

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

November 20, 2021 – Live/Zoom Meeting
Time: 1:30 pm

Voting Council Members Present: Council Chair, Bob Chaney; 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; Jerry Gomez, 1VDG 36-E; Executive Administrator/Council Secretary-Treasurer PCC Vincent Bishop; 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 November 20, 2021 at 1:30 pm.
The meeting was held live and via Zoom.
Invocation was given by PCC Gail Black.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PCC Paul Zastrow.
Introduction of Guests: CC Bob acknowledged Joanna Bilbrey from Myrtle Creek's Lions Club (and the City Recorder) and Joan Oliver, DG Kathy Oliver's driver.
2. Additions to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2021 Live and via Zoom Council Meeting. ***Motion*** made by DG Steve Brewster to approve the Minutes of August 28, 2021 Council Meeting. The ***motion*** was ***seconded*** by DG Lynn Coon. ***Motion carried.***
4. Approval of Minutes of September 30, 2021 Zoom Council Meeting. ***Motion*** made by DG Doug Loose to approve the Minutes of September 30, 2021 Zoom Council Meeting. The ***motion*** was ***seconded*** by DG Kathy Oliver. ***Motion carried.***
5. Council Chair Report: CC Bob Chaney. **Reference Attachment #2.** CC Bob wanted to highlight DG Lynn Coon for having a positive net gain on membership in District R.
6. International Director Report: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley, absent. **Reference Attachment #3.**
7. Executive Administrator Report: PCC Vincent F. Bishop. **Reference Attachment #4.**
8. District Governors Reports:
District 36-O: DG Doug Loose. **Reference Attachment #5.**
District 36-R: DG Lynn Coon. **Reference Attachment #6.**
District 36-E: DG Steve Brewster. **Reference Attachment #7.**
District 36-G: DG Kathy Oliver. No report submitted. DG Kathy spoke and reported she has visited 2 clubs: one brought in one new member and the other one has brought in two new members.
9. Incoming Council Report: PDG Judith Poage. No report. PDG Judith spoke and shared that the District Governors have been considering having an MD36 combined convention in lieu of their 4 individual conventions. In order for this to happen, it would need to be on the ballot and agreed upon by all of the Districts. They need to discuss this at their cabinet meetings as some are so supportive of this and others don't want to travel so far to the MD36 Convention.

10. Past District Governors Association: President: PDG Judith Poage. No report. PDG Judith shared they are still waiting to hear from the State on the licensing as a non-profit. It was turned in on October 5th—It's a waiting game at this point.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a) Convention. Each of the four District Governors have been speaking to their cabinets about having an MD36 combined convention in lieu of their 4 individual conventions and looking into their Constitution and Bylaws from their individual districts and looking at what they state and whether anything needs to be changed and then changing language to see if districts approve. It was approved in District O, E & G; and District R isn't as excited about it. We need to get the verbiage correct to see if people are ready to vote on at the next MD36 convention.
- b) Membership Contest. CC Bob spoke and wanted to update everyone since the Council of Governor's meeting in Rockaway put this in place that they are having a contest for Lions who have brought in a new member. No matter how many, you get a chance to have your name in a drawing for a hospitality book at the MD36 convention.
- c) Reimbursements and Subscriptions. DG Doug Loose had questions about the QuickBooks program that the MD36 Headquarter's office needs to operate. Executive Secretary, Leah Hawes, had let the Council know that what she currently uses (the 2019 version) was going to be unuseable after May of 2022. She had researched at Office Max and for the Desktop Pro Plus 2022 Small Business this cost would be \$349.99 and would cover the next 3 years. District Treasurer from 36-0, Hope Loose, thinks she has a cheaper way to provide this to the Multiple District. As does Steve Studer, with another option "Tech Soup" if we are a 501(c) (3) for an admin fee of \$50. Lions Hope Loose, Steve Studer and Leah Hawes will discuss and come back to the Council at the next meeting with their recommendations.
- d) Women's Hygiene Project Update. Lion Sue Jaggars not present. CC Bob Chaney updated everyone that Lion Sue Jaggars is still awaiting word from the LCI Board. (CC Bob wanted to be sure that everyone knows LCI stands for Lions Club International.) Lion Sue shared in an email on November 15, 2021, that she was told it is a great service project but action has not been taken as of yet. She is still in touch with the DG in Kenya and they are wanting this to be a go in the worst way as it is so needed. CC Bob reiterated that the Multiple District/Council of Governors hasn't obligated any money to this yet. We have voted to be in favor of this project. When the time comes it would then be through a grant from LCI and then any monies for our assistance would need to be voted upon.

12. New Business:

- a) Awards. CC Bob discussed the Guiding Lamp Award. Since 2014, the District Governors have had a Guiding Lamp Award with a contest every year: storyboards, etc. Two years ago, the Council wanted to bring "AHA" stories (Lions sharing their stories when they first felt they had become a Lion) to light in a book that would be published and sold. Only 18 entries were submitted and it didn't make a lot of sense to put the expense of making a book with only 18 stories in it. Then the COVID pandemic hit. The Council is now in favor of continuing the Guiding Lamp Award and again wants to encourage all

Lions to submit your “AHA” story to either CC Bob or your District Governor. All of the DGs and Council Chairs from this several year period will also submit their stories. Then, one recipient will be chosen and receive the Guiding Lamp Award at the MD36 Convention once we are ready to publish the book.

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

14. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Report: PDG Phyllis Carlin, Chairman. **Reference Attachment #9.** PDG Phyllis Carlin added how wonderful it is to be back in schools doing these vision screenings again. It is up to each school district how they are handling them. We had been seeing about a 10% referral rate and we are now seeing more like a 16% referral rate – so she emphasized the importance of catching vision issues as early as we can with kids. DG Lynn Coon added that he has gone on some school screenings and that Senator James Manning has been on some too and that the Senator shared he didn't think we are asking for enough money from the State. DG Lynn asked PDG Phyllis to relay Senator Manning's thoughts to Doug Thompson, Executive Director, of Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. PDG Phyllis said she would pass this along.

15. 15 minute break – was skipped.

16. MD36 Standing Committee Chairmen Reports:

Awards, Honors & Contests: Paula Hilgers, Chair. **Reference Attachment #10.** CC Bob asked Paula whether their committee has had an opportunity to review the awards and determine which should be revamped, discontinued, expanded, etc. Lion Paula does have a draft semi-ready to go out – but the committee needs to review it and once that is done she will send that for people to look over. She wants some awards to have less demanding requirements for the clubs, etc.

Camp Representatives: PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair. **Reference Attachment #11.** PDG Mary Lee spoke and said she is happy to be Chairing this Committee and has learned a lot about all of the camps. With the pandemic, she wanted to stress that financial assistance is needed and if clubs or individuals can help them out – it would be greatly appreciated.

Canine Services: Dale Howard, Chair. No report. Lion Dale spoke and shared that on page 10 of the November *Oregon Lion* he submitted an article about Guide Dogs for the Blind. December 5, 2021, is their online Christmas Extravaganza. He has a grant into the Springfield Lions Foundation for \$250 to donate. He's hoping other clubs will contribute also.

Constitution & By-Laws: PCC Gail Black, Chair. **Reference Attachment #12.** One of the main changes is to increase the dues by \$1.00 to go directly to the Convention Operation Committee.

Convention Operating: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference Attachment #13.** PCC Joyce added it has been very tricky to set up a budget, get a contract with one of the possible facilities, etc. with the uncertainty of how many will attend. Please try and promote the convention. There is a site in Keizer we are looking into that looks promising.

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

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

Disaster Response: Charlene Larsen, Chair. **Reference attachment #14.** Charlene added that a possible service project for clubs to consider could be Welcome Home Baskets for those next spring or summer who are returning to their homes or to temporary places – to assist the survivors of these fires.

Environmental: 1VDG Kerith Vance, Chair. **Reference attachment #15.** 1VDG Kerith said that she hasn't really heard from many folks about the flyer she distributed regarding the Photo Contest. PCC Sharon Rollins thinks it was sent to District O only. DG Steve Brewster said he got it and DG Lynn Coon said he hadn't seen it. PCC Sharon suggested that she ask Leah Hawes to forward it to all of the clubs. 1VDG Kerith said she would do this.

Finance & Budget: Jeff Plummer, Chair, absent. No report. CC Bob Chaney received an email from Lion Jeff stating this Committee hadn't been able to meet yet and are hoping to soon. PCC Vincent Bishop said that until they approve the June 30, 2021 reports he can't allow any current year reports to be sent out. The 990 has been sent in as he couldn't wait for this to be submitted as it was past the due date.

Global Action Team: CC Bob Chaney, Chair. No report. CC Bob said the GAT Team will be meeting immediately after this Council of Governor's meeting.

Global Leadership Team: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference attachment #16.** PCC Joyce then spoke and nudged DG Lynn Coon to share his good news. DG Lynn then shared that District R does have a new 1VDG that needs to complete some of his requirements and should be accepted by January 2, 2022. It is Lion David O'Kelley from Yachats. CC Bob clarified that to serve as a 1VDG or 2VDG you need to have served as a President of your club and have also been a Zone Chair or a Cabinet Secretary for 6 months and a day in that position. We recently learned he hadn't been Zone Chair yet, so once that is completed – he will be included in everything going forward.

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

Global Service Team: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #18.** PCC Sharon encouraged the District Governors to have their GST's please stress the importance of sharing the services their clubs are doing.

Global Membership Approach (Was NAMI): CCE Judith Poage, Chair, no report.

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

Reference Attachment #19.

Hunger Relief: 1VDG Kerith Vance, Chair, no report. 1VDG Kerith stressed the importance of clubs doing food drives and that there are many ways to help in this area. To please contact her if you would like to discuss ideas.

