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## It's Official 2017-2018 Council of Governors



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## ANNIVERSARIES

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

### July

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| Dorris  | July 16, 1946 |
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### August

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| Baker City          | August 29, 1929 |
| Hood River          | August 9, 1938  |
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## MONTHLY CALENDARS

### MEETINGS

#### August

- 19 Council of Governors mtg. - 1st floor Auditorium, Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital, Building 2 (down the hall from OLSHF), 1010 NW 22nd Ave., Pld @1pm
- 28 Liberty Mutual Invitational - OLSHF Event, Oregon City

#### September

- 13 OLSHF Patient Care Comm. Mtg., Portland

### EVENTS

#### August

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

## MAGAZINE CORRECTION

June 2017 Issue page 21: Photo on left is of PCC Bob Guerrant with Russell Chase of the Bend/Sunrise Lions Club. Last paragraph should state it was Bend/Sunrise that accomplished most of what was in article. LaPine did donate most of the 29 pounds of the pop tops. The Centennial Project of the Buddy Bench is also from Bend/Sunrise with a formal dedication on June 20.

### MD and District Websites

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

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**District E:** [www.districtelions.org](http://www.districtelions.org)

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### MOVING MD36 FORWARD!

Greetings Mighty Lions of MD36! As you read these words, the members of your Council of Governors are probably winding their way home from the Centennial International Convention in our Lions home town of Chicago. As they are being written ... well, we're still preparing for this amazing trip and figuring out what to pack and what to leave behind!

Your 2017-2018 Council of Governors has been working hard, training for the coming year, getting to know one another and really becoming a cohesive team. In that spirit, we put our heads together and came up with our Multiple District Theme for this year, "Moving MD36 Forward!" Our International President, Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, was very introspective and mission-oriented when he chose our International Theme, one we all recognize and believe in: "We Serve". These two themes mesh with and complement one another as we Move MD36 Forward in the following ways!

The first way we can Move MD36 Forward is through our strongest asset, our SERVICE in our communities. As we serve in our communities, as we serve together, we strengthen our Clubs, our Zones, our Districts and Multiple District, and ... most importantly, our communities! As we communicate our service, we gather more friends to help and join in that service!

The next way we can Move MD36 Forward is through our LEADERSHIP! As Lions we are natural leaders in service and we provide leadership to our Clubs, our Zones, our District and Multiple District, and ... most importantly, our communities! As we lead with quiet confidence, we gather followers and join and strengthen our service and become the next generation of leaders.

We always Move MD36 Forward through our FELLOWSHIP! We join Lions clubs for the service, but it's the fellowship that keeps us! In everything we do as Lions, we do it with our friends! Enjoy your service together, promote your fellowship and fun and more friends will be drawn to enjoy that fellowship!

The most complicated and "seemingly" difficult way we need to engage in to Move MD36 Forward is through our COMMUNICATION! As we communicate better with our club members, our District and Multiple District Leaders ... and most importantly, with our communities ... through our PR efforts, media efforts, flying the flag and wearing our Lions gear, more people will know what we do and seek to be involved.

So, Mighty MD36 Lions, your Council of Governors will be working hard to prepare themselves for the coming Lions year at District Governor school in Chicago. Many of your MD36 Lion friends will be attending Centennial International Convention and will be renewing old friendships and making new ones with Lions from all over the world. I look forward to seeing friends I met in Hamburg and in Toronto. As we prepare ourselves for the next 100 years of Lions service, let's remember that through: SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and COMMUNICATION, we will fulfill our Multiple District Theme, "Moving MD36 Forward", by living and accomplishing our motto and our International Theme: WE SERVE! And ... we'll be happy Lions!

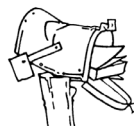
Your Council of Governors is fully committed to working as a team towards our goal of "Moving MD36 Forward" and to working for you ... the Lions of their Districts and the Multiple District. I am incredibly lucky to be associated with this strong team of amazing Lions!

Lions of MD36, I am so honored by your trust, so very proud to serve you and ... I am truly honored to be counted among you.

### MOVING MD36 FORWARD!

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## District O - Northwest - North Coast



### District O Governor Column Bert Diamond

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I'm writing this column in early June and eagerly looking forward to the 100th Anniversary International Convention in Chicago.

Welcome to the new Lion year! Congrats to the new club officers and new District O Cabinet members. Big thanks to **Past District Governor Garry Charbonneau** for his time and effort last Lion year.

I look forward to a fun and exciting 12 months. There's a lot of people who need our help and we Lions continue to do what we're known for: helping others in the community. Whether it's collecting eyeglasses or canned food or raising money for good reasons and causes, Lions are there.

Let me introduce myself:

- I grew up in Philadelphia.
- I have lived in Oregon over 40 years.
- I'm married with 2 grown kids and 2 grandkids.
- My hobbies are power-walking, music and drawing.
- I've been a Lion for about 8 years.

My theme for the year is **Let's Have FUN Doing Service!** And we're planning to have fun at:

- First District Cabinet meeting on Saturday, August 26, 10am-1pm at the Rockaway Lions clubhouse. Club officers are invited.
- USA/Canada Forum on Sept 21-23 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Register today!
- District O Convention on Saturday, Feb 24, 2018, 8am-4:30 at Portland Community College - Rock Creek Campus.

Some of my goals this year are:

1. **Make** Safety/Hygiene Kits for the needy at each of my club visits; 1,000 total kits over the year.
2. **Encourage** more club members to read the State Lion magazine by putting more clubs' photos and projects into monthly articles.
3. **Start** some new branch clubs and help struggling Lions clubs.
4. **Have** a service project at the four District Cabinet meetings.
5. **Summarize** quarterly Zone Chair reports in an article in the State Lion magazine.
6. **Develop** a 3-year plan for membership and leadership.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! Thank you all for your "Lion heart" and your time volunteering in your club, district and community.

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



### District R Governor Column Tom Hilgers

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In the business world, there is an age-old expression of self-effacement that goes, "Yesterday I learned how to spell salesman, and today I am one." This might well be adapted to my situation today. A slight change in the wording, and you come up with, "Yesterday I learned how to spell District Governor, and today I am one."

The statement encompasses a number of emotions I am feeling as I start my year as Governor in District R. Fear and apprehension are certainly at the forefront of them when one considers the challenges that lie ahead. Humility and gratitude figure prominently in them as I reflect on the training and expressions of confidence I have received from those who served in the position before me. A healthy measure of thankfulness and appreciation for the relationships developed with my fellow governors and Council Chair and for the clubs and members of my District who elected me round out the emotions. Hopefully, all these emotions I am feeling will serve me well throughout my year as Governor and make me a better member of our District and Multiple District Lions teams.

As we begin our second 100 years of Lionism, Lions Clubs International has committed to step up our service to new heights. The goal is to triple our impact around the world by expanding our service to reach 200 million people per year by 2020-21. I can almost see the grimaces on your faces and hear your groans now. What more can LCI possibly expect of us, right? But, what we need to realize is that there is little new in the "LCI Forward" plan. Most of the elements in it have been the subjects of trainings and forums you have attended for years now. We simply need to integrate them into everything we do from club meetings to fundraising projects to community service activities. By incorporating service, visibility, organizational excellence and member satisfaction, we grow our clubs and grow our impact on the communities we serve with little or no increase in our personal investment of time and effort. In short we need to work smarter to maximize our impact and make the process more rewarding for us.

