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Elgin Lions Induct New Officers, Recognize Past President

**Remember October
is Membership Focus & Vision
Awareness Month**



New officers (L to R) Bob Reiter, Jared Rogers, Mike Garvey, PCC Steve Oliver, PDG Kathy Oliver, Pat McDonald and Barbara Hawes.

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Bentham Lions Club Serves Kids at Gales Creek Camp



(bottom left) Lion PCC Steve Thomson, (upper left) Bill Loos and (on right) PDG Don Roach.

Pendleton Lions Hold Awards Dinner on June 15, 2023

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100% Attendance Award Winners: Back Row: Rita Campbell, Randee Bronson, Jim Smootz, Sean Degan, Craig Hylton, Sherri Sievert. Front Row: PDG John Taylor, Risa Riggen, CJ McEwen, PDG Bill Taylor and Alfred Wood.

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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

October

- 28 9am-noon, OLSHF Trustee mtg. at Rockaway Lions Club House
1pm Council of Governor's mtg. at Rockaway Lions Club House
- 30 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

November

- 4 Dist. O Cab. mtg details TBA, Forest Grove
Dist. R Cab. mtg., 10am-1pm, in Florence
Dist. G Cab. mtg. @ Roosters in Pendleton
- 18 Dist. E Cab. mtg., 10am, location TBA (Zoom option will be offered)
- 27 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

EVENTS

October

- 2 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)

ANNIVERSARIES

October 2023 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

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
Hermiston	November 27, 1972
Sandy	November 11, 2009



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What is Mission 1.5?



I've always been proud to be a member of the world's largest service organization, 1.4 million strong in 46,000 clubs worldwide in over 200 countries. I bet that you too are proud to be a Lion. But let's not stop with 1.4 million members. Today I would like to introduce you to Mission 1.5.

Mission 1.5 is a drive to build our membership to 1.5 million members worldwide in four years. The next four years will be dedicated to reaching this historic goal. But don't we already have enough members if we're the world's largest service organization, you might ask. And the answer to that question is that if we want to be able to serve an untold number of people in need, we need more members. Simply put, more members means more service. New members help make our clubs vibrant as they bring their new ideas, enthusiasm and their desire to serve.

International President Patti Hill's theme is "changing the world". In order to do this, Hill states that, "As humanitarians we can change lives but we we have to do it together through service. The more we grow, the more we can give to our communities."

So what can we do individually? The challenge is out to us all of us as Lions. During the next four years, Ask 1. Uno, un, en, eins, ett, ichim jeden, moja, odin, wahed andyksi. Throughout the world Lions will be asking 1. Will everyone join that is asked? Of course not. But a significant number will. So let's support this initiative and make the commitment to ask

someone who is likeminded and service oriented to join our great organization sometime in the next four years.



As you read this you may be wondering, where did she get those logos? I want to make sure that everyone is aware of a resource that it available to us all. By going to the Lions International website we can download logos for our informational publications, advertising and articles in order to bring awareness of our service to our communities. You'll find not only our Lions logo but our Global Causes logos, Mission 1.5 logos, Peace Poster logo and many others. Go to: Lionsclubs.org Resources Marketing resources Logos and Brand.

I'm so excited. For the first time in several years we are going to have a statewide service project. Lions International has dedicated the month of October as Vision Awareness Month in support of one of Lions Global Causes. Our MD36 Global Service Team has organized a great statewide service project. October 14th is "Lions Recycle for Sight Eyeglasses Collection Day". I'll be out collecting glasses at the Trading Post at Crooked River Ranch. I hope your club will join me in participating in this project. For more information see the article on Page 6. Thanks to Global Service Team Chair PCC Sharon Rollins and all the District GST's for organizing the project. Just a little spoiler, there will be more than one statewide service project this year so stay tuned!

All the best Oregon Lions as we head into the fall and the holiday season!

Directory Updates

p. 84 Blanchard, Chuck, PDG has new email of cebber1942@gmail.com

District O - Northwest - North Coast



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The surprise of my morning as I was dreading doing battle with writers' block was a fantastic article about cutting edge technology research at the University of Oregon. I always have known that despite the foibles of Oregon's cultural melting pot that in many ways Oregon is an amazing place for creativity and contributions to the betterment of the human condition. From the establishment of the Oregon Eye Bank (Lions), to the establishment of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, to the creation of Casey eye institute the "pioneer spirit" of Oregon continues to plow on and Lions have been intimately embedded in that history and spirit.

This article talked about the research going on to create an implantable prosthesis into the eye to serve the function of damaged and diseased retinas. Should this research come to fruition millions of people who suffer Macular Degeneration or Retinitis Pigmentosa could find restoration of the vision they lost replaced with a life restoring technology.

The impediments to be overcome has to do with how nature protects itself from foreign material. The point that the writer explains is that nature is a force that is fractal in its patterns and structures. Fractal is the repetitious geometrical structures repeated over all scales of measurements. And it reminded me of what we are doing as an organizational structure. Just as in our body we constantly are trying to repeat the patterns and structures which makes our missions possible. It seems that our clubs could be patterned after our districts, which is in turn patterned after our international organization. But that is exactly opposite from what our overall organization is patterned on.

Our pattern starts at the club level – what can we do to serve the community? The district follows the lead of the clubs - what can a non-club overarching organization do to serve and support the clubs' intents on serving their communities? Then comes the Lions International – How can the organization support and propagate the core theme of Lions throughout the world.... WE SERVE.

As we endeavor to rebuild our District it's the clubs' intentions that the District is responsive to. We will continue to work together to make your service to your communities successful and satisfying to everyone who takes on the name Lion and roars out.....WE SERVE! And in doing so we are pioneers in changing the world.

