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(l-r) Easter Bunny with CC Brad's grandson Carter and his dad Andrew King  
**See Story Page 6**



**Lions and Non-Lions Assembling First Aid Kits for Folks in Need  
See Story Page 11**

### **East Albany Lions Reveals New Face of Lions**



Back row (l-r) Lions Jadie DeLille, Jeanie Wright and Lou Amerson; Front row (l-r) Lions Grant Boehme, Jerry Boehme and Jack Harris

**See Story Page 22**

### **Just a Friendly Nudge!**

April was Officer election month. Have you reported your incoming Officers to LCI and submitted a copy to the Headquarters Office for the 2018-2019 Directory?

## ANNIVERSARIES

May 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.

### May

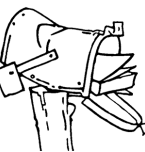
Salem Downtown	May 26, 1922
La Grande	May 2, 1929
Portland Parkrose	May 13, 1931
Mount Hood	May 11, 1951
Gresham Breakfast	May 6, 1980
Cloverdale/Nestucca	May 6, 1983
Florence Siuslaw	May 26, 1983
Gold Beach	May 6, 1993
Waldport	May 17, 1993
Elgin	May 23, 1997
Mohawk Valley	May 6, 2003
La Pine	May 24, 2004
Weston-McEwen	May 6, 2008
Redmond	May 20, 2010

### June

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

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## MONTHLY CALENDARS

### MEETINGS

#### May

- 9 OLSHF Patient Care Comm. mtg. Portland
- 12 Dist R Cab. mtg. at Lions Hall in Yachats, 9am-1pm
- 17 OLSHF - Trustee mtg. Valley River, Eugene @ 9am  
PDGA mtg. @noon at Sweetwaters Restaurant, VRI  
Council of Governor's mtg. Valley River Inn @ 1:30pm
- 21 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ 5:30pm

#### June

- 9 OLSHF Board of Trustees - Retreat, Ptld.
- 13 OLSHF Patient Care Comm. mtg. Portland
- 16 Dist. E Cabinet mtg. 10am, SOLSHC, Medford
- 25 SOLSHC Board mtg. @ 5:30pm

### EVENTS

#### May

- 10 The Oregon Lion article deadline (for June issue)
- 10-13 NW Lions Leadership Institute, Vancouver, BC  
contact CCE Gail Black for information.
- 11 OLSHF "Keep the Promise" Breakfast at Marylhurst University
- 18-19 MD36 Convention - Valley River Inn, Eugene

#### June

- 3 Coffe Creek Graduation, OLSHF, @7:30am Wilsonville
- 4 Eyeglass Sorting Party - Keizer Lions Halls, 4100 Cherry Ave., NE @ 6pm
- 10 The Oregon Lion article deadline (for July-August issue)
- 23 Sights & Sounds in the Valley Fundraiser - Riverhouse - Shady Cove, OR 4-7pm
- 29 Portland Craft Beer Festival (OLSHF) Portland



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## Council Chair News



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Happy Spring Mighty Lions of MD36! The skies are clearing, the rain and snow are slackening and the time for our spring service projects is upon us! I'm certain that great numbers of you were doing just what I did the day before Easter ... putting on your Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt! It's always so great to see those excited and happy little children doing what their parents (and sometimes their grandparents) did with your Lions Club in the past! Not to mention the sugar high they'll experience later in the weekend!

Since my last column was written (but published after) we celebrated with the Lions of District E at their Convention in Canyonville! The entertainment was astounding! Who knew DG Bob was so talented! And ID Sam Lindsey was another wonderful International Director guest! Whew! It's taken a few weeks to recover from three back-to-back-to-back Conventions! (\*Not to mention St. Patrick's Day weekend! But that's another story!) Kudos to your amazing District Governors, Lion Bert, Lion Tom, Lion Bob and Lion Debi for the extraordinary Conventions they put on for you!

Well, well! Your Multiple District 36 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, set for May 17-19 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, is shaping up extraordinarily well! Your MD36 Convention Committee has been working most diligently to collect timely and interesting Forums for you to learn and enjoy! We're also doing not one ... but two service projects! All through the Convention, we'll be accepting you and your Club's donations of non-perishable food for the FOOD for Lane County Food Bank. Collection barrels will be in the McKenzie Ballroom throughout the Convention.

Also, as you have possibly heard, we're making hygiene kits for the "full spectrum" of homeless individuals. I've been involved in these projects from the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, to the District O Convention ... and I thought we were doing a pretty good job. Well, it has been brought to my attention that we can do better. At any given time, there are almost 14,000 homeless people in Oregon and 36.5% of them are women. (This is where I slapped my own forehead!) So throughout the Convention we'll be happily collecting feminine hygiene products from Lions and Lions Clubs and on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a project forum filling 200 bags with these products for a local women's shelter. Please be generous with both of these worthy service projects!

Also, I've been in frequent contact with our guests, International Direct Lion Bruce Beck and his lovely wife, Lion Erin. I can guarantee you that they plan to have a lot of fun with the wonderful Lions of MD36! ID Lion Bruce is a "retired law enforcement administrator", (he retired as the Undersheriff of his Sheriff's Department), so at least he and I will have a lot to talk about! When you come to the MD36 Convention, take a moment to introduce yourself to ID Lion Bruce and Lion Erin and you'll find them to be warm, welcoming Lions!

In addition to the great forums, projects and guests, there will be excellent meals, including the OLSHF Luncheon of Friday, with games and the Parade of Checks; District Banquets on Friday evening, May 18<sup>th</sup>; the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Hall of Fame Induction Dessert that evening (come support your favorite Lions!); Multiple District Officer Elections and the grand Saturday evening MD36 Banquet! Come and celebrate how you have all "Moved MD36 Forward ... into Our Second Century of Service!" Help recognize those Lions from your Clubs, your Zones, your Districts and Multiple Districts who've made such remarkable impacts in this first year of our second century. Come and take part in the SERVICE, grow your LEADERSHIP, enjoy the FELLOWSHIP and COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE!!! Do it ... Lead it ... Enjoy it and ... Tell About It!

I am constantly so very honored to serve you, so proud of your trust in me and deeply humbled to be counted among you, the GREAT and MIGHTY LIONS of MD36.