Information Technology: Steve Studer, Chair. **Reference attachment #20.**

Int'l Participation: Robin Stoeckler, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #21.**

International Understanding & Cooperation: PID Dennis Tichenor, Chair.

Reference attachment #22.

LCIF: PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #23.**

Long Range Planning: PID Sonja Pulley, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #24.**

MD36 International Vision & Health Clinic: Chair: OPEN. No report.

Opportunity for Youth: Chair: OPEN. No report.

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

Lions Quest: PDG Jim Jaggars, Chair. **Reference attachment #25.** PDG Jim spoke and gave a quick update that the Lions Quest books will be available to the Vice District Governors in sets of 50 at the first of the year.

Peace Poster: Chair: OPEN. No report. CC Bob added that prior to this meeting a winner of this year's Peace Poster Contest was voted on and will be submitted to LCI's competition – the winner is a kiddo from Pendleton in District G.

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

SMART: PDG Carol Brink, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #26.**

Youth Exchange: PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #27.**

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

Pediatric Cancer: PDG Gary Mose, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #28.**

Policy Manual: Dale Rollins, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #29.**

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

Public Relations & Lions Information: Carrie Bartley, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #30.**

Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair.

Reference attachment #31. PDG Mary Lee spoke and reminded everyone to please 24/7 be aware as drivers of blind or visually impaired pedestrians. If anyone would like to help on this Committee, please contact her.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference attachment #32.**

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

NWLLI: OPEN. No report. PCC Gail spoke and shared that PCC Vincent Bishop applied for a grant that was approved! It will take place on April 8, 9, and 10, 2022 in Myrtle Creek. Letters will be going out shortly to push this. It will only be for Oregon Lions for this time and not Canada. Push in your districts – nudge potential leaders. Great instructors, etc.

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

Pin Sales: PDG Garry Charbonneau, absent. No report. PCC Vince Bishop shared that the 2022 pins are here. He also has the pins for next year's District Governors.

17. **Additions/Announcements:** None. CC Bob wished everyone a happy holiday season & safe trips home.

18. **Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:37pm. The next Council meeting will be March 4, 2022. Wildhorse Resort, Pendleton at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance Sheet
Meeting of the Council of Governors
November 20, 2021

- Leah Hawes
- Doug Loose
- Kathy Oliver
- Lynn Coon
- Steve Brewster
- Bryan Longland
- Vincent Bishop
- Bob Chaney
- Joyce Anderson
- Paul Zastrow
- Joan Oliver
- Kathy Coon
- Hope Loose
- Wally Anderson
- Joanna Bilbrey
- Gail Black
- Dennis Tichenor
- Marylee Turner
- Judith Poage
- Jim Jaggars
- Carolee Blatter
- Phyllis Carlin
- Sharon Rollins
- Charlene Larsen
- Linda Stent
- Steve Studer
- Paula Hilgers
- Kerith Vance
- Dale Howard
- Jerry Gomez

Council of Governors Meeting November 20, 2021
Myrtle Creek, Oregon
Council Chair Report

Here it is the holiday season already and that means that we are well into the second quarter of this Lions year. Our Multiple District is moving along about normal or what has been normal for the last several years. You all know how I love the numbers but I will give them to you anyway. The Multiple District, as of November 11, was sitting at a total population of 2910.

I do not want to steal any of the thunder from any of the District Governor reports nor from any of the GAT reports so I will let each one of them provide you with detailed information in their prose about Leadership, Membership and Service that has transpired throughout the multiple district. I would like to reiterate that I feel that MD 36 is extremely lucky this year to have this team in place. These District Governors have been doing a wonderful job, amid all the turmoil and continuous pitfalls of COVID and are once again embracing in-person visits with their constituents and are bringing us back together as a Multiple District.

I want all of you to know that it is the Lions out there in the trenches that keep our organization running.

Several years ago a very wise individual asked the District Governors to provide an update on their goals. For those who don't know, DGs are required to establish goals at the beginning of their year and this person was curious as to how and where those goals stood. So in staying with that tradition in my last report I outlined several goals that I have this 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 meeting in Rockaway in August and our gathering here today and we will continue to make these meetings in-person and work toward an in-person MD convention in May.

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 come together as a GAT team and work on issues such as this but we are meeting today following this meeting.

The third goal I have is to increase the awareness of Lions throughout our communities and states. This goes back to the old adage of the largest service organization 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. We started working on a Public Relations grant from LCI under the assumption that funds were still available, which was conveyed to everyone during a webinar. Unfortunately there are no more funds so this grant will be put together and ready to go first thing next Lions year.

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. So that's an update of my goals for this year.

I would like to give a shout out to the District Governors of O and R Super Doug and Lion Lynn. These two DGs have held both of their first two cabinet meetings in-person and I have had the opportunity to visit DG Lynn's in August and DG Doug's earlier this month and it has been so refreshing to see Lions gathering again and being able to rekindle the relationships.

I know that District G is meeting in person but I have not had the opportunity to make it over to Rufus but I plan to do so before DG Kathy's convention. As for DG Steve's cabinet meetings I am kind of obligated being a member of the cabinet.

Finally, I would like to wish each and every one of you the happiest of Thanksgivings and the merriest of Christmas' and remember the greatest gift of all is the gift of family and that doesn't necessarily mean blood family so enjoy your holidays and let's gather again early next year.

Yours in Lionism,
Council Chair Bob Chaney

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PID Report to the Council of Governors:
November 20, 2021

Important Reminders:

1. Be sure to fill out the **“Official Speaker Request Form”** with LCI about 2-3 months before your District convention.
2. Communicate with your guest ID and copy me so that I stay informed also.
3. Give your **ID names of 1-3 deserving** Lions so they are able to print the International President’s Certificate of Appreciations before they arrive. These will be presented at your District convention.
4. I will need any/all **Award Recommendation Forms for the Presidential and Leadership awards** filled out and to me on or before January 10, 2022. Make sure the Lions you are recommending meet the International President’s criteria. These high awards will be presented at our MD Convention. If you have any questions please call me, I’d be glad to help you.

Save the date of March 12, 2022

Portland Downtown Lions Club will be celebrating their 100th anniversary and the start of Lions in Oregon. It will be held at the Sentinel Hotel, 614 SW 11th Avenue, Portland, starting at 5:30PM. More information will follow.

Respectfully submitted
PID Sonja “Sunny” Pulley

November 20, 2021
Council of Governors
Executive Administrator/Council Secretary/Treasurer Report

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

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

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

State directories are sent to each club, each Governor including their cabinet, MD Officers and MD committee chairs. Extras are sold for \$5 per book. 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 June 30, 2021 are being reviewed by Finance and Budget Committee. Council will see the report when Finance and Budget Committee completes their review. Our MD net membership through October 31, 2021 is down by 19 members with one of our districts having a positive member increase. MD 36 is down net one club since July 1, 2021. Districts are having a challenge from collecting dues from a few clubs, which in turn are not paying total amount due to the MD 36. Right now, this isn't affecting our cash flow materially, but it could in the future if this trend continues. We have also had a few requests to write off dues owed to the MD by cabinet treasurers due to club billing errors or nonpayment of dues. I have done eleven years of graphs of our membership by month to show what has been happening to our districts.

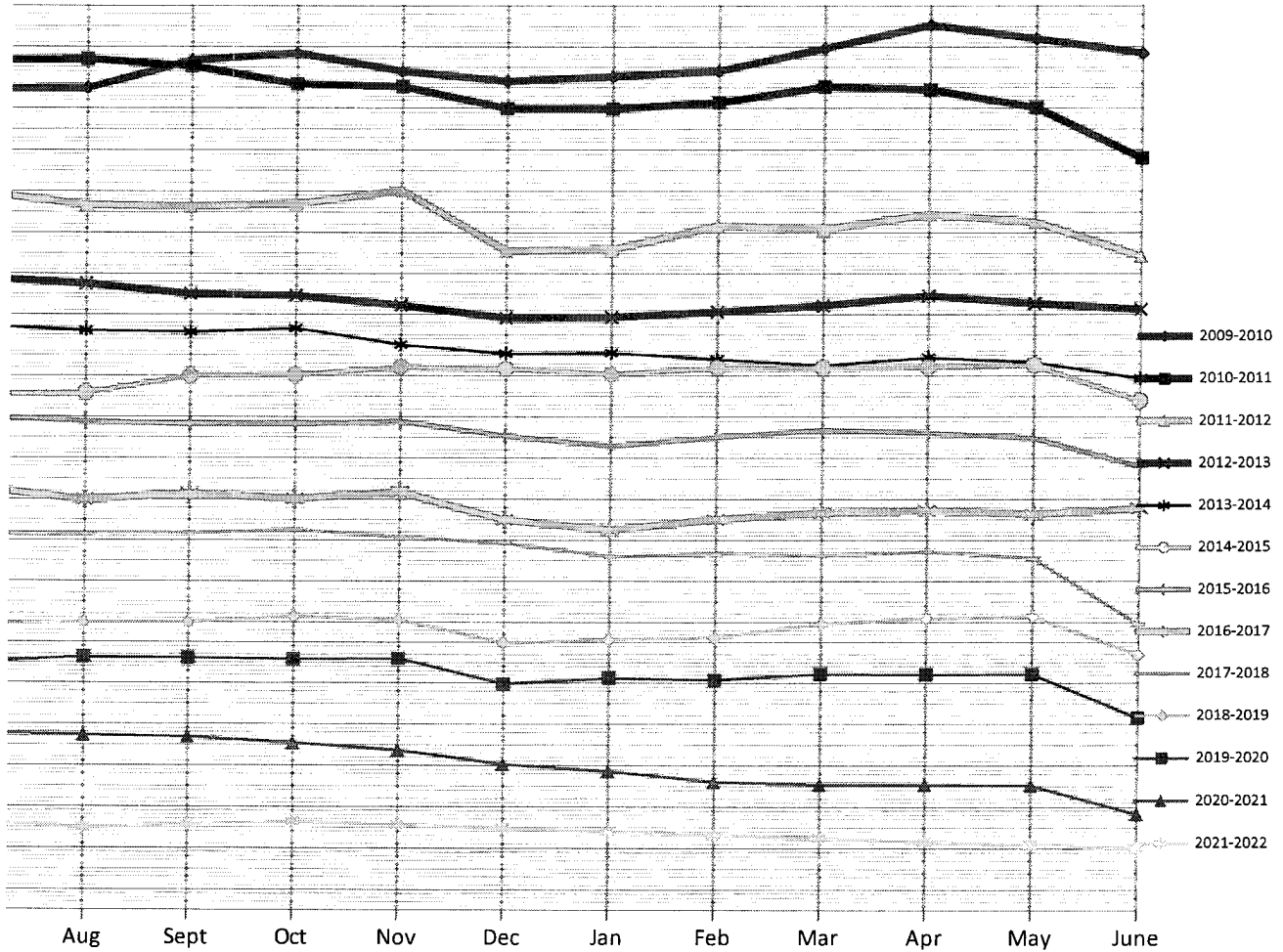
Our challenge continues to be meeting the wants of our council while learning to do with less funds.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MD 36 Membership