<https://www.opb.org/article/2023/09/13/university-oregon-scientists-bionic-eye-retinal-implant-technology/>

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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Dear Fellow Lions: As a close friend of mine often says, "It's a great day to be a Lion." As I visit clubs across our District, I'm reminded of this truth every day. Our Lions continuously perform remarkable acts of service. Being a Lion is about serving our communities and effecting positive change. Our mission, "WE SERVE," drives us to assist in creating positive changes locally and globally, fostering fellowship among Lions, and extending a helping hand to those in need.

While we take pride in our service, let us reflect on what it signifies to those we serve. When I see the smile on a child's face whom we've assisted with eye screening or when we: ensure a child's safe passage to school, aid someone with their hearing so they can once again engage in meaningful conversations, help at a food bank to provide nourishment to those facing hardships or any of the countless services we render, I am reminded that our impact is immeasurable.

Why aren't we sharing this joy? If being a Lion brings us profound satisfaction, shouldn't we invite others to experience it too? Let's actively encourage family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us in our mission.

We need a change in mindset. I emphasize this because, as we diligently pursue our goal of achieving a 1.5-member growth by 2027 and fostering membership growth within our clubs and District, not everyone we approach will immediately say yes. Remember, asking is crucial. "NO" stands for "Next Opportunity." Failure is a "First Attempt In Learning." The end of one opportunity is not the end itself; it stands for "Effort Never Dies." We must change our mindset as we aim for membership growth. Not everyone will say yes immediately, but persistence is key. I joined after being asked five times. My neighbor, Lion Paul, considered my "NO" as his "Next Opportunity" and persisted. Don't let a "NO" deter you. To echo the words of Confucius, "A person is not great because they haven't encountered failure; greatness lies in the ability to persist despite it."

Fellow Lions, if we don't ask, we will never truly know. Seek that next opportunity.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your wholehearted dedication to serving others. Let's share this fulfillment by inviting others to join us. SERVICE FROM THE HEART transcends community impact; it CHANGES THE WORLD.

District E - Southern - South Coast



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Changing the World: A Blueprint for Long-lasting Impact.

To embark on the journey of changing the world, we must first embark on a journey of self-transformation. Each of us holds a unique role within our clubs, and though our time here may be limited, the legacy of our clubs need not be. Do we allow our clubs to fade away with our departure, or do we invest in nurturing successors? Is our position within the club shrouded in secrecy, or are we actively mentoring others to step into our shoes? Let's envision a club that stands strong a century from now, continuing to serve and inspire change in our communities and beyond.

Lions Club International equips us with an array of invaluable resources to create the best possible club. These tools are tailored to foster membership growth and streamline our leadership responsibilities. Within our clubs, there are officer roles that remain untapped or neglected. A wealth of online resources await us, ready to simplify our tasks—all we need to do is seize them.

At the district level, seasoned officers stand ready to extend their expertise, either individually or in groups, to guide you through your leadership journey. This united front is known as the Global Action Team, comprising your District Governor, Global Leadership Team, Global Membership Team, and The Global Service Team. Together, we're committed to lightening your load.

Allow me to introduce the underutilized club-level officer positions that promise to enhance your experience:

- The Club Service Officer, tasked with overseeing and coordinating service initiatives.
- The Membership Chairman, responsible for spearheading membership events and aiding in club growth and retention.
- The Marketing Chairman, dedicated to publicizing your club's activities and ensuring your communities stay well-informed about your service and endeavors.
- The Club Administrator, equipped with comprehensive access to club reporting and prepared to step in for the secretary and president in administrative capacities if necessary.

Remember, your district leadership is not only at your disposal but is eager to support you. We are your partners in progress, always here to offer guidance and assistance whenever you need it.

District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column
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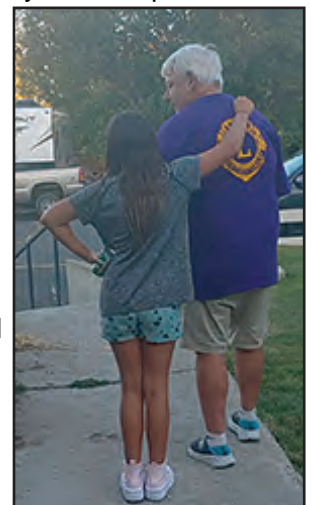
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TRADITION's, HERITAGE and FAMILY

Well, it has been a busy month and also a time to recall many old traditions, think of the heritage within our clubs and family ties to carry on what are or may become new traditions today or into tomorrow. We just came off our biggest fund raiser of the year here at the Burns Lions Club ... operation of our hamburger stand at the local fair and rodeo. The music was playing, we Lion's were singing and a good time was had by all. Of course we didn't miss "Cheeseburger in Paradise" in tribute. The most famous item we sell at our stand is what has been infamously named 'Lion Balls'. How proud would the Lions who have left us be, knowing we continue to the day to carry forward this whimsical sweet treat that has put smiles on faces of our youth, now grown adults and senior citizens without fail. How many unique things does your club do that have been carried on for years that has become a local tradition? Be proud of that, what you are doing now may become one of those 50+ year old traditions that will be inherited for future Lion's use in your club?

We are fortunate here to have had assistance from our local Boy Scout Troop in selling at the stand. We couldn't do it without their assistance and our communities helping hands. This is a very big event for a small community and small club. The support of our community is evidenced year after year in our results. We can never say enough thank yous to express our sheer gratitude.

And family How grateful are we to our families to allow us to be gone while we volunteer for our clubs! This year especially hit home for me as I was able to allow my 9 year old granddaughter to assist in the booth. Maybe a future Leo or Lion, yet the seed has been planted for future community service. 'Be Instrumental In Service'



"Be Instrumental in Service", DG Pete Runnels,

October Is Vision Awareness Month

Lions International has dedicated the month of October as Vision Awareness Month, in support of our major service focus. There are many ways that clubs can work to support this goal, including volunteering at school vision screenings, providing needed eye exams and eyeglasses – and collecting used eyeglasses for repair and reuse around the world.

