

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

November 14, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

Time: 1:00 pm

Council Members Present: Council Chair, Paul Zastrow; Council Vice Chair, PDG Bob Chaney; Sheri Young, District Governor 36-O; Doug Loose, 1VDG 36-O; Kerith Vance, 2VDG 36-O; Linda Stent, District Governor 36-R; Lynn Coon, 1VDG 36-R; Carolee Blatter, District Governor 36-E; Steve Brewster, 1VDG 36-E; John Taylor, District Governor 36-G; Executive Administrator/Council Secretary-Treasurer PCC Vincent Bishop; and Leah Hawes, MD36 Executive Secretary. **Reference Attachment #1 for others in attendance.**

1. Call to Order: CC Paul Zastrow called the Council of Governors Zoom meeting to order on November 14, 2020 at 1:06pm.
The meeting was held via Zoom.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Bob Chaney.
Invocation was given by PDG Garry Charbonneau.
Introduction of Guests: None. But: Ray Montgomery was in the meeting and is President of the Astoria Lions.
2. Additions to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2020 Zoom Council Meeting. **Motion** made by DG John Taylor to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2020 Zoom Council Meeting. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Carolee Blatter. **Motion carried.**
4. Council Chair Report: CC Paul Zastrow. **Reference Attachment #2.**
5. International Director Report: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley. PID Sunny added to the report she submitted that she was very appreciative that the DGs have kept her in the informational loop about their international guests. She also shared that leadership medals have arrived. It will up to last year's DG's to decide when they want to present these leadership medals. **Reference Attachment #3.**
6. Executive Administrator Report: PCC Vincent F. Bishop. **Reference Attachment #4.** PCC Vince added: (1) our Multiple District is currently under 3,100 registered Lion members as of this past month; and (2) In memorium of PID Judge Haynes Townsend, PCC Vincent will be emailing everyone a flyer if anyone is interested in purchasing a bowtie he was famous for wearing or a silk scarf for the ladies. (The committee that made this flyer was comprised of Robin Stoeckler, PCC Joyce Anderson and PID Dr. Sonya Pulley.) Payments would be made directly to PCC Vincent Bishop as it is outside of the multiple district.
7. District Governors Reports:
District 36-O: DG Sheri Young. **Reference Attachment #5.** DG Sheri added that it will be imperative moving forward for future district governors to look at how well we respond to disasters: donations management; distribution of resources, what are the actual needs of those affected...
District 36-R: DG Linda Stent. **Reference Attachment #6.** DG Linda added that the District R Convention will be virtual without breakout sessions and not held in person. DG Linda stressed that she is unsure if the date will still be February 13, 2021.
District 36-E: DG Carolee Blatter. **Reference Attachment #7.**
District 36-G: DG John Taylor. **Reference Attachment #8.** DG John added public kudos to Timothy McGlothlin for his technical expertise in helping District G transition their March 5-6, 2021 District G Convention which will need to be virtual now into a Zoom/Webinar format. DG John thanked Lion Tim for his expertise and sincerely appreciates his help.
8. Incoming Council Report: PDG Bob Chaney. No report turned in. CCE Bob Chaney spoke and shared that training is underway for the incoming district governors. Also, he is working with Doug Thompson with OLSHF to set up the dates for next year's Council of Governor's meetings. He announced that a resignation letter was received from 2VDG Danny Hawkes from District E.
9. Past District Governors Association: President: PDG Judith Poage, absent. No report. CCE Bob Chaney noted that he has heard from PDG Bryan Longland that he still have a lot of outstanding PDG's that have yet to pay their \$10 PDGA dues to him. CC Paul asked Leah to please include this in the December issue of the Oregon Lion magazine.

10. Unfinished Business:

- a) **Succession Planning.** DG John Taylor spoke on this issue and addressed the importance of implementing a training type of program to deal with succession planning. Specifically, who might be capable of following in PCC Vincent's position as the MD36 Executive Administrator/Council Secretary-Treasurer "EA". DG John suggested adding another person to the finance committee to shadow Vince and be a sort of understudy to whomever is holding that position. DG John's understanding is that the finance committee can have up to six people and currently has only four on it. Discussion about providing continuity for this position and the in-depth knowledge of: MD36 and LCI's policies and bylaws that this position requires; they need to be a PDG; the ability to be able to advise during Council meetings as issues arise; the knowledge of budgeting, but also how Lions do business and set out their budgets, etc. PCC Vincent said there are policy guidelines available that are already in place that detail the job description. Also, in the 2010-2011 Council of Governor's minutes there are additional requirements that were put into place. Lion Vince will forward those to PCC Gail Black so she can be forward them to the District Governors for their review. PCC Vincent reminded everyone to keep in mind that there are policies in place and also approved motions that will need to be noted and followed. Also PCC Vince added that, although not on the books, the position of the EA is automatically an ex-official of the finance committee for the multiple district. There was discussion on whether a motion was needed and did any bylaws need to be changed. Discussion was eventually tabled until everyone has had the chance to review the prior Council minutes from 2010-2011 and prior criteria that are currently in place in the Constitution and Bylaws. PCC Vince warned about not making it too detailed and potentially tying the hands of a future Council in how they might have to address a change in who is appointed as an EA.
- b) **501 (c) (3) creation for Disaster Funding possibilities.** DG John Taylor shared his concern that we were not prepared for the floods and fires this past year and the importance of us becoming better prepared as a multiple district. That the process of applying for LCIF grants is long and not always easy as you need sometimes difficult to obtain information from emergency organizations that are stretched thin when you are needing that information. There is also not necessarily a guarantee of success with obtaining a grant. DG John felt that we as Lions would be more prepared and have more flexibility in our ability to provide immediate response if we were a 501(c)(3) allowing people to make tax-deductible cash donations to the multiple district. By having a *Disaster Relief type of non-profit, charitable classification* that allowed people to donate directly to the heart of the current issue we are facing. We as a multiple district and some governing body would then be able to quickly respond with those monies within a 24-48 hour window. He wants us to have an in-house resource we can use. We can establish relationships with the organizations that are on the ground if we can provide immediate vital responses and not be sitting around waiting on a grant to be funded. Perhaps on a MD36 Facebook page so people around the world could click on and donate. DG John suggested a Steering Committee to look into this possibility. DG Sheri Young spoke to the importance of people with expertise about disaster response being on this committee. Importance of knowing numbers: for example, how much does it cost to feed 400 people, etc? The importance of discovering exactly what the needs are, whether food, or other needs. CCE Bob Chaney then spoke to whether this would mean the establishment of a new entity and whether a new board, etc. would be necessary (and how we already have issues getting folks to fulfill the positions we have now). How would all of this come about? He wondered whether we don't already have something in place that would suffice. He also wasn't sure if it had to be a tax-deductible account. **Motion** made by DG John Taylor to appoint a Steering Committee consisting of 4 district governors and perhaps someone with a financial background and 5 others who would explore the possibility of a 501 (c) (3) being set up to be a strong and healthy disaster response funding mechanism and to look at all of the ramifications and to report back at the next Council of Governor's meeting. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Linda Stent. **Motion carried.** DG Linda Stent added that, for example, her club does not have a foundation. Many clubs do have them and by having a MD Foundation that would open up a lot of grants as well. DG John Taylor said that by having a 501 (c) (3) we can go

after larger grants to have money in reserve for emergency planning and use. Astoria Lions President Ray Montgomery suggested the benefit of canvassing MD36 Lions clubs that have 501 (c) (3)'s in place and learning the ins and outs of what they have learned. **Motion** made by CC Paul Zastrow to have this committee that will explore disaster funding possibilities consist of the 4 sitting district governors, himself as CC, CCE Bob Chaney, Charlene Larsen, PCC Vincent Bishop, Brian Rangitsch and also PDG Steve Moser (DG John Taylor will contact Brian Rangitsch to see if he will agree to be on this committee; and DG Linda Stent will contact PDG Steve Moser to see if he is interested to serve on this committee as well). Raise of thumb was requested. Everyone raised their thumbs. **Second** not recorded. This **motion** was passed unanimously. CC Paul Zastrow will set up a zoom meeting the week after Thanksgiving for this committee to meet.

- c) Name Change from ALERT: Oregon Lions Disaster Preparedness. DG Linda Stent stressed that we are responding so she would like Preparedness changed to Response. PCC Gail Black agreed that we are setting up a policy and it isn't the procedures you will follow – each disaster is different: We are setting up a policy of what we as lions will do in order to help prepare for a disaster .Lots of discussion. DG Sheri Young added that disaster response includes: mitigation, preparedness, doing the response and the recovery. CC Paul Zastrow asked whether consensus is to change the name to ALERT: Oregon Lions Disaster Response in the policy manual. More discussion and MD36 Disaster Response was the final decision.
- d) Awards. CC Paul asked PID Sunny Pulley for her thoughts on how to disperse last year's awards. PID Sunny said this should be up to the immediate past district governors to decide how they are going to handle them; she thought they should be hand-delivered, but it wasn't her call. Same will go for the virtual district conventions this year and the current district governors will be responsible to get their awards delivered as they see fit. MD36 Awards, Honors & Contests Co-Chair Carol Swesso then spoke to frustrations about the lack of participation in the club awards for the last several years and how she isn't sure how to get feedback about this. Lions Carol and Carrie Bartley have asked for last several years for the DG's to bring this up at their club visitations: why aren't you participating? what would it take to get you to participate? do you have new ideas for awards? should some be retired as they have run their course? This is why she asked to have this on the agenda. She would like consensus to have club awards on hiatus for one year. If clubs have something they want to display, they could, but for this Lion year she thinks a hiatus would be in order. CCE Bob Chaney suggested a questionnaire polling Lions about MD36 club awards could be prepared and submitted for publication in the *Oregon Lion* magazine or sent directly to clubs to get members' feedback. **Motion** made by DG John Taylor to put the MD36 regular awards on hiatus for one year while we look into what future awards we want. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Linda Stent. **Motion carried**. PCC Joyce also reminded everyone to be sure and check in with the four district governors because each DG is given a list from LCI of international awards that they would like to have recognized (it is in the big red book). Carol Swesso was asked to Chair a committee to look into future awards that are wanted and she will be joined on this committee by Carrie Bartley, PCC Joyce Anderson (a past Awards Chair) and the awards chairs from each of the districts. This committee will hopefully be able to report on their findings at the next Council of Governor meeting.

