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### **Crooked River Ranch Lions are "On the Road Again"**



**1ST VDG Phyllis Carlin and  
Lion Bill Burt fill their bags**



**UO Lion Branch Club member Steven  
Laughton-Cardona receives Meeting Gong  
from Gresham Breakfast Lions Club  
Lion Floyd Francetich**

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**PID Bill Rollins Receives  
His 50 Year Monarch**

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## ANNIVERSARIES

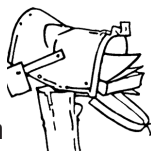
March 2018 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

### 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
Creswell	March 30, 1948
Mapleton	March 29, 1950
Portland Lloyd	March 3, 1960
Tualatin	March 6, 1973
Silver Lake	March 6, 1975
Applegate	March 26, 1975
Springfield Mohawk	March 8, 1976
Portland Metro	March 2, 1992
Portland Oaks Bottom	March 27, 2003
Arlington	March 5, 2010
Umatilla/Irrigon	March 29, 2010

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## MONTHLY CALENDARS

### MEETINGS

#### March

- 2 9am OLSHF Trustee mtg. Wild Horse Resort, Pendleton  
1pm Council of Governors mtg. Wild Horse, Pendleton
- 2-3 District G Convention, Wild Horse Resort, Pendleton  
Speaker: ID Alan Lundgren from Arizona
- 9-10 District E Convention, Seven Feathers, Canyonville  
Speaker: ID Sam Lindsey from Texas
- 11 Dist. E Cabinet mtg. 9am, Seven Feathers, Canyonville
- 14 OLSHF Patient Care Committee mtg. Portland
- 26 SOLSHC Board mtg. @6pm

#### April

- TBD OLSHF Executive Committee mtg. Portland
- 7 District G Cabinet mtg. 10am-2pm, Bob's Texas  
T-Bone Restaurant, Rufus
- 11 OLSHF Patient Care Committee mtg. Portland
- 30 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ 6pm

### EVENTS

#### March

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

#### April

- 2 Eyeglass Sorting Party - Keizer Lions  
Halls, 4100 Cherry Ave., NE @ 6pm
- 10 The Oregon Lion article deadline (for May issue)
- 18 Keep the Promise Breakfast, Valley River Inn,  
Eugene @ 7:30am
- 28 Bling Fling Used Jewelry Fundraiser - SOLSHC  
10am - noon  
3rd Women's Symposium, Wheeler Pavilion,  
796 W. 13th Ave., Eugene, 10am-4pm



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## Council Chair News



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### SUSTAINABILITY!

Hearty greetings Mighty MD36 Lions! I'm writing this column the day after the 2018 District R Convention. Boy! We sure had a good time! I must give credit where credit is due. DG Tom's International Director Guest, Director Nicolin Carol Moore inspired the basis for this column: "Sustainability" is defined as "the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level". We were talking about Leadership and sustainability came up.

How do we sustain our Lions Clubs and what we do? As ID Moore later demonstrated, Service, Membership and Leadership, the three parts of our new Global Action Team (GAT), are constantly inter-related and feed one another. To sustain our service in our communities, we must consistently be mindful of our membership. To sustain our membership we must be mindful of how we exercise our leadership. To sustain our leadership we must continue our service in our communities. Pretty "circular" stuff, eh?

As I mentioned in our January *Oregon Lion*, we should consistently evaluate our projects, our service, our membership efforts, our communication and public relations, (yes, I'm on that PR thing again!), and how we can improve and broaden our leadership. If we are not achieving our goals, we should examine what we're doing and change that, (THERE HE GOES WITH THAT **CHANGE** WORD AGAIN!!!), evolve a bit so we can sustain, improve and grow our SERVICE, LEADERSHIP and MEMBERSHIP. Thank you Director Moore!

The other night, I went to the LCI website and looked at recent service activities by MD36 Lions Clubs. I'll admit I was specifically looking to see how much food clubs collected in response to the challenge I put out 2 months ago. I haven't tabulated that number yet, but ... as usual, I'm so very impressed with what Lions all over Oregon and Northern California are doing to help people and to make their communities stronger! Yes, we're filling the shelves of our local food banks. We're also seeking out the families in our communities

who need help the most and we're providing it! Food, medical assistance, transportation and what we do best, selfless compassion!

I'd like to take a moment to mention the recent loss of some long-time Lions. We're all getting a little older, but please, take a moment and check up on the older members of your club. Be the friend you want to have.

I must also brag about the great work being done by your District Governors! DGs Debi, Bob, Tom and Bert are working so hard for you, and bragging to me about you! And they're having a ton of fun together as they work together! Why would that surprise anyone? Every time Lions work together we have FUN!

Please start making plans to come to our Multiple District Convention at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, May 17-19, 2018! Our guests will be International Director Bruce Beck and Lion Erin who I got to meet in September at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and I can guarantee a great time! Come see old friends, make new ones and celebrate with us!

Be the source in your community of SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and COMMUNICATION ... Do it ... Lead it ... Enjoy it ... Tell about it! Let's keep "MOVING MD36 FORWARD"!

As always, I'm so very honored to serve you, so proud of your trust in me and humbled to be counted among you great Lions of MD36!

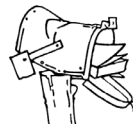
## Directory Corrections

Pg 78 District E Convention **IS MARCH 9-10, 2018 - (NOT March 10-11, 2018)**

Pg 78 District E Cabinet mtg. **IS MARCH 11, 2018 - (NOT March 12, 2018)**

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## District O - Northwest - North Coast



**District O Governor Column**  
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“LET’S HAVE FUN DOING SERVICE... and at meetings and conventions.” That’s my theme for this Lion year. I hope you find ways to build more fun at your club meetings.

I’m writing this column three weeks before the District O Convention and I’m guessing it provided a lot of opportunity for attendees to learn new things, meet other Lions from NW Oregon and have some fun too.