Finally, I would like to thank PDG Judy Kauffman for her outstanding service to the District and Multiple District this past year. She came in a year ago with lofty goals and, as she herself points out, we achieved some of them and others, not so much so. That being said, she knew coming in that we were not going to reverse our membership decline in just one year and the same is true for me as I start my year. The efforts, which were started in recent years to grow the District, will continue in 2017-18 and beyond. Through it all, however, PDG Judy has remained upbeat and positive, focusing first and foremost on the amazing community service achievements of our Lions clubs, large and small. I know I speak for the membership in District R when I say it has been a pleasure serving with her. PDG Judy has been and is pure class.



## District E - Southern - South Coast



### District E Governor Column

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By the time you all get a chance to read this my fellow District Governors and I will have returned from the Midwest whirlwind adventure a.k.a. DGE school and Lions International Convention in Chicago. We will also have been firmly entrenched in our District Governor roles for a little over a month. However in order to meet deadlines, we must author this column in June before we embark on these travels so it makes it a little hard to write about the experience. With that said, I decided I would write a little more about what my philosophy is and express some of my goals for District 36-E.

As many of you know, especially those who attended the 36-E Convention in Klamath Falls in March, my theme for the year is "Together We'll Restore the Roar." And most of you are probably saying to yourselves and amongst your peer groups, "What the heck does he mean by that?" Well I will try and convey my reasoning behind choosing this particular theme.

First, we as Lions must continue to promote ourselves and be proud of the ways in which we serve our various communities. We need to roar and roar loud about the greatest service organization in the world. We should shout it from the mountaintops and valley floors that last year we provided, along with the support and partnership of our incredible Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, vision screenings for over 173,000 kids throughout the State. We need to be proud of the fact that we as a collective group in MD36 provided 1,150 pairs of glasses for those who couldn't afford to do so on their own through the Leap Lab and thousands more through our local club programs.

Second, we as individual clubs need to realize that with our numbers continuing to dwindle we can only survive if we partner together with other clubs to make events and long-standing projects in our communities continue. We have to put aside the differences that have existed for years, tear down those barriers and stereotypes that have limited us for the last 100 years and realize that working together as a whole is the only way to accomplish that. After all we are all Lions and we have but one motto "We Serve." It doesn't say The Myrtle Creek Lions Serve or the Brookings-Harbor Lions Serve it simply states We Serve.

Third, we as Lions must think outside the box to retain and grow and that begins at the grass roots level which is our clubs. If we can, on an individual level, personify our passion for being a Lion, Lionism will blossom and become contagious throughout our club, our zone, our region and our District. I want to hear us roar so loud that LCI will take a collective look from their headquarters in Chicago and say "What the heck is going on out there in Southern Oregon?"

Finally, I want to hear from you, the members and clubs of this fine District as to what you do and what makes you roar as Lions. Yes, I have done the traditional obligations of entering goals for membership, leadership, and expansion but those are just numbers and that is not what drives me as a Lion. It is the passion of the people, the emotion of seeing a little child being able to truly see clearly for the first time in their life, the joy of an elderly person being able to hear the world around them for the first time in a long time and the appreciation of a family being able to put food on the table on a regular basis. That's what it's all about and that's what I am looking forward to experiencing throughout this next year as I have the incredible opportunity to visit with each one of the clubs within 36-E. I know that because we are Lions and we have a passion to serve that Together We'll Restore the Roar.

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



### District G Governor Column

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First thing I want to say is THANK YOU to Lion PDG Judith Poage for the great year. She accomplished so much in our District this past Lion year, it will be hard to follow in her footsteps.

Our International theme this year is 'We Serve' and our Multiple District theme is 'Moving MD-36 Forward', so for the foreseeable future our Global Service Areas will be: Vision, Hunger Relief, Environment, Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer. These are 5 areas where we can all do some great service.

I'll be putting my "Boots" on and kicking into service as soon as I get back from the "Windy City". My theme this year is "Bringing Others Opportunity Through Service", hence 'Boots'. When I visit each club, I will be bringing a boot for your club to decorate and bring to convention on March 2-3, 2018 at the Wildhorse in Pendleton. The top 3 winners will get a special surprise.

The dates for our Cabinet meetings are:

- \* August 12, 2017, from 10am-2pm at Bob's Texas T-Bone Restaurant in Rufus;
- \* November 4, 2017, from 10am-2pm at Bob's Texas T-Bone Restaurant in Rufus;
- \* February 3, 2018, from 10am-2pm (either a teleconference call or in Rufus – depends upon the weather); and
- \* April 7, 2018, from 10am-2pm at Bob's Texas T-Bone Restaurant in Rufus.

***Hope to see everyone there.***

*Long-time member Anita Takacs remembered*

## **Crooked River Ranch Lions Host Annual Memorial Day Ceremony**

Memorial Day at Crooked River Ranch provides us with a time to reflect and remember. In a somber yet touching ceremony, approximately 100 Ranch residents and visitors came to honor the men and women who died in military service for our country. Lions Memorial Park provides a beautiful backdrop for the annual ceremony hosted by the Crooked River Ranch Lions Club.



**Posting of the colors by the Crooked River Ranch Fire Fighters**

Lion Carl Harbour, Memorial Park Committee Chair, welcomed attendees to the ceremony. Following the posting of the colors by the Crooked River Ranch Fire Fighters, Pastor David Stone gave the invocation and Lion President Mark Dearman presented opening remarks. Kathleen Rafiq, Crooked River Ranch resident and representative of the Central



**(l-r) Don Banich and Lion Carl Harbour at the ceremony**

Oregon Veteran's Ranch, was the guest speaker. 1st VDG Phyllis Carlin placed flowers of remembrance at the POW/MIA plaque. In closing Lion Carl Harbour read the poem "In Flanders Fields". The ceremony ended with a beautiful

rendition of Taps played by Don Banich.

During the ceremony, in a special tribute, Lion Pat Kelley remembered long-time member Lion Anita Takacs. A member since 2000, Anita had the distinction of being the second longest serving member



**Lion Pat Kelley remembers Lion Anita Takacs**

of the Club. She supported the Club in many ways throughout the years including opening her kitchen for food preparation for the annual Buffalo Feed. Her "Rattlesnake Pickles", which she donated to Casino Night every year, were one of the most sought after prizes at the event. According to Lion Pat, Anita loved her family and friends, Crooked River Ranch, gardening, travel and fun! Anita passed away last December shortly after celebrating her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.



**(l-r) Lions Mary Jo Crossley with her friend Anita Takacs**

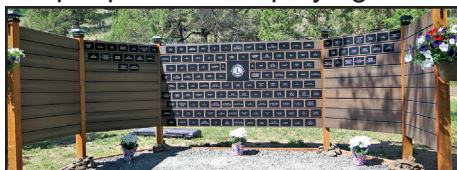
The Norm Ross Award was posthumously awarded and presented in loving memory of Anita to her family by PDG Jim Stagl.

Lions Memorial Park is a great source of pride for the Crooked River Ranch Lions Club. Carved out of the rugged canyon hillside by early Club members, the Park is our Club's gift to the entire community of Crooked River Ranch. Our dedicated Parks Committee works diligently throughout the spring, summer and fall months to maintain and enhance the beauty of the park.



