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PID Ed Gear breaking ground on new Guest House at Riverbend with other supporters



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Eugene Downtown Lions Hold Annual Crab Feed



**Lion President Dr. Craig Ford serving crab
from the kitchen**

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Gresham Breakfast Lions Club has a “Double Winner”



**(l-r) Gresham Breakfast Lion Steve Solcz next to Portland
Downtown Lions Merry Meek and President Wayne Baseden**

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ANNIVERSARIES

June 2018 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.

June

Coquille	June 25, 1925
Columbia Gorge	June 29, 1948
Langlois	June 15, 1964
Crooked River Ranch	June 28, 1979
Dallas	June 10, 2003
Woodburn	June 30, 2004

July

Dorris	July 16, 1946
Yachats	July 20, 1950

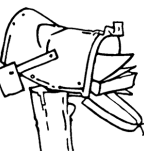
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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

June

- 2 OLSHF Board of Trustees - Retreat, Ptld.
- 13 OLSHF Patient Care Comm. mtg. Portland
- 16 Dist. E Cabinet mtg. 10am, SOLSHC, Medford
- 25 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ 5:30pm

July

- Happy "New Year" Lions Clubs!!
- 30 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ 5:30pm

EVENTS

June

- 3 Coffee Creek Graduation, OLSHF, @8am Wilsonville
- 4 Eyeglass Sorting Party - Keizer Lions Halls, 4100 Cherry Ave., NE @ 6pm
- 10 The Oregon Lion article deadline (for July-August issue)
- 17 Father's Day
- 23 Sights & Sounds in the Valley Fundraiser - Riverhouse - Shady Cove, OR 4-7pm
- 29 Portland Craft Beer Festival (OLSHF) Portland

July

- 4 Independence Day



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TIME FLYS!

Where has the year gone? Oh my goodness Mighty MD36 Lions, my year as your #1 Servant is almost over! It seems that it was just a couple of weeks ago that a bunch of "fresh off the presses" District Governors Bert, Tom, Bob and Debi were standing with me on the front steps of the McCormick Convention Center in Chicago, having our "inaugural Council of Governors meeting" while I furiously took notes on my cell phone!

Well! It's been an amazing experience as our Council, including smart and articulate Vice Council Chair Judith Poage, (who makes every meeting and event better by just being there!) has gelled into a cohesive and communicative team, bringing the message of increasing and improving SERVICE in all the Lions Clubs in MD36; mentoring and teaching LEADERSHIP in Clubs and communities; enjoying the immense FELLOWSHIP that Lions produce when they work and play together and ... promoting COMMUNICATION! As many of our International Directors have made clear to us ... when we communicate in the media about the things we do as Lions, (remember: SERVICE, LEADERSHIP and FELLOWSHIP), we're not bragging, we're simply stating facts. Like my old hero, Sgt. Joe Friday used to say on "Dragnet": "Just the facts, mam".

Let's all take a moment to remember the good Lions who've recently passed away. It's been a difficult spring for many of us. Please, if your neighbor club has lost a member, offer your thoughts, give them a call or make a visit. If it's one of your own club members, make sure you take care of yourselves. Make sure you take care of your late member's family. Remember the good times, the fun service and the Lion-style fellowship you've shared and let a smile come to your face and heart as you remember your good Lions who passed on.

As I write this, it's 10 days before the 94th MD36 Annual Convention! I'm getting a little nervous, but, I can assure you that your MD Convention Committee has worked very hard to get things ready for an exceptional and memorable Convention! I know that we're going to have (that we had ... by the time you get to reads this) a wonderful time with International Director Bruce and Lion Erin Beck. I've been communicating with them and I have no doubt that they plan to have a good time!

Speaking of Conventions, the 101st International Convention is quickly approaching in beautiful Las Vegas! Everything is happening at the amazing MGM Grand, so you don't even have to go outside (if you don't want to). Go to <http://lclion.lionsclubs.org> to register and for more information. I truly wish I could go but ... "someone's" only daughter is getting married this summer and I've been "grounded".

I'm saddened by the closing of some clubs this year. I understand that sometimes it's difficult to keep things moving when your club's membership wanes or ages or loses interest. Really, I do understand that. But I also, I understand that when some dedicated Lions make up their mind, they can bring a club back from the brink and make it vibrant and sustainable. There are tools to help you and your club do more than just keep your club alive, but to grow it, culture it and make it self-sustaining. Just talk to your Zone Chair, Region Chair or any member of your District Governor's leadership team! They're all prepared and anxious to help! But ... it starts with you!

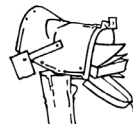
I frequently peruse the My LCI portion of the Lions Clubs International website to see what you great Lions are up to service-wise and I'm always so very happy to find what I find! You're giving needy neighbors exams, glasses and hearing aids; you're feeding your needy neighbors and school kids and virtually everyone who needs it; you're leading your clubs, your communities and the youth that are the future (Scouts, Leo's, etc.)! You do so much good in your communities and beyond!

Be the source in your community of SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and COMMUNICATION ... Do it ... Lead it ... Enjoy it ... Tell about it! Let's keep "MOVING MD36 FORWARD"!

Throughout my Lions journey I continue to be honored to serve you, so proud of your trust in me and humbled to be counted among you great Lions of MD36!

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District O - Northwest - North Coast



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KUDOS TO YOU!

This is my last DG column. It's been my pleasure and honor to serve you as your District Governor. Thanks so much to all those Lions who helped me along the way to be a better person and leader. And thank you to all the District Cabinet members and to each of YOU, the Lions club members.

I would like to recognize some of the District O club's activities. Way to go District O!! This information was taken from Zone Chair reports at our recent District Cabinet meeting.

