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We are a busy group of dedicated LIONS!



District O GLT/GMT meeting with a service project to boot!



Elgin Lions Club "Pig Train" keeps rolling along



Eugene Downtown Lions pick raffle-winning tickets



La Grande Lions celebrate raffle sales for the 4th of July event at Eastern Oregon University campus

ANNIVERSARIES

October 2015 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 05, 1928
Roseburg	October 12, 1928
Forest Grove	October 15, 1946
Lake Oswego	October 16, 1946
Milwaukie	October 28, 1948
Springfield	October 10, 1950
Saint Helens	October 10, 1955
Jordan Valley	October 13, 1970
Wallowa	October 15, 1973
Banks	October 23, 1987



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MONTHLY CALENDAR

MEETINGS

October

- 14 Patient Care Committee meeting - OLSHF @ noon
- 15 OLSHF Webinar @ 11am
- 16 Lions VisionGift Board meeting - LVG - Tate Conf. Room @ 10:30am
- 26 SOLS&HC Board meeting - Medford @ 6pm

November

- 7 District O Cabinet meeting - Mt Hood - TBA @ 9am
- District R Cabinet meeting - Junction City - Moose Lodge, 427 Front St. @ 9am
- District E Cabinet meeting - Keno - Keno Fire Hall, 1400 Puckett Road @ 10am
- 11 Patient Care Committee meeting - OLSHF @ noon
- 14 OLSHF Trustee meeting - Springfield - Springfield Justice Ctr., 4th & B St. @ 9am
- Council of Governors meeting - Springfield - Springfield Justice Ctr., 4th & B St. @ 1pm

EVENTS

October

- 3 OLSHF Hall of Fame Gala @ Tualatin Country Club; Reception @ 4pm with dinner at 5:30pm
- 5 Eyeglass Sorting Party - Keizer - Keizer Lions Hall @ 6pm
- 9 *The Oregon Lion* article deadline (for Nov. issue)
- Lions World Sight Day
- 12 Columbus Day observed - HQ office closed

November

- 1 Daylight saving time ends
- 10 *The Oregon Lion* article deadline (for Dec. issue)
- 19 OLSHF Webinar @ 11am

Council Chair News



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Fall is here, cool weather, beautiful leaves and Halloween. The seasons change, but Lions continue to serve their communities and assist those individuals in need.

LCI estimates that for every "new" Lion member, your club will be able to "serve" 30 additional people in their community. It's simple to say, "Get some new members so we can do more service."

Not true, you must first determine what your Lions Club has to offer a "new" Lion, which is best done by sharing your projects and involving potential new Lions to assist.

The District Governors are well into their year and have expressed appreciation of the Clubs and what they are doing. Each District has realistic plans to add new members and new Lion Clubs.

The District Governors are also promoting the "Story Board" where the clubs display their projects: past, present and planned (during our Centennial). Clubs who have a "Story Board" have an excellent tool to share what they do in their community. My recommendation is to start working on the "Story Board" now and display it at every activity your club undertakes.

Let's continue doing what we do best "Serve" and have this Lion year be the "Year of Growth" for MD-36.

I will always remind you that Lions are the "Leaders In Outstanding, Noteworthy Service". Keep up the good work.

"Lions are, All In".
CC Chuck La Tourrette

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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In Memoriam: George DeHart

It is with heavy heart, but with a spirit befitting the man, that we acknowledge the passing of PDG Lion George A. DeHart on August 14th of this year. We're certain that most of you had the opportunity to witness first-hand his commitment to life and to the Lions Club of Oregon in his almost 30 years as a Lion with the South Salem Lions Club, but we'd like to take a moment to highlight how that commitment helped transform Lions VisionGift into what we are today.

As an educator and entrepreneur, George had that special combination of skills that allowed for decisive actions without divisive outcomes. One of the most influential events in **Lions VisionGift's** history was the merger of the Oregon Eye Bank (OHSU) and the **Lions Eye Bank of Oregon**, which George helped facilitate through extensive dealings with Dr. Joseph Robertson at OHSU. We don't have the space to explain how the landscape of ocular donation and transplant in Oregon would look different if this partnership had evolved differently and been a competition between agencies; but rest assured, it is the bedrock on which all of LVG's successes rests upon. Every relationship we've developed since has been simplified by our standing in the industry and community.

George was never one to shy away from a complicated issue and demonstrated that leadership when he left his post as Chairman of the Board here at **LionsVisionGift** to assume the same position with the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation in 2001. Of course, when his term was completed George came right back to the LVG board and continued to provide valuable guidance right up until his death last month.

George and his wife of 63 years, Delores, enjoyed travelling internationally, having been to more than forty countries in their journeys together. In addition to his wife, he leaves behind 4 children, 4 grandchildren, and many saddened colleagues and cohorts from through the years. We know that George will always be missed here at **Lions VisionGift** and that his contributions to what **Lions VisionGift** is today will not be lost with the passage of time.

We talk a lot about legacy in the donation and transplant world. It's often one of the reasons families cite as why they're willing to undertake the process at such a difficult time for them – the legacy of their loved one's spirit of generosity, or a part of them lives on through the gift. Last year, we were lucky enough to recognize George for all his contributions to our cause by naming a conference room in our facility after him – he was delighted with the honor, but in typical fashion mentioned how many other people had played important roles through the years as well.

Thank you for everything you did George. You will be missed.



