

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

May 20, 2022 –at Hilton-Garden Inn, Springfield, OR

Time: 1:30 pm

Voting Council Members Present: Council Chair, Bob Chaney; Council Vice Chair, PDG John Taylor; Doug Loose, District Governor 36-O; Lynn Coon, District Governor 36-R; Steve Brewster, District Governor 36-E; and District Governor Kathy Oliver 36-G.

Non-Voting Council Members Present: Kerith Vance, 1VDG 36-O; Edward Glad, 2VDG 36-O; 1VDG; PCC Gail Black, 1VDG 36-E; 1VDG Cheri Jackson 36-G; Council Chair Elect, PDG Judith Poage; and Leah Hawes, MD36 Executive Secretary. **Reference Attachment #1 for others in attendance.**

1. Call to Order: CC Bob Chaney called the Council of Governors meeting to order on May 20, 2022 at 1:30 pm.
The meeting was held in person only (not VIA Zoom).
Invocation was given by PCC Gail Black.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PCC Paul Zastrow.
Introduction of Guests: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley introduced ID Justin Faber from MD11 in Michigan. They met when he was a DGE. She encouraged folks to find time to visit with him as he is a very innovative man with a wealth of knowledge. ID Faber then spoke and thanked everyone for the invitation to be here. For 3 years now, in his capacity on the Leadership Committee, they have been tasked with how to assess leaders and also determine if someone isn't necessarily in the right spot. The thought is that in order to move our organization forward with leadership (as leadership/membership are closely tied together) we need to look into this area. Michigan has some wonderful PID's and we all somewhat volunteered to be a Pilot Site for this. We call it Leadership Accountability and we focused on the MD11 GAT team. So we took a small sample of leaders at this level. We learned that when someone runs or is elected they often weren't mentored enough after they were elected. We sat down with folks and asked what goals they had. At the end of the year, we evaluated the folks from top down, from bottom up, laterally and individually. We are working more in unison now. And we are now in leadership growth and many feel it is due to this Leadership Accountability pilot program. At the last Board meeting there will be 6 more pilot sites rolled out to try this program (he believes in India, the US and Canada). 1VDG Edward Glad asked if there was a handbook available that they would be rolling out to some of these new pilot sites. ID Faber said that if a Multiple District asks to be a pilot district, they will have one of the IDs from Michigan who will be the mentor and liaison to work with that multiple district. Focus will be on team building, and in turn, hopefully increasing membership.
2. Additions to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2022 Live/Zoom Council Meeting. ***Motion*** made by DG Lynn Coon to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2022 Council Meeting. The ***motion*** was ***seconded*** by DG Stephen Brewster. ***Motion carried.***

4. Approval of Minutes of the email vote of the Council of Governors of May 5, 2022. **Motion** made by DG Doug Loose to approve the Minutes of the email vote of the Council of Governors of May 5, 2022. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Lynn Coon. **Motion carried.**
5. Council Chair Report: CC Bob Chaney. **Reference Attachment #2.**
6. International Director Report: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley. No report. PID Sunny spoke and thanked this year's seated District Governors. She thinks the team effort was wonderful and you came into the year as a team. PID Sunny asked the DGs to mentor the incoming DGEs because we go places when we work together. She then asked the DGEs to read all emails you receive, you will be getting one from LCI that details the medals Sunny will be asking you about. It's really helpful if you can read all emails. Get her your convention dates if you want an International guest. Email her. Don't just tell her. You can play with location, but not the convention date once you let her know.
7. Executive Administrator Report: PCC Vincent F. Bishop, absent. **Reference Attachment #3.**
8. District Governors Reports:
 - District 36-O: DG Doug Loose. **Reference Attachment #4.** DG Super Doug thanked everyone for putting up with him for the year.
 - District 36-R: DG Lynn Coon. **Reference Attachment #5.** DG Lynn thanked everyone in this room. Especially his fellow DGs. He thanked CC Bob for his support, this Council and all of the clubs. He's seeing progress and is very pleased.
 - District 36-E: DG Steve Brewster. **Reference Attachment #6.** DG Steve spoke and said he has had a wonderful ride.
 - District 36-G: DG Kathy Oliver. No report. DG Kathy spoke and thanked everyone for their support and help this year. Her convention went well and she thanked those who attended. Visiting the clubs in her District G is that some of the smaller clubs are continuing to shrink. Some of the larger clubs are gaining. She's excited about ID Faber's pilot program and what that may do for membership and leadership. She thanked Leah Hawes, Executive Secretary, PDG Phyllis Carlin, PCC Joyce Anderson, CC Bob and all of the DG's for their support this year.
9. Incoming Council Report: PDG Judith Poage. No report. PDG Judith spoke and brought up leadership. With COVID, it was difficult to have folks step up. She had her team for next year stand up. There was a round of applause. CC Bob then announced that tomorrow everyone will be voting on the 2022-2023 Council Chair Elect and that Lion is PDG Phyllis Carlin. He thanked her for stepping up.
10. Past District Governors Association: President: PDG Judith Poage. **Reference Attachment #7.** CCE Judith spoke and although it is in her report, she reminded Lions that the PDGA meeting/breakfast will be at 8:30am on Sunday at IHOP – just down the road.
11. Unfinished Business: None.
12. New Business:
 - a) Policy Manual – Discussion and Approval – Dale Rollins. CC Bob spoke first and thanked Dale Rollins for his fantastic job this Lion's year and the incredible work he did on the Policy Manual. Lion Dale said that this year each of the MD36 committees were able to suggest updates to their sections in the policy manual. 18 sections were updated. These were sent to the voting Council about a month ago to review. **Motion** made by DG Lynn Coon to approve the updates as set forth by the Policy Manual Committee. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Kathy Oliver. **Motion carried.** CC Bob reminded folks that this needs to be reviewed yearly so if there are other changes needed they can be addressed the following year.

13. Lions Vision Gift Report: CEO Report: Chris Stoeger, absent. **Reference Attachment #8.**

14. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Report: PDG Phyllis Carlin, Chair. **Reference Attachment #9.** PDG Phyllis spoke and reminded everyone about tonight's OLSHF Celebration of MD36 from 7-8:30pm. Our MD36 is the first recipient of the "See Clearly" award for screening more students than any other Lions vision screening program in the United States from Lions KidSight USA. We are making a difference in the lives of these kids. Come and celebrate with us tonight. We will also be inducting new members into the Hall of Fame and there will be a fashion show. Will be fun!

15. 15 minute break – was skipped.

16. MD36 Standing Committee Chair Reports:

Awards, Honors & Contests: Paula Hilgers. Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment**

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Camp Representatives: PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair, absent. No report.

Canine Services: Dale Howard, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #11.**

Constitution & By-Laws: PCC Gail Black, Chair. **Reference Attachment #12.** PCC Gail Black spoke on the raising of dues vote that will take place tomorrow: It is a \$1.00 increase that will go to the Convention Fund and is much needed.