The GARIBALDI LIONS have five new Club members. ROCKAWAY LIONS are building up their Knight Lions Branch Club. BEAVERTON LIONS held a winter food drive at Walmart collecting 1,656 lbs. of food. CEDAR HILLS SUNSET LIONS recently collected 729 lbs. of food. KING CITY LIONS drive for Meals on Wheels and also Eye Couriers. They give flags for 1st graders and hold a monthly Red Cross blood drive. VERNONIA LIONS recently held their Spam and Eggs Breakfast. And they provide socks and underwear for students upon school counselor's requests. MCMINNVILLE LIONS will hold their famous, annual Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast at the local airport. PORTLAND OAKS BOTTOM LIONS set up American flags in Sellwood on the federal holidays. PORTLAND COLUMBIA LIONS hold a Bingo event every Monday night and donate thousands of dollars to LCIF, the OLSHF and to local charities. PORTLAND HOLLYWOOD LIONS have been hosting a blood drive twice a year for the past 60 years. TUALATIN LIONS conduct many food drives over the year and give flags to 1st graders. LAKE OSWEGO LIONS provide food for the Metzger kids backpack program, collect thousands of eyeglasses, and participate in the annual National Alliance on Mental Illness events. BEAVERCREEK LIONS just held their annual auction, which was a huge success. CANBY LIONS screened 2,500 students at their local schools. OREGON CITY LIONS hosted in May their 21st Annual Teddy Bear Parade. MILWAUKIE LIONS help 61 students with their weekly Backpack Buddy Program. WEST LINN LIONS screened almost 2,500 students and have 2 of the 3 benches in place as part of their Lions Centennial Project. WEST LINN RIVERVIEW LIONS held their annual plant sale and will hold soon their annual English Tea. PORTLAND DOWNTOWN LIONS helped organize the annual Portland Area Lions Rose Festival Luncheon in May. ST. HELENS LIONS help hundreds of kids with their Friday backpack program and clean up the trails in a local park. AURORA FRENCH PRAIRIE LIONS BRANCH CLUB do school eye screenings, coordinate the Oregon Lions Earth Angels and the District's Lions Quest programs. PORTLAND BENTHAM LIONS collected about 1,000 lbs. of food for their local food pantry.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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I have spent a good share of this 2017-18 Lions year preaching to readers of my column in the Oregon Lion magazine about an assortment of Lions-related topics. Now, with the year winding down, I would like to take time to thank you, the Lions of District 36-R, reflect on some of our successes and failures and consider prospects for the future.

On the membership front, although we did not add any new clubs this year, we have flirted with the possibility of showing a gain in membership in the District for the first time in eight years. As of this writing, that doesn't appear to be likely. The loss of one club and the possibility of additional drops prior to the next dues billing will more than likely offset any gains we might see in the next six weeks. However, I'm hopeful that improved interaction between our Global Membership Team and our clubs will establish a foundation for regular gains in the future.

Leadership continues to be a major challenge in our District. Developing club and District excellence is one of the four goals of the LCI Forward plan, and strong leadership is the only way to make that happen. We need more Lions to step up to lead at both the club and District level. In order to make this happen, we must identify leaders, motivate them, and make training more readily accessible to them.

I have nothing but admiration and praise for the service work being done by our Lions clubs. One of the most outstanding parts of the job as District Governor is getting to visit the clubs in the District and learning about the services they are performing in their local communities and beyond. While I'm sure there are ways to improve upon our service as Lions, for now, I simply want to thank you Lions for all you do. You improve your communities and the lives of the people in them by virtue of the services you provide.

The future of our District is promising. The work of our DG teams the last two years has provided a framework and continuity for our efforts to grow Lions in the coming years. That, in combination with strong leadership moving up the chairs and the new goals and fresh ideas they bring to the cause, should result in a bright future.

No one steps up to serve as District Governor without the help and support of others. My employer and co-workers allowed me time away from work and covered for me when needed, so I could visit clubs and attend conventions. I owe them a debt of gratitude. Likewise, my wife, Paula, who enthusiastically supported my decision to serve, helped me anyway she could every step of the way. She also was my first new member of the 2017-18 Lions year.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Lion leaders who spent so much time and effort in preparing my fellow District Governors and me for this job. Your patience and commitment have not gone unnoticed. The training you offered and the experience you shared went a long way toward any successes we had this year.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow District Governors, Council Chair Brad, and Vice Chair Judith for the friendship and cooperation I have enjoyed as a result of being part of our team. As a wise person once observed, "sometimes it's better to be lucky than good." The luck of the draw was certainly with me when I became part of this year's team.

District E - Southern - South Coast



District E Governor Column

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Parting is such sweet sorrow.

As I sit to pen this final column, a lump rises in my throat as I realize I won't be conversing with all of the Lions throughout MD36 through this medium again. I have to say that this year has been one of the most exciting and fulfilling years of my life. It has brought such great joy to me as I have traversed the highways and byways of District 36E to meet with the clubs and members of this great District.

I have been humbled, surprised and exhilarated by the service of our fantastic members as they continue to help their communities in a variety of ways. You have endeared yourselves to me and hopefully I have been able to enlighten you in some way and strengthen your Lions spirit. I thank you all for this incredible experience.

But wait, I am not going away. I will still be a part of the District team and hopefully will be able to revisit a lot of your clubs.

Okay, now for the technical stuff, which you all know by now, I love to do. I finished my visitations in late May and have to say that although we didn't achieve the goals set at the beginning of this process I feel this year was a success and together we began to Restore the Roar.

I had the pleasure of inducting several new members into our Lions family along with the opportunity to install new officers for several clubs.

As of this writing we, as a District, had inducted 59 new members for this fiscal year. Unfortunately we lost 118 for a net gain of -59. We also lost another club, but there is the possibility of a new club on the horizon. We have had 21 of our 35 clubs report service hours this year. I know that all clubs have had service hours they just haven't been reported, but I think we are changing that dynamic.

Thank you District 36E for your efforts.

Now for the sappy stuff. There are a few thank-yous that I have to hand out. First, to PCC Joyce and PID Sunny for their continued support at every turn and their vast knowledge. Second, to PCC Vince and Leah for their work and dedication in making sure the Council was on the right page and that all the i's were dotted and the t's crossed.