11. New Business:

- a) District and MD Conventions. PCC Joyce Anderson spoke and reported that normally, we would now be discussing the MD36 Convention's budget, menu, etc. With COVID-19 this is in limbo. Her and PCC Vincent Bishop participated in MD19's virtual convention and are getting ideas of what will be successful. PCC Joyce has also asked members of the MD36 convention operating committee to get into that virtual MD19 convention. Please see her USA/Canada Report that highlights how successful that virtual event was. She has some great ideas for flexibility that will allow members to attend meetings, etc. Please contact her if you have ideas yourself. There are capabilities to pre-record sessions: look at them or go back in next 30-days or so and review them, etc. Not likely we will be meeting in Pendleton in May, but the convention committee will look at that as soon as they are able to make that determination.
- b) VDG Training and Support. Any questions please reach out to PCC Joyce Anderson.

12. Lions Vision Gift Report: Susan Meikle Stoops – Chairman, absent. **Reference Attachment #9.**
13. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Report: PDG Hank Calhoun Chairman, absent. No report.
14. 15 minute break – was skipped.
15. MD36 Standing Committee Chairmen Reports:

Awards, Honors & Contests: Carol Swesso (present) & Carrie Bartley (absent), Co-Chairs.

Reference attachment #10. Carol added that the District Governor's awards still need to continue. See her report about requesting hiatus for regular awards for this coming Lion's year.

Camp Representatives: PDG Doug Fiala, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #11.**

Canine Services: Emily Blakely, Chair, absent. No report.

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Don Roach, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #12.**

Convention Operating: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference attachment #13.**

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

Diabetes Awareness: PDG Garry Charbonneau, Chair. **Reference attachment #14.**

Environmental: Jesse Orozco, Chair, absent. No report.

Finance & Budget: Brian Rangitsch, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Vincent Bishop spoke and added that he had received an email from Brian earlier today that Brian has been swamped at work, but has received all information from Vincent that he needed for the finance committee. He apologized that the finance committee has not met. He finds no issues with the year-end financials nor with the 990 EZ-Form.

Global Action Team: CC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #15.** CC Paul added to remember that when we look at membership reports from LCI don't look at the year to date information. Try and assist NAMI (North America Membership Initiative) Chairs, and your membership folks in recruiting new members.

Global Leadership Team: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference attachment #16.** Folks are not travelling for their trainings. Those trainings will be done via zoom or electronically. We will be setting up other trainings. For DG's: remember to look for your next leaders: for your 2nd VDG's, etc. Work with your cabinet members and GAT team members to get Lions into these positions. Fill these spots and let her know.

Global Membership Team: PDG Judith Poage, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #17.**

Global Service Team: PDG Tom Hilgers, Chair. **Reference attachment #18.** PDG Tom shared how sorry he was to hear about 2VDG Danny Hawkes needing to resign. Lion Danny had done a lot of research on educational and training materials to help clubs communicate easier with LCI. Kudos to Lion Fae Lloyd for her hard work and excellent activities report on District O.

Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Red Rowley, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #19.**

Hunger Relief: 2VDG Kerith Vance, Chair. **Reference attachment #20.** 2VDG Kerith encouraged clubs to do what they can to help with hunger relief even if one bag of food donated somewhere. DG Sheri Young asked that if any Lions have corporate connections to places like Safeway to please get those contacts to 2VDG Kerith. 2VDG Kerith said she would reach out to the MD36 clubs and follow up on this.

International Participation: PCC Steve Thomson, Chair. No report. PCC Steve said

International Understanding & Cooperation: PID Dennis Tichenor, Chair. **Reference attachment #21.**

Internet Technology: Tim McGlothlin, Chair. No report.

LCIF: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference attachment #22.** PCC Sharon shared that LCIF understands what Oregon has gone through and continues to go through. She has been on countless zoom calls and webinars. Although she mentions this in her report she stressed that we need to consider making more donations as a multiple district to LCIF. We are very low compared to many of the other areas in the US and Canada. She understands we are not a wealthy area compared to places like Seattle or the Bay Area. But even \$10/month helps. CC Paul added that we have received so many grants over the years from LCIF. We need to make sure it stays strong, healthy and supported.

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

MD36 International Vision & Health Clinic: Kay Freeman, Fran and Ron Shaw, Co-Chairs, all absent. No report.

Opportunity for Youth: CHAIR: OPEN

Leos: Jesse Orozco, Chair, absent. No report.

Lions Quest: PDG Jim Jagers, Chair. **Reference attachment #23.**

Peace Poster: PDG John Hamstreet, Chair, absent. No report.

Scouting: Darrell Bennett, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #24.**

SMART: PDG Holly Sparks, Chair, absent. No report.

Youth Exchange: PDG Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #25.** The challenge now is of course COVID-19, but we will hope it goes away soon.

Oregon Lion Magazine: PCC Vincent Bishop, Chair. No report. PCC Vincent spoke and updated the Council on a recent excellent article that was submitted for publication in the magazine. The challenge with it was that it addressed a LCI focus of Pediatric Cancer and was about a camp not yet endorsed by MD36 and it had a request for donations noted at the bottom of it. PCC Vince requested Council approval for Camp UKANDU to be recognized and endorsed as a pediatric cancer camp that MD36 supports. **Motion** made by DG Sheri Young to have Camp UKANDU be recognized and endorsed by MD36 as one the approved pediatric cancer camps we endorse. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG John Taylor. **Motion carried.** DG Carolee Blatter asked PCC Sharon Rollins to look into what Camp Millennium does also.

Oregon Lions Earth Angels: Chair, OPEN. No report.

Oregon Lions Prepared (ALERT): Charlene Larsen, Chair. **Reference attachment #26.**

Pediatric Cancer: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference attachment #27.**

Policy Manual: PCC Gail Black, Chair. **Reference attachment #28.**

Protocol/Parliamentarian: PDG Judy Giorgi, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #29.**

Public Relations & Lions Information: Carrie Swesso Bartley (absent) & Carol Swesso, Co-Chairs. **Reference attachment #30.** Lion Carol added that Carrie was able to complete the Facebook page last night. She sent an email out to a few of you. When you get it, accept it and then send friend invites to your contacts. And so on. So far we have 31 would have accepted since it started last night. Goal is to get an Admin or two from each district to be able to help host things so not everything comes from their two clubs (Milwaukie and Sutherlin). They want it MD36-wide. Carrie will reach out to the District Secretaries and see whether they are comfortable with Facebook. Otherwise, perhaps a younger person or someone who doesn't hold an office and wants to get involved and help host things from your district? If you have any Lions in mind, please let them know. DG John Taylor asked her to post a link to this in the current zoom meeting chat and she agreed to do this.

Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair. No report. PDG Mary Lee spoke: (1) She would like to have representation from District E on this committee; (2) As she sits on the Patient Care Committee for the OLSHF, it happens too frequently that the referrals they receive are not complete. She reminded Sight & Hearing Chairs to please be sure and fill out their applications completely (what is the applicant's insurance situation, have they been declined, information about their income, etc.); (3) Regarding Sight Action: there has been a lot happening recently with the Portland Bureau of Transportation ("PBOT"). Specifically: pedestrian safety for people who are blind and reducing the amount of distractions for drivers. The importance of being alert, paying attention to pedestrians and reducing distractions. Urged people to pay attention, not just on White Cane Day, but always. They are working with organizations such as American Council of the Blind of Oregon, National Federation of the Blind of Oregon, the Commission for the Blind and other organizations to really get this word out. Let her know if you are interested in helping her get this important word out; and (4) Finally, as a follow-up to our earlier discussion about Camps, she brought up the Oral Hull Foundation and it is much more than a camp. She wanted everyone to know that they have become aware that those who are blind and/or sight-challenged are experiencing even higher depression and isolation because of COVID-19. They can't just get in their cars and go around and at least wave to their neighbors, etc. They are currently doing up to seven 90-minute Zoom presentations a month that cover a variety of topics that relate to concerns that folks, particularly those new to blindness, are having. They are also receiving referrals from eye doctors in the Kaiser Permanente grouping and getting access to a lot more folks who are new to sight loss. She reminded everyone that the longer you live, the more likely you are to experience some form of sight loss. She welcomes anyone to contact her to discuss any of this further.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: Carol King, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #31.** PCC Joyce spoke and said you can now register online for this Forum to be held September 7-11, 2021 in Des Moines, Iowa. The address is in the report. Also, there is \$700 reimbursement available (PCC Steve Thomson can confirm if this is the exact amount) for 1st and 2nd VDG's who want to attend from the International Participation Committee. We are hopeful things will improve and we will be able to attend.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

NWLLI: OPEN. No report.

