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## Partnering Enables Lions to Serve



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## Recapping the District 36-R Conference



Standing (l-r) DG Steve Moser, DGE Linda Stent and 1VDG Lynn Coon. Seated are ID Steve Thornton and Becky Thornton.



District R Cabinet Secretary & Albany East Lion Secretary Jadie De Lille Wright introduces River Dale Wright, a Future DG?

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## ANNIVERSARIES

June 2020 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
So. Oregon Drifting	June 5, 2014

### July

Dorris	July 16, 1946
Yachats	July 20, 1950

#### 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.

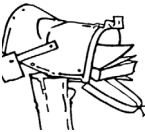
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## MONTHLY CALENDARS

### MEETINGS

#### June

- 11 OLSHF Patient Comm. Mtg
- 13 Dist. E Cabinet Mtg., 10am-1pm, Sutherlin
- 29 SOLSHC Board Mtg. @ 5:30pm

#### July

- 27 SOLSHC Board Mtg. @ 5:30pm

### EVENTS

#### June

- 1 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave., NE @6pm
- 4-6 **NW Lions Leadership, BC, Canada POSTPONED until September**
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* deadline (for July-August combined issue)

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## Council Chair News



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### Creating Harmony Through Service

As I write this on May 5, we Lions and our communities are still sequestered in our homes, hoping to not just flatten the curve of the COVID-19 case numbers but to lower them. Good news appears on the horizon, if we all can stay safe and healthy.

Our MD 36 Lions have not let this closure of our clubs mean closure of our fellowship and service, however! Zoom and Google Hangout and Go To Meeting platforms have proven to be a very interesting way to connect with each other at club and District levels. Our MD 36 election is happening on another excellent platform, "election.runner.com", due to the cancellation of the MD 36 Convention. Lions all around the MD are now wondering if these methods of communication may change the landscape of how we meet and carry out business without the time and expense of travel. Personally, I see the future as being a mix of both electronic and face-to-face communication. Remember our November program and articles about Cyber Clubs? Well, it appears that circumstances opened those possibilities for us – just not in the way that we hoped.

Further on in this issue you'll read about service projects that MD 36 clubs have undertaken in many creative ways during the last eight weeks. The Lake Oswego Lions, District O, have a team of mask makers: 1,200+ masks and kits produced today, with a large percentage going to TriMet for use by bus and other drivers and staff. Lion Gretchen Olson has been the light bulb behind this bright idea and gathered the team to work with her. As I write this, she is at the TriMet regional HQ conducting

a class for those staff who want to learn the proper method of creating the masks – the service continues!

Many Lions have become the wheels for folks not able to do safe food shopping, or needing to attend to medical needs. Kudos to everyone who has stepped up to deliver food and necessities! I also know of Lions who have ordered toilet paper, disposable diapers, and cleaning products from Amazon and then delivered these most needed items to their local food pantries (Dale and I have been doing this – even though the wait for TP has been up to 6 weeks!).

I want to share two wonderful pieces of encouragement with you. The first is by Amelia Earhart, with thanks to Robin Stoeckler of the Beaverton Lions who shared it: "A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the shoots spring up and make new trees".

Let's make our continuing service to our communities be the roots and the new shoots springing up become the new Lions that we bring in to join us as we serve.

The second piece is by the much beloved Fred Rogers: "At many times throughout their lives, children will feel the world has turned topsy-turvy. It's not the ever-present smile that will help them feel secure. It's knowing that love can hold many feelings, including sadness, and that they can count on the people they love to be with them until the world turns right side up again".

Lions, let's be the people that others can count on for help in this topsy-turvy world. WE CAN SERVE our communities in so many creative ways!

Council Chair Sharon

## Directory Corrections

p. 84 PDG Bruce Boone has passed away.



## District O - Northwest - North Coast



**District O Governor Column**  
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WOW! The first half of the district goals and club visits were on track to grow this wonderful District O. New clubs like Tillamook were flourishing and a new start in Cannon Beach was just about ready to have a get together for planning. Many existing clubs were eager to put into action their plans to invite new members. Many had materials and help from Regional Chair Lulu along with her grant to buy a variety of items from display materials to pizza for get togethers.

.... And Then . . . .

Well, life changes and we have an opportunity to learn. Lessons learned:

- Time management is essential to complete goals even with a major change.
- Know your priorities. Sometimes it is difficult to decide personal goals for the local good and still optimize our global goals, especially with LCIF and OLSHF.

In visiting clubs, I found that when I really listened to them, I could find out what was important. And members perked up, contributed ideas and owned their own plan for club improvement.

District -O- Leaders, DGE Sheri, 1VDG Doug and 2VDG Kerith, are developing a three-year plan to direct our adjustments and goals as we smoothly transition year to year using our diverse skills to optimize every district governor's opportunity to accomplish their goals. I will be GMT along with dynamite Lulu so we can continue with club building. GMT Dane, GST Fae and GLT Bert are a team with spirit, eager to try new ideas. Please jump on board with any skills and energy that you can contribute to our new future for our district.

I thank everyone for the experience that we Lions have shared this last year.

Respectfully, Terry Bowman, DG 36 – O

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



**District R Governor Column**  
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As I begin my last article as DG I am reminded of a quote of Albert Einstein "When you stop learning You start dying". And boy do we have a lot to learn now and into the future. What is the new normal? Are you as tired of hearing that as I am? Still, we need to pay attention. Things are changing every day and what the playground rules are today might not be the same tomorrow. Right now as I am writing this we know that Governor Brown has said no large group gatherings until after at least September 15<sup>th</sup>. Ouch no state fair!! My favorite place to go at the end of summer and before school starts. I love the vender sales pitches" but wait there's more". So, as everyone's heads continue to spin, I continue to think about a quote from Sam Gleen's book *Attitude* "To keep your attitude working for you, focus on what you can control when everything is out of control.

So, what did we in District R control this year before we got slowed down by this mess? We attended the opening of Heartfelt House in Springfield. We secured an \$11,000 E-prep grant for Central School District and an \$800 grant for wood and materials for bird houses for the children who will attend Gales Creek Camp when it reopens. We tested over 50,000 students in District R schools. Our clubs helped students and adults get glasses and supported our Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Moneys were sent to LCIF for further assistance all over the world. We helped schools, communities, parks and the list goes on and on.

