



Serving members of MD36 Oregon and Northern CA

March, 2023 Volume 8/22-23

## Past Council Chair Lion Mo Jaffer 1924-2020



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## Springfield Lions Still Helping Residents of the Holiday Farm Fire



Lions Henry Miller and Linda Berry putting the last of the frozen food into the car along with other items.

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## Central Lions Club Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Day and Honors Dr. King with Community Clean-Up



(l-r) Lions PDG Steve Moser, Terry Cable, Cal Hudspeth, Timm Cable, Michael Cairns,  
(front row Dori Showell, Danny Jaffer) Mike Ward, community volunteers Shannon Medel, Cadence Medel,  
Mark Medel and project coordinator Russ Cooper.

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# MONTHLY CALENDARS

## MEETINGS

### March

- 18-19 District E Convention, Sutherlin Comm. Cntr., 150 Willamette St., Sutherlin
- 20 Dist. E Cab. mtg. 10am Sutherlin Comm. Center
- 27 SOLSHC Board meeting @ noon
- 31-1 District G Convention, Wildhorse Resort, Pendleton

### April

- 21-23 NWLLI scheduled at Sutherlin Comm Cntr
- 22 Dist. O Cab. mtg. 10am-1pm at OLSHF
- 24 SOLSHC Board meeting @ noon
- TBD District O Convention rescheduled

## EVENTS

### March

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

### April

- 3 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE @ 6pm
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for May issue)
- 22 SOLSHC Bling Fling 10am-noon

## Directory Updates

- p. 10 Int'l Participation Secretary is now OPEN Under Hearing - Dist R is now OPEN Under Hunger Relief Chair is OPEN Under Hunger Relief, please list Diane Bash - Junction City for District R
- p. 12 Under Protocol/Parliamentarian Dist. O is now OPEN
- p. 28 Under Protocol/Parliamentarian is OPEN
- p. 29 Gresham Supper Secretary is OPEN
- p. 34 Under Hearing this position is now OPEN Under Hunger Relief, please list both Diane Bash - Junction City and Edwena Matychuck - Eugene Bethel
- p. 51 Redmond Sunshine no longer has POB. Please use: c/o PDG Gary Mose, 52324 Barberry Circle, La Pine, OR 97739
- p. 90 Giorgi, Judy, PDG has passed.

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

### March

Portland Downtown	March 11, 1922
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

### April

Medford Host	April 7, 1925
Coos Bay	April 6, 1931
McMinnville	April 10, 1940
Gardiner Reedsport	April 19, 1940
Salem Northeast	April 23, 1940
Lakeview	April 3, 1942
Merrill	April 7, 1948
Prospect	April 26, 1948
Pendleton	April 21, 1950
West Linn	April 28, 1953
Roseburg Umpqua	April 14, 1954
Wilsonville	April 17, 1969
Heppner	April 4, 1974
Lakeside	April 8, 1975
Gresham Supper	April 1, 1989
Cave Junction	April 30, 1996
Three Sisters	April 23, 2002
Crescent City	April 25, 2007
Central Linn	April 15, 2010

## Council Chair News



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Lions of MD36, our four District Governors are united in assisting Clubs in all four districts with increasing their membership. The Governors obtained a grant from Lions International and they designed aids for that purpose. The first product you will receive is a yard sign along with the metal stakes. Each club will receive signs in accordance with the number of members they have recorded with Lions International.

We need all Club Presidents to encourage every member to display the signs. They can be placed in the yard of their residence, place of business or anywhere they have approval. Distribution of the product is essential. A sign was ordered and created for every member of your club. For this product to be helpful, it must be displayed. Remember, more Lions results in more service to each community.

The second product will be bumper magnets for your vehicles. Again, a resulting increase in membership all depends on the distribution and display of the bumper magnets.

I applaud DG Kerith Vance, DG David O'Kelly, DG Gail Black and DG Cheri Jackson. There is constant talk concerning the loss of members since the depletion of membership during COVID. However, our current District Governors grabbed hold of the issue and designed an innovative solution. It can only have a positive result with your help.

Let's use the new tools. Let's acquire new members to Multiple District 36.

Together We Can!

**Club Officer Reporting Form  
(aka Form PU101)  
Due to LCI by May 15, 2023  
Please prioritize getting this completed and  
submitted to LCI  
as is critical for MD36 annual directory to  
be completed**

### Publicity Suggestions:

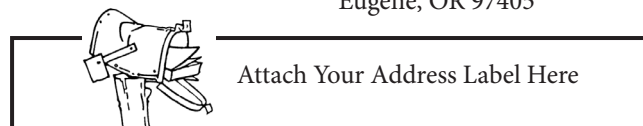
1. Check with your District Governor or Publicity Chair to receive your yard signs and bumper stickers. There should be one for each family member.
2. Create a Welcome Wagon.

Submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins  
District 36-G Publicity Chair

### *Are You Moving? Have You Moved?*

**We need a couple of days to change your address. Please give us your old address, as well as your new one, by attaching a label from a recent issue of *The Oregon Lion* in the space shown.**

Mail entire form to:  
**The Oregon Lion**  
PO Box 51345  
Eugene, OR 97405



Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
New Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Old Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_



## District O - Northwest - North Coast



**District O Governor Column**  
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Hello Lions! Here we are in Spring already. Now that the sun will start peeking out, I look forward to hearing and seeing all the club activities and service projects as we all get back out. Keep the Hull Foundation and Gales Creek in mind for clean up days and other volunteer needs in the gardens and park spaces. These are two great ways to provide service in the community and a fun way to engage new members and potential members of all ages in your activities.