If you want to make your meetings more enjoyable, here are some tips from 2nd VDG Terry Bowman and Lion Lulu Bowman’s breakout session at the Convention. Standing together to do a song, roar, pledge or activity gives you identity as a club. Also, let your Tailtwister loose to do silly things like place a sign on every door to the meeting saying “Use other door.” The Tailtwister can ask club members questions, some serious, some funny, some about trivia. Search online with key words, “Lion Tail Twisting ideas”. Good tailtwisting needs to be prepared ahead of time, not only last minute. Most of all, make your meetings FUN!

On a different topic, consider talking at your club meetings about Lions Clubs International’s new framework called LCI FORWARD. This plan provides a structure to help us build and improve our clubs, gain more visibility in the community and enhance the impact of our clubs’ service. Please check this out on the LCI website. Just type “LCI Forward” in the search line. You can learn many ways to improve your club. And, while you’re on the LCI website, please scroll down on the main page and check out the new videos.

Do you know about our International President Naresh Aggarwal’s theme? It’s **We Serve**. But another sub-theme is THE POWER OF WE. By this he means the power of action and the power of service. “Forty-five percent of the world lives in poverty,” says IP Aggarwal. “As more of us come together, we can change this.”

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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On Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Lions of District 36-R met at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis for their annual Convention. The purpose of the meeting was to elect district officers for the coming year, share information about Lions and non-Lions topics, and learn about service and fundraising opportunities available to our clubs.

This year we were honored to have truly international guests joining us. International Director Nicolin Carol Moore and her husband, Rudy, came all the way from the nation of Trinidad and Tobago to be with us. Director Moore’s visit was made possible by Trinidad and Tobago’s addition to LCI Constitutional Area 1 two years ago and how fortunate we were to have had that happen. ID Nicolin and Rudy are the warmest, most fun-loving people that you can imagine and ID Nicolin brought a wealth of knowledge and understanding about Lions and service to share with us. She spoke eloquently about the opportunity to serve as Lions leaders and the challenges we Lions face beginning our second century of service. Thank you, Nicolin and Rudy, for adding immeasurably to the fun, fellowship and information which were so much a part of this Conference.

New to this year’s Conference was a photo set at which attendees could take individual and group photos to commemorate their attendance at the event. ID Nicolin and Rudy Moore graciously agreed to pose with Lions and clubs in attendance. The photos will make great additions to club newsletters and scrapbooks and we will have an easily recognizable photo record of the 2018 Convention in the years ahead.

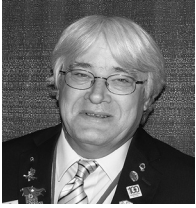
The traditional basket raffle saw excellent participation again this year. Ticket sales totaled \$1,000, with \$800 of the proceeds going to Camp Taloali for deaf and hearing-impaired children. Peace poster contest winner Emma Diehm was recognized during the luncheon and received a \$100 award for her winning entry. There were forums offered which informed attendees about developments in all five areas of service comprised in LCI’s new service framework. And finally, club pride was on display with entries of story boards, newsletters, scrapbooks, websites, and FaceBook pages vying for the opportunity to be judged against entries from other Districts at the MD36 convention in May.

Congratulations to DG-Elect Dale Bachman and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-Elect Steve Moser. Your election to lead the District through the next two Lions years is an honor. We are fortunate to have you as Lions leaders and your willingness to serve the Lions of District 36-R is appreciated.

Perhaps most importantly, I need to express my heartfelt thanks to the 36-R Convention Planning Committee members who worked so hard to put this event together and make it run smoothly. I can’t name you all here, but you know who you are. I would be hard-pressed to repay you for your efforts, so a thank you will have to suffice, at least for now.



## District E - Southern - South Coast



### District E Governor Column

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#### Rejuvenation by Convention

By the time this issue of the Oregon Lion hits all of your proverbial desks all four District Conventions will have taken place. Boy what a time we had!

I'm sure that most of you suffer from the same abnormality that I do, Lions Club Fever, which is much the same as Cabin Fever. We spend the first five months of our fiscal Lions year involved in all kinds of summer activities and fall fundraisers not to mention the holiday activities where we are volunteering throughout our communities in a myriad of ways that are beneficial to the less fortunate.

However, once we finish with the Christmas baskets or the holiday meals or candy sales our clubs have a tendency to go dark until after the new year dawns. For a lot of us this contributes to losses in membership because we don't have that support network to fall back on. For others it's like "I need my Lions fix". We need the camaraderie of fellow Lions. We become lazy, complacent and begin to procrastinate, pushing off duties and obligations. In addition, this time of year typically carries with it the annual illnesses like a cold or the flu and there goes all of your energy and any stamina you may have been able to retain. Now, you are really needing that Lions fix.

Thanks to Leah your Oregon Lion magazine just showed up in the mail and in an effort to ease this yearning you settle down on the couch with a cup of your favorite warming beverage, open the cover and begin to read about all the things that are going on throughout the multiple district. Your overall need for a dose of Lionism begins to ease just a bit but the need for interaction is still pounding within your veins.

Never fear help is near. You turn the page and there it is, the registration form for District R's Convention. What a way to drive away the Lions Club Fever. You tear out the page, grab a pen and quickly fill out the form and get it in the mail. You kick back and begin to daydream about how nice it will be to see and talk with Tom, Burt, Brad, Debi, Joyce, Sunny, Dale, Don, Brian, Phyllis, Wes and many, many others.

This infusion of possible interaction with other Lions eases the fever and before you know it the convention is upon you and those conversations you dreamt about are upon you and your Lions psyche is back in tack.

This is what we refer to as Rejuvenation by Convention.

Although this is a tongue-in-cheek scenario, there is a modicum of reality that accompanies it and that is how important our conventions can be to our collective Lion souls. The seminars that are offered, the relationships that are built and the restoration of needed ideas, all part of our Lions psyche.

So, I implore you, if you haven't had the opportunity to attend a District Convention make sure you do and rejuvenate your Lions soul. If you have attended a convention you already know what I am talking about and I look forward to seeing you at the Multiple District 36 in Eugene in May.

As for those of you who had the opportunity to attend District E's Convention, you know that Together We Are Restoring the Road.