Third to the Council. Lion Brad you're an incredible man. You have become a valued dear friend and I do believe we are of kindred spirit, just ask anyone who was at the District G Convention. Thank you for being there at all costs. Now for my fellow DGs. This journey for us began some three years ago and we all bonded at Northwest Lions Leadership Institute and became fast friends. I feel we have a relationship that goes far beyond the boundaries of the Council of Governors. Our friendships will last a lifetime and we will forever be linked. Lion Bert (Felix), you always kept us laughing and your words of encouragement and support were always appreciated. Lion Tom (Oscar), your go-with-the-flow attitude was always comforting and your help at times was greatly appreciated. Lion Debi (Dianna), what can I say. You, Sheri and I hit it off from the beginning and have built friendships far beyond Lions. Chicago would never have been the same without you two along. Thank you for all that you have done.

Fourth, to my 1st VDG Brian. You have helped me immensely throughout this year and the friendship that we have built means volumes to me. I know we will continue to work closely for years to come.

Finally, to Lion Gail. You are my mentor, my rock and you have been a safe harbor for many a storm. Thank you for your assistance, your support and your continued advice. I will forever hold you as one of my closest friends.

Now as I try to end this I have to continually wipe the mist from my eyes. I have loved every second of this journey and feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to have served and to end with that old adage, which just feels right in this instance, parting is such sweet sorrow.

Forever yours in Lionism, DG Bob

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column

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What a wonderful Lions Year!!!

Yes, it has been hectic, time-consuming and difficult at times to schedule meeting with all the clubs. But being Governor for this great District has been so rewarding. We have some of the best Lions in our clubs. They are hard-working, dedicated to service and willing to go above and beyond to get the job done. I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I received when visiting each club. Your hospitality made my visits so easy and pleasant. As many of you know, I am not good at public speaking and don't do well in crowds, but Lions make you feel at home. We are truly a huge extended family.

I hope anyone who has thought about moving up will be given that chance to do so. All you Presidents and Zone Chairs who have been in those positions for years, please step down and give someone else a chance to move forward. You might be surprised at how well they can do the job. Yes, it might not be done the way you are used to, but change can be a good thing.

Now, back to business. Has everyone finished their Centennial Service projects? We still have until the end of June to get these projects finished. Are you continuing projects in other service areas? Remember our areas of service are: Sight Preservation, Fighting Hunger, Environment, Diabetes Awareness and Pediatric Cancer. Are all your project reports, your new officer reports (due May 15th) and membership reports turned into LCI? Let's try to see if we can get 100% turned in by June 30th.

To all New Presidents: Standard Club Structure is: President, Immediate Past President (IPP)(LCIF Coordinator), First Vice President (Global Leadership Chair)(GLT), Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (Finance Committee Chair), Global Membership Chair (GMT), Global Service Chair (GST), Marketing Communications Chair (Public Relations), an Internet Technology Chair (IT), Lion Tamer and Tail Twister. The GLT, GST & GMT make up the Global Action Team (GAT) for your club. These people will report to the District GAT who, in turn, will report to the MD GAT. Don't you love all these acronyms? This means that each club should have at the very least 12 members. Now remember, you also need people to be on the committees for each of these global initiatives. In order to call it a committee, you need at least 2 people, so now we are up to 18 members. We have 12 clubs in our District that do not have at least 18 members, so let's see if we can at least change that by October, which is Membership Month. As of April, we only have 31 clubs and 883 members in our District. Let's all help DG-Elect Phyllis and get one new member each.

Yours in Lionism, DG Debi

The Crabettes did it again!

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club enjoyed another Crab Feed and Auction event with a silent auction, an oral auction and a Wine raffle on Thursday evening April 26th. 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. The crab was provided. Congratulations go to the Crabettes, as they call themselves, Lions Sharon Newton, Norma Barbisan, and Joan Vaughan once again for organizing such a great event and having everything go perfectly. Special thanks to Lion Judith Grosenick for her stellar job again this year creating the detailed auction program that lists all of the wonderful items up for bid in the oral auction and the silent auction.



(I) PID Lion Ed Gear presents bags of wine to raffle winners

PID Lion Ed Gear emceed the evening and picked the wine raffle winners throughout the evening.



Lion Wes Reynolds checks out the Silent Auction tables



Look at all that wonderful pot luck food

Lion Adam Schulz was at his usual best as our auctioneer encouraging bidders to vie against each other for the more than a dozen oral auction items. The first item up for bids was called "Perfectly Precious" and as Lion Judith described it, a handcrafted cherry jewel box with two drawers which was made and donated by Lion Tom McCann. A perfect gift for then lady in your life. The winning bid came from Lion Jim Origliosso.

A Great Crab Feed and Auction



The Diamond Dames demonstrate how they will sing for a half hour for a winning bid



Lion Adam Schulz auctioneer (plaid shirt) needs no microphone as the bidders raise their hands

Other items up for bid ranged from “Par for the Course,” a golf outing for 4 at Shadow Hills Country Club including the use of 2 golf carts and range balls to “A Very Special Getaway” a very special vacation via The World of Vacation Internationale’ which includes a two-week stay at one of many worldwide locations donated generously by Lion Ralph Robinson. The winning bid for this wonderful vacation came from Klea Ford, wife of Lion President Dr. Craig Ford. Klea’s singing quartet, Diamond Dames, gave an impromptu performance singing for the crowd announcing they were auctioning off a half hour personal performance.

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, to Hop Valley for providing the beer, 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.



Lions and guests enjoyed great meal and conversation

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman

LIONS VISIONGIFT

Making Our Presence Felt Around the Globe

Each year, thousands of researchers (approximately 11-12,000) attend the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) annual meeting to present (“show off”) their eye and vision research! This research comprises both laboratory research and clinical trials spanning basic characterization of gene function through applications of gene therapy and includes both human and animal subjects.

Lions VisionGift, being no stranger to ARVO, set up our exhibitor's booth to let researchers from around the globe know that we can help them with their research needs! Scientific posters are up for one day each. They are presented in a room about the size of 3.5 football fields (sometimes even larger). **Lions VisionGift** presented 5 poster presentations and was acknowledged by several other groups for our support of their research endeavors. To have five posters presented is a pretty big feather in the **Lions VisionGift** cap. Congratulations to all our researchers and partners.