Report to the Council of Governor's for November 20, 2021 meeting

District 36-O

Submitted by District Governor Doug Loose

The year is a 3rd over and has gone by very quickly, many things have gone very well and some not. Our GAT Team has been busy working on bringing the Happy Valley and Rockwood Clubs into fruition, as well as strengthening our existing clubs. I have personally visited 16 clubs so far, many of them are very busy in their communities with service and fundraising and I have reminded them to make sure to report this on MyLion so we can all see. Momentum is building in our membership with the implementation of the Global Membership Approach, Rejuvenate districts with new clubs, Revitalize Clubs with new members and Re-Motivate Members with new fellowships and Exciting Service, it's simple and effective.

Our convention is scheduled for February 26 in Astoria at the Charlene Larson Center for the performing arts, it will be a celebration of all we have achieved so far and into the future.

In Service DG Doug

Report to Council of Governor's for November 20, 2021 meeting

District 36-R

Submitted by District Governor Lynn Coon

It has been a great Lion's year so far for 2021-2022. It's hard to believe we are already on our second of four COG Meetings. So far I've had the opportunity to visit 24 of our 32 clubs in the District, all of them in-person visits. Each club has been very welcoming and excited to be meeting in person. They are excited to get out and do service projects and fund raising. Our clubs are providing eye care and hearing aids. They are serving in food banks, meals on wheels, transportation for Dr. appointments, eye screening's and school crossings for elementary schools. Clubs are busy serving their communities.

We have also had two new positions added to our District 36-R cabinet. Please welcome Lion Michael Ward as our District Administrator. Lion Michael will be helping clubs get their reports turned into Lions International. I feel we have chosen the right Lon to help our district be successful with reporting. We also have Lion Fran Silbernagel from the Stayton Lions who has stepped up as Region Chair for Region 1. Lion Fran has jumped right in to assist where she can in her region.

When we started the Lions year I stated I was excited as to what this Lions year would bring us. I am pleased to say District 36-R is going in the right direction. We have most clubs meeting in person again and they are excited to get busy with service in their communities. We have clubs recruiting new Lions members. Our Lions are proud of being a Lion and want to share that with friends, family and their neighbors.

District 36-R is at a positive net growth thanks to our Lions spreading the word about what we do and how we serve. We have dropped 26 members but now have 46 new members with net of 20 new members. Now one of the big things for our District is retention and keeping the Lions we have. We need to keep our clubs communicating with their members, we need to keep the energy going. December is usually the time we drop members. Let's keep encouraging them to stay and serve with us as we continue this Lions year.

The District has held training for our zone and our region chairs. Thank you GLT chair PCC Lion Rod as you work on getting more of our Lions trained to better serve our District. We are also planning a Guiding Lion

Training that we will use as we start up a new club. The new club that we are working on at this time is in Vida up the McKenzie River area. PDG Lion Darrel Scott will be working on this along with Springfield Lions and our GMT Chair PDG Lion Steve Moser.

So as you can see we are moving in the right direction, reporting our service, growing our membership in the District, and moving toward starting a new club or branch club. We have held our 2nd District cabinet meeting and continue to have our zone chairs working with their respective clubs. We are planning our district conference which will be held February 5th in Corvallis at OSU Alumni Center. Our International Director will be Lion Debra Weaverling from Basehor, Kansas. We have also turned in for approval the paperwork for a new 1ST VDG to LCI and I have heard back that Lion David O'Kelley will be official on January 2, 2022 after fulfilling zone chair for majority of this Lions year.

On one last note, I want to thank the clubs of 36-R for supporting the MILLION PENNIES CAMPAIGN. Total sent to LCIF for this Project was \$4,935.08.

As we keep up the work as leaders in the District, work together, support one another and keep the momentum going -- we look for great things to happen in District 36-R. Thank all of you for what you do.

SERVICE FROM THE HEART. I believe Lions Change Lives Today.

Report to the Council of Governor's for November 20, 2021 meeting

District 36-E

Submitted by District Governor Steve Brewster

Cheers to Brookings Harbor Lions: The bright spot in club growth in the District. It has been a bumpy road for them as they are busy reimagining their Club and their future as a meaningful club. On a lesser note, we have lost 1 club, The Medford Host Lions club. They were having problems for a while but COVID and the fires seemed to put a finishing nail in their coffin so to speak. The bright spot is the Jacksonville Club has stepped up and is contacting past and present members with an invite to join their club. They are also in the process of renaming their club to reflect a larger service area, and fill the void created by the loss of a club.

COVID is still taking a toll on the ability of a lot of clubs to meet, fundraise and service their communities. Our job is to reinvigorate these clubs and bring them into the future.

We have finally found a venue for our convention. Yesterday's Plaza in Klamath Falls. We are now proceeding with the planning stage. Hopefully COVID will become controllable by spring, and we will be able to have a convention this year.

We Serve.

Steve Brewster, DG MD36-E

MD 36 Council of Governors Report
November 2021



For our last report to the Council of Governors in August we shared the news that COVID was still challenging us in a number of ways. Since that report, we suffered through perhaps the worst month of the pandemic in September. We had a record number of referrals to the eye bank. Referrals take place when someone dies and our amazing staff in our Donor Referral Center screens the medical history for suitability for donation. We usually have about 5 referrals for each donation. More referrals generally equals more donations. In September we screened out one quarter of all referrals due to COVID. This meant our staff was never busier with calls but their work didn't translate into higher volumes of tissue recovered. We had to import tissue from partner eye banks to fill our surgery schedule. It was heartbreaking to hear about the high volume of COVID deaths and equally frustrating that we simply aren't where we want to be with regard to this pandemic. October was somewhat better but we still need to remain vigilant with work practices (masks in the office, etc.)

September also brought one of the most frustrating experiences of my 21-year tenure at Lions VisionGift. A group of thieves disconnected power to our building and smashed a door into the facility. Luckily they didn't take much, but the loss of power to the building caused a lot of problems. Staff rose to the occasion to ensure the safety of our tissue, but our sense of security in our location was severely violated. We are actively pursuing added security measures that we hope will make the location less vulnerable. That said, the city of Portland is experiencing a lot of crime and we do need our leaders to be encouraged to invest in resources that will help get us back on the right track. We need to focus on our mission rather than spending money on video surveillance, lighting, and security services.

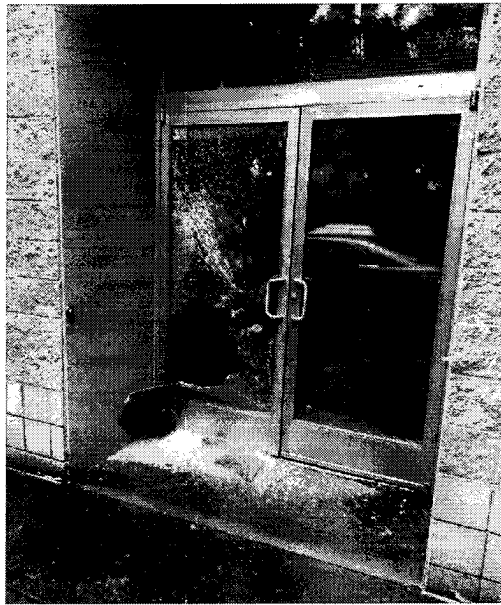
Finally, we recently attended the American Academy of Ophthalmology. This year was in person and attendance was around 9,000 instead of ~17,000 that usually attend. It was amazing to see people in real life and discuss our services with the surgeons and researchers that rely on Lions VisionGift for the tissue that is essential to their work. We debuted a brand new booth to showcase our offerings. It was a very successful meeting and we are excited to finally be collaborating with our colleagues from across the US in the most basic of ways. In person.

-Chris Stoeger, CEO

2021	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	YTD
DONORS LVG	194	185	203	182	202	163	189	186	165	169	1838
Cornea Transplants LVG	180	128	185	183	160	157	171	156	127	144	1591
Referrals	1486	1153	1246	1244	1309	1315	1347	1708	1991	1782	14581

MD 36 Council of Governors Report

November 2021



Door to Lions VisionGift's building located in SE Portland after being burglarized.