But once we start moving again in our communities they will need our help more than ever, so once again "focus on what you can control when everything is out of control." Remember it's one day at a time and we are in this together. Tomorrow we will still be here, but we will have moved one more step forward.  
DG Steve



## District E - Southern - South Coast



### District E Governor Column Bob Chaney

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Parting is such sweet sorrow again.

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 MD 36 through this medium again, at least not for another year.

This year has been one of the most exciting and fulfilling years of my life. I have been humbled, surprised and exhilarated once again 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. Thank all of you 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. These last three months have been trying at best. Not being able to convene with one another because of this pandemic has, to a degree, put a damper on an otherwise incredible year.

I finished my visitations in early December 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 have Continued to Rock 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 45 new members for this fiscal year. Unfortunately we lost 78 for a net loss of 33. We also lost two clubs, Grants Pass Redwood and Cave Junction but there is the possibility of a new club on the horizon.

We have had 13 of our 33 clubs report service hours this year on MyLion. 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 thanks that I want to hand out. First to Joyce and Vince for their continued support at every turn and their vast knowledge. Second, the Council. Sharon (Patsy) you have done a wonderful job in a troubled time. You have become a valued friend. Thank you for being there.

Now for my fellow DGs. This journey for us began some three years ago and we all bonded and became fast friends. Our friendships will last a lifetime and we will forever be linked. Terry (Elvis) you always kept us laughing and your words of encouragement and support were always appreciated. Thank you, Thank you very much Steve (Johnny), your knowledge and innovative thinking was always appreciated and your insight at times was greatly needed. Gary (Hank), what can I say. You, Sue and I hit it off from the beginning and have built friendships far beyond Lions. Thank you for all that you have done. And finally, 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 again 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 Gary Mose

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It doesn't seem possible that this is my last newsletter. I'm disappointed we were not able to gather together for our 36G Convention or the MD36 Convention. I know we would have had a wonderful time sharing Lion fellowship at both. As I reflect over the past year, there have been ups and downs, but I've been blessed to have been able to meet many great Lions and make new friends, with whom I plan to keep in contact, as well as revisit as your Global Membership Chair.

The impact of the February flooding in Umatilla, Union and Wallawa counties is ongoing and will take a year or more for these areas to recover. A big THANK YOU to those Lions clubs who helped with food, supplies and monetary donations. But our work is not done. I urge all clubs in our district and around the state not to forget those who are in such great need. Please consider supporting our efforts as we work with LCIF on a matching grant.

I'm truly impressed with how our clubs are continuing to serve their communities. While COVID 19 required clubs to cancel in-person meetings and fundraising events, some are working on creative ways to continue their service and raise funds. The Arlington Lions decided to go ahead with their Rifle Raffle and Lion Jodie Gentry sewed and donated 250 masks. The Elgin Club planted trees at the school, donated food and supplies to Pendleton flood victims and held a roadside cleanup. Halfway club couldn't hold their Crab Feed, but turned their energies towards their food bank. The Hermiston Club conducts meetings by Zoom and have invited community members and leaders to participate to discuss community needs. They're planning to give out school scholarships again this year. The La Pine Lions Club donated \$125 in grocery store gift cards to La Pine Community Health Clinic's COVID-19 community food voucher fund and Lion Penny sewed and donated 40 masks to the clinic. The club is planning a roadside clean up this month.

OLSHF Annual Parade of Checks – Don't forget to watch OLSHF's 36G Convention YouTube video and send in your donation.

LCIF Grants - District 36G received two grants - \$500 GAT grant and \$10,000 COVID-19 Disaster grant in May. With the COVID-19 grant, we're working with hospitals in the five most affected counties in the district to acquire medical supplies. We're also looking for volunteers to sew masks or gowns. Please contact either VDG John or myself if you can help.

As I take stock of my year as your DG, I want to thank you all for supporting my District Childhood Cancer Projects, for continuing to grow our membership by 80 new members, for volunteering long hours serving your clubs and communities, for being willing to accept change, learn new skills, AND for belonging to the greatest service organization in the world - LIONS.

Stay safe, stay healthy. Yours in Service.  
DG Gary Mose, "That's What It's All About!"

## Partnering Enables Lions

Lion DeeAnn Bohn became a Lion in Hood River, Oregon in 1999. She also works full time at Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC). Through her workplace, Lion DeeAnn desired to solve a need in our community through service.

Hood River is located in a valley at the base of Mount Hood and has approximately 50,000 acres of agricultural land. The majority of the area is orchards including cherries and pears. The orchards require extensive manual labor. The laborers spend hours looking into the sun and thus sustain eye damage. OCDC support services for migrant and seasonal workers, many with no medical insurance. Lion DeeAnn has spearheaded providing medical outreach during harvest time in our community.

Oregon Lions have the advantage of using their Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) to provide the equipment and assist in health screening. PCC Brad King of the Tualatin Lions Club drives the van with the required equipment to Hood River from Portland. The screening is setup with vision testing, blood pressure readings and glaucoma and diabetes tests inside the OLSHF vehicle. Results are processed and the clients are counseled and given options.



Health screening in Hood River valley began during cherry harvest in 2016. Equipment was setup at the OCDC facility locations and the OCDC staff were involved as interpreters for the Lions doing the testing. Partnership with the OCDC staff was invaluable in establishing a convenient location and interacting with clients speaking Spanish. Publicity for the screening was sent out on two Spanish speaking radio stations and also flyers distributed by the OCDC staff.

The first screening was scheduled for June 2016, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The OCDC staff registered clients using forms written in English and Spanish. The first screening had 61 clients and it took 5 hours to examine everyone. After screening, when it was determined that a client needed further examination, they were given instructions on how to contact the Hood River County Health Department for further examinations. The Lions have established a partnership with local optometrists. Also, Lions provide a selection of prescription glasses available to the clients for a \$20 investment in ownership. Nine people required prescription glasses. Many were counseled on diet and exercise due to indications of high blood pressure and diabetes. The people ranged in age from 72-year-old adults to 4-month old-children.