Pin Trading: PDG Bob Hoover, President, absent. **Reference attachment #32.** PDG Garry Charbonneau added that we lost out on two district conventions and the Multiple District Convention last year as far as the sales of the multiple district pins. This is continuing to be the case for the 2020-21 Lion year. PCC Vincent Bishop stated that he has the pins for this year in his possession. He has some set aside for the 1VDGs and we would normally get these to them before they head to Chicago, but since that trip won't be happening – we will need to figure out how to get them to folks depending on what happens with COVID-19. DG John Taylor asked about the price of the pins. They are \$3.00/pin. PDG Garry wondered if anyone has bright ideas on how to get the pins out to Lions of MD36 so people can get them during their virtual conventions. DG John was thinking that for those who register, you could include the price of the pin and mailing one to them in the registration price. Vince has them and told people to contact him with how many they want, to prepay and to figure out how to get them to you. For this year, a total of 750 were purchased and only 250 are left as of now. Some of last year's pins are also available: Contact PDG Garry Charbonneau or PCC Vincent Bishop for pins if you are interested.

16. Additions/Announcements: None.

17. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:37pm. The next Council meeting will be March 26, 2021 at District E's Convention at 1:00pm. (or via Zoom if conditions require that.)

Attendance Sheet
Meeting of the Council of Governors
November 14, 2020
Via Zoom

- Paul Zastrow
- Leah Hawes
- Ray Montgomery
- Lynn Coon
- Garry Charbonneau
- Vincent F. Bishop
- Bob Chaney
- Steve Brewster
- Steve Thomson
- Doug Loose
- Sharon Rollins
- John Taylor
- Dennis Tichenor
- Charlene Larsen
- Gail Black
- Jim Jagers
- Wally Anderson
- Linda Stent
- Carol Swesso
- Mary Lee Turner
- Tom Hilgers
- Kerith Vance
- Carolee Blatter
- Sonja Pulley
- Timothy McGlothilin
- Sheri Young
- Joyce Anderson

Council of Governor's Meeting on November 14, 2020

Council Chair Report

submitted by CC Paul Zastrow

With Covid – 19 there was some apprehension that we could easily lose about 10% of our membership as there seems an inhibition of meetings either via media (Zoom), in-person or hybrid types. Luckily that has yet come to pass. It is estimated that only about three-fourths of the clubs are meeting in some or other capacity. Looking at the reports from LCI we do have a District to spotlight – District E, which has a net increase as of the end of October of +14 members. Unfortunately the rest of us have lost – District G is down by 14, District R down 24 and District O with a net loss of 37 Lions. The monthly reports of themselves do not tell the whole story of the losses, as there is also one line that indicates where each club and district was a year ago – and that projection is even worse – 12 months ago District E had 711 members, not set at 700; District G had 863 with now set at 794; District O had 946 a year ago and now has 889; while District R had 774 with a current count of 720. So – it is not only the losses we suffer since the first of our Lions Year – July 1, but the cumulative over the whole year. We need to double down on making a concerted attack of the net losses – and determining the reasons for not retaining members.

Looking at data has not been the favorite thing for me to do. Reporting of activities for each club is sorely lacking by most districts. Way too many clubs have not reported any activities for over 12 months, with some at 24 plus months lacking any activity reports. This needs attention – first we need to determine why there are no reporting of what we do, then secondly – is the system for reporting overburdening for some clubs, or does the problem lie elsewhere?

Trying now to end on a positive note – we know there are clubs still doing some fundraising – using their collective imaginations, they raise needed dollars, involve members and their community and successfully continue to market the Lions motto of WE SERVE. A salute to those clubs that meet, fund raise, serve their local areas and do what we are meant to do!

Conventions and meetings are only going to use media more and more as the so called New Normal continues. Zoom with even separate classrooms or gathering places will enhance how we meet. Just today I had a Zoom meeting where we had separate places to go – different classrooms if you will, to discuss racial, economic and other equity issues. Each group had 6 to 9 individuals, discussed for 20 minutes and reported out to the larger group findings and questions or issues needing further discussion or investigation. Was done successfully, so I would say if it can be done – why not try it?

Lastly, have Happy Holidays, take life with a smile and stay away from too much celebration! Safe distances, wear masks and all the rest – until we “meet” again be humble and serve each other.

**Council of Governors
November 14, 2020
PID Report**

Thank you for keeping me informed regarding your communications with your convention plans and your International guest! I so appreciate your efforts.

International Awards/Medals:

On 10/7/20, all DGs received an email from International President Choi. This important email included his award criteria for the 2020-2021 Presidential Award and International Leadership Award. The recommendation form was also included.

Please get your recommendations to me **before January 10, 2021**. These recommendations must all be sent in together as a MD by me in order to be considered. If we wait to send our recommendations to International later than that date, International may not have any awards left. Leah, Joyce and I have the list of Lions who have received these awards in the past years. **If you have any questions please call me.**

The IPDGs must get together to decide the best way to present the medals for last year. I have them in my possession.

COG thank you for your leadership and for everything you and your teams are doing in your districts and MD. Keep up the good work! We are all proud to be Lions.

Sonja "Sunny" Pulley, PID

November 14, 2020
Council of Governors
Executive Administrator/council Secretary/Treasurer Report

Council hope your first Quarter of being a District Governor has gotten off to a great start. 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 in this time of Covid 19. 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 publish each month.

After each Council meeting Leah will send out an email to let you know that you can access the minutes on line 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. We have extras of the directories that anyone can buy.

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.

Year End Financial report as of June 30, 2020 is being presented by our Finance and Audit committee. Each of the July to October financial reports will be mailed to you also after this meeting. Our MD net membership continues to be a challenge. Hopefully, this session today with help change that trend. 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 ten years of graphs of our membership by month to show what has been happening to our districts.

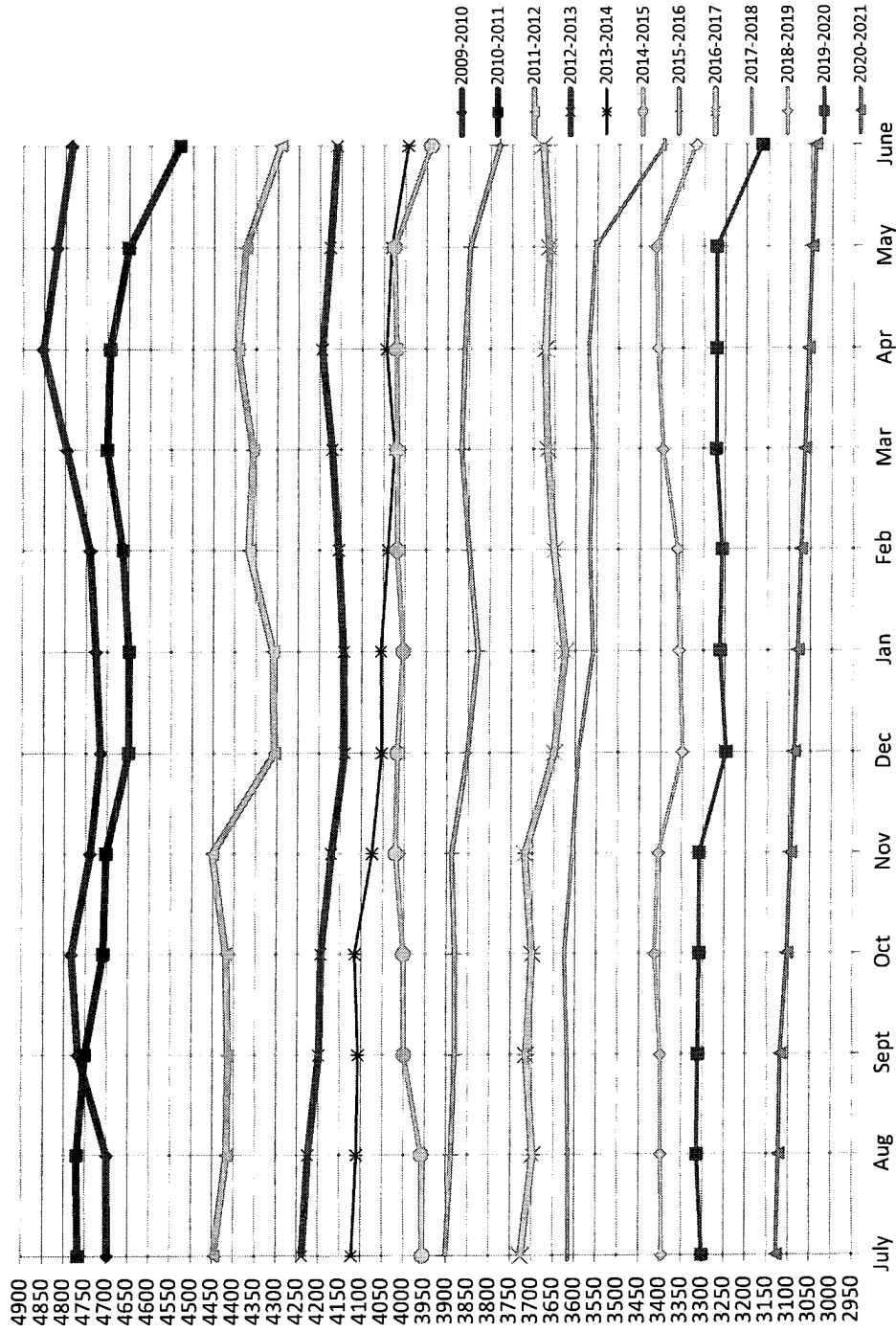
Our challenge continues to be meeting the wants of our council, while learning to do with less funds.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MD 36 Membership



District 36-O Governor's Report for MD-36 CoG
November 14 2020

My theme for this year is Pride through Service – and I have continued to promote that in making club visits and in attempting to design Lion service response appropriate to the capacities of our Clubs and the needs of the communities affected by the fires and smoke blanket of September 8 to more or less September 18. Those dates do not contain the damage. Evac 3 orders were not lifted from Estacada until September 29, and the fire was 72% contained but not out as of October 29.

