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Remember March is Membership Focus: Women & Eye Donor Awareness Month

District O Holds 2nd Lions Cluster meeting in St. Helens

District R's Convention Was A Wonderful Success!



(l-r) Our International Guest from Canada ID JoAnne Ogden, DG Lynn Coon, PDG Angie Sharbot.

See Story pages 12-14



Back row: (l-r) Jim Syrstad (St. Helens), Bill Hanson (Vernonia), George Tice (Vernonia), PDG Red Rowley (Forest Grove), Greg Barch (St. Helens), DG Ed Glad (Carlton-Yamhill) and Bert Mueller (St. Helens).
Seated: (l-r) Linda McCoy (St. Helens), Kathy Syrstad (St. Helens) and Sue Mueller (St. Helens).

See Story page 20

Kids Score With the Elgin Lions



Present to receive pins (l-r) PDG Gerald Hopkins, Kate Bottger, Susie Thomas and President Pat McDonald.

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MONTHLY CALENDARS

MEETINGS

March

- 1-2 District O Cab mtg. 2-4pm, Church on the Hill, 700 NW Hill Rd., McMinnville
District O Convention, Church on the Hill, 700 NW Hill Rd., McMinnville
- 16 Dist R Cab mtg. 9am-12, Spfd. Justice Cntr., 230 4th Str., Springfield, OR
- 22 Dist E Cab mtg. 1:30pm, Bandon Barn Comm Center, 1200 11th St., SW (Zoom option will be offered.)
- 22-23 District E Convention, Bandon Barn Comm Center, 1200 11th St., SW
- 25 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

April

- 5 Dist G Cab mtg. 3:15-5pm @ Spoon's Restuarant in Sisters.
- 5 District G Convention, 11am-3pm with break for Cab meeting (noted above) and then resume at 6pm for dinner and convention kick-off, Brand 33 at Aspen Lakes Golf Course, 16900 Aspen Lakes Drive, Sisters
- 6 District G Convention continues
- 19-21 NWLLI, Sutherlin Community Center, 300 Central Street, Sutherlin
- 29 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

EVENTS

March

- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for April issue)

April

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

ANNIVERSARIES

March 2024 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.

March

Cottage Grove	March 13, 1924
Salem West	March 4, 1942
Burns	March 27, 1942
Rogue Valley	March 16, 1948
Myrtle Creek	March 18, 1948
Riddle	March 23, 1948
Canyonville	March 24, 1948
Mapleton	March 29, 1950
Portland Lloyd	March 3, 1960
Tualatin	March 6, 1973
Silver Lake	March 6, 1975
Applegate	March 26, 1975
Portland Metro	March 2, 1992
Portland Oaks Bottom	March 27, 2003
Arlington	March 5, 2010



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State conventions are always special but this one will be even more so as it's our 100th annual convention! We will have many traditional activities along with some new and exciting additions. The convention will be held in Bandon on May 17th and 18th. Our convention committee is working very hard to make this a special event for all and we hope you will attend! I would like to share some of the convention highlights:



We welcome International Director Robert Lee (Bob) and his wife Pamela to convention. ID Bob is a civil engineer and licensed land surveyor. He has held many offices within our association. In addition, he has served as the host committee chairperson of the 2015 International Convention

in Honolulu, past chairperson of the Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii and past president and trustee of the Hawaii Lions Foundation. Some of you from District O may remember him as he was your virtual international guest last year at the District O Convention. It is special for me to have ID Bob as our guest as he and I were in the same District Governor training class with our own PID Sunny Pulley as instructor. It gets to be a small Lions world after a while!

New to convention is the Walk-a-Thon to help "kick" pediatric cancer. The walk can be done in segments or all at once. Proceeds from the walk will go to two pediatric cancer camps, Camp UKANDU and Camp Millennium, for scholarships for children whose families can't afford to send them to camp. Registration for the walk can be found on the convention registration form.

Reminiscent of speakeasies of 100 years ago, the Lions Speakeasy will open at 8:00 pm on Thursday evening at the Bandon Community Center. For those of you arriving on Thursday, this gives you the opportunity to meet our international guests in an informal setting. Gather with Lions from around the state to renew friendships and make new friends at the Lions Speakeasy. Feel free to dress in the attire of the era if you so desire.

At convention, we would like to celebrate our Multiple District with a slideshow featuring all clubs in MD-36 but we need your help to make this happen. Springfield Lion Henry Miller has volunteered to compile this slideshow for us. Please e-mail Lion Henry two to four pictures of your club participating in service or fundraising projects and one group photo of your club. Henry will need these photos by April 15th. His email is: papa1henry@aol.com.

And speaking of photos, don't forget the MD-36 Nature Photo Contest. Send your favorite nature photos to md36photos@gmail.com. You may send up to four photos. The top five photos will be selected by an independent panel of photographers. Then, at convention, attendees will select the contest winner. Send in your entries by April 15th. Let's showcase the beauty of our state!

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Bandon in May.