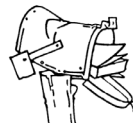
## Directory Corrections

- p. 38 Applegate Trail Club has folded
- p. 45 Crescent/Gilchrist Club folded
- p 104 Parreira, Dane new email of: dgrtdane@gmail.com

**Club Secretaries!!: PU 101's due!! Published filing of Club Officer report is due May 15 to LCI either by online filing or paper filing. When done forward a copy to md36lions@com-cast.net or to MD36, PO Box 51345, Eugene, OR 97405**

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## District O - Northwest - North Coast



**District O Governor Column**  
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### CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LIONS

Last year was the 30th anniversary of the official admission of women into Lions Clubs. We can celebrate the work that women do in our clubs and for our community. The Portland Lloyd Lions Club worked hard in the 1980s to sue LCI to admit women into Lions Clubs. A big ROAR for the Lloyd Lions!

Today, some clubs in District O have more women members than men including the West Linn Riverview Lions, Oaks Bottom Lions, the Gresham Supper Club, King City Club, Lake Oswego Lions, Milwaukie Lions and the Portland Legacy Club. And there are many clubs with over 25% women members. At the international level, our organization has about 23% women members and that number is increasing each year.

To create a positive environment in your club you might consider some of the suggestions of Sarah Khan, a professional speaker about building positive communication. She suggests:

- Letting go of being right and that the other person is wrong.
- When in discussion, use "yes and" instead of "but I."
- Walking your message.
- Focusing on serving and helping others.

### UPDATE ON THIS LION YEAR

We held a fun and rewarding District Convention last February with about 160 Lions registering. I've visited almost all of the clubs in District O and included photos of the clubs and members in the articles in our State Lions magazine. And, leaders are working to strengthen some struggling clubs and start 1-2 new branch clubs.

### MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

I encourage you to attend the Multiple District Convention on May 18-19 in Eugene at the Valley River Inn. There will be good presenters and breakout sessions and it's a great opportunity to connect with and learn from other Lions.

Friday night at this MD Convention **will be our District O awards dinner**. You can expect some fun and music. The Lion Rockettes Choir will expand their performance from the February District Convention. Please dress in either your favorite western wear, sports clothing, or patriotic shirt and hat. Along with recognition awards, there'll be special prizes for best dressed outfits.



## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



**District R Governor Column**  
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As Lions, it's important that we remember that the skills our members bring to our organization and to our mission of service are as varied as they are numerous. No two people are the same. Our abilities, attitudes and preferences differ from person to person and to expect every Lion to function in the same way and produce the same results that others do is as futile as it is unfair to the Lion volunteer. Good Lion leaders understand this instinctively and they explore ways to utilize the strengths of their volunteers while being considerate of their personal needs and comfort levels.

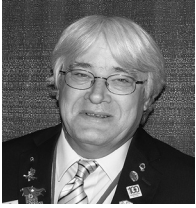
Hands-on service to others is a case in point. Not all Lions are comfortable performing hands-on service with strangers at the outset. Language barriers, the fear of making mistakes and perceived personal shortcomings can not only make the process of providing assistance to others difficult, but, in some cases, can prevent people from stepping up to serve in the first place. Without a certain amount of help, personal limitations will, in most cases, trump guarantees of success and promises of rewards to be garnered from being part of helping people in need. Our comfort zone is a powerful driving force which can override all other considerations if we fail to respect it.

My point here is that we need to be aware of this heading into an activity. Find out what your volunteers would like to do and what, if anything, they would prefer not to do. If your staffing permits it, allow them to do what they feel comfortable doing. Short of that, ease them into their assigned position and spend extra time with them until you are satisfied that they are satisfied with the duties of their assignment. A little planning and consideration here will go a long way toward a successful team effort which produces successful results.

The good news here is that Lions, for the most part, are pretty understanding and forgiving people. We do, however, have some "driven" members who have their own ideas on how to do things and what constitutes success. Success, now and in the future, depends on our ability to understand and utilize the talents of all our people. One of the four goals of the LCI Forward Plan is improving the value of membership in the Lions. Consideration for our members and recognition of the value of their contributions to everything we do goes a long way toward enhancing the value of their membership in the Lions.



## District E - Southern - South Coast



### District E Governor Column

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As twilight creeps in

As the sun begins to set on this year-long pilgrimage and I have finished all of my official visits, save one, I just want to point out how incredibly lucky I am to have had the opportunity to visit each and every one of the clubs in District E.

It has been so exhilarating for me to hear and see the myriad of ways that each club is making a difference in its community. I have found it so satisfying to see how those clubs that are small in numbers, of which we have several in the District, continue to be big in service. Each and every one of you should be proud and stand tall for the things you do as Lions for your communities.

The one thing with which I do have a problem is not being able to make two visits to these clubs, one for the official visit and a second one to attend and help out at each of their big service projects and/or fundraisers during the year.

That is why I am, and have been for some time, a proponent of two-year terms for District Governors. But who am I other than a low line District Governor in the rural communities of the Northwest? LCI is not going to listen to that. But wait, maybe I should ROAR. Who knows it might make a difference. Whatever the outcome I have already made a promise to myself to make it back to as many clubs as I can. It may not be as District Governor but as a PDG.

Well enough on that subject. Now it is time for the numbers. All of you know by now that I don't like to spend a lot of time dwelling on the numbers, but I think it is significant that you understand why I am excited about our membership.

Yes, we continue to have a negative net gain in the overall numbers in District E but, just like most numbers, those totals are skewed. In all Lions clubs there are two sets of Lions. There are the ones I like to call the Book Lions. Those are the members that clubs have kept on their rosters for years. They are not active as far as participation in events. They may contribute in other ways. Then there are the Active Lions, those who participate in everything, hold offices, etc. A lot of clubs are beginning to take a lot of the Book Lions off of the rolls, so although the overall numbers are dropping, the number of active Lions is increasing.

I would be willing to bet that, if we could separate the Active and Book numbers and take a look at the new members that have joined over the last five years, you would see a positive net gain for all Districts not just E. This excites me because it shows that we are once again on the rise and soon, very soon I hope, you will see our overall numbers begin to shift from a negative to a positive. There you have my dissertation for the numbers for this month.

What's on the horizon? Well, we have the Multiple District Convention coming up this month. This is the culmination and celebration of our achievements for this year as a Multiple District. It is also the last big get-together for Lions for this fiscal year, so it does have a bitter-sweet vibe to it.

