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The Centennial Celebration Parade... MD36 Convention Highlights...



In the back of that vintage car is Council Chair
Steve Oliver



(l-r) After the parade, Lions District-O 2nd
VDGE Terry Bowman, Ted Carlin, PDG
Sandy Woolverton and District-O 1st VDG
Bert Diamond relaxed



Visiting ID Joyce Middleton awards Lion
PDG Cy Kauffman a Melvin Jones award,
the highest honor of recognition

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ANNIVERSARIES

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

June

Coquille	June 25, 1925
Columbia Gorge	June 29, 1948
Langlois	June 15, 1964
Keno	June 12, 1978
Crooked River Ranch	June 28, 1979
Dallas	June 10, 2003
Woodburn	June 30, 2004
Applegate Trail	June 24, 2010

July

Dorris	July 16, 1946
Yachats	July 20, 1950

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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

June

Installation of Club Officers

- 10 District E Cabinet mtg. - Bandon - The Barn @ 10am
- 26 So. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center Board meeting - Medford @ 6pm

EVENTS

June

- Keep The Promise Bkfst - Portland TBA
- 5 Eyeglass Sorting Party - Keizer - Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave., NE @6pm
- 18 Father's Day

MD and District Websites

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Remember June 18th

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

Council Chair News



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As I write my last article as Council Chair, I want to thank the four District Governors with whom I had the privilege of working. What an industrious group. They were working hard the whole year. They had success that they can be proud of. I also need to apologize to Leah for procrastinating on getting my reports and articles submitted. Writing has never come easily for me, so I wait to the last possible minute to get items written and sent. Leah has been very patient with me, which I appreciate.

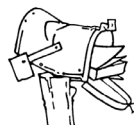
When this article comes out, the year will be almost over. The new Council of Governors will be ready to take over. I wish them all a very successful year.

As I contemplated about what I should write about, I thought about a course I taught in my church a few years ago. It was called, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat*. The theme throughout the course was that if you want to accomplish something, you first have to get out of the boat and get started. You can't just sit in the boat and expect things to get done. I think we can apply this to Lions. We look at our successful Lions throughout our Districts and they didn't wait in the boat and hope things got done. They got out of the boat and went to work. If we want Lionism to grow in District 36, we all must get out of the boat and get to work. We can't just hope that someone else will do it. It may never get done. We have had and have now great Lions. The thing that made them great was that they made the commitment to get out of the boat. Keep up the good work. Thanks again for a great year.

Sincerely,
CC Steve Oliver

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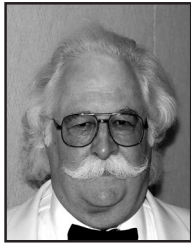
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A Friendly Nudge

**Your Club's PU101
(Officer Reporting Form)
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Office by
May 15th!
Please do your
report A.S.A.P.**

District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column

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Last month I discussed the importance of a club keeping active with community projects and fundraising projects. In clubs that have medium to large membership, half or more of the members would rather be doing the activities than attending a meeting. It's important for the clubs to keep those members who don't attend meetings regularly, informed of the club's activities so that they don't feel left out. Those that do attend the meetings regularly want the meeting to be entertaining and informative. Club business should be done at the board meetings, unless it requires the attention of the full membership.

Club membership should be an ongoing endeavor regardless of the size of the club. I keep hearing that the younger generation is not interested, that they have more concern about their needs than the need of others. That may be true to a certain extent. Think back to when you were that young, were you of the same opinion at that age? A lot of us were just starting to think about raising a family and learning what our limits were. I know I waited a year and a half before I decided to see what Lions was all about. Then if you have a family, you and your spouse have to make a decision that would affect the lifestyle of your family. It's not easy. New members are out there. We just can't give up looking for them.

It's not impossible for a struggling club to revive it self. Take the Estacada Lions Club, for example. They were down to three members four to five years ago, with one member ready to throw in the charter. The other two members decided that they wanted to save the Club and asked for help. They got that help from their Zone Chair and some Guiding Lions from nearby clubs. In December, 2016, they celebrated their 50th anniversary and have a membership of 17. It is possible to save a club, it just take some work. Just think **CAN DO**.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



District R Governor Column

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Well, here we are at the end of this District Governor's year. It has had lots of "ups" and lots of "downs", but the positive prevails making it a great year. Visiting clubs has been one of the most rewarding parts of the job. Each club is unique and works within the framework of the organization; yet each club does great things, big and small. It's been rewarding to see how Lions care for each other and work together to accomplish their goals.

I can't believe how the clubs have such unique ideas for projects and fund raisers. Take, for instance, the Mapleton Rain Derby in which you can buy in and make a guess at the annual rainfall and maybe win the prize. That takes little effort. Then there is the Central Car Show. That's a lot of work, but very rewarding. Chicken BBQs are always a winner. Then there are the tulip fundraisers. Plant the bulbs and let Mother Nature do her work. Each club does a terrific job organizing its year to reach its goals.

We've had a few problems also. This District Governor had the idea that solutions were easy to put in place. Not so. Sometimes the answer is illusive and even many hands and heads together take lots of time and effort to accomplish a solution that's workable.

I would like to acknowledge those volunteers that come out to help and serve with our organization even though they are not members. We are the core group for the many volunteers that help to make our organization the greatest humanitarian organization in the world. Without them our tasks would be much greater. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

Although I still have some time left, I hope to do more work, serve better and have lots of fun in the future and yet continue to work and serve my community, my District, and my world!

Thanks to you all!

District E - Southern - South Coast



District E Governor Column

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Hi Lions – Wasn't the Convention in Pendleton great? The parade was well received and the Centennial Celebration was fun. June 1 was Helen Keller Day and that date serves as a reminder to us that in 1925 she challenged the Lions to be "Knights of the Blind". It has been the catalyst to LCI success in serving throughout the world. The actual birthday of Lions Club International is June 7, 1917. Since the Centennial Celebration does not end until June 30, 2018, you still have time to do the Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns and implement a Legacy Project that will make your club visible in your community. Our District will continue to celebrate Lions' success story for years to come as we live up to the reputation of LCI being the biggest and best service organization internationally. Give yourself a hand; you all deserve it.