Directory Updates

- p. 11 Opportunities for Youth Under Scouting: MD36 Scouting Chair Ted Yarosh has passed.
- p. 29 Forest Grove Club now meeting 8am on 3rd Wednesday, same location
- p. 42 Under Opportunities for Youth - Scouting Thaddeus Yarosh has passed.
- p. 45 Powers Lions Club now meeting only at 6pm, 2nd Thursday, same location
- p. 90 Heathman, Warren, PDG, new address is 8300 SW Barnes Rd., Ptd, OR 97225
- p. 91 FOR BOTH Hilgers, Paula and Hilgers, Tom, PDG they have new address of 3092 Timothy Drive NW, same zip
- p. 107 Yarosh, Thaddeus has passed.

District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor Column
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In contemplating what it is I should be doing as the District Governor, as opposed to what I am not doing, I have a tendency to fall back to my insecurities. (Totally not helpful.) Recently I have been meeting with new members two and three at a time and I start out reminding folks that in the Lions all the terms of officers is simply 1 year. Which provides us with a limited amount of time to accomplish everything we expect of ourself as long as we expect ourselves to get it done.

This morning my wife and I went to Safeway and as we were standing to check out, the magazine headlines displayed were calling to me like the sirens of the nautical winds. One magazine inviting the purchaser into very exclusive secret societies. I was reminded that we often hear that the Lions are the best kept secret in town despite the many things we do in our local communities. I tell myself that we are not a secret society. We are individuals who want to just do good community service, and have fun with friends, thank you very much. ***Giving sight to the visually impaired and sound to those whose hearing is challenged.***

The recruitment of new faces into our club and club leadership in this day and age seems nearly impossible. Bringing up younger generations of members and leaders in models of leadership not anchored in the Baby Boomers conception of belonging. But what is the new conception?

I suggest that we are only going to be successful in future years when we see ourselves and only work in terms of teams. That no one is expected or tasked with the role of pulling together anything except with and through a team. The cohesiveness of our clubs is created as we find temporary homes in teams focused on accomplishment. It is possible. As we go into the season of electing new club officers the sell should be **“would you be interested in coming onto the team to help us do?” We could use your help.**

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



District R Governor Column
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Good things are happening in District R! We just held our convention in Springfield. (Read more about our convention on pages 12-14. I have visited all but a few of our clubs. Clubs continue serving their communities and making a difference. Congratulations to two of our clubs that will be celebrating 100 years of serving their communities this Lion's year: the Eugene Downtown Lions celebrated theirs in February and the Cottage Grove Lions will be celebrating theirs this month!

We also had more clubs involved with the Peace Poster contest thanks to our District Peace Poster Chair Lion TiAnne Rios. She went out and encouraged clubs to sponsor the contest. We had five clubs involved which were Central, Newport, Waldport, Yachats and Cottage Grove. I want to thank those clubs that stepped up and know that next Lions year we will have even more clubs involved. 1st place for District R was Jonah from the Central Lions. 2nd place went to Scarlett from Waldport Lions and 3rd place went to Abigail from the Newport Lions.

Great news on the \$100,000 Hunger Grant we applied for from LCIF! It was approved!!! The grant was to help build a new Food Bank in Polk County. The Ella Curren Food Bank is in Independence, Oregon. The Grant was for \$100,000 with \$75,000 coming from LCIF and \$12,500 coming from District R Lions clubs and \$12,500 coming from other resources. Any clubs still wishing to donate can still do so by making out a check and sending it to the Central Lions Club. The food bank currently serves 16 different zip codes in our District. Last year they served over 37,580 people in need, which is roughly 3,132 people a month.

Our Service reporting is at 88%. Thank you clubs that have turned in your reports on service and thanks to our District Administrator Lion Michael Ward for your help.

Though we have lost members we continue to ask as we move forward with Mission 1.5 membership growth. We continue working with clubs and retention. For us to grow we need to work as a team and ASK. I read something from Tim Tebow that I believe I see from each of you Lions as we serve together as a team. I say team because that is what we are, and I know it takes all of us. I know I cannot be a good leader if I try to do it all myself. He said **“ONE OF THE THINGS I LEARNED FROM SO MANY OF MY TEAMMATES IS, IF YOU DON'T GIVE IN, IF YOU DON'T QUIT, IF YOU KEEP FIGHTING, GOOD THINGS CAN HAPPEN”**. I'm looking forward to the rest of the Lions year with good things happening and accomplishing great things for our clubs, communities and our District. Each of you Lions make our District what it is today: A strong district that cares about our communities.

District E - Southern - South Coast



District E Governor Column
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The District 36-E convention is fast approaching: March 22-23 in Bandon, Oregon. We encourage all Lions to register and attend. It is a time for Lions to renew friendships and find new friends within our Lions' community. We as Lions can get together and network with each other, compare notes, learn from other clubs how they succeed.

We will have ID Marie Cunning to give us an update on what is happening at Lions Clubs International. She will also answer our Questions and give us guidance on how we can improve our own clubs and help them build stronger communities.

We can only build stronger communities by learning from each other. We change the world through our actions within our local communities. We change the world by working with our larger community, we are Lions from all over the world with one common goal: To improve the world that we live in. We are changing the world!

Respectfully,
Stephen Brewster
District Governor MD36E



District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor Column
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Hello again Lions of 36G and all Oregon Lions. The convention season is on us and by the time this issue comes out two will be complete and there will be two to go. They have been well attended with well over 100 Lion's attending each one and with good friendship and sharing of ideas expanding to all. There are still 3 opportunities to attend a convention if you wish. District E and District G are still ahead and then the Multi District 36 Convention in Bandon where we will be celebrating the 100th MD36 Convention ... promises of exciting times for this one!

