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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

May

- 13 District R Cab. mtg. 9-1:30 with working lunch
- 18 9am-noon, OLSHF Trustee meeting at the Seaside Convention Center
1:30PM Council of Governor's meeting at Seaside Convention Center
- 19-20 MD36 Convention @ Seaside Convention Center
- 21 PDGA breakfast mtg. details TBA
- 22 SOLSHC Board meeting @ noon

June

- 5 District E Cab. meeting, 10am, at The Barn in Bandon

EVENTS

May

- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for June issue)
- 14 Mother's Day
- 29 Memorial Day

June

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

ANNIVERSARIES

May 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.

May

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| Salem Downtown | May 26, 1922 |
| La Grande | May 2, 1929 |
| Mt. Hood | May 11, 1951 |
| Gresham Breakfast | May 6, 1980 |
| Cloverdale/Nestucca | May 6, 1983 |
| Florence-Siuslaw | May 26, 1983 |
| Gold Beach | May 6, 1993 |
| Waldport | May 17, 1993 |
| Elgin | May 23, 1997 |
| Mohawk Valley | May 6, 2003 |
| La Pine | May 24, 2004 |
| Weston McEwen | May 6, 2008 |

June

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| Coquille | June 25, 1925 |
| Columbia Gorge | June 29, 1948 |
| Langlois | June 15, 1964 |
| Crooked River Ranch | June 28, 1979 |
| Dallas | June 10, 2003 |
| Woodburn | June 30, 2004 |

Publicity Suggestions:

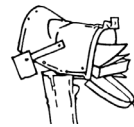
1. Check with your District Governor or Publicity Chair to receive yard signs and bumper stickers.

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

Attach Your Old Address Label Here

Name (print) _____

New Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Old Address _____

Club _____

Council Chair News



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May is Strengthen Membership month.

I encourage each Lions Club to hold a Membership Drive. District Governor Cheri Jackson's International Director, Ron Keller suggested the following: *To compete for prizes and have fun in the den as we grow. How to play: Complete one of the following 3 tasks and report it to your club chair.*

1. *Display your Lions branded material in public (stickers, yard signs, shirts, etc.)*
2. *Invite a friend to a meeting – even if they don't come and you can prove it*
3. *Bring a guest to the den – two entries each time*

Each of the above tasks put your name in a drawing and a prize of a gift card awarded at a meeting or special event in June. Sounds like fun!!

Our four District Conventions are over. District Governor David O'Kelly's "R" Convention was the first on the calendar. It had a very special location on the University of Oregon campus and International Director Allen Snider from Canada. ID Snider believes in serving others firsthand – grassroots Lionism.

District Governor Gail Black's "E" convention was held in the Sutherlin Community Center. OLSHF put on a Vegas night, SOLSHC's Executive Director Jae Lamar was motivating and PID Justin Faber emphasized Gail's theme "Service from the Heart."

District Governor Cheri Jackson's "G" convention was held at the Wild Horse Casino. ID Ron Keller emphasized focusing on membership. He sent the above suggestion for a membership drive after his return to Ohio.

Let's do it! On Saturday night DG Cheri had live western music to emphasize her theme of 'Boots Up for Service. Lion Peter Runnels, from Burns, was elected District Governor 2023-2024.

District "O" Governor Kerith Vance was able to hold her delayed Convention with PID Joyce Middleton from Bridgewater, Massachusetts in attendance. It was a pleasure to welcome PID Joyce and her husband Martin to Oregon again. Governor Kerith's theme was "Paws for Service". She requested contributions for the Pongo Fund of dog and cat food and toys.

Oregon Lion Year 2022-2023 is coming to a close. I entreat all Oregon Lions to attend the MD36 Convention in Seaside, Oregon. We have an interesting program for you and you will be interacting with Lions from every corner of your multiple district.

My theme for this year is "Together We Serve". Join us while we serve up a Lion's adventure. The visiting International Director is Lee Vrieze from Jim Falls, Wisconsin with his wife Mary Vrieze.