The next generation of surgeons being trained at American Academy of Ophthalmology with tissue provided by Lions VisionGift. Dr. Jess Chen, Devers Cornea Fellow, explains complex transplant surgery learned from Drs. Mike Straiko and Mark Terry.



Lions VisionGift staff at the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Our new booth allows us to easily share our services with current and new partners in research, education, and transplant.



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Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation
Council of Governor's Report
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School Vision Screening

During the 2021 Oregon Legislative session, OLSHF successfully advocated for the continuation of the ODE School Vision Screening fund, providing schools with the resources necessary to identify vision health issues for Oregon students. Over 600 Oregon schools have scheduled Lions vision screening for the 2021-22 school year, with an anticipation of OLSHF screening over 175,000 students this year. The question does still remain whether some school districts will allow in-school adult volunteers during the 2021-22 school year. It is very possible that MD-36 Lions and other adult volunteers will not be able to assist in vision screening events in many, if not most, Oregon school districts for the foreseeable future.

Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP) Optical Lab

Our recently expanded LEAP optical lab, the first charitable optical lab in the world, continues to manufacture high quality, low cost eyeglasses for Oregonians in need, and in partnership with MD-36 Lions. Through October, the LEAP Lab has provided 376 pair of new eyeglasses for Oregonians in need. Also, we have hired Gracie, our newest LEAP Intern, and a recent graduate of the paraoptometric program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility for Women.

New OLSHF Ambassador Program

We kicked off our new Ambassador Program at the November meeting of the OLSHF Trustees, this new effort is designed to help Trustees and any Lion interested, in developing the basic skills necessary to share OLSHF content, either via the internet or by phone. We are recruiting Ambassador "Coaches" such as Mike Kilkenny of The Dalles Lions, Jadie de Lille Wright of the East Albany Lions, Carol Swesso of the Sutherlin Lions, and John Drake of the Cedar Hills/Sunset Lions, to help our Ambassadors develop a comfort level of sharing info on OLSHF programs and upcoming events.

2nd Annual OLSHF Holiday Special

We hope that all Lions will join OLSHF to celebrate the Holiday Season on Saturday, December 11th during our 2nd Annual Holiday Special, livestreamed through Zoom and Youtube. Our audience members will see and hear great stories of how Oregonians have been helped by our sight and hearing programs AND all participants will be eligible to win great door prizes, including a \$500 gift card courtesy of Columbia Bank.

Those attending the Holiday Special will meet Nate Lipshutz, a 25 year old Aerospace Engineer now living in Seattle. As a boy living in Roseburg, Nate overcame the obstacles of his legal blindness and homelessness to put himself through college and to become the success that he is today. Nate attributes much of his success to the Lions Low Vision program and Dr. J.P. Lowery, who became Nate's "Light in the Darkness" and made it possible for Nate to achieve his dreams.

Registration information for this free event is available by contacting any OLSHF Board or Staff member.

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

Council of Governors Meeting
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Awards, Honors and Contests Committee Report

Committee members have been busy promoting awards and contests within their own District.

In an effort to determine which contests clubs want to continue and those in which clubs have little or no interest, committee members are collecting comments from Lions throughout the Multiple District.

We are currently updating the story board contest with 2021-22 information to get out to all clubs.

A Zoom meeting will be scheduled for later this month or early December for a more thorough look at contests.

For the current year, the contests and awards will go on as stated in the Awards and Contests booklet with new updates ready for the 2022-2023 Lion year.

The main items the committee is considering for review are:

- Has the contest portion outlived its usefulness and therefor no longer meaningful to Lions Clubs.
- Are the guidelines for evaluating contest entries too restrictive.
- How else can we recognize outstanding Lions Clubs and club projects, when many of these clubs choose not to enter the contests.
- How can we make this program more meaningful for clubs.
- How do we overcome, or work around, the communication issue which seems to occur at all levels, but especially at the club level.
- How to create a hybrid Storyboard Contest allowing clubs to enter a hard copy or a digital storyboard. (Thank you David O'Kelley for this idea.)
- How do we get buy-in from the top down—District Governors on down to the local clubs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Awards, Honors and Contests Committee:

Carrie Bartley, District O

Paula Hilgers, Chair, District R

Carol Swesso, District E

Kristen Harmon, District G

Report to Council of Governor's for November 20, 2021 meeting
From PDG Mary Lee Turner, Camp Representative Chair

Camp Representatives Report

Welcome COG Members. Here is an update on the Camps from the representatives.

Gales Creek Camp Report from Rob Dailey, Executive Director

Gales Creek Camp wrapped up a fun season of modified camps in 2021. We did mostly day camps at Gales Creek Camp, but we were also able to load up our team and drive around Oregon to see our campers, hosting day camps in public parks. It was a great way to get to see our campers and bring them together to see each other. We handed out t-shirts, frisbees, stickers and other goodies to get them through the year. At the same time the kids were having fun playing games, we also hosted parent support groups, which were very powerful.

Right now our team is planning for more typical overnight summer camps next year. While we may have to add some COVID precautions to our operations, we are optimistic about getting kids back to Gales Creek Camp for some week-long, overnight summer fun in 2022!

Registration opens in January.

Thanks to all the Lions Clubs who support our kiddos. If you'd like a presentation from someone at Gales Creek Camp to SHOW YOU what we're up to, please reach out to rob@galescreekcamp.org. We can do Zoom or in-person presentations!

Hull Foundation and Learning Center Report from 1VDG Kerith Vance, Exec. Director of Hull Foundation and Learning Center

In the last few months it has been exciting to have the park space reopen to guests.

- August was a mini social event that was a mini reunion for those who had not seen each other in person for some time and a chance to go kayaking, wine tasting and visit a bigfoot museum.

- In October, we had our first Living with Sight Loss seminar in almost two years. Four adults who were new to sight loss and two of their spouses, spent three days in an immersive series of workshops to learn about the various kinds of equipment, technology, gadgets, tips and tricks that are out there to help them in the new journey they are starting. We also had an orientation and mobility specialist who spoke about white canes, and various ways to keep active and mobile.

- The week of the 25th of October, the park took on a festive and spooky look with fall leaves outside and all kinds of spider webs and other spooky items inside, as we welcomed guests to the Monster Mash. One of our guests said it felt like a gift to be back at Hull to see old friends. This visit includes all kinds of crafts, games and other activities to celebrate the season.

As the weather gets colder and the rain comes down, the park space will get winterized but our online workshops and the phone calls that provide free peer to peer support will continue.

As you all know, 2020 and 2021 have been tough years for everyone. Here at HFLC, we instituted cost saving measures, pivoted to online presentations to keep our guests connected to us and each other and to much needed services. We developed a Peer to Peer Support program

that operates by phone with our staff members who all have a type of sight loss themselves, contacting individuals who have questions from dealing with challenges of daily life to the services available for those with sight loss like transportation, talking books and more.

As we head into the end of 2021, HFLC needs your support to keep our programs operating so that we are able to continue connecting with adults with sight loss and blindness throughout the Winter months. As we head into our 60th anniversary year in 2022, we have a septic system that is ready to be updated with a new tank and some other repairs.

Please consider a year end or monthly donation to HFLC through our website www.oralhull.org or by calling our office at 503-668-6195. You can also send us a check to PO Box 573, Sandy, OR 97055.

Camp Meadowood **Report from PDG Lion Dee Stubblefield**

In a nutshell: Camp Meadowood is a campsite with cabins, cafeteria, and other outbuildings located in a mountain setting. Amenities are needed to support personal needs while attending camp.

Camp is aimed to support students age 6-16 with speech issues. Special issues may arise from mouth abnormalities but not limited to same. Hearing plays a huge role in speech—if you can't hear it, you have problems repeating back. Same for inability of compromised vision. Students with cochlear implants are included.

Persons frequently associated with the care of children are generally the first to recognize that a child is having speech or hearing issues, e.g. family, caregivers, teachers, pediatricians, vision/speech therapists. Children with vision and/or hearing issues are frequently those who would benefit most.

Camps are generally one week in length. Two camps are generally offered per year. Students are NEVER alone. Councilors, cabin care providers for campers, medical-trained person in Life Support, camp supervisor, maintenance staff & upkeep, and camp cooks, are on site.

Funding is often through individual, club, and/or organization contributions. Some organized groups with annual budgets generally allocate a given amount in their annual budgets. Thus, the financial support for campers is provided. One organization that I am aware of gives \$20,000.00 annually. Every penny counts “where miracles happen.”

For more information, please feel free to contact PDG Lion Dee Stubblefield, 541.379.0758, PO Box 453, Baker City, OR 97814, dstub@eoni.com

Camp Taloali **Report has not been received from PDG Lion Doug Fiala**

Sending you all fond regards.

Respectfully, PDG Mary Lee Turner
503-956-5088

Smilingmarylee@gmail.com
www.livingwithsightloss.com
www.hullparkfortheblind.org

Report to Council of Governor's – November 20, 2021

Constitution and Bylaws Report

Submitted by PCC Gail Black – MD36 Chair

No action at this time.

The committee will be working on changes that need to be incorporated which will include the change to dues brought forth at the previous Council meeting.

All changes will be submitted at the next council meeting, and be ready for council approval for voting on at the MD36 Convention.

November 20, 2021

To: Lion Bob Chaney, Chair
MD 36 Council of Governors
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair
MD 36 Convention Operating Committee
Subject: Report to Council

We are still searching for a location within District R to hold the 2022 MD 36 Convention. With the uncertainty of Covid restrictions, planning is difficult.

We will hold a Zoom meeting of the committee on Monday, November 29, to discuss ideas and options for the event.