Convention Operating: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. No report. PCC Joyce spoke on the predicaments they faced in getting this MD36 convention together. The last couple of years were very challenging. They needed flexibility if the contract would need adjusting, to wait to learn if membership would feel safe in meeting together, what would the state's mandates be, etc. She thanked PDG Linda Stent for locating the Hilton Garden Inn and shared that they have been wonderful to work with. A special shout out also to members of the Springfield Lions Club especially: Henry Miller, Patty Harrison and Judy Bachman. She asked for volunteers from the different districts to please think about being members on the Convention Committee.

Credentials: Jim Vincent, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #13.**

Diabetes Awareness: PDG Steve Lesetz, Chair, absent. No report.

Disaster Response: Charlene Larsen, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #14.**

Environmental: 1VDG Kerith Vance, Chair. No report. PDG Phyllis Carlin spoke on the Environmental Photo Contest. She brought some photos and will be displaying them during this MD36 Convention. (During 2020 it was obviously postponed due to COVID.) PDG Phyllis Carlin posed having 2 contests next year: One from 2020-2021 and another from June 2021-2023. Theme being the Beauty of Oregon. 9 ecosystems and beauty at every turn.

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

Global Action Team: CC Bob Chaney, Chair. No report. CC Bob said that his Council Chair report incorporates some things about this.

Global Leadership Team: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. No report. PCC Joyce said that two 1VDGS had some training. She will be providing more this weekend and will be jumping right in when everyone gets back from International Convention.

Global Membership Team: CCE Judith Poage, Chair. **Reference attachment #15.**

Global Service Team: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #16.**

Global Membership Approach (Was NAMU): CCE Judith Poage, Chair. No report.

Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action: Jennifer Brewster, Chair, absent.

Reference Attachment #17.

Hunger Relief: 1VDG Kerith Vance, Chair. No report. 1VDG Kerith spoke and shared about "Lift Up" a nonprofit that distributes food in Northwest & downtown Portland. She

warned of a 90% drop in subsidies that will be coming to people who are food insecure in the next year. There will be a HUGE need for clubs in the MD36 to do hunger projects in their communities and have a HUGE impact!

Information Technology: Steve Studer, Chair, absent. No report.

International Participation: Robin Stoeckler, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #18.**

International Understanding & Cooperation: PID Dennis Tichenor, Chair.

Reference attachment #19.

LCIF: PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #20.** PCC Sharon Rollins added that there is a very generous anonymous donor who is willing to match the first 100 Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. So if you're going to award one, do it quick and let them know you are trying to get into that 100 to get the match. She can help you if you let her know! ID Justin Faber added they are almost at the end of a 300 million campaign.

Long Range Planning: PID Sonja Pulley, Chair. No report. PID Sunny said that a representative from District E is needed. DG Stephen Brewster stepped up and raised his hand. PID Ed Gear let DG Steven know this is a 2-3-year obligation. DG Stephen Brewster said that was fine. PID Ed Gear thanked him for agreeing to serve.

MD36 International Vision & Health Clinic: OPEN.

Opportunity for Youth: CHAIR: OPEN

Leos: Diane Ongman, Chair, absent. No report.

Lions Quest: PDG Jim Jagers, Chair, absent. No report.

Peace Poster: Chair: OPEN.

Scouting. Ted Yarosh, Chair, absent. No report.

SMART: PDG Carol Brink, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #21.**

Youth Exchange: PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #22.** PCC Paul added his wish that we can get this program going again.

Oregon Lion Magazine: PCC Vincent Bishop, Chair, absent. No report. PID Ed Gear spoke on the magazine. That some didn't know we even had a committee. We've had one for 20-30 some years. Infrequently, an article comes in that is outside the interest of Lions, maybe they want to advertise, or it's an obituary. While we understand it is very nice to recognize them, our entire paper would be an obituary if we accepted them all. Sometimes they are published if they were outstanding in our Multiple District and are not an obituary.

Pediatric Cancer: PDG Gary Mose, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Sharon reminded everyone about the handmade quilt being auctioned at this MD36 Convention – all proceeds from sale of tickets are going to the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program. (Yes, we share service with other service organizations.) Buy tickets!! Drawing at 3pm tomorrow for the winner.

Policy Manual: Dale Rollins, Chair. **Reference attachment #23.**

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

Public Relations & Lions Information: Carrie Bartley, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #24.**

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

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. No report. PCC Joyce added that you can still register to attend! It should be fun!!

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

NWLLI: OPEN. No report. PCC Gail Black spoke and said it was very unfortunate they had to cancel the recent Northwest Lions Leadership Institute training due to not enough Lions registered. They have it tentatively rescheduled for October 21-23. She's hoping the incoming DGs will push this when they visit their clubs. LCI supports us with this training. District E offers scholarships to assist. We need 20 Lions signed up in order to hold it. PDG Phyllis Carlin suggested a contest between the districts. CC Bob and PCC Gail said this would be a great idea. Tentative scheduled for Sutherlin, but that will be confirmed at a later date.

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

Pin Sales: PDG Garry Charbonneau. No report. PDG Garry shared that District R's convention had the most pins sold at it. District E took 2nd place. Districts O and G brought up the rear. PDG Garry added to "Buy a lot of Pins this Weekend"!!

17. **Additions/Announcements:** CC Bob handed out boxes of cereal to the DGs he worked with this year. (Cinnamon Cookie Crunch with a Lion on the cover to DG's Lynn Coon & Steve Brewster. And Frosty Licious to DG's Doug Loose & Kathy Oliver.) PCC Joyce thanked Henry Miller and Judy Bachman from the Springfield Lions Club again for doing everything she needed to help make this Convention a success! Lion Joyce also thank PDG Judy Kaufman for providing all of the flower arrangements. DG Lynn Coon added his thanks to Henry Miller for all of the wonderful photographs he takes for the Multiple District.

18. **Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:41pm. The next Council meeting will be in August, 2022 at 1:30pm. Location and details to be announced.

Attendance Sheet
Meeting of the Council of Governors
May 20, 2022

- Leah Hawes
- Bob Chaney
- John Taylor
- Steve Brewster
- Gail Black
- Lynn Coon
- ID Justin Faber
- Sunny Pulley
- Fran Camacho-Silbernagel
- Dale Rollins
- Sharon Rollins
- Betty Jane Bugbee
- Cheri Jackson
- Kathy Oliver
- Ed Glad
- Doug Loose
- Kerith Vance
- Judith Poage
- Paul Zastrow
- Phyllis Carlin
- Henry Miller
- Doug Thompson
- Dennis Tichenor
- Tom Hilgers
- Joyce Anderson
- Garry Charbonneau
- Dan Wolf
- Ed Gear
- Joan Oliver

For Council of Governor's May 20, 2022 meeting
Springfield, OR

Council Chair Report
4th Quarter 2021-22 Lions Year

Here we are with only one month left in this year and I think that as our state has begun to open back up our Lions clubs have continued to provide service to our communities despite the obstacles. All of the District conventions were very satisfying and good for the Lions soul as we were able to come together in person for the first time in two years and replenish our thirst for camaraderie and Lions knowledge.