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

Directory Updates

- p. 10 Under Hunger Relief, please list Diane Bash - Junction City for District R
- p. 36 Junction City Lions now have email of junctioncityorlionsclub@gmail.com
- p. 98 Oliver, Gerald new cell: 458.262.1833
- p. 98 Oliver, Mary new cell: 458.262.0988
- p. 105 **Turner, Mary Lee, PDG new address is 1419 SE 107th Ave., Apt. 209, Portland OR 97216 -- NOT 1417 SE 107th Ave.**

District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column
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What a month it has been! We have a new Lions Club in Tillamook that is preparing to celebrate their charter. Keep watch for information on how you can help them celebrate. Leos are growing with a new group in McMinnville and another in the works in Tillamook. It is exciting to see brand new excited Leos and Lions joining District O.

Around the District, several clubs are inducting new members and others are working on plans for spring and summer community events to get the word out about their club and provide service at the same time. We all know that while sometimes getting a new member is as easy as just asking, other times it takes a team of Lions working together to create a planned event and put a membership search into action. Myself and 1VDG Ed Glad are interested in building a team of Lions who are passionate about membership and have the interest and energy to assist their own and other clubs in membership growth. If that sounds like you, please let us know.

In the next six weeks, our clubs have a lot on their plates as they pick next year's officers and update their membership information in MyLCI. Please remember to check all current members emails and other info so that we are all ready for the new system Lions Club International is creating for next Lion year. Time to look at any members who need to be dropped, and then hopefully add all your new members so that we can end this year with a positive membership growth in District O.

I hope to see you at State Convention and at your KTP Day events this Spring!

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



District R Governor Column
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I would like to share with you this month another article that I recently read that I believe reinforces one of the reasons we all joined Lions. The article's title was, "Kindness Goes Farther Than You Think." In his last paragraph, Amit Kumar says "These findings suggest that what might seem small when we are deciding whether or not to do something nice for someone else could matter a great deal to the person we do it for. Given that these warm gestures can enhance our own mood and brighten the day of another person, why not choose kindness when we can?"

At our district cabinet meeting in February one of the discussion topics was LCIF grants that were available to us as a district. After the cabinet meeting one club did reach out about a community project they were looking to get involved in which resulted in more research. If we had Leo clubs in our district another grant path becomes available to our communities that mostly requires a partnership between the local Lions club and the local Leos club. Project examples include painting, cleaning, and repairing a community center; organizing a dinner for seniors; and assisting with adding a sensory garden in a local playground. As a district we would be eligible for one of these grants per year, \$1500 - \$5000. Another insight this year is that Leo clubs do not have to be exclusively in our schools. We can have community-based Leos clubs, which creates the opportunity to recruit from a larger population.

In closing, your district leadership is working on a retreat for Saturday, June 3rd. The theme of this retreat will be "New Voices." It will be an in-person retreat, at a central location that encourages participation. As we prepared for this retreat surprising facts emerged: our district has ~700 members, ~200 of our members have been Lions for 3 years or less, and ~300 of our members are 5 years or less. There will be team building, orientation, fellowship, and we want to hear these "New Voices" and what they would propose to create a more effective district. We propose that an effective district leads to better support for our clubs and their efforts to provide service for their communities. More details to come. Our ask is that our new Lions consider attending and our longer serving Lions encourage them so that we can hear their "Voices." Happy Spring - DG 36R Lion David O'Kelley – Together We Can and Together We Will

District E - Southern - South Coast



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Greetings to ALL,

As I was reviewing the activities reports from the clubs in District E, for some reason, I did not find activities reported that I know about. Not sure of course, but my thinking is that the Governors of District O, R and G are finding the same thing to be true in their districts. All of our clubs throughout the state need to be reporting all of their activities to share around the world. LCI needs to know that we here in Oregon are working as a team for International President Brian's theme "Together We Can" and "Together We Are" serving the needs of our communities.

Our membership in District E for this year at the end of March shows we have gained 63 members and lost 68 members. But in my review of our statistics, I also discovered that some clubs that I know for certain have inducted new members have not reported so. Again, I urge all club secretaries to get their MMR's in and report these new members. Our goal this year is to have a plus in membership, so once again, I ask that all members ramp up their efforts to gain new members. Long time members are the lifeblood of our clubs, but new members bring in new ideas. We all know that we need more members to truly accomplish the goals we set forth as Lions, so let's keep asking our friends and neighbors to be a part of a project in our community and once you have them hooked on serving, ask them to join. It really does work!!!