Some of the options could be:

1. The convention could be fewer days in length – Friday evening and all day Saturday.
2. Find a venue not connected to a hotel to help keep cost down.
3. Plan a virtual event.
4. Other ideas.

We know that our attendance has been dropping and we cannot afford to keep the old format in place with all of the uncertainty.

We will announce to everyone what our best plan turns out to be.

MD36 **Disaster Response Report** to Council of Governor's -- November 20, 2021

Submitted by Charlene Larsen, MD36 Chair – crl.larsen@charter.net – 503-791-6207

What is new since the last MD 36 Cabinet Meeting?

1. We have eight Long Term Recovery Groups around the State of Oregon helping survivors with their recovery plans following the floods in February 2020: fires in September 2020 and fires in July 2021.
2. What are the Unmet Needs?
 - a. Money
 - b. Manpower
 - c. Materials
3. How does my Oregon Lions Club become involved?
 - a. Call or email me at the email address and phone number listed above.
 - b. I will also call you with a need.
4. Specifics:
 - a. \$100 for a survivor in Clackamas County.
 - b. A generator for a senior citizen who is house bound and on oxygen in Klamath County.
 - c. Skilled teams of shed builders in Stayton for the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Survivors in Marion and Lane Counties.
 - d. Welcome home supplies for survivors moving back to their home sites. For all the eight LTRG's
 - e. Tools for Tool Lending Libraries in Santiam Canyon and Klamath/Lake.
 - f. Vehicle mechanic in Klamath/Lake.
 - g. Volunteers for Saturday work parties in Santiam Canyon, go to website and use "Sign up Genius"
 - h. Volunteers to help with water testing in Klamath Falls.
 - i. Join the Lincoln County Long Term Recovery Group.
 - j. Join the Clackamas County Long Term Recovery Group.
 - k. Join the Santiam Canyon Long Term Recovery Group.
 - l. Join the Lane County Long Term Recovery Group.
 - m. Join the Archie Creek LTRG in Douglas County.
 - n. Join the Klamath/Lake Counties Long Term Recovery Group.
 - o. Join the Blue Mountain Region COAD.
5. We Serve and now is the time to step in and be part of the outreach to an unprecedented disaster event eight times over in the State of Oregon.
6. Thanks to all how have stepped forward, there is plenty for all to do.
Yours in Lionism, Charlene

Report for the Council of Governor's November 20, 2021 meeting

Environmental Report

The environmental committee is in the process of reviewing the policy manual document. We also created a photo contest for this Lion year.

Attached is the flyer for our photo contest.

Submitted by 1VDG Kerith Vance, MD36 Environmental Chair

MD36 Lions Environmental Photo Contest 2021-22

By the MD36 Environmental Committee:

O: Kerith Vance; R Susan Pfanner; E Danny Hawkes; G Joe Foran

Our theme for 2021-22 is CHANGES, Past and Present Photos.

Find a historic photo in Oregon or Northern California and repeat the photo (as close as you can) in the present day. Both Photos must have an easily identifiable feature in both photos showing that it is the same location.

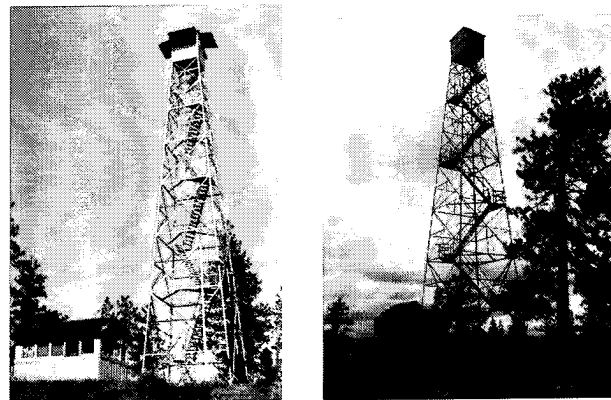
Send us the new photo and the past photo. Let us know the year and location of the original photo and the year of the new photo.

Examples:

Photo of a city street past and present;

Photo of a Lions Club activity in an area past and present;

Photo of an area before and after a natural disaster;



Resources

Email your photo and any questions to Kerith@hullflc.org by March 31, 2021.

Photos will be shared at the MD36 Convention and on the MD36 Facebook page.

Top three will be shown in the Oregon Lion Magazine.

<https://www.ohs.org/research-and-library/our-collections/photographs.cfm>

<https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records/historical-photos.aspx>

<https://www.oldoregonphotos.com/>

<https://www.nwnewsnetwork.org/environment-and-planning/2014-10-10/cross-time-photos-from-northwest-lookouts-reveal-big-changes>

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To: Lion Bob Chaney, Chair
MD 36 Council of Governors
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair
MD 36 GLT
Subject: Report to Council

The Global Leadership Team will be participating in the GAT meeting on Saturday, November 20 in Myrtle Creek. It has been difficult to get this group together but a very necessary thing that needs to happen.

Our 1st VDGs Kerith Vance (O) and Jerry Gomez (E) have been very busy working with their Group Leaders and other 1st VDGs in preparation of their duties next year as District Governor. I've heard that District R will soon have a Lion to add to that group. We will start our local DG Training in late January. All of their prep work must be complete before International Convention, July 1-5, 2022, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Registration is now available on line at lionsclubs.org/LCIcon. If your considering attending, be sure your Passport is current!

Our districts are planning for their District Conventions in the Spring. Those events will be: District R-Corvallis- February 5, 2022 at OSU Alumni Center; District O – Astoria – February 28, 2022 at Charlene Larsen Arts Center; District E – Klamath Falls – March 18-19, 2022; and District G – March 4-5, 2022 at Wildhorse Resort, Pendleton.

Districts are also planning Guiding Lion Training in the Spring and getting ready for New Officer Training!

MD36 District Membership Reports for November 2021
submitted by PDG Judith Poage
MD36 GMT

PDG Dan Wolf; District O

Mt Hood Lions has inducted a new member.

District O has two club expansion efforts underway. One is in Happy Valley and one in Rockwood area.

PDG Dan has joined Sandy Lions as an associate member in an effort to help their membership.

Mt Hood has restarted their Cub Scout Pack and recruited 15 youth.

PDG Steve Moser, District R

District R has a net of 20 new members; however, still 17 members less than this time last year

46 members have come from adds in just 11 of 32 clubs

Springfield Lions are going to the Blue McKenzie (where wild fire was) to work on a new club. Springfield will start them as a branch club to help get them going.

CC Bob Chaney, District E

Medford Host Club was canceled due to non payment of dues.

District E dropped by 16 members and added 5 members with net of -23.

Kudos to Brookings-Harbor with a plus 7. (added 10 and lost 3) The only club with a net gain

The District is looking at a canvassing event for a new club in Medford in the spring.

PDG Judith Poage, District G

The following clubs have an increase over this time last year:

Hood River Eye Openers, Hermiston Lions, Enterprise Joseph and Crooked River Ranch.

Crooked River is the sponsor for Redmond and hoping to help them.

I agree with CC Bob Chaney that clubs still hesitant to meet in person limit their ability to garner new members and reduce the number lost.

Global Service Team Report
Council of Governors
Saturday, November 20, 2021

I have been attempting to communicate with all four District GSTs to obtain a report of the service that has taken place/is happening in their respective Districts. I have just one report, from PDG Tom Hilgers of District R. That report is shown below.

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 spring will bring a change in the continuing COVID disruption of our lives.

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
MD 36 GST

Global Service Team

Report to the 36-R Cabinet

November 13, 2021

October's Club Health Assessment report for District 36-R indicates that 13 of the district's 32 clubs, or 40.6%, have reported service activities via the MyLion app since July 1st. While 40.6% is not a good number, it is a 62.5% improvement over the 8 clubs who had reported service as of the end of October last year, and it is a number we can build on.

Because the service reporting module includes service, fund raising, meetings, and donations as reportable activities and because we want to encourage hands-on community service by our Lions and Lions clubs, I broke down the reported activities in order to get a better idea of how much direct service was being conducted by our clubs. I did include donations in this number, but not fund-raising or meetings. The results, including the areas of focus of those activities, are as follows:

- Hunger: 13 activities reported.
- Environment: 14 activities reported.
- Childhood Cancer: 0 activities reported.
- Diabetes Awareness: 1 activity reported.
- Vision: 9 activities reported.
- Other: 20 activities reported.

In an effort to increase service reporting by our 36-R clubs, DG Lynn Coon has recruited Lion Michael Ward of the Central Lions Club to serve as District Administrator. Lion Michael will assist and, if necessary, file reports on behalf of clubs whose officers are unable to use the reporting module for one reason or another. Hopefully, this will improve our clubs' reporting numbers as the year goes on while, at the same time, keeping dedicated Lions who aren't computer literate involved in the process.

Finally, I'm encouraging zone chairs to promote the "Plan Future Activity" feature in the MyLion app. This tool is available to all Lions - not just club officers - who are registered with MyLion, and it provides a planning template and built-in networking with your registered club members and other Lions to assist in organizing a successful service project. This provides an excellent opportunity to expand our service into new areas of focus, improve our professionalism, and attract non-Lions to help and possibly join us in the future.

Tom Hilgers
36-R GST Coordinator

For the Council of Governor's November 20, 2021 meeting

Report from **Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action Committee**
Submitted by MD36 Chair Jennifer Brewster

Hearing Protection for Hunting

Hunting is one of America's national sports, with over 13 million people enjoying the activity every year. Obviously, that results in a lot of fun and pleasure, but it also has a less enjoyable consequence: plenty of exposure to extremely loud noises. A keen ear is one of the hunter's most important assets. And you also know that it's essential to protect your hearing against sudden gunshots or other hunting-related noises. Studies have found that men over the age of 48 who hunt regularly are statistically more likely to experience hearing loss of the type associated with damage from sudden loud explosions. Many hunters fail to take precautions to avoid serious hearing problems.

