

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS-REGULAR
MEETING MULTIPLE DISTRICT 36-OREGON/NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA

February 2, 2024 –Holiday Inn Express, 919 Kruse Way, Springfield, OR
Time: 1:00 pm

Voting Council Members Present: Council Chair, Phyllis Carlin; Council Vice Chair, PCC Gail Black; District Governor 36-O Edward Glad; District Governor 36-R Lynn Coon; District Governor 36-E Stephen Brewster; District Governor 36-G Pete Runnels (VIA ZOOM).

Non-Voting Council Members Present: 1VDG 36-O Brian Sauer; 1VDG 36-E Paul Novak; Executive Administrator/Council Secretary-Treasurer, PCC Vince Bishop; Council Chair Elect, DG Lynn Coon; and MD36 Executive Secretary Leah Malcolm. **Reference Attachment #1 for others in attendance.**

1. Call to Order: Council Chair Phyllis Carlin called the Council of Governors meeting to order on February 2, 2024 at 1:00 pm. CC Phyllis welcomed everyone and shared her excitement that convention season kicks off tomorrow. She wanted to thank PCC Gail Black for running the 2nd COG when she was unable to and for PDG Tom Hilgers for arranging the lunch today, the facilities, the logistics – they are all great. She noted it was a privilege to have PID Ed Gear joining us today and asked him to do the honors of introducing our International Guest. PID Ed Gear then introduced ID Joanne Ogden and PDG Angie Sharbot from Ontario, Canada. Lion PID Ed shared that ID Joanne has an incredible biography and is traveling with PDG Angie Sharbot as her husband is still working and unable to travel with her. ID Joanne Ogden spoke and thanked DG Lynn for tapping her on the shoulder and inviting her to be at this convention. She learned so much this am from OLSHF and has asked Doug to speak with her Foundation at home that has similar goals and projects and she's excited about that. They also had a wonderful tour yesterday of the Heartfelt House and the ARC Park in Springfield. She sees an opportunity of a Branch Club at the ARC Park. She then discussed what all LCIF does. She was the first Legacy Member in Canada! She beat PID Patti Hill to the punch as she attended one meeting that she didn't.
Invocation was given by PCC Gail Black.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Ed Glad.
Introduction of Guests: Council Chair Phyllis Carlin Additions to Agenda: None.
2. Additions to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2023 Council Meeting. Under Diabetes Awareness the minutes state that PCC Vince Bishop noted CC Phyllis Carlin didn't select a Chair for the committee. It should be noted that the Chair is actually selected by the Council of Governors and not the Council Chair. Under International Understanding & Participation the minutes state incorrectly that PCC Vince Bishop and Robin Stoeckler donated two cases of wine. They did not do this, but did contribute towards the Peru eyeglass mission so will be receiving one of the bottles of wine that PID Dennis Tichenor received to give to folks that donate to the Peru mission. **Motion** made by DG Lynn Coon to approve the Minutes of October 28, 2023 Council Meeting as amended to note these two corrections. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Steve Brewster. **Motion carried.**
4. Council Chair Report: CC Phyllis Carlin. **Reference Attachment #2.**
5. International Director Report: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley, absent. No report. PID Sunny asked PID Ed Gear to speak about us having three Lions in our MD36 running for International Director. Lion PID Ed spoke and addressed that they didn't want anyone to have an advantage if their districts convention takes place a month before another person who is running's convention... So, for example this year, once District O's convention has happened and an ID candidate is voted on --

The other candidate is then able to start campaigning immediately upon hearing this news and won't have to wait a month to start campaigning until their convention is over. They have shared this with all of the candidates. The three they know of are: PCC Vincent Bishop (Exec. Administrator and Council Treasurer), CC Phyllis Carlin and PCC Bradley King.

6. Executive Administrator Report: PCC Vincent F. Bishop. **Reference Attachment #3.** PCC Vince added that, under MD36 Constitution and Bylaws, the intent to run for ID must be received by December 31, 2023 in writing to the Executive Administrator and all 3 have submitted such letters of intent. (He noted that in District O's Constitution and Bylaws this notice needs to be sent via snail mail 30-days before the District O convention. SO: All Districts moving forward – please look over your individual district's rules and make sure you meet all requirements. PCC Vince also noted that a couple of weeks ago the MD36 Executive Secretary, Leah Malcolm, submitted her retirement effective June 30, 2024 (with a little wriggle room if needed). PID Ed Gear will be actively assisting with this process. It's also noteworthy that OLSHF still wants to continue the job share that was worked out last year and will be very involved in the hiring of her replacement. PCC Vince noted he has a backup plan if needed until MD36 finds someone.

7. District Governors Reports:

District 36-O: DG Edward Glad. No written report turned in. DG Ed spoke and shared that he's in an interesting position with two people from his District running for International Director: PCC Vincent Bishop and PCC Brad King. He's trying to be neutral and not endorse anyone. They have one candidate for 2VDGE and hers is an uncontested race, despite trying to stay neutral he could be a second at best.. Tricky times. He's pleased they have DG, 1VDG and 2VDG for the 2024-25 Lion's year. DG Ed also updated everyone about District O's Sight & Hearing Task Force. At District O's last Cabinet meeting they decided to have the 2VDG be responsible for making sure this Task Force runs smoothly. PDG Kerith Vance is one of the original founders of this Sight & Hearing Task Force in District O and DG Ed explained that PDG Kerith will work with PDG Bert Diamond, 1VDGE Brian Sauer and 2VDGE Dr. Thuy Tran to figure out a stable funding source. DG Edward said that is why they want to put streamlined processes in place, modernize how some things are being done, etc. so, moving forward, the 2VDG (as head of this Task Force each year) should hopefully not find this job too burdensome. He has visited all but a few clubs. There is a new club forming in Clackamas County and possibly one forming in Jewell (DG Ed will be meeting with the Superintendent of Public Instruction of Jewell). He has unfortunately had to close two clubs this year: The Canby Lions Club and the French Prairie Branch Club of St. Helens.

District 36-R: DG Lynn Coon. **Reference Attachment #4.** DG Lynn spoke and thanked ID Joanne Ogden for accepting his request to be his International Guest for District R's Convention tomorrow. He was also thankful to PDG Angie Sharbot for accompanying her and shared they had a wonderful day yesterday with PID Ed Gear touring the Heartfelt House and the ARC Park. We have enjoyed your company and learned so much about what you are doing up in Canada. DG Lynn explained ID Joanne is with a Foundation in Canada and that they shared a lot with OLSHF this morning and they plan to be in contact with one another to exchange information and ideas. Our District's Peace Poster winner came from the Central Lions Club. He thanked Lion Carma Fisher for the time she spent having these brought to professionals to judge all 4 of the District's posters. All four of these posters will go on the "tour of conventions." Please see page 2 of DG Lynn's DG report as it explains a Disaster Preparedness LION'S project for District R.

District 36-E: DG Stephen Brewster. No report. DG Stephen shared he looked at his job this year as one of encouraging clubs and trying to revitalize them. To encourage members to stay. To make their meetings fun. To talk with people in the communities they are serving and try and recruit people that way. When he last checked he was happy to see that District E is only down 2

members for the year. PCC Bob Chaney chimed in that they just added 2 new members. DG Stephen said Coos Bay also has 5 to add that they just hadn't got to yet.. He hasn't had to close any clubs this year so he is thankful for that.

District 36-G: DG Pete Runnels. No report. He apologized he couldn't be with everyone in person, but he has COVID. The weather has slowed him down in making it to some clubs. He has more than once been halfway to a club and had to turn around and head home due to the inclement weather. He needs to get his remaining club visits completed so he can encourage those clubs to please attend District G's convention on April 5-6 in Sisters, Oregon. There will be a community project to bring socks to donate and it concludes with a Sock Hop! He has had a lot of planning meetings via ZOOM and is confident it is going to be a lot of fun! Remember we have a membership contest going on for new members and this goes on until February 29th.

8. Incoming Council Report: PDG/current DG Lynn Coon. **Reference Attachment #5.**

CCE/PDG/current DG Lynn added to have fun at your meetings.

9. Past District Governors Association: President: PDG Linda Stent. **Reference Attachment #6.**

PDG Linda added that she needs the District Governors to remember to get names of deceased Lions to her for the Celebration of Life that the PDGA puts on during the MD36 convention.

10. Unfinished Business:

a) Diabetes Awareness. CC Phyllis began by explaining there was a discussion about this at the October 28, 2023, Council meeting and that MD36 Executive Secretary, Leah Malcolm, had brought up concerns regarding these monies not having been distributed for many years (not since 2017) and also about who the recipients of these monies are. The guidelines set forth in the Policy Manual may need to be re-evaluated as what was done 6-7 years ago may not be what we want done now. This evaluation would normally be a task for the MD36 Diabetes Awareness Committee to perform. Then it would be sent to the Policy Manual Committee and then something would be presented to the Council. At the last COG PID Sunny Pulley suggested that Vice Chair PCC Gail Black reach out to the Diabetes Awareness & Action Committee and she did so. However, remember this had basically been a non-functioning committee for some time as several members had dropped off and the Chair of it never really understood his role and then he passed. So, CC Phyllis went on to share that she reached out to Executive Administrator/Council Treasurer PCC Vince Bishop to ask whether the COG could then review this recommendation. PCC Vince felt there was nothing in the Bylaws to prevent this. CC Phyllis then had PCC Gail read her suggestions.

Reference Attachment #7. These suggestions (Attachment 7) were sent to the COG members ahead of this meeting so they would have time to review them in order to discuss them today. **Motion** made by DG Edward Glad to adopt the amendments PCC Gail Black has proposed to the Policy Manual Section regarding the Diabetes Awareness Committee. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Lynn Coon. Some discussion followed. CC Phyllis noted that in this proposal the first item A has a cap of 1/3 of the Funds and the others are not capped. Are people comfortable with this? DG Lynn felt that there would be plenty left over for clubs to get assistance with scholarships, to help with fundraising events, etc. **Motion carried.** CC Phyllis encouraged next year's Council to lock in a strong Diabetes Awareness & Action Committee next year as it's one of LCI's focus areas, and so important.

b) Long-term planning/Mission 1.5 CC Phyllis spoke and explained that at the October 28, 2023 COG DG Edward Glad brought up Long-term planning for MD36 and how it meshes with Mission 1.5. And as a GAT function it is something they should be looking at. And we have a Long-Term Planning Committee in place too. Lion CC

Phyllis spoke with Doug Thompson at OLSHF and he has done many workshops on Strategic Planning and can tailor one to our specific needs and would be happy to present a workshop. She asked the Council if they would be interested in her arranging this? They said yes. She said okay and she would pursue this. CC Phyllis then said she spoke with Mike Piva, Area 1B GAT Leader, and Lions International will do a Mission 1.5 training and this can be online or in person if people are interested. They said yes. And she said okay and she would get this arranged as well. She let everyone know these two trainings will need to be taking place after the MD36 Convention.

