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We Love a Parade!



Waiting for the International parade to start. Pictured (l-r) front row are Robin Stoeckler, DG Ed Glad, DG Steve Brewster, CC Phyllis Carlin, DG Pete Runnels and DG Lynn Coon.

Pictured (l-r) back row are PDG Garry Charbonneau, PCC Vince Bishop and PDG Linda Stent.

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September

25 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

October

28 9am-noon, OLSHF Trustee mtg. at Rockaway Lions Club House

1pm Council of Governor's mtg. at Rockaway Lions Club House

30 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

EVENTS

September

10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for October issue)

October

2 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE @ 6pm

10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for November issue)

ANNIVERSARIES

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

September

Portland Hollywood	September 12, 1928
Enterprise/Joseph	September 9, 1929
Central	September 2, 1938
Ashland	September 13, 1938
Stayton	September 15, 1938
Silverton	September 27, 1938
Prineville	September 20, 1938
Keizer	September 15, 1950
Bandon	September 15, 1951
Albany East	September 27, 1951
Rockaway	September 12, 1955
Jefferson	September 28, 2009
Portland Legacy	September 25, 2014
Redmond Sunshine	September 24, 2016

October

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



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“To be a successful team, you must bring all the parts together and play as one heartbeat.” Darrell Royal

The above quote is from the legendary University of Texas football coach Darrell Royal. It is amazing to me that something said to a group of college kids on a football field in Austin, Texas over 50 years ago rings true to us as Lions today. Royal often stressed team above self and with this quote he strove to instill this value in his young players.

As Lions we too are a team. As individuals we aren't all the same. We don't think the same, we don't feel the same, we don't act the same. And yet in Lions, a group of individuals comes together with a common heartbeat, a heartbeat of service. Our common denominator being that we are a team of people desiring to serve.

Our enthusiastic District Governor team is off to a great start. Already they are visiting clubs, installing officers, inducting new members, planning and conducting trainings and participating in club service projects. And, at this writing, we're not even half way through August. Hats off to you DGs Ed, Lynn, Steve and Pete. I can hardly wait to see what you'll accomplish this year!

Clubs are conducting service projects and fundraisers, some traditional, some new, and are striving to serve their communities in the best way possible. Hats off to all 2,809 Lions in MD36.

Some of our state committees have already met and others are gearing up to. You guide us in our service direction and provide for the smooth and consistent functioning of our Multiple District! Hats off to you committee chairs and committee members.

Our Convention Committee has selected a site for the State Convention and planning will soon begin. Hats off to the convention committee who will bring us together in the beautiful city of Bandon in May.

Our new International President also believes in the importance of teamwork. Installed as the 104th president of Lions International, Dr. Patti Hill of Alberta, Canada took the reins of the world's largest service organization on July 11th at the International

Convention in Boston. Dr. Hill is a career educator and in this capacity has served as a teacher of the deaf, a school psychologist and as the principal of a specialty school for children with severe speech and language development challenges. Hill strives to bring out the best in others. “The purpose of my life on earth is to help others achieve their potential,” declares Hill.

“Changing the World” is her presidential theme. Collectively, when we change our communities we change the world one step at a time. Well aware that change happens gradually, not all at once, Hill states that, “change happens through many small choices and with every act of kindness that we give to someone else”.

Hill also believes that it is through teamwork we can effect change. Working collaboratively with community leaders, other service organizations and each other we are better able to solve the problems facing our communities.

And last, but not least, mark your calendars for May 17th and 18th, 2024 for the State Convention in beautiful Bandon Oregon. I know I'm mentioning this early, but if your calendar fills up like mine, it's good to get it on there now. Hope to see many of you in Bandon as well as at District Conventions throughout the state.

Wishing you the greatest Lions year ever.

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District O - Northwest - North Coast



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I am not like my wife. This is probably a good thing. Because that means that she is not like me, which is really a good thing. Essentially Shelley is a planner and is most comfortable in making sure there is a plan for the morning, the day, the week and beyond. I find her lists of things that must happen, lists of places that must be included in plans. Sometimes I imagine I see lists of things that should be listed. Now I'm not complaining, her accomplishments are incredible and so well put together. I open with this because I find myself admiring the clubs I have visited that are practiced in setting out goals, even goals that span long periods of time, years even.

The Clubs that seem to have officers that not only are in place in current time but know who the officers will be in the next year and maybe even the year after that. Whether intended to or not these clubs have plans, maybe not enumerated detailed plans but overarching confidence that the club is going somewhere.

