

FLORENCE-SIUSLAW LIONS NEWSLETTER SENT

June 2025 – PROUD TO BE A LION



GREETINGS FELLOW LIONS: Hard to believe it is June of 2025 already, and my last quarterly newsletter to write. The last newsletter I sent out was this past March of 2025. Thankful for the warmer weather, and for the longer hours of sunlight each day!

Again, the BOTTLEDROP REMINDER: for those wanting the **Green Bags** for our fundraising, you may request them from Mark. However, if you only have a few bottles or cans they can just be brought in a regular bag to the Lions meeting and we can add to other green bags that Mark has.

Food Handler Permits: You need a Food Handler Permit when working at the Free Lunch Program at the church on our assigned dates, and also when working at our Food Cart at various times of the year. Both the Church and our Food Cart need current copies. To study and take the test visit:
<https://www.orfoodhandlers.com/eMain.aspx>.

ACTIVITIES: I can't reiterate this enough, that all Lions in our Club are encouraged to bring ideas forward. Because of our members sharing their ideas, we have tried some new service outreach activities and community donations. **All activity and ideas are brought to the club for discussion and approval/disapproval.** That way everyone is in the know. **Proud to be a Lion and all the good work that we do!** - In March, April and May we were once again busy in our community. We helped with the Free Lunch Program, went on a Club Visitation to Yachats, got into the dirt helping at the Arbor Day Planting Event at Gallagher Park. Our Scholarship Committee selected three (3) recipients, work was completed on Sunglass Project for Lions Mexico trip, elections were held for new fiscal year officers. In May the orientation of those fiscal year officers began, and their initiations will be the end of June. We had our Lions food cart at Rhody Festival Car Show. We collected bottles for Bottle Drop. We conducted a Diaper Drive for Parenting & Pregnancy Center. It seems we are collecting LOTS of eyeglasses, and processing vision and hearing applications too. **PROUD TO BE A LION!**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Again, a reminder: We are looking for new members, and a word-of-mouth invitation is very important. We also want to be sure that our current members are **enjoying their membership**, and that they are having an opportunity to participate in those areas that they are most interested in. Retention is very important also.

We are seeing increasing interest on our Facebook page. Again, all of you who are on Facebook are encouraged to please follow it. **It is Florence Siuslaw Lions.** The old one was Florence Siuslaw Lions Club.

LIONS SOCIAL TIME: Being a Lion offers an opportunity to serve, and to also build friendships. We enjoyed social time at Ixtapa for Cinco de Mayo. We are enjoying Coffee Huddle at Driftwood Shores Deli at 9:30 am at the end of the month, whether we have three or five or more Lions attending (doesn't matter), just fun for those who come to visit informally! **The next one is scheduled for Monday, June 30th at 9:30 a.m.**

SERVICE HOURS: It is important that we report our service hours. Kay has created a SERVICE HOUR tracking sheet. The Secretary will bring the tracking sheet to business meetings, and will ask for your service hours for the previous month. If you not able to attend a meeting, please let her know your hours.

CARPENTRY/SUPPLIES: Work begins this month erecting the new canopy to drive the Food Cart under to protect it from the elements. Thanks for all who can help with that project!

SPEAKERS: If you have ideas for a speaker that you think the Club would enjoy hearing, please let Jan know. Having speakers come in each month also builds community connection!

BUDGET and EXPENSES: Should you have any questions, please let Lion Lori know. Lion Jerry will be Treasurer beginning in July.

AGENDAS: A reminder to the Club. Should you have a request for an agenda item to be discussed at an upcoming business meeting, please email to get it on the agenda.

SIGHT & HEARING: A continued shout-out to Lion Lydia for all she does collecting and packaging eye glasses and hearing aids in our community, and to Lion Mark who processes many requests for sight & hearing assistance!

PHOTOGRAPY: If you take pictures at events, please forward them to Kay. These photos are used to promote our Lions Club on Facebook and on our e-clubhouse site, on bulletins, etc. **While Kay is no longer Secretary, she will THANKFULLY continue In her newly elected role of taking care of info management of our social media for FACEBOOK and our Florence Siuslaw e-clubhouse updates. Lion Dale is also the Marketing Chair, and he takes pictures too, and also goes out and helps promote our activities to the community. He may also request photos.**

TAIL TWISTING: Be prepared to bring some quarters to our meetings in case you get 'fined.' **It's a quarter if, for example:** your phone rings at a meeting, if you aren't wearing a name tag to a **GENERAL MEETING**, Mike is the Tail Twister and remember EVERYONE this is meant to be FUN!! Also, Happy Bucks helps us to learn more about each other and share.

HEALTH & WELLNESS: Glad that our members who have been ill seem to be improving, and that our SNOW BIRDS (Richard & Shari) are back with us!

NEW OFFICERS: It has been a pleasure to serve as your President these past years, and I will continue in the role of VP into the next fiscal year in support of the Club and your new President Lion Lori. Thanks to all who agreed to Club positions in the upcoming fiscal year.

NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE: Just a reminder that starting in July, August, September we will only be meeting on the third Tuesday of the Month (our Speaker Tuesday), and during those months we will also conduct any business after the Speaker has concluded. So, during those months the once a month meetings may run a little longer.

See you at our next meeting Tuesday night, June 17th. Our speaker will be from our own Military Museum. Invite a friend!

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