As for your multiple district we are running as of this week at a positive in new members to dropped members and if DG Kathy and DG Lynn continue to bring in members to their respective districts we may end up having a positive for the year even after the annual June purge. Currently we are operating at a positive 4.

Moving on, we were unable to hold the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute because of lack of participants. We are looking to reschedule and hold this training sometime in the fall. Please if you have anyone that is looking to attend or someone you think should -- make sure they are aware of and kept abreast of any rescheduling.

Back in August I outlined several goals that I had for this Lion's year and now I would like to report on where those goals are currently at.

First, I wanted to assist the multiple district in emerging from the COVID age and re-establish in-person meetings. I think we have accomplished that for the most part with our CoG meetings in Rockaway in August, Myrtle Creek in November, March in Baker City and our gathering here today, along with the District conventions.

Second, I wanted to address an almost forgotten piece of the membership puzzle and that is retention. One of my goals is to see the number of Lions leaving decreased this year. How do we accomplish this? By working together as a team (GAT) to determine why the majority of Lions are leaving and then make changes to our individual and collective policies and procedures to stop the mass exodus. Sadly, we have not been able to fully come together as a GAT team and work on issues such as this.

Third, I wanted us to increase the awareness of Lions throughout our communities and states. This goes back to the old adage of the largest service in the world but the best kept secret. How do we get out of this enigma? By promoting any and all events we do as Lions. Our multiple district has a public relation manual that is available for anyone to use and we also have a MD Public Relations committee with representatives from each district who are more than willing to help with promotion of Lions. Also, we should utilize our local newspapers and radio stations. They will do PSAs if they have the space available or the air time.

Fourth, I would like to be able to eradicate the blinders, barriers and territorial borders that we have established over the years. We must remember and embrace our Lions Clubs International motto "We Serve". This doesn't say that only Bob from the Myrtle Creek Lions serves. We have to be willing to work together and do away with the old school ground mentality of "if I don't get my way I'm going to take my ball and go home". We have to work as one to continue to further our cause and to survive in this current environment. If we are willing and able to do this I see great things on the horizon for our multiple district. I think all of our clubs are beginning to embrace this cooperative attitude and as the District Governors continue to push it -- the sounds of We Serve will begin to reverberate throughout the Multiple District.

Fifth, I would like each and every one of us to look for leaders in our clubs. We are severely lacking in new leaders in our multiple district. If you look at our current list of MD committee chairs and the officers and committee chairs of each district you will see a number of vacancies, especially in cabinet positions, and a lot of familiar names filling positions for another term. We must find and develop new leaders and the only way to do that is to ask someone or allow someone who asks to take on a role. So what if they make mistakes or do it differently, we all have!

I think that we have been able to identify some new leaders and I know there are more out there and kudos to the incoming Council of Governors; Council Chair Judith Poage, Governors Kerith Vance, David O'Kelley, Gail Black and Cheri Jackson for stepping up into these leadership roles.

Yours in Lionism and continued service,
CC Bob Chaney

May 20, 2022
Council of Governors
Executive Administrator/Council Secretary/Treasurer Report

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.

Financial reports through March 31, 2022 have been email to the council but not reviewed by the finance committee. Our MD net membership is 1 down from the beginning of the year. Two of our district have a net increase. Dues income is down compared with budget. As a reminder budget showed membership with a small decline and actual shows a net gain of one. 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 none payment of dues. I have done eleven years of graphs of our membership by month to show what has been happening to our districts.

Please make sure that your clubs are filing their PU101's on line. This information is used in our next year directory.

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

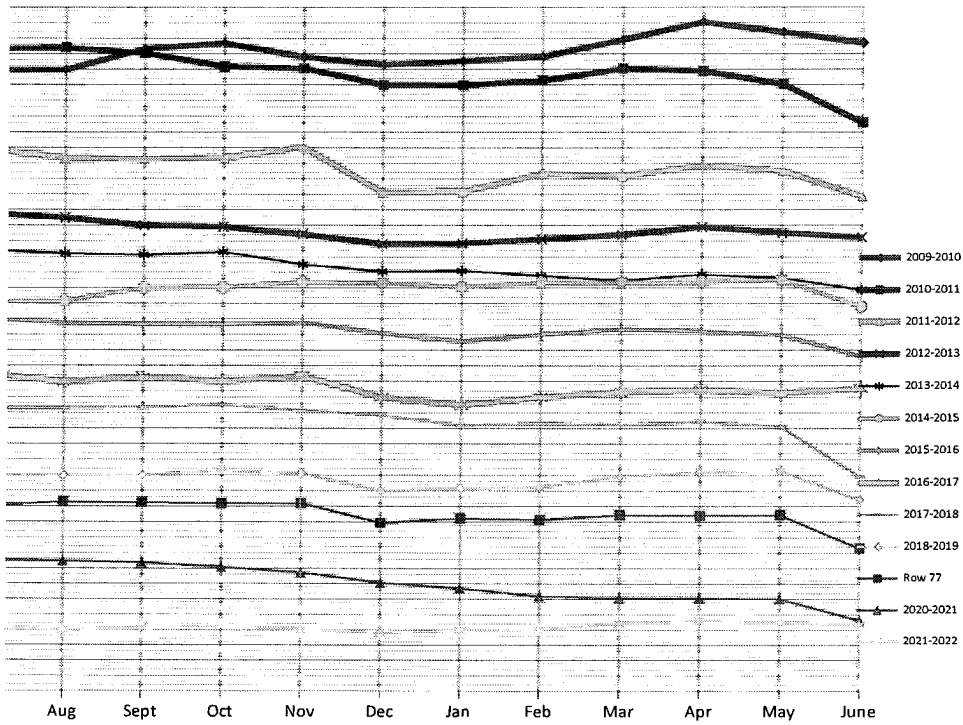
I will not be attending this years state convention due to family commitment in Rhode Island. I will miss all of you. Have a great convention.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MD 36 Membership



To the Council of Governors and MD36 Lions
For May 20, 2022 meeting

District Governor, 36-O Report

Well our year is almost over and we are working on transitioning to the next District Governor. As I've been saying all year we are trying to build momentum that will carry on for the next year and beyond and it seems to be working.

I do have big news to report: The Branch Club in Tillamook has been approved to charter and they have until June 20 to get enough Lions signed up, which is very exciting. We also had a club cancelled this year (Lake Grove Lion's) though the members have decided to join in with the Tualatin Club strengthening them.

It has been an honor to serve as District 36-O's District Governor this year.

Thank You,
DG Doug Loose

Report to the Council of Governors
For May 20, 2022 mtg.