Certainly, there are struggles to find, approach, and convince folks to fill the roles. There is however less of a struggle when the future leader has been a part, even only if as an "inside" observer, of the conversations as to what the outline is of what should happen and what is not possible. The power of this is not that a club has everything figured out, rather it's that no single person has to figure it all out. The President can have confidence that he/she doesn't have to know it all nor do it all, making agreeing to be an officer not such a turn off.

In the days when we have seen the diminishment of our clubs and membership it seems we can turn to desperation. Instead, we can do as my wife Shelley does and make a list. 1) Does your club have a mission statement? 1a) has it been updated lately? 2) Has the club recently had a meeting that addresses the question "Where do we want to be in five years?" Or maybe "By the end of this Year what do we want to accomplish?" 3) Make a Calendar for this year and next.

In other words, make a plan. Approach members to be a part of executing that plan, not to have to create their own plan (which is overwhelming and a disincentive to be a leader.)

There are already clubs that are seeing growth since the pandemic. The public has been realigning themselves in what they value, and signs are that interest in community involvement is part of their values. We must be prepared to welcome new people to Lions. Now is the time to make a plan. And have fun bringing it to fruition.

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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Fellow Lions of 36-R - It's hard to believe we are into our third month of this Lion's year. I'm excited as I start to make my club visits, eagerly anticipating the activities and impactful service unfolding around our District, within our clubs and in our communities.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions with timeless wisdom, reminding them that "THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOURSELF IS DO SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE ELSE." The profound truth in this statement resonates deeply with the essence of our Lions' mission. Our commitment to service is not just a duty, but a calling. When we extend our effort to serve others and contribute to our communities, the impact is not solely external – it transforms us from within. Serving others as Lions uplifts us, instilling a sense of pride and heightening our sense of purpose.

Our shared motivation for joining Lions was rooted in the desire to serve, giving rise to our motto: "WE SERVE." Our service journey, encompasses four fundamental phases: LEARN, DISCOVER, ACT and CELEBRATE. These four words are simple yet powerful because they are words of Lions service.

- **LEARN** -- We learn of our communities needs as well as the world around us.
- **DISCOVER** – This phase sharpens our focus and readies us for action, offering direction to those eager to contribute but uncertain about where to begin.
- **ACT** – We take purposeful steps in response to identified needs.
- **CELEBRATE** – This phase acknowledges the successful outcomes of our service, marking moments of achievement and fulfillment.

Our mission is one of service, a commitment that remains tangible and measurable. As Lions, we're uniquely positioned to recognize the needs of others and take decisive actions that support both our communities and the world. With love and compassion as our driving force, we generously offer our time and energy, embodying the spirit that distinguishes each one of us as Lions. Our service is unselfish because when you serve from your heart you expect nothing in return.

Our new International President Dr. Patty Hill's theme this Lions year is "CHANGING THE WORLD." My theme this year is "SERVICE FROM THE HEART." We both are convinced that Lions have the power to change lives and foster transformation within our communities. So, my fellow Lions, let's remember to serve from the heart. For I firmly believe when we serve from the heart we not only make a difference in our communities, WE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD.

District E - Southern - South Coast



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Our international Presidents Theme is “Change the World.” We as Lions can do this by our service to our communities. We can accomplish this through our club projects, by being there when our community needs us, by collaborating with our neighboring clubs, our District and our international organization, and by forging relationships with other organizations in our area.

Most clubs in our District are small. We cannot accomplish meeting all of the needs of our communities by our self. This reality necessitates a collaborative approach, wherein we extend a helping hand to other organizations, donning our emblematic club vest and actively participating in their endeavors. By engaging with diverse groups, our club’s prominence is amplified, thus drawing more like-minded individuals into our fold.

Another thing we can do is to help neighboring clubs with their projects and fundraisers. Asking for help with yours. Only by working together can we change the world one act at a time.



District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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It was a heck of a convention! The Lions International Convention held in Boston did not disappoint. The enthusiasm and exuberance were on full display. A time when nationality didn’t matter and all came together to show that ‘We Care’ world-wide. The ‘Parade of Nations’ had every country dressed in traditional wear - it was flamboyant and a sight to see! And it was ‘HOT’ walking that route that seemed to go on and on.

