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Thanks for a Wonderful 2022-2023 Lion's Year!



(l-r) DG-District G Cheri Jackson, DG-District E Gail Black, DG-District R David O'Kelley, DG-District O Kerith Vance and Council Chair Judith Poage at International in Montreal, Canada in July 2022

MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

June

- 10 District E Cab. meeting, 10am, at The Barn in Bandon
- 26 SOLSHC Board meeting @ noon

July

- 31 SOLSHC Board meeting @ noon

EVENTS

June

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

ANNIVERSARIES

June 2023 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

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



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1. Check with your District Governor or Publicity Chair to receive yard signs and Lion magnets.
2. Get club notices on city water or electrical statements.
3. Send post cards to your friends and neighbors.

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Council Chair News



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Dear Lions of MD36,

As our 2022-2023 term comes to a close, we reflect on our accomplishments and the activities we wished we had more time for. Incoming District Governors and Club Presidents are busy putting together their cabinet of officers for the 2023-24 term. We extend our sincerest gratitude to each and every Lion in MD36 for their unwavering energy, determination, and service. The work of Lions never ends, and we are proud to serve alongside you.

During this term, I had the honor of serving alongside four exceptional District Governors. Together, we traveled to the International Convention in Montreal, Canada, where we became acquainted with each other's unique styles, desires, and energy for MD36. Our four District Governors were tasked with guiding Lions clubs over a vast area of 98,380 square miles. Among the five of us, two are retired (which does not mean less responsibilities and activities) and three who are working one or two jobs still. My role was to facilitate their goals and needs, and I must say it was a privilege to do so.

DG Kerith Vance from District O led with her theme of "Paws for Service," encouraging new members to get involved by pursuing their interests, whether it be the environment, hunger, vision, guide dogs, or Robert's Rules of Order. Although weather conditions forced her to reschedule her convention, she remained gracious and unstoppable, even scheduling an International Director from Hawaii, Bob Lee, and his wife Pam. District O also has a new club in Tillamook and will soon be scheduling a Charter Party!

DG David O'Kelley from District R, worked under the theme "Together we will" and led by example. When the Mohawk Valley Lions Club considered turning in their charter, Governor O'Kelly encouraged them to recruit new members with the help of neighboring club leaders, resulting in the induction of seven new members. Governor O'Kelley recognized that smaller clubs with under 20 members can still make a significant impact in their communities and he emphasized the importance of filling zone chair positions to nurture potential leaders.

DG Gail Black from District E (a PDG and PCC), is a tireless leader who steps forward whenever leadership is

needed. Under the theme "Service from the Heart," DG Gail motivated Lions to continue serving, resulting in a positive member yield to date. However, she noted that some clubs inducted new members but failed to report it, emphasizing the importance of submitting MMRs and double-checking that they have been entered. Gail receives a gold star for her District E Convention. I am always motivated by the words of SOLSHC CEO Jae Lamar who is a young, dynamic voice. And by Gail's words: We serve from the heart because we do believe in ourselves and what we stand for.

DG Cheri Jackson from District G, brought a positive attitude and unstoppable enthusiasm for service through Lions, covering a vast area ranging from mountains to flatlands, from the largest pear producing area in the world to extensive wheat farming. Cheri goes to work in the wee hours of the morning and lives with her husband and their nearby children, grandchildren, horses (I believe there are eight) and dogs (don't know the count). Her personal motto, "We care, we share, and we serve," embodies her commitment to service. With an average 2 1/2-hour drive between Lions clubs, Governor Jackson's dedication is admirable. She too has only 31% of her 29 clubs reporting their service.

I would also like to thank Vice Council Chair, PDG Stephen Brewster from Klamath Falls, who served as the holdover from the 2021-2022 District Governor slate. He attended our Council of Governor's meetings and District Conventions, accepting all of my phone calls, even when he was working in his garden. PDG Stephen's wisdom and help were invaluable, and we are grateful for his dedication and service to the Lions Club.

Lastly, I am grateful for the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, led by Doug Thompson and his team, who provided us with the ability to vision test students throughout Oregon, serving 160,000 students to date. I had the privilege of attending the "Lions at the Capitol" event, organized by OLSHF, which was very interesting and included the surprise events of a fire drill and a walkout during legislation.

In closing, I want to reiterate that the Lions of MD36 are truly amazing, and we are humbled to be a part of such a dedicated and committed organization. You serve your District, your community, and your neighbors with unwavering dedication and passion. Thank you. "Together We Serve."