Now is the time to identify next year's club officers as well. The reports for who they will be are due in April. This is a great chance to give new Lions and Lions who maybe are not as new but have not had a chance to lead yet, an opportunity to try something new and gain new skills. New leaders also give your club new perspectives on projects and new ideas as well. Generate some energy and excitement into your club with new leadership.

There is a Lions Leadership Institute in Sutherlin in April and there will be opportunities for learning about officer positions and leadership skills online and in person this spring through your District leadership team. Lion 1VDG Ed Glad is our Global Leadership Team leader this year and is also next year's District Governor. If you or a Lion you know are interested in leading at the district level or in helping build membership in new clubs and current clubs, please reach out to him.

New leaders, new voices, new opportunities - these lead to growth in our clubs, our district and our multiple district. Please consider adding your voice to the future of District O.

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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Greeting Lions of District 36R

I'd like to share with you this month several things that I have read that I believe relate directly to us as Lions. The most recent is from Greta Thunberg's new book. She writes: "To me, hope is not something that is given to you, it is something you have to earn, to create. It cannot be gained passively, through standing by and waiting for someone else to do something. Hope is taking action." The next quote/sentiment is from an article from Susan Joy Hassol that I read: "To inspire people we need to tell a story not of sacrifice and deprivation but of opportunity and improvement in our lives, our health and our well-being – a story of humans flourishing...." That same article had a list of how to talk to people: "Make it personal; Appeal to people's priorities; Connect on values; Find common ground; Address the here and now; Stress the urgency of action; Show where action is working; Highlight our choice of futures."

The final quote, from Naomi Oreskes, I would like to leave with us: "Conventional realism asserts that we cannot live any other way than the way we do now. The fossil-fuel industry asserts that we cannot live without its products. But history shows that humans have lived and thrived in many different configurations. It is not unreasonable to think we could, in the future, live in a less destructive manner than we do now. And if aspiration appears to be unrealistic, then we need to find strategies to make it real." Ok, I'm done with the heavy stuff, but as I read the above and upon reflection it made me think about our District and how we can all come together to create a new future, no matter what anyone says if we desire it.

We have just come off what some might say is our most successful District conference in years. I would argue that all that participated in the planning, those that played active roles delivering the program, and all those that attended made a choice to create a new future for our District. By the numbers we had over 130 individuals attend, 31 first timers, numerous prospective members, 30 clubs, an awesome International Director and his wife, 3 outside organizations, a great presentation by OLSHF, 12 raffle baskets, over 20 display tables, and a service project collecting warm socks and gloves. And if that is not enough, we started strong with a welcome from the Eugene City Mayor and a response from Eugene Downtown's President that reminded us why we had given our precious time to attend and engage for the day.



## District E - Southern - South Coast



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## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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It's Convention Time!!

I am certain that everyone has their calendar marked for March 17 and 18 to be sure they don't miss attending the Annual District E Convention being held at the Community Center in Sutherlin. So, I just want to touch base with each District E club as to what you are doing in getting ready for the big event.

First of all sure and get that registration form sent in. On Friday we will be having two seminars, some fun time to win a nice prize, and a nice casual dinner followed by casino night. And maybe on this St. Patrick's Day you can find a pot of gold at the base of the rainbow. On Saturday there are: forums and awards presentations, our Peace Poster Winner, a youth robot demonstration, and don't forget the luncheon with OLSHF with updates on what is going on and the good things ahead for us. The evening is dedicated to our PDG's and hearing a great Key note speech from our visiting Past International Director Justin Faber. Then on Sunday morning we take time to hold our 3<sup>rd</sup> cabinet meeting before heading back home.

What is the purpose in even holding a District or Multiple District convention? They can be a bit costly sometimes with the price of gas, meals, and hotel accommodations. But. . . This is the time for renewing friendships, learning about what is happening in other communities besides your own, and even learning new things and gaining new ideas to take home to your own club. This is a time to acknowledge and savor the fact that we are following the principles set out all those years ago as "We Serve".

By the way. . . Our PR grant signs to help promote Lionism in your own community have arrived, and are being distributed to each area Zone chair or representative. A letter describing the purpose and some PR information that can be used by each club is included. We need to report back to LCI how we are doing, so as you utilize this opportunity, be sure to report back the successes you have.

Remember that every day you should reach out and touch someone in some way- it is how we as Lions serve from the heart as we work together.

DG Gail

Dear Lions,

I am hoping the weather is finally showing some improvements in your area. It is time to start that Spring cleaning and getting those "honey-do" lists completed. It is time for that in our Clubs also. Get business caught up, present those new ideas for ways to help our communities and think of fundraising ideas. We have started inducting some new members and I hope they also come with some fresh new ideas. It seems summer goes too fast and winter lasts too long in Eastern Oregon but we really do have 4 beautiful seasons. Perfect for plenty of outdoor and indoor activities.