Top row: Rolake (Cornell University), Lara (Devers Eye Institute), and Ross (Casey Eye Institute) walking people through their posters featuring work done at or in collaboration with LVG.

Middle row: LVG researchers pose in front of Dorian's poster (Devers Eye Institute). Corrina, Khoa, and the Devers' fellows pose in front of the LVG booth in the exhibition hall. Dorian wins a foam eye model that currently sits on Khoa's desk. LVG pens were popular among ARVO attendees.

Bottom row: Additional presentations acknowledging LVG and its staff for collaborative support on research projects ranging from cell therapy to clinical trends in corneal transplantation to clinical trials comparing different types of endothelial keratoplasties

submitted by Matt Webber

You, Me and the D!

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to my world! Won't you come on in?

Together we can do so much better in the pursuit of ways to not only live with this insidious perpetrator in our lives, but to also someday, with the assistance of diligent research, be able to remove it from our bodies. Others have accomplished this and so can we. Following is an article that will help folks who are diabetic with dryness of skin. We are more prone to dryness and infections. So please read on.

Protect Your Skin: If you Have Diabetes, Diligent Skin Care is Crucial

By: Brenda Conaway

Diabetes gives you a good reason to pamper your skin. You're more prone to skin problems like dryness. And because diabetes raises your chances of infection, even a minor skin condition can become a more serious problem. This guide will fill you in on common skin conditions linked to diabetes and how to prevent them – or care for yourself if you do get them.

Skin conditions

Diabetic dermopathy. This appears as light brown, scaly, round spots on the shins. They look a lot like age spots but are caused by changes in the small blood vessels. "It's more of a cosmetic issue and doesn't really require treatment," says Margo S. Hudson, MD, an instructor at Harvard Medical School.

Disseminated granuloma annulare. This causes red, red-brown, or skin-colored raised rings or arcs on the skin. They're likely to show up on your fingers, ears, or lower legs, but can also appear on the trunk of your body. Your doctor can prescribe a cortisone skin cream or another treatment.

Digital sclerosis. About one-third of people with type 1 diabetes have this condition. It can make the skin on the back of the hands thick, waxy and tight. Your finger joints may become stiff and hard to move. You can also get it on your forehead and toes and, more rarely, your elbows, knees or ankles. To treat it, get your blood sugar under control.

Acanthosis nigricans. With this condition, the skin on your neck, armpits, or groin thickens and becomes brown or tan. "People think it's dirt and wonder why they can't clean it off," Hudson says. Insulin resistance causes it, and it's most likely if you are overweight. Treatment includes losing weight and taking diabetes drugs, which help the body use insulin better.

Skin infections

Bacterial skin infections are common with diabetes, says Betul Hatipoglu, MD, of the Endocrinology and Metabolic Institute at Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. "It can be as simple as a boil in the armpit or on the face, infection of the hair follicles, or infection of the nail bed," she says.

Fungal infections are common, too, she says. You are most likely to have them in areas that get hot and sweaty, including under the breasts, between fingers and toes, in the armpits, in the groin area, and around the tip of the penis, if you are an uncircumcised man.

Skin Smarts. What's the best way to fight infections that cause skin problems? Try these tips.

- Check your feet and any areas of your body that get damp and sweaty every day.
- Use moisturizer on dry skin daily to keep it from cracking and itching.
- Don't try to treat skin infections at home with over-the-counter products, because they may not be strong enough.
- If you think you have an infection anywhere on your body, call your doctor.

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We can't control what people say but we can control how we respond - anonymous

Guest House One Step Closer to Reality

Thursday April 26th was the official Ground Breaking for the new Guest House at Riverbend. I want to again THANK all of you that have made a contribution to the matching funds for the LCIF Grant. We now have reached our \$100,000 goal and this week will be asking LCIF to release their approved grant of \$100,000 to District Governor Tom Hilgers. The Hospital Foundation gave me the opportunity to speak about the Lions involvement in both the current Guest House as well as the new Guest House. We are continuing to raise funds with the goal of \$250,000.



PID Ed Gear speaks about the Lions involvement in both the current Guest House as well as the new Guest House.

This project serves several thousand families from many different communities in Oregon and elsewhere. Thanks again.

submitted by PID, Ed Gear

Hillsboro Lions Serve

The Hillsboro Lions Club sponsors vision testing in 27 schools in the Hillsboro School District. This year, we tested over 4,000 students. The tests are administered by a technician from the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. Last year, 17 persons were referred for additional testing and eye treatment. The Hillsboro Lions Club also sponsors a Health Clinic at Portland Community College Rock Creek Campus. It is staffed by optometry students from Pacific University, with assistance from students attending the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College. These students are receiving valuable training in using test equipment, record keeping and interpersonal communication. The Hillsboro Lions Club takes pleasure in supporting these methods of eye care.

submitted by Don Jackson

Keep Swinging Your Way to a Lion's Golf Tournament

A good way to see the state of Oregon and enjoy the company of other Lion's Clubs is to pack up your golf clubs and head to a Lion's Golf Tournament. Here is what is scheduled so far with a couple of new ones from last month's edition:

- Saturday, June 2nd - Umpqua Lions Tournament, Oakhills GC, Sutherlin, OR, 10 am
- Saturday, June 23rd - Springfield Lions Golf Tournament, Springfield GC, Springfield, OR
- Friday, June 29th - Crooked River Ranch Lions Tournament at Crooked River Ranch GC, 8 am
- Saturday & Sunday, July 21 & 22 - Enterprise Lions Tournament at Alpine Meadows, Enterprise
- Friday, August 10th - Milwaukee Lions Tournament at Glendover GC, NE Portland
- Saturday, September 15th - Myrtle Creek Lions Tournament at Cougar Canyon GC, Myrtle Creek, 9 am
- Sunday, September 16th, La Pine Lions Tournament, Quail Run, GC, La Pine, 10 am

If your club also has a Lion's Golf Tournament or you can add more information to the above tournaments please email me Ted Carlin at Vptcarlin@yahoo.com

submitted by Ted Carlin

Local Pride of Lions Celebrates 90 Years of Community Service

The *Daily Courier* of Grants Pass recently ran the following article about the Grants Pass Lions Club. It is being reprinted here in its entirety. (2/4/2018)



Members of the Grants Pass Lions Club met Jan. 25 to celebrate their own 90th anniversary and Lions Club International's 100th. (l-r) Lions Dixie Owens, Nancy Stahly, Millard Marsh, Gwynne Gulliford, Brenda Aegerter, John Aegerter, Diana Rae, Rob Marks, Jeff Clark, Ron Rae, Steve Gulliford, Fred Hyde and Mel Williams.

