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Portland Bentham Lions Build Raised Beds

**Remember June is
Installation of
Club Officers Month**



(l-r) PDG Bert Diamond, PCC Steve Thomson, Bill Loos, Dale Rollins and Isaac Tevet.

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Portland Lloyd Lions - Hold Paper Shredding Event



Some of the Lions shown are: Gerald Caldwell, Bert Cornick, Morgan Dickerson, Dr. McCartney Goff, Helen Honse, Steve Okasaki, Matt Phillips, Bill Ruff, Medina Sonuga, Bill Stout and Tyler Thostenson.

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**Although the world is full
of suffering.
It is also full of the
overcoming of it.
~Helen Keller**

ANNIVERSARIES

June 2021 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

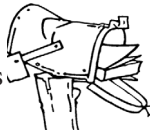
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Directory Corrections

- p. 28 Canby's Secretary, Dale Friedemann has passed.
- p. 97 Loose, Doug has new email of dougloose46@gmail.com

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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

June

- 5 OLSHF Trustee Retreat - Location TBD
Dist G. Cabinet mtg. via Zoom 9am-noon
- 9 OLSHF Patient Care Comm. mtg noon-1pm
- 19 Dist. E Cabinet mtg. 10am @ coastal area -
to be determined
- 28 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

July

- 26 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

EVENTS

June

- 7 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall,
4100 Cherry Ave. NE @6pm
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline for
July-August issue
- 20 Father's Day

July

- 4 Independence Day Observed



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Believe it or not – the end of the year is here already! Seems like yesterday we had the start of a new Lions Year, with its promises of great things to come. Even though we had already suffered the indignity of not being able to meet in person – Covid had its fangs already set with forced Zoom-type meetings, and lessened activities at the club and regional levels, we never thought that it would last for over a year. Presently it appears that some lessening of pandemic rules may allow for in-person training, meetings, fundraising and activities. Let us all hope it does come to pass that most will have been vaccinated soon, that masks will not be necessary, that things will open for all, and that we will once again have some semblance of normalcy!

The last issue of the year will be a summary of happenings, both highlights and downers for the state of Lionism in MD36. Saying that masks, distance and awaiting vaccines are an integral part of the “new normal” we hope that things will allow for better ways for us to meet the needs of our communities and its people. The ability to meet in person or via a hybrid method, that fundraising will again help us meet the myriad needs we know that exist, and that the calendar of events will again be met with pomp and circumstance, making us all busy and happier than we’ve been for the past several years.

Hope remains eternal, but reality must be reflected and then purged! We as a Multiple District continue to lose too many Lions through dropping out. This must stop! The loss of more than 350 Lions does not allow us to truly serve the needs of our communities, state or world! Dollars donated are as well lessened with fewer fundraising opportunities taken. Even at the local club level we seem to have more open

offices going unfilled or repeat office holders – some serving upwards of 5 or more consecutive years in the same office. This is wrong as members with less years of experience are being thwarted from accessing leadership or becoming qualified to do so.

District level events must be evaluated, addressed and solved. For many districts there are openings in governance level offices – first and second vice district governors not being elected at conventions, regional and zone offices going either unfilled or those appointed not getting the job done. Cabinet meetings often have few members in attendance or some with no reports given or presented. Some of these by request of the District Governor! Come on – get real – look at the duties for each Governor, Cabinet member, Club Officer, etc. Renew yourselves, first perhaps by re-acquainting yourselves with your obligations and fulfilling them.

Conventions via Zoom only save the need to travel, stay over-night and plan meals! It is cheaper, but at what loss – seeing each other, the ambiance of being there in-person, seeing those friends more than once per year, and essentially doing those esoteric things that Conventions are made for. Zoom becomes a poor second! We need to once again have the District and Multiple District Conventions where we meet, greet, do business and have fun being Lions of one mind, social animals with WE SERVE as the prime motto!

In summation – this has been a very difficult year – pandemic and other issues that split us instead of bringing us together. Faults lie in each of us via failure to properly communicate needs and furthering Lionistic ideals. Hope is eternal – may those governing in 2021-2022 come to grips with what is needed, work together, gain membership and the camaraderie of efforts Multiple District wide. I leave the year as Council Chair disappointed by actions and lack thereof, of some working to lessen what we could have done, and how the future has to change for the positive. Clubs – have meetings, do your activities, make your reports and re-engage yourselves in WE SERVE – making our communities better places to live work and play!

District O - Northwest - North Coast



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Lessons learned:

The 2020-2021 Lion year was not normal, but it is time to review challenges and how we met them. Or didn't.

