

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

March 26, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

Time: 1:00 pm

Council Members Present: Council Chair, Paul Zastrow; Council Vice Chair/Council Chair Elect, 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 March 26, 2021 at 1:08pm.
The meeting was held via Zoom.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PCC Gail Black.
Invocation was given by PDG Bob Chaney.
Introduction of Guests: CC Paul acknowledged the PIDs, PCCs, PDGs and incoming 1st and 2nd VDGS. Also, Ray Montgomery, President, of the Astoria Lions.
2. Additions to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2020 Zoom Council Meeting. **Motion** made by DG John Taylor to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2020 Zoom Council Meeting. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Sheri Young. **Motion carried.**
4. Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2021 Zoom Council Special Meeting. **Motion** made by DG Linda Stent to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2021 Zoom Council Special Meeting. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Carolee Blatter. **Motion carried.**
5. Council Chair Report: CC Paul Zastrow. **Reference Attachment #2.**
6. International Director Report: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley spoke. Lion Sunny reminded DGE's that that she needs their convention dates. She also shared that she needs one week's notice to print International Presidential Certificates of Appreciation.
7. Executive Administrator Report: PCC Vincent F. Bishop. **Reference Attachment #3.**
8. District Governors Reports:
District 36-O: DG Sheri Young. **Reference Attachment #4.**
District 36-R: DG Linda Stent. **Reference Attachment #5.**
District 36-E: DG Carolee Blatter. **Reference Attachment #6.**
District 36-G: DG John Taylor. **Reference Attachment #7.**
9. Incoming Council Report: PDG Bob Chaney. PDG Bob Chaney spoke and shared that the first Council of Governor's meeting for the next Lion's year will be held in August in Astoria. The second meeting will be in Grants Pass. They will all hopefully be in person (unless circumstances change) but he is planning for people to ALSO be able to attend virtually. He will be finalizing those dates soon.
10. Past District Governors Association: President: PDG Judith Poage. **Reference Attachment #8.** CC Paul reminded District Governors to forward to PDG Judith Poage the names (and the club they belonged to) of those Lions who have passed this last year. PDG Judith has reports from LCI, but would like confirmation from DG's of any other Lions to make sure they are included.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a) Discussion regarding potential 503(c)(3) Foundation for MD36 Emergency Response. DG John spoke first and reiterated to please read the DG reports submitted by himself, and DG's Sheri Young and Carolee Blatter as they have comments about this. (Attachments 4, 5 and 6 to these minutes.) All of the DG's feel this is a way of offering a broader scope of service to MD36 Lions to serve our communities that is not currently available. They are proposing today a resolution to form the Oregon Lions Disaster Foundation. PCC Vincent Bishop interrupted with a point of order: That in order to have discussion and move on any proposed resolution that the tabling of the 501(c)(3) from the January 30, 2021 minutes discussion needed to happen. **Motion** made by DG John Taylor to remove the motion to table the discussion of the 501(c)(3) from the January 30, 2021 minutes. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Linda Stent. **Motion carried.** (4 in favor; 1 opposed; and 1 abstention.) **Motion** made by DG John Taylor to pass a resolution to form the Oregon Lions Disaster Foundation (to be known as OLFDF). DG John then read the proposed resolution to everyone. **Reference Attachment #9.** The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Linda Stent. Discussion followed. DG Linda Stent spoke to the advantages of a 501(c)(3): people who wanted to donate during the fires and could not get a tax write-off by doing so; grants often require a 503(c)(3); and for estate planning purposes. DG John Taylor added that monies could also be obtained from non-Lions as well and other Lions from out of our Multiple District. That this proposed Foundation would not compete with OLSHF or LCIF and the DGs believe could possibly enhance MD36 Lions membership numbers by interesting people concerned about helping when disasters strike. You can't currently specify with LCIF that you want your donation to go to a specific disaster. DG Sheri Young added that as a sub-committee they have tried to take a close look at concerns people have had about this. They don't see this foundation as competing with OLSHF; it's another thing that Lions do. She made comparison of going to a fast food restaurant. They don't just do hamburgers anymore, they also do chicken and fish. It doesn't stop the people from coming in for burgers. It just draws others who might want chicken or fish. They are working on bylaws and articles of incorporation. They have found one or more Lion lawyers who have shared that if a resolution is passed, they will assist with how this is worded in a clear and coherent umbrella format. They also have a commitment from a possible treasurer for this. DG Sheri went on to say that the current 4 DGs are personally committed to all help for at least 3 years (possibly 5 years) to help recruit people from clubs and within districts who know about disaster preparedness to assist future governors. DG Sheri wanted to be clear that this would not simply be a vehicle for receiving and channeling donations. They want a program so they know how to train clubs for personal and club responses; for connecting to their communities; who will need to respond locally; and connecting with government in a responsible way as real people at the table during a time of crisis. DG John Taylor added that Lions were not recognized as a known entity when they wanted to assist with the flooding recovery relief process. We had no standing with FEMA or Red Cross. We want to prepare Lions to be able to assist in many different roles of value

(manning phones, assisting in kitchens, serving on a long term recovery group, many possible valuable roles). CCE Bob Chaney asked that if this resolution passes, which he feels is a foregone conclusion at this point after hearing from the 4 DGs, what is the timeline for this and what process are they seeing taking place if this is approved? – Are the 4 DG's taking care of everything? Will it be brought back to the original committee? DG John Taylor responded that in their proposed bylaws they have a Board of Trustees who would assist with sorting out all of the details. Then the 4 DGs would do their best to keep everyone informed and do their best to address concerns. They are accepting of more involvement, but felt they got so much objections at their original meeting and no one offered to help sort things out. His impression was they were left to themselves. CC Paul added that during the November 14, 2020, Council of Governor meeting when it was discussed initially – a committee was created. The four DGs were placed on it as well as himself (CC Paul) and CCE Bob Chaney. There were also a couple of others. They asked to be kept apprised of what was being done. Since January 22 and 30, 2021, he has received no emails from the 4 DGs about the formation of a 501(c)(3). DG John said he received no emails asking how things were going. DG Sheri Young spoke up and agreed they need to have a report back of what they are doing. She has been busy. She reiterated that on January 22, 2021, CC Paul noted that the Bylaws that had been drafted were not complete. She reiterated that they need the resolution to be passed in order to get the pro bono hours from attorneys to work on completing coherent documents to get this to the next stage. CCE Bob Chaney asked again about what the timeline is that they have in mind. DG Sheri said they would like to, if the resolution passes, get documents filed with the State by the end of this year. They feel this Council of Governors should decide so it cements the current DGs into their commitments to see this through. They want in the next 3-5 years to be able to have others take over and be able to support any governor who faces a disaster. DG John added that if the resolution is passed, it will take time for attorneys to do their work; once filed it will take time for the Oregon Dept. of Justice to act, for the IRS to act, and for Lions International to act. An exact time frame is difficult to provide. He would hope that before another year passes they would have forms and approvals, bylaws, everything lined up and operational. CC Paul said that still did not answer the question and he is very troubled that himself and CCE Bob were not kept in the loop. He asked if they have spoken with others about this outside of Oregon Lions. DG John said he had spoken with California and Pennsylvania Lions as he wondered whether other multiple districts had a similar foundation and how they operated. PID Dennis Tichenor asked what the resolution was they would be voting upon. DG John replied it is a resolution to form the foundation. That they need this in order to get the pro bono legal support to review it and further develop it and get a coherent set of bylaws to this group. He took the wording from what California and other multiple districts have used that meets LCI's requirements of what has to be done by a Council of Governors in order to proceed. PID Dennis expressed concern about this being rushed. He then asked how many of the DGs who experienced a disaster filed for disaster relief with LCIF when their disaster

occurred. DG Linda Stent did and received a grant. DG Carolee said she applied 3 times and was turned down all 3 times. DG John said he tried, but he had difficulty obtaining the information he needed from City, State and even the County's emergency management. DG Sheri Young didn't file the grant application – she sent emails asking for details about what was eligible and what did they need to provide to show they could do it. She didn't feel she had the capacity within her district to fulfill the requirements of the first level grant. She was working on the second level recovery grant and by the time she had answers back she missed the deadline (although she sent her questions in ahead of the deadline). PID Dennis said these emergency grants are almost automatic. Even overnight. PDG Judy Giorgi added that in the mid-80s we were just able to ask and got the money overnight. Yes, we had to account for how it was spent, but it wasn't a complicated grant application. We were even contacted to see if we needed more money. DG Linda said she got the money right away, but wasn't contacted if more was needed. PDG Judy Giorgi noted that LCI has a much smaller staff now. (And, of course, COVID has caused this to be impacted as well.) PCC Sharon Rollins confirmed this. LCIF was obviously impacted by COVID. There are now applications that need to be completed and as soon as they are that the money comes quickly. CC Paul brought up his concern that with now approximately 3,000 Lions in our Multiple District 36 he doesn't think there is extra money to donate to other causes. Currently we have raised this year about \$21,000 for LCIF from all 4 districts. He also suspects donations to OLSHF have likely not grown by too much. He is concerned if there are enough Lions or clubs to contribute to a third foundation. DG Sheri said we won't know if this will create new members and new donations until we do it - she just knows people had wanted to donate to a specific disaster and they couldn't. DG John reiterated that they are hopeful that non-Lions and out-of-state folks would be donating during disasters too. PID Dennis spoke again to thank DG John Taylor for his excellent DG report. And to raise his concerns that LCIF turned down some of the requests. He urged everyone to be calm and, for the good of the Lions of MD36, to please consider the process so that everyone becomes happy. He understands the need and appreciates everyone's concern, but he wants us to get the timing right. CC Paul suggested a referral to the Long-Range Planning Committee with the caveat that the 4 current DGs and Charlene Larsen work with the 3 Past International Directors to come up with an appropriate solution. PID Sonja Pulley spoke and said she would like it done correctly. She hasn't experienced monies not going to where they are intended. She had a non-Lion patient who donated money and it went to where her patient wanted it to go. She is concerned that having another foundation – how will that alleviate not still having paperwork and ensuring that monies go where people are wanting them to go? She would, of course, be receptive to working with everyone. They each have expertise and all have questions that need to be answered so that everyone is on the same page. PDG Bob Chaney asked DG John if he would be willing to add the caveat to his motion. PCC Vincent spoke up and said that you can't add a caveat to an existing motion. The only way to do the caveat would be to withdraw the motion and make a new motion referring it to the Long Range Planning Committee and the 4 DGs and Charlene