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It is the final month of the 2022-23 Lion year and there is plenty to celebrate.

The Tillamook Lions are official and excited to get to know the other Lions of District O. McMinnville's new Leo club is up and active. Tillamook is planning a new Leo's club for the new year. Membership growth is making some progress and we should end the year well and be ready to work for more growth next year.

There are a lot of fundraisers and service projects happening as the weather warms up. Please share on your social media when you have an event or another club has an event. We can support each other's efforts in promotion to our friends and contacts who may live in another club's area. It was great to see Lions from Lake Oswego and Carlton Yamhill join the Oregon City Lions Teddy Bear parade. In June, McMinnville is hosting a fun new LCIF fundraiser. August is the 60th Anniversary of the Hull Foundation and they are looking for lots of Lion volunteers and participants for their daylong celebration with vendors, carnival games and more. Wilsonville has their cruise in August 12th and can use support in manning a Lions Club information booth to promote Lionism and membership in their community.

Congratulations to all of the clubs who are actively serving in their communities and to those clubs who are reconnecting with their club members and communities with new projects. I look forward to seeing you as "We Serve" in the rest of this year and into the future.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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I am delighted to address you once again, reflecting on the incredible experiences I have had as your District Governor this year. In addition to my previous communications, I had the privilege of attending all four district conventions and a memorable multiple district convention. These events provided invaluable opportunities to connect with Lions from beyond our district, discovering their inspiring service journeys and gaining insights into their club's impactful initiatives. Furthermore, I had the pleasure of engaging with our esteemed partner organizations dedicated to serving their communities. By venturing beyond our clubs and communities, we fostered greater fellowship and expanded our collective knowledge as Lions. This, in turn, empowered us to bring more diverse service opportunities to our communities. I strongly encourage all Lions to seize such occasions to attend events outside their clubs, as I firmly believe it will be a rewarding experience for each and every one of you.

Regrettably, a recurring theme I encountered throughout the year was the feeling of not achieving all our goals, coupled with the knowledge that the next leader may have a different vision for their term. In light of this, I invite all of us to envision a future where our club, zone, region, district, and multiple district engage in transformative conversations. Let us strive to align ourselves with our members, forging a collective vision and multi-year goals, along with comprehensive plans to attain them. Together, we can establish goals that resonate with each and every one of us. Through enhanced leadership, well-coordinated committees, and active participation of all members, we will have a profound impact on our communities, making a difference in the lives of those we serve. This sentiment echoes the wise words of Lion International President Brian when he says, "Together We Can," a sentiment shared by international presidents before him.

Before I conclude, I would like to emphasize our Lions mission statement: "TO EMPOWER Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding." This mission, coupled with our core purpose to encourage service-minded individuals to selflessly serve their communities without expecting personal financial gain, and to promote high ethical standards across various domains, underpins our commitment to making a lasting difference.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for allowing me to serve you throughout this year. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to work alongside such dedicated Lions like yourselves. As we embark on the start of summer, let us remember that by embracing the spirit of "Together We Can" and "Together We Will," we can achieve remarkable accomplishments.

With warmest regards, DG 36R Lion David O'Kelley

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Dear Lions,

As my term as District Governor draws to a close, I'm filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve alongside you. It's hard to believe that this is the final article I'll be submitting in this role. When I took on the position for the second time, I couldn't have imagined the incredible journey that lay ahead. While much has changed since my first term in 2014, one thing remains constant - the unwavering dedication of Lions like you.

It's been heartening to witness clubs come back to life despite the challenges imposed by Covid. I've seen firsthand how Lions across District E have continued to make a profound impact in their communities. I've also had the pleasure of forging new friendships and rekindling old ones. Through my interactions with Lions, I've observed leaders emerge, and I've encouraged them to take advantage of the vast opportunities available to them through Lions Clubs International.

Over the years, I've become increasingly involved in our District, and I've relished being able to work with clubs at the grassroots level while emphasizing the importance of considering the bigger picture. As I step down, I urge each club in the District to take stock of their members and identify potential leaders who can step up and take on a district office. It may require a significant time and financial commitment, but the experience is invaluable. Until you take on a leadership role in Lions, there is so much you don't know. However, once you embark on this journey, you'll discover a wealth of resources available at every level - from District to Multiple District to LCI. You'll have access to mentors, training, and backup, as well as a vast network of like-minded individuals committed to serving their communities.

As Lions, we're united in our belief that good done anywhere is good done everywhere. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact wherever we are. I wholeheartedly encourage you to consider taking on a leadership role in Lions. It's a decision you won't regret, and one that will enrich your life in countless ways.