I know I am looking forward to this event and I hope to see a lot of familiar faces from throughout District E there as well. Remember it is through conventions that we renew old acquaintances and rejuvenate our Lions spirit. The friendships that we generate through these get-togethers are friendships that will last a lifetime and the more the ROAR.

See you all in Eugene and Together We'll continue to Restore the Roar.

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



### District G Governor Column

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Greetings Fellow Lions,

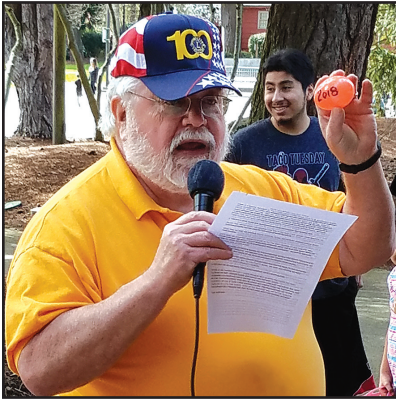
With all the District Conventions behind us, everyone should be rested up and hopefully back to normal by now. I am always so pumped after attending a convention. I always learn something new or a better way of doing a project or fundraiser. Having so much fun while seeing old friends and making new ones warms my heart.

While working with the Milton Freewater Lions Club for several years at their major fundraiser, I often heard them talk about how the Lions were an extended family. It kind of went in one ear and out the other until I finally gave in to my Mother and joined the Weston-McEwen Club. It took going to my first convention to realize that Lions are family and we should all be doing everything we can to get others to join. If we were all to follow PDG George Sahlberg's example and 'just ask' people to join, we might be able to get back to the 1250 members that we need to keep our District going. For those of you who don't know, George has personally sponsored 129 members. He has been a Lion for 38 years, which means he has sponsored at least 3 or 4 people each year. District G has 877 members at last count and probably a little over half of that number are active members, so about 440 of us can get at least one new member this coming year. That will put us over the amount of members needed. So, I am challenging all members, active or not, to sponsor at least one new member from now through February 30, 2019. I will personally recognize everyone with at least one new member at District G's Convention on March 1-2, 2019 in Madras.

Also, we need to do club surveys and find out why we are not retaining the membership that we have. We are losing half again as many members as we are getting new ones. Our GAT Team will be working on some get-togethers in several zones to help with officer training, membership, service ideas and the importance of rotating officers. Many of our clubs not only need new members but also need members to step up into leadership positions to give a break to that president or secretary who has been there for years. New leadership brings new ideas, new vitality and new energy to clubs. So please think about stepping up. We need you.

## Tualatin Lions “40-Something” Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday afternoon, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Tualatin Lions and their Boy Scout Troop 530 gathered at Tualatin Community Park to prepare for what has become known locally as the “40-Something”



**Lion Ed Casey**

Tualatin Lions Easter Egg Hunt ... because we can't remember how long we've been doing it! Lion Ed Casey remembers that it was started in 1973 by the Jaycees before the Tualatin Lions were chartered (Lion Ed was a young business man in Tualatin, then “aged out” and joined the Tualatin Lions).



**Troop 530 Scouts trading bagged candy for the eggs**



**Two girls happy to see the Easter Bunny**



**Lions Nan Taylor and Derek Sandel shoveling popcorn like crazy!**

Our P.R. had been completed (local newspapers and signage). We had our permit from the City and our insurance from Lions International. We were brewing coffee, icing soda and water and popping popcorn. We had the eggs out, the Easter Bunny was on scene and we were ready! Then, just minutes before 2:00 p.m. hundreds of families all showed up and it was on again!

Between 350 to 400 kiddos and their families took part in four age-oriented egg hunts, gathering in all the eggs, trading them for bagged candy from the Scouts of Troop 530. Two big “special prize” baskets were given out in each age group and everyone had big smiles!

The Tualatin Lions and Scout Troop 530 are already planning for next Easter!

*submitted by CC Brad King*



## VSPCs of MHSP meet at OLSHF

In other words the Vision Screening Program Coordinators of the Mobile Health Screening Program are pictured here at the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation in late March.



Top Row l-r: Jerry Shipman,  
Steve Tronnes & Ted Carlin  
Matt Phillips, Betty Jane Bugbee, Donna Penny & Jordan Ryder  
CC Brad King, Stephen Brewster, DG Debi Castor, & Wally Anderson  
Tim Young, Robert Springer & Kaitlin Anderson

They were in Portland to tweak, discuss and improve the highly successful Vision Screening Program in the schools for the 2018-19 School Year.

*submitted by Ted Carlin*

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## Elgin Lions to the Rescue

What happens when the stove goes out at the Elgin Community Center? It's Elgin Lions to the rescue, of course. Working with Kathy Rysdam at Elgin Electric, the Lions purchased a new stove at cost for the kitchen.



The Lions use the Community Center for their weekly Wednesday BINGO and the members felt this was a way to give back to the Center.

(l-r) PCC Steve Oliver, Jared Rogers and Kathy Oliver  
admiring the stove.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

# LIONS VISION GIFT



## **Let's Get Social! Social media that is.**

Facebook currently has 2 billion monthly users, Instagram has 700 million, and Twitter has 328 million. That's a whole lot of people using social media each month. Now we're not saying we need to reach them all, but it would be great for us to reach and connect with the people who support our work, and that starts with you.

When you "Like" or "Follow" **Lions VisionGift** on Facebook, or Twitter, or Instagram – you're helping us share the story of cornea donation & transplant with a broader community, shine the light on our accomplishments, the work of our great staff, and help honor the legacy of donor families. There are a lot of **Lions VisionGift** stories that take place each day both inside and outside of these office walls, and we want make sure you and your friends know about them.

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So please take a moment after reading this article and visit us on our social media platforms to help grow our online community and educate others about the importance of cornea donation and transplant. Who knows, your sharing of our stories could end up influencing someone to register and donate their eyes which may one day restore the sight of someone in need.





## You, Me and the D!

Hello Everyone,

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

I'm really excited about an article that was recently sent to me from Mike Green, an Oregon Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senator who frequently distributes items of interest to other JCI Senators. The subject is about avoiding heart attacks and strokes with water and aspirin. Diabetics are two or more times likely to have a heart attack or stroke than non-diabetics. So pay attention to the following advice and increase the odds of being heart attack and stroke free. Sounds like a winner to me.