Our nation and world were under the Covid-19 pall. However, last summer many clubs found outdoor locations and began developing their capacities with Zoom or GoToMeeting. We held our first hybrid Cabinet meeting in August, courtesy of Rockaway Lions and the Rockaway Catholic Church. With the basic skills hundreds of our Lions acquired this year, we can expect to launch more hybrid events in the future.

Hybrid Cabinet meetings allow attendance by people who otherwise need to drive 1-4 hours. That opens the door for more Lions to join the district committees on programs that interest them. Similarly, the district conventions have shown us great examples of web-based training.

Our Clubs adjusted: turning meal events into to-go drive-throughs (increasing sales!), selling plants through online vouchers to local nurseries, delivering florist orders on holidays, collecting cans and bottles and more. The new ideas will strengthen us even when most are vaccinated, and we can meet again in person.

We faced a month of fire and smoke in September. Multiple clubs and individual Lions immediately responded assisting their neighborhoods and evacuees. Yet I am painfully aware we could have done more. As District and MD Alert (disaster response) co-chair before my governorship, I know how that committee attempted to develop Lion disaster response capacities. We made progress, and joined Oregon VOAD. However, we did not sufficiently prepare clubs to inform District leadership of the conditions (including evacuees) in their own communities. We don't have a training and response structure.

Keeping track of where the fires were, being ready to evacuate, trying to follow incomplete and often inaccurate online reporting on where evacuees were, and seeking information on what – specifically – was needed (and where) took much time.

I became painfully aware of how difficult it was to do this, investigate grant opportunities and communicate with district and other disaster responders while also keeping up governor responsibilities. I don't want to see future governors left without a supporting team of Lions committed to Lions disaster response. That is why the Council of Governors has worked to form a MD 36 Lions non-profit: to develop our response capacities and network with relevant community entities ahead of time.

The main objection has been that it might compete with OLSHF. But McDonalds added egg McMuffins to their burger menu; Burger King added chicken and fish. Burger sales didn't decrease, customers increased because tastes differ. Volunteer activities bring us new members. Disaster Response brings dozens of volunteer opportunities. If we want to build membership, we need to add to our menu. Disaster response is on the LCIF menu, we need to cook more to deliver on our potential.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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Well, we've finally made it to the end of this year and it's been a rough ride – what with COVID and wildfires.

The response to the wildfire disasters was unbelievable. The Santiam and Holiday Farm fires were devastating but District R Lions were there to help with volunteers, supplies, and donations.

We obtained an LCIF disaster grant for \$10,000, which was spread around to the fire areas. We set up an account with our District Treasurer so people had a place to send financial donations.

As a result of the response we received throughout the District, the four District Governors recognized the need for better disaster response and proposed setting up an Oregon Lions Disaster Recovery Foundation. Donations would be tax-deductible for individuals and businesses and would also make us eligible to receive grants from larger grant organizations. To take advantage of that requires us to have a 501(C)(3) foundation. Many clubs in the District have 501(C)(3) foundations and are well aware of the benefits of having this type of foundation. If you attended the 36-R convention, you heard opinions from various levels of Lions leadership that in the future it will be necessary to have advance planning so we can be prepared when the next big disaster (think Cascadia) happens.

The other major events, of course, were COVID and the lack of in-person meetings and service projects. This continues to be a problem and there's no telling when it will end. We obtained an LCIF grant for \$10,000 for COVID relief and we contacted County Emergency Managers about how to best disperse this grant money, which was to purchase personal protective equipment and share it among the counties.

We wrapped up the year with our District convention. It took several Lions working together to make this happen. We had an International Director from Oklahoma who shared lots of LCIF information. We had eight breakout sessions about a variety of topics. A big "Thank You" to the Convention Committee that put together a totally virtual convention.

International President's Certificates of Appreciation (the 4th highest award in Lions) were presented to Lion Karen Norton of the Eugene Downtown club, Lion 1VDGE Lynn Coon of the Junction City club, and Lion Ward Frederick of the Silverton club. A special Club Excellence Award was presented to the Silverton Lions Club for their organization and support of the Santiam Fire field kitchen, where hundreds of evacuees, volunteers, and first responders were fed for over two months.

By now, you should have new club officers in place. Get all your club members involved. Look for opportunities to recruit new members. Get creative with service projects. To club leadership: "Bring out the best in the team by challenging them with tough but achievable goals, encouraging them with sincerity and trust, motivating them with a compelling vision and listening to them with empathy." -- Kai-Fu Lee, CEO of Sinovation Ventures

District E - Southern - South Coast



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This year, we District Governors have experienced something that no other District Governor has ever experienced - - - COVID. We had to adjust, learn to cope, and try our hardest to come out on top. Covid had us for awhile, but then we learned how to side step a bit and figured out how to achieve our goals, how to do fundraisers and to get things done. It has been a year of learning and adjusting - - -but we made it work.