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## to Serve

In 2019, a partnership was arranged with One Community Health. The (finger prick) diabetes testing must be done by a current licensed RN or EMT. The nursing staff filled the need during their breaks and time off. They expressed a desire for partnership during future Lions health screenings.

Health screening occurs annually during harvest time beginning with cherries in June and running into September and pears. The screenings are scheduled by Lion DeeAnn during harvest time with the help of OCDC and OLSHF. The number of registrations has lessened in subsequent years due to the majority of clients becoming permanent residents of the valley and therefore, do not sign up to be retested every year.



Armida Ramirez and Laura Geraci-Lenke  
at the registration desk.



Lion Nancy Pavlenko vision testing

Partnering is essential to achieving the health screening of residents. OCDC has facilities in 16 counties including all four districts of MD36. OLSHF provides equipment and partnering with One Community Health nursing staff for diabetes testing.

I am grateful to Lion DeeAnn and her persistent determination to reach-out and help our friends and neighbors. If more information is needed, call Lion DeeAnn or me.

*submitted by PDG Judith Poage*





### **#WeContinue**

At **Lions VisionGift**, the safety and well-being of our employees, partners and recipients is always our priority, and we recognize the important role we play in providing transplant and research tissues. We continue to actively monitor the COVID-19/Coronavirus situation and are taking the necessary steps to help keep our communities safe.

We wish the best for you and your families during this time and we look forward to seeing you again soon.



submitted by Matt Webber

## Staying the Course Amid Uncertainty

As the door opens and this year's council exits and next year's enters we need to be mindful of several things, even more so now with this state of confusion that is our world.

We, as leaders within our Lions family, know that in these uncertain times that the members of our family need encouragement and support, now more than ever.

We don't know what is going to happen on a global scale over the next few months and possibly years but the one thing we can remain steadfast in is that Lions need to be there to assist in whatever way we can.

What does this mean to us as a Multiple District, a district, a club, and as individual members? It means we need to stay the course and continue to do what we do.

Remember our motto is We Serve and we can only continue to do that if we have members to provide the service. So if you are thinking that Lions may not need you any more, nothing could be further from the truth.

In this unsettled time we need to make sure we as members stay engaged and continue to invite others to join us in our causes because wherever there is a need there needs to be a Lion.

Sure, we may get discouraged because of the lack of physical social interaction but there have been some very creative ways of interacting through social media and on the phones. Also, over the next few weeks we are going to see restrictions start to loosen and we will need to be at the ready. This also gives all members the opportunity to talk with friends and family about becoming part of our Lions family.

As we all know and understand more members means more service and we need to continually encourage one another to stay the course because in the end there is going to be a new normal and we will need to pick up the pieces. Who knows maybe we could do a huge virtual induction ceremony, waive the initiation fee, pick up the first year dues, etc.



Canyonville Lions Club President Donna Oltman (R) is given a hug by new member Jacqueline Hollingsworth following her induction in May of 2019.



(l-r) PCC Gail Black poses with the newest members of the Canyonville Lions Club and their sponsors following their induction. Pictured are new member Jacqueline Hollingsworth, her sponsor Marilyn Chandler, new member Rhoda Jones, her sponsor Pam Carroll and new member Birdie Hanna (Pam Carroll was also her sponsor).



During a club meeting in March of this year Sutherlin Lions Club President Lou Fuller (left) inducts new member Gail Lund (right) as her sponsor Rick De Young (center) looks on.

There are all kinds of ideas and various protocols that can be implemented it just is really dependent on what we as clubs, districts and multiple districts are willing to do to not only bring in new members but keep our current members involved.

There are also a multitude of resources on the LCI website that can show how Lions are adapting to the digital age and imagining new ways to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, promote peace, and encourage international understanding through Lions club.

*Written by DG Bob Chaney on behalf of 2019-2020 Council*

## Your Club Can Easily

With the pandemic, is your Lions Club not holding a meeting....in an actual room? If you haven't taken a look at Zoom meetings, try it because it's easier than you think.

With this article, you'll learn about clubs doing Zoom meetings already, how to download the free app to host one, and pointers what to do at your Zoom meetings. With Zoom's free online meetings, you can have up to 100 participants for a 40 minute gathering. The upgrade basic plan costs about \$15/month and you have unlimited time up to 1,000 participants.

To start, let's be clear that there are other FREE websites you can use instead of Zoom. There's GoToMeetings, Microsoft's Team, Skype, Facebook and other free apps. My Lions club has used Zoom and I'll focus on this website here.

### ***Clubs Doing Online Meetings***

My Portland Bentham Lions Club has held regular club and board meetings since mid-March. We did our officer nominations online, did a fun, social meeting with each club member telling about themselves for 5 minutes, and we also had our first guest speaker.

Around the multiple district, other Lions are also holding online meetings. A few clubs like the Gresham Breakfast and Mt. Hood Lions used online software for board business. The Lake Oswego Lions held a meeting with 15 of their club members and some thought it was very organized. Other clubs in District O to use online software are Portland Legacy, Portland Hollywood, Beaverton, Oaks Bottom, West Linn, and Forest Grove Lions Clubs. The Milwaukie Lions planned their Spring Flower Sale on Zoom and are selling the flowers online.

In District R, the Central Lions and DG Steve Moser held board meetings online. Several clubs in District G held online meetings including The Dalles, Pendleton, and the Hood River Eye Openers Lions Clubs. Other clubs across the multiple district are holding online meetings and I apologize if those clubs are not listed here.

### ***How to Use Zoom***

To join a Zoom meeting as a participant, you DO NOT need to download the app. But, if you want to host a meeting, here's what a Google search says are the steps.

### ***How to download Zoom on your PC***

1. Open your computer's internet browser and navigate to the **Zoom** website at **Zoom.us**.
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "**Download**" in the web page's footer.
3. On the **Download** Center page, click "**Download**" under the "**Zoom** Client for Meetings" section.
4. The **Zoom** app will then begin **downloading**.

