

DISTRICT 36R Q1 CABINET MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 26th, 2023

Location: Keizer Lions Den, 4100 Cherry Ave, Keizer, OR 97303

Host Club: Keizer Lions

8:00am Breakfast

- Biscuits and gravy, fruits and pastries – Provided by Keizer Lions Club

9:00am

Opening

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance – Keizer Scouts
- Introductions – There were 36 Lions present
- Welcome - DG Lynn Coon
- Approval of Minutes – Diane Bash. PDG Linda Stent moved to approve the May 13th minutes; seconded by Lion Darrell Scott. Approved.

Cabinet Reports

- **District Governor – DG Lynn Coon**

It's been an exciting start to the 2023/2024 Lions year, filled with promising developments in our District and numerous service projects going on in our clubs. As I reached out to our clubs to arrange my DG visits and to assist with their service projects, the responses have been very positive. As a result, I have had the opportunity and privilege of participating with some of our clubs:

- A sight screening with the Eugene Downtown Lions for Immigrants, where we had the incredible opportunity to change lives and make a difference.
- Serving with the Central Linn Lions during their pie eating contest for the Brownsville "Stand By Me Days", with lots of laughter and smiles from the community.
- Helping the Eugene Bethel Lions with their chicken BBQ.
- Serving with my own Junction City Lions, Central Linn Lions, Alvadore Lions and Bethel Lions serving a KTP breakfast.
- Serving with Junction City Lions with a pancake breakfast for the Coburg car show
- Helping set up and tear down of the Scandinavian Festival.
- Serving with the Central Lions for their car show in Independence.

These experiences, among many others on my calendar, have made me proud of our Lions of 36-R. I'm excited about the development of our new District 36-R website crafted by our own Stayton Lion and Webmaster Lion David Neilson, together with our "Constant Contact" PDG Lion Tom Hilgers and our Global Service Chair PCC Lion Rod Bach. This platform features a Service calendar where clubs can share their service projects and events with the entire 36-R Lions. Moreover, the webpage includes a monthly District Governor newsletter, keeping all Lions in our district informed about the happenings around the district. Effective communication is essential to unite our clubs and ensure our collective success as Lions.

I would like to mention our District Lions Heart, Lion Debbie Bach from our Central Lions Club. Lion Debbie crafts inspiring cards and sends them out to our Lions and families on behalf of our district. These beautiful cards go to those who are ill, have suffered a loss or simply need a pick-me-up. This thoughtful gesture fosters a strong sense of connection and support among our Lions and their families.

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We also held our first very successful Officer Training, thanks to our Global Leadership Chair Lion Fran Silbernagel and her team of trainers. We had 57 in attendance with many positive comments about the training provided. To accommodate those unable to attend the first training, we will hold two more, one on the coast and another in the Salem area. We have great Lions in place for our Three Regions and Eight Zones. These dedicated Lions are eager and ready to serve the Lions of 36-R, helping each club be successful in SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP GROWTH and RETENTION.

LCI has rolled out MISSION 1.5, membership growth to move from 1.4 million to 1.5 million members by 2027. At this time we are at positive 8 new members this Lions year in our district and if we continue to be positive and encourage our members to just ASK, I see our District growing and doing more service in our communities.

I'm excited to incorporate the theme of our new International President Dr. Patty Hill "CHANGING THE WORLD" with my theme "SERVICE FROM THE HEART". I firmly believe that when we Lions serve with our hearts, we go beyond making a difference in our communities; we are in fact CHANGING THE WORLD.

- Immediate Past District Governor – PDG David O'Kelley – *No Report*
- First Vice District Governor – OPEN
- Second Vice District Governor – OPEN
- Cabinet Secretary – Diane Bash - As a new Lion, I came in willing to help any way I could, and eager to be a part of an organization that promotes fellowship and service. I have observed the actions of the Lion members in my club and in the district, and have such respect for their dedication and kindness. Efficiency and progress are things I personally strive for and want to help support in the Lions Organization. There are exciting things happening at our district level, and internationally. It really is a great time to be a Lion! I believe that together we can make District 36R stronger in all the right ways; serving each other, our communities, and those whose lives we are able to touch. I want to thank DG Lynn Coon for inviting me to be a part of this team, and look forward to this year!
- Cabinet Treasurer – Brian Rangitsch

Lions of Oregon District 36-R Summary of Fund Balances as of June 30, 2023

General Fund Balance	\$1,365.69
Convention Fund Balance	\$1,496.49
Opportunity for Youth Fund	\$156.78
S & H Committee Emergency Fund	\$1,021.48
Lion Quest Grant Fund	\$1,597.86
Birdhouse Grant Fund	-----
Empowering Service Nickel Fund	-----
Club Disaster Relief Donation Fund	\$1,655.35
Total	\$7,293.65

- Cabinet Marketing – OPEN
- District Administrator – Michael Ward (Read by Lion Debbie Bach)

In lieu of a report this quarter, I want to tell a story:

My friend in a town in our district asked me about joining Lions and what Lions did in his community (which shall remain nameless). Well, thought I, let's look on MyLion and see. Oops. No reported activities for quite some time. Now I know this club does things, maybe many things. This is another reason for all of us to do what we can to encourage clubs to enter activities in MyLion or (especially while we await the rollout of the new portal and reporting system) send the information to me, let me do the entry. All I need is the activity name, brief

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description, number of volunteers, number of volunteer hours, and (for service projects) number of people served, which is sometimes the hardest part—a rough estimate will do.

Region and Zone Reports

- **Region 1 – Allen Oakes** – Has been recovering from surgery; Said it was time to get taxes done. Has yet to connect with Zone Chairs, but will be reaching out to determine their needs, and encourage them in future activities.
- **Zone 1 – Dave Fitzgerald** (Mill City, Salem Downtown, Salem Northeast, Salem South, Stayton, Woodburn) – An upcoming activity - Concert in the Park at the Polk County Fairgrounds. DG Coon added that the Woodburn club (8 members) has contributed \$500 to support Maui, and also give to homeless shelters, raising money from collecting bottles. He challenged us to take their example.
- **Zone 2 – Craig Urbani** (Central, Dallas, Keizer, Mt. Angel, Salem West, Silverton) *No Report*
- **Zone 3 – Bill Scheler** (Albany East, Corvallis, Jefferson, Philomath) Lion Bill expressed the desire to see clubs in our district start working more closely together.
- **Region 2 – PDG Darrell Scott** – He is glad to be back in action, working with his zone chairs.
- **Zone 1 – Edwena Matychuck**

ALVADORE LIONS CLUB

Alvadore continues to support the local library and they had a summer reading program. They ended the year with a puppet show. They held 2 barbecues in May and June. The club members participated in the “Keep the Promise” breakfast in Junction City. Their next project is the Christmas Bazaar to be held on December 2.