I have met with a few more clubs that were willing to combine the clubs into one visitation which is so helpful with the cost of visitations. They also got club visit credits so it was an extra win for them. As the weather permits, I will get my visits in to the more outlying clubs. I can't wait to see everyone!

I'm looking forward to Spring. The yard signs and car magnets are slowly getting delivered and I am anxious to get them to everyone. They look so great being displayed around town! If I haven't made it to your club you can also pick them up during convention March 31st and April 1st. I have ordered sunshine and no wind for that weekend. I hope to see you all there!

Your in Lionism,

Cheri Jackson  
DG 36G

The coming of Spring means  
**Bling Fling!**

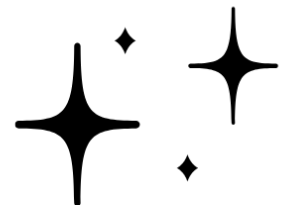
Gently-Used Jewelry Sale

April 22nd, 2023 - 10am to 12pm

Do you have old jewelry sitting  
around that you never wear?  
Donate it to The Sight and  
Hearing Center and turn clutter  
into glasses and hearing aids for  
people in need!

Jewelry donations can be sent to 228 N. Holly  
St Medford, OR 97501 or dropped off in

person!



# MD36 Nature Photo Contest returns



After a three year hiatus we are pleased to announce that the MD 36 Nature Photo Contest will once again resume. “Oregon is such a beautiful state. With 10 different ecosystems, there’s plenty of beauty to capture in every part of the state,” stated MD36 Environmental Chair Phyllis Carlin, “From mountains to lush green forests to the oceans and plains, we’ve got it all in Oregon and it’s all beautiful.”

So here’s the information you need and what you do to enter:

- Photos must be taken by a MD36 Lions member.
- Limit 5 entries per Lion.
- No photoshopping.
- Deadline for entries is April 15, 2023
- A panel of four photographers will pick the top five photos.
- All photos will displayed and the winners voted on at the State Convention in May.
- A Silent Auction of the photos will be held at the State Convention to defray the cost of printing.
- E-mail your photos to: [phylcarlin@gmail.com](mailto:phylcarlin@gmail.com)
- Questions, please contact me at [phylcarlin@gmail.com](mailto:phylcarlin@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Phyllis Carlin  
MD36 Environmental Chairperson  
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## Past District R Governor/ Past Council Chair, Lion Mo Jaffer 1924-2020



1989 photo of DG Mo Jaffer.

Lion Majduddin Mohamed “Mo” Jaffer, died in the company of family in the early morning of February 8, 2020. He was 95 years old. Mo was born in Madras (now Chennai), India, in September 1924. He was the second oldest of six siblings.

Mo received his Master of Chemistry degree while studying at Osmania University in India. He then received a fellowship to the United States to study Chemical Engineering at University of North Dakota, where he met his future wife, Patricia Norton (Mo and Pat were married in the spring of 1951). Mo, of tropical India, sailed by converted freighter from Bombay (Mumbai) in late 1947, arriving in San Francisco in January 1948. Taking the train across the United States, it was the first time that he had seen snow.

After receiving his engineering degree, and exploring industry job offers, he secured a teaching position at North Dakota State Normal and Industrial School in Ellendale, ND. Here he found his calling, and he remained a teacher the rest of his life. Mo then applied to a small “teacher’s college” in western Oregon. The timing could not have

been more perfect, as Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) was expanding in the GI Bill era, and was in need of new and dedicated faculty. Equally important, the college had a dedication to selecting excellent professors and staff of wide diversity, and extended a professorship offer to the man from India.

Mo began teaching at OCE in 1958, and he and Pat raised five kids in Monmouth, and became a U.S. Citizen. Midway through his 30-year teaching career, Mo joined the Central Lions Club of Monmouth-Independence. Mo served in every office in the club, a couple of them more than once. Mo remained a member of the Central Lions Club until his death, a span of nearly 50 years. Mo was known for providing jokes and reading out loud comics that he had found in the paper, at the wrap-up of weekly club meetings. During that time, Mo was also elected District Governor of Dist. 36R, served as a Council Chairman of the Oregon Lions, and as a Board Member and Chairman of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF). Lion Mo and Lion Pat attended multiple International Lions Conventions, including the U.S., Canada, Hong Kong, England and Korea. Mo was selected to the OLSHF Hall of Fame in 2012. Pat was selected for the same accolade in 2018, making Mo and Pat the first husband and wife ever selected for the prestigious honor.

Mo’s three greatest passions were his family, teaching and Lions Clubs. In every endeavor, Lion Mo was the embodiment of the motto “We Serve.”

Lion Pat Jaffer and son Lion Danny Jaffer would like to let you know that the Jaffer family has selected Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> as a day to remember and celebrate PDG Lion Mo Jaffer. Lion Mo Jaffer passed away in February, 2020, but a memorial planned in the spring of that year had to be cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. We will hold this special gathering at 2:00 PM, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at Christ’s Church 412 Clay St. W., Monmouth, OR 97361.

We invite all, and hope that you can make it.

Contributions can be made in Lions Mo Jaffer’s name to the Central Lions Club of Monmouth-Independence (PO Box 101, Independence, OR 97351), the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF.org), or to the Majduddin M. & Patricia Jaffer Scholarship Fund, Western Oregon University Foundation (345 Monmouth Ave. N, Monmouth, OR 97361).

