

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

November 19, 2022 –at West Side Fire House #1, 4250 Barrett Dr., Hood River  
Time: 12:30 pm (with lunch provided and meeting starting around 1-1:30pm)

***Voting Council Members Present:*** Council Chair, Judith Poage; Council Vice Chair, PDG Stephen Brewster; District Governor 36-O Kerith Vance; District Governor 36-R David O’Kelley; District Governor 36-E Gail Black; and District Governor 36-G Cheri Jackson.

***Non-Voting Council Members Present:*** 2VDG 36-E Paul Novak; Executive Administrator/Council Secretary-Treasurer, PCC Vince Bishop; and MD36 Executive Secretary Leah Hawes.

**Reference Attachment #1 for others in attendance.**

1. Call to Order: CC Judith Poage called the Council of Governors meeting to order on November 19, 2022 at 12:56 pm. The meeting was held in person only.  
Invocation was given by PDG Hank Calhoun.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PDG Stephen Brewster.  
Introduction of Guests: CC Judith thanked Lion firefighter Kim Dumez for cooking/setting out the lunch. She then welcomed PID Dr. Sonja Pulley.
2. Additions to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2022 Council Meeting. ***Motion*** made by DG Kerith Vance to approve the Minutes of August 6, 2022 Council Meeting. The ***motion*** was ***seconded*** by DG Cheri Jackson. ***Motion carried.***
4. Approval of Minutes of August 22, 2022 Special Council Meeting. ***Motion*** made by DG David O’Kelley to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2022 Special Council Meeting. The ***motion*** was ***seconded*** by DG Gail Black. ***Motion carried.***
5. Council Chair Report: CC Judith Poage. **Reference Attachment #2.**
6. International Director Report: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley. No report. PID Sunny spoke and recommended the Council endorse PID Mark S. Lyon for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President at International. He is from Connecticut and some know him from when he was a speaker here several years ago. She then reminded the District Governors to get their Presidential/Leadership awards-forms to her by January 10<sup>th</sup>. ***Motion*** made by DG Gail Black to approve the endorsement of Mark S. Lyon for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President at International. The ***motion*** was ***seconded*** by DG Cheri Jackson. ***Motion carried.*** PID Sunny also mentioned that the Lions International Board voted to have Lions vote in Boston next July 2023 on whether to do away with a district having to have a certain amount of members or clubs to have a person eligible to run for International Director. She encouraged people to vote.
7. Executive Administrator Report: PCC Vincent F. Bishop. **Reference Attachment #3.**
8. District Governors Reports:  
District 36-O: DG Kerith Vance. **Reference Attachment #4.** DG Kerith added that Tillamook will soon officially become a club in District O. She thanked 1VDG Edward Glad and Ray Montgomery for their work to help this happen!  
District 36-R: DG David O’Kelley. **Reference Attachment #5.** DG David challenged the Council to be relevant to our districts and clubs. So many grants are available. For example, PR Grant has to be in by X date every year. Let’s get this information out. DG Cheri Jackson says she encourages her clubs to look at what grants

are available. PCC Bob Chaney said all grants were in binders DGs were given when they were trained. DG David said Multiple District needs to do better with their trainings so they can be more effective. He doesn't want money being left on the table.

District 36-E: DG Gail Black. **Reference Attachment #6.** DG Gail added that she recently visited the Sutherlin Leo Club: she was so impressed by the school's involvement, participation and encouragement of the Leo Club there.

District 36-G: DG Cheri Jackson, no report. DG Cheri spoke and said Elgin and Hood River are adding new members. Redmond has asked to turn in their charter and we are hoping to keep them going and viable.

8. Incoming Council Report: PDG Phyllis Carlin, absent. No report.

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

10. Unfinished Business:

a) PR Grant Update. DG Gail Black spoke and said that every Lion will get a yard sign and bumper sticker that Lion Carol Swesso designed! We went with the colors of ID Brian Sheehan's year. It's very eye-catching and modern looking. Each of the Districts are to pay their amounts. District E has paid. Lion Carrie Bartley has found a company that is giving us a great deal. We are hoping to have them in January! PCC Vince said we have received the \$10,000 from LCIF.

b) Awards/PR Contest Update. Lion Paula Hilgers spoke about combining facebook/ Instagram-type awards and rolling them all into a larger PR contest. She is also waiting on approval of the proposed revisions to contests she had presented previously and also needs to hear back about any proposed updates to the Governor's awards. Paula was asked to provide printed versions of these proposed changes to Leah at the Multiple District office (she had given to DGs only). PCC Vince asked Paula to email her proposed written changes to the Council and to Leah at the MD36 office. He also recommended that Paul Hilgers (MD36 Awards, Honors & Contests Chair) and Dale Rollins (MD36 Policy Manual Chair) be in communication and brainstorm how to get the policy updated to more accurately reflect what Paula is envisioning. At this point, these will likely be changes for the 2023-2024 Lion's year. Paula encouraged the District Governors to look at the Governor awards on page 27 of the Policy Manual and she believes they are #11-20. This will be discussed at the next Council of Governor's meeting.

11. New Business: None.

12. Lions Vision Gift Report: CEO Report: Chris Stoeger, absent. **Reference Attachment #7.**

13. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Report: PDG Tom Hilgers, Chair. **Reference Attachment #8.** PDG Tom spoke and reported that May 3, 2023 will be Lions Day at the Capital to help us lobby for the Foundation and School Vision Screening. Join us in the celebration of 2023 Lions Keep The Promise Days in June of next year. We're encouraging clubs to come up with a service project or social get together that can be whenever and if the Foundation knows when your event is – they will help you promote your event so you can have a more successful event! It doesn't have to be a new project.

14. 15 minute break – was skipped.

15. MD36 Standing Committee Chair Reports:

**Awards, Honors & Contests:** Paula Hilgers, Chair, no report. Paula reiterated that she had handed the DG's a handout to review. Clubs that want to participate in Facebook, Twitter,

Website or Instagram club awards are now a part of the PR Award. We feel the district awards should be awarded at the district conventions. Please review, update, revise – get back to the MD36 Awards Committee so we can update what is on the MD36 website. They need updates or changes to the Governor’s awards.

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

**Canine Services:** Dale Howard, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #9.**

**Constitution & By-Laws:** PCC Bob Chaney, Chair. **Reference Attachment #10.**

PCC Bob Chaney said that at the February 3, 2023 CoG there will likely be some changes to the By-Laws brought to the Council’s attention for review. This will then enable them to get any changes out to the clubs in a timely manner for them to be voted upon at the MD36 Convention in Seaside in May 2023.

**Convention Operating:** PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Vince spoke and said that the Convention Committee has not met. The State Convention will be in Seaside and PCC Joyce has been working with them (they have been renovating). PCC Sharon Rollins is helping too and they are busy getting ready.

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

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

**Disaster Response:** Charlene Larsen, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #11.**

**Environmental:** PDG Phyllis Carlin, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #12.**

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

**Global Action Team:** CC Judith Poage, Chair. No report.

**Global Leadership Team:** PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Vincent Bishop added that their main responsibility is to help train the Vice Governors and incoming Council Chair Elect and as we only have one incoming 1VDG currently in position in District O, she has not done any trainings because of lack of positions being filled. We have a real struggle facing us.

**Global Membership Team:** PDG Dan Wolf, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #13.**

**Global Service Team:** PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #14.**

Question was posed by DG David O’Kelley whether they meet and PCC Sharon shared that only PDG Tom Hilgers attends and they meet via Zoom.

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

**Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action:** PDG Red Rowley, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #15.**

**Hunger Relief:** Kathryn Otero, Chair, absent. No report.

**Information Technology:** Tim McGlothlin, Chair, absent. No report.

**International Participation:** Robin Stoeckler, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Vince Bishop spoke and said that the information in the MD36 Directory doesn’t match who the District Governor’s gave her as who is on her committee. So they haven’t met. She is waiting on confirmation of who is actually on this committee. She is looking forward to Boston.