Larsen. CC Paul said it could also be a substitute motion to refer. DG Sheri said she is concerned that they need a resolution to do the things they need to do. They can't get the advice they need without a resolution. She is happy to run by Long Range Planning, but she thinks it won't happen if sent to another committee. She wanted folks to vote on the Resolution as it is. CC Paul again brought up his objection to the current Resolution's wording of the 4 current DGs as the incorporators in all aspects of the formation of the OLDF. CC Paul said he thinks the resolution is incomplete because the documents are incomplete. DG Sheri said they can't complete them without the resolution. She asked if CC Paul had an amendment to include reference to review of the bylaws when they are completed. She is happy to have the resolution amended. They can't finalize the bylaws until they have a resolution. PDG Bob said they were championed with coming back to the original committee with bylaws for approval. DG Sheri said they can't do that without the attorneys. She is happy to hear how the amendment goes into the resolution, but they have to get the expertise. CC Paul said the out he discussed would have made it more palatable to everyone – which would be to refer it to the Long Range Planning Committee with the caveat that all 4 DGs are involved in that specific committee. DG Sheri thinks that still stalls them, attorneys don't know they are serious, and PID Dennis didn't want on this committee. CC Paul read what the Long Range Planning Committee is charged with. DG Sheri wondered why this wasn't brought up in January. CC Paul said when it was brought up it was tabled with the caveat to continue working on the proposed governing documents. DG Sheri: again, they can't complete them without the attorneys. Things got heated. PID Dennis Tichenor intervened. Knows that reasons are excellent but reminded everyone that we have a process issue and we need to get back on track. There is a motion on the floor. The Long Range Planning Committee hasn't been used a lot. PIDs Ed Gear, Dr. Sonja Pulley and himself, Dennis Tichenor, are reasonable and will hear everyone out. He will happily serve on this and take it up if you decide to refer it to the Long Range Planning Committee. He understands good reason to have this foundation. He has concerns though. Let's find a way through this. He called on PDG Judy Giorgi, Protocol/Parliamentarian Chair, on advice to get through this. PDG Judy Giorgi said you can call for the motion. DG Linda Stent called for the vote. CC Paul noted *motion* made by DG John Taylor to pass a resolution to form the Oregon Lions Disaster Foundation (to be known as OLDF) that was on the floor. *Motion passed.* (4 in favor; 2 opposed.) DG John said they will proceed with getting bylaws and other documentation put together and will present as soon as they are completed. They will consult with the Long Range Planning Committee. CC Paul stated he has never been opposed to having a foundation for disaster relief. He was unhappy about the process and lack of communication. He thinks we need to have ways of providing services to those in need that are not covered by LCIF or OLSHF. PID Dennis suggested maybe holding a forum(s) to give Lions in MD36 a chance to discuss their thoughts about the formation of a new foundation. PDG Don Roach spoke to the importance of the mission being clearly stated. He wasn't convinced a resolution was necessary and liked the forum idea.

12. New Business:

- a) MD36 Convention May 14-15, 2021. **Reference attachment #14.** PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair, requested approval of \$20.00 registration payable now until May 9, increasing to \$25.00 beginning May 10 and NO REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 13. **Motion** made by PDG Bob Chaney to approve the \$20.00 registration payable now until May 9, increasing to \$25.00 beginning May 10 and no registration after May 13, 2021. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG John Taylor. **Motion carried.** PCC Joyce then requested approval of the Convention's budget totaling \$2500.00. **Motion** made by DG Linda Stent to approve the budget for the convention in the amount of \$2500.00. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Sheri Young. **Motion carried.**

13. Lions Vision Gift Report: Susan Meikle Stoops – Chairman, absent. **Reference Attachment #10.**

14. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Report: PDG Hank Calhoun Chairman, absent. No report. CC Paul spoke and shared that OLSHF has a new temporary Treasurer who is PCC Sharon Rollins until a CPA is selected. PCC Sharon spoke and shared that Brian Rangitsch, who has been the OLSHF's treasurer for 20 years, is facing some health concerns, but has very good chances of overcoming it completely.

15. 15 minute break – was taken before we started Section 12 of New Business.

16. MD36 Standing Committee Chairmen Reports:

Awards, Honors & Contests: Carol Swesso (present) & Carrie Bartley (absent), Co-Chairs. **Reference attachment #11.**

Camp Representatives: PDG Doug Fiala, Chair, absent. No report.

Canine Services: Emily Blakely, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #12.**

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

Convention Operating: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference attachment #14.**

Credentials: Jim Vincent, Chair. **Reference attachment #15.**

Diabetes Awareness: PDG Garry Charbonneau, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #16.**

Disaster Response: Charlene Larsen, Chair. **Reference attachment #17.** Charlene spoke and added a lengthy list of Unmet Needs from Oregon Wildfires. **Reference attachment #18 (which she submitted to Leah Hawes later and is now in an easy to read typed version as attachment #18.)** She would like these posted on the MD36 Facebook page. CC Paul also suggested it being run in the Oregon Lion magazine. DG Sheri thanked Charlene Larsen again for all of her hard work. She also let Charlene know that people in District O want to donate and contribute. What is the best way to handle this? Lion Charlene said to have folks contact her and she will get them in touch with the appropriate people who need the help.

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

Finance & Budget: Brian Rangitsch, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Vincent Bishop spoke that the Finance & Budget Committee has not met. Finances proceeding as budgeted for. CC Paul asked if any savings due to not having to travel this last year, etc. PCC Vince responded that although we have saved some expense money because of COVID and not traveling, that with the decline in membership we are going to come to a break-even most likely.

Global Action Team: CC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #19.**

Global Leadership Team: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference attachment #20.**

Global Membership Team: PDG Judith Poage, Chair. **Reference attachment #21.**

Global Service Team: PDG Tom Hilgers, Chair. **Reference attachment #22.**

Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Red Rowley, Chair, absent.

Reference attachment #23.

Hunger Relief: 2VDG Kerith Vance, Chair, absent. No report.

International Participation: PCC Steve Thomson, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #24.**

International Understanding & Cooperation: PID Dennis Tichenor, Chair.

Reference attachment #25.

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

LCIF: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference attachment #26.** PCC Sharon added that we are in the last quarter of the Lion's year for LCIF's Campaign 100. Encourage your clubs. PDG Steve Moser called a club yesterday, told the President they had not donated for a number of years and he asked whether they would consider a \$142 donation in honor of how old Melvin Jones would have been if he was still alive. Also, support with Melvin Jones awards.

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 #27.**

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

Scouting: CHAIR: OPEN. No report.

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

Youth Exchange: PDG Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #28.**

Oregon Lion Magazine: PCC Vincent Bishop, Chair. No report.

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

Pediatric Cancer: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. No report.

Policy Manual: PCC Gail Black, Chair. No report. PCC Gail spoke and wanted to let everyone know that Lion Sid Toleno has passed. She also wanted to thank Dale Rollins again for his dedication to cleaning and polishing up the policy manual – an ongoing project. Reminded everyone to not hesitate if they have anything they need to send in that needs any changes or adjustments. There are a few things they still need to follow up on.

Protocol/Parliamentarian: PDG Judy Giorgi, Chair. No report. PDG Judy spoke and reminded everyone that when a chair asks for a vote it is a "yea" for an affirmative vote; "nay" for a negative vote; and "present" if you are abstaining. Secondly, it is inappropriate for the chair to ask for a same sign for the negative vote.

Public Relations & Lions Information: Carrie Swesso Bartley (absent) & Carol Swesso, Co-Chairs. **Reference attachment #29.** Lion Carol wanted to let Charlene Larsen/everyone know that they are happy to post items for Lions to the MD36 Facebook page. She is trying to reach out to all clubs. They have not heard of anyone else interested in being an administrator from any of the districts, but would welcome others as administrators.

Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair, absent.
No report.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: Carol King, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #30.** PCC Vincent Bishop added that the Forum scheduled for September 9-11, 2021 in Des Moines, Iowa WILL BE IN PERSON (he just learned this from PCC Joyce Anderson who received an email confirming this this past week).