District Governor 36-R Report

I am pleased with the strides District R has accomplished this year. I have been honored to serve with some great DG's from Districts O, E and G. I believe we all worked together to make MD36 better for all Lions. Thank you Council Chair Lion Bob and to my District Cabinet for your input and help along the way.

I especially want to thank the clubs and Lions of 36-R. You Lions have made this journey as your DG one that I will always remember and cherish. I had the opportunity of visiting all of the clubs of 36-R in person. Thank you for allowing me these visits. I have learned from every club I've visited. Each club has served their communities and made them a better place to live. You Lions have changed peoples' lives and for that be proud of who you are and what you do.

As you continue to serve remember what **teamwork** is all about: the ability to work together towards a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results. Also remember what Helen Keller said in 1925 "The best thing you can do for yourself is do something for someone else." It's what we do as Lions.

One of our goals was to communicate and keep clubs aware of happenings in the District, and I hope we accomplished this. We had a goal of having a positive net gain which we have accomplished by working together. We had a goal of increasing our reporting of service and this increased thanks to our District Administrator Lion Michael Wards working with our club secretaries. We had a goal of training our Zone Chairs and our Guiding Lions and thanks to PCC Lion Rod Bach and our GLT we have accomplished this. We had the goal of starting two new clubs, something I am sorry to say did not happen, but we will continue to work to accomplish. One thing I believe we did do was bring the District and clubs back together after the pandemic period. I am so pleased we were able to hold our convention in person as well.

I want to again thank all of you for the service you provide. This has truly been a Lion's year of "SERVICE FROM THE HEART" that was our International President Lion Doug Alexander's theme. As we continue serving our communities, giving back and making a difference -- Always remember that Lions Change Lives Today and Forever. I know serving with all of you has changed my life and I will forever be grateful.

DG Lion Lynn Coon 36-R

Council of Governor's – May 20, 2022

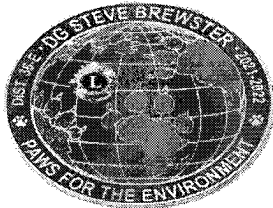
District Governor – 36-E Report

Spring is here. As I look out on our garden, I see some green, some brown and a lot of the garden in disarray. I ask what we need to do to turn this garden into a green Vibrant, organized productive garden. We need to till the soil, add nutrients, revitalize our older plants, plant new plants, nurture them and help them grow into strong productive parts of the garden.

Our Lions Clubs are like a garden, if we depend only on the old established members, we soon become old and nonproductive, we need to till the soil (rotate the leaders on a regular basis). We need to add nutrients, (Reimagine how we do things, and who does them). Our older members need to be revitalized; we need to find things they can do to further the mission of the club. We need to plant new plants, (New younger members) these new members are the future of our garden. We need to nurture them by listening to them, providing opportunities for leadership, and making them feel like a productive member of the club.

If we can do this our Garden will grow and produce members that will carry on a proud tradition of lionism long after we are gone.

As I look back on this last year, I see a lot of our district clubs struggling to be part of their communities, even the clubs that appear to be recovering, are struggling. We need to struggle to reestablish our garden and make it a thing of beauty.



Stephen Brewster
District Governor MD36E

For the Council of Governors 5/20/22 meeting

Past District Governors Association Report

Past District Governor's Meeting

PDGA will meet on Sunday following the MD36 Convention in Eugene. The meeting is set for the neighboring IHOP at 8:30 Sunday morning. Just walk over and join us. You will be ordering your breakfast from the menu.

Our Agenda includes the election of a new President and a Vice President. We will receive a final report from our current District Governors and welcome our incoming District Governors.

If you have any additions for the agenda, please let me know.

See you at breakfast,

Judith Poage
PGDA President



**MD 36 Council of Governors Report
May 2022**

2022 is shaping up to be yet another year of “well, that’s new for us!” One major example of this is related to the solution that is used to store corneas to ensure their viability for transplant. I started in eye banking in 1994 and at the time Optisol GS was the only solution available to preserve corneas for up to 13 days prior to transplantation. This solution was revolutionary in that it nourished the corneal cells, maintained cornea clarity with special osmotic agents, and reduced infections with added antibiotics. It wasn’t until the early 2000s before another solution was made available called “Eusol”. This newer solution was never very popular because the “gold standard” worked quite well. About 10 years later, there was finally a new product on the market called Life4C (pronounced “Lifeforce”). Lions VisionGift switched to Life4C about 3 years ago after extensive testing revealed some perceived advantages.

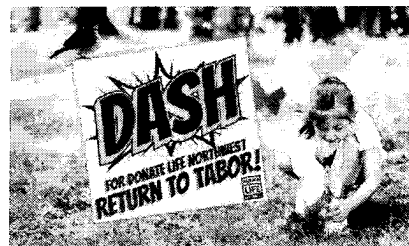
Now that you know the background, here’s where the global supply chain issues that have been causing so many problems hit the entire cornea transplant field. Life4C suddenly went out of business at the beginning of April because the highly specialized contract manufacturer they use opted to transition their facility to more lucrative products. This is a complex manufacturing process that takes up to a year to transfer to a new facility due to regulatory and quality requirements. In other words, they couldn’t simply move to a new facility, and they had to make the tough choice to cease operation. Meanwhile, Bausch & Lomb, the manufacturer of Optisol GS, ran into their own supply chain issues and had to cease manufacturing due to a lack of key ingredients. This left a single unused product on the market (Eusol). There was no Eusol on the shelves because the manufacturer hadn’t predicted any need to make it based on prior orders. Which left the entire eye banking industry, responsible for recovering about 10,000 corneas a month, without access to storage solution! What happened?

Lions VisionGift was lucky enough to have a decent supply on hand when Life4C announced their operations had ceased. This helped us avoid disaster while Bausch & Lomb brought their manufacturing back online. New products from Europe are being vetted and one new product was approved by the FDA just last week. Rationing of donor recoveries took place by many eye banks to conserve as much storage solution as possible. We saw a dramatic decrease in the number of corneas available for importation. Most US surgery was minimally impacted (not completely), but global surgery significantly decreased as there were no excess corneas from the US as is usually the case (this surplus allows us to schedule surgery). People have gone without transplants who would otherwise see, and potential donors were denied the opportunity to donate. Our field was impacted by the availability of a single important supply. My hope is that June will be a month when things get back on track. But April and May have been yet another reminder of how precious and vulnerable our cornea supply is.

If you would like to support donation, please register for the Dash for Donate Life NW – an annual walk that supports organ, eye, and tissue donation education. Or you can simply make a contribution to the cause. Register here: <https://www.dash4dlnw.org/>

Sincerely,

Chris Stoeger
Chief Executive Officer





Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation
Council of Governor's Report
May 20th, 2022

School Vision Screening

Tonight's MD-36 Convention "Lions Celebration" will feature the official announcement from Lions KidSight USA that our Multiple District 36 is the first recipient of the "See Clearly" award for screening more students than any other Lions vision screening program in the United States.