The Leo’s from Oregon walked earlier than our Oregon contingent and they came back around and walked some with us. It was an honor to represent Oregon along with the rest of Oregon’s contingent. In my previous article I mentioned family in Spain and would I meet someone ... Well, no relatives but I did meet the Spanish contingent who knew of the area my family is from. They however were from the south of Spain and my family is more northern from the Basque region. Even with broken communication we laughed and communicated like old friends!

So now the year begins in earnest. I will be scheduling club visitations, carrying my message on to all. I touched on it last month a bit - all the extra stress now in our lives and how I like to deal with it through music. Anxiety, stress, pent up emotions ... We all deal with it. The new name for stress syndrome or burn out is Adrenal Fatigue. Let’s find ways to deal with it for the betterment of Lions everywhere. If we take care of ourselves first, we have more to give to others for a great cause. The cause of course is what you do locally through your club activities. And recruiting new members for the cause only helps reduce the pull on each and every one of us.

MY challenge to you is for each of us to try and recruit just ‘one’ new member ... just think of the extra helping hands and sharing of activities reducing your anxiety or stress of an upcoming project. “In the jungle, the mighty jungle .. the Lion sleeps tonight

‘Be Instrumental In Service’

We Love a Parade!

Excitement was in the air at the Lions International Convention, which took place in Boston, Massachusetts last July. One of the most cherished traditions, the Parade of Nations, was held on the second day of convention, prior to the start of the plenary sessions. The parade features flags, costumes, dancers, marching bands and Lions in colorful attire as far as the eye could see.

Each year, Lions from as many as 130 countries participate in the annual procession, a tradition which dates back to the early 1920s. The parade is an opportunity for Lions to display their enthusiasm for the association and their pride in their national heritage. Many Lions don traditional dress, colors or costumes representing their country. They carry their countries' flags with pride and sometimes sing and dance along the route, as well.



Waiting for the parade to begin.



DGs Ed Glad, Steve Brewster, Pete Runnels and Lynn Coon moments after being joined by the Hood River Leos.

This year nine MD36 Lions took part in the parade. Leading the way were District Governors Ed Glad, Lynn Coon, Steve Brewster and Pete Runnels. Joining them were Lions PDG Linda Stent, PDG Garry Charbonneau, Robin Stoeckler, PCC Vince Bishop and CC Phyllis Carlin. A highlight for the MD-36 contingency was when the Hood River Leos joined the Lions midway through the parade. After leading off the parade with other Leos from around the world, the group came back and found us. It was so much fun to meet up and complete the parade together!



The Spanish contingency before the start of the parade.



Colorful attire from Sri Lanka.

Many of our MD-36 Lions clubs participate in their local parades. What a great way to bring visibility to our organization. So sign up for your local parade as a way of bringing awareness of our organization to your community.

submitted by Council Chair Phyllis Carlin



OREGON LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION'S HALLOWE'EN BALL



Join us **Saturday, October 21st** at **The Sentinel Hotel** for **OLSHF's annual fundraising gala**, our biggest party of the year!

Can't make it this year? Never fear! Join us in our **online auction**, from **Friday, October 13th - Sunday, October 22nd**! Plenty of time to get in the spirit and bid on prizes ALL over Oregon!

Visit our **Hallowe'en Gala website** for more info!



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LIONS GIFT CARD CHALLENGE

For **every \$50 in gift card value donated** for OLSHF's Hallowe'en Gala auction, your Lions Club gets one raffle entry for...

a short **promotional video** of YOUR Lions Club or club event shot, produced, and edited by OLSHF!

Deadline to use this prize is Dec. 2024

You may get multiple raffle entries for donating in increments of \$50 value (ex: 4 entries for \$200 gift card)

Email gala@olshf.org

Crooked River Ranch Lions Serve Their Community

For over 40 years, the Crooked River Ranch Lions Club has celebrated Independence Day by feeding the public a BBQ lunch. Originally, the now-called Lions Pride BBQ was named the Buffalo Feed. One of the Ranch residents raised buffalo so the Club served it to the public during each Independence Day. As time went on and the buffalo was no longer available, the Lions Club adapted and now serves a delicious Smoked Tri Tip sandwich complete with all the fixings.



A few minutes reprieve before the crowd comes.
(l-r) Lions Pat Kelly, Doug Reinhart and Burt Thomson.



Pati Bengtson sets up the drinks table.



Ben Shank and Steve Frischman man the grill.