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

NWLLI: OPEN. No report.

Pin Trading: PDG Bob Hoover, President, absent. No report

17. **Additions/Announcements:** None.

18. **Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.
The next Council meeting will be Friday, May 14, 2021, via Zoom at 1:45pm.

Attendance Sheet
Meeting of the Council of Governors
March 26, 2021
Via Zoom

- Paul Zastrow
- Leah Hawes
- Gail Black
- Ray Montgomery
- Dan Wolf
- Vincent F. Bishop
- Bob Chaney
- John Taylor
- Sharon Rollins
- Lynn Coon
- Charlene Larsen
- Dennis Tichenor
- Linda Stent
- Tom Hilgers
- Judy Giorgi
- Sonja Pulley
- Carolee Blatter
- Steve Brewster
- Judith Poage
- Carol Swesso
- Don Roach
- Sheri Young
- Kerith Vance
- Joyce Anderson
- Jim Vincent
- Doug Loose

To: Council of Governors, interested Lions and friends
From: Council Chair Paul Zastrow
March 26, 2021

Council Chair Report

This marks about the 3rd quarter of the current Lions year and I find some things perplexing. Not only has the Covid Pandemic encroached in to our lives, it seems to be tracking at least for now in the correct direction, with some things opening up. Although I doubt we'll ever go fully back to how we all lived before it caught us broadside, I am sure multi-media will always be a positive method of communications for people everywhere. I do hope we do not become over-reliant on this method for all of our meetings. Zoom is a great way for communications in a face to face mode, but lacks the true ambiance of being in person. We all know it is a cheaper way to get business completed, but at what real cost?

The state of our various MD Lions Clubs is in a bit of trouble. We have some 155 fewer Lions that we started the year with. I am sure Covid has been a culprit, but I imagine the lack of being able to meet in person is a contributing factor as well. Recruiting new members when we can participate in far fewer community activities is another contributing factor. Of course with fewer people to take on the challenges our communities have, we've all been forced to do less. Yet, elsewhere in the world that has not been true – even in California there are more Lions and more clubs that they started the year with. We need to look to them for how their successes were created and pulled off, then try to follow their model.

Fewer members, fewer activities and less funding all three create problems so that we can no longer truly make our communities better places to live, work and play. Every district has lost numbers. Each Governor has a GAT – Global Action Team, consisting of individuals who have responsibility to assist as a team in Membership, Leadership, Service and Action. Ask yourselves as Lions how have you done? Do you have a plan? What are your timelines to bring things around? This even goes to all clubs – we are all suffering and I do not see a lot of Clubs increasing their membership, activities or having a comprehensive plan in place.

I am not happy being a naysayer, but it appears things are a bit broken. The easy excuse is to blame, but we need to look further – when we have positions in our cabinets OPEN, when there is little emphasis on real leadership training – including for Zone Chairs, Presidents and other club volunteers, we can only continue to expect less. To some extent the blame if it exists, has to fall on the Governors. They accepted to be your District's top leaders, created their teams and have some responsibility to fulfill their goals. There is still time to accomplish wonders, but it takes dedication and effort to overcome three quarters of loss. Let us roll up the sleeves and apply those learned and inherent skills.

Lastly, always remember that every meeting dealing with Lions issues and work has to be open, that communication are not only necessary, but mandatory. That as elected leaders we must demonstrate the highest ethics possible, for none of us are here to create our own legacy, but that WE SERVE is paramount.

March 26, 2021
Council of Governors
Executive Administrator/Council Secretary/Treasurer Report

Council hope your first six months of being a District Governor has now passed. Hope you are having a great year. 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. 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.

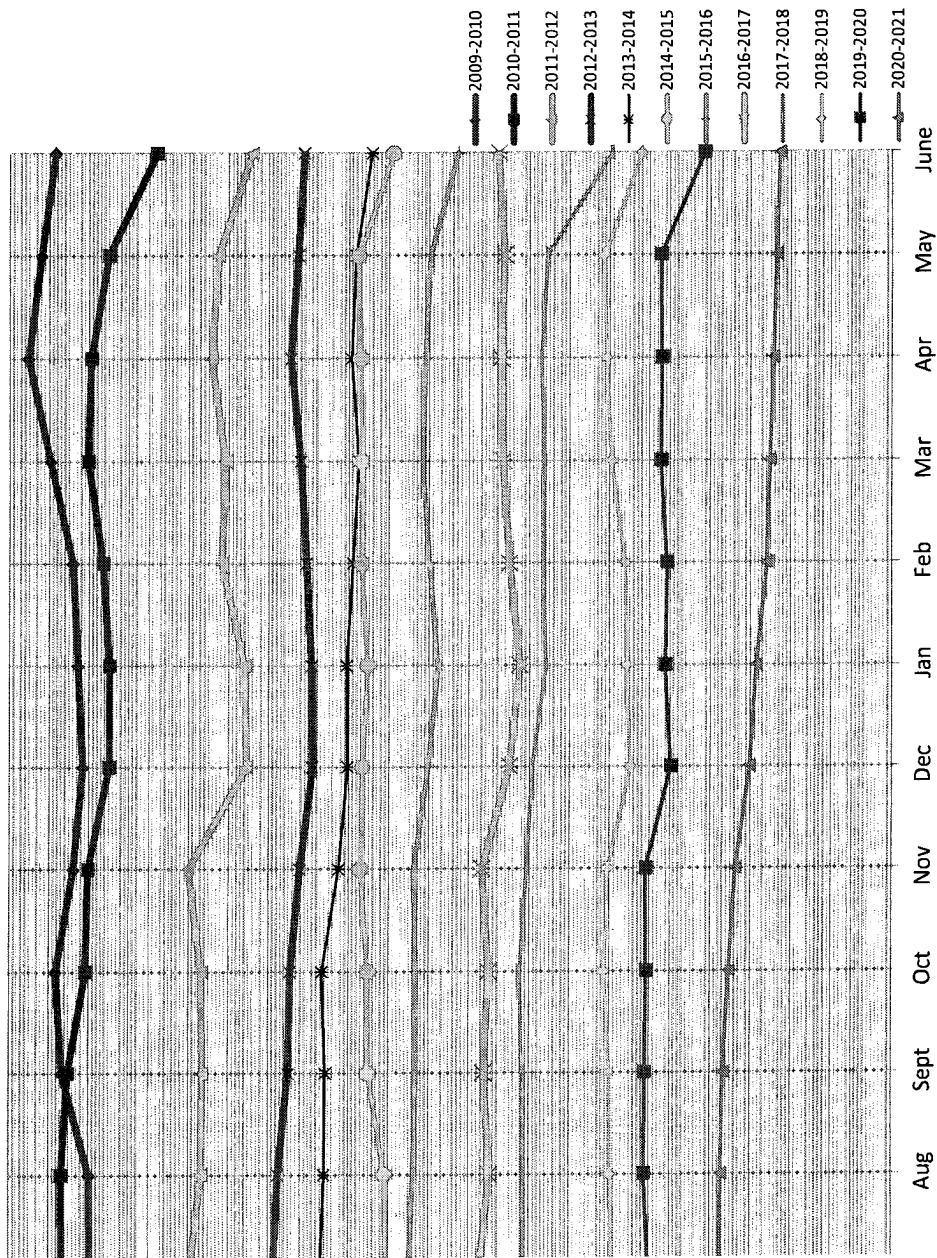
Our challenge continues to be meeting the wants of our council, while learning to do with less funds.

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

March 26 2021 zoom Council of Governors meeting

Just when I thought I could schedule in person club visits last December, we hit the post Thanksgiving Covid lockdown replay. I have managed another handful of zoom club meetings and look forward to scheduling more after the February 27 Convention.

was 100% online, it has took considerable adjustment by all involved. Bert Diamond and all the Convention Committee were invaluable in making that happen. I found working on the speakers and topics for break-out sessions the most interesting, but learning about the individuals, clubs and projects which merited awards was also very engaging. I deeply appreciated connecting with ID Jose Marrero, who was interested enough in our story of Lloyd Lions and bringing women into Lions in the 1980s to ask me to send him more about those involved. That became the focus of my (belatedly delivered) April Oregon Lions Column.

I hope my schedule would clear off in March, but of course it didn't – and having several periods of 1 to 4 days without electricity was another <practice> on whether my neighbors, family and self were sufficiently prepared to be cut off from power, communication, and road access. Nevertheless, from some people I've had very good critiques of our convention, I've managed most of the apologies owed for failures, sent out the International President Awards, and started some particularly well deserved personal thank-you notes. I've met with our Governor Elect Doug Loose, and made clear it is one of my goals to identify <potholes> I've discovered or made this year, and attempt to reduce them for him and his successors.

Happy report: we have identified a 2nd VG for next year (Ed Glad) and gotten the endorsing letter from his club (Yamhill-Carlton). YES. Thanks to all who have been encouraging Ed over the years and Hank Calhoun for the final push. [End zone dance.]

Meanwhile, in the Council of Governors, as members of the committee created to evaluate formation of a 501c3 focused on disaster response and resilience, the governors (and any other committee members willing to commit more time and expertise) were tasked with further discussing draft Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. We added Charlene Larson to the subcommittee (she had agreed to be on the CoG appointed committee) and had several zooms to identify what needed to be in the "umbrella" documents, what wording should define that, and what organizational details should be left for "Policies and Procedures."