Even a single loud gunshot can permanently damage your hearing. It doesn't have to be a couple of feet away, either. Shots from twenty to thirty meters away can also degrade your auditory abilities, particularly if heard repeatedly and over a long period. Generally, noises of 85 decibels or more can cause permanent hearing issues, and gunshots are usually in the range of 120 to 130 decibels.

So, store that warning in your mind before you head out for an expedition: there's a risk, and you need to take precautions. The most important thing to do is to wear protective gear that muffles sound and vibrations from gunshots. This is easily the most important fix you can make that will prevent hearing damage. The most common form of ear protection for hunters is earplugs. Generally made of foam and ridged to ensure they remain securely in place. However, earplugs cannot reduce the impact of vibrations from gunshots block out all ambient sound, which can be a big problem for serious hunters. This means that many hunters avoid earplugs and prefer earmuffs instead. Also, electronic ear plugs are devices (which are worn like hearing aids) they can be tuned to block out specific frequencies. The use of ear plugs can help preserve your hearing.

MD 36^{Information} Technology Report

November 15th, 2021

New from Last Report

Google Maps

Tech chair Steve Studer has almost completed a google map of all clubs in MD 36 with the link below you can see all clubs and search for specific clubs to find meeting locations and meeting details. Here the link to add the map to your own google maps

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1M4lX8nZacUtdRcc9yzDlwzshfQCEyOUv&usp=sharing>

Reminders from Last Report

Zoom

District Information Technology Chairperson Steve R Studer is happy hosting any MD36-O or District events using Zoom. Please contact him at Lionsclubwestlinn@gmail.com

Google Calendar

District Information Technology Chairperson Steve R Studer has created a google Calendar that contains the Important LCI and MD36 Events if you're a google Calendar user you can add this calendar using the link Below

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=cmU4aGppNmcyZHNoYTNUYzhsYTcxa2NhNmtAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

Google Photos

District Information Technology Chairperson Steve R Studer has Create a Google Photos library where Club members can Share photos of club members and activities if like to know more please contact him at Lionsclubwestlinn@gmail.com

Google Drive for Archiving meeting minutes and other artifacts

District Information Technology Chairperson Steve R Studer created a Drive Archive library where Club members can save club artifacts and activities if like to know more please contact him at Lionsclubwestlinn@gmail.com

Who wants help with their Club Facebook Pages?

District Information Technology Chairperson Steve R Studer is willing to help clubs keep their Facebook pages current. If you'd like help you can invite Steve to become an Editor to your Facebook page or contact him at Lionsclubwestlinn@gmail.com and he'll work with your club to keep pages current.

Reminder to sign up for the Amazon Smile Program

Be sure to tell all members, friends, and family about AMAZON Smile. If you shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to your favorite charitable organization, at no cost to you. All you have to do is ask your club members who order from Amazon to register for Amazon Smile using this link below
<https://org.amazon.com/>

When they register or if they've already Registered ask them to select a Lion 501 C3 Charities.

Once the club members, friends family etc. have selected their Charity, ask them to bookmark this URL https://smile.amazon.com/ref=nav_logo and use it every time they place an order through Amazon. If they use a mobile device, ask them to please follow the instructions below.
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1HUWdxPZ_yrgTA76tGO5spPyBWztabf0z

Who's interested in starting a Virtual Club?

Anyone interested in starting our first Virtual Club please contact Steve Studer at Lionsclubwestlinn@gmail.com.

Submitted by Steve Studer, MD36 Information Technology Chair

MD-36 Council of Governors Meeting, 20 November 2021

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 – Don Adams
Member at Large – Joyce Anderson
Member at Large – Rod Bach
Member at Large – Steve Thomson
Chair – Robin Stoeckler

The International Participation Committee met Saturday morning, 28 August, in advance of the Council of Governors meeting.

Recommended updates, changes, and/or corrections to the Policy Manual that pertain to the International Participation Committee were discussed and have since been provided to the Policy Committee for consideration.

Interpretation of the International Participation Committee make-up was discussed and it was determined that the verbiage contained in the Policy Manual allowed for four members at large to be appointed by the Council, not including the Chair who is also appointed. The fourth at-large committee member appointment was approved by the Council during the regular meeting. As a result of the Council vote, Joyce Anderson joined the International Participation Committee and was selected and agreed to serve as Treasurer. Transfer of treasurer items from the past treasurer to the new treasurer was to occur.

Expense reimbursement for hosting of International Guests for district conventions was brought forth, as not all districts have been covering hosting expenses causing the Past International Director or representative to pay expenses out of their own pocket. It was suggested that this should be a discussion point to be brought up to the District Governors.



A contest idea was brought forth to encourage individuals from throughout MD36 to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. A task force was created to work together in setting the parameters for the contest.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Des Moines was attended by four individuals representing the Multiple District: District O Governor Doug, District G Governor Kathy, District O Vice Governor Kerith, and Past Council Chair Joyce.

The Parade Uniform for International Conventions was discussed. A “one-size fits all” approach to the parade uniform was brought forth, consisting of a white top (blouse, polo, shirt), black bottom (pants, skirt, shorts, capris) and an embroidered scarf that is neither too girly nor too masculine, with an image that represents the entire Multiple District (see image at end of this report). The design concept was shared, and has since been modified to reflect the feedback provided. A prototype is in production and the results will be shared as soon as the scarf is available.

Lions of MD-36 are encouraged to make sure you have a valid passport so that you can attend the International Convention in Montreal June 24 – 28, 2022 and/or the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary September 15 – 17, 2022. Passport applications are taking up to 18 weeks to process currently, so plan ahead to renew or apply for your passport to ensure receipt in time to attend.

Respectfully submitted
Robin Stoeckler



Report for the November 20, 2021 Council of Governors meeting

International Understanding & Cooperation Report

Not much happening because of Covid. Four Oregon Lions attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum. Be prepared with your passport for the in-person International Convention in Montreal.

Not much happening on the Peru and Mexico trips. Both countries have rampant Covid. Plans are still in the making for the Peruvian trip and information will be forthcoming. The Riches and I have led the effort in Peru for 10 years before Covid and we both still keep strong contacts with the Lions of Peru. They are strong and resilient and are still doing projects for their people.

If anyone knows of clubs twinning with any clubs from anywhere please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
PID Dennis Tichenor, MD36 Int'l Understanding & Cooperation Chair

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To: COG & interested Lions

LCIF – Lions Clubs International Foundation

From: IPCC Paul Zastrow

Date: November 20, 2021

I have several issues that I wish to cover regarding donations to our world-wide foundation – LCIF. As you all are aware we are in the last year of Campaign 100, the attempt to raise \$300 million US world-wide to serve 300 million people in need. Presently we have raised about \$236 million of the desired amount in cash and pledges, making it at the 78.6% level with some 7.5 months to go. In Oregon we have raised a very tiny amount of what has been suggested.

For the current year all 4 Districts have raised a paltry \$9,055 from July 1 to November 13th. During the past 4 years the Multiple District has had 3 clubs achieve the Model Club level – Brookings Harbor for one year, an additional club that I have forgot, and my own club (Hood River Eye Openers Lions Club) which has achieved Model Club status each year so far, and will do so again! Thus over the 5 year period an average of at least \$100 per member average each year of the program. I challenge every club to try to achieve this level of at least one year as a Model Club, meaning an average of \$100 per member donation. I believe the Pendleton Lions Club is attempting to reach that amount for the current year. Other clubs have come close – and I applaud them for their efforts.

Additionally, on a lesser level, I challenge each District to get each club to donate to LCIF – and in some of the clubs, each member to donate. Both levels can be appropriately recognized for their donations. Currently this year the number of clubs donating by district is in O, 12 of 36, R has 5 of 32 and both E and G with only 3 of 30. Not a good representation even with the downturn of state or club economics.

Clubs and individuals can give with individual Lions awarded or purchase their own Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards – or Progressive MJFs with each \$1,000 donation. Currently we have 1,565 Melvin Jones Fellows and an additional 105 Progressive MJFs. My own District G has 237 MJFs and 20 Progressive MJFs. Donations can be done in almost any amounts, and for each \$1,000 donation a MJF is available. Looking at the amounts available by District in 'installments' O has \$55,617.53 available in installments with some 26 MJFs available by either clubs or individuals. District R has \$67,562.41 in installments and 42 MJFs that can be designated. District E has \$15,976.92 in installments and 7 MJFs presently to be allocated. Lastly, District G has \$32,023.67 in installments with some 17 MJFs available.

Although the above installments and discussions regarding the Fellowships one can look to their LCIF District Coordinator and find where Lions as individuals stand regarding installment status or even how many MJFs either they have control over naming or that their club has donated. Let's see what we collectively as clubs and as individual Lions can donate to make the efforts for raising that \$300 million truly successful – personally, my next donation for my annual \$1,000 will be in the mail to LCIF within the next month – how about yours?

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Long Range Planning Committee Report

Submitted by PID Edward Gear

The Long Range Planning Committee has been requested to evaluate the idea of Redistricting the Multiple District to meet Lions Club International's Constitution Article VIII, Section 2, Minimum District Requirements of 35 Clubs in good standing, and a total membership of at least 1,250 Lions Club members in good standing.

The Committee is composed of: PID Sonja Pulley (Chair), PID Dennis Tichenor and PID Edward Gear. In addition, the Districts have been asked to appoint one representative of each District to serve on the Committee for this one task. District O has appointed PDG Hank Calhoun; District R has appointed PDG Chuck Blanchard; and District G has appointed PDG Judith Poage.