With gratitude and admiration, DG Gail Black – 36E

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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As my year as District Governor comes to a close, I am filled with immense excitement as I warmly welcome Pete Runnels of Burns, the incoming District Governor for District G. I have no doubt that he will excel in his new role and accomplish great things for our District.

As we approach the end of the year, I am pleased to report that it looks like we are going to end the year with a positive number for membership. Throughout my travels, I have witnessed numerous inspiring initiatives undertaken by our clubs, as they think innovatively to uplift their communities. I am exceedingly proud of the dedication and efforts exhibited by each member in our clubs.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for entrusting me with the position of District Governor. This journey has been nothing short of amazing and fun to boot. Let's not forget my motto, "Lions Boot Up to Serve," and let us embrace the prospect of stepping outside our comfort zones. I firmly believe that remarkable opportunities lie ahead for each and every one of you.

Yours in Lionism,
Cheri Jackson DG 36-G

District 36-O Convention

The Portland weather finally cooperated, allowing the 36-O convention to flourish. Despite initial setbacks caused by snow and ice, District Governor Kerith Vance made the difficult decision to reschedule the convention to April 15th, which proved to be a smart move. This date brought in an even larger number of Lions attendees than we had hoped for.



Vendors and raffle baskets filled the lobby of the Mill Park Baptist Church where District O's convention was held.

The convention kicked off with a patriotic flag salute led by a local Scout troop and an opening recognition of all the guests and dignitaries. Attendees then participated in an exercise to write down their expectations and priorities for the upcoming year. Many of the suggestions centered around increasing membership, starting new clubs, and providing support for struggling ones.



One of the many club awards given out, this one for Public Relations to the Milwaukie Lions Club. (l-r) Club President Carrie Bartley, DG Kerith Vance and PID Joyce Middleton.

Representatives of the Guide Dogs for the Blind inspired us to support this organization.

Throughout the morning, attendees learned valuable insights from District O's Cabinet Secretary, Carrie Bartley, regarding how to improve communication within the District. Additionally, Bonnie Roeder spoke about the Peace Poster Contest, and PCC Vince Bishop and Robin Stoekler shared information on the upcoming Leadership Institute on April 22nd.

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a Huge Success!

The convention took the time to recognize the numerous Lions members who have contributed years of service to the organization in NW Oregon and also honored those who have passed away. One of the highlights of the day was the presentation by the OLSHF staff, who shared inspiring personal stories of their programs and accomplishments in sight and hearing throughout the state.

Past International Director Joyce Middleton from Boston gave a motivational speech, inspiring us to remain positive in our endeavors. Her talk was particularly moving as she spoke about LCI's successes despite the extreme challenges posed by natural disasters and war in Europe.



PID Joyce Middleton (right) from Boston spoke to the convention attendees.

In the afternoon, DG Kerith Vance presented Presidential Certificates of Appreciation to David Bartley, DGE Ed Glad, Thuy Tran, and the new Vision Envoy Branch Club, which is a part of the Lake Oswego Lions Club. Additionally, the keynote speaker Verian Wedeking, Outreach Program Administrator from the Casey Eye Institute, spoke about the mobile health screening van that travels to help people across Oregon.



**(l-r) David Bartley and DGE Ed Glad
with their Presidential Certificates of Appreciation.**

The convention concluded with the election of new trustees to the OLSHF and a new District Governor for next year, Ed Glad from Carlton-Yamhill Lions Club. Thanks were given to all the presenters, vendors, and the convention planning committee for their contributions to making the event a success.

Camp Director from Camp Millenium Speaks to the Eugene Bethel Lions Club

On April 11th, the Eugene Bethel Club was honored to hear from Mindy Bean, the esteemed Camp Director of Camp Millenium located in Roseburg. Ms. Bean, a former General Manager of McDonald's and one of the camp's sponsors during "town days", has a genuine passion for building connections with the campers and thoroughly enjoys interacting with them.



(l-r) PDG Holly Sparks and Mindy Bean
(Camp Director) from Camp Millenium.

Camp Millenium, a free summer camp for children diagnosed with cancer, provides a space for campers to share their common experiences. As one grateful camper exclaimed, "Very big-hearted leaders! I wouldn't trade this week of laughing, dancing, playing, crying, singing, and forever memories for anything."