“500” Lions VisionGift Courier Runs: Linda Thompson

English writer John Heywood, author of a seminal work of proverbs and epigrams, is famous for collecting many of our most often quoted colloquialisms. “A penny for your thoughts,” and, “Beggars can’t be choosers” are just a couple, but one in particular sticks out when we think About our volunteer Lion Couriers and that is, “Many hands make light work.” With hundreds of courier runs needed each year, **Lions VisionGift** depends on the generosity of time and spirit that you folks put forward – and we’re truly grateful for the contributions.

However, despite our attempts to spread the courier opportunities around, there are a few individuals who routinely answer the call when we’re stuck and need help, one of those is Linda Thomson. Never one to deny a request for assistance, Linda just crossed a most impressive milestone this past August when she completed her 500th volunteer courier run. Linda’s first courier run with us was in 1995. Let’s let that sink in for a minute... because that was 20 years ago.

These many requests have sometimes come with advance notice, (like scheduling a delivery to a surgeon first thing tomorrow morning), but we have also called with last minute tissue transport from a funeral home or the airport. It’s too easy to forget when we pack corneas up into that sterile looking transport container, that just on the other side of that cardboard and Styrofoam is someone’s last greatest act, and the gift of sight. Linda has helped facilitate that donor’s last act and, by extension, that recipient’s relief.

Too often we catch Linda while she’s out enjoying (read: working hard in) her home garden, and we’re grateful that her chlorophyll charges can spare her on a moment’s notice – so we only thought it fitting to honor her contributions with another flower for her garden... in the hopes that her commitment to **Lions VisionGift** will only continue to flourish right alongside it.

For those of you who desire to follow in these exemplary footsteps and assist **Lions VisionGift** with courier runs, please be sure to organize within your club and then contact **Lions VisionGift** with an updated list of Members who are interested in doing courier runs. Depending on your location and availability, the opportunities to have a direct role in a sight-restoration surgery could come quickly; but even if you’re in an area with lower demand, that one or two runs you make can be life-changing for donor families and patients.



Thank you Linda Thomson

Lions Quest Program Starts Up in Oregon

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and District O awarded a \$10,000 Community Partnership Grant to the St. Helens School District in the name of the St. Helens Lions Club.

The grant was used to pay for a Lions Quest Skills for Action workshop at the Columbia County Education Campus alternative school on September 3. It followed a District R Lions Quest workshop in Salem on September 2.

The school is the second oldest alternative school on the West Coast according to school administrator Colleen Grogan. She said, "Lions Quest will be a valuable resource for our school, especially our new student class, Discovery. It meets a specific curriculum need."

The Lions Quest program teaches learning to accept responsibility, communicating effectively, setting goals, making healthy decisions and resisting negative peer pressure. The high school

Skills for Action focuses on community service.

St. Helens Lions Club President Martin Larson said, "The Club is pleased to provide another service to the youth of our community and to St. Helens."

District 36-0 Governor Hank Calhoun was the grant administrator. "As District Governor," Hank stated, "I am thrilled that the St. Helens Lions Club was able to make the Lions Quest program available to students and staff. My hope is the program will be as successful here as it has been around



the world."

According to Grant Coordinator PDG Jim Jagers, who serves MD 36 as Lions Quest Chair, "The Lions Quest Program provides high quality, research based classroom resources for teachers and age-appropriate learning materials for students."

submitted by PDG Jim Jagers

Cans for a Cause

Last year the King City Lions Club worked hard in sending many WWII veterans to Washington D.C. to see the memorial through Honor Flights Cans For A Cause Campaign. They did so well with this effort that some vendors, where there were barrels, wanted the Lions to keep going. So they did, but they changed the cause to the Tigard High School Care Closet in June 2015. The Care Closet is an organization that collects donations of clothes for children whose families cannot afford school clothes. To date, the King City Lions have donated \$467.45 from collection of cans to the organization to purchase new school clothes for children. The Club will continue to collect cans, but will turn its efforts back to Honor Flight. Lion Bill Gerkin has been a tremendous part of this. Thanks Bill!

Also, four King City Lions will be leaving in the middle of September on an Honor Flight trip. The two veterans are Lion Larry Torrey and Lion Dr. Rupert Fixot. Their companions are Lion Bill Gerkin and Lion Fae Lloyd.



*Submitted by Angela Stierle,
King City Lions Club*

Eugene Downtown Lions Club Annual Raffle Comes To a Close

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club's Annual Raffle was again a success. The raffle continued for 7 weeks with ticket sales at various locations in the area including Bi-Mart, PC Market of

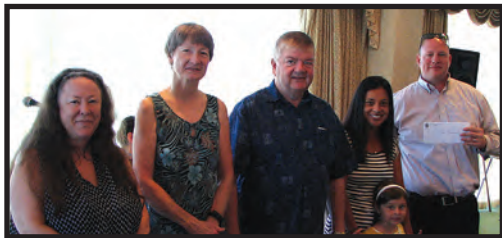


Lions Teri Yerton and Dan Goldstrand sold tickets

Choice and the Fifth Street Public Market. The odds of being a winner in this raffle were better than most

other raffles because a limit of 4,000 tickets were sold.