*submitted by Lion Danny Jaffer*

## La Grande Lions Seeking Coats

The La Grande Lions have finished up a winter project of distributing 'Coats for Kids,' but the Club plans to replenish its stock for future needs. A letter will be sent out to various businesses that coats are still requested for winter needs. The Lions distributed approximately 500 coats prior to Christmas. The La Grande Methodist Church assisted with storage, electricity and distribution, so the Club made a \$250 donation to the Methodists to help cover the cost of electricity.



Lion Tanner Willson leads discussion on a new fund raiser for the Club.

Lion Tanner Willson reported that a baby back rib feed was being planned in March to help the baseball team. He noted that 100% of the profit would go to the baseball team and field, and that team members would be responsible for selling the tickets.

The Club has finished up wreath sales with all wreaths being distributed.



Guest speaker Don McLean addresses the group.

Guest speaker was Don McLean, Director for the Grande Ronde Academy. McLean stated that the school, which emphasizes Christian values, now includes grades 9-12. The costs per student range from \$400-500 with small classes and an expanding curriculum. New programs include archery, and a pottery shop.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

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## South Salem Lions Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army



Lion Bruce Schnieber.

*submitted by Bruce Schnieber*



## Lake Oswego Lions Club



Michael Hudson with his peace poster.

This is Hudson Michael, a 7th-grade student at Lake Oswego Jr. High. When he's not making art, he enjoys video games, biking, skateboarding, and spending time with friends and his dogs. He participated in the 2022-23 Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

This year's peace poster theme was, "Lead with Compassion". Children know how powerful compassion can be. They're often able to express this feeling more openly than adults. Again this year, Lake Oswego Lions Club provided the opportunity for young people to explore and visually express the peaceful future that compassionate leadership brings.

Sponsored by Lake Oswego Lions Club and led by their Art Teacher, Mrs. Debora Owens, B.S., M.A.Ed. who illustrates the theme to a tee every day, Hudson and 24 of his classmates in the 1st Period 2D Art class created the theme-related peace posters and submitted their entries.

His creativity and beautiful work paid off! At the club level and at the district level, Hudson's peace poster was the winner! We look forward to seeing Hudson again at our District Convention in Portland on February 25, 2023, to be recognized and accept his additional \$100 cash award. His mother, Meagen, said, "The recognition of the Lions and Hudson's art teacher, Mrs. Owens, has encouraged him to further explore art in school and beyond."

Also participating in this year's Peace Poster Contest was Nivedya Nair. She also took 1st place at the club level out of 25 entries from Mrs. Owens's 5th Period 2D Art Class also sponsored by Lake Oswego Lions Club.

As the Club's Peace Poster Chair, it was my pleasure to meet them and their families at our annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, and as part of our celebration, present each winner with a certificate of achievement and a \$50 cash prize and Mrs. Owen with a certificate of appreciation as well.

With much appreciation, we wish a happy 2022-23 School Year to Mrs. Debora Owen! Your compassionate leadership makes this year's LCI Peace Poster Contest theme, "Lead with Compassion", fit you to a tee! I know how much it means to you to give your students an opportunity to create peace posters to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. Thank you for wholeheartedly embracing our Lions International Peace Poster Contest.



(l-r) Nivedya Nair, Lion Bonnie Roeder and Hudson Michael.

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## Applauds the Peace Poster Contest

Mrs. Owen recently commented, “I sincerely appreciate the help of Lake Oswego Lions Club this year in making this wonderful Peace Poster project a success. It’s so important to help young minds understand the power of peace and how to “Lead with Compassion.” The LOJ mission is to inspire and empower students to safely grow into healthy adolescents, critical thinkers, deep learners, respectful citizens, experienced leaders, and creative artists with necessary educational and technical skills that will prepare them for success in high school, college, and career. Our collaboration on this wonderful peace poster project has been such a wonderful blessing. Together we can make our world a better place.”



Art Teacher, Mrs. Debora Owen.

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring this very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. It will be our District Governor, Kerith Vance’s honor to recognize Hudson Michael as our district-level winner this year. What a wonderful, unique, opportunity for Lions Clubs to help our communities! We can encourage all the youth who participate and recognize the winners and the adults who lead them. It is also a great way to publicize our Lions Clubs and Lions Club International.

We absolutely can and do make a difference! In Lake Oswego, it has been our pleasure to sponsor the art classes of Art Teacher, Debora Owen, M.S., M.A.Ed., who has for several years wholeheartedly embraced the LCI Peace Poster Contest and turned it into a class project for her students.

Just to illustrate the ripple effect of these efforts I would like to share with you that also present at the December 13th celebration was an amazing young woman, who has been busy with her school work, artistic creations, and her favorite activity of rhythmic gymnastics, one of Mrs. Owens’s former art students, Jorie Liang, our District 36-O, and MD 36 2019-2020 winning Peace Poster artist!