Speaking of 'sharing of ideas' I want to share with you ideas for activities or public relations. PDG Lion Gerald Hopkins - 50 year member from the Elgin Lions Club and our PR chair for 36G recently mailed all club presidents in 36G a list of ideas. I want to share some of these with all of MD36 as we can always consider doing something new in our clubs. IDEAS for SERVICE - Sponsor an exchange student, collect tabs for Ronald McDonald house, BINGO, can and bottle recycling, purchase supplies for school children, set up a student video contest, recognize a 'student of the month', photo contests, collect dime for diabetes, quilt shows, car shows, help at local parks and museums, walk-a-thons, community picnic or fly-in breakfasts, firework sales, Christmas tree pick-up and help serve community meals to seniors or shut ins. IDEAS for CLUB building - promote Lions through improved communications within the club, develop three member teams to bring in new members, club activities that encourage younger member participation, mentor program to work with less tenured Lions, have FUN at meetings, raise/grow our own through Leo clubs, mix and mingle at your meetings (don't always sit by the same Lions), listen and learn from other clubs by visitations and when it comes to membership use the "Lose One, Gain One" philosophy - for every member you lose, the club adds one.

You may be doing some or most of these already and maybe not. This is just meant to be a guide and source for new ideas. There was more Lion PDG Gerald shared with us that we appreciate and thank him dearly for.

DG Pete Runnels 'Be Instrumental in Service'

2024 District 36G Convention
"ROCKING THE MEMBERSHIP"

April 5 & 6, 2024

Location: Brand 33 at Aspen Lakes Golf Course Pete Runnels, District Governor
16900 Aspen Lakes Drive Host Club: Three Sisters Lions
Sisters, Oregon

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending. Please Print Legibly

Name _____

() Lion () Leo () Guest Club: _____ District _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone#: _____

Please list any special needs you require:

Indicate your attendance by checking items below.
Hospitality Book: Includes registration and all meals.

() Lions and Guests: \$95 until March 22. () Late Registration: \$110 until April 1.

Individual Options: (Please note that if you are planning on only coming for a single meal, the registration fee is not required.)

() \$25 Registration (non-refundable)

() \$35 Saturday Lunch- Light lunch buffet and OLSH program

() \$45 Saturday Dinner Awards, International Director Guest Speaker, Sock Hop

Total Paid \$ _____

Pre-Event: District Cabinet meeting, Friday, April 5, 3:30 pm at Spoon's Restaurant (see below)

YOU ARE INVITED – WELCOME TO SISTERS BBQ, Hosted by Richard and Vicki Smith

Friday night BBQ – 6 pm at Spoon's Restaurant – 473 E. Hood Ave.

No cost for convention attendees. Donations please for other Lions and guests

Drinks on your own. Early registration & project donation drop-off

We Need a Count!!! Will you attend the Friday BBQ () Yes () No # of Guests _____

Dress: Friday and Saturday: Casual or Club Vests

Saturday night: It's 50's nights.

Have fun and dress accordingly.



Lodging: Contact Sisters Ponderosa Lodge

500 Hwy 20 West, Sisters, Oregon

Local Number 541-549-1234 (36 G room block)

Cost \$159 (2 queen or 1 king bed) Pet options.

Upgrade to Suite \$50

To get this rate, reservations must be made by March 8.

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.38103.html?groupId=144ZW9R8

SERVICE PROJECT

G Lions will sponsor a service project during this convention. We are donating socks to the Family Access Network for distribution to Sisters school children and families in need. So, gather and bring those socks to convention and we will make the distribution at Sat Lunch.



Mail completed form with fee to: Kristen Harmon, PO Box 235, The Dalles, OR
Checks made out to: 36-G Lions Convention

District 36E Lions Annual Convention
The Bandon Barn Community Center
March 21-22, 2024

“Changing the World” District Governor Steve Brewster

One Application Per Person

Check applicable category Lion Leo First Timer Guest

All attendees must register!

Name (as you want it printed on badge)

Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Club _____ Current Office Held _____

No breakfasts are included. (community menus provided in welcome bag)

Friday evening Meet and Greet and Q & A for International Director Lion Marie Cunning.
Evening Buffet and Social (No-Host Bar) This is a gathering of Lions to socialize and get to know their fellow Lions and our honored Guest Lion ID Marie Cunning

Friday Evening Meet and Greet with Dinner. All Lions must register \$35

Saturday Lunch \$25

Convention Registration \$35

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Registration must be received by March 15, 2024

Baskets/Silent Auction:

Is your club providing a basket for the raffle Yes No

Silent Auction Yes No

Convention Dress:

Friday Night – Saturday Lunch and Meetings: Business Casual with Club Vests or Shirts

Make Checks Payable to : District 36-E Convention

Mail with Registration to : Lion Jeff Plummer P.O. Box 566, Winchester Oregon 97495

Convention Location

The Bandon Barn Community Center

1200 11th Street SW, Bandon, Oregon 97411

"A Common *HeartBeat* for Service"

MD-36 State Convention Slideshow



Albany Lions Lumberjack Pancake Breakfast.