**PDG Jim Stagl presents the Norm Ross Award to Lion Anita's family in her honor**

Originally the Park was a memorial tree park, with trees being donated and dedicated to the memory of Lions and ranch residents. However, throughout the years plaques marking the trees became chipped and broken. Two years ago Lion Dennis Hall designed and built a memorial wall, replacing all the plaques and displaying them on the new wall. The Memorial Wall is the first thing visitors see as they enter the beautiful Park and is our Club's Centennial Project.



**Lions Memorial Wall**

If you're ever at Crooked River Ranch, stop by and visit Lions Memorial Park. It's there for all to enjoy.

*submitted by 1st VDG Phyllis Carlin*

*Photos courtesy of 1st VDG Phyllis Carlin and Pat Kelley*



## Service Awards Presented to Canby Lions Members

Service awards were presented to a number of Canby Lions by CC Brad King at the annual awards and induction dinner held recently. A Melvin Jones Fellow "For Humanitarian Services" was presented to Lion Jason Padden. The award is named for Melvin Jones who founded the Lions Clubs in 1917 and is the highest honor given by Lions Club International. Other awards given included the Helen Keller Benefactor award for dedicated service to people in need of hearing and sight difficulties to the Lion George Raney; and the Spirit of Service Award presented to Lions Paul Ashton and Dale Friedemann for dedicated service to Lions.



(l-r) Canby Lions Club Award Recipients George Raney, Paul Ashton, Dale Friedemann and Jason Padden

CC King of Tualatin is a Past District Governor representing District O, which is made up of 50+ Lions Clubs in the Portland Metro Area. As Council Chair he will represent nearly 4,000 Lions in MD-36 which includes all of Oregon and several areas along the border with California.

*submitted by Dale Friedemann*

## Flags for First Graders! The Newest Generation!

The Tualatin Lions Club, like many other Lions clubs, have been giving US flags to first grade students for decades. That tradition continued with a new aspect during the second week of June 2017 in Tualatin and the surrounding area.



Tualatin Lion Ed Casey presenting a first grader with her flag

This year the members of the Tualatin Lions Club decided to make their own flag sets for the first graders, as opposed to buying them ready-made. Four hundred small US flags were acquired, (you can find almost anything on the internet!). In early May Lions Derek Sandell and Ed Casey cut, shaped and drilled 400 hardwood (oak and hickory) flag bases. On May 25, the Tualatin Lions met for a BBQ at Lion Brad's and hand-sanded those 400 bases and applied Tualatin Lions stickers while eating burgers and hot dogs and sipping cool beverages. New "Centennial" Lion Nan Taylor was also inducted at this meeting!



(l-r) Tualatin Lions Mark Willon, Ed Casey, Joanne Casey, Norm Dannemiller, Nan Taylor and Jackie Dannemiller happily sanding flag bases

Lion Derek Sandell led "the charge" as the Tualatin Lions visited Bridgeport, Byrom and Tualatin Elementary Schools and M.I.T.C.H Charter School in Tualatin and ... a quick cross-border raid into West Linn for Stafford Primary School (where Lion Derek's daughter, Gabrielle, is a first grader!). The Tualatin Lions discussed flag history and protocol with the first graders and were treated to patriotic songs and the Pledge of Allegiance at every school and every first grader received their own flag.

The Tualatin Lions' decades-old tradition of Flags for First Graders continues with more fun, fellowship and comradery, the hallmark of every Tualatin Lions function!

*submitted by CC Brad King*





The vision statement of Lions International is – “To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service”. I’ve found myself thinking about this statement quite often lately as there’s been a lot going on inside and outside of the Lions VisionGift offices. In this past week alone, we had:

- We had Dr. Sushila Patel, a visiting scholar from Nepal. Dr. Patel trained in Cornea in India at the world famous Aravind Eye Hospital in Madurai, India. She will spend her time between us and the Casey Eye Institute. Here at Lions VisionGift, she will study all of our individual departments learning more about our eye bank processes. Dr. Patel has an eye bank at her facility in Nepal and she is excited to be taking the knowledge she gains here back home and applying it to her local bank.
- A group of 40 Ophthalmic Medical Technology students visited us to take a tour of our facility and learn more about our process. The students, from Osaka, Japan, came here through a program at Portland Community College.
- In Los Angeles, Mark Terry, M.D. (an LVG Medical Director), and Michael Straiko, M.D. (an LVG Medical Advising Committee member) were at the annual symposium of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS). There, Devers Eye Institute fellows presented their research, which included laboratory work done at Lions VisionGift, as well as clinical studies performed at Devers Eye Institute with our Medical Directors.
- In Baltimore, several LVG staffers were in attendance at the 2017 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) conference. Staff were there to present about the advances being made through work done right here at Lions VisionGift, such as the Patient - Ready DMEK tissue. Dr. Naveen Rao, one of LVG’s east coast Medical Directors, recently had his first case using Patient-Ready DMEK tissue at Lahey Medical Center in Peabody, Massachusetts.
- And lastly, LVG staff members were also in Boston, Massachusetts finalizing the work to open our soon-to-be Lions Vision Gift East office, which will help to service surgeons on the East Coast (more on that another time).

In addition to all that, Lions Vision Gift continued its day-to-day work here in Oregon as we had staff on the phones working with bereaved families, staff in the field recovering donor tissue, staff in the lab processing and evaluating tissue, staff distributing tissue in the United States and also across the globe.

Lions VisionGift is proud of the many different functions we perform on the path to sight restoration in our communities.

## You, Me and the DI

Hello Everyone,

Here we are immersed in the golden phase of summer. Feasting on fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables which are in abundance this time of year. This brings to mind a great opportunity if you are looking for options for dieting. Following is a mildly condensed version that highlights two local success stories:

### **Plant-based diets: A way to get off meds, lose weight and thrive**

After Norman Baird, 72, beat cancer, his oncologist at Kaiser Permanente suggested he try a plant-based diet. "I saw him for a follow-up visit, and he said: 'Cancer isn't the problem anymore, let's talk about diet,'" Baird recalls.

Baird transitioned to a plant-based diet in February 2016 and has dropped 63 pounds since by cutting out animal products and processed foods and eating a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes and some nuts and seeds.

As a Type 2 diabetic who had struggled with weight his entire life, Baird had been injecting insulin twice a day, plus taking an oral medication. Now, he's off those medications and is able to control his blood-sugar levels naturally with a combination of diet and exercise. "I don't like poking that needle into myself," he said. "So it was nice not to have to inject the insulin anymore."

Prior to making the switch to a plant-based diet, Baird said that he tried just about every diet – but none were successful in helping him reach his goal weight. Plus, he was taking a fistful of medication on a daily basis to control not just his Type 2 diabetes but also address congestive heart failure.

The plant-based lifestyle also improved his heart health, improved his energy levels and has become a natural alternative to his medications.

Gay Hettenhouser, 62, recently went ziplining for the first time in her life, an accomplishment she credits to her plant-based diet.

Hettenhouser had tried just about every diet in the book, everything from Paleo to a grapefruit diet to a residential weight-loss program. But none had lasting effects. Her physician at Kaiser Permanente suggested she try a plant-based diet. Hettenhouser committed to giving it to a 30-day trial. But after experiencing a wide-range of health benefits, she's committed to the new lifestyle.

Hettenhouser lost 42 pounds in 6 months, her A1C (which indicates blood-sugar levels) has decreased by three points and she's been able to phase out some medications she was taking. "This is the longest I've ever stayed with any program," Hettenhouser said. "The changes in my health have been awesome."

