

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

October 28, 2023 –Rockaway Lions Clubhouse
Time: 1:00 pm

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

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

1. Call to Order: Council Vice Chair PCC Gail Black called the Council of Governors meeting to order on October 28, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Vice Chair PCC Gail Black shared that CC is unable to attend as she had surgery yesterday. PCC Sharon Rollins shared that she will be in the hospital for the next week, but she had spoken with her yesterday. She had a non-cancerous tumor removed.
Invocation was given by PDG Hank Calhoun.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Pete Runnels
Introduction of Guests: Vice Chair PCC Gail Black asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. **Reference Attachment #1.**
2. Additions to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2023 Council Meeting. Vice Chair PCC Gail Black noted that at the bottom of page 5 (Under International Participation notes) it reads “PCC Joyce modeled the scarf we have been using for 2 years now and a white top and black skirt (can also be black pants, skort, shorts, etc.)” She noted the International Participation Committee wants this amended to be the official International Participation Uniform. **Motion** made by DG Ed Glad to approve the Minutes of August 11, 2023 Council Meeting as amended to note this is the official uniform. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Steve Brewster. **Motion carried.**
4. Council Chair Report: CC Phyllis Carlin. **Reference Attachment #2.**
5. International Director Report: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley. No report. PID Sunny spoke and brought up a few important items: (1) International Guest: To DGs please send in the official request form and be in regular contact with your International Guests and copy her on your communications. Call her if you have any questions. PCC Vincent added to also reach out to him or PCC Joyce Anderson if you need help in filling out these forms. (2) Criteria for Presidential/Leadership Awards: This information will be arriving any day now. Get in soon as LCI needs to arrange their travel. Sunny will need this by first week in January at the latest! It will say due by mid-February, but ignore that and get it to her the first week of January at the latest. (3) Running for ID requires endorsement from your club, then your district’s endorsement at their district’s convention. We could theoretically have 4 candidates at our MD36 convention which is the third step. So whomever is endorsed at the MD36 convention, you can’t put your name in until Mexico City. See Constitution & Bylaws report. **Reference Attachment #12. If you have any questions, reach out to her or PID Ed Gear or PID Dennis Tichenor.**
6. Executive Administrator Report: PCC Vincent F. Bishop. **Reference Attachment #3.** PCC Vince added that in his submitted report it states as of September 30 where he said we were down by 16 in membership, we are now in positive growth as of yesterday so he congratulated the 4 DGs in our mission to meet 1.5.

7. District Governors Reports: Vice Chair, PCC Gail Black gave everyone 2 minutes to highlight their reports:

District 36-O: DG Edward Glad. **Reference Attachment 4.** He has had two meetings with the Health Equity group that organizes for the Spanish speaking communities. We are talking about how we can join forces to recruit members and start new clubs in the Hispanic community. He has also reached out to the Portland Metro Korean-speaking club and has the officers registered with LCI. He spoke with LCI's Korean language desk and got ahold of a club in New Jersey, which is aging out and closing. He then spoke with a DG in Anaheim, CA who let him know about a Korean Club. He then spoke with the President of that club and we are going to work on an article about what the Korean Lions clubs are doing in North America.

District 36-R: DG Lynn Coon. **Reference Attachment #5.** DG Lynn added he is super excited about the training they are doing in District R as he feels you have to have training to have people willing to move up. We had 54 in attendance at our first officer training (which is 22%). We recently had a Region/Zone Chair training and had 88% of people attending. After this last meeting, a Lion was quoting stuff right and she was quoting from what she learned in this meeting. I want to thank our great GAT team. Lion Fran Silbernagel is doing a great job! We are +8 in our District and heading in the right direction. Turn in your service reports! We're at 53% now due to our District Administrator's assistance, Lion Michael Ward. We will help the clubs if they need it. He wanted to highlight the Keizer Lions for their work with CASA: A room filled with smiles/tears of joy. They received over 150 quilts/pillowcases that night and will get another 50 by mid-November. That's what service is all about. PCC Gail reiterated the importance of reporting!

District 36-E: DG Stephen Brewster. DG Stephen shared that he is working with clubs that are struggling to recruit new members. He's heading back to the Medford area to reactivate them and hopefully revitalize that club. **Reference Attachment #6.**

District 36-G: DG Pete Runnels. **Reference Attachment #7.** He has made a dozen visits so far. It has been eye-opening to see how similar in what we do as clubs even though we are far apart. Some don't know what is going on beyond their own clubs. He is encouraging Lions to get involved at the District Level, Cabinet Level, or become a Zone Chair. Starting November 1, 2023, he is starting a Membership Challenge where both large and small clubs have a fair chance to win. The successful club in each category will get a free registration to District G's Convention, which will be held in Sisters, OR. PCC Vincent Bishop added that he and Robin recently visited the Halfway Lions Club and the Jordan Valley Lions Club and they were very impressed.

8. Incoming Council Report: PDG/current DG Lynn Coon. He challenged clubs to bring in one or two new members! Ask! Keep asking, because if you don't you won't get another member.

9. Past District Governors Association: President: PDG Linda Stent, absent. No report.

10. Unfinished Business: None.

11. New Business:

- a) DG Ed Glad brought up his desire to develop a long-term plan, which he has been bringing up with his GAT team. It is proving to be difficult. He wrote to ID Lee Vrieze who was our guest at the latest MD36 convention in Seaside (and who will be his guest at District O's convention in 2024) to get his thoughts and was told this is the GAT's job. DG Ed Glad thinks we all need to come up with a long-term strategy plan that meshes with Mission 1.5 and goes through June 2027. He's hoping we exceed that goal. In order to keep continuity, we have to have our district GAT teams and our clubs moving towards this 1.5 million goal. What is our long-term strategy regarding this? He wants upcoming DGs to still be able to carry out their own goals. PCC Gail said they have an upcoming GAT meeting planned and you should bring this up with PCC Joyce Anderson to have this included there in some way.

12. Lions Vision Gift Report: CEO Report: Chris Stoeger, absent. No report.
13. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Report: PCC Bob Chaney, Chair. **Reference Attachment #8.** PCC Bob Chaney/OLSHF Chair spoke and wanted to highlight two awards we were given: (1) OLSHF was named the #1 "Kids Sight USA" as best in the United State school vision program screening in the United States. We are reaching half of the children in Oregon and our goal is to reach 100% of them. And (2) OLSHF was named again as the #1 medium-sized non-profit to work for in Oregon! We are also starting our Strategic Planning Process and it's up to him to bring in DGs to be a part of this committee for the Foundation. Please reach out to him.

14. 15-minute break – was skipped.

15. MD36 Standing Committee Chair Reports:

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

Reference Attachment #9.

Camp Representatives: Chair to be determined. No report.

Canine Services: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #10.** PCC Sharon wanted to confirm that Canine Companions has a strong place in Oregon. She feels there has been some misinformation going around. Dogs are trained at Coffee Creek Correctional Institution. We have placements and they are a great group that does have a strong place in Oregon.

Childhood Cancer: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #11.** PCC Sharon shared to be ready to take a nice stroll in Bandon at the MD36 Convention. T-shirts will be available to be purchased. She encouraged all 4 Districts to hold their own Pediatric Cancer walks in their districts.

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Don Roach, Chair. **Reference Attachment #12.** PDG Don added he had circulated some changes to this committee, but they aren't currently recommending any changes this year to the Constitution & Bylaws. He wanted to note that in his report he has attached the steps in qualifying for an ID. **A written notice of intent is required to be sent to the MD36 Council of Governors, addressed to the Executive Administrator of MD36, by January 1, 2024.** They also have to comply with their District's Bylaws: For example, in MD36-O, it also needs to be received 30 days before District O's convention. He noted that Lion Leah put District O's Constitution and Bylaws on the MD36 website back in June of 2023. He encouraged the other districts to do the same.

Convention Operating: PCC Bob Chaney, Chair. No report. PCC Bob Chaney reported that the contracts are signed for Bandon and they feel they got good deals. They are working on the catering. This committee will meet next month. He asked CC Phyllis Carlin for her theme as the 100th year and she will be getting back to him on this.

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

Diabetes Awareness: Chair to be determined. No report. Lion Leah brought up that she has sent out an email about the "Diabetes Monies" to the Council. That our Diabetes Awareness Fund currently has roughly \$8,600 in it that in the past was dispersed to 3 groups: (1) The American Diabetes Association (Oregon Affiliate), (2) Gales Creek Camp and (3) OLSHF (towards the mobile screening unit for diabetes). Since PCC Charlie Tate passed no one has handled this. She felt this needed to be addressed to the group as the monies could be doing good and not just sitting there. She also has been told OLSHF no longer has a mobile screening unit for diabetes, but wasn't sure about this. It was confirmed OLSHF no longer has this screening unit by DG Lion Lynn Coon. Lion Leah wants the Council to start having this money being used and wanted them to know about it. DG Lynn Coon likes the idea of it supporting kids going to Gales Creek Camp. If clubs maybe don't have the money to help a kid, they could apply for a scholarship. PCC Gail Black believes there is detailed information about this in the Policy Manual. PCC Vincent Bishop said this Committee is supposed to meet and make a formal request at a Council meeting for the monies to be distributed to these 3 groups. PCC Vincent Bishop noted CC Phyllis Carlin didn't select a chair for this committee. Leah pointed out Sue Jagers

from District O; Jacqueline Pitt from District R and Russ Chase from District G are also on this committee. PCC Vince said we need to change it in the policy if any changes are made to who the funds are sent to. PCC Vince said, since DG Lynn has a valid suggestion, that the process should be for CC Phyllis to ask the members of the Diabetes Awareness and Action Committee to review this matter and make any suggested changes to this Policy to MD36 Dale Rollins, the Chair of the Policy Manual Committee. And to report back at the next Council of Governor's meeting on February 2, 2014. PID Sunny suggested PCC Gail Black could reach out to the members of this committee (as CC Phyllis is recovering from her surgery) and ask them to look this matter over and discuss it and report back any suggested changes to Dale and then bring it up at the next COG meeting. When writing up the minutes, Lion Leah decided to add pages 35 and 36 from the Policy Manual which are the Diabetes Awareness Committee pages as **Attachment #14**.