We District Governors have formed a bond, we have worked together and have become friends. We were thrown together not knowing much about each other, but it all worked out well.

I am hoping to finish my visitations between now and the end of June. I have everyone scheduled except Myrtle Point and Crescent City.

I would be remiss if I didn't give thanks to PCC Gail Black and CCE Bob Chaney. Both have a wealth of knowledge and they were able to share some of that with me. I know whatever my future holds in Lionism, they will be there to guide me along. Thank you both for your help and continued support.

In your Lion travels remember, you join a family when you join a Lions club, and you make friends along the Lions trail, and you work together in fellowship. Thus, you have my theme for this year: Family, Friends and Fellowship.

Thank you to all my Lions clubs in District E for all you have done this year and for how you worked around Covid to have a successful year.

I am grateful for the opportunity of being your District Governor this year and serving our communities in District E. I could have not completed my job without your help and support. District E is doing well and will continue to do well in the future.

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column

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It has been my pleasure and honor to serve you this past challenging year as the 36G District Governor. Although the year did not go as intended (Ha!) we have nonetheless managed to carry on and make some positive changes in the district. Innovation was the hallmark of successful clubs this year as we all worked to serve our communities under the restrictions of COVID-19 lockdowns. Successful clubs found new ways to raise funds and new projects to carry on the tradition of Lions service. Another highlight was the implementation of virtual meetings, usually on the Zoom platform. This format allowed willing clubs to continue to meet, saved countless travel hours and dollars to attend District meetings, and even allowed the district to hold a highly engaging and informative convention this year! Lastly, the four current District Governors are proposing a new foundation for the express purpose of helping Lions to prepare for, respond to, and survive disasters. Remember we have experienced *three* Federally declared disasters this year: February 2020 floods, COVID-19, and wildfires so the need is great.

I am turning over District 36G to a highly motivated and experienced Lion, Kathy Oliver from the Elgin Lions. Her husband is PCC Steve Oliver, she has been president of the Elgin Lions, a Zone Chair, and has held many other positions in Lions. She will be an excellent leader for our District, but I want to give District Lions some suggestions about how to work with Kathy and help make her term a roaring success.

- Mind your manners! Don't ignore email and phone calls from DG Oliver or other District leaders. First, it is just plain rude, and secondly communication must happen in both directions; DG Oliver will do her part, but will you?
- Keep DG Oliver and your Zone Chair informed about what your club is doing. Be sure to enter all projects, activities, and fundraising activities in MyLion so your club gets LCI credit for your good work. This also helps LCI pursue funding from large donor organizations who want to know how their money is and will be spent.
- Invite DG Oliver to attend your club meetings, whether in person or online. Be aware of the protocol (manners) expected of a club when enjoying an official visitation by the DG. Here is a handy link to running a meeting, and a governor's visitation: <https://e-district.org/userfiles/47/file/PROTOCOL.pdf>
- If you are a club officer, especially a president, please know that as a part of your presidential responsibilities you are *expected* to attend Zone Meetings and to report on your club's activities. This is a great way to learn about Lions and to support DG Oliver.
- Plan to attend District and Zone training sessions. This is an easy way to stay current with Lions, and you might actually learn something new. Again, this will really help DG Oliver with improving the District.
- Last but not least, if you have been a club officer in the same position for three or more years, don't you think it is time to train your replacement and step up to a different position, like Zone Chair? Both you and your club will benefit from the change.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your District Governor.

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SAVE THE DATE!



MUSIC

7/31- Ty Curtis, Old Crow, and Johnny Wheels and the Swamp Donkeys

8/1- Abby Anderson, The Boys Wilson, and Briana Renea



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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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Nancy's "Angel Eye"

Every day, most of us wake up, open our eyes and greet the morning. We don't think much about navigating our way through our home, getting behind the wheel of our car, performing the basic duties of our job, or just walking the aisles of the grocery store at the end of the day. For Nancy, the things she once took for granted disappeared overnight after an airborne bacteria infected her right eye.

Four years ago, Nancy's sight was unexpectedly compromised. At first, she noticed a blurring of her vision, but wasn't too concerned until her eye became pink and closed up. Her doctor discovered that a bacterial infection from an unknown source had built a wall around her cornea. Nancy's anxiety grew



when not only was she sent to a specialist in Pittsburgh, but upon arrival she was greeted by a medical team at the emergency entrance in full biohazard gear. Nancy was quarantined for the next 24 hours with little explanation, and eventually told that if her eye, now fully sealed closed, didn't open within the next eight days, she might lose it. For the next eight days, she endured throbbing pain in her head and extreme light sensitivity while she was in the hospital undergoing tests. She put a lot of faith into the medical team whose voices she came to trust but whose faces she could barely see.

Thankfully, on the eighth day, Nancy's eye opened.