As the Lions Club International celebrates its centennial in 2018, the Grants Pass Lions Club is celebrating its 90th anniversary. It's the second oldest club in Oregon.

Last weekend, active members of the club gathered for cake and to hear some of the most veteran club members talk about why they joined.

The two members who've been in the Grants Pass pride the longest, though, weren't able to attend, but were interviewed nonetheless.

Palmer Zottola, a Grants Pass Lion for more than 50 years, said he joined for the fellowship and the club's dedication to service to the Grants Pass community.

Walter Krebs, who joined in 1950, enjoyed socializing at the group, said his wife, Jerry. They both helped on fundraisers and "They do a lot of good work," they agreed.

Other long-time members noted were Jim Broeffle and Larry Dietzel.

On Jan. 18, 1928, the Grants Pass Lions was formed by 31 members and led by founding President Earle Voorhies, with Con M. Durland, C.C. Reiner, and Harry E. Couch as vice presidents and Frank Vannice as treasurer. Other officers were Lion Tamer Elmer Hampson and Tail Twister Riley Riddle.

Optometrist Scott Walters said he joined because the club members assist at vision and hearing screenings at the Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center.

Lions clubs are known for providing eye and hearing tests, glasses and hearing aids. But club member Dixie Wilks-Owens said the club is also working to educate people about diabetes. They support sending local children to Gales Creek Camp for diabetic children for free as well.

In addition to helping the community with health issues, club members give \$2,000 in college scholarships annually, name special honor students each month in local high schools, give flags and provide funds for special projects such as park benches and drinking fountains.

The club provides food at the annual horse races as its main fundraiser and also takes in used glasses and hearing aids to evaluate and pass along to those who can use them.

The Grants Pass Redwood Lions Club provides the light show each Christmas at Riverside Park in Grants Pass and accept donations there. Later this year, they'll sell tickets for a special Barnstormers show as well, Wilks-Owens said.

"Every penny we collect in donations goes back to the causes," she said. And every member of the clubs, both local and the international body, are volunteers, "even the Chairman of the International. We're the largest service organization in the world."

The club's membership has been slowly dwindling, however. Still, about 35 are active, she said.

"If anyone is looking to volunteer for an organization that really makes a difference in the community, try the Grants Pass Lions Club," said Wilks-Owens.

The club meets Tuesdays from 12:10-1pm., to accommodate those who still work, at the Black Forest Restaurant in Grants Pass.

Those interested in learning more or joining can drop by a meeting or call Jana Zell 541.226.6604 or email gplionsclub@gmail.com.

by: Edith Decker of the *Daily Courier*
(Note: Lion Dixie Wilks-Books helped facilitate this article)

Knights of Where Do All of

The Lions motto is “We Serve” and we do so in many varied ways. One of those ways dates to the special challenge offered out at the 1925 International Lions Convention by Helen Keller, where she called upon Lions to become “Knights of the Blind in this crusade against blindness”. So, we have established foundations such as the Oregon Lions Eye Bank – Lions VisionGift and the OLSHF – Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. OLSHF among its many functions is responsible for maintaining an eyeglass warehouse to which used glasses, gathered up by the various Lions clubs of the Multiple District, are sent. The eyeglasses are verified by prescription, cleaned and stored if they are determined to be useful for a second life. They are stored by lens power and placed in boxes ready for possible vision missions to utilize. Vision mission groups are varied and not necessarily Lions groups. One of the local groups using eyeglasses from the OLSHF warehouse is Amigos Eye Care (<http://amigoseyecare.org/>) which is run by doctors and students of Pacific University – the site of Oregon’s only optometry school. They are affiliated with the larger Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity/International (<http://vosh.org/>) which, with its many different groups, are responsible for many eye mission trips throughout the World.

One group you may or may not be aware of which is totally within the Lions’ world is the Lions In Sight organization (<http://www.lionsinsight.org/>). This is a group from California that was started by an optometrist – Dr Wayne Cannon – and a chiropractor – Dr Bill Iannoccone – who also happened to be a Lion. Bill was so taken with the work done by Wayne that he not only organized LIS, he got Wayne to become a Lion, too! The LIS group has become a viable method of getting vision clinics out into the world and restoring eyesight through the simple method of dispensing eyeglasses for a second life. LIS is responsible for maintaining the California used eyeglass warehouse – they also partner with Mexican Lions to maintain a warehouse in Chihuahua – similar to what OLSHF does here in Oregon. LIS runs about 12 vision clinics per year throughout the world with some seven going to the different Lions districts in Mexico, one weeklong clinic trip to Panama and another couple to other areas farther afield. Their website claims to have given out some 6.5 million eyeglasses in over 67 countries.



Lions in Sight (LIS) team in Batticola, Sri Lanka one month after the 2006 tsunami

Here is where I switch to the first person. I am a local Lion affiliated with the Gresham Breakfast Club. LIS is an organization that I, as an optometrist, have been involved with for over 18 years. I have taken part in more than 40 clinics over the years in 14 different countries – that makes some 103 clinic days and almost 13,000 patients. The work is hard, but it is very rewarding. I see the reward on the patients’ faces. I see it on the local Lions’ faces and on the faces of the American Lions who sign up to help on our trips. I tell new LIS team members that the work and the trips are addictive, for they truly are. “We Serve” becomes so much more than a motto on these trips, whether it is the doctors, the Lions responsible for dispensing the eyeglasses or the local Lions responsible for running the clinic. The clinics are true examples of international Lionism and show how the spirit of Lionism exists at the same levels around the world.

the Blind Those Eyeglasses Go?