Hettenhouser says shifting to the plant-based diet wasn't too hard. Giving up eggs and cheese was somewhat challenging, she said. But she said the support and resources offered at Kaiser Permanente have been helpful and contributed to her success with the program.

### **What is a plant-based diet?**

A plant-based diet focuses on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes and some nuts and seeds, but differs somewhat from a vegan diet. While both eschew animal-based proteins, including fish and eggs, and dairy, vegan diets also eliminate animal by-products such as honey. In a plant-based diet, honey is allowed and can be used as an unrefined sweetener. But, plant-based diets go beyond vegan diets by eliminating processed foods, added oils and refined sugars.

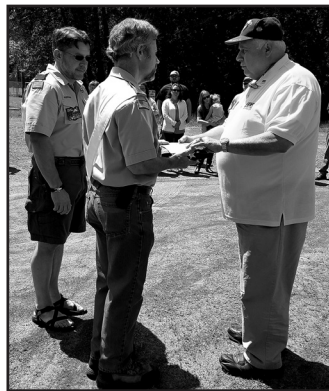
*Reprint from March 2017, Statesman Journal story on the plant-based diet challenge by Kaiser Permanente.  
Kaiser Permanente gave PCC Charlie Tate permission to run this*

*submitted by PCC Charlie Tate, MD36 Diabetes Chairman  
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**"Remember that your real wealth can be measured, not by what you have, but, by what you are." Author unknown.**

## Mt Hood Lions Club Holds Memorial Day Flag Ceremony at their Club House

Lion 1st VDG Dan Wolf introduced Senator Chuck Thomsen and Representative Mark Johnson, both of Hood River, and both of whom attended the ceremony. Rep Johnson delivered to us a new flag, which had been flown over our State Capitol in Salem. Lion Dan then presented the flag to our Scout Master Mark Day and Cub Master Greg Martin. Afterwards, a color guard made up of Scouts and Cubs took down the old flag and folded it up properly.



(r-l) 1st VDG Dan Wolf presenting the Flag to Scoutmaster Mark Day with Cub Scoutmaster Lion Greg Martin looking on



Our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts did a marvelous job retiring the Old Flag that had become somewhat tattered, and putting up a new flag on the Mt Hood Lions Flag Pole



Good job Scouts! We want to thank our two Legislators for taking time to come up on a holiday weekend to share this time together with us.

After the ceremony, a potluck was held in the Club House with Chef Lion David Buoy cooking hot dogs on the Barbie. Folks thanked us over and over for having this ceremony and we came to the conclusion that this should become an annual event. Many folks don't care to travel on the holiday, and this gave them a great opportunity to celebrate this holiday locally.

There are more photos on my Facebook Page.

*submitted by District O, 1st VDG, Dan Wolf*

## Brookings-Harbor Legacy Projects

On June 7, 2017, the Brookings-Harbor Lions Club held a ribbon cutting ceremony at Oasis Park. We are the first Club in City's Adopt-A-Park Program and it is our way of celebrating 100 Years of LCI Service!



photo of ribbon cutting taken by Areta Schock

Our local Brookings-Harbor Lions Club has two community 100-year Legacy Projects underway. This summer members are putting in a Lion drinking fountain in Kids Town at Azalea Park. The Club also decided to adopt the downtown Oasis Park to beautify and maintain. In phase one, twenty Azaleas have been planted and a mini dog station. Build by Dave Jenkins and painted by Brian Gibbons, both local artists, the park now features a Pop-Up Library where people may take a book and leave a book later. All readers of any age are welcome to share the fun of reading. Check-out Brookings-Harbor Lions Club Facebook page for project updates.



photo of group taken by Jenna Willis

The Lions would like to thank the following supporters for our community park project: Ace Hardware, BiMart, Dave Botnen, Brookings Glass, Freeman Rock, Brian Gibbons and Dave Jenkins.

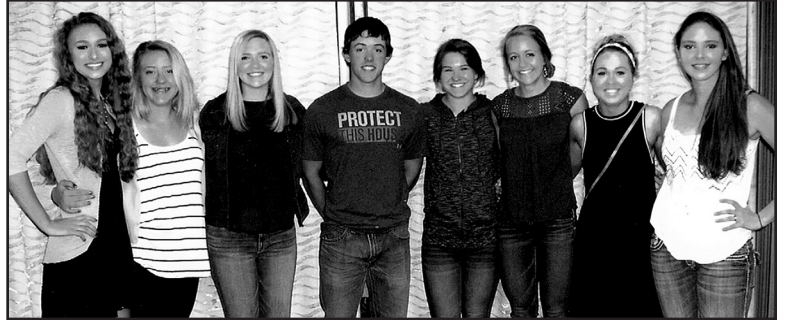
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## Burns Lions Club Distributes \$77,600 in Scholarships

At their regular meeting on June 5, the Burns Lions Club recognized 13 Burns and Crane students with scholarships totaling \$77,600. Receiving \$8,000 scholarships from the Poteet Fund were Grace Johnston, Marissa Modey, Cassidy Reid, Taylor Draper and Mason Dahl. Vocational Scholarships for \$4,000 each were received by Summer Anderson, Morgan Cronin and Hunter Britt. Scholarships from the Gunther Fund totaling \$8,000 each were presented to Allison Sutcliffe, Gabrielle Gibbon and Cali Feist. The Oster Scholarship for \$1,000 was given to Trey Recanzone and the Hull/Johnson \$600 Scholarship was received by Jackson Thein.

Since the year 2000 more than 1.2 million dollars have been given to local students and the available scholarship balance is at 1.5 million dollars. The scholarship program is operated through the Oregon Community Foundation under the supervision of the local scholarship board and selection committees. The local committee is composed of three Lions and two non-Lion community members.



**Recipients of Burns Lions Club Scholarships**

*submitted by PDG George Sahlberg*

## Elgin Lions Club Presents...



**(l-r) Elgin President Bob Thomas presents PDG Gerald Hopkins with the 2017 Lions Clubs' International Silver Dollar on behalf of the Club for leadership and service**

**(l) PDG Gerald Hopkins and (r) PCC Steve Oliver present the Helen Keller Award to Elgin's President (c) Bob Thomas for outstanding work in Lionism and leadership on behalf of the Club**



**(l-r) Elgin Secretary Jared Rogers presented Elgin President Bob Thomas, Sue Thomas, PDG Gerald Hopkins, CC Steve Oliver & Kathy Oliver perfect attendance pins for the year**

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Bend First Graders Receive Their Flags

During the week leading up to Presidents Day and approximately a week thereafter, the Bend/Sunrise Lions took part in the Flags for First Graders program. During that time frame, nine members distributed 1,315 flags to first graders in the Bend school system and gave the students a small history lesson on our flag. It was noted by some of the members that a lot of the first graders had a fairly good idea of the history and all of them enjoyed getting their own flag sets. All of the members said this is one of the fun things we do in Lions. With new schools being built in the District, it appears that the number of first graders



**Flags**



**Kids in classroom**

will increase next year. The program is administered by Lion Milt Anderson, who spent many hours on this project.