Greta O'Brien and Mike Ganstead share a minute of calm before the kids come to ride the train.



Engineered by Mike Gangstead, the Lions train ran throughout the event.

During the 2022 Independence Day festivities, the Lions celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Club by giving back to their community by serving the BBQ meal for FREE. Since the meal was served at no cost to the customers, they were encouraged but not required to make a donation to the CRR Lions Foundation Scholarship Fund. As it turned out, we fed over 500 meals in 90 minutes, and nearly \$1,500 dollars was collected in donations. The club members felt proud that we were able to break even dollar-wise while honoring our generous community for the support we receive from them in all of our fundraising endeavors.

This year, once again, nearly 40 of our members donated their time to ensure the wonderful Lions Pride BBQ was a huge success.

*submitted by Doug Reinhart, Crooked River Ranch Communications Chair
Photo credits: CC Phyllis Carlin, Lee Moore and Jon Awbrey*

Huntington Lions Hold Catfish Derby for 37th Time!

Eric Pinkston has served 24 years in the Huntington Lions Club, and 24 of those years he has assisted fellow Lion Mike Raney, Chairman of the Catfish Derby. Eric was recruited by long time Lion Mike Raney, who put Eric to work with the annual event, now in its 37th year for the community.

Eric enjoys co-hosting the events. "What I enjoy most is seeing the catfish come in and seeing the excitement of the kids when the 'cat' is pulled from the containers."

Both Eric and Mike shared a professional bond as they worked together at Ashgrove Cement, where Mike was a dedicated chemist. Eric said that community fireworks was also a project he enjoyed. "That was fun setting off the fireworks and hearing the crowd roar. It was great fun." However, the fireworks project was curtailed due to the danger of fires.

More recent improvements by the Lions have been repairs of the Food Shack, building steps to the Lion building in the park, and the completion of the Gazebo in the Lion Park. Pinkston said that with the Gazebo, bands can continue to play and noted two bands had played Saturday during this year's Catfish Tournament.



Lion Eric Pinkston sells tickets for the community prizes.



Lion Eric Pinkston weighs in a catfish at 24.74 pounds.



Lion Mike Raney holds up first place trophy to be given for the largest catfish.

Reflecting on this year's event, Mike Raney acknowledged a slight dip in participation with 178 participants, as opposed to the usual 220 during Memorial Day Weekend. Other activities included Lion BINGO, flea markets, breakfast and lunch with fried catfish in the Cook Shack, Barbecue Chicken Dinner, and music in the park.

This year's big "cat" weighed in at 32.56 pounds. The winner was Brett Buchanan of Emmitt, Idaho. The winner of the junior division was Dakota Louasburi secured the top spot with a fish weighing 19.92 pounds.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

The Dalles Lions Install Officers

On June 20, The Dalles Lions Club installed new officers and inducted two new members: Mayor Rich Mays and Rick Jones. Soon-to-be Past DG Cheri Jackson did the installation of new officers. Our "Lion of the Year" was also revealed, Lion Brad Durso. We had a great night of festivities and good company with some memories made.



Outgoing President Jeff Stiles addresses the group.



Lion Jim Wilcox with new inductees and their sponsors (l-r) Lions Rose & Rich Mays, Tony Krueger and Rick Jones.



Lion of the Year Brad Durso with Lion President Jeff Stiles.



Lions Tony Krueger & Carolyn Layson after Carolyn presented her husband's vest to Lion Tony.

Lion Carolyn Layson presented new Lion Tony Krueger with a Lions Vest that was her husband's, Lion John Layson, who Lion Tony worked for way back in the day. Our induction ceremony, a combination of traditions, bears the signature of The Dalles Lions Club's rich heritage, but is also inspired by Lion Al Wynn, who gleaned insight from his membership at the Toppenish Lions Club.

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and New Members!

Our ceremony now features a captivating lighted podium. As each letter of “Lions” is announced, a radiant glow emanates from behind, illuminating the profound meaning each letter holds. It is a visual spectacle that magnifies the profound significance of our commitment to service and community.



Lion Al Wynn with custom podium made by some of our Lions.



(l-r) DG Cheri Jackson, Lions Jeff Stiles, Lori Stiles, Timmy Mac & Ethan Wray.



(l-r) Incoming President Lion Ethan Wray and outgoing President Lion Jeff Stiles.



Lion Nancy Marvel receiving her Certificate of Appreciation for asking the “Hard” questions of our Public Servants who come talk to our club.