CENTRAL LINN LIONS CLUB

Central Linn meets regularly and is busy. Five members participated in the Halsey’s Arbor Day Planting Event by planting 5 trees in the City Park and one by City Hall. June was busy with the Pioneer Picnic and Parade in Brownsville. On June 24, they participated in the “Keep the Promise” in Junction City. There was no meeting in July, but they participated in the “Stand By Me” Day and ran the Blueberry Pie Eating contest. Several members from Junction City and Bethel were there when needed to help.

Upcoming Events: Eye Glass Sorting Party Sept. 14; Eye Screening October 11

All the preparation for their Big Event: Poinsettia Sales. More information to come when sales begin. Crop Hunger Walk is September 30. A fabulous potluck meeting was held at the Heller’s Home and one new member will be installed soon.

JUNCTION CITY LIONS CLUB

School crosswalk continued until school ended. June 5 was the last meeting until September but that doesn’t stop this club. May 21 was their Chicken Barbeque event. June 24 was the “Keep the Promise Breakfast with Alvadore, Bethel and Central Linn. August 5 was the Coburg Car Classic Breakfast. The club annually sets up and tears down projects for the Scandinavian Festival. Several members attended the “Stand By Me” Days in Brownsville. Five members also went to Gales Creek Clean up days. September 19 will be their next meeting.

EUGENE BETHEL LIONS CLUB

They have completed 4 of their Barbeques since May. The last one will be a one day only on September 9. They have met through the summer with a speaker at each meeting. The club is currently working with one of the schools with supplies needed, including clothing. “Keep the Promise” Breakfast was supported by members from the Eugene Bethel club. We will begin eye screening soon. They are currently collecting backpacks and other personal items for the homeless vets to be distributed during “The Stand Down” to be held at the Fairgrounds.

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Note: I have been able to attend meetings on a regular basis. Thank you to the clubs for being so welcoming.

- **Zone 2 – Henry Miller**

Mohawk Valley Lions Music in the park is held each year in July, sponsored by Mohawk Valley Lions. Local vendors were welcome to set up and sell their items. Early morning hours, tables and chairs were set-up along with the barbecuing the chicken. By 1pm, all was ready. This year, Springfield Lions helped with the barbecuing and set-up. A local band was playing and singing, as people greeted each other while getting their food. You know it was a huge success when the chicken was sold out. The Mohawk Lions have had unbelievable recruitment this year with eight (8) new members with three (3) more to be inducted. They are also planning a golf tournament in October called “Tees for Tots”. Be ready Golfers to support them in their endeavors.

Springfield Lions Club We finished up with the Spring Raffle and at this time we are presenting the CHETT Program and CHETT Pet Emergency Vet Fund each with a large check this coming Monday at the Justice Center, Springfield. We also had our golf tournament which was another success. Great prizes and a lot of fun. We really had wonderful sponsors who made it special with their donations. We just inducted a new Lion member and have two waiting. “It’s Great to be a Lion”!

- **Zone 3 – Karen Norton**

COTTAGE GROVE LIONS On June 22nd I attended a joint luncheon of the Cottage Grove Rotary & the Cottage Grove Lions Clubs. They try to do it annually, but this was the 1st since COVID. It was well attended & fun. The club sponsored a Food Drive on July 15th at Safeway, July 18th at Bi-Mart and August 9th at Grocery Outlet. Collections go to Cottage Grove Community Sharing. The club was able to donate several hundred pounds of food, plus money and clothing.

ELKTON LIONS: From Lion Prudy Zorotovich

Our news: Nearly all of the community calendars have been delivered and the money for them is coming in quickly both from advertisers and individuals who purchased the calendar. We agreed at the last meeting that we will need to charge more for the calendars next year because of the high shipping costs. We are preparing for staffing the pancake booth at Fort Umpqua Days Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Most of the proceeds from that will be profit because we had much of the material we purchased for Flutestock left over when attendance at that event was so diminished when the heat wave struck. People just didn’t turn out for an outdoor event in 100 degree weather.

EUGENE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB On 6-15 we had our Installation Banquet at the Arc Park. In addition to many awards given, we gave The Arc our \$26,000 Centennial donation. It will pay for 1 of 15 park benches made from the only walnut tree on the property, 2 separate plaques with our name on them and Sand Play equipment. Our donation will make it possible to start the 2nd phase of this disability enabled park.

On 6-18 Lion’s Judith, Teri & I were presenters at the District 36R Leadership training at the Junction City Moose Lodge. It was a well-attended, informative event.

We are busy working on details for our Centennial Gala. It will be on 2-24-24 and will be at the Eugene Country Club. One of our longtime members donated the \$1250 deposit so we could secure that date. “Save the Date” reminders will go out at the end of October.

Our initial fundraising kickoff for our Centennial was a night at the Ems game on 7-7. It was also our KTP event, so we had OLSHF present with Doug Thompson in his Lion Costume. Five other Lions Clubs had members attending. Even though the Em’s lost, we had a good time. We had balloons for the kids and goodie bags which included a Centennial pin & t-shirt.

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On 7-19 we had an eyeglass sorting party at the Mission. We have one every other month. Seven Lions sorted approximately 2000 items & shipped 9 boxes to Portland. On 7-22 Lion Susan Pfanner organized our 1st ever Eugene Refugee Eye Exam Event at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Eugene. Her & her husband John worked 9 hours that day. 33 patients showed up for a comprehensive exam & 4 different Lions Clubs (Junction City, Bethel, Springfield & Eugene Downtown) helped. Our Sight & Hearing Chairperson Lion Tim Arbow & his wife Sue will fit the new glasses for patients. All in all it was a very successful day.

On 8-13 five Lions helped with the 20-30 Club's annual back to school event for low income families. J.C. Penney gives a great discount so that each of the 30+ kids get to shop for shoes & clothes for school & then they get to get lunch & a haircut. It's a great event.

On 8-19 Lion Sharon Newton organized our annual Pat & Annie picnic for the Blind at Emerald Park in Eugene. We had 16 Lions & spouses, plus two 20-30 Club members to help. If they need rides, we provide them. We provide fried chicken & salads & fruit & veggies & hot dogs & beverages. It is wonderful to see how much blind people are actually able to do. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Our next event will be our annual Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus on December 9th at Heartfelt House. We have 4 new members since 7-1 & are busy getting them on committees and/or involved.