All MD-36 Lions should be proud that the OLSHF School Vision Screening (SVS) program **screened more students in 2021 than any other Multiple District** in the United States. OLSHF and MD-36 Lions will screen nearly twice as many Oregon students during this 2021-22 school year, as we project that we will exceed 157,000 students screened this year.

It's important to note that the **number of students being referred as needing comprehensive eye exams has increased:** We are referring over 15 % of students for eye exams currently, and will refer over 24,000 students for follow up care to provide an opportunity to learn to their full potential.

All OLSHF SVS Staff Are Lions!

All members of the OLSHF SVS Team are members of local Lions Clubs from throughout MD-36:

SVS Staff	Lions Club	Students Screened in 2021-22	# Referred	# of Events
Betty Jane Bugbee	Weston McEwan Lions	9,985	1,907	56
Bert Diamond	Portland Bentham Lions	32,876	5,103	118
Brad King	Tualatin Lions	37,668	5,780	144
Donna Penny	Coos Bay Lions	4,123	556	20
Dianne Rush	Springfield Lions	6,664	915	28
Jon Awbrey	Crooked River Ranch Lions	10,340	1,204	40
Jerry Shipman	E. Albany Lions	8,107	1,312	38
Kaitlin Anderson	Portland Legacy Lions	1,331	302	5
Kerith Vance	Portland Legacy Lions	1,901	257	5
Robert Springer	E. Albany Lions	18,279	3,102	84
Steve Brewster	Klamath Falls Lions	11,885	1,969	66
Steve Tronnes	Roseburg Lions	7,053	912	32
Tim Young	Brookings Harbor Lions	6,875	1,015	33

Upcoming OLSHF Events

The Foundation has two great events planned for this summer and fall that will raise much needed support for all of our sight and hearing programs. We encourage all Lions to consider supporting the Scramble for Sight Golf Classic (August 22nd at Langdon Farms OR August 19th-29th at your local course) and A Halloween Ball Gala (October 22nd) at the Sentinel Hotel in Portland.

Council of Governors Meeting
May 20, 2022
Awards, Honors, and Contests Committee Report

Contests were held in three of the four Districts with 15 individual clubs having winners. Winners in each event should have their entries at the MD36 Convention. Awards Committee Chairs were asked to remind their District winners to bring or send their entries to the Convention.

During this past year I have seen a lack of interest for participation in these contests. Even though we have been through a rough time these past two years, I think contests have run their course.

I do not believe that by making a few revisions to the existing contest events, or increasing the use of technology, will generate excitement and create more involvement.

Committee Comments & Suggestions for future Governors and Committee Members:

This committee believes a new type of awards program needs to be developed with the Committee and the Council of Governors working together to develop this. We do not believe it should be the Committee's responsibility all alone. The committee is more than happy to work with the COG to develop a new program.

Some committee members feel that the current Awards Contests are not supported by all Governors and that most Governors do not even know what contests exist nor how to support them.

Developing a new awards program with Governors' ideas, input and support will re-invigorate the Awards program and therefore increase participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Hilgers, MD36 Chair -- Awards, Honors and Contests Committee

Attachment

Clubs Placing First at District Conventions 2022

<u>Facebook Award:</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>District</u>
	Astoria	O
	Eugene Downtown	R
<u>Website Award:</u>	West Linn	O
	Eugene Downtown	R
<u>Instagram Award:</u>	Portland Downtown	O
<u>Digital Media Award:</u>	Milwaukie	O
<u>Club Bulletin Award:</u>	Eugene Downtown	R
	Gresham Breakfast	O
<u>Club Brochure Award:</u>	West Salem	R
	Portland Legacy	O
<u>Club Flyer Award:</u>	Eugene Downtown	R
	West Linn	O
<u>Public Relations Award:</u>	Carlton-Yamhill	O
	Elgin	G
<u>Community & Cultural Award:</u>	Vernonia	O
<u>Club Partnership Award:</u>	Milwaukie	O
<u>Storyboard Award:</u>	Springfield	R
<u>Sight Conservation Award:</u>	The Dalles	G

Canine Services Report

To Council of Governors and Interested Lions
For May 20, 2022 meeting

Over the past year a couple of articles appeared in the Oregon Lions Magazine. The Springfield Lions Club through their Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation made a donation of \$250 during the Guide Dogs/GDB for the Blind 2021 Virtual Holiday Celebration online event. I have heard fellow Lions members mention that GDB receives a lot of funding through national corporations so why should we support this effort. I of course explain that as Lions "Ambassadors for the Blind" we must support all facets for giving aid to and for the blind. GDB is but a small part of completing this dedicated endeavor!

With the Oregon Lions community consisting of over 100+ Lions Clubs I would hope to get Lions Clubs to make a \$10 donation in their name to Guide Dogs for the Blind. A combined donation of \$1,000 would ensure the transportation of ten puppies from GDB's California campus to puppy raisers' homes, via their puppy truck. I have created an information website <https://springfieldlionscl.wixsite.com/gdb-calendar> I will be adding a page where Lions Clubs can make donations to a PayPal account which will be forwarded to Guide Dogs for the Blind during their 2022 online events. Each Lions Club and their donation will be recognized separately. Again, a small donation of \$5-10 will make a difference when generated through the efforts of many!

Of course Lions Club members can still support GDB by shopping for gifts at their online store <https://store.guidedogs.com/>

Here are a couple of annual GDB events that will be further highlighted as more information becomes available! **SAVE THESE TWO DATES and plan to join us!**

Canine Heroes Gala & 80th Anniversary Celebration

October 29, 2022

The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco

<https://www.guidedogs.com/events/canine-heroes>

Virtual Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Pre-show: 4:30 p.m. PT

Live broadcast: 5:00pm PT | 7pm CT | 8pm ET

<https://www.guidedogs.com/events/holiday-celebration>

Submitted by Lion Dale Howard, MD36 Canine Services Chair

To: Council of Governors –
For meeting of May 20, 2022
Constitution and Bylaws Report

Request that the Council of Governor’s approve the following By-laws changes needing to be updated to conform with Multiple District changes and changes to policy manual.

By-Laws - Article III Past District Governors Association
Section 3: Meetings
Eliminate items A-C which read as follows

Meetings: The Past District Governor’s Association shall hold (3) three regular meetings as follows:

- A. *Mid-Year at call of President*
- B. *Immediately prior to the annual Multiple District Convention at a time and place set by the President*
- C. *Immediately following the annual Multiple District Convention at a time and place set by the President.*

Change to read as follows per MD36 Policy Manual

Meetings: The Past District Governor’s Association shall hold meetings as follows:

- A. One regular meeting of the PDGA shall be held following the MD Convention.
- B. PDGA Shall meet as needed up to three (3) times per year. If all members of the Executive Committee have e-mail capacity, then no more than two (2) of the meetings may be conducted by e-mail

By-Laws - Article IV - Revenue and Accounting

Item 1: B To conform with the change in amounts of revenue. Take out those figures crossed thru and insert those figures shown beside crossed out items.