### **Subject: Fwd: Water and Aspirin...Good to Know!**

How many folks do you know who say they don't want to drink anything before going to bed because they'll have to get up during the night? **Answer from a Mayo Cardiologist:** heart attacks can be triggered by dehydration. Drinking one glass of water before going to bed avoids stroke or heart attack. Interesting.....

Why do people need to urinate so much at night time? **Answer from my Cardiac Doctor:** Gravity holds water in the lower part of your body when you are upright (legs swell). When you lie down and the lower body (legs and etc.) seeks level with the kidneys, it is then that the kidneys remove the water because it is easier. I knew you need your minimum water to help flush the toxins out of your body, but this was news to me.

### **Correct time to drink water... Very Important. From A Cardiac Specialist!**

Drinking water at a certain time maximizes its effectiveness on the body:

2 glasses of water after waking up - helps activate internal organs

1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal - helps digestion

1 glass of water before taking a bath - helps lower blood pressure

1 glass of water before going to bed - avoids stroke or heart attack

I can also add to this... My Physician told me that water at bed time will also help prevent night time leg cramps. Your leg muscles are seeking hydration when they cramp and wake you up with a Charlie Horse.

### **Mayo Clinic Cardiologist on Aspirin -**

Most heart attacks occur in the day, generally between 6 A.M. and noon. Having one during the night, when the heart should be most at rest, means that something unusual happened. Research is being done that points to sleep apnea as the cause.

If you take an aspirin or a baby aspirin once a day, take it at night. **The Reason:** Aspirin has a 24-hour "half-life"; therefore, if most heart attacks happen in the wee hours of the morning, the Aspirin would be strongest in your system. **FYI:** Bayer is making crystal aspirin to dissolve instantly on the tongue. They work much faster than the tablets...

Why keep Aspirin by your bedside? **It's about Heart Attacks -** The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If that happens, immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth and swallow them with a bit of water. **Afterwards:** - Call **911**. - Phone a neighbor or a family member who lives very close by. Say "Heart Attack!" - Say that you have taken 2 Aspirins. - Take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door, and wait for their arrival and .....**DO NOT LIE DOWN!**

**Note:** There are other symptoms of a heart attack, besides the pain on the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating; however, these symptoms may also occur less frequently and there may be NO pain in the chest during a heart attack.

A Cardiologist has stated that if each person after reading, sends it to 10 people, probably one life could be saved! I have already shared this information. What about you?

**Please forward this message. It may save lives!**

*submitted by PCC Charlie Tate, MD36 Diabetes Chairman*

*Feel free to contact me at my cell: 503.409.1861 or my email: commontate@hotmail.com*

Change your attitude and you'll change your life!

## The Three Sisters Lions Club Gives the DG a “BOOT” at the District Convention

Our DG, Debi Castor, dropped off a boot for our Club on her visitation. Instructions were to decorate it and bring it to our Convention where they would be auctioned off and proceeds go to pediatric cancer. Did we do that? Yep, and more! Her boot got readjusted...into a purse...and loaded with a bottle of Pendleton whiskey. It didn't win a prize, but it brought the most proceeds (\$125) for the cause! THEN, Lion Kathleen Davis took *another* boot and made a wreath with it. That one took third prize!

Did we also take a basket? Yes, another great display for our Club! Did it win a prize? Well, no, but it did get a lot of “votes”.

Time for the OLSHF parade of checks. Lion Kathleen went forth with our Club's donation. We have 10 members in our Club, she declared, and we are giving \$150/member for a total of \$1,500. Whoop, whoop, whoop!

See y'all at MD36 convention!



Three Sisters Lions Club  
District G basket



Lion Kathleen Davis with Three  
Sisters Club's District G Boot  
(minus the Pendleton whiskey)



2nd decorated boot entry from  
our Club

*submitted by PDG Vicki Smith, Secretary, Three Sisters Lions Club*

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## WOMEN'S SERVICE PROJECT “EVERY 28 DAYS” AT THE MD 36 CONVENTION

Women Lion leaders in MD 36 are planning a service project, with the generous help of Lion Sue Jaggars and Lion Patty Harrison, to be done as a forum at the MD 36 convention in Eugene. We women Lions feel strongly that we haven't worked well toward meeting the needs of women who find themselves in difficult times. Lion Sue and Lion Marysue Tiedtke are sewing 200 bags that will hold feminine hygiene products. **We ask that all women coming to the convention please bring, as a donation, the feminine products needed (pads, tampons and wipes).** There will be 200 bags to fill, a very reachable goal during the time of the forum. As well, 200 completed eyeglass emergency kits will be coming from the supplies purchased for the USA/Canada service project to be added to the “Every 28 Days” bags. Thank you, women in Lions in MD 36, for your help with this very needed project!

*submitted by PDG Sharon Rollins*



## The Siren Call of Sugar

With the addition of Diabetes to the LCI Areas of Service, the presentation of “The Siren Call of Sugar” at the MD Convention in Eugene at Valley River Inn on May 19 will provide helpful information to all of us. The speaker, J. Scott Gibson, MD a practicing physician in McMinnville, is also a member of the McMinnville Lions Club.



Dr. J. Scott Gibson

Lion Scott, a second-generation Lion, knows how to talk to his patients and to Lions. His presentation on how and what we eat will help us help others, giving us a better understanding on how we can become involved in this new area of service and make ourselves healthier in the process.

Dr. Gibson has been a presenter at District O Lions Conventions and many community events. Lion Scott and his wife, have three grown children and two grandchildren and have recently opened a new Bed & Breakfast in “Wine Country”, Amity, OR. In his spare time, he enjoys landscape photography and writing.

*submitted by PCC Joyce Anderson*

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## King City Lions Scholarships

In 1996, a member of the King City Lions Club Henry J. Marchion died and established a trust fund worth \$350,000 to be used for scholarships for students of Tigard and Tualatin High Schools.

The trust was finalized in 1997 and the first scholarships were awarded in 1998. We have lost track of the total amount awarded but were recently advised that over the last 10 years we have awarded 184 scholarships for a total of nearly \$195,000.

This year we will be awarding 24 \$1,000 scholarships.