- Region 3 – PDG Judy Kauffman – Referred to her zone chairs.
- Zone 1 – TiAnne Rios

NEWPORT LIONS CLUB REPORT

Activities: • Newport Lions “Charmed By The COAST” – For just \$5, purchase a charm bracelet from Newport Lions Club, then visit businesses along the coast to pick up charms to complete your souvenir bracelet. Newport Lions teams with several businesses for this project. Check out our site at: <https://www.charmedbythecoast.com/>

• Newport Lions Club Flags For First Graders – In June Newport Lions Club visited Sam Case Elementary School, Yaquina View Elementary School and Ocean Lakes Elementary School presenting the Flags for First Graders to over 100 students. We used a QR code on the base for a membership drive.

• Newport Lions Club will participate in Peace Poster Contest this fall.

Membership: • Our membership numbers have been the same since the COVID drop. Increasing membership is one of our top goals this year.

Meetings: • 2 meetings a month- 2nd Wednesday is a lunch meeting and 4th Wednesday is an evening meeting.

Questions: • Website is antiquated, and we would like to have our own using a friendlier platform such as WIX. It's free and so much easier to use.

• Our largest activity was Samaritan Health Faire held on the weekend. We could not do this because Oregon Lions is no longer doing community screenings, just school screenings. Even if this is so, the school screenings are on the weekdays and this event is on the weekends so why can't we do both? This is an unmet need in our community. Please help us serve others.

Thank you, Lion Jill Smart, President Newport Lions

WALDPORT LIONS CLUB REPORT

Activities: • Lions Backpack Program- providing food to children in need attending Crestview Heights, Waldport Middle and High Schools. Thank you to funding from Siletz Tribe and additional funding.

• Waldport Flag Program- posting US flags in Waldport for all Federal Holidays with the Angell Job Corps. • Flags for First Graders- Coupled with Yachats Lions Club, Waldport participated in providing Flags for First Graders at Crestview Heights Elementary School.

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- Peace Poster Contest- Waldport Lions Club plans to participate in the Peace Poster Contest.
- Sight and Hearing- with a grant issued by Siletz Tribe and additional funding, Waldport Lions Club continues to provide screenings, glasses and hearing aids for Lincoln County with zero co-pay.

Membership: Our membership numbers have been the same since the COVID drop. Increasing membership is one of our top goals this year.

Meetings: 1 meeting a month- 1st Tuesday @ 6 pm
Thank you, Lion Lori Eaton, President Waldport Lions

YACHATS LIONS CLUB REPORT

Activities: • Yachats Lions Thrift Store – The store continues to have strong donations as well as strong revenue. Since gaining the ability to take credit cards about 50% of sales are via credit cards and our overall sales are up.

• Yachats KTP Days 4th of July Breakfast – We had one of our largest crowds ever with 380 people served and volunteers of 26.

• Yachats Food Pantry – Expanding our support with a new activity where we supply Children’s Birthday Cake Gift bags. So far, the first 6 bags have been donated. Each bag contains cake mix, cake frosting, birthday card, candles, and the Pantry supplies the eggs at the time the bag is donated.

Membership: We are two for two with speakers at our 2nd meeting of the month. We have changed our 2nd meeting meals to be snacks and deserts and will start advertising and inviting the public to hear our speakers. Our hope that this creates another opportunity besides the thrift store to bring in new members. We are trying to expand our activities this year beyond our traditional breakfasts, crab feed, and thrift store. And our engaging and creating opportunities to get all the passions for service of our members met.

Meetings: 2 meetings a month and in general about 50% of our members are at the meetings.

Thank you, Lion David O’Kelley, President Yachats Lions

- **Zone 2 – PDG Linda Stent**

Reedsport -The Reedsport Lions Club served the community dinner on August 1 for National Night Out. We cooked hamburgers and hotdogs and served approximately 1,000 people. This event was held at Lions Park in Reedsport, and it was a wonderful event.

Florence - We had a great speaker in June at our General Meeting, a presentation on Diabetes by a person from PeaceHealth in Florence. Our July General Meeting speaker was Doug Thompson, CEO, OLSHF. - June - was our 39th Annual Elliott Fun Bass Tournament
- July - a couple of our Lions attended a Chamber Business After Hours event. We also served lunch at Darlings Marina for their 2nd Annual Siltcoos KIDS Bass Tournament with our food cart. We also had the pleasure of gaining two new members in July.

- August - Boys & Girls Club Event we are participating in. We will use our food unit as part of their club's air flight celebration serving lunch. - August 22nd - Lions Summer Social. - August 29th - Free Lunch Program - September we will be at Rods-n-Rhodies with our Food Cart.

We are happy that our Club has grown in membership since last July by 5 members, plus 1 returning former member.

Mapleton - Our club continued having our monthly breakfasts. We worked around the cemetery and cleaned it up. Plans for future events were made such as a Teachers Appreciation Luncheon and school vision screening. Member PDG Linda Stent drove to Boston and attended the International Convention. We gained four new members.

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Lakeside – The club continues with their weekly Bingo games on Sundays. (Doors open at 5 and food is available; calling starts at 6:30 in their clubhouse.)

- Quilt Raffle: Keizer Lions Cathy Henry and Annie Channel are selling raffle tickets for a beautiful American Flag quilt. Proceeds pay for fleece backing material for the quilts being made for foster children through the Casa organization, with all other materials donated. Keizer Lions working on the project meet twice a week to sew 150 sets of quilts, tote bags, and pillowcases!