NOTE: It is in the Policy Manual currently to be divided equally 3 ways between the ADA, OLSHF (to benefit vision projects), and Gales Creek Diabetes Camp.

Lion Leah realized she misspoke at this COG when she said the 1/3 to OLSHF went towards a mobile screening unit for diabetes. (Although at some point it did go to OLSHF towards their mobile screening unit for diabetes.) In fact, in the current Policy Manual this third goes to OLSHF to benefit vision projects.

1VDG Carrie Bartley shared that the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation does a big walk every year. And her TV channel is the #1 sponsor and the host of it. It might behoove our districts to plan to participate in these walks. To plan for next year to build these partnerships as they do these walks throughout the state of Oregon.

Disaster Response: Charlene Larsen absent. No report.

Environmental: Jennifer Brewster, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #15.**

Finance & Budget: Jeff Plummer, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #16.**

Global Action Team: CC Phyllis Carlin, Chair, absent. No report.

Global Leadership Team: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference Attachment #17.**

Global Membership Team: PDG Dan Wolf, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #18.**

Ray Montgomery said that he did send some information to PDG Dan Wolf.

Global Service Team: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #19.** PCC

Sharon added that the Eyeglass Collection Month of October didn't have as much participation from clubs as she had hoped. She is adding that the Junction City Lions Club and the Brookings Harbor Lions Club both collected around 150 pairs. The Central Lions Club is holding their event today. Astoria has a large event so gets a lot collected. (Ray added they needed to do some more advertising. And he wondered if OLSHF takes empty ink cartridges? PCC Bob said that the Foundation will take those too. PCC Sharon noted that some clubs, like her Lake Oswego Lions Club, have 8 or 9 boxes around town which is how they collect most of their donations, so folks don't tend to come to their actual event. PDG Don Roach asked whether we collect cell phones and PCC Sharon replied yes and they go in the same boxes with the glasses & hearing aids.

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

Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Red Rowley, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #20.**

Hunger Relief: Chair to be determined. No report.

Information Technology: Tim McGlothlin, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Vincent added that the new platform is supposed to be implemented January 1, 2024, and will replace our current online reporting system. They have done some trainings on it at the International Convention in Boston and at the Reno Forum. DG Ed Glad brought up that the clubs are anxious. PCC Gail suggesting

training on what we are doing now and she doesn't expect the changes to be major. PCC Vince added he is hoping the GLT will provide training once we know of the changes in the new platform.

International Participation: Robin Stoeckler, Chair. **Reference Attachment #21.**

International Understanding & Cooperation: PID Dennis Tichenor, Chair. **Reference Attachment #22.** PID Dennis added that Lions are working hard to prepare for this upcoming Peru trip. He gave a special thanks to 1VDG Carrie Bartley and her Milwaukie Club along with 36-O for their successful application for an LCIF grant. He received two cases of nice wine from PCC Vincent Bishop and Robin Stoeckler and so will give a bottle to you if you give \$100 or more. We are still currently \$700 shy of what we need so please consider donating.

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

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

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

Opportunity for Youth: CHAIR: OPEN

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

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

Peace Poster: Carma Fisher, Chair, absent. No report.

Reading Action Programs: PDG Carol Brink, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #24.**

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

Youth Exchange: PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference Attachment #25.** PCC Paul added that if we are going to participate in this, let's participate! DG Ed Glad requested that PCC Paul forward the criteria to the 4 Districts. PCC Paul said he would be happy to and that it is also on LCI's website. That the money we have in this fund is available only on a need basis, not simply because someone is coming.

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

Policy Manual: Dale Rollins, Chair. No report.

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

Public Relations & Lions Information: 1VDG Carrie Bartley, Chair. **Reference Attachment #26.** 1VDG Carrie stressed the importance of public relations and press releases. Her report shows some links to assist with ideas if you need any help with updating your marketing materials. Google is your friend! She shamelessly steals ideas from Lions clubs around the world when she googles what they are up to. Also, push the bumper stickers & yard signs. She added that DG Ed purchased for District O a pop-up tent for \$1,300 from a company in California. DG Ed said clubs/LEO clubs are welcome to borrow it. 1VDG Carrie was able to replicate one for her club for \$200 and used a cricket machine and some stuff she got on Amazon. Lion Ray Montgomery spoke about how successful their Astoria Sunday markets have been (May – October) and said they have increased their community outreach by passing out a lot of literature: Ten reasons to join Lions, Lion bookmarks, bumper stickers..

Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair. No report. PDG Mary Lee spoke about the Sight Preservation trip coming up next year in Mexico. There are 27 people going and the dates are September 1-11, 2024. This will be their 23rd year of going to Mexico. And they have served over 38,000 people.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference Attachment #27.**

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

NWLLI: Chair to be determined. No report. PCC Gail Black has the Sutherlin Community Center reserved again and it will be on April 19-21, 2024. The caterer has been approved. They are hoping to submit a grant. We are going to restrict it to 20 people. PID Sunny added that she thought it would be helpful when they send out information about this to have a sheet that has some quotes from people who attended the last one. (DG Ed Glad will move his Cabinet meeting from April 20, 2024 to a different date and let everyone know.)

Pin Sales: Chair to be determined. No report. PCC Vincent Bishop said he will be at each convention and needs someone to be there at a table selling them. He will deliver the pins and collect what pins remain after and the monies after each convention. However, he will be available to cover for them when they need a break.

16. **Additions/Announcements:** PCC Joyce Anderson requested the DGs talk to their Cabinet Secretaries that the PDGs/PCCs need to know what is going on with any meetings. To not just send things to the Club Presidents/Secretaries of your individual districts.
17. **Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm. The next Council meeting will be February 2, 2024 at 1pm, details TBA.

Attendance Sheet
Meeting of the Council of Governors
October 28, 2023

- Gail Black
- Leah Malcolm
- Paul Zastrow
- Lynn Coon
- Pete Runnels
- Hank Calhoun
- Joyce Anderson
- Sharon Rollins
- Sunny Pulley
- Carrie Bartley
- Ed Glad
- Ray Montgomery
- Don Roach
- Cheryl Runnels
- Kathy Coon
- Brad King
- Robin Stoeckler
- Bob Chaney
- Dale Rollins
- Terry Bowman
- Vince Bishop
- Steve Brewster (via zoom)
- Paul Novak (via zoom)
- Mary Lee Turner (via zoom)
- Dennis Tichenor (via zoom)

**Council Chair Report
MD 36 Council of Governors
For October 28, 2023**

I'm excited! I'm really excited. What, you might ask, are you excited about?

The changes I see happening. The enthusiasm I see building. Our membership which is growing!

In keeping with the charge of Mission 1.5, which is to build worldwide membership to 1.5 million by 2027, I am pleased to announce that for the first time in many years our Multiple District membership is in the plus column! On October 25th we were at +3 and I know that our membership is only going to grow. So congratulations to all who have had a hand in this; District Governors, 1VDG's, GMT's, club leaders and members. Let's keep it going!

We once again are hosting state service projects. This was kicked off with the statewide eyeglasses collection in October. Thanks to our GST team for getting this going. And there are more statewide projects to come. Leadership training for 1st VDG's is in the works and will help get our VDG's ready for their DG year.

In District O, DG Ed is encouraging all clubs to have an orientation program. Through orientations, we can help our new members feel a part of our organizations more quickly.

Communication is very important to DG Lynn and his team in District R. Have you seen their new website? It really is a model for us all.

DG Steve is working to mentor other District leaders in District E. His goal is to nurture and develop successors so his district has prepared leaders in years to come.

In District G, DG Pete is helping clubs understand the different types of LCI grants as well as the grant writing process in order to take advantage of resources available to clubs.

Thank you District Governors for your leadership and your tireless energy as you pursue your goal of serving the clubs in your District. It really is about "Servant Leadership" isn't it? A management style I have long espoused, the Servant Leadership model is based on the philosophical belief that the most effective leaders strive to serve others, rather than accruing power to take control.

So keep up the good work. I'm excited to see what holiday projects our clubs will be hosting. Soon it will be that time of year.

Council Chair Phyllis Carlin

October 28, 2023
Council of Governors
Executive Administrator/Council Secretary/Treasurer Report

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

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

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

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

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

Year end Financial reports for June 30, 2023 have been submitted to the finance committee for their review. Our MD net membership through September 30, 2023 continues to go in a downward trend by 16 from June 30, 2023 membership. MD 36 is down net one clubs since June 30, 2023. Districts are having a challenge from collecting dues from a few clubs, which in turn are not paying total amount due to the MD 36. Right now, this isn't affecting our cash flow materially, but it could in the future if this trend continues. We have also had a few requests to write off dues owed to the MD by cabinet treasurers due to club billing errors or nonpayment of dues. I have done twelve years of graphs of our membership by month to show what has been happening to our districts.