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



### District G Governor Column

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I trust everyone made it through all District Conventions. I hope you all learned something that will positively impact your willingness to help others. Maybe that lightbulb lit up and you thought "Wow, this is really what Lions are all about". I feel that way every time someone comes up to me and says, "Thank you, the Lions helped me, or my child or relative or friend." The warmth that goes through me is something I hope everyone has felt at least once during their time as a Lion.

I would like us all to stop, take 5, 15, 30 minutes or however long it takes and think about the reason you joined Lions in the first place. If you are like me, it was to serve others without asking anything in return.

I have overheard people complaining that they didn't get recognition for something they did. Maybe it was an oversight of the chairperson or president, but that is not why we are Lions.

When a new member comes up with a new idea, try it. If it works, great. If not, try changing it a little bit or maybe move on to something else, but **Do Not** say, "We tried that once and it didn't work." That is the quickest way to ruin the enthusiasm of new members.

The biggest complaint all clubs have is attracting and retaining new members. Why? What are we doing wrong? Too many of us are stuck in our old ways and are not willing to relinquish our positions in the club or District. Sit back and think how nice it would be for someone else to do most of the work and maybe get the pat on the back that encourages them to stay in the club and maybe move up to new positions in our Districts.

We are all having trouble filling these District positions. Let's give those new members a chance to prove they joined to serve others also.

I am looking forward to someone else being governor. I will be there to help all I can, but it is their goals I will work towards now. We all need to be there to help guide the newer members, but let's let them take over the helm for a while.

## Gresham Breakfast Lions Club Donate Meeting Gong to University of Oregon Lions



(l-r) UO Lion Branch Club member Steven Laughton-Cardona receives Meeting Gong from GBLC Lion Floyd Francetich

Lion Steven Laughton-Cardona joined the Gresham Breakfast Lions Club (GBLC) while still a high school student. In 2016, he started college at the University of Oregon (UO) and soon worked with other students to establish a UO Lions Branch Club. The UO Lions Club has 10 members and is officially a branch club of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club. The UO Lions Branch Club meets on Mondays at 5 PM.

Lion Steven still visits the GBLC when on school breaks. Recently GBLC member Lion Floyd Francetich acquired a meeting gong from a defunct Lions club. Lion Floyd refurbished

the gong and presented it to Lion Steven during UO Winter Break. Thanks, Lion Floyd, for your support of young Lions and the UO Lions Club.

*submitted by Jim Bumgardner*

Spring, summer and fall.....

### Crooked River Ranch Lions are “On the Road Again”

What can 48 Lions with numerous yellow trash bags in hand, top dog Burt Thomson (Road Clean-up Chairperson) and lots of energy do for Crooked River Ranch? They can pick up all the roadside trash on Lower Bridge Road at the entrance to the Ranch three times per year. A minimum of sixteen Lions turnout for each of the scheduled cleanups and more than 20 bags of trash and some big items are picked up each time the CRR Lions conduct a road cleanup.



Road Cleanup chairperson Burt Thomson after a cleanup.



Lion Pat Kelley holds the shiny quarter she found during fall cleanup.



Lions Jon Awbrey, Cinda Awbrey and Jana Dunham take a break during summer cleanup.



Lions Ben Johnson and Bob Bengston during spring cleanup.

Last July Pat Kelley found a quarter with the unofficial record for money found during clean-up being a \$5 bill. Other interesting items are always found ranging from hub caps, to CDs and once even a refrigerator!

The Lions are proud to keep the entrance to our beautiful Ranch trash free, and Chairperson Thomson says, “Watch for us again out there in March as we are ready to get the trash that has accumulated over the winter off the road!”

*submitted by Lion Ted Carlin*



## LCIF Partners with Dogs for Better Lives

"We're pleased to see Lions Clubs International Foundation support this critical project. It's exciting to also see Lions Clubs across Oregon and California rally together to champion for this project. We expect it will allow *Dogs for Better Lives* to improve the lives of many more future clients," noted Lion Wes King, PDG, District 36-E.



(l-r) PDG Wes King presents check from Lions Clubs International Foundation grant for \$85,000.00 to Blake Matray, *Dogs for Better Lives* President & CEO.

*Dogs for Better Lives* is in the midst of major expansion which broke ground on a new 18,850 sq. ft. 40-kennel training facility in November 2016. This second new facility is expected to be completed in late Spring 2018 and will further complement *Dogs for Better Lives'* existing 22-kennel building.

"We're ecstatic about this grant award and very appreciative of Lions Clubs International Foundation's continued commitment to our important work and support of our critical growth," stated Blake Matray, *Dogs for Better Lives* President & CEO.

Making a difference every day, everywhere... and they have sure made a difference for *Dogs for Better Lives*! With the Lions Club motto of "We Serve", the Lions are truly part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help their local communities.

*submitted by Michelle Erwin, Media & Outreach Specialist  
Dogs for Better Lives*

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## Astoria Lions Contribute to Regional Food Bank

In December, the Astoria Lions Club helped out at the Clatsop Community Action (CCA) Regional Food Bank. We sorted cereal from pallets to boxes and weighed the boxes for distribution to the 30+ food pantries and feeding sites in Clatsop County. We also presented a check for \$1,000 to the CCA Regional Food Bank.



(l-r) Astoria Lions Lavina Jones, Ray Montgomery, Ron Larsen, Russ Thompson, Donna Thompson, Charlene Larsen, Grace and Dustin from CCA Regional Food Bank, Nancy Lockett and Tom Gill

We enjoyed our efforts and CCA would like to have us back again as helpers.

*submitted by Charlene Larsen  
photo by Lenard Hansen*



# LIONS VISION GIFT

## Anna & Abby: A Love Drenched Life

We hear time and again the catharsis that donation often provides families in their time of grief. Whether it's the only decision they got to make in some course of events where they lost someone, or because of the 'legacy' of their loved one living on, families do report a sense of solace from the donation experience. It got us thinking more and more of the many forms in which we celebrate legacies. Whether we draw strength from a simple memorial we interact with each day, or are inspired to start foundations or education campaigns in our loved one's honor, these legacies do so much more than simply honor a life lost – they bring purpose and meaning to those who remain. In that vein, we'd like to share with you a very special foundation, started by a very special family, to honor two very special little sisters, Anna and Abby.