Your MD 36 Global Service Team is presenting an easy and fun activity to support the international goal and our own LERC (Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center) and SOLSHC (Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center).

Let's make Saturday, October 14th Lions Recycle for Sight Eyeglass Collection Day! Clubs can choose their own location, use the publicity avenues that are available, and help our communities by collecting eyeglasses (and hearing aids). The collected glasses can then be recycled with the help of the Paraoptometric Program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility and sent out on vision mission trips.

The flyer below is available in an email format – just send me your email address and I'll get it off to you and your club! Let's do this simple service project all around MD36!

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**Please help
LIONS
CLUBS
of
OREGON
by donating
YOUR
previously worn
eyeglasses.**

Eyeglass Collection Day
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2023

location(s)

collection hours

**Please donate YOUR used eyeglasses
for vision programs around the world.**



Patriotism is Alive and Well in First Grade

After the long lasting Pandemic protocols prevented my contact with the local schools, I finally was able to give out “Flags For First Graders” this Spring. The first of the three schools where I gave out the flags was at Howard Elementary School. The 4 first grade classes were separately given an explanation of the words in the “Pledge of Allegiance” and a brief history of the American Flag. Each student received a flag, a wooden block stand, and a brochure with the details they were explained to them



Passing out the flags at Howard Elementary.



The “Pledge” at Howard Elementary.

Next was Awbrey Park Elementary School where I went from one classroom to the next to give the presentation to 4 classrooms of youngsters.

The final school was O’Hara Catholic School and this time all of the first graders were assembled in the cafeteria.

A total of 209 flag sets were distributed to the eager first graders.



Awbrey Park students display their flags on their desks.



All of the first graders from O’Hara displaying their flags.
Note: For legal reasons the pictures were taken so as not to show the youngster’s faces.

Special thanks to all of the first grade teachers and in particular my teacher contacts Jessica Anderson from Howard Elementary, Christina Powell from Awbrey Park, and Heidi Kendall from O’Hara.

Elgin Lions Induct New Officers, Recognize Past President

The Elgin Lions met with a full agenda for the session. PDG Kathy Oliver inducted the new officers for the year including President, Pat McDonald; Vice-President, Bob Reiter; Secretary, Jared Rogers; Treasurer, Mike Garver; Tailtwisters Susie Harris and Bob Thomas; and Directors PCC Steve Oliver and Barbara Hawes. The Club then recognized Barbara Hawes for her two years of serving as president of the Club.



Darlene Garver presents a bag of tabs to PDG Gerald Hopkins, which will be sent to the Ronald McDonald House.



(l-r) Past President Barbara Hawes is recognized with a gift of Lion slippers by PDG Gerald Hopkins.

Lions reviewed activities during Riverfest and the sale of Fireworks. Bob Thomas surprised the group with two first place awards for the pine cone throw during Riverfest. He stated that McDonald had thrown the pine cone 45'8" on his first throw and the wind blew the cone backwards about ten feet on the second throw, so he deducted 10 feet! The two participants were given champion pine cone trophies. Fireworks chair, Jared Rogers, reported that the stand netted approximately \$3500 for the Club, which is similar to the previous two years. Vision Chair Pat McDonald reported the Club purchasing 12 pairs of glasses for members of the community. Darlene Garver presented a sack of pop can tabs to be sent to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Elgin Lions continue to sponsor a garden for the community. Maintained by Bob and Susie Thomas, the garden features 24 4x8 plots. The project, which has been in existence for eight years, offers the boxes complete with dirt, fertilizer, water, and tools which are housed in a tool shed. "There is no cost for those who would like a plot," Bob stated. "They have everything they need except for the seeds." Any products left over are donated to the Elgin Food Bank.



Bob and Susie Thomas look over the garden boxes at the Lion Community Garden.

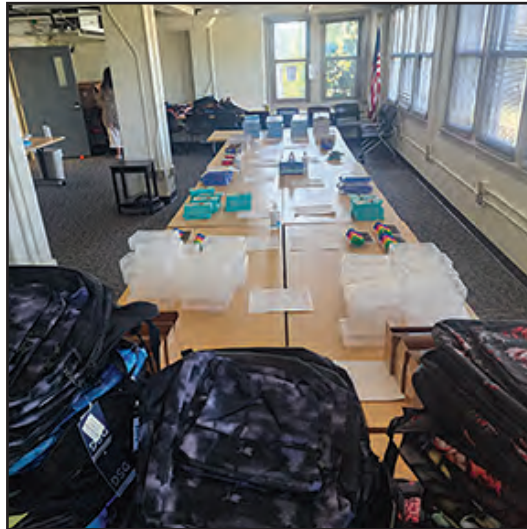
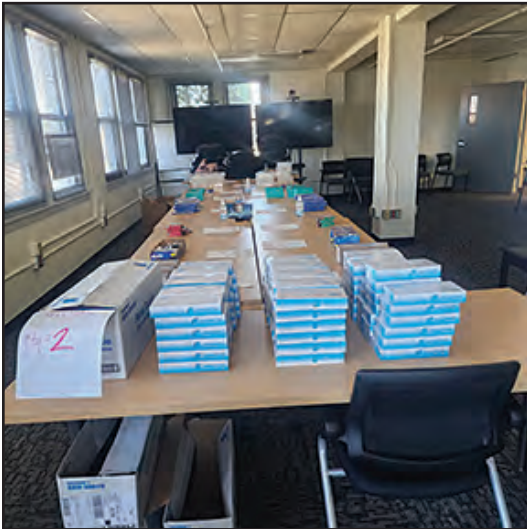


Bob Thomas presents the Pine Cone Award to Mary Hopkins.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

The Dalles Lions Assist by Packing Backpacks with School Supplies

Shira Skybinsky, Director of Four Rivers Family Early Learning & Parenting, contacted The Dalles Lions Club to see if we might help her pack 75 backpacks with school supplies that needed to be sent out ASAP. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the club meeting and 12 members signed up. With a dozen Lions signing up we were done within an hour. The layout was done very well and she even provided some food and drink for the crew.