Ticket sales tables were set up at each location with two terrific posters to advertise the raffle prizes. Seven great prizes were offered. The drawing took place in front of the Bi-Mart store at 18th and Chambers. Here are the winners in the order of their prize



5 of the winners shared lunch and received the paperwork to pick up their prizes. (r-l) 1st-Jake Vanderveen, 3rd-Laura Lee & Daughter Cara, 4th- Dan Paulson, 6th. Paula Loftin, 7th- Darlene McKenna

was won by Jake Vanderveen. Second prize, a \$1,400 Herman Miller "Aeron" office chair, was won by Seth Humphrey. Third prize, an iPad, was won by Laura Lee. Fourth prize, a choice of a Men's Specialized Sirrus bicycle or a Woman's Specialized Vita bicycle each valued at \$650 from Hutch's Bicycle Shop, was won by Dan Paulson. Fifth prize, the same choice of a bicycle valued at \$650 from Hutch's Bicycle Shop, was won by David Faulk. Sixth prize, a \$500 gift certificate from Bi-Mart, was won by Paula Loftin. The seventh prize, a \$500 gift certificate from Bi-Mart, was won by Darlene

McKenna.

The winners were invited to join the Lions for a free lunch at one of our meetings where they received the paperwork to claim

their prize. As it turned 5 out 7 winners attended the July 1 meeting. The two



Lion Karen Norton, surrounded by Lions, picked the first of the 7 winning tickets

remaining winners were not able to attend a meeting, so their certificates were hand delivered.

Lion Dan French was the

new Raffle Committee chair for this year and is to be congratulated and thanked for his dedication to having a great raffle.



Fifth prize winner David Faulk accepted the certificate for the bicycle he won



Second prize winner Seth Humphrey got the paperwork for his Herman Miller Office Chair

The final report from our dedicated raffle "Ticket/Moneyman" Lion Andy Bakr indicated that after all expenses the raffle netted about \$17,500. Thanks to our sponsors Bi-Mart, Hutch's Bicycle Shop, Jerry's, Fred Meyer, Office World and Eugene Tour and Travel. Thanks to all of the members of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club who donated money, sold

tickets, collected and added up the money and gave us the support to make this year's raffle a success.



iPad winner Laura Lee and son Dalpon setting up the new iPad

submitted by Tim Chuey

District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column

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This is a great time to be a Lion! As I visit the clubs in District O, I am getting excited about the enthusiasm and pride that I find in the Lions Clubs. From the International theme this year (Dignity, Harmony and Humanity) to the wonderful service projects that we are doing in our community, the Lions excitement and enthusiasm is wonderful. Many clubs are ready to try to use new ways to communicate and get younger members through web pages and Facebook. This is the way young people today communicate and younger people are the future of Lions. By involving young members we can continue serving for the next 100 years.

My theme is: ***It Is A Great Day To Be A Lion!*** I feel and believe this with all of my heart. We are the world's largest service organization with more than 1.4 million members in 210 countries around the world. Every minute of everyday a Lion is serving someone. Many times it is in a significant life-changing way. It is a great day to be a Lion. Whenever there is a disaster somewhere in the world, Lions are there ready to help with volunteers and money. It is a great day to be a Lion. In third world countries river blindness has been eradicated and measles vaccines have been made available to those in need. It is a great day to be a Lion.

Here in Oregon, it is a great day to be a Lion because we have the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation and Lions VisionGift. Because of the Sight and Hearing Foundation, Lions around the state can offer multiple screenings for a number of health problems with the MSU truck and trailer. We are also able to provide close to 150,000 quality vision screenings to school children and provide quality glasses at a reasonable price to Lions Clubs around our state. Through the Lions VisionGift, Lions are helping the cutting edge of cornea research and distribution around the world. **It is, indeed, a great day to be a Lion!**

While we are currently celebrating one hundred years of service to those in need, it is time to think of the future. We will only celebrate the next one hundred years of service if Lions today offer the opportunity of service to the young. I know that membership growth is not easy, but we must find a way to invite young families, students and adults to join us as we serve in our community.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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I have been visiting Lions Clubs in District 36R, both on the coast and up and down the valley. The reception I have received has been very gratifying and I have enjoyed every visit I have made. I look forward to visiting all of the clubs in the District and meeting as many Lions as I can.

On September 3, I had a unique opportunity to see a Lions program in action. PDG Betty Levenhagen invited me to welcome participants to a Lions Quest workshop held at the Oregon School for the Deaf in Salem. After I welcomed the participants, I stayed on to observe the process. I met the facilitator, a Certified Lions Quest trainer named Frances Portillo. And I met many of the participants who were teachers and dorm councilors from the School for the Deaf, teachers and administrators from the Central and Salem-Keizer School Districts and a participant from the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver.

Many of the participants were unable to speak, so they communicated in sign language. There were two interpreters who facilitated communication between those who could hear and those who could not. I found it especially interesting how the exercises using Lions Quest seemed to open new ways for these veteran teachers and counselors to be able to reach the students they teach. I thought, once again, what a great organization we belong to that we can make something this valuable available to people who work with youth.

District R is in the process of establishing a Lions Club at Western Oregon University and we hope to follow that Club with one at Willamette University. By the time you read this letter, we will have completed Campus Club Guiding Lion Training and conducted tabling and recruiting at both universities. This will give us two young and active Clubs able to serve their own campus communities and to work with other Lions Clubs in the area.

Finally, I want to note the passing of PDG George DeHart. George was one of the finest Lions I have ever met. He loved the Lions and he believed strongly in what we stand for. Until the day he passed on, he was giving advice and council to Lions who knew and loved him. Rest in peace, George. You are already greatly missed.

District E - Southern - South Coast



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I am proceeding rapidly along with my goal of visiting all clubs in District 36-E and, at the same time, looking for areas that have had Lions clubs that could be reestablished as well as new areas that show promise for new clubs. To date, I have had the pleasure of visiting 15 Lions clubs. Each club has many strong points and provides excellent service to its community. The Lions themselves are very impressive and want to do as much as they can to assist those individuals who find themselves in need of the excellent services Lions throughout the world provide.