By now I am sure a large number of members have submitted their registration forms for the Multiple District Convention being held in Seaside on May 18-20. We have a few more coming this year from District E, and I thank all of you for your commitment to the district and the state. As for myself, I am looking forward to renewing old friendships, making new friends, and gaining new knowledge from the seminars.

Helen Keller once said "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." As Lions We Serve, and the more we Serve the more our lives become a daring adventure.

Get excited, Lions! The highly anticipated Multiple District at Seaside is just around the corner and I can't wait to see many of you there! We've already had an incredible time at the four District Conventions, and they were all wonderful. I know District G had a blast at Wildhorse this year with a laid-back vibe that everyone enjoyed. We were fortunate to have the delightful presence of ID Ron Keller and his wife Kitty, and I hope they will make their way back to Oregon soon.

As we move forward, our District is on an upward trajectory, and we have some exciting news to share. Pete Runnels from Burns has stepped up to be our District Governor for the upcoming year, and Betty Jane Bugbee will be our 1st Vice! This is fantastic news for our District, and I have no doubt that they will both bring exceptional leadership qualities to the table. While we are still looking for a 2nd Vice and a District Secretary, I know we will find some outstanding individuals to fill these roles. If you are considering or even have the slightest thought of taking on one of these positions, please reach out to our leaders and let them know. It's an incredibly rewarding experience to serve at the District level.

Let's not forget that being a Lion is not only heartwarming, but it can also be a lot of fun! So let's make the most of it and have a blast while we serve!

Yours in Lionism,
Cheri Jackson DG 36-G

IN LIKE A LION -- Retired Veterinarian Dr. Pat Paradis Continues Life of Care and Service in Woodburn

For Dr. Pat Paradis, service and care have always been central to his personal mission.

Born and raised in Woodburn on a dairy farm with eight siblings, Dr. Pat Paradis graduated Woodburn High School in 1972 with the idea of becoming a veterinarian.

Paradis was accepted into Oregon College of Education, now called Western Oregon University. He studied there for two years before attending Oregon State University for four. Out of his 10 applications to vet school, he was admitted to only one, Kansas State University, one of the top veterinary schools in the country. There, he learned the trade, but his care and animal education started well before then.

Growing up on a dairy farm, Paradis became friends with Dr. Glenn Schwenke, the local vet who would visit the farm and help evaluate the cows. He says he became interested in becoming a vet in large part to Schwenke's mentorship, as well as Paradis' love of animals, large and small. A true zoophile, Paradis says his connection to animals is well-documented in family albums. "In almost all of my childhood pictures, I am holding an animal," he recalls.

Schwenke also greatly influenced Paradis as he attempted to get into vet school. His encouragement was a major factor. Even then, the odds were not good. These days, the current rate of being accepted into a vet school hovers around 10% to 15%. This is partly because there are only 32 vet schools in the country.

After graduating from K-State, Paradis went to work in Southern Oregon for a practice in Lakeview. Subsequently, he worked in Roseburg, also tending to animals at the Wildlife Safari in Roseburg once a week. Paradis explains, "I helped with elephants, kangaroos, wallabies, camels, cheetahs... Just about all the animals they had there."

Paradis' next move was back home to Woodburn, where he practiced with longtime vet Dr. Clark Berryman. In 1985, Paradis became a partner in Berryman's practice, and in 1993, he acquired Berryman's portion of the business, becoming the sole owner. Seven years later, Paradis moved Woodburn Animal Hospital to its current location on Evergreen Road. After decades of caring for Woodburn's cats, dogs, and other treasured pets, he retired in 2020, selling his practice to Dr. Elizabeth Nguyen two years prior.

These days, Paradis is focused on family, his wife, children, and grandchildren — all nine of them. He is also an active member of St. Luke Catholic Church's Knights of Columbus in Woodburn and continues to be a charter member of the Woodburn Lions Club.



Dr. Paradis and a two-humped patient.



Dr. Paradis and his first three grandchildren:
Penny, Juliette, and Lawrence.

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According to the website, Lions Clubs International is a nonprofit service organization that is home to more than 1.4 million members. In Woodburn, the chapter is small — eight members to be exact — and encouraging new members to join has been a major challenge. “Young people aren’t exactly thrilled about joining service clubs,” Paradis says, yet he remains hopeful.