(l-r) Lions Carolyn Layson, Mike Kilkenny and Rick Jones.

Setting up...



(l-r) Lions Kris Harmon, Rick Jones, Jim Wilcox, Bill Hamilton, Timmy Mac and Steve Lawrence.



(l-r) Lions Jim Wilcox, Ruthie Emett, Carolyn Layson, Rick Aston, Rich Mays and Steve Lawrence.



(l-r) Lions Steve Lawrence, Timmy Mac, Rick Jones, Rose Mays, Jim Wilcox and Ruthie Emett.



(l-r) Lions Kris Harmon, Jim Wilcox, Carolyn Layson, Rich Mays and Rick Jones.



(l-r) Lions Rich Mays, Rick Jones and Carolyn Layson.

The Dalles Lions Members participating were: Lions Carolyn Layson, Jim Wilcox, Rose Mays, Kris Harmon, Rick Aston, Rick Jones, Mike Kilkenny, Ruthie Emett, Timmy Mac, Steve Lawrence, Rich Mays and Bill Hamilton. LIONS-We Serve!!!!

submitted by Mike Kilkenny

Vernonia Lions Celebrate

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Vernonia community for standing by the “Lions” throughout the years. In 2022, the Vernonia Lions Club received the prestigious Community and Cultural Award from our District for our exceptional community support, surpassing 38 other nearby clubs. Our mission has always been to enhance the well-being of our community and the world while enjoying the camaraderie that comes with being a Lion. As a proud part of Lions International, the world’s largest public service organization with 1.4 million members in 200 countries and 4,000 clubs, we are inspired to be a force for good.

The Lions International Motto, “WE SERVE,” resonates deeply with us. Since our founding in 1946, we have been serving our community with dedication, compassion, and a desire to help those less fortunate, especially in need of sight and hearing care. Back in 1925, the iconic Helen Keller challenged and inspired Lions to be “knights for the blind” at the annual meeting of the Lions in Cedar Point, Ohio. Embracing this noble cause, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) has been tirelessly working with skill and state-of-the-art technology, showing immense compassion. OLSHF’s impact on over 200,000 children and adults annually, including nearly 160,000 school children in Oregon, is truly commendable.

Vernonia Lions are well recognized for their efforts to help our community, our city, and families in need. There have been up and down years for funding projects and community needs but we have been fortunate during the past decade when our budget has been as much as \$10,000, compared to prior years at \$6,000 to \$8,000. In 2016, special efforts by a few Lions and outstanding community support allowed us to complete the \$23,000+ Dewey Pool Project to renovate and reline the kiddy pool. During the past 14 months, two local residents and the 911 responders have recognized Lions Club of Vernonia with \$2,800 of unsolicited donations. Often we receive other cash donations during our events and also some donations of items for our raffles. All donations and funds we raise are returned to the Community and others in need of assistance. Our modest club events are financed by members who pay what some call “taxes” during the regular meetings. One tradition used to raise “taxes” for the Club Fund is the “Tail Twister” conducted at the end of each meeting.

During the Covid slowdown of everything, our Lions met on an irregular schedule although some members met out of doors and used the Internet. During those two years, requests for donations decreased but our fund-raising continued.

The Lions Club of Vernonia marked a 75th Anniversary on Nov. 23, 2021, but we delayed our public party and cake-cutting until June 18, 2022. We are fortunate to undertake 2023 as an epic year, on track to donate \$37,000! Our 2023 support includes; Vernonia Food Bank, \$4000. Care to Share (electric bills) \$2000. City Library \$1500. Vernonia School Giving Tree \$400. Freewheelers Christmas decor fund \$1000. New High School Stadium \$2000 & \$3000 donations. High School Robotics \$1000. Vernonia Scouting \$1500 and Scouting Camp \$200. Vernonia Grange \$1000. Christmas Baskets \$450. Vernonia Boosters little kids football \$1600. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation \$4000. Guide Dogs For the Blind Association \$2000. Gales Creek Diabetes Camp \$1500. VHS Scholarships \$5000, Living Hope Youth Ranch \$500, Community Improvements projects) \$5000. Highway 47 road cleanup, Memorial Day Flags and Crosses at 3 to 4 cemeteries, Spam & Eggs event for Food Bank protein, and more.

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Their 75th Year in 2022-23!

During our Anniversary party, a long-serving former Vernonia Lion, Don Jackson, reminded us of a few of our many past projects: built a shelter at Camp Wilkersonk, City Hall Flagpole, Bulletin Board, Library Book Drop, Diabetes Foundation, Motorized Wheelchair for Lois Clark, Horseshoe Pits and Pagoda at Hawkins Park, and tennis courts at the old High School. The biggest was “Greenman Field” (sports stadium at old high school) “after a blowdown”.

We are always in need of new members for helping hands and new ideas. We meet twice per month and members enjoy the meetings, our projects and the focus on community. 100% of our donations are given back to the community and those in need. Join us, talk with any Lion member, or drop in. Lions proudly serve. Be one.

Comments on why some are Lions members:

Members of the Lions Club of Vernonia often join because the Lions have such a positive reputation here, and world wide. One recent comment; “I grew up in a small community where in my youth I knew of Lions assistance in town, not knowing the focus of the Club, but that they created and maintained a great little park in town, they were always involved in kids activities on holidays and community events that they, the Lions Club organized and managed. Once I was located in Vernonia, I saw similar action from the Lions Club here, so I looked into it and joined to find Lions had even deeper involvement into helping poor families, or those struck by devastating events such as fire or flooding. Lions of Vernonia reached out and offer support to State and International disasters as well. I, and many of our Club are proud to be Lions and help to improve our community in many ways.