Additionally, the evening bestowed a remarkable milestone upon one of our esteemed members, Lion Robert Cooper, who was proudly adorned with his well-deserved 50-year chevron. A testament to his unwavering dedication and loyalty, this accomplishment resonated deeply with all in attendance, reminding us of the enduring legacy we continue to build together.

submitted by Mike Kilkeny

Eugene Downtown Lions

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club kicked off their Centennial Anniversary celebration within the club at the annual Awards and Installation banquet in June. The first public celebration of 100 years as a Lions Club was kicked off on Friday July 7th with Lions night at PK Park. The Public Address Announcer explained the Club's Anniversary and Legacy Centennial project at the Arc Park, and detailed what the Eugene Downtown Club and Lions Clubs worldwide are all about. The new Centennial Logo was prominently displayed on the big screen for all to see.

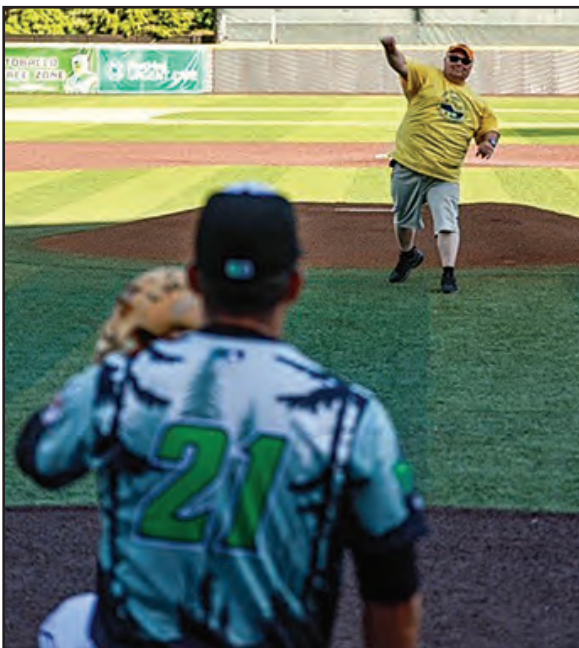


Centennial Logo on the Big Screen.



Eugene Downtown Lion's promotion & informational area.

Many club members participated with Lion PDG Chuck Blanchard and others enjoying the happy faces when they gave out free balloons to the youngsters. Lions from other clubs were in attendance as well. Doug Thompson, Executive Director of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation was accompanied by Samantha and John who are also staff members of the Foundation.



Lion President Jimmy Koch throws out the "First Pitch"



Lion PDG Chuck Blanchard giving out balloons.

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Have a Reason to Celebrate!

The Eugene Gleeman did a great job of singing the national anthem and EDTL's President Lion James "Jimmy" Koch threw out the ceremonial first pitch. The Club had a special area set up to promote Lions, give out the balloons, pass out the special yellow club shirts to those who purchased the 100 tickets we had for sale, and of course to chat with people who might have an interest in becoming a Lion.



The Eugene Gleeman sing our National Anthem.



Here is the back of the shirts modeled by PDG Chuck Blanchard.



Great fun for the whole family.



Lion Past Presidents Newt and Sharon Newton enjoying the evening

Oh, along with all of the celebrating the fans enjoyed watching the baseball game too. Thanks go to all of the Lions, family members and friends who were in attendance.

Special thanks go to our sponsors: James Connors, Sam Grier, Main Street Coffee Company, Ninkasi, Parties to Go, Vicki Woodcock, Edwards National Business Solutions, Debbie Healey, Relax and Family Vision Center.

Thanks to those who sent in the many pictures of the event since I was not able to attend: Lions Ted Fox, Diane Gregoire, Jim Newton, Karen Norton and Jeff Musgrove. Also Samantha Doyle from the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. I wish I could have used them all.

Looking to the future, a Centennial Celebration banquet is being planned to take place in 2024.

*submitted by Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman
Eugene Downtown Lions Club*

Eugene Bethel Lions Club Awards Scholarships to High School Students

Annually Eugene Bethel Lions award scholarships to students who attend Willamette High School in the Bethel School District. The scholarship awards of \$1,000 is a competitive process where each applicant is interviewed by members of the Eugene Bethel Lions club.