I visited Riddle Lions; they are an inspiring club.... small but healthy. Seven members continue to provide for the sight and hearing needs of people in their area. Their Lions are active in many ways in Riddle but as a Club they haven't taken on more than they can handle. There are 2 key elements to the survival of your small club: 1) get one or more new members, 2) don't schedule so many activities that your members get burned out. Annually, take a look at your service projects and fundraisers. Figure out which projects continue to be of benefit in a present-day environment. Can they be updated and the workload shared by other non-profits or youth? Don't fall into the trap where only a few Lions are doing a tremendous amount of work to the point they are ready to call it quits. You can't do it all even though your generous Lion nature begs you to do it all. Pare down your activities in a healthy way. I want your club, no matter the size, to carry on for years to come with strength and determination. You will inspire other clubs!

What's next? I am about to hand over my bell and gavel to a well-deserved District Governor Elect Bob Chaney from Myrtle Creek Lions. He has worked hard training all year so he can assist clubs in "Restoring the Roar". Doug and I are going to spend some time this summer with family in Texas and Michigan before taking on Lion roles in our Sutherlin Club and 36-E. I will carry on with a project close to my heart, the E-COM monthly 36-E newsletter. Sharing retention and membership ideas will be my focus. I want to keep you informed about Lionism and help you to continue to celebrate "The Heart of a Lion".

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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HATS - Helping Another Through Service

Wow! The year is coming to an end.

You made it special!

Thank you.

Through this column, I have noted many of our clubs' special projects, events and special Lions. From one end of District G to the other your service to your community and to the world is undeniable. I am humbled by the accomplishments of our 31 clubs and by the hospitality shown to me. The visitations ended with many new friends and new ideas. I learned from all of you.

Thank you to my fellow DGs and their camaraderie. Thank you to 36-G Cabinet officers and all of their support (including a Cabinet meeting, leadership training and charter night all at the same time and place-who thought of that). Thank you to club presidents and secretaries who helped with my scheduling and kept the clubs notified. Thank you to club members and your welcoming ways – you are Lions at heart.

I am grateful for the opportunity to meet you and become lasting friends. I am grateful for the visitations to your clubs. I am grateful to witness the service you do for your communities. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

My Hat is off to District 36-G Lions!!

Who Wants to Go to Pluto?

Lion member Joe Garlitz presented a program to the Elgin Club on the latest discoveries involving the planet Pluto. First discovered by Clyde Tombaugh at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff in 1930, Lion Joe said that new information has been sent to earth from the New Horizons launch. The launch occurred January 19, 2006, and began sending back information July 14, 2015. The last data arrived October 2016, from the planet three billion miles away.

Lion Joe shared with the Lions that the last time Pluto was at its current place in orbit, the Stamp Tax and Boston Tea Party were



Lion Joe Garlitz

occurring. Although the pictures show that Pluto has been geologically active, the temperatures average about -229 degrees Centigrade. Joe added that Pluto appears to have mountains and ocean floors. Sand dunes and glaciers are visible. "A methane gas has covered the frozen

ocean water." Lion Joe told the group that it appears approximately one-third of the planet is covered with ice. Scientists expected to see a planet of craters, but the surface has not been inactive, he noted.

The New Horizon project will continue to send data until January 2019. "By that time," Lion Joe said, "The rocket will be one billion miles past Pluto." He said that it was not planned to land the rocket on the planet because, "It takes as much fuel to slowdown and stop as it does to get there."

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Celebrating Saint Paddy's Day

Rockaway Lions held their 15th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner on March 19th at their Club House in Rockaway. We served 150 happy customers and made just under \$1,000 for our Scholarship Fund.

The festivities began with a "Peeling Party" made up of energetic Lions peeling many pounds of potatoes and carrots. The volunteers also chopped the cabbage and onions. Lions Bob Dempster, Bill Ping and Jerry Stanfill cooked the corn beef for hours before it ready for the party. The corn beef was so tender it could be cut with a fork. Lion Bob Dempster baked bread for days before the event and many Lions baked cakes. Twelve Rockaway Lions helped serve. Six of the energetic Rockaway Leos came to the dinner to help serve and bus dishes.



(l-r) Lions LuLu Bowman and Jane Gibbs serving desert



(l-r) Lions Jerry Stanfill, June Chard and Marilyn Romine serving dinner

Residents of the City of Rockaway look forward to this Annual feast. Some of our diners reserve tables and many buy tickets as soon as they are available. A good time was had by all.

submitted by Lion LuLu Bowman

Island City Lions Prepare for Hog Wild Days

Guest Karen Howton spoke to the Island City Lions about new ideas for Hog Wild Days. She listed events such as a 5K-10K walk/run, 3 x 3 basketball and volleyball, a horseshoe tournament, bicycle courses, fire safety activities and more. Karen said she wanted to share ideas because she would like to see more activities for the families. "I just love Hog Wild Days and what it does for the community. Where else to you find vendors using residential districts." She added that she and others did some brainstorming and hoped to have ideas for the entire family. Members discussed various issues and President Dan Cosner appointed a special committee to determine new ideas, which might be added to the event. Vendor chair Al Weathermon thanked Sheila Evans and Mike Voss for finding a dozen new vendors for Hog Wild Days.

The Club finished a project with the La Grande Gun Show organized by Lion Mike Voss and collected a total of \$2,440 by selling tickets and working in the kitchen area. Mint money was also collected totaling \$189 for the Lions.

The Club is also looking into the possibility of making beautification improvements to the Island City Strip. The Island City Lions would like to bring in filler dirt, trim the existing trees, create an irrigation system and plant grass along the highway.

Council Chair Steve Oliver and Past District Governor Gerald Hopkins joined in the discussion of the upcoming Multiple District Convention May



**Island City Recorder guest speaker
Karen Howton addresses
Island City Lions Club**



(l-r) Lions CC Steve Oliver, PDG Gerald Hopkins, and Lindi and Mike Voss

19th. Lion Steve said that since the Lions were celebrating 100 years of service, the May 19-20th meeting in Pendleton will be a major celebration. He encouraged the Lions to share their Pig Train at the parade on the 19th. Council Chair Steve also discussed the theme and progress of Governor Judith Poage. He gave information on Lion projects throughout the world. CC Lion Steve and PDG Lion Gerald then inducted the newest member, Lindi Voss, into the organization. Lindi is being sponsored by her husband Mike.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Michele Timmons Addresses Lions

Elgin's librarian, Michele Timmons, was a guest at the Elgin Lions Club. Michele thanked the Lions for their past support of the summer reading program. She noted that through the Elgin Lions, the summer program closed the reading gap seen through summer months. "As Lions, you have been investing in the child, the teacher, and therefore the community."



Michele Timmons

Michele said this summer's theme will be "A Better World." The funding given in past years has allowed each child completing the summer program to go home with a new book. Following her presentation, the Lions voted to donate another \$300 to the summer reading program.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

LIONS VISIONGIFT

***“I know what Lions VisionGift does beneath the surface.
I know it is going to help somebody down the road.”***

Jo Hallam has a lot of miles under his belt and we mean that. The 86 year old Stayton Lion has logged more than 15,360 miles in the last three years while being a volunteer courier. With hundreds of courier runs needed each year, **Lions VisionGift** depends on the generosity of time and the continued level of dedication that volunteer couriers bring to our organization. That said, you might have a hard time trying to beat Lion Jo to the call as he did 48 courier runs in 2015, 59 runs in 2016 and this year he’s got 21 courier runs thus far. What keeps Lion Jo running? “It gives someone an opportunity to see again. It makes me feel good”, Lion Jo says.

Originally from Enterprise, Lion Jo has been a Lion for more than 30 years. He started in the 1960s with the then Springfield-Willamette Club and continued all the way up until his retirement in 1990, when he decided to return to Enterprise to help take care of his family ranch. As Lion Jo tells it, his aunt needed help “keeping the fences up and the varmints down”. After some time back on the ranch, Lion Jo returned to his Lions service in 2001 and moved to Sublimity, where he volunteers as a courier between Salem and Portland. “The Lions Club program, the work they do is so worthwhile. I feel like I need to give back. It feels good to be part of something worldwide”.



(l-r) Andrea Westerfield (LVG), Jerry Kreitzer f, Jennifer Lee (LVG), Jameson Clover (LVG), Dylan Madenski (LVG) and Stayton Lion Jo Hallam.

As the years have gone on, Lion Jo now has his friend Jerry ride shotgun with him to help keep an eye out for traffic on their drive to Portland. The two of them like using the buddy system for navigation and radar for those “Portland drivers”. During Lion Jo and Jerry’s most recent trip to Portland, Lion Jo was caught a little off guard when several **Lions VisionGift** staff presented him with a 2017 Visionary Award for his years of service and excellence. As Lion Jo told me – “Once in a while someone blows your horn and it makes you feel good inside”.

We thank Lion Jo and all our wonderful couriers for their continued service and dedication. If you would like to follow in Lion Jo’s footsteps and help **Lions VisionGift** with courier runs, please be sure to organize within your club and then contact **Lions VisionGift** with an updated list of members who are interested in volunteering.

by Matt Webber, Partner Relations Manager

You, Me and the DI!

Hello Everyone,

Spring is in the air and I can feel it in my feet, can you?

Well it feels like the weather is going to lighten up and allow us to pursue whatever activities we enjoy or need to do in the great outdoors. It feels like spring is truly in full bloom and the only thing we need to avoid is overextending ourselves. Start out slowly and stay hydrated and don't forget the sunscreen. Be liberal with both. Remember an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Following is an article published on the WebMD at Walgreens and the authoress is Sonya Collins. Enjoy.

By the Numbers! **What you need to know about monitoring blood sugar**

by Sonya Collins

If you were recently diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, you'll need to learn all about blood sugar testing.

Why is self-testing important? "Checking blood glucose is the only way to know for sure whether diabetes is under control," says Pilar Murphy, PharmD, an assistant professor at Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

If you take insulin, your health care provider may ask you to check your blood sugar, also called blood glucose, once or more daily. If you manage the condition with diet and exercise, you will check your blood sugar regularly but maybe not every day.

What does the number mean? Your glucose meter measures the amount of sugar in a drop of your blood.

When you haven't eaten overnight, your blood sugar in the morning should be between 70 and 130. That's called fasting glucose or fasting blood sugar. About an hour or two after the start of a meal, your blood sugar should be less than 180. That's called postprandial glucose.

These numbers show how food, exercise, stress, and sickness affect blood sugar. "It helps patients see, for example, if they eat a lot of bread, their sugar will go up," Murphy says.

What if your sugar is too low or too high? If your blood sugar is below 70, you should eat or drink 15 to 20 grams of simple carbohydrates, then check your sugar again in 15 minutes. (You can get 15 to 20 grams of simple carbohydrates from two tablespoons of raising or a tablespoon of honey.) Repeat these steps until your blood sugar returns to normal.

If your sugar tests high on occasion, drink water to avoid dehydration. And if it's over 240, check your urine or blood for ketones with test strips available at the drugstore. This chemical circulates in your blood and urine when your body begins to break down fat for energy instead of sugar. Moderate to high levels of ketones in the blood can be poisonous.

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"Enthusiasm is the mainspring of the soul. Keep it wound up and you will never be without power to get what you actually need." Author unknown.

Collecting Pop Tops for a Good Cause

During the District G Convention some clubs from the District brought in aluminum pop tops (tabs) for donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Bend. This program has been in operation for a couple of years and all District G clubs have been encouraged to save the tabs. On April 2nd, the tabs were consolidated and delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. Although it doesn't seem like much, 29 pounds from 4 clubs were donated. These donations are used to purchase items that are normally not budgeted, but that help make life a little more pleasant for the residents. The Cubs participating were La Pine (20 lbs., Hood River Eye Openers 6 lbs., Bend/Sunrise 2lbs. 10 oz., and Elgin Lions 6 oz.). This is an ongoing program and Bend/Sunrise accepts the tabs at anytime.

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

Toby Bedell Elgin Lions Student of the Month

Senior Toby Bedell was introduced by CC Steve Oliver as the Elgin Lions' "Student of the Month." Toby told the group that his goal is to go into Computer Engineering, beginning with Treasure Valley Community College. If he can't find the funds, he plans to work after high school.

Toby has been involved with church activities, helping his grandfather with work and playing three years of football and two years of baseball for Elgin High School. Although he was born in Salem, he has attended school in Elgin all 12 years. For his senior project, Toby served as a youth coach for the soccer team. He also enjoys working on cars.

Toby stated that there are very good teachers in Elgin. "I like it because everybody helps everybody. It's like a small village."

Asked about his knowledge of the Lions, Toby stated "They host a lot of things like Riverfest. They also help at the Opera House, Chamber of Commerce, and with the Rodeo Days."

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins



Hearing Help: Another Service Provided By Lions

On April 7, Lions from 4 Clubs in District G (Bend/Sunrise, La Pine, Three Sisters, and Crooked River Ranch) working with Dr. Todd Landsberg held a Hearing Aid Clinic in Bend to assist people unable to pay for examinations and hearing aids. Nine individuals were identified and approved by OLSHF to receive hearing aids in this all-day program (3 from Bend, 3 from La Pine, 2 from CRR, and 1 from Sisters). Dr. Landsberg examined each individual, fitted them with appropriated aids and gave them training on how to use and maintain the aids. Several of the recipients were in serious need of assistance when they arrived and all went out smiling when the doctor finished with them. All the Lions that took part in the Clinic were highly pleased to see to the difference the hearing aids made for the recipients.

Support for the program came from OLSHF in the form of grants and from the Clubs involved. The day was long but everyone went home happy to know they had made such a great difference.

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

Union Lions Provide Hearing Aids

Union Lions Lori Graham and Karen Hasel pursued support from the Elgin Club to purchase hearing aids for a Union resident. Sight & Chairman Keith Warren visited with Karen and Lori during the meeting to give information for sources to pursue.



(l-r) Union Lions Lori Graham and Karen Hasel

*submitted by
PDG Gerald Hopkins*

Rockaway Lions Beach Cleanup

Rockaway Lions sponsored their 32rd beach cleanup with **SOLVE** April 1st. Ten Club members registered 221 volunteers from Oregon. The volunteers collected 140 bags of trash including plastic



Some of the volunteers

bottles, glass and cans, which filled one garbage truck. One dock has washed up onto the beach, which will need Oregon Fish and Wildlife to inspect for foreign marine material that could be harmful to our coastal waters.

Rockaway Lions generously provided a lunch of hot dogs and chili to all the volunteers. One hundred-twenty of the volunteers returned to the Club House to dine on lunch and cookies. The next beach cleanup is scheduled for September.



Rockaway Lions President Rom Hemberry with metal frame from beach wedding



Entire dock washed ashore

submitted by Lion LuLu Bowman

Elgin's Special Olympic Star Visits with Lions

Special guest at the Elgin Lion Club meeting was Mandi Durfee, who recently returned with six awards from the Olympics in Austria. Mandi was joined by her parents Patti and Doug Durfee.

Mandi shared her silver and bronze medals captured during the Olympics. The Durfees were uncertain she would be able to attend the international competition after hurting her knee skiing at Anthony Lakes. At that time, the rescue team helped her down on a rescue sled. "I couldn't ski for five weeks but I got a special brace so I could. It was really scary getting back to skiing after my injury," she told the Lions, but she had to wear a knee brace the entire time. Mandi added that there was no snow on the ski area due to rain, so they brought in snow for the runs. There was about six inches of slush which resulted in several injuries. Mani said that the opening ceremonies were very cold and they stood in the pouring rain for hours.



(l-r) Doug, Mandi and Patti Durfee

met the Prince of Liechtenstein. "He's pretty cute!" She was also able to shake hands with Arnold Schwarzenegger, "I thought he would be there because he is from there and this event was very important. He said, 'Nice to meet you,' and I said it back with an accent."

Mandi related to the group that her favorite part was hearing the many languages and meeting many people. She

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

What a Great Multiple

Did someone say PARADE?



Here's one of the "floats" in the parade

The Centennial Celebration Parade through downtown Pendleton was a huge success. It was part of the Multiple District Convention on May 18-21. Thanks to the giant help of Lions PDG Sharon Rollins (Lake Oswego Club) and John Taylor (Pendleton Club), more than 100 Lions participated in the mid-day parade. Renovated vintage cars, the Foundation's Health Screening truck, local sheriffs, a fire truck and a lot of Lions paraded slowly down Main Street. Lions brought their club banners, lion costumes, pets and zest to make it a fun event. And the Pendleton citizens came out to watch the festivities.

The Multiple District Convention was also fun and exciting. Each of the four Districts held their individual Friday night banquets with District Governors recognizing outstanding Lions and cabinet members.



Sitting on the back of the convertible are (l-r) Martin Middleton and ID Joyce Middleton riding in the parade (Robin Herrington of Rockaway Lions Club driving her prized red convertible and PCC Bob Guerrant riding shotgun)

The more formal affair, the Multiple District Banquet, was held on Saturday night. The keynote speaker, International Director Joyce Middleton from Massachusetts, reminded us to keep our volunteering spirit strong and to remember what our communities would be like without our Lions clubs.

Several Lion leaders received special recognition that night including a 3rd presidential award to PCC Vince Bishop, a 2nd presidential award to District R 1st VDG Tom Hilgers and a Melvin Jones award to PDG Cy Kauffman.

District Convention!



Towards the left are members of East Albany Lions Club and at the right are members of the Milwaukee Lions Club

Along with the formal ceremonies, attendees enjoyed 20 break-out classes about diabetes, public relations, surviving disasters and many more Lions-related topics. First-time convention goers had their own class as did club secretaries and presidents.



Convention attendees at the Multiple District Convention

At the Saturday luncheon, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation inspired us with medical success stories of children and adults who benefited from Lions' hard work. Through sight and hearing screenings and many dollars raised by Lions, these individuals were able to benefit. We certainly appreciate the hard working staff of our Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

A special addition to this year's convention was the Foundation's new Eye Promise dispensary, which allowed Lions to get fitted for new eyeglasses at a 50% discount. The Eye Promise store is located in the front of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation in NW Portland. It will provide frames and lenses to both Lions and non-Lions. Eye Promise will take its glasses on the road to District conventions next Lion year.



Visiting ID Joyce Middleton congratulated the current District Governors and their 1st and 2nd District Governors

This Multiple District Convention would not have been so successful without the stellar volunteer work of convention chair Lion PCC Bob Guarrant and the many members of the Convention Planning Committees. We thank you all for your effort over the past year.

If you like to learn new things to help your club, like to socialize with new and familiar Lion friends and like to see a different part of our state, don't miss next year's Multiple District Convention in May in Eugene.

*submitted by District- O 1st VDG, Bert Diamond
pictures by Carrie Swesso Bartley*

Recycling Program With a Huge Impact On A Community

The Sutherlin Lions began a recycling program in the community many years ago as a way to raise money in order to provide for services to children. The program was called “**Cans for Kids**”. Permission from the property owner was granted at the corner of a main intersection and Lions built and placed a noticeable V-shaped sign behind which a metal receptacle was located. Lions then requested residents of Sutherlin and Oakland to donate their empty soda, plastic bottles and beer bottles. A second receptacle is now located in front of the Lion’s Den, (a barn one block off the main street and near additional businesses).

Lion Club members take turns retrieving the donations then transporting them to the Den. They sort and pack the items in huge plastic bags, load all this in the truck and transport it to the Eugene Oregon Bottle Recycling Center (OBRC) for cash. Lions give Boy Scout Troop 31 all the 2 liter bottles and recyclable beer bottles for them to recycle, creating an income stream to fund monthly activities and attendance of camp.

All the “**The Cans for Kids**” money is returned to the community supporting the following programs:

School-related support - Scholarships for high school seniors; Contribution to the Sutherlin High graduation trip; Contribution to the Robotics project at Sutherlin High; Purchase of a Paver to help pay for the new High School athletic field turf; Presentation of 100 American flags by Lions to 1st graders with an educational program; Contributions to SMART reading program; Provision of school supplies to help teachers with needed items; Support of the Sutherlin Resource Center program which provides an after school place, food and help with homework; Contributions to the annual Halloween Party at West School.

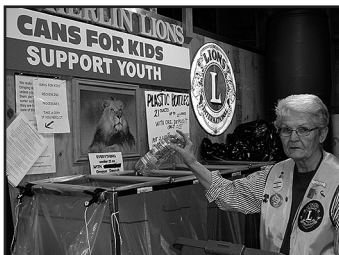


(l-r) Lions Doug Brink and PDG Bruce Boone getting ready to load bags of cans into the truck

Camping support - Support of Camp Millenium for children with cancer; Contributions to Camp Taoli for children with hearing problems; Funding for Camp Gales for children with diabetes.

Community support; The annual Christmas Festival games and provision of Christmas trees to low-income families; Providing 3 presents for each child in the home of less fortunate family; Sponsoring the annual 4th of July in Central Park; Support of the annual Easter egg hunt;

Other child-related support - Funding for Eagle Scout projects; Backpack Fridays at the West and East School. (A project where Lions contribute food in backpacks for weekend to allow the children have sustenance over the weekend); Lions contribute to the State program that provides for the sight screening for elementary children (900 this past year both in Sutherlin and Oakland) and provision of glasses for some (one in an emergent situation).



Lion Lou Fuller sorting cans and placing them in plastic bags

We are so proud of Sutherlin and Oakland residents and businesses who help Lions sustain the “**Cans for Kids**” program with their generous contributions helping Lions to support our youth.

OBRC is in the process of locating an Oregon Bottle Drop Redemption Center in Roseburg where Sutherlin Lions will have an account to which contributors may make their charitable donations.

*submitted by Sharon Elliott, President Sutherlin Lions Club
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Lion Sharon Elliott heaving a plastic bag of cans to be stored until loaded in the truck prior to delivering to Eugene OBRC

Trivial Information can Produce a Lot of Fun

Do you know which of the President's heads carved on Mt. Rushmore is not represented on U.S. currency? The answer is President Theodore Roosevelt. That is just one of the questions posed to the teams competing in a Trivia Night held by the Eugene Downtown Lions Club. The idea for the event came from a meeting of the Club's Fundraising Committee and Membership Committee. The funds earned by the event were earmarked for the Boys and Girls Club Emerald Valley Capital Campaign. The initial idea of having a trivia night came from Lion Adam Schulz who explained that he and his wife had thoroughly



I-r) Lion Adam Schulz, Ryon Wheeler, CEO Boys & Girls Club of Emerald Valley welcomes everyone and thanked them for their participation

enjoyed such an event at a local venue. After months of planning and even having to change the date as originally planned, the event finally came to fruition on the evening of Thursday March 16, 2017.

Over 65 Lions, guests and others filled the tables at Claim 52 Brewing to compete in a night of trivia for fun and some really nice prizes. Committee members solicited sponsors for the event. We were looking for event and table sponsors as well as backers for the rounds of the game. As it happened our own Lion Jan Sohlman of Re/Max Integrity volunteered to be our Event Sponsor. With that set, finding people who could get together a team to play trivia was next. We were really pleased that teams were formed and competed in this brain-teasing contest. Some teams were

composed of Lions and their families, some of law firm members, and even a team of students from the U of O who are members of the first Lions Club being formed with the University students.

There were 9 rounds with three questions per round. Lion Adam was the Master of Ceremonies and Trivia Master, asking the questions and running the video screen. Special raffle tickets were given to each team based on their number of correct answers for each round. Multiple drawings took place to award prizes, which included gift cards and many baskets loaded with goodies all of which were generously donated. Some Marcus Mariota memorabilia was donated and, as luck would have it, members of the U of O student team were the proud winners of his prized photos, etc. The top winning

team with the most correct answers for the night was the team from Gleaves Swearingen, LLC (a law firm) with 19 out of 27 correct answers.

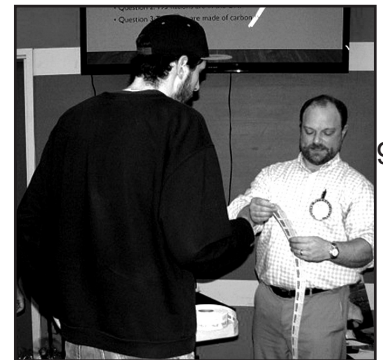
Tables were sponsored and each participant paid an entry fee. Claim 52 donated back a percentage of the money spent on beverages and the Dark Side of the Q, which brought their food truck for the evening, also gave back a percentage



The winning team from Gleaves Swearingen, LLC

of their profits from food sales. They both deserve a very special thank you for helping to make this a memorable event.

The final tally is in and our first-ever Trivia Night earned \$2,109 that will go to the Boys and Girls Club of Emerald Valley Capital Campaign. With this kind of success it looks as if this won't be the Eugene Downtown Lions Club's only Trivia Night. So, trivia buffs, be aware and be on the lookout for the announcement of a second Trivia Night in the future with the proceeds going to another worthy cause.



Lion Adam Schulz was MC asking questions and giving out raffle tickets for round winners



One of the raffle drawing winners was from the U of O trivia team

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman



Art Abbott
Board Chair

There is No Better Service Than Being a Lion

On one hand, it comes as a surprise that this is my last column as OLSHF Chair. On the other hand, since I was Chair also in 1993-94 it's possible that I'll write a column as Foundation Chair again in 2040. We'll see.

In all seriousness, these 12 months as Chair of the Foundation have been very rewarding and here are just a few of the accomplishments that we are proud of, and I hope that you are also:

- In August, OLSHF secured new screening equipment to enhance MHSP Community Events - This is a step toward enhancing these events and increasing the number of adults screened for health issues each year. With the support of the Murdock Charitable Trust, MHSP Community Events now have state of the art testing equipment for glaucoma and brand new equipment for vision screenings. I encourage you to consider scheduling a Community screening event for adults next year.
- Screening over 175,000 Oregon school children for vision health issues in 2016-17. There is no other program in the U.S. that screens this many kids and even smaller programs do not screen using the accurate, state-of-the-art technology that OLSHF utilizes. We've been invited to share our success at September's USA-Canada Forum here in Portland and we're honored to be able to do so. I hope you share my pride in having one of the premier school-based health screening programs in the U.S.
- Release of 2016-2021 OLSHF Strategic Plan in November - This new road map for the Foundation has exciting goals that will help lead OLSHF into the next decade and beyond. I encourage your Lions Club to schedule a presentation with a OLSHF Trustee or Staff member to learn more about the future of OLSHF.
- Our Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) Optical Lab keeps going strong. We're now up to over 50 Lions Clubs and local vision providers that have joined the LEAP Network, lowering the cost of new eyeglasses for people in need and stretching dollars to help more people. Our Gresham Breakfast Sight & Hearing Chair Rick Stubblefield says of the LEAP Lab: "The LEAP Lab has been a real asset for us and our provider Mt. Hood Vision is very happy with LEAP."
- Senate Bill 187 - OLSHF has played a role in introducing and advocating for legislation that could result one day in every Oregon child being screened for vision health issues in Oregon schools. At press time, SB 187 is still alive and whether it passes this session or not, key legislators agree that it's past time for the State of Oregon to be funding early screening of vision health issues. I hope you're proud that Lions are leading the way to helping make this happen.



Doug Thompson
Executive Director

Spotlight on an Oregon Vision Hero

I know that the term "hero" gets thrown around a lot and at times is more of a euphemism than anything else. By definition a "hero" is someone that is admired for outstanding achievements or noble qualities and by this definition I offer to you for hero status Dr. J.P. Lowery of Pacific University and the Lions Low Vision Clinic.

Many of you are likely aware that J.P. travels to all parts of Oregon as a Lions ambassador, providing low vision eye exams and assistive vision devices to children with disabilities. Often these kids have disabilities so pronounced that vision health is an afterthought, thereby stunting the opportunity for quality learning and social development.

"We (the teaching staff) feel the Low Vision Clinic is invaluable. It is so helpful, we gather so much information, not only about the student's eye health, but also about how they will use their vision in the classroom setting" said Sara Wright of the Northwest Regional ESD.

Mary Bjornskov, also a teacher of the visually impaired, adds to the praise for Dr. Lowery: "Dr. Lowery is a real blessing to the teachers, parents and especially the students we serve. Because of his educational background and his superior skills as an optometrist, he has improved the lives of hundreds of students at our agency alone. Dr. Lowery is an expert at talking to parents and students in a functional way regarding their disability and its educational impact on the student's lives."

About the only one that doesn't believe Dr. Lowery is a hero is J.P. himself. "I do appreciate the appreciation for what we do in the LVC. It is a great program made possible by efforts by many, including all the staff there at the Foundation."

The only thing better than a hero is a humble hero.

Thank you Dr. Lowery!

In closing, I'll say that there's no better service than being a Lion and supporting OLSHF. I'm proud that the Foundation continues to grow our individual donor base and I'm pleased that 100% of OLSHF Trustees financially support the Foundation. I encourage you to do so as well. By joining the OLSHF PRIDE program, a monthly recurring gift can add up to help provide significant support for people in need and OLSHF staff are available to help you enroll in PRIDE. You can call the Foundation at (503) 413-7399 and make arrangements to do it today.



Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

Gifts & Memorials

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Keep the Promise

Breakfast at the Oregon Zoo

Left, Ella, a young supporter and budding philanthropist, councils Doug on talking to a crowd, and right, Misty shares how our school vision screenings helped her daughter Quinn and thousands of students just like her.

Below, Tracy, Katie, and Kelly move the crowd as they share their excitement about building an optical program helping thousands of people with eyeglasses.



Multiple District 36 Convention



During OLSHF's Friday luncheon, Baker City Lions Club Sight & Hearing Chair Steve stands with Josh Buxton and his grateful family. Josh received two surgeries through OLSHF's Patient Care program available through Lions Clubs in MD-36.



Incoming Council Chair Brad King drives the Lions Mobile Health Screening truck in the Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebration Parade held in downtown Pendleton during the MD-36 Convention.

Live From the Canyonville Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

Each year the Canyonville Lions put on an Easter Egg Hunt. We hope for good weather, even though living in Oregon means it could very well rain. Eggs are filled with candy and prizes are numbered just waiting to bring smiles to many children's faces.



(l-r) Lions Jeanette Schwerdt, Martha Burkhardt and Brian Shankle as the Easter Bunny

Try to imagine the scene. The day begins with an overcast chill, but small spots of blue sky give us the hope of a sunny afternoon. The eggs are hidden and soon a crowd begins to gather around the hunting ground.



The Easter Egg Hunt is on!!!

A siren is heard as a firetruck pulls up to the park. Everyone turns to look, as the Easter Bunny makes his proud appearance. The kids line up to greet the bunny and get their first pieces of candy of the day. Some kids take pictures with him and others just want a hug! A beautiful blue sky appears and anticipation grows.

Now the attention all goes back to the hunt. Kids and parents patiently wait for 1:00 to arrive. Finally it is time! Everyone has big smiles as the kids take their mark. Get set and go! The kids swarm the park grabbing everything they can, as fast as they can! They hope a prize ticket will be inside



Lions Dawn Cartwright, Martha Burkhardt, Judy Holmes, Jeanette Schwerdt, Lynn Schwerdt and President Donna Oltman

at least one of their eggs. But even if not, their basket is filled with lots of amazing candy. The prize tickets are turned in with excited, smiling faces. Lots of new toys and great prizes are won.

Slowly the crowd disappears, and the park returns to normal again. Everything is put away until next year when the annual Canyonville Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt will return.



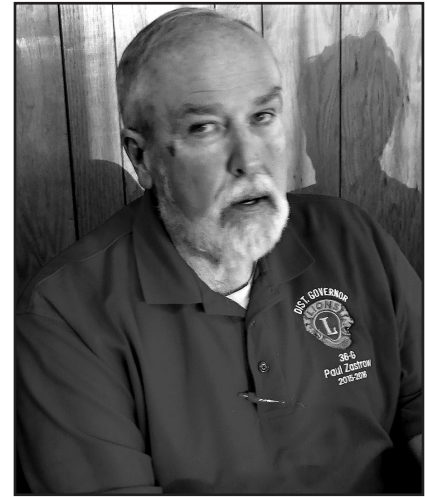
A table full of prizes

submitted by Dawn Cartwright

District Governor Poage Holds Final Cabinet Meeting

Cabinet members of District G met at Rufus for District Governor Poage's meeting. DG Poage outlined some of the success of the year, including positive membership gains within the District and visits to all clubs except Wallowa, which is scheduled for May 2nd.

PDG Paul Zastrow noted that District G has donated \$17,294 in assigned club or individual giving to the Lions Club International Foundation. He said that we have 220 separate Melvin Jones Fellows and 15 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows. He said that this Lion year District G has donated \$19,735 to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Since corporation donations are "drying up" clubs and individuals will have to step up to cover the cost of \$3.50 per child to be tested. PDG Zastrow encouraged Lions to be involved in the Centennial Celebration and report those activities so that District G can brag about their accomplishments.



PDG Paul Zastrow



(l-r) PCC Bob Guarrant and La Pine Club President Gary Mose

Lion Kristen Harmon discussed the District awards and inquired how the Cabinet would like to set dates for the awards. A motion from the floor directed Lion Kristen to select the final dates for entries. She also reported her club activities, stating that the group has been involved in the annual Christmas tree pick-up project, partnering with a local business of The Dalles Disposal. Flags were provided for the local first grade students and, in April, three students will receive \$1,000 scholarships. The group will be ushering at the Hood River Follies and

participating in the community annual cleanup day. Lion Kristen said, "Look out, Lion Tim McGlothlin will once again take over the reins of the Club, and he has a lot in store for the year!" The Club currently has 86 members and hopes to gain on Crooked River Ranch.

President Gary Mose stated the La Pine Lions had given 1,300 flags to first graders and purchased a total of 75 pairs of glasses. He added that more than 1,300 glasses had been collected for recycling. Lion Gary said the clubs in the area had screened 12,600 students and it was estimated 10-11% had visual difficulties and needed assistance. The La Pine Lions donated \$600 for playground equipment at the school. For the Centennial Celebration, the Club also made a four foot iron "buddy bench" for the school, in which students that need a friend sit on the bench until a new friend comes to sit with them. President Gary said that 29 pounds of pop tops were donated to the Ronald MacDonald House with tabs coming from Hood River, Bend, La Pine and Elgin Lions.



Kristen Harmon

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

West Salem Lions Host Chamber of Commerce Greeters

On Friday, April 21, the West Salem Lions Club hosted the weekly Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Greeters meeting at the Roth's Event Center in West Salem, benefitting Family Building Blocks (FBB), a leading social services agency in Marion and Polk Counties. The Lions paid for the catered breakfast for approximately ninety community and business leaders from Salem while FBB



(l-r) Patrice Altenhofen, Julie Hilty, and Greeters host and M.C. Ron Peters

Executive Director, Patrice Altenhofen, and Community Outreach Manager, Julie Hilty, spoke to the group.

FBB, which was the vision of former Salem Mayor Sue Miller, has provided Relief Nursery services since 1997, Healthy Families services since 2003, and Early Head Start since 2010. The mission statement of the organization is "keeping children safe and families together." In 2016, FBB served 780 families and 1,300 children from its six locations, through therapeutic classroom education and home visit services. They operate several family strengthening and early childhood programs, led by 100 employees and supported by 400 volunteers and 1,700 donors annually. For many families in need of crisis intervention, FBB is the last, best chance for keeping their families together. As of today's meeting, there are more than 100 families on the waiting list to receive help from FBB.

The West Salem Lions first became involved with the agency in 2007, when FBB opened Gracie's Place, the West Salem FBB Center. Sue Miller asked West Salem Lions Craig and Cecilia Urbani if the Club would be willing to be the first service organization to become a Dream Builders contributor, a three-year, \$3,000 commitment. The West Salem Lions accepted the challenge and are now in the middle of their fourth Dream Builders commitment. The Lions also purchased nine holiday meals for FBB families during the 2016 holiday season.

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Greeters is a networking group of Salem area community and business leaders. The group meets weekly on Friday mornings from 8:30 - 10:00, hosted by a different business or organization each week. This was the second event the Lions have hosted. Last July, the Salem Area Council of Lions Clubs hosted the Greeters and Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Executive Director Doug Thompson spoke to the group about the school vision screenings being conducted in all Salem-Keizer elementary schools.



A well-attended event indeed

submitted by DG Tom Hilgers, 36-R

La Grande Family Eye Care Business of the Year

La Grande Family Eye Care was selected by the Lions District G as the “Business of the Year”. Doctors Sam Kimball and David Glabe accepted the award from PDG Gerald Hopkins. Lion Gerald stated that he was excited to have the award presented to a Union County business as a first since the award was established in 2006.

PDG Hopkins noted that La Grande Family Eye Care has worked closely with Apple Eye Care on numerous projects including establishing a help center at the Center for Human Development. Dr. Glabe stated that the plan developed while having lunch with Dr. Kimball and was coordinated with the staff at Apple Eye Center. “We are able to reach out to people with no medical care,” Dr. Glabe noted.



(l-r) PDG Gerald Hopkins, Carman Garrett, Bonnie Godfrey, Allison Godfrey, Dr. David Glabe, Dr. Samuel Kimball and Director for the Union County Chamber of Commerce, Bob Kavanaugh



Other staff members listed from (l-r): JoAnna Madsen, Sherri Wright and Marie Dalton. Not pictured Kate Tooke

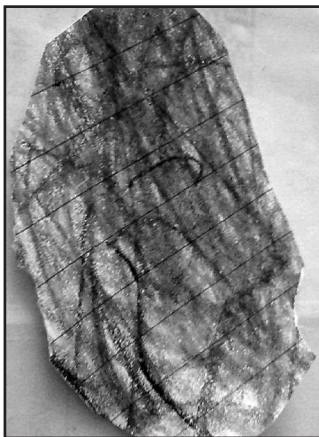
“We hope to serve as a model for other eye care centers throughout the State.” Dr. Glabe also noted that the clinic works closely with the La Grande Lions Club to meet the needs of individuals needing assistance.

La Grande Family Eye Care has also helped to collect glasses and coordinate services for children screened in Union County.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

French Prairie Branch Club Continues Its Vision Screening

At this year’s vision screening, French Prairie President Sue Jagers, received a very special note from one of the students, in the pre-Kindergarten class. The little boy had drawn a special picture on one side of a piece of paper. On the back he had carefully printed the word “LOVE” and drew a heart. “I thought I was giving him a gift of sight screening, when he gave a gift from the heart,” Lion Sue said.



front and back copy of the present
Lion Sue received from a student

The French Prairie Branch Club completed its second vision screening with the North Marion School District May 22 and 23. Around 1,800 students were screened over the two days at the Primary, Intermediate, Middle and High Schools. Other screenings by the Club include the Kindergarten Roundup in the spring and Back to School B-B-Q in the fall.

submitted by Secretary Gary Mose

A Lot of Work, but Well Worth the Effort

Three Hundred and Twenty Three – is the total number of hours that the members of the Gresham Breakfast Lions Club put in to organize this year's Annual Scholarship Awards for the Gresham/Barlow School District. Co-chairs Lions Rich Correa and Chuck DeLoach worked a combined 240 hours and the balance was spread over sixteen other Club members.



The nine winners

On April 13, thirty-five students from Sam Barlow, Gresham and Springwater Trail High Schools were recognized for their academic and vocational excellence. The top nine students shared in scholarships worth a total of \$7,650. Keynote speaker, Lynn Snodgrass (CEO - Gresham Chamber of Commerce) reminded the students how important education is in today's highly competitive and technical world, while President Glen White said "These young adults are our best and brightest." More than 180 Club members, as well as friends and relatives of the students were served an elaborate dessert in an auditorium provided by the Guide Dogs for the Blind in Boring.



(l-r) President Glen White presenting award to James Westburg from Springwater Trail High School in front of room full of onlookers

Co-chair Lion Rich Correa says "This scholarship program is an important social event through which we make a major contribution to our community". The Gresham Breakfast Lions Club started the program in 1986 and over the last 31 years has given away \$237,150 to deserving young students.

submitted by Steve Solcz

Lions Riverfest June 17-18, 2017

Isaiah Pfof was recently introduced by CC Steve Oliver. Pfof is completing his senior project on community events, and will be a key figure at the Lions Riverfest in Elgin. CC Oliver will be his mentor during Riverfest with the antique car show.



submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Oregon City Lions Spotlight their Community Service

The Oregon City Lions Club was featured at the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Showcase on May 10th. The Oregon City Lions had a chance to tell the group about Lions being the oldest and largest service group in the world. We also got to brag about the vision screenings we did in the Oregon City elementary schools. Our Club screened 2,019 children in 2017 and helped dozens of low income individuals get eyeglasses and hearing aids. It was a great opportunity to invite people to visit our meeting and to support our fundraisers.



(l-r) Michelle Don, Hope Loose, Blane Meier, Doug Loose and Jeni Nichols

submitted by Lion Michelle Don