B: To Provide revenue and defray expenses of the Multiple District operations funds, there shall be an annual per capita tax of ~~\$22.00~~ \$23.00 levied upon each member of a Lions Club within Multiple District 36 and shall be paid in advance by each club in two semi-annual installments of ~~\$11.00~~ \$11.50 per member as shown on the June Monthly Membership Report payable July 21, and on the December Monthly Membership Report payable January 21. The Multiple District will also include in the billing, any amounts levied by each District to its membership to defray District expenses in accordance with each District’s By-laws. Each Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer will be responsible for billing and collection these funds. This Lion shall retain the District Funds and forward to the State Secretary-Treasurer or the Executive Administrator the ~~\$22.00~~ \$23.00 balance. The ~~\$22.00~~ \$23.00 shall be broken down as follows:

Item	Annual	6 months
Convention Reserve Fund	\$.50 \$ 1.50	\$.25 \$.75
International Participation Fund (Reserve Fund)	\$ 1.00 \$ 1.00	\$.50 \$.50
Multiple District Administration Fund	\$20.50 \$20.50 \$22.00 \$23.00	\$10.25 \$10.25 \$11.00 \$11.50

2022 MD 36 Credentials Report

Upon receipt of the Delegate reports received from Lions Clubs International in mid April, the delegate cards were sent out to the club secretaries the first week in May. Instructions were sent along outlining the need for the secretaries to sign the cards and get them into the hands of those club members that are attending the convention. Those cards need to be presented at the credentials table on Saturday morning of the convention and exchanged for a voting card.

By district here are the number of possible delegates;

District O - 78 delegates from 35 clubs

District R - 62 delegates from 32 clubs

District E – 56 delegates from 30 clubs

District G – 69 delegates from 30 clubs

The total number of possible voters is 268 which includes the automatic voting status of the three Past International Directors.

Voting will be held at the conclusion of the Saturday Lunch. There will be three ballots. One will be for the Council Chair Elect of 2023-24. The other two will be to approve changes in MD 36's Constitution and Bylaws. Copies of those proposed Bylaws changes will be available at the credentials table.

Lion Jim Vincent - MD 36 Credentials Chair

Report to the Council of Governors and Lions of MD36
For the May 20, 2022 meeting

MD 36 Disaster Response Report

Submitted by: Charlene Larsen
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There are seven Oregon Wildfire Long Term Recovery Groups in MD 36 Oregon and Northern California Lions Districts.

When the call goes out to our Lions Club around our District, they have responded with help for eyeglasses and hearing aids, durable medical supplies, food, and welcome home supplies. Our MD 36 Clubs also did early outreach with feeding and collecting needed supplies for survivors.

We have the opportunity in MD 36 to be prepared and be ready to serve in the many ways our clubs have the capacity to reach out and help those who are in the midst of a disaster, or in the midst of recovery.

“Prepare in a Year” – One Month at a time, program materials are available on the FEMA Region 10 website with the focus each month on one step to preparation.

“Welcome Home” needs are coming to many of the Long-Term Recovery Groups Unmet Needs Committees.

My own weekly schedule includes:

Monday: Santiam Canyon Unmet Needs Committee

Tuesday: Klamath/Lake LTRG Unmet Needs Committee, ORVOAD Membership Meeting once per month. Emergency Preparation with inclusive messaging with United Way of the Columbia Willamette.

Wednesday: Lincoln County LTRG Unmet Needs and OEM VAL and OR Wildfire LTRG Sub-Committee Chairs and Clackamas County Unmet Needs Committee and Santiam Canyon LTRG. And Archie Creek Unmet Needs (Glide in Douglas County)

Thursday: Clackamas County LTRG and OEM and LTRG Chairs.

Friday: Klamath Lake Counties LTRG.

What I learn from these Zoom meetings are the many needs of survivors for recovery from the wildfires:

1. Tools
2. Solar Systems
3. Sheds
4. Gas cards for transportation to and from remote sites to appointments.
5. Eyeglasses, hearing aids and durable medical goods.
6. Automobile repairs.
7. Debris clean-up
8. Fence building
9. Welcome Home Kits with all the items you need to reestablish your home.
10. Washer, dryers, stoves, water heaters (appliance packages)
11. Building materials

The lists go on and on and we are hoping our MD 36 Lions Clubs are with us for the long haul.

Please know you and your Lions Clubs are appreciated for what you have done and there is more to do, so when the call goes out for assistance, please look, and think outside the box, partner with another Lions Club, and make a difference.

The next disaster is just around the corner and may be coming your way.

If you need help in becoming prepared, please let me know.

My contact information is at the beginning of this report.

Thanks, We Serve – Lion Charlene Larsen

Report to the Council of Governors for May 20, 2022 meeting

GMT Report

Membership Internationally has reduced since Covid. Multiple District 36 membership took a strong hit; however, all District's inducted new members this year. People become Lions to make a difference in their community and to be active. Twelve months ago District 36 had 3,003 members total. Currently, District 36 has 2,933 members. Membership is improving since we can be together and out in our communities. I applaud the efforts of our District Governors and GMTs

District O

PDG Dan Wolf reports Membership continues to be on and off in MD36-O. On for some clubs and not so well for others. The Happy Valley Club Extension has come to a halt, for now. The Rockwood Club Extension is on hold until after May. Some Lions on the team have been or will be traveling. Thirteen clubs in MD36 O are below 15 members. Good News – a new club for Tillamook is approved by LCI and pending final authorization.

District R

DG Lynn Coon reports Lions in 36-R are working on membership growth throughout this Lion year. Out of 32 clubs, 21 clubs added new members. They have added 93 members to the District by inviting friends, neighbors to join in activities and meetings.

The following is a breakdown: Albany 3, Alvadore 2, Central 1, Corvallis 1, Cottage Grove 2, Dallas 2, Eugene Bethel 4, Eugene Downtown 6, Florence 1, Gardner/Reedsport 1, Junction City 14, Keizer 5, Lakeside 2, Mill City 1, Mt. Angel 1, Newport 3, Philomath 8, Silverton 1, Springfield 5, Waldport 15, Yachats 15.

We need to keep our new and old Lions interested in service to their communities.

District E

CC Bob Chaney reports 13 new members in District E with 7 dropped members for this quarter. It appears that things are starting to look up. Clubs are beginning to get back out into their communities. Although this is the final report for the year, this is not the final numbers. We will not see those until the July reports and as we know, there is usually a purging of the books that happens in June. Hopefully we are going to avoid any large fallout. There are so many ways that we can try and change this narrative of losing members; but, it all starts at home – and by that I mean in your home club. Make sure that you talk with your club members and know where some of the problems are because if the problem is known then it is easier to solve.