This year the Eugene Bethel Lions club awarded three scholarships. The first scholarship was awarded to Kathryn Oster, who will be attending Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. The second recipient was Hannah Ford, who will be attending Oregon State University in the fall. The third recipient spoke at the last Eugene Bethel Lion's club meeting. Katelyn Gayle will be attending Grand Canyon University in West Phoenix Arizona. Her family joined her at the meeting as we listened intently and enjoyed pizza at Putter's Entertainment Center.

(l-r) Lions Edwena Matychuck and Laura Cole with Katelyn Gayle.



Eugene Bethel Lions Donate to Greenhill Humane Society

Each year, the dedicated Board members of the Eugene Bethel Lions club carefully determine the allocation of our annual donations. The majority of these generous contributions are acquired through our popular chicken barbecues, held on the first weekends of May through September.

During a recent meeting at Putter's Entertainment Center, we had the privilege of hosting a representative from the esteemed Greenhill Humane Society, Sarah Bouzad. Sarah brought her adorable cat, Claude, in a delightful see-through backpack, captivating our attention. Her presence served as a poignant reminder of the impact our donations have on their organization, especially during these challenging times when the City of Eugene is planning a budget reduction. With one area facing cuts being cat adoption, which experienced a remarkable 1,700 adoptions at Greenhill Humane Society last year.

Sarah emphasized that our public donations serve as the primary source of funding for Greenhill. In addition to their crucial work in facilitating adoptions, they also contribute to the community by sponsoring civic activities such as the beloved "Bark in the Park" event. This delightful occasion allows local residents to bring their beloved pooches to an exciting Eugene Emeralds baseball game, fostering a sense of unity and shared enjoyment. By supporting a diverse range of civic activities, the Eugene Bethel Lions club actively contributes to the betterment of our community.



(l-r) Sarah Bouzad from Greenhill Humane Society (with her cat Claude) and Edwena Matychuck.

both articles submitted by Gerald Oliver, President

The East Albany Lions Have Successful Lumberjack Breakfast!

The East Albany Lions pulled off a triumphant Lumberjack Breakfast, delighting the taste buds of more than 5,000 satisfied customers across four remarkable days. This outstanding achievement wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated support of our incredible community volunteers, who generously lent their time and effort to ensure everyone was served with a smile.

Beyond the scrumptious food and delightful atmosphere, the weather favored us, adding an extra touch of joy to the event. But it doesn't end there – the real magic lies in the results we achieved. Together, through this fantastic breakfast extravaganza, we raised an impressive \$20,000.00 that will directly benefit and enrich our community.

United, we've shown what can be accomplished when we come together for a common cause. The East Albany Lions are committed to making a positive impact in our community, and this successful event is a testament to our collective spirit and determination. Let's continue working hand in hand, making a brighter future for all. Together, we can achieve greatness! Together We Can!



East Albany Award Recipients



(l-r) Outgoing king lion Roger Wylie, Steve Meyer 1 year spirit of service, Merle Helms 53 years Norman Ross, Terry Gorrell 10 years vision of fellowship, Jerry Shipman 20 years Lion of the year, Bill Bramblett 8 years vision of fellowship, Dean Butts 45 years Helen Keller, Bill Scheler 17 years vision of fellowship. Roar! Together we can!!!!

both articles submitted by Bill Scheler, Membership Chair



Doug Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



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Bob Chaney
Board Chair

SVS Goes Back To School: Old Friends, New Clothes and...Indoor Plumbing?

Here in the fall of 2023, our OLSHF School Vision Screening (SVS) Staff are gearing up for school vision screening events with as much excitement as a kid with a new Pee Chee folder.

During the past school year, OLSHF's award-winning SVS program screened 158,117 students for vision health issues, referring approximately 16% of them for comprehensive eye exams. Our SVS Staff are chomping at the bit to get back into Oregon schools to identify more students that could be seeing - and learning - better than they are now.

To get to know our SVS Staff a little better, we asked them some questions about going back to school, here are the questions and some of their responses:

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

Donna Penny of the Coos Bay Lions Club: "I like it more now because I have less homework!"

Brad King of the Tualatin Lions: "When I was a student, waaaaay back in the day, I enjoyed going to school ... most of the time. Now, I enjoy going back to school every day!"

Dr. Steve Tronnes of the Roseburg Lions: "I enjoyed school as a child and still remember looking forward to each year so, probably 'as a child' would be my honest answer."

Phoenix Chambers, SVS Data & Administrative Specialist: "I've always loved the fall and going back to school season, so it's hard to decide if I'm more excited now or when I was a kid."