Our District was much more fortunate than District R, and I am proud that many of our Lions – as individuals and Clubs sent money and assistance to relief efforts in District R. I specified a chunk of the responses in my Governor's column, which will be in the Oregon Lion this month. This included:

French Prairie Lions, all Estacada Lions and some Gresham Breakfast members from Estacada and Sandy themselves had to evacuate. Gresham Breakfast members, Wilsonville and Oregon City Lions took in fire evacuees; Mt Hood Lions with generators and/or propane took in community members without power, providing meals and showers in their own homes. They also made fuel runs for people who had generators, brought items from the Les Schwab aid station to distribute to the community at the Mt Hood Club House parking lot, persuaded Amerigas to make a special propane refueling trip to the area, and patrolled neighborhoods and provided ham radio connections. Estacada Lions directly put boots to the ground to fight fires threatening homes. Oregon City Lions did the same in the Molalla/Colton area. West Linn Lions received a Safeway donation of 400lbs of chicken that WL then delivered to Camp Taloali, which was hosting evacuees from the Santiam/Hwy 22 fires.

Milwaukee Lions supplied breakfast at the Elks parking lot (about 100 vehicles). Lions' Clubs with meal delivery trailers tried to plan food service for informal evac centers, but with people and needs shifting daily, coordination was difficult. Milwaukee and other clubs also assisted with donation management. McMinnville Lions provided medical supplies and 46 cases of adult diapers to United Way Mid Willamette Valley resource center, plus 20 beds to a McMinnville care home taking evacuees from Molalla (who otherwise had only air-mattresses.) McMinnville's ongoing medical devices program provided existing relationships (which also addressed Covid needs) as well as the goods for this response.

Many of our Clubs did not all understand that it could be a useful function for them to check on the evacuation sites and determine how needs were being met, or if there were gaps which we might serve. We need to build the recognition that being "eyes on the ground" is an important function for Lions in identifying community need and therefore how it might be met. In most cases (including

Estacada) there was such an outpouring from neighboring Oregonians in donations of food, clothing and household items that immediate needs of survivors were more than met. Therefore this District did not apply to LCIF for a grant for those purposes. I continued to work on a 36-O application to LCIF for a Community Recovery Grant, but with lack of complete information on various fronts such as but not limited to what resources could be available to us from commercial partners, what delivery capacities the Clubs were actually capable of, and what Clackamas County expected, I decided we could not submit a defensible application. I am very disappointed in myself at this failure, but am committed to working with the other governors and our MD-36 Disaster Response Committee Chair to draw up a “white paper” on “how it should be done”. This would be a template for developing the Disaster Response program throughout the districts, creating coordination and capacity for the future.

Our Convention Planning Committee has been meeting and planning for February Convention which will be at least 90% online. We believe 3 breakout groups will be possible in 3 sessions – and we have at least 3 Lions who have the internet experience to cover the internet side of hosting sessions We are equally aware that we cannot allow technology to supplant content within the sessions or have the internet host assume responsibility for chairing a panel.

Past International Director Jose Marrero will be our featured speaker. He is particularly interested in having a breakout with Club Presidents and incoming Presidents. He is (so far) open to attending in person if that is possible (even we would be 90% online) but will also join us if travel is not possible.

Wonderful to see that level of commitment. I’m sorry to have missed hearing him last Saturday.

Thanks so much to my Cabinet, Leah, and by fellow CoG members.

Sheri Young
District Gov. 36-O 2020-2021

Linda Stent
District Governor
District 36-R

November 14, 2020, COG meeting

Two major issues in District R: Wildfires and COVID

WILDFIRES: We had the Echo Mountain fire (Lincoln City area), the Beachie Creek and Lionsheads fires (Santiam Canyon area), and the Holiday Farm fire (McKenzie area east of Springfield). We applied for an LCI \$10,000 disaster grant, received it almost immediately, and got busy purchasing supplies for the various evacuee centers.

I want to recognize clubs that stepped up to help with gathering donations and distributing them, as well as volunteering at the field kitchen in Gates: Stayton, Silverton, Eugene Bethel, Florence-Siuslaw, Junction City, Mill City, Central, and West Salem.

\$3,250 in cash donations were received from the following clubs: Pendleton, South Salem, Central, Lake Oswego, and Crooked River Ranch. Note that three of these clubs are in other Districts.

Individuals who went above and beyond include the following: 1VDG Lynn Coon (Junction City), PDG Steve Moser (Central), Patty Harrison (Florence-Siuslaw), Susan Pfanner (Eugene Downtown), Ward Frederick (Silverton), Fran Silbernagel (Stayton), Heidi Ostrom (Silverton), and PDG Gary Mose (District G).

If I've overlooked someone, please forgive me (and let me know who I missed).

Portland TV station KGW filmed a story about the volunteers at the Gates kitchen (feeding 300-500 people three meals a day). To see the video, go to <https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/volunteers-help-feed-families-in-the-santiam-canyon-after-devastating-wildfire/283-674af158-85c5-4776-b276-74b5555018f6>.

COVID: In case wildfires weren't enough, PDG Steve Moser had applied for an LCI \$10,000 COVID grant to be shared by the six counties in our District. We could not give money directly to the county Offices of Emergency Management, so \$1666 worth of Personal Protective Equipment (gowns, gloves, and sanitizer) was delivered to each county. The county officials were very appreciative as COVID supplies will continue to become hard to come by as we face another virus surge.

MEMBERSHIP: I inducted seven new members (Stayton, Eugene Bethel, Yachats)

CLUBS: Many of the clubs are meeting virtually or hybrid and a few have managed to gather with safe distancing. Several are working on service projects and getting creative. Everyone's fundraising has been impacted and that dominos into fewer ways clubs can help their communities.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: As a parting thought, I offer this from Maya Angelou:

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

Report from District Governor 36E

November 14, 2020

For Zoom Council of Governor Meeting at 1pm

To District Governors and all council membership

Greetings to the Lions of MD36

Since the last Council of Governors meeting I have attended 23 clubs in my district. Got all the ones that have snow fall out of the way first and then onward to the coastal areas. That leaves me a total of 10 clubs left to visit. It is my pleasure to visit these clubs – to learn about what they are doing – how they are handling Covid 19 – and how they are finding new normals for fund raising. All of these visits have been in person, no zoom or virtual meetings. There are a few clubs that have not restarted yet; so will have to do some rescheduling. Hope to have all visitations done before the next council of governors meeting.

As you know, we have had fires to attend too; unfortunately I was not able to get an Emergency Grant to assist the Lions in my district. I applied twice, turned down both times, and ran out of time to apply a third time. These Emergency Grants only allow for certain needs and most of these needs were taken care of by the communities nearest the fires. Our community did a wonderful job getting food, clothing, water, and etc., but left little of what was needed to be able to apply for a grant. Money was the big item that was needed and our grants do not give funds. So after all this stress and confusion I called a meeting with my committee (PDG Bob Chaney, PCC Gail Black, District Treasurer Jeff Plummer, a club member and OLSHF Trustee, Jane Thomas, and myself.) After a serious discussion, it was the decision of the group to not go forward with a \$20,000.00 grant. I am so sorry for my failure to get the Emergency Grant – with no knowledge or prior experience with disaster relief was a hindrance, and no one else had any experience either. So I must apologize for my failure; we did send out letters to every club in the district asking them to please contribute what they could. Hopefully there are new ideas in the works to be able to better cope with disasters in the future. I would also like to Charlene Larsen for her help in trying to get the grant, I appreciated her input and support.

On a good note, I had the pleasure of adding two new members into the Lions Sutherland family. We also had a Guiding Lions training at our last cabinet meeting.

So, that is about all that is or has been happening in 36E.

Carolee Blatter, District Governor 36E

Council of Governor 11-14-2020 via Zoom

Report from District Governor John Taylor, 36-G (p. 1 of 2)

COVID-19 continues to disrupt life and plans in 36-G, with Umatilla County on the "Watch" list (again/still) with the number of cases steadily rising as of this writing. Few clubs are meeting in person or on Zoom, if at all. Nonetheless several clubs have made innovative changes and continue to provide service to their community, for example:

- The Dalles Lions have completed work on the memorial foundation and rose garden in Sirosis Park in time for Veteran's Day; are developing international connections with other Lions, applying for and receiving grants, and much more.
- Crooked River Ranch Lions continue to raise funds and so far, are \$3000 ahead of last year, COVID or not! They are one of a number of clubs collecting cans and bottles, raising \$7770 in the past three months alone.
- La Pine Lions have delivered relief supplies to the wildfire region and are also collecting cans and bottles.
- Pendleton Lions have started sponsoring Red Cross Blood Drives, are continuing to collect cans and bottles, made major donations to disaster relief, and just wrapped up hosting the club's annual Peace Poster Contest.
- Baker Lions are on a roll, with a limb chipping project, a parkway cleanup, working at the Crossroads Oktoberfest, and more. Baker Lions even landed a \$5000 grant! Woot, woot!
- Hood River Eye Openers are going ahead with plans for a New Year's Eve Fireworks Display, working to raise funds for this community activity to usher out 2020 with a bang.
- Other clubs are doing many things for their communities, I'm just not aware of the details, but I am proud of them all for continuing the important work of Lionism.
- With travel restrictions firmly in place and infection rates rising, I have not been able to do in-person club visitations, much to my disappointment. I try to regularly attend Zoom club meetings when I am aware of them. I think I am now viewed as a The Dalles Lion as I have attended so many of their meetings! Certainly not the worst thing that could happen.