District G GMT Steve Oliver did not have a report.

PDG Judith Poage
MD36 GMT Chair

Global Service Team Report
Council of Governors
Friday, May 20, 2022

I have had no communication from any of the four District GSTs to obtain a report of the service that has taken place/is happening in their respective Districts.

I am aware that many clubs within the MD are still not feeling comfortable with being in active service out in their communities. Nonetheless, the need for our Lions involvement in our communities is still present, and even magnified with the changes in the structure of many help organizations. I do hope that this spring will bring a change in the continuing COVID disruption of our lives, particularly because we are allowed to be more open!

Again, I would like to propose a challenge to all four Districts within the MD:

Under the guidance of the District GST, begin to plan and then carry out a District-wide "Day of Lions Community Service". The special day does not have to be the same for all four Districts, but at a time when the majority of clubs within each District can carry out an event with the same theme. The Lions Club focuses on Hunger and Environment could provide service activities in any community – and of course, there are many other ways of reaching out. Please, District GSTs, put on your Lions 'thinking caps', work with your DG and clubs, and make a difference with a visible Day of Service. And then REPORT each club's service to their MyLion site!

We Serve – From the Heart!

PCC Sharon Rollins
MD36 GST Chair

Report to the Council of Governor's
May 20, 2022

Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action Report

BY: Jennifer Brewster

The birds are chirping. The sun is shining. Your lawn is green and lush, which means it's time for a cut. The roar of the lawnmower brings about the first sign of summer fun, but it also is one of the many instances during the season that a person is exposed to hazardous noise.

Citing new research, Ball State University audiologists are warning people to use hearing protection during activities that may expose them to hazardous noise this summer such as mowing the lawn, concerts and fireworks.

"Similar to a helmet when riding a bike or a seat belt in a vehicle, hearing protection is critical safety equipment when you go to a concert, a fireworks display or an auto race," says Blair Mattern, an audiology professor and director of Ball State's audiology clinic in a statement. "Hearing loss is preventable – just avoid loud sounds or wear protection."

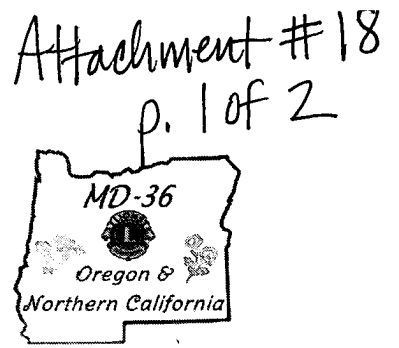
While sounds louder than 80 decibels have the potential to cause permanent damage, noise created by fireworks, traffic, concerts and landscaping equipment ranges between 90 and 140 decibels.

"New research has revealed that people may suffer irreversible damage to their auditory systems after only brief exposure," said Lynn Bielski, a Ball State audiology professor. "This type of damage may not result in an immediately noticeable hearing difficulty to the individual, so it has been called 'hidden hearing loss.' It could take years for someone to notice as the ability to hear is reduced just a little with exposure."

The audiologists also warn that loud noises put children's hearing at risk, citing recent studies that found about 12.5 percent of American children (about 5.2 million) have hearing loss caused by noise exposure. Signs of hazardous noise exposure, according to the audiologists, include:

- You can't understand someone talking two feet away.
- Speech sounds muffled.
- You suffer pain or ringing in the ears immediately after the exposure.
- Others must raise their voices to be understood.

"Our hearing is one of our senses that we oftentimes take for granted," Mattern says. "Excessively loud noise, music or other sound exposure will damage our hearing. We need to take responsibility and protect it."



MD-36 Council of Governors Meeting, 20 May 2022

International Participation Committee Report

Submitted on behalf of the Committee

Committee Members:

District O Representative – Judy Giorgi
District R Representative – Dale Bachman
District E Representative – Gail Black
District G Representative – Judith Poage
Past International Director – Sunny Pulley
Past International Director – Dennis Tichenor
Past International Director – Ed Gear
Member at Large – Joyce Anderson
Member at Large – Rod Bach
Member at Large – Steve Thomson
Chair – Robin Stoeckler

Lions interested in learning more about international participation are encouraged to visit with members of the International Participation Committee during the MD-36 Convention where you will have the opportunity to gain insight from the experiences of Past International Directors Ed Gear, Dennis Tichenor, and Sunny Pulley, facilitated by Past Council Chair Joy Anderson. Be sure to bring any questions you may have to the IPC session Saturday.

International Convention in Montreal June 24 – 28, 2022.

Lions and Leos can reunite with each other and experience the plenary sessions, service activities, entertainment and much more. Enjoy music and live entertainment acts featuring top performers from all over the world, including a performance by Smokey Robinson on Saturday night. Celebrate cultural diversity by marching in the Parade of Nations with fellow Lions and Leos. Learn and grow your skills in expert-led seminars. Hear from world-renowned speakers. Meet and chat with Lion Clubs International staff about how to enhance your service, create new opportunities, access key resources and more. Registration information can be found:
<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/attend/registration-information/>.

The parade uniform, as previously shared, will consist of a white top (blouse, polo, button-down), black bottom (pants, skirt, shorts, capris) and the embroidered scarf

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representing the multiple district. The scarf, which will be delivered in Montreal, will cost \$35, which represents actual cost of material and embroidery. Checks should be made out to MD36 IPC.

There will be a social gathering of MD-36 Lions in attendance at the International Convention in Montreal. More details will be shared as plans are confirmed.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Calgary September 15-17, 2022: <https://members.lionsforum.org/>. The early bird registration fee is \$285. The Forum will feature over 70 seminars in 2 and 1/2 days. There will also be four motivational general meal sessions, service projects, and countless opportunities network with partner programs and other like-minded Lions members.

Make sure your passport is current and plan to join us in Montreal and/or Calgary!

Respectfully submitted
Robin Stoeckler

Report to the Council of Governors
For the May 20, 2022 meeting in Springfield, Oregon

International Understanding & Cooperation Report

The status of the Mexico trip is unknown to me at this time.

On February 18, 2022, a 4-person delegation left for Peru to check out a possible surgical trip by FACES in early June. It is my guess that Lions will accompany them in November of 2022. At that time Oregon Lions will be involved in some way. In 2020 I sent a letter to the Lions of Lambayeque. Our main purpose was to get them committed to testing children in the poor areas around them and get a Local Doctor to reduce prices for further tests and glasses. They just answered that request and have been successful. I and PCC David Rich then developed 4-5 questions that the 4 person FACES group will put forth to the Peruvian Lions. If the answers are favorable we will release about \$3,500 to the Lions of Peru that was raised and being kept by our group.

We will need other Lions to go to Peru next year. I am currently working on that project. So far, I'm aware of interest from Lion Tom Carter from my club and The Legacy Lions of 36-0 and of course PCC David and Penny Rich. Spread the word.