11. New Business:

- a) Policy Manual. CC Phyllis shared we need to approve four sections of the Policy Manual that were included in Lion Dale's report. **Reference Attachment #8.** MD36 Policy Manual Chair Lion Dale Rollins, via ZOOM, shared that the four DGs were all sent and have all reviewed the proposed changes. He wondered if the COG wanted to vote on them individually or collectively? DG Edward Glad said he would like them to vote on them collectively as a group package. Lion Dale asked if there were any questions. There were none. **Motion** made by DG Lynn Coon to approve the proposed policy manual changes. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Steve Brewster. **Motion carried.** CC Phyllis thanked Lion Dale for his work on the Policy Manual. She then noted that Lion Dale has a couple more comments to make: (1) There is a policy about VisionGift in the Policy Manual and he isn't sure this organization has much more to do with us anymore. Do we want to remove this section from the policy manual? DG Ed Glad said he doesn't mind removing it as District-O had one person heading up their position with them and they have resigned from Lions altogether. **Motion** made by DG Steve Brewster to remove VisionGift from the Policy Manual. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Lynn Coon. **Motion carried.** (2) Lions Quest (a committee about bullying). Do we want to continue this committee or not or remove from the policy manual? Lion Phyllis, as a former educator, feels very important to keep as an active committee for next year. PCC Gail Black shared that PDG Carolee Blatter, a recent member of this committee, wasn't a former educator and she took it on but shared she knew nothing about it and went online and wasn't familiar with this program and it was a challenge for her. PCC Gail agreed we need to keep this program. ID Joyce Ogden shared they have amazing contacts & information about this program and she is happy to share it with us.. DG Lynn Coon shared PDG Jim Jagers tried hard to work on this program for years when he was the Chair. Lion Robin shared that long before she knew about Lions she learned about Lions Quest through a partnership with the Boy Scouts of America, because the scouting organization partnered with the Lions to bring Lions Quest to that age group. They have a committee in Scouting and perhaps that would be an area to revisit that partnership and revitalize the program. PCC Paul Zastrow has been involved with Lions Quest a few times in Hood River. It has been very successful. Dale said it sounds like the sense is to keep it and try and revitalize it in all of the districts. There was unanimous agreement.
- b) Replacement for Executive Secretary. CC Phyllis noted that PCC Vince addressed this earlier in the meeting, but she wanted to personally thank Leah for her 9 years of work in this position. She enjoyed working with her as a DG and this year as Council Chair.

12. Lions Vision Gift Report: CEO Report: Chris Stoeger, absent. No report.

13. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Report: PCC Bob Chaney, Chair. **Reference Attachment #9.** PCC Bob Chaney/OLSHF Chair spoke and highlighted two things: (1) the QR codes on the bottom of the report. (2) We are also starting our Strategic Planning Process and

please use the QR code and complete the survey. It is for ALL LIONS to please take! There are hard copies available if people need them, please reach out to him or to OLSHF.

14. 15-minute break – was skipped.

15. MD36 Standing Committee Chair Reports:

Awards, Honors & Contests: Paula Hilgers/Kristen Harmon. Co-Chairs. Absent.

Reference Attachment #10.

Camp Representatives: Chair to be determined. No report.

Canine Services: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #11.** PCC Sharon spoke and said that in District O these groups are very active in this area. At District O's Convention she has a seminar planned with Canine Companions & Guide Dogs for the Blind on how to do training. Dogs for the Deaf hasn't found anyone to come and present at District O's convention. She isn't planning to do another seminar at the MD36 convention this year on this as last years was so successful and she hasn't found anyone willing to drive to Bandon, which has angered some people but she can't help that.

Childhood Cancer: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #12.** PCC Sharon shared that they are moving ahead on events. A recent one in Lake Oswego had to be cancelled because the City of Lake Oswego wanted \$320 for a permit to take a walk in their parks. So they will take a walk at an upcoming farmer's market and take a walk along the Lake == a flat walk.

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Don Roach, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #13.**

Convention Operating: PCC Bob Chaney, Chair. **Reference Attachment #14.** PCC Bob Chaney reported that there are a couple of changes on what is in my submitted report. (1) There is a typo on the budget. Total expenditures it should say 2900 instead of 1900 under expenditures to income at the bottom. (2) He made a mistake on the MD36 Registration form and it should note the REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 9, 2024. He went on to share that on Thursday night, May 16, 2024, after dinner with the International Director, they will be having a 20s-themed speakeasy flapper social get-together. There will be a walk-a-thon for pediatric cancer (it will be done in segments – so everyone can be a part of it). The theme is “A Common Heartbeat for Service.” Five-six years ago we did a feminine hygiene collection also, and he's considering asking folks to bring those supplies to donate. He then asked DG Pete if he would be playing some jazz music with him and Jeff and DG Pete said they could talk about it. Food is in place. He applauded PCC Joyce Anderson for her work in the past on this Committee. PCC Bob then asked for approval of the advancement of \$4,000.00 to meet obligations if needed for this convention. **Motion** made by DG Lynn Coon to accept the advancement of \$4,000.00 if needed by the MD36 Convention Committee. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Edward Glad. **Motion carried.** CC Phyllis asked if there was any discussion. None. **Motion carried.** Then PCC Bob asked the Council to approve the budget he submitted with the one typo he has brought everyone's attention to. **Motion** made by PCC Gail Black to accept the budget with the noted change. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Stephen Brewster. **Motion carried.** And lastly, PCC Bob requested approval of his revised registration form that shows when the registration deadline is being shown on the top so he can get it onto the md36website, etc. **Motion** made by DG Lynn Coon to approve the revised registration for the MD36 convention. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Stephen Brewster. **Motion carried.** DG Steve Brewster added that if anyone needs a preview of what the MD36 convention will be like, join him at his District E convention which is taking place at the same place in Bandon also!! CC Phyllis thanked Robin Stoeckler for her beautiful flyer for the MD36 convention!

Credentials: Jim Vincent, Chair, absent. No report.

Diabetes Awareness: Chair to be determined. No report.

Disaster Response: Charlene Larsen, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #15.**

Environmental: Jennifer Brewster, Chair, absent. No report.

Finance & Budget: Jeff Plummer, Chair, absent. No report.

Global Action Team: CC Phyllis Carlin, Chair. No report. CC Phyllis shared they talked earlier about the process of Strategic Planning for our MD36 organization.

Global Leadership Team: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference Attachment #16.** PCC Joyce reminded DGs to get new club officers trained. They need new officer trainings. Please send her reports as she isn't receiving any reports.

Global Membership Team: PDG Dan Wolf, Chair. Initially, PCC Sharon Rollins said he wasn't provided a zoom link or allowed to join this meeting and that he wasn't invited. We all said NO. (It was sent to his Mt. Hood Lions Club's email as is what he has listed.) He joined later and added these comments: He spoke with DG Ed Glad and said that The Dalles Lions is hot on his clubs tail to surpass their membership, but they aren't planning on napping. He feels clubs that are having trouble are ones that don't have a Membership Chair.

Global Service Team: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #17.** PCC Sharon added that we are doing local food drives in February all over the MD36. Please send her emails/pictures of what your clubs are doing!!

Global Membership Approach (Was NAMI): PDG Dan Wolf, Chair, absent. No report.

Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Red Rowley, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #18.**

Hunger Relief: Chair to be determined. No report.

Information Technology: Tim McGlothlin, Chair, absent. No report.

International Participation: Robin Stoeckler, Chair. **Reference Attachment #19.** Lion Robin asked who was going to Melbourne, Australia and was pleased to see the hands that were raised. She reminded everyone of the International Convention Parade Uniform that the COG approved. It is a required uniform. Dark pants (can be a dark skirt or dark skort, but it will be cold when we are there so pants may be the better choice for this particular trip); a white shirt or top of some sort; and the scarf which was also approved.

International Understanding & Cooperation: PID Dennis Tichenor, Chair. **Reference Attachment #20.**

LCIF: PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #21.**

Long Range Planning: PID Sonja Pulley, Chair. No report.

MD36 International Vision & Health Clinic: Chair to be determined. No report.

Opportunity for Youth: CHAIR: OPEN

Leos: Sharon Elliott, Chair, absent. No report.

Lions Quest: PDG Carolee Blatter, Chair, absent. No report.

Peace Poster: Carma Fisher, Chair. **Reference attachment #22.** Lion Carma spoke and suggested clubs contact the schools now to let the Middle School teachers know about this program so they can plan it into their next Fall's curriculum!! It's too late if you wait until September as the curriculum is set by then. The Sutherlin peace posters have been so successful because the Art Teacher there has been doing this for 8 years now. He has 20-25 kids submit their posters each year. The kits cost \$12 from LCI.

Reading Action Programs: PDG Carol Brink, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #23.**

Scouting. Ted Yarosh, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Vince Bishop spoke and said that DG Edward Glad charged both himself and Robin to co-host a seminar at District O's Convention about scouting. So, the Friday of DG Edward Glad's convention at 1pm, at the Church on the Hill – they will co-host a panel on how to become involved with the Boy Scouts as a Lions club. 1VDG Paul Novak from District E added that Lion Ted Yarosh, MD36 Scouting Chair, is 94 and has been in and out of the hospital recently with some serious health issues.

Youth Exchange: PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference Attachment #24.** PCC Paul added that we need DG's to be buying into this program. He would like to get this program revitalized, but can't do it alone.

Oregon Lion Magazine: PCC Vincent Bishop and two At Large who are: PID Ed Gear and CC Phyllis Carlin. No report.

Policy Manual: Dale Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #8.**

Protocol/Parliamentarian: Craig Urbani, Chair, absent. No report.