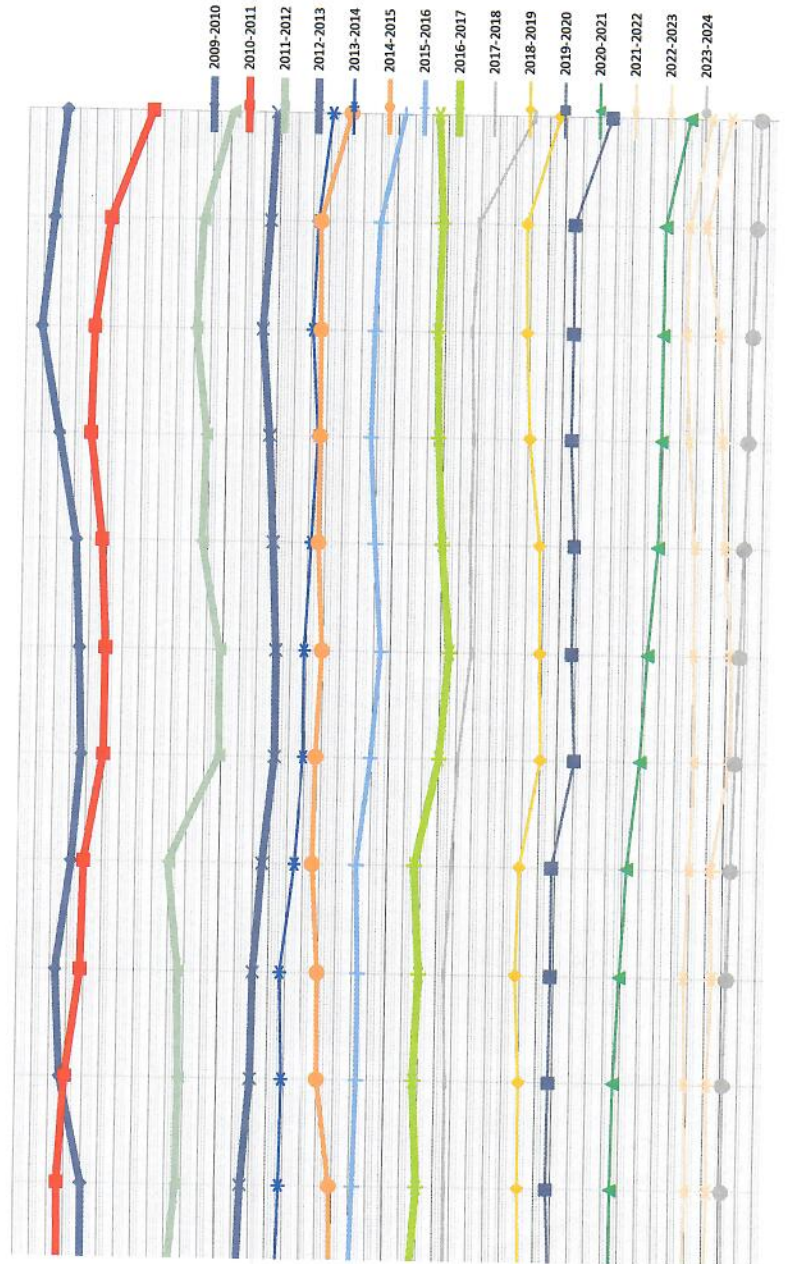
Our challenge continues to be meeting the wants of our council while learning to do with less funds.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MD 36 Membership



For Council of Governor's Meeting
10/28/23 meeting in Rockaway Beach

District Governor 36-O Report Submitted by Edward Glad

It has been a busy time.

I have been attending a good many clubs to see what's going on with them and share some of my vision for developing a stronger District 36-O.

The themes I have been talking about is the efforts to get some cluster meetings to take place.

- Zone Chair Linda McCoy from St. Helen's I think is the closest to getting this done. November 7 will be a cluster of Forest Grove, St. Helen's and Vernonia. We will pioneer to have a cluster format that will hopefully begin some new efforts for new member drives, collective new member orientation and troubleshooting what is not working on things like reporting club activities on the Lions Portal.
- Zone Chair Fred Whittlinger is also trying to pull together a cluster meeting with Tillamook, Cloverdale and Garibaldi clubs.
- Zone Chair Ray Montgomery will hopefully have success with Astoria and Rockaway.
- Zone Chair Eileen Weinstein is working to pull together a cluster between Hillsboro, Beaverton and Cedar Hills though Cedar Hills is getting ready to close their club down. More to come on this.

The thinking is that if we can get clubs working together on a smaller version of "Zone Meeting" we can be more direct without stressing too much on the travel time from one end of the zone to the other. This will hopefully give us some clues on a more efficient layout of the Zones for future amendment.

I have made some inroads on organizing in the Spanish Speaking community. Starting with creating a coalition between the Lions and a Health Equity group organizing in the Spanish speaking communities. My contact with the Ukrainian Community in Portland was not effective. They are overwhelmed with new issues emerging every day and would prefer to handle any efforts to Ukraine be done internally. I will make another effort in a few weeks. In an effort to strengthen a faltering Korean language club - I have made contact with similar clubs in New Jersey and in Southern California. Dane Parreira has been working with me to see what we can do to keep Portland Metro Lions going.

I've been to several club events including Gresham Supper Club's bowling event. McMinneville's Farmers Market - with Canopy - Forest Groves Run/Walk - with Canopy - and Carlton-Yamhill's Golf Tournament with Canopy. The Canopy has also been used At the McMinneville Leos, The Tualatin October Fest, and another event in Forest Grove.

District Governor MD36-R Report
For October 28, 2023, Council of Governor's meeting in Rockaway Beach, Oregon

As we move forward four months into our Lions year, we are seeing positive things going on around the District. I have visited over half of the clubs in 36-R and have also participated in several service projects with various clubs. I am also looking forward to serving with many more clubs throughout this Lion year. What is positive about these service projects is individual Lions coming together as one heartbeat to serve others and make a difference.

We have put a grant request into LCIF for a Hunger Grant to construct a food bank in Monmouth, one of our LCI causes to feed the hungry. It came back with a few changes we need to make and hope to finalize soon. Some of our clubs are small but serve their communities with strength by bringing non- Lions in their community to help them do service.

On my club visits I continue to encourage our clubs to JUST ASK and increase their membership. By asking their friends, neighbors, family in support of our Mission 1.5 Challenge.

We have held our first officer training with over 50 officers to be reported to LCI. Our Global Leadership Chair, Lion Fran Silbernagel, has planned our second officer training for Jan. 6 2024 in Keizer for those officers unable to attend the first one. This past weekend we held our Region and Zone chair training which we obtained a training grant. Our GLT chair Lion Fran along with our GMT PDG Lion Steve Moser, GST PCC Lion Rod Bach and our District Administrator Lion Michael Ward and myself put on. There was great participation and I feel we will see great things from our Region and Zone chairs as they serve and support their respective clubs. We will train the few that were out of town so as they all get their training soon.

All the clubs of 36-R were encouraged to participate in the Multiple District eyeglass collection which MD service chair PCC Lion Sharon Rollins suggested as a project to bring the districts together in service. At this time I'm not sure how many clubs participated but I'm in hopes she is planning another MD project and get more clubs involved. I feel the clubs in our District continue to serve from their hearts in all they do.

One club I would like to mention is our Keizer Lions. On my DG club visit this past week they invited me to help present over 150 quilts and pillow cases to CASA. These are to be given to every child entering their program. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. The smiles and tears of joy shared at that presentation says it all when it comes from the heart. I'm honored and proud to serve the Lions of 36-R. Seeing Lions doing more than making a difference in their communities, but in fact as they serve from their hearts they are CHANGING THE WORLD.

As Past International President Lion Doug Alexander stated "If we let our passion for service shine through there is nothing we cannot accomplish. Our plans determine our success."

Report submitted by DG Lion Lynn Coon 36-R

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**Report to the Council of Governors
For the 10-28-23 meeting in Rockaway Beach, OR**

**MD36-E District Governor Report
Submitted by DG Stephen Brewster**

The first 4 months of this year has been a mixed bag. Membership is growing, as of today we are even, and not in the negative. Less clubs are struggling. More are showing a positive attitude and are excited for the future. Service reporting is at 20 percent and growing. My time has been spent working with struggling clubs, helping them be the best they can be.

We are busy planning our upcoming convention in Bandon. We are hoping to make it a fun event and work with the local clubs to showcase their accomplishments on the coast. Using the term changing the world and showing how the individual clubs and members do change the world is adding excitement to our clubs. As usual October is my busy month with school vision screenings every day.

Council of Governor's Report
October 28 2023
Rockaway Beach, Oregon

Greetings from 36G - Greater Eastern Oregon,

What a beautiful fall we have been having ... and I along with my wife Cheryl have been able to experience many, many road miles seeing it as our travels for club visitations have been in full swing.

My visitations have been nothing but boring and hopefully peaking the interest of club members who may be interested in filling some vacancies. Music and my message to avoid burnout has been pretty well received. A new term for burnout is Adrenal Fatigue. I have pointed out what signs your body might give off hinting that you are getting burned out and steps to take to reverse the trend. As I tell me clubs ... if we are burned out, we cannot give all we have to our communities that We Serve. We must find ways to lighten the load and share in our community events. One sure way to lighten your stress is to enjoy some music. Sit back, turn it up, dance a bit, whistle and/or snap your fingers. And recruit ... recruiting new members will help give us all a chance to enjoy more of the fellowship we have amongst members and breathe fresh new ideas into service.

