You Raise Me Up" by Secret Garden/Loveland-Graham and "In Flanders Fields" by Sabaton. As the ceremony drew to a close, all the veterans present assembled near Don Banich, who skillfully played Taps, creating a profoundly moving moment of remembrance. Event organizer Randy Peterson then closed the ceremony and invited attendees to stay and enjoy the beauty of Lions Memorial Park.

Florence Siuslaw Lions Club Holds 39th Annual Elliott Fun Bass Tournament

The Florence Siuslaw Lions Club recently concluded their 39th Annual Elliott Fun Bass Tournament on June 3-4, held at beautiful Siltcoos Lake.

Once again, the tournament was open to all anglers interested in friendly competition. The event is named after George Elliott, a longtime Florence resident and past Lion who greatly promoted this event. Lions served food and provided various trophies including: Saturday Big Fish, Sunday Big Fish, Women's Tournament Big Fish and Youth's Big Fish. In total twenty-four trophies were given out.

Adding to the excitement, a raffle was held on Saturday with a variety of prizes. Twenty-one teams participated, with two anglers per team. Teams travelled from near and far, including Cottage Grove and some from eastern Oregon. When trophies were given out on Sunday there were many cheers from the group of onlookers. We enjoyed watching the various teams coming in with their catch and having it weighed. It was great to see young anglers also competing in this event and the family teams. We had two days of sunshine. It is worth noting that this event was a catch and release event.

All money received by the Lions during this tournament remains with the local Lions Club to be used exclusively for the support of the various charitable activities undertaken by us.



submitted by Jan Wilbur