Public Relations & Lions Information: 1VDG Carrie Bartley, Chair, absent.

Reference Attachment #25.

Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair. **Reference Attachment #26.** PDG Mary Lee added that Sight Preservation is so important and she wants feedback on the Hull Foundation & Learning Center. How to move it from under the Camp Representatives "umbrella" to having it be its own Committee on the MD36 – it's own separate Standing Committee. She wants this as they are so much more than just a camp. They are having a membership drive that ends on February 9, 2024. We would love to have individuals and Lions clubs encourage people to become members. More information is available by calling 503.668.6195 or going to hullflc.com We also have a fundraiser selling See's candy through March 15th. PCC Sharon put out the recommendation that it be put under Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action. CC Phyllis suggested PDG Mary Lee Turner send this as a recommendation from your committee to the Policy Manual Committee.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference Attachment #27.** PCC Joyce spoke and added that the "early bird" price for registering won't be available after the middle of April so if you are planning on going to Louisville please get registered soon! There are some from our MD36 registered already. There may be a display this afternoon if she has time to get it together and if she is able to download the information on their website (they have been having some issues with their website...). Hopefully, it will be fixed and she will have it hopefully this afternoon, but it will for sure be at District O's and the MD36 Convention. We need attendees! There are so many fun things to do there!

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

NWLLI: Chair to be determined. No report. PCC Gail Black added it is going to happen and will be at the Sutherlin Community Center and it will be on April 19-21, 2024. We received the grant. We are going to restrict it to 20 people. Will be a reasonable cost. Letters and information will be coming out to people soon. Lions PCC Joyce, PCC Vince Bishop, Robin Stoeckler, PCC Bob Chaney and herself will make sure this happens. They are meeting via ZOOM to firm everything up. They got same rates as last year for room rates which is \$129 plus taxes, which is pretty good! CC Phyllis said she would be proud to promote this in her CC column in the *Oregon Lion* magazine and PCC Gail Black said that would be great.

Pin Sales: Chair to be determined. No report. PCC Vincent thanked DG Lynn Coon for getting Mike to man the table at tomorrow's convention. PDG Bert Diamond will find someone for District O's convention. DG-E Stephen Brewster is still looking for someone and will get back to him. DG-G Pete Runnels will get back to him after he has recovered with COVID. And PCC Bob Chaney is busy planning the MD36 Convention, but he's assured someone will cover the Pin Sales table there as well.

16. Additions/Announcements:

- PCC Bob Chaney added that he's going to put a couple of people on the spot right now. There will be a competition at the MD36 convention – a fundraising tournament for LCIF and OLSHF. It will be a cornhole competition. Between the DUCKS wearing green and yellow: MD36 Exec.Sec. Leah Malcolm & PCC Vincent Bishop MD36 Executive Admin./Council Secretary/Treasurer versus BEAVERS wearing orange and black: CEO of OLSHF Doug Thompson and likely Sam Doyle. He wants to raise \$1,000 for each organization and hoping Melvin Jones/Helen Keller can be awarded. The losers will at Saturday night's banquet have to wear a wig of the opposing teams' colors. Lion Leah told Vince he better practice! (I, Lion Leah, am adding this to the minutes now that I am transcribing them that I have a hand-crafted and personally designed DUCKS cornhole game from a company in Bend and she's hoping it's played according to official cornhole rules with boards 27 feet apart from front of each board to the other and with a high enough ceiling. Lion Leah knows she is going to have to "carry" PCC Vince for this Victory, but she's confident the DUCKS will win!)
- CC Phyllis shared that she spoke with Lion Henry Miller yesterday. He will take pictures at the state convention. As this is our 100th Anniversary – it's a big deal. He wants to have ALL CLUBS submit pictures of service projects and fundraisers where service is going on. He'd like 2 pictures from every club playing on a slideshow during the convention! Lion Henry has said he will put to music too. Please submit!
- The photo contest is on. Please encourage your clubs to email photos!! Oregon is so beautiful!
- DG Lynn Coon presented ID Joanne Ogden and PDG Angie Sharbot (who is a big pin collector) from Ontario, Canada with our new pins from MD36. They are the first two to get these pins.
- DG Lynn Coon had everyone stand and applaud Lion Leah.

17. **Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm. The next Council meeting will be May 16, 2024 at 1:30pm at the Bandon Community Center.

Attendance Sheet
Meeting of the Council of Governors
February 2, 2024

- Leah Malcolm
- Ed Glad
- Brian Sauer
- Lynn Coon
- Steve Brewster
- Paul Novak
- Ed Gear
- PDG Angie Sharbot (MD5M-10 Canada)
- ID Joanne Ogden (Canada)
- Joyce Anderson
- Linda Stent
- Kathy Coon
- Tom Hilgers
- Robin Stoeckler
- Bob Chaney
- Vince Bishop
- Phyllis Carlin
- Paul Zastrow
- Gail Black
- Carma Fisher
- Sharon Rollins (via zoom)
- Dale Rollins (via zoom)
- Mary Lee Turner (via zoom)
- Dennis Tichenor (via zoom)
- Pete Runnels (via zoom)
- Dan Wolf (via zoom)

Report to Council of Governors for February 2nd meeting

Council Chair Report

I was recently asked about my goal/goals for MD36 this year. My broad, all-encompassing goal is that MD36 will continue the process of revitalization, rejuvenation and in some ways reinvention that began several years ago as we started coming out of COVID. Without rehashing it, we all know that COVID dealt us a mighty blow as an organization, as a people and as a world. But we are in an exciting time now and positive changes are in the air.

Would Lions International say that my goal is an acceptable SMART goal; i.e., is it specific, is it measurable, is it actionable, is it realistic, is it time bound? No probably not. While it does not meet all the criteria of a SMART goal, it does meet some. It is actionable and it is realistic. And I say this because I see revitalization and rejuvenation going on all around MD36. As we head into spring, it is also springtime for our organization and we are seeing the fruition of efforts of our DG's and their teams, our state committees and our clubs. For example:

- District O cluster meetings or gatherings, which I would describe as sub-zone groups, are helping develop collegiality and are renewing and fostering friendships among Lions.
- In order to provide service to more, District R applied for a grant to build a food bank and has just received word they received this grant and now have applied for another.
- As District E strives to develop upcoming leaders for our future organization, there is an understanding that first, we must be willing to be mentors—mentors who share knowledge and give guidance and encouragement to those who will take the helm of our organization one day.
- And in District G, you can't underestimate the importance of having fun and a little friendly competition. In order to help meet the goals set forth in Mission 1.5, a district-wide membership growth contest is now underway.

If you are looking for rejuvenation, I can think of no better way to get a dose of it than by attending a Lions convention. Through the exchange of ideas that take place both formally and informally, new project ideas can be brought back to your club. Information on the latest programs from Lions International will be shared. Friendships with Lions from other clubs are both developed and renewed. All district registrations are posted on the website and the state registration will soon be.

Our state convention, which will be held in Bandon on May 17th and 18th, is our multiple district's 100th convention. There will be many exciting programs and new events. One that I'm especially excited about is the walk benefiting pediatric cancer research.

Back in October, as I prepared for the 2nd COG, I was so excited to write in my report that our membership numbers were in the positive for the first time in years. And this felt so good! Unfortunately, we lost Lions, as we often do, at this time of year. So even though we lost members,

this is what we do; we get up, dust ourselves off and get right back on that horse, in pursuit of the goals of Mission 1.5 and having positive membership numbers at year end.

Sometimes as I reflect on my past life, working for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools as a teacher, coach and finally as school administrator, I contemplate on where I had the most influence. And I honestly believe it was as a coach. And this explains why I often speak of teamwork. I guess you can take the girl out of the gym but you can't take the gym out of the girl.

This may explain why on Christmas Eve I dragged my family out of our warm and festive holiday gathering to go to the movies. You see I was "chomping at the bit" to see *The Boys in the Boat*, the story of the 1936 University of Washington crew team who defied all odds and won Olympic gold in the 1936 Olympics or "Hitler's Olympics" as they were known. Set in the heart of the great depression, it is the story of resilience, determination, overcoming adversity and most importantly, the power of teamwork. This hardscrabble group of young men defied all odds in their momentous, comeback victory.

As Lions, we are very much a team. And while we are striving to serve, not to win a game, a match or a race, many components of effective teamwork come into play. As an individual who wishes to serve, what can I accomplish by myself? Certainly a few things. But when you join with like-minded people this effort becomes compounded and service is greatly increased. Yet there are challenges for all teams or groups. Just like the eight young men in the boat, as Lions we aren't all alike, neither were they. We don't always think the same, we don't feel the same, we don't act the same; we have personality differences, we are not clones of each. So how do we perform as a well-oiled team as we channel our common desire to serve?

I recently read an article by Rick Ezell entitled, "12 Lessons from the Boys in the Boat," and I encourage you to read the article in its entirety. I share three points that especially hit home with me and I quote:

- Races are not won by clones. They are won by crews with a carefully balanced blend of both physical abilities and personality types, of ego and humility. ***They must adjust to the needs and capabilities of the other.***
- No stars. Great oarsmen and oarswomen possess enormous self-confidence, strong egos, titanic will power, and aren't immune to frustration. And yet at the same time – and this is key – ***they have no stars.*** The team effort is all that matters. Not the individual, not the self.
- Working together as one. It isn't enough for the muscles of a crew to work in unison; ***their hearts and minds must also be as one.*** The losing of self entirely to the cooperative effort of the crew as whole.

I close with this thought. Through your service to the communities you love and for the benefit of others, my hope for you is this. That you develop collegial relationships, form long-term friendships and have lots of fun! These being your personal benefits for your service to and participation on Team MD36.

February 2, 2024
Council of Governors
Executive Administrator/Council Secretary/Treasurer Report

Council, Our state office continues to run smoothly handling monthly duties including our monthly magazine, monthly financial reports, answering the many inquiries that come from Lions and our communities even during this time of great challenges. I remind each of you to notify the state office if you have any changes to the state directory. Leah continues to work on keeping our website up to date.

Remember your articles due dates in order to get them published each month.

After each Council meeting Leah will send out an email to let you know that you can access the minutes online to review and download. If you find any corrections, please send to Leah and it will also need to be announced at the next council meeting.