You can use a computer, tablet, or your smart phone to do this. I found that it was easier to host, send emails and join a meeting from my smart phone. But, with a computer, you can see everybody all at once. More about this later in the article. Once you've downloaded the app, you'll need to create a profile by entering your email as the user name and to create a password. Then open Zoom (click on the icon, which is a blue square with a white cartoonish camera).

Then click the button for "New Meeting."

You should then see yourself on your screen.



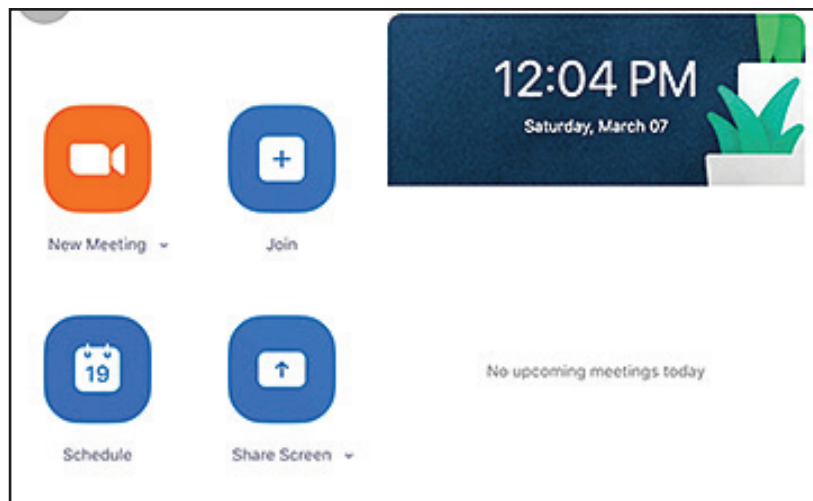
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## Hold Zoom Meetings

Next step is to invite others to join your meeting. Touch or click on the screen and you'll see either "Invite" or "Participants" towards the bottom. Click on "Invite" (or "Participants" then "Invites"), then it'll ask you to choose how you'll send the invitation. To use email, click on the email icon. Then type the email addresses you want and click send.



Screen with "New Meeting" to host your own online club meeting.

Instruct and remind your club members how to join the meeting. All they need to do is open the email you sent and click on the light-blue link that appears in the email. This should take them to your online meeting. If it didn't work, they can open their email again and try again (or restart their computer and try again).

Sometimes your club members will need to unclick the video and microphone icon on the bottom of their screens in order for them to see you or be seen and also to be heard. Practice ahead of time with club members to insure they know how to join the meeting and to unclick these icons. Sometimes they'll need to go to their "Settings" and turn on the button to activate microphone.



An example of "Gallery View" on Zoom.

## What to Do at Zoom Meetings

If you're using a computer for a Zoom meeting, it's easy to see everyone if you click on the "Gallery View" button in the top, right corner of the screen. Then all of the member's photos will fill the screen. If you're using a tablet or smart phone, you'll only be able to see the person who is talking.

It's good to practice the same protocol and etiquette as with a regular club meeting; be organized, have an agenda, have a facilitator, and one person talks at a time. Consider showing photos or letters or other print material on your screen by clicking on "Screen Share" in the top, right corner. You'll need the photo or document already on your computer to share it.

Consider inviting people to be a presenter at your online club meetings. They also can just join the meeting halfway through for their 20-minute presentation.

Having Zoom meetings are easier than you think. For more accurate instructions, it's best if you do your own Google search and watch a video how to download and also how to use Zoom. To prevent hackers from entering your meeting, you can create a "Waiting Room" which requires the host to admit invited participants. It's possible that the company has added this feature to your Zoom free account already.

Any questions, feel free to email me at [bertdiamond@gmail.com](mailto:bertdiamond@gmail.com). And there are other Lions in the multiple district who also know about this so ask them too. Have fun at your next online meeting.

*submitted by PDG Bert Diamond*

## Recapping the District

It was a beautiful day in Corvallis, Oregon, as District 36R Lions gathered for their annual Conference: a time for renewing old friendships and making new ones. Lions love to get together and share what their clubs have been doing to promote Lionism.

Our convention started with the Presentation of the Flag conducted by Eagle Scouts from the Monmouth-Independence Troop 38. Following the Flag Presentation, Corvallis Mayor, Biff Traber, welcomed all Lions and guests and said he was honored that District 36R had chosen Corvallis for its convention.

An important piece of business reserved for this annual Convention is the formal nomination and election of 2020-2021 District officers: Governor-elect: Linda Stent of the Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club and First Vice District Governor Elect, Lynn Coon, from the Junction City Lions Club.

Our keynote speaker was International Director Steve Thornton. Director Thornton and his wife, Becky, live in Wooster, Ohio. Director Thornton has been a Lion since 1980. He has held many positions including District Governor, Multiple District Council Chairperson and District GMT Chairperson. He has also served as a new club development consultant.

During the course of the convention, Lions were encouraged to visit the many displays and to support the many vendors who, in turn, support the local Lions in their respective areas. Attendees were also able to look over the many club displays such as the story boards, club folders, club newsletters and other items that show attending Lions what other Clubs do, not only at the local, state and national levels, but also internationally.

The Mohawk Valley Lions Club's story board received the First Place award. Lion Elaine Marsh accepted the first place ribbon on behalf of her club. The first place brochure award went to the Junction City Lions. Lion Lynn Coon accepted this award for his club.



**Elaine Marsh, Mohawk Valley, accepts 1st Prize Ribbon for a beautiful Story Board.**

Another popular area was the Environmental photography section which highlighted Oregon scenery and nature. Lion Ted Carlin was the Environmental Chairman and thought "Why not include photos of Oregon? We have such a beautiful state, let's show it off". Thank you, Lion Ted and crew.

A highlight of each convention is the opportunity to welcome First Timers. These are Lions who will be carrying on the Lions tradition by serving their community in many different capacities. There were approximately ten "First Timers" going around collecting signatures and getting to know fellow Lions. The Junction City Lions appeared to have the most First Timers, but great work to all the clubs that had First Timers at the Convention.