From hiking to fishing, archery to swimming, horseback riding to arts and crafts, the camp offers a wide range of activities to keep the campers engaged and entertained. Sign-ups for the upcoming June 18-15 session are currently open. During the presentation, the Eugene Bethel Lions presented Ms. Bean with a generous donation towards the camp's mission.

submitted by Gerald Oliver, President Eugene Bethel Lions Club

Eugene Bethel Lions Barbeque Chicken Season is Back!

The Eugene Bethel Lions Club has been delighting taste buds with their mouth-watering barbequed chicken for an impressive 60 years. This time-honored tradition has earned them a loyal following, with customers returning year after year to savor the succulent flavors.

The event spans across the first weekends of May through September and is held at the conveniently located Albertsons grocery store at the corner of Royal and Danebo. The aroma of grilled goodness wafts through the air, drawing in hungry patrons from near and far.



For the reasonable price of \$8, you can savor a half barbequed chicken cooked to perfection. This year's coordination of the activities is headed by the efficient and dedicated Lion Edwena Matychuck.

It's worth noting that the chicken barbeques are the primary fundraising activity for the Eugene Bethel Lions, and your support will help them continue their noble work in the community.

submitted by Gerald Oliver, President of Eugene Bethel Lions Club

Advocating for School Vision Screenings



OLSHF staff and MD-36 Lions in Salem for Lions Day at the Capital this past May 3rd.

The Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) and Lions Clubs of Multiple District 36 gathered at the Oregon state capital in Salem on May 3, 2023, to advocate for increased funding for school based vision screenings. This dedicated group spent the day meeting with state representatives and their staff to emphasize the importance of vision screenings for elementary school students and the need for follow-up care for those referred.

Vision screenings play a crucial role in identifying potential vision issues among elementary school students. Early detection and intervention can significantly impact a child's academic performance, overall well-being, and long-term quality of life. Our foundation and Lions Clubs members are committed to identifying and correcting vision problems to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity to succeed.

During their visit to the Oregon state capital, OLSHF staff and Lions Clubs volunteers engaged in productive discussions with numerous state representatives. They highlighted the positive outcomes of previous vision screenings and the benefits of providing follow-up care to students who require further attention. The volunteers shared stories of how timely interventions have transformed the lives of children who were struggling with undetected vision impairments.

The Oregon Department of Education has allocated funds to reimburse the costs associated with each vision screening. This financial support demonstrates the state's recognition of the importance of these screenings and their commitment to the well-being of Oregon's students. However, to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of these programs, it is crucial for the state to continue funding vision screenings at schools across Oregon.

2023 Multiple District 36 Convention

1. Milwaukie Lion Helen McNaughton was inducted into the OLSHF Hall of Fame on May 19th, joining husband Fred who became a Hall of Fame member in 2017.
2. Eugene Downtown Lion Karen Norton and Springfield Lions Dale and Judy Bachman enjoy each other's company at the Seaside Convention Center during the MD-36 Convention on May 20th.
3. Lion Tim McGlothlin gets in the Lion spirit during the OLSHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at MD-36 Convention in Seaside on May 19th.
4. MD-36R District Governor David O'Kelley and OLSHF's Voycetta White have fun during the Eye Promise Trunk Show at MD-36 Convention in Seaside last month.
5. Bandon Lions Mike and Valerie Rudolph stopped by the OLSHF offices on their way home from MD-36 Convention in Seaside in May. They were able to tour the LEAP Optical finishing lab and visit the Eye Promise optical shop as part of their visit.





Your foundation was one of the sponsors of the annual Oregon School Nurses Association conference. Each year, school nurses and school health care teams come together to understand the current and upcoming impacts for their students. OLSHF was on hand to answer questions about vision screenings and follow up care and resources through KEX Kids fund.



Northwest Lions Leadership Institute: A Resounding Success!

The Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, held from April 20-23, 2023 in Sutherlin, OR, drew an impressive attendance of 22 Lions Club potential leaders. District O sent 4 Lions; District R had 1; District E had 14 attend; and 3 came from District G. Our institute boasted a diverse group of participants, ranging from those with only months of service to seasoned members with years of experience.

Our team of six instructors comprised graduates of the esteemed Faculty Development Institute, bringing with them a wealth of knowledge and extensive instructional backgrounds. The institute adhered to the high standards set by LCI, covering ten major topics. Each instructor delivered a range of subjects, fostering lively interaction and engagement between attendees and faculty.

Since the conclusion of the institute, reports have poured in, unanimously praising its informative and uplifting nature. Attendees expressed their appreciation for the significant impact the gained information had on their personal and public lives. Some graduates have even expressed their intent to assume leadership roles within the Lions family, buoyed by the knowledge and skills acquired during the program.