Anna and Abby weren't sisters by blood, but the way they loved – and annoyed – each other made that detail irrelevant. Abby was as proud and protective of her little sister in the way that only older siblings know, and Anna – in true younger sibling fashion – had mastered the art of annoying older siblings with their love and desire to be near... all the time. This technicality only warrants mentioning because of the unique, and heart-warming manner, by which Anna and Abigail supported the creation of their blended family. Abby and Anna's families first created Love Rocks for their parent's wedding in June of 2011.

The whole family spent weeks cutting out fabric hearts and affixing them to river rocks which were given to all the guests at the wedding, and others were marked by guests for the new family.



This is a story of legacy; and so it was that on October 20th, 2013, in the most tragic of events, Abby and Anna were hit by a car while playing in front of their house, they did not survive the accident. Circumstances allowed for Abby's legacy to begin that day with the donation of several life-saving organs and tissues as well as her corneas – a gift of life that will impact the legacies of those recipients of those around them. Fortunately, in the wake of the tragedy their family has found a way to link their legacies together forever, through the establishment of the Love Rocks Community and [Love-Rocks.Org](http://Love-Rocks.Org).

What started as a way for friends and family to honor these special girls has grown into an international movement calling on people to share love, live in the moment, and be grateful for the love that you have in your life. The website provides information on how to create your own love rocks, some ideas of what to do with them (including leaving them in public to be found by others), and stories from many people who have gained some degree of solace from the memorial. Love Rocks have since been photographed at the Eiffel Tower, The Great Wall of China, and hundreds of more private memorial spaces across the nation and around the world.

*This story was originally written by Rod Carew for the LVG Newsletter, 2/2016*

## You, Me and the D!

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to my world! Won't you come on in?

Doctor Joseph El Youssef is a staff member at OSHU who has presented programs on the prevention and eradication of this insidious disease at several District and Multi-District Conventions and has been well received by all who attended. When he was a young man he discovered that there were many relatives on both the paternal and maternal sides of his family who were diabetic. He did a great deal of studying on the subject and decided that a vegetarian diet was the best route toward prevention. That was many years ago and he is still diabetic FREE. Sounds like a winner to me! The introduction, the article and the ending will appear in the March issue. Don't miss it! Also, I believe he will be speaking at the Multi-District Convention in May. I could listen to him every day. He is beyond smart. He is brilliant!

## Things to Know About Vegetarian Cooking

**Adapted from The Vegetarian Diabetes Cookbook, by Steven Petusevsky  
published by the American Diabetes Association. 2013, Steven Petusevsky**

Vegetarian meals are an amazing way to enjoy fresh ingredients, add variety to your diet, and improve your health. But many people are intimidated by the prospect of a vegetarian lifestyle or preparing meatless meals. If you're not yet familiar with the joys of vegetarian eating, here are four reasons to be excited about going meatless!

- 1. Vegetarian Cooking is for Everyone!** You don't have to be a full-time vegetarian to enjoy meatless meals. Vegetarian meals are a wonderful, delicious alternative for people who eat meat but are tired of routine, animal protein-centric dishes. If you're health-conscious, incorporating vegetarian meals into your diet, even just a few times a week, can help with weight-loss, managing prediabetes and diabetes, and maintaining heart health. The variety of vegetarian meal options available – from soups and salads to pasta dishes and meatless burgers – means that there is a vegetarian recipe to appeal to every palate.
- 2. There are Different Types of Vegetarians.** Vegetarian cuisine is not one-size-fits-all. Most Vegetarians favor plant-based foods and stay away from animal proteins and byproducts, such as dairy and eggs, but there are many different classifications of vegetarians, some less restrictive than others. If you're considering a vegetarian lifestyle, you can choose the option that works best for you:
  - A lacto-ovo vegetarian eats a less restrictive diet, including eggs and most dairy products.
  - Flexitarians regularly seek vegetarian foods, but also eat meat.
  - Pescatarians often consider themselves vegetarians, but eat fish – just not meat or poultry.
  - Vegans do not even consume animal products such as honey.
  - Fruitarians are a subgroup of vegans who thrive on the fruit of trees, shrubs, etc. Their diet may or may not also include nuts, seeds, pulses, and root vegetables.
- 3. Fresh, Seasonal Ingredients and Exciting Flavors.** Vegetarian cooking is a great way to take advantage of the freshest, most flavorful ingredients available. Vegetarian recipes rely on simple, seasonal ingredients, which combine to create rich vibrant layers of flavor and texture. People who enjoy vegetarian dishes connect to the seasons through their food and enjoy the wide variety of ingredients nature has to offer.
- 4. Meatless Doesn't Mean Giving Up Protein.** Choosing to incorporate vegetarian meals into your diet doesn't mean that you're missing out on protein. Plant-based proteins are a staple of vegetarian cuisine. Two of the more traditional vegetarian proteins are tofu and tempeh; tofu is made from mashed soybeans, and tempeh is made from fermented soybeans. Today you can find several soy-based protein options available in your local grocery store.

Nuts, seeds, legumes, and even some whole grains (such as quinoa) are good sources of protein for vegetarians. And beans are a great source of soluble fiber, which may help lower serum cholesterol levels. They're hearty, nutritious, and a perfect ingredient to incorporate into almost any vegetarian dish.

*submitted by PCC Charlie Tate, MD36 Diabetes Chairman  
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-- Wisdom knows when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech. Be careful of the words you speak. Keep them soft and sweet because you never know which ones you will have to eat.-- anonymous



## Island City Lions Club Busy with Holiday Community Projects

The Island City Lions Club has been busy with community projects supporting those less fortunate. In November, Club members got busy and made plans to help provide those in need with Thanksgiving dinners. A meeting with the store manager of Grocery Outlet for purchase of turkeys, setting a budget and locating places to fill the boxes were all arranged. Club members signed up to fill boxes for chosen families. The number was higher than last year.