At our State Convention, we would like to celebrate our Multiple District with a slideshow featuring all clubs in MD-36. We need your help to make this happen.

Springfield Lion Henry Miller has volunteered to compile this slideshow for the convention. Please e-mail Lion Henry two to four of your favorite pictures of your club participating in service or fundraising projects and one group photo of your club. Henry will need these photos by April 15th. His email is: papa1henry@aol.com

If you have any questions, please contact CC Phyllis Carlin at 541-604-4816. We hope all clubs will participate by sending pictures!

DG Pete Runnels Visits Enterprise-Joseph and Wallowa Lions Clubs

District Governor Pete Runnels of the Burns Lions recently made a visit to the Enterprise-Joseph and Wallowa Lions clubs. The meeting was moved to Lostine to accommodate the two clubs. Other guests included Stacy Green, representing the Young Americans, President Pat McDonald of the Elgin Lions, as well as PDG Gerald and Mary Hopkins of the Elgin club.

The Enterprise-Joseph President, Jerry Hustafa, covered items of business before turning the meeting over to DG Pete. Stacy Green, representing the Young Americans, requested funds for their group as they are putting on three days of musical education workshops for kids of all ages in Wallowa County. The group will be producing a performance at the Enterprise High School on April 7. Green noted the goal is to have 100 kids participate in the production. The Lions moved to donate \$1,000 to the organization. Green also gave the visitors a brief description of Chief Joseph Summer Camp and how the Enterprise-Joseph Lions have been instrumental in keeping it going.

Lion Roger Averbeck gave a presentation on the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance spring youth musical that Amy Fairchild is organizing. Roger mentioned that the Club had donated money for Amy's holiday musicals in December, which were a big hit. The dates of the spring musical are May 31 and June 1. The organization was asking for donations to cover the costs of costumes. The Lions quickly made a \$500 donation to the group.

The Lions also passed a resolution to donate \$500 to the Josephy Center for Arts & Culture for musical productions to be presented in February.

The Lions will be sponsoring ski days and President Hustafa will be contacting area schools to find the numbers interested in the program. In other matters the Club has donated \$500 to Community Connection, \$3,680 for six days of skiing for children, \$500 to the Oregon Sight and Hearing program, \$1,800 to Chief Joseph Summer Camp, \$500 to the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, \$500 for PEO scholarships, hearing aids for six recipients, glasses for 15 recipients and exams for 16 recipients.

DG Pete Runnels was then introduced to the group. DG Pete outlined plans for the District convention to be held in Sisters this upcoming April 5 and 6. Runnels also outlined the goals of OLSHF and noted the LCIF (International Foundation) needs donations from chapters. He said that money goes back to the communities for disaster relief. Runnels then outlined the efforts of the organization to do vision checks for all students in Oregon. He noted that the numbers screened in Oregon was far beyond what many other states did last year, including Texas. Pete's message included being instrumental in service, but also managing burnout. The District Governor outlined some of the symptoms seen for burnout. Governor Runnels said his own Club had given out 1.5 million dollars in scholarships as well as raising money for planting trees after fires in the Burn's area.

The DG then handed out awards with John Duckworth of Wallowa receiving an award for 50 years of service and Patricia Horton getting one for 15 years. DG Pete also presented a pin to PDG Gerald Hopkins for 50 years of service.

The Enterprise-Joseph awards included Alan Klages, Willy Locke, Charlie Kissinger and Jeff Irish 20 years; Andie Lueders, Jerry Hustafa, Paul Arentsen, Penny Arentsen, Joe McCormack and Brian Oliver 15 year pins.

The Lions enjoyed pizza donated by Lion Mike Hamann.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Eugene Downtown Lions Participate in Christmas Parades

Members of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club joined with the Springfield Lions Club to participate in the annual Springfield Christmas Parade Saturday December 2nd. They worked together to decorate the special Lions float. Their Christmas spirit was enough to volunteer for the parade regardless of the weather. A sign was placed on the back of the float promoting the Eugene Downtown Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Lions handed out "LIONS BUCKS" for a \$1.00 discount on a Santa Breakfast ticket. Thanks to EDT President Lion Jimmy for his pictures.

Lion Karen Norton took pictures of the Junction City Christmas Light Parade that same night. Lions also participated in that event by decorating a beautiful float.



Working on the Lions float.



Sign advertising EDT Lions Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Mrs Claus.



Group photo of float workers.



DG Lion Lynn Coon's grandson and his friends at the parade.



Lions float at the Junction City Christmas Light Parade.

submitted by Lion Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman, EDTL

Photos from Springfield Christmas Parade credited to EDTL President James Koch

Photos from Junction City Christmas Light Parade credited to EDTL Past President/Secretary Karen Norton

The Dalles Lions Extend Heartfelt Support to a Deserving Family this Christmas!

Each year, The Dalles Lions commit to making a meaningful impact during the holiday season by adopting a family in need. This year, our attention was devoted to a resilient widow facing a series of challenges. Her journey began with a substantial water leak, unknowingly losing 3,000 gallons daily until the City brought it to her attention. Seeking assistance, she reached out to our Club, and two dedicated members promptly assessed the situation.