State directories are sent to each club, each Governor including their cabinet, MD Officers and MD committee chairs. Extras are sold for \$5 per book.

Governors don't forget to turn in your monthly expense reports on a timely manner. This is very important as it will affect future Governor's budget that they are given for their year from Lions Clubs International for reimbursement of their monthly expense permitted by LCI's rules of audit. By not turning in your reports it will reduce next year's Governors expense reimbursement. If you have any questions or need help please don't hesitate to ask me.

Financial reports through December 31, 2023 have been emailed to the Council of Governor's. Through December 31, 2023 we are showing an operating loss of \$3,816. Our MD net membership through December 31, 2023 continues to go in a downward trend by 55 from June 30, 2023 membership. MD 36 is down net three clubs since June 30, 2023. Districts are having a challenge from collecting dues from a few clubs, which in turn are not paying total amount due to the MD 36. Right now, this isn't affecting our cash flow materially, but it could in the future if this trend continues. We have also had a few requests to write off dues owed to the MD by cabinet treasurers due to club billing errors or nonpayment of dues. I have done twelve years of graphs of our membership by month to show what has been happening to our districts.

I have received from Leah her announced retirement plan. She would like to retire as of June 30, 2024. She indicated that she would still help with training for a few months after her retirement. I will be working with PID Ed Gear on finding a replacement.

Per the Constitution and By-Laws for the Multiple District I have received three letters of intent to run for International Director. These were due to the Multiple District by December 31, 2023. Two are from District O and one if from District G.

Our challenge continues to be meeting the wants of our council while learning to do with less funds.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent F. Bishop PCC
Executive Administrator/Council Secretary/Treasurer

Report to the Council of Governors & the Lions of MD36
For the February 2, 2024 meeting in Springfield, OR

District Governor Report 36-R

Submitted by DG Lion Lynn Coon

As we navigate through our 2023-2024 Lions year, we continue to see good things happening in our District. I have visited almost all of our clubs and only have a few remaining I need to visit. Clubs continue serving their communities and making a difference.

Many milestones are being achieved in the near future with two of our clubs celebrating 100 years of serving their communities and making a difference: The Eugene Downtown Lions which was chartered on February 20, 1924 and the Cottage Grove Lions which was chartered on March 13, 1924. The Corvallis Lions just hit 98 years and Junction City 95 years. Newport will hit 95 this year also. Think of all of the service and difference these clubs have provided all of these years.

This Lions year we have had more clubs involved with the Peace Poster contest thanks to our District Peace Poster Chair Lion TiAnne Rios. She has gone out and encouraged clubs to sponsor the contest and our District 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.

Our training of club officers continues with our second training being held January 6, 2024, in Keizer Oregon hosted by the Keizer Lions Club. Thank you, Lion Fran Silbernagel, our GLT Chair and the rest of the team for a job well done. As our District 36-R convention is about to start we have Lions PDG Tom Hilgers and Craig Urbani and others on our convention committee to thank. These Lions have met on a regular basis via Zoom.

Great news on the \$100,000 Hunger Grant we applied for from LCIF. We have received word from LCIF that it has been approved after the LCIF Board of Trustees met in January 2024. 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 the District 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 means around 3,132 people a month are being served.

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. We are looking forward to the rest of this Lions year and accomplishing great things for our clubs, communities and our District.

One more item for Council of Governors meeting February 2, 2024. As District Governor I have been working with PCC Lion Rod Bach and PCC Lion Steve Thomson and a steering committee to put a strategic plan in place for disaster preparedness. This will be a LION'S project. We have had meetings to work on the best way to have in place and to serve the communities of 36-R. We will be reaching out to the clubs in 36-R as we put this valuable program in place.

- (1) We will be asking each club do they have members interested in being part of this system.
- (2) Will they help provide ground delivery from air or trailer?
- (3) Will they arrange for their local contacts to know about our service?
- (4) Do any of their members know of any landing areas?
- (5) And we will ask the clubs if they can inform us of any other needed information.

We hope to be far enough along in March to apply for a \$10,000. Grant from LCIF. To obtain needed supplies and be ready as we prepare for the next disaster, Check out our table in the hall which will give info and give opportunity for suggestions .

Report to Council of Governors & Lions of MD36
For the Council meeting on February 2, 2024

Council Chair Elect Report

Submitted by DG/CCE Lion Lynn Coon 36-R

As we start our circuit of District Conventions, I look forward to the excitement each district provides the Lions of Multiple District 36. These conventions are what bring clubs together to share and for fellowship.

As I look at our reports, I encourage our District GAT teams to go back and assess our goals and adjust. Are we having membership growth? Are we retaining the Lions we have? Are we training our officers and continuing to look for club and district officers? Are we serving our communities and looking for more ways to be involved in our communities?

As your Council Chair Elect 2024-2025, I'm excited to serve the Multiple District. Working with each incoming District Governor will give me a great opportunity to serve Oregon and Northern California. It will give me great opportunity to be part of Growth, Retention and Service -- making a difference to those we serve be it our communities or our fellow Lions. I have had great examples in my past of what to do and what not to do.

To me Council Chair is an honor and a position of trust from the Multiple District. I will be there to encourage and guide our 4 District Governors who are in charge. I want to continue to encourage each district to continue Mission 1.5 with membership growth. To encourage membership retention and community involvement and service.

Thank each of you and your commitment to serve.

Report to the Council of Governors & the Lions of MD36
For the February 2, 2024 meeting in Springfield, OR

Past District Governors Association Report

Search is underway for a meeting place in Bandon for the annual meeting. The breakfast meeting in Seaside was well attended, so a breakfast meeting is the first choice for this year's meeting.

PDGA is responsible for the Memorial Service and will be organizing that in the coming months.

Submitted by PDG Linda Stent, PDGA President

- **Policy: V-H Diabetes Awareness Committee**

II. Specific Responsibilities:

Delete item C which is a duplicate of item B, and re-letter balance of items.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:

Delete entire paragraph and replace with:

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities: Funds collected for Diabetes Awareness through "Dimes for Diabetes" and/or other fund raising events to be distributed as follows dependant upon available funds

- A. By decision of the committee disburse a % of available funds, not to exceed 1/3, to Gales Creek Diabetes camp,
- B. By decision of the committee – Scholarship funds to be available to an Md36 club for sending a child to Gales Creek Diabetes Camp.
- C. By decision of the committee – Funds to be available to an Md36 club to assist with diabetes fund raising projects when funds come to the MD36 General Fund Diabetes Awareness Account.
- D. By decision of the committee- distribute funds in a manner commiserate with needs of clubs in MD36 in advancing Diabetes Awareness.

V. Meetings:

A. Will be held in the fall and winter of each year, and may be conducted by video conferencing (e.g. zoom)

Policy Manual Committee Report for Feb. 2, 2024 CoG Meeting

Changes/corrections have been proposed to the following sections of the Policy Manual:

- IV-D — Past District Governors Association (PDGA)
- V-A — Awards, Honors, and Contests
- V-R — Information Technology
- VI-C — International Vision and Health Clinic

The CoG is asked to review and vote on these updates at this time.

In addition, a question has been raised about removing section IV-B — Lions VisionGift (LVG). This organization is no longer associated with Lions, and “Lions” has been removed from its name — it’s now just VisionGift. Consequently, is there any reason for keep its policy in the MD36 Policy Manual, or should that policy be removed entirely?

Also, only one District has a member on the Lions Quest Committee, and there is no MD36 chair. So, the question has been raised — should this committee be disbanded and its policy removed from the MD36 Policy Manual?

Finally, proposed changes to the V-H — Diabetes Awareness policy are being reviewed by that committee and should be ready for the CoG to review at their next meeting.

IV-D — Past District Governors Association (PDGA)

- I. **Purpose:** To utilize the experience and wisdom of the collective membership of the Association and to advise and assist the Council of Governors (COG) in all areas of responsibility to Lions and Leos.
- II. **Specific Responsibilities:**
 - A. Consider all budgetary and financial matters and offer counsel to the COG.
 - B. Be actively involved in leadership and membership development, by promoting new Lions clubs and strengthening existing Lions clubs.
 - C. Encourage and coordinate social activities for its members.
 - D. Serve as “ex-officio” greeters to all Lions, guests and especially visiting International officers, directors and past International officers.
 - E. Conduct a Celebration of Life tribute service at Multiple District (MD) 36 conventions.

III. Association Makeup:

- A. **Membership:** All Past District Governors (PDG) in good standing in their clubs and Districts are eligible to be members of the Association for as long as they maintain active District Lion membership.
- B. **Officers:**
 1. **President:**
 - a. Presides over Executive Committee meetings and general membership meetings
 - b. Shall send notices and agendas and call Executive Committee meetings.
 2. **Vice President:**
 - a. Organize Celebration of Life tribute service.
 - b. Other specific responsibilities as assigned.
 3. **Secretary-Treasurer:**
 - a. Responsible for all items under Paragraph IV, “Fiscal Responsibilities.”
 - b. Responsible for items D and E under Paragraph V, “Meetings.”
 4. **Executive Committee:**
 - a. Four (4) PDGs, one (1) elected from the PDGA of each of the four (4) Districts (O, R, E and G) shall, with the officers, comprise the Executive Committee.
 - b. **Responsibilities:**
 - i. Shall meet as needed up to three (3) times per year before meetings of the general Association membership. If all members of the Executive Committee have email capacity, no more than two (2) of the meetings may be conducted by mail.
 - ii. Shall be empowered to carry out the policies of and act on behalf of the Association between Association meetings.
 - iii. Shall study and make recommendations of all matters coming to the Association including, but not limited to, budgetary items.
 - iv. The PDG elected from each District shall be a liaison to PDGs in their District.

5. Elections:

56. **Vacancies:** If a vacancy occurs during the term of office of any of the above officers or members of the executive committee, the vacancy may be filled for the remainder of the term by a member of the Association in good standing and a majority vote by the remaining officers and members of the executive committee.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:

- A. The Association may levy assessments or receive voluntary contributions from its members if deemed necessary.
- B. All funds will be in a budget following “rules of audit” to defray administrative expenses such as postage, telephone, supplies or other expenditures as authorized by the Executive Committee and/or the general Association membership.
- C. The Executive Committee is authorized to make expenditures up to \$500.00 and to report these expenditures at the next regular meeting of the Association.
- D. Records of all transactions, receipts and disbursements, shall be retained by the Association. Said records shall be retained for a period of not less than three (3) years nor more than six (6) years, unless otherwise directed.
- E. Annual financial statements shall be submitted to COG at close of each fiscal year.
- F. All records shall be turned over to a successor or COG in an orderly manner within 30 days of end of term.