I have just returned from my 40th trip which was a two-day clinic to the capital of the Mexican state of Chiapas, Tuxtla Gutierrez. The local Lions were tireless in their work as was the LIS team. Other States here in the US have begun to get in on what has been a strictly California – Nevada affair. Our teams are made up of three to four doctors and six to eight non-professional folks who are usually Lions from California who come to help take part with their organization. But to Tuxtla, my fellow two doctors were from the St Louis, Missouri area and the others were all Lions from the Missouri region. I have been on trips with Missouri Lions for the last few years and the trips have made enough impression on them – remember that Missouri is the Show Me State – that they have formed their own 503c Missouri chapter of the Lions In Sight. I look forward to working with them as I have with our fellow Left Coasters from California.

In many ways, the clinic in Tuxtla followed a ‘normal’ regimen. Patients are gathered before the clinic date by the local Lions and when clinics go well, every two hours, a hundred or so show up – that way not too many show up and wait forever in the hot tropical sun – it was up to 100F at the clinic site. The first day is usually a Friday and that day is normally not as busy as the next day – Saturday, the last clinic day. Our team shows up at the site and for the first thirty minutes or so, we set up so that we can see the patients and have a good patient flow – in one way and out the other. The local Lions were good about registering the patients – we saw 719 in the two days – and maintaining order in the waiting areas and keeping the flow going smoothly. At the end of two days, everyone was in the mood for a party. Traditional dancers were brought in from a local retirement center, followed by – this was a Lions function, after all – speeches and then dinner with plenty of tequila and cerveza.



Missouri LIS volunteers working hard to dispense eyeglasses in Las Tablas, Panama



Members of LIS Tuxtla Gutierrez clinic; Everyone is from Missouri except for Dr McLain in the white shirt

The work is hard, but the rewards are too. If you are interested in the work, get in touch with LIS or Amigos. If you have several interested, contact me and I can tell you how you might get further involved. It is fun being a Knight in the Crusade! I am a lifelong Oregonian – graduate of Kennedy School before adult beverages were allowed. Recently retired from over 30 years working with Kaiser Permanente, I can be found counting out the change at the back table of the Gresham Breakfast Lions Club at the M & M Restaurant every Thursday morning. Contact me at mtncorg@yahoo.com.

submitted by Dr. Mark McLain

Those Who Are Visually Impaired

Guests for the Elgin Lions included Sharon Zenger, working through the Inter-Mountain Education Service District. Ms. Zenger, works with individuals who are visually impaired, including Elgin fifth grade student Alexis Lane. Alexis also made a presentation to the Lions on materials which helped her with school subjects. Alexis demonstrated skills on a voice computer, Braille computer and keyboard. Not much coaxing was needed as she read a story from a Braille reader as smoothly as any fifth grader might do.

Sharon related that Alexis has to learn 144 contractions with Braille materials, as well as different codes for language, science, and math. Alexis' mother, Crystal Lane, told the group that Alexis can read Braille and operate her computer at the same time, and relate perfectly the information given in both. One of her favorite recreational activities is swimming, which she does in a smooth and quick action.

Ms. Zenger is also legally blind and uses a dog through personal training. Her dog, Jude, maneuvered through the members with 35 major commands. Sharon told the Lions that Jude likes to go shopping with her and added that he always finds a way to go down the aisle where milk is displayed. "The eight year old shepherd is very valuable," she said, "because so few of this kind are graduated from training centers. He is worth about \$100,000 at this time."



Sharon Zenger is led by guide dog, Jude.



(l-r) Sharon Zenger, Crystal Lane, Alexis Lane and Steven Lane



Alexis Lane demonstrates skills reading Braille



45 Lions were on hand to discuss projects and hear from individuals who are visually impaired

The 45 Lions present also discussed plans for: Riverfest, times to distribute flags to first graders in Elgin and Imbler, the Elgin Cleanup Day, May 19th and highway cleanup on May 4th at 9:00. The jackpot of \$400 was won by Dee Mackie of Elgin, and BINGO will return to the community in the fall. Cans were collected at BINGO to be added to the 880 pounds collected for the Food Bank in April.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Celebrating the Selection

Recently we Astoria Lions gathered with Lion Carl Abraham and his family to celebrate the announcement that he had been selected for the 2018 OLSHF Hall of Fame. We had a fine time over coffee and cookies and making plans and reminiscing over past exploits of Lion Carl.

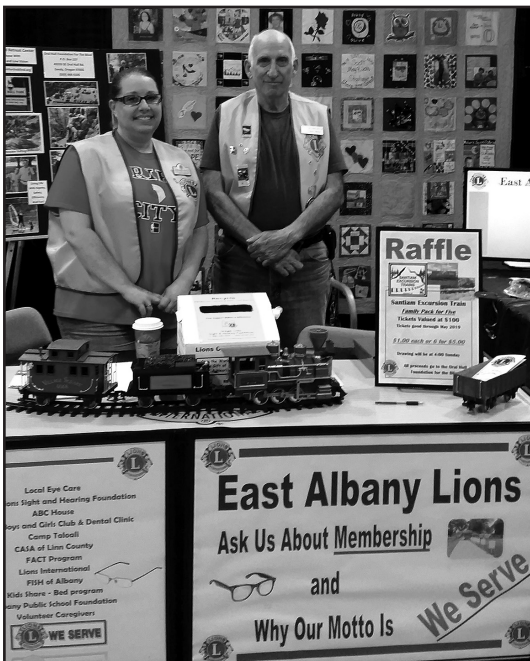


(l-r) Lions Jim Heater, Tom Gill, Lavina Jones, Lenard Hansen, Norm Davis, Ron Larsen. Seated in front and middle of photo Lion Carl Abraham, standing spouse, Carol Abraham, and Lion Nancy Lockett. Then right to left Daughter-in-Law Juli Abraham, Daughter Lori Abraham, Lions Ray Montgomery, Donna Thompson, Son Curt Abraham, Lions Russ Thompson and Charlene Larsen.

submitted by Charlene Larsen, President Astoria Lions Club

East Albany Lions Hold Raffle to Benefit Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind

The East Albany Lions Club had a raffle at the Spring Home & Garden Show to donate to the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind. We had a great time and maybe picked up a few new members.