**International Understanding & Cooperation:** PID Dennis Tichenor, Chair, absent. No report.

**LCIF:** PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #16.** PCC Paul passed around a list of grants they have received from MD36, which is substantial and amounts to \$1.8 million dollars!

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

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

**Opportunity for Youth:** CHAIR: OPEN

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

**Lions Quest:** PDG Jim Jagers, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #17.**

**Peace Poster:** Carma Fisher Chair, absent. No report. PCC Gail added that all of the peace posters have been received.

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

**SMART:** PDG Carol Brink, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #18.**

**Youth Exchange:** PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference Attachment #19.** PCC Paul Zastrow urged us to keep this program alive.

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

**Pediatric Cancer:** PDG Gary Mose, Chair, absent. No report.

**Policy Manual:** Dale Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #20.**

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

**Public Relations & Lions Information:** Carrie Bartley, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #21.**

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

**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum:** PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Vince added this will be in Reno, NV. There will be a lot of super informative sessions taking place.

### **Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:**

**NWLLI:** OPEN. DG Gail Black spoke and said they need 20 Lions signed up in order to hold it. The next one is scheduled to be April 21-23, 2023.

**Pin Trading:** PDG Bob Hoover, President, absent. No report. PCC Vincent Bishop spoke and said this committee is gone now.

**Pin Sales:** PDG Garry Charbonneau, absent. No report. PCC Vince spoke and has some of the pins with him for \$3 a piece for those who want to purchase them now.

16. **Additions/Announcements:** None.

17. **Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:12pm. The next Council meeting will be February 3, 2023 at 12:30pm. At the University of Oregon, School of Education in Eugene, Oregon.

Attendance Sheet  
Meeting of the Council of Governors  
November 19, 2022

- Leah Hawes
- Kerith Vance
- David O'Kelley
- Trudy Tallman
- Sonja Pulley
- Sharon Rollins
- Dale Rollins
- Paula Hilgers
- Tom Hilgers
- Paul Zastrow
- Bob Chaney
- Gary Malcolm
- Cheri Jackson
- Paul Novak
- Gail Black
- Greg Simpson
- Stephen Brewster
- Judith Poage
- Vince Bishop

Council of Governor's meeting on November 19, 2022

## Council Chair Report

Wow, a lot has been happening in the Multiple District.

I do want to encourage every Lion not to be discouraged by our falling membership numbers. It is happening throughout Lions International. The issue of leadership is also a concern throughout Lions internationally. What will happen to clubs in a District that does not have a District Governor?

The current District Governors are working hard and scheduling their visitations. However, the individual club Presidents do need reassurance. I contacted Lions International headquarters and spoke to the District specialist, Esther Ancira.

Each and every club in MD36 is completely independent. The function of the club and its members will not change. They will still have their service projects, their fundraisers and their get togethers as usual. They will continue to serve their communities. The only change will be no communication from a District Governor.

Individual clubs will have their Past District Governors to call on. They can call Lions International directly. And, they can contact the MD36 standing Committee Chairs including the global Leadership, Membership and Service Team members and chairs.

Our Lions Clubs will continue to band together with their neighboring Lions Clubs and help each other. Together We Serve.

November 19, 2022  
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, 2022 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, 2022 is down by 39 members. MD 36 is down net two clubs since July 1, 2022. 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.

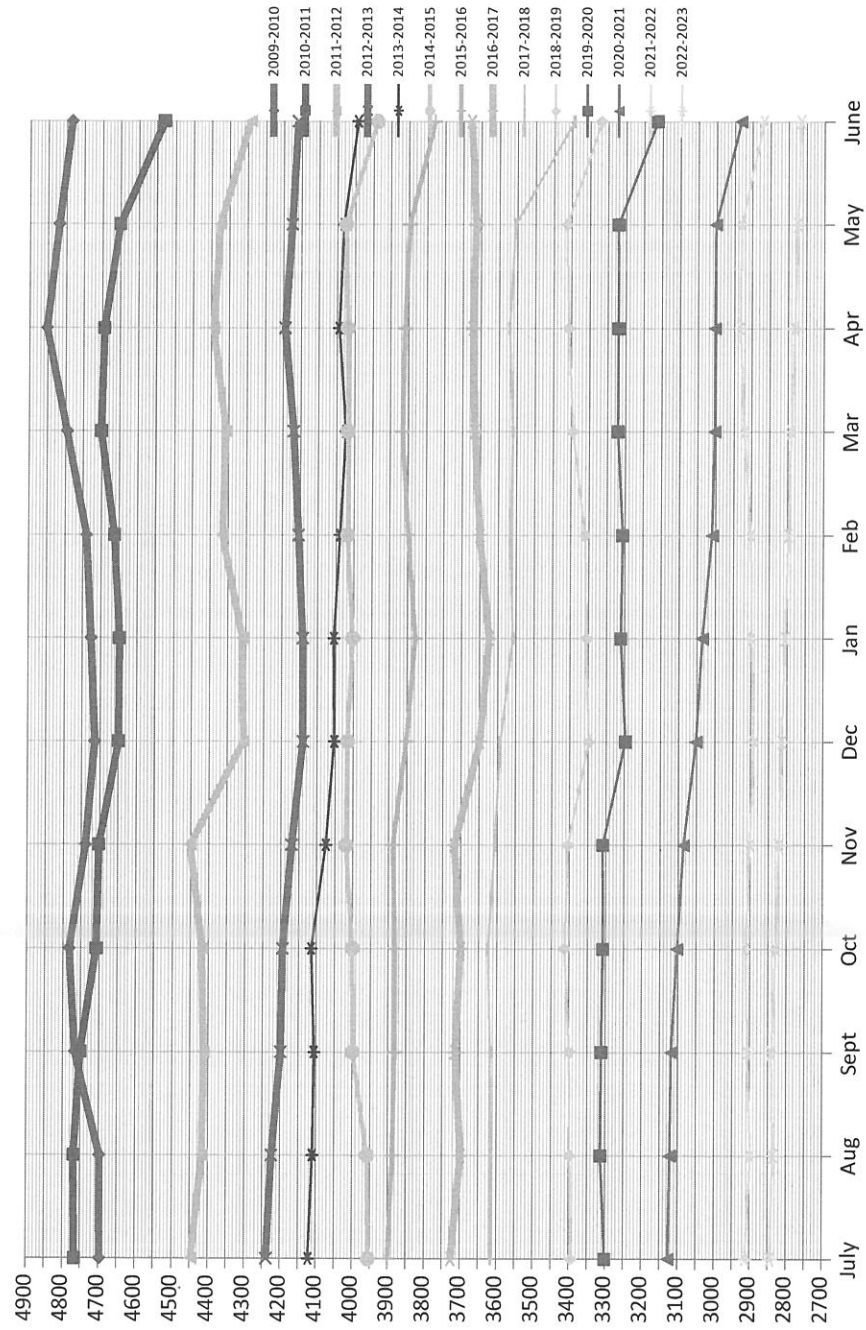
Our challenge continues to be meeting the wants of our council while learning to do with less funds.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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

### MD 36 Membership





For: Council of Governor's meeting  
Date: November 19, 2022  
Where: Hood River, OR

## District Governor, 36-O Report

I've spent the last few months visiting different clubs. Several of them are going strong and have lots of activities happening. Hillsboro Lions have some new members and just had a spaghetti dinner event. GMT Doug Loose is talking with Canby about a potential community event to find new members for their club. They are at a point where they are considering closing. McMinnville is starting a Leo club and 1VDG Ed Glad is working to solidify membership of the potential Tillamook Lions club individuals.