Break – 10:00

Global Action Team (GAT) Reports

- **GAT Chairperson - DG Lynn Coon**
Our key priorities are to provide guidance and resources to help make our clubs successful with Leadership training for both their club and for the District Membership growth. To support Mission 1.5 in which we move from 1.4 million members worldwide to 1.5 million members by 2027.
Service – to provide the clubs with service ideas in which they can better serve their communities.
We also want to rejuvenate our District with at least one new club, our clubs with new members, and we want to re-motivate our existing members with good fellowship and exciting service projects.
We plan to meet soon to collaborate our ideas with those members we hear back from to make Lions year 2023 /2024 one of the most successful years of 36-R.
- **GLT Coordinator (Leadership) – Fran Silbernagel**
As District 36R's new Global Leadership Team Coordinator, I have met with the outgoing coordinator and hope to continue to be mentored by him and the DG. I presented Secretary training at the June 17 training in Junction City. Will do a region and zone chair training on October 21. Have passed along videos of Lion Portal information I've found to be distributed to members. Also had information about training links posted on our new website. Will continue to read and learn how to do this position well.
- **GMT Coordinator (Membership) – PDG Steve Moser**
On the last membership report we are at almost 700 members. The LCI membership goal for 2023 – 2024 is to increase membership to 1.5 million members. My ask of all of you is to ask your members to write down the names of 3 of their friends or family members and then ask them to attend a club meeting or event your club is having and ask them to join your club. Imagine doing service with twice as many members as you currently have. Wow, what we could get accomplished. Have fun! Reach out and contact people who don't come out much.
- **New Member Induction**: Keizer Lion Marguerite Holmen sponsored Raven Pengraph, who was inducted by DG Lynn Coon. She took the pledge of membership, and was presented with a pin, and a Helen Keller quarter from DG Lynn. Lion Marguerite took the sponsor pledge.

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- **GST Coordinator (Service) – PCC Rod Bach**

Lions year 2023/2024 has started out to be very exciting and a great start for our district. In my opinion, SERVICE is what we are all about. Everything else supports our service goals. We need more members to provide more service, we raise money to help provide more service, we give to our communities of our time, expertise and skills to provide more service. This year we have all the pieces in the district to make this Lion's year a very successful SERVICE year.

First, we have an exceptional group of clubs with service-oriented members and leaders. Second, we have a highly talented and experienced group of leaders and club officers willing and ready to give service at all levels. (Every club needs a Service Chairperson!)

Third, we have “experts” who have and our providing us with a great communication path. Lion Dave has created and is maintaining a very complete and useful website – www.LionsDistrict36R.org This website has an up-to-date calendar of club service and fundraising events, current district news and happenings, a list of service project ideas and service contacts throughout our district, and other interesting and useful information.

We have Lions PDG Tom and Paula; Tom sends out information about our Lions district to EVERY member district 36R at least once a month. Lion Tom is also the “go to” Lion for information about the Lions world. Lion Paula is a key member of our convention planning committee.

Fourth, we have a very positive and energetic leader who is setting a positive Lions tone for our district. We are all volunteers. The more we see of people having fun and doing productive service the more members will follow that role model.

This is going to be a great service year. Think about doing ONE more, easy service project, involving as many of your members as possible. DO SOME GOOD, HAVE SOME FUN! Lion Rod Bach, PCC. GST

Committee Reports

Convention Chairperson Reports

- **District Convention – PDG Tom Hilgers**

As most of you know by now, the District 36-R Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield on Saturday, February 3, 2024. There will also be an Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees meeting and a MD36 Council of Governors meeting held in conjunction with the convention on Friday, February 2, 2024. I am in the process of lining up people to help with convention planning. Response to my request for volunteers to serve on the committee has been good, although some very pivotal positions remain unfilled. I hope to schedule a Zoom meeting of the committee members in the next 30 days. Feel free to contact me if you would like to help and with questions and suggestions you might have. I will gladly include you in the Zoom meeting invitation.

Tom Hilgers Co-Chair, 36-R Convention Planning Committee, Cell: 503-884-9854 E-mail: thilgers@comcast.net

- **Awards, Honors & Contests – Lion Paula Hilgers**

ISO: A few GREAT LIONS! No experience needed! Desired skills/attributes: Enthusiastic Good listener People-Watcher Inquisitive Individual Lions from each area of District 36R desired-- Coastal area; Albany and Eugene area; Stayton, Silverton, and Mill City area; and Woodburn

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area. ZONE CHAIRS would be ideal. BENEFITS: A “feel good” experience; very little active work required/electronic meetings (very few!). A GREAT way to get to know your Lion neighbors, and help to build a strong and meaningful 36R Awards Program. DUTIES: Become familiar with the “revised” contests document Serve as a resource for local clubs who have questions or need help with their club’s contest entries Help select District Lions Clubs/members to receive awards Help judge or select judges at District and State Conventions Please contact: PAULA HILGERS/philgers@comcast.net/503.581.0648 (landline) for additional information. COMMITTEE INFO: A link to the revised contests document has been sent to all 36R club secretaries from Lion Diane, District Secretary. A follow up from me will be sent to club Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Secretaries this week. Please inquire with your local officers to make sure it has been received and directed to the correct individual within your club. Mention/discuss this document whenever possible and try to get your club moving in the “contest and awards” direction. Thank you so much for your support of this committee!

- **Constitution and Bylaws – Mike Skinner, Chairman**

Well, where to begin. At the Lions International Convention in Boston this last July 11, 2023 a great many language changes were voted on and they totally affect all Standard Multiple Districts, Standard Districts and Standard Basic Club’s “Constitutions and By-Laws” as we currently know them. These changes to those listed Constitutions and By-Laws voted on (July 11, 2023) and approved by those attending the LCI, Boston Convention, require each Multiple District, District and Club to review them and update their Constitution & By-Laws currently being used to reflect these mandatory changes and updates.

This review and mandatory changes can be simply completed by a club forming a committee to read through the Standard Basic Club Constitution & By-Laws they are currently using to govern their club and compare it to the July 11, 2023 new Standard Basic Club C/B. Taking note of which areas the club is having to make any mandatory changes and then hold a club vote to incorporate them. ** NOTE** Any voted on changes shall be noted on an appendix to the Club’s C/B’s, showing the date and changes made. Club Secretary shall keep a record of changes. Also add anything your club had voted on in prior years to change that doesn’t conflict with C/B’s now in affect. I.E. You Can NOT amend an Amendment or a By-Law that have the words “Shall or Will” in them, to “MAY”. ----OR----

The Club can simply adopt (By a Vote of the Clubs Membership) the LCI July 11, 2023 updated version of the Standard Basic Club Constitution and appoint a committee to review it. Then make recommendations on allowable changes to anything in the document that will reflect how their club currently operates. Then conduct a vote of the Clubs Membership on those recommendations. I.E. You Can Not amend an Amendment or a By-Law that have the words “Shall or Will” in them to a permissive “MAY” **NOTE** Any voted on changes shall be noted on an appendix to the C/B, showing the date and changes made. Club Secretary shall keep a record of changes.

You can find the Newest Versions the 2023/2024 Standard District Constitution & By-Laws and also the 2023/2024 Standard Club Constitution & By-Laws at these following locations: The LCI Website Legal Resource <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/legal-resources> Or Lion Dave Nielson 36R Information & Technology Chair has also a link to these Doc’s on our District website at www.LionsDistrict36R.org Any questions contact Constitution & By-Laws Chair Lion Mike Skinner 541-844-4201 or Lionyencs@aol.com

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- Credentials – Susan Pfanner – No Report
- International Understanding and Cooperation – PID Ed Gear – No Report
- Protocol/Parliamentarian – Craig Urbani – No Report
- USA/Canada Leadership Forum – Chuck Blanchard – No Report

Service Chairperson Reports

- Diabetes Awareness & Action – Jacqueline Pitt – No Report
- Environmental Awareness– Susan Pfanner

As District R begins a new year, I am pleased to report several of you have joined me in taking the pledge to Stand Up for Clean Air at the American Lung Association's Website: www.lung.org This year I will be asking clubs to appoint an environmental chairperson. When you are going to visit a club as Zone Chair, I would like to join you and check in with Lions Clubs in our district about what they might do or are already doing to address climate change and ensure clean air. My desire is to help Lions Clubs in District R and MD 36 increase awareness about the importance of making our water more fishable, swimmable as well as improving air quality. Lions perform work around the globe to improve the environment. Here are some ideas for ways we, in District 36-R, can "Change the World" with a positive impact on our environment:

- Cleaning up beaches, like Stop Oregon Litter & Vandalism (SOLV)
- Adopting a section of roadway to reduce litter (Mohawk Valley Lions)
- Participating in a Community Garden Project
- Helping at the Needle Exchange Program through HIV Alliance
- Collecting cell phones through Lost & Found of local high schools/colleges and recycling them with glasses, hearing aids
- Hosting an Environmental Protection Administration speaker
- Taking part in a tree planting project through 'Friends of Trees'
- Asking your local Air Protection Agency how we can help
- Keeping Drugs Out of Our Waterways: Safe Drug Disposal Program
- Using washable utensils, plates and serving ware instead of plastic and disposables at your next event
- Avoiding use of non-biodegradable products like glitter, Styrofoam
- Picking up litter especially cigarette butts and vape cartridges

My approachable goals: 1. Enter a display board on Environmental Awareness for the Convention.
2. Carpool or use mass transit as possible to decrease pollution.

- Hunger Relief – Michael Cairns

Hunger is real, and the need is growing in our communities. Based on data from our local food bank, the need for food assistance grew by about 240% from 2021 to this year. I urge every Lions Club to participate in a hunger project each January in partnership with your local food bank. Possibilities can include, but are not limited to:

1. Donation of money to your local food bank (they can purchase food in bulk cheaper than individuals can).
2. Volunteer time at your local food bank (help is always needed, in many ways).
3. If you have a garden, grow produce and donate the excess to your local food bank.

In our Independence-Monmouth community, we have a Green Bag Program where participating households are given a green, grocery-bag-size bag to fill with food once every two months. Volunteers pick up those bags on a Saturday and take the donations to the Ella Curran Food Bank. This results in approximately 9 TONS of total food donated annually.

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Finally, the Central Lions Club has written an LCIF Hunger Grant application, and we have solicited participation by every Club in District 36-R. This \$100K grant would go toward building a much-needed, permanent home for the Ella Curran Community Food Bank. I want to emphasize that this is not a Central Lions Club project. This is a District project, and participation by multiple Clubs is required. Contributions by all 32 Clubs to the grant match requirement will go a long way to determine the success of the grant application. We plan to submit the application this month, following District approval and DG Coon's signature.

- **Motion:** Lion Michael Cairns offered the following motion - "Oregon District 36-R will submit to the Lions Club International Foundation a Hunger Pilot Grant application titled "Ella Curran Community Food Bank Expansion" in the amount of \$100,000."
Clarifications about the grant included - *it is a 'matching' grant requiring other clubs in the district to contribute towards needed funds, but there is no minimum amount our district must raise to apply. *LCIF may not give us the full amount we ask for. *Our donation checks should be made out to Central Lions Club, later to be given as a whole from the district.
Seconded by Lion Edwena Matychuck. Motion Carried.

- DG Lynn Coon signed the Hunger Pilot Grant application that was provided by Lion Michael Cairns.

- Childhood Cancer Committee – Karen Norton
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!
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. This will be a combination of the Walk to Kick Childhood Cancer and the Oregon City Lions charity parade! Come wearing your t-shirt and join the Lake Oswego Lions as a group walking for this support project – following a special lead car for the group!
After the excellent presentation by all three organizations at the MD 36 convention in Seaside, each of the organizations was asked to make presentations in three of the four Districts! As an example, Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Project participated with the Lake Oswego Lions and Vision Envoy club branch by hosting a booth at the Lake Oswego Farmer's Market, where information about the Project was shared and \$00 was raised in donations.
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.
PCC Sharon Rollins, 503-702-5917, sgrollins@comcast.net

- Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action – Jim Origliosso

Sight and hearing activities of Oregon Lions for the year ended June 30, 2023 included the following:

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1. 691 vision screening events where 158,117 students were screened
 2. 1,968 eyeglasses made in OLSHF's LEAP lab
 3. Assisted 178 individuals with hearing aids through the ROAR program
 4. Provided patient care for 87 individuals including 26 at community events
 5. Collected 174,425 eyeglasses for recycling while distributing 19,907
 6. 596 students received vision assistance through the KEX Kids Fund
 7. 91 children received low vision care with 27 low vision aids provided.
- Cabinet members are encouraged to attend the Foundation's Halloween Ball gala event on Saturday October 21st in Portland.

- Canine Services – Betty Levenhagen

I have sent for my badge and the 23-24 Lions Project for Canine Companions pin.
I have attempted to have a LPCC info put in the Oregon Lion Mag. no luck
Today was the LPCC meeting, but this meeting came first.
WE NEED PUPPY RAISERS FOR ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS!

- Disaster Response – PDG Linda Stent

As of noon, August 25, there were multiple wildfires in District 36R. The list below is information from the State Fire Watch department, sorted by county.

I only know of one shelter and this is a Red Cross shelter at Lowell High School in Lowell in Lane County. I have not heard of any actions by local Disaster Response Groups. Local Lions clubs may be volunteering at nearby fires but again I have no information.

I did hear that there was a helicopter with a water drop bucket stationed at the Florence airport and that a group of Washington State firefighters had been spotted passing through Florence. We're assuming these are preplanning actions of some sort. I am on the Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority Board of Directors and our local Fire Chief has not been contacted as of our Board meeting last night about these actions.

Please be aware of your surroundings and do what you can to prevent any new fires or spreading existing fires. Be aware of the evacuation levels and do them:

Level 1 – Get Ready Level 2 – Get Set Level 3 – **GO NOW!**

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<p><u>Marion County</u> Abiqua Road Fire – Marion County Liberty Fire – Marion County Linn County Yellowbottom Fire – Linn County Wiley Creek Fire – Linn Count Unnamed Fire – Linn County Priceboro Fire – Linn County Tom Rock Fire – Linn County</p> <p><u>Lane County</u> Lookout Fire – Lane County Bedrock Fire – Lane County Salmon Fire – Lane County Hult Horse Fire – Lane County</p>	<p><u>Douglas County</u> Scary 2 Fire – Douglas County Tyeer Ridge Complex Fire – Douglas County Ridge Fire – Douglas County Chilcoot Fire – Douglas County Hill Fire – Douglas County OA Baseline Fire – Douglas County</p> <p><u>Benton County</u> South Mountain Fire – Benton County Tatum Fire – Benton County Trinity Fire – Benton County Toothaker Fire – Benton County Council 77 Fire – Douglas County</p>
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- Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action – Cindy Johnson

Hearing health is more than hearing. Research over the past couple of decades has proven that hearing health has a significant impact on overall health. Hearing loss is associated with balance problems, falls, social isolation, loneliness, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cognitive decline. Hearing may provide you with physical and mental health benefits in the following ways:

1. It is said that **communication is the foundation of relationships**. Good hearing health eliminates the frustration of missing out on conversations and being isolated from social situations and the people you love, which reduces your risk of social isolation and depression.
2. Healthy hearing is also connected with **positive benefits on brain functioning and retaining memory**. A 2020 longitudinal study published in The Lancet, wearing hearing aids to treat hearing loss was the greatest modifiable risk factor associated with dementia for those over 45. Other studies have linked declining hearing abilities to an increased risk of cognitive decline and dementia.
3. Good hearing creates **independence and security**. Hearing the doorbell, phone, or a child crying enables us to be aware of our surroundings and keep loved ones safe.
4. Hearing well can **save you thousands of dollars annually** in additional health care costs. The impact of untreated hearing loss includes a higher risk for hospitalization. Those with untreated hearing loss are 50% more likely to experience hospital stays and a 44% higher risk of being readmitted within 30 days.
5. Healthy hearing **increases job security** by allowing you to remain connected with colleagues and clients reduces your risk of listening fatigue, and improves chances of having higher earnings than those untreated. On average, those with hearing loss make 25% less than those with healthy hearing.

District 36R has an active Hearing Coordinator

Cindy Johnson, one of the newest members of the Corvallis Lions Club, has stepped up to serve as the Hearing Coordinator for 36R. Cindy brings a personal interest to her mission to improve hearing screening for people of all ages. While hearing assistance usually goes to seniors, Cindy brings a special emphasis on testing and assistance for the youngest, including hearing screening for newborns while still at the hospital. Cindy's daughter, Katelyn, was likely born with a hearing loss, but it went undetected until Cindy's pediatrician discovered it at 13 months. In 1994, Cindy lobbied Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber to advocate for a law mandating testing of newborns. The law was passed and now screening is commonplace in large maternity wards. Consequently, Cindy's granddaughter, Lili, was tested as a baby. (She has good hearing.)

"Every newborn should have a chance to hear, but some children are being missed for their earliest years. This can lead to a lifetime of developmental and speech delays. I am determined to bring early childhood screening to District 36R and develop a program that other districts can leverage."

When children are found to have poor hearing, most are covered by private insurance or the Oregon Health Plan. However, Cindy has spotted a "coverage gap" for people who lack private insurance but earn too much to qualify for public assistance.

"There are hundreds of children who do not get the treatment they deserve, and the OLSHF can help address this crying need."

Cindy's immediate goals for District 36R are:

- Learn about existing hearing programs (ROAR)

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- Determine where screenings are being done in 36R, and by whom
- Implement hearing screenings in schools.
- Work with Community Health Workers in 36R counties to identify existing public resources for the hearing impaired.
- Establish a working relationship with the University of Oregon Hearing Lab, which she toured after the 2023 District 36R Convention.

Cindy's aspirational goal is to find a corporate sponsor for a small hearing test trailer that can be towed from site to site without a special driver's license. It would be similar to the hearing booth that was in the Mobile Health Screening Units.

Respectfully submitted by new 36R Hearing Chair, *Cindy Johnson*

- Camp Representative – Bruce Schnieber

Gales Creek Camp is a place where children and teenagers with type 1 diabetes from all over the Pacific Northwest have a blast while connecting with other kids living with the same challenges. **This is the place where a type 1 isn't the only 1.**

Our goal is to help each child grow toward living an active, independent life. In addition to having a traditional summer camp experience filled with friendships and antics—running, swimming, hiking, field games, arts, drama, campfires, and all around summer fun—Gales Creek Campers start to learn some of the self-care habits that will help them grow into healthy adults. They may learn to test themselves and give injections, and how food and exercise are linked to insulin. They may learn how sports, illness and stress interact with diabetes. Ultimately, we want them to gain confidence to begin to manage their own bodies.

Staff members, many who have diabetes themselves, model healthy habits and demonstrate that children with diabetes are not limited by their diagnosis. Perhaps most important of all, Gales Creek Campers learn that diabetes does not prevent them from living active, satisfying lives.

Your 2023 staff are hard at work this week, preparing for our first group of campers to arrive this Sunday. After all, those crazy campfire skits and perfect s'more recipes don't just happen overnight!

July 8, 2023 ~ We just wrapped up our two high school camp sessions. At the end of each week we took some time with our 2023 seniors to reflect on their time at GCC. Whether they'd been coming since they were five years old or were just experiencing the magic for the first time, they left an impact on camp. We are grateful to have them in our GCC family and are so excited to see where life takes them!

- Family Camp 2023 will be on August 18 & 19
- Family camps are designed to give our youngest campers and their families an introduction to Gales Creek Camp. Parents and siblings join their camper with T1D to get a taste of what camp is all about!
- Family Overnight Camp (August 18-19) is open to families of campers who have completed 1st grade this year.
- Family Day Camp (August 19) is open to families of campers who have completed kindergarten this year.

Check out galescreekcamp.org/camps/family-camps for more information and to register your family today! Financial aid is available.

*Above information taken from Gales Creek Camp Facebook page. Bruce Schnieber

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Camp Taloali operates a Summer Camp in beautiful western Oregon for Deaf and Hard of Hearing kids. Dreaming Big Dreams Commit to Passion and Fly High!

Campers arriving reuniting with old friends and meeting anew taking swimming tests having an opening ceremony later in the evening...

Monday, August 7th, morning: First day of activities starting with Archery, Fishing, Scrapbooking, Body Movement Arts and Turkey Feather indigenous creations!

Campers collected sticks learning how to build teepees, some more felt woven activities, swimming lessons and working together as a team per camper with safety gear in place, climbing up a tall tree upon a platform meeting with a facilitator taking off ziplining!

Team Building Activities is an activity that all the campers enjoyed!

The Summer Camp staff went through training starting with the Challenge Course Team, Maiah Broesch, Oscar Jefferson, Wenke Young, John Smart, Krystal Sanders and Kanesha Kindblade, the Summer Camp Program Manager, as an assistant to Camille Peterson, the Summer Camp Director.

These 6 staff members became certified through Synergo who has been working with Camp Talolei for the last 3 years, learning how to facilitate Challenge Course elements such as the Pentashuffle, Spiderweb, Low V, High V, Zipline, Flying Squirrel, The Giant Swing and Catwalk training for 3 full days.

Tim Kirkpatrick, the Camp Administrator, Braeden and Orion, the Property Managers, had been preparing for Summer Camp with support from volunteers coming in and out. Including volunteers from the South Salem Lions Club - District 36R.

Camp Taloali Summer Camp 2023 wrapped up this past week.

Other Chairperson Reports

- District Honorary – PID Ed Gear – No Report

- **Information Technology – David Nielson**

In June I submitted a request for a District website template that is provided free by Lions International and is hosted for free on their servers. I received log-in credentials for a template on June 15th and began working to build the current District 36-R website. The website currently has nine webpages, and links to additional pdf document pages. I will not make an effort to describe the current content of the multiple pages of the website in this report as it is subject to constant change. Just check it out!

In July I registered the domain name LionsDistrict36R.org to link to the homepage of site. This should now be used in all promotional references to the website. Typing www.LionsDistrict36R.org in an html enabled document, email or in a post on your clubs Facebook page, will automatically create a link to it and is highly encouraged to promote its existence to your club's members. Consider showing the domain link affiliation under your signature sign-offs on all official Lions emails like you would for your business emails.

The file for the logo graphic shown below is available for use to promote the district and the site. There is also a QR code graphic that can be used in any printed media like flyers, documents and newsletters. The QR code is read by phone camera apps that will then provide the phone with a direct link to the website.

The website is to serve in coordination with other district-wide communication platforms like newsletters and emails as a promotional tool & engaging reference hub for District information, communication and member interaction. Content is to be updated regularly and all clubs should be highly encouraged to submit their service and fundraising event information to

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be published on the calendar page. The site can be (and is) updated at any time, so there are no publishing deadlines, information should just be submitted as soon as the activity date is scheduled.

All District committee chairpersons should also contact me to help develop and publish clear and informative reference articles about any district wide projects and programs on the Projects page. Note that unlike email and social media platforms that push new content to subscribers, people will only see new website content by frequently going to the site, so encouraging them to get in the habit of doing so needs to be a priority.

The website also includes a Survey page that will hopefully attract member engagement, as well as collect some useful information. Currently plan for a new survey monthly.

A District email address of LionsDistrict36R@gmail.com has been created by the District Secretary and is published on the "Contacts" page of the site. This address can be set to forward received emails to multiple people, but this should be very limited. Protocols of use for this new email address can be discussed at the cabinet meeting under New Business (New Website).

I am currently searching for the page administrator of the dormant District 36R Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsDistrict36R> If anyone knows who has control of this page, please let me know. Please inquire within your clubs.

A District Policy document (or new section in a District Policy manual if one exists) should be created and adopted that details some basic protocols to organize, maintain, control and guide the use of all online accounts that use the District 36R title or are used to develop and communicate the District 36R message. Including, but not limited to: District Website, Google account (including Gmail), Constant Contact, Social Media platforms, etc.

Suggested protocols might include things like:

- All login usernames and passwords must be submitted to the District Secretary for the record to maintain continuity of District access. Must be updated annually.
 - Establish hierarchy of who has authorized access to what. And for what purposes.
 - Lay out who can receive forwarded emails from District gmail account (if they want them). Should be restricted to a few. Updated with terms of office. Must coordinate who makes appropriate responses.
 - Require two full administrators on Facebook page at all times to maintain continuity of District access.
 - No personal gain or religious or political opinions and statements
- **Public Relations & Lions Information – OPEN**
 - **LCIF Report: PDG Steve Moser**

I am back again and this year I have many asking points.

- 1) Let's get every club to make a donation to LCIF last year we had 24 of our club donate. If you could plan to give just 10 cents per day that would be over \$25,000.00 dollars. That would be amazing. Just for information the Central Lions Club of Monmouth/Independence is getting ready to ask for a \$100,000.00 grant for helping to build a new building for our local food bank. Just note that we have always gotten more from LCIF in grants than money that we donate.

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- 2) I look forward to coming to your clubs to make a presentation. If you have an open date give me a call (503)-930-8365.
- 3) Plan to attend DG Lynns convention as we will have a lot going on there for LCIF.
- Finance and Budget – Brian Rangitsch – Lion Brian has no report. He will meet with his team in September.
- PDG Association Representative – PDG Dale Bachman – Lion Dale sent out a policy for review, but had little response. He has nothing to report at this time.
- Policy Manual – Kenneth Wells – District 36R follows the Multiple District 36's Policy Manual. At the recent Council Governor's meeting held on August 11, 2023, there were a few minor differences identified.
 1. Pediatric Cancer Committee is now Childhood Cancer Committee.
 2. SMART Committee is now Reading Action Programs
 3. The COG list included "Global Membership Approach (was NAMI)" which is not in the Policy Manual and probably should not be. This seems to be a set of tools for the GMT to use and, so, does not warrant a separate committee.

Lion Dale Rollins, MD36 Policy Manual Chair, identified two questions for the COG:

1. Should the Policy Manual include something to document how MD committee chairs and district committee representatives are chosen each year?
2. Are there any other subjects that would be worthwhile adding to the Policy Manual?

I will soon be reviewing the complete MD 36 Policy Manual, and report any additional concerns identified.

Thanks, Lion Ken Wells

- Lions “HEART” – Debbie Bach - Continuing to send cards to fellow district Lions upon request. Averaging a couple per week. When requesting a card sent, please include the reason for it, along with the full name and address of the receiver.

Opportunities for Youth Reports

- Leo – OPEN
- Lions Quest – OPEN

- Peace Poster Contest – TiAnne Rios – PEACE POSTER REPORT DATE: 8/26/2023

TIMELINE: This year's theme: DARE TO DREAM!

- ❖ Most schools start on September 5, 2023
- ❖ Order Peace Poster kits for EACH winner
- ❖ Decide on club awards Email teachers by September 15, 2025
- ❖ Set up class presentations by October 13
- ❖ Make arrangements to pick up posters by your meeting date in Nov. for judging Judge posters
- ❖ Go back to the classes and award certificates to every student + top honor awards
- ❖ MAIL winner in mailing tube by 11/15/23
- ❖ Don't forget to place the winning sticker on poster
- ❖ RESOURCES: Summary HOW to hold a Peace Poster Contest Why should a club participate?
- ❖ QUESTIONS: Call/Text Lion TiAnne Rios 541-270-5752 or Email tiannerios@yahoo.com

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- Reading Action Program – Judy Bachman & Monica Henkle

Lions MD36-R Cabinet Report
SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) Reading
Lion Judy Bachman (Springfield) and Lion Monica Henkle (Springfield)
August 26, 2023

In July 2023, Lions Judy Bachman and Monica Henkle introduced themselves to Laurie McNichols, the Area Director for SMART Reading in Benton, Lane, and Linn counties. On August 16, 2023, we three met to share strategies and begin coordinating our plans for this year—SMART Reading and Lions. Lions Judy and Monica will be ambassadors for SMART Reading.

SMART Reading is a children’s literacy nonprofit that serves kids in Oregon’s highest-need schools and communities with two ingredients critical for literacy and learning success: shared reading time and access to books. There are nine (9) local offices throughout Oregon, with the statewide office in Portland. There is a state board of directors and leadership councils in nine areas of the state. The SMART Reading **website (www.SMARTReading.org)** is easy to navigate and has a lot of helpful information!

The SMART Reading programs are in high-need schools and in marginalized communities. These areas are chosen because of the poverty level, free and reduced lunch rates, higher percentage of nonwhite students, and socioeconomic status. The schools served for each area are listed within that area website link.

The **main areas of need for SMART Reading** are these:

- Volunteers (site coordinators, adult readers)
- Financial (donations, fundraisers, fund drives)
- Book Banks and cleaning books (supplies for cleaning books, office supplies, volunteers)
- Grants or Sponsors (organizations or corporations)

SMART Reading is funded by individual donations (45%), foundations and organizations (26%), corporate donations (15%), events (7%), and government support (7%). The monetary donations received will be accepted for ALL children. All children are included, not marginalized. There is equity for all. The Federal Tax i.d. number is 93-1051724.

A person wishing to **volunteer** for SMART Reading first needs to fill out a SMART application (online) and pay \$28. Then, they need to fill out school district paperwork (online). The \$28 is usually refunded and is requested for a background check of each person.

Volunteers read **one-to-one** or to an **entire classroom**, either **in person or virtually**. Some volunteers are professionals who read to children during the lunch time, some are retired people, all like children PreK through third grade, and all like to read!

There are criteria for **book donations** listed online. Some criteria are no holidays, no religious topics, and no books from 20 years ago. Laurie shared the statistic that if there are 25 books in a home, the reading level of the children increases two grade levels. If you wish to donate books, contact Laurie McNichols. Volunteers help refurbish and clean books, such as the United Way Day of Caring. A book drive could include cleaning books.

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SMART Reading Area Director Laurie McNichols will be happy to introduce Lions to other area directors so that each of the District R counties become involved in this partnership. **Contact Information for Laurie McNichols, SMART Reading Area Director for Benton, Lane, and Linn counties.** lmcnichols@smartreading.org, 541-600-8035 (main), 541-517-1477 (cell); P. O. Box 1378 and 500 Main Street, Ste D, Springfield, OR 97477.

Laurie is also willing to speak to Lions clubs about SMART Reading, using her PowerPoint presentation and videos. She has spoken already to Eugene Downtown Lions!

October is Reading Month! There will be some special activities during October. Stay tuned for further information.

Please join Lions Judy Bachman and Monica Henkle as ambassadors with Laurie McNichols for SMART Reading!

Consider this . . .

The 3rd Grade Benchmark: A student who can't read at grade level by third grade is four times less likely to graduate than a child who reads proficiently. According to the most recent test results from the Oregon Department of Education, only 40% of third-graders are reading on grade level.

- Scouting Report: PDG Steve Moser – If you are currently sponsoring a scouting unit they will have hopefully just finished going to summer camp. And the next big event for them will be getting the unit rechartered for the 2024 year. Many units might need some assistance as the Local and National council have raised fees a lot. Adult leaders are now \$80.00 per year and Youth are \$100.00 per year, as well as a \$25.00 fee for new scouts. Please reach out to your groups and see if you can help them.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Websites for clubs are free through LCI. Make use of them!
- Maui Fire – Money was donated by individuals, initiated by Lion Steve M.
- Motion: Lion Rod Bach made the following motion - "I move that the Governor's Cabinet AND the 36R committee chairs be able to vote on all motions that are made during this and future cabinet meetings 2023/2024 Lions Year." Seconded by Lion Steve Moser. Discussion Q. Has this been passed before? A. Yes, but must be done each year. Q. Does this exclude Zone Chairs? A. No, it includes everyone on the Cabinet. Motion carried.
- Lion TiAnne Rios shared this website that informs people about environmental spraying in their area: <https://ferns.odf.oregon.gov/e-notification>
She also shared <https://www.stop-the-spray.com/>

Anything else for the good of the order? Happy bucks? Toot your club's horn?

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- DG Lynn Coon asked PDG Lion Judy to explain about a donation to the Keizer Lions Club of a shadow box holding paraphernalia once owned by Lion “Uncle Joe” from the (Capital) Salem Club, who passed away recently. His family donated the shadow box that was made in his honor.
- Raffle – A ticket to win the quilt was drawn, and the winner was Lion Paula Hilgers of the West Salem Lions Club!

With nothing else to come before the cabinet, our meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lion Diane Bash, District Secretary

12:15 Lunch – Tacos provided by the Keizer Lions Club (Donations welcome)