With November gone, Christmas holidays loomed on the horizon. Members were excited to get started with adopting families, shopping and wrapping gifts and food baskets. Lion John Tolan, (principle of Island City Elementary) has access to the children and families most in need of help. Families differ from year to year. The Club earmarked \$1,500 for the purchase of gifts for those families. Lion Sheila Evans, Secretary of the Club, said that gift costs came in under budget and every child got what they needed. Lion Sheila added that there was an excess of coats that could be gifted to families because of sales during the year. These will be added to the other items purchased. Twelve food baskets were delivered. Gifts for 36 children were wrapped.

Club members gathered on December 19, their regular club meeting night, at the *Cock and Bull* restaurant for their holiday party and white elephant gift exchange. It's amazing how many gifts can be recycled!!

The next events planned are the Annual Gun Show and the Hog Wild Days weekend this summer. More details on those later.

*submitted by Lion Kay Durham*

## Elgin Lions Take Down Christmas Tree

With the assistance of 10 Lions, the Elgin Community Christmas tree, constructed under the chairmanship of Lion Daryl Hawes, was taken down for the year. The tree was designed with three major poles and three rings supporting the core, and vertical lights from top to the bottom. The Christmas tree lighting in the community park is a major event for the city.



(l-r) Bob Thomas, Daryl Hawes, Everett Grandeen and Jared Rogers

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Bend/Sunrise Lions Club Installs New Member

Bend/Sunrise Lions recently installed a new Lion to the Club. Frederico Naling Jr. became a member on January 9, 2018. He was sponsored by Lion Steve Olsen and installed by Lion Rod Schossow. Lion Frederico was formerly a Leo when he was growing up in the Philippines. His father was also a Lion.



(l-r) Lion Steve Olson installs new Lion Frederico Naling Jr. and Lion Rod Schossow who installed him.

*submitted by President Russell Chase*



## East Albany Lions Club 2018 Gun Show

The East Albany Lions Gun Show has been going on for over 37 years. This year there were over 321 exhibit tables with over 100 vendors from gun safety advocates, collectors, hunters and all-around sportsmen and backpacking enthusiasts. We had over 35 Club members participating to raise money for our community. The show grossed over \$29,000.00. A special thank you to the director of the show, Lion Eric Elder and his committee, for all their time and hard work. We would like to thank our vendors and the public for making this year's show a complete success. See you next year . . . ROAR!



Lion Eric Elder, Chair of the 2018 Gun Show



DG Tom Hilgers at the Gun Show





## **PID Bill Rollins Receives His 50 Year Monarch**

Members of the Portland Downtown Lions Club gathered at their regular Friday meeting on January 19, 2018, with a special purpose. PID Bill Rollins was presented his 50 year Monarch.



**Trustee Helen McNaughton and Club members**



**(l-r) PCC Steve Thomson presenting PID Bill Rollins with his  
50 year Monarch**

PCC Steve Thomson presented PID Bill with the congratulatory letter and a 50-year membership pin from International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal. PID Bill has been a driving force for our organization since he joined in 1968. PID Bill and Lion Nita have worked together on Lions activities for over 50 years. He served as an International Director from 2002-2004 and has been honored by receiving the Ambassador of Good Will, the highest recognition by LCI. Congratulations, PID Bill, on 50 years of active membership!

*submitted by PID Sunny Pulley*

## What can 10 Lions Clubs and 69 Lion Volunteers Accomplish?

Vision screenings of 15,804 students from September to December 2017 resulted in 1,424 referrals for further eye exams. These screenings were conducted by 69 Lion Volunteers and 10 Lions Clubs from Crooked River Ranch, Sisters, Prineville, Bend, La Pine, Madras, Mitchell, Burns, Silver Lake and Sherman County.

"You gotta love the kids. They come up with something different every day," stated Jon Awbrey, of the CRR Lions, who topped the list of volunteers with 41 screenings attended.

"The 69 volunteers who have helped out with the screenings are amazing, not just for the time they volunteered, but also for the many, many miles they drove," stated Coordinator Lion Ted Carlin.



(l-r) Front row: CCR Lions Irv Ladd and Jon Aubrey, School Nurse Debbie, Ted Carlin, CRR Lions,

(l-r) Back row: Carolyn Ladd, CRR Lions, Sharon Boller, Bend Lions, Greta O'Brien CRR Lions, and Russ Chase, Bend Lions are all smiles during their Vision Screening in Bend.

**Lion Vision Screeners celebrate Halloween at La Pine Elementary School.**

(l-r) Front row: CRR Lions Ted Carlin and Cinda Awbrey; and La Pine Lions Dave Driggers and Sharon Reeder.

(l-r) Back row: Lions Jon Aubrey and Greta O'Brien, CRR Lions, and William Reeder La Pine Lions.



A Bend student, who was screened as a kindergartner 3 years ago and was referred and received glasses, was again screened as a third grader this year and checked out fine wearing the glasses he is so proud of. "We had no idea he had eye problems as a kindergartner," stated his mom who teaches at his school. "His whole outlook on school and life changed after receiving the glasses which we didn't even know he needed." We hope there are more success stories like this from the 1,424 students referred for further eye exams in 2017.

The 69 Volunteers from the 10 Lions Clubs celebrated with a Lions Vision Screener Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at Kim & Karla's Pasta Restaurant in Redmond on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers shared stories, ate amazing pasta and were recognized for the many days they helped.

"We become a pretty tight knit group during the screenings and have fun celebrating," stated Lion Ted Carlin. "The students make it fun day after day and the volunteers are so efficient and professional that comradery and lots of laughs erupt during the screenings. It is also nice when Lions from different clubs work together and share ideas for fundraisers and service projects, not to mention sharing some homemade cookies!" continued Lion Ted.