In 36G, we will begin a membership drive between clubs for the next four months - November thru February. There will be two categories so large and small clubs have a fair chance to win. One award will be for the actual number of new members signed up and the other will be for the largest percentage gained in a club. The successful club in each category gets a free registration to the district convention!

Speaking of the District Convention It's never too early to start planning. We have had 3 planning sessions to date and things are coming together. We are planning on a convention that is fun, family friendly and provides a community service project. I don't want to tell all at this point ... but you can bet there will be music involved, and a commitment made by myself that will provide some entertainment for all. Mark off April 5th and 6th, 2024 on your calendars for the MD36G convention to be held in Sisters, Oregon. There will be a sure sighting of Lions on the loose in Sisters.

As always,
'Be Instrumental in Service'
Pete Runnels - MD36G
District Governor



Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation
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School Vision Screening

OLSHF's nationally recognized School Vision Screening (SVS) program is hitting on all cylinders as we near 50,000 students screened for vision health issues during the 2022-23 school year.

Through October, OLSHF has partnered with MD-36 Lions to screen just over 49,000 students, we are on pace to screen over 165,000 Oregon children for vision health issues through the end of the 2023-24 school year.

MD-36 Lions and OLSHF were recognized again by Lions International's Lions KidSight USA as the #1 Lions vision screening program in the U.S. This recognition has strengthened the Foundation's ability to secure funding from Oregon-based foundations to help make progress toward our "20/20 Vision" of one day all Oregon students having their vision screened each year.

OLSHF Rated #1 Best Nonprofit to Work For in Oregon

Oregon Business Magazine has released its ratings for the Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon, and OLSHF has again made the top of the list.

The ratings are based upon employee surveys gauging satisfaction with workplace features including: Work environment; Management and communications; Mission and goals; Career development and learning; and Benefits and compensation. OLSHF recognizes that a healthy, vibrant work environment translates into an effective and efficient delivery system for sight and hearing services and our #1 rating is indicative of the support of the OLSHF Board of Trustees and MD-36 Lions to this end.

For over a decade, OLSHF has landed in the Top 10 of this list, including being rated #1 in 2020 and 2021, and being rated #2 in 2022.

OLSHF 2022-23 Audit

The Foundation recently had its annual audit conducted by the independent CPA firm of Kern & Thompson, resulting in an opinion that OLSHF presents its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures (GAP). During fiscal year 2022-23 OLSHF's administrative and fundraising expenses accounted for only 11% of our total expenses, well within the "gold standard" for nonprofits in the United States.

OLSHF Halloween Gala a Success

This past Saturday, October 21st, OLSHF hosted its annual Halloween Gala at the Sentinel Hotel in downtown Portland. Over 200 guests arrived in costume and helped raise over \$100,000 for the Foundation's sight and hearing programs. We are grateful for the following Lions Clubs that contributed to the event through table sponsorships or donated auction items: Eugene Downtown, McMinnville, Beaver Creek, Forest Grove, Klamath Falls, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Portland Bentham, Portland Legacy, St. Helens, Sutherlin Evening Branch, Sutherlin, The Dalles, and Tualatin Lions Clubs. We hope to have even more Lions support in 2024!

MD-36/OLSHF Executive Secretary Job Share Anniversary

We are pleased to share that the job share with Executive Secretary Leah Hawes, between MD-36 and OLSHF, continues to work extremely well for both entities – Leah Malcolm celebrated her 1st Anniversary as a shared employee with OLSHF on September 1st. Leah is an important part of the OLSHF Team and we look forward to her help in enhancing the Foundation's ability to communicate effectively with MD-36 Lions.

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

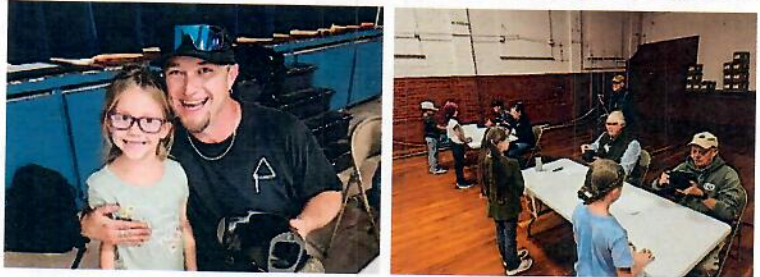
MD-36 Lions & OLSHF Are #1 - Again! - in Screening!



Project SEE CLEARLY is “a national vision screening and correction campaign to help clear the national backlog of the 25 million children – aged 6 months and through early grade school – who have gone for nearly 3 years without a basic vision screening due to pandemic interruption.”

Our Multiple District received the #1 ranking nationally for the number of children screened in 2022-23 and 2021-22!

Lions KidSight USA (www.lionskidsightusa.org) is a nation-wide program that brings Lions Clubs across the country together to ensure our children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. One in three young children have poor but correctable vision - often they just need eyeglasses.



OLSHF's School Vision Screening (SVS) program has partnered with MD-36 Lions to screen over 45,000 children through October. **SVS is projected to screen over 165,000 children during the 2023-24 school year.**



"Always remember...kids experience that their sight problems are what is normal, so screening gives them that advantage to succeed."

-- Paul Zastrow, OLSHF Vice Chair

Council of Governors Meeting
October 28, 20223
Awards, Honors and Contests Committee

District O:

Is continuing to manage their awards and contests as they have in the past and will continue to submit their winners to the MD Convention.

District R:

Is continuing to educate their district in the awards, honors and contests with emphasis on the changes to this program. A mailing was sent to all Club secretaries with the link to the Awards, Honors and Contests information found on the MD36 website; an e-mailing was sent to all Lions members on how to find the awards, honors and contests information on the MD36 website; and a presentation was made to all attendees at the Leadership workshop held October 21 with information on how to find this information on the 36R website. The committee continues to seek new members.

District E:

Having received little participation in the awards program, they are trying some contests based on the ID's environmental goals to see if more will participate. They would like to see the committee revisit the entire awards program to get more clubs excited about participating again.

District G:

Continuing to align their awards, honors and contests with the Multiple District's.

Overall, we hope clubs will review the changes made to this program, so they are aware of the contests that no longer exist as individual contests, but have become part of the **Public Relations** contest, and clubs are aware of the changes/updates made to the existing contests.

Respectfully submitted,

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

CANINE SERVICES
MD 36 Council of Governors
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

First, I want to clear up a misconception that I've been told is being shared within the MD. Canine Companions has been described as an organization that has no Oregon connections or service – and this is absolutely untrue! Yes, their HQ is in California, with satellite office in other locations in the US. However, there is an active branch of the Lions Project for Canine Companions located in NW Oregon and SW Washington. This group oversees pups that are trained by residents of Coffee Creek Correctional Institution – one of those pups came to the Lake Oswego Lions 4th of July pancake breakfast on a weekend break out with her local trainer. As well, I have met other trainers with their pups who are being prepared for service work here in Oregon. Dogs are placed in Oregon just as often as in other states, all trained for the specific needs of their recipients.

I will keep in contact with the Guide Dogs for the Blind staff, Dogs for Better Lives staff, and the Lions Project for Canine Companions volunteer leadership. Each of the organizations is happy to present a program to District conventions and to select clubs as is possible.

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

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

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CHILDHOOD CANCER
MD 36 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

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

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

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

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

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT
MD 36
CABINET MEETING - October 28, 2023

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The current Multiple District 36 Constitution and Bylaws with the amendments adopted at the Seaside meeting are currently posted on the Multiple District Website.

In addition, the District O Constitution and Bylaws have been posted on the Multiple District website as of September 20, 2023.

The revised Lions Clubs International Constitution and Bylaws with changes from the July international convention are currently on the Lions International website. I have reviewed the changes by International. The most notable change was the elimination of the requirement that the district of the candidate have at least 1,250 members. It is the consensus of the constitution and bylaws committee that our multiple district bylaws will not need any changes, particularly Article 10, Qualifications for International Director.

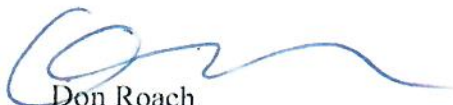
Other changes in the Lions Clubs International Bylaws were descriptions of the duties of the officers, such as district governor and vice district governors, which appear in Article 10, District Organization, Section 2, paged 39-42.

Another change was in the membership categories under Articles XI and XII to include discounted membership. (See pages 45 and 51). The discounted membership refers to discounted dues for family membership status, student status or participation in other discounted programs offered by the association.

In addition, Article XII changes the semi-annual membership dues owed to Lions Clubs International. Effective July 1, 2024, the semi-annual dues will be \$24 or \$48 annually. Effective July 1, 2025, the semi-annual dues will be \$25 and the annual dues will be \$50.

Prior to the last cabinet meeting, the governor for District O requested a summary of the procedure for election of an international director. I have prepared a summary of qualifications and procedures for election of an international director from MD 36. I am attaching this summary to this report. This summary has been shared with other members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Roach
Chairman
Constitutional Bylaws Committee, District 36-O

c: Phyllis Carlin, PDG
Council Chair, pascarlin@gmail.com
Leah Malcom
Executive Secretary MD 36, md36lions@comcast.net

1. Qualifications for International Director:

Lions Clubs International establishes the qualifications for a candidate for an international director to the Board of Directors of LCI. (Article II of the Bylaws, Sections 3 and 4, Pages 20-22.) A candidate for director must meet the following requirements:

- A. Be active member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing.
- B. Complete a full term or majority of a full term as district governor.
- C. Secure a certificate of endorsement from his/her club, the district and multiple district in accordance with the Bylaws of the District and Multiple District.