Fast forward three years ... More than a dozen of Jorie’s friends and family members have joined Lake Oswego Lions Club, formed the LOLC VisionEnvoy Club Branch, and have been actively volunteering in all of the fundraising and service projects we have done over this past year! These include Jorie’s mom, now Lion Alice Yang, LOLC Service Chair and VECB Advisor as well as her older sister, Lion Kun Li, VE Club Branch President, and of course now Lion Jorie Liang, VECB Publicity Chair (perhaps you have read one of the many articles she has presented recently!)

Lions International Peace Poster Contest is a great tool! Let’s continue to use it!

We serve. We make a difference. Together we can!

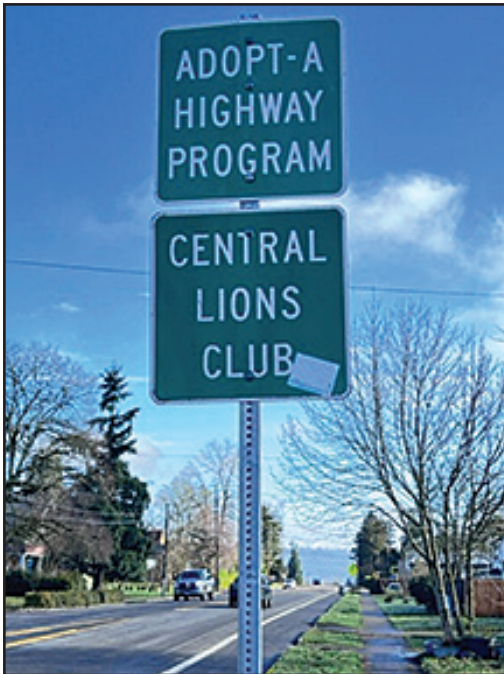
*submitted by: Lion, Bonnie Roeder, District 36-O Peace Poster Contest Chair*



## Central Lions Club Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Day and Honors Dr. King with Community Clean-Up

As part of the Martin Luther King Celebration day Central Lions decided to do a community road clean-up to help beautify the Monmouth/Independence communities in Dr. Kings honor.

Lion Russ Cooper is the clubs Road clean-up chair. He schedules 4 clean-ups a year giving members plenty of advance notice of dates and places. Thirteen dedicated Lions showed up to help with this project and collected 13 bags of trash.



Entering Monmouth/Independence the Lions are visible.



Clean-up Coordinator Lion Russ Cooper getting volunteers ready to go.



PDG Steve Moser signing in and grabbing a treat.



(l-r) Lions Russ Cooper and Danny Jaffer having a little fun before clean-up.



Lion Michael Ward ready to start cleaning up.



Central Lion Russ Cooper explaining road cleanup to 2 community helpers Shannon Medel and daughter Cadence Medel.

*submitted by PCC Rod Bach*



## Springfield Lions Still Helping Residents of the Holiday Farm Fire

The 2020 Holiday Farm Fire ranks among the largest wildfires in Oregon history. It burned over 173,000 acres and destroyed more than 750 homes, business and structures. Many families continue to struggle even two years later.

The Springfield Lions Club has worked to provide assistance to residents of the McKenzie River Valley and others affected by the Holiday Farm Fire. In the past three months, our members collected and delivered over 1,000 pounds of can goods, nonperishable items, frozen foods, fresh produce, household and personal items.



Lion Larry Barnett wheeling food into the pantry storage.



Christmas coming, turkey anyone?

Lion PDG Darrell Scott, a resident of the area, connected with the McKenzie Bridge Food Pantry and the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Pantry to determine the needs of Holiday Farm Fire victims. Lion President Henry Miller has taken numerous SUV loads of goods after Springfield Lions collected items at weekly meetings. In addition, the Springfield Lions Club has donated over \$4,000 for rebuilding and helping with the community efforts to reconstruct.



Lions PDG Darrell Scott, Linda Berry and Larry Barnett finish transferring food from PDG Darrell's van to Henry Miller's car for delivery to the food pantry.



PDG Darrell Scott putting articles for McKenzie Bible Fellowship pantry.

*submitted by Lion Linda Berry  
photos by Lion Henry Miller*



## Astoria Lions Distribute American Flags to First Graders

One of our signature events, Astoria Lions distributed American Flag sets to first grade classes at several local schools. Lion Ron Larsen and Nancy Lockett distributed flags to two classes at Knappa's Hilda Lahti School on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Lion Ray Montgomery distributed flag sets to four classes at Warrenton Grade School on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Six classes at Astoria's Astor Elementary students were also given their flag sets on February 17<sup>th</sup> by Lions Nancy Lockett, Jim Heater and Ron Larsen.

As seen in the photos, this year's sets were assembled during our February 14<sup>th</sup> lunchtime meeting by Lions Ron Larsen, Lavina Jones, Nancy Lockett and Ray Montgomery.



Lions Assembling Flag Sets are (l-r) Ron Larsen, Lavina Jones and Nancy Lockett. Not shown - Ray Montgomery (photo taker).



(l-r) Lions Lavina Jones and Nancy Lockett assembling flag sets with a tasty treat nearby.



(l-r) Lions Ray Montgomery and Mark Montgomery.



American Flag Sets Given to 1st Graders – 2023



New Lions Mark and Wendy Montgomery in Mark's workshop.