We can't forget the Peace Posters display and competition - PDG John Hamstreet presented four awesome posters. The judges select the poster to go on to the State Convention. The participants did a wonderful job in creating their posters.

DG Steve Moser, a Fireman himself, had four fireman's boots that were passed around during the convention in order to collect donations. Lion Mike Skinner kept teasing fellow Lions with \$20 bills, challenging them to match his donation. This led to lots of laughter and giving each other a bad time. DG Steve was able to collect enough to present the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) \$ 267.50 and the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) \$ 267.50. It was a wonderful idea which paid great dividends for Lions.



**Junction City Secretary Mike Skinner had everyone in stitches putting \$\$ in and then taking \$\$ out from the boots. In the end OLSHF & LCIF received \$\$.**

## 36-R Conference

A great part of every convention is the Parade of Checks. During this time, OLSHF staff and trustees accept checks and donations from clubs and individuals. Executive Director Doug Thompson followed up by going over the many projects for which the money will be used. Other Foundation staff also gave some insight about the projects presently going on in the State. They helped us understand the many different steps taken before the end product, glasses, are able to be given to those who need them.

The Foundation each year recognizes a Lion who goes above and beyond for the welfare of their community. This year the Foundation recognizes Susan Pfanner for her exceptional dedication. Congratulations Lion Susan Pfanner!

Following the luncheon, attendees were invited to attend of the three great breakout sessions, all of which were informative and timely.

One of the breakout sessions was Community Disaster Preparedness and LCIF Grants. Jason Clark, Director of Program Planning & Project Management for Central School District 133, explained what we need to do to prepare for an emergency. Jason stressed that in an emergency, we should have two kits and a plan.

The first kit should include a gallon of water per day per person for drinking and sanitation and three days of non-perishable foods that are easy to store and prepare.

The second kit should contain warm clothing, duct tape, heavyweight garbage bags or plastic sheeting that can be used to seal windows and doors if needed, to create a barrier between yourself and outside contamination.

Once the kits have been prepared, the next step is to: Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency. For example, if family members get separated, have a plan on who everyone will call or email to let them know that they are safe and where they are (location). A well-developed plan will give family members peace of mind that you are in a safe place.

A second breakout session discussed the New Scouting Program. Lions clubs wishing to partner with and/or sponsor Scout groups in their community will find this information very informative. Lion Michael Bendorf, of West Salem Lions, is the Scout Leader of Troop 133. He went over the challenges and strategies for successfully involving girls in the community Scout program. West Salem Lions are great sponsors of both Boys and Girls Scouts.

Kerith Vance & Melinda Rhodes, from the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) conducted a third session on "Sight & Hearing Training". It was open to all Lions not just Sight & Hearing Chairs. The Foundation staff provided updated information for Lions on how best to provide assistance for people in our community. They covered information on both Sight and Hearing applicants, how they would qualify and what their obligations are. Kerith & Melinda are sending out additional information to all Sight and Hearing chairs. They also have been doing a webinar every Thursday at 11 am which is a great source for information.

DG Steve gave out four Presidential Awards to Lions Mary Voorhees, PDG John Hamstreet, Craig Urbani and Rod Taguchi. All are outstanding ambassadors for Lionism in their Communities.



**Susan Pfanner (EDTL) was chosen Volunteer of the Year by OLSHF.**



**PDG John Hamstreet (Dallas Lions), Mary Voorhees (EDTL) & Craig Urbani (Salem West) were three of the recipients of a "Certificate of Appreciation" by DG Steve Moser & ID Steve Thornton.**

*submitted by Henry Miller, President Springfield Lions*



## Lake Oswego Lions Step Up to Fill a Need

Everyone's life has been affected by COVID-19, a major problem since mid-March 2020. One of the worst parts of this pandemic is the feeling of helplessness and an inability to do anything. As first vice president of the Lake Oswego Lions I quickly researched ways to help our community stay safer and feel better at home, in public and at work. Jollean Bangerter, 2nd Vice President of our club, soon joined me in this project. We quickly determined that providing reusable fabric masks to people in our community would be the best way to help. We prioritized that to provide the masks to- essential service providers (healthcare providers, store staff, bus drivers, etc.), high risk citizens (elderly, those with underlying conditions) and the general public was the way to help the most people as quickly as possible.

I then did extensive research to find a pattern for the best mask that could be easily sewn. This resulted in the use of a 2 piece pattern that required 2 of each piece. I reached out to our community for donations of fabric, thread, elastic and volunteers. I briefly explained our project. The donations began flooding in. Elastic was the only thing that we needed to purchase and have continued to purchase to date.

We planned how to make masks effectively using volunteers' skills. We needed to maximize the time and talents of our volunteers. We created an "assembly" line:

- 1) wash, dry and iron all donated material so that it is ready to cut,
- 2) cut large pieces of fabric into manageable sizes, 2 layers thick- outsides facing together so it's easier to send to the next step,
- 3) cut the fabric into 9-12" squares based on the purpose of the mask,
- 4) pin/trace the pattern onto the inside of the fabric and cut so you have a full mask ready to sew,
- 5) the sewing team then gets masks that are ready to sew,
- 6) sewn masks are returned to me for completion of adding the elastic and distributing to those who have requested them.



Each mask has metal at the top of the nose so that the mask is snug to the nose. We are using paper clips because they are easy to straighten, are readily available and won't rust when/if they get wet. Using plastic results in melting. This metal is sewn in when the masks are sewn together by our sewing team. The masks also are designed to go under your chin. They are ranked 65-75% effective in prevention of spreading COVID-95 if you are the only one wearing a mask. If all people are wearing similar masks they are rated 75-85% effective. They also have a side slot on both sides so that an additional filter (i.e. paper coffee filter) can be added to increase the masks effectiveness).