We also agreed that when it came to the legal language, brilliant as the subcommittee might be and use of the English language, we needed to work with one or more attorneys on what form and language would be meet our goals and the laws of the State of Oregon. We now have one or more commitments from Oregon Lions who are attorneys, that if the CoG passes a resolution to form said 501c3, they will work with us to craft the language.

We have also secured capable Oregon Lion accountant who will accept the position of treasurer for the founding years and made contact with LCIF on whether (without our 501c3) they would channel contributions intended "for the then current Oregon [fires, floods, earthquake.]" The answer to that was a firm <No.>

We were trying to weigh the specific opposition statements – for accuracy (as above, the belief that LCIF will channel donations where wished – other than those over \$1 million) and also how those raising objections also expected governors to ensure LCIF grants and disaster response occurred.

We agreed we wanted not just a vehicle for receiving and channeling donations during a critical event, but a entity wherein people committed to Disaster Response and resilience could create a program encompassing pre-event preparation and mitigation – at individual through club and MD

levels, and event response and recovery coordinated with other district, responding organizations and government.

Carolee Blatter has expressed well how disappointed she was last fall at not obtaining a grant and mobilizing her Lions for wildfire response. I echo that. I know in September I was spending 2-6 hours most days trying to get information on where evacuees were, how specifically our Lions Clubs were prepared to respond, or what we could do at a District level to make that happen.

I asked zone chairs and club presidents for information on the conditions in their communities, what they were doing to help, or how they thought they could – with support. Some were wonderful, but many didn't know what they could/should be doing. We didn't have the hundreds of homes and whole cities burned as in District R. We needed county information and despite Charlene's ORVOAD connections it took me multiple calls and emails to get a response. And yes, like Carolee I knew I was about to fail as a governor. It's like a miscarriage. However, I also knew regardless of LCIF negotiations, I had to meet governor obligations to produce a cabinet meeting and reports. Sorry to reprise last fall's events, but this is why we were trying to find a better way to help Lions (and their governors) meet the Lion promise.

LCI and LCIF advertise that Lions are active in disaster response.
We need to deliver on that.

DG Sheri Young

To: Council of Governors
For: May 26, 2021 Zoom Meeting

District Governor Report for 36-R

Things have been relatively quiet since the wildfires settled down. There are still ongoing activities such as the Santiam tool library and the Eugene Downtown club also working on a tool library for the McKenzie fire area.

Two clubs were placed on financial suspension. One of them (Newport) managed to pay their overdue account and has been reinstated. The Blue McKenzie club has been canceled. The fire destroyed their meeting place and their three members have relocated.

Several of the clubs are starting to be more active in their communities.

Linda Stent
District Governor
District 36-R

Council of Governors
March 26, 2021
District 36 E – District Governor

Things have been slow in District E, between Covid-19 and my cataract surgery. Poor excuse I guess, but after District E convention I will start finishing my visitations and looking forward to visiting the last 10 clubs.

During my downtime, I have been looking into the importance of Lions Disaster Response Foundation. So far I have learned a lot and I am very impressed with what I have found out. I have reached out to local disaster groups for more information and am learning more all the time.

I don't usually speak out about much at the CoG meetings, I just let you read my report. So continue to read my report and also listen to my fellow District Governors as they try to reach out and inform you of the good things than can happen to our Lions who might need help from a flood, fire, earthquake, or whatever their disaster might be. Yes, we can get help from LCI, but it takes time—you have to present a plan—you need their approval, and they do have some restrictions. During the Oregon fires, I could have used the foundation as a tool to get a grant, but I had no knowledge of how any of this worked, and I failed my district and my community. I will forever be sorry about that. If I would have had the help or some assistance of someone or something, I could have done so much more. Disaster Response is so important and needed in our communities. As I talk to other groups of Disaster Response Teams, I have learned more and more about working together to bring help to those in need. I don't feel that this foundation will take away from the OLSHF, because we are two different groups trying to do the same thing, help others! We will help disaster victims and OLSHF will provide eye care and hearing aids. We are here to help all kinds of people who need help from any disaster. Our foundation could and would be a source to contact all recovery groups and work together to help those in need.

So please think about the benefits of this foundation, not the negative. Think about the benefits of Disaster Response in Oregon Lions. Let's help others like we have in the past, but do it through the foundation that we want to organize, to help those in need during their disaster.

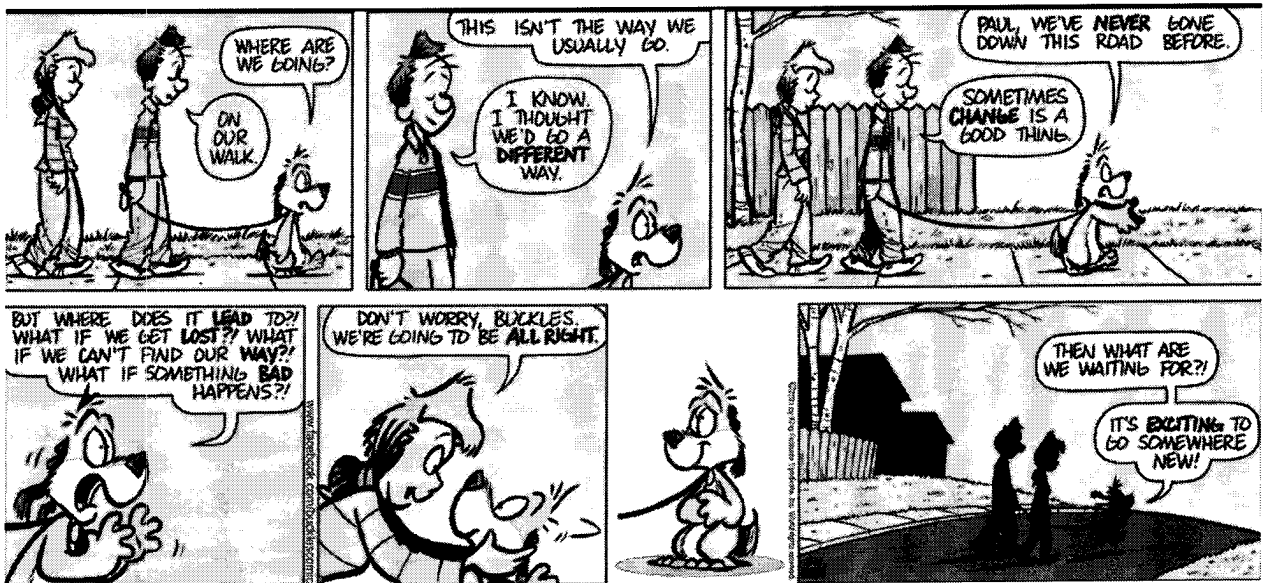
Carolee Blatter, District Governor

COG Report 3-26-2021

DG-G, John Taylor

Few 36G clubs have been meeting, either by Zoom or limited in person. I have attended Zoom meetings for Sisters, The Dalles, Hood River Lions, Hood River Eye Openers, Joseph, and Pendleton. Convention plans for the 36G Convention on April 24th are coming along nicely. A great slate of presenters is lined up. John Webb, OLSHF Media Specialist, has been a great help. Lion Timothy McGlothlin, The Dalles Lions, has also done outstanding work in preparing for this event. On-line registration is now available on the OLSHF and MD36 websites. Direct email to all 36G Lions with an email address is also being put together. We are seeking 20-25 photos of club activities and projects, with explanatory text, and/or short video clips for use during the convention.

Much of my time and energy has been spent on researching and writing about a proposed Oregon disaster recovery foundation. That information follows.



Buckles 3-22-2021

If you do not evolve you stop growing.

Reasons for an Oregon Lions Disaster Recovery Foundation

- We Serve
 - John Colvin, Mennonite Disaster Services, has worked every Federally declared disaster in the United States for many years. He states that the severity and frequency of disasters has greatly increased over the last 30 years. Expect more of 2020's disasters more severely and more frequently.
 - Recovery from disaster starts with preparation and is a long-term process which requires preparation to be useful, efficient, and timely

- 10-10-10 Rule: The number of days over which a disaster happens times 10 = the number of days just for immediate relief. That number times 10 = the minimum number of days for recovery to take place
- The current District Governors found out firsthand just how unprepared Lions are to serve, and how difficult it is to obtain LCIF Disaster Grants, as well as quickly identifying other needed resources
- The proposed foundation
 - Different role and purpose than OLSHF.
 - OLSHF = Sight & Hearing, not intended for disaster recovery and other humanitarian purposes
 - OLSHF handles and supports S&H activities that individuals and clubs could not do
 - LEAP, ROAR, Patient Services, etc.
 - The proposed foundation would do so for disaster recovery and other humanitarian problems
 - This compliments OLSHF services, not detracts from them
 - Funding
 - Not all OR Lions donate to OLSHF
 - Not all OR Lions donate to LCIF Campaign 100
 - Some Lions donate to both or none
 - In times of disaster people who have not donated to LCIF or OLSHF, and others who do, may want to donate to relief effort in an easy, secure, tax deductible manner
 - A non-profit “click to donate” button on a Facebook page or website can bring i
 - Ability to quickly raise funds not only from Oregon but also from outside of Oregon
 - Ability to seek grants from other sources such as large foundations
 - Lions known for returning all of donations to the public, not wasting money
 - Non-Lions may donate to Oregon disasters – from anywhere in the world and in the US receive a tax deduction
 - Many grants require the recipient to be a 501(c)(3) to even apply
- Membership
 - The definition of insanity according to Einstein is to keep doing the same thing over and over and expect a different result. MD36 was experiencing a serious decline in membership even prior to the pandemic.
 - Membership in many clubs is stagnant or declining
 - Lions are not seen as a desirable organization to belong to, especially by younger adults
 - Traditional Lions projects are not seen as important, even irrelevant
 - Other MD foundations like California and Pennsylvania have attracted new members and funds due to their active disaster recovery foundations