As our members investigated the water issue, an additional challenge surfaced when her car refused to start. After providing a jumpstart and advising a visit to Les Schwab for a battery check, it became clear that the source of the leak remained elusive. Collaborating with the City, a specialized company in the Portland Metro area was identified to accurately locate the leak. A week later, the company pinpointed the issue, and one of our members took charge of excavating the area to expose the leak.

During this process, a concerned neighbor across the street offered assistance upon learning about the situation. After inspecting the matter, he confidently asserted that a plumber wasn't necessary, and he could remedy the situation. With plumbers in short supply, the Lions member and the compassionate neighbor successfully repaired the leak by replacing a section of the main water line, resolving the issue without the need for professional plumbing services.

However, the owner was left with a \$615.00 bill from the water leak detection company. To alleviate this financial burden, our Lions club rallied support by "passing the hat" at two meetings, collectively raising over \$1,200.00. Additionally, drawing from the \$500.00 earmarked in our budget for the Christmas adoption, we presented the widow with a check totaling a little over \$1,700.00. This generous contribution not only covered the water leak detection expenses but also provided support for other essential needs in her home.

The Dalles Lions exemplify the spirit of service, and through our collective efforts, we stand committed to making a positive impact in the lives of those facing adversity. We are more than a club; we are a community that cares. The Dalles Lions – We Serve!

submitted by Mike Kilkenny

East Albany Lions Donate to ABC House

East Albany Lions deliver donation check to Executive Director of ABC House of Albany. ABC House works to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect. ABC House supports children as they find their voice and helps them and their families heal and thrive.



(l-r) Lion Betsy Hills, King lion Larry Nelson, Lion Deb Nelson and Executive Director of ABC House Karsen O'Bryan.

submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair

District R's Convention

What an extraordinary 36-R convention we recently had! Held in Springfield, it drew a remarkable 142 Lions, including 25 first-timers, and our two international guests: ID JoAnne Ogden from Emo, Ontario, Canada, accompanied by PDG Angie Sharbot from Atikokan, Ontario, Canada. PID Ed Gear and I (DG Lynn Coon) had the privilege of hosting our international guests. We showed them around the University of Oregon, the Ark Park in Springfield (where the Eugene Downtown Lions played a pivotal role in its development as part of their centennial celebration) and the Heartfelt House (a testament to the impactful contributions of all MD36 Lions).



(I-r) ID JoAnne Ogden and DG Lynn Coon out front of the Heartfelt House.



(I-r) DG Lynn Coon, ID JoAnne Ogden, PDG Angie Sharbot and PID Ed Gear at the Arc Park.



(I-r) ID JoAnne Ogden, PID Ed Gear, and Lion Robin Yozzo (Guest Services Director for the Heartfelt House) talking about what the Heartfelt House means for families.

Friday morning our International guests joined us for OLSHF's trustee meeting, followed by the COG meeting in the afternoon. The evening concluded with a meet and greet session, attended by a warm and enthusiastic crowd.

On Saturday at 8:30am our 25 first-timers had the opportunity to meet ID JoAnne and PDG Angie. PID Ed Gear was introduced and shared words of inspiration on Lion service. Then Master of Ceremonies Craig Urbani officially opened the convention and Tim Chuey offered the invocation while Scout Troop 216 presented the colors and flag salute. Springfield City Council President Joe Pishioneri welcomed MD36 Lions and PDG Dale Bachman gave the response.



(center) DG Lynn Coon presenting (left) ID JoAnne Ogden and (right) PDG Angie Sharbot our new MD 36 pin of Oregon.

Our program began with speakers who shared about our Pediatric Cancer camps (Camp Millennium and Camp Ukandu) and the Kiwanis Doernbecher children's cancer program. ID JoAnne then spoke about the latest developments within LCI and answered questions. Our afternoon speakers were PCC Lion Rod Bach on service and the new District R service project in the works and ID JoAnne who gave an engaging presentation which left a lasting impression on all attendees.

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Was a Wonderful Success!

The convention was also a platform to honor outstanding individuals and clubs. Club excellence awards were presented to Shelly Swift (Gardiner-Reedsport), Jim Newton (Eugene Downtown), and Glenn Hilton (Stayton). Jim Newton (Eugene Downtown) and Jan Wilber (Florence-Siuslaw) were recognized with the LCIF Model Club awards.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Shelly Swift with Gardiner-Reedsport Club Excellence Award and ID JoAnne Ogden.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Jim Newton with Eugene Downtown Lions Club Excellence Award and ID Joanne Ogden.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Fran Silbernagel accepting Stayton Lion's Club Excellence Award on behalf of Glenn Hilton and ID JoAnne Ogden.

Furthermore, we recognized six individuals who exemplify dedication and service, with Int'l President's Certificates of Appreciation: Bill Scheler (Albany), Diane Bash (Junction City), Ken Wells (Junction City), David Nielson (Stayton), and Anna Channel and Kathy Henry (Keizer).



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Keizer Lions Anna Channel and Kathy Henry (with their International President's Certificates of Appreciation) and ID JoAnne Ogden.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Jonah Steed (36-R's Peace Poster winner) and Danny Jaffer from Central Lions.