While Nancy credit's God, she still had a long road ahead of her. There were more tests, more pills,

more drops, and still no cure in sight. It wasn't until her eye doctor began using an autologous serum to battle the infection that Nancy began to see real improvements. While she was grateful for this progress, they recognized that the eye was too badly damaged to have a full recovery. This is when cornea surgery seemed like the best solution.

A full four years after the initial infection and all of the difficulties it brought to Nancy's life, she found herself not scared, but ready for this moment. The procedure took three and a half hours, quite long for an eye surgery, but it changed Nancy's life forever.

As Nancy says, "I call it my 'Angel Eye'. I look at my eye in the mirror and I say, 'You know what, we're family now. I have a family in Portland somewhere. You are my gift'."

Nancy doesn't know her donor family and they don't know her, but the two have written letters to one another, and perhaps the donor family has best captured Nancy's story, "I'm so sorry you had to wait so long, but now you see the light."

submitted by Matt Webber

District G Holds Successful Zoom Convention

Members of 36G shared a new experience with the convention relayed through Zoom technology. District Governor John Taylor, technicians Tim McGlothlin and Brenda Anderson all skillfully manipulated materials including: workshops by Dr. Scott Gibson on COVID 19; Parkinson's Story with Lion Carol Clupny; Life Flight with Polli Buzzini; CPR with Lion Charles Clupny; as well as 2020 Wildfires and Fire Prevention.



(l-r) Lions DGE Kathy Oliver, PDG Gerald Hopkins and Joan Oliver participating in the Zoom convention at the Oliver home.

The Lions were first addressed by International Director Larry Edwards from Pennsylvania. Lion Kathy Oliver was voted in as District Governor for the 2021-2022 Lion's year.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Elgin Lions Plant Trees

Members of the Elgin Lions planted three maple and three flowering crab trees to advance a park concept by the local football field at Elgin High School.



(l-r) Mary Hopkins, Bob Thomas and Barbara Hawes.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

EMPOWERING SERVICE

The LCIF Tell-a-Thon on April 11 was a roaring success! Final numbers are still being tallied, but we know that more than \$700,000 was raised and thousands of Lions enjoyed the varied program. This is one to repeat for the support of LCIF!

The LCIF Fundraising Guide, on the LCIF menu on the LCI website, is a great guide that you can share with your clubs, particularly with your LCIF Club Coordinators. Review this guide and use it as a collaboration and training tool with incoming Club Presidents, too. This tool is not specific to Campaign 100; it will remain available as LCIF transitions from the capital campaign to an annual giving program.

Many employers offer a match to employee contributions to LCIF or other charities of choice. If you are working or have a friend who is working for a charitable employer, see if this is a possibility. AmazonSmile and Ebay are charitable retailers; Lions can set up their accounts to direct a percentage of the retail purchase to the charity of choice. There are many local businesses that will donate to a charity that the community cares about, and this can result in relationship building that can mutually benefit the retailer and Lions clubs in their community support.

We often get reports about funds raised, grants with their dates and dollar amounts, but it's up to us as Lions leaders to translate those facts into stories. Humans are hardwired to respond to stories. We tend to remember a good story way longer than we remember a fact or figure. When we are hearing a fact or figure, only our language procession part of the brain activates, but when we are listening to a story, many other parts of the brain light up – as well as the heart. This is why stories can be an incredible tool for fundraising, raising awareness, mobilizing volunteers, building trust, and so much more. This is especially the case for non-profits such as LCIF, since they are, in a way, in the 'business' of stories, changing the world one story at a time. Let's take note of the stories within our own Lion communities and use them to reach out to folks who can become donors to LCIF.

submitted by PCC Sharon Rollins, MD36 LCIF Coordinator

Pediatric Cancer Project

Camp Ukandu, the camp for kids and their families dealing with cancer, will again hold a virtual camp experience for kids this summer, rather than in-person activities. Each registered camper will receive a kit with programmed activities that can be done both together, virtually, and individually, with their families.

Jason Hickox, Executive Director, is working ahead to plan a program for the summer of 2022 that can be live action for the elementary and teen campers. We all hope that it will be possible! Donations are welcome to support this wonderful organization; see the Camp Ukandu website for details.

Camp Millenium in Roseburg has this message: “Unfortunately, as of the middle of April we still don’t have definitive answers as to our summer program. However we are COMMITTED to bringing camp to you in some way, shape, or form again this summer. We know how vital this community is to all of us and we are doing everything we can to connect with you.” Donation support can be made through the camp website.