*submitted by Ted Carlin*



# Springfield Lions Raffle to Benefit the Community

## Springfield Lions Welcome Spring Raffle 2018



**Grand Prize:**  
Two nights stay in  
Yachats, OR.

Stunning Yachats  
accommodations,  
with a beautiful deck and beach view. 2 nights  
plus a "dinner is on us" \$150 VISA gift card  
included.



### Other Prizes:

- \$500 at Jerry's Home Improvement Center
- Portable Generator (value \$449.99)
- Beautiful 4 ½ x 5 Lap Quilt



Prizes to be awarded at our regular  
Monday meeting at Roaring Rapids Pizza Parlor.  
12:30pm March 26, 2018

**\$5 each or \$20 for 5 Tickets**

Entrant need not be present to win.



### Springfield Lions

Serving our community for over 65 years  
providing:

School Vision Screening. Glasses and Hearing  
Programs. Camp Sponsorships (Diabetes, Hearing  
and Visually impaired). Food Programs. City Park  
Enhancements. Youth Scholarships and Programs.

Weekly Monday meetings: Exciting Speakers

### All proceeds from this raffle benefit Brattain House

#### Thank you to our Raffle Sponsors:

Kilcullen Project – Beach House  
Jerry's Home Improvement Center  
Major Family Funeral Home  
Dianne Rush

**Where there's a need, there's a Lion!**

Buy Tickets at: <http://raffle.springfieldlions.org>

The Springfield Lions Club is holding its 2018 Raffle benefitting "The Brattain House." The Brattain House is a hub for family services in the District, from resources and referrals to services for homeless students. First prize is a two-night stay at an ocean front property in Yachats and a \$150 Visa gift card. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://raffle.springfieldlions.org>

*submitted by Virginia Howard*

## The Joy of Giving

On December 15, the Lions of Canyonville gathered together to get our Christmas Food Boxes ready to distribute the next day. One by one we arrived and dove into the project. We sorted the can goods that our Canyonville school kids worked so hard to gather. Then we gathered the food and other items that the Lions purchased from the store. The turkey, stuffing, butter, bread, PB&J, soap, shampoo, etc. filled the boxes to overflowing. Next, we picked out Christmas gifts for the families' children, from the toys that were donated by the local fire departments and community members.

The next morning we arrived bright and early to make sure everything was ready to distribute. We put on our Santa hats and reindeer antlers, and turned on a little Christmas music. As the people started to arrive, we were anxious to give them their gifts. We saw their smiles, and we wished them a Merry Christmas. Our hearts were warmed and once again we experienced the joy of giving. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year!



(l-r) Raymond Brown, Lion Frank Anderson and Susie Robinson



Picture to left: (l-r) Top Row - Lions Maralyn Chandler and Martha Burkert. Bottom Row Lions Bob Mathews and Dawn Cartwright.



(l-r) Morgan Mayfield, Lion Martha Burkert, Joshua Waltrip, Lion Tim Trinidad, Susie Robinson, Lions Brian Shankle and Lynn Schwerdt



## Are You Hosting a Lions Golf Tournament?

Hello Lions Clubs of MD 36. Are you hosting or sponsoring a Lions Golf Tournament this year – 2018?

If you are, please email me the dates, times and location (golf course). I would like to compile a Lions Golf Tournament Calendar for two reasons: First, so that everyone around the State knows where and when all the Lions Golf Tournaments are being held; and second, so that hopefully we can keep from doubling up on dates for our golf tournaments.

Please email your information to:

Ted Carlin  
Vptcarlin@yahoo.com  
(541) 604-4054

## Elgin Lions Big Bingo Pot Grabbed

With four hundred dollars building up in the Elgin Lions BINGO pot, an excited couple, Tammy and Bob Hutchins, claimed the victory with 60 numbers called for the win. Bob commented that the couple could really use the money after recently moving to the Elgin community.

The Lions hold BINGO at the Elgin Community Center each Wednesday night at 6:30 pm.



Tammy and Bob Hutchins accepting the money from PCC Steve Oliver (center)



Community enjoys Lion BINGO

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



# CONVENTION SEASON!

*Now that it's the month of March*, we can look back at the great District R and District O Conventions that are in the books and look ahead at seeing Lions friends in Pendleton (District G) and in Canyonville (District E). And we hope that everyone reading this is making plans for the "Grand Daddy of them all", MD-36 Convention in Eugene in May!



Keith Price  
Board Chair



Doug Thompson  
Executive Director

***"What about SB 187 and the new state funding?" some people ask us.***

It's true, the State of Oregon is now providing some funding for vision screening, but only enough to screen 35% of Oregon students Kindergarten through 8th grade. To screen more students, we continue to seek funding from foundations, from individuals, and yes, from Lions Clubs. We are on track to screen 180,000 students this year, which is almost 50% of the students that need their vision screened (400,000) so as you can see we need all of the support that we can get.

We hope that your Lions Club has made plans to "march" in the OLSHF Parade of Checks this spring, either at District or State Convention - many Lions Clubs participate in both! Your support helps fund vision screening and it also supports OLSHF programs such as LEAP, ROAR!, Patient Care, Lions Low Vision Clinic and the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC).

In other words, it helps us ***Keep the Promise!***

## **Thank You District R "Parade of Checks" Participants!**

East Albany Lions Club  
Corvallis Lions Club  
Corvallis Mid-Valley Lions Club  
Eugene Cascade Lions Club  
Eugene Downtown Lions Club  
Junction City Lions Club  
Springfield Lions Club  
Woodburn Lions Club  
Philomath Lions Club  
Eugene Bethel Lions Club  
West Salem Lions Club  
Central Linn Lions Club  
South Salem Lions Club  
University of Oregon Club  
Creswell Lions Club



The OLSHF team had a wonderful time at the recent District R convention!



# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received Jan 16 through Feb 15.  
We appreciate your feedback, please let us know what you think by emailing [Info@OLSHF.org](mailto:Info@OLSHF.org).