*submitted by Bend/Sunrise Lions Club President, Russ Chase*

## Women Helping Women to Survive

The Second Annual Women's Symposium "Opportunities for a Better Life, Issues and Solutions For A Healthier You" was held on Saturday April 30th. The daylong event was sponsored by Lions Clubs International, Lions District 36-R, and the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. The idea for the event came from District 36-R Governor Lion Judy Kaufman and her Committee of Lions Patty Harrison, Cecilia Urbani and Carol Casciato. Local Coordinators were Lions Mary Fechtel and Karen Norton from the Eugene Downtown Lions Club. The basic premise was a focus on presentations, which would help women better understand what they need to do to stay healthy and happy. Throughout the day references were made to the important role that women play as part of the Lions experience and how becoming a Lion would benefit the women themselves and the people Lions serve.



**Lion Karen Norton welcomes everyone and introduces the Keynote Speaker**

She then introduced the keynote speaker for the event, Robert Killen, who is a Story Advocate. Mr. Killen explained that everyone has a story and that your identity is fueled by your story. He described an incident that happened to him years ago in which he was driving in his car, which he named "Rusty," and was feeling very drowsy. Instead of stopping to rest, like he should have, he realized he was just a few miles from his destination. He fell asleep and crashed his car over a cliff and into water. He managed to get out, but the car sank to the bottom. He refused to drive for a couple of years after the accident, blaming himself for the loss of "Rusty." Eventually he discovered that he was reliving that story over and over again keeping himself in that well of blame and fear of driving. He finally realized that it was "just an accident" and changed how he replayed the story, so that it was a learning experience rather than a weight on his shoulders. Mr. Killen said we all tell stories like that and that we need to turn them around in a positive direction so that they will help enrich our life instead of dragging it down.

The event was held in the Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane Events Center. Lion Karen Norton, Symposium Chairperson, welcomed everyone and explained what the Women's Symposium was all about.



**Robert Killen explains how to change your story**



**PID Sunny Pulley won a gift basket in the first of many drawings**



## and Thrive in Today's World

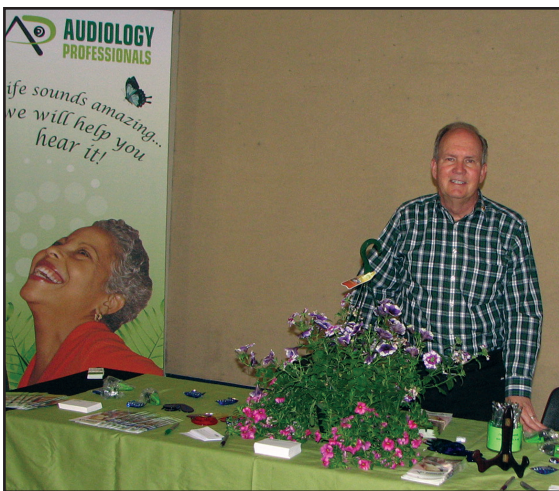
The next speaker was PDG Sharon Rollins, Lions of Oregon Centennial Chairperson, who showed a video about the world-wide Centennial Celebration of Lions Clubs International.

After the lunch, provided by Oakway Catering, Janet Baker, Executive Director for the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association, spoke about "Vision for Healthy Families." The next speaker was Sandra Jeffs, Author and Jewelry Designer, who discussed "Healing Through Acts of Kindness."

The other speakers for the event were Sonia M. Miller, Women's Empowerment Coach, who spoke about "The Invincible Professional Woman- Find Your Blind Spots, Reveal Your Power." She was followed by Joni Zander, Wellness Coach, whose topic was "What Healthy Feels Like." And last, but certainly not least, was comedian Frank King whose "Chicken Soup for the Tortured Soul" talk used humor to make talking about depression an uplifting experience. Throughout the day drawings were made for various prizes that were donated for the Symposium.



**PDG Sharon Rollins, Lions of Oregon Centennial Chairperson**



**President of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club  
Dr. Craig Ford of Audiology Associates**



**Sandra Jeffs  
- Finesse Jewelry**



**Shared table South Willamette Valley Honor Flight (Gene Norton seated) and Directors Mortgage - Karen Norton**

The Event Planning Committee would like to thank all of those who participated and especially all of the vendors including those who provided many of the prizes. The list includes Audiology Professionals - Dr. Craig Ford; Xyngular, nutrition and weight loss systems - Cecilia DeSantis Urbani; Directors Mortgage - Karen Norton, Reverse Mortgage Specialist sharing a table with South Willamette Valley Honor Flight; Edward Jones - Connie Fehlman, Financial Advisor; Eugene Downtown Lions Club; RE/MAX Integrity - Jan Sohlman; Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation; Finesse Jewelry - Sandra Jeffs; Seeds of Oregon - Judy Kaufman; Springfield Lions and Woodburn Lions. For the second year, the Symposium was a success and the plan is to continue scheduling more of them in the future.

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



## Downtown Lions Club Crab and Auction was Fun for All



**PID Ed Gear  
emceed**

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club celebrated another Crab Feed with a silent auction, an oral auction and a Wine raffle on Thursday evening April 27th. Lions, spouses and guests enjoyed the tasty crab, side dishes and yummy desserts. This year it was again a potluck with the members providing their own salads and desserts. Congratulations go to Lions Sharon Newton, Norma Barbisan and Joan Vaughan once again for organizing such a great event and having everything go perfectly. Lion Gene Gustafson did his usual outstanding job of urging everyone to buy tickets for the wine raffle with his now famous line "20 for \$20." He made sure



**Standing in line for crab**



**(l-r) Lion Bob Hixson  
announces wine raffle winners  
with PDG Chuck Blanchard**

those with the winning tickets got their pick from the many bags of high quality wine. PDG Chuck Blanchard walked the room selling the wine raffle tickets too. PID Ed Gear emceed the evening and, along with Lion Bob Hixson, picked the wine raffle winners. The first winner of a bag of choice wine was Lion Jan Sohlman. In a later drawing she won another bag of wine. Lucky lady Lion!



**So many great desserts**



**Lion Jan Sohlman retrieves her  
first bag of wine. On right is Lion  
Bob Hixson.**

Lion Jim Origliosso honed his first-time auctioneering skills as he encouraged bidders to vie against each other for the auction items. The first item up for bids was A Very Special Getaway, donated by Lion Ralph Robinson, which included a one week stay at an exotic location in Hawaii or Mexico. The winning bidder was our own PID Ed Gear. Lion Jim auctioned off his own donation to the auction a



**Lion Jim Origliosso  
auctioneer extraordinaire**



**Guests checking out the Silent Auction tables**

2-hour sightseeing trip for two in a Piper Cherokee airplane piloted by, you guessed it, Lion Jim Origliosso and lunch is included. A couple other items up for bid were a three-



**Lions and guests enjoyed a great meal  
and conversation**

night stay at Sea Lion Surf Beach House overlooking the Ocean in Florence compliments of Lion Jan Sohlman and the opportunity for a party of four to golf 18 holes at Shadow Hills Country Club including the use of 2 golf carts and range balls compliments of Lions Dan French and Gene Gustafson. Of course thanks go out to the donors of the oral auction items and the silent auction items. The silent auction tables were full and the bidding was competitive. A big "Thank You" goes out to Lion Ralph Robinson and all of those who helped serve the delicious food, everyone who came to the event and especially to the folks at St. Thomas Episcopal Church for letting us once again utilize their gathering room and kitchen. The profits from the event will go into the Administrative Fund which pays for the actual operating expenses of the Club as opposed to money raised from our annual raffle 100% of which goes back to the community.

*submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman*

## Oregon City Lions Club Hosts its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Teddy Bear Parade

On May 20th the Oregon City Lions Club held its Annual Teddy Bear Parade. The Teddy Bear Parade has been a community highlight for Oregon City and Clackamas County for the past 20 years. The Teddy Bear Parade gathers new teddy bears and stuffed



Members of the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

animals that are given to law enforcement agencies,

fire departments, emergency rooms, children's hospitals and women's shelters in Clackamas County. These stuffed animals are then distributed to children throughout our community who need comfort in times of crisis. The Parade is also a time for us to honor our emergency personnel who protect the entire community.



Jakye Orr and friend with the Parade Banner



(l-r) Oregon City Lions Mike Niece, Doug Noose and Dick Orr



Grand Marshal Ashley Naber gold medalist in the Special Olympics on corvette

This year's Parade was a huge success and a lot of fun. There were over 700 participants from 32 community groups, including, two middle school marching bands, the SWAT team, Jeep Club, Boys and Girls Scout troops, a rodeo junior court and even a miniature horse.

*submitted by Lion Michelle Don*

### Elgin Lions Hold Last BINGO Session

The Elgin Lions held their last BINGO session for the year with Lion Jared Rogers winning the blackout prize of \$225.



(l-r) Lions CC Steve Oliver presenting the cash to Jared Rogers

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

### Elgin Lions Clean Highway

For the second time this year, the Lions walked Highway 82 near Elgin, cleaning debris on the north and south sides of the city. Under the chairmanship of Lion Barbara Hawes, over 20 Lions showed up for the roadside project.



Elgin Lions gather for roadside cleanup

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*





## Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation



Keith Price  
Board Chair



Doug Thompson  
Executive Director

### Everyone Likes a Good Story

Once upon a time, there was no Facebook or Instagram, there were no bloggers or cyber-writers. When people wanted to hear or learn something new, they relied on storytellers. Even today, storytelling is one of the most effective ways to communicate an idea, an issue or, well, a good story.

This is why the Foundation will feature something new in this space starting this month and continuing through the 2017-18 Lions year: A joint column from your Foundation Chair and Executive Director that pertains to a story about someone that has been helped by the partnership between a local Lions Club and OLSHF.

This month's "story" is about Colton, a Baker City teen that has inherited the vision condition keratoconus, which is a gradual thinning of the cornea. Left untreated and without a corneal transplant, keratoconus robs

the eyesight from the afflicted at a very young age, sometimes as early as 20-25 years old. In the past the only treatment was a costly corneal transplant, which usually lasts only 10-12 years under the best circumstances. There is a brand new treatment, however, for keratoconus patients which negates the need for a corneal transplant and is permanent. Corneal cross-linking has recently been approved by the FDA and is available to Oregonians through the Foundation's Patient Care program.

We're pleased to share with you the story of Colton, and how Dr. Mike Straiko of the Devers Memorial Eye Clinic, the Baker City Lions Club, and the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation have worked together to save Colton's eyesight.

We hope you enjoy Colton's story and the other great stories to follow.

### Baker City Lions Save the Sight of Young Oregonian



Baker City Lion Co-Sight & Hearing Chair Steve Shaurer and Colton Anderson of Baker City.

Baker City Lion and Sight & Hearing Co-Chair Steve writes:

*"Saturday, July 8th was hot in Haines, Oregon. The weather forecast said it should reach 96 degrees and I bet it was close. However the park where the Eagle Scout ceremony was to occur had a row of huge shade trees that kept about half the green lawn cool.*

*I was there to finally meet Colton Anderson, a recipient of cross linking eye surgery with sponsorship by the Baker City Lions and the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF). Colton is the second person of Baker County afflicted with keratoconus, a condition that thins the cornea and left untreated would result in blindness. An outcome that the Baker City Lions and OLSHF would not stand for. So with the help of OLSHF and the sponsorship of the Baker City Lions, doctors at Devers Memorial Eye Clinic completed a successful surgery on his first eye in June 2017."*

Visit us online at [www.OLSHF.org](http://www.OLSHF.org) to read more about Colton!





*Oregon Lions*  
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# SB 187 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY!

We're thrilled to provide an update on the status of SB 187 and the successful advocacy effort that took place during the 2017 Oregon Legislative session. As many are aware, in early July the Bill was voted on in both the Senate and the House and in both cases **SB 187 was passed unanimously!**

In fact, including the Senate Education Committee Hearing on February 14th, the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee meeting on June 14th, and the full Ways and Means Committee meeting on June 28th, the Bill was passed unanimously in every vote that took place.

At press time, we were **anticipating the Bill to be signed into law by Governor Brown, which should take place sometime in August.** OLSHF has requested a ceremonial Bill signing ceremony with the Governor and we will notify Oregon Lions if this is granted so that you can take part in a celebratory occasion at the State Capitol in Salem. There are a number of requests for ceremonial signings and it may be weeks or even months before this might take place. We will keep Lions in the loop as we learn more on this.

The success that OLSHF has had in advocating for public funding certainly is due in large part to the increased awareness that legislators have for OLSHF, Lions, and the accurate and efficient vision screening process provided by MHSP. However, it is important that you all know that it is because of the work that Lions have done throughout the state - in large schools and especially in Oregon's smaller schools - that has raised the awareness of the need for vision screening in schools AND enhanced the credibility of OLSHF's ability to screen accurately and efficiently. **This Bill would not have passed without Lions and the work that we have done since OLSHF expanded our school vision screening program.**

For that, we **THANK YOU** for your dedication to children's vision health and for your passion for the MHSP school vision screening program.

At this time, OLSHF is working with the Oregon Department of Education to develop administrative rules for how public funding can be used. Some key details for you to know are:

- The new law will create a Vision Health Fund and will have \$1 million for the two year biennium that began July 1st
- The Oregon Department of Education is authorized to use up to 10% of these funds to administrate the fund. (Key legislators will be upset if they use that much)

- Approved Providers (Such as OLSHF) will be able to be reimbursed up to \$3.20 per student for vision screenings

So, with approximately \$450,000 being made available each year for the next two years, **the Vision Health Fund will provide resources for approximately 140,625 Oregon school children to be screened each year.** OLSHF will need to continue to raise funds from the private sector in order to maintain the number of students screened (175,000+) these past two years. As you can see, SB 187 will not provide funding for all Oregon school children to be screened BUT it should allow for the number of students screened for vision issues in Oregon to be sustained at the level that OLSHF is currently screening. It's important to know that without state funding OLSHF would have had to significantly reduce the number of students screened since we have been spending operating reserves to keep the program at the level that we have the last few years. So, while there may not be a net gain in the numbers of children screened this year, we hope you'll agree that this is a huge victory to be able to maintain the screening numbers at the level we've achieved.

All that said, **there is no guarantee that OLSHF will receive all of the state funding.** We are in the process of connecting with schools to confirm dates that they have requested for the 2017-18 school year and we have every reason to believe that most, if not all, of these schools will prefer OLSHF to coordinate their vision screenings.

We will be involved in the process of writing the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) for the new law once that process begins. **We will work hard to ensure that there is language in the rules that provide for minimum standards for vision screenings.** We will be working most likely with the Oregon Optometrists Physicians Association (OOPA) and the Oregon Academy of Ophthalmologists (OAO) to help write these standards into the Oregon Administrative Rules.