The Kiwanis Doernbecher Children’s Cancer Project continues the amazing research in the hunt for a cure to eliminate some, if not all, of the many forms of pediatric cancer. This week I read the description of two research studies, which were most interesting but so technical that I probably understood 10% of the content! The physician fellows who work in the program are intensely focused on their studies and report the beginnings of success in several areas of work. We Lions join with Kiwanians in wishing these brilliant men and women the best of results in their research studies. This program does not receive federal funding; all support comes from private donations, which can be made through the website.

*submitted by PCC Sharon Rollins
MD36 Pediatric Cancer Chair*

Portland Lloyd Lions -

In April, the Portland Lloyd Lions held a secure paper shredding event and Lions and non-Lions from the Portland metro area brought paper and supported the Club. Club treasurer, Helen Honse, really enjoyed the event. "I liked being able to see my fellow club members in the flesh and not compartmentalized on a computer screen," she said.

Last summer, the Portland Lloyd Lions considered closing. But they didn't. This is the Club that successfully sued LCI in the 1980s to admit women into the organization. Helen was one of the four women plaintiffs in that lawsuit. All of us can be proud and thankful to this club for their hard work with these lawsuits thirty-five years ago.



**Some of the Lions shown are:
Gerald Caldwell, Bert Cornick,
Morgan Dickerson, Dr. McCartney
Goff, Helen Honse, Steve Okasaki,
Matt Phillips, Bill Ruff,
Medina Sonuga, Bill Stout
and Tyler Thostenson.**

Past zone chair Bill Stout has been working with this club for several years to help them grow. Bill enlisted the help of club president Morgan Dickerson and also Helen Honse to keep the club open and find new members. He asked me to help too. Five new members joined and now the club is revitalized. By switching meetings to evenings (the first Wednesday, 7pm) and using Zoom, the new members, who work during the day, can now attend club meetings. New member, Medina Sonuga said "I like being a member of the Lions Clubs as it gives people with few resources the access to much needed vision care." All new members helped plan and attended the paper shredding event.

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Hold Paper Shredding Event

The event was held on Saturday, April 17 in NE Portland. For over three hours, we had cars delivering boxes of paper to be shredded. It was great to see our fellow club members in person, especially the new members. Some Lions from other clubs drove across town to support this paper-shredding event. As new member, Dr. McCartney Goff, said, "It was great to see everyone including business professionals bringing boxes, neighborhood members walking bags over, and fellow Lion's Club members bringing their shredding to support!"

Some of the Lions shown are: Gerald Caldwell, Bert Cornick, Morgan Dickerson, Dr. McCartney Goff, Helen Honse, Steve Okasaki, Matt Phillips, Bill Ruff, Medina Sonuga, Bill Stout and Tyler Thostenson.



Flyers were placed on stores near the shredding site, large signs were painted and placed on the street corner at the site, and notices were submitted in local online bulletin boards.

If you hold your own club's secure paper shredding event, consider charging \$10 for each medium-size box of papers. The Portland Lloyd Lions hired DataSafe as the on-site shredding company. For their truck to come out and shred on site, it can cost over \$300 per hour. They also provide the large bins to hold the paper.

A paper shredding club fundraiser is a clean, easy way for your club to raise money.

submitted by PDG Bert Diamond

District 36-G Childhood Cancer Service Projects Follow-up



PDG Mose Pin and T-Shirt

From July 2019 to June 2020 “That’s What It’s All About” resonated across 36G. It was my desire as your District Governor to have a little fun, meet a lot of Lions, and raise awareness for Childhood (Pediatric) Cancer research. I was privileged to be able to tell the story behind the theme and service project to clubs across the district. It happened during a club service project.

A few years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting an eight year old boy named Tristen. He and his family were attending a weekend retreat at Odell Lake sponsored by Candlelighters for Children with Cancer. Tristen and “Leo” bonded quickly. Tristen touched many hearts during his eight brief years on this earth, mine included. The following year his mother visited our concession trailer and volunteered to help make pancakes. It was during this emotional visit that we talked and cried over his passing. Tristen had a way of touching everyone he met. And even though his life was cut short by cancer, he made an impression on everyone he met just as we made an impression on him. Impressions that will never be forgotten and “That’s What It’s All About”. Thus, in his memory and to honor his family, we chose his mother’s words as our theme and pediatric cancer as our 36G service project.

I had planned on having Tristen’s parents and representatives from OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, St Jude’s and Ronald McDonald House (RMD) attend our convention, but COVID prevented that from happening. With the convention cancelled we continued our focus of supporting the pediatric cancer service projects, selling t-shirts, making or purchasing children’s blankets, PJ’s, and stocking caps. Lions are a generous and caring group. I was humbled to receive support from across the Multiple District for our service project. To date, 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the t-shirts, \$625 to be exact, have been sent to OHSU’s Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Cancer Unit in Tristen’s name, MD36 and District G. For those who purchased a t-shirt or made a donation, THANK YOU! Your thoughtfulness and generosity have not gone unnoticed. In addition to the \$625 donation, we shipped handmade blankets/quilts and afghans, and several stuffed Lions to OHSU’s Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Cancer Unit.