At the cabinet meeting, the focus was on leadership growth and opportunities such as USA Canada, Lions University and the MD36 Lions Leadership institute. Like many other areas, District O is in need of new leadership that will bring new ideas and possibilities to our clubs and to the district. I have been talking with Ed about the need to look at how the district committees are functioning and to develop roles for the GST, GMT and GLT that involve leadership of those committees. We are also talking about updating our leadership trainings to make them more accessible and structured to provide current and useful information. I have a few new positions in mind and also want to find a Global Extension Team lead.

As we get closer to convention, we have yet to identify a new 2nd VDG and 1vdg for next year to provide support for Ed. We are planning some forums and activities around identifying strengths and weaknesses in the clubs and district to inform Ed and his cabinet as they set goals for next year.

As the year has gone along, I am finding out a lot about grants and opportunities for help from LCI for membership and leadership trainings. I've also learned a lot about what I do not know about finances for the district. I'm wondering if there is an opportunity here for discussion at the MD level on a guide or other document that prepares the next year's DGs for things they need to know or work on right away. There may be some grants or things we should work on in our year to set the next year up for better success.

Submitted by DG Kerith Vance, 36-O

MD36 Council of Governors  
November 19, 2022, meeting in Hood River, OR

## **District Governor Report for 36R, David O'Kelley**

We have continued to expand our use of Constant Contact for some communications so that we can directly reach all club members in our District. What we have found is that many of our club members, which include the officers, are completely missing contact information (email/phone) in MyLCI or have incorrect information. Our District Administrator has taken on a project to contact our clubs directly and is sharing what specific contact information is missing or that we know is incorrect. He is contacting them first via email and then will follow up with a phone call in December if we do not see updates to their contact information. This will be an ongoing effort throughout the year to get the nearly 30% of our members that have incomplete contact information updated in MyLCI. We also had another great progress with getting a private domain email account setup which reduced the number of emails ending up in the junk and/or spam filters. Our direct emails are consistently getting opened by over 40% of our members in the first 24 hours.

We held our first hybrid District Information Seminar on October 12<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Corvallis Lions Club. The first presentation was given by OLSHF CEO, Lion Doug Thompson, where he talked about the upcoming 2023 Keep the Promise Day and then gave all an update where we are with eye screening for the year. Our second presentation was given by PDG Lion Steve Moser, LCIF District Coordinator, who educated us on LCIF and its programs. We also watched the latest LCIF video about our aid and support for Ukraine. We did learn a few things on running a hybrid meeting and will take those lessons to heart when we do our next District Information Seminar.

At this point I will have visited 29 of our 32 clubs by the middle of December. At each visit I have presented the PowerPoint provided by International President Brian Sheehan and I believe it has been well received by the club's members. I especially appreciate when Lion Brian speaks directly to the members in the presentation and thanks them for what they do for Lions and their communities. If my fellow District Governors have not been using the presentation in their visits, I would highly recommend that they find a way to distribute the presentation for their member's viewing. I will finish up the remaining three club visits by mid-January. These visits represent probably the best part of being a District Governor as they reinforce all the reasons I became a Lion in the first place.

Our District is also preparing for the first distribution of yard signs and magnetic bumper stickers from of our MD36 PR Grant. We would like to thank Lions Carrie and Carol for the excellent work they have done on the designs and finding a vendor to produce both items. To further this effort, we are polling our clubs and collecting their club brochures with the intent of creating a District database of the brochures that our clubs have

created. For those clubs that do not currently have brochures we are asking for a couple of volunteers that they can work with to get a brochure created for their club. The idea behind this is that when a prospective member contacts a club, they can readily send them a brochure, or multiple, for clubs that the prospective member could join. We hope this will improve our chances of gaining a new member with the right club that is aligned with their service passion.

Sadly, we have pretty much exhausted on finding someone to step up to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and are most likely on the path of having to appoint a PDG at the beginning of next year. We do have four open cabinet positions and the GAT positions that are currently filled by PDGs that we can recruit a person into that could fulfill the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG the year after next. We need to get someone into one of those positions, by the end of the year, if we don't want to be in this position again the following year. We believe if we can get a district leadership team filled out, it will ultimately allow us to attract DGs in the future as there would not be so much for the DG to do on their own.

Now that my DG visits are winding down, leadership development is where a lot of my efforts will be shifting to. We need to build this district leadership team and help our clubs realize that they have a responsibility to provide leaders for the district. When we have a well-functioning district, it is additive to the service that they provide to their communities. We also believe that this is true at the multiple district level as well.

Respectfully,

Lion David O'Kelley – Together We Can  
DG 36R

2<sup>nd</sup> COG Meeting  
November 19, 2022 – Hood River

## District Governor's report MD36E

It was a fast start, then a rapid slow down for official DG visitations to the clubs in District E this year. It seems that for many of our clubs, getting back into the groove of meetings following all the Covid restrictions has been somewhat difficult. Many changes of days and time this year and a few clubs still not meeting regularly. However, I must say that the clubs I have been able to visit have been active in their communities and all have continuing projects and fundraisers planned for the future.

I have had the opportunity to visit only 17 clubs thus far this year. I was fortunate to have 2VDG Paul Novak with me to visit 3 clubs in region 3, and was also able to fill the missing Zone chair position for that region. District E's 1<sup>st</sup> cabinet meeting was held in Klamath Falls in August with 18 members present and 3 who were present via Zoom. Again, I feel Covid still defining the low number of attendees at our cabinet meetings. With the holiday season coming upon us and the winter weather a factor, I have only 10 clubs scheduled thru December, and they are closer in distance to me.

I am sorry to say that we lost two clubs this year, but happy to say that we did not lose members. Roseburg Umpqua Club at the start of the year chose to disband the Umpqua club and all joined the Roseburg club. And more recently the Klamath Falls South Suburban club closed their doors and all members joined other clubs in the area.

It is hard to believe that as simple as Membership reporting seems to be, so many of our clubs fail to do the MMR. Our current statistics show that in District E: 5 clubs have not reported in 5 or more months, 7 clubs have not reported in 2-5 months, but 14 clubs did report their membership status last month – I have urged any secretary having a problem doing their MMRs to please contact me, so I can assign someone to assist them with whatever the problem may be. From the statistics that I do have available via the Monthly Club Health assessment report: District E shows the current year starting on July 1, 2022 that our District had 585 members. Since then we have gained 34 members and lost 21 members (5 of whom were reported as deceased) giving us a member count of 598 members as of Oct 1, 2022.

At each of my club visitations I have emphasized two things- **membership and training**. We need members, and we need members to have training and be able to step up to leadership positions. In District E as in O, R, and G, there are vacancies leading into our District Governor positions. District E does not have a 1st Vice District Governor, and I have not yet been made aware of anyone who is qualified to step into that position nor anyone who will be running as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for next year. I have seen for myself in the clubs that I have visited that we have members who are dedicated and who have the potential for leadership beyond the club level. I know that we all want our clubs and our District to continue to exist, and so we as District Governors must emphasize to each member to look within themselves to determine what they as individuals can do to be of service to their community, their club and to their District. It does mean some readjusting sometimes, but we make time for what is important in our lives, and the satisfaction and gratification gained cannot be measured. And most importantly, those who are willing to step up must be assured that the leaders who have gone before are there for them -- ready, willing, and able to mentor and guide.

Our International President Brian Sheehan is emphasizing this year that we are team and that "Together we Can." And I know that our District E Lions, with the other Oregon districts, working together can gain new members, get training moving, and have leaders step up and take charge. YAY TEAM GO!

DG – Gail Black

Lions VisionGift is known for many things. We have been a leader in the recovery and provision of eye tissue for research and training since the 1990s. Not only do we help researchers and surgeons in training with this community resource, we also have two full-time PhD scientists on staff to perform research that will benefit the community.