- A radical change is needed to motivate Oregon Lions to become and remain a Lion
 - Address local preparedness needs and training
 - Need worthwhile projects and activities that attract younger people and teens
- Diversity – a *serious* problem for MD36
 - MD36 leadership is static and definitely not diverse, there are few if any minorities represented in the current group.
 - The same holds true for membership in general
 - This foundation would offer a way for minorities to become involved MD36 Lions and utilize the training and leadership development that Lions like to tout when trying to recruit new and younger members.
- Multiple District Foundations
 - They are not uncommon, e.g.
 - California Lions Foundation – see winter edition of *Lion* magazine
 - Pennsylvania Lions Foundation – see winter edition of *Lion* magazine
 - NOTE: Some Oregon Lions donated to California Lions Foundation to support recovery efforts for the Paradise fire because LCIF would not pass-through funds directly to Paradise relief efforts
- Preparedness and response
 - To respond quickly to a disaster requires preplanning, knowledge, resources, connections to other organizations.
 - This foundation would help Oregon prepare for disasters and humanitarian problems by planning, conducting training, building a cadre of volunteers, identifying resources, and more
 - LCIF Grants – require a lot of work to apply for and even more to document how grant money was spent.
 - Application for and certification of grant expenditures process is difficult and time consuming
 - Training and support for this is urgently needed before there is a crisis
 - If an organization does not “have a seat at the table” or credibility with others like Oregon Emergency Management, county emergency managers, Red Cross, FEMA representatives, city managers, ORVOAD and others it is extremely difficult to get information needed to apply for an LCIF grant in a timely manner
 - OLDRF can build a working relationship with these agencies
 - No organized information is already available about what resources Lions can as individuals and clubs can bring to bear in a disaster or humanitarian emergency
- Technology is vital to success today
 - Cyber clubs – a person can be a Lion anywhere there is connectivity
 - Virtual meetings
 - Donations via link on Facebook or website when set up (which requires a 501(c)(3)) make tax-deductible donations readily available

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PDG Judith Poage, President MD36 PDGA

PDGA Report

The Past District Governor's Association annual meeting is scheduled for May 15th at 5PM. The last meeting during the MD36 Convention.

An agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

Resolution to Form the Oregon Lions Disaster Foundation (OLDF)

It is certified that on March 26, 2021 at a duly noticed meeting of the Council of Governors for Multiple District 36 (state of Oregon and northern California) of the International Association of Lions Clubs (aka Lions Clubs International) adopted the following resolution:

The COG approves the following individuals to be the incorporators in all aspects of the formation of the OLDF: District O Governor Sheri Young, District R Governor Linda Stent, District E Governor Carolee Blatter, and District G Governor John Taylor.

The OLDF incorporators are further instructed to proceed with the formation of the OLDF through all necessary application processes, which include, but are not limited to submitting to Lions Clubs International, then submitting to the state of Oregon for incorporation, then submitting to the Internal Revenue Service for approval as an IRC 501(c)(3) corporation.

Respectfully submitted by DG Sheri Young, DG Linda Stent, DG Carolee Blatter, and DG John Taylor.

Moved, seconded, and approved this 26th day of March 2021.

Certified this _____ day of _____ 2021 by Leah Hawes, Executive Secretary of the MD36 Council of Governors.

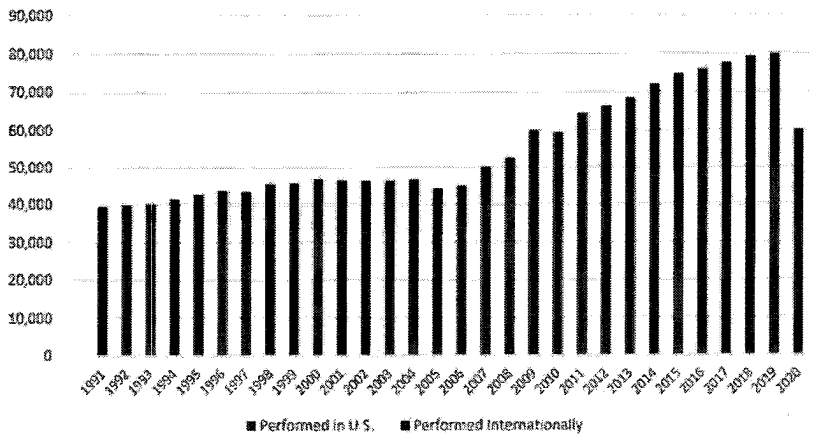
Paul Zastrow, MD36 Council Chair



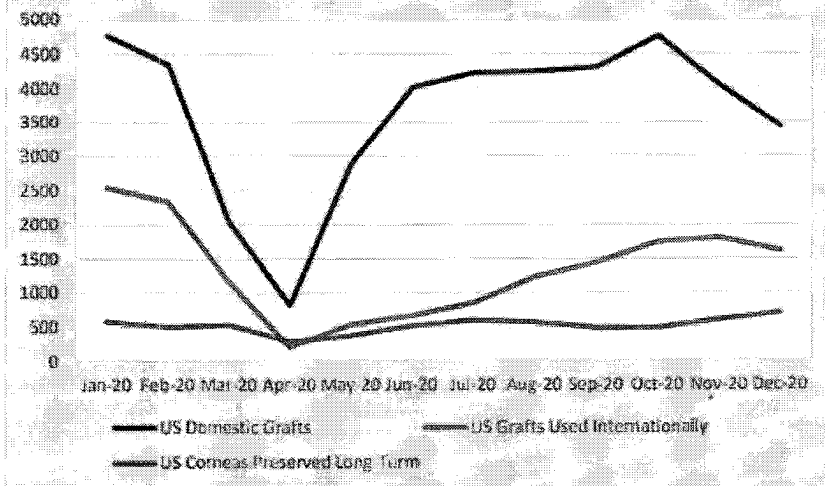
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Lions VisionGift experienced 2020 as the rest of the world... it was the year of the pandemic. This graphic produced by the Eye Bank Association of America demonstrates vividly that for the first time in about a decade overall tissue provided by US eye banks dropped. But this drop was of *historic* proportions. Almost 20,000 fewer people were offered the gift of sight than in 2019. People in need of corneal transplants didn't go away, they just had their surgery put on hold. Because the US provides much of the world's tissue for transplant due to its tremendously successful eye banking network, folks outside the US may have to wait years longer to receive a transplant that they might otherwise have received in 2020 or 2021. It's a profound tragedy. One of many that this pandemic has wrought upon the world.

Corneal Transplants Supplied by U.S. Eye Banks in Intermediate-term Storage Solution



2020 US Corneas Transplanted





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March 2021

Prior to the pandemic declaration, LVG’s Board spent a full day discussing the future of eye banking and LVG’s strategic initiatives that could leverage our unique strengths to have the most impact on sight restoration. Eye banking has heard for many years that advances in biotechnology may one day replace traditional transplants. The innermost layer of the cornea, called the endothelium, is famous for two things:

1. The proper functioning of the endothelium keeps the cornea clear. Without a clear cornea, vision is impaired and can cause blindness if the cloudiness is severe.
2. The endothelial cells you get at birth are the only ones you get. They do not regenerate. Damage to this layer can only be repaired from donated eye tissue.

So here we are in the year of 2021, and these long-standing predictions of biotech grown cells are starting to be a bit more reality than fantasy. Already *two* clinical trials have shown promising preliminary results of transplanting what was grown in a lab rather than what nature provides through traditional eye donation. Where will that leave eye banks? At Lions VisionGift, we think we are well positioned to continue to offer eye banking that will, by necessity, have to change to accommodate these new types of biotechnologies. As part of our strategic planning that took place pre-pandemic, we identified 6 areas where we need to focus:

R&D: Increase in house and collaborative research and development to serve and advance the Mission of LVG.

Strategic Expansion: Measured growth in the areas of tissue distribution, processing, and new technologies.

Operational Expansion – Develop operational expansion plan with emphasis on measured growth in the areas of donor referrals, recovery, donor eligibility, and quality assurance.

Infrastructure: Ensure a scalable, sustainable, and continuously improving corporate infrastructure.

Advancement of Eye Banking: Support domestic and international eye banking communities through volunteerism and tissue support.

People: Maintain and enhance a highly qualified and satisfied workforce.