## LION CHAMPION \$10,000 and Above

Golf Charities Foundation Inc.  
KEX Kids Fund

## LION HEART \$5,000-\$9,999

Albany East Lions Club  
The Carpenter Foundation

## LION PRIDE \$2,500-\$4,999

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Lions Club

## LION SENTINEL \$1,000-\$2,499

Eugene Cascade Lions Club  
Eugene Downtown  
Lions Club  
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## LION TAMER \$500-\$999

Eugene Bethel Lions Club  
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Brenda & Nathan Anderson  
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## MOBILE HEALTH SCREENING SUPPORTERS

Island City Lions Club  
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The Carpenter Foundation  
Trinity Lutheran Church

## ROAR! HEARING SUPPORTERS

Bend Sunrise Lions Club  
Central Linn Lions Club  
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Lions Club

## HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Mark &  
Darlene Garver  
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## MEMORIALS

In Memory of Alan Lewis  
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Springfield Lions Club

In Memory of  
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In Memory of Gene Nistler  
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Warren Heathman  
Jeffrey & Grace Mandel

In Memory of  
Pearl Sahlberg  
Gerald & Mary  
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In Memory of Ray Andrieu  
Gerald & Mary  
Martha Hopkins  
Keno Lions Club

In Memory of  
Richard Taylor  
Gerald & Mary  
Martha Hopkins

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Brenda Anderson  
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*Join the*  
**PRIDE**  
*today!*

# KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL!



**Avery LOVES to read and is “excelling in math at school”, says mom Sarah.**

There’s been a lot in the news lately about keeping kids safe and how to protect children in schools. We don’t have all the answers but we know one thing for sure: Kids that feel good about themselves are far less likely to hurt themselves or others.

Sounds great, but how do we help kids feel good about themselves?

It’s a lot easier than you might think. From Reading Rockets, a national literacy initiative that offers resources on how young kids learn: “The effects of falling behind in reading and feeling like a failure can take a large toll on kids. Children can lose all desire to learn to read or go to school. Some begin to act out in class or set low expectations for themselves.”

## Free Money?

Long story, short: The Oregon Dept. of Justice recently won a class action suit against a bunch of the big electronics companies for their conspiring to fix prices on their products over 10 years ago. If you lived in Oregon and bought a TV, computer monitor, or notebook computer containing a LCD screen between 2002 to 2006 and/or purchased a TV or monitor containing a CRT screen during the years 1995 to 2007, and were an Oregon resident at the time of the purchase you are eligible to file a claim – and possibly redeem around \$100 per product purchased.

Why are we telling you this? Well, partly because the State of Oregon won a \$36 million judgment, and since it needs to go to someone it might as well go to our friends, right?

Okay, the other reason is that consumers that are eligible for claims can elect to donate their claim to selected Oregon nonprofits such as the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

For more info on the Oregon Screen Settlement, feel free to contact me if you have any questions at [DougT@OLSHF.org](mailto:DougT@OLSHF.org). And don’t forget – the deadline for filing your claim is April 2nd. Whether you donate your compensation to OLSHF or not, we hope you’ll file a claim!

This is exactly why it’s critical that all kids in Oregon – and everywhere for that matter – have their vision screened at a young age. In addition to catching serious vision health issues like amblyopia (lazy eye) we can also identify children like Avery, now a 2nd grader at Kinnaman Elementary in Aloha. According to Avery’s Mom, Sarah: “I never suspected an issue. He can’t see close up, he’s farsighted.”

After his farsightedness (hyperopia) was detected by OLSHF’s SPOT vision screening device, Sarah took Avery in for an eye exam. “I told his optometrist that he was screened at school and he commented about how great that was and important for academics to be able to see. He said boys are especially affected as it leads to behavior issues if they are failing academically.”

Bingo.

Sarah tells us that Avery LOVES to read and is “excelling in math at school”. Our guess is that Avery – and other kids like him that are able to read at grade level at a young age – are on track for success in school and in life because they have the critical tools needed to be successful.

So let’s work together to ensure that the resources are in place for every child to be successful – and to be safe – in school.

Would you like to help kids like Avery see better and read at grade level? Contact Doug at [DougT@OLSHF.org](mailto:DougT@OLSHF.org) for way to get involved to help





*Keep the Promise Breakfast*  
**Save the Dates**  
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**April 18, 2018 in Eugene**  
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*7:00am - Registration, Breakfast, Networking*  
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**May 11, 2018 | 7:00-8:30 AM**  
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*Marylhurst, OR 97036*

## ***School Screenings 2017-18***

### **Recent testimonials:**

"Thank you for a wonderful gift of sight for a student in my class who is quite in need. Your generous process made this all very simple and I am grateful for your service."

--Cindy Ziesemer, 5th grade teacher,  
Silver Falls School District

Kristina, a parent, shared the following: "My daughter recently had a vision screening at school and was recommended for a complete eye exam. She just got her glasses today and we are so grateful for your program. We had no idea that she was having trouble seeing. Thank you!"

One of our new partners, Family Access Network, recently shared, "Lions Club is doing important and valuable work towards providing access to vision and hearing improvements to a historically underserved population."



**Statewide – Anticipated Totals**  
**180,000 screened,**  
**17,500 referred (10.8%) at 600 events**



## Community Partnerships Provide Needed Services



Venecia Kurner received an eye appointment and glasses through the Shopko Project Eye Care program. The program gives Lions Clubs 5 vouchers for eye examinations and glasses through the Shopko Optical shops. There is only 1 location in Central Oregon and Venecia was the last of the 5 authorized for our location. The other 4 recipients were from Bend, but this young lady is from Redmond. Her mother really was happy that the Lions Clubs and Shopko were/are partnering in this endeavor.

*submitted by President Russell Chase, Bend/Sunrise Lions Club*

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## The Dalles Lion Club Comes to the Rescue

Several years ago, the Aquatic Park Project was short of funds to complete the kids splash park. A request was submitted by then Parks and Recreation director Scott Green for help. The Dalles Lions Foundation voted to purchase the play structures at the Park and now a Lion plaque is proudly displayed nearby to highlight our contribution. The Dalles Lion's Club donated a total of \$40,000. We Serve...