V. Meetings:

- A. One regular meeting of the PDGA shall be held following the MD Convention.
- B. The President, Council Chairperson or any five (5) Association members may call special meeting by stating time, place and purpose of said meeting in writing to all Association members.
- C. Voting:
 - 1. To constitute an official meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.
 - 2. Each member present shall have one (1) vote on all matters.
- D. Notices and agenda of meetings will be mailed/mailed to members and Council Chairperson no less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-five (25) days prior to meeting.
- E. Minutes of all Association meetings will be taken, recorded and distributed via mail or electronically to members by the Secretary-Treasurer within thirty (30) days of said meeting.

VI. Reports: A brief, typed report will be submitted to the COG fifteen (15) days prior to Council meeting if requesting COG action. If no action is required, it may be submitted at the next COG meeting.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

- 1. Original adopted by the COG, February 28, 1982
- 2. Revised by 1995-96 the COG
- 3. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, March 9, 1997
- 4. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, May 14, 1999
- 5. Reviewed/Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, May 2002
- 6. Revised by the PDGA, March 2003
- 7. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, January 31, 2004
- 8. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
- 9. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
- 10. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019
- 11. Revisions adopted by the COG, May 2023

Chapter V — COMMITTEES

V-A — Awards, Honors, and Contests Committee

- I. Purpose:** To administer the MD36 Awards, Honors, and Contests program which has been established to recognize either clubs or individual members for their contributions and outstanding service to the goals of Lionism.
- II. Specific Responsibilities:**
- A. To set goals and objectives annually intended to encourage greater Lions participation in activities of the Districts and the MD.
 - B. To make clubs and members aware of the awards and their criteria at the beginning of each fiscal year.
 - C. To work closely with the District Governors (DG) from each District in the promotion of the awards program to recognize exemplary service.
 - D. The chairperson shall make recommendations for revision and management of the awards policies.
- III. Committee Makeup:**
- A. Membership: Members shall be the awards chairperson from each District.
 - B. Chairperson: The Council of Governors (COG) shall appoint one of the four district representatives to serve as the Chairperson.
- IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:**
- A. The MD budget will annually include adequate funds to support the MD awards programs.
 - B. District awards are the responsibility of the respective DG.
- V. Meetings:**
- A. The Awards Committee shall meet at least annually ~~at the MD Convention~~.
 - B. Other meetings may be held as necessary via phone, FAX or other electronic media.
 - C. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.
- VI. Reports:**
- A. The chairperson shall submit an annual report to the COG, and the EA or MD36 office following the annual convention listing the recipients of all awards.
 - B. The content and criteria of the awards shall be developed by the awards committee and provided to all clubs in the MD or see Exhibit VII-C.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, February 28, 1982
2. Revised, March 9, 1997
3. Revised by Richard Smith, PDG, October 19, 2003
4. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
5. Adopted by the COG, May 15, 2011
6. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014

7. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019
8. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2022
9. Revisions adopted by the COG, May 2023

V-R — Information Technology Committee (ITC)

- I. Purpose:** To advise and aid the Council of Governors (COG), the four Districts, and individual clubs on matters concerning the efficient and effective use of information technology and to aid and advise clubs and Districts in the same matters.
- II. Specific Responsibilities:**
- A. To aid and instruct district officers, chairpersons and club officers in the use of the Internet for reporting membership and other pertinent information directly to Lions Clubs International (LCI).
 - B. To develop an instructional program for aid and instruct clubs on the use of the Internet, video conferencing (e.g., Zoom), and email, and to recommend ways to improve online security and maintain privacy.
 - C. To promote the use of electronic information dispersal and transfer for the purposes of timeliness, economy and conservation of natural resources.
 - D. To assist:
 1. Districts and clubs in setting up websites and social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and NextDoor.
 2. Districts and clubs in the use of email to communicate with clubs within the same District.
 3. The District Governors (DG) in setting up record keeping in the District.
- III. Committee Makeup:**
- A. Membership:
 1. This committee will consist of the IT chairperson from each District, who is appointed annually by the DG.
 2. One additional member (such as the MD Webmaster) may be appointed at the discretion of the COG.
 - B. Officers: The Council of Governors (COG) shall appoint one of the four district representatives to serve as the Chairperson.
- IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:** This committee handles no funds. The COG is responsible for funds and budgetary management.
- V. Meetings:**
- A. Regular:
 1. Should be held at least once yearly with that meeting being held at the Multiple District (MD) 36 Convention.
 2. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the committee and may be done by email.
 - B. Special: May be called by the COG stating the time, place and purpose.
 - C. Voting:
 1. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.
 2. Each member present shall have one (1) vote on all matters.
 - D. Notices and agendas shall be sent to all members and Council Chairperson at least fifteen (15) days prior to meetings.
 - E. Minutes of meetings will be distributed to members and COG.

- VI. Reports:** A brief typed report will be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to COG meeting if requesting COG action. Otherwise, a report may be submitted (orally and/or written as requested by the COG) at MD36 Convention or at other COG meetings if requested by the COG.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, May 18, 2002
2. Revised by Bud Wilkinson, October 2003
3. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
4. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
5. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct 2019
6. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2022
7. Revisions adopted by the COG, May 2023

VI-C — International Vision and Health Clinic

I. Purpose:

- A. To build fellowship within all clubs in the Multiple District (MD) and in other multiple districts by increasing awareness of the need for eyeglass journeys to developing countries.
- B. To establish “volunteer journeys” to countries to help those in need of vision care and to further the cause of Lionism.
- C. To meet and establish personal connections with Lions worldwide with Lions from our MD.

II. Specific Responsibilities:

- A. To provide and establish goals, objectives and itineraries for the current Lions year to the Council of Governors (COG) at its first regularly scheduled meeting.
- B. To provide Lion participants on journeys with quality journeys both in the MD and in the Journey country that would include a safe and self-satisfying volunteer experience.
- C. To promote:
 1. Increased collection of used eyeglasses and hearing aids.
 2. Greater Lion participation with the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) from Lions within the MD.
 3. A stronger sense of awareness of the needs of people worldwide and how each Lion and non-Lion can become part of the solution to prevent blindness and assist those in need of vision care. It starts in our communities but doesn't have to stop there.
- D. To encourage:
 1. Partnerships with non-Lion groups, businesses and other civic minded agencies with the goal of helping others through the Lions clubs of the MD and the eyeglass journey.
 2. All clubs to increase the knowledge of individual Lions of the effects a strong, international program can have towards increasing new membership, thereby making fundraising efforts more effective and informing the non-Lion public about the positive effects a Lion Club has in their communities and beyond.

III. Committee Makeup:

- A. Membership: Appointment of District Chairs by each DG.
- B. District committee members select various committee members to assist with the promotion and recruitment of volunteers for clinics and fundraising as needed.
- C. Chairperson: appointed annually by the COG.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities: A budget will be presented each year with projected dollar amounts as it relates to the costs of each journey at the first meeting of the COG.

V. Meetings:

- A. As required to meet the annual journey goals.
- B. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.

VI. Reports: Given at each COG meeting and reflecting the progress and achievements as set forth in II-A above.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Prepared by Sharon Elder, presented at 1st COG meeting, July 2002.
2. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, March 2004
3. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
4. Revision adopted by the COG, March 12, 2011
5. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
6. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct 2019

IV-B — Lions VisionGift (LVG)

- I. **Purpose:** Lions VisionGift (LVG) will continue to grow as a leading organization in sight restoration dedicated to ending blindness through corneal transplantation, ocular research and medical education. As stewards of our community, LVG will honor donors and utilize gifts of sight through advancements in medicine to restore vision for individuals experiencing blinding ocular diseases.
- II. **Specific Responsibilities:**
 - A. Shall have a Board of Directors, Officers and Committees as authorized under the Articles of Incorporation of the State of Oregon as necessary to carry out its responsibilities.
 - B. Shall be under the direction of the LVG Board of Directors.
 - C. Shall have a Research laboratory under the direction of the Medical and Scientific Director and under the control of the Lions Vision Gift Board of Directors.
 - D. Shall complement the charitable goals of the Lions Clubs International program for eye banks both nationally and internationally.
 - E. Shall develop an annual budget approved by the Board of Directors.
 - F. Shall maintain and conduct an annual review of the Bylaws and Policies of LVG.
 - G. Shall establish committees as authorized by the Bylaws and Policies.
 - H. Shall conduct an annual independent audit of the LVG finances.
 - I. Shall coordinate and conduct a courier system for donated eye tissue.
 - J. Shall endeavor to be in compliance with all rules and regulations of the Food & Drug Administration, the Eye Bank Association of America, and the state of Oregon.
- III. **Fiscal Responsibilities:** The Board of Directors shall be responsible for all funds, budget, financial statements, audit, depositories, records, and reports to maintain the non-profit status of Lions Vision Gift.
- IV. **Meetings:** LVG Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly with other meetings to be called as needed.
- V. **Reports:** LVG shall provide a verbal and/or written report to update the MD36 Council of Governors at each Council of Governors meeting.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, May 2014
2. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019

V-V-2 — Lions Quest Committee

- I. Purpose:** To provide information about the Lions Quest positive youth development program from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to clubs in MD36.
- II. Specific Responsibilities:**
 - A. To provide information to Districts, clubs, and private and public organizations about Lions Quest materials and training workshops.
 - B. To coordinate Lions Quest contract workshops in MD36.
 - C. To assist Districts and local Lions Clubs in applying to LCIF for Quest grants.
 - D. To promote the use of LCIF's website www.lions-quest.org by local Lions Clubs.
 - E. To promote working with the Oregon Department of Education to secure local matching grants.
- III. Committee Makeup:**
 - A. **Membership:** At least one (1) member will be appointed from each of the four districts by the District Governors. Since continuity is considered essential, new members of the committee should anticipate a multi-year commitment.
 - B. **Chairperson:** Appointed annually by the Council of Governors.
- IV. Financial Responsibility:** This committee will work with local Lions Clubs and the District Treasurer regarding the management and distribution of funds in accordance with LCIF rules and regulations.
- V. Meetings:** Meetings may be held via telephone conference, electronically, at the MD Convention, or on an as-needed basis.
- VI. Reports:** Quarterly written reports shall be provided to the Council of Governors.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Prepared by Lion Don Potter, October 20, 2003
2. Original adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
3. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
4. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019



Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation
Council of Governor's Report
February 2nd, 2024

School Vision Screening

OLSHF's award-winning School Vision Screening (SVS) program is in full swing as over 120,000 Oregon students have been screened for vision health issues during the 2023-24 school year.