Throughout the pandemic, LVG was challenged in remarkable ways to simply maintain our operations, much less invest in new technologies that will bring us to the forefront of the biotechnology revolution. While the year did pose many challenges and delay a lot of plans, we are now emerging from the pandemic with the widespread vaccination of our population. This gives us the opportunity to refocus on the strategic plan and areas of organizational growth that we were so excited about in February of 2020. We are happy to have weathered the COVID storm, and we are excited to refocus our efforts on the next phase of eye banking. The next phase will be more complex technologically, more rigorous from a regulatory standpoint, and will be able to offer more recipients the gift of sight than ever before. What will never change is our connection to our community of donors who make our work possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Stoeger, MBA, CEBT, CTBS
Chief Executive Officer

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Report to Council of Governors

March 26, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Awards Report

The annual club awards were put on hiatus this past year with the virtual District conventions. We are hoping the District Governors are continuing with their annual district awards during their conventions. If COG would like any help with awards for the State convention, please let me or Carrie know. We'd be happy to help.

Thanks

Carol Swesso

MD36 Awards Co-Chair

To the Council of Governors
For the March 26, 2021 Zoom mtg.

Canine Services Report

By: MD36 Canine Services Committee Chair: Emily Blakely, March 25, 2021

A Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) study shows significant benefits from service dogs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Canine Companions, the first and largest provider of service dogs, was one of three organizations selected to participate in the VA study as a provider of trained service and emotional support dogs, and at the conclusion of the study in 2018, was the last provider organization still involved. Over the course of the four-year study, Canine Companions placed a total of 99 dogs with veterans with PTSD.

“The importance of this study cannot be overstated, especially for the veterans seeking help for symptoms of PTSD,” says Canine Companions CEO Paige Mazzone. “Service dogs provide a significant therapeutic benefit for veterans with PTSD.”

Based on the positive study findings, **the VA will allow veterans with PTSD and other mental health diagnoses to be eligible for the VA service dog veterinary insurance benefit**, which also covers equipment and travel expenses associated with service dog ownership.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
MARCH 26, 2021

I have not received any requests or notice of any proposed amendments to either the Constitution or Bylaws. These must be submitted to the Committee 60 days prior the start of the MD 36 Convention. Any proposed amendments must then be submitted to each of the clubs my mail or email at least 30 days prior to the Multiple District Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Roach
Chairman
Constitutional and Bylaws Committee

March 26, 2021

To: Lion Paul Zastrow
MD 36 Council Chairperson
From: PCC Joyce Anderson
MD 36 Convention Operating Committee
Subject: Third Report to Council of Governors

The MD 36 Lions Convention will be a virtual event this year on May 14 & 15, 2021. While the final decision of what virtual platform will be used, the plans are almost complete.

Council Chair's Theme: "Enhancing Friendship through Kindness"

A brief outline of events is as follows:

Friday, May 14, 2021

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon – OLSHF Trustees Annual Meeting
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm – OLSHF Presentation and Parade of Checks
1:45 pm – 4:00 pm – Council of Governors Meeting
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – District Awards Dinner
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm – OLSHF Hall of Fame

Saturday, May 15, 2021

8:00 am – 9:00 am – Annual Business Meeting and State of the Districts and
Multiple District Reports
9:00 am – 9:45 am – Q & A with International Director Shea
10:00 am – 11:00 am – Celebration of Life
11:00 am – Noon – Forum **Session One** (3 – 50-minute sessions)
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm – MD Awards and Presentations
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Forum **Session Two** (3 – 50-minute sessions)
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Forum **Session Three** (3 – 50-minute sessions)
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – ID Shea's Presentation/Awards/Gift
5:00 pm – 5:45 pm – PDGA Annual Meeting
5:45 pm – 6:30 pm – 2021-22 COG meeting

This is a rough draft of the schedule but it's close to final. We are still searching for a few presenters. Each session will have a Lion Facilitator to introduce the program and presenter and each session will be 50 minutes long with a 10-minute break to allow Lions to get into their next session.

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We have confirmed some excellent presenters on LCIF Campaign 100, Membership ideas and a special presentation from all the MD 36 PIDs.

We are still looking for suggestions of topics and presenters, so please give your ideas to your District GAT member or me.

We are requesting approval of \$20.00 registration payable now until May 9, Increasing to \$25.00 beginning May 10 and **NO REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 13.** This will allow time to assign Lions to their sessions of choice before the Convention begins. The registration form will be available on the MD 36 website after Council approval and printed in the April issue of the Oregon Lion Magazine.

We also need your approval of the budget.

Income:

125 Lions @ \$20.00	\$2500.00
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Expenses:

Advertising	\$200.00
Election Runner	100.00
LCIF Gift	300.00
ID Gift	50.00
Virtual program	150.00
Incidentals	<u>1700.00</u>
Total expenses	\$2500.00

We are working to have this be a new and exciting convention and encourage you to register early and encourage your Lions friends to join us, too. This will be the least expensive MD 36 Convention you can attend. Drink your own coffee, eat your own food for breakfast, lunch and dinner and spend the time with Lions you have not seen at a meeting for almost two years!



Lion Jim Vincent

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March 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Credentials Report

As the Multiple District Convention will be conducted virtually this year, we can proceed with the election of the Council Chair Elect as we did last year by using the Electionrunner platform.

When the Council Chair asks for and receives the delegate number report from LCI in early April, I will send a letter via US mail to all the club secretaries in the multiple district detailing the election procedure along with the number of delegates that their club is entitled to. The club secretary is asked to reply to me with names and email addresses of their club's voting delegates. These are placed in a database sent to Electionrunner which will forward online ballots via email the week before the virtual convention. In District O this February, we had a 36 hour voting window opening at 9:00 AM Thursday morning and ending at 9PM Friday night with the results announced at the zoom convention on Saturday afternoon.

Two reminder emails were sent during the voting window only to those who had not yet voted on Friday morning and Friday at 6PM.

If this is acceptable to the cabinet, I will proceed with the plan above. Cost will be \$30 for the Electionrunner platform and the mailing cost for the letter to the club secretaries.

Sincerely,

Lion Jim Vincent

MD36 Diabetes Awareness

Report to

MD36 Council of Governor's

March 26, 2021

I have no new updates or changes concerning diabetes and COVID 19. To all of those with diabetes or are borderline diabetes, to continue following the safe practice you have been doing for past year. Wear your masks and social distancing, washing of hands and MAINTAINING your glucose levels.

I've been fortunate to have diabetes awareness chairs from the other three districts, who have been helpful this past winter in helping with the diabetes article in the Lions of Oregon monthly. Without their help some diabetes articles would not have made it into the monthly.

Thanks to; Charlie Tate PCC, District 36-R, Russell Chase, District 36-G and Danny Hawkes 2VDG, District 36-E.

Diabetes Awareness Chair

Garry Charbonneau PDG

Report to Council of Governor's for March 26, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Disaster Response Report

Submitted by Charlene Larsen, MD36 Chair of Disaster Response Committee

Since we last were together, I hope you all know where the emergency exits are!

When a disaster strikes it is especially important to know where to exit and then how to return to Serve Your Community through the worst days, weeks, month, and years of their lives.

Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington were engulfed by the perfect storm with rain and fast melting snow to cause flooding in the river and streams in Umatilla County, Union County, Walla Walla county all along the flood plains of the Umatilla River. It has been a year this last February 2020 since that epic flooding and the 568 survivors are being helped every day by the Blue Mountain Region Long Term Recovery Group.

The MD 36 Oregon Lions Alert Team has been activated District Governor of 36 G John Taylor of Pendleton Lions has been serving on the Long-term Recovery Executive Committee and the Unmet Needs Committee along with myself. It is great to have eyes and ears on the ground in the Blue Mountain Region.

Your Oregon/No. Calif Lions (Alert) Disaster Response Chair plugged into our conference call system with ORVOAD (Oregon Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) to continue to serve on the Long-term Recovery Group team for the eight region that are supporting Long-term Recovery Groups, short-term needs are being met while these groups are forming into Long Term Recovery Groups. The needs are great and on the horizon are more and more opportunities for our Multiple District, Districts, clubs, and Lions to serve.

We have supported these ongoing forming, storming, norming with our ORVOAD Partners which include:

American Red Cross, Seventh Day Adventist Disaster Recovery, Team Rubicon, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Lutheran Disaster Response, CAPECO, United Methodist (UMCOR), Mennonite Disaster Service, Salvation Army and many Community Based Organizations, Non-Profit Association of Oregon, local and state-wide foundations and many other local organization and citizens.

There is a need in the impacted areas for property site clean-up, such as removal of danger trees, siting temporary housing on former home sites, support for transportation with gas cards, food distribution, siting shower trailers and washer and dryer trailers, building storage units and most of all serving as a conduit to Oregon Lions resources of money, manpower and materials on the various Long Term Recovery Groups in your area.

FEMA Region X and FEMA VAL's from around the nation have been sent to support to the affected counties with flood recovery and Oregon Wildfire recovery and to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Klamath Tribe to provide technical assistance.

Now we are headed into the Long-Term Recovery Phase:

1. Coordination for LTRG's will occur with the assistance of ORVOAD, FEMA and OEM to the local communities.
2. Every disaster is local and the more local, district and MD Oregon/No. Calif. Lions press forward and become involved with the LTRG's the more our help can be joined with others around the Unmet Needs Table and help with our Oregon Communities Recovery.