2. Certification of Endorsement:

- A. The Chairman of the district cabinet and multiple district chairman of the council must submit a written certificate of endorsement to Lions Clubs International, on a form approved by the general counsel.
- B. The certification of endorsement must arrive at LCI at least 60 days prior to the convening date of the Lions Club Convention in order to be a candidate at that convention.
- C. This certification form may be faxed or emailed to LCI but must also be mailed within three (3) days after faxing or emailing.
- D. The certification is valid for three succeeding elections following the endorsement.
- E. The Multiple District may not endorse any other candidate for that office while this endorsement is pending.
- F. If not elected within three years after the endorsement, the candidate must wait three years before submitting another endorsement.

3. Procedure for Candidate for Election to Multiple District 36

- A. A candidate for international director must take the following steps:

1. Obtain the endorsement from his/her own club.
 2. Candidate must comply with the requirements for running for office in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of his/her respective district.
 3. In District 36-O, a candidate must give written notice of intent to seek endorsement and evidence of qualification to the District Governor and Multiple District Council of Governors secretary/treasurer, not later than 30 days prior to the District convention (District O Bylaws, Article VIII).
 4. The District O secretary shall submit a certification to the chairman of the Council of Governors and executive administrator for MD 36.
 5. A candidate for international director must also submit a written notice of intent to MD Council of Governors addressed to the Executive Administrator of multiple district 36 on or before January 1 of the year prior to the multiple district annual convention. (Article X)
- B. The election shall follow the procedures as set forth in Article X of the Multiple District 36 Constitution Sections 3 and 4.
- C. The procedure for the election shall be by written ballot until a candidate receives 50+1 votes from the delegates. (MD 36 Constitution Article X, Section 4)
- D. The secretary of the council shall certify the endorsement to LCI.

For the October 28, 2023 mtg. in Rockaway Beach

Credentials Report

To the Council of Governors,

As we move into this year with the changes in Lions International's Constitution and Bylaws regards to the election of Lions International Directors and 3rd Vice Presidents, we have the ability to endorse a candidate for one of those offices. PDG Don Roach in his report for this meeting spells out the procedure involved in submitting a certified endorsed candidate to Lions International.

As it stands now we have declared candidates from our districts and multiple district. They will need the endorsement of their respective club first, district second and then the endorsement of the multiple district. There may also be multiple candidates at the district and multiple district level.

As a veteran of the endorsement process for one director candidate and one vice presidential candidate, this is not new territory and I have the correct ballot language ready in the event we go forward with the endorsement process. It is critical that we remember that we are endorsing a candidate and not electing them at the district and multiple district level.

The credentials process starts in the spring.

Jim Vincent
MD-36 Credentials Chair

V-H — Diabetes Awareness Committee

I. Purpose:

- A. Education
- B. Advocacy
- C. Support

II. Specific Responsibilities: The Diabetes Awareness Committee shall:

- A. Establish goals each year to be presented at the first Council of Governors (COG) meeting of the year. They are intended to act as guidelines for the functioning of the committee and will be reviewed during the year to assess progress in achieving said goals.
- B. Promote diabetes education activities in collaboration with the American Diabetes Association.
- C. Provide diabetes education activities in collaboration with the American Diabetes Association.
- D. Support diabetes education, summer camps and research efforts through donations of time, service and money.
- E. Encourage people to be tested for diabetes at the time of a person's annual physical exam or through the Lions Mobile Screening Unit.
- F. Encourage continued "Dimes for Diabetes" collections at the club level.
- G. Identify a contact in each Lions club to disseminate diabetes related materials at a local level.

III. Committee Makeup:

- A. Membership:
 - 1. One member will be appointed from each of the four (4) Districts (O, R, E and G) by the respective District Governor. Since continuity is essential, new members appointed to the committee should anticipate a multi-year commitment.
 - 2. Only two (2) members will be replaced annually.
 - 3. All interested Lions will be encouraged to attend meetings.
- B. Officers: Co-chairpersons will be elected for a multi-year term.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities: Funds collected for "Dimes for Diabetes" will be divided equally 3 ways between the American Diabetes Association, Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (to benefit vision projects), and Gales Creek Diabetes Camp. Two hundred dollars (\$200) will be retained each year to support copying and mailing expenses.

V. Meetings:

- A. Will be held in the fall and winter of each year.
- B. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.

VI. Reports: Will be made to the COG and DG at cabinet meetings.

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

- 1. Original adopted by the COG, March 20, 1982
- 2. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, March 9, 1997

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3. Reviewed/Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, May 2002
4. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, January 31, 2004
5. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
6. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
7. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019

To the Council of Governors
For the October 28, 2023 mtg. in Rockaway Beach, OR

Environmental Report

Submitted by Jennifer Brewster, MD36 Environmental Chair

While the issues around climate change are complex and require deep systemic change in the way societies are currently organized, there are a number of things that you can do to reduce carbon emissions. Many of these activities are fairly simple. One way to reduce emissions is to consider ways to lower electricity use in our homes. Remember to always turn off lights when you leave a room. Also use compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) instead of incandescent lights. They use about 75% less electricity. Minimizing appliances that you use can be a good way to reduce electricity. Also, that means turning off computers and other devices when not in use can significantly reduce electricity use. Running only full loads of laundry also helps save energy and whenever possible was on cold. Also, if possible, line drying your laundry will help reduce electricity as the dryer is one of the biggest users of electricity in the house.

Another way to reduce carbon consumption is to drive less. Whenever possible walk or bicycle where you need to go. Also, take public transportation instead of your car. This is also an area when engagement with local officials, by insisting that officials work toward more walkable cities. There are places all over the world that were car centric cities and have been converted into walkable/bikeable cities. There are many resources that talk about this what a city that does not center cars look like and how these communities have accomplished and what is necessary to create those places here.

We can also reduce carbon by being thoughtful in what we eat. First eat more fruits and vegetables and less meat. Buy local and seasonal whenever possible. Also reduce food waste by eating the food you have already bought and eating leftovers and compost what remains. Create a compost pile in your yard or find out about your city's compost system and find out how to use it. If your community does not have a program, advocate to your community to develop one.

A major way to reduce emissions is to be aware of your clothing purchases. Try to avoid fast fashion whenever possible. This is difficult as it has been ever more common for clothing to be made much more cheaply than possible, but thrift purchasing is a good alternative. Also as a general rule try to buy less stuff. The overproduction of consumer goods is a major contributor to carbon emissions.



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Finance Committee Meeting

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Committee Members Present: Jacob Bawden (36-O), Brian Rangitsch (36-R), Jeff Plummer (36-E), PDG Paul Zastrow (36-G)

The group began with the introduction of our newest committee member, Lion Jacob Bawden from the Columbia Lions. The group reviewed the 2022-2023 year end documents and tax returns. There were a couple of questions posed regarding the change in the administrative budget (the switch from Administrative Salaries to Administrative Contract Services and the decrease of office rent). Lion Brian was able to share his understanding of those processes. As has occurred the last few years, the group has noticed that the newsletter/magazine has run in the red. With continued declining dues and many Lions who still prefer to receive it in paper copy or have no internet service, that may continue to happen.

The committee would like to make a recommendation to the Council of Governors to adopt the year-end financial statement and the associated tax return.

Before closing the meeting, Lion Jeff shared he would continue to forward the monthly reports as soon as they arrived in his g-mail and would be setting up a meeting during the next quarter sometime in January.

October 28, 2023

To: Lion Phyllis Carlin, Chairperson
MD 36 Lions Council of Governors
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair
MD 36 GLT
Subject: 2nd Report to COG

Our year started out with great plans, ideas and enthusiasm and seems to be progressing steadily along those lines. Our current Council of Governors are working hard towards the goals they set for each of their districts.

We are still in need of a 1st Vice District Governor in two districts and 2nd Vice District Governors in all four districts. If you have a Lion who is interested and meets the qualifications for the office, they can be appointed to fill that vacancy for the remainder of this Lions year and then be qualified to be a candidate for the next higher office in March/April, 2024. Keep looking and asking, you can find a qualified candidate for the open positions!

I urge the Past District Governors in all of the districts, step up and help your Governor find qualified candidates! Share the experiences that you have had. Give someone else the opportunity to have some of those same experiences. Think of all the new projects and friends you have made. They are good for a lifetime!

February 27-29, 2024
First Vice District Governors Carrie Bartley and Paul Novak will be headed to St. Charles, Illinois in January to District Governor Elect Training. These three days of intense training will help prepare them to serve as District Governor next year. *

It is also time to start thinking about the future of your club and who will be your next officers. Review your activities so far this year and encourage other club members to step up and take on a new leadership roll.

Each district should be preparing for new officer training, Certified Guiding Lion training and a club orientation. Remember there are many Lions members around who can and want to help you. All you have to do is ask!

We will be holding a Zoom training session for all 1st and 2nd VDGs on Sunday, ~~November 12 at 7:00 pm.~~ a date in November to be determined.

We have an opportunity to be involved in some upper levels of Leadership Training but this is something that the entire GAT Team needs to weigh in on. We will meet on Zoom, Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will include all District and Multiple District GAT members (GLT, GMT, GST and GET (if we have one). More information and a Zoom invite will be sent to all members of these teams. This is a very important meeting and needs to be well attended! We have not held a GAT meeting in at least a year or more and this requires the input of all members of the teams.