A special thank you goes out again to new Lions Mark and Wendy Montgomery for acquisition of lumber and for cutting, drilling and sanding of over 250 flag bases. To aid in making them, two jigs were made: one for sawing the wood to the proper dimensions and one for drilling the hole in the block. The blocks are given a final sanding and set aside for bagging. Welcome to the Club!

This is the second year, they have produced these blocks in Mark's shop. Thank you Mark and Wendy for joining our Club and helping make this long-standing treat for our first graders.

*submitted by Ray Montgomery*



## Elgin Lions Plan New Year

President Barbara Hawes called for a discussion of Club activities for the New Year, asking members to list suggestions for Riverfest, since the Quilt Show and antique tractors will not be participating. Several ideas were listed including activities from previous years. A committee will be assigned to evaluate ways to improve Riverfest events.

A summary of the past year included the progress of constructing public toilets, the purchase of 23 eye glasses and examinations for those in need, a total of \$1,300 cleared from the basketball tournament, total of \$1,820 from the Lion's homemade items for an in-house auction, and success of the annual Christmas shopping event for a family.



(l-r) Lions Secretary Jared Rogers, Susie Harris, President Barbara Hawes and Estill Arrand.

Two Lions were recognized for bringing members into the Club. President Barbara Hawes and Secretary Jared Rogers recognized Estill Arrand for introducing two new members, and Susie Harris for five new members.

## Elgin Lions Look at Little League

Taking a page from the La Grande Lions Club, the Elgin Lions followed suit by inviting members of the Little League organization to determine physical needs for their field or program. Nikie and AJ Hansen, as well as Fran Zerbel, representing Boise Cascade, shared needs with Elgin members. Those needs included improvements of the field, painting of the dugouts, and fencing. The Lions will continue discussion on the league needs.

In other matters, the Lions purchased examinations and glasses for community members, reviewed plans for the public restroom project, outlined activities for Riverfest, assigned members to help with community meals, formed a committee to select the "Young Man of the Year" for the Chamber banquet, and set up a plan of "Quarterly Cookies," to be distributed to various community groups expressing appreciation for their service. The Elgin Lions Club also planned to prepare an evening meal for the elementary and high school in-service day to also show appreciation to the teachers.



AJ Hansen, Nikie Hansen and Fran Zerbel share needs of the Little League program.

The Elgin Lions continue to collect glasses for the Lions' vision program, as well as pop tabs to be sent to the Ronald McDonald House for parent housing. The Club voted to write a check of \$100 to support "Dimes for Diabetes."



Doug Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer



OREGON LIONS  
Sight & Hearing  
= Foundation =

## Oregon Lions Leave Quite A Legacy



Tom Hilgers  
Board Chair

Here at the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation we have many organizational features that make us unique from other non-profits:

- We enjoy free occupancy here at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in NW Portland due to an agreement in place that allows for OLSHF to occupy our space rent free and in perpetuity. Your Lions Club helped make this possible, as every single Lions Club in Oregon donated to the 1980's Capital Campaign that made the construction of the Devers Eye Institute - and our offices - possible.
- We multiply the value of our OLSHF donations by as much as 10 times due to the discounted - and sometimes donated - healthcare provided by the sight and hearing partners that we work with throughout Oregon.
- We operate very efficiently: Our most recent annual audit reflects that a mere 15% of OLSHF expenses are spent on administration and fundraising, meaning that 85% of our costs directly support OLSHF sight and hearing programs.

### OLSHF Long Term Investments

What makes the efficient use of OLSHF donations even more impressive is the fact that the 15% that the Foundation spends on administration and fundraising is actually covered by our own "endowment" of long term investment funds.

We work with Ferguson Wellman Capital Management to manage the funds that comprise OLSHF's investment portfolio. Ferguson Wellman provides an investment strategy for our funds that is crafted in a way that balances risk-and-return opportunities to ensure that the Foundation will be addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss for generations to come.

Our long term investments were initiated in the early 1990's with a few modest gifts and over time - by drawing a modest percentage of the principal each year - these funds have supported OLSHF operations AND grown in volume to nearly \$7 million in value.

### Gift for Oregon Lions: Freewill.com

Most of the donations that have grown our long term investments have come in the form of bequests, as a result of many Oregon Lions Club members including OLSHF in their estate plans. Proud of their Foundation and wanting to leave a gift that will last forever, Lions from all over Oregon have written OLSHF into their will and left the legacy of being Knights of the Blind, as Helen Keller asked Lions to do so many years ago.

Most of us have heard the horror stories of what can happen when someone passes away without a will in place. Planned giving allows you to take control of your assets and to create a legacy. You can create an extraordinary legacy that will always be remembered through your thoughtful planning. Remembering OLSHF in your will helps the Foundation's sight and hearing programs have an even deeper impact than they have today.

### Freewill.com - Free to You with No Obligation

OLSHF now offers - at no cost and with no "strings attached" a new estate planning tool to assist you and all Oregon Lions in the process of estate planning. Regardless of the value of our assets, we need to have a legal document in place to ensure that our property and our values will be shared as we desire.

We invite you to visit [www.freewill.com/olshf](http://www.freewill.com/olshf) to take a look at the tools available to you free of charge to assist you in this process. Of course we hope that many Oregon Lions will remember the Foundation in their estate plans but this resource is not only free for you to use -- it is free of any expectation or obligation to leave any or all of your estate to OLSHF.