A very recent event, considered a signature event, that Vernonia Lions do each year is a food drive for our local food bank, focused on protein awareness. The event has expanded to multiple days with School classes, & local merchant food collection boxes and donations of cash. We have called this annual event our ‘Spam & Eggs’. We use an outdoor covered tent to promote the Lions, collect donations of food and cash, and this year, shared the event with our local American Legion.

Comments from one motivating member of our Spam & Eggs event include:

“Many of our Club members were working with this today”, “What great support we get from our community”, “People came to tell me stories about Spam”. “I was given a Harley motorcycle ride from a Legion Member!” “Best way to start my day was being thanked for the hearing aids the Lions recently provided to a local resident!”

From a past Lions member who now lives out of state: “Know the joy that fills me knowing that the effort put forth by all is always for the betterment of the community of Vernonia. This group of men and women collectively, as a club or individually on their own, are the finest human beings I’ve ever had the pleasure to be associated with, and it is my honor to call you my friends. I miss everyone and the Club more than you can imagine, and pray one day to be a proud member standing tall by your sides once again. Roar on Vernonia Lions!”

Vernonia Lions Club Mission Statement:

By understanding humanitarian needs, and joined together, we believe our voluntary services and community involvement programs will make our community and the world a better place to live.

submitted by Jerry Keenon

Bentham Lions Club Serves Kids at Gales Creek Camp

The Bentham Lions Club provided a wonderful activity for the kids attending Gales Creek Camp for kids living with Type 1 diabetes. Just look at the amazing picture on the cover! Thanks sooooo much for all your hard work. Steve Thomson really went above and beyond with getting funding and prepping kits for the construction of birdhouses. Bill Loos, Don Roach and Steve Thomson were awesome teachers for the sessions. It was LEGENDARY and the kids LOVED it. But you don't have to take my word for it. Just look at those proud kids (and this is just a fraction of them) !

*submitted by Rob Dailey, Executive Director
Gales Creek Camp Foundation*

Changing the World, One Bird House at a Time

Lion PCC Steve Thomson and other members of the Portland Bentham Lions Club made 50 birdhouse kits for the young campers at Gales Creek Camp. Gales Creek Camp is a place where children and teenagers with type 1 diabetes from the Pacific Northwest can connect with other kids living with the same challenges.

PCC Steve contacted Gales Creek Camp and asked how or what Lions could do for the camp. The answer was could he build birdhouse kits for the campers to put together during their stay.

Three members of the Portland Bentham Lions Club, PCC Steve Thomson, PDG Bert Diamond, Bill Loos and Saint Helens Lion Jim Syrstad proceeded to build the birdhouse kits. At the first group birdhouse building session 45 campers participated. Gales Creek has asked the Lions if they could build another 57 kits? The answer was "NO PROBLEM."



Fifty Birdhouse kits waiting to be assembled at Gales creek.



PCC Steve Thomson demonstrating the fine technique of birdhouse building.



Many happy hands getting all those pieces together.



OK, maybe this piece goes there, or maybe over there?

Lion PDG Steve Moser our LCIF coordinator got a grant to buy the materials and supplies for the birdhouses.

Lions are helping the children of Gales Creek Camp know that we care! Another great service project from Lions.

submitted by PCC Rod Bach

West Linn Lions Club Inducts Ten New Members

(Photos & Story by Mac Larsen with West Linn Tidings
Published August 4, 2023 and Updated August 8, 2023)

In the Grand Fir room of the West Linn Adult Community Center Thursday, Aug. 3, new and old West Linn Lions Club members raised their voices in a rendition of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee.” With the usual introduction concluded, the Lions club could get to the business at hand: the installation of new club officers and induction of ten new members. A ceremonial passing of the club gavel from Tom Loun to Mark Parrish signaled the installation of the new club president.



The West Linn Lions Club at the Adult Community Center on 8/3/23.



Tom Loun passes the gavel to Mark Parrish to signal the installation of a new West Linn Lions Club President. (DG Ed Glad in center).



Some of the newly inducted members of the West Linn Lions Club.

“We have gained 10 new members since April. It’s very hopeful that our club will continue on for another 70 years,” said Loun. “Our motto is ‘We Serve,’ and giving back to communities is what Lions like to do, and I think this new group of people who have come on board are of the same mind.”

The club was founded on April 28, 1953, with 33 original members. Club secretary Harlan Geigle said the original West Linn Lions were mostly mill workers and local teachers. For their 70th anniversary year, the Lions set a goal of inducting 20 new members into the West Linn chapter of the international service organization. In 2020, the Riverview chapter of the Lions Club combined with West Linn because of the challenges facing fraternal benefit societies like the Lions. The induction of new members, including new West Linn Mayor Rory Bialostosky, signals that the club can persevere. Bialostosky, 23, is the youngest member to ever be inducted into the West Linn chapter of Lions International — though he was unable to attend Thursday evening.

“The Lions Club has given me an opportunity to go out into the community and do projects within the community. We’ve done different things; over the past seven years we’ve built shelters down at Hammerle Park, and we’ve built shelters at Willamette Park for picnicking. We’ve been involved with giving scholarships out for now 17 years at the high school,” said Loun.

Lions club district governor Ed Glad joined the West Linn chapter for the ceremonies Thursday. Glad gave each new Lion their official pin with a smile and shared some of the work done by Oregon Lions. Last year, Oregon Lions helped fund eye exams for 160,000 kids. Mutual aid for vision health and services is a fundamental part of Lions International’s focus of community outreach and service. “Lions International has focus areas. We’re good at youth (outreach) but we’re looking at community service for homelessness. We do a lot of volunteering but we’re trying to get involved with service with homelessness,” said Parrish, the West Linn club’s 2023-2024 president.