The convention concluded with an insightful session on Advanced Care Planning. I want to thank all the clubs for their contributions towards the raffle, benefiting Heartfelt House, Camp Ukandu and Camp Millennium. ID JoAnne chose the Bethel Lions Club as the winner of the Theme award. The Eugene Downtown Lions were recognized for the most raffle tickets.

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I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all members who contributed to the success of our convention. I'd like to especially thank the Co-Chairs PDG Lion Tom Hilgers and Craig Urbani and the convention committee. Also: Lions PDG Linda Stent, Fran Silbernagel, David Nielson, Linda Berry, PDG Darrell Scott, Karen Norton, Henry Miller, Edwena Matychuck, Monica Henkel, PDG Dale Bachman, Judy Bachman, Susan Pfanner, Arnie Anderson, TiAnne Rios, Patty Harrison, Paul Hilgers and a special thank you to new Eugene Downtown Lion Beth Sheehan for helping with our gift basket of fruits and snacks for our International guest. District 36-R Lions, your commitment to service is truly commendable, and I am immensely proud of the impact you continue to make in your communities.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, ID JoAnne Ogden, CC Phyllis Carlin and PID Ed Gear at the Heartfelt House.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Diane Bash (with her International President's Certificates of Appreciation) and ID JoAnne Ogden.



(l-r) PID Ed Gear, DG Lynn Coon, PDG Angie, Arc Park Community Outreach Director Jo Ann Henderson and ID JoAnne.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Lion Ken Wells (with their International President's Certificates of Appreciation) and ID JoAnne Ogden.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Florence-Siuslaw Lions Lori Coffindaffer and Jan Wilbur with their Model Club Awards and ID JoAnne.



(l-r) DG Lynn Coon, Lion David Nielson (with their International President's Certificates of Appreciation) and ID JoAnne Ogden.

submitted by DG Lynn Coon

MD36 Nature Photo Contest



Oregon is a beautiful, ecologically diverse state. With ten different ecosystems, there's plenty of beauty to capture in every part of the state. From mountains to lush green forests to the oceans and plains, we've got it all in Oregon and it's beautiful. Show us the beauty you've captured by entering the MD36 Nature Photo Contest.

Entry Rules:

- Photos must be taken by a MD36 Lions member.
- Limit 4 entries per Lion.
- No photo shopping.
- **Deadline** for entries is **April 15, 2024**
- A panel of three photographers who are not Lions will pick the top five photos.
- All photos will be displayed and the winners voted on at the State Convention in May.
- A Silent Auction of the photos will be held at the State Convention to defray the cost of printing.
- E-mail your photos to:
md36photos@gmail.com
- Questions, please contact:
 - Jon Awbrey at 559-300-0986
 - Phyllis Carlin at 541-604-4816

Cloverdale Nestucca Valley Lions Club Stays Busy!



Our Lions Poinsettia sale.



Our Lions Christmas party: (l-r) Seated are Lions Norma Goss, 2VP Corrine Paratore, Verne Mobley, Seated with her back to us is Treasurer Teresa Smith, and seated with his back to us as Santa is Service Chairperson Fred Whittlinger. Standing sideways to us is Sandra Hanneman-Mobley and standing by the far window with her back to us is Doreen Sarucci.



From our January 8th Lions meeting where House Speaker Cyrus Javadi was our guest speaker discussing various issues concerning us Oregonians. (l-r) Standing is Treasurer Teresa Smith, House Representative Cyrus Javadi, President Dorothy Gann, Service Chairperson Fred Whittlinger, Secretary Bryan Quan, 1VP Ruby Fry-Matson, Doreen Sarucci and Sandra Hanneman-Mobley. Seated from (l-r) is Membership Chairperson Karri Oeder, Guest Yvonne Oeder and 2VP Corrine Paratore.

*submitted by Bryan Quan, Secretary
photos by Dorothy Gann, President*

District O Holds 2nd Lions Cluster meeting in St. Helens

The second Cluster meeting with Forest Grove, Vernonia and St. Helens Lions clubs took place on January 27 in St Helens. We exercised the S.W.O.T. (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) a couple of times and had a chance to brainstorm the possibilities of a membership drive. We are eager to meet in March to move into working with making some S.M.A.R.T. goals and keep exercising the S.W.O.T. techniques to hone our skills to make a plan and refine the plan into workable events and drives.

Back row: (l-r) Jim Syrstad (St. Helens), Bill Hanson (Vernonia), George Tice (Vernonia), PDG Red Rowley (Forest Grove), Greg Bartch (St. Helens), DG Ed Glad (Carlton-Yamhill) and Bert Mueller (St. Helens). Seated: (l-r) Linda McCoy (St. Helens), Kathy Syrstad (St. Helens) and Sue Mueller (St. Helens).



submitted by DG Edward Glad



Doug Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



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Are You a Lion Who Will Help?



Bob Chaney
Board Chair

Happy 100th Anniversary, Eugene Downtown Lions!

We were honored to attend the February 24th celebration dinner honoring the **Eugene Downtown Lions** for 100 years of service -- What a great event!