We're not experts in estate planning, but we do know a good opportunity when we see one -- and we hope you'll take us up on the opportunity to use Freewill.com.





# 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 by calling or emailing us at [Info@OLSHF.org](mailto:Info@OLSHF.org).

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

# LIONS DAY AT THE CAPITOL



## Save the Date: Wed, May 3 in Salem

If you're interested in attending or would like more information, you can scan the QR code to the right using the camera app on your smartphone.



## School Vision Screening Program Updates

### School Screening Statistics as of Feb 23, 2023

- 137,000 students screened
- Over 20,000 referred (15%)
- Over 600 events provided

### Screening Projections

- 155,000-170,000  
(similar to or greater than last year's totals)



### Overview of the Year So Far

- SVS hired and trained two new event managers and we are exploring a couple new leads in Southern Oregon and other areas
- Implemented a new data management system part way through 2021-22
- We've added school districts and schools all over the state: middle schools in Reynolds SD and Albany SD, high schools in North Clackamas SD, and schools in Umatilla, Lake, and Jackson counties.





We've just earned our 2023 Platinum Seal with @candidorg! 🏆... See more




**From OLSHF's profile on Candid (Guidestar):**

All donations to OLSHF programs are multiplied 5 times their value or more because of our deeply discounted rates with our healthcare partners around the state of Oregon. No donated dollars are allocated to administrative or overhead expenses. We enjoy free occupancy thanks to the historic good work of Lions Clubs in Oregon and their partnership with the Legacy/Devers Eye Clinic. For administrative costs, we allocate a yearly amount draw from our long term investment funds to keep our principal intact and keep every gift working to help people in need and advance our mission.

Do good with your Oregon tax refund & help Oregonians in need of sight & hearing care!



**OREGON LIONS  
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## Your 2022 Charitable Checkoff

Turn Your Tax Refund Into A Sight and Hearing Investment through Oregon's Charitable Checkoff program! Donate your tax refund or a portion of it, bringing crucial support to programs like Patient Care, ROAR, LEAP & SVS.

**Directing your refund is simple.**

- 1 Look for the Charitable Checkoff section on your return: 2022 Schedule OR-Donate
- 2 Visit <https://www.oregon.gov/dor/forms/Pages/default.aspx> to download the 2022 Schedule OR-Donate form
- 3 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 who needs sight and hearing assistance!**

## VisionEnvoy Branch Club

The Lunar New Year of 2023 fell on January 22nd, and all across the United States, Asian Americans celebrated this cherished holiday with their families. Through VisionEnvoy Club Branch's chaperone Chunhua Yu, we learned that many residents at the retirement community of the Rose Schnitzer Towers didn't have family nearby to celebrate Lunar New Year. Since the Lunar New Year is meant to be a time when people come together to celebrate bonds, we wanted to ensure that the senior residents at the Rose Schnitzer Towers could welcome peace in the new year with friends close aside. The VisionEnvoy Club Branch board members came together to put a spin on our monthly senior center performances by hosting a special Lunar New Year event at the Rose Schnitzer Towers!

With around two weeks to prepare for this event, VisionEnvoy board members were constantly scrambling around; advertising, planning entertainment opportunities, purchasing decorations, and gathering prizes for the seniors to win. Since a few of our VisionEnvoy Club Branch members were models, we decided to showcase our newly purchased traditional Chinese Hanfu through a runway walk performance. A few days before the performance, VisionEnvoy member Jorie Liang Liang assembled a group of non-model volunteers and models to train.



Our group of Hanfu models (l-r) Olivia He, Shengyao Liu, Sandy Tang, Kadee Liang, Kun Li, Kedy Wang, Lucy Xu, Allison Hu, Grace Wang and Jorie Liang.



(l-r) Volunteer Olivia He teaches Grace Wang how to walk the runway.



Allison Hu dressed in a Hanfu and performing the guzheng.

VisionEnvoy members arrived early in the morning to start setting up the event. There was much to do, cutting and stringing up riddles, putting up tables and chairs, preparing mountains of food, and pinning up Lunar New Year posters and decor. Even as the seniors started trickling in, Jorie Liang was still reviewing the runway walk with the volunteer models. As the seniors were seated, they were immediately welcomed with heaps of food prepared by VisionEnvoy members and volunteers. As the senior residents began eating, the first runway performance began. Models Olivia He, Shengyao Liu, Allison Hu, Kun Li, Kedy Wang, Lucy Xu, Kadee Liang, Sandy Tang, Grace Wang and Jorie Liang enlightened the seniors with a rainbow of beautiful Hanfus. Following this performance, Allison Hu showcased her talent with the traditional Chinese guzheng.

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## Has Lunar New Year Celebration



(l-r) Jorie Liang and Sandy Tang performing their duet dance.

Jorie Liang and Sandy Tang danced a beautiful duet to the song 恰恰 (Liang Liang). In between each performance, VisionEnvoy youth members went up to emcee and asked trivia questions about the Lunar New Year to the seniors. There was even a chance for seniors to come up on the stage themselves and introduce the traditional outfits they wore to the audience. To tie everything up, the performances ended with another runway walk with the models wearing traditional Chinese-inspired modern t-shirts.