Membership: numbers have so far not dropped as badly during COVID as I feared they might, currently at 794, a drop of only 14 members overall.

Activity Reporting: This is a problem with many clubs not reporting any activity in over 24 months! Soapbox: MyLion is still an ugly beast in my opinion, awkward, unwieldy and unfriendly despite what LCI claims. For example, you cannot make updates – or at least Pendleton hasn't figured out how to – on ongoing projects like a bottle drive; everything has to be in individual reports. Much to my chagrin, as a DG I cannot do reports on activities that I organize for my club, only for district activities. Project chairs cannot do reports for their own projects that must be done by the club president, secretary, or service chair.

Dues: Several clubs were deeply in arrears and facing suspension from LCI but thankfully that has been cleared up.

36-G Convention: It has become obvious that we would not have any certainty of being able to hold an in-person convention this year at Wildhorse, so my convention committee and I are opting for an all-virtual convention based on the Zoom Webinar platform. We chose this platform because it is economic, offers greater security and flexibility, is designed for large groups, and has many features that will facilitate holding a virtual convention, including on-line registration, payments, voting, events, and more. We are very fortunate that Lion Timothy McGlothlin, The Dalles Lions, is serving as the "techspert" for this event. Thank you, Tim!

Respectfully submitted,
John Taylor, DG 36-G

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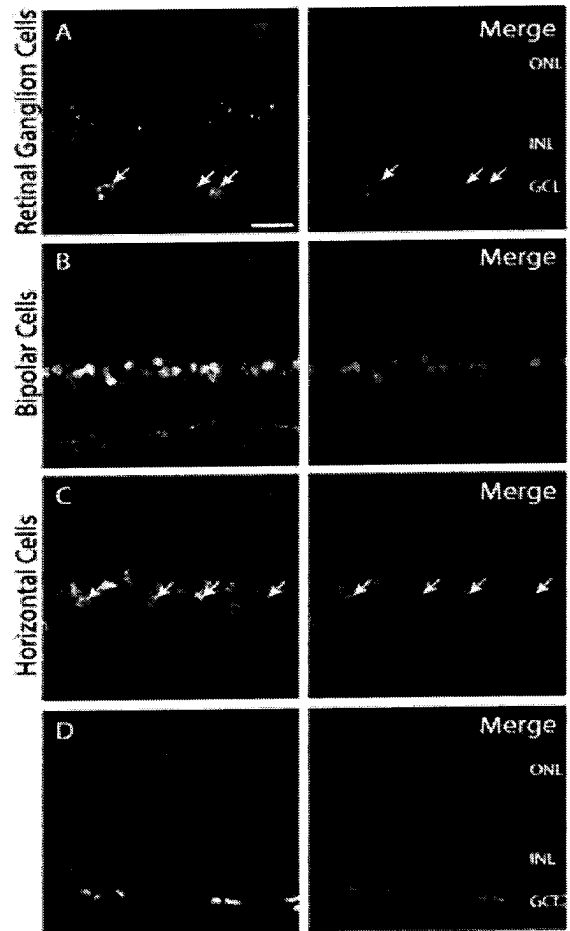


The main story of 2020 continues to be “trying to thrive in a pandemic”. As mentioned in the last update to MD36, any staff that can work remotely, are working remotely. In order to accommodate this massive shift, many of our work practices have changed. LVG has invested in new technology to enhance our remote work. Our server room used to be a shining beacon of modernism due to all the fancy servers and phone switches. We are now a bit sheepish about having so many “on premises” equipment as we slowly replace old equipment with cloud based servers that are far more secure, resilient, scalable, and reliable than anything we could acquire and maintain ourselves. Those features come at a cost, but due to the highly sensitive and 24/7 nature of our business, we have elected to accelerate those investments in order to ensure that our most precious resource, our staff, can be as productive as possible. And indeed, they have been productive! Our research team has had a couple of great milestones. Khoa Tran, PhD, our VP of Research and Development, prepared some great information about these recent milestones. I am sharing this with you so you can see some of the incredible work they do (even if it is a bit over my head!). Take note, our research is geared toward making more tissue available to researchers who are trying to find cures to blinding diseases like macular degeneration.

By Drs. Khoa Tran and Megan Straiko

Preliminary data for retina post-mortem interval study.

The research team at LVG has recently undertaken a collaboration with researchers at OHSU to gather preliminary data for the submission of an LVG-led R21 grant. For this grant, we seek to determine if delays in postmortem interval (PMI - the time between death of a donor and preservation of ocular tissue) result in degradation of RNA and protein in the human retina. Many retina researchers currently request a short PMI, which can be very difficult to fulfill. If degradation of these biomolecules does not occur, retina researchers will be able to accept tissue with a longer PMI for research, thus increasing the pool of retina tissue available for sight-saving research. In our grant, we propose to perform RNA-Sequencing (RNA-Seq) and protein mass-spectrometry analysis on retinas at 8, 12, 18, 24, 36, and 48 hours postmortem to determine what pathways are altered as the PMI increases.



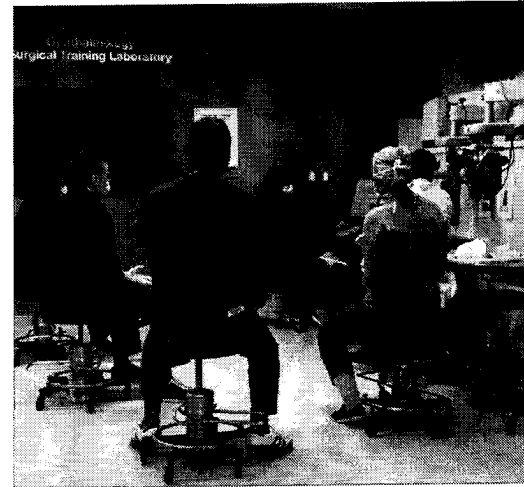
Immunohistochemistry for markers for retinal ganglion cells, bipolar cells and horizontal cells as well as the apoptotic marker cleaved-caspase 3. The left column panels are the markers only; the right column panels are the markers merged with the nuclear marker DAPI (blue).



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In addition to this incredible work in the research realm, we continue to support surgical training seminars like the one seen in this picture from Mass Eye and Ear which is close to our Boston laboratory. Surgery volume is back to pre-COVID levels with the caveat that all our work is much harder due to social distancing and remote work. None of this would be possible without the generosity of donors who make the choice to help others they will never know. It's the most beautiful gift that was eloquently described by a family member in a note written to us after she received our acknowledgement (modified slightly to preserve anonymity).



"I received a package today from you thanking me for my father's donation. When we decided to donate his eyes and tissue it didn't even cross my mind it might go the Lions.

I smiled when I saw the return address. I swear I could feel him smiling too. You see my father was a Lion in the 1980s. He was the president of his club and worked in healthcare. He loved helping people. So you see it could not have worked out any better.

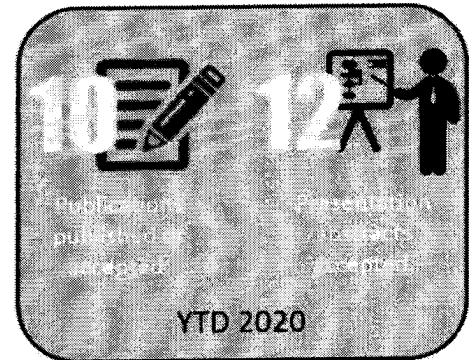
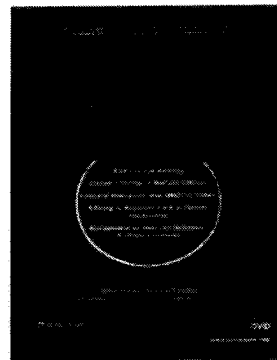
So I would like to thank you for the remembering heart gift and the knowledge that his beautiful eyes will be continuing his life's work."



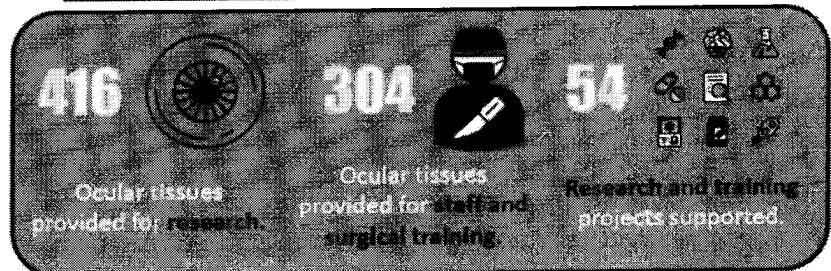
Research Metrics

Our research commitment by the numbers

Chris Stoeger, MBA, CEBT, CTBS
 Chief Executive Officer



Research Data through September 2020. Note the Journal Cornea October Edition has FOUR articles featuring authors from LVG.



Awards Report for November 14, 2020 Council of Governor's meeting

Some of our districts are considering "virtual" conventions in 2021. If so, it could be difficult to gather entries for club Awards from the clubs who can't bring entries in person.