Parrish said that many of the Lions’ fundraising efforts have focused on helping West Linn High School students, including the cheerleaders, robotics team and science fair participants. This June, the Lions gave \$16,000 in scholarships to graduating West Linn High School seniors. Over the past 17 years, the Lions have given \$147,500 in scholarships to 99 graduating seniors.

The newly inducted West Linn Lions Club members are: Scott McCarty, Logan Kling, Lynn Timoney, Patrick Timoney, Sean Andersson, Steve Schwarz, Rory Bialostosky, Kathleen Crisman, Michelle Crisman and Nathan Burnum.

Dalles Lions Assist with 30th Annual “Show in the Shade” Car Show

The 30th Annual “Show in the Shade” is in the books. This was the first year that The Dalles Lions Club co-sponsored this car show with the Mid-Columbia Car Club. 297 registered cars on a hot day in The Dalles at Sorosis Park overlooking the City of The Dalles. Meetings started in January and we met every Wednesday up to the week of the event. 24 Lions participated the day of the event to help out. Money raised will be used for Sight & Hearing along with Scholarships to our graduating Seniors.



(l-r) Lions Mike Kilkenny, Ethan Wray, Lori Stiles, Jeff Stiles, Tim McGlothlin, Jim Wilcox and Joseph Rankin.



(l-r) Lions Julie and Tony Krueger.



(l-r) Lions Rick Jones and Tony Krueger handing over the keys to the Dodge car that was raffled off to winner Jim Wilcox.



Raffle car.



Raffle basket chaos.



(l-r) Lions Tim McGlothlin, Joseph Rankin and Charla Kozelisky.

In addition to the car show we also set up a registration table downtown in The Dalles on Friday night during the Neon Cruise and registered 82 cars in addition to the preregistered people picking up their show paperwork and goodie bags. Oh, and did I mention it was in the upper 90s with very little wind?

submitted by Mike Kilkenny

Astoria Lions Scores Award for its Entry in the 2023 Warrenton 4th of July Parade

A first for the club, Astoria Lions decorated Lion CJ Bell's German Fire/Rescue/Camper vehicle and entered it in the Warrenton 4th of July parade. To our great surprise and pleasure, our entry was awarded the Clatsop Trophy by the parade organizers.

Decorations were created and installed on the vehicle the morning of the parade by Lions Ron & Charlene Larsen, Lion CJ Bell, Lion Melanie Hansen, Lion Ray Montgomery, and Lion Mark & Wendy Montgomery. Of special note was the green eyeglass frame anchored to the windshield made by Lion Mark from pool noodles, PVC joints and cement.

Lion Mark drove the vehicle with Lions Wendy and Ron accompanying him in the cab to distribute candy to the cheering crowds. Adding to the candy shower by Lion Ron and Wendy, Lion Charlene walked alongside the vehicle distributing candy. Thank you - Lion Charlene!



Lions Decorating (l to r): Wendy Montgomery, CJ Bell, Melanie Hansen, Charlene Larsen, Ron Larsen)



Lions on Parade – (l to r): Mark Montgomery, Wendy Montgomery, CJ Bell, Melanie Hansen, Ray Montgomery

For this event, we used our Astoria Sunday Market banners on the sides and added a new banner advertising Leo Clubs (another new club project – stay tuned for updates). magnet bumper stickers and a Lions shield were added to the vehicle. Plans are underway to create new side banners for use in our entry into this year's Astoria Regatta.

In addition to our vehicle entry, Lions CJ Bell and Ray Montgomery volunteered with the local CERT Team to assist in traffic/crowd control. As we look to the Astoria Regatta, we will do some things differently and will add to the on-board decorations.

Finally, I want to thank all our Lions for making our first entry a great success. See you in August.

submitted by Ray Montgomery



Doug Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



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Here at OLSHF we are so grateful for the incredible support that MD-36 Lions have provided to the Foundation’s sight and hearing programs over the years and for our partnership with Oregon and northern California Lions to “Keep the Promise” of addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss for those in need.

One of the best ways that we can keep MD-36 Lions up to date on OLSHF programs is to provide an in person presentation to your Lions Club, and our Board of Trustees as well as OLSHF Staff are available to visit your Lions Club to do just that.

SVS Update - We’re #1...Again!

In addition to learning about OLSHF programs such as Patient Care, the Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP), and the ROAR! Hearing Assistance program, you’ll receive an update on the award-winning School Vision Screening (SVS) program which was recently named the #1 Lions vision screening program in the United States for the second consecutive year!

The OLSHF presentation for YOUR Lions Club will also include an impact report on how children and adults are being helped by OLSHF programs in your community and your Lions District.

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How Do I Schedule An OLSHF Presentation?

We’re glad you asked!

A request for an OLSHF presentation for your Lions Club can be submitted by:

- 1) Call Doug at (503) 413-8385** and leave a message if he’s not at his desk
- 2) Email Info@OLSHF.org** and provide your Lions Club name and the appropriate Lion to contact to discuss available dates
- 3) Complete a short OLSHF presentation request form** by visiting olshf.org/lions-hq (password: md36) OR **by scanning the QR code** provided here



2024 Conventions Just Around The Corner!

Yes, we know that there isn’t even ‘frost on the pumpkin yet’, but **now is the time to make plans to attend your District Convention AND the MD-36 Convention next May** -- We look forward to attending every Lions Convention in 2024 and seeing you and your fellow Lions there!

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SVS Goes Back to School: Interviews with Staff!

As an SVS Staff member, do you look forward to going "back to school" more now or less than you did when you were a student?



Donna

Donna: "I like it more now because I have less homework!"

What is your favorite aspect of coordinating SVS events in Oregon schools?

Brad: "Connecting with Lions, school staffers, and school nurses. The kiddos are a BIG bonus...as long as it's about 27 seconds each!"



Brad



Bert

Bert: "Best parts of my work are seeing the school staff again and helping the students. When there's that one or a few students who I can tell will greatly benefit from the vision screenings, well, that really makes my day."