As you can see there is still work to be done, but in many ways the biggest hurdle is behind us. Please feel free to let us know if you have questions or concerns about the advocacy process of passing the Bill, about the OAR process, or anything pertaining to communicating with schools later this summer.

**It is a great time to be part of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation and we thank you for being part of the OLSHF Family!**



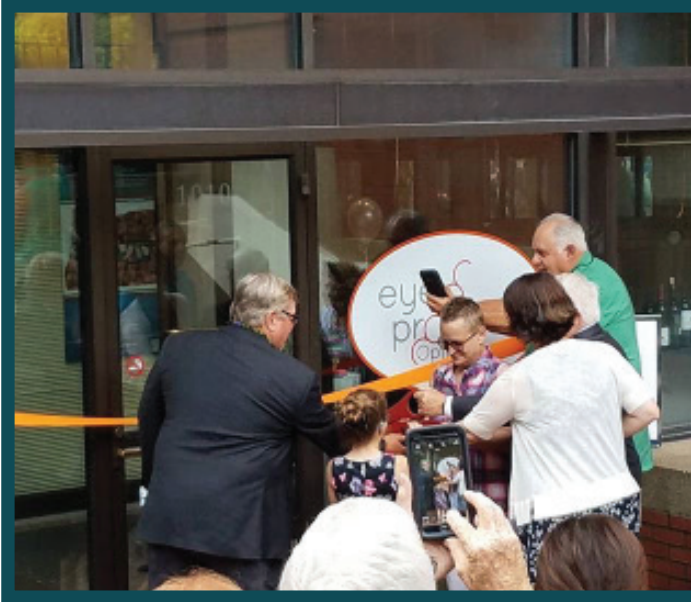
Oregon Lions and OLSHF Staff filled two hearing rooms on June 14th, as SB 187 was heard in Ways and Means Education Committee. The Bill was moved out of committee unanimously, with a "Do Pass" recommendation.





# Eye Promise Grand Opening

OLSHF's new retail optical shop provides a revenue stream to support the charitable Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program



Time to cut the grand opening ribbon!



Doug and Ella posing with the giant ribbon cutting scissors.  
Ella's brother was having a great time!

**Eye Promise Optical shop  
is open from 9-4 Mon-Fri!**

***Do you need new eyeglasses?***

Visit the shop on the corner of 22nd and Lovejoy in Portland, OR to find your perfect pair and to learn how your purchase gives the gift of sight through your foundation.



Katie measuring for new frames and lenses



Everyone checking out all the new frames  
in our new Optical shop.



OLSHF Volunteer Mike Malter is ready to start the celebration!



## **DISTRICT “O” ZONE CHAIR REPORTS:**

*What are the Lions clubs in District O doing lately? Here's an update as told by the Zone Chairs at the last Cabinet meeting. You club not listed? Get info to your Zone Chair for next Cabinet meeting.*

### **Zone 1: Ray Herrington, Zone Chair**

**Nestucca-Cloverdale Club:** Is looking into starting a Leo club, working on their annual calendar for sale and having their annual Easter egg hunt for kids.

**Garibaldi Club:** Will do a park cleanup, have two potential members and will host their annual Crab Races fundraiser.

**Astoria Club:** Has one new member and is working on starting a Leo club in Astoria and a branch club in Seaside.

**Rockaway Club:** Will hold their corn beef and cabbage dinner, has one new member, and will help with the SOLV beach cleanup.

**New Rockaway Branch Club:** Has six members and is holding regular meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays.



Some of the Rockaway Lions Club members at their bingo night event

### **Zone 2: Terry Bowman, Zone Chair**

**Forest Grove Club:** Is organizing for their Walk & Run fundraiser in September with a headline sponsor and kilometer sponsors.

**Vernonia Club:** Will hold their annual Spam & Eggs Breakfast fundraiser, provides socks and underwear to the local schools and is preparing for their annual Texas Hold-um fundraiser

**McMinnville Club:** Has one new member, will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt and Plant and Garage Sale and their Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast will be in June at the McMinnville Airport.

### **Zone 3: No Report Sent**

### **Zone 4: Dane Parreira, Zone Chair**

**King City Club:** Celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a free spaghetti dinner for the community, will sponsor two lanes at the Blindskills Eyebowl event in Keizer and has donated \$19,000 in local scholarships.

**Portland Bentham Club:** Collected almost a thousand pounds of food for the local food bank and is planning for their annual health screening at the local Uwajumaya grocery store for the Summer Japanese Festival.

**Portland Metro (Korean) Club:** Will send a lot of their club members to help with the SOLV beach cleanup.

**Hillsboro Club:** Gives scholarships to local seniors and helps with local eye and hearing screenings.

### **Zone 5: John Taylor, Zone Chair, report given verbally at meeting**

### **Zone 6: Bill Stout, Zone Chair**

**Portland Columbia Club:** Holds a Bingo on Monday nights and donates a lot to local charities, LCIF and the OLSHF.

**Portland Hollywood Club:** Held twice annual blood drive with the Red Cross, participates in Meal-On-Wheels every week, will host a semi-annual pizza party fundraiser, and is conducting their very successful annual 50/50 raffle.

**Portland Lloyd Club:** Serves food to the homeless every Wednesday at the local St. Francis Church dining hall and is planning a car show.

**Portland Oaks Bottom Club:** Conducts a raffle for an overnight stay at Tillamook Bay and is helping with sight and hearing screenings.

**Portland Parkrose Club:** For many years they cooked with their "Chicken Trailer" for local non-profits but that might be in jeopardy with having less members in the Club.



West Linn Lions Club's Mark Parrish cooks hamburgers at the Trick and Racy Burger Barbeque

### **Zone 7: Derek Sandell, Zone Chair**

**Tualatin Club:** Will hold annual Easter Egg Hunt. No update on other clubs in zone.

### **Zone 8: Carrie Bartley, Zone Chair**

**Beavercreek Club:** Will soon hold annual auction and biggest fundraiser.



West Linn Riverview Lions (l-r) Sally Holmes, Lori Anderson, Maggie Ray and Marcia Daiker at their local Burgerville Fundraiser Night

**Canby Club:** Will donate \$250 to local Fire District, will participate in Shred-It Day, will hold a spring plant sale, and is holding a special celebration for Bob Cavanagh at the local library.

**Oregon City Club:** Held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Irish Stew Cook-Off and will hold their annual Teddy Bear Parade in downtown Oregon City. Club members and others collect the bears for local fire departments, ER rooms, children's hospitals and women shelters.



Some of the winners of the Milwaukee Lions Club's Death by Chocolate event (l-r) Carrie Swesso Bartley, Sheldon Penner from the Oregon City Lions Club, then Katie Warren and Taylor Torgerson from the Milwaukee Lions

### **Milwaukie Club:**

Has an upcoming plant sale, serves 65 students in their Backpack Buddy program, recently wrote a grant to Umpqua Bank for their local schoolbook program, has a can/bottle collection drive, and will conduct their annual Golf Tournament on August 11 at the Charbonneau Golf Course.

**West Linn Club:** Held their 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Sausage and Kraut Feed and annual Bowl-a-Thon, is planning their Easter egg hunt, is labeling 3 park benches with Club logo for their Centennial project, will hold annual Peter Rabbit breakfast at local high school, and will soon give out flags to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

**West Linn Riverview Club:** Has 2 new members, participated in vision screenings and local Bowl-a-thon, will conduct a food drive for local pantry, will join others in McLean House cleanup, and is planning their spring plant sale and summer Annual English Tea.