One of the greatest service projects of the Lions Club remains vision care. The organization’s focus on sight began when Helen Keller addressed the international convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, in 1925, charging the Lions to become the “Knights of the Blind.” Today, you will find donation boxes around the world, collecting used eyeglasses and sunglasses — they also collect hearing aids and cellular phones. Members like Paradis, take the donations to a larger local chapter that cleans and sorts the donations for those who cannot otherwise afford frames.

They also help connect people with eye doctors who can help establish an eyeglass prescription and other services.



(l-r) Clarence Timmons, Dr. Pat Paradis, Jerry Wear and Terry Emmons attend a recent Woodburn Lions Club meeting.

“It’s gratifying to help people, you know. [For example], there was this one young guy, he was about six. One of his eyes was pointed the wrong way, so he couldn’t focus when he was in school. He was incapacitated in terms of his learning ability,” Paradis recalls. The child’s parents, migrant workers, came to the Lions Club seeking help. The Woodburn members helped drive the boy and his family to appointments in Portland, and the boy eventually underwent surgery to correct his line of vision. “Two or three years later, he came into our club and he was like a different person.”

This is one of many stories Paradis has kept in his heart over the years. And these stories are the reasons he keeps showing up to Lions Club meetings and encourages others to join the well-established organization. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Woodburn Lions Club, please contact Pat Paradis at 503-930-5803.

Baskets Wanted for MD36 Convention!

Lions and Friends - mark your calendars for our MD Convention May 19-20 in Seaside! Every year at all our conventions - District as well as the MD36 Convention - we ask that clubs bring a basket to be raffled off for a cause. Some conventions use the money raised to help offset the convention costs themselves, while others donate to a specific cause, such as Disaster Relief, Sight and Hearing, Food Insufficiency, etc. We all should step up this May 19-20 to insure that each and every club donates a basket for raffling and perhaps even some of our past District Governors and others from leadership donate baskets as well. Those from our 'electeds' need not be as elaborate, but would be most welcome.



“Filled baskets help fulfill leadership needs.”

This year's MD36 theme is "Together We Can" with a sub theme of "Together We Serve". Surely amongst our many we can assemble winning baskets that memorialize the theme. The monies raised will go to help enhance our collective efforts for Leadership Development. Prizes will be given to designate the most popular as well as the basket coming closest to matching the theme. So - please bring a basket for our Raffle!



~Please bring a filled basket to Convention~

*submitted by PCC Paul Zastrow
in charge of baskets at MD Convention*

West Linn Lions Club To Celebrate 70 Years of Service!

The West Linn Lions Club is embarking on a momentous year as they celebrate their 70th anniversary as a service club. However, the club experienced a setback when they lost their main spirit, Lion Steve Studer, who played an integral role in connecting the club with the community through social media, communications, and inspiring leadership. Nevertheless, the Lions persevered and found support from the community in their celebratory activities.

The West Linn Tidings showcased the Lions' 67th annual Easter Egg hunt on its front page, while the West Linn Chamber of Commerce provided a boost for the club's Flower sale. The Historic Willamette Main Street also honored the West Linn Lions Club by selecting it as the grand marshal for the Old Time Fair Parade, which will feature the theme "Lion's Pride" on July 8th, 2023. The selection was made after Lion Tom Loun, the club's President, wrote a letter explaining the club's long-standing commitment to the community.

Exciting new events have also been planned for the year, such as a fundraising event for the Robotic club through the sale of Lions burgers, and a special week where members of the community can become honorary Lions in recognition of their service. The week will culminate in a morning pancake feed on May 20th, where the Honorary Lions will be recognized. There will also be a community Tea where sports figures will serve tea, a proclamation by the city council, and continuous recruitment for new club members at each event. The club is considering other events throughout the year to encourage membership and community education.

The West Linn Lions Club is proud of its many years of service to the community and is celebrating Lionism in West Linn. They seek support and acknowledgment from the community to make this year a success.



submitted by Mike Watters, 2VP, West Linn Lions

Meet Linda From Southern Oregon



After receiving help with cataract surgeries from your Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's Patient Care program and the Klamath Eye Center, she shared her gratitude:

"I am absolutely enthralled with my improved eyesight! Noelle [OLSHF Programs Administrator] is the best & I don't know what I would have done without her help! So many things have improved, I don't have to wear glasses for driving anymore, so I got myself some fun hippy shades to wear!"