*submitted by Ron Baker*

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## Canby Lions Club Holds Plant Sale

The Canby Lions Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 12, from 9:00 am –3:00 pm in downtown Canby. “We will be located in the parking lot at Ivy & NE 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ave. in downtown Canby”, according to plant sale chair Lion Barb Hassler. Many kinds of plant materials will be available to add to any garden/yard. There will be gallon size perennials as well as some garden color spots. Many different landscaping plants including trees and shrubs will highlight the selections.

All plants are donated by many of the nurseries and growers in the Canby and Aurora areas. Proceeds of the sale will go to the Canby Lions Club for providing services for needy people such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, college scholarships and other local projects. The public is invited to shop and save on prices, many below wholesale.

*submitted by Dale Friedemann*

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## First Aid Kits for Folks in Need

About 25 people, Lions and non-Lions, helped at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in early April to put together about 1,600 first aid kits for those in need. It took about 6 hours and was well worth it. This is the project that PDG Red Rowley organized at first for the USA/Canada Forum and now for local food pantries. Thanks Lion Red and volunteers!

*submitted by DG Bert Diamond*

## What is a Lion?

What is the epitome of an outstanding Lion? Since our motto is “We serve,” such a Lion would have to be a selfless person who puts others’ needs ahead of his/her own. Such a Lion would be a humble person, not seeking recognition or accolades for jobs done or service performed.

Such a person was Lion Annie Harris of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club. She fits our description perfectly. She worked hard, scorned recognition, and was a model of humility.

Life did not deal Lion Annie a winning hand. Her father was always seeking a better situation and moved repeatedly, forcing Lion Annie to attend eleven different schools. She finally dropped out of high school to get married, later divorcing her abusive husband. Later, she married for a second time and had similar results. She ended up raising four children as a single mother, completing an education to be a medical records transcriber and ultimately heading the medical records department of a hospital!

All of this success was despite the fact that she was well under five feet tall, overweight, and eventually became legally blind.

It was at this point that Lion Annie became a member of the Eugene Downtown Club. The qualities which, brought her success in the world of work, made her the truly great Lion that she was.



**Lion Annie Harris cleaning up pocket park bulletin board - March 2013**

Lion Annie was willing to do any job that she was able to do. For instance, she was a regular on an outdoor project keeping a small corner park groomed and clean. The park has a wooden kiosk with a bulletin board where the community can post notices. It rapidly accumulates staples. Every time the Club did the project, Lion Annie stood on a stool for two hours with a flat-blade screwdriver and pliers, removing the staples. This was a tedious and tiring job, but it needed doing and Lion Annie was able to do it. She did it without complaint.

Lion Annie was also a very effective seller of Club raffle tickets. She ran the weekly raffle with a drawing at each meeting. She was also a dependable ticket seller for our summer raffle, working alone or with a partner, selling tickets outdoors in two-hour shifts. Again, she did this without complaint.

Another quality an ideal Lion ought to possess is a cheerful spirit. Doing service work grudgingly or with a stream of complaints certainly does not fit the spirit of Lionism. Lion Annie Harris never complained and got true enjoyment out of her Lion activities. If a fellow Lion ribbed her about being vertically challenged, she laughed along with the group

and took no offense. Every time life dealt her another bad card, she simply accepted it and moved on.

Does Lionism turn us into Lion Annie’s kind of person or do people like Lion Annie gravitate toward Lions? It is probably a little of both. Lions is not an organization that draws glory seekers. Some of the best and most highly esteemed Lions do not seek the limelight. The satisfaction comes for most of us when we realize that our clubs make a positive difference in the communities we serve and in the wider world. That satisfaction seems to have been all Lion Annie needed.

As Lion Annie approached the end of her life, her personality and approach to life did not change. She contacted active Lions to make sure the things she was working on got finished and that she returned things that belonged to the Club.

So, looking at Lion Annie’s time as a Lion, we can draw a good portrait of what a good Lion ought to be. We can strive to serve others, live life without complaint, and seek no reward for the work we do. We can aspire to be the kind of Lion that Annie Harris was.

**Lion Annie (center) With Lions Craig Ford and Karen Norton working at the Lions Information table at “SPIN Faire”**



*submitted by Jim Newton*



## 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.



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



Trustee Helen McNaughton and Club members

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*

## A Surprising Serenade for Bend/Sunrise Lions

During visits to a couple of elementary schools in Bend for the Flags for First Graders program, a couple of the Bend/Sunrise Lions were surprised by the teachers and students. At Silver Rail School, Lion Sharon Boller was serenaded by about 85 first graders with a song that was prepared to indicate "I think you're wonderful", but in the rendition the class also signed the words while singing. In the other instance, at the end of his presentation at the Bear Creek School, Lion John Pasma was serenaded by about 100 students with "You're a Grand Old Flag". This is the first time that any of the Lion presenters have ever had the classes sing to them.

*submitted by President Russell Chase*





**East Albany Lions Club**



# **Lumberjack Breakfast ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**\$8 Adults, \$4 children 11 and under**

**June 30 - July 4**



**6:00 am**

**to**

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**Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes, Milk, and Coffee**

**Fly-In  
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July 1st**

All Proceeds go to  
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Hearing, Local  
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Price Road, Albany**

## Previewing the 2018 MD36 Convention

Plan to attend the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual MD36 Convention on May 18 and 19 at Valley River Inn, Eugene. Registration forms are available on line at [www.md36lionsclubs.org](http://www.md36lionsclubs.org) and in the April issue of the *Oregon Lion Magazine*.

All Lions are welcome to attend the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation's Board of Trustees meeting and the MD36 Council of Governors meeting that will be held on May 17. The Trustees meeting begins at 9:00 am and the COG meets at 1:30 pm.

The Convention will convene at 8:30 am on Friday, May 18 to begin a full day of activities and meetings. Time has been set aside for Standing Committee meetings and the forums will begin at 10:30 am. The OLSHF Luncheon is also scheduled for opening day at noon. This will include the annual Parade of Checks. There will be more forums in the afternoon and each District Governor will host their own District banquet. The Celebration of Life to remember our Lions who have passed from here this year as well as the OLSHF Hall of Fame are part of the events planned for the day.