The OLSHF and the So. Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center continue to do outstanding work, supporting Lions and enabling them to provide greater, superb service to their communities. This excellent service does not go unnoticed. The Lions of Oregon have recently received a special thank you from the staff of Lions Kidsight USA for screening 142,000 children this past year. This is an excellent beginning, but we have a long way to go before all children in Oregon have their eyesight properly screened. Kudos and a challenge. Let us, Lions of Oregon and Northern California, do all that we can to reach every child in Oregon and Northern California to provide eyesight screening and follow-up care.

My first cabinet meeting was filled with information and fun things and was very well attended. Our next Cabinet meeting will be November 7, 2015, at the Keno Fire Hall.

The District 36-E convention will be March 18-19, 2016, at Ramada Inn in Medford OR. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. We have a lot of great events and fun things planned.

With Wave of Lionism

District G Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column

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Two months into the year and things are starting to get busy. Of course, we all do more than just Lions things; jobs, family, other interests and perhaps even hobbies seem to get in the way or take a back seat to the business of a District Governor! That said, as DGs we are emissaries from LCI, our International President and for Lions Clubs International Foundation, as well as those activities that we sponsor as a Multiple District or through LCI. I am making up my travel itinerary and shall be putting on the miles! For those who do not know, last week I traveled to Baker City to meet their Exec. Board which was a mere 510.7 miles round trip from home out of Hood River. I will add even more miles this coming Monday to visit the Halfway Lions! These did not count as a visitation, but was necessary for doing what can be done to assist clubs having difficulty.

In Lions news, let's make sure we just DO THE ASK – recruiting members is still the number one method of ensuring we have the power to make the difference in our communities. Special pins and other recognition are offered for new members as well as their sponsors to help celebrate our upcoming Lions Centennial, so let's get busy and bring 'em in! Our Upper Valley Club Branch is about ready to take off and it is my feeling that within a year a fully-fledged club will be operating. We regret to inform you that the Redmond Club is now on Status Quo and will be dropped as their last member has transferred to another club. This means we are short by several clubs of the required number for a viable District, meaning we must get busy and work our tails off to comply!

Lastly, let us not forget that there are tons of resources available through LCI, LCIF, our own Multiple District 36 and OLS&H Foundation. Please help make this a year to remember!

You Me and Diabetes

Hello Everyone,

By the time you read this article we will be enjoying the beauties of fall and hopefully have received ample rainfall to stop the devastation created by all those wildfires. My hat is off to all those who have been fighting around the clock for so long to put an end to the suffering of so many who have lost everything and in some instances their lives.

My wife and I had the pleasure of tailgating with friends on October 5 at the football game between the Oregon Ducks and Eastern Washington. It was a beautiful day and both teams played well. After the game, we got on the trolley along with a man and his wife. I noticed the man was wearing prosthesis in place of his right leg. I inquired about it and it turned out that he was a type 1 diabetic. According to his story, he was elk hunting, which can lead to a lot of stress on the legs. The party he was with managed to kill three elk, but because of the stress and the diabetes, he later had to give up his leg. A fair trade? I don't think so. Just because we are diabetics, we don't we don't have to give up activities; we just have to use good judgement in our choices. The following is a story published in *Diabetes Forecast*. I thought you might receive inspiration from reading this.

Carpe Diem

Recently I have had the chance to reflect on my life. At 56 years young, I have a wonderful life, a wonderful wife and two wonderful daughters. As I reminisced (to myself), I came up with what I thought was a pretty cool list of the things I've done: 1) flown in a hot air balloon; 2) flown in a helicopter to a glacier in Alaska, then dogsledded on the glacier; 3) became a certified scuba diver; 4) worked as a lead pyro-technician and performed hundreds of firework shows for hundreds of thousands of people; 5) put thousands of miles on many different snowmobiles; 6) competed in four different types of off-road motorcycle events; 7) rode thousands of miles all over the Northeast on two-wheeled and three-wheeled motorcycles; 8) spent four days riding dirt bikes through Nevada; 9) gone whitewater rafting in class IV rapids; 10) barrel raced on horseback; 11) spent two days on horseback traveling over 60 miles to raise money for a local charity; 12) rode jet skis, wave-runners and more all over New York state lakes; 13) visited 35 states, including Alaska and Hawaii plus Puerto Rico and Saint Martin; 14) co-chaired the position of volunteer coordinator for the 2012 and 2013 American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure here in Rochester, New York with my wife Karen.

So why am I sending this to *Diabetes Forecast*? All of my wonderful life happened while living with type 1 diabetes. When I was diagnosed in 1966, everyone spoke about my "condition". But even in the early days of urine testing and sterilizing glass syringes, diabetes really never held me back. It certainly has made for challenges in my life, but everyone has something special to deal with as well. I have seen a lot of changes, all for the better, in all aspects of diabetes. I believe a cure is not far off.

But the real reason I write this is that I truly hope that some young person or recently diagnosed adult will read this and realize that, yes, diabetes is a bummer, but it does not have to burn you out.

Get out there and live the life you want to live.

Dan Hirst

Life might not be the party we asked for but we might as well dance while we're here!

MD36 Diabetes Chairman Charlie Tate

Lions Clubs International

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Our Centennial Celebration brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of life-changing humanitarian service.