Our former CEO, Barbara Crow, was fond of saying at staff “a donor for transplant helps two people with the gift of sight; a donor for research helps advance our knowledge for all the world to benefit.” That motto guides our work – we love the fact that we can help people with transplants. *And* we love that we are here to benefit all of humanity through research and

education. The graphic on display in the upper right is a summary of the research projects and publications we have supported through September 2022. The upper left panel with the arrow is an internal Lions VisionGift research project comparing different methods of cutting the corneal graft for transplantation. The image is a cross section of the cornea as seen with electron microscopy. Notice that the cornea is actually a series of layers! Yet it is crystal clear so that light may bring us vision. Amazing.

At this year’s Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) Medical Advisory Board meeting, it was announced that I am the 2023 Leonard Heise Awardee. This is an honor bestowed on an eye bank professional for their accumulated contributions to the field. Prior awardees include Barbara Crow and many more highly regarded professionals. It is an award that Lions VisionGift shares with me as my contributions to the field are directly tied to my 22 years working at Lions VisionGift. The staff, board, and community is always incredibly supportive of eye banking and donation. This recognition from the EBAA underscores the contributions we are making to the field.

Finally, I would love to hear from you. What kind of information is important for this group to know about Lions VisionGift? Send me a note. [Chris@visiongift.org](mailto:Chris@visiongift.org)

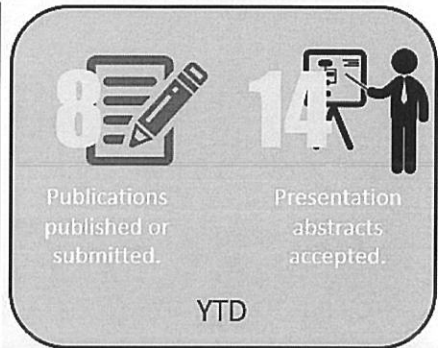
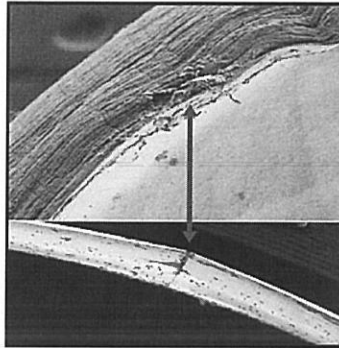
Sincerely,

Chris Stoeger, MBA, CEBT, CTBS  
Chief Executive Officer



## Research Metrics

Our research commitment by the numbers





Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation  
Council of Governor's Report  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### School Vision Screening

OLSHF's nationally recognized School Vision Screening (SVS) program is hitting on all cylinders as we near 100,000 students screened for vision health issues during the 2022-23 school year.

Our 2022-23 SVS Team is comprised of Lions Club members from throughout MD-36: **Bert Diamond**, Portland Bentham Lions; **Betty Jane Bugbee**, Weston McEwan Lions; **Deb Nelson**, East Albany Lions; **Stephen Brewster**, Klamath Falls Lions; **Jon Awbrey**, Crooked River Ranch Lions; **Kerith Vance**, Portland Legacy Lions; **Brad King**, Tualatin Lions; **Robert Springer**, East Albany Lions; **Dr. Steve Tronnes**, Roseburg Lions; and **Donna Penny**, Coos Bay Lions.

MD-36 Lions and OLSHF were recognized 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.

### Lions Day at the Capitol

OLSHF projects that we will **screen nearly 200,000 students this school year**, which is made possible due to the Vision Health Account established at the Oregon Dept. of Education, which covers most, but not all, of the cost of providing vision screenings in Oregon schools. Lions can help sustain this fund by advocating for this effort during the 2023 Oregon Legislative session. An important way to help is to attend **Lions Day at the Capitol in Salem on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023** – all MD-36 Lions are invited and encouraged to attend.

### 2023 Lions KTP Days

All MD-36 Lions are also invited to join in the celebration of **2023 Lions Keep The Promise (KTP) Days** in Oregon next June. MD-36 leaders and the OLSHF Board of Trustees are encouraging all Lions to plan an event, a service project, or a social gathering to raise awareness of the important work of Lions in Oregon and Northern California. Interested Lions can contact Doug at [Dougt@olshf.org](mailto:Dougt@olshf.org) for a Lions KTP event info on this exciting new initiative.

### OLSHF Recognized Again By Oregon Business Magazine

In both 2020 and 2021, OLSHF was recognized by Oregon Business Magazine as being the #1 Best Nonprofit to Work For In Oregon, in the medium sized category. There are over 23,000 nonprofit organizations that operate in Oregon and we are proud to be recognized as one of the best. In October, OLSHF was once again recognized with the ranking of #2 Best Nonprofit To Work For in Oregon.

### MD-36/OLSHF Executive Secretary Job Share Update

We are pleased to share that the job share with Executive Secretary Leah Hawes between MD-36 and OLSHF is underway and working well for both organizations. Leah has been welcomed as 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 Executive Director Doug Thompson at [Dougt@olshf.org](mailto:Dougt@olshf.org)

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Report to Council of Governors  
For November 19, 2022 meeting

Submitted by MD36 Canine Services Chair, Dale Howard

## Canine Services Report

(This is what I sent in as a report for the District 36R Cabinet Meeting:)

I lost track of time! Nothing to report for District 36R Canine Services and Technical Services. I did give a talk concerning Guide Dogs For The Blind at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Springfield Lions Club general meeting. I made a copy of the talk and placed it on YouTube [https://youtu.be/fduhO\\_GCeqc](https://youtu.be/fduhO_GCeqc) I took a little humorous liberty towards the end of the 16 minute talk. If anyone wants my notes and references for this talk they may contact me at <mailto:springfieldlionsclub@gmail.com>

Also: I received the following email from Christina Hepner at Leader Dogs for the Blind:

Greetings!

It's been an exciting month at Leader Dogs for the Blind for Blindness Awareness Month, and that's our topic this week on the Taking the Lead podcast. I thought you'd like to hear Timothy's perspective on etiquette around someone who is blind or visually impaired. I always learn so much from him and our other guests on the podcast!

Listen here: <https://takingthelead.transistor.fm/episodes/just-say-hi>

Have a great rest of the week!

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**Canine Services -- District 36-O's Report**  
For 11/19/22 Council of Governor's meeting

**Guide Dogs for the Blind:**

Guide Dogs for the Blind will host their annual fundraiser later in the fall, previously called "Pups and Pinot". Tickets will be made available via email. I'll forward this information when it arrives.

There is always a need for harnesses for each of the canine graduates. Each harness is now \$500, and any portion of that amount can be donated directly through the GDB website – just indicate that your donation is for a harness(s).

**Canine Companions for Independence:**

I have been in touch with the local CCI puppy committee chair, but have not received any current information from the organization. Particularly, I want to learn if the Lions Club program of support is still in place. I'll share that information when it arrives.

**Dogs for Better Lives:**

I have been in touch with this organization, formerly known as Dogs for the Deaf, and am waiting for information about their current program and methods of best support.

Submitted by: PCC Sharon Rollins

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And finally, a new project from Lions Project for Canine Companions

**Lions, Lionesses & Leos working together to help provide Exceptional Dogs  
for Exceptional People**

July 2022

Dear Lions Club President and Members,

Canine Companions" provides four types of assistance dogs, each with different skill sets to best serve people with a variety of disabilities. Financial support to Lions project for Canine Companions" from Lions Clubs across the U.S. allows Canine Companions to continue to promote independence with their clients by receiving assistance dogs at no cost!