If you have suggestions for seminars for the MD Convention, please get that information to PCC Bob Chaney. It won't be long until we will meet in Bandon for the MD 36 Convention.

GMT Report

For Council of Governor's meeting on 10/28/23

Greetings,

I sadly have to report that none of the District GMT's have sent me any information.

I am not sure what the problem is.

I have been attempting to do this by E-Mail, this next Quarter I will try doing some personal phone calls.

Tillamook Lions have formed, and got started, but I understand from DG Ed Glad that none of the traditional assistance by other Clubs (ie) help with banner, Flags, Gavel, etc has been forthcoming.

Mt Hood Lions are active and continue to attract new members. They are now up to 110 members.

Sorry I will not be able to attend the COG Mtg.

PDG Dan Wolf, MD36 GMT

Global Service Team Report

MD 36 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

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

I continue to be in close communication with the District GST officers: PCC Rod Bach of District R, Lion Marianne Baxter of District E and PCC Steve Oliver of District G, but have received responses only from PCC Rod. It is my goal as MD 36 GST to get that service reporting done and shared across the MD!

Our October is Vision Awareness Month used eyeglass collection service event, on October 14th, was carried out by several clubs across the MD. See the photos below, showing Astoria Lions, Bentham Lions, Oregon City Lions and Crooked River Ranch Lions at work in their communities.

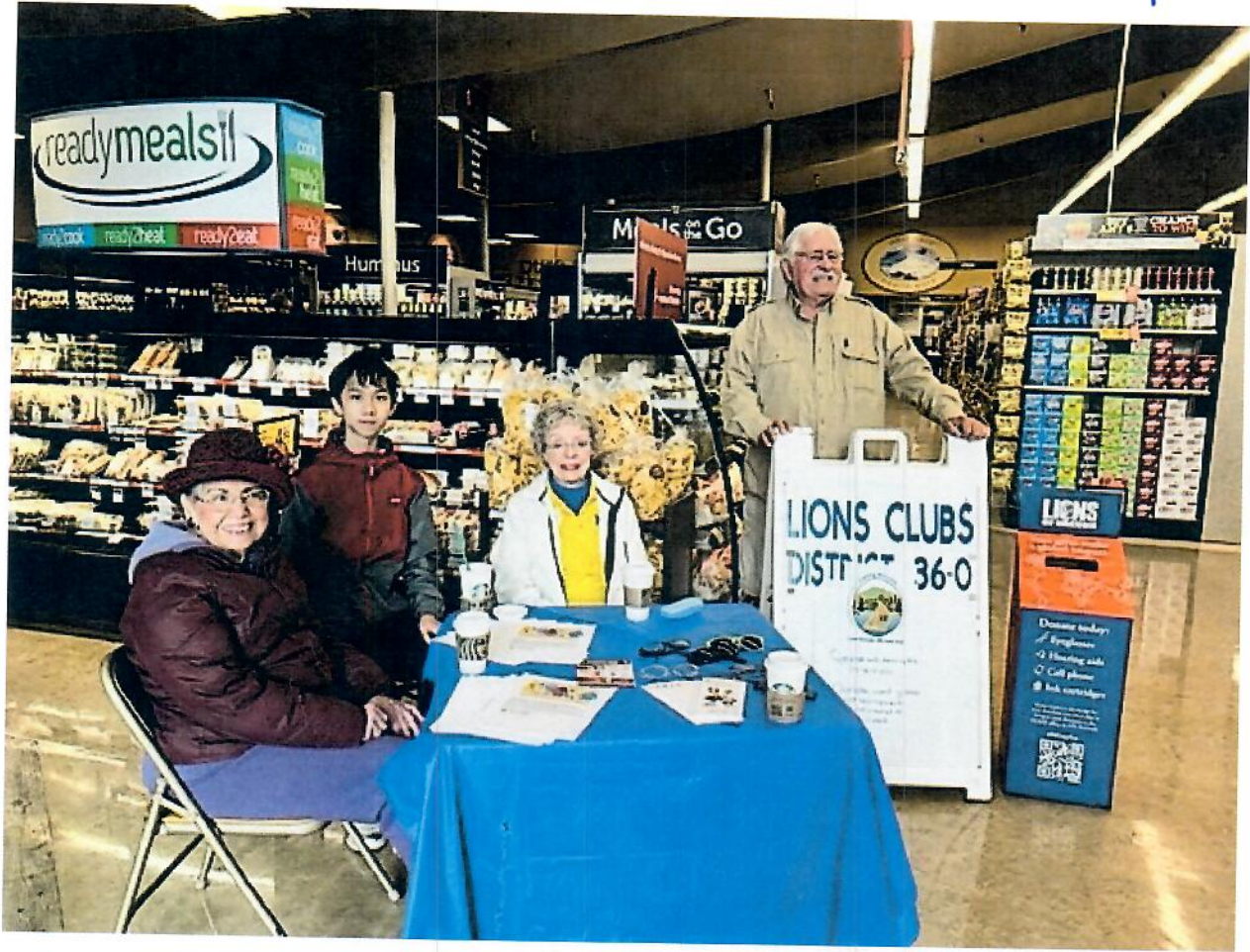
Plans are developing to have an MD-wide service project supporting hunger during the month of February. Many organizations receive large amounts of donated food and funds in the months surrounding the holidays, and then see those donations drop off noticeably by February. Information will follow on this month-long project.

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

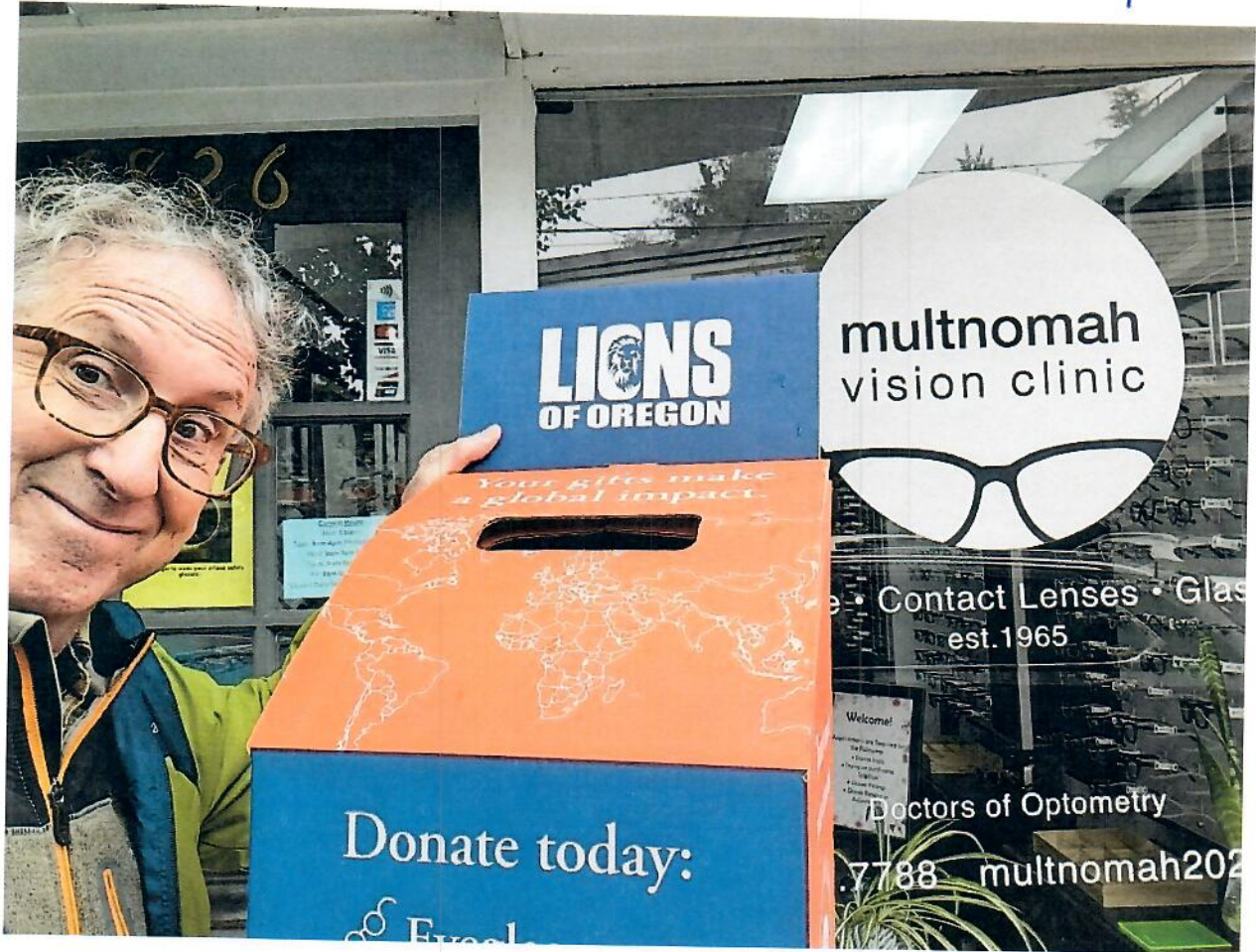
Together, we can Change The World!