I would like to request the governors' vote at this meeting to put the regular awards on hiatus for the coming year.

Also, at the last COG meeting, I proposed changes to the Annual Awards program. Direction from the governors' is really needed as soon as possible so we can let clubs know if we'll be taking club Awards in a different direction.

This topic needs to be put on a meeting agenda for discussion among the governors' and should also be discussed at district cabinet meetings to get input from the clubs. If we know what clubs might be excited to participate in, we could revamp this program into one that will be enjoyed by all clubs in all four districts.

From the Aug meeting:

I would like to suggest giving recognition to folks attending the convention with awards and goodies to make the lunch time awards program more interesting and fun. Samples below, but suggestions appreciated:

Convention Awards:

- Oldest Lion member attendee
- Youngest Lion member attendee
- Youngest attendee (Leo or guest)
- Longest Lion member
- Newest Lion member
- Club with the most members at awards lunch (not at convention – they have to come to lunch!)
- Winners could be given \$5 gift card to Dutch Bros, Starbucks, or donated gifts. Or, we could make an etched cup and fill it with candy/goodies/or??.
- Encourage clubs to apply for Lifetime Memberships and honor those during the awards.

Thank you for considering our proposal

Awards

Carol Swesso

November 14, 2020

Camp Representatives Report to the Council of Governors

In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, most Lions Clubs have been severely curtailed with regards to meetings, fundraising and service for our communities.

Camp Taloali has undergone problems in the same regard.

First, COVID-19 curtailed most of the activities at Camp Taloali along with nearly all of our fundraising possibilities. We have received some grant help and because we have been closed to groups we have been focused on clean-up and attempting to make limited improvements of the existing buildings. The work that has been done is attributable to members of the Board of Directors and members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community. We had to cancel all childrens' camps this summer; The Haunted Trail fundraiser could not be conducted; The Deaf Timber Festival had to be cancelled and we will not have a bazaar in December and do not expect to have fundraisers for the NFL "superbowl" in Estacada. Also, the three-week program to train Deaf Youth to be community leaders had to be postponed. These were all fundraisers. The disc golf course has been allowed to operate and has raised money.

We are looking forward to our upcoming fiscal year from 3/1/21 to 2/28/22 with hopes of at least partially getting back to normal.

Our Chairperson is Mr. Terence Boger at Chairperson@Taloali.org. He is doing a remarkable job.

Secondly, the forest fires, as you know, have severely if not totally affected Lyons, Elkhorn, Mill City, Gates, Niagra, Detroit, Britenbush, and Idanha. In order to help those families, many of whom lost everything, we have opened Camp Taloali to lend our cabin housing to those in need. We have no fewer than 104 available bed spaces, a kitchen in which to do cooking and heated restrooms with showers. Our hospitality is open to them.

We got some great news in that the West Linn Walmart donated 1485 pounds of frozen chicken to the West Linn Lions Foundation. The West Linn Lions Club transported the chicken to the Camp Taloali Freezer on Sunday 11/8/20. That chicken is available for our guests. Thank you Walmart.

The families need almost everything that can be imagined. Home supplies, cooking pots and pans, hot plates, dishes and eating utensils. We can not forget cleanliness items, towels, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, wash cloths, paper towels and whatever we may use during the day at home.

If anyone has items to donate please let me know and we will arrange a suitable time for delivery.

Sincerely,

PDG Douglas W. Fiala
MD36 Camp Representatives Chair
PDG 36-O, 1996-1997

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2020

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Any amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws for MD 36 must be submitted to the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee at least 60 days prior to the Multiple District Convention. Any proposed amendments must be mailed by first class mail or sent via email with the proposed amendment to the president of each club in Multiple District 36 at least 30 days prior to the Multiple District convention. (See Bylaws, Article VIII(2) and Article XIII(2) of the MD 36 Constitution.)

In short, if the council would like to propose any amendments please forward these to me in writing at least 60 days prior to the start of the MD 36 convention.

In my August report, I indicated that there may be need for changes in light of Covid-19. The only need I can see for the Convention for voting on amendments and other voting on MD 36 requires the vote of a delegate "present and in person". If we are going to have virtual convention, we need to revise this or define the meaning of "in person" for future conventions.

I will contact other members of the committee about if they have any other additional proposed changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Roach
Chairman
Constitutional and Bylaws Committee

November 14, 2020

ADDENDUM TO MD GLT REPORT/MD 36 Convention Operating Committee
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair

In a “normal” year, we would be asking the Council to approve the budget, menu, Host Club and Host Committee Chair for our event that is scheduled to be held in Pendleton, May 14-15, 2021. This is not a normal year, as we all know. Most of our Members live in counties that have been added to Governor Brown’s watch list or now fall into her new COVID-19 regulations.

We are researching our options for the convention and will report the plans as soon as we get closer to that date and we learn what our regulations are going to be.

We registered and attended the MD 19 Virtual Convention that was very well done. We think we may be able to use some of their program as a guide for MD 36 if we have to hold the convention in a virtual program.

Our committee welcomes ideas and suggestions for forum topics and presenter. Send your thoughts to me at lionjo45@gmail.com.

More information to follow!

Diabetes Awareness

Submitted by: MD36 Diabetes Awareness Chair, PDG Garry Charbonneau

Fellow Lions of MD 36,

The year 2020 is fast coming to an end and we find ourselves in a situation like no other in "our" memorable past. The shutdown of two of our district conventions, state convention and postponing of the International Convention all due to a virus that was new to the world. It should remind all of us how fragile our existence can be on this planet of ours.

For some of our lion members, there is a big concern about what the risks of them coming down with the COVID-19 virus. I'm talking about are those who have diabetes. As a group they are at no greater risk of coming down with the virus as any other group or class of people. The risk of catching the virus is the same for everyone!

But if a person with diabetes does contract the virus, then they are at a higher risk of having a more severe illness than those without diabetes. This does not mean that they have a much higher risk of death, that has not been proven. What is the main concern is the other complications that diabetics could have due to their disease? Heart issues, neuropathy, respiratory and sepsis. Another factor that can be overlooked is age. Most type 2 diabetics are of the older age group and records are showing that they are at a higher risk.

Another effect that the virus has with diabetes is that it can raise the blood sugar (glucose) levels and if not controlled increase the ketones in the blood stream which lead to ketoacidosis and also sepsis. Control of blood sugar is the main key to decreasing the severity of the virus illness. Following the use of your medications, drinking plenty of water, and watching your sugar and carbohydrates intake are essential.

Controlling your blood sugar can make it harder for the virus to attach itself to our body's cells. They found that high blood sugar increases the number of sugar-coated ACE2 receptors in the lungs of mice. Not only are the number of receptors greater, but more sugars attached to them. This makes it easier for the virus to infect the cells. Add more insulin, or lower the sugar through diet and exercise, you're have fewer ACE2 receptors and less sugar on each cell and reduce the amount of virus getting into the cells.

Adam M. Brufsky, Professor of Medicine
University of Pittsburgh
American Diabetes Association

Everyone stay healthy for the holidays and I hope to see you all next year.

Report for the Council of Governor's 11/14/20 Zoom Mtg.

Global Action Team Report

Submitted by: MD36 Chair CC Paul Zastrow

Not much to report – each district has their own GAT group, and I have not called for an additional GAT meeting since August. I do know that several Districts have done remarkably well with contacting their member clubs regarding both membership and reporting. That being said – I do understand there are still problems with the activities reporting program at LCI. Seems that only IT gurus can figure it out without some glitches and difficulty.

Accolades to District E with a net growth in the year so far – keep up the great effort. The rest of us need to redouble our efforts, both at recruiting new Lions as well as determining why we have the number of drops we seem to annually deal with.

For the GAT Teams – look for an announcement for a Zoom meeting the first week of December so that we can evaluate where we are as well as celebrate what has been done to date.

November 14, 2020

To: Lion Paul Zastrow
MD 36 Council Chair
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair
MD 36 GLT
Subject: Report to Council

Many changes are taking place with the training of the 1st V DGs this year because of COVID-19 restrictions. They will not be flying to Illinois in February and they're spending much more time online with their Group Leaders and more assignments!

My work schedule is also making it harder to get the local training done but that should change in the next two weeks because it looks like I'll have a set schedule. We are not behind because they have access to all the training segments on the Lions Learning Center.

I do have concerns that need to be addressed very soon by all the District Governors and Lions in our Multiple District! It will soon be time to elect the incoming leaders for our districts and we now have **three** districts **without** a 2nd Vice District Governor! Do you have plans for willing these open positions? It's extremely difficult to train these Lions for their positions if there is no one to train. PLEASE, start now and work with your District GLT and others in your GAT and PDGs to find qualified Lions to fill these positions.

If you have prospective officers with questions, please have them contact me. Sometimes these Lions are afraid to step up and too many times, they are frightened away by well-meaning Lions giving them incorrect information.

It's also a good time to look for encouraging members of your own club to start considering a new office or position.

All of us should be constantly looking for and encouraging prospective leaders!

Report to the Council of Governor's for November 14, 2020 Zoom Mtg.

Global Membership Team

Submitted by: PDG Judith Poage, MD36 Chair

The Multi-District Health Assessment dated October 2020 shows an overall number of members at 3,294. District E again showed a plus in membership. Congratulations, again, to District E for their activity during this pandemic.

I received reports from: PDG Terry Bowman for District O, PDG Steve Moser for District R and PDG Bob Chaney for District E.

I did not receive a report from PDG Gary Mose for District G.