Looking ahead, we are currently reviewing plans to conduct another institute in the spring of 2024, building upon the resounding success of this year's event.



1st three rows are the attendees, while back row shows the instructors.

submitted by DG/PCC Gail Black

KTP DAYS 2023

Month-long event to raise awareness of **ALL MD-36 Lions Clubs** and the important work we do throughout Oregon and in northern California.



Lions Clubs across Oregon are gearing up for a month-long series of volunteer and community events throughout June 2023 (and beyond), under the banner of "Keep The Promise Days." These events aim to honor the historical promise made by Lions to renowned activist Helen Keller, pledging to prioritize sight and hearing care as a fundamental part of their mission. In Oregon, this commitment encompasses a wide range of initiatives, including elementary school vision screenings, programs offering exams, eyeglasses, or hearing aids, and even surgical and medical treatments for sight or hearing conditions.

The Lions Clubs of Oregon invite community members, volunteers, and partners to join them at an event in their community. These events create opportunities for community engagement and awareness about our vital programs.

Elgin Lions Bound Into Community Activities

The Elgin Lions have jumped into a slurry of community activities involving both youth and adults. Several Lions assisted the elementary school with their "Walk-a-Thon" for grades K-6. The students actually ran as many laps as they could in a 20 minute period to raise funds for tracks shirts to be used at the Cove meet. Any extra funds will be reserved for a school climbing wall. Lions helped tab the number of laps each student had taken.



(l-r) Risa Hallgarth and Susie Harris encourage Bodie Murphey.



(l-r) Risa Hallgarth and Susie Harris help track laps for Elaina Durfee.

A special 80th birthday party was held for President Barbara Hawes by her family and fellow Lions.



President Barbara Hawes enjoys special birthday party.

During the event, Jared Rogers was recognized with the prestigious Helen Keller award.



PDG Kathy Oliver and President Barbara Hawes present the prestigious Helen Keller Award to Jared Rogers.

The Lions distributed flags to first graders at the Imbler and Elgin Schools. Katie Burrig's first graders in Imbler are pictured receiving the flags.



President Elect Pat McDonald gives flags to Scarlett Vela and Taylor Elmer.

Daryl Hawes gives a flag to Redington Horn.



The Lions have donated glasses and hearing aides to those in need in the community. The Club is preparing for Riverfest which will take place on June 17th.



Doug Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



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Tom Hilgers
Board Chair

Thank You MD-36 Lions

If you attended any of the 2023 MD-36 Lions Conventions this past winter and spring, there's a good chance we connected with you to share info on OLSHF programs, connect with our Staff...and to say Thank you for partnering with the Foundation and for supporting OLSHF as we continue to deepen our commitment to "keeping the promise" that Lions made to Helen Keller so many years ago.

District R Convention - Eugene

DG David O'Kelley planned a wonderful event at the Erb Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Oregon on February 4th in the very location where iconic scenes from the movie Animal House were filmed! We were relieved that a food fight never materialized during lunch as we shared information on all OLSHF programs, with a special focus on our ROAR! Hearing Assistance program by **Melinda Rhodes, OLSHF's Patient Services Director**. OLSHF announced **Mark Meyers of the Florence-Siuslaw Lions** as our **District R Volunteer of the Year**.

District E Convention - Sutherlin

OLSHF's **Luck O' the Irish Casino Night** on March 17th helped **DG Gail Black's** Convention get off to the races on a high note, as Lions had a blast playing Blackjack, trying their luck at miniature golf, playing the ponies at the "OLSHF Downs" horse races, and even spinning the Lions Wheel O' Fun -- Thank you Sutherlin Lions! OLSHF was pleased to announce **Bandon Lion Mike Rudolph** as our **District E Volunteer of the Year** at lunch on Saturday at the Sutherlin Community Center, as we shared stories of those we help in southern Oregon, such as former Roseburg resident Nathan, who credits the Lions Low Vision program and **Dr. JP Lowery of Pacific University** as being his "light in the dark" growing up as a legally blind child without the support of his parents.

District G Convention - Pendleton

OLSHF Staff always have a good time when we Round Up with our Lions friends from District G, and **DG Betty Jane Bugbee** made sure to make **Doug, Brad King, and Tracy Brown** feel right at home at Wildhorse Casino on March 31st and April 1st. The Foundation's Saturday presentation featured a fun version of OLSHF Jeopardy! We enjoyed "shining a light" on District G Lions icons that have provided remarkable support to the Foundation over the years, Lions such as **Art Carroll, George Sahlberg, Ted Carlin, Bill Taylor, Phyllis Carlin, and Jan Stewart**. We were so pleased to present **Pendleton Lion John Taylor** as our **District G Volunteer of the Year** at lunch on Saturday. Let 'er Buck!