Currently SVS is experiencing an 18.1% referral rate for the students screened in 2023-24. We were recently asked how the SVS referral rate differs by region, i.e. is there a different rate of referral in rural vs. urban parts of Oregon. Using guidelines set forth by the Ford Family Foundation in Roseburg (Rural areas being communities with no more than 35,000 residents AND not being adjacent to a community with more than 50,000 residents) we share the following:

Rural / Urban	Total Screenings	Total Refers	Refer %	
Urban	50,734	9,570	18.9%	Urban Referral Rate
Rural	81,999	14,419	17.6%	Rural Referral Rate
Grand Total	132,733	23,989	18.1%	Average all

2024 Lions Survey – You're Invited To Participate!

OLSHF is proud of our quality programs and track record of recent growth in helping those in need in Oregon and northern California. Many of our unique qualities – unsurpassed number of children screened for vision issues, the world's first charitable optical finishing lab – are results of past Strategic Planning efforts.

We look forward to introducing OLSHF's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan in January 2025, with the goals and objectives being developed to a large extent from the feedback that we look forward to receiving through the 2024 Lions Survey, which is now available to all Lions in MD-36.

Hard copies of the Lions Survey will be available at every Lions District Convention in 2024, and is also available to take and submit online by using the QR code below:

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming OLSHF Events

Please see the back side of this report for information on:

Lions Gift Card Challenge: Donate a gift card to be used to raise funds at the 2024 OLSHF Galloween on Oct 22nd

KTP Days: Plan a new event – or use an existing one – to join the 2024 KTP Days Celebration

Helen Keller Award Pool – You could win a Helen Keller award to present to a worthy recipient!

Mid-Columbia Lions Follies – Let's Get It Started! The Follies are back and tickets are available for sale now!

LEAP Day Zoom Special – Join us for a fun Zoom celebration of the LEAP Optical lab on...LEAP Day!

For more information on this, or any other topic in this report, please contact Chief Executive Officer Doug Thompson at DougT@olshf.org

OLSHF 2024 Survey



Follies



LEAP Day Special





OREGON LIONS
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2024 Lions Conventions Keep Coming!

District O	Mar. 1st + 2nd	Church on the Hill McMinnville, OR	DG Ed Glad	bit.ly/district-o-convention-2024	
District E	Mar. 22nd	Bandon, OR	DG Stephen Brewster	Registration Coming Soon!	
District G	Apr. 5th + Apr. 6th	Sisters, OR	DG Pete Runnels	Registration Coming Soon!	
MD-36	May 17th + 18th	Bandon Community Center Bandon, OR	CC Phyllis Carlin	Registration Coming Soon!	

**Lions
Gift Card
Challenge
Returns!**

Donate a gift card (\$50 in value or more) to OLSHF for our 2024 fundraising gala to be entered to win a short promotional video for your Lions Club!

Bring your gift cards to convention and give them to any OLSHF staff!

Helen Keller Award Pool

Winner to be drawn at 2024 MD-36 Convention

Lions in each district will have the opportunity to donate **\$10 per square (out of 100)** to win an OLSHF Helen Keller Benefactor Award!

Pay at District Conventions or online at any time:

OLSHF.ORG/LIONS-CONVENTIONS

**PRESENT TO THE
HONOREE OF
YOUR CHOICE!**

Lions Follies is BACK...as a KTP Day!

HOOD RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MARCH 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 8TH, 9TH, 2024

TICKETS:

\$15 | **\$10** BUY TICKETS ONLINE:
ADULTS | KIDS 12 & UNDER | OLSHF.ORG/LIONS-FOLLIES

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OLSHF SIGHT & HEARING PROGRAMS

KTP DAYS 2024

Your Lions Club can SIGN UP to add your event to Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's KTP Days at:

olshf.org/ktpdays



2024 MID-COLUMBIA
LIONS FOLLIES!

Council of Governors Meeting
February 2, 2024

Awards, Honors and Contests Committee Report

District R:

Clubs in District R are busy getting ready for the District Convention. Several clubs have inquired about various contests, but I have no idea how many will choose to participate this year.

District G:

Clubs in District G are looking toward our District Convention coming up in April. The District G Awards Chair is still working on updating the Awards Packet.

District E and District O

No new information is available currently.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Hilgers & Kristen Harmon, Co-Chairs
Awards, Honors and Contests Committee

CANINE SERVICES

MD 36 Council of Governors

Friday, February 2, 2024

I continue to be in contact with the Guide Dogs for the Blind staff and volunteer leadership, Dogs for Better Lives staff, and the Lions Project for Canine Companions volunteer leadership. Each of the organizations is happy to present a program to District conventions and to select clubs as is possible. Guide Dogs will provide a program at the District 36-O convention on Saturday, March 2.

One goal for clubs in the coming Lion year could be to provide the funds for a specific need for any of the three organizations. Guide Dogs for the Blind is always in need of a full working harness for each of the graduates, with the current cost at \$500. Dogs for Better Lives has a plan for expansion of some of the facility in Central Point, and donations can be made directly to DBL for this project. LPCC always has a need for specific funding, as well.

Please reach out to me for contact information on any of the canine service organizations. I'm happy to help with any club ideas of support.

PCC Sharon Rollins
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sgrollins@comcast.net

CHILDHOOD CANCER
MD 36 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Friday, February 2, 2024

The Lake Oswego Lions and their VisionEnvoy club branch have scheduled a Walk to Kick Childhood Cancer on Saturday, April 27. This will be in combination with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Details will be made available soon.

PDG Doug Loose has asked that many District O Lions, and Lions from all over MD 36, join the Oregon City Lions in their annual Teddy Bear Parade, to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 in downtown Oregon City.

Plans are in place to hold a Walk to Kick Childhood Cancer at the MD 36 convention in Bandon on the 17th of May, 2024. I have and will continue to work with Jason Hickox of Camp UKANDU, Mindy Bean of Camp Millennium and a representative of the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Project to involve them directly in these days of fun and fundraising. A special t-shirt will be made available for this walk, thanks to PCC Bob Chaney. As well, all clubs and Districts in the MD are encouraged to hold their own Walks at any time this coming year to raise funds for the goal of defeating childhood cancer!

I am happy to provide contact information for any of the above group representatives, and work with a club or District on a project to support this cause.

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT
MD 36
CABINET MEETING - February 2, 2024

There has been no activity of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee since our last cabinet meeting on October 28, 2023.

There have been no Constitution or Bylaw amendments proposed by the Council. If the Council desires to present an amendment to the Committee it must be prepared at least 30 days prior to the state convention in May.

There will be a Bylaws amendment for District O for a dues increase from \$3 to \$5 per capita annually. Notices were sent out to the clubs in District O on January 24, 2024.

If any of the council members would like a copy of my summary of the guidelines for election of an international director which was submitted at the October cabinet meeting, let me know and I will forward it to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Roach

Don Roach
Chairman
Constitutional Bylaws Committee, District 36-O

c: Phyllis Carlin, PDG
Council Chair, pascarlin@gmail.com
Leah Malcolm
Executive Secretary MD 36, md36lions@comcast.net
Mike Skinner, lionyencs@aol.com
Bob Chaney, PCC, DCMail@dcmail.info
Paul Zastrow, pzastrow@gorge.net

Convention Operating Committee Report

Council of Governors meeting
February 2, 2024
Springfield, Oregon

Council:

Since the November COG meeting the Convention Committee has met three times and have a good handle on things.

First, as you know, the convention is set for May 17 and 18 in Bandon.

Second, we have several interesting activities planned for the weekend beginning with a fun evening of conversation and camaraderie in the style of the old speak easy/flapper era from 100 years ago when our very first MD36 convention was held. There is also a Walk-a-thon for pediatric cancer. And probably very important for all of you the theme this year is A Common Heartbeat For Service. We are hoping that everyone will take to this and dress the part, especially you district leaders. We are also hoping for a little music from our in-house jazz ensemble.

Third, we are working on a vast array of possible programs and seminars.

The fourth thing is that I need you to approve three things for me to move forward.

- The first is the advancement of \$4,000 to meet obligations if needed for the convention.
- Second is to approve the Convention budget that you have in your packet.
- And finally, to approve the registration form that is also in your packet.

Thank you for your time
PCC Bob Chaney
MD36 Convention Chair

One Form Per Person Please!

One Form Per Person Please!

100th ANNUAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT 36 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

MAY 17 & 18, 2024

Bandon Community Center, 1200 11th St SW, Bandon

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 9 May 2024

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

FIRST NAME LAST NAME BADGE NAME (if different than 1st)

Address Number Street Apt City State Zip Code

Home Phone Cell Phone Email Address

Lion ___ Lioness ___ Leo ___ Guest ___ Interested in Joining? ___ 1st Time Attendee ___ New Member ___

Lions Club Name District (MD 36 O, R, E, G) Other than MD 36

Current Elected Position PID PCC PDG

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE: www.md36lionsclubs.org

Hospitality Book includes Registration (through May 1) and all meals \$140.00 \$ _____

Received after May 1st \$165.00 \$ _____

Registration Fee Only (ALL attendees must register) \$25.00 \$ _____

Voting Delegates MUST register and pay the registration fee

NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONSITE

SATURDAY BANQUET: Choose 1: Prime Rib ___ / Almond Crusted Halibut ___

Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian ___ Diabetic ___ Other: _____

If you are coming for a single meal:

Friday Lunch \$25.00 Friday Dinner \$35.00
Saturday Lunch \$25.00 Saturday Banquet \$50.00 Total Individual Meals \$ _____

Kick Childhood Cancer Walk \$20.00 Shirt Size: _____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED \$ _____

REFUNDS: The registration fee covers fixed convention and food costs. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**

Hotel reservations Sunset Oceanfront Lodging, 1865 Beach Loop Road, Bandon (541) 347-2453.