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## Lake Oswego Lions Step Up to Fill a Need Continued

To date the Lake Oswego Lions 75 volunteers have made over 2,000 mask kits. Of these, over 1,000 went to TriMet along with 200 completed masks so that their bus drivers and workers who deal directly with the public would have masks as quickly as possible. I conducted 2 workshops with TriMet to train their staff to make masks so that TriMet can continue to make masks for their employees. Almost 500 more masks have been donated to high risk members of the community. We have provided masks to the Raphael House, Nursingale, Safeway workers and ComForCare. They have also been given to local retirement facilities, churches, homeless shelters and other retail service staff. The remaining masks have been given to essential service providers and the community as requested. We are still making masks, so these numbers will go up.

For our efforts we received a \$1,000 donation to our club from TriMet and an additional \$300 from donations from people who have received masks. We did not sell any masks. All masks have been provided free of charge to anyone who requests them from the Lake Oswego Lions.

It's been wonderful and very rewarding to see so many Lions and community members join together during this crisis to help so many people be safer and stronger. It has been a great way to show so many what Lions clubs are all about.

The Lake Oswego Lions are still accepting donations of supplies and money so that we can continue to make masks for our community. Make checks payable to the LO Lions Charities Inc.

If you are interested in starting a mask project for your Lions club, your community, or yourself please contact me so I can provide you with details on how to make it happen, [gretchenolson@icloud.com](mailto:gretchenolson@icloud.com). If you would like the mask pattern, instructions, etc. please contact Jollean Bangerter [bangerterlj@gmail.com](mailto:bangerterlj@gmail.com). Please stay safe and healthy as you continue to serve.

*submitted by Gretchen Olson, Vice President, Lake Oswego Lions Club*

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## MD 36 Peace Poster Winner

Meet Jorie Liang, our MD 36 2019-2020 Peace Poster artist, with her winning creation! Jorie has just finished sixth grade at Lake Oswego Junior High School. She is an amazing young woman, busy with her schoolwork, artistic creations, and her favorite activity of rhythmic gymnastics. Jorie and her parents, as well as her two sisters, have asked to join the Lions Club and be a part of serving their community! Lake Oswego Lions are very happy to welcome Jorie and her sisters as Cub Lions and her parents as active new Lions.



Jorie with her poster and the award envelope.

*submitted by CC Sharon Rollins  
Oregon Lion June 2020 15*



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## Saving School Vision Screenings



Doug Thompson  
Executive Director

Since 2013, the Oregon Legislature has passed multiple laws and appropriations mandating vision screening for children and reimbursing schools for the cost of vision screening. This is in recognition of the fact that 25% of children have an undiagnosed vision problem that can significantly impact their ability to succeed in school. Identifying vision issues early and subsequent treatment can dramatically improve student outcomes, including positively impacting Oregon high school graduation rates.

Students who can't read at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. Eighty percent of learning is visual. Oregon students have already been adversely affected by missing out on important classroom experience.

OLSHF already has over 500 public schools scheduled for vision screening events for 2020-2021, which would amount to approximately 200,000 students screened. We anticipate scheduling at least 100 more schools for the 2020-21 school year. Moreover, we expect to refer at least 20,000 students to Oregon eye care providers to get the vision care they need.

Gov. Brown has asked all Directors of Oregon departments to provide a revised budget reflecting 8% to 17% in proposed cuts from their budgets. Oregon Department of Education Director Colt Gill is considering the elimination of the School Vision Screening fund (\$800,000) for next school year.

This possible elimination of funds is due to a misunderstanding that Lions vision screening - which utilizes no-touch screening technology - violates social distancing guidelines. OLSHF is confident that we are able to provide vision screening to Oregon students while maintaining a minimum 6 foot distance from students at all times.

During this time of social distancing, OLSHF recognizes the need to adapt our current screening protocols to keep the students, school personnel, and our team safe. The SPOT hand-held screening device we use needs to be three feet from the student's eyes to take the measurements needed to detect vision issues. Our foundation redesigning our screenings to meet health guidance.

We ask that you send an email to your state legislators as soon as you're able. Your assistance could help over 200,000 Oregon students to be screened for vision health issues in 2020-2021. Here is a sample email:

*Dear (INSERT YOUR LEGISLATOR) and Director Gill,*

*I am writing to you in my role as an Oregon Lion to urge you to preserve school vision screenings for the next school year.*

*The Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) is adapting school vision screenings to protect the students, school personnel, and their team members while limiting visitors to participating schools.*

*OLSHF is able to follow all ODE requirements for social distancing, PPE and any additional requirements put in place to reopen schools this fall. We know that by working with ODE and the schools, kids can safely receive these critical vision tests.*

*Thanks for your support!*

*-INSERT YOUR NAME*



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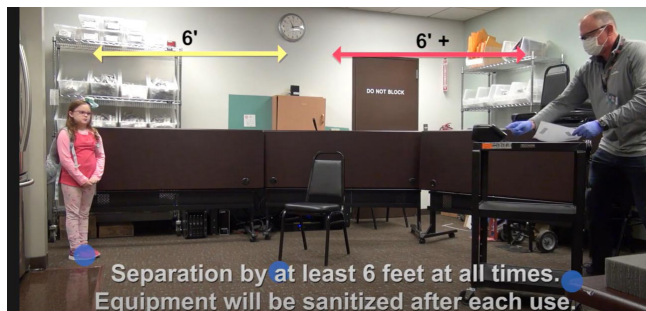
## Saving School Vision Screenings continued

On Thu, May 21, we held an informational webinar and shared several examples of how we are adapting our screening methods for this fall.

Our foundation is redesigning our screenings to be:

- OLSHF staff, working in teams of 2-5, will have appropriate personal protective equipment including options of masks, eye wear, face shields, gloves, cleaning wipes, and more.
- Equipment will be disinfected between every event and during events whenever staff exchange equipment.
- We will secure the SPOT device on the front of an adjustable surface (such as an A/V cart with a tripod; supplied by OLSHF).
- The student moves into the initial position, then when asked, they provide their ID label by placing it on a clipboard once the team member has moved out of range.
- After the student steps back, staff inputs the student ID and adjusts the SPOT device to align with the student's eyes.
- The staff member steps back and the student steps forward to be screened. The SPOT takes the images and digitally records the screening results.