Saturday begins at 8:30 am with nominating speeches for our Council Chair Elect and a Q & A with our International Director Guest Bruce Beck. At 9:15 am, Dr. J. Scott Gibson, a McMinnville Lion, will present "The Siren Call of Sugar" as we kick off the addition of Diabetes as one of the new areas of service that Lions Club International has now adopted. The Annual MD36 Awards Luncheon is held at noon and Saturday is another day filled with educational and informative seminars. We will conclude the Convention with dinner, our guest ID Bruce Beck and the Ice Cream Social.

Our display tables will be open on Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm. Included in the display area will be Pin Sales, various displays, the award-winning District Story Boards, District Peace Posters, raffle baskets and many other items of interest. Raffle tickets will be available for sale on Friday and Saturday with the winners being drawn at 3:00 pm.

Eye Promise Optical will hold a Trunk Show beginning at noon on Thursday through Noon on Saturday, a great time to shop for new eyeglasses, so bring along your most current eyeglass prescription!

The Past District Governors Association will hold their first meeting of the weekend on Thursday during their luncheon and their annual meeting on Sunday morning.

The Valley River Inn offers a wide array of space for our Convention and there will be several seminars for Lions to attend. On Friday, seminars include: Lions VisionGift, diversity, LEAP, defend yourself, use of media, photography as well as Club Secretary training and Zone Chair training and all you want to know about trading pins. Saturday will focus topics including Opportunities for Youth, GAT, Gales Creek Camp, Service Project, working with OLSHF for fundraising, going to International Convention, membership and attracting younger members.

If you are not able to attend the whole Convention, it is possible to pay just the cost of registration, \$25.00. This does not include any meals but will allow you to attend the sessions you wish to see and hear and check out the new eyewear.

See you in Eugene as we "Move MD 36 Forward Into Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Century of Service!"

*submitted by PCC Joyce Anderson*



OLSHF Hall of Famers present at last year's induction ceremony at the MD-36 State Convention in Pendleton pose with OLSHF Executive Director Doug Thompson for a group photo.

# 2018 Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Ceremony

***We hope you'll attend the Lions MD-36 State Convention at the Valley River Inn and celebrate the accomplishments of the 2018 OLSHF Hall of Fame Inductees. The induction ceremony will take place immediately following district dinners Friday, May 18th and dessert will be provided to all. . .***

One of the 2018 OLSHF Hall of Fame inductees helped create the program that has evolved into the Certified Paraoptometric Assistant program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility for women. Another helped put the "hearing" in the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. A few of them led the effort of raising funds for the Devers Memorial Eye Clinic, leading to free occupancy for the Foundation at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital. And all of them have played a significant role in OLSHF being recognized as one of the premier nonprofit organizations in Oregon.

That night we'll be proud to honor the following OLSHF Hall of Fame members:

## Posthumous Inductees:

**Bob Mackey**, Portland Downtown Lions – A 49 year active member of the Portland Downtown Lions, Bob was Chair of OLSHF in 1980-81 and provided leadership to the fundraising for the Devers Memorial Eye Clinic, leading to free occupancy for OLSHF.

**Mike Morelli**, Portland SW Lions – Mike was Chair of OLSHF in 1978-79 and was a huge advocate for investing in the Lions Eye Bank of Oregon, passing the enucleation law in Oregon and in establishing the long-term investment funds of OLSHF.

## Living Inductees:

**Carl Abraham**, Astoria Lions – Carl served as an eye courier for years and was instrumental in the eyeglass recycling program at the women's correctional facility in Pendleton. This program is now the Paraoptometric Assistant Program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility for women.

**Des Howarth**, Salem Downtown Lions – Des was Chair of OLSHF in 1977-78 and provided leadership in adding "Hearing" to the Oregon Lions Sight Foundation. Des also helped lead the fundraising for Devers Memorial Eye Clinic, leading to free occupancy for OLSHF.

**Pat Jaffer**, Central Lions – Pat served on the Foundation's MHSP Committee for over 10 years and served as a passionate member of the Patient Care committee, serving over 15 years in that role. Pat continues to be an avid supporter of OLSHF programs as a volunteer and donor.



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# Thank you Jessica, Ben, and Phil!



Jessica, Ben, and Phil Barnhart attended the Keep the Promise Breakfast in Eugene on April 18th and shared Ben's story of having his amblyopia detected at a school screening when Ben was in Kindergarten.

“We were shocked to learn that Ben had a vision health issue, he had been to the eye Doctor the year before” Phil tells us. “The notion that Ben had an undiagnosed vision issue is something we never thought of.” Ben’s vision in the affected eye has since improved from 20/100 to 20/25 and continues to improve.

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# Update on Used Eyeglasses Collection Process...

## Greetings Sight & Hearing Chairs & Presidents of MD36!

We get calls from time to time asking whether used eyeglasses are still being collected at Safeway locations to be delivered to the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation office. Thanks to Lion Brad King who picks up the trailer and brings the eyeglasses to our Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC) in NW Portland, ensuring that your efforts of collecting used eyeglasses are fulfilled.

Glasses are transported by Albertsons and Safeway drivers around the state to the local Albertsons distribution center. Once the trailer is full or close to full, Lion Brad picks up the trailer and takes the contents to the LERC.



## Reminder to MD-36 Lions:

**The process for dropping off eyeglasses is the same as before** - Contact the Loading Dock Manager at the local Safeway or Albertsons (merged a while ago); they'll put the Lions boxes of glasses on the truck so they'll end up in our 5x8 trailer at the San Rafael Distribution Center.

Brad says, "It's really cool to unload that trailer at the LERC and see all the clubs that the glasses are coming from all over MD-36!"

Thank you Lions for collecting used eyeglasses in your communities so that we can give the gift of sight to others!

**PLEASE LABEL DONATION BOXES - Lions Eyeglasses, 17505 NE San Rafael St., Portland, OR 97230**

## William Temple House Event



Combined with the other teams from the Oregon Vision Coalition, CareOregon, and William Temple House, we provided 408 volunteer service hours resulting in:

- 88 individuals receiving much needed no-cost eye screenings!
- 65 individuals (74% of participants) receiving a prescription for glasses and,
- 19 individual (22%) receiving a referral, including 1 urgent referral for further treatment.

## Accolades for the LaPine Lions Club



**La Pine Lions Club is Awarded 2017 Outstanding Organization of the Year**

The La Pine Lions Club won 2017 Outstanding Organization of the Year, which was presented by Deschutes County Commissioner Tony DeBone and awarded by the La Pine Chamber of Commerce at their annual awards banquet. Accepting the award was President Gary Mose and Secretary/Treasurer Susan Mose.



**(l-r) Deschutes County Commissioner Tony DeBone presents Outstanding Organization of the Year Award to the La Pine Lions Club. Accepting is President Gary Mose and Secretary/Treasurer Susan Mose.**

*submitted by Michelle Hazeltine*

## Canby Lions Club Gives U.S. Flags to 1st Graders

The Canby Lions Club continues its long standing tradition of handing out U.S. Flags to every first grade student in Canby Schools. Each flag is 4x6 inches in size and is attached to a wooden post which is placed in a drilled hole in a 2" X 2" piece of alder wood.

Along with the gift of the flag, the students are given information about the flag and how the U.S. Flag should be respected. Students have the opportunity to share some of their knowledge of the flag and what the flag means to them.



Each first grader is given his/her own personal flag and brochure to take home to share with other family members. A total of 337 flags were distributed this year. Lion Paul Ashton, chairman, and his team of six Canby Lions were busy late February and early March with this project.

*submitted by Dale Friedemann*

## Elgin Lions Learn about Morocco

Kathy Rysdam, PDG Gerald and Mary Hopkins recently presented a program to the Elgin Lions on their travels to Morocco. The group of ten landed in Casablanca and viewed the sites including a visit to the largest mosque in Morocco and the highest minaret in the world. Their travels included Fes, Merzouga, Tinghir, Quarzazate and Marrakech. The guests talked about the customs, culture and the presence of Roman legions. They also explored the Sahara by 4 wheel drive and camels, visited the Nomadic tribes, traveled the Route of 1,000 Kasbahs and more.

**(l-r) Lion Kathy Rysdam with PDG Gerald Hopkins in the traditional Arabic dress**



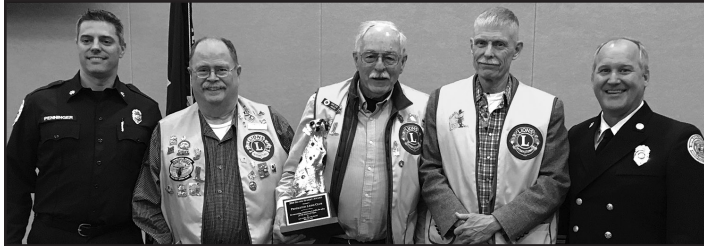
*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



## Pendleton Lions Club Honored For Its Fire Prevention Efforts

On March 22, the Pendleton Lions Club was honored by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office with the Silver Sparky Award. The Silver Sparky is the highest civilian award presented by the State Fire Marshal. It recognizes our program of smoke detector installation. We didn't do this for recognition, but nonetheless it sure feels great. We plan to put the Silver Sparky on loan to the Pendleton Fire Department when their new fire station is completed in a year.

State Fire Marshal Jim Walker bestowed the Office of State Fire Marshal's highest awards for outstanding achievement in fire prevention and safety education during the Oregon Fire Marshals Association's annual conference. "The Pendleton Lions Club is very deserving of the Silver Sparky award due to how the club has embraced fire safety as one of its highest priorities," said Walker. "Club members have dedicated countless hours and resources to the elimination of fire related injuries and deaths in the community."



(l-r) Asst. Chief Pendleton Fire Department Shawn Penninger; Lion John Taylor; Lion Lyle Jensen with Silver Sparky; Lion Dwight Johnson; and Oregon State Fire Marshal Jim Walker

The Pendleton Lions Club is dedicated to the vision of having working smoke alarms in every residence in Pendleton. They have raised more than \$1,000 to purchase smoke alarms, and in partnership with the Pendleton Fire Department they have distributed and installed hundreds of them in area homes. In addition, the Club has collaborated with the Oregon State Fire Marshal and the Pendleton Fire Department on a focused effort in a low-income area of the city to ensure each residence has a working smoke alarm. Last October, Club members, local volunteers, and members of the Fire Department installed 50 smoke alarms in this area of town in one weekend.

submitted by John Taylor, Secretary

## Flags for First Grader Program in Bend

This is one of 17 schools in Bend that we are doing this year. There are approximately 1,200 students in our area. The presenter was Lion Sharron Bollar.



submitted by President, Russell Chase

## Start Swinging Your Way to a Lion's Golf Tournament

A good way to see the state of Oregon and enjoy the company of other Lion's Clubs is to pack up your golf clubs and head to a Lion's Golf Tournament. Here is what is scheduled so far:

- Sunday, April 22nd - We already missed the Junction City Lions Tournament at Diamond Woods, maybe next year.
- Saturday, June 2nd - Umpqua Lions Tournament, Oakhills GC, Sutherlin, OR, 10 am.
- Friday, June 29th - Crooked River Ranch Lions Tournament at Crooked River Ranch GC, 8 am.
- Saturday & Sunday, July 21 & 22 - Enterprise Lions Tournament at Alpine Meadows, Enterprise
- Friday, August 10th - Milwaukee Lions Tournament at Glendover GC, NE Portland
- Saturday, September 15th - Myrtle Creek Lions Tournament at Cougar Canyon GC, Myrtle Creek, 9 am.
- Sunday, September 16th, La Pine Lions Tournament, Quail Run, GC, La Pine, 10 am

If your club also has a Lion's Golf Tournament or you can add more information to the above tournaments please email me at [Vptcarlin@yahoo.com](mailto:Vptcarlin@yahoo.com) or call me at (541) 6047-4054.

submitted by Ted Carlin

## Elgin Lions Club Donates to Food Bank

The Elgin Lions Club completed their second food drive this year to donate to the Food Bank. The two days netted 880 pounds of donated goods.

(l-r) Lions Hutch Hutchins, Linda Johnston, Mary Hopkins and PDG Gerald Hopkins



submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

## East Albany Lions Club Reveals New Face of Lions

The more things change the more they stay the same, so the old saying goes. An example of this is how two local families have both changed and been changed by their involvement with the East Albany Lions Club. What used to be a Club where dad or grandpa disappeared for two to three evenings per month for Club meetings with some fundraisers and community work projects thrown in has transformed into more of a family business.

Long known as the world's largest service club, the Lions Club has just turned the corner into its second century. As it matures in striving to meet growing needs, the organization is witnessing an increase in female membership as well as multiple generation families serving together. The new Lions Club features among other changes to its demographics, husbands and wives serving their communities together. Another wrinkle in the evolution of the East Albany Club is that it features not one, but two active three-generation families.

Lion Jerry Boehme is the middle generation in one of these families. Lion Jerry joined the East Albany Club in 1984. He was greatly influenced about the idea of community service and sold on the value of civic clubs to improve their communities by his parents, who were very active in the Jaycees while he was growing up. Lion Jerry states that participation with the Lions allows his family to "make a difference in the community. We see it every summer with our Lumberjack Breakfast, which has become a community event where people will wait in line for an hour talking to friends and meeting casual acquaintances. The money that is raised stays in our local community, buying eyeglasses, assisting the Lion's Eye Bank and other local community needs." Lion Jerry is joined by his father-in-law Lion Jack Haines and his son Lion Grant Boehme.

Lion Jack joined the East Albany Club in 1957. In his six decades of service, Lion Jack has served in so many roles and countless community improvement projects. He speaks with pride of his son-in-law's involvement with the Jaycees and saw that service as a launching pad for his current service as a Lion. He notes that the advent of females in the local club was a point of contention among some members initially, but that it has borne much fruit. "We have kind, talkative, hard-working men and women Lions," he stated.

His grandson Lion Grant is currently serving in the Air Force but has worked on Lions projects since he was very young. Lion Grant joined the East Albany Club in 2012. Whether ringing the Salvation Army bell alongside his dad, or grandpa, helping at the Gun Show, or serving at the Lumberjack Breakfast, Lion Grant speaks of many fond memories and the values he's gained through his participation with Lions. These values provide a strong foundation in his service to our country.

Lion Grant notes that Lions was his first chance as a youth to see how volunteering, community service and so many of his other traits were forged. "All along, both my father and grandfather were there to guide me, and more importantly, lead by example."

Lion Lou Amerson is the matriarch of the other three-generation family in the local Club. Lion Lou joined Lions shortly after moving to Baker City in 1994. "I was hooked by hands-on fundraising ... to better my community while also contributing to worldwide needs," she said. Since that time, she has "found a home in the Lions Clubs in Springfield, Junction City, and now in Albany." She's found participating in the local club as a way for her to get involved in her local community.

People join Lions for a variety of reasons. What makes them stay are stories, experiences and life connections that affirm their service and deepen their bonds to each other and to their communities. The example Lion Lou has set for her granddaughter Lion Jadie De Lille Wright and daughter Lion Jeannie Wright led to them joining her in the East Albany Club in 2015.

"I chose to join Lions after seeing my mom involved in worthy, community-oriented projects," Lion Jeannie said. Lion Jadie adds, "It's empowering! It's a great feeling where all three of us push each other and support each other within the club and in our lives."

Grandma Lion Lou echoes Lion Jadie's sentiments. "My heart bursts with pride when I see my granddaughter in leadership positions and my daughter taking on projects that sorely needed a leader," she gushed. Lion Jadie sees the value of having fun while working together to serve her community. "You can join too!" she stated. "Do you want to help out your community and those in need while having fun? Come to one of our meetings. We will buy you dinner and you can get an idea of what it is that we do and how we do it."

*submitted by Bill Scheler*



## Elgin Club Elects New Officers, Guest Speaker

The Elgin Lions elected the following Lions as their new officers during their March meeting. Kathy Oliver will service as President; Vice-President, Janet Stafford; Jared Rogers, Secretary; Lezlie Reid, Treasurer; Membership Chair, PCC Steve Oliver; and Tailtwister, Susie Harris.

PDG Gerald Hopkins reported on the Trivia Night, stating it was a major success. Many of the attendees asked if it could be done weekly or monthly to a resounding “ug.” The Lions Team II won the event. PDG Gerald thanked Lions David and Teri Fuhram of *Cowboys and Angels Restaurant* for their support with pizza and drinks.

A special award was issued to Keith Warren, who happened to drive out in a snowstorm to reach a newly stocked trout pond, but finding himself securely stuck in the snow. According to his wife, Ann, who happened to be out of town at the time, no one knew where he was headed. He ended up calling in for assistance to get his pickup out of a precarious position. So President Bob Thomas said that he checked with KIE industries, and elicited the help of technician Lion Jared Rogers and came up with a call button for “I’m down and can’t get up!” The special award was presented by Lion Bob.



(l-r) President Bob Thomas presents “special award” to Keith Warren

Guest for the evening was Laura Eckstein, who is running for District Attorney. Laura started by stating she was very impressed with a group who starts the meeting with a prayer and pledge. “From



Candidate Laura Eckstein speaks to Lions

what I have seen, when something needs to be done, you are the people to do it.” She emphasized the work that the Lions are doing is something that is needed and it is done with high values.

Laura also discussed the outstanding work done by the local law enforcement, and the precedents set up previously by then sheriff Lion Steve Oliver.

Laura mentioned that she moved from Utah to Elgin in 2013 and has respect for the high values of the people living in Elgin. “I really care about families and what happens to them. I have served for twenty years and believe strongly in Constitutional law.” She emphasized supporting “Back to Blue” or the local law officers.

In terms of recent service, the Elgin Lions collected canned food for the local food bank on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and served as ushers for the Opera house production of *Hair Spray*, beginning the second week of April.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins*

# Moving MD 36 Forward



## into our 2nd Century of Service

### MD 36 CONVENTION

**17- 19 May 2018 - Valley River Inn Eugene, OR**

We will be making personal hygiene kits for a local women's shelter. To complete the kits, we are still in need of feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, wipes, etc.)



**FOOD**  
For Lane County

We will be collecting non-perishable foods and paper products (especially toilet paper).

These items are needed most: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, corned beef, canned & dried beans, pasta, rice, canned stew, chili, hearty soups, cooking oil, canned tomato products. NO homemade, fresh or frozen foods please.



**PLEASE BE GENEROUS & DONATE WHAT YOU ARE ABLE!**



**Council Chair Brad King invites you to join him in welcoming International Director Bruce Beck and his wife Erin from Palsade, MN.**