Bert Diamond of Portland Bentham Lions: "It is so much easier for me to return to the school year now than as a kid or even even I was a teacher. Life is more even keeled now for me over the course of the year. And, with the amazing preparations of Matt and Phoenix, I only need to do some prep work then conduct the vision screenings. Thank you Matt and Phoenix for all your amazing support!"

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

Donna: "I love getting in contact with the various Lions Clubs and school personnel."

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

Steve: "I like interacting with the students because at least one of them always impresses me with a witty or wise comment. And I like that we make a difference in the lives of those students who are identified as needing help."

Phoenix: "I've always loved everything about this time of year - new pencil smell, getting back into rhythm after the leisure of summer, the leaves changing color in autumn - but now working for the SVS program my favorite thing is knowing the work we do can help so many students be successful in learning and in life."

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

And finally:

What was your favorite aspect of going back to school when you were a child?

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

Brad: "Friends and a strong learning environment."

Bert: "My favorite part of returning to school each fall was probably seeing friends again. I used to walk to junior and senior high school with the same 'school friends' and we bonded well over those years."

Donna: "New clothes!"

Please see Page 18 for the exciting news of MD-36 Lions and OLSHF again being named the #1 Lions School Vision Screening program in the U.S.!

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THAT'S US!



Congratulations, MD-36 Lions! We received **#1** for screening the most **students** among all U.S. clubs, districts, and multiple districts for the **SECOND** year in a row!

This year, MD-36 Lions screened **158,117** students at **691** events for the 2022-2023 school year! Wow!

Looking to get involved with this year's OLSHF Gala?

There are plenty of ways to get involved!

1. Buy tickets to attend!
2. Sponsor!
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4. Buy raffle tickets!
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Eye Promise Optical Celebrates 6th Anniversary!



Eye Promise Optical Team



This year, **Eye Promise Optical Shop** celebrates their 6th anniversary since opening in conjunction with OLSHF's **LEAP Lab** (the world's first ever charitable optical finishing lab) to make high-quality, low-cost eyewear for Oregonians in need.

In 2017, we built Eye Promise Optical, LLC, where **100% of the net profits directly support the LEAP Program!** ¡Felicidades, Eye Promise Team!

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4 Lions Clubs

DISTRICT R

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5 Lions Clubs

KTP Days 2023 Wrap-Up!


Thank you for participating this year!





*"East Albany Lions members **love our Albany community** and all of the wonderful people that come out year after year to enjoy the breakfast with friends and family and **make our community strong.**"*

- Lion Roger Wylie, East Albany Lions Club, District R

See more **KTP Days 2023** highlights & quotes: olshf.org/ktpdays

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The La Grande Lions Elect Officers/Induct Members

The La Grande Lions unanimously endorsed the new slate of officers for the club. They included: President, Mark Rhodes; Vice-President Tanner Willson; Treasurer, Krystal Michael; Secretary, Linda Gleeson; Tail Twister/Lion Tamer, John Howard and Board of Directors Ryan Rodighiero and H. Brent Lewis.

Two new members, Stu Spence and Tee Gandy were also inducted into membership by PCC Steve Oliver, PDG Kathy Oliver and PDG Gerald Hopkins. New members missing the initiation included Dylan Talbot, David and Jeanne Williamson.



Front row (l-r) Tee Gandy, PCC Steve Oliver, PDG Kathy Oliver and PDG Gerald Hopkins. Back row (l-r) John Howard (sponsor), Stu Spence and Brent Lewis (sponsor).

Brent Lewis (left) recognizes Russ West for 40 years of service.

Projects discussed by the club including planting flowers at the Fairgrounds, Coats for Kids project, repairs for the baseball field, and Lions Booth. Chair of the booth, Brent Lewis, indicated a need for group help with the fair booth. He told the members that this was the primary source of funds for the La Grande Lions, and netted over \$7,000 this past year.

Lion Brent also stated that Lion Russ West had received a 40 year pin for his Lion service.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

Elgin Lions Sell Fireworks!

The Elgin Lions completed another successful project, netting \$3500 for their club coffers, from the sale of fireworks. The money will be used to fund local projects.



The fireworks booth goes up.