It is now one year from the flooding incident and six months from the Oregon Wildfires, and the events fall off the collective radar of anyone not affected.

Action: Long Term Recovery efforts are underway, in a community near you, do you know how to become connected with LTRG's in Lincoln County, Clackamas County, Marion County, Linn County, Lane County, Douglas County, Klamath County, Jackson County and Umatilla County?

Action: Call, write or email Charlene Larsen to become connected with the needs in your community and beyond.

Now is the time to Be Prepared, then you as a Lion, a Lions Club, a District can help your fellow Lions and neighbors.

Charlene Larsen, MD 36 (Alert) Oregon Lions Disaster Response Chair

Crl.larsen@charter.net

Cell: 503-791-6207

Unmet Needs from Oregon Wildfires

Volunteers are needed to serve on the eight Long Term Recovery Groups ("LTRG") that have formed around the State of Oregon since the devastating wildfires in September, 2020. How do you get involved as an Oregon/Northern California Lion of MD 36? Contact Charlene Larsen, email: crl.larsen@charter.net or cell phone: 503-791-6207.

Where can you become involved?

- Lincoln County Long Term Recovery Group
- Santiam Canyon Fire Recovery Long Term Recovery Group in Marion and Linn Counties
- Lane County Long Term Recovery Group – McKenzie River Area
- Archie Creek Fire Long Term Recovery Group – Douglas County
- Jackson County Long Term Recovery Group
- Klamath County/Chiloquin Unmet Needs Table
- Blue Mountain Long Term Recovery Group – Umatilla County

What are some unmet needs for these various areas:

- Office furniture – for a Trauma based designed office – Lincoln County LTRG
- Timber faller – Santiam Canyon
- Tools for Tool Library – Santiam and Lane County
- Gas Cards for all LTRG's
- Funds for Disaster Case Manager Training and Camp Noah (child trauma based day camp or after school program)
- Warehousing and Donations Management Expertise
- Volunteers to learn how to provide Damage Assessments – Klamath County/Chiloquin

These projects and volunteer opportunities will bring you together with other like-minded folks who also serve. The flooding in Eastern Oregon and Washington and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla in February were devastating to many. Thanks to PDG Gary and Sue Mose for their early response to the flooding and to the Oregon Lions Clubs in District G for their monetary and material support for both the flooding and wildfires.

Thanks to our District Governors John Taylor, Linda Stent, Carolee Blatter and Sheri Young for their efforts during the early days of the Oregon Wildfires and their continued support as they plug into LTRG's and Disaster 101.

Thanks to the many Oregon Lions and clubs who have been featured in Oregon Lion articles as they jumped into serve the survivors.

Thanks to Ed Glad and the Carlton Yamhill Lions for their outreach and willingness to learn about the needs in the Santiam Canyon Fire.

Thanks to 1VDG Lynn Coon for his excellent recognition article of outreach by District 36 R Lions clubs.

Thanks to all the unsung hero Lions Clubs in District 36 0 when thousands of folks were evacuating from Clackamas County.

And thanks to all the unsung heroes who help, you know who you are and how much you are appreciated.

When disaster strikes "We Serve" and as MD36 Council Chair Paul Zastrow relates some counties are better prepared to serve and they can only become stronger with the assistance of MD36 Oregon and Northern California Lions.

How do you serve? Contact Oregon Lions Prepared Team: Charlene Larsen – District O – Astoria Lions Club – cr.larsen@charter.net; Dori Showell – District R Central Lions Club; David & Teri Fuhrman – District G Elgin Lions Club.

There is more to do and more to learn and assisting with these many unbelievable tasks can change survivors' lives and build back resilient communities. Thanks all. In Lionism.

*submitted by Charlene Larsen
MD36 Disaster Response Chair*

To: COG, Interested Lions and Guests
From: Council Chair – Lion Paul Zastrow
March 26, 2021 Zoom Council of Governor's Meeting

GAT Report

GAT – Global Action Team – consisting of Leadership, Membership and Service appointees as well as the District Governors as the official Global Action Team chairs in their respective Districts. This will not be a positive report – too many vacancies as it seems there are some who feel they are not a necessary part of leadership in their districts or the multiple. We will also toss NAMI in the mix – North American Membership Initiative as well. Some facts, first regarding membership – February totals again show losses – significant for the year is the loss of 155 members this current year overall, we did have 161 new members – but 316 Lions chose to not renew membership.. Numbers are District O 884 – last year was 990; District R – this year 699, last – 766; District E – this year – 658 - last year – 739 and District G – this year – 768, last year 838. The loss can not be sustained!

Leadership can be demonstrated via each committee being fully filled by willing and determined Lions. Just check your Directory and see the number of openings we have throughout the Multiple District. How many Lions sought to improve their skills via leadership workshops of any kind? How successful were they. Lastly when volunteering for positions, how many actually fulfilled their mission?

Service – perhaps the one area with valid excuses as most of the state was truly not open to meeting people. Yet there are ways around the in-person activities – food via pick-up, raffles for fundraisers that assist in causes we believe in, etc. There are a number of ways to get around the need for masks and distance – yet abiding by the regulations.

Foundation Fundraising – the typical Parade of Checks via Conventions, normal club and individual giving to OLS&H Foundation. I am sure the coffers are less than normal. For the Lions Clubs International Foundation the total for the year through February was only \$21,970. District G sent in some \$9,670; E with only \$280 recorded; R with \$3,452; and O with \$8,568. We have to do better and with a quarter of the year left, it is surely time to step up as clubs and individuals.

So – let us all concentrate on what we need to do, not to create new things of truly questionable ability for sustainability. Get busy, it is not too late to overcome our deficits!

March 26, 2021

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

The MD 36 1st Vice District Governors met for the first time since Covid 19 took its toll on our lives. It was an exciting time that everyone seemed to enjoy! We met at the Boy Scouts of America building in Eugene for 5 ½ hours of training which included “Effective Listening, Public Speaking, Local Issues and Convention Planning”. They also finally agreed on their official uniform and while we followed Social Distancing protocols, we kept safe and had a great, fun time of learning and fellowship.

It was so much fun to see each other since the COG meeting in Hood River in 2019!

The Districts are well into holding their 2021 District Conventions. District O elected: DGE Doug Loose and 1st VDGE Kerith Vance. While they didn't have a candidate for 2nd VDG, they will appoint a Lion to that position at their next Cabinet meeting.

District E will hold their convention tomorrow, March 27, District G will hold theirs on April 24 and District R's Convention will be held May 1.

I have not received any reports from the District GLTs except that District O plans to hold their Club Officer Training in June, possibly on the 14th.

This year has been a very new and sometimes unreal mix of plans, challenges and successes.

A big “HATS OFF” to those Lions who have taken the time and challenges in hand and continued to serve in their communities.

LCICon is now virtual and you can register to attend the Lion International Convention on June 25 -29. Register at: lcicon.lionclubs.org for \$50.00. The fee increases to \$75.00 on April 1. What a great way to attend an International Convention from the comfort of your home. You know, no airfare to Montreal, no passport, no hotel expense and you don't have to figure out where you will have dinner each evening! If you are interested in purchasing the "Townsend" scarf and/or bowtie, see PCC Vince Bishop or Lion Robin Stoeckler.

More information on all of these events and more including USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be sent as it becomes available!

COG Meeting 03-26-21
PDG Judith Poage

MD36 GMT Report

I choose to focus on clubs in each District that brought in new members during this year of pandemic. All clubs in MD36 lost some members. It was unavoidable with our shutdown and lack of visibility and activity. However, many clubs found a way to bring in new members. We applaud their determination and hutzpah.

MD36 GMT Reports:

District 36O:

Team Terry/Lulu Bowman have materials available for clubs to use and improve membership including: copies of their "Oregon Plan", bumper stickers and handouts. Encourage the clubs to make use of the material they have created.

Twelve clubs in District O have new members. Plus, West Linn Riverview cancelled and 20 members moved the membership to the West Linn Club.

District 36R:

PDG Steve Moser reported a total of 13 clubs installed new members. Two clubs in his District have four new members each. The clubs are becoming more active and are looking forward to summer activities.

District 36E:

PDG Bob Chaney's membership report 12/2020-3/2021 shows an increase in membership in seven clubs with each averaging two new members. And, the Roseburg Lions Club has three new members. Southern Oregon Drifting has cancelled and we will miss there Specialty Club.

District 36G

PDG Gary Mose is returning from a vacation and celebrating the 39th wedding anniversary with Sue. Congratulations!

The following was taken from the Club Health Assessment report.

Arlington and Enterprise-Joseph clubs increased membership by two members.

Pendleton and Hood River Eye Openers clubs each have five new members.

GST-MD36 REPORT TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Friday, March 26, 2021

PCC Sharon Rollins will be taking over the GST-MD36 Coordinator position on July 1. In the remaining months of 2020-21, I will be attempting to accomplish two things:

1. Reach out to clubs who might not have resumed any sort of service activity since the outbreak of the pandemic and encourage them to begin to get active again. There are activities which clubs can do safely and without excessive preparation. I hope to be able to provide them a variety of suggested service projects from which they can pick one or more that fit their clubs and their communities.
2. Continue to gently prod clubs who are not reporting their activities to get familiar with the MyLion reporting module and begin reporting their donations, fund-raisers, and service projects to LCI. Activities for the 2020-21 year can be entered until July 1, so there is still time to improve on our dismal reporting numbers. I recently spent part of a day updating my club's activities, and I'm pleased to be able to report that the module worked well and the process was quite easy, something I wasn't able to say in my earlier COG reports.