District O Convention - Portland

Short of a late season snow and ice storm, nothing could have kept us from **DG Kerith Vance's** District O Convention, which

was held on April 15th at Mill Park Baptist in SE Portland and featured OLSHF Team Members **Kaitlin Anderson, Tracy Brown, Yvette King, Brad King, Katie Torgerson, Voycetta White, and Tiffany Warren**. OLSHF's lunch program placed a particular emphasis on our LEAP Optical finishing lab that day, and we also announced **Nestucca Valley Lion Dorothy Gann** as our **District O Volunteer of the Year**. A Saturday highlight for many of us was the introduction of **Samantha Doyle, OLSHF's new Development Coordinator**. We encourage you to reach out to Sam at Sam@olshf.org to introduce yourself and learn how Sam and OLSHF can help promote your efforts to serve your community.



OLSHF Team members Doug, Tiffany, Tracy, Samantha, Sammie, Katie, Voycetta, and Yvette enjoyed their time at District O Convention on April 15th.

2023 KTP Days

Speaking of which, we'd like to express our appreciation for the Lions Clubs that have notified us that they have accepted OLSHF's invitation to hold a "KTP Days" event in 2023 as part of this fun new effort to raise awareness of Lions in Oregon and northern California: **Myrtle Creek Lions, Tualatin Lions, Eugene Downtown Lions, Hood River Lions, Crooked River Ranch Lions, Florence-Siuslaw Lions, Stayton Lions, McMinnville Lions, Elgin Lions, and the joint effort between the Junction City Lions, Alvadore Lions, Central Linn Lions, and the Eugene Bethel Lions**. Please let us know if we missed your Lions Club!

As your Foundation Chair, Tom shares: We're really pleased with the response to the first KTP days here in 2023 and look forward to building on this great opportunity to engage MD-36 Lions with our Foundation more!

As your Lions Foundation, we appreciate the opportunity to partner with you to help those in need of sight and hearing services, and we hope to work with even more Lions in 2023-24.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

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Michael Kilkenny
Mike Malter
Nicole Mandarano & John Salois
Noelle Bryan
Norma Barbisan
Patricia Jaffer
Patty Lou Harrison
Paul Zastrow
Pauline & Robert Goyette
Penny & David Rich
Phyllis Carlin
Rene Baumgartner
Robert & Karrie Chaney
Roger Davidson
Ron & Frances Shaw
Roxeanne Boose
Russ Bennett
Russell Chase
Sarah & Thomas Chewerda
Sharene Nolan
Sherilynn Young
Sherry Burkhart-Acosta
Steve & Liane Moser
Steve & Mickey Solcz
Steven Gulliford
Steven Kaufman
Steven Olson
Stuart Brahm
Thomas & Paula Hilgers
Tiffany Best
Tiffany Warren
Timothy & Margaret Hill
Tom & Edmunda Harding
Tom Bessonette
Tom McCann
Walter Sinclair & Carolynn Hamilton
William & Keren Reinhart
William Nourse III
William Van Vliet
Xi Chen

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of David O'Kelley

Gerald & Mary
Martha Hopkins

In Honor of Pat MacDonald

Gerald & Mary
Martha Hopkins

In Honor of Vince Bishop & Robin Stoeckler

Dale & Sharon Rollins

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Bob Wiles

Gerald & Mary
Martha Hopkins

In Memory of George Kent

Martha Hancock

In Memory of Judith M. Giorgi

Paul Zastrow
Trudy Tallman

In Memory of Nell Melzer

Paul Zastrow

In Memory of Norman Davis Jr.

Lavina & Glen Jones

In Memory of Norman Davis Jr.

Nancy Lockett

In Memory of Richard Hardy

Barbara Bizal & Delbert Neuhart

In Memory of Richard Myhre

Leonard & Shelly
Murphy

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PROGRAMS: RJS Acoustics & ROAR!

Meet Ron Scheurer, owner of RJS

The ROAR! Program would not exist without this incredible 30-year partnership with RJS Acoustics. OLSHF's partnership came to an end in January 2023 due to ROAR! partners no longer using RJS for used hearing aids, so we're taking a moment to highlight our long-running partnership with RJS. RJS received donated hearing aids collected by Lions across the state and refurbished them for people in need. None of their work would have been possible without the incredible staff at RJS, including RJS owner Ron Scheurer, Scott Emerson, Connie Furry, and Heather Dillon.