One of the features of the event was the impressive display of photos of every Eugene Downtown Lions President over the years. Some of the notable names that jumped out to us due to their OLSHF leadership were (Years President in parentheses): **Jimmy Kays** (1980-81), **Don Bowers** (1966-67), **Roger Smith** (1974-75), **Mary Fachtel** (2006-07 and 2019-20) and **Susan Pfanner** (2020-21). Other OLSHF past and current Trustees in attendance were **Judith Grosenick** and **Jim Origliosso**. Over the years, the Eugene Downtown Lions have contributed over \$230,000 to the Foundation, meaning that they have provided over \$2.3 million worth of sight and hearing services to Oregonians in need. Amazing!

Every Day is LEAP Day at OLSHF!

Yes, we know that the calendar adjustment LEAP Day recently took place on February 29th, but at OLSHF we celebrate **Lions Eyeglass Assistance Day (LEAP)** every day of the year!

Most **MD-36 Lions** are aware that our **LEAP Optical Lab** works with over 60 local Lions Clubs and vision professionals to manufacture brand new high quality eyeglasses for Oregon residents that live in a household at no more than 200% of federal poverty level. But did you know that the LEAP program also includes:

KEX Kids Fund - We recently heard about a local Lions Club that is spending their hard earned money on helping children receive eye exams and new eyeglasses. We applaud their dedication to help children see better, but we want all MD-36 Lions to know that here in Oregon there are resources available to help all kids receive the exams and eyeglasses that they need to succeed in school and to see the world around them. Contact **Katie** at Katie@olshf.org to learn how your Lions Club can sponsor a student for a comprehensive eye exam and new eyeglasses - at no cost to your Club! The KEX Kids Fund also helps families in need of support for hearing exams and hearing aids for children experiencing hearing loss.

LERC - Our **Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center** is the destination of donated, used eyeglasses collected by Lions Clubs all over MD-36. Our LERC partners with inmates at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility for Women to clean and calibrate the used eyeglasses to be "mission ready" for dispensing in developing countries all over the world.

As you can see, between the LEAP Optical Lab, the KEX Kids Fund, and our LERC...EVERY day truly is LEAP Day at OLSHF!

We Want To Hear From You!

At every Lions District Convention this year participants will have an opportunity to complete and submit the **2024 OLSHF Lions Survey**, helping the Foundation hear how we are doing in terms of our sight and hearing programs, how we communicate with you, and what we could and should be doing better.

We will use your feedback to help shape the goals and objectives in our 2025-2030 OLSHF Strategic Plan and we encourage you and your fellow Lions Club members to participate in the survey. Hard copies of the survey will be available at District Conventions but you can also take the survey right away by using your Smart phone's QR code app to capture the image shown here:

OLSHF 2024 Survey



Scan QR Code

We are also looking for Lions willing to help in this effort by sharing the survey at local Lions Club meetings and via email and even social media.

Please let Doug know by reaching out to him at Doug@olshf.org to learn how you can help!

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received in January through mid-February 2024. OLSHF values all of our donors and we do our best to recognize each and every gift. To help us maintain accuracy in our recognition, thank you for letting us know of any errors on our part by calling or emailing us at Info@OLSHF.org.

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Please find the complete list of our Gifts & Memorials, and our PRIDE members, online at www.OLSHF.org/pride



OLSHF Program Updates

Street Books + LERC



Street Books, a mobile library that serves homeless people in Portland, recently received reading glasses of all shapes, sizes, and strengths from OLSHF!

They are able to not only provide access to books and reading for folks without homes, but also glasses from our LERC Program to read them with!

Mary + LEAP



Mary, a recent Eye Promise Optical visitor and LEAP recipient, just received her new glasses! She enjoyed connecting with our optical team so much that she left a great review of Voycetta AND wrote a haiku to celebrate her joyful experience with us!

*Go to Eye Promise
Katie, Kaitlin, and Kelly
You won't be sorry.*

Hall of Fame & Volunteer of the Year Update!



Hall of Fame Induction

Ron Scheurer, long-time ROAR! Partner and owner of RJS Acoustics, has finally been inducted in OLSHF's Hall of Fame!

Congratulations to Ron & his wife Nona! We're so grateful for their continued dedication to helping people in their community gain access to hearing assistance.

District R Volunteer of the Year

Karen Norton, a Eugene Downtown Lion, has been awarded OLSHF's 2024 Volunteer of the Year for District R!

She does vision screenings with such joy and efficiency -- she's always wearing a smile on her face as she serves. Thank you, Karen, for your passion and love for service!





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2024 Lions Conventions: Highlights & Schedule



**Thank you to
District R Lions
who participated
in our 2024
Parade of Checks!**

Remember that your Lions Club's donation goes towards your Club's Award Balance — funds may be accrued for the current fiscal year and two prior years.

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Sisters, OR

DG Pete Runnels

**Registration
Coming Soon!**

MD-36

May 17th + 18th

Bandon
Community Center
Bandon, OR

CC Phyllis Carlin



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2024 OLSHF Golf Classic



Register NOW for OLSHF's annual Golf Tournament!
Not a golfer? Then consider sponsoring this year's event!

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Who will take the cup back from the McMinnville Lions this year in our Lions Flight?