With regard to both points above, any help which can be offered by the DG's, VDG's, and Zone Chairs from your districts would be greatly appreciated.

Lion Tom Hilgers
GST-MD36 2020-21

MD-36 Hearing Chair Report
Friday, March 26, 2021

- Hearing Aids available:
 - Starkey: i1,000 BTE for those with profound hearing loss. 3-yr warranty
 - Sonic Innovations:
 - Cheer 60 BTE. 3-yr warranty. Good for dexterous users.
 - Cheer 40 BTE. 3-yr warranty. Good for those with tinnitus.
 - Journey 40 BTE. 3-yr warranty, Good for those with profound hearing loss. 2 ear molds \$86.07 + S&H could be problematic for those with limited means.
 - RJS Acoustics Refurbished H. A.'s
 - They account for about 25% of our clients.
 - 1-yr warranty. Includes OTE/BTE/Custom/Cross Over aids, etc.
 - Molds included with \$150 fee/aid.
 - Since clients prefer new aids, the future of RJS may be in jeopardy.
 - Melinda Rhodes is working with Phonak and Resound for additional aids, but talks are still ongoing.
- Funding:
 - The Eugene Hearing and Speech Center gift of \$500K was intended for Lane County. Fund pays ½ cost of exam and ½ of Hearing Aid fee.
 - This fund is now available for District O.
 - Nicole Mandarano secured a \$9K grant from the Oregon Community Foundation for ROAR! Program.
 - Clubs without funds now use ROAR! Program and ROAR! Fund to help those in need who Will pay at most \$75/ H. A.:
- Providers:
 - Roarmobile (Dr. Landsberg) has a re-scheduled event in Bend on Mar. 5th.
 - Providers receive a \$50 stipend/Lions client that they test and/or fit as part of the COVID-19 ROAR! RELIEF FUND. This helps offset increased PPE costs and fewer patients.
 - Under this plan, qualified clients will pay just ½ exam and H. A. fees.
 - New partnership with Willamette Valley ENT in McMinnville which replaces the Evergreen Hearing Center which closed last summer.
 - Foundation has been working on securing hearing providers in The Dalles/Hood River (My Hearing Centers) area as well as Lake Oswego (Hearing Rehab Center). We are trying to not be too pushy but still stay on their radar. Local Lions Club members are helping to facilitate these partnerships which is greatly appreciated.
 - We have recently built new partnerships with the following hearing providers:
 - My Hearing Centers - Baker City
 - Willamette Valley ENT - McMinnville (replacing Evergreen Hearing, which closed last summer)
 - My Hearing Centers - Pendleton & Hermiston (previously worked with another provider at these locations who moved and it wasn't until the newest provider at these locations agreed to work with the Lions that we were finally able to resecure a partnership).
 - Hearing By Design - Florence
- Other:
 - OLSHF continues in communication with Pacific U. School of Audiology to partner in the acquisition of a retail hearing center. Pacific's goal is to place graduates in internships.

To: MD 36 Council of Governor's meeting
March 26, 2021 Zoom Meeting

International Participation Committee Report

All quiet on the committee side.

Nothing is happening with the committee. The Coronavirus pause to in-person conventions and forums has meant that there is little committee discussion except by e-mail. As soon as the conventions and forums start again with in-person attendance. The committee will be providing assistance to the incoming DGEs to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Additionally there has been discussion of hosting a new member forum or breakfast for the MD 36 Convention.

Steve Thomson PCC
Committee Chair
International Participation Committee

Report to the Council of Governors
March 26, 2021 - Zoom meeting

International Understanding & Cooperation Report

First, I understand that the Mexico trip is back on. PDG Sharon Elder can fill in the details about dates, etc.

Second the Peru trip is taking on a slightly different look. The FACES Foundation is trying to put together a date for the coming year after coming out of Covid.

PCC David Rich put together a very fine slide presentation that was shown to the leadership group from the Legacy Lions Club in District O. Two purposes for that:

1. To get a twinning program going between the Legacy group and the Lambayeque Lions Club in Peru. Some of the members are interested in continuing that relationship and trip after PID Dennis and PCC David and Penny Rich step aside; and
2. Members from the Legacy Lions will be hopefully taking over that trip soon. Another presentation will be given soon to cement the deal.

The differences are that the slots open for Peru is 5-7 and the one for Mexico is around 40.

Respectfully submitted,

PID Dennis Tichenor
MD36 Chair, International Understanding & Cooperation Committee

Report to Council of Governors
For: March 26, 2021 Virtual Meeting

LCIF Report

Prepared by PCC Sharon Rollins, MD36 LCIF Coordinator

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION EMPOWERING SERVICE

MD 36 Lions clubs and members continue to look for creative ways to reach out to our communities. As I stated in my February article, it's important to remember that we are still the largest non-profit service organization in the world! Our International Foundation continues to provide assistance for critical needs worldwide.

Given the restrictions of the COVID crisis, our clubs have – and continue to experience – difficulty in fundraising to support both local and worldwide service. However, the need for assistance continues.

MD 36 has contributed over \$2 million to LCIF since its inception, and has received the value of \$1.9 million back from LCIF for MD projects. Let's look at some of the ways that MD 36 has benefitted from the assistance of LCIF:

- Disaster relief for fires and floods
- Lions Quest projects
- Eye screening equipment
- LEAP lab at OLSHF
- Eyeglass mission trips
- Renovation of playground equipment for special needs kids
- Purchase dialysis medical equipment

Our clubs are now into the season of creating awards for Lions and community members to honor service. What better way is there to thank a Lion or friend of the community than by the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship? For the contribution of \$1,000 to LCIF, the award plaque and pin can be given in a ceremony of the club's choice. Every cent of that \$1000 will go directly to the LCIF funds to support worldwide assistance projects.

We all hope for a brighter late spring and summer and more opportunity to serve our communities, and to support our International Foundation in its mission. Let's continue our Lions work and stay connected with each other!

Report to the Council of Governors
March 26, 2021

LIONS QUEST

Submitted by PDG Jim Jagers, MD36 Lions Quest Chair

1. Lions Quest appears to be opening up around the United States and the world. My contacts around the MD will open up the program in the fall. Because of this, I have made a point of contacting all the District Vice Governors with an update.
2. It appears that other MDs in the United States have improved their quality of training so that VDGs and Zone Chair are better informed than our MD. We need to make sure we have proper training so next year's DGs are well-prepared.
3. As of now, District G is leading the MD with possible programs:
 - a.) Burns---still on the table and with some local dollars already committed for next year.
 - b.) Grande Rhonde Valley/Baker City---I have contacts with two Educational Service Districts regarding a start-up program in that area. This may involve several school districts.
4. In District R, the Mohawk Valley Lions are still ready to sponsor a program. The school district has had some leadership changes. I have spoken to the club and school officials. The District has a new Superintendent.
5. Interest in several school districts in District E.
6. We need to remember that a Lions Quest does not require a school district partner. A local community group working with the schools can become the partner of a local Lions Club.
7. Costs will be at the forefront of discussions this year. Currently, there are still three Oregon Foundations willing to finance the local 1/4. That means no expense for local clubs.

To: COG, Interested Lions and Guests
From: Council Chair – Lion Paul Zastrow
March 26, 2021 Zoom Council of Governor's Meeting

Youth Exchange Report

Literally few Youth Exchange Programs are going on this summer. Covid, quarantines and difficulty in getting appropriate flights are all three factors that have caused most countries to cancel the YEP program for the 2021 Summer. In our MD, we must decide to either embrace this excellent long-standing program or eliminate it from offerings. I have had a number of countries inquire as to the status, but have declined them all for any exchanges. It has to become a priority with Lions other than myself – hosting, assisting our kids to go out and inviting foreign youth to come in and be welcomed. So – looking to the future – and our incoming Governors – let us once again create a Youth Exchange Program for the summer of 2022!

Public Relations & Publicity- March 2021 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 next in-person MD Convention, which will probably be in 2022. 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.

The Tualatin Lions and Milwaukie Lions both had recent, great success in using press releases and getting local media to cover their events. Press Releases work! With Covid slowing down or curtailing club activities, this is a good time for clubs to work on new marketing material for all of their events and activities, including the 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

March 26, 2021

To: Lion Paul Zastrow
MD 36 Council of Governors Chair
From: PCC Joyce Anderson
District 36 O USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Committee Chair
Subject: Report to Council

The Iowa Lions and the Forum Committees are hard at work with plans for the Forum that will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 9-11, 2021.

The Forum website shows 743 Lions registered and only 3 of these Lions are from MD 36. That is not a good number of attendees and no one knows what the final decision will be on virtual or in-person but now is the time to plan about attending. The fee is \$285.00 until March 31, 2021. You will also need to add \$150.00 for your hotel deposit.

I've sent a message to the Forum office with a request for the current status of the event. I'll let you know when I receive more information.