Submitted by PID Dennis Tichenor,
MD36 International Understanding & Cooperation Committee Chair

To: Council of Governors and interested Lions
From: PCC Paul Zastrow
May 20, 2022

LCIF Report

Lions Clubs International Foundation

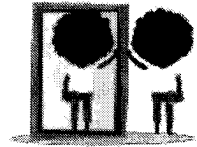
The End of Campaign 100 is in sight – only a little over a month to go and of the \$300 million goal we have less than \$3 million to raise. Here in our Multiple District we had a goal assigned to us of some \$605,000 – but due to circumstances – less activities, COVID and other issues raised only a bit over \$224,000. Even so, we did have several individuals who donated more than their share, garnering Melvin Jones Fellowships – or adding to their Progressive MJF. We have had 4 clubs achieve Model Club Status - \$100 per member during a year with Pendleton Lions Club joining the elite grouping this year. Belonging to a club who felt it necessary to continue our donations, the Hood River Eye Openers Lions Club made it a commitment to keep that level of giving or greater each year during Campaign 100. I, personally, am far from being wealthy, yet made the pledge to give \$1,000 for each year of the campaign and have done so and more. District 36 G decided to donate the 'profits' from the 36 G Convention to be split at \$500 for Pediatric Cancer and Campaign 100 for the remainder - \$491.70. With the end in sight – I challenge each of you to dig deep and donate! Remember that those individuals and clubs making a significant pledge may do so and take up to three years to fulfill it.

Now the closer – as most of you know I have maintained a bearded persona over the years – and at my own convention said it would be shaved off as a fund raiser for Campaign 100. I pledged up to \$500 of my own money to match whatever we can come up with as Lion PDG Mary Lee Turner will do the honor of shaving my facial hair off along with an assistant or more. So – as I indicated in the Oregon Lion – give generously. Thanks!

COG Meeting May 20, 2022: SMART READING by PDG Carol Brink

How Smart Reading Selects Books

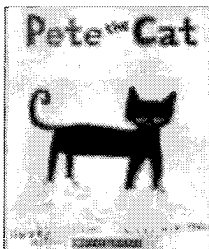
"Books are sometimes windows, offering views of worlds that may be real or imagined, familiar or strange. [...] When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a mirror. Literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection we can see our own lives and experiences as part of the larger human experience."



– Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop, Professor Emerita of Education at Ohio State University

We're committed to ensuring that the books available to SMART Reading students align with research on building reading motivation and enjoyment, and reflect our values around diversity and inclusion. We have carefully hand-selected books for our program based on studies that demonstrate the importance of diverse and inclusive books and that highly engaging reading material increases reading comprehension.

To ensure that every child can find a book that appeals to them, we provide a wide range of options, including:

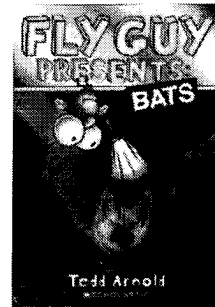


Fiction: Storybooks, and other books that describe imaginary events and people.

- Example: *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* by Eric Litwin

Non-fiction: Books about real-life subjects, including biographies, histories, memoirs, how-to books, etc.

- Example: *Fly Guy Presents: Bats* by Tedd Arnold



Mirror and Window Books:

- **Mirror books:** Also known as culturally relevant books, mirrors allow readers to see images that reflect their own lives. Finding their own culture and experiences in books helps children develop a positive sense of identity and self-esteem, and also improve their reading comprehension and language skills.
- **Window books:** Windows allow readers to see the lives of people with experiences different from their own. A variety of books representing diverse cultures helps children to develop attitudes of openness around difference. A book can be a mirror book for one child, and a window book for another.

- Example: *Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same* by Grace Lin

Bilingual and non-English: Books in Spanish and languages other than English; may be bilingual.

- Example: *Round is a Tortilla/Las tortillas son redondas* by Roseanne Thong



SMART Reading books do not contain:

- Excessive violence.
- Racist, sexist, homophobic, or otherwise biased content, using as a guide "Ten Quick Ways to Analyze Children's Books for Sexism and Racism" by Louise Derman-Sparks.
- Themes that wouldn't be appropriate for non-familial adults to read with children in a school setting.
- Religious or holiday themes (including secular holidays).

To: Council of Governors and interested Lions
From: PCC Paul Zastrow
May 20, 2022

Youth Exchange Program (YEP) Report

Back again at step 1 – nothing this year, no incoming or outgoing youth for MD 36. Many clubs and countries are starting back the exchange, both hosting and assigning youth to visit other countries. Europe has, for the most part, dangled their feet back into the waters of YEP in both areas. A number of US states have done so as well.

In MD 36 – we need to re-invigorate YEP – seeking youth from age 16 to 21 who have a desire to visit other countries to volunteer through a local club sponsorship, and to seek host parents. Adults can host without being a member of a Lions Club, although Sponsoring Host Clubs are needed. Since we have again failed to achieve – let us make plans to remedy this for Lions Year 2022-2023. Become a host – you will have a great experience as will the hosted youth. Learn other countries customs, cultures and desires – send a youth there or host one from Europe or elsewhere – you'll not regret it and will enhance our First International Objective – "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world."

Report to Council of Governor's for May 20, 2022 meeting

MD36 Policy Manual Committee Report

The committee has worked with various MD36 committees to update their policies where necessary and to write new policies where none existed. The following policies were sent to the CoG members for review by individual District Governors and the Council Chair. They are now ready for review and approval by the CoG as a whole:

- I Policy Manual
- III-A MD36 Executive Administrator
- III-D Student Dues
- V-A Awards, Honors, & Contests
- V-D Childhood Cancer
- V-I Disaster Response
- V-N Global Membership Team
- V-P Hearing Preservation, Awareness, & Action
- V-Q Hunger Relief
- V-R Information Technology
- V-S International Participation
- V-V Opportunities for Youth
- V-V-5 Reading Action Programs
- V-W Oregon Lion Magazine
- V-Y Public Relations & Lions Information
- V-Z Sight Preservation, Awareness, & Action
- VI-D Oregon Lions Earth Angels
- VII-F Youth Exchange Procedures

Dale Rollins

MD36 Policy Manual Chair

Public Relations & Lions Information- May 2022 COG Meeting

Committee Members:

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

The PR committee has not met since the last COG meeting but the committee will meet soon to discuss if we want to go forward with a PR Grant in the next open application period, which starts July 1. There needs to be significant support from the incoming DG teams and the next CC. Ideally, a grant idea would be formulated so that the grant is ready to submit as soon as the submission window opens.

The PR manual and directory remains available to all members and the public via the MD36 website. It has not been updated in several years but most of the information is still relevant and current. The directory information may have changed for individual entities, but if someone is looking for specific info, Google is their best friend. Most information can be found with a simple online search.

As always, myself and the other committee members are always willing to help clubs with their PR needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Carrie Bartley