Cataract surgery is a common procedure that involves removing the cloudy lens of the eye and replacing it with an artificial lens. Cataracts occur when the natural lens of the eye becomes cloudy, leading to blurred or distorted vision, difficulty seeing at night, and increased sensitivity to glare.

The need for cataract surgery arises when the cataract starts to interfere with a person's daily activities and quality of life, such as driving, reading, or watching television. If left untreated, cataracts can lead to blindness, so it is essential to treat them when they start to affect vision.

Cataract surgery offers several benefits, including:

- 1. Improved vision:** Cataract surgery is one of the most effective surgical procedures, with a success rate of over 95%. The surgery can restore vision and improve clarity, color perception, and depth perception.
- 2. Enhanced quality of life:** Cataracts can significantly impact a person's daily activities and limit their independence. Cataract surgery can restore independence, allowing people to drive, read, and engage in other activities that were previously difficult or impossible.
- 3. Reduced risk of falls:** Cataracts can increase the risk of falls, particularly in older adults. Cataract surgery can reduce the risk of falls by improving vision and depth perception.
- 4. Improved safety:** Improved vision after cataract surgery can also enhance safety, particularly in hazardous environments like driving or operating machinery.
- 5. Minimal recovery time:** Cataract surgery is a minimally invasive procedure that typically takes less than an hour to complete. Most people can resume normal activities within a few days, with little to no discomfort.

Importance of Hearing Exams and Aids

Hearing exams and hearing aids are necessary for adults and seniors because they can improve communication, social connections, cognitive health, safety, and employment opportunities. By identifying and treating hearing loss early, individuals can maintain their quality of life and overall well-being.



1. **Communication:** Hearing is a critical sense for communication, and hearing loss can make it difficult for individuals to communicate effectively with family, friends, and colleagues. Hearing exams can detect hearing loss early, allowing for intervention and treatment, including the use of hearing aids, which can improve communication and overall quality of life.

2. **Social Isolation:** Hearing loss can lead to social isolation, as individuals may withdraw from social situations due to difficulty hearing and communicating with others. This isolation can lead to depression, anxiety, and other negative health outcomes. Hearing aids can help individuals maintain social connections and stay engaged in their communities.

3. **Cognitive Health:** Studies have shown a link between hearing loss and cognitive decline, including dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Hearing loss can also lead to mental fatigue and reduced cognitive function. The use of hearing aids can reduce cognitive load and improve overall brain function.

4. **Safety:** Hearing loss can also impact safety, as individuals may not be able to hear warning signals or alarms. This can put them at risk of accidents or injuries. The use of hearing aids can improve safety by allowing individuals to hear important sounds and warnings.

5. **Employment:** Hearing loss can also impact employment opportunities, as it may limit an individual's ability to perform certain tasks or communicate with colleagues. The use of hearing aids can enable individuals to work more effectively and remain active in the workforce.

If it's been awhile since you've had a hearing exam, or you've never had one with an audiologist, please take care of yourself and schedule your hearing exam today!

Eugene Downtown Lions Use

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club's Community Service Committee is charged with determining community needs from grant applications received each year. The committee members thought long and hard to determine the recipients and what funds they would receive. Five Community Service grants were presented personally at the March 1st meeting of the Club.

Candlelighters for Children with Cancer

The first grant was presented to Candlelighters for Children with Cancer. The check for \$1,500 was presented by sponsor Lion Sharon Newton to Mary Lou Bradley and Sydney Wight representing Candlelighters.



(l-r) Mary Lou Bradley and Sydney Wight representing Candlelighters receiving check from Sponsor Lion Shannon Newton.



Lion President Jim Newton presents check to Romelle Renner, Center for Community Counseling.

Center for Community Counseling

The next grant for \$1,000 was presented by sponsor Lion President Jim Newton to Romelle Renner, Office Administrative Assistant for the Center for Community Counseling which helps the local community be healthier and stronger one person at a time.

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Donations Received for Important Grants

Angel Flight West

Angel Flight West, which provides local air transportation for people with medical needs, was the recipient of a grant for \$1,500 presented by Lion Jim Origliosso to Rob Brunner.