OLSHF is thankful for the RJS team and the incredible customer service they've provided over the past three decades to OLSHF and the Lions of MD-36! Ron Scheurer's innovative concept of refurbishing used hearing aids allowed the Lions of Oregon to help thousands of people in need access hearing aids. OLSHF presented RJS with ROAR! Provider of the Year in 2019 and also inducted Ron into OLSHF's Hall of Fame in 2021. Ron & his team can be found at the **Vancouver Hearing Aid Center** in Vancouver, WA, still providing hearing-related services: vancouverhearingaidcenter.com



Ron Scheurer



OLSHF Staff tours RJS Acoustics, 2016

Class of 2023 *Hall of Fame* Inductees



Gerald Caldwell
Posthumous



Terry Bowman



Trudy Tallman



Chris Gustafson
Posthumous



Russ Chase



Helen McNaughton

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Help us share the Lions' achievements further!

KTP Days are HERE! See some highlighted events below:

 <p>KTP DAYS 2023</p> <p>A month-long event to raise awareness of ALL MD-36 Lions Clubs and the important work we do throughout Oregon and in northern California.</p>	  <p>McMinnville Lions Club's Taste of Mac Downtown Taste & Sip Saturday, 6/10 @ Downtown 3rd St, McMinnville</p>	  <p>Elgin Lions Club's Elgin Riverfest Car Show Saturday, 6/17 @ Field South of Elgin Community Center</p>	  <p>JC, Alvadore, Central Linn, Eugene Bethel Lions Clubs' Lions Keep the Promise Pancake Breakfast Saturday, 6/24 @ Community Center, Junction City, OR</p>	 <p>Your Lions Club can SIGN UP to add your event to Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's KTP Days at:</p> <p>olshf.org/ktpdays</p>
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June - August 2023
OLSHF is promoting YOUR Lions Club events this summer with KTP Days!

MD-36 Convention Parade of Checks

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| Yachats Lions | Rockaway Lions |
| Lake Oswego Lions | The Dalles Lions |
| Hood River Lions | West Salem Lions |
| Springfield Lions | Astoria Lions |
| Ashland Lions | Eugene Bethel Lions |
| Eugene Downtown Lions | Hood River Eye Openers |
| Gresham Breakfast Lions | Tualatin Lions |
| Klamath Falls Lions | Beaverton Lions |
| McMinnville Lions | Hollywood Lions |
| Milwaukie Lions | Charlene & Ron Larson |
| Pendleton Lions | Paul Zastrow |

OLSHF thanks you, Lions!

EVENT: Golf Tournament



Monday, June 26th
Shotgun @ 1:30pm

Langdon Farms Golf Course

Invite your friends!

RSVP via QR Code or this Link:
olshf.org/golf

Register:



**LIONS CLUBS:
Consider a Hole Sponsorship**



ONLY \$100!

Join us for the 74th Annual
Lake Oswego Lions Club
and Vision Envoy Club Branch

4TH OF
JULY

Pancake Breakfast

It's an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes with sausage,
coffee, orange juice, or milk

at George Rogers Park, 611 State St, Lake Oswego, OR

Tuesday, 7/4/2023, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
or until we run out of food, whichever comes first.



Lake Oswego, Oregon, USA

Come One and All to the 74th Annual Lake Oswego Lions Club's 4th of July Pancake Breakfast!

It's the "2023 WE SERVE. Together We Can" event everybody is waiting for!

Lake Oswego Lions Club and Vision Envoy Club Branch is proud to present once again, our annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast! Please bring your family and friends and celebrate this 74-year tradition together with us!. Enjoy your delicious pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and orange juice with all of your neighbors including, (drum roll please) **"Rae Gordon"**! This multi-award-winning singer and her band will be serving up rollicking patriotic selections in a potent stew of gritty blues and heartfelt soul – soaring vocals with searing guitar counterpoint, and a hard-driving rhythm section with the power of a freight train will have you up on your feet stomping and clapping with appreciation.



Rae Gordon and her band performing!

It's time to celebrate! This is Lake Oswego Lions Club's biggest, family-friendly fundraising event of the year! By participating you will support the efforts of LOLC to help provide vision and hearing assistance to neighbors who can't afford exams, glasses, or hearing aids and support local food pantries and various other charities.