Canine Companions has provided over 7100 assistance dogs since 1975 to adults, children, veterans and professionals across the country. With the demand increasing annually for those who could benefit from an assistance dog, we want to be sure Canine Companions knows they can always count on Lions. This is an important program to which we ask Lions to contribute by



renewing their 2022-2023 annual membership or joining as a new Member Club with the Lions project for Canine Companions. Meet Jeanette, a Service Dog graduate with Canine Companions

### 35 Years of Enhanced Independence



Jeanette was born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a condition that causes her to lose muscle strength over time, constantly altering her needs. Since 1987—for over 35 years—she has relied on Canine Companions service dogs to enhance her independence. In November 2021, Jeanette matched with Service Dog Fiji, her fourth service dog from Canine Companions. "The minute Fiji cuddled up next to me, it was like we were bonded instantly," she says.

Over the years, her disease has impacted her mobility in various ways and to different degrees, but one thing remained constant, a Canine Companions service dog was always there to help her. Jeanette says proudly, "These service dogs give me the dignity and independence to survive my daily challenges and make anything possible." From opening difficult sliding doors to her backyard and retrieving mail from her mailbox to picking up specific items by following her eye movement, Fiji is there for Jeanette right beside her. A very special thank for your continued support and generous donations, all four of Jeanette's Service Dog partnerships were made possible at no cost to her, ever. A Service Dog is just one of the great assistance dogs Canine Companions offers to an individual with a disability. Independence should not be limited to those who look or live a certain way. Disabilities reaches all ages, races, classes and backgrounds, and Canine Companions will too.

Won't you continue to support Lions project for Canine Companions? Your donation can be made online by visiting [www.jp canine.org](http://www.jp canine.org) where you can also sign up to contribute monthly and change someone's life, like Jeanette's, forever.

We would also love to make a presentation at your club so we can give you the most up to date information and discuss all the great programs Canine Companions offers. please contact our office to make arrangements for us to visit your club at a future meeting.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Sarah Haberthur  
National Administrator

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### Lions Project for Canine Companions

Annual Lions Club Donation: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Member Clubs make a commitment to make an annual donation based on the number of Members

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-20 Members \$125  | <input type="checkbox"/> 61-80 Members \$275 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21-40 Members \$175 | <input type="checkbox"/> 81 + Members \$325  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 41-60 Members \$225 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____        |

Number of Club Members: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Current \_\_\_\_\_ or New Member Club \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to  
*Lions Project for Canine Companions* and  
send your donation and this remittance card to  
**P.O. Box 3896, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.**  
A return envelope is provided for your  
convenience. Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity, your donation will support more graduate teams like Jeanette & Fiji

Email from Lion PDG Betty Levenhagen

## Training service dogs for veterans. One dog at a time.

A staggering number of veterans who have bravely signed up to serve their country now live in silence with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). 30% of U.S. veterans are dealing with these invisible scars,\* and Canine Companions is here to help. We support veterans by providing service dogs – free of charge – to help veterans regain independence and peace of mind.

Canine Companions service dogs are trained to mitigate symptoms of PTSD by turning on lights, providing a buffer in crowds, and interrupting anxiety and nightmares. These dogs tap into their ability to read subtle cues – even without being asked for assistance.

Canine Companions has 57 expert trainers with extensive knowledge to train these life-changing dogs. “I see service dogs providing veterans with the motivation to get up every day, using physical skills to help their handlers participate in activities they haven’t been able to do since prior to their service,” says instructor Bella Mendoza (pictured above) “What more could I hope for?”

Expert instructors, like Bella, ensure that Canine Companions service dogs are expertly trained to respond to up to 45 tasks that empower veterans to lead more confident lives. “Service Dog Hannon has made me aware of things I didn’t even know I was doing out of anxiety, like picking at my fingers,” says U.S. Navy veteran Tracy. Hannon nudges Tracy’s hands to refocus her, and these important interruptions are up to Hannon to initiate. Because of tasks like these, 100% of our veteran clients report increased independence.

Veterans Day is this Friday. Your donation will help veterans regain independence.

<https://p2p.onecause.com/2023-veterans-donate/donate>

Canine Companions is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Gifts are tax deductible to the full extent allowable under IRS regulations.

To: Council of Governors  
For: November 19, 2022 meeting in Hood River, Oregon

## Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report

The committee has reviewed the current documents and has made some preliminary suggested changes.

Most of these changes are housekeeping related.

The committee will finish their review of the documents and I will present those changes to the Council of Governors in electronic form prior to the third quarter meeting in February for their approval with or without changes thus providing the required time to get the proposed changes out to the clubs for review and the subsequent vote at the Multiple District convention.

Submitted by: IPCC Bob Chaney, MD36 Chair of Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Report to Council of Governors -- for 11/19/22 meeting

## Disaster Response Report

Submitted by: MD36 Disaster Response Chair, Charlene Larsen  
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In August 2022 there was a Hail and Windstorm that impacted the residences of Wallowa, Oregon. This weekend, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 there is a work party and Fall Harvest Dinner headquartered at the Wallowa Senior Center. The goal is to winterize 53 broken windows in survivors' homes with replacement windows or a temporary foam board and sealing for the winter. The Blue Mountain Region LTRG/Wallowa Team hopes to have at least response from thirty volunteers from the Region to help with this effort. The Wallowa Lions Club has heard the "Alert" to help.

There are seven Oregon Wildfire Long Term Recovery Groups and one Hail/Windstorm LTRG in MD 36 Oregon and Northern California Lions Districts.

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

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

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

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

My own weekly schedule includes:

**Monday:** Blue Mountain Region LTRG – Unmet Needs Roundtable and Santiam Canyon Unmet Needs Committee via Zoom on a weekly basis.

**Tuesday:** Klamath/Lake LTRG Unmet Needs Committee, ORVOAD Membership Meeting once per quarter.

**Wednesday:** Lincoln County LTRG Unmet Needs, Clackamas County Unmet Needs Committee on a weekly basis and Santiam Canyon LTRG monthly. Archie Creek Unmet Needs (Glide in Douglas County) on a weekly basis.

**Thursday:** Klamath Lake Counties LTRG. Clackamas County LTRG on a weekly basis. OEM with LTRG Chairs, State-wide monthly.

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

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

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

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

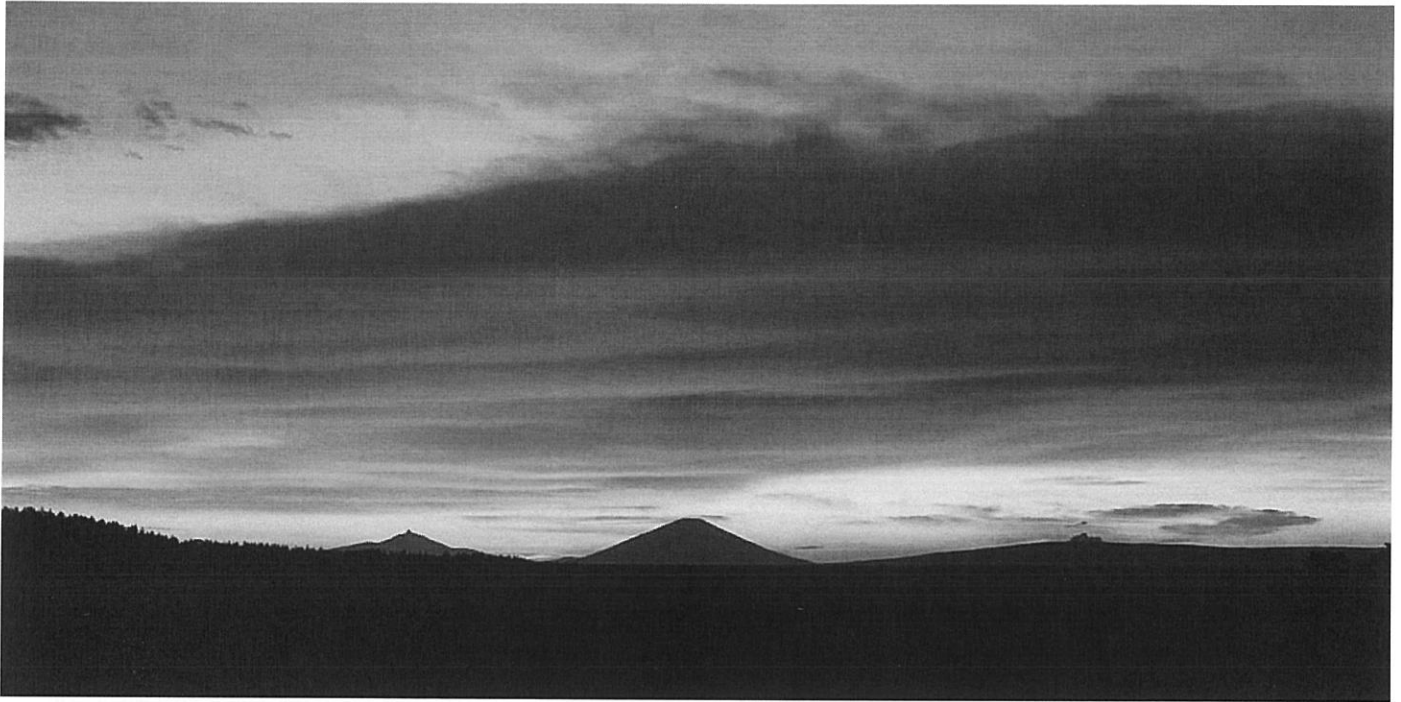
The next disaster is just around the corner and may be coming your way.