PDG Terry Bowman reported: the majority of their clubs are in a holding pattern to host a large event to grow membership. Small efforts have brought in new Lions from friends and work contacts. PDG Terry is very involved with the branch clubs that need support as they learn how to grow. 'Think new and stay safe.'

PDG Steve Moser reported he had received a grant that was divided between the three fires in District R: Otis, McKenzie, and the Beachie Creek fire. The District received tons of donations of clothing for the fire victims. The Silverton Lions teamed with the Elks still serve 300 to 500 meals a day. Many of those served are now working on cleanup. The meals will terminate on November 21st. The meals are served at the ODF and BLM campsites.

PDG Steve has also inducted six new members in the District. Five were already Lions who had not received an induction and packet. One was a new member.

CCE Bob Chaney reported District E is still on the plus side. They gained 32 new members and 22 dropped. This adds to their NAMI goal. They have achieved 32 percent of their goal for new members in the first four months of this Lions Year. They are on track. He is still looking at applying for a grant to help with recruitment. With pandemic restrictions making it impossible to do a lot of canvassing, the efforts of District E must be applauded. CCE Bob reminds us the best way to recruit is by talking individually with people and continuing to do our outreach programs.

Congratulations to the efforts of Lions of MD36 during this unusual year and to quote CCE Bob Chaney: Let's talk it up and get our friends and neighbors involved in the greatest service organization in the world.

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MD 36 GST REPORT
November 14, 2020

Lion Dan Hawkes and I are in the process of sending out links to educational and training materials about the MyLion reporting module to Lions clubs in MD36 who have not been reporting activities. Lion Dan collected and reviewed documents and videos, and we selected ones we felt were the best as far as content and appearance in hopes that club officers will view them and make an effort to start or resume reporting activities their clubs are involved in.

The most successful service activities are those that fulfill needs at a given time. Case in point, the Silverton Lions mobile kitchen in the fire-ravaged Santiam Canyon. These are also the activities which best lend themselves to MyLion reporting. Not only do they have time limits, but they also produce a measurable impact in terms of people served.

Tom Hilgers
36-R GST Chair

Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action Report

Prepared for the Council of Governors, November 14, 2020 MD36 Zoom meeting

Submitted by PDG Red Rowley, MD36 Hearing Chair

Information on the ROAR! Hearing program is scarce. Due to COVID, there isn't a lot going on. Club donations are down as clubs aren't able to fund raise at past levels.

Following is a summary of Hearing Aids available under the ROAR! Program:

Refurbished Hearing Aids:

RJ Acoustics offer refurbished H.A.'s with a 1-year warranty.

Average price to OLSHF is \$120 minus S&H.

Melinda Rhodes has a good competition going between Starkey and Oticon which has made more models to match different client needs.

Starkey

Several models are available. The most used is the 11000 BTE (Behind the Ear) also with a 1-year warranty.

MSRP is \$2,495.

OLSHF pays \$150 minus S&H.

Sonic Innovations (Oticon)

Most popular of the several models offered is the Cheer 60 BTE with a 3-year warranty.

MSRP is \$1,500

OLSHF cost is \$140 minus S&H.

Cost to Applicants

- \$150 for one, \$300 for two.

Access

- Applicants must apply with a Foundation Application form through the Foundation's ROAR! Program.

Eligibility

- Applicants must earn less than or equal to 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Must live in Oregon or No. California for at least 2 consecutive years.
- Flexibility for "special" situations can be considered.
- Poverty guidelines are updated annually.

Foundation is still working remotely as the COVID threat continues.

When a request comes in to a club, they should contact the Foundation's ROAR! Program for guidance. Also, Clubs should continue to find providers who may partner with us. Rural areas in Districts E and G are especially in need of additional providers.

Hunger Relief Report

For the Council of Governors 11/14/20 1pm Zoom mtg.

Hunger in Oregon continues to be a top concern of families and individuals. The Oregon Food Bank states that 1 in 9 of our community members face insecurity when it comes to food. Lions Clubs throughout Oregon and Northern California provide support to their communities through food boxes, food delivery, backpack programs and food drives. These are all great projects that can be conducted safely even during a pandemic. As we head into the fall many clubs have their Thanksgiving and Christmas food projects gearing up. This is a great way to serve. If your club does not have a project of your own, consider joining another club in their efforts. You can also go online and donate to your local shelters or food bank. This could be money or you can look for their wish list of items and purchase the products they are requesting. Meals on Wheels is a fantastic way to get involved with providing food to those in need. All of our communities have at least one organization working to provide food that can use your support.

Hunger is also more than just food. There are a wide range of causes for hunger including poverty, lack of housing, unemployment, high costs of utilities and rent. Currently the pandemic is making all of these tough situations worse. Your club might consider contributing to organizations that assist with utilities and rent. Perhaps you can support your local homeless shelter by finding out what their most needed items are right now. Consider a diaper drive or collect coats or socks. Perhaps your local shelter or food bank has some equipment they need that your club could raise funds for.

There are a lot of ways we can impact hunger in our communities. No matter the size of your Lions Club, you can create a project and impact your community. Whether you donate one bag of food or 500 Christmas meals; one meal to a shut in senior or regular monthly participation in a food giveaway, you are making a difference.

Finally, I'm sure you are all aware of the moratorium that was placed on evictions due to non-payment of rent. At some point those moratoriums will end, and when they do there will be a lot of people scrambling to find a way to keep their homes. Consider finding out what is happening in your community and whether there is a way you can help your community members keep their homes.

Prepared by MD36 Hunger Relief Chair: 2VDG Kerith Vance

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International Understanding & Cooperation

First the delegations to Mexico and to Peru have been delayed or cancelled due to Covid. Both groups are unsure of their continuance. Some Lions and one club have been supportive of the Lambayeque Lions in the Lambayeque Region of Peru. That club in Peru remains very active despite the Covid outbreak. About \$1,250.00 has been sent directly to the Lambayeque Lions for their activities. \$1,000.00 of that is from three individuals. The other \$250.00 is from the Legacy Lions in District 36-0, who will be setting up a twinning aspect of their relationship. That will be under the direction of 2VDG Kerith Vance, who will be trying to keep this endeavor going with the FACES Doctors group, who do the cleft palate surgeries. More to follow on that.

Submitted by MD36 International Understanding & Cooperation Chair
Past International Director Dennis Tichenor

**MD36 LCIF Coordinator Report to the Council of Governors
For November 14, 2020, 1:00pm Zoom meeting**

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
EMPOWERING SERVICE**

Lions of MD 36 have had the truly unfortunate experience of needing disaster grants from LCIF this fall, on top of the COVID-19 needs. One of our Districts, District R, was awarded a \$10,000 grant to meet the needs of displaced community members in the aftermath of the fires in the Santiam Canyon area and the McKenzie River area. Our International Foundation was and is there to provide needed financial assistance in the face of the challenges of 2020 – COVID 19 grants to Districts G and R as well as the disaster grant.

Now, the ask, once again: Please consider a donation to this life-saving organization. LCIF cannot continue to offer these critically needed services unless we Lions and clubs continue to make, and hopefully increase, donations to Campaign 100. **Giving Tuesday, December 1**, will be a perfect day to make a personal or club donation! Your District Coordinator, listed below, can help your club set up a contribution plan that can involve individual Lions, community members, and clubs. Donations can be made very easily online at the LCI page of the lionsclubs.org website (in fact, LCIF is requesting that all donations be made electronically due to staffing time considerations as the office works around the COVID restrictions).

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Thank you for allowing LCIF to continue to EMPOWER SERVICE!

PCC Sharon Rollins
MD 36 LCIF Coordinator

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November 14, 2020

LIONS QUEST

PDG Jim Jaggars, Chair

1. Covid has brought this program to a near standstill in MD 36. There is still Grant Money available to Oregon when things are to the point of action. After talking with school Superintendents, it appears that March will be the earliest to look for some action.
2. Every local Lions Club has a great opportunity to become active in the establishment of proactive (not reactive) crisis centers in their local school districts. This still remains a requirement of the state Department of Education by June 2001. I am aware of several school crisis centers operating, but they are not pro active. There are support dollars available from the state of Oregon and several endowment funds around the state. If you are located in Districts R and E, check with the Ford Family Foundation in Roseburg. District O and G clubs should make contact with the Oregon Community Foundation which has offices around the state.

From: Darrell Bennett
Date: November 14, 2020
To: MD-36 Council of Governors
Re: Scouting Report

The Organization Name is Not Changing

The Boy Scouts of America organization will continue to be the Boy Scouts of America, it is not changing.

Reports started circulating last May concerning the update to the Boy Scouts program name. That program currently serves boys ages 11 through 17. Beginning February, 2019 the Boy Scout program name changed to "Scouts B.S.A." and started serving girls, as well as boys.

Under the new name of "Scouts B.S.A.", that program, which is the same iconic program it has always been, will continue to offer Scouting in single gender troops, through which Scouts ages 11 through 17 can work to earn the Eagle Scout rank.

Before, during, and after that program name change, the overall organization name will continue to be Boy Scouts of America. Troop structure will remain single gender, meaning a "Scouts B.S.A." troop will be made up of all girls. There will be no co-ed or mixed troops. Boys and girls will not be in troops together. Boys will be in troops with only boys, and girls will be in troops with only girls.

The Cub Scout program, which serves youth ages 5 through 10 and had been available to boys since 1930, and started serving girls in January 2018 through an Early Adopter program. Cub Scout registration became available to boys and girls and in all councils in the summer of 2018. There will be three types of Cub Scout packs: all-boys packs, all girl packs, and packs that include a mix of girl dens and boy dens. Cub Scout dens will be single gender: all boys or all girls.