And finally, what was your favorite part of going back to school when you were a child?

Steve: "I enjoyed going to school because I have always enjoyed learning and stepping up to a new challenge. And also, because the school had indoor bathrooms, which we didn't have at home."



Steve



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From Carla,* a ROAR! Program recipient:

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From a ROAR! Partner & Prineville Lion:

"Just got a great call from Darlene.* She is soooo happy with the aids and Dr. Anderson [Pacific Northwest Audiology in Bend]. She made me cry because her joy was so emotional. Makes me proud to be a Lion."

*Names have been changed for privacy

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This sweet thank you card comes from a client whom OLSHF has helped with Medical Contact Lenses and Autologous Serum Eye Drops through the Patient Care Program. She shares:

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Hallowe'en Ball: How will you participate this year?

#1: Attend the Event

Ready to come to OLSHF's biggest party & fundraiser of the year? Our Hallowe'en Ball includes a sit-down dinner, live auction, fun games, photo booth, music, and plenty more -- all proceeds from the event support Oregonians who need sight & hearing care! Plus, costumes are encouraged! **Buy your tickets or TABLE now!**

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#2: Bid in Online Auction

Can't make it to Portland for this year's gala? You can still bid in our first-ever online auction! Bid on items from ANYWHERE! Near or far, bid high and support OLSHF programs and win a great prize in the meantime! Online auction starts Friday, October 13th, but **you can register NOW** on our gala website!

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#3: Buy Raffle Tickets

Already thinking about your next dream vacation? **Buy some "Choose Your Paradise" raffle tickets now** while you still can! The winner can choose ONE of four amazing vacation destinations! Raffle tickets are one for \$25 or FIVE for \$100! Get your raffle tickets now for a chance to win a dream vacation!

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King City Lions Club provides \$500,000-plus in scholarships over 26 years

The King City Lions Club marked a major milestone this year in its decades-long scholarship program. The Club has given out an average of about \$20,000 per year in scholarships to graduating seniors at Tigard High School and Tualatin High School since 1997, and this year the Club surpassed the half-million-dollar mark.

When Lions club member Henry J. Marchion, who was Club President in 1981-82, died, he bequeathed to the Club an endowment of \$350,000, which was invested with the Oregon Community Foundation. The Club initially deposited \$250,000 and withheld \$100,000 in case taxes were required to be paid but ultimately was able to invest the full amount. Every year, the Club uses the interest earned for scholarships, never touching the principle. As of this year, 498 awards have been given out to 431 students.

Every year the Club's Scholarship Committee decides which scholarship applicants will be awarded funds, except for \$6,000 of the total amount. Following Marchion's wishes, school counselors at THS and TuHS each choose three outstanding students who may not qualify for traditional scholarships to receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Lions' Club members attend the two schools' award ceremonies each June to hand out scholarship certificates.

This year two Scholarship Committee members determined the award winners with Harper Pulsipher with the Oregon Community Foundation, who lauded the club's "incredible history of supporting students." "The three of them decided who would get scholarships and the amounts of each," said Lions club member Bill Gerkin, who has chaired the Scholarship Committee and presented the awards at the high schools for many years.

The following TuHS seniors received scholarships: Teejay Olomua - \$2,500; Henry Cualio Palma - \$2,500; and Joyse Gomez-Cortes - \$2,500. The three students who received \$1,000 scholarships were Alejandro Ayala, Carlos Cunningham and Joseph Patricio.

At THS, senior Abel Amenta won a \$2,500 scholarship, and Jessica Zelazguy-Valdo received a \$6,000 scholarship; she won a scholarship as a high school senior and will be a college senior but has accrued a lot of student debt and requested an additional scholarship.

THS counselors could not decide between four outstanding students to receive \$1,000 awards and asked if all four could receive scholarships, to which the Scholarship Committee agreed. The four \$1,000 scholarship winners are Ethan Michaelsen, Leslie Caloca, Gavin Richlick and Diana Rodriguez-Angel.

submitted by Barbara Sherman

Eugene Bethel Lions Welcome State Senator James I. Manning Jr. As Esteemed Guest Speaker



**Oregon State Speaker Pro Tem
Senator James I. Manning Jr.
speaking to Eugene Bethel Lions.**

On Eugene Bethel Lions club's meeting July 11th, our long-awaited guest speaker, Oregon State Speaker Pro Tem Senator James I. Manning Jr spoke to club members and guests. Senator Manning, a long-time advocate of the Lions, spoke about his joy in helping Eugene Bethel Lions as they conduct eye screening. He asked when we will be screening again as he would like to help.

State Senator Manning is very active in the Bethel community by serving on the Bethel School District Budget Committee and on the Bethel School District Long-term Facility Planning Committee. He spoke to the club for about 30 minutes and took several questions after the presentation. He spoke about the recent approval of Universal Healthcare that he has tracked and supported throughout the approval process.

Several members of the Eugene Bethel Lions club know State Senator Manning due to his activity in the community. We waited until the legislative session was over before State Senator Manning was available to speak to our club. He was a very enthusiastic and engaging speaker.

submitted by Gerald Oliver, Secretary

Lions Clubs International Foundation

They came by car, by train, by bus and plane – even some via local cabs! Over 200 District and Multiple District LCIF Coordinators gathered at the CA1-LCIF Strategy Session at the Rosemont Hilton/Chicago O’Hare from July 22nd thru July 25th. Trainings regarding all aspects concerning fundraising guides, grants - applications to awarding, monitoring and follow-up evaluations, speaking scripts, and even the complete arena of Melvin Jones Awards were subjects of the session. Past International President Brian Sheehan presided and inspired us throughout, all the while traveling back and forth from the front of the room to the back on his Segway.