*submitted by Tim McGlothlin*





## Hospital Financial Assistance Discussed at Elgin Lions Club Meeting

Guest speakers at the Elgin Lions Club were Dena Huff and Teresa Leddon-Minch, representing the Financial Assistance Program. They explained that the program was a “not-for-profit financial assistance.” Dena and Teresa stated that there were financial counselor locations at the Grande Ronde Hospital, GRH Pavilion, GRH Regional Medical Clinic, and GHR Regional Medical Plaza. Financial assistance varied from 10%-100% based on the income level above Federal poverty guidelines. “The Financial Assistance program is not a form of health insurance,” Teresa noted. She stated it is a charity care program offered through the Grande Ronde Hospital Association.



(l-r) Speakers Teresa Leddon-Minch and Dena Huff

Our guest speakers explained that allowances may be made for extenuating circumstances, such as financial assistance needed despite income exceeding the financial program guidelines. The two stressed that each is a separate request considered through the application. An additional point emphasized was that patients will sometimes seek extenuating circumstance including large medical expenses or unmanageable amounts of debt. All medically necessary services at the Grande Ronde Hospital facilities are eligible for consideration.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## County Commission Candidate Visits Elgin Lions

Candidate for County Commissioner, Paul Anderes, was a guest at the Elgin Lions Club. Candidate Anderes mentioned that he grew up in the Roseburg area, but resided in La Grande for 22 years. Paul has been a teacher in the La Grande School System, instructing students in shop, agriculture and forestry. He commented, “We are fortunate to have strong teachers in this area.”

Paul told the group he will soon be retiring and is very interested in helping others through the County Commissioner’s position. Two items mentioned were the possibilities of working on a new jail facility and finding solutions for the Buffalo Peak Gold Course. “Currently we are crowded with the jail system, which results in releasing individuals back into a community. We might look at a new facility that could also be leased to other communities in the area.”



(l-r) Lion Bruce Rogers welcomes Paul Anderes with Lion Susie Harris



(l-r) Guest Paul Anderes visits with past Union County Sheriff, PCC Steve Oliver

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

## Publicity Report – District G

My goal this year, as it has been in past years, is to have every club in District 36G report a story through the *Oregon Lion*. I will bring our District up to date on a quarterly basis. Through the month of the February issue, the following Clubs have stories or were listed in the *Oregon Lion*:

Crooked River Ranch  
Elgin  
Bend/Sunrise  
Burns  
Westin McEwen  
Huntington  
Baker City

Hood River  
La Grande  
Island City  
Pendleton  
Hood River Eye Openers  
Odell  
Columbia Gorge

We are looking forward to hearing from others. Let's shoot for this easy but important goal.

I have been in Lions since 1973. I have seen many attempts at getting Lions to join using a variety of methods. My experience suggests that we want to ask a person to come to a meeting and join, then get them involved in a project, or ask a non-Lion to help with a project. The importance of an elevator speech, as emphasized again by Governor Bert Diamond of District O, is also at the forefront. Those 15 second openers may let individuals know what Lions do for the community. Then publicizing that event lets others know what we are doing for millions of people around the world.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

### Elgin Lions on the Go!



Elgin Lion Barbara Hawes shows members the "boot" decorated for the District G Convention



(l-r) Elgin's Bill Hall receives the Golden Centennial Pin from VP Everett Grandeen



Elgin Lions moving Ferris wheel in the Elgin Lions Light Parade

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*





## Dr. David Glabe Excited About Vision Services

Dr. David Glabe, a member of the La Grande Lions, is excited about the services being offered at the Blue Mountain Community Eye Clinic. Dr. Glabe stated that approximately 20% of the adults in Union County live at or below the federal poverty level. The Clinic, located at the Center for Human Development (CHD), reaches out to those patients who need assistance with visual service. Brainstorming over lunch with his partner, Dr. Sam Kimball, the two decided to explore the possibility of establishing a center outside of their business. With the assistance of Drs. Spencer Luke and Don Beckner, the public is receiving help at the Center for Human Development. "I can't emphasize enough the help that the CHD and donations from Paul Daab (Director of Vision Service Providers of Olympia, Washington) have meant in the development of the Clinic." Some newer equipment was made available through a \$16,000 matching grant from Lions Clubs International. Approximately 500 new eyeglass frames were donated by Marchon, leading manufacturer of eye wear, at the beginning of the project. Eyeglasses and frames continue to be donated and Dr. Glabe announced that another box of 300 had just arrived at the Clinic. "What I wish would happen and love to see is this model used by other communities."

Lion David finished high school in Lincoln, Nebraska and entered Brigham Young University. While working on his bachelor's degree, he undertook two years of mission work in Las Vegas. Returning to the University, Dr. Glabe completed a degree in biology with a minor in business. He was accepted at Pacific University, finishing both a masters in visual services and doctorate in optometry. It was during his stint at Pacific University that he wrote a document about visual techniques still being distributed throughout the world. Lion David moved to Kansas City where he worked with veterans. "It was just wonderful serving WWII vets." Shortly afterwards, he joined Dr. Kimball at the La Grande Family Eye Care Center.

Dr. Glabe noted that Oregon dropped the vision assistance provision for adults in 2010. "Those individuals over 21 that qualify for Medicare, but are in the low-income range, have been stranded in the area of visual services. Through the clinic at CHD, we have been able to see 120 patients a year. For four years we have been completely booked and there has been no publicity. We are indebted to the Center for Human Services for offering us the space and playing a major role."

"We can offer those individuals the same routine care but also we can detect eye diseases, which might have previously been undetected." Many individuals have sight problems so severe that they can't see and therefore can't work. Dr. Glabe noted that approximately 20-30% of his patients at CHD have eye diseases. For many of the clients, it has been five to ten years since visiting a specialist. "My bigger interest in seeing these clients is to offer quality eye care and detect other problems."

Recognizing the efforts of Drs. Glabe and Kimball, their business received the Lions District G "Business of the Year Award" for 2016. District G encompasses an area roughly 2/3 of the state of Oregon..

Lion David and his wife Erin have four children: Aly, Nolan, Jarom, Linaya, and are expecting a fifth child soon.