*submitted by DG Bert Diamond 36-O*



## Something for Everyone at Elgin Riverfest

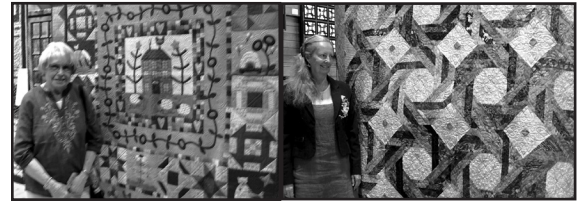
Warm weather greeted participants at the annual Elgin Riverfest, and there was an activity for all ages during the event.

Free rides on the Duck Train, free entrance to a bouncy house for children, free books for all and free entrance to the car show all contributed to an enjoyable family day. Saturday morning



**Lion Jim Johnston weaves in and out of the car show with the Lion Duck Train**

began with the Firemen's "All You Can Eat" pancake breakfast at the fire hall. A quilt show was set up at the high school gymnasium and opened Thursday through Saturday, while an airplane demonstration was held on the football field. The Lions Car Show, located near the Community Center, began at 9:00 a.m. and finished at about 2:30 with participants heading on to other shows. Old time engines and tractors were also displayed in the field.



**Carolyn Shaw displays "My Country House" quilt**

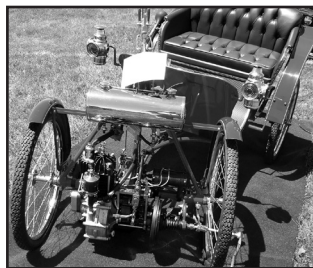
**"Athena Basket Weave" batiks displayed by Gail Sutherland**

Chairman for the car show, PCC Steve Oliver, stated there were more entries and visitors than previous years.

Although the Duck Derby was moved to a large tub in the park due to the unpredictability of water levels in the creeks, names were drawn with the winners: Trudy Tallman of Hood River, Randy Laber, Jim Johnston, Jay Moore, Irene Garlitz, Kris Harmon and PCC Joyce Anderson.



**The 1932 Ford 5 window coup was on display by Vince and Sheryl Paton of Baker City**



**An 1899 French Roadster, owned by Charles Nelson of Walla Walla, caught the eye of many spectators**

The local jail bordered Cowboys and Angels Restaurant, and anyone crossing the sheriff, Linda Johnson, or deputy Cheryl Coe, were thrown in the brig. Those jailed were given bread and water until they could be released. Yard sales abounded throughout the city and the Lions provided a map of where the treasurers could be found.



**Kids enjoyed an afternoon in the Bouncy House**

The Opera House gave a production of "Seven Brides and Seven Brothers", during the afternoon, while the Eagle Cap Excursion Train provided a trip up the Minam River to recognize Father's Day. Also the Elgin Chamber of Commerce sponsored a historic Elgin treasure hunt with clues given through the businesses. Class reunions were held in the evening for Elgin graduates.



**Antique engines and tractors lined the field**



**Sheriff Linda Johnston watches Sharyle Burtch and Jacob Devin serve "their time."**

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

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## Lions Clubs International Foundation Commits Their Support to Dogs for the Deaf's New Second Training Facility

CENTRAL POINT, OR; In May, [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) awarded a \$85,000 grant to support construction of Dogs for the Deaf's (DFD) new Second Training Facility. "We're ecstatic about this grant award and very appreciative of Lions Clubs International Foundation's continued commitment to our important work and support of our critical growth," stated President and CEO Blake Matray.

Dogs for the Deaf is in the midst of a major expansion, with groundbreaking on a new Second Training Facility taking place in November 2016 on the 18,000 sq. ft. 40-kennel building. The new Training Facility is expected to be completed in early 2018 and will further compliment DFD's existing 22-kennel building.

"It's exciting to see Lions Clubs across Oregon rally together to champion for this important expansion. We expect it will allow DFD to improve the lives of many more future clients," noted Wes King, past District Governor, Lions Club, 36-E.

Once the Second Training Facility is operational, Dogs for the Deaf will triple the number of dogs that come to the organization, receive professional training, and ultimately get placed in forever homes across the United States. The additional kennels in the Second Training Facility will allow DFD to rescue more dogs annually. DFD's three primary program areas include: [Hearing Dogs](#), [Program Assistance Dogs](#), and [Autism Assistance Dogs](#).

Dogs for the Deaf is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup>-anniversary in 2017, having assisted more than 1,400 dogs since 1978. The late Roy G. Kabat founded Dogs for the Deaf in southern Oregon's Applegate valley, and it was not until 1989 that DFD moved to its current 40-acre campus in Central Point, OR.

[Lions of Oregon & Northern California](#) are a part of an international network of 1.4 million men and women in 200 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. Lions are best known for working to end preventable blindness, the giving of eyeglasses and hearing aids for the needy and local service projects.

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*Dogs for the Deaf is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focusing on the training and placing of Hearing Assistance Dogs, Program Assistance Dogs, and Autism Assistance Dogs. Dogs for the Deaf has been rescuing dogs from shelters and training them to become Hearing Dogs and Program Dogs with qualified clients throughout the United States for forty years. The Autism Assistance Dog program is just in its second year, though already showing terrific results with three dogs placed locally in southern Oregon's Rogue Valley. In fiscal year 2016-17, this national organization placed 23 Assistance Dogs across the country.*

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## Dr. Sam Kimball Guest at Elgin Lions Meeting

Dr. Sam Kimball from the La Grande Family Eye Care Center was a guest of the Elgin Lions. Dr. Kimball discussed the progress of the Blue Mountain Community Eye Clinic set up at the Center for Human Development. Dr. Kimball stressed that approximately 20% of adults in Union County live at or below the federal poverty level, which creates a financial barrier in obtaining adequate eye care. To compensate for this group of individuals, he and co-coordinator, Dr. David Glabe, have worked with Apple Eye Care to create a clinic specifically to meet the needs of those adults in the poverty levels. Drs. Kimball and Glabe submitted an application to the Lions International Foundation and received a grant totaling over \$16,000 to acquire equipment.



Dr. Kimball visits with Elgin Lion member Arrand

The local care practitioners and members of Lions clubs sought to establish the volunteer eye clinic. They partnered with a private nonprofit community health center and two national corporations to create an eye clinic where cost-free exams and vision correction could be provided. Arrangements were made with Paul Daab (director of Vision Service Provider's Olympia, Washington lab) to provide cost-free manufacturing of eyeglass lenses for up to 30 pairs per month indefinitely. Approximately 500 new eyeglass frames were donated by Marchon, leading manufacturer of eyewear, at the commencement of the project. More will be donated upon request. Members of the La Grande Lions

Club to which Drs. Glabe and Kimball belong, as well as members of the Island City Lions, donated approximately \$7,000 to the project.

Still, there are additional expenses, which have been seen, and Dr. Kimball hoped to acquire additional support. Since Elgin's budget has been dropping due to increased requests for eye glasses, President Bob Thomas called for a special budget meeting to determine if some funds could be found for the Blue Mountain Community Eye Clinic.

La Grande Family Eye Care was this year's recipient of the *Business of the Year* in District G.

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