Visit our OLSHF YouTube channel to see examples. Use your browser to visit [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

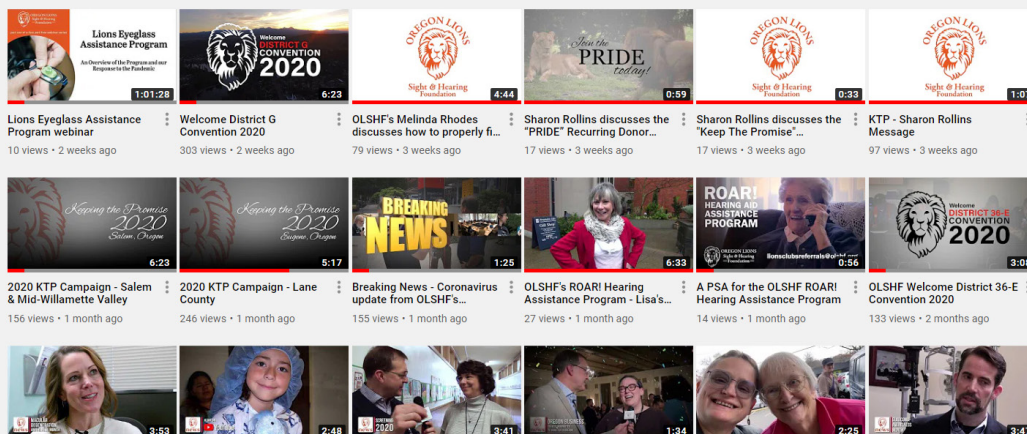


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## Remembering Edward “Ted” Carlin



To our great loss, our friend and team member Ted Carlin passed away suddenly and unexpectedly this past March. His wife Phyllis continues to be comforted by loved ones at her home in Crooked River Ranch.

Ted was a retired Elementary School Teacher, beginning his career in Jefferson, Oregon and then spending many years with Phyllis teaching on American military bases in Europe. Ted enjoyed travel, golf, photography, and especially enjoyed a good joke and spending time in the company of good friends

Ted was a man of adventure and when he set his mind to doing something, he got it done. Ted was highlighted in the news in 2010, featuring Ted's Walk Across Oregon to raise awareness of his belief of the need to raise the speed limit in rural Oregon.



Ted loved OLSHF and his work identifying vision health issues in Oregon students. He led a band of Lions and other volunteers throughout Central Oregon schools and did his best to ensure that every student in the school was screened. Ted cared about every child in every school that he screened and he dedicated himself to helping as many children as he possibly could.

Ted took it upon himself each year to recognize all of the volunteers that helped out at his school screening events. Ted organized the event at a local restaurant, provided food and beverage, and even presented each volunteer with special recognition for their support of the program. Ted cared about every volunteer and made them feel special.

The world was a better place because of Ted Carlin. His smile and laughter, his energy and enthusiasm, his dedication to helping others, all of these attributes of Ted will be missed but not forgotten.

Rest in Peace, Ted.





## Pediatric Cancer Project

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to meet with a Director of the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program. I learned a great deal about the challenge facing far too many kids who are diagnosed with cancer. The statistics are frightening: A child is diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes in the US, which is a 13% increase over 20 years ago. The average age of diagnosis is 6 years, but cancer can appear in kids from infancy to adulthood. Forty years ago, a child with the most common type of leukemia had a 58% chance of surviving 6 months; today a child with that type of leukemia has an 89% chance of being cured!

In 1999, a non-profit organization was founded to raise money for advanced cancer treatment and research: The Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program (KDCCP). Don't let the fact that one of our partner service organization's name is on the program mean that we Lions aren't welcome to participate! We are needed to partner with the Kiwanis Clubs of Oregon on this amazing program. Here is how the program works to benefit kids from our entire state:

Leaps in childhood cancer survival rates have occurred due to research and participation in clinical trials. Through volunteer teams working to secure donations to the KDCCP, a steady flow of funding supports a Fellowship Program at Doernbecher Children's Hospital/OHSU. Each year the very best physicians interested in training in pediatric oncology apply for a 3-year Fellowship Program; there are four Fellows at all times. These young physicians are trained as specialists in pediatric hematology/oncology to become the next generation of children's cancer specialists. During their first year, the Fellows work in the clinic at Doernbecher learning to treat children already diagnosed with cancer. During the second and third years, in addition to patient clinical work, the doctors work in the labs learning to develop and apply revolutionary therapies that will forever change how children are treated for cancer. After graduation some of the specialists stay on as faculty at Doernbecher/OHSU, while others join pediatric hematology/oncology programs across the country to continue to develop life saving therapies. KDCCP believes that preparing more of the best doctors to do research and discover new therapies will shorten the time it will take to eventually find the cure(s) for children's cancers.

As Lions, we can help to support this life-saving clinical and research program by making donations to the KDCCP. There would be no point in we Lions attempting to "re-invent the wheel" with a program of our own; 21 years have gone into creating this amazing program. For much more information, especially regarding specific research goals and the drugs under study, speakers are available to come to your club (when we are finally able to meet again!). In addition, the website, [www.kdccp.org](http://www.kdccp.org) is available for information. To arrange for a speaker, please contact John Brookens, at 503-957-1585 or [johnbrookens@kdccp.org](mailto:johnbrookens@kdccp.org).



I made the personal decision to work on a fundraiser after hearing John's presentation and doing research into the KDCCP. Talented members of my family helped in this fundraising effort by creating a beautiful small quilt that I had hoped to offer as a raffle item at the MD 36 convention this past month. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 closures meant cancellation of the convention. The quilt will be available for raffle all of the next Lions year at events in all four Districts, and the winner will be drawn at the MD 36 convention in Pendleton in May 2021. Hopefully, you all will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket and support, in this small way, the mission of the KDCCP.

Thank you all, Lions, for your dedication to serving our communities in so many ways!

*submitted by Council Chair Sharon Rollins*

## Springfield Lions: KVAL Can Do Food Drive!

April 15 was no longer a tax-day but a day for Helping Feed the Community and the Springfield Lions Club joined in this effort to support those in need throughout the community. Usually, twice a year the KVAL television station holds a food drive for FOOD 4 Lane County. But because of Coronavirus KVAL had to cease collecting food donations and turn this event into a telethon.