After the performances, the seniors were led in various games and prizes. While the other stations were set up, the seniors solved riddles hung up by VisionEnvoy Lions. When the seniors answered a riddle correctly, they would be awarded with primary health care necessities, such as toothbrushes or sponges, that VisionEnvoy Lions deemed would be sustainable and useful prizes. VisionEnvoy made sure to make the activities enjoyable for both volunteers and the senior residents, and many seniors particularly enjoyed the art station where they got to release their creative soul and create an oil pastel rabbit, as well as the sandbag throwing challenge, where seniors had to rely on their throwing skills and motor control. VisionEnvoy members also motivated the seniors to move through the jianzi kicking activity, where seniors would kick a weighted shuttlecock, or jianzi, in the air a minimum of 30 times. The sport of jianzi was very popular when these senior residents were younger, and many commented about how this activity made them remember their younger years.



Alice Yang (middle) asks seniors about the traditional garments they are wearing.



Grace Wang introduces the famous dish of steamed buns held by Grandma Liu. (l-r) Yali Jia and Alice Yang watch.



Chunhua Yu serves traditional Chinese dishes to grateful seniors.

Overall, this event was a success and brought a smile to everyone, from our senior friends to our wonderful VisionEnvoy Club Branch volunteers, who were more than willing to help and adapt to the situation. A special thank you to Olivia He and Allison Hu, two models who were willing to come to walk in our Lunar New Year runway show and help keep the event running. We sincerely appreciate the Rose Schnitzer Tower for letting us host this event, Lions Club member Alice Yang for her dedication to coordinate this event, Photographer Charlie Zhang for volunteering to capture every single moment digitally, and the seniors who attended. Happy Late Lunar New Year!

*submitted by VisionEnvoy Club Branch member Jorie Liang*



## Santa and Mrs. Claus

After the long Pandemic hiatus the Eugene Downtown Lions Club was finally able to hold its annual Pancake Breakfast With Santa and Mrs Claus from 8:00 am until Noon on December 10, 2022. This time it was held at a new location: the Heartfelt House which is next-door to Riverbend Hospital.



Santa talking with two pretty young ladies.



Mrs. Claus with an adorable child.



Baked goods and items for sale.



Three raffle prizes under the tree.

As in previous years, breakfast consisted of pancakes, sausage, eggs, cocoa, and coffee. Holiday treats, baked goods, and other items were offered for sale and two bicycles and a Nintendo Switch were raffled off. Featured, mainly for the children, were a coloring contest and Christmas cookie decorating. The tables were set up in multiple rooms to give a more homey feel to the breakfast. Many families enjoyed the meal and of course getting to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and have their picture taken with them.

The three items were raffled off and the proceeds of the raffle ticket sales went to Heartfelt House. Lion Karen Norton presented Lion Robin Yozzo the check for \$565, which was the proceeds of that raffle.



(l-r) EDTL Lion Robin Yozzo, Guest Services Director of Heartfelt House, is presented with a check for \$565.00 from Lion Karen Norton for the Heartfelt House.



Coloring contest.

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## Came Back To Town

The Nintendo Switch was won by Philip Smith a guest of Lion Judith Grosenick. A bicycle was won by Lion Dianne Landon who gave it to Emory St. Clair and he chose the smaller pink one that was just his size.



**Bicycle winner Emory St. Clair.**



**Cookie decorating fun.**



**Volunteer serving guest.**



**A great event for a family breakfast.**

Event ticket sales totaled nearly \$2,400 which will be added to monies collected for the Club's Legacy Centennial Project at the Arc Park, which is in the process of being built in Springfield. The Sway Fun ride is the main Eugene Downtown Lions part of the Arc Park.

**EDTL funded Centennial Project  
Arc Park Sway Fun ride.**



Special thanks go to our generous sponsors: Ronald McDonald House of Charities, Heartfelt House, National Business Solutions, Parties to Go, Bi-Mart and Oregon Community Credit Union.

We thank our volunteers including many great Downtown Lions, The Active 20/30 Club and other great volunteers. Of course, we thank all of those who attended the breakfast and invite them to come back again next year.

*submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman  
Eugene Downtown Lions Club*

## South Salem Lions Club Volunteers at The Marion Polk Food Share Warehouse

The South Salem Lions give their time and effort to 'End Hunger in Oregon.' Our compassionate community has made sure that none of our neighbors should be without the food they need through difficult times.

Service is mutual. The Power of We! The South Salem Lions had fun too!



(l-r) Bruce Schnieber, Dennis Cowan and Phil Dietlein.

*submitted by Bruce Schnieber*

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## Update on Central Lions Club & 36-R's Peace Poster Contest Winner

Devlon Diaz won the Central Lions Club and District 36-R's Peace Poster Contests. Addressing the "Lead with Compassion" theme, Devlon Diaz drew remarkable likenesses of four compassionate leaders: Martin Luther King, Jr., Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Mahatma Gandhi and Abraham Lincoln.



Devlon Diaz with his winning poster.



(l-r) Central Lions Club Peace Poster Contest judges, Krist Obrist, Michael Cairns, Elizabeth Ward and Jordan Steed with the top three posters.

*submitted by Michael Ward  
Central Lions Club Peace Poster Chair*