This hybrid model builds on the benefit of a single-gender program while also providing character and leadership opportunities for both boys and girls. For more information about the Scouting program, please visit www.scouting.org/familyscouting or www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts.

In Service,

Lion Darrell Bennett
Scouting Chair MD-36

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November 14, 2020

YOUTH EXCHANGE

CC Paul Zastrow, Chair

The typical call out for supporting this great program – we need host parents and clubs, as well as finding youth who wish to travel to other countries. Remember that this program truly fosters an understanding among the peoples of the world! If you have an interest – let me know. PDG Gary Mose has asked for a contact for YEP from every club in District G to help identify kids, clubs and hosts. Make your summer memorable, host a youth from a foreign country!

Report submitted to the Council of Governors
For the November 14, 2020 Zoom mtg.

Oregon Lions Prepared (ALERT)

Submitted by Oregon Lions Prepared MD36 Chair: Lion Charlene Larsen
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We are now in November 2020 and we have at least three disasters in Oregon and Northern California to include in this report.

1. Blue Mountain Region Long Term Disaster Response to the February 2020 Flooding events in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington. This impacted our Oregon Lions District 36-G. Long Term Recovery Executive Committee responsibilities and Unmet Needs Roundtable are keeping my attention and efforts as well as District 36-G Governor John Taylor. The efforts by FEMA, OEM, faith-based organizations through ORVOAD and WAVOAD, UW, CAPECO and CTUIR are making a difference in the lives of the survivors of the flooding. Disaster Case Management is ongoing, and folks are being made safe, sanitary, and secure in the impacted areas.
2. COVID-19, amid Disaster Response and Recovery puts a whole new spin on how Disaster Case Work is done and how response by volunteers to help on projects is impacted. A whole set of protocols and processes for volunteers has been put in place to ensure the safety of homeowners, case workers and volunteers.
3. Oregon Wildfires have impacted Districts 36-O, R and E and our District Governors in each of these areas has been working hard to help with the Disaster Response and Recovery.
4. Long Term Disaster Recovery: I am serving as a listening post for ORVOAD and Oregon Lions Disaster Response on the various LTDG's around the State of Oregon. My life from morning to evening is Zoom calls and reaching out to secure information, share needs and respond to questions and help with connecting people, processes and encourage cooperation to serve the survivors of the devastating fires.
5. Share your club's outreach with me, share your stories. We have received at least one disaster grant from LCIF in the early stages of the wildfire disaster.

This is unprecedented work at an unprecedented time in our Oregon Lions experience and our motto "We Serve" never had more meaning.

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PEDIATRIC CANCER

Submitted by PCC Sharon Rollins,
with thanks to Jason Hickox,
Executive Director of Camp UKANDU



Pediatric Cancer Camp

Planning for Camp UKANDU began in 1985 when a small group of parents who decided that despite their children's illness, they wanted them to go to camp like any other kid. Thanks to an initial grant by the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust, the first camp was brought to life on August 10, 1986. First meeting at the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp, Camp UKANDU now enjoys the Camp Magruder site on the Oregon Coast near Tillamook and utilizes YMCA Camp Collins for the Teen Retreat. Camp UKANDU has been providing hope, joy, and connection to communities impacted by childhood and adolescent cancer for over thirty years.

Camp UKANDU provides a community where bald heads and missing limbs are unremarkable and a place where children, parents, and siblings can connect with others who share similar experiences.

Her ultimate remission wasn't when she rang that bell in Doernbecher at the end of her last chemo treatment, it was this amazing June day as she walked tall out of a camp that had healed her spirit and given her, her confidence back as a friend, and a human being. B's life is now graced with forever friends that truly understand her journey and who she is, as she truly understands their journeys and who they are. – Testimonial from an UKANDU parent.

Too often, when a family is confronted by a life-threatening diagnosis, their community of support vanishes. Well-intentioned friends and even family members sometimes pull away – they are scared, they don't know what to say or they may believe the family receives more attention than is helpful. COVID-19 has led to even more distance and isolation for everyone, particularly those with underlying health risks. More than ever, UKANDU offers a vital link to the entire family by providing connection to a community of peers who share similar experiences.

In March of 2020, UKANDU quickly realized they would not be able to hold their three scheduled summer programs. In a matter of weeks, the staff and volunteers reconceived our programming so that it could be provided virtually. Over the summer and into the fall, UKANDU has provided programming that included a full week of live and interactive 'camp' activities, complete with arts & crafts, acting classes, campfires and s'mores. Our virtual retreat over the Halloween weekend included three days of live singalongs, dancing and even cooking shows. While no one would ever choose to replace in-person programming with two-dimensional interaction, we learned that a virtual platform allowed us to reach families across the country. From the Pacific Northwest to Texas, Michigan and as far as Virginia, our community has grown and has proved once again, that 'hope and joy' are available to us, even in the most challenging of times.

As we grow into 2021: The last four years has seen tremendous growth for UKANDU. New audiences and additional support have allowed us to add year-round programming. Through thoughtful stewardship and careful planning, we have weathered the global pandemic without having to cut resources. We need your support to allow us to continue to provide all our programming free of charge to all our families.

To help the efforts of Camp UKANDU: Text Donate to (503) 832-6196 to make a donation to UKANDU's holiday campaign.

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2020-21 MD36 2nd Council of Governors meeting
Via Zoom

Policy Manual Chair Report – PCC Gail Black
To: Council Chair, District Governors, and all Council Members

Lions of MD36:

Lion Dale Rollins – Chair Dist O has taken on the task of correcting housekeeping errors in the policy manual, which includes such things as typos, formatting, etc.

As of this date, there have been no meetings of the Policy manual committee, and there have been no submission of any changes to any of the policy chapters.

Respectfully submitted

PCC Gail Black
Policy Manual Committee Chair

Report to the MD-36 Council of Governors

From: PDG Judy Giorgi, MD36 Chairperson for **Protocol and Parliamentarian**

November 14, 2020

Council Chair Paul and Governors:

In my reports I often refer to courtesy and common sense as the essence of protocol. Yesterday, I found an old copy of PIP Kay Fukushima's speech to his governors at our training session. His words were simple and direct and I am quoting from that speech today.

He said that an old copy of the Lions Magazine featured a lengthy summation of qualities of a leader which is what you all exemplify. The following are some that apply to a meeting.

"Leaders have no common trait or characteristic. A Lion Leader brings out the best in everyone. A Lion Leader acts with courtesy and diplomacy and uses tact. A Lion Leader brings into harmony the varied interests of a group. And a Lion Leader says "thank you" many, many times. Communicating your ideas or visions must be done in simple and direct language."

An example of that type of communication was this advice given to aspiring golfers:

"Go to the golf course. Hit the ball. Find the ball. Repeat until the ball is in the hole. Have fun. The end."

I can't say it enough, have fun, enjoy the ride.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Judy Giorgi
MD36 Chair, Protocol and Parliamentarian

Public Relations & Publicity- November 2020 COG Meeting

Committee Members:

Carrie Bartley (36-O), Tom Hilgers (36-R) & Carol Swesso (36-E)

The PR manual and media directory have been updated and a 2018-2019 version is still available on the MD 36 website.

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

Committee Chairs Carol and Carrie will continue to make changes and updates to the manual as the need arises so feedback is always welcome.

It had been the intention of the committee to update and have new hardcopies of the manual available at the MD Convention last May. However, the convention was canceled so the new goal will be to have something updated by Spring 2021.

The content is still current and relevant so clubs and members should still use the manual if they are looking for help with marketing and public relations.

As stated before, committee members are always willing to help clubs with press releases or anything related to promoting Lions and Lionism.

With Covid slowing down or curtailing club activities, this is a good time for clubs to work on new marketing material for their events, including writing of press releases that can be updated and used year after year.

Also, I have created a new booklet with ideas for service projects and fundraisers in the era of Covid. This was emailed out to clubs in September.

<http://www.md36lionsclubs.org/resources-during-covid19>

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Carrie Bartley

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To: Lion Paul Zastrow

MD 36 Council Chair

From: PCC Joyce Anderson

District O USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Committee Chair

Subject: Report for Council of Governors

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Virtual Event was a great success! There were 2425 registered attendees and 41 were from MD 36. For comparison purposes, there were about 2700 registered for Portland in 2017!

The next Forum is in Des Moines, Iowa, September 7-11, 2021. Registration is now available on lionsforum.org and the Early Bird fee is \$285.00. Remember to register online and include your hotel preferences. **THE FORUM MAKES YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS!**

We have a few Lions from MD 36 who are thinking positively and have pre-registered already!

This is the best leadership training you can receive for the price! Plan ahead and invite a Lion friend to attend with you and share the hotel cost.

Lions Pin Trading Club of Oregon
Report to the Council of Governors
November 14, 2020

Subject: Oregon State pins, and Oregon pin trader pins.

The Oregon state pins were received the end of September, as were the Oregon pin trader pins. Both pins will be sold at \$3.00 each and as so as we can open up our meeting. There were 750 state pins, and 150 Pin trader pins, were received. Out of the 750 state pins, 50 are set aside for the sitting district governors. The Set spells out O.R.E.G.O.N.

The pins were received and inventoried by PCC Don Adams, and PDG Bob Hoover. The pins are then turned over to the Executive Administrator, PCC Vincent Bishop.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve.

PDG Bob Hoover, MD36, Lions Pin Trading Club of Oregon