It’s never too late for our clubs or individual Lions to develop and/or support a Childhood Cancer service project.

Yours in Service.

One of the handmade blankets donated to OHSU’s Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Cancer Unit.



submitted by PDG Gary Mose, 36-G Pediatric Cancer Chair
“That’s What It’s All About”

Lions Quest

It is time for clubs to begin thinking and planning for the next Lions Quest program in your area. Recommendation from LCIF is to wait until September to actually start any activity, but several districts around the United States are beginning to promote Lions Quest. You will see some local programs that feature clubs at work on youth suicide and drug prevention.

Here are some items to be aware of when planning a Lions Quest program in your service area:

- 1. FINANCING.** There are large grants available from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). These grants pay for 75% of the cost of the training and 2-3 years of student materials. We have several endowments in Oregon who have picked up the remaining 25%. The end result is no cost to a local club.
- 2. TIMING.** Club needs to start planning over the summer. Give school districts until after school starts to actually present the program.
- 3. LOCAL INVOLVEMENT.** Any organization that has worked with a local school district is eligible to conduct a Lions Quest program. Oregon's largest grant was provided to an organization working with Hispanic students in Forest Grove and Hillsboro. A local Lions Club must formally sponsor the program.
- 4. TRAINING.** Oregon is fortunate to have one of the best trainers for the program. She is based in Portland and covers all of North and South America. She is fluent in several languages, if needed.
- 5. CLUB NEEDS.**
 - a) Officially vote to sponsor Lions Quest
 - b) Meet with school district officials
 - c) Meet with community groups associated with your schools
 - d) Identify a Lions Quest rep for your club
 - e) Contact MD Chair PDG Jim Jagers for financial assistance
 - f) Make sure your club has enough copies of the Lions Quest guide for each member.

submitted by PDG Jim Jagers, MD36 Lions Quest Chair



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Join Us In The Celebration - KTP Day on June 24th!

As Lions we all celebrate our history of accepting Helen Keller's request of being Knights of the Blind by taking on the challenge of addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss. In fact, here in Oregon, we've coined the phrase Keeping the Promise to bring attention to our storied history -- and to raise awareness and support for future service.

This year we invite you to join OLSHF by celebrating KTP Day on June 24th and we look forward to sharing with you a variety of exciting ways to get involved and to help OLSHF share the opportunity to "keep the promise" here in Oregon and northern California. Sharing our social media post and letting others know that you support the Foundation's sight and hearing programs are just two of the ways that you can get involved. Here's more:

How YOU Can Celebrate KTP Day on June 24th

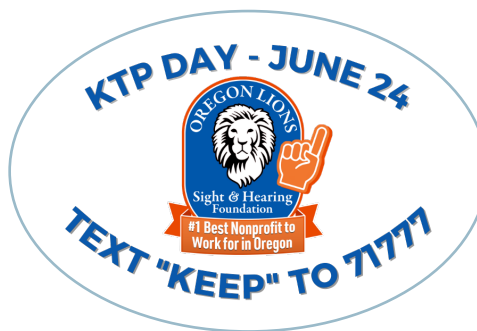
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Like us on Facebook and share our KTP Day posts throughout June - (Stories like Cade from Sherwood, whose dream of serving his country is being restored by OLSHF's Patient Care program)

Get your Lions friends and friends and family to tune in to Portland's KATU2 on June 24th for AM Northwest at 9 am and Afternoon Live! at 3 pm for special OLSHF content. That's right, Lions will be in the spotlight on June 24th as both AM Northwest and Afternoon Live will dedicate its episodes to stories about Cade; and Alfonso from Corvallis who is having his sight restored through his second corneal cross linking procedure in June, restoring his ability to return to work as a U.S. Forest Service firefighter; viewers will also meet Ashlee, a ROAR! Hearing Assistance program recipient sponsored by The Dalles Lions Club, who tells us: "I am a little overwhelmed at how much I can hear. I heard my cat meow for the first time... I heard birds chirping, I heard my fiancé tell me he loved me in a whisper."

We're confident you'll agree that helping Oregonians and northern Californians in need like Ashlee, Alfonso, and Cade is what Helen Keller had in mind when she beckoned to Lions back in 1925, and we hope you'll also join us to celebrate the continued dedication to our noble cause by celebrating KTP Day on June 24th -- order your KTP stickers now!

To order your KTP Stickers email us at Info@olshf.org -- order enough for your whole Lions Club!