Please Make Checks Payable to MD 36 Convention

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENTS to:

Tom Hilgers
3092 Timothy Drive NW
Salem, OR 97304-1036

QUESTIONS? Contact Convention Chair Bob Chaney, dcmal@dcmal.info, (541) 817-2018

Report to the Council of Governors & Lions of MD36
For February 2, 2024 mtg. in Springfield, OR

Disaster Response Report

From: Charlene Larsen, Chair of MD36 Disaster Response Committee

Members: PDG Linda Stent and PDG John Taylor

Question: **Did you celebrate the 1700 Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake??**

Things you could have done this last week:

1. Find your Grab and Go Bag and update your supplies.
2. Look at your method of copying and storing your important documents and see if they are up to date and you know where they are stored.
 - a. In the Cloud.
 - b. In your sock drawer.
 - c. Your bank safe deposit box.
 - d. A Grab and Go waterproof document holder.
 - e. Or all the above.

How did you fair in the recent snow and ice event? Has your local Lions Club done an outreach to your members, your emergency manager or city government to determine if there are any unmet needs? If there are please do the following:

1. Notify your Zone Chair.
2. Notify your District Governor.
3. Notify your MD36 Disaster Response Team.
4. If there are no needs and there is a hint of a potential disaster that could result in unmet needs, please let me know that you are thinking about your members and neighbors. (Charlene Larsen, Cell 503-791-6207, email crl.larsen@charter.net)

What is happening around the State of Oregon in relation to recent disasters:

1. 2020 Wildfire Recovery efforts are occurring in:
 - a. Lincoln County Long Term Recovery Group and Unmet Needs Roundtable.
 - b. Santiam Canyon Recovery Group and Unmet Needs Roundtable.
 - c. McKenzie Valley Recovery Group.
 - d. Jackson County Recovery Group.
 - e. Klamath/Lake County Recovery Group and Unmet Needs Roundtable.
 - i. 2020 242 Fire in Chiloquin.
 - ii. 2021 Bootleg Fire in Klamath and Lake County
 - iii. 2022 Golden Fire on Bly Mountain in Klamath County

2. Blue Mountain Region (Oregon, Washington, Confederation Tribes of Umatilla)
 - a. Wallowa 2022 August Hailstorm Recovery and Unmet Needs Roundtable.

Your MD36 Disaster Response Team and several Lions Clubs have been and are active in these Long-Term Recovery efforts.

Please be aware when there is a reach out from the Disaster Response Team that we really appreciate a response from your club, the zone chair and officers who are on the ground in these communities. You have the relationships and the connections to have influence for these many survivors who are going through the worst times of their lives. The outreach of a caring Disaster Case Manager and local support can go a long way to heal a community after going through a Disaster.

Your MD36 Disaster Response Chair participates in many of these LTRG and Unmet Needs groups. I am also keeping involved with outreach to my colleagues who are responding to other Disaster around the globe, such as Lahaina in HI, my connections to Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Oregon VOAD (Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster) and the many partner organizations in ORVOAD, United Way agencies around the state and philanthropic organizations in the state and around the nation.

We also have a training program that might be of interest to a MD gathering, District gathering, Zone gathering or club meeting. "Prepare in a Year – One Month at a Time"

So, keep connected, keep warm and dry and we hope to see you soon at a MD 36 Lions gathering.

If you read all the way through this report, the secret words are "Be Prepared." Please let me know and there is a special prize for you!

Submitted by: Charlene Larsen, MD36 Disaster Response Chair
Email: crl.larsen@charter.net
Cell: 503-791-6207

February 2, 2024

To: Lion Phyllis Carlin, Chairperson
MD 36 Council of Governors
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chairperson
MD 36 GLT
Subject: Report to Council, #3

As we start planning for the election of new club officers, I urge each Governor to work with your District GLT to plan and implement the training of these new officers.

Each year as we select a new International President, there are new things to learn, new concepts from past years and many helpful ideas to help get you through the year and beyond. Don't be afraid to try something new. It could become your clubs signature project!

Encourage your members to register and attend both the district and multiple district convention. Each district is unique and offers great leadership opportunities and it's also a great time to meet and share with other Lions.

This year is extra special because we have the opportunity to select and endorse a Lion from MD 36 for the office of International Director.

Most of our districts are still searching for Lions to fill the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor, as well as their District Governor for 2024-2025. Please help your current District Governor find Lions to fill these offices.

Global Service Team Report
MD 36 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Friday, February 2, 2024

Hopefully, the new reporting platform will be available soon – yet again, delays continue to push the date back – and will be less cumbersome for club secretaries to enter their service data. There will be tutorials available – very soon, I'm assured – so that the gap in service reporting won't be large.

I continue to be in communication with the District GST officers: PCC Rod Bach of District R, Lion Marianne Baxter of District E and PCC Steve Oliver of District G.

Plans are in place to have an MD-wide service project supporting hunger during the month of February. Many organizations receive large amounts of donated food and funds in the months surrounding the holidays, and then see those donations drop off noticeably by February. A flyer has been circulated throughout the MD on this month-long project, and it is attached to this report.

May will be the month to support Kick Childhood Cancer projects across the MD. The Walk in Bandon at the MD 36 convention will involve as many folks as possible, and at least two other projects are in early planning stages. Information will follow on this month-long project.

Together, we can Change The World!

PCC Sharon Rollins
MD 36 GST

MD 36
February
Service Project
for ALL clubs
and Lions

Help hungry folks thrive!
The holiday generosity that
filled food pantry shelves in
December is now depleted.



Clubs and individual Lions can make a donation
of non-perishable foods to your local community
food bank in the month of February 2024
and help those who are hungry
in your community.

***We are Changing the World
Through Service!***

LIONS
OF OREGON



MD-36 Hearing Chair Report
Springfield, OR
February 2, 2024

Looking to the future: The first human to receive an implant from Neuralink is recovering well, according to Elon Musk, marking the **latest milestone** for the emerging brain-computer interface industry. BCIs are aimed at helping people with traumatic injuries like paralysis, but if all goes well, Musk hopes to extend this to **hearing and vision loss**, and eventually merge humans with artificial intelligence. The implants use "ultra-fine" threadlike electrodes to detect and help transmit "neuron spikes," or the electrical and chemical signals in participants' brains.

Hearing Aids available through the ROAR! program are various models from Phonak, Starkey, and ReSound.

Funding: The Covid-19 ROAR! Relief Fund will now be referred to as the Jane Eyre McDonald Eugene Hearing & Speech Center Fund (JEM/EHSC Fund).

Oregon Community Foundation (OCF). These funds, available as of 2/1/2024 break down as follows:

\$6,550 paid
\$8,200 allocated
\$800 not yet allocated.

Client Financial Obligations:

Outside Lane County, approved applicants will owe \$175/aid (\$300/pair)

In Lane County: \$100/aid (\$200/pair).

School Hearing Screening Program: Nothing has changed at this time.

Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids (OTC): The Foundation hasn't decided to work with OTC Aids yet. This would be possible if a club was available to process applications and if a hearing provider was available. The Foundation will consistently check with reputable OTC Companies to see if a partnership could be possible.

Clinics/Events: A 2-day ROARMOBILE event was held in December sponsored by the Crooked River Ranch Lions, Prineville Lions and La Pine Lions Clubs. Play it again Hearing's Nick Schenfeld provided 22 hearing aids. No other clinics are scheduled but plans are for clinics in Roseburg and Central Oregon.

Providers: ROAR! program is currently working with 27 providers throughout Oregon.

1. Willamette Valley Audiology in McMinnville is closing mid-February. McMinnville clients will be referred to Salem or Dallas.

2. The new Hearing Instrument Specialist (HIS) at Hearing Life has left and the company is working on restructuring Play It Again Hearing has been helping clients after the former lost staff.

HATS: The Hearing Assistive Technology program provides devices such as smoke alarms, alarm clocks, and possibly devices and tools to help someone do their jobs safer and more effective. The grad student that started the program has moved on and his replacement is AveryAna Palermo-Phillips.

Mid-year ROAR! Impact (July – December):

- 73 people assisted
- 143 hearing aids dispersed
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Respectfully submitted by Red Rowley, MD-36 Hearing Chair



MD-36 International Participation Committee Report

MD-36 Council of Governors Meeting, 2 February 2024

1. Update to Policy Manual

During the months since the last Council of Governors meeting, the IPC has been working towards a revision of the policy manual to return the policy to the original intent of the committee. The recommended revision has been sent to the Policy Manual Committee.

2. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

2024 – September 5-7 Louisville Kentucky
2025 – September 18-20 Atlantic City New Jersey
2026 – September 3-5 Memphis Tennessee

3. International Convention 2024 and beyond

2024 – June 21-25 Melbourne Australia
2025 – July 4-8 Mexico City
2026 – July 3-7 Atlanta Georgia
2027 – July 2-6 Washington D.C.
2028 – June 23-27 Singapore

International Convention Parade Uniform

With confirmation of the parade uniform by the Council of Governors, the scarves are at the embroiderer currently and will be available for purchase for those attending the International Convention once they are completed. The cost per scarf is \$35, which covers only the cost of fabric and the cost of embroidery.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the International Participation Committee.

2023-2024 Committee Members:

District O Representative – Joyce Anderson (*IPC Treasurer*)
District R Representative – Steve Moser
District E Representative – Gail Black (*IPC Secretary*)
District G Representative – Judith Poage (*IPC Vice Chair*)
Past International Director – Sunny Pulley
Past International Director – Dennis Tichenor
Past International Director – Ed Gear
Member at Large – Steve Thomson
Member at Large – Rod Bach
Member at Large – Jim Stagl
Member at Large –
Chair – Robin Stoeckler

Report to the Council of Governors & Lions of MD36
For the February, 2024 meeting in Springfield, OR

International Understanding & Cooperation Report

At this time as I write this two Lions are in Peru. That would be two Lions from Milwaukie, Charles Brod and Tom Carter. Charles's wife is also there. They've had several campaigns with sight testing and water treatment. Several educational sessions have occurred about using their new SPOT machine and water testing. The Spot was paid for by private donations, a few clubs and a Grant from LCIF. It will remain in Peru with the Lions of the Lambayeque region.