Lions PDG Gerald Hopkins and Bob Reiter are on shift to make the fireworks sale.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins

The Dalles Lions Work the Ted Walker Swim Meet

The Dalles Lions Club successfully concluded the Ted Walker Swim-meet fundraiser over Father's Day Weekend, on June 17th and 18th. We were thrilled to witness a remarkable turnout of dedicated Lions volunteer on both days. The dedicated Lions who contributed their time and efforts to this project include Nancy Cain, Kris Harmon, Carolyn Layson, Rick Jones, Julie Krueger, Tony Krueger, Wayne Jacobson, Ethan Wray and Mike Kilkenny. It's worth noting that Lion Nancy Cain spearheaded this impactful fundraiser, and it seems highly likely that it will become an annual tradition for our Club. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Lion Nancy for a job well done!



(l-r) Lions Wayne Jacobson and Rick Jones.



(l-r) Lions Tony Krueger, Rick Jones and Mike Kilkenny.



(l-r) Lions Ethan Wray, Wayne Jacobson, Mike Kilkenny and Rick Jones.



(l-r) Lions Rick Jones, Mike Kilkenny and Rick's Son, Anson Jones.



(l-r) Lions Carolyn Layson, Julie Krueger and Nancy Cain.



(l-r) Lions Nancy Cain and Kris Harmon.

The Beaverton Lions Club Endorses PCC Vincent F. Bishop as a Candidate for Lions International Director for 2025-27



PCC Vincent F. Bishop

The Beaverton Lions Club proudly announce their endorsement of PCC Vincent F. Bishop as a candidate for Lions International Director for 2025-27

Lion Vince is an active member of our club and is currently serving as Club Secretary. He served as District Governor in District R in 1986-87 and as Council Chairperson of MD 36 in 2009-10. He has held most club offices and is the MD 36 Executive Administrator.

He is an Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor member and spends his spare time serving on the National Camp Accreditation Program at the local, regional and national levels for the Boy Scouts of America. Vince is the chair of the local Council's Memorabilia committee, providing scholarship funds for youth to attend long-term Scout camps.

He has two adult children, Matt and Cindy, also a Lion.

Lion Vince has total support from his family and his Partner in Service, Lion Robin Stoeckler. The official election for this endorsement from District O will be held in March at the District O Convention. The Endorsement for one candidate from MD 36 will be held in Bandon at the MD 36 Annual Convention.

Questions or comments can be made to PCC Joyce Anderson, Campaign Chair, at my email which is lionjo45@gmail.com.

submitted by PCC Joyce Anderson

Klamath Falls Lions Rehabilitate a Butterfly Park

The Klamath Falls Lions Club has embarked on an ambitious multiyear endeavor: the revitalization of a butterfly park that been left abandoned and fallen into a state of disrepair. This hidden gem is nestled along the OC&E Trail in Klamath Falls, a picturesque 100-mile pathway tracing the historic route of the Oregon, California and Eastern Railroad (OC&E).



Before restoration has begun.



After restoration had started.



Lions at work.

submitted by DG Stephen Brewster

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West Linn Lions Club is 70 Years Old (Young) This Year!

Our club is 70 years old (young) this year and we were selected to be the Grand Marshal for the West Linn Old Time Fair, held July 7-9 at the Willamette Park here in West Linn.

As it turned out, our Club's float was selected "Best Overall". Due in part to a great group of Lions who got together and decorated the float/trailer on the morning of July 7.

Incoming Club President, Mark Parrish and outgoing President, Tom Loun were riders on the float and Lions Phil Gentemann and PDG Doug Fiala were in the truck pulling the trailer. We had several Lions walking along with family members to toss candy to the youngsters along the parade route.

The West Linn Lions Club has been cooking our World Famous Lion Burgers at the fair for over 50 years and is the highlight of many fairgoers. This year, we cooked up over 1,800 hamburgers, using over 150 pounds of Walla Walla Sweet grilled onions!!! We also served pancake and sausage breakfasts both Saturday and Sunday mornings.



On the float are (l-r) Lion President Mark Parrish and Past President Tom Loun.



(l-r) Lions Mike Watters, Maggie Ray (Float Chairperson), Lynn Timoney and Donna Buck.



(l-r) Lions PDG Doug Fiala, Lynn Timoney, Phil Gentemann, Maggie Ray, Tom Loun, Mark Parrish and Donna Buck.

The burger sale at the Fair is our Club's biggest fundraiser each year. It was a great time to be a Lion and living up to our motto "We Serve".

Our goal this year is to increase our Club's membership and we've accepted 7 new members since January with a couple of more coming on board soon.

submitted by Tom Loun