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

My contact information is at the beginning of this report.

Thanks, We Serve – Lion Charlene Larsen

# MD36 Nature Photo Contest returns



After a three year hiatus we are pleased to announce that the MD 36 Nature Photo Contest will once again resume. "Oregon is such a beautiful state. With 10 different ecosystems, there's plenty of beauty to capture in every part of the state," stated MD36 Environmental Chair Phyllis Carlin, "From mountains to lush green forests to the oceans and plains, we've got it all in Oregon and it's all beautiful."

So here's the information you need and what you do to enter:

- Photos must be taken by a MD36 Lions member.
- Limit 5 entries per Lion.
- No photoshopping.
- Deadline for entries is April 15, 2023
- A panel of four photographers will pick the top five photos.
- All photos will displayed and the winners voted on at the State Convention in May.
- A Silent Auction of the photos will be held at the State Convention to defray the cost of printing.
- E-mail your photos to: [phylcarlin@gmail.com](mailto:phylcarlin@gmail.com)
- Questions, please contact me at [phylcarlin@gmail.com](mailto:phylcarlin@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Phyllis Carlin  
MD36 Environmental Chairperson  
541-604-4816*

November 19, 2022  
Council of Governor's meeting

## **GMT Report for MD36**

Submitted by: PDG Dan Wolf, MD36 Global Membership Team Chair

### **MD36 O**

District O has currently 35 Lions Clubs and a total Membership of 834.

PDG Doug Loose, District O GMT

We are actually having a meeting tonight with Kerith and Ed to make a plan and set some goals. Other than that I haven't done much other than try to rebuild my business and our own club after not much paying attention to it for the last couple years. Hopefully I'll have more to report next time.

Hillsboro Lions have added 2 new members and dropped 1. Current Membership is 8.  
Lake Oswego added 4 new members and dropped 1. Current Membership is 48.  
McMinnville added 2 new members and dropped 1. Current Membership is 44.  
Mt Hood added 14 new members and dropped 6. Current Membership is 98, did hit 102.  
Tualatin Lions added 1 new member. Current Membership is 16.

The rest of District O Clubs have either a minus net gain or remained the same.

### **MD36 R**

District R has-currently 32 Lions Clubs and a total of 689 members

PDG Lion Lynn Coon, District R GMT

PDG Lion Dan, Hope this finds you well. I recently sent an email out to our membership chairs and club presidents. I am in hopes this will help our clubs with ideas for new membership. I want them to know we are here as a district to help in any way we can to keep them motivated on membership. As of this morning on insights we are at a -1 net gain for our district with 26 new members since July 1st 2022.

We are also in the process of working on establishing a new Leo's club in Waldport. I am forwarding the email I sent to our clubs in hopes it might help the other districts to encourage their club membership chairs. Thank you for all you do. SERVICE FROM THE HEART, I BELIEVE LIONS CHANGE LIVES TODAY AND FOREVER.



PDG Lion Lynn Coon (GMT) 36-R Together we can

Copy of Lynn's GMT Report he sent out to all of his Club GMT's - Great Job Lynn:

Good morning Membership Chairs and Club Presidents, Hope all of you are well. I would just like to touch base with you on membership of your club and what I as Global Membership for the district and the rest of our cabinet can do for your club with assistance.

When we think about why we joined Lions and how being a Lion has changed our life, what thoughts come to mind? Are you and your fellow Lions showing your passion of being a Lion? Are we sharing what we as Lions do to impact our communities? Are we sharing our passion of what we as Lions do to impact those lives in our communities that make a difference? I'm in hopes your answer was YES to all three of those questions.

When we are enthused as Lions it shows and our friends, neighbors and even strangers may ask you why you have such a passion of what you do and about the organization you are proud of belonging to.

As with many organization throughout the world the numbers have declined for one reason or another. You my fellow Lions can change that for our organization with a few simple steps.

- (1) Have a passion for Lions knowing you are making a difference in your community.
- (2) Get your club enthused about asking and sharing what Lions are all about.
- (3) Plan one of your club meetings around membership and invite your friends, family members, and neighbors to come here about how you as a lions club is making a difference in your community.
- (4) Remember as Helen Keller said alone we can do so little but together we can do so much.

The one big thing that sticks in my mind why I became a Lion is I was asked. We never know until we ask. This may take a few asks but if we don't we will never know. Remember when you and your club members are talking to potential members to let them know the benefits of becoming a member. There are many reasons. To name a few

- (1) They can help their community and gain valuable skills.
- (2) They can make an impact on people's lives both locally and Internationally.
- (3) They can learn to be a leader and lead a respected organization.
- (4) They can network with other businesses in their community and Lions around the world.
- (5) They can energize their life and have fun.

Above all let them know that they will be making a difference in their community and the lives they touch. If your club is having success with new members please share with me so I can have ideas for other clubs of our district.

I want to thank all of you for what you do and let you know TOGETHER WE CAN build our clubs and better serve our communities.

SERVICE FROM THE HEART, I BELIEVE LIONS CHANGE LIVES TODAY AND FOREVER. Global Membership Chair 36-R PDG Lion Lynn

**MD36 E**

District E Currently has 30 Lions Clubs and a Total of 594 members.

PCC Gail Black - DG reporting

From: DG Gail Black - District 36E

Subj: Global Membership report 7/1/22-10/31/22

Sadly District E is still way below required membership numbers, though we do show an increase for the 2022 year.

In review of the Monthly Membership reporting it is found that less than ½ of the clubs are submitting their report.

Without the statistic from every club, it is very difficult to determine the true status of membership.

Although this district does not have a Membership chair, as DG I have emphasized membership at each club visited, as well as the need to submit that MMR.

Although we have lost two clubs, fortunately every member of those clubs transferred to other clubs, so there was no loss of membership.

As of 6/30/22- membership count was 585.

AS of 10/31/22 membership count is 594

36 new members

27 dropped members

My goal for the year was to have a minimum of a plus 1 new member per club.

Although we have gained new members, our losses have also been substantial, thus negating many of those pluses. We are still hopeful as there are several pending inductions being planned.

**MD36 G**

District G has currently 28 Clubs and a total Membership of 730.

District G, like all of MD36 is struggling to maintain membership.

Two clubs have closed: Union Lions Club and Cascade Locks Lions Clubs.