We are, for the second time in our long illustrious history, offering sponsorship opportunities to anyone who wants to provide funds to cover the cost of renting a table and eight chairs for this year's event! They are much more comfortable than the old plank tables and benches we assembled for most of our past events! Each sponsorship includes a table tent card to promote your business and two vouchers for a free breakfast! Contact Lion Bonnie Roeder at bonnieroeder@comcast.net to find out how you can be a sponsor!



As the Lake Oswego Lions Club Events Chair 2021-22 and Club President 2022-23, I want to say thank you to everyone who helped make our 73rd LOLC 4th of July Pancake Breakfast a success! You went above and beyond on that day! Thank you so much! Wasn't it great that so many local businesses helped to cover our cost of renting tables and chairs? Wasn't it wonderful to see all the volunteers who pitched in to "be the difference?" And, what a blessing to have absolutely perfect weather! Because of all of this, we had a very successful day! We were able to serve more than 1,400 participants and raise funds to support many worthy causes in our community, thus serving many more in significant ways! WE SERVE is our motto.

As this year's LOLC President and Events Volunteer Coordinator, I am hoping you will be willing and able to help us out at this event and others as we serve together raising funds for great causes and awareness of our Lake Oswego Lions Club and Vision Envoy Club Branch. It always takes a good number of volunteers to pull these events off successfully! Can we add you to that number? Just let me know if you'd like to volunteer! Together we can.

submitted by President/Volunteer Coordinator Bonnie Roeder
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Elgin Lions Club Give Cookies of Appreciation

The Elgin Lions Club recently demonstrated their appreciation for the hardworking members of the Elgin City Council, Elgin Planning Commission, and city workers by distributing their “quarterly cookies of appreciation.” As a longstanding tradition, the Club takes this opportunity to recognize those who serve the community throughout the year.



(l-r) PDG Gerald Hopkins gives City Council member David Reed cookies of appreciation.

During the meeting, PDG Gerald Hopkins delivered a comprehensive report to the council regarding various Lion projects, including the purchase of glasses and hearing aids for those in need, the meticulous cleaning of Pocket Park, providing assistance with community lunches at the Community Center, awarding a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving high school senior, and distributing flags to first-grade students. The Club’s dedication to serving the community is truly inspiring, and their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Elgin Lions Usher at Peter Pan

The Elgin Lions ushered at the Opera House for the play “Peter Pan,” with sell out audiences every scheduled night. The Elgin Club’s own Gary Bottger played Mr. Darling and Captain Hook.



PDG Gerald Hopkins, Gary Bottger as Mr. Darling, and Doreen Baker.



Lion Gary Bottger portraying Captain Hook.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

District G Holds Final Cabinet Meeting of 2022-2023 Lion's Year

District G held its final cabinet meeting in Rufus with District Governor Cheri Jackson outlining some of the successes for the year, as well as issues to be addressed. DG Cheri indicated that the District is down about 8 members, but indicated that we may be on the positive side at the end of the term. She stated that she is still in the process of visiting clubs, but the ones she has attended have been very productive.



DG Cheri Jackson and Secretary Betty Jane Bugbee announce that we have an incoming District Governor, Pete Runnels of Burns, and Vice-Governor Betty Jane Bugbee.



DGE Pete Runnels examining the budget.



(r) Russ Chase of Bend shares information on the diabetes program.



CC Paul Zastro shares information on leader dogs and foreign exchange students.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

St. Helens Lions Club Celebrates Earth Day!!!

The St. Helens Lions Club celebrated Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, with a litter pickup in Columbia City. Fifteen Lions and friends spent two hours cleaning up many City streets and a portion of Highway 30. Orange Lions' vests were worn for safety and participants filled orange garbage bags provided by Columbia City.

Members appreciated the help from City Hall and Columbia City Public Works. The St. Helens Grocery Outlet and Starbucks provided snacks and coffee after the work was finished and St. Helens Burgerville provided gift cards for an incentive drawing for crew members. The local support helped make this Earth Day project a big success!



Lion Kathy Syrstad with the pile of collected garbage.



The crew before work started. Back row (l-r): President Dixon Kirsch, Zone Chair Linda McCoy, Parker Humbird (grandson of Syrstads), Jim Syrstad, Kathy Syrstad, Kim Karber, Abigail Holberton (daughter of Lion Andrew), Andrew Holberton and Sue Mueller. Front row (l-r): Niki Kirsch and Mike McCoy. Not pictured: Lions Greg Bartsch and Sharon Fraser and friends Karen Roldan and Kirsten Humbird.

submitted by Kathy Syrstad