As of this Council Meeting date the Committee has been gathering data to ensure that we follow the guidance and Direction of Lions Clubs International. One of the keys to a successful solution and recommendation to the Council of Governors is for Committee members to approach this subject with an open mind and adequately evaluate all Pro's and Con's and not go into the evaluation with a predetermined solution. Lions Clubs International has excellent publication to use in this process.

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LIONS QUEST REPORT

Submitted by PDG Jim Jagers, MD36 Chair

1. Now is the time to begin planning for Lions Quest either for this coming Spring or when school begins in the fall. All the planning and arranging of finances can be completed over the winter months.
2. Local Lions Club involvement.
 - A. Financial involvement---with LCIF grants and support from around the state of Oregon should be no cost to the local club. Just need to start with applications.
 - B. Club members---need to have a local chair. Also need to have a 4-5 person committee to hand out materials, set up meal and assist the Lions Quest instructor.
 - C. Facilities---suggest to work with local schools or community organization with its own building.
 - D. Have a listening session with parents, educators and local leaders.
3. First VDGs from the four Districts will be receiving 50 copies each of the Lions Quest booklet for distribution to local clubs and school districts. These should be arriving between Thanksgiving and Christmas to allow for distribution.
4. I am still working with six school districts regarding the Lions Quest. The names of those Districts have been forwarded to the District Governors.

Council of Governors Meeting November 20, 2021: SMART READING by PDG Carol Brink

Reading Matters. *The simple magic and joy of a shared book can change a child's life trajectory.*

Each year, SMART Reading reaches thousands of Oregon kids with vital one-on-one reading support and new books to keep. Founded in 1992, SMART Reading is a children's literacy nonprofit that serves kids in Oregon's highest need schools with two ingredients critical for literacy and learning success: one-on-one reading time and access to books. They mobilize volunteers to read with PreK through third-grade children, building confidence, literacy skills and a love of reading. SMART Reading provides a meaningful way for Oregonians to make a direct impact in their communities.

Program Goals Met in 2020-21

<i>Douglas County</i> (office in Roseburg) SMART provided	7,192 books to 960 students at 16 sites.
<i>Rogue Valley Area</i> (office in Medford) SMART provided	17,677 books to 2,044 students at 37 sites.
<i>South Central</i> (office in Klamath) SMART provided	8,838 books to 1,476 students at 22 sites.
<i>South Coast Area</i> (office in N. Bend) SMART provided	8,442 books to 941 students at 14 sites.

Celebrating 30 Years of SMART Reading <https://smartreading.org/30th-anniversary/>

The 2021-22 school year marks the 30th anniversary of SMART Reading. They're excited to celebrate three decades of bringing the joy of books and reading to kids throughout Oregon, and are celebrating with some fun activities:

- **SMART Art:** To celebrate the imaginative, transformative power of books in children's lives, they're commissioning a series of public art murals in communities across the state. Artists across the state can apply to be considered through our Request for Proposal (RFP). They're also seeking available wall space for the murals in each of our communities. If you or someone you knows has available wall space, please share and/or fill go to their website above to fill out the quick form.
- **Literacy Summits:** On Thursday, Oct. 21, SMART convened a group of education and policy leaders to discuss the state of early literacy in Oregon and share strategies for supporting reading development and social-emotional learning for Oregon's youngest students. Go to their website shown above to hear it. You can also view resources shared by their speakers on their website. In spring 2022, they hold a second session focused on the importance of diversity in children's books.

Story from Diane:

Dianne Zarder, Coos County

A 2nd grader was struggling with reading, and I chose the book *Giraffes Can't Dance* to read with her. In this wonderful book with terrific rhythms and artwork, a young giraffe wants to dance but his mother tells him that giraffes can't dance. I asked the girl to read to me and I would help, and soon realized that she did better when we pointed together to the next word to read. She was getting better and better while I watched, so I commented about how she was remembering words she had learned earlier in the book, and reading almost a whole sentence all by herself. All of a sudden she said "My mother said I can't read, but I can read now because of SMART."

"For more stories go to <https://smartreading.org/what-we-do/smart-stories/>

For more information, contact your SMART Reading staff member, or visit www.SMARTReading.org

To: Council of Governors and interested Lions

Re: Youth Exchange

From: IPCC Paul Zastrow

November 20, 2021

Lions Youth Exchange is on its way back to the mainstream! After the two year hiatus based on the Covid 19 Pandemic, things are starting to open up. This, thankfully includes our borders that have been closed – European countries are at long last allowing individuals who have had their vaccinations updated, including the boosters, and Canada is allowing some to enter, even the United States is planning on ensuring opening their borders to those determined to be safe as well. This allows more of a ‘normal’ entering for business and pleasure to and from foreign countries.

Currently plans are being finalized for Youth Exchange Programs in many European countries. Italy now indicated some 18 camps already soliciting visitors for the summer of 2022, Finland and Norway each with over 12 in each country, and most countries will have at least 5 or so that are welcoming youth aged 16 to 21 entrance to experience memories and experiences that will last a lifetime! So – if you know of a young person wanting to enjoy this experience – let me know and we’ll see what we can do to assist them in their dreams! The usual application deadline is around mid-March.

Even in the United States several states have already announced their options for visits – Pennsylvania has opened up, as has Texas, Arizona and several others. In Oregon we do not at this time have any organized camps – although I would certainly desire that option in the near future! Ours will be a program of parental hosting for from 4 to 7 weeks – with the host parents having the choice as to length. Normally we ask that incoming youth come the last week of June so they will be able to experience our 4th of July Independence Day celebrations. Then they leave for home the last week of July or sometime the first or second week of August.

So – what do hosts do? Have a safe place for sleeping – their own bed and room - if shared – with a youth near the same age. Incoming young adults will have about \$100 per week spending money, but hosts are essentially responsible for food and shelter. You will treat these kids with respect and as if they were close relatives. Things to do – normal activities and vacations. When I have hosted, we always go to the coast and the mountains. Crater Lake is a great choice as well. Seeing a baseball game can be quite an adventure – I usually take them to see the Salem Volcanoes or to the Hillsboro Hops game. A rodeo is another experience they enjoy, as they have very few opportunities in Europe to see these ‘wild’ trained animals. Another experience enjoyed especially by the young men is golf, as there have few opportunities for it in their home countries.

Whatever the case, do not hesitate – step up and host, experience and share our hospitality and seek out the real good with our young people. After all the first tenant of Lionism is **“to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world!”**

Pediatric (Childhood) Cancer Committee Report

Submitted by PDG Gary Mose, MD36 Chair

Our committee continues to work on ways to help local organizations and camps whose sole purpose is to support families and children with Pediatric (Childhood) Cancer. During our recent meeting we addressed several action items:

- We began drafting a new Childhood Cancer Committee Policy for MD 36. Draft is due in February to be reviewed at the March COG meeting.
- We discussed various fundraising ideas in support of cancer camps, Doernbecher's, Candlelighters, other local children's cancer organizations, and to purchase supplies.
- Some fundraising ideas: Cans & Bottles, Golf Tournaments, Lions Cancer Relay (run/walk), events, and grants.
- Follow-up and discussions with several organizations will take place in the next few months.
- Holding future meetings and discussions via email.

36O Report – Sharon Rollins

I'm, planning to hold a spring fundraising walk-a-thon in support of Pediatric Cancer camp programs and the Pediatric Cancer Research at Doernbecher Children's Hospital/OHSU. The plan is to enjoy the natural beauty of Tualatin Hills Nature Park as we walk through the park on well-groomed trails. It will be done as a combination donation/pledge for support event. Looking at Saturday, May 14, 2022.

CC Bob Chaney has designed a cute t-shirt which will be made available, with orders taken in advance. More information to follow in January.

I remain in communication with Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Project. This is such an excellent way for our clubs to continue support for the world-recognized research being done by the team of MD Fellows at Doernbecher. They have made some absolutely amazing discoveries in methods to approach the treatment and eradication of childhood cancers, all the while working directly with the children under treatment.

36R Report – Karen Norton, Eugene Downtown Lions

I've been in contact with MaryLou Bradley of our local Candlelighter's branch about upcoming projects that our clubs could assist with.

Our club is in close contact with the Heartfelt House. Our club contributes items to them on a monthly basis. Families whose children are being treated at Riverbend for cancer stay at Heartfelt House. They are always in need of supplies like: chapstick, travel size sanitizers, gloves, fuzzy socks, small new toys, hot chocolate, candy canes, Christmas coloring books and crayons. If you are interested in donating please let me know.

36E Report – Marianne Baxter, Brookings Harbor Lions

Camp Millennium in Roseburg, was not able to hold an in person camp in September of this year. At the end of August, six days before camp was to start, the virus worsened and OHSU decided to cancel the in person camp, and held a virtual camp instead. This was the first family camp and was well attended. They typically have 108 attend in person. We discussed their needs list. Volunteers are always needed. The Camp Director would appreciate us passing out information about the club, post on Facebook and other social media sites. I will share this information once it's received. The Brookings Harbor club is having a fundraiser the weekend of November 6th for Katlyn's Cause. I have 50 crocheted lions, a children's book written by a Lion, chocolate mice made by a Lion, and some glass heart necklaces for sale.



Please contact me if you are interested in purchasing any of these items.