(l-r) members Adrienne Veitch and Dave Althaus at our booth

submitted by Bill Scheler

Trivia Night in Elgin is a Major Success

The Museum and Historical Society, with support from the Lions, held its second annual Trivia Night at the Community Center in Elgin. Based on comments, the event was a major success. Also featured during the event was a silent auction with items covering three tables for the bidders. Organizer of the event, PDG Gerald Hopkins, said that comments ranged from "I'm ready for a team next year," to "I wish we could do this every week."

Only six points separated the eight teams from top to bottom. Emerging as the winner was the Lions II team consisting of Jared and Debbie Rogers, Gene Hardy, Bruce Rogers and Susie Harris. The Community Bank finished second while The Elgin Work Crew captured third.

Cowboys and Angels Restaurant provided pizza and drinks during the evening, and also placed fifth in team competition.



submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Abby Invites You to Join the PRIDE

As we strive to achieve our "2020 Vision" of one day all Oregon students receiving vision screening to help identify vision health issues, we continue to look for donors from the private sector to help make this possible. Yes, the State of Oregon now reimburses schools for costs associated with working with organizations like OLSHF to provide objective vision screenings, but the state funding covers only 35% of Oregon students Kindergarten through 8th grade.

One of our goals for securing the funding necessary to address the remaining 65% of Oregon students in these grades is to increase our number of individual donors. OLSHF's individual donor base is growing each year, one reason for this is the new **Prestigious Recurring Individual Donor Program - PRIDE** for short.

"We believe in the work of the Foundation and found that the PRIDE monthly recurring gift program works great for us," says OLSHF Past Chair and Lake Oswego Lion Sharon Rollins.

The beauty of the PRIDE monthly donor program is that small gifts add up over the course of a year. Personally, we both found that our monthly donation level adds up to a pretty significant amount over the course of a year, much more than if we were to write one check per year.

"We wanted to play at least a small part in helping." echoes District Governor Tom and Paula Hilgers.

And sometimes a new **PRIDE** member comes from where we least expect it. At our Keep the Promise Breakfast in Portland last month, Stacy Buckley shared with us that her young daughter Abby wanted to use a portion of her allowance to support our programs by joining **PRIDE**.

"Thank you...for helping Abby to see that every contribution counts no matter what a person is able to give. It's an important lesson! Abby will certainly get a kick out of it if she inspires others to join PRIDE too."

So, what are you waiting for? We invite you to join us - and to join Abby - as our newest member of the PRIDE!

By joining **PRIDE**, you'll also receive our beautiful PRIDE pin which symbolizes the commitment to the Foundation's efforts of keeping the promise made to Helen Keller of addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss. For info on how to Join **PRIDE** and to receive your **PRIDE** pin, please see page 19.



Abby's mom Stacy beams with pride for her daughter's thoughtful gift!

Note from OLSHF Chair Keith:

As I near the end of what is my second term as your OLSHF Chair, I'd like to thank all of the Lions Club members and the Lions Clubs in MD-36 that partner with the Foundation to help people in need. At OLSHF, we epitomize Helen Keller's famous phrase "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Together, MD-36 Lions and OLSHF help over 200,000 people in need each year and we do so in a way that is meaningful and long lasting. Soon, I'll no longer be your Chair of OLSHF but I look forward to continuing to be part of this long lasting partnership.



Keith Price
Board Chair



Doug Thompson
Executive Director

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received April 16 through May 15. Thank you to those supporters who expressed preferences for how OLSHF recognizes its donors. If you prefer we use your nickname, title, and to ensure we include a significant other, please let us know by emailing Info@OLSHF.org.

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Keep the Promise Events a Great Success!



Jessica, Ben, and Phil Barnhart attended the Keep the Promise Breakfast in Eugene in April. They shared how Lions detected young Ben's amblyopia while he was in Kindergarten.

Ben had mild behavioral issues in school at the time, which he no longer has now that his vision is healthy in both eyes. Phil told us, *"We would have had no idea that Ben's vision wasn't healthy...Thank you so much."*

Thank You Yachats Lions Club!



Due to the success of their amazing annual Crab Feed, the Yachats Lions Club recently made one of the largest Lions Club gifts to the Foundation this year - \$7,000! We can't wait for next year's Crab Feed!

King City Lions Keep the Promise!



From Debbie Riley Kane: *"[On May 11th] I experienced my first Keep the Promise Breakfast. I'm a member of the King City Lions Club, but did not fully understand the impact on lives we make every day."* Thank you Debbie for attending and sharing your picture!

We Invite You to Join the PRIDE!



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Lions Clubs Supporting Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs all across Oregon are known for the wonderful works they do and the support they provide to people in need – both in time and treasure. In order to gain the “treasure” they need for this support, clubs have a variety of fundraisers. The Gresham Breakfast Club Board of Directors decided to have a 50-50 drawing, where tickets were sold and the owner of the winning ticket was to receive 50% of total sales.

The theme of the raffle was “TAX DAY BONUS” so as appropriate, the drawing was held on April 17th (tax deadline day this year). The drawing was held at the Gresham Grocery Outlet, owned by the Gresham Breakfast Club’s current president, Lion Cory Price. Promptly at 9:00AM Lion Cory was wondering about who should draw the winning ticket. As it turned out, one of his regular customers was in the store with her little girl, Mia, and we all know that no one is as honest as a three-year old. So...the winning ticket was drawn and as luck would have it, it belonged to a member of the Portland Downtown Lions Club, Lion Merry Meek. Of the many hundreds and hundreds of tickets sold, most of them were to area Lions Clubs via visiting members of the Gresham Club. The seller of the ticket, Lion Steve Solcz, visited the Portland Downtown Club on Friday, April 20th to make the presentation. Lion Merry was extremely happy to receive the \$1,462.50 since it was just recently that she had paid her Federal Income Tax.

Now here’s the best part. At the same meeting, the Portland Downtown Club was holding a drawing for their own fundraiser. The winner of their raffle was to get a very nice case of wine. After the drum roll, the winner was picked and guess who won? Yep, it was Lion Merry Meek! After her surprise wore down, she shared her excitement and said that the day’s activities were a great help since she just recently had hip surgery and could use a drink now and then.