Starting with the kickoff in July 2014 and ending in June 2018, Lions in clubs around the world will join in the celebration by expanding our community project work and inspiring others to join us in service.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion. Let's celebrate together!



Ways your Lions club can celebrate and serve

Lead through Service

Organize Centennial Service Challenge projects to benefit youth, vision, hunger, and the environment

...and share your successes with your local media and on MyLCI.

Invite for Impact

Participate in the Centennial Membership Awards by inviting new members and sponsoring a new club

...and encourage your new members to participate in Centennial service projects.

Connect with Community

Identify needs in your community and plan a Centennial Community Project to make a lasting local impact

...and share your Centennial projects through social media with the #LIONS100 hashtag.

Start your Centennial Celebration today!

1. Talk about the Centennial with your club and invite them to join the celebration.
2. Choose a Centennial Club Chairperson and/or committee.
3. Create a plan for your club to Lead through Service, Invite for Impact, and Connect with your Community.
4. Share your plan with your District Centennial Coordinator — other clubs can benefit from your ideas.
5. Share the impact of your service on MyLCI at mylci.lionsclubs.org.

Centennial Resources

Visit lions100.org for everything Centennial, including planning guides, project ideas, presentations, and videos to inspire

Join the Centennial Service Challenge at lions100.org/centennialservicechallenge

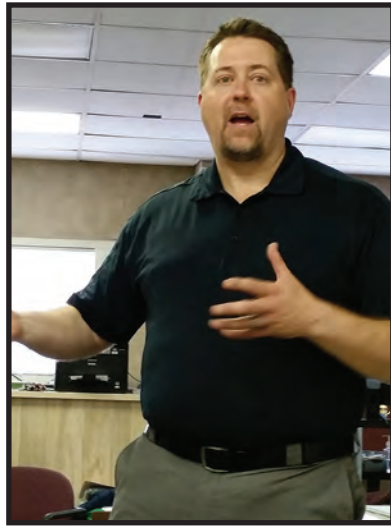
Invite new Lions to join you in service and celebration at lions100.org/centennialmembership

lions100.org

District O: Leadership and Service - A Great Combination

Raise your hands if you like to attend meetings! Come on now, tell the truth. How about the people in the back of the room with the drooping, half closed eyes?

What if your Lions meeting was also a service project? Wouldn't that be more fun? That's what most of the Lion leaders in District 36-O did in early August. For our monthly combined Global Membership and Leadership Team meeting, we meet at the Portland Police's Sunshine Division food bank. We talked for a while about important District business.



Then, for a twist, we toured the food pantry and warehouse. Diana Richardson arranged the meeting/service project. She is the current District O Global Leadership Team Chair and a past Board member of the Sunshine Division. Also at the event was Dane Parreira, Club President. When asked what he liked about the project he said, "This program is essential to the welfare of the community. The generosity of others and the commitment from the Sunshine Division afford those with limited means to have meals and nutrition that so many of us take for granted."

Our tour was led by Kyle Camberg, Executive Director of the Sunshine

Division. He told us that the organization was started in 1923 by the Portland Police as a way to help people deal with a shortage of food. Years later, the Sunshine Division became its own separate non-profit agency and now has the food pantry, food bank and clothing room which is offered free to those who are eligible.



DG Hank Calhoun appreciated the opportunity to be there and give back to the community. "The Portland Police Sunshine Division is a great charity to partner with to make a significant difference in the lives of people. In a short time our group of Lions sorted a lot of donated food into an organized manner so shelves can be stocked and given to those in need. Because of what we did that day, it was a great day to be a Lion," he said.



If you'd like to get your club to volunteer at the Sunshine Division, call them at 503-823-2176 or contact your local food bank.

At your next Club, Zone meeting, or District level meeting, plan to include a service project as well. It sure makes for a fun meeting.

*submitted by Carrie Swesso-Bartley
photos submitted by Bert Diamond*

La Grande Lions Receive Portion of Raffle Proceeds

At the La Grande Lions Club meeting on August 24, guest speaker Steve Combs spoke about the annual 4th of July event that is held on the Eastern Oregon University Campus. Mr. Combs is on the 4th of July Fundraising Committee and he came to deliver the Club a \$525 check. This amount was earned by the Club's effort in selling raffle tickets for the event. For every raffle ticket sold the Club received half of the cost of the ticket. These funds will assist the Club's Sight and Hearing programs.

submitted by Nancy Van Sickle



(l-r) (back row) Lions Ryan Hildebrandt, Sam Kimball, Marty Vavra, Tim Fromwiller and Steve McClure

(l-r) (front row) President John Howard, Larry Glaze (Raffle ticket chair) accepts the check from Steve Combs, Betty and Ray Hyde accepts the keys for winning the grand prize of a used car donated by Goss Motors Company and Lion Nancy Van Sickle.

Jared Rogers Honored by Elgin Lions

The Elgin Lions recently honored the Club Secretary, Jared Rogers, for outstanding work within the Club. President Bob Thomas joked that Jared's name was entered into a contest for outstanding Secretaries with the winners getting an all expenses paid Hawaiian cruise with 2,300 other Secretaries, of which 99% were female. Thomas told the group that, after sending all of this information in, the Club was informed that Jared was a winner. "However," Thomas added, "The bad news is that the boat left when he (Jared) was in Alaska." Since he missed the trip, Thomas presented Rogers with a Hawaiian necklace, pineapple, and hat.