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**KATU 2 is featuring the sight and hearing saving services
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- Wear the your KTP Day sticker on or around June 24th, and post a photo of you wearing it on social media - please tag us in your photo!
- Like us on Facebook and share our KTP Day posts throughout June.
- Get your Lions friends, neighbors and family to tune in to Portland's KATU2 on June 24th for AM Northwest at 9 am and Afternoon Live! at 3 pm for special OLSHF content.
- And more, all month long! Questions? Reach out to us through social media, by emailing info@olshf.org, or by calling 503-413-7399!



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The Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) and the ROAR! Hearing Assistance Program give the gifts of clearer vision and better hearing with low cost, high quality eyeglasses and hearing aids.



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LOW VISION CLINIC



School Vision Screenings has checked the vision of over 1 million children and referred over 150,000 for follow up care. The Low Vision Clinic provides comprehensive care and resources for particularly vulnerable students, their families, and their educational team.

The Scout Trail

Lions Clubs International and the Boy Scouts of America have had a long-time relationship. This followed the first service club sponsorship (chartering) of troops that was done by Rotary International in 1918. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and service clubs like the Lions have a prime common objective to give service to the community. This service concept has held over the years, i.e. during WWI, the Great depression, WWII and many other needs to the present.

The BSA was incorporated on February 8, 1910. As the organization grew an Act of Congress on June 3, 1916 authorized a Scout uniform similar to the Army, Navy, or the Marine uniform. On June 15, 1916 Congress granted a Federal Charter giving special protection to the name and insignia and limiting membership to American citizens. The Constitution and Bylaws were adopted. By 1912 Scouts were enrolled in every state. Sea Scouting started for older Scouts and *Boys Life* became the official BSA magazine.

The start of Scouting in America began on a foggy street in London in 1909. William D. Boyce, an American businessman lost his way in the fog. A boy approached him and asked if he could help. Mr. Boyce stated where he wanted to go and the boy took him there. Grateful, Mr. Boyce offered the boy a tip, but the boy responded he cannot take anything for helping because he was a Scout. Mr. Boyce learned more about the Scouting movement in Great Britain, met with its founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell and realized that boys in the United States would also want to be Scouts. On February 8, 1910 Mr. Boyce met with other businessmen, educators and political leaders and they founded the Boy Scouts of America.

To be continued.

*submitted by Thaddeus (Ted) Yarosh
Dist. 36-E Scout Director and Secretary – Klamath Fall Lions Club*

Sutherlin Lions Honored at Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Sutherlin Lions were honored at the May 1, 2021 65th Annual Sutherlin Area Chamber of Commerce First Citizen Banquet. It was literally a mountain-top experience held at the Spire Mountain Cellars winery of Oakland. 2020 Man of the Year was Lion JR Guthrie, presented by the 2019 honoree, Lion President Rick De Young who characterized him: “He brings a lot of energy to every project he volunteers to do.” Lion Guthrie said, “I look around the room, I look around our community and I don’t know if I really deserve this. I just love to see people help people, and we have a community that does that.”



Lion JR Guthrie (Photo by Michael Sullivan/News-Review.)

Lion Guthrie is a Douglas County native, owns the local Country Financial Company, serves as a director for the Sutherlin School District, and volunteers with youth agricultural efforts, overseeing his two daughters who are raising lambs. The girls often help their dad and other Lions decorate the city street by putting up and taking down US flags on federal holidays. Recently JR was responsible for getting the Fair Oaks Fire Dept. money to purchase “wildland fire” gear through Country Financial’s “Helping Heroes program.



The evening gala included a table centerpiece competition for western best of theme, “2020 It was a Wild Ride!” Sutherlin Lions Club won the title with the decoration seen in this photo by Lion Sharon Elliott.

Sutherlin Lion’s centerpiece is the winner!
(Photo by Lion Sharon Elliott.)

submitted by Emily Blakely

Riverfest to Rev Up in June in Elgin

By: Dick Mason of *The Observer*

As printed in the March 18, 2021 issue

ELGIN - One of Elgin's most popular annual events will rev up again this spring after a one-year hiatus.

Riverfest, an event celebrating Elgin, was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic but is set to return June 19.

"We are very excited," said Kathy Oliver, president of the Elgin Lions Club, which puts on the annual event.

The centerpiece of Riverfest will again be its car show, to be conducted on a field near the Elgin Community Center. The car show is annually one of the first to be conducted in Northeast Oregon and draws at least 70 vehicles a year.

Oliver said it will be easy to hold the event at this site and meet social distancing standards for COVID-19. She explained the field is spacious enough that vehicles can be at least 6 feet apart from one another. The car show also will have signs reminding people to practice social distancing.

The car show, as in past years, likely will feature vehicles from as far away as Boise, Idaho, and Seattle, Oliver said. She said that in past years almost all participants have driven the vehicles to the show instead of hauling them on trailers.