Policy Manual Committee Report

Prepared for November 20, 2021 Council of Governor's meeting
Submitted by by Dale Rollins, MD36 Policy Manual Committee Chair

The relevant policy chapter was emailed to each MD36 committee chair in August with a request that they review it with the members of their committee and reply with any changes they want to propose. The status of these policy reviews is as follows:

- I Policy Manual
 - Minor wording corrections/clarifications proposed
- IV-B Lions VisionGift
 - Policy reviewed, no changes needed
- V-A Alert - Oregon Lions Prepared → Disaster Response (Alert)
 - Name changed to agree with committee name
 - Policy being reviewed by committee
- V-B Awards → Awards, Honors, & Contests
 - Name changed to agree with committee name
 - Committee working on changes
- V-D Canine Services
 - Policy reviewed; no changes needed
- V-I Extension
 - Policy merged into GMT policy; removed as separate policy
- V-J Finance & Budget
 - Policy reviewed; no changes needed
- V-M Global Membership Team (GMT)
 - Extension & Retention policies merged in
 - Changes proposed by committee
- V-O International Participation
 - Changes proposed by committee
- V-P International Understanding & Cooperation
 - Policy reviewed; no changes needed
- V-Q Internet Technology & Social Media → Information Technology
 - Name changed to agree with committee name
- V-S-2 OFY - Lions Quest
 - Policy reviewed; no changes needed
- V-S-5 OFY - Start Making a Reader Today (SMART)
 - Policy reviewed; no changes needed
- V-T Oregon Lion Newspaper/Magazine → Oregon Lion Magazine
 - Name changed to agree with committee name
 - Changes proposed by committee
- V-V Public Relations → Public Relations & Lions Information
 - Name changed to agree with committee name
 - Policy reviewed; no changes needed

- V-W Retention
 - Policy merged into GMT policy; removed as separate policy
- V-X Sight Preservation & Awareness → Sight Preservation, Awareness, & Action
 - Name changed to agree with committee name
 - Minor wording corrections/clarifications proposed
- VI-A Child Protection Policy & Procedures
 - New policy, no review needed
- VI-B MD36 Diversity Policy
 - New policy, no review needed
- VI-C International Vision & Health Clinic
 - Policy reviewed; no changes needed
- VI-D Oregon Lions Earth Angel Program
 - Program disbanded; policy removed

The Policy Manual lacks policies for the following MD36 committees. Each committee chair has been asked to draft a new policy.

- Credentials
- Global Membership Approach
- Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action
- Hunger Relief - committee chair submitted new policy
- Pediatric Cancer

Public Relations & Lions Information- November 2021 COG Meeting

Committee Members:

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

At the behest of CC Bob Chaney, the PR committee started in September looking into the possibility of writing an LCIF PR grant, with an ask of up to \$15,000. The committee, and other Lions, met via Zoom multiple times and formulated the following ideas for the grant:

- Creation of Yard Signs- ideally 5-10 provided to all clubs in the MD
- Coffee cup cozys that could be given out via local coffee stands for a hyper-local public relations, Lions informational push
- Supplies for a MD-wide service project that could be coordinated and promoted with funds from the grant.
- Plus other ideas around technology, all of which will be discussed more in-depth between January and July 2022.

Unfortunately, when I recently contacted LCIF, they shared that the PR grant funds had already been allocated for this grant window and that any new applications would need to be submitted for the 2022/2023 year. In light of this, the committee will try to meet monthly after the first of the year to prepare and plan for the grant so the application can be submitted as soon as it opens up in July 2022.

In the meantime, however, there was a lot of discussion amongst the group about the MD36 website. Any MD-wide PR push is going to lead to non-Lions to Google Oregon Lions and besides OLSHF, the first website they will see is the MD36 website. While the website looks nice, some Lions have shared that it is not very user friendly and that is a concern if non-Lions attempt to navigate it to find out more info on their local Lions. The PR committee would like to get more information about how we can work as a team to improve the website. This may include some sort of Club Search function (maybe a link to the LCI club search function at the top of the first page?). If we are going to go through the effort of a MD-wide PR and membership push, we want to make sure we have everything in place to make it a huge success.

If this is something that the MD Technology committee would like to work with us on, we'd love to have a conversation and come up with a plan to update/upgrade the website before we apply for the grant next summer. We realize that there is probably no budget for this, which is why we need to have a conversation about what can be done and the process to do it.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Carrie Bartley

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Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Report

Submitted by PDG Mary Lee Turner, MD36 Chair

This committee has three functions. Below are summaries of service projects known to this Chair in each area.

Sight Preservation: OLSHF continues to provide great services. The Patient Care Committee meets monthly to allocate funds for eligible recipients regarding eye care. School screening has begun. They currently have a fundraising activity of which I'm confident you all have received invitations. A fuller report will be submitted by OLSHF.

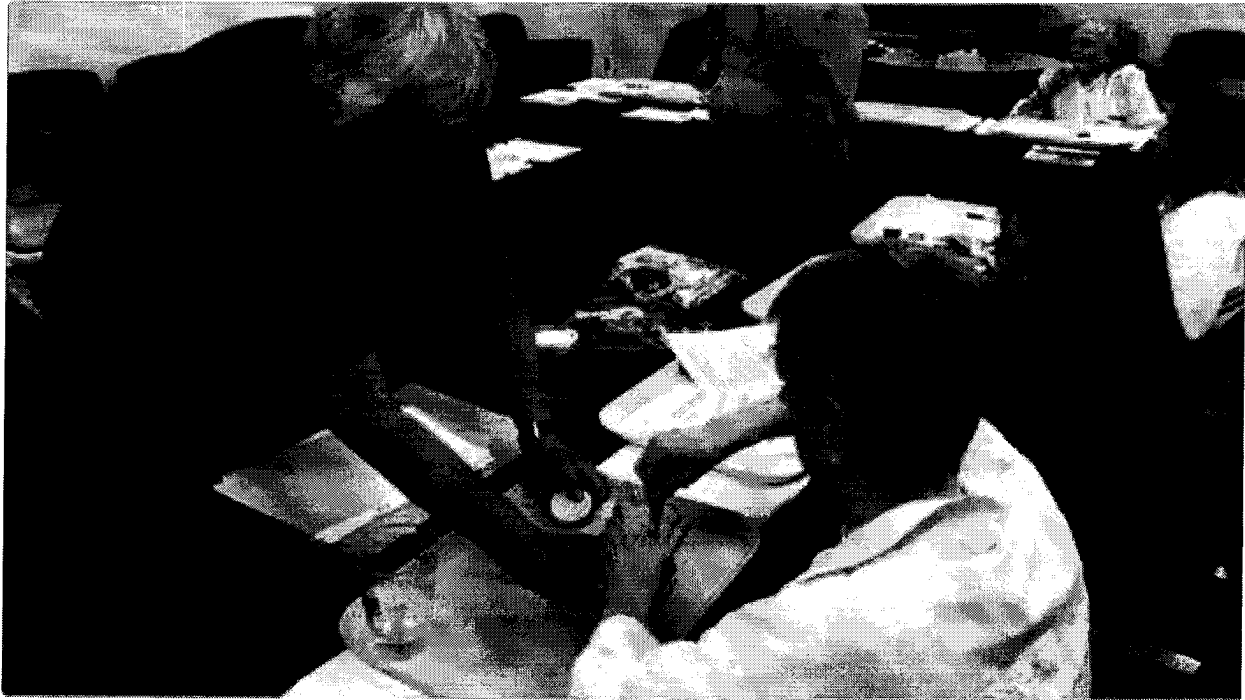
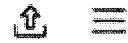
Awareness: October was Lions Sight Awareness Month. October 14 was Lions Sight Day and October 15 was National White Cane Safety Day. Extensive Activities were held to promote White Cane Safety for pedestrians and those with Guide Dogs throughout the month. The Pedestrian Safety Action Coalition will reconvene monthly meetings via zoom beginning in March 2022. Meetings will be held on the second Monday of the Month from 2:30-4 pm. As Chair of the Pedestrian Safety Action Coalition, I am eager to have my fellow Lions from MD36 participate - to better promote activities related to pedestrian safety. Contact me directly if you would like to join.

Action: The Oregon Alliance of Aging and Vision Loss (OAAVL) affiliate of the American Council of the Blind of Oregon was created. As this affiliate becomes more active, we will focus on services to elderly adults living with sight loss. I will keep you apprised as this organization develops. Speaking of action, the Hull Foundation and Learning Center has launched a GoFundMe.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-adults-with-blindness-and-sight-loss?>



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Help Adults with Blindness and Sight Loss

\$100 raised of \$30,000 goal

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Kerith Vance is organizing this fundraiser to benefit Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Mary Lee Turner, Chair of Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action Committee.

P.S. I am so looking forward to 2022 being the year we can finally gather in person! :-)

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November 20, 2021

To: Lion Bob Chaney, Chair
MD 36 Council of Governors
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair
MD 36 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Subject: Second Report to Council

Is your Passport up to date for travel outside of the United States this coming year? If not, now would be a good time to get it renewed or obtain one so you can plan to attend the 2022 Forum which will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, September 15 – 17, 2022.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is the best opportunity you can have to meet Lions from all over the US and Canada while you attend this Leadership Training! Registration is now open, and you can register online at lionsforum.org. The registration fee is \$285.00 plus a room deposit. This is a terrific opportunity to ask a fellow Lion to join you at this event.

Ask anyone of the four Lions from MD 36 who attended the event in September in Des Moines, Iowa about their experience. District Governors Kathy Oliver and Doug Loose, 1st VDG Kerith Vance and PCC Joyce Anderson. They will tell you how much fun it was and how worthwhile it was to attend.

While the attendance was not as high as in previous years, those attending had a very worthwhile experience. The Planning and Host Committees worked extremely hard to keep everyone safe and maintained Covid guidelines.

All of us had an exciting time and took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about Lions and sharpen our skills from the training that was given.

The Planning Committee for the coming year has a wonderful team and I'm sure that every Lion who attends will benefit from the experience.