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Robin Illers, Rehabilitation Instructor from the Oregon Commission for the Blind, checks in the guests in picnic held in conjunction with the Eugene Downtown Lions

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A Successful Hearing Aid Clinic is Sponsored by the Bend/Sunrise Lions Club



Client is Katlyn Thompson age 20 from Crooked River Ranch

Client is Teresa Pleasant from La Pine

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French Prairie Lion Matt Jagers unloading school supplies for students in the North Marion School District. Under his leadership, the Club collected and filled 40 backpacks full of supplies for students

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Eugene Downtown Lion Adam Schultz and his wife Katie brought their daughter Addie to her first baseball game

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ANNIVERSARIES

October 2017 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.

October

Klamath Falls	October 14, 1927
Myrtle Point	October 5, 1928
Roseburg	October 12, 1928
Forest Grove	October 15, 1946
Lake Oswego	October 16, 1946
Milwaukie	October 28, 1948
Springfield	October 10, 1950
St. Helens	October 10, 1955
Jordan Valley	October 13, 1970
Wallowa	October 15, 1973

November

Bend/Sunrise	November 5, 1926
The Dalles	November 15, 1926
Sutherlin	November 22, 1946
Vernonia	November 23, 1946
Huntington	November 9, 1948
Portland Columbia	November 2, 1949
Canby	November 30, 1951
Lake Grove	November 29, 1966
Hermiston	November 27, 1972
Sandy	November 11, 2009



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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

October

- TBD OLSHF Exec. Comm. mtg. Portland
- 11 OLSHF Patient Care Comm. mtg. Portland
- 28 Dist R Cab. mtg. Location TBD 9am-1pm
- 30 SOLSHC Board mtg. @6pm

November

- 4 Dist G Cab. mtg. 10am-2pm, Bob's Texas T-Bone Restaurant, Rufus
- Dist O Cab. mtg. 10am-2pm, Mt. Hood Lions clubhouse (Turkey/canned food collection)
- 8 OLSHF Patient Care Comm. mtg. Portland
- 18 Dist E Cab. mtg. 10am, Bandon Community Center (may change)
- 28 SOLSHC Board mtg. @6pm

EVENTS

October

- 2 Eyeglass Sorting Party - Keizer Lions Halls, 4100 Cherry Ave., NE @ 6pm
- 8 Roaring '20s Gala - OLSHF Event, Portland
- 9 Columbus Day observed - HQ office closed
- 10 *The Oregon Lion* article deadline (for November issue)

November

- 4 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 10 *The Oregon Lion* article deadline (for December issue)
- 11 Veteran's Day observed - HQ office closed
- 23-24 Thanksgiving observed - HQ office closed

MD and District Websites

Find out what's happening in your District by going to the web and typing in your District website address listed below. You will be amazed at the amount of information located on the site.

MD36: md36lionsclubs.org

District O: www.lionsoforegon.net

District R: www.lionsclubs36r.org

District E: www.districtelions.org

District G: www.oregonlions36g.org

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Great things are happening as we "MOVE MD36 FORWARD!" this Lions Year and beyond! As summer transitions into fall, my travels and the good times with my fellow Lions will slow down and I'll be back in schools doing vision screening with Lions, moms and dads, high school students and other community volunteers. Guess what attracts a lot of people to join Lions? That's right! School-based student vision screening with your OLSHF! Just talk to me! We have a new member in my Club who joined after doing vision screening at an elementary school. Invite your friends who aren't Lions to help with this incredibly important job! Neither of you will regret it!

As I mentioned in my column last month, SB187 passed unanimously and was signed into law by Governor Brown in early August. That's \$1 million over 2 years. In real terms, that will cover the vision screening of approximately 35% of the school students, grades K-8 in Oregon. That's good news, but we still have 65% of those kiddos to continue to try to reach and that means continued financial support for your Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

As I write this in early September, we ... that's your Host Committee and many, many volunteers, are preparing for the 41st annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. By the time you read this, it'll be over. I sincerely hope you registered, volunteered, met new friends, learned new things and had an amazingly great time at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!

On August 19th, your Council of Governors met in Portland and many of your fellow Lions Leaders braved the "Eclipse Traffic" to attend this important meeting. Your District Governors, DG Debi, DG Bob, DG Tom and DG Bert are working so hard for all of the Lions of MD36 and their clubs! I just got an email from our amazing MD "do-it-all" lady, Lion Leah Hawes, that our minutes from this meeting are on our MD36 website, <http://www.md36lionsclubs.org>, (so many interesting things to see there!). We voted unanimously to join Oregon VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) as a Multiple District. Many thanks to dedicated Lions Sherri Young and Charlene Larsen! Look for more opportunities for Service, Leadership, Communication and Fellowship through ORVOAD and in many other ways! This includes our first MD Service Project of collecting used eyeglasses during the week of Oct. 10-16. Make sure you publicize this and all of your service and, every bit as important, report your

club's service through MyLCI. Club Secretaries, if you need help with this, feel free to contact me! It's easier than you think!

Please make a note, the next scheduled meeting of your Council of Governors is Saturday, December 2, 2017, 1:00p.m. at the Littlebrook Clubhouse, 200 Littlebrook Lane, Roseburg, OR.

Did I mention how hard ... and smart your District Governors are working for you? Well, sometimes I forget and ... sometimes it's important to repeat! Governors Bert, Tom, Bob and Debi have become a cohesive team and are a great example to Lions of how to work together to MOVE MD36 FORWARD, through "Having Fun Through Service" and enjoying our "Service Through Fellowship" we'll be "Restoring the Roar" and "Bringing Opportunity to Others Through Service", and we'll accomplish our International Mission and Theme: "WE SERVE"!

Be the source in your community of SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and COMMUNICATION ... Do it ... Lead it ... Enjoy it ... Tell about it!

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

Directory Corrections

- p. 33 Portland Hollywood new meeting place, Ambassador Restaurant, 4744 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, 97213
- p. 39 Elkton Secretary, Prudy Zorotovich. Her husband Lion Nick has passed.
- p. 78 February 3, 2018 Dist G Cabinet mtg. is moved to February 17, 2018
- p.88 Bugbee, Betty delete residence number and insert C) 541.377.5322
- p.88 Bugbee, Bruce, delete residence number & insert C) 541.377.5321
- p. 94 Hafer, Cheryl new email cheryllyon0844@gmail.com
- p.103 Nemec, Cynthia, delete 1512 Somera Dr. and insert PO Box 453.

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District O - Northwest - North Coast



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My Fellow Lions,

It's a joy and honor to serve as your District Governor. I am continually inspired by the community service projects I see and hear about when visiting clubs.

These activities include the Centennial Legacy project between the Rockaway and Garibaldi Lions Clubs, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Port of Garibaldi in Tillamook Bay. On a patch of acquired land, they plan to restore a U.S. Coast Guard surf and rescue boat which will be a Lost at Sea Memorial.

Another District Legacy project was conducted by the Mt. Hood Lions Club. Members planted about two-dozen trees with the help of local Cub and Boy Scouts.

District O held its first Cabinet meeting on August 26 with 35 Lions representing 11 Lions clubs. Thank you, Rockaway Lions, for hosting us. Attendees heard leaders' and committee chairs' reports and they also discussed in small groups ways to improve club/district PR. Some of the PR suggestions were:

- Read the District's PR manual.
- Participate in trainings.
- Contact newspaper, radio and TV stations.
- Involve new members.
- Be aware meeting/event times may conflict with getting media coverage.
- Use food events to promote Lions.

Also at the Cabinet meeting, Lion PCC Joyce Anderson received a standing ovation for all the hours that she donated as the local committee chair of the USA/Canada Forum. Thank you again, Lion Joyce, for your dedication and service.

Thanks also to the hundreds of other Oregon Lions who volunteered at the Forum. What an amazing opportunity to learn about Lionism and to learn from people from across the globe about the larger picture of our organization.

Check out my article in this magazine called, "The Wonderful Service of District O." You'll see photos and projects by the clubs I've visited lately.

You are invited to attend the next District Cabinet meeting on November 4, from 10am-1pm at the Mt. Hood Lions clubhouse in Welches. Club officers are invited too. Expect some discussion and some fun. We'll also have time to talk and plan within District committees. Please bring a frozen turkey or canned foods for the Mt. Hood Club's Thanksgiving community feast that serves over 300 people, many in need.

SAVE THE DATE! February 24, 2018, is our District Convention at PCC Rock Creek Campus' Event Center.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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To open or not to open. To click or not to click. To unsubscribe or not to unsubscribe. If you are a Lion in District 36-R and have an e-mail address in the LCI database, you have probably received e-mails from me via *Constant Contact* (CC) and wondered why you were getting them and what you should do with them. *Constant Contact* is an e-mail marketing service which makes it possible to reach more people in one mailing than is usually possible when using one's regular e-mail service provider. CC also returns statistics to the sender on the results of the mailing. In other words, I can see how many of you open the e-mail, how many click to print or save the embedded attachment and how many bounce-backs I get as a result of incorrect e-mail addresses.

Why, you are probably asking, am I assaulting you with these unsolicited messages? There has been a huge emphasis in recent years on improving our communications. We have certainly improved our track record of communicating with club officers thanks to the work of Cabinet Secretary Linda Stent, but ultimately, it was always hoped that we could find a way to update all Lion members in the District directly. CC makes this possible.

The updates I send out are intended to accomplish two things. First, we want to let all Lions in the District know what is happening from LCI on down to individual clubs in our District. Hopefully, sharing this information will spark interest and cooperation among our Lions clubs as we go about the business of providing service in our communities. The second reason for the updates is to provide tips to club officers to make their jobs easier and achieve better results. Not all officers are able to receive training, and pointers presented in an appealing way might help them find success and reward in serving as club leaders.

So what should you do with the 36-R update messages you receive via CC? I would hope that you would open them and read them rather than summarily deleting them. Remember, almost all of the information in these messages pertains to your club, zone, region, or District. There might be information in them that is of interest to you or your club. If so, I encourage you to click the button to print or save the embedded flyer. If not, you may delete the message. Above all, please don't unsubscribe from receiving future messages. Once this has been done, you can't re-subscribe without going through a process which I have to initiate.

I mentioned above that I receive feedback from CC on the results of each mailing. So how are we doing? For the four messages sent out to date, the open rate is 35.3%, and the click rate is 11.5%. According to CC, these are very good numbers; however, if you consider most CC promotions go out to cold contacts unrelated to the sender, we could be doing better.

District E - Southern - South Coast



District E Governor Column

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Here it is October already and we are putting away the summer toys and now those wool blue blazers are welcomed as I make my visits throughout the District. Speaking of visits, this year since the middle of August has been challenging to make scheduled visits due to all of the wildfires burning throughout District E and the State. I was scheduled to go to the southern end of the District on the coast the first part of September, but due to the Chetco Bar fire burning near Brookings I decided to cancel those visits and reschedule. The last thing that was needed during this crisis was another vehicle on the road and a District Governor telling local clubs about service. I think they know all too well about service to the community. Besides the fires were also affecting local club members in these areas personally.

As you read this the USA/Canada Forum will have come and gone in Portland with a lot of people putting forth efforts far beyond the normal, especially the host committee and host chair, Mother Joyce. It was a success despite our wildfires and all the things that seemed to be working against us.

Another thing that came to mind over the past month was the reporting by local clubs and the payment of LCI dues. As I looked at these reports I thought, do we really understand why LCI requires these reports and why the dues are so essential in the overall? First, the reports are essential in maintaining accurate numbers for each club, which, in turn, determines how much the clubs are billed for international dues. Second, these dues are paramount in helping to maintain sustainability in LCI and for our clubs and districts to be able to receive assistance, like disaster relief grants, from LCI.

As I looked at the District Governor's recap report I was a little shocked at just how many clubs are not current on the MMRs or dues. Okay, I can understand being one or even two months behind on reports because of all the summer activities and also being 30 days out on dues because they could have crossed in the mail but when I see clubs that haven't sent in reports for over six months to a year and dues that are over 60 days past due it really concerns me. It makes me wonder if we as district leaders are not doing an adequate job of training our local clubs.

So, Club Secretaries, I implore you to make sure you get these reports turned in each month. Even if there are no changes in anything, they still need to be filed and if you are having problems please don't hesitate to contact the District for help. That is what we are here for. We work for you. We are here to guide and assist you and that is how we will together. Restore the Roar to the District.

I look forward in the coming months to visiting with those clubs that I have not had the opportunity to meet with yet and see the great things that all of you are doing within your local communities. Continue the good work and Together We'll Restore the Roar.

Yours in Lionism.

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column

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Oh my, being a District Governor is very hectic but so rewarding. Getting to see all the great service our clubs are providing in their communities is a learning experience in itself.

I have had the pleasure of visiting 4 clubs so far. The first Club was, Hood River Eye Openers, where I was treated to breakfast and heard about their directing car parking for different events, their Families in the Park project and all the meals they cook and serve at different area functions. They stay busy providing service when and where it is needed.

Then after spending not nearly enough time at WAM and seeing all the vintage planes, automobiles, motorcycles, toys, cameras, phones and everything else, I had lunch with the Hood River Club where I heard about their can and bottle recycling project, the many scholarships that are awarded to deserving youth in the area and the funds they allot to other local non-profits to help them in their support of the community. The things this Club does is phenomenal.

Unfortunately, because of these devastating fires, I was not able to visit the Columbia Gorge Lions Club. My prayers go out to all of them and to all the other clubs that have been affected by these fires. May God keep everyone safe.

My next visit was lunch with the wonderful Madras Lions Club. They are busy working on their biggest fundraiser, in which they sell flags to local merchants and then put them out in front of all the businesses on patriotic holidays throughout the year. It's a beautiful sight seeing all those flags waving in the breeze.

Then it was down to La Pine. They are one of the busiest clubs in our District. They have some sort of project going on in the community every month. They do can and bottle recycling in partnership with their Leo Club and are working on their 10th Annual Golf Tournament that they co-sponsor with their branch club, the Three Rivers Lions. And they just inducted 5 new members and have 3 more applications awaiting approval.

I have 5 more clubs to visit this month, 16 in October and the last 6 in November. Wow! What a ride!

Because of conflicting schedules I am changing my third Cabinet Meeting to Feb. 17, 2018. Depending on the weather, the November and February meetings may be phone conferences. We want everyone to be safe.

Downtown Lions Install New Officers at Annual Awards and Installation Banquet

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club's annual Awards and Installation Banquet was held on June 28th at the Shadow Hills Country Club. Lion Jim Origliosso was the emcee for the evening. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lion Tim Chuey. The invocation was presented by Lion Shirley Foster. Lion President Sharon Newton briefly spoke to the members welcoming everyone to the festivities. In a change from the usual order events Lion Sharon proceeded to the awards table and began introducing those Lions that she wanted to recognize for their efforts for this Lions year.



Induction of Officers and Directors by DG Judy Kauffman
(l-r) Directors Lions Susan Pfanner, Joan Vaughan, Diane Gregoire
and Norma Barbisan; DG Judy Kauffman; President Dr. Craig Ford;
Director Diane Landon; Lion Tamer Dan French; Tail Twister
PDG Chuck Blanchard; 1st VP Jim Origliosso;
Secretary Tom McCann; and Director Bob Hixson

First of all she thanked what she called the "Quiet Angels" who are always there when needed without wanting credit for their actions. They are Lions: Chuck Blanchard, Len Calvert, Tim Chuey, Walt "Babe" Curtis, Dan French, Judith Grosenick, Annie Harris, Sandy Mattson, Jim "Newt" Newton and Darlene Thomasec.

OLSHF Honor Roll recipients were Lions Mary Fechtel, Wes Reynolds, Bill Sarnoff and Joan Vaughan. It was announced that Lion Teri Yerton would receive the "Spirit of Service Award" which was presented to her at the next meeting since she was unable to attend the banquet. Lion Jim Origliosso was given the "Vision and Fellowship Award." and Lion Tom McCann was proclaimed "Lion Cub of the Year." Lion Karen Norton is to be awarded the "Lion of the Year" which was given at the July 5th meeting.



**(l-r) Lion Sharon Newton passes the Presidency over
to Lion Dr. Craig Ford**



**The "Ralph Robinson Award" recipient
Lion Bob Hixson**

The "Ralph Robinson Award", which is the highest award given by our Club, was presented to Lion Bob Hixson.

The "Melvin Jones Fellowship" award which is the highest award in Lionism was given to Lions Diane Gregoire and Susan Pfanner.

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In her last address as President Lion Sharon Newton reiterated her four goals that she discussed at her installation last year and that those goals were actually met. She thanked the Board and the entire club for their support during her presidency and in particular her husband Lion "Newt."

The keynote speaker for the evening was District Governor Lion Judy Kauffman who told a very touching story of her encounter with a grieving man and woman wanting to bury their diseased baby. She gave a Centennial coin to Lion Sharon and a large Lions Highway Sign.

The installation of Officers and Board of Directors was performed by DG Lion Judy. The new officers and Board of Directors who were in attendance were called up and stood next to each other as Lion Judy explained how seriously they should take the positions they have been given.

The officers for the new Lions year 2017-2018 are Lions: President Dr. Craig Ford, 1st VP Jim Origliosso, 2nd VP Adam Schulz, Secretary Tom McCann, Treasurer Teri Yerton, Tail Twister Chuck Blanchard, Lion Tamer Dan French, and Immediate Past President Sharon Newton. Newly elected Directors for 2017-2019 are Lions: Norma Barbisan, Diane Landon, Susan Pfanner, and Joan Vaughan while those continuing 2016-2018 are Lions: Diane Gregoire, Bob Hixson, Suzie Hunter, and Tim Chuey.

Newly inducted President Lion Dr. Craig Ford thanked everyone and enlisted the membership to work with him as he was honored to take the reigns once again as President.



President Sharon Newton with "Lion Cub of the Year" Lion Tom McCann



The "Melvin Jones Fellowship" recipients: Lions (l) Susan Pfanner and (r) Diane Gregoire with Lion President Sharon (c)



(l-r) Lion President Sharon honoring "Lion of the Year" Lion Karen Norton

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman

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!

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

By the time you're reading this article we will be approximately two months from the shortest day of the year, which this year falls on December 21, 2017. Shorter days means we will have more darkness which can be more troublesome to those already experiencing vision difficulties. Following is a great article on how to protect your eyesight. Enjoy!

Vision Quest How to protect your eyesight

By: Katherine Kam

Diabetes can harm one of your most prized assets: your eyesight. But vision problems are not inevitable, says Elizabeth Seaquist, MD, an endocrinologist at the University of Minnesota.

What are the keys to preserving your eye health? "It's blood sugar control and hypertension control," she says.

Abundant studies make it perfectly clear: "The people whose sugars are better controlled always have fewer problems with eye disease," Seaquist says. "People need to work to achieve the level of glucose control that their doctor thinks is important to reduce their risk of eye problems. That's critically important."

Managing blood pressure is the other very important thing, she says. "We know that hypertension – uncontrolled blood pressure – increases the risk of retinopathy and increases progression of the eye disease."

High blood sugar can damage the tiny blood vessels in the retina, a nerve layer at the back of your eye that relays images to your brain. This type of damage, called diabetic retinopathy, causes blood vessels in the retina to weaken and leak fluid. In some people, abnormal blood vessels can grow on the surface of the retina. Left unchecked, diabetic retinopathy can progress to the point of impairing vision.

"Usually the first sign is something the eye doctor sees," Seaquist says. With regular visits, the doctor can catch eye disease before you notice any symptoms.

"You need a dilated eye exam. You need someone who is experienced in looking at the retina," she says. Usually, an ophthalmologist performs such exams, but you can get a screening exam by a well-qualified optometrist, she says.

Get your eyes screened annually, or as often as your doctor recommends. "The changes that happen in the back of the eye as the result of diabetes are pretty predictable," Seaquist says. "An eye doctor can look at one point in time and get a good sense of what's going to happen to a person's eyes over the next year."

If you do develop diabetic retinopathy, doctors have many effective options, including laser treatment to seal leaking blood vessels or to discourage new leaky vessels from developing. This works best before bleeding starts, which is why regular eye doctor visits are crucial. Doctors can also inject medications into the eye to reduce inflammation and shrink troublesome vessels, or they can surgically remove the blood inside the eye to improve vision.

As Seaquist says, "The key is getting the treatment at the right point in the progression of the disease to make certain you do not go on to have any vision loss."

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"Friends are like elevator buttons. They can take you up or down." Author unknown.

Merrill Lions Efforts Benefit the Local Schools

Merrill Lions Club recently presented donations to the principals of Merrill and Malin Elementary Schools and Lost River Junior/Senior High School. Merrill Elementary received \$3,000 for gymnasium and stage improvements. Malin Elementary received \$3,000 for learning materials and educational tools. Lost River, the Junior/Senior High School received \$5,000 for bleachers for the baseball fields.



These funds were raised at the 21st Annual Crab Feed held in Merrill on February 11th. The Merrill Lions Club wants to thank all of the event donors, attendees and volunteers who helped make this event a success.

(l-r) Principle of Lost River High School Jamie Ongman, President of Merrill Lions Club Rhonda Neighorn and Principle of Merrill and Malin Elementary Schools Larita Ongman

submitted by Rhonda Neighorn, President of Merrill Lions Club

Elgin Lions Receive Request from Safe Communities

Robin Wortman of the Union County Safe Communities Coalition recently addressed the Elgin Lions. She briefly described the Coalition as a group working together for a safe, healthy and drug-free community by reducing substance abuse among adults. She expressed concern about the increasing use of drugs in underage children. Robin noted that a teen dance is being organized and requested assistance from any members to help chaperon at the Community Center. Individual Lions agreed to contact her with assistance.

Robin Wortman



submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Elgin Lions also...



(l-r) Elgin Lions PDG Gerald Hopkins presents PCC Steve Oliver with the gold centennial pin



(l-r) PDG Gerald Hopkins presents Bill Hall with a silver centennial pin

...have been ushering for the Wizard of OZ at the Elgin Opera House. Bottom (l-r) Jadelynn Harris, Maia Vandervlugt and Jazmine Wheeler Top (l-r) Victoria Victoria Flevry and Lions PDG Gerald Hopkins and James Johnston



submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

A Perfect Day for a Picnic

The Oregon Commission for the Blind in conjunction with the Eugene Downtown Lions Club held the second annual picnic for visually impaired community members at Emerald Park in Eugene on Saturday July 15. The Club-sponsored event had been on hiatus for some years, but has



Lion President Craig Ford welcomes everyone

returned to the delight of all involved. The Lions provided rides for any of the guests who needed transportation to and from the park. The weather was perfect, sunny and warm, and the pavilion provided the comfort of shade while the breeze was gentle and refreshing for the guests numbering about 30, as well as three people from the Commission for the Blind, and ten Lions Club members. Lion President Craig Ford welcomed everyone and thanked them for spending some time together.



(l-r) Robin Illers, Mike Thomas and Kat DeNicola from the Commission for the Blind introduce themselves



(l-r) Lions Teri Yerton and Sharon Newton help serve the food



A guide dog rests while waiting to go back to work

The food, consisting of fried chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, rolls and refreshments, tasted great out in the open air of the park. The attendees lined up and filled their plates with the delicious food. The two hours were time well spent meeting and getting to know the guests and Lions. The group varied from those with some visual impairment to those who are totally blind. Some had their guide dogs with them.



Great food and great company

Given the positive feedback from all in attendance, we anticipate making this once again a summer tradition. We'll all be looking forward to getting together again next summer.

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman

Eugene Downtown Lions Club Annual Raffle Comes to a Successful Close

Every year the Eugene Downtown Lions Club holds a fundraising raffle to support the many charitable projects to which it contributes throughout the year. All the money collected goes right back to the community to a variety of programs including vision screening for youngsters in area schools, the Children's Miracle Network/Lions Guest House, the Boys and Girls Club and summer camp scholarships to name a few.



Lion Jim Newton selling tickets at Bi-Mart



Lions Tom McCann and Norma Barbisan trying to sell those last tickets just before the drawing

This year's raffle was again a big success. The raffle spanned 7 weeks with ticket sales at various locations in the area including 2 Bi-Mart stores, 3 Market of Choice stores, and one Albertsons store. Weather for the outside ticket sellers varied from sunny and warm to cloudy with light rain and drizzle which increased to moderate to heavy rain with gusty winds, and even a thunderstorm. Our dedicated ticket sellers did not let the weather get the best of them. The odds of being a winner in this raffle were better than most other raffles because a limit of less than 4,000 tickets could be sold.

Six great prizes were offered. The drawing took place at the Bi-Mart store at 18th and Chambers on Saturday June 24th.

First prize, a \$3,000 travel voucher from Eugene Tour and Travel, was won by Cedar Graney. Second prize, a \$1,532 Herman Miller "Aeron" office chair from Office World (thanks to Lion Don Combs), was won by Pam Kersgaard. Third prize, an iPad valued at \$599, was won by Max Haussler. Fourth prize, a choice of a Men's Giant Escape bicycle or a Woman's Specialized Liv-Alight bicycle valued at \$410 from Hutch's Bicycle Shop, was won by Danielle Conrad. Fifth prize, a \$500 gift certificate from Bi-Mart, was won by Richard Dwyer and the sixth prize, also a \$500 gift certificate from Bi-Mart, was won by David Eason.

The winners were invited to join the Lions for a free lunch at the Club's July 5th meeting where 5 of the 6 winners received the paperwork



5 winners shared lunch with us and received the paperwork to pick up their prizes



to claim their prize. The 5th place winner Richard Dwyer received his \$500 gift card from Bi-Mart in person at his home due to scheduling conflicts. Lions Dan French and Jim "Newt" Newton were the Raffle Committee co-chairs again for this year and are to be congratulated and thanked for their dedication to making this a great raffle. The final report from our master raffle "Accountant" Lion Jim Mueller, says that total receipts added up to just over \$20,000 which betters last year's total by about \$1,000. Thanks to our sponsors Bi-Mart, Hutch's Bicycle Shop, Jerry's, Towers Marketing, Office World, and Eugene Tour and Travel. And, of course, thank you to all of the members of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club who donated money, sold tickets, collected and added up the money and gave us the support to make this year's raffle such a success.

5th place winner Richard Dwyer (I) gets his prize from Lion Dan French



Lion President Sharon Newton picks the 6 winning tickets

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman

Successful Mobile Hearing Clinic Visit

On August 3, 2017, a highly successful Hearing Aid Clinic (Bend ROAR) was sponsored by the Bend/Sunrise Lions Club.



Dr. Todd Landsberg with client Michelle Swagger from Bend

Eight clients were seen by Dr. Todd Landsberg and 7 need hearing aids. Two hearing aids each were provided by the doctor from inventory supplied by Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF).

The clients (all low income) were from Bend (2), LaPine (1), Crooked River Ranch (3) and Prineville (2). This is the second time that Dr. Landsberg has taken part in the program here in Bend and his willingness to travel here has been greatly appreciated by the clubs as well as the clients who left with



(l-r) Client Nancy Tufares from Crooked River Ranch with her daughter



Client is Vickie Curry from Crooked River Ranch. She was very happy with her new hearing aids.

new hearing aids and a supply of batteries that will last them for several months. People being evaluated ranged from a young lady of 20 through a 75-year young lady.

Assistance for the program came from Bend (1) and Crooked River Ranch (2). One of the ladies had a slight problem understanding all of the instructions, but her friend explained everything to her. Another lady didn't speak any English, but her niece translated for her and once she had the new aids she was extremely happy. There was

one individual who had severe hearing loss, but once she was fitted could hear sounds that were strange to her (a bottle of water being squeezed and a fan at the back of the room that she didn't hear when she first came in). All of the individuals expressed their thanks to the Lions and to



Client is Laurie Monical from Prineville

Dr. Landsberg for the support

and the care provided. Bend/Sunrise Lions will continue with this program as funds are available.



Client is Consuelo Ortiz from Prineville. Her niece Ruby Ruiz interpreted for her. Ruby also works in the County Medical Office.

submitted by Russ Chase, Bend/Sunrise Lions

French Prairie Lions Active with Local Schools

The French Prairie Lions Club completed three community service projects during the summer months. The latest was offering sight screening at a Back-to-School night. Earlier the Club delivered sets of school supplies to the North Marion School District. Coats were collected and delivered to the schools early in the summer.



French Prairie Lion Matt Jagers unloading school supplies for students in the North Marion School District. Under his leadership, the Club collected and filled 40 backpacks full of supplies for students.

Club Sight and Hearing Chair Lion Roy Griffin reported that the screenings were held for the second year in a row. The Club does this activity to provide screenings for students new to the district or ones who may have missed the screenings last year. Over 50 students were screened during the event.

The Club discovered a shortage of school supplies early in August. North Marion has around 1,400 of the district's 2,100 students on the free or reduced lunch program. Lion Matt Jagers led a successful drive to provide 40 sets of school supplies, including backpacks. "I want to thank individuals and clubs who became aware of our needs and helped with donations," he said. Those participating included DG Bert Diamond, VDG Dan Wolf, PDG Hank Calhoun, Lion Mary Thibert, the King City Lions Club plus some non- Lions.

Earlier in the summer, the Club delivered 240 coats to the schools. These included all types of coats from heavy winter to windbreakers, according to project chair PDG Jim Jagers.

In addition, the Club is partnering again this year with several other groups to run the Back Pack Buddy program that provides meals each week to students. The Club will also participate again in a Giving Tree in north Marion County.

submitted by PDG Jim Jagers

Legacy Bench Installed at the Springfield Vietnam Memorial



Legacy Bench installed at the Springfield Vietnam Memorial on November 11, 2016. Lions (l-r) Back Row: Jack Holt, Warren Johns, Greg Hyde, Paul Renner and Les Schoonover; and Front Row Hanalei Rozen and Joyce Tinsley

submitted by PDG Bob Belmont

What Do Hungry Garage Sale Shoppers Need?

When Crooked River Ranch hosted a 3-day Ranch-wide garage sale, the CRR Lions stepped in to keep the shoppers from getting too hungry to shop. Setting up at the CRR Fire Hall, the Lions served over 175 hot dogs, chips and sodas the first day and over 300 for their two days of operation. Of course, along with this were many jars and bottles of ketchup, mustard and relish.



(l-r) CRR Lions Mark Schneider, Ted Carlin, Jon Awbrey and Doug Reinhart are all smile as they serve Hot Dogs to Garage Sale shoppers

But this wasn't the best part of the Lions weekend. Getting to talk, laugh and share stories not only with CRR residents but also with people from all over Central Oregon was a true highlight. To top it all off, many people were interested in what the Lions do so the CRR Lions think they have recruited 3-4 new Lions for their Club.

"I needed to purchase more of everything for the second day, but the people were all so nice and fun to talk with, it made for easy work" stated Hot Dog Chairperson Mark Schneider. CRR Lions President Jon Awbrey, attending his first Lions Hot Dog Sale, said "What a fun community, I didn't know you could get so many laughs from hot dogs."

submitted by Ted Carlin

Elgin Lions Hold Potluck

The Elgin Lions held their annual potluck at the home of Daryl and Barbara Hawes. The Hawes provided pulled pork with some of Barbara's homemade sauces for the pork. During the evening, Lion Linda Johnston presented a ribbon won by the Duck Train in Milton Freewater and \$61 from the Cove Cherry Festival Committee for the Lions' Duck Train participation in Cove.



(l-r) Linda Johnston (center) presents ribbon won by Duck Train and \$61 for Duck Train in Cove's Cherry Festival. Accepting are President Bob Thomas and Treasurer Lezlie Reid



(l-r) Keith Warren, Bill Hall, Carol Hall and Fred Erickson have a chance to visit at the potluck



(l-r) Kathy Oliver, Susie Thomas and Carol Hall at the Lions Potluck

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins



Oregon Lions
Sight & Hearing Foundation

Meet LEAP Recipient Pamela Rodgers



Keith Price
Board Chair

**“The main thing that I notice is my confidence and ability to safely move around. Now, I can actually see.”
- Pamela Rodgers**

Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation is pleased to “keep the promise” that Lions made to Helen Keller in a variety of ways, and to share some of these stories with you. Pamela’s story is similar to the other nearly 1,500 Oregonians that received new eyeglasses through the Foundation’s Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) Optical lab, but in the most important sense, it is uniquely her own.



Doug Thompson
Executive Director

“I didn’t realize how much my vision affects every aspect of my life” Pamela, who grew up in the St. Louis area, told us recently. “I think I was born not seeing well and got used to it my entire life. As a kid, I even would get accused of cheating in school because a friend would show me what was on her paper so I could see what the other kids were learning. It was terrifying to be sent to the Principal’s office as if I had done something wrong.”

Now 54 years old and living in Beaverton, Pamela received her new eyeglasses last spring due to the Beaverton Lions Club involvement in the LEAP program. “I googled ‘help with frames and eyeglasses’ and the Oregon Lions came up. The Lions were the only thing that came up locally, everything else was a national program.”

What does Pamela appreciate most about her new eyeglasses? “It’s easier now to see stairs - and I can actually see that curb! Seriously, I’m now more conscious of my movement due to my Multiple Sclerosis. Having my eyeglasses helps with my mobility and my confidence, being able to get around so much better gives me so much more confidence in all areas of my life.”

It’s easy to see the value of LEAP for the people that we help, like Pamela. For the 50+ Lions Clubs that use LEAP, they are able to help people in their community see better AND most are able to save significant dollars due to the affordable LEAP costs for single vision and bifocal lenses and frames.

If your Lions Club isn’t already using LEAP, we encourage you to contact us and learn how you can utilize LEAP to help people in your community!



**Our mission is to screen, treat, save, and restore sight and hearing
in partnership with Lions Clubs.**

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SB 187 Signed!



Salem area Lions Club members turned out in full force to attend the signing ceremony for SB 187.



Governor Brown signs SB 187 while Oregon Lions and Legislators look on.



Steve Moser, Mary Fachtel, Rod Bach, Carol Casciatto, and Brian Rangitsch await the Governor.



Senator James Manning, one of the SB 187 Bill Sponsors, poses with OLSHF Spokesperson Ella Osborn of Beaverton.



OLSHF Staff mingle with Oregon Lions prior to the Bill Signing.



OLSHF Executive Director Doug Thompson explains to the Governor that SB 187 will provide resources to screen 35% of Oregon students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.



Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

USA CANADA FORUM

Lions Club members from all over North American came together for the three day USA Canada Forum. This event is the single largest Lions leadership training in the world.

Representing all types of Lions leadership, thousands gathered for over 50 different sessions highlighting the work we all do to serve and assist in our local communities and the world.

OLSHF staff helped shuttle attendees around the area, hundreds of MD-36 Lions volunteered, and we were able to learn from the collective experience of the presenters and attendees.

One attendee who had explored a bit of Portland with their Lions friends commented, "You must have paid everyone to be so kind!" Oregonians were smiling and helpful to our guest Lions, even helping to figure out how to ride the Max line, or find their way around.

OLSHF was honored to share the success of our partnership with Coffee Creek Corrections Optical education program for paraoptometrics, the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, and of course, our school screening efforts.

It is clear, MD-36 Lions and OLSHF are dedicated to the work of Lions and WE SERVE!



Our own Katie Warren, Tracy Brown, and Kelly Asbra present the story of CCCF Paraoptometric program and our Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program, at USA-Canada Lions Forum.



Long time staff member and Lion Brenda Anderson shares the historic growth and success of our Oregon Lions Mobile Health Screening Program and conducting objective vision checks in schools.

PROGRAM YEAR TO DATE

Only three months in the new program year and we are on our way to impacting thousands! Patient Care has approved six people for treatment, we've made over 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses, and with school getting started only last month, we have already exceeded 18,700 students screened for potential vision issues. We're off to a great start!

Wonderful Service of District O

Here's what's happening in the four clubs I visited in August and early September.

The Forest Grove Lions Club is a spunky group of women and men who do a lot of service for the community. Their annual Run/Walk for Sight is a huge, popular event each September and the money raised goes to providing free eyeglasses and hearing aids to many local needy people. This Club puts up many flags in the downtown area on federal holidays, collects over a thousand used eyeglasses a year, and has a local specialty "gardening" branch club.



Forest Grove Lions Club met to plan for their annual Run/Walk for Sight fundraiser

The Lake Oswego Lions Club has 45 members, 55% of which are women. A very active and social club, their major annual events include serving up a giant pancake breakfast on July 4th and providing food at the local August car show. This Club collects several thousands of used eyeglasses and hearing aids a year and donates to many worthwhile charities. They also have 5 club members active at the District level.



Some members of the Lake Oswego Lions Club at a recent social night



Lake Grove Lion Club members at the fundraiser at the local elementary school



Some of the St. Helens Lions Club members at a park clean up service project

Installing a whopping 232 American flags in their town on federal holidays is just one of the St. Helens Lions Club community projects. They partner with a local church to produce over 150 "backpack" bags **each week**. Club members also maintain the exercise stations along a trail in a local park and collect almost 800 used eyeglasses and hearing aids a year.

Selling barbecued dogs and burgers at the local elementary school is one of the service projects of the Lake Grove Lions Club. Each year they donate almost a thousand dollars to the school's PTO. A small yet growing Club, its members have also made first aid kits for those in need and have donated to the Foundation and other local causes.

submitted by DG Bert Diamond

A One-Time Event Turns into a Yearly Tradition

“Take me out to the ballgame” was the theme for the evening as the Eugene Downtown Lions Club, family, and friends held another “Lions Night at PK Park.” The weather for the evening of July 6 was perfect for both baseball fans and the players. We all know how much fun the Club members have at special events and this was no exception.



Lion President Craig Ford preparing for “First Pitch”

Again this year, Lion Wes Reynolds, along with others, staffed the Downtown Lions table to promote the Club and to talk with people about Lionism.



Lion Adam Schultz and his wife Katie brought their daughter Addie to her first baseball game

Lion President Craig Ford threw out the “First Pitch” for the Club and thanks to his wife Klea we have a picture of him on the field. It’s too bad we can’t play a movie with this article, because Klea made a movie of his dynamic pitch. You’ll just have to use your imagination.



Lion Wes Reynolds at the Club’s table

A Lions International video was played on the big screen along with showing the Lions Logo throughout the game. Oh, there was something called a baseball game that was played too. Sorry to say the Home Team EMS lost 4-2 to Boise. The team may have lost but the Club was a winner because we earned a percentage of the ticket price for every ticket we sold. The event netted nearly \$530, which is great for a planned night of fun and fellowship.



Lions, family and friends at the game

*submitted by Tm Chuey, Publicity Chairman
pictures provided by Klea Ford, Wes Reynolds, Susan Pfanner and Karen Norton*

A Perfect Evening for the Eugene Downtown Lions Club Annual Summer Picnic

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club annual picnic was held on July 26 once again at Lion Judith Grosenick's home. Her backyard was the perfect comfortable spot for the picnic. It was a warm day but the Lions, family and guests who attended the gathering in her pleasantly shaded backyard were quite comfortable.



**The desserts the members provided
were delicious**

Club members brought side dishes and desserts and, as usual, fried chicken and corn-on-the-cob along with soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres were provided. Lion Craig Ford performed his magic preparing the corn with the aid of his wife Klea. The food was bountiful and excellent as usual.



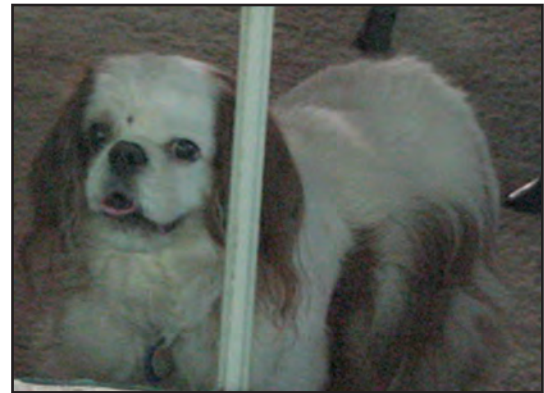
**Lion Judith's boy Alex enjoyed mingling
with the group**



Can you tell we're enjoying ourselves?



Another look at our happy group



**Nick, her other boy stayed inside to
recuperate from his recent illness**

This picnic gives the members and guests the chance to get to know each other better and to share some relaxing time together. Lion Judith gave special thanks to all of the Lions who helped with the setup and take down then returning the tables and chairs. Of course thanks to everyone who attended and to everyone who did anything to help out including bringing lots of delicious food to share.

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman

Elgin Lions Celebrate Their Anniversary

Helping the Elgin Lions Club celebrate its 20th Anniversary was a large group of Lions from the Weston-McEwen, Island City and La Grande Clubs. The featured speakers were Gary and Carol Tate, who were instrumental in getting the Elgin Lions Club moving and were Guiding Lions. Part of the celebration included the presentation of special awards and the recognition of new members and their sponsors.



Linda Johnston was presented a plaque by President Bob Thomas for Lion of the Year.



Maureen Smolkowski shared information about past club activities. Maureen is pictured talking to Lion Barbara Hawes.



DG Judith Poage is pictured presenting chevron awards to members who had achieved 10, 15 or 20 years with the Club.



VDG Debi Castor recognized new members (l-r) Susie Harris, sponsor Bob Thomas, Sponsor Linda Johnston for Bryn Moore, Eileen Larkin (Sponsor PDG Gerald Hopkins not present) and Sponsor Maureen Smolkowski for Kristi Gonzales.



Becci Scott receives recognition as a charter member from District Governor Poage.

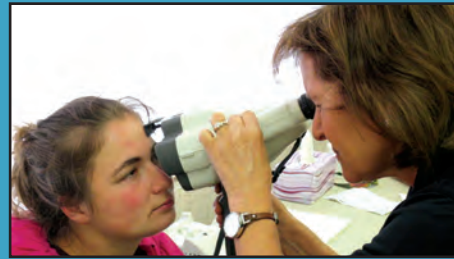


Linda Johnston received Lion of the Year plaque.

*submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins
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PDG Rennie Cleland and wife Susan
dispensing at the May clinic



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