At the same time that our Lions are active, the FACES foundation medical teams are doing about 50-100 cleft palate surgeries. Both Tom and Charles are taking many photos and will be available in the Portland area for Lions programs.

Earlier a fine group of Lions went on their mission to Mexico and were once again successful.

Lots of action is happening on the International Director campaigns. I assume the IPC committee will report on that. I am trying to stay current and will answer any questions in that regard.

Respectfully submitted,

PID Dennis Tichenor
Chair of MD36 International Understanding & Cooperation Committee

Report to the Council of Governors & Lions of MD36
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Lions Clubs International Foundation Report

Submitted by PCC Paul Zastrow

With the first half of the 2023-2024 Lions year now history, Multiple District 36 is continuing the practice of small donations in trying to achieve any significant financial aid to LCIF. Currently the following levels of donations have been recorded as of December 31, the half year totals: District O - \$9,090.00; District R - \$2,105.20; District E - \$2,780.00 and District G - \$3,600.70.

We need to encourage every club to donate – at least \$10.00 per club, and ever more importantly, when you are budgeting for 2024-2025 Lions Year – let's see if we can get not only greater club participation, but have at least 15 Melvin Jones or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships awarded during the year. Not only are we seeking club participation, but each Lions is more than welcome to donate to this very important cause. If we can get at least one Lion in 10 to donate, we would increase the financial health of LCIF.

Since we did that first great fundraising of Campaign Sight First, I am proud of my own club, as we dedicated at least \$1,000 per year to LCIF – and we are a club with only 16 members. We decided that this donation, as well as an additional \$1,000 to Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation were the first two items on our list to fund. If we can do this – your club can as well! Our fundraising goals normally exceed \$15,000 over the year, with the largest event being serving breakfast and lunch for the Western Antique Airplane and Automobile Museum the second weekend of September in Hood River. It takes coordination, people power, and great volunteers – both Lions and community participants! Again – we think positively – and have proven *we can do!*

For the past several years, LCIF has designated one person in Multiple Districts as an LCIF MD Coordinator and one person in each District as the District Coordinator. Their goals are to work with local club coordinators – either volunteered or if not – the immediate past President fills this role – in getting clubs and individuals to donate. Let us assist the coordinators in getting clubs and individual Lions to step up and donate!

All proceeds that are raised go to assist in need throughout the world, through one of LCIF programs. This includes grants that are on local issues – such as infusion technology at Hood River Memorial Hospital from a number of years ago - or more recently assistance for the Fish Food Bank also in Hood River in their new building, delivering food to those in need in the area.

Lastly – where there is a need, there is a Lion – willing to help, to assist and to even volunteer!

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For the February 2, 2024 mtg. in Springfield, OR

MD36 Peace Poster Report

Submitted by MD36 Peace Poster Chair Carma Fisher

Peace Posters for the 2023-2024 "Dare to Dream" Peace Poster contest were submitted from all 4 Districts. Judging was done by staff members of Umpqua Valley Arts (UVA) in Roseburg. They work to promote appreciation of Artists and Artworks.

I explained this year's theme, the process and outcome of winning the Peace Poster Contest. UVA staff were very impressed with the thought process and quality of work represented in this age group.

Mya Mercado, District E, Sutherlin Lions Club was chosen as winner. UVA thought the poster best represented this year's theme. The original Peace Poster was mailed to LCI.

- International winners will be notified on or before February 1, 2024.
- Copies of all 4 posters have been made and will be displayed at each of the District Conventions and the Multiple District Convention in May.
- 2024-2025 theme is "Peace Without Limits". Kits are available for purchase.
- Think about sponsoring a Peace Poster contest this Year!
- There are many ways to have kids participate. Check with your local school districts, private schools, after school programs, library, community center, art center, scouts, youth groups, etc.
- Make it an event, donate free art supplies, have treats, award prizes.

This is a great way to promote our Lions Clubs and connect with our community.



COG Meeting February 02, 2024 READING ACTION PROGRAMS - by Carol Brink

How Do I Get Smart Reading in My School? <https://smartreading.org/our-community/educators/get-smart-school>

Thank you for your interest in bringing SMART Reading to your school community. We would love to work with you to determine if the SMART Reading program is a good fit for your site.

Many factors contribute to a successful SMART Reading program, including a strong commitment on the part of school leadership and teachers, and support from the surrounding community to provide volunteers and resources to help the SMART Reading program thrive.

A truly successful SMART Reading program happens when there is strong, clear communication between the Principal, Participating Teachers, and SMART Reading Site Coordinator with a high level of engagement at all levels.

SMART Reading New Site Criteria

Priority will be given to sites with the following criteria:

- Schools rated as Level 1 or Level 2 by ODE school rating system
- High percentage of students identified as economically disadvantaged
- Superintendent recommendation
- Compatibility of SMART Reading and school, including factors such as reading space, school culture, and scheduling/time
- SMART Reading's current capacity to effectively serve the site

SMART Reading New Site Application Process and Timeline

Winter

- December-January: SMART Reading begins the planning process for the following school year and determines the capacity for growth in each area.
- January-February: Interested sites reach out to SMART Reading office and schedule a screening/orientation meeting to discuss process and eligibility. If SMART Reading has openings available, eligible sites will be invited to apply, and invited applications will submit a completed application.

Spring

- March: New site applications for next school year are due.
- March-April: SMART Reading selects new sites.
- March-May: Orientation and planning meetings with new sites.
- May: Teacher orientation.

Summer

- June: Partnership formalized via signed Partnership Agreement.
- June-September: SMART Reading and site work together to recruit volunteers.

Fall

- August-September: SMART Reading conducts teacher orientation and principal meetings with new sites.
- September: SMART Reading recruits and trains Site Coordinators.
- October: SMART Reading program starts.

SMART Reading New Site Inquiries

<https://smartreading.org/our-community/educators/get-smart-school>

To begin the process of applying to have SMART Reading at your site, please fill out [this form](#). A member of our team will then be in touch with you.



Go to website and click on the "this form" and fill it in.

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For the February 2, 2024 meeting in Springfield, Oregon

Youth Exchange Report

Submitted by PCC Paul Zastrow

There is not much to report – it seems that talk is ramping up, but there is little if any action. Youth Exchange world-wide is approaching its normal yearly deadlines – those of young adults signing up to take advantage of learning about other societies and cultures, and of country localities determining whether or not they will be acting as hosts. These issues are normally deadlined for requests to travel or host by the end of March every year.

In Oregon's case – any youth wanting to go outward to another country needs to get an application in as soon as possible. The process will then start to secure the first choice for the youth, plus travel dates and all. This normally is done over a 2 to 3 week time frame. Host countries let us know if there is placement, what camp they may want to go to and dates of arrival/departure. If we have someone wanting to host – I need to know as well, so we can vet them, get the applications out and seek youth wanting to visit.

Oregon has not hosted for several years, so it is important that we get these things going soon. Most European countries already know the youth wanting to travel, have their finished applications and await requests by mid-February, even with the end of March deadline. I am hoping – hopefully not in vain – for both youth wanting to visit and come to Oregon as well. But – a lot is up to you as District Governors to seek help both with incoming and outgoing youth.

Public Relations & Publicity- February 2024 COG Meeting

Carrie Bartley (36-O), Unassigned (36-R), Carol Swesso (36-E) & Gerald Hopkins (36-G)

The PR committee currently doesn't have any specific plans or goals but welcomes requests for ideas and suggestions around PR and marketing. Committee members are always available to help clubs and we encourage clubs to use the resources available to them.

Clubs are encouraged to review and use the ideas and tips that can be found in the PR Manual:

<http://www.md36lionsclubs.org/public-relations>

Sharing this information again, as it is useful:

If your club is struggling with creative ideas when it comes to designing new marketing materials, the following links can provide support and inspiration. I have used all three websites and they each have a varying degree of difficulty. These are free or low-cost.

Adobe Express

<https://www.adobe.com/express> (this is a free site)

Canva

<https://www.canva.com/templates/> (some templates are free, also can pay for a subscription)

Poster My Wall

<https://www.postermywall.com/> (free but also multiple pay plans for advanced graphics)

Lions Club International Marketing

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing>

Google is also your friend! Whenever I am designing something and need some inspiration, I do a Google Image Search with key words related to what I am looking for.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Carrie Bartley



Report to Council of Governors
For: February 2, 2024 meeting

Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action Committee

Pedestrian Safety Report for ACB Oregon Board meeting on January 20, 2024

As stated in my report submitted for our October 2023 Board meeting, the statewide ad hoc committee of the Pedestrian Safety Action coalition committee has not held meetings since October. We plan to continue holding monthly meetings beginning in March of 2024. If you are interested in joining these meetings and or know of other people or organizations that may be interested in this critical work of educating motor vehicle drivers and bicycle riders, please call me directly at 503-956-5088.

Respectfully submitted by PDG Mary Lee Turner, MD36 Chair of Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action Committee

February 2, 2024

To: Lion Phyllis Carlin, Chair
MD 36 Lions Council of Governors
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Committee
Subject: 3rd Report to Council

Plans are moving along for the 48th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, September 5-7, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky. The Forum is the best Lions Leadership Training at a terrific price. There are over 70 seminar sessions to choose from and the \$295.00 Early Bird fee also includes 4 meals, 2 lunches and 2 dinners.

If you have never attended a Forum, now is the time to register. If you have attended a Forum somewhere in the past, you know what a great experience this is, You will meet Lions from around the United States, Canada and the world including the Executive Officers of Lions International!

Plan enough time in Louisville to get a feel for the area. Learn about the "Louisville Slugger", The Bourbon Trail and of course the dining options of the area.

On Friday evening, there is no dinner meal served and this is a perfect opportunity to get "Out on the Town". We try to plan an activity/dinner for all MD 36 Lions in attendance. So. Stay tuned for more information.

The Headquarters hotel is The Hult House and when you register, you also book your room reservations at the same time. It's easy to do. Go to www.lionsforum.org and REGISTER. Spend some time on the website to see all the information they provide.

If you are thinking of serving as an officer of your club, in your district or in Multiple District 36, this is a great opportunity for more training.

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