Weather-wise found the area typical summer muggy and in the neighborhood of 85 degrees, so air conditioning was welcome for most of us! We were divided into our ‘groups’ based on location in LCI Constitutional Area 1 – USA and Canada. Oregon was represented by PDG Steve Moser from District R and myself PCC Paul Zastrow as the MD36 Chair, and we were assigned and ably led by Lion PDG Dr. Mark Mansell from MD19.

Several different sessions were outstanding, but each demonstrated the drive we need for being successful at raising sufficient funds from clubs and individuals to make LCIF a true success. The real key for district representatives as well as for club reps is to:

- A. Tell your Story.
- B. Build from Scratch – create your team.
- C. Create Your Goals – Individuals and Clubs.
- D. Plan for Success.
- E. Implement!

Overall it should not become overwhelming – currently in 2022-23 the goal was to raise \$50 Million, and we raised some \$57 Million. New Goal is to find a way to achieve \$70 million raised for 2023-24. When we look at clubs and individual Lions – 2022 – 23 only 8% donated and let’s bring that up to at least 10%. Individual donating is at 3.79%, so bringing that up to over 5% should not be too difficult.

We had a myriad of classes and discussions as to truly find the ways that we can become effective fund raisers. From the car washes to cooking, from raffles to entertainment, for sponsoring to whatever one can imagine to bet attention to donate – all were welcome – especially the ASK!

Of course after all this – comes the ability to grant monies to the various causes. In our MD36 we are so much better at asking for grants than we are at donating! Let’s at least try to turn that around!

As a true inspiration we did a bit of fundraising while at the Strategy Session, raising a bit over \$300,000 -, not bad for just a bit over 200 Lions! LCIF reports many things – your Coordinators receive reports in Donations, - by month; Status of Installments (towards MJF/PMJF); Club Participation; and Grants – available from LCIF.



(l-r) PCC Paul Zastrow, PID Brian Sheehan and PDG Steve Moser.

The Dalles Lions Club Helps Put Out Flags for the 4th of July



Lion and Scout members getting ready to put the flags out.

Lion Anthony Pereira, a dedicated Scout Master, came to The Dalles Lions Club to request help in putting out the flags for the 4th of July as his troop and most of the Adult Leaders would be in Coeur d'Alene for a summer camp. The Club eagerly accepted the challenge!!

Determined and confident, we gathered bright and early at 5:45am, ready to begin the task. We had the Girl Scouts join us at 6:30am, and together we adorned the town with flags, symbolizing the spirit of Independence Day.

Lion Anthony, well-versed in the process, efficiently devised four routes for us to follow. He even promised to create a map, ensuring a smooth operation. What could possibly go wrong? With synchronized efforts, all the flags

were successfully displayed within just an hour, showcasing our collective pride and patriotism. Later that night, they came together again to collect the flags, as a testament to our dedication.



Lion Kate Mast installing a flag.



(l-r) Lions Rick Jones, Carolyn Layson and potential new Lion Jacob Krueger.



(l-r) Lions Kate Mast, Jim Bishop, Mark Fortin, Timmy Mac, Kris Harmon and Ethan Wray.



Girl Scout members & parents.



Lions and Girl Scout Members gathering.



Lion Tony Krueger.

The diligent members of The Dalles Lions participating in this memorable event were Lions Jim Wilcox, Jim Bishop, Ethan Wray, Timmy Mac, Al Wynn, Brad Durso, Tony Krueger, Rick Jones, Mike Kilkenny, Kris Harmon, Nancy Cain, Mark Fortin, Leos Charles Rankin and Ari Durso and hopeful new member Jacob Krueger.

submitted by Mike Kilkenny

Pendleton Lions Hold Awards Dinner on June 15, 2023



(l-r) Board members: PDG John Taylor, Bill Morris, Lyle Jensen, Randee Bronwon, Jim Smootz and Craig Hylton.



President's Award (LCI) Lyle Jensen.



Spirit of Service Awards Standing: (l-r) Jim Smootz, Bill Morris, Sean Degan, Theresa Degan and Dwight Johnson. Sitting: PDG Bill Taylor.



(l-r) 2023-2024 officers: Sherri Sievert, President, CJ McEwen, Secretary, Sean Degan, 1VP, Risa Rikken 2VP, and Dwight Johnson, Treasurer.



(l-r) Rita Campbell presents Distinguished Service Award (LCI) to Alfred Wood.



Vision and Fellowship Award (OLSHF) Craig Hylton.



(l-r) Rita Campbell presents Lion of the Year (LCI) to Carrielynn McEwen.



Distinguished Service Plaque (LCI) Randee Bronwon.



Melvin Jones Award: Alan Kendrick, Sherri Sievert and Risa Rikken.



(l-r) Rita Campbell presents Presidents Appreciation Award (LCI) to Steve Churchill.



(l-r) PDG John Taylor presenting Rita Campbell with her Norman Ross Award (OLSHF).



Helen Keller Award (OLSHF) recipient PDG John Taylor.



(l-r) Rita Campbell presents Presidents Appreciation Award (LCI) to Roxanne Hanel

Elgin Lions Celebrate with Picnic & Meeting

The Elgin Lions gathered at the welcoming residence of Daryl and Barbara Hawes to celebrate their annual picnic and conduct their essential business meeting. At this delightful gathering, Lions were indulged with scrumptious barbecued chicken, masterfully prepared by Daryl, and an array of delectable treats generously provided by fellow members.



Daryl Hawes grills chicken.



Lions discuss community needs.



Lions meet in picturesque setting.

Following the barbecue, the Lions convened to address several pressing matters. These included the procurement of a battery for the Duck Train, plans for deploying the Duck Train at the upcoming Cove Cherry Festival and for supporting CASA, a commitment to collect school supplies for students in need, the consideration of how to deal with some ailing trees previously planted by the Lions, and the pressing issue of paving the RV dump area. In a unanimous decision, the Lions approved a motion to allocate funds exceeding \$4,000 for the pivotal task of paving the RV dump area.