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MD-36 Hearing Chair Report
Rockaway Beach, OR
October 28, 2023

- **New Hearing Aids:** OLSHF Roar! Program
Unchanged from last quarter, 8 new hearing aids from Phonak, Starkey and ReSound continue to be available.
- **Refurbished Hearing Aids:** The OLSHF is not currently working with RJS Acoustics and they have ceased their recycling/refurbishing program. OLSHF is partnering with other organizations such as Northwest Lions Foundation (MD-19) and Pacific University's School of Audiology to find other uses for the used hearing aids that Lions diligently collect statewide and send to the Foundation.
- **Funding:** The COVID-19 ROAR! RELIEF Fund, which consists of the generous funds gifted to OLSHF in 2018 through the closure of the Eugene Hearing and Speech Center, will now be referred to as the Jayne Eyre McDonald Eugene Hearing & Speech Center Fund (JEM/EHSC Fund).
 - Despite H. A. fees increasing to \$200/pair, the JEM/EHC fund subsidizes \$25/pair for ROAR! applicants residing outside Lane County. Resulting fee is \$350/pair.
 - Lane County applicants will owe \$100/aid, or \$200/pair.
- **School Hearing Screening Program:** Technology still restricts a viable school program. A tactical ROAR! Committee continues to explore options to put hearing back on the table. OLSHF is partnering with Dr. David Brown, Pacific U's School of Audiology, in this effort.
- **Over the Counter Hearing Aids (OTC):** These may be an option but only in an area where a Lions Club is available but a partnering hearing provider is not.
 - OLSHF will continue to work with reputable OTC companies for a beneficial partnership.
- 1. **Clinics/Events:** Our last ROARMOBILE Clinic was held on 8/12/2023. 8 clients sponsored by the Roseburg Lions Club, Sutherlin Lions Club and Myrtle Creek Lions Clubs received 16 hearing aids thanks to Nick Schenfeld and his son, Travis Schenfeld from Play It Again Hearing. Thanks to Sutherlin Lion Jon White who secured the Sutherlin Community Center for the event and Myrtle Creek Lion Gail Black who volunteered at the event.
- 2. There are no clinics currently scheduled but I suspect we will schedule one early in 2024, weather permitting.
- **Providers:** We are currently working with 28 providers throughout the state. The main gaps in available ROAR providers are currently in the Roseburg area, central coast and the Gorge.
 - 1. There has been a new Hearing Instrument Specialist (HIS) hired at Audiology Professionals, which is good news to Lane County Lions Clubs. Play It Again Hearing has been helping clients after Audiology Professionals lost staff and was forced to pause in seeing patients and rebuild.

2. The Pacific EarClinic at PSU has closed and the Pacific EarClinic in Hillsboro has been restructuring but is able to see Lions Clients again.

OTHER:

1. Although dormant for now, OLSHF is still interested in the possibility of acquiring a retail hearing center with Pacific University's School of Audiology.
2. HATS Program continues this fiscal year in Lane County....AND STATEWIDE! OLSHF is partnering with Pacific University's School of Audiology to help offer Hearing Assistive Technology. These accessories, when distributed to approved applicants in Lane County, would be covered by the JEM/EHSC Fund (up to \$1.5k) and OLSHF has allocated \$2.5k for the stipend to cover the Grad's student's "wage" as well as up to 1.5K for accessories distributed to approved applicants outside of Lane County. The accessories could include devices like smoke alarms, alarm clocks and possibly devices and tools to help someone do their job safer and more effectively. Michael Parisi, the amazing grad student who got the program up and running, has moved on and the new liaison is AveryAna Palermo-Phillips. We received a HATS request last week and AveryAna is working on fulfilling that order.
3. Providers are no longer working with refurbished hearing aids and as a result, RJS Acoustics has ceased its recycling/refurbishing program. As a result, OLSHF is partnering with other organizations, such as the Northwest Lions Foundation and Pacific University's School of Audiology, to find other uses for the used hearing aids that Lions diligently collect statewide and send to OLSHF. More to come on this!
4. UPDATED ROAR! Impact from FY 2022-23:
 - 178 people assisted
 - 344 hearing aids dispensed

Respectfully submitted by Red Rowley, MD-36 Hearing Chair.



MD-36 International Participation Committee Report

MD-36 Council of Governors Meeting, 28 October 2023

1. Request to Update Policy Manual

During its meeting on 30 July 2023, the Committee was reminded that the original purpose of the International Participation Committee is to assist with providing funding for running of an International Director and/or International Vice President. An update to the current policy will be recommended to properly reflect this purpose.

2. Lions International Bylaws Change

The revised International Constitution and Bylaws can be found here:

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

You will also find the revised Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and Bylaws as well as the District and Multiple District bylaws by following the link above.

3. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

2024 – September 5-7 Louisville Kentucky

2025 – September 18-20 Atlantic City New Jersey

2026 – September 3-5 Memphis Tennessee

4. International Convention 2024 and beyond

2024 – June 21-25 Melbourne Australia

2025 – July 4-8 Mexico City

2026 – July 3-7 Atlanta Georgia

2027 – July 2-6 Washington D.C.

2028 – June 23-27 Singapore

International Convention Uniform – the International Participation Committee provides the recommendation to continue with the current uniform for the Parade of Nations to consist of a white top, black bottoms, and the blue embroidered scarf. The current cost per scarf is \$35 to cover the cost of fabric and embroidery.

The Uniform for the Parade of Nations was presented to the Council of Governors on 11 August 2023, consisting of the blue embroidered scarf, white top, and black bottom.

The request was for the Council to confirm support of continuing with this uniform but it was not reflected in the minutes that were published.

The IPC Chair respectfully requests approval from the Council of Governors to continue with the parade uniform as described above.



2023-2024 Committee Members:

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

To: Council of Governors & Lions of MD36
For: October 28, 2023 meeting in Rockaway Beach, OR

International Understanding and Cooperation Report

Prepared by PID Dennis Tichenor, MD36 Chair

The Lions of Multiple District 36-0 Oregon are eagerly joining hands with their counterparts in Peru for an impactful collaboration slated for 2024. In January, two dedicated Milwaukie Lions will embark on a mission with the esteemed FACES organization, focusing on vital initiatives such as Sight Testing and water purification. They will be closely collaborating with two esteemed Lions clubs in Lambayeque, Peru.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the Lions from the Milwaukie Lions Club in cooperation with District 36-0, a successful application for an LCIF grant has been secured. This grant facilitated the acquisition of a cutting-edge SPOT machine, which will greatly enhance the eye testing capabilities for this region of Peru.

Moreover, the team will be carrying an impressive inventory of 2,000 to 3,000 pairs of glasses, along with essential materials for water purification, further fortifying their mission. This enduring project, which has made a significant impact over the course of 12 years, experienced a temporary hiatus during the pandemic.

Donations have been from several individuals, as well as the Milwaukie and Portland Downtown Lions Clubs, and the Lambayeque Lions Clubs, all of which have played a pivotal role in meeting the grant's requirements.

Any additional contributions, no matter the size, would be immensely valued. Kindly address checks to District 36-0 - Spot Machine Fund and send them to PID Dennis Tichenor, 15023 SE Elkhorn Rd., Happy Valley, OR 97015. Currently, we are approximately \$700 short of our goal.

This endeavor has touched the lives of thousands of underprivileged Peruvians over the years, exemplifying the true spirit of International Understanding and Cooperation.

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LCIF
PCC Paul Zastrow

Not a whole lot to report concerning our efforts towards fund raising since the last Council of Governors meeting. However the needs are just as great or greater! District totals to date are:

District O - \$4,480 towards a goal of \$22,464
District R - \$ 972 with a goal of \$18,441
District E - \$2,690 with their goal of \$15,768
District G - \$1,020 having a \$20,196 goal

Every club and Lion can – and should seriously contemplate how they are going to assist in achieving this goal. It should be relatively easy, as if each Lion were to donate \$15, we would cut the deficit about in half. If clubs were to donate \$250 each, we would surely almost be there! My club and several individual Lions will again do our part – will you?

We have some results from the past – 4 of our MD Clubs achieved Model Club Status, meaning at least during one year, an average of \$100 per member donated during Campaign 100. Brookings Harbor from District E, Florence-Siuslaw from District R and Pendleton from District G all succeeded in meeting the challenge during one year of the Campaign. The champion from District G, was the Hood River Eye Openers Lions Club who met the challenge during all three years of the Model Club Challenge, averaging \$250 per member each of the 3 years! They received a beautiful plaque commemorating that accomplishment as well as a banner patch for the same.

District R was recognized for special achievement in raising \$30,000 or more during any of the years, with this coming in the 2022-2023 year. PDG David O'Kelley and LCIF District Chairperson PDG Steve Moser were recognized and awarded a Chairperson's Bronze Medal for their District efforts. I will see that they get appropriate recognition once the medals have arrived. This last recognition will continue on in the foreseeable future – so – can we meet the challenge? District LCIF Chairs and District Governors – we need to get to work!

There is time to achieve wonders and records – after all we are only in the first half of the year until December 31. Let's see if we can get at least 15 % of individuals donating as well as 25 % of the clubs.

COG Meeting October 28, 2023 **READING ACTION PROGRAMS - Reading Is Fundamental** by Carol Brink

Time got away from me: **Next Quarter I hope to again report on 360 Jim Jagger's Reading Program**

Reading Is Fundamental's (RIF's) research-backed solutions inspire the joy of reading in children, deepening their motivation to read and setting them on the path to becoming proficient readers.