(l-r) Lion Jim Origliosso presents check to Rob Brunner from Angel Flight West.



Lion Karen Norton presents a check for South Willamette Honor Flight to Ed Bach.

South Willamette Valley Honor Flight

Sponsor Lion Karen Norton presented a check for \$1,200 to Ed Bach, Executive Director of South Willamette Valley Honor Flight, which takes veterans, free of charge, to see the Washington, D.C. war memorials.



Lion PID Ed Gear presents check to Terry Spencer for Lane Senior Support Coalition.

Lane Senior Support Coalition

Lion Past International Director Ed Gear sponsored Lane Senior Support Coalition, which provides financial assistance to Eugene Senior Citizens in need, for a grant of \$1,000 which he presented to Terrey Spencer.

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chair for EDTL

Doug Thompson, CEO of OLSHF, Speaks to the Eugene Bethel Lions Club

Doug Thompson, Chief Executive Officer of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) presented an overview of the Foundation. OLSHF has been in existence since 1959.



Doug Thompson, CEO of OLSHF.

Mr. Thompson spoke about the relationship between OLSHF and Coffey Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville. Glasses donated to the Oregon Lions are sorted and then sent overseas. Several of the inmates involved have continued their studies in Sight and Hearing.

He also commented that Lion Advocacy will be highlighted Lions Day at the Oregon State Capital in Salem on May 3rd. Mr. Thompson said that 2023 marks “Lions Keep the Promise Days (KTP)”. OLSHF will be represented at the “We are Bethel” days coordinated by Lion Lin Woodrich, member of the Eugene Bethel Lions Club.

On a fun note, he also won our 50/50 drawing and he wanted to give it back. But Lion Chuck Parnell told him to buy donuts for his staff.



submitted by Gerald Oliver, President of Eugene Bethel Lions Club

District Governor Inducts New Elgin Members

District Governor Cheri Jackson visited the Elgin Lions Club and inducted five new Lions to the Club. Inducted were Madi Blankenship, Ellie Blankenship, Jan Keil, Amanda Long and Bob Reiter. DG Cheri also distributed new yard signs and bumper stickers to the members and encouraged everyone to attend the District G Convention.



(l-r) Madi Blankenship, Ellie Blankenship, Dave Fuhrman (sponsor), DG Cheri Jackson, Jan Keil, Amanda Long, Doreen Baker (sponsor), and Bob Reiter.



(l-r) New members Jan Keil, Amanda Long, Bob Reiter, Doreen Baker (sponsor) and DG Cheri Jackson.

It was announced at the meeting that Lion Susie Harris was selected as “Woman of the Year,” and Amanda Long the “Spirit Award” at the annual Chamber of Commerce.

Bob Reiter reported that several Lions helped with the workday at the Little League grounds. The Club also donated \$100 to Women’s Service Club to help with the cost of the Easter Egg Hunt they sponsor.

The Elgin Club decided to recognize several groups in town by providing cookies for them. The first group recognized were the Elgin teachers. Members took over soup, salads and cookies to the elementary and high schools for the teachers’ in-service day.



Lion Mary Hopkins delivers cookies to Elgin schools.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins



Doug Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



OREGON LIONS
Sight & Hearing
= Foundation =



Tom Hilgers
Board Chair

Join Us For 2023 KTP Days!

By now you may have heard that there's a new annual Lions celebration in Oregon, designed to raise awareness throughout the state of the great work that Lions do to help people in need. There's still time to join the 2023 KTP Days Celebration here in Oregon!

What Is KTP Days?

This new effort is a way to honor the "promise" that Lions made to Helen Keller of addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss for those in need AND to make more Oregonians aware of the Service that YOUR Lions Club provides to members of your community. We invite all MD-36 Lions to use an existing event or activity -- or create a new one! - to add to the list of KTP events taking place over the next few months.

KTP Events On The Calendar

We've heard from a number of Lions Clubs that have joined the 2023 KTP Days Celebration and we invite your Lions Club to these Clubs that have planned an event or have let us know that they are interested in doing so: Tualatin Lions, The Dalles Lions, Central Lions, Junction City Lions, Crooked River Ranch Lions, Portland Legacy Lions, Eugene Downtown Lions, Eugene Bethel Lions, Elgin Lions, and our own Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

What Does a KTP Event Look Like?