The President noted that Jared had served as Secretary of the Lions Club in the early 80s. However, that Club disbanded and Rogers became a charter member of the new Club serving as its Secretary since 1997. Lion Bob said that Lion Jared takes meticulous minutes, recording exactly what has happened each meeting. His minutes are not only informative but entertaining as well. Bob told the members, "He has a talent for being positive and supportive of our Club and its members. Jared never wastes time by being critical or negative."

Jared has served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Elgin Rural Fire Department Board and was instrumental in acquiring the funding for the new fire station. He has served on the Elgin Health District Clinic Board and been instrumental in acquiring funding for the new clinic as well. Within the Lions Club, Jared works at organizing the Light Parade, the Christmas Basketball Tournament, the Duck ticket sales and even is a part of capturing the runaway ducks. He bought and operated his cider press for the Lions Community Free Cider program.

Bob told the group that behind every great man there is a great woman, and "I call her 'Tool Belt' Debbie. She can always be counted on to be at the fireworks booth or the Light Parade float with her tool belt on." Bob then presented Debbie with a plant for her support.



Joseph Branch Rail Riders Meet Lions

The founders of the Joseph Branch Rail Riders met with the Elgin Lions Club to give a report of activities in Wallowa County. Kim and Anita Metlen shared information and showed pictures of their new project of speeders, which are leg pumped carts on the rails.



Anita and Kim Metlen

"We have no business plan," Kim related, "but we know it has not been done anywhere else. We built one cart and now have several operating from Minam to Wallowa and Joseph to Enterprise."

The Metlens were former owners of the La

Grande bicycle shop, but sold the business to their kids. "We played with the Rails to Trails for about two years and it is not cheap to build the cars from bits and pieces of material."

Kim stated that it seems every view is prettier than the others. "You see bear, elk deer and more. It's a family entertainment. We have had ages 94 years old to toddlers who are barely able to sit in a seat." Kim said that business is increasing all the time even though the family does not do advertising. "By Memorial Day, we had 60-90 people a day becoming Rail Riders." Kim Metlen said, "*The La Grande Observer*, *The Chieftan* and *The Oregonian* have been very good to us. OPB even came out and filmed us. We have had a lot of social media."

Kim noted that this is another great way to bring money to Northeastern Oregon. "Not a day goes by that the locals don't thank us for having the project."

submitted by Gerald Hopkins, PDG

Winner Chosen

The Dalles President Timothy McGlothlin was the winner of the Cannon Beach Bed and Breakfast certificate for sponsoring the most Lions in District G. The Cannon Beach Hotel has been open in midtown Cannon Beach since 1914, one of the oldest continuous lodgings on the North Oregon Coast. The hotel today features modern amenities in addition to timeless comforts such as fireplaces, claw foot tubs and four-poster beds.

Winner for the club making the largest percentage gain for the year was the Elgin Club, and they received a meal prepared by a local Chinese restaurant, the Golden Crown.

The only Club that qualified for the banner patch for all members asking someone to join was Bend. The banner patch is being embroidered and will be sent to the Bend Lions.

Elgin Lion Awarded Silver Membership Growth Pin



(l-r) Club Secretary Jared Rogers and Lion Kay Durham

Lion Kay Durham, member of the Elgin Lions Club, recently received the Silver Membership Growth Pin from Past International President Joe Preston. Preston noted, "Membership

growth strengthens the family of Lions and increases our capacity to serve as Lions. More members means more service. Each new member enables us to share more, accomplish more and provide more service."

The pin was presented at the Club meeting by Secretary Jared Rogers.

Lions and Baseball?

In the movie “A League of Their Own” Tom Hanks shouts, “There’s no crying in baseball!” There is no crying, but there is usually



Lion Adam Schulz stood ready to pitch out the first pitch

Eugene Downtown Lions Club invited other Lions, relatives and their friends to join them for a great night of baseball together by purchasing a ticket from the Downtown Lions Club. The proceeds from those tickets assist in fundraising for local sight and hearing programs. We sold a total of 110 tickets which resulted in \$1,100 to help fund the

the roar of the crowd and on Friday night, August 14, the Lions roared at PK Park when the Eugene Emeralds played the Everett Aquasox. It was “Lions Night” at PK Park. The

sight and hearing programs. Lion Adam Schulz represented the Lions by being one of the



Lion Tim Chuey was proud to be the spokesman for Lion Vision Screenings



Special thanks to Lion Joy Troutman for providing the pictures

special people to “throw out the first pitch.”

Not only did the Eugene Downtown Lions Club name appear on the Park’s big screen, but they ran a public service announcement recorded locally talking about Lions Vision Screenings and welcoming people to be a Lion. The Club even had an information table set up to spread the word about Lionism. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the game and the time together. The Emeralds lost 6 to 3 that night, but in the end the Lions and the people “We Serve” came out winners.



Lion Wes Reynolds (bending over) manned the information table



The Downtown Lions were well represented at the game

Oh yes, there was a baseball game too!

*submitted by Tim Chuey
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Make a Difference in a Child's Life

Carleene Iverson, Chair

It's not an exaggeration to say that a vision screening can change a child's life. The Mobile Health Screening Program (MHSP) will screen in schools throughout MD-36 this school year and with the help of Lions and other adult volunteers will identify thousands of children that need follow up vision health care.

MHSP Staff and volunteers are likely to continue to hear comments like these on a regular basis:

"If not for this MHSP screening, this child's vision issue would have gone undetected".

"Our daughter struggled in every class until the Lions screened her vision - now she loves school!"

"He was so disruptive in class, turns out he just couldn't see well. Thanks to the Lions, he's like a different kid!"