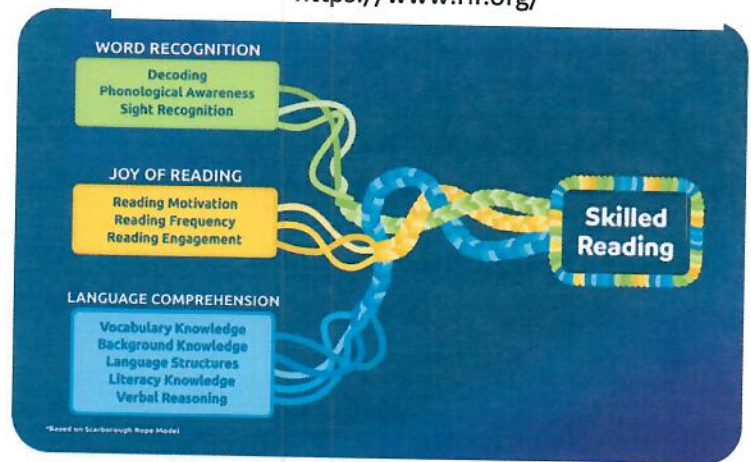
Since 1966, RIF has worked to close the equity gap for children by providing books and reading resources to communities nationwide. In the 55+ years since, they've had an impact on the lives of over 160 million children, creating generations of RIF Kids along the way.

<https://www.rif.org/>

RIF PROGRAMS

Language Comprehension - The Read for Success program includes 6 critical elements:

- Books for students to choose and take home
- Book collections for classroom read-alouds
- Professional development for educators
- Literacy resources
- Enrichment activities
- Reading strategies for school and home



Book Ownership Solutions - 61% of children living at or below the poverty line in America have no books at home. 1 in 300 in some of the lowest-income neighborhoods, there is just 1 book for every 300 children.

- *Books for Ownership*, RIF's flagship reading program, enables children to select new, age-appropriate books to take home and own and is supported by resources for families, educators, and local literacy advocates to create a culture of reading.
- *Skybrary* is RIF's carefully curated digital library of eBooks and video explorations for children ages 2 to 9. This interactive library offers nearly 1,000 children's books from celebrated authors, illustrators, and leading publishers. It also features hundreds of video field trips hosted by beloved storyteller LeVar Burton to engage young readers and encourage a passion for reading. Skybrary is available for use in the classroom and at home.

Continuous Literacy Support

- *Literacy Central* is an online destination for teachers, families, and literacy volunteers, offering over 30,000 free resources tied directly to the books children love and teachers turn to every day. Literacy Central offers curated book collections with a wide selection of diverse books by diverse authors, literacy activities including games and puzzles, monthly activity calendars, read-aloud videos, topical reading centers, and much more.
- *Literacy Network* is RIF's online community support center offering a suite of resources, information, and tools to support RIF program implementation, community capacity building, and local literacy impact. It serves as a one-stop destination for educators, volunteers, and families to access turnkey, customizable solutions. Literacy Network augments local literacy efforts, offering information and support around literacy issues, RIF's programmatic solutions, program implementation resources, and volunteer opportunities.

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READING ACTION PROGRAMS - from Jim Jagers 360

EMAIL from Jim Jagers

----- Original Message -----

From: "R. JAMES JAGGERS" <matthieu5775@comcast.net>

To: "dcoregom@yahoo.com" <dcoregom@yahoo.com>

Date: 08/16/2023 12:00 PM PDT

Subject: **Reading Buddies Program**

Carol:

Some news notes:

1. French Prairie is off and running with the **Reading Buddy Program**. We are working with the North Marion Primary School. We have handed out 340 stuffed animals as Reading Buddies for all students PS-3rd grade. Most of the animals were donated---all new.
2. Next step is to find some rewards (certificates and books) to give to the kids this fall.
3. Will continue on with program throughout the year.

Other notes---

Do you think the MD Lions would like to sponsor a state wide program?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

How about the Imagination Library operated by Dolly Parton's Dollywood Foundation? Don't know how much, but the ODE has been in contact with them as well.

Dollywood Foundation
111 E Main St. 2nd floor
Sevier, TN 37862

The program provides a free book each year from birth through age 5 and just opened the Washington state program. Lions could find some state foundations to support the program and expand it through the third grade.

This is a great opportunity for Lions to become involved in a greatly needed program in the state of Oregon since reading scores are still low.

Let's get Lions excited..Backdoor---a great way to add new members to local clubs and maybe start some LEOs as well.

Jim Jagers

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Lions Youth Exchange Program – YEP
PCC Paul Zastrow

Worldwide, Lions. Lions Clubs, Districts, Regions and Countries are gearing up for the 2024 Youth Exchange Program. Host families are sought, background checks instituted and completed and perhaps even some training completed outlining the responsibilities and duties for hosting a young adult – ages 15 to 21 from a foreign country. District YEP Coordinators are determining arrival and departure dates, airports for arrivals as close to host families as possible, as well as organizing activities visiting youth will have the opportunity to participate in.

Multiple District 36 – Oregon and N California could fully participate in YEP if we find sufficient hosts and plan on group activities before about March 30, the normal deadline for assigning youth. Between now and then we have to get our act together, decide if we will have a camp or only individual family hosting, what programs we would offer and costs associated. We need to determine how and where to advertise to get some of our own youth to go out to other countries before that time so they can experience the greatness of visiting a different country and culture.

Where do you fit in? As DGs, you have the bully pulpit of encouragement for getting hosts, seeking incoming youth, and seeing if we have any youth wanting to go to another country. Clubs and individual lions can sponsor youth – both outgoing and incoming. Hosts do not have to be Lions or have kids of the same sex or age, but must have a private place for sleeping.

Youth will be treated as family, going on trips, participating in the normal summer family activities, etc. Visiting places of interest, historical or of geologic wonder should be considered. After all, what better way to ensure that all concerned have a memorable time.

As leaders – let us really lead and bring Oregon's plans back to being active participants, not merely giving lip service and sitting things out. I am here to assist, give help and pointers, to organize and even perhaps participate. Let me know where you want to go on YEP as soon as possible. Thanks.

Public Relations & Publicity- October 2023 COG Meeting

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

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

While the directory and the manual are a few years old, most of the information is still correct and relevant. They can be found at this link:

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

Going into the colder months when the daylight hours are shorter and clubs maybe slow down a little bit, this is the PERFECT time for clubs to work on updating their promotional materials, specifically writing press releases and updating flyers, etc. There are press release templates in the PR Manual, but committee members can always be contacted for support and feedback.

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

Adobe Express

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

Canva

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

Poster My Wall

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

Lions Club International Marketing

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Carrie Bartley



October 28, 2023

To: Lion Phyllis Carlin, Chairperson
MD 36 Council of Governors
From: PPC Joyce Anderson, Chair
MD 36 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Committee
Subject: 2nd Report to Council

It's not too early to start planning to attend the 48th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky from September 5-7, 2024. The Forum will be held in the Kentucky International Convention Center and the headquarters hotel is the Galt House. The Galt House is within walking distance of the convention center and there is an enclosed walkway on the second floor that is the connector to the center. With five hotels to choose from, there will be plenty of choices for housing.

Registration is now open and you can register online at lionsforum.org. From this secure site, you register for the forum and your hotel all in one place. The registration fee is \$295.00 until March 30, 2024, when it will increase to \$325.00.

If you are interested in learning more about Lions International, meeting new friends, renewing old friendships or just wanting some days away with meaningful forums then you should get registered and plan to be in Louisville. There are four motivational speakers scheduled at the event. There is great food and a terrific opportunity to meet with Lions from around the United States and Canada as well as many newly elected International Officers.

You can find out more information from many Lions in our multiple district and all of them are more than willing to share information. Since there were 18 of our Lions members and friends at this year's Forum in Reno, stop one of them and ask what they enjoyed the most about the Reno Forum. The Lions from Multiple District 36 attending the Forum on Reno are: PID Sunny Pulley, PCC Vince Bishop, Robin Stoeckler, PCC Paul Zastrow, PDG David O'Kelley, Patty O'Kelley, PDG Kerith Vance, PCC Gail Black, PCC Bob Chaney, 1st VDG Carrie Bartley, David Bartley, 1st VDG Paul Novak, Trudy Novak, Fran Silbernagel, Nancy Patzer, PCC Joyce Anderson, PDG Garry Charbonneau and PDG Steve Brewster.

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STEVE SHERER, GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

I am truly honored to be General Chair for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 5-7, 2024. We are off to a great start due to the foundation that was set in Reno, Nevada, last month.

Thank you to our General Chair Lion Jama Wahl, Host Committee Chair Linda Wagner-Griffin, and their committees for a great Forum in Reno. There were outstanding seminars and dynamic speakers. Nearly all who attended had a great time. The fellowship and exchanging of ideas that takes place at the Forum are the greatest reasons for attending, and Reno was no exception.


We have put together a great committee and there is no time to rest. We have made our initial trip to Louisville and the planning has already begun to put on a quality event next September. The Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) is a great facility and will house all the Forum events, except for the delegation breakfasts. The education team is already putting together the list of seminars to be presented. We have great speakers and events planned and will outline them in future newsletters.

The headquarters hotel is the Galt House, which

is the only hotel with a river view in Louisville. It is within walking distance of the convention center, and you can use the enclosed walkway on the second floor. The only street to cross is to enter the KICC. In fact, all five hotels under contract for the event are within walking distance and shuttle transportation should not be necessary.

Please keep up to date on all info about the Forum at our website www.lionsforum.org. Registration is also now open on the website.

We promise to put on an outstanding Forum and look forward to your being in Louisville next September, where we, like the racehorses at Churchill Downs, will SET THE PACE to leadership and service.



Future Host Cities

- 2024 Louisville, Kentucky**
- 2025 Atlantic City, New Jersey**
- 2026 Memphis, Tennessee**
- 2027 Huntsville, Alabama**