Kids Score With the Elgin Lions

A guest representing the Union County Little League, Tiana Murphey, discussed the League's activities and how they could use financial support for sponsorships. Murphey discussed the need to improve Elgin's baseball fields, paint the dugouts and general funds for the activities. She indicated that the students will play between 12-20 games and the program will last for eight weeks. She stated about half of the all-star team has been students in Elgin. She noted that the baseball fields are covered with water, but cleaning will occur immediately after drying.

After a discussion, the Lions unanimously endorsed the sponsorship of a team and suggested Lion logos for the uniforms. Keith Warren noted that one of the goals of the local Lions is to support student activities. The group then voted to donate \$200 to the High School band and choir, \$200 to the Senior Grad Night committee, and \$400 to the OHYA drama group, which has been recognized at national conventions. The motion carried unanimously.



Tiana Murphey address the Elgin Lions.

The Lions have been responsible for nominating the Young-Man-of-the-Year, recognized at the Elgin Chamber banquet. Kate Bottger will chair the committee with Bob Reiter, Pat McDonald and PDG Gerald Hopkins.

Barbara Hawes will spearhead the gift basket for the District Convention in Sisters April 5th and 6th. Hawes is looking for a used base drum to hold the items for display.

President Pat McDonald then presented several service awards: 10 years to Sue Thomas, Eli Mayes and Shantay Mayes; 15 year awards to Gene Hardy and Kate Bottger; and the 50 year pin to Past District Governor Gerald Hopkins.



Present to receive pins (l-r) PDG Gerald Hopkins, Kate Bottger, Susie Thomas and President Pat McDonald.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

The Dalles Lions Ring the Bells for the Salvation Army

December 23rd was The Dalles Lions Clubs day to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. Every year we compete with the Kiwanis to see who can bring in the most money for the Salvation Army. Rotary used to also compete but no longer participates. I can say that The Dalles Lions Club once again claimed the trophy for the most money raised!!!



(l-r) Lions Kate Mast and Rena Hunley.



(l-r) Lions Dick Lafever and Cara Switzer.



(l-r) Erin & Josh Munoz.



(l-r) Lions Timmy McGlothlin and Mike Kilkenny.



(l-r) Lions Al Wynn and Ed Goodman.



(l-r) Lion Tatyana Gouge.



(l-r) Lion Jim Wilcox, Jack Figy, Former LEO Molly Nelson & Lynn Wilcox.



(l-r) Lions Rose and Rich Mays.

submitted by Mike Kilkenny

The Dalles Finish Up their Kettle Counting for the Salvation Army

December 23, 2023, marked the last night of Kettle Counting for the Salvation Army for this season. A group of Lions has met Tuesday-Saturday nights @ 6:30 to count the Kettles for the Salvation Army from Thanksgiving to now. Lions Mike Kilkeny, Kris Harmon, Ethan Wray and Carolyn Layson in addition to Janice Kilkeny made it the whole month. We had some alternates during the month that helped and they were Lions Lori Stiles, Ruth Delarosa and Mark Fortin.



(l-r) Lions Mike Kilkeny, Kris Harmon, Ethan Wray and Carolyn Layson. Taking picture is Janice Kilkeny.

The Dalles Lions Picks Up Christmas Trees to Raise Money



(l-r) The Dalles Lions Dave Congdon, Carolyn Layson and Kris Harmon. Taking picture is President Ethan Wray.

On January 3rd, The Dalles Lions Dave Congdon, Carolyn Layson, Kris Harmon and Ethan Wray gathered to stamp 500 envelopes that will be left at homes when their Christmas Tree is picked up on Saturday, January 13th. The Dalles Lions in cooperation with The Dalles Disposal will fan out across the City of The Dalles and pick up Christmas trees left on the curb. The Lions asks for donations and each year we bring in around \$2,000.00.

The Dalles Lions Have a Dumpster to Help Folks Dispose of their Christmas Trees

After postponing the Annual Christmas Tree pickup twice we finally had to cancel it the last Saturday in January. We did have a dumpster at the Old Griffith Motors lot and packed it full and had some members in pickups actually picking up some. In addition to this the Transfer station was collecting them also on Saturday for free.



(l-r) Lion Ben Coles, Lion Ethan Wray, Lion Dave Congdon, Lion Rick Jones, Nicole Beaman, George Stuck, Lion Bill Hamilton, 2 Community Service Volunteers and Lion Jim Bishop.

all 3 articles submitted by Mike Kilkeny

Pendleton Lions Honor First Responders

The Pendleton Lions Club honors First Responders on Valentine's Day with cookies. Honored are the Umatilla County Sheriff's office, Oregon State Police and the State Police Crime Lab, and Police and Fire Departments from Pendleton, Pilot Rock and CTUIR (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation).

It is always delightful to deliver the cookies as the first responders are so appreciative of being recognized for their work.

The delicious cookies are purchased from Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton.



(l-r) Theresa Degan and Sherri Sievert.



Umatilla County Sheriffs Office.
Lion is Sean Degan.



(l-r) State patrolman, PDG John Taylor, Alfred Wood (Membership Chairmen), State Police Detective and State Patrolman.



(from left) Risa Rigger, Theresa Degan, Craig Hylton (sitting), PDG Bill Taylor, Betty Jane Bugbee, Alfred Wood, PDG John Taylor, Sean Degan and Sherri Sievert.

submitted by Risa Rigger