Amazingly, 1 in 4 children have some type of vision health issue yet less than 1 in 10 kids that need them have eyeglasses. Additionally, about 5% of children have amblyopia - or lazy eye - and will lose the sight in the afflicted eye if not detected at an early age.

Our MHSP program is expected to screen over 150,000 children this school year and to do so we need your help. If you haven't already, please contact OLSHF to see if there are volunteer opportunities at MHSP school screening events in your area. Some schools districts will require background checks for adult volunteers so the sooner you contact us the better.

If you're looking for a way to really make a difference in a child's life, look no further!



It's All About Relationships

Doug Thompson, Executive Director

Here at the Foundation we enjoy talking about the concept of Lions "Keeping the Promise" made to Helen Keller in 1925. Truth is, our ability to keep this promise is due to the relationships and partnerships that have been developed recently and we're hoping you'll help us develop even more.

We have many partners that enable OLSHF to help people see and hear better. Every month we're adding more vision providers and Lions Clubs to our Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) network and invite you to learn more how your Lions Club can get involved.

Partners such as Legacy Good Samaritan, Pacific Cataract & Laser, and Weston Eye Center enable Lions Mission Cataract to help those lacking insurance receive the gift of sight through donated cataract surgery. We encourage your Sight & Hearing Chair to find out how this program can benefit people in need in your community.

Through a new relationship with Starkey Hearing Aids we'll be offering a limited number of brand new digital hearing aids at the same cost of a refurbished aid through the revamped ROAR! Hearing Aid program. We're working on securing new funding partners to increase the number of people in need that will benefit from ROAR! in the future.

And this is where you can help: Most communities in Oregon have local family foundations that fund quality programs in Oregon. Carpenter Foundation in southern Oregon, Samuel S. Johnson Foundation in Central Oregon, and the Shepherd Foundation in Cottage Grove are examples of funding partners that we've been introduced to recently. We hope that you'll give some thought to Foundations in your community and let us know who they are. If OLSHF programs are a good fit for their giving guidelines we could partner on a funding request to support people in need in your community to receive vision and/or hearing care.

And that could be the start of a great relationship!

Gifts & Memorials

Lion & PRIDE Donors

Lion Champion: \$10,000 and above
KEX Kids Fund

Lion Heart: \$5,000-\$9,999
Jeff Sanders Promotions, Inc.

Lion Pride: \$2,500-\$4,999
Hillsboro School District

Lion Sentinel: \$1,000-\$2,499
Bend Sunrise Lions Club
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Ferguson Wellman

Lion Tamer: \$500-\$999
Asher Community Health Center
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Camas Grocery Outlet
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Mobile Health Screening Program - Back to School!

The 2015-2016 school year is upon us! And with it, comes new screening and follow-up services for children and families in need. The goal of our Mobile Health Screening Program is to detect sight and hearing problems before they become serious. Thanks to our generous volunteers and partnerships with Oregon Schools we've been able to accomplish the following....



600

Number of screening events anticipated for the 2015-16 school year.

20k

Number of students added to our programming this year, through our new Salem-Keizer partnership!

\$800

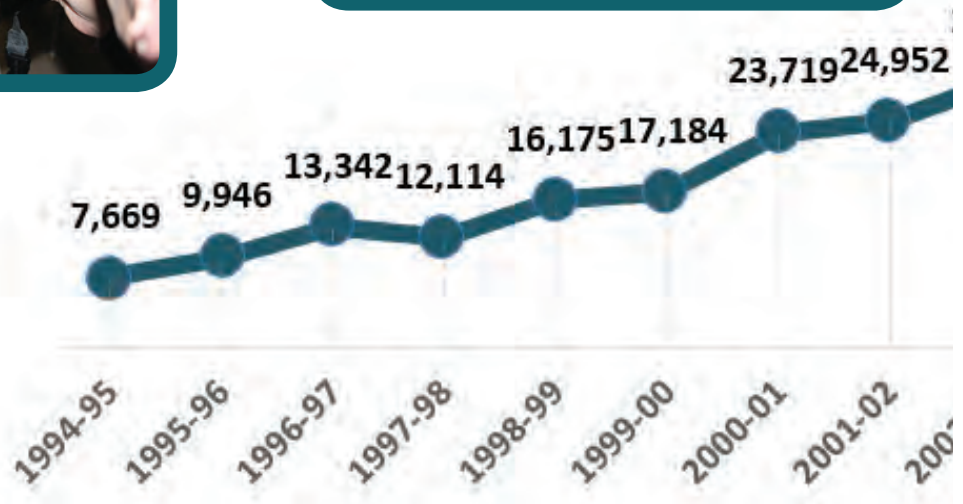
Average cost per screening event, thanks to dollars saved through our generous volunteers!

"If academics are a struggle, the child can act out. They don't know why they can't see and they don't know why they can't get the answer."