The Springfield Lions Club generally donates \$200 plus collected food donations to this event with an appearance in the morning and once again during the evening KVAL News telecast. However, COVID-19 brought about a change in plans. Thanks to a special anonymous contributor the Springfield Lions Club was able to dedicate \$1,200 to this project. Originally it was thought that we would call in a donation of \$100 each hour that the food drive was being aired (6 AM - 6 PM). It soon became evident that money donations were being announced each time the telethon segment aired. In the beginning with the Sparks VFW hall contributing \$200 and challenging other VFW halls to do the same, it only seemed fitting that the Springfield Lions Club do the same thing and go "All In" at the start. This required waking up Springfield Lion Club President, Lion Henry Miller, at 6:45 AM to get his approval. From that moment on the Springfield Lions Club was recognized four times an hour including during "CBS This Morning" time slot. This continued throughout the day until 5 PM. Around noon time the Eugene Downtown Lions Club was recognized for its \$1,000 donation followed at 6 PM by the Eugene Cascade Lions \$1,000 donation and Bethel Lions Club donation of \$1,000.

As of the 11 PM KVAL News, over \$60,000 had been donated and this did not include matches and pledges. In past KVAL events for Food 4 Lane County the most money collected was \$2,000 on average and thousands of pounds of food donations. FOOD 4 Lane County can provide 3 meals for every \$1 donated. Proud To Be A Lion!

*submitted by Lion Dale Howard, Springfield Lions Club Publicist*

## Elgin Lions Busy With Face Masks

Due to the Coronavirus, members of the Elgin Lions have been making face masks for families and friends. President Kathy Oliver had made over 75 Lion masks as of April 15. Oliver has been distributing the masks to Elgin businesses, as well as family, friends and other Lion members.



**President Kathy Oliver sewing Lion masks**

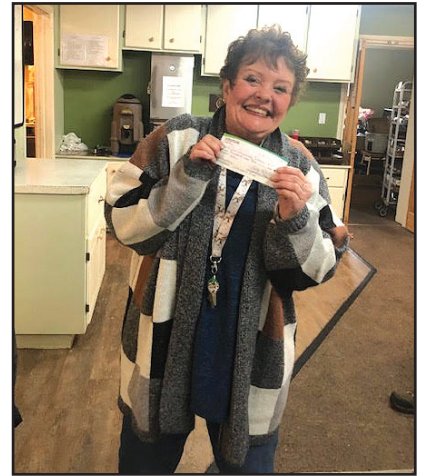
*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



## La Pine Lions Donate to the Community Kitchen

The La Pine Community Kitchen has been working diligently to supply meals to the low income and homeless residents of South Deschutes County these past few months. In March the kitchen suffered a fire which temporarily closed their kitchen. Funds from their food budget had to be diverted to purchase a new cook unit seriously impacting the Kitchen's ability to stay open and provide meals. In response to the local need, the La Pine Lions donated \$500 in March to the La Pine Community Kitchen to purchase food.

**La Pine Community Kitchen  
General Manager Sharri Dempsey**



*submitted by Sue Mose, La Pine Lions Club Secretary*

## The Dalles Lions Club Rolls with the Flow!!!

The Dalles Lions Club has been meeting weekly on Zoom for our regular meetings and our attendance has grown to 20-25 members present on their computers. We tried this for our last monthly Board meeting and ran up against the 40 minute limit for the free account. Since we didn't get our business finished we decided to meet in Lion Carolyn Layson's driveway to finish our business. The night of this meeting it was cold and windy with a hint of rain in the air, so we moved it inside and observed correct social distancing protocols. We did take the attached picture before we moved the meeting inside.



**Lion Tim McGlothlin as Elvis**

**(l-r) Lions, Tim McGlothlin, Kris Harmon, Carolyn Layson, Mike Kilkenny, Charles Raleigh, Nancy Cain (behind Chuck), Jim Youtsey, Ethan Wray, Ruth Delarosa, Ross Cain and on the camera is Bobby Delarosa.**

*submitted by Mike Kilkenny*



## District E Elections Completed

As most everyone is aware the District 36E and Multiple District 36 Conventions were cancelled this year due to the corona virus pandemic. Therefore, the election of officers and trustees had to be conducted in another way.

The District 36E cabinet chose to hold the election electronically using one of the secure online election sites.

The election for District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor along with the election for Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Trustee were conducted May 11 through 14.

The results of that election saw Carolee Blatter elected as District Governor; Steve Brewster, 1VDG; Danny Hawkes, 2VDG; and Carol Swesso, OLSHF Trustee.

All results were forwarded to Lions Club International as of May 15.

*submitted by DG Bob Chaney*

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## Elgin Lions Offer Community Garden Sites

During this time when many are feeling isolated and would like to get out in the fresh air, the Elgin Lions have the answer for community members. Once again, chairs Bob and Susie Thomas have informed the community that 4-foot by 8-foot raised beds are available to grow vegetables or flowers. Not only are the beds free, but the Lions are offering free water, free fertilizer and “free sunshine”. Also available for the growers is a storage shed for the growers’ tools. The Thomases stated, “All you need is some seeds and your hat.”

To reserve a bed, and to beat the virus isolation, growers can contact Bob or Susie at 541-436-2705, or contact any of the Elgin Lions.

Lions Club members – you could share this with someone that might be interested.



Bob and Susie Thomas at the Lions’ Community Garden

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



Elgin Vice-President Janet Stafford with a box of glasses

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Elgin Lions Plant Trees in Community Park

The Lions of Elgin planted 12 trees in the Community Park as a part of their environmental project for the year. Several Lions showed up and worked in small groups due to the COVID-19. The trees included several maples and chokecherry species. The park is also used by students from Stella Mayfield School and the trees should provide shade for their activities.



(l-r) PCC Steve Oliver, President Kathy Oliver,  
Daryl Hawes and Everett Grandeen



**Bob and Susie Thomas**

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*