We have two additional Clubs who are preparing to close: Bend Sunrise Club and Redmond Lions Club.

I have attempted to encourage neighboring Clubs to band together and help them with no cooperation.

We are all Lions. It is not a competition between clubs and Lions should help each other and encourage each other. They should be able to work on projects together.

Our Largest Club is The Dalles Lions Club with 82 members.

CC Judith Poage, District G GMT

A word to the COG about MMR's, the Secretary or President only needs to go to MyLCI and select Members. Double check that there are no Orange Highlights, denoting a problem, usually a bad address or phone number.

Once they close LCI that will act as an MMR for reporting purposes. Something they can mention to their Club Secretaries.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Dan Wolf  
MD36 GMT Chair

Global Service Team Report  
Council of Governors  
Saturday, November 19, 2022

I have had communication from two of the four District GSTs to obtain a report of the service that has taken place/is happening in their respective Districts. One GST is on a trip around the US and not working at the task, and another is not responsive to any communication from me.

District O clubs have returned to service projects, including food and winter clothing drives, vision screening, preparing meals for groups such as The Down Syndrome Network of Oregon, and projects with their local schools. Unfortunately, in all four Districts, clubs are recalcitrant to post their service projects on MyLion, so there is very little to share with the MD.

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

We Serve – From the Heart!

Submitted by: PCC Sharon Rollins, MD36 GST Chair

## ***DISTRICT 36-R GST REPORT***

**November 11, 2022**

What follows is a report on service and service reporting by the Lions clubs in District 36-R since the beginning of the current Lions year on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SERVICE METRICS (7/1/22 - 11/11/22):**

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>DIA-BETES</i>	<i>ENVIRON-MENT</i>	<i>CHILD-HOOD CANCER</i>	<i>HUNGER</i>	<i>VISION</i>	<i>OTHER</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
People served	0	200	1,310	6,320	7,480	22,408	37,718
Service activities	4	3	5	26	23	135	196
Volunteer hours	0	82	160	772	542	3,074	4,630
Funds donated	\$95	\$0	\$0	\$622	\$600	\$16,018	\$17,335
Funds raised	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$6,335	\$143,825	\$152,185

**SERVICE REPORTING:**

For the current Lions year-to-date, 18 of our 32 clubs (56.25%) have reported one or more activities which have resulted in the metrics shown above. While the reporting rate of 56% certainly leaves room for improvement, I consider it to be a good number when you factor in the number of clubs which “go dark” during the summer. Clubs who resumed meetings and activities beginning in September and October, might not yet have entered the information in the MyLion service reporting module.

I know DG David O’Kelley has picked up where PDG Lynn Coon left off last year, and District Administrator Michael Ward is reaching out to club secretaries and presidents to let them know he’s there to help them with reporting if they will send him the data to be entered.

**PURE, HANDS-ON SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

We continue to encourage our 36-R clubs to keep an eye out for opportunities to conduct pure, hands-on service activities in their communities. Fund-raisers and donations are fine, but there are almost unlimited opportunities out there for our members and community volunteers, regardless of age and physical abilities, to work together performing pure service. Hands-on service to others need not involve huge investments of time, effort, and money. Some can even be carried out from the comfort of one’s own home, and even if that’s not the case, the right

service activity can be relatively easy on the participants, beneficial to the community, and rewarding to the volunteers.

Our District 36-R global action plan includes focusing on retirement and assisted living communities for new clubs and/or new branches. This has great potential, but it will also necessitate finding opportunities to serve which are both meaningful and doable for the volunteers. There are lists of possible activities available on the LCI website. Consult one of these lists, conduct a community needs analysis, and poll your members and volunteers to find the cause which ignites a passion for them.

## MD-36 Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action Chair Report

Council of Governors Meeting

November 19, 2022

### Hearing Aids:

- New Hearing Aids continue to be available from Phonak, Starkey and Sonic Innovations.
- Refurbished hearing aids from RJS Acoustics are limited to Behind the Ear and Over the Ear (BTE/OTE). Ear molds are covered in the \$150 program service fee aid.
- Rechargeable Aids: The Foundation is working to purchase aids, but the \$200/aid cost may be too much for our clients.
- Over the Counter (OTC): If this comes to pass, this service would be limited to where there is a club to process the application but there is not a provider available.
  - A trial was completed earlier this year with a company the Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center partners with. If the Foundation decided to partner with them, we would pay \$250/pair if purchased in bulk (10 pairs) which would be \$125/aid, within the Foundation's cost guideline.
  - School screening Lion Steve Brewster, a hearing aid specialist at Klamath Audiology, tried a pair for a month and found them to be disappointing and frustrating to wear.

Funding: As of September 1, 2022, all ROAR! Clients outside Lane County will be required to pay just \$100/hearing aid until further notice.

### Providers:

- A dearth of providers continues throughout the state, especially in Central and Eastern Oregon.
- Clubs are encouraged to solicit new providers in their service areas.
- However, a new partnership with **Hear To You, LLC** has been made with owner Elizabeth Miller.
  - She owns 8 offices throughout Oregon and one in Meridian, ID.
  - The Foundation has been successful in securing partnerships throughout Oregon.
  - Pacific U's Ear Clinics in Hillsboro and Portland will service clients in Washington and northern Yamhill counties.
  - PNW Audiology in Bend will service 6 clients/year.
  - Will be reaching out to Costco, 5 years after the last reach.

### School Screenings:

- Nothing has changed, but the Foundation is working with Dr. David Brown of Pacific University's Audiology School to devise procedures for good outcomes.

### Retail Hearing Center:

- The Foundation is still working with the Pacific University School of Audiology (PUSOA) to acquire a retail hearing center.

### Other:

- The Foundation and PUSOA have entered into a partnership to provide assistive technology devices to hearing impaired people in Lane County. Assistive devices include, but are not limited to, smoke alarms, alarm clocks and possibly devices and tools to help someone do their jobs safer and more effectively.

Respectfully submitted by Hearing Chair, Red Rowley

Council of Governor's meeting, 11/19/22

## Lions Clubs International Foundation Report

Submitted by: PCC Paul Zastrow, MD36 LCIF Chair

As I have stated prior to this, LCIF hit its Campaign 100 Goal this past year, having raised some \$325+ million to serve over 300 million people in need. In fact the number served last year was over 490 million individuals and groups of people served. In our Multiple District over the years we have been the recipients of over \$1.8 million in grants to the MD and each District. Even with the grants we know there are many more needs that we have to attend to.

Disasters probably take up the greatest headlines as well as significant amount of money delivered, way over \$100,000 for flooding and wildfires. Our own Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation has received over a half million for upgrading and improving our programs. Miscellaneous grants have given up ambulances, Dialysis beds, food pantries, hospital improvements, and a myriad of other types of financial assistance.

There are a great number of grants available – for individual problems, for clubs and districts and even individual cities to gain benefit from. The old saw – all ya gotta do is ask is truly appropriate.

But – for every dollar granted it must be replaced – and hopefully with greater dollars and cents delivered to LCIF. The needs are ever greater as we expand in population and expand into environmentally tender areas to live. So – my advice is to give til it hurts! Sharon Rolling and I traveled to Chicago to attend a workshop for District LCIF leaders and came away charged up to gain money for the cause!

Each District should have an LCIF District Coordinator to work with every club in your district to enhance donations. But – we have no coordinator in either District G or E at the present time. Clubs – although a coordinator is asked for – and if no one steps up, the immediate past president is designated as the Club LCIF Coordinator. So – Sharon Rollins is the District O Coordinator and Steve Moser dose the same for District E. We should be asking clubs and individuals for donations – small to large are welcome! Give what you can afford – even if it means you skip your daily coffee once in a while!

When you have donated the amount of \$1,000 you become eligible to become a Melvin Jones Fellow, and for every \$1,000 after your become Progressive MJF's. The late PCC Don Adams donated the equivalent or an MJF each year for over 30 years – demonstrating his dedication to not only Lionism, but to helping others in a true and generous way. Clubs should be able to do the same to share our wealth with the world! My own club has, for a number of years, donated \$1,000 to LCIF, and has named a number of our Lions members a Melvin Jones Fellow. Has yours??

Donating can be made into a game – say a large square marked off in a 10 by 10 area with each area worth \$10 donation and once filled one person gets to become an MJF. I plan on doing that in District G, with the outcome that a 1 in 100 chance a \$10 donation becomes a \$1,000 credit! Care to join me? Of course additionally I have donated the cost of my flight and parking costs back to LCIF for the trip to fulfill another MJF or PMJF or two for me to determine the recipient.

Join me in donating to OUR Foundation and in helping those in need. Thanks!



Report to the MD36 Council of Governors for 11/19/22 meeting

## MD36 Lions Quest Report

Submitted by: PDG Jim Jagers, Chair

1. **How to start a program.** There are many ways a Lions Club can become involved in this program. Clubs can partnership with a local school district. Clubs can partnership with a local group such as a PTSO. Clubs can partnership with a group that is based in the community. Any group working with your local school district can be a partner. Contact Curriculum Directors or Counselors to get a start.
2. **There is no cost to a local Lions Club in Oregon.** If your club is interested, just contact PDG Jim for assistance. He has arranged with several endowments in the state of Oregon to pay the 25% from any local club. The balance of the costs can come from a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). This grant will pay for all costs including public relations for the local club. It will include the costs of 3-4 years of student materials as well.
3. **Be alert for the next Oregon Lion.** There will be an article on problems students run into during the school year. This article might provide your club with another, very needed, program in your community---stopping student suicides.
4. **Under the new grant guidelines from Lions Clubs International Foundation, each of our Districts can apply for a grant at the same time.** As pointed out in item #2 above, this grant pays for 75% of the costs of the program.



## **Council of Governors Meeting November, 2022: SMART READING** by PDG Carol Brink

### **SMART READING PROGRAM**

In 2022, SMART also merged with the Children's Book Bank, a Portland-based nonprofit founded in 2008 by Dani Swope, a parent and former teacher who wanted to ensure that her children's books got into the hands of kids who might not otherwise have books of their own at home. She contacted a local Head Start program that was happy to receive her family's books and took her kids on a field trip to deliver them.

The Children's Book Bank at SMART Reading accepts donations of **new and gently used** children's books Mondays through Thursdays 9 am – 5 pm at our location in NE Portland (1915 NE 7th Ave, Portland, OR 97212). If you'd like to drop off books outside of those days and hours, please email [bookbank@smartreading.org](mailto:bookbank@smartreading.org).

We are still requiring face masks indoors—if you would prefer not to wear a face mask when donating books, we can accept them in the parking lot outside!

### **Kids (non-adult) Books we are able to re-home:**

1. Board Books
2. Picture Books
3. Alphabet Books
4. Spanish Language Books
5. Multicultural Books
6. Books About Numbers, Colors, Animals, Shapes, And Words
7. Story Books
8. Rhyming Books

### **ALTERNATIVE READING PROGRAM** email from PDG Jim Jagers

Oregon still has not recovered in the area of Reading from the pandemic. The following description describes a program to encourage kids (grades P-k--6) to take some time to read each day.

1. Collect small stuffed animals at each of the District conventions. Ask each club to bring 30-40. Easy purchase location is the Dollar Tree store.
2. Animals would be handed out to clubs who are participating. Local clubs would arrange with local schools for this.
3. Program would run from the beginning of school 20-23 to Dec 1.
4. Each child would pick out an animal and read to in each evening. The amount of time does not matter. Parents keep a log of the reading.
5. Local Lions Club arranges for some type of award at the end for any student who has read. Club local PR when hand out awards. Local fast food restaurants are a good source and some, such as McDonalds have an awards program.

Contact PDG Jim Jagers for more information at: 503-703-7386 or at [matthieu5775@comcast.net](mailto:matthieu5775@comcast.net)

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## Youth Exchange Program

By: PCC Paul Zastrow, MD36 Youth Exchange Chair

The Lions Youth Exchange Program is about to celebrate another year of existence, matching youth ages 15 to 21 with host families in countries different than their own. In the United States we normally match family hosts with youth (actually vetted young adults) from European nations. Many come from the Scandinavian countries – especially Finland and Denmark, with some from Norway. Mainland European countries include England, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, Poland, Slovakia, Spain and Austria. We have hosted youth from Turkey and a few other countries in the past. Winter hosting often sees youth from Australia and New Zealand. On occasion we do host from Costa Rica, Brazil and Argentina.

Our own youth who have chosen to travel have been placed in Australia, New Zealand, England, Germany, France, Italy and Spain, as well as the Canary Islands and Central America.

As we think about this, travel from many foreign lands allows the world to truly become a 'smaller' place, but more importantly gives both the youth and hosts the ideals that the YEP "creates and fosters a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world! ' Learning about a different culture, its inhabitants and customs give rise to better relationships for all involved. For 2022-2023 Lions Year the YEP is getting started – seeking host parents as well as youth wanting to travel.

Oregon is willing to do both – get hosts lined up, and seek youth wanting to visit a different land. Costs to go are the responsibility of the youth and parents – this often can be offset with donations from local Lions Clubs and fundraising projects. Flights can be arranged and host countries contacted. Applications are not overly difficult to fill out, but there are some true rules and regulations – with some vetting done by local Lions Clubs. The programs lasts about 5 weeks – often with host families and a 'camp' time. Oregon still uses only hosting without camps.

When you host, often you treat the visitor as one of you family, going to the places you would visit, doing the things you would do as a family – such as travel to places of interest, or events like picnics, baseball games and even rodeos!

Let's get back into hosting as well as sending some youth overseas! For Forms, information and assistance – contact Paul Zastrow – [pzastrow@gorge.net](mailto:pzastrow@gorge.net).

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## Policy Manual Committee Report

The following MD36 committees have submitted (relatively minor) changes to their respective policies:

Past District Governors Assn.  
Constitution and Bylaws

In addition, PID Sunny Pulley suggested removing "Lioness" from the following policies, which include that obsolete term:

Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Clinic  
Long-Range Planning  
Scouting

In addition, PCC Bob Chaney suggested minor changes to the appointment of the committee chair in the following policies:

Awards, Honors, and Contests  
Childhood Cancer  
Hearing Preservation, Awareness, and Action  
Information Technology and Social Media  
Public Relations  
Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action

*Dale Rollins*

MD36 Policy Manual Chair

**Public Relations & Publicity- November 2022 COG Meeting**

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

The PR committee, along with many other interested Lions and DGs, has met several times over the last 12 months to discuss applying for a PR Grant. The grant was written and submitted in August and the committee found out in September that the MD has been awarded a \$15,000 grant.

**Yard Signs-** Purchase 2000 signs promoting Lions that will have enough “white space” on them for clubs and members to customize. There are approximately 2900 Lions in the MD so when households are considered, rather than individual members, MOST Lions will be able to have a sign. Below is the sign design that was developed by the PR committee:



**Car magnet bumper stickers-** The plan is to purchase 3000 magnet bumper stickers. This would be enough for every Lion to have one. Below is the magnet design that was developed by the PR committee:



Depending on costs to purchase the above items, remaining funds may be used to purchase car decal stickers, coffee cup sleeves or highway signs (think Brylcreem highway signs). To go along with the signs and other items, the committee will come up with a PR booklet to help support clubs in their PR efforts. Yard signs and car magnets will be ordered soon and the goal is to get them distributed to the four District Governors by January 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Carrie Bartley