(l- r) Gresham Breakfast Lion Steve Solcz next to Portland Downtown Lions Merry Meek and President Wayne Baseden

All in all, it was a great experience for all involved and the entire process is a good example for all the clubs in our state. Make visitations not only to support your fundraising, but use them as a convenient and pleasant way to get to know each other.

submitted by Steve Solcz

Women's Service Project "Every 28 Days" a Huge Success at MD36 Convention!

Women Lion leaders in MD36 planned a service project, with the generous help of Lion Sue Jaggers and Lion Patty Harrison, to be done as a forum at the MD36 Convention in Eugene. We women Lions felt strongly that we haven't worked well toward meeting the needs of women of all ages who find themselves in difficult times.

Lion Sue and Lion Marysue Tiedtke provided 200 drawstring bags that were filled with feminine hygiene products. All of the products to fill the bags were donated and, after filling the 200 bags, much was still on the tables. Lion Patty Harrison delivered to local women's and family shelters the 200 feminine product bags, the extra supplies donated, AND 200 of the emergency kits in eyeglass cases that were created with supplies left from the USA/Canada Forum service project.

Thank you, women (and several men) Lions in MD36, for your help with this very needed project!



PDG Sharon Rollins and Lion Sue Jaggers, organizers of the
"Every 28 Days" service project

Photo by Henry Miller



Lion Patty Harrison receiving one of the many filled bags of
feminine hygiene products from Lion Dale Rollins.
Her car was full to the windows!

Photo by Judy Bachman



Group photo of the many Lions who worked to fill
200 feminine hygiene bags

Photo by Henry Miller

submitted by PDG Sharon Rollins

And the Winner Is.....



Dee Mackie was the final winner for the Elgin Lions winter/spring BINGO. Dee won a pot of \$400 and stated it was really needed as she just spent \$375 to cut a large tree located close to her house. Dee won on the soft cards with 56 numbers called during the event. The Lions will continue BINGO during the fall months.

PCC Steve Oliver presenting the money to Dee Mackie

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Spreading the Word about our Flag

The Elgin Lions Club recently distributed flags and stands to first graders in the Elgin and Imbler schools. Students skillfully answered questions about what the stars and stripes represented, and what the flags mean to them. The students are members of Joelle Johnson's split first and second grade classroom.

Lion Jim Hallgarth with 2 of the student participants



submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Seven Lions were inducted into the Elgin Club by PDG Gerald Hopkins and PCC Steve Oliver. PDG Gerald discussed the history of Lionism, while PCC Steve covered the current structure and what is expected from local Lions.



(l-r) PDG Gerald Hopkins, Sponsor Maureen Smolkowski (charter member), Kathy Patten, sponsor, Gene Hardy, David Cocke, Hutch Hutchins, Tammy Hutchins, Jim Hallgarth, Risa Hallgarth, Jim Way and Sponsor Susie Harris and PCC Steve Oliver.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Elgin Lions Clean Up the Roads

Lion Barbara Hawes has served as the chair of the Elgin Lions roadside cleanup for several years, coordinating safety issues with the Department of Highways, obtaining equipment and organizing teams along the mile stretch in and out of Elgin. Under her leadership, fourteen Lions participated in the weekend cleanup of the roads entering Elgin. The cleanup is conducted twice during the year.



Lion Barbara Hawes, chair of roadside clean up



Elgin Lions getting the job done

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins



Elgin Lion member Brock Eckstein receives the new member award, Silver Centennial Membership and Gold Centennial awards from Secretary Jared Rogers

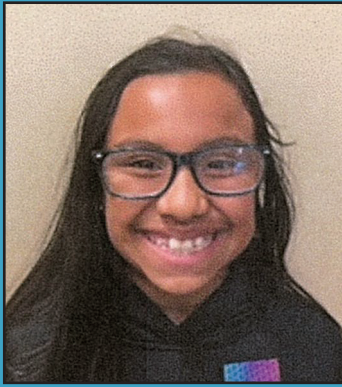
submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

The Elgin Lions continue their support of the Elgin Opera House with the latest production of Hairspray



(l-r) cast members Collin Tabler, Abby Hale, Elsie Zaugg, Lion PDG Gerald Hopkins, Miguel Vasquez, Alaina Watson, Ari Bloodgood and Lion Hutch Hutchins

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins



Jasmin is very happy with her new glasses

Partnering with the Shopko for Eyeglasses

On February 7, 2018, Jasmin Escalon Molina was the recipient of glasses through the Shopko Project Eye Care program. This program allows 5 children up to the age of 18 to receive an eye examination and glasses at any Shopko that has an optical shop. Jasmin's family had just relocated to Bend and had not yet been signed up for the Oregon Health Plan so she was not covered for glasses. The FAN (Family Access Network) Advocate contacted the Bend/Sunrise Lions Club for assistance and Jasmin received her glasses through Shopko. We have been advised that Jasmin and her family are very happy with her new glasses and her school work has much improved.

submitted by Russell Chase

Elgin Lions Support Summer Reading

Elgin's City Librarian, Michele Simmons, recently addressed the Elgin Lions on the summer reading program for youth. "Libraries Rock" is the theme of the program which begins June 14th and will terminate the end of July. Michele noted that the program is targeted for children ages toddler to 14 and those who complete the goal will be given a certificate for books. The Elgin Lions have provided funding in the past years for the books, and again voted to provide \$300 for the program. The Librarian noted that the goal is to have each of the participants read a minimum of 10 books through the program.

Michele told the group that 182 children and 33 adults participated in the reading program the past year. "I want the children to be as excited about reading as I am," Michele said.

Several facts were given about the local library including housing over 17,000 books, 1,000 audio copies, and 700 DVDs. Michele said that the Elgin Library has an interchange program with 77 other libraries and books can be ordered through those sources. Other sources included computer access, access for collegiate practice tests, and the ability to take tests monitored locally by staff. Copies can be made with veterans getting free service. Library cards from the La Grande Library are also honored in Elgin.



Michele Simmons

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins