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**Remember March is  
Membership Focus:  
Women & Eye Donor  
Awareness Month**

### **Heartfelt House Impresses ID Debra Weaverling on Her Visit**



(l-r) Kathy Coon, DG Lynn Coon, ID Lion Debra Weaverling and Lion Ron Weaverling.

### **Lions VisionGift Through Their Eyes: Robby Holmes**



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## MONTHLY CALENDARS

### MEETINGS

#### March

- 4 OLSHF Trustee mtg., Sunridge Inn, Baker City, 9am-12pm **or Virtual TBA**  
Council of Governor's mtg., Sunridge Inn, Baker City @ 1:30pm Live/Via Zoom
- 4-5 Dist. G Conv., Sunridge Inn, Baker City  
Speaker ID Larry Edwards from Pennsylvania
- 26 Dist E Conv., Yesterday's Plaza, Klamath Falls  
Speaker ID Ken Ibarra from California
- 27 Dist E Cab. mtg, 9am, Klam. Falls Shilo Inn
- 28 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

#### April

- 8-10 NWLLI in Myrtle Creek. Contact PCC Vincent Bishop (vfbishop@hotmail.com) or PCC Gail Black (sgblack@charter.net) with any questions
- 23 Dist O Cab. mtg., 10-1, Oral Hull
- 25 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ noon

### EVENTS

#### March

- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline for April issue

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- 4 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. Ne @ 6pm
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline for May issue

## Directory Corrections

- p. 94 King, Brad, PCC has new email of sgtmajbrad@gmail.com
- p. 102 Schossow, Rod, PCC has passed.

### Club Officer Reporting Form (aka Form PU101)

**Due to LCI by May 15, 2022**

**Please prioritize getting this completed and submitted to LCI as is critical for MD36 annual directory to be completed**

## ANNIVERSARIES

March 2022 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.

#### March

Cottage Grove	March 13, 1924
Salem West	March 4, 1942
Burns	March 27, 1942
Jacksonville	March 16, 1948
Myrtle Creek	March 18, 1948
Riddle	March 23, 1948
Canyonville	March 24, 1948
Mapleton	March 29, 1950
Portland Lloyd	March 3, 1960
Tualatin	March 6, 1973
Silver Lake	March 6, 1975
Applegate	March 26, 1975
Portland Metro	March 2, 1992
Portland Oaks Bottom	March 27, 2003
Arlington	March 5, 2010

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## Council Chair News



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Spring sprung, conventions done, institute coming, Oh, My!

Here we are in March already and as my dad always used to say “Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I know where some flowers is,” and although that may not be true everywhere, especially in the Northwest part of our state, we do know that convention season is more than half over. As you read this I will most likely be making the trek to the District G convention in Baker City. I cannot remember the last time we had a meeting of any sort in Baker City and I applaud DG Kathy Oliver for doing so. We seldom get out of the cycle that has District G conventions in Pendleton, Hood River and The Dalles.

I was lucky and fortunate enough to attend both District R and District O conventions in February. Hooray for in-person. District R started the parade with the first in-person convention we have had in the multiple district in almost two years and it was so satisfying to once again shake a hand of an old friend or embrace a longtime colleague. I don’t know how we survived without it.

Another positive note on the board is that it now appears that we have 1VDGs in every District and I would like to acknowledge these individuals for being willing to step up and take on leadership roles. Thank you Kerith Vance-O; David O’Kelley-R; Jerry Gomez-E; and Cheri Jackson-G.

This brings me to the subject of leadership. We need leaders to carry the Lions banner into the future. One of the most rewarding opportunities for our future leaders is our very own Northwest Lions Leadership Institute (“NWLLI”). This leadership training is held here in MD36 and this year is set to take place in Myrtle Creek on April 8 – 10. The staff at this institute are your fellow Lion

leaders. I have to tell a story about this institute.

As most of you know I have a BA in Speech Communications and I have consulted and instructed before at leadership seminars. For several years the leaders in my club kept trying to get me to attend NWLLI and I kept telling them the same thing. I don’t need it. I can already teach the class.

Well when I became 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG I finally gave in, mainly because my mentors told me it was one of the requirements for a DG, which it is not, but it is highly recommended. I attended the institute and I am here to tell you it is and was one of the most rewarding experiences of not only my Lions journey by my life. I learned so much about myself and established friendships that will last a lifetime. I enjoyed my time so much that I decided I wanted to give back to this training and I started on a quest to become an instructor by attending and graduating from Faculty Development Institute and also earning my Doctorate from Lions University and now I am lucky enough to be able to instruct at NWLLI and hopefully can make the experience enjoyable for future Lions leaders.

Those who attend will have the opportunity for growth in Lionism and personal development. Attendees receive hands-on training in Diversity, Lions Fundamentals, Local Issues and Opportunities, Motivating Club Members, Personal Mission Statement, Public Speaking, Setting and Reaching Club Goals, Time Management and Working in Teams.

If you are interested in attending please give PCC Gail Black, PCC Vince Bishop, your DG or myself a call and we can get you started on the path to a rewarding experience.

The cost for the institute is \$300 and that is all inclusive for the instruction, meals and hotel stay. Some districts do offer scholarships so check with your DG. Space is limited and not all applicants can be accepted so please call today.

Finally, I want to once again offer kudos to District R Governor Lynn Coon and his team as he continues to move forward through this Lions year with a positive in membership. I think we can all learn from his example that honesty and passion do make a difference and Lions do change lives every day.

See you at the G convention in Baker City and the E convention in Klamath Falls.

## District O - Northwest - North Coast



### District O Governor Column Doug Loose

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### Welcome to Magnificent March my Fellow Lion's Expecting The Big Win

What does this mean to you, your club, our District? I know what it means to me: Finding a quality service project, putting together a team and a plan to accomplish it; and finding someone new to join in on the fun. Spring is in the air, a time of new growth, a time of renewal, it is the time of planting and cultivating. March is for Membership growth.

I know I've said this before, but have you asked your neighbor, your friend, your children, your parents, your tax person, your drycleaner, the person you sit next to at church? Listen.. I could go on and on, but you get the point that if we want to continue to be Lions and help others then we need to continue to grow our clubs. This is the perfect opportunity for new and exciting service, this will bring new members as well as reinvigorate the rest of the club. The water may still be a bit chilly, but the fish are starting to move around. This is your opportunity to Catch the Big One!

Are you starting to look into the future of your Lion's career? Have you been in a leadership position? Do you want to be? LCI offers so much leadership training it's amazing. People pay thousands for the kind of training we have at our fingertips. It's all online and available to you. We also have a special opportunity for in-person training at the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute April 8-10. This is a great time to hone your skills as a Lion leader. It's your time to shine and guide us into the future.

We have a rare happening in our District this month: The Portland Downtown Lions are turning 100 and are celebrating on Mar 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm. As one of the oldest Clubs in LCI this a very special thing. Contact PID Dr. Sunny Pulley for ticket info.



Is your boat on the water? Are you fishing? Every time you go out or get on the phone expect to catch the big one. The Big Win. Alone we can do so little, but together we can accomplish anything! If you need help, ask. Have you contacted a member you haven't seen in a while? If not please do as we need to stick together as Lions.

Together we Can Catch our Limit.  
In your Service DG SuperDoug

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



### District R Governor Column Lynn Coon

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Hello Lions of MD36. What a great day to be a LION. We just wrapped up our 36-R Convention, which was held in-person and I'm pleased to say it was a success. We brought our clubs together as a District with great participation from our clubs. I want to thank our convention committee for the work they put in to make it happen. Our ID Lion Debra Weaverling and her husband Lion Ron's presence made it even better. My wife Kathy and I had the opportunity of hosting them for the weekend. We so enjoyed our time getting to know them and they us. I shared about the Lions of my District and the 32 clubs we have. I shared how proud I was of our Region and Zone chairs, our Cabinet and the goals we have set and where we are with those goals.

After picking ID Debra and Lion Ron up from the airport and having lunch we had the opportunity of visiting the Heartfelt House at RiverBend. Our incredible host there, Robin Yozzo, is a new Lion of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club with such a big heart. She loves her job and it shows. We were joined by Zone Chair Lion Henry Miller who took photos throughout our tour. **SEE PAGES 12-13 FOR AN ARTICLE ABOUT OUR VISIT TO THE HEARTFELT HOUSE.**

Individually and as Clubs you Lions were a big part of the Heartfelt House being built/continuing to operate with your generous donations. These donations were matched by a grant from LCIF. There were also many other individuals and organizations that contributed and helped to build and continue to help keep the Heartfelt House running. I'm proud Lions are one of those caring groups.

I am always stressing to Lions that SERVICE FROM THE HEART is what Lions is all about. I want to thank all of you Lions serving others in our communities. You're all making a difference thru the service you provide following our theme this year which is SERVICE FROM THE HEART. I believe Lions Change Lives Today and Forever.

## District E - Southern - South Coast



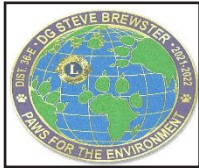
### District E Governor Column

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Change is in the air. I see Lions Clubs Reentering and returning to service in their communities. Not all of them are returning to "Normal." They are creating a new normal. They are reimagining the way they serve their communities.

We are no longer a group of businessmen serving our communities, we are a diverse group of individuals with a common goal of service. What do Lions' clubs do? We raise money, then we invest that money into our communities to fund causes to improve the well-being of all our communities.

For our clubs to grow we must reinvent ourselves, look at new ways of doing things. New ways of serving our communities that reflect our community values. As Lion leaders we must find new ways to lead. Change starts from the bottom at the club level. We as Lion leaders are here to support our clubs, to give aid while they define their club their way, their club.

At the club level we have created a code of ethics and a set of bylaws to guide us in the direction of our clubs. We fundraise to support our communities. If we are not reinvesting those funds into our communities, we will not survive as an organization.

Steve Brewster, District Governor 36-E

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



### District G Governor Column

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What can I say "time flies when you're having fun." Now, I cannot believe we are less than five months from the finish line.

Being a Lion is one of my favorite things I have done in my lifetime. Knowing that you have helped a fellow human being along their way (perhaps through a difficult time) is the most rewarding feeling.

Remembering helping with vision testing grade schoolers and seeing the kids who really needed glasses was such an eye-opener for me. That's when I knew I'd always be a Lion just so I could help kids see. "That's what we are all about".

Even though there seems to be some issues of being able to be in schools and testing, don't give up. Counties are opening back up slowly and soon we will be back to the "old" schedule.

I also want to give an "ATTABOY" to the clubs in District G for the new members they have brought into the Lions. Thank you for your work and do not slow down. This means that there are more members for more projects and we can help more and more people in need.

I am so excited that Spring is right around the corner. Don't forget March 13<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving's Time begins. That means we have an extra hour of daylight to do an extra hour of help with projects for the Lions.

# Springfield Lions Club's 2022 Spring Raffle

## Supporting the Oregon Fire Relief Fund

It seems like the 2021 SLC Spring Raffle was just yesterday but once again another year has passed. COVID is still ever present which affects ticket sales. But even with that distraction this year's raffle has grown with the advent of two Grand Prizes of \$1,000 Gift Cards each from Jerry's Home Improvement Center. Of course one of the raffle's mainstays is still the two-day stay at the Yachats, OR beachfront house (Come to the Oregon Coast to relax and rejuvenate, and choose this lovely beach house for your home base). This year's recipient is the Holiday Farm Fire Disaster Relief Fund - helping local non-profit disaster relief organizations responding to fire season destruction and rehabilitation ([https://www.lanecounty.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/holiday\\_farm\\_fire\\_recovery\\_resources](https://www.lanecounty.org/news/what_s_new/holiday_farm_fire_recovery_resources)).

Also, proceeds will be earmarked for the Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation (<http://oslf-grant.bigbig.com/>).

Additional information and online ticket sales regarding the 2022 Spring Raffle can be located at (<http://raffle.springfieldlions.org/>).

Springfield Lions Club has also created a webstore where tickets can be purchased <http://springfield-lions-club.webstore.com/> just be sure to click on the "Purchase As Guest" button when completing the order. As usual Lion Henry Miller is also available at (541) 554-5958 in order to purchase tickets. The Raffle drawing will be held at 12:30 PM on June 30, 2022 at the Springfield Lions Club regular Meeting.

FREE DRAWING: As in years past, the Springfield Lions Club has a promotional offering in which one may sign up as many times as they like for a chance to win one or more of 5 free tickets (if there are a lot of entries for the FREE DRAWING the number of giveaway tickets may be increased) <http://raffle.bigbig.com/>

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

## District Governor Presents Awards to Members

District Governor Kathy Oliver presented awards to three Elgin Lions for their years of service to the organization. Debbie and Jared Rogers received their 25 year membership pins, while PCC Steve Oliver was presented his 15 year pin. President Barbara Hawes then issued a certificate and pin to DG Kathy Oliver for her 15 years of service.



(l-r) PCC Steve Oliver, Debbie Rogers, Jared Rogers and DG Kathy Oliver.



(l-r) DG Kathy Oliver receives her 15-year certificate and pin from President Barbara Hawes.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

No. 8, March, 2022

## The Scout Trail

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) a few years ago conducted a survey to learn what changes, if any, were needed to improve the already 100-plus years of successful programs in the BSA. One significant finding was that girls wanted to have the Scouting experiences that their brothers enjoyed – hiking, backpacking trips, summers at Scout camp, every four years having the chance to attend the National Scout Jamboree with 35,000 Scouts and leaders, and other adventurous events. Then there were the rank requirements and merit badges to be earned for skills, physical, mental and social development. Thus, in early 2018, the BSA authorized a pilot Family Scouting program to allow girls into Scout Units.

I recall the Pioneer Ranch Resort Camporall in May 2018 when Cub Scout Pack 3 arrived with several girls and boys. One of the events was cross cutting a log. I managed that when one of the girl Cubs, about nine-years-old, wanted to cut a log. After explaining the working of the saw, she chose a one person cross cut saw about the size of a carpenter saw and a six inch diameter log. After sawing half way through I suggested she should stop for a rest. She answered, "Oh no, this is fun!" She then took the cut log disk to the nearby branding fire and had the disk branded with BSA on one side and the Scout symbol on the other. She will never forget her adventure and cherish her souvenir log disk.

On February 1, 2019, BSA implemented the full Family Program with girl-only troops and boy-only troops. Girls worked out of the Scout Handbook and did the same requirements for the same rank advancements as the boys. Camping and other outdoor activities were the same as for boys. There was no mixing of boys and girls in any activities. The name Boy Scout was changed to Scout BSA to accommodate both boys and girls. Likewise, the *Boys Life Magazine* of over 100 years of publication was changed to *Scout Life Magazine*. Today this change to Family Scouting is highly successful.

*submitted by Ted Yarosh, MD36 Scouting Chair*

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**Through Their Eyes: Robby Holmes (New Video)**



When Robby Holmes was 19 years old, he was the victim of an unprovoked shooting while driving down a road in his small town in Iowa. A high-powered BB entered Robby's eye, ricocheted in his head, and embedded itself in his temple. Over a 27-day hospitalization, doctors reconstructed Robby's eye, miraculously saving the eye and reattaching the optic nerve and retinal buckle, and repairing the iris. Over the years, Robby has endured numerous surgeries.

After being shot and nearly losing an eye, Robby had a lot of reason to be angry or bitter. Instead, this cornea recipient chose to live his life with an attitude of gratitude, forgiveness, and perseverance.

Through forgiveness and perseverance, through the skilled hands of surgeons, and through the generous cornea donations of his donors, Robby is continuing to lead a very active life.

*"There's this deep gratitude inside my heart for this life i've been given. My cornea donors have given me the opportunity to continue living life, continuing seeing life...That person that made that sacrifice of just making that check on their driver's license to be an organ donor, that in itself gave me the ability to continue to see and continue doing good things in this world."*

**Visit our YouTube channel or Facebook to watch the new video.**

submitted by Matt Webber



## LIONS QUEST

When a local Lions club gets involved in Lions Quest the typical activities include workshop to train educators, the purchase of materials for workshops program evaluation and research, and working with community groups. Grants can go toward paying for a majority of these costs so the local club pays nothing.

A number of questions always come up regarding club involvement, planning, financing and the training. Now is the time to begin discussions within your club about supporting the program. Below are some answers to the above questions.

**CLUB INVOLVEMENT**----Takes around 5 individuals to organize the training session. Whoever takes the lead should also plan to communicate with their District and MD36 Chair. Remember, Oregon has one of the finest trainers in the world and if you schedule early enough she will be at your event. Don't forget to invite local community leaders.

**PLANNING**---As with any good project, it isn't too early to begin your planning at this time. Cover such things as facilities to use, finding someone to serve food and snacks (this is paid for in LCIF Grant). A person for communication (news release in your area to promote your club and its involvement.) Working with local community group and/or school district. Preparing a budget. Have a location set up.

**FINANCING**---Lions Clubs International provide grants to cover 2/3 of the cost of a program. Oregon has 2 non-profit foundations who have committed to pay the final 1/3. The result---no cost to your club.

Lions Clubs International Foundation grants to support Lions Quest:

- A. **Program Grant**---Can be up to \$50,000 for a Lions District or \$150,000 for a Multiple District such as MD36. Funds may be used to train teachers and trainers; to purchase curriculum materials; to pay for administrative costs; and to promote activities.
- B. **Promotional Grant**---Up to \$1,500 (no community matching funds) for a local club to promote Lions Quest in a community. Funds are to be used for informational seminars for Lions and Community members.
- C. **Community Partnership Grants**---Up to \$15,000 with no match. Designed to start new Lions Quest programs. Limited to one per District per year.

Funds for event costs are deposited with your District Treasurer and this Lion pays all of the bills. Just keep the receipts.

**THE TRAINING SESSION**---Relax at this point. You can participate as much as you want. The only job this day is to hand out materials, food and snacks. Don't forget to enjoy the food and take a copy of the materials for yourself.

Your local partner can be any group within your community. Probably about 2/3 of the Lions Club partner with the local school district. Partnerships with other community groups are not uncommon. If you want further information on this, contact PDG Red Rowley with the Forest Grove Lions Club.

Timelines are always important when you are asking for money. If you want to do a Lions Quest this fall, paperwork needs to be finished in early May. If for after the first of the year, paperwork is needed in December. PDG Jim Jagers will assist in writing both grants and is willing to come to your club.

*submitted by PDG Jim Jagers, MD36 Lions Quest Chair*

## East Albany Lions Welcomes a New Member

The East Albany Lions held their first Club meeting of 2022 and started it off by welcoming new member Kristi Reinhart who is ready to have fun and do good in the community. Her nickname is Kasey and she was sponsored by King Lion Steve Reinhart, her husband, and sworn in by Lion Charlie Mouradian. ROAR!!!!



(l-r) Lions Steve Reinhart, Charlie Mouradian and Kristi "Kasey" Reinhart.

*submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair*

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## The East Albany Lions Hold Successful Gunshow

The 2022 East Albany Lions Sportsman and Gunshow was a success. It was attended by over 2,700 sportsman and thanks to various members of our Junction City peers for their help. We can continue to help agencies in our community. ROAR!!!!!!



(l-r) Dan Herbst, Mark Raum and Dick Wetzel.

*submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair*

## Kathy Bonnie Guest in Elgin



Kathy Bonnie addresses Elgin Lions.

Kathy Bonnie, manager of the Elgin Opera House, was a recent guest at the Elgin Lions' meeting. Kathy expressed appreciation to the group for their continued assistance in serving as ushers for the Opera House productions.

Kathy also informed the Lions that the organization is planning a Shakespearean Festival this coming June 17-26. There will be multiple plays going on at the same time each day at the Jewel Theater, Opera House and outdoor areas. Bonnie is not sure at this time how much the Lions would be involved with the week's events.

Vice President Pat McDonald shared new information on outdoor restrooms constructed in Oregon, and will try to obtain further costs to have one built and placed at one of the Elgin parks.

DG Kathy Oliver stated that plans continue for the District G convention to be held at the Sunridge Motel in Baker City. She said that information will be available in the next Oregon Lion Magazine. DG Kathy is also asking for donations for a Lion basket for the convention.

The Club voted if they wanted to continue with full meals at the meetings or just serve desserts. The Lions overwhelming voted to continue with the full meals and a sign-up sheet was passed among the group. Lions have also been asked to help with the senior citizen meals at the Community Center and President Barbara Hawes assisted the last session.

A discussion ensued on ways to support the Oregon Sight and Hearing program. The Club will again donate funds through the Parade of Checks. One of the newest members wanted additional information on what a parade consisted of at the convention! PDG Gerald Hopkins asked the Board to submit the name of a club member for the Helen Keller awards given through the Sight and Hearing program.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

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## Elgin Lion Elma Jean is Winner at Bingo

On January 19, Elma Jean Wilhelm was the winner of the \$400 Bingo jackpot.



(l-r) Lion Daryl Hawes presents Lion Elma Jean Wilhelm with her \$400 jackpot win.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Heartfelt House Impresses ID Debra Weaverling on Her Visit

After picking ID Debra and her husband Lion Ron up from the airport and having lunch my wife and I had the opportunity of visiting the Heartfelt House at RiverBend. Our incredible host there, Robin Yozzo, is a new Lion of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club with such a big heart. She loves her job and it shows. We were joined by Zone Chair Lion Henry Miller who took photos throughout our tour.



(l-r) Lion Robin Yozzo, Kathy Coon, DG Lion Lynn Coon, ID Lion Debra Weaverling and Lion Ron Weaverling.

The Heartfelt House is a place near RiverBend Hospital where families with children in the hospital can stay for free. There they can have just a little normal in what is a stressful time in their life. It was opened on September 10, 2019 and so far has served 1,006 families. The longest family so far has stayed for 108 days. They have a beautiful room with access to a kitchen and food provided by gracious donations. They can do laundry, shower and rest all the while knowing they are in a caring and safe environment.

Individually and as clubs you Lions were a big part of this with your generous donations. These donations were matched by a grant from LCIF. There were also many other individuals and organizations that contributed and helped to build and continue to help keep the Heartfelt House running. I'm proud Lions are one of those caring groups.



(l-r) DG Lion Lynn Coon and ID Lion Debra Weaverling.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon with Lion Robin Yozzo in a guest room.

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## Heartfelt House Impresses ID Debra Weaverling on Her Visit

Now I want to talk and share a little about Lion Robin and how she became the Director of Guest Services at the Heartfelt House. Lion Robin worked in a retirement home as the assistant administrator. Her son had to have a surgery at RiverBend Hospital. While there with her son during the ground-breaking for the Heartfelt House, Lion Robin went down to the Heartfelt gift shop. As she put it she was eavesdropping on a conversation about what was happening across from the hospital. She went on to say they said it was the Heartfelt House -- the new place going in to help families who had children in the hospital. That night Lion Robin went home and told her husband she had found the job of her dreams. He commented "Sure, OK Robin." She decided she would follow the progress and apply for the job. When they were at the point where the windows were going in, she would run by and press her nose and hands against the glass to check how far along they were. Lion Robin says that at her interview she brought a bottle of Windex to wipe the smears off of the windows from her nose and hands caused by her excitement. To make a long story short -- ID Debra and I decided she is a Lion with heart. The job she does and loves to do putting a little normal in a stressful time in these families' lives makes her THE HEART of the Heartfelt House.



Eugene Downtown Lion Robin Yozzo with her Windex.



The Heartfelt House.



(l-r) ID Lion Debra Weaverling and DG Lion Lynn Coon in front of wall with past patients.

I am always stressing to Lions that SERVICE FROM THE HEART is what Lions is all about and Lion Robin is a prime example of what that means.

# MD36 Lions Environmental Photo Contest 2021-22

**By the MD36 Environmental Committee:**

**O: Kerith Vance; R Susan Pfanner; E Danny Hawkes; G Joe Foran**

**Our theme for 2021-22 is CHANGES, Past and Present Photos.**

**Find a historic photo in Oregon or Northern California and repeat the photo (as close as you can) in the present day. Both Photos must have an easily identifiable feature in both photos showing that it is the same location.**

**Send us the new photo and the past photo. Let us know the year and location of the original photo and the year of the new photo.**

## Examples:

Photo of a city street past and present;

Photo of a Lions Club activity in an area past and present;

Photo of an area before and after a natural disaster;



## Resources

Email your photo and any questions to Kerith at [andycat3@comcast.net](mailto:andycat3@comcast.net) .org by April 30, 2022.

Photos will be shared at the MD36 Convention and on the MD36 Facebook page.

Top three will be shown in the Oregon Lion Magazine.

<https://www.ohs.org/research-and-library/our-collections/photographs.cfm>

<https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records/historical-photos.aspx>

<https://www.oldoregonphotos.com/>

<https://www.nwnewsnetwork.org/environment-and-planning/2014-10-10/cross-time-photos-from-northwest-lookouts-reveal-big-changes>

## Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center Announces 10<sup>th</sup> Annual “Recycle for Sight” Community Vision Clinic!

The next Community Vision Clinic will be held May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. District 36E Clubs are welcome to fill a bus with potential clients and bring them to The Center in Medford. Just let Glory know in advance, please. Call 541-779-3653 or email [solshc@rioussa.com](mailto:solshc@rioussa.com) for more information.

Referred from word of mouth and 40+ local agencies and businesses -- the message was out about the Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center’s vision clinic. Volunteer optometrists, opticians, community members, 20 Lions and Center staff worked clients through the stations, set up like a mission trip, to end up in the “Happy Room” where clients then get dispensed a pair of glasses that match their prescription. Numerous grants throughout the past 6 years have added to the ophthalmology equipment inventory used at the clinics. The Center pays a fee to rent an autorefractor from OLSHF.

“These community vision clinics are a great service opportunity for Lions Club members. They gladly give up their time on a Saturday to really make a difference in a person’s life”, states Glory Cooper, Executive Director of The Center in Medford. “Additionally, the used eyeglasses donated by the Southern Oregon residents stay right in the community to assist those in need. We now have 8,500 pair of eyeglasses on hand for use at the annual clinics making for exact matches for clients. Our match rate is 97%.”

*submitted by Glory Cooper, Executive Director  
Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center*

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## District Governor Kathy Oliver Honored

District G Governor Kathy Oliver of Elgin was honored by the Elgin Lions Club. The Board of Directors selected DG Oliver to receive the prestigious “Helen Keller Award.” The crystal plaque was presented by PDG Gerald Hopkins. The inscription on the trophy reads “Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness, no little deaf, blind child untaught, no blind man or woman unaided?”

DG Kathy Oliver receives the prestigious “Helen Keller Award” from the Elgin Lions Club.



Helen Keller made the plea at the 1925 International Association of Lions. She added, “I appeal to you Lions, you who have sight, you who hear, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knight of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”

Lions throughout the world have accepted the Helen Keller’s challenge, and thousands of support programs have been established in Lions Clubs to meet the challenge made by Helen Keller at that historical convention.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



**OREGON LIONS**  
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Phyllis Carlin  
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## Are You a Lion or a Lamb?

Anyone reading this is a Lion of course, and we have a new way for you to keep up with Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation info and for you to share the pride that you have in your Foundation by “Roar”ing to others!

The OLSHF Ambassador E-news is a monthly collection of photos, stories, and information of OLSHF sight and hearing programs, as well as Lions updates from around the Multiple District. Our first edition went out last week and included great info such as:

### **Lions KidSight USA 2021 See Clearly Award**

Presented to MD-36 as having screened more children for vision health issues than any other multiple district in the United States, MD-36 Council Chair Bob Chaney shared with us: “To see these results is very satisfying for me as Council Chair and as 2nd Vice Chair of the Foundation. It shows the continued dedication, passion and support of OLSHF and Lions throughout MD-36 as we continue to strive to honor the promise made to Helen Keller over 100 years ago.”

### **Portland Downtown Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration**

At OLSHF, we owe our very existence to the leadership of the Portland Downtown Lions, particularly Foundation co-Founder Norm Ross. So we are particularly pleased to extend our congratulations for their 100th Anniversary, observed on March 11th.

“It’s wonderful to be part of a Club -- a civic Club -- that has been around for 100 years,” said Portland Downtown Lion Warren Heathman.

Added Past International Director Sunny Pulley “The Portland Downtown Lions is the first Lions Club that was formed in Oregon...so even though we didn’t personally charter every single Lions Club in Oregon, we were the beginning of that Club.”

### **SVS Exceeds 100,000 Students Screened in 2021-22**

Even under challenging circumstances, OLSHF’s School Vision Screening (SVS) program recently surpassed 100,000 in the number of Oregon students screened for vision health issues during the 2021-22 school year. Interestingly, our referral rate has increased this year to over 15% of students being referred as needing a comprehensive eye exam. You’ll find more info on Page 18 and on the OLSHF website.

### **Did Someone Say OLSHF Website?!!**

One of the best features of the new OLSHF Ambassador News will be the links provided to other news sources, including the new OLSHF website!

We hope you’ll visit us there soon, the early reviews are fantastic:

“OLSHF has just launched their new website and it is Fantastic. You might just check it out, it has all the info on the Foundation that you would ever need.” -- Mike Kilkenny, The Dalles Lions

Our OLSHF Trustees look forward to sending each month’s Ambassador E-News to your Lions Club President and we hope that it will be forwarded to Lions throughout MD-36.

**If you would like to have the Ambassador E-News sent directly to your inbox, please contact [Info@OLSHF.org](mailto:Info@OLSHF.org) and tell us you’d like to subscribe to it.**

That way, every month - not just March - you can come in like a Lion and go out like a...Lion!



# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received in January and February. OLSHF values all of our donors and we do our best to recognize each and every gift. To help us maintain accuracy in our recognition, thank you for letting us know of any errors on our part to [Info@OLSHF.org](mailto:Info@OLSHF.org).

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**In Honor of Kraig Calkins**  
Lawrence Calkins

**In Honor of Leah Hawes**  
Gerald & Mary Martha Hopkins

**In Honor of Pat MacDonald**  
Gerald & Mary Martha Hopkins

**In Honor of Robert Chaney's birthday and District R Convention visiting ID Debra**  
Thomas & Paula Hilgers

**In Honor of Russell C. Chase**  
Trudy Tallman

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**In Memory of Linda 'Diana' Lee**  
William Nourse III

**In Memory of Roy Foss**  
Lawrence Calkins  
**In Memory of Ruth Brynelson**  
Barbara Zweig

**In Memory of Tom Kuehlwein**  
Lawrence Calkins

**Please find our complete list of PRIDE members online at [www.OLSHF.org](http://www.OLSHF.org)**

# Thank you to all of the clubs and individuals who joined in the **District R Parade of Checks!**



- Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club
- Corvallis Lions Club
- Thomas & Paula Hilgers Household
- Salem West Lions Club
- Mohawk Valley Lions Club
- Junction City Lions Club
- Stayton Lions Club
- Eugene Bethel Lions Club
- Eugene Downtown Lions Club
- Springfield Lions Club
- Central Lions Club
- Central Linn Lions Club
- Myron Eckhardt
- Ronald and Kathleen Lee
- Sandra and LL Calkins
- Judy Kauffman

A special thank you to the East Albany Lions Club for their incredible gift of **\$6,771!**

We can't wait to see **you** at your district convention this spring!

OLSHF has screened over **100,000 students** so far this year, with a **15.6% referral rate!**



Joe, a parent volunteer, recently told our SVS staff that a few years ago, OLSHF screened his daughter & referred her for care. She received her first glasses & **the world changed for her!** She engaged more in her studies & activities. He volunteered at Sherwood Charter School with Brad King & enjoyed the experience. Joe says **thank you** to the Lions and OLSHF for helping his daughter **thrive!**

# Turn Your Tax Refund Into A Sight and Hearing Investment through Oregon's Charitable Check-off!

Donating your tax refund brings needed support to your Foundation's sight and hearing assistance programs. Directing your refund is **simple**.

1. Look for the **Charitable Check-off** section on your return: 2021 *Schedule OR-Donate*

2. Visit this link to access the form:  
[https://www.oregon.gov/dor/forms/FormsPubs/schedule-or-donate\\_101-058\\_2021.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/dor/forms/FormsPubs/schedule-or-donate_101-058_2021.pdf)

3. This year OLSHF is listed as #1 (each year a different nonprofit rotates to the top spot), under charity code #14. If you are filing electronically, select Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. Thank you for turning your tax return into a gift for someone in need of sight and hearing assistance!



## Portland Downtown Lions Club Celebrates 100 years March 12th!

Join Lions live, in person, on Saturday March 12th 2022 or enjoy the feature length documentary about the Portland Downtown Lions Club to be released on YouTube March 14th 2022!

*Pictured right: Norm Ross, PDLC Lion and OLSHF co-founder*



## Check out our redesigned website!

We've been hard at work giving the OLSHF website a complete redesign over the last 8 months, and we're excited to finally share it with you! Visit today:

[www.OLSHF.org](http://www.OLSHF.org)

## District R Convention --

February 5 was the date for a very successful MD36 R Convention. There were about 78 attendees from 21 different clubs.

Three children's camps, Camp UKANDU, Camp Millennium and Gales Creek camp, had representatives at the convention with displays and information. Camp UKANDU gave one of the main presentations to attendees.



Camp Millenium's Director Mindy Bean.



Camp UKANDU display with Camp Director Jason Hickox.

International Director Debra Weaverling from Kansas and her husband Ron were the special International guests. DG Lynn Coon and his wife Kathy took ID Debra and Ron on a tour of the Heartfelt House in Springfield which was sponsored by donations from our local Lions clubs and a generous grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation.



Convention committee members (l-r) Paula and PDG Tom Hilgers, DG Lynn and Kathy Coon, Craig and Cecilia Urbani and ID Debra and Ron Weaverling.



(l-r) District R's Peace Poster Winner Kiyora Dorres receiving her Award from DG Lynn Coon.

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## -- A Conference to Remember

At the convention, master of ceremonies Lion Craig Urbani and PDG Tom Hilgers had all the proceedings organized and ready to go. The first presentation was to introduce the Lion guests and the International Director followed by Camp UKANDU's presentation.

Next the District Peace Poster Winner Kiyora Dorres from Central Lions was presented with her award by Lion PDG John Hamstreet and DG Lynn.



ID Debra Weaverling (left) and DG Lynn (right) presenting Fran Silbernagel (center) with her Presidents award.



(l-r) PDG Judy Kauffman with her nominee, DGE David O'Kelley, and his mom Edwena Matychuck (who seconded his nomination).

During lunch, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation gave another excellent presentation ending with the parade of checks.



(l-r) Central Lions newest member, Jordan, presenting OLSHF Vice Chair PDG Tom Hilgers with a check for \$1000.

The afternoon was filled with more presentations, basket drawings, and International Presentation awards of recognition.

*submitted by PCC Rod Bach*

## District R's Convention Attendees Participated in Basket Raffle

District 36-R convention attendees were invited to participate in a Basket Raffle at their February 5 convention in Corvallis. District Governor Lynn Coon's theme for 2021-2022 was "Service from the Heart." Two categories of competition were in play: the basket with the most raffle tickets received and the basket that best exemplified the theme.

The Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club entry won \$100 for receiving the most raffle tickets.

A new bar was set by the District 36-R Zone Chairs for the entry best displaying the theme. In a group effort, Lions Patty Harrison, Fran Silbernagel, Karen Norton, David O'Kelley, Henry Miller and Craig Urbani put together the Zone Chairs basket. It was a stunner and was selected by International Director Deb Weaverling as the winner, who coincidentally won it later in the raffle drawing.



District 36-R Zone Chairs won the best entry for a basket award displaying the theme of Service from the Heart. In a group effort, Lions Patty Harrison, Fran Silbernagel, Karen Norton, David O'Kelley, Henry Miller and Craig Urbani put together the Zone Chairs basket.

Part of the proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Heartfelt Guest House, which provides access to medical care, a home away from home, and a community of support for seriously ill or injured children and their families. It is located near Riverbend Hospital in Springfield. MD36 and LCIF were financial supporters of this project from the beginning.

Another part of the proceeds will be going to Camp UKANDU, whose mission is to bring joy, hope, and connection to communities impacted by childhood and adolescent cancer. Camp UKANDU recognizes that cancer impacts the entire family and they aim to provide parents and caregivers a respite from the physical, emotional, and financial toll childhood cancer poses to families.

And yet another part of the proceeds will be going to Camp Millennium, whose mission is a free summer camp for children dealing with a cancer diagnosis. It is a time for them to be themselves and to share in a variety of summer camp activities, such as hiking, fishing, archery, swimming, arts and crafts, horseback riding and many other surprises. The goal of this week-long adventure is to provide these children with a camping experience that can be extended into their everyday lives.

*submitted by PDG Linda Stent*



## NORTHWEST LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Myrtle Creek Community Center  
425 2nd Avenue  
Myrtle Creek, Oregon, 97457  
April 8-10, 2022



Dear Fellow Lions:

The planning committee is excited to announce the 2022 Northwest Lions Regional Leadership Institute.

In cooperation with the Leadership Division of Lions Clubs International, Faculty Development Institute graduates and experienced Lion Leaders will serve as instructors of the outstanding curriculum for the attending Lions. The Institute will offer seminars that will develop and enhance leadership skills with emphasis placed on individual participation in a relaxed learning environment.

Location: Myrtle Creek Community Center  
425 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Myrtle Creek, OR. 97457  
Dates: April 8,9,10, 2022  
Application Deadline: April 1, 2022

The Institute will start at 6:00 pm on Friday, April 9, and continue until 1:00 pm on Sunday April 10. Sign in and supplies distribution will begin at 5:30 pm on Friday April 8. The fee for the Institute is \$300 which includes supplies and materials, lodging for two nights, and meals during the event.

This package of materials is being sent to Lion Leaders in MD36. **It is available on the MD and District websites, where applicable.** We encourage you to go on line and download the application packet and attend this very worthwhile institute. Please feel free to duplicate this information and distribute it to any and all Lions that you feel are qualified.

Also please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank You.

Respectfully in Lionism,

PCC Gail Black – Institute Chairman  
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