- Trish McCracken, Winchester Elementary principal (Roseburg)



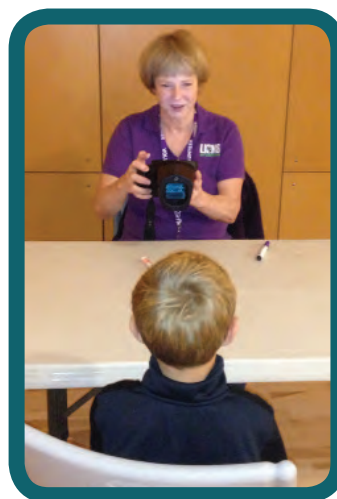
MHSP Growth Chart





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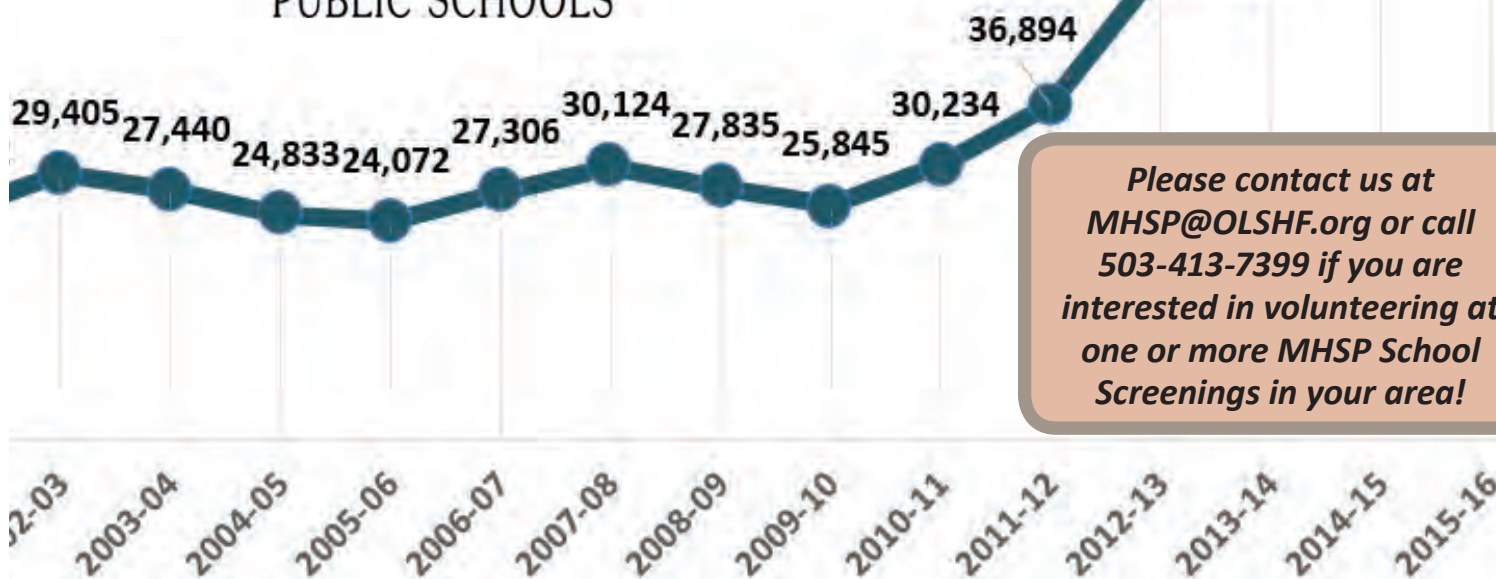
In the past 2 years we've increased the amount of students screened by 300%, thanks to the SPOT!



155k

Number of students who will be screened during the 2015-16 school year alone.

"The partnership between OLSHF and Salem-Keizer Public Schools will not only support vision screening in all of our elementary [schools] as required by law, it will ease the nursing caseloads in our schools, provide screening mechanisms using better technology, and provide us the assistance of an organization that specializes in detecting vision issues."
- Christy Perry, Salem-Keizer Superintendent



Please contact us at MHSP@OLSHF.org or call 503-413-7399 if you are interested in volunteering at one or more MHSP School Screenings in your area!

Island City Lions “Pig Train” Keeps on Moving

The Island City Lions Club took their “Pig



Train” to Apple Eye Care for their block party. Apple Eye Care helps the Lions furnish glasses to those who need assistance. Lion members Moneta and Dan Woollard included granddaughter Mallory Erice to

give rides to the children in August which is a yearly event.

submitted by Glenna Sams

Lions on Patrol



The Elgin Lions Club gathered to go on another patrol, that is, litter patrol. Thirteen Lions, chaired by Barbara Hawes, scoured Highway 87 on both sides of Elgin, filling and lining the highway with yellow garbage bags. The Lions carry their cleanup campaign to the roads twice during the year.

Central Linn Lions Elect New Officers

The Central Linn Lions Club elected and installed new officers with District Governor Darrell Scott presiding over the ceremonies during the June meeting last Thursday evening. The new officers are President Royal Kropf, Vice President Lori Robertson, Secretary Daniela Kropf, and Treasurer Karen Scranage. Other officers include Board of Directors Don Heller, Dave Scranage, Don Ware and Lynne Heller; Membership Chair Gypsy Dave Mitchell; Lion Heart Wannell Ware; Tail Twisters Leslie Weilbacher and Jane Storms; and Tech Support Melissa Mitchell.

New Lion Rella Johnson was inducted into the membership also by District Governor Scott. The Club is in charge of the Pioneer Picnic Parade and members signed up for duties at that Saturday morning event. Also, the Club has a games booth all three days of the Picnic and also signed up members to manage the booth. As usual, any funds raised will be used to assist local citizens who may need help for sight or other health issues or for other local projects.

The Club voted to donate \$100 to the Halsey Ford Institute Leadership Program to complete a CL Elementary School project of planting trees this fall on the south and west borders of the school play area and sports fields.

The 12 members present enjoyed a dinner, which included an ice cream cake in recognition of founding President Lori Roberts, who has been President for the first five years of the Club's existence. She also received a plaque that expressed the membership appreciation of her leadership.

submitted by Don Ware