"We have few trailer queens," she said.

Oliver and her husband, Steve Oliver, again will have their cars displayed in the show. Her car will be a 1972 Volkswagen, and his will be a 1965 Ford Thunderbird.

The car show is one of a limited number conducted on grass fields instead of asphalt lots of streets. Kathy Oliver said this makes it more popular because it allows it to be conducted in a cooler environment. Car show visitors and participants enjoy having the show in a field instead of on pavement.

"People enjoy strolling in the grass," she said, noting that pavement gets hot and is "hard on the tires and hard on people."

Old agricultural equipment again will be on display near the car show, including a steam-powered tractor. Many farmers in the late 1800s and early 1900s used steam-powered tractors.

Members of the Elgin Fire Department return as well to Riverfest to serve the Firemen's Breakfast.

Traditionally the breakfast has been served indoors but this year it likely will be outdoors to make it easier to meet social distancing standards.

A quilt show also could again be held in Elgin High School's gym. The Lions Club will make a final decision on that later this month, Oliver said.

Even with the quilt show, Riverfest will be smaller this year to allow for social distancing standards.

"There will be fewer activities and it will not be as long," Oliver said.

She expects that Riverfest will be back to normal in 2022, if the pandemic is over by then.

"By next year it will be in full swing," Oliver said.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Portland Bentham Lions Build Raised Beds

Over the years the Portland Bentham Lions Club has helped Neighborhood House whenever we could. Neighborhood House is a nonprofit organization in the Multnomah Village area of Portland that provides a range of services for people in need: family housing, a food pantry, early childhood and youth education support, and a senior center and transportation service.

When the Portland Bentham Lions heard that Neighborhood House wanted to add raised beds for vegetables at 19th Avenue Apartments, their housing location, we volunteered to make that happen. We discussed various designs and settled on one that would be relatively easy to build. We bought the lumber and garden compost and met at the location on a Tuesday morning to build the beds. Assembling the frames for the three beds was the easy part; that took less than an hour. Then we shoveled four cubic yards of compost into wheelbarrows, dumped the compost into the beds, raked it, compacted it, and raked it again. The result — three 8'x10' beds ready for planting. And only 2.5 hours by five Lions, start to finish. A great way to spend a morning outdoors working with friends to provide something to help our neighbors. Luckily, we had good weather too.



(l-r) PDG Bert Diamond, PCC Steve Thomson, Bill Loos, Dale Rollins and Isaac Tevet.



(l-r) PCC Steve Thomson, Bill Loos, Dale Rollins and Isaac Tevet.



(l-r) Dale Rollin, PCC Steve Thomson, Bill Loos and Isaac Tevet.

In past years Portland Bentham Lions have helped Neighborhood House by collecting donations for their annual SW Hope Food Drive; they had to suspend the drive because of Covid-19, but when they can start it up again, we'll be there to help. We've also helped with yard work for some of Neighborhood House's seniors — pruning, weeding, deck repair. Where there's a need, there's a (Portland Bentham) Lion.

(Note that per Covid recommendations, we all wore masks when we started work even though each of us was fully vaccinated. But as the morning progressed and the work became more strenuous, some of us removed our masks.)



Roaring in Service to the Community

“The Gresham Breakfast Lions Club has been supporting important efforts in the Gresham Community for four decades and was voted by the readers of the *Gresham Outlook* as the Best Service Club of 2020”.

The above was the first sentence in a glowing write-up of our Club in the annual Reader’s Choice publication of the *Gresham Outlook* newspaper. It is nice to know that the efforts of the Club in the local community is recognized by the people and attested to by their vote. As stated in the award, our Club’s main objectives are to:

- Increase our impact on vision and hearing issues to those who need help.
- Further the education aims of students who are willing to excel and also need help.
- Lend a hand to families in need of support.

There are many ways in which the Club helps the community, and by getting exposure in local newsprint, the members of the community realize what we do and show their appreciation appropriately – not only in their vote, but in the way they support our fundraisers. A perfect example of the coverage we get is in November, a \$1,000 check was presented to Snowcap Community Charities. It turns out that due to their huge buying volume, Snowcap is able to purchase 20 pounds of food for each dollar donated. So in effect, the Gresham Breakfast Club donated the equivalent of 20,000 pounds of food for an outstanding charitable cause. A member of the Outlook team was at the presentation and wrote a very informative article that appeared in the next issue including a group photo of some of the members of the Club.

Club President Jim Bumgardner (Lions vest) is presenting the check surrounded by members of the Club.



So...it’s important to remember that getting publicity for the good work that the Lions Clubs do around the state is critical. Using newspapers and social sites such as Facebook go a long way to getting our story out not only to the people that need our help, but just as important, to the people we rely on to support our fundraisers.

submitted by Steve Solcz