We're glad you asked! A 2023 KTP Days event can be a major celebration such as Eugene Downtown's "Lions Night At The Park" or as simple as the Portland Legacy Lions plans of a free hot dog giveaway.

Lion James Koch of the Eugene Downtown Lions tells us that their KTP Days Celebration at the Eugene Emeralds baseball game on July 7th will be the "Kickoff of the 100th Anniversary of the EDLC. (We'll have) Eyeglass collection at all the gates, 7th Inning drawing for Sunglasses, recognition to all Lions in attendance

during the game. Come for the baseball & a day at the BallPark, stay for the fellowship. All Lions Clubs are encouraged to join the celebration or send a representative!"

Tickets are \$25 and includes a reserved seat, hotdog, chips & drink , and a gift bag for Lions. For more info, contact Lion James at jkochjr@msn.com

On the other side of the state, the Elgin Lions are utilizing their community's annual RiverFest for their KTP Days event. Lion Gerald Hopkins shared "June 17th will be Elgin's Riverfest with a car show, quilt show, breakfast with firefighters, yard sales, jail & bail, duck race and much more!"

And the mighty Tualatin Lions have already kicked off 2023 KTP Days with their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 14th. According to Lion Brad King "We were pleased to kick off 2023 KTP Days with our 50th anniversary Easter Egg Hunt, this year we had a special "beeping Easter Egg Hunt" for our visually impaired kiddos. And on June 3rd, we'll have our Spaghetti Feed as an additional KTP Days event!"

How Does Our Lions Club Join The Celebration?

We encourage Lions to celebrate KTP Days during June, but anytime between now and the end of Summer works great! Feel free to reach out to Doug at Dougt@olshf.org or Samantha at Sam@olshf.org to let us know about your KTP Days event or for more information.

Participating Lions Clubs will receive promotional support for their event and we'll also send your Club a set of KTP Days stickers to hand out to your Lions Club members and those that attend your KTP event.

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And Happy KTP Days!**

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HIGHLIGHT: District Volunteers of the Year!

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Friday - Saturday, May 19-20

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HIGHLIGHT: Thank you Lions Clubs! Districts G & O Parade of Checks

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Glen & Lavina Jones

EVENT: KTP Breakfast

Wednesday, May 31

7:00am

Oregon Zoo | Cascade Ballroom

Invite your friends!

RSVP:



RSVP via QR Code or this Link:
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| Pamphlet | .15 | | |
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District G's Convention Was a Roaring Success!

The theme of "Boots On For Service" was chosen by District Governor Cheri Jackson for the convention held at the Wild Horse Casino in Pendleton, Oregon. The tables at the convention were adorned with child-sized cowboy boots filled with flowers as centerpieces. On Saturday evening, guests were treated to live western music from Cowboy Joe and his accompanist Joe.



(l-r) ID Ron Keller, CCR Lion Michael O'Brien with his President's Certificate of Achievement and DG Cheri Jackson.



(l-r) CC Judith Poage, PCC Steve Oliver and PDG Kathy Oliver in line for some good food.

During the convention, the delegate count of 29 elected a new District Governor, Pete Runnels, from the Burns Lions Club, and 1st Vice District Governor, Betty Jane Bugbee, from the Weston-McEwen Lions Club. Lucinda Awbrey and Judith Poage were named as OLSHF Trustees, and CC Judith Poage presented the nomination committee report. PCC Paul Zastrow stepped in as cabinet secretary in place of Betty Jane Bugbee.

The winner of the district's Peace Poster competition was announced by the Peace Poster Chairman, Risa Riggins, as Mylee Rieke from Horizon Christian School in Hood River.

Guest International Director Ron Keller and his wife Kitty from Millersport, Ohio were introduced by PID Sunny Pulley. ID Keller provided updates on the upcoming changes at LCI and encouraged a membership drive to help the organization grow and have fun in the process.



(l-r) ID Ron Keller and Risa Rigen Peace Poster Chair from Pendleton Lions Club.



(l-r) PCC Brad King with CCR Lion Linda Bengston who received a Norm Ross Fellow Award (OLSHF) from the Lions of District G.

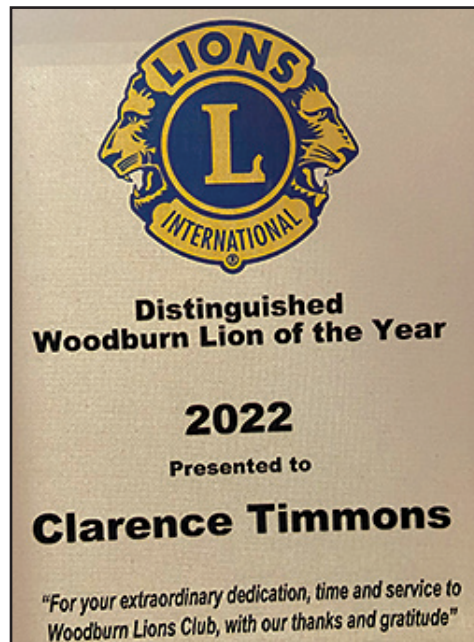
Overall, District G is prepared and excited to move forward into the 2023-2024 year.

Here comes the Judge (sorry Pete, I couldn't help myself).

Woodburn Distinguished Lion of the Year



(l-r) Lion Clarence Timmons receives the Woodburn Distinguished Lion of the Year Award from Woodburn Lions President Pat Paradis.



Clarence Timmons of the Woodburn Lions is the Club's Sight and Hearing Chair. On March 3, 2023 Clarence received an award from the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce. He received the award for Woodburn Distinguished Lion of the year.

submitted by Pat Paradis

Elgin Lions Hold Last BINGO Night of this Lion's Year

The Elgin Lions held their last night of BINGO until opening next year.

According to co-chair Jared Rogers, "We had a great year with several new "hooked" players. We also added an extra \$1,495 to the Lion's bank account from playing 50/50 each week." The final winner of the \$400 jackpot was Terri Bocca.



Terri Bocca with her winnings.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

La Grande Lions Step Up

As printed in The Observer on March 21, 2023, by Dick Mason

Spring Cleaning – Restoration work at the local baseball field will raise home plate to improve drainage

La Grande – A spring makeover is on deck for Lions Field at Pioneer Park. Plans are being made for major restoration work at the La Grande field, the site of countless spring and summer baseball games each year. The project, which may be done this spring, will involve elevating more than 100 square feet of the home plate area.

“It needs to be raised to match the elevation of the infield,” La Grande Parks and Recreation Director Stu Spence said.

Spence said this would go a long way toward improving drainage of water from the infield at Lions Field. “We struggle with water collecting on the plate, which makes it hard to keep the field playable,” he said.

This was apparent last week at Lions Field, where puddles of water created mud at home plate. The process of elevating the home plate area will include bringing in a large amount of dirt. The soil will be added from home plate to the backstop and down portions of the first base and third base lines.

Spence said another critical need at Lions Field that will be addressed are the dugouts. He said the metal siding needs to be replaced, and while that project is underway signs of deterioration will be checked for. “There may be some rot and other areas in the framing that need to be repaired at that time,” he said.

La Grande Lions Club Steps Up

Much of the restoration work will be funded with money raised the La Grande Lions Club. “We want to assist in every way we can to help with the maintenance of the field,” Brent Lewis, a member of the La Grande Lions Club said.

The Lions Club conducted a spare rib dinner earlier this month at the Union County Senior Center to raise funds for the improvements to be made to the field at Pioneer Park. Nearly 250 meals were served at the event, put on with major help from Island City Market & Deli, Cock & Bull Villa Roma and Community Connection of Northeast Oregon.

Spence said the Lions Club, which has adopted Lions Field, has been instrumental in moving the renovation project forward. “We are grateful for the Lions Club and appreciate their adoption of the field,” he said.

Parker McKinley, the head coach of La Grande High School’s baseball team, which won the 2022 class 4A state title, said work on the field, including the improvement of its drainage system, will make it possible for more games to be played on it. “We want as many teams as possible to be able to use it despite the tough weather we have,” he said.

Those using Lions Field each year include La Grande High School’s two junior varsity teams, La Grande Little League and the Eastern Oregon University baseball team.

Spence said these are just the organized groups using the field, noting that hundreds of community members and families come to play on it each year.

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