### DISTRICT 36R Q3 CABINET MEETING AGENDA

Date: March 15, 2025 Location: Masonic Lodge, 421 W 1st Ave, Albany, OR 97321

**8:30 arrival –** Refreshments provided by Albany East Lions Club. Donations welcome! <u>9:00 am Opening</u>

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance by invitation
- Inspirational message CS Diane Bash
- Introductions/Attendance by order of the agenda
- Welcome DG Linda Stent
- Approval of Minutes from Q2 Cabinet Meeting Lion Diane Bash

### **Officer Reports**

- District Governor DG Linda Stent
- Immediate Past District Governor PDG Lynn Coon
- First Vice District Governor Lion Karen Norton
- Second Vice District Governor TBD
- Cabinet Secretary Lion Diane Bash
- Cabinet Treasurer; Finance & Budget Lion Brian Rangitsch

### Region/Zone Reports

- Region 1 PDG Steve Moser Zone 1 – Lion Ginger Rogers (Mill City, Salem Downtown, Salem Northeast, Salem South, Stayton, Woodburn) Zone 2 – Lion John DeBo (Central, Dallas, Keizer, Mt. Angel, Salem West, Silverton) Zone 3 – Lion Bill Scheler (Albany East, Corvallis, Jefferson, Philomath)
- Region 2 Lion Karen Norton
   Zone 1 Lion Edwena Matychuck (Alvadore-Franklin, Central Linn, Eugene Bethel, Junction City)

Zone 2 – Lion Henry Miller (Mohawk Valley, Springfield) Zone 3 – Lion Reilly Newman (Cottage Grove, Elkton, Eugene Downtown)

Region 3 – Lion Jan Wilbur
 Zone 1 – Lion TiAnne Rios (Newport, Waldport, Yachats)
 Zone 2 – Lion Shelly Swift (Florence-Siuslaw, Gardiner-Reedsport, Lakeside, Mapleton)

## \*\*10 min Break

## **Global Action Team (GAT) Reports**

- GAT DG Linda Stent
- GLT Coordinator (Leadership) Lion Fran Sibernagel
- GMT Coordinator (Membership) Lynn Coon CC
- GST Coordinator (Service) PCC Rod Bach
- GET Coordinator (Approach) DG Linda Stent

### DISTRICT 36R Q3 CABINET MEETING AGENDA

## Committee Reports

### **Convention Chairperson Reports**

- Convention Planning PDG Tom Hilgers/Lion Craig Urbani
- Awards, Honors & Contests TBD
- Credentials Lion Susan Pfanner
- International Understanding and Cooperation PID Ed Gear
- Protocol/Parliamentarian Lion Craig Urbani
- USA/Canada Leadership Forum Lion Chuck Blanchard

#### Service Chairperson Reports

- Diabetes Awareness & Action Lion Holly Sparks
- Environmental Lion Susan Pfanner
- Hunger Relief PDG Steve Moser
- Childhood Cancer Lion Karen Norton
- Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action Lion Dr. Tim Arbow
- Canine Services TBD
- Disaster Response Lion Jim Origliosso
- Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action-TBD

### Other Chairperson Reports

- District Honorary PID Ed Gear
- Information Technology Lion David Nielson
- Public Relations & Lions Information OPEN
- LCIF District Coordinator PDG Dale Bachman
- PDG Association Representative PDG Dale Bachman
- Constitution and Bylaws TBD
- Policy Manual Lion Kenneth Wells
- Lions "HEART" Lion Debbie Bach
- Public Relations and Lions Information TBD

#### **Opportunities for Youth Reports**

- Leo Lion Cassidy Vassalo
- Lions Quest TBD
- Peace Poster Contest Lion TiAnne Rios
- Reading Action Program Lion Judy Bachman
- Scouting PDG Steve Moser
- Camp Representative; Youth Camp and Exchange Lion Bruce Schnieber

#### Old Business

- New Business
- Anything else for the good of the order?

## 12:00 Adjournment PLEASE GATHER FOR A GROUP PHOTO

Date: March 15, 2025

**Location:** Masonic Lodge 421 (431) W 1<sup>st</sup> St. Albany, OR (Apologies for the confusion in the location.) **Special Mention:** Our gratitude goes to the Albany East Lions Club for providing the facility and wonderful breakfast refreshments for this meeting!

Call to Order: VDG Karen Norton Pledge: Led by CC Lynn Coon Inspirational Message: CS Diane Bash Introductions: 14 Lions present Welcome: VDG Karen handed out a list of open Cabinet positions and encouraged people to ask others to accept a position. Current open positions are listed at the end of the minutes.

**Approval of Q2 Cabinet Mtg:** VDG Karen asked for approval of the minutes from January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Motion:** CC Lynn moved to approve the Q2 cabinet Minutes, Lion Fran Seconded. No questions. Motion carried.

#### Officer Reports

**Immediate PDG Report:** PDG CC Lynn Coon gave an oral report. Those in the Cabinet need to attend, keep the commitment to fill their positions to success, and give support to the District Governor.

**VDG Report:** VDG Karen Norton gave an oral report. Her vision for next year includes working on getting a grant to do marketing for our district, such as radio ads. Mission 1.5 is important to her because we need to leave a legacy and increase in strength as we bring new members into the group.

Secretary Report: CS Diane Bash - Reiterated my written report, which is our website.

**DG Report:** DG Linda Stent gave an oral report. She has been focusing on visiting the clubs in the district. She will be going on the Oregon Vision Screening trip from April 21<sup>st</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tepic, Mexico, taking 10K pair of recycled glasses.

**Cabinet Treasurer Report:** Read by DG Linda. General Fund balance is \$6,808.63. Lions Quest fund still has a balance of \$1597.86 and VDG Karen said she will be taking action regarding this. Disaster relief fund has a balance of \$1,800. LCIF Disaster Preparedness Grant balance is \$79. Convention fund balance is currently in the hole. Due to questions regarding the different convention fund balances, the Cabinet did not approve the financial report at this time. The report will become available on our website. **Motion:** Karen Norton moved to table approval of the financial report until further clarification is made regarding convention fund reports; Seconded by CC Lynn. Motion carried.

#### Region 1 Reports

Zone 1 – No Chair. Lion Fran shared information about her club, Stayton. They have 9 members, they give \$500 scholarships annually, and they fundraise through bottle drive. They will do a fourth of July parade and celebration.

Zone 2 – Jon DeBo read his report for Central, Dallas, Woodburn (extra), Keizer, Mt. Angel, Salem West, Silverton Clubs. The report is available on our website.

Zone 3 – Lion Bill Scheler was not present, but his report is on our website.

Region 2 Chair Lion Karen Norton - Lion Henry, Edwena, and Reilly sent in reports,

Zone 1 – Not Present. Report from Lion Edwena is available on our website.

Zone 2 – Not Present. Lion Henry Miller's report is on our website.

Zone 3 – Lion Reilly Newman read her report for Cottage Grove, Elkton, and Eugene Downtown Lions Clubs. Please support the EDLC Spaghetti Feed and Auction fundraiser <u>https://e-</u> <u>district.org/sites/district\_36\_r/page-6.php</u> on April 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8 pm @ Heartfelt House. All those present at the cabinet meeting will be comped a dinner from Lion Jim Origliosso (bring \$ for the auction!).

## Region 3 – Chair Jan Wilbur

Zone 1 – Lion TiAnne Rios was not present, but her report is on our website.

Zone 2 - Lion Shelly Swift was not present, but her report is on our website. DG Linda Stent added her new information for the Florence-Siuslaw Club. They have 4 new members coming in. They did Flags for 1<sup>st</sup> graders last week. Mapleton Club had their Leprechaun Bingo and Pie Auction last night 3/14/2025.

Break 10:32-10:50

## **Global Action Team Reports**

GAT Leader DG Linda Stent

**GLT (Leadership)** – Lion Fran Sibernagel – Read her report which is on our website. Zone Chair and Club Officer training meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am in Junction City (Moose Lodge), and on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> is another opportunity to do a Zone Chair and Club Officer Training held at the Keizer Lions Den, 9-1. Lions Susan Pfanner is the incoming GLT. A Zoom will be available for trainings. Applying for a grant for trainings.

**GMT (Membership) – CC Lynn Coon** – Mission 1.5 is important because we need to keep adding members. District 36R is at a positive 22. We need to ask, talk to people in areas where we serve (suggests schools). Look for captive audience opportunities. The Junction City Club asked to speak to the staff of the school they serve and were invited to a staff meeting. Representatives told them about Lions. Many teachers joined! Look for people who have a passion. Encouraged the Cabinet Members to reach out to our own clubs and those we are "over" to get members involved in Mission 1.5.

GST (Service) – PCC Rod Bach – Not present

**GET (Approach) - DG Linda Stent** – Working on expanding the Sweethome and Veneta areas into new clubs.

## **Convention Reports**

Convention Planning – Not present Awards – position open **Credentials – Lion Susan Pfanner** – Gave an oral report of the Feb. Convention elections. Her written report will be available on our website. International Understanding and Cooperation – Not present Protocol/Parliamentarian - Not present USA/Canada Leadership Forum - Not present

## Service Reports

Diabetes Awareness – Not present **Environmental – Lion Susan Pfanner** – shared her report which is available on our website. Hunger Relief – Not present Childhood Cancer – VDG Karen Norton – Our District contributes to Candlelighters yearly and their website newsletter is available to view/visit. Camp Ukando website - <u>https://www.ukandu.org/</u> Camp Millennium website - <u>https://www.campmillennium.org/</u> Sight Preservation – Not present Canine Service – Open position **Disaster Response – Lion Jim Origliosso** – Gave an oral report, written version is on our website. Hearing Preservation – Open position

#### **Other Reports**

District Honorary – Not present Information Technology – Lion David Nielson was not present. His report is on our website. Public Relations – Open position LCIF Association Rep – PDG Lion Dale Bachman – Read his report which is available on our website. PDG Association Rep – PDG Lion Dale Bachman – Read his report which is available on our website. Constitution and Bylaws – Open position Policy Manual – Not present Lions Heart – Lion Debbie Bach was not present, but her report is available on our website.

## **Opportunities for Youth Reports**

Leo – Lion Cassidy Vassalo – Not present; Her report is available on our website. Lions Quest – Open position Peace Poster Contest – Lion TiAnne Rios was not present. Her report is available on our website. **Reading Action Program – Lion Judy Bachman** shared her report, which is available on our website. Scouting – Not present Camp Rep – Not present

#### Old Business: None

**New Business:** Constant Contact is now being paid for by OLSHF and is coordinated by Lion Jennifer Brewster. This is open for anyone's use! Send information to Lion Jennifer at her MD email or OLSHF and she will forward to District clubs.

Adjournment: 12:20 pm

Minutes By: CS Diane Bash

## \*Q4 Cabinet Meeting is June 21<sup>st</sup> at Yachats Lions Hall located at 344 4<sup>th</sup> St. Yachats, OR 97498 \*Time 10:00 to 1:00

## **OPEN CABINET POSITIONS:**

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor
- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor
- 3. Region 1, Zone 1 Chair Mill City, Salem Downtown, Salem NE , Salem South, Stayton, Woodburn
- 4. Region 3, Zone 2 Chair Florence Siuslaw, Gardner-Reedsport, Lakeside, Mapleton
- 5. LCIF Coordinator
- 6. Lions Quest
- 7. Public Relations & Lions Information
- 8. Constitution & By-Laws
- 9. Hearing Preservation, Awareness, & Action

Date: January 18, 2025 Location: The Moose Lodge 427 Front Street, Junction City, OR 97401

Refreshments were provided by DG Linda Stent - Thank you!

\*Minutes are recorded for those present or represented only.

**Call to Order** by DG Linda Stent at 10:04 **Pledge of Allegiance** by VDG Karen Norton **Invocation** by Lion Diane Bash

Welcome: DG Linda Stent thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Approval of Minutes: The Q1 Mtg minutes were reviewed by Cabinet Secretary Diane Bash. Motion: Council Chair Lynn Coon moved to approve the minutes from September 14, 2024; Seconded by VDG Karen Norton; Passed unanimously.

#### (Please see full reports on the District Website)

## Officer Reports

**District Governor DG Linda Stent** highlighted her report. She is still working on scheduling visits with some remaining clubs in the District. New members are joining several clubs. Officer training is coming up in June. Lion Fran isn't present as she has a bad knee. Details for this training are TBD. She explained what the Global Action Team (GAT) members do. Sweethome area needs their own Lions Club. 2<sup>nd</sup> ID Mark Lyon led a 2-day workshop in Keizer on Mission 1.5, and 27 clubs were represented there from MD 36 and MD 19. Use of Al was encouraged.

The convention committee is working hard to prepare for the upcoming- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> meeting in Corvallis. Convention speakers include keynote speaker Lions International Director Judge Anthony Paradiso, District IT David Nielson; Lion TiAnne will do the Peace Poster Presentation; Candlelighters, OLSHF hearing program (ROAR), Lion Jim O on Disaster Preparedness, LCI presentation, Awards, voting, and election results by Lion Craig. Register online; Friday night meet and greet must be registered for ahead of time.

**Immediate Past District Governor PDG Lynn Coon** - It would be nice to have the whole Cabinet present at the Cabinet meetings. Our service reporting needs to increase. We are at 60+%, leading the multi-District at present. Clarification was made regarding what counts as service and an email of information will be sent out by Lion Diane. Make sure your club hosts the DG so her messages get to each one. PDGs need to work on getting a 1st and 2nd VDG for the next year.

**First Vice District Governor Lion Karen Norton** – She is preparing for becoming the next District Governor. She will be securing Cabinet positions for next year, and getting ready to go to Chicago in February, and to the conventions of other Districts. Al information from the Keizer training can help us quickly get helpful information for us – see chatgpt.com.

**Cabinet Secretary Lion Diane Bash** would like to hear from each Cabinet member and get all reports prior to our quarterly meetings. Turning in your Cabinet position service hours is important. Please do so to enable me to report them at the District level. Please let me know any important information you would like me to get out to other clubs or cabinet members, as well as get them on the district website.

I hear concerns coming in about people having burn out – let's open this conversation and support each other- is doing less the answer or doing more to problem solve and involve others to gain momentum?

How is your communication with the board in your club? Keep them informed!

- Lion Lynn encouraged us to focus on retention of members by serving them.
- Lion Karen's Club started a Membership & Retention committee, which has helped a lot!

**Cabinet Treasurer/Finance & Budget** – Lion Brian Rangitsch was not in attendance, so DG Linda shared the finance report, reading account balances.

Motion: PDG Tom Hilgers moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; CC Lynn Coon seconded the motion; Passed unanimously.

## Region/Zone Reports

#### Region 1 Zone 2 Chair Lion John DeBo

<u>Central Lions Club</u>: They are just finishing their Poinsettia sale the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. They are going to have a crab feed at Eola Hills Winery Saturday February 15, 2025 (visit the District Website for more info). Santa training on December 7th, vision screening Dec 10,11 and 12 and they will be doing bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

<u>Silverton Lions Club</u>: They are just starting their annual See's Candy Sale November 30 – December 24 which I am chairman. They are developing a placement for the Resilience grant they received from the state for the Disaster Preparedness Plan.

#### Region 2

**Zone 1 – Lion Edwena Matychuck** - <u>Alvadore-Franklin</u> has only 8 members, did a holiday bizarre; <u>Central Linn</u> did a poinsettia sale, has new members; <u>Eugene Bethel</u> is sponsoring a Boy Scout club; Junction City did a Classroom Flags project, Roadside cleanup, Christmas parade, and has new members joining.

**Zone 2 Chair Lion Henry Miller** <u>Mohawk Valley</u> meets once a month, donated 40 turkeys to families along with other service; <u>Springfield</u> – Involved in school screenings, fundraisers, many service activities, and is getting ready for annual raffle sales. Did a party and a Christmas parade!

Zone 3 – Lion Reilly Newman, report shared by VDG Karen Norton.

Cottage Grove has a radio event fundraiser, screened in 7 schools; Elkton placed flags on graves, adopted teens for Christmas support; Eugene Downtown did the Santa breakfast, screened 25 schools, and will do a Mother/Father's Day raffle.

<u>\*\*10 min Break took 12-12:10</u>

## Global Action Team (GAT) Reports

**GMT Coordinator Lynn Coon CC** – Has been emailing clubs about membership. Get new members involved in needed positions and activities. Communicate, build membership regularly. Use opportunities as they come up. Reach out to new members. Find the passion of new members so they are motivated to get involved.

**GST Coordinator PCC Rod Bach** – Offer positive feedback to members, encourage them and show appreciation. Have projects going and include members as much as possible. Think outside the box and have new people involved in your projects. Eyeglasses here are available to be handed out to those in need. Emergency buckets will be going out in a couple of weeks to fire victims. Northwest Lions Leadership Institute is happening May 1-4, in Post Falls, Idaho.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Convention Chairperson Reports**

**Convention Planning Chair PDG Tom Hilgers** – Highlighted his report. There will be two candidates for the OLSHF trustee. On Friday night, the COG meeting ends at 4pm, Social hour at 5; dinner at 6.

**Credentials Chair Lion Susan Pfanner** – Get delegate cards signed and assigned to those coming to the convention who are eligible to vote.

#### Service Chairperson Reports

**Environmental Chair Lion Susan Pfanner** – As of January 2025, business can not give out or sell Styrofoam containers.

**Childhood Cancer Chair Lion VDG Karen Norton** Wants to include childhood cancer at the convention. Candlelighters will be bringing a family who has been helped to the convention.

#### **Other Chairperson Reports**

LCIF District Coordinator PDG Dale Bachman – Old news, LCIF giving Tuesday; LCIF awarded \$100,000 grant to wildfires in California. Encouraged to donate on behalf of Melvin Jones during his birthday week. Utilize LCIF website regarding getting grants. Also use YouTube and Facebook. Lion Susan reported that her club "passed the hat" and donated for southern California.

**PDG Association Representative PDG Dale Bachman** – We should all be working to fill empty VDG positions. January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm Zoom mtg for PDG or any interested members.

## **Opportunities for Youth Reports**

**Reading Action Program Chair Lion Judy** Bachman highlighted her report. Reading programs names and contact information is available on the website. Please see her report. Many volunteers and some leadership positions are needed in reading programs. Links for Lane County resources are available on the Imagination Library website. Please consider volunteering, etc. The LCI website has resources to help literacy. Feb 2024 statistics show the ongoing need to promote literacy skills.

#### New Business -

From Lion DG Linda

- 1. Mexico vision trip happening in April more info will be available at the convention.
- 2. Scams are happening regarding LCIF &, so be careful!
- 3. DG Linda and Secretary Diane Bash will be unavailable from February 11<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> (We'll be in Costa Rica!)

Adjourned at 1:31

- \*Next Cabinet Meeting (Q3) will be on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Lodge in Albany – 421 W 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. More information to follow.
- > Q4 Cabinet Mtg June 21<sup>st</sup>, in Yachats.

Minutes by: Cabinet Secretary Diane Bash

## VDG Report

Message to Lions of District 36R,

I will be your 2025-26 District Governor & I am excited to work with all Lions of our District whenever & wherever I can. I want to share your stories.

I believe in the Mission of Lions & I hope all of you are in Lions for a reason. What was it?

I got into Lions on my 1<sup>st</sup> club visit. I enjoyed the camaraderie & it has not changed in the 13 years since I joined.

Remembering why you joined is usually a great way to entice a friend or family to join. Inviting them to attend a meeting with you or inviting them to attend a service activity with you is also a great way to get new members. I not only enjoy all of our service activites, but I believe Lions have helped me improve myself, as a person.

You ask, why is she focusing on Membership? New members bring new ideas & a fresh perspective to clubs. All of this will help Lions continue serving & giving back to the communities where they live.

As 1<sup>st</sup> VDG I was asked to choose 2 of our initiatives to focus on. That was a tall order. My choices were Youth, Vision, Humanitarian, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, My choices are Youth & Hunger. One of my goals is to find ways to support all of our initiatives in different ways. After all, all clubs are different & may need other help.

What is the goal of your service & fundraising activities? Have you reviewed them annually to make sure they are in line with what your club wants to be doing to attract new members.

I don't know about you, but I think we need to be very serious about getting new members. Yes, it is in line with Mission 1.5, but more important, new members will help the Lion Legacy continue.

It has been 100 years since Helen Keller asked Lions to be Knights of the Blind. I want that message to continue. Do you?

One of my favorite things about Lions is that we are not too pushy. We want members to participate in activities that enrich their lives and learn for themselves how special being a Lion can be.

I want to visit as many clubs as I can prior to becoming District Governor to learn what makes your club tick and find out how I might help.

Please contact me if you want to schedule a visit or just to talk. Feel free to pass this along to your club members.

Yours in Service,

District Governor Elect (DGE) Lion Karen Norton

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## District Secretary Report for Q3 Cabinet Meeting March 15, 2025

I've been seeing a lot of Progress!

What seems to be working well in District 36-R:

- An overall increase in membership
- Clubs continuing and adding new activities and fundraisers
- I was made District Administrator so I can help clubs with service reporting
- Another successful District Convention
- Lions stepping up to get involved in various capacities, and planning to attend leadership training in May
- A constantly improving District Website
- Our own YouTube channel!

I'm sure there are so many other things going well throughout the District!

We have also been through a great deal of loss and sorrow among our Lion members and families. It is during times like these that we see the friendship and support we can offer each other.

It is also a time to give ourselves some grace regarding outside responsibilities. This organization is volunteer based, and each member's experience should be a comfortable, enjoyable, and rewarding experience.

Those who hold busy positions in their Club and/or District may need to reach out to those around them for some support, and an extra helping hand or two! We are not in this alone, and delegating can make all the difference.

A valuable tool we have been reminded of lately is to teach others how to do tasks and try new things so they will be ready to step into positions when needed. Stepping up to teach others and then stepping back to allow them to have their own opportunities is how we can avoid volunteer burnout.

As we go into our final quarter of the Lion year, I hope we can all evaluate the goals we have made, check our progress, and then do what we can to prioritize those most important things. Doing your best is enough!

Thanks for all you do!

Lion Diane Bash District 36-R Cabinet Secretary

## Region 1 Reports Chair – Lion Steve Moser Q3 Cabinet Mtg ~ March 2025

## Zone 2 Chair – Lion Jon Deboe

- Mt Angel Lions Club 7 Members currently, 5 members were present at visitation. Major community activity is scholarships. 1 \$1000 was awarded.
   Major fundraising activity is a tulip pre-sell.
   For a small club it seems strong, but as all clubs, they are experiencing a lack of membership and recruitment.
- Keizer Lions Club 14 Members currently, 6 in attendance at visitation. Major community activity is flags. The major fundraising project is *flags distribution* through various clubs. They have monthly eyeglass sorting party.
- Woodburn Lions Club 10 members currently, 9 in attendance at visitation. No Major Community Activity mentioned. Major fundraising project is Bottle Drop. They're in need of membership as all, but as all, need help in recruitment

## Zone 3 Chair – Lion Bill Scheler

Philomath Lions, as always, are busy! March starts with a business meeting, new member recognition, a book give away, and Flags for 2nd graders. They are organizing their fundraisers – Music in the park, Community Calendar, Firework sales, Breakfast at the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo, and their annual Booksale. So far this year to date -\$434.00 in book sales.

Philomath Lions are very active in their community for a small club. They give a big ROAR!!!!!

- Jefferson Lions are working in their community with fundraisers, supplying Eyeglasses for the those in need of them, and are very active with community needs.
- Corvallis Lions are busy with candy sales and fundraisers during the second half of the year. They're putting together their 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration sometime in May. They will keep us in the loop.
- East Albany Lions are getting ready for all their spring and summer activities, putting together committees for all upcoming events 2025 awards, budget, scholarships, new officers, and the Lumberjack breakfast. Egg prices might be a real game changer if we can't find sponsors for that. There is a golf tournament in July, and the Veterans Day parade. East Albany lions are busy.

Also want to remember all the dedicated Lions that we have lost recently - ROAR!!!!!

Zone Chair Report Region 2, Zone 1 Edwena Matychuck

March 9, 2025

## ALVADORE LIONS CLUB

The club continues to meet once a month. They cancelled the Easter egg hunt this year. The library is still open two days a week. They are scheduling their barbeques on Mother's Day May 11, Father's Day June 15, and July 4, 2025.

### EUGENE BETHEL LIONS CLUB

The Club schedules a speaker for each meeting. The Club is sponsoring Cub Scout Pack #88. The Club in conjunction with ABC Communities conducted a food drive at the Albertson's parking lot on Royal Avenue. Upcoming barbeques will May 2-3, June 6-7, July 11-12. August 1-2 and September 5-6.

### CENTRAL LINN LIONS CLUB

I will be meeting with them on Thursday March 13. They always respond to local needs. The January meeting was cancelled, and I was sick in February. A very strong and united club!

## JUNCTION CITY LIONS CLUB

Several Club members met with the schools in Junction City and spoke at the teachers' meetings talking about Lions. They took applications with them. Many new members have been installed as a result. The club continues to serve school crossing guards, road pick-up, barbeques and Easter egg hunt.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwena Matychuck

## R2 Zone 2 Chair Report Lion Henry Miller Q3 Cabinet Mtg. March 2025

## **Mohawk Valley Lions Club**

New this year is their 1st Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser at Pine Ridge Golf Course in Springfield, they are currently seeking sponsorships and teams for this event. Planned for 10am on Friday May 30th, lunch provided for golfers by the local Mohawk Bar & Grill.

A year-round fundraiser that they do is Cans for a Cause, donating all proceeds to the Marcola Youth Center. A wonderful program who provides so much for the youth of our community. Such as providing safe alternatives for high school students for fun (providing pizza, soda, games, shooting pool, etc.) to encourage students to mingle in a safe and secure environment.

They collect eyeglasses and hearing aids at local facilities such as the Marcola Community Market to send to OLSHF. Assist in screening children's sight and hearing in the Marcola and Springfield School Districts.

They also provide 2 scholarships per year for Marcola School District graduates.

## **Springfield Lions Club**

Springfield Lions did a road clean-up Saturday the 8th. Fourteen (14) Lion volunteers picked up 32 bags.

We just delivered flags to first graders at Maple Elementary school, by Lions Judy Bachman and Henry Miller presenting them. We will be visiting approximately 14 schools in all.

We just finished screening all the schools for this year.

We're also doing well in collecting cans for Honor Flight and Oregon Springfield Lions Foundation.

We are having our 2025 annual Raffle. The beneficiary is Candlelighters (for children with cancer). **It got a lot easier to buy tickets with our new Web site!** We already have eight tickets sold online. You can reach it by typing in - <u>springfieldorlions.com</u> - try it.

Henry Miller Zone Chair

## Region 2 Zone 2 Report Reilly Newman Q3 Cabinet Mtg ~ March 2025

**CG Lions Club:** Planning for our annual summer food drive for Community Sharing. Our can and bottle recycling fundraiser is off the ground and has generated more than \$400 in revenue. We added 3 members to the club. Arranged and attended a tour of the local Weyerhaeuser mill. Well attended by 1/2 club members. Made contributions to local charities such as Family Relief Nursery. Spent \$5,525 on eyeglasses and exams.

**Eugene Downtown**: The last club visit was with Junction City & learned some of their tricks about getting new members & are in the process of implementing some of them. The newest endeavors include a Mother's/Father's Day raffle, which is starting now, and will be drawing for the winner on May 1. The second endeavor is our spaghetti feed and silent and oral auction, which is going to be held at Heartfelt House on April 17 from 530 to 8 o'clock. Also busy electing new officers for our next Lions year.

Elkton: I reached out and haven't heard back.

Lion Reilly

## NEWPORT LIONS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP	19		
MEETINGS	2nd and 4th Wednesday 6:30 pm 306 E Olive Street Newport, OR		
PAST ACTIVITIES FOR THE QUARTER	<ul> <li>Club Christmas Party</li> <li>Donations to the Warming Shelter</li> <li>Collected donations for the Lincoln County Animal Shelter</li> <li>Meeting dates: <ul> <li>December 4, 2024</li> <li>January 15, 2025</li> <li>February 12, 2025</li> <li>February 26, 2025</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Guest Speaker- Signe Miller, OFSN</li> <li>Guest Speaker- Rick Booth, Red Cross</li> <li>Coordinating Newport Easter Egg Hunt 4.19.2025 with Eagles Club</li> <li>Coordinating Waldport Easter Egg Hunt 4.19.2024 1 pm with Moose Lodge, Our Savior Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, Seal Rock Fire Department and volunteers</li> <li>Coordinating Easter Bingo- Newport 3/25/2025 6 pm Moose Lodge</li> <li>Flags for First Graders- May 1st Alsea Elementary School</li> <li>Coordinating Beachcomber Days Parade and Festival 6-13-15.2025</li> <li>Coordinating Gleneden Beach 4th of July Parade 7.4.2025</li> <li>Upcoming meetings: <ul> <li>March 12, 2025</li> <li>April 9, 2025</li> <li>April 23, 2025</li> <li>May 14, 2025</li> <li>June 11, 2025</li> <li>June 25, 2025</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

## WALDPORT LIONS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP	16		
MEETINGS	1st Tuesday 6:00 pm Waldport Community Center 265 Hemlock St Waldport, OR 97394		
PAST ACTIVITIES FOR THE QUARTER	<ul> <li>President's Day Posting Colors In Waldport</li> <li>Bottle Drop</li> <li>Backpack Program</li> <li>A new member was added to the club</li> <li>Applied for a grant with Waldport City</li> <li>work on sight and hearing</li> <li>Meeting Dates <ul> <li>December 3, 2024</li> <li>January 7, 2025</li> <li>February 4, 2025</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES	<ul> <li>Bottle Drop</li> <li>Planning to have a fundraiser</li> <li>Backpack Program</li> <li>Upcoming Meetings (starting to have 2 meeting/ month) <ul> <li>March 4, 2025</li> <li>March 18, 2025</li> <li>April 1, 2025</li> <li>April 15, 2025</li> <li>May 7, 2025</li> <li>May 21, 2025</li> <li>June 3, 2025</li> <li>June 17, 2025</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

## YACHATS LIONS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP	32		
MEETINGS	2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:00 pm Yachats Lions Club 344 4th St, Yachats, OR 97498 <u>https://yachatslionsclub.org/event-calendar/</u>		
PAST ACTIVITIES FOR THE QUARTER	<ul> <li>Meeting Dