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**In the wake of the recent fires,
new growth already exists.**

**Lions Clubs throughout Multiple District 36 are fulfilling
our Lions motto of We Serve, read more on pages 12-13**

ANNIVERSARIES

October 2020 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

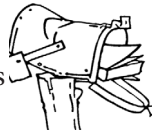
Klamath Falls	October 14, 1927
Myrtle Point	October 5, 1928
Roseburg	October 12, 1928
Forest Grove	October 15, 1946
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Jordan Valley	October 13, 1970
Wallowa	October 15, 1973

November

Bend/Sunrise	November 5, 1926
The Dalles	November 15, 1926
Sutherlin	November 22, 1946
Vernonia	November 23, 1946
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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

October

- 14 OLSHF Patient Care Comm. Mtg noon-1pm
- 17 District G Cabinet mtg. via Zoom 9am-noon (may extend for afternoon training online)
- 26 SOLSHC Board Mtg. @ 4:00pm

November

- 7 District R Cabinet mtg., Yachats Lions Club, 9am-noon
District E Cabinet mtg. 10am @ SOLSHC
- 11 OLSHF Patient Care Comm. mtg noon-1pm
- 14 9-noon OLSHF Trustee mtg. will be either virtual or at Springfield Justice Center
1pm Council of Governor's mtg. will be either virtual or at Springfield Justice Center
- 30 SOLSHC Board Mtg. @ 4:00pm

EVENTS

October

- 5 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE @6pm
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline for November issue

November

- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline for December issue
- 11 Veterans Day - Observed - HQ office closed



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As I sit here in relative safety from fire or wind, I feel it is time to reflect on a number of things. Several years ago, with the Columbia River Gorge fire I was placed on a Level 2 Evac Notice – gather your stuff, put it all into your most trusty vehicle and wait for further instructions and, if Level 3 comes, get the heck out of there to a safe place! This conflagration for many of our friends and neighbors is different – more fires, more populated areas, lots of wind and, I would imagine, even some human caused fires. Almost seems the whole state is on fire west of the Cascade Summit from north to south. Let us as Lions not only observe what is happening, but help or donate and assist those in need. I pray for few losses of life, but hold my breath that little human damage occurs. Our state will look different once this is over. So, as they say, let the healing begin. Forested areas can be replanted and lost homes rebuilt. Those suffering losses will need our empathy, help and understanding. Time will heal the ugly burn scars, but the human toll and needs will be great and long lasting. May we as Lions be up to the task, ensuring our communities are a better place to live, work and play.

LCIF, our International Foundation, has a number of grants available to assist disaster areas. Immediate \$10,000 grants are available and additional monies can be used with a match program to help local communities impacted by disasters. Districts O, R and E are eligible now to take advantage – after all, “Where There is a Need, There is a Lion”. May we also as individuals and clubs step up and help!

Every year there is the mantra from Lions Clubs International to increase our numbers as well as ensure the retention of loyal Lions. All too often we take for granted that Lions will continue to stay without question. We need to change that paradigm, as often what we as clubs have to offer no longer interests or satisfies the needs. Whenever a Lion drops membership have you actually found out why?? A myriad of reasons can be given, but

essentially all too often clubs do not respond to the times or desires of membership. Are your activities fulfilling and satisfying – or merely doing it as “we’ve done it the same way for years”. Do we as leaders involve members in the decision-making process consistently? Do we as clubs change leadership on a regular basis – including chairmanships of different activities and fundraisers?

Lions Clubs International has a plethora of programs that will assist clubs in almost every way. However, we need to encourage our members to use what is available as well as to share the new ideas and skills we may amass when we take the opportunity to learn from others. Even though the Corona Virus has all too often interrupted our lives and activities, there are ways that we can still progress. My own club has decided to “blow out 2020” with a New Year’s Eve Fireworks extravaganza. I guess we feel that even with COVID-19, we want to serve our community and move it forward! Snow and rain will not stop us and we are now in the planning stage after receiving permission from the Port to proceed!

Enhancing Lions and Possibility Thinking have been my mottoes of late, the ideas of we can, we must and we serve are all akin to what Lions can accomplish when pulling together. So – continue to recycle those eye glasses and hearing aids, screen for vision and hearing in school and community events and really make your places of living places anyone would be happy to live in. Think of those less privileged and work to improve their lives, whether they are your neighbors, relatives or from a foreign country. Continue that sense of volunteerism that we are known for, as it warms our hearts and minds when we see the appreciation it brings! Until next month – stay safe and work your Lions Heart to its fullest.

Directory Corrections

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District O - Northwest - North Coast



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Lions District 36-O Strategic Plan (2020 – 2023)

Some of you have wondered if our Districts and Multiple District actually have overall goals and plans for accomplishing those. Well yes. Yes we do.

Every governor-elect must send LCI a District Plan – building on their predecessors and looking ahead.

“Mine” began: This Plan seeks to improve District O coordination of leadership, membership and service and thereby help clubs better know and serve their communities, understand LCI and LCIF resources for that service, retain members during COVID-19 restrictions and economic stress, and build for recovery.

We seek programs with direct community service and that produce larger program possibilities through inter-club, district and MD level cooperation.

We will use the COVID related contraction to focus on building online and hybrid meeting and training skills, and renew club-community assessments of their assets, service needs and key program interests. We will try to show each club how the LCI and LCIF resources, inter-district and multiple district cooperation can strengthen their service and reputation in their communities and across Oregon.

We seek to build our Lion Pride through service.

As I’ve said previously, justifiable pride is earned through what one accomplishes working with and for other people. From the clubs I’ve met with so far – that fellowship and direct service is what draws people to Lions and keeps them there.

Consistent with that, we have 6 fundamental Goal areas:

- No. 1 –Service - to communities at local through district levels
- No. 2 - Membership Growth – despite COVID
- No. 3 - Leadership Development ensuring training for officer positions & service
- No. 4 - Club Administration – efficient, transparent & respecting member time
- No. 5 – Diversity –welcoming people of different cultures and capacities
- No. 6 - Public Relations - increasing Lions’ visibility in local communities and throughout the State

The service area of the month is of course fire response. So, the fire next time.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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Greetings, fellow Lions!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to go forth into your community and serve. As always, should you or any members of your club be active, I will spread the word.

Speaking of missions, are you familiar with the Lions Mission Statement?

“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.”

That’s about as far as I got before wildfires started spreading throughout our district. Little did we know what opportunities would arise as a result. This disaster will clearly give all Lions a chance to provide “voluntary services through community involvement” close to home.

District R has received approval of an LCIF emergency grant for \$10,000. We will need input from all the clubs in the district – who is affected, what is being done, how Lions are participating in disaster relief, etc. We will also need photos of Lions in action to submit to LCIF.

W. Clement Stone stated, “When you discover your mission, it will fill you with enthusiasm and a burning desire to get to work on it.” Look around you. What do you see? Towns completely destroyed or heavily damaged. Homes and businesses burned to the ground. 500,000 people under evacuation orders of some sort. Lions who have lost their homes. Lions who have welcomed evacuees into their homes.

Can you find a personal mission in all this devastation? Clubs can make donations to a district fund to be disbursed along with the LCIF grant monies. Lions can volunteer at shelters and evacuation sites, sort and hand out supplies, build livestock pens, feed those who have been evacuated, welcome people into their own homes.

As stated by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar: “The mission of your life should be to leave a better world behind than what you inherited.”

We’re Lions and “We Serve!” Step up and take the challenge! We can do this!

District E - Southern - South Coast



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I have a questions for you? We, as Lions, will most likely know the answer but maybe it will give us something to think about or to realize the benefits we receive.

Why is volunteering important? The obvious reason is “to be able to help others,” but what does it do to and for the volunteer?

Volunteering is beneficial as it connects us to others. It has been shown to reduce stress, combat depressions and provide a sense of purpose to a person’s life. It builds self-confidence and self-esteem, as doing good for others and the community helps to create a sense of accomplishment. Working as a volunteer can give a sense of pride, creating a more positive view of our own life and future. An increasing number of studies suggest that people who give their time to others might have a longer lifespan, a lower mortality rate, and are less likely to have high blood pressure.

Volunteering boosts mental health simply because it makes you happier. Human beings are hard-wired to give to others and, by measuring so-called brain activity and happiness hormones, researchers have found that being helpful to others can deliver great pleasure. Studies show that the more a person volunteers, the more benefits they’ll experience.

Guess we as Lions have figured this out already, but these are good points to remember when asking someone to join our organization. When asking a person to join you can mention your AHA moment - - -what happened when you found that special reason why you are a Lion. Along with joining a group of people who want to help others, you will join a friendly body of volunteers, a family feeling of working together for the betterment of mankind and the fellowship of being involved with those who want to make things better for others.

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column

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I move that we reboot 2020 and start over again at 01/01/2020. Do I have a second? How about an Amen?

Who would not like a do-over for this year? But there have been some very positive things happening because of COVID. For starters, the availability of PPE, masks, and cleaning supplies is getting better all the time. There are some neat and innovative masks available; I have three with Lions faces on them. Lions are learning how to continue to serve our communities albeit under trying circumstances, discovering new projects and new skills; meeting in new ways, and confronting and dealing with (gasp!) change!

For many of us, we and our clubs have run for years on inertia and tradition. Ask yourself when your club last started a new project or fundraiser or when did you last elect a new slate of club officers? If you cannot remember the “whens,” then it is time to do something to refresh your club. The old traditional activities are fine, but honestly, do they seem more like work or fun? How about dull and routine or exciting and engaging? Are they helping to recruit new members or scaring them away? Do they attract the same level of public engagement they used to or is interest and attendance dropping off? Is your club dynamic or static? Is the public taking your club for granted?

How can a club meet the challenge of change? Check the resources on MyLCI: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center>

NAMI (North American Membership Initiative) PDG Gary Mose and I are putting together training to be presented at Cabinet, Zone, and club meetings. NAMI is the LCI campaign to reverse years of declining Lions membership. The latest *Lion Magazine* has a great article about NAMI. Be sure you read it.

Reporting via MyLion. I look at LCI reports of 36G club activities and, believe it or not, it appears that some clubs are doing little, even before COVID. The problem is not inactivity; it is not following the old adage “the job’s not done until the paperwork is done.” Lions do the paperwork online on MyLion. LCI depends on these numbers to apply for grants from big foundations, organizations that want proof that the money they give to Lions is being well managed and spent. Please do your part and report all activities, projects, fundraisers, Lion, and volunteer hours worked and the number of people served. It is critical information and it is often missing. Report your club’s foundation work too if you have a 501(c)(3).

Stay healthy, wear a mask, wash your hands, and respect others.

A Lions Club Meeting that Looks Very Different

For many years the Eugene Downtown Lions Club has held meetings at the Eugene Hilton Hotel downtown; then it became the Graduate. The meetings were held in various meeting and banquet rooms. That was until COVID-19 changed everything. The club's last meeting before the pandemic rules took effect was held on March 4, 2020.



Hendricks Park Pavilion meeting place.



Lion District R Governor Linda Stent addresses the meeting.

The old saying "Necessity is the Mother of invention" has proven itself very true and appropriate in this case. Newly elected club President Susan Pfanner scheduled the first Coronavirus precautions meeting for Wednesday August 12th at a unique location. A pavilion at Hendricks Park was the perfect spot on a beautiful August day with temperatures in the comfortable 70s. It was a very surrealistic scene with Lions wearing face coverings slowly gathering and saying long delayed greetings. Gone were the handshakes, hugs, and friendly smiles of old that were replaced by self-distancing and mask covered faces that allowed only eye contact and the sounds of muffled voices.



Lion President Susan Pfanner opens the meeting.

We totaled 17 Lions altogether and everyone brought their own lunch. The only time masks were removed was while members were eating. The meeting started off just like any other meeting with the singing of "America" (My Country 'Tis Of Thee), the Pledge of Allegiance, and an invocation. Lion Dr. Craig Ford introduced a new member to the club Dr. Frank Ross who is an audiologist who moved here from Florida to join Audiology Professionals.

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Lion Jim Origliosso receives the “Ed Gear” award.



A “Vision and Fellowship” award is given to Lion Wes Reynolds.

Lion President Susan introduced our special guest speaker Lion District R Governor Linda Stent (mask and all) who provided an overview of her biography and history with Lions. Her motto is “Forward! Upward! Onward!” as a vision for District R. With social distancing rules she explained that the Lions Virtual Leadership Experience is offered to all Lions for a three day period (two hour sessions) from September 25-27. The annual District R 2021 Convention is planned to be held in early February at the Florence Convention Center. Lion DG Linda said she looks forward to welcoming the Eugene Downtown Lions there provided we are able to meet in person.



Lion Past President Mary Fechtel Voorhees presents “Lion of the Year” award to Lion President Susan Pfanner.

Taking care of old business Lion Past President Mary Fechtel Voorhees presented the “Lion of the Year” award to Lion President Susan Pfanner. She presented the Ed Gear award to Lion Jim Origliosso and a “Vision and Fellowship” award was presented to Lion Wes Reynolds.

The next Downtown Lions Club meeting was scheduled for Wednesday September 23 at the Hendricks Park pavilion for another outdoor safe gathering. Here’s to the day when meetings can go back to what we lovingly called “normal.”

submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman



Are You a Cornea Recipient?

If you are a recipient of **Lions VisionGift** provided corneal tissue, you may wish to communicate with your donor's family. Many recipients struggle with the decision to write to their donor family. They may not know how to say "thank you" for such a precious gift. But donor families do appreciate and often find comfort in knowing that the transplant was successful and has improved someone else's life.

If you would like to write a letter to your donor's family, please use the following guidelines, which are recommended by the National Donor Family Council.

Sharing about yourself

- Include first names only.
- Acknowledge the donor family's loss and thank them for their gift.
- Feel free to share information about your marital status, children, grandchildren, occupation, hobbies and interests.
- Please avoid revealing too much detailed medical information about your illness.
- Talk about what life was like before your transplant. Explain how the transplant has changed your life.
- Do not get too personal in the initial letter.

Closing your card or letter

- Sign your first name only.
- Do not reveal your address, city or phone number.
- Do not reveal the name of your surgeon or the date of your transplant.

Mailing your card or letter

- Place your card or letter in an unsealed envelope.
- On a separate sheet of paper, please write your name, and the date of the donation.
- Place the letter and the paper in another envelope, seal it and mail it to:

**Lions VisionGift
Attn: Matt Webber
2201 SE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97214-5303**

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter to your donor's family. They may still be dealing with the loss of their loved one, but your letter can provide some comfort. Their selfless decision to donate deserves thanks. Let them know that their loved one will not be forgotten.

The Silent Epidemic

Fellow Lions of MD 36,

For almost seven months our way of life has undergone a vast change in terms of how we live our life from day to day. This COVID-19 pandemic at first was slightly ignored in the belief that it would not spread to our country and be a major threat. I'm not here to put blame on how it arrived here, but we should all know by now how threatening the disease is and the life changes that we've had to adopt to ensure that we are safe from the disease. We had to adapt to fight back against COVID-19 if we were going to make it through this pandemic. The same attitude is required in the daily life of those with diabetes.

Back in 2015 I was still struggling with the loss of my wife and trying to find the right balance of sustaining a healthy life style, not just for my sake, but for my children, grandchildren, my friends and fellow Lions. One unhealthy part that stood out was that I was overweight and I knew that I was the only one that could make the difference in losing that excess weight.

I loved ice cream; I had a bowl every night; a large bowl every night. One night I said to myself, what am I doing? Do I need to have this every day? NO! SO I STOPPED BUYING ICE CREAM! If it's not in the house, the temptation is not there. The same goes for soda pop. I stopped buying it and Kool-Aid disappeared from my pantry. Anything that had sugar added or high fructose corn syrup I do not buy or keep in the house. I adapted, or you can say I changed to work at making my life healthier. The big outcome is that I don't miss them.

Finding out you have diabetes can be frightening, but it doesn't have to be. Knowing the disease today and how it affects your body lets you know that you can be in control of the disease and your health. If you have diabetes, I urge you to find out all that you can about diabetes and what you can do to control it. YOU have to change; YOU have to adapt if you are determined to be in control of the disease. I'm sure there are people who will help and support you as well.

*submitted by Garry Charbonneau, PDG
MD 36 Diabetes Awareness Chair*



Lake Oswego Lions Generate Masks for the Community

Everyone's life has been affected by the COVID-19, a major problem since mid-March 2020. One of the worst parts of this pandemic is the feeling of helplessness and an inability to do anything. At the time I was the first vice president of the Lake Oswego Lions. I quickly researched ways to help our community stay safer and feel better at home, in public and at work. The club quickly determined that providing reusable fabric masks to people in our community would be the best way to help. We prioritized who to provide the masks to- essential service providers (healthcare providers, store staff, bus drivers, etc.), high risk citizens (elderly, those with underlying conditions) and the general public was the way to help the most people as quickly as possible.

As of September, the LO Lions, with the help of other volunteers from the community, have provided people of our community, and surrounding communities with over 3,200 masks. We have over 100 masks ready to give and another 500 mask kits ready to sew. We have also created a number of training videos so that we can extend mask making to other organizations locally, across the nation and around the world. All of this has been done primarily with donated supplies- fabric, thread, skills, time and sewing machines. Elastic is the supply that we have had to purchase to date. And, this has been purchased using money donated to the club by people who have received masks. Our system effectively uses volunteer's skills by using an "assembly" line:

- 1) wash, dry and iron material; 2) cut fabric into manageable sizes 2 layers thick; 3) cut the fabric into 9-12" squares based on the mask size; 4) trace the pattern on the fabric and cut so full mask ready to sew; 5) sew the mask; 6) add the elastic; 7) distribute to requesters.**

The masks have metal at the top of the nose so that the mask stays snug on nose. We use paper clips. They are easy to straighten, readily available, inexpensive and don't rust. Using plastic results in melting. This metal is sewn into the mask. The masks are designed to go under the chin. They are ranked 65-75% effective in prevention of spreading COVID-19 if you are the only one wearing a mask. If all people are wearing similar masks, they are rated 75-85% effective. They also have a side slot on both sides so that an additional filter (i.e. paper coffee filter) can be added to increase the masks effectiveness).

We have provided masks to the grocery store workers, mass transit bus drivers, essential services workers and the general community. If you would like further information please contact Gretchen Olson via email at gretchenolson@icloud.com.

submitted by Gretchen Olson

Serving Firestricken Communities Throughout the Multiple District



What does “We Serve” mean to our Lions Clubs in MD 36 as Lions throughout Oregon and Northern California respond to our citizens in need during this devastation wildfire season?

It means Lions Club members in our Multiple District are called to action and called to help.

Lion Lenard Hansen of Astoria Lions Club was called to base camp out of Springfield and respond with a tanker truck from the Warrenton Fire Department with another Warrenton volunteer firefighter to become part of a battalion to fight the Holiday Farm Fire up in the Mackenzie River area.

District Governors Carolee Blatter, Sheri Young and Linda Stent traveled their districts, gathered information, applied for LCIF grants and delivered help to evacuation sites in their districts. They are being called upon to respond for the short term and for the long term.

As this article is going to press there are MARC’s (Multi-Agency Resource Centers) being set up in all the areas and counties impacted by the wildfires. We have the Oregon State Office of Emergency Management coordinating Sheltering, Mass Feeding, Communications, Warehousing for Donations Management and setting up Long Term Disaster Recovery Groups in each county and region jurisdiction.

We have FEMA VAL’s (Voluntary Agency Liaisons) in each of the areas to establish Long Term Disaster Recovery Groups.

Outreach has come to me from many sources as your MD-36 Oregon Lions Disaster Response Chair and as the ORVOAD (Oregon Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster) LTDR Team Chair.

The Emergency Managers in each of your District and Club jurisdiction need to become your best friend.

They have responded to the immediate phase of the wildfire disaster and will need your help as a local Lions Club and volunteers to sit around the table for the Long-Term Disaster Recovery in your area. You know the players who will come to the table to help. The FEMA VAL for each of these areas will need your help to reach out to those helping organizations, civic, community and faith-based organizations who will come to the table for the long haul.

So, quiz: MARC, FEMA, EM, LTDR, ORVOAD, VAL, all acronyms you will see in your area outreach. IA, PA, Registration, SBA are all acronyms you will see in the now and in the future. Then there if ESF followed by numbers.

We can have Webinars to help you and your club through this maze. But the bottom line is to reach out, become involved in your community recovery or your adjacent community recovery and show how MD-36 Lions Serve. And the most important part keep track of your volunteer hours and report back to your District Governors and to me with what you are doing now, what you can do in the future and how you want to serve to Rebuild Oregon.

Your District Governor John Taylor and I are also serving on the flood recovery efforts in the Blue Mountain Region of Eastern Oregon and Washington. Remember the flooding along the Umatilla River Basin in February 2020. Yes, we are in LTDR mode in this area and this will probably last for the next seven years.

I hope this update comes at a time when you are thinking, what can we do, how can we get involved in the recovery. There are opportunities a plenty. Any questions or outreach please send my way.

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Photos: A) Lions volunteering along with members of the Scio Mennonite Church B) Gates area; C) Smoke directly across from the church; D) Fire information on display; E) Donated items being taken in for distribution; F) Lions after their day of service; G-J) Lions and Boy Scouts set up the Livestock Pavilion for incoming animals impacted by the fires.

Silverton Lions Feeding Station Submitted by Steve Moser

With the wildfires there was a LCIF Disaster Grant in the amount of \$10,000 applied for by DG Linda Stent. The 3 fires have destroyed almost 1000 homes. Almost immediately all across the state people began bringing cloths to the point that all the major fire locations are saying thank you but our shelf's are full except for brand new clothes. The Silverton Lions and Silverton Elks asap began running a feeding station at the Gates Community Church they are serving between 300 and 500 people a day.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. They are hoping to continue maybe until the end of November. Anyone can come and volunteer to serve food and any donations from clubs can go the Lion Brian Rangitsch.

We are working hard the help there food back and the feeding station. 1ST VDG Lynn Coon has been working with Lion Susan Pfanner to get food and clothing up to the McKenzie/Holiday Farm Fire. The Lincoln City fire has needed very little support except for some cloths. Again we can always use some help. As a note the fire went all around the church and didn't harm it.

Setting Up the Livestock Pavilion Submitted by Steve Moser

On Tuesday Sept 8th when I contacted Marion County Emergency Services they said they could use some help setting up the Livestock Pavilion for the in coming animals. I contacted PDG Tom Hilgers who sent a constant contact message. And District R Secretary Lion Jadie and also members of Boy Scout Troop 38 of Monmouth/Independence. We had 3 Lions PDG Steve Moser, South Salem Lions Bruce Schnieber and Al Tocchini and the Fitts family (Joe, Abby, John, Faith and Josh) from Troop 38 and my son Walter Moser. We went about setting up pens and cages for the animals and it took just a couple of hours and we got to play with some of the animals as they arrived.

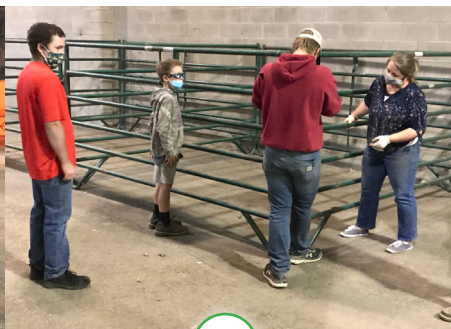
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Oregon Lions Prepared (Alert) Report

(Turned in for the August 15, 2020 Zoom Council of Governor's meeting.

Request was made to have printed in *Oregon Lion*)

February, March, April, May, June, and July; what do the past six months seem to say to us as Oregon Lions in MD 36 and District 36-O?

I address that question to the MD36 Council of Governors and to the District 36-O Cabinet as you both plan to meet this August to conduct business in this new setting of virtual vs in person ways of going about our efforts to serve.

Does it feel, act, and look like a disaster? Do you have a sense of where all your members are in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic? What are their needs? How have they taken on new rolls to follow our theme in Lionism "We Serve"?

Were we as Oregon Lions **Prepared** for this last six months? How prepared are we moving forward and what are the risks involved in the service work we try to do for our communities, our clubs, our district, and the multiple district?

There are many questions to be answered in the above four paragraphs and your Oregon Lions Prepared team has been working in many ways to help answer those questions and to also serve others in this time of disaster recovery.

The Blue Mountain Region Long Term Disaster Recovery Team has been working diligently to help with the process of recovery from flooding in the region of Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington. This effort has taken place from early February to the present day and with any luck could be completed in the next seven years.

Your Oregon Lions Prepared Team and District Governors in the Eastern Oregon region are serving on the BMRLTDR Executive Committee and the Unmet Needs Roundtable. Special thanks to PDG Gary Mose of District 36-G, Sue Mose, DG John Taylor of 36-G, DG Sherri Young of 36-O and the members of the Pendleton Lions Club for their help in outreach to LCIF, to the victims of the flooding with intact calls and their continued support on the BMRLTDR Teams. There are many tasks to accomplish during a disaster, the first response to the MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center) and Lions Clubs in this Eastern Oregon region responded in spades, thanks to all who did this.

ACTION: Did you keep track of your volunteer hours because I need them now!

The reason, the volunteer hours expended in this effort starting in early February can be used as the portion of the 25% match for Umatilla County to cover their portion of the Public Assistance Grant that is coming for infrastructure work from FEMA. **Please send your hours to: Charlene Larsen, crl.larsen@charter.net or phone me at 503-791-6207.**

Now back to the story, BMRLTDR has representation from Oregon Lions Prepared at the Unmet Needs Roundtable with co-chair Charlene Larsen and serving on the committee DG John Taylor and helping with intact calls DG Sherri Young. This process takes the 568 disaster cases that have been identified through outreach at the MARC, FEMA registrations, outbound calling by volunteers and outreach to the communities in Oregon and Washington and is now doing the vetting of the cases with Disaster Case Managers making virtual contact with the victims.

There are 501 cases in Oregon or 88.2% and 67 cases in Washington or 11.8%.

Action: The immediate need is for Volunteer Disaster Case Managers and specifically for those who live, work, and play in this region.

Please advise me if you need more information on this request and a job description for a Volunteer Disaster Case Manager. Virtual training will be provided and there is a small network of DCM's working right now on those 568 disaster cases.

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Since long-term disaster recovery means long-term, there is a need to fund a position through the RARE program for an AmeriCorps volunteer in 2021.

Action: Oregon Lions Prepared reach out to Oregon/No. Calif Lions for funding for the \$23,500 matching salary for this position with the BMRLTDR. Also look to LCIF for additional funding for this position and for disaster recovery funds for the Unmet Needs Roundtable.

With any Lions Committee there are always the need for volunteers, for District Committee Chairs and the need to build teams before the next disaster comes our way. That is the role of Oregon Lions Prepared (Alert). We have addressed updates to our space in the policy manuals, have identified needs, found a path to LCIF for preparedness dollars in two of our four districts. District Governors please inform me of the Oregon Lions Prepared (Alert) appointees in your district.

Action: Oregon Lions Prepared is a member of Oregon Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, (ORVOAD) and our \$75.00 dues were due in July. I will forward a dues statement for your consideration and action at the MD 36 Council of Governors meeting.

What can you do as Oregon and Northern California Lions?

1. Personal Preparedness: Two Weeks Ready to shelter in place or grab and go.
2. Your Lions Club is prepared with records in the cloud, history on thumb drives, documents of incorporation, non-profit and any MOU's safely stored and duplicated for several officers.
3. Your insurance documents safely stored, and information shared with officers.
4. Reach out to your community CERT, Emergency Managers, Fire Department and see what training and materials are available for you to share with your club members and families.
5. Ask questions on your communities' level of preparedness, are you ready to take in and serve refugees from disasters in other parts of the State of Oregon, even if that looks different in COVID-19 times.
6. Set-up an out of area contact for all members of your family to check in with in the case of a disaster. Expand that concept to your club and club members.
7. Do all the small things we have shared with you over the past several years at forums, displays and conversations at District and State Conventions.

“Alert” Update from Oregon Lions Disaster Response:

The *Oregon Lion* is going to press and the wildfires have taken over our attention in MD 36 of Oregon and Northern California.

The District Governors of our Multiple Districts are assessing damage in their Districts and as appropriate are applying for Emergency Disaster Grants from LCIF. With the help and council of our Oregon Lions Disaster Response Team and MD36 LCIF Coordination Team we are moving forward at a fast pace to reach out for help.

There are Lions Clubs, Lions members, family, friends and colleagues who have been in harms way from the wildfires.

This is the time to reassess your readiness, in the best of times are you ready to grab and go? In the worst of times are you ready to grab and go?

Watch for updates on needs, on how you can help on the MD36 website and the various MD 36 Lions Club Facebook sites. Help you neighbor where needed, watch for needs requests from your local Emergency Manager. Sign up for Alerts from your city and county EM departments.

Please heed all warnings and respond to requests to be ready.

Keep safe and check in often with your support system, family and friends.

*submitted by Charlene Larsen
Oregon Lions Disaster Response Team
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Let's Stay Connected



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Helen Keller famously said that “blindness separates us from things, but deafness separates us from people”.

While most of us still have our hearing intact, for the past six months or so it's easy to relate to the latter part of this quote as physical distancing and avoiding events and gatherings of people has made it difficult to get together and feel connected to others. It is important that we continue to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, but it's also a good idea to interact socially as much as possible to keep our spirits up and to stay emotionally healthy.

Most Lions Clubs are responsibly meeting virtually and continuing to serve their communities as much as possible during these difficult times. Others have held meetings outside in local parks, but that will prove difficult as we enter the Fall and Winter. For Lions Clubs that are meeting virtually, we encourage you to schedule an OLSHF presentation at an upcoming meeting.

We can schedule an OLSHF Staff member for your Lions Club meeting or a member of our Board of Trustees that will be happy to share information on the status of our sight and hearing programs and/or an update on the Foundation in general. From School Vision Screening and our Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP), to the ROAR! Hearing Assistance program and Patient Care/Mission Cataract, there are many topics for your Lions Club to choose from.

Another option to stay connected to your Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation is to participate in an informational webinar on Thursdays at 11 am (See Page __ for October's OLSHF Webinar Series Schedule).

We record all of our webinars and make them available on our OLSHF website - you can find them at <https://olshf.org/category/in-the-news/>

You'll find webinars on Patient Care and Mission Cataract, the LEAP Program, the ROAR! Hearing Assistance Program, School Vision Screening, and much more.

Feeling connected to others socially is an important human need and vital to our well-being, so take it from us: Keeping in touch with OLSHF will not only help us “keep the promise” that Lions made to Helen Keller, it can help keep you healthy too!

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Adapting School Vision Screenings in Eastern Oregon

*Thank You Imbler School District,
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Congratulations Imbler School District for hosting the 1st school screening of 2020. 130 students were screened with 11 referred, 125 of those students screened in 50 minutes!

We're working with school districts throughout Oregon, ensuring student safety while screening for important vision issues. To learn more about safe distancing at our screening events, please visit the link in the description above.

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Submitted by Lion Dale Howard
District 36-R Canine Services Committee Chair

**"I want to thank you from
the bottom of my heart for this wonderful
service that you provide to our community!!"**

Feb 4, 2020

To whom it may
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Last year, my 3rd
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Sincerely, a Grateful Parent

Oregon Lions Statewide Low Vision Clinic (LVC)

The goal of the Oregon Lions Statewide Low Vision Clinic (LVC) is to provide low vision assessments that help parents, teachers and educational specialists gain a better understanding of each child's visual impairment as well as make recommendations to boost skills in the educational setting.

The LVC provided educationally focused low vision exams for 73 students for the 2019-20 school year. The evaluations required 96 hours over 15 clinic days by the LVC optometrist, Dr. JP Lowery, for preparation, evaluation and consultation, plus one in-service hour. These services were provided at 10 separate locations throughout the state with the optometrist traveling approximately 2,200 miles.

Fifteen low vision aids (LVAs) were dispensed by our clinic to students throughout the school year. A Taptilo (braille learning device) was also recently purchased to help a young girl – see story below. The LVC has always provided standard optical low vision aids to children from low-income families free of charge.

This is Adalynne “Ady” – a bright, three year old girl who has bilateral Optic Nerve Hypoplasia. She will enter preschool in the fall. Dr. Lowery previously evaluated Ady with her vision teacher, Mary Fran Anderson. All children with severe visual impairment or blindness are eligible to receive braille instruction through a Teacher of the Vision Impaired.



Ady started braille learning recently but she lacked a proper tool to help engage her in reading. She won't have access to any direct braille instruction due to COVID impacts.

Ady's mom, Erica, reached out to inquire about the Taptilo device for teaching braille. The cost of the device was out of reach for Ady's family and at this time because of COVID, funds at the school district were frozen. That's when Dr. Lowery and the Low Vision Clinic stepped in to help. With BVIS funds, the Foundation purchased the device. Erica is thrilled that Ady's literacy will increase thanks to access to the device and the kind support of Lions! She is interested now in joining her local Lions Club.



Adalynne will greatly benefit from the Taptilo device and boost her learning before she starts preschool.

Remember Our Motto Submitted by Linda Stent



We Serve

District 36-R Lions woke up a few mornings ago and discovered several areas of the District were on fire. Currently (as of October 11), there are seven active fires in the state (902,027 acres burned) and we have four of them in our District (see below). I immediately contacted LCIF about a \$10,000 disaster grant, which we were awarded.

- Lionshead fire – 46% contained (264 homes burned, 16 other structures burned)
- Beachie Creek fire – 71% contained (486 homes burned, 837 other structures burned)
- Holiday Farm fire – 96% contained (431 homes burned, 337 other structures burned)
- Echo Mountain fire – 90% contained (293 homes burned, 22 other structures burned)

My first trek into a fire area was to Lincoln City for the Echo Mountain fire. There was a station set up by the Red Cross to help evacuees with lodging and food; a Resource Center for evacuees to get information from FEMA, insurance companies, and government agencies; and an “evacuee store” set up with food and clothing donations. The store volunteers requested some specific items such as new clothing and backpacks, which were purchased at Walmart for them.

My second trek was to Gates, site of the Beachie Creek and Lionshead fires. The devastation is other-worldly. The fires have hop-scotched around the area, burning some structures and skipping over others. The Silverton Lions Club have partnered with the Stayton Lions Club and the Silverton Elks to set up a field kitchen, which is serving 300-500 people three meals a day (evacuees, first responders/firefighters, volunteers). It’s quite an undertaking and anyone who would like to help relieve the Silverton volunteers should contact Fran Silbernagel of the Stayton Lions Club.

Any clubs wishing to supplement the District R disaster funds may send a check to MD Treasurer Brian Rangitsch. This money will be used to purchase items not covered by the LCIF grant. The Pendleton club and the South Salem club have each donated to this fund. Clubs from outside District R have sent truckloads of donations, which have been distributed among the four fire areas. There are currently 2924 evacuees being temporarily housed statewide who are grateful for the support of the Lions of MD 36, so join us! Remember our motto: We Serve!

Neither fire nor wind,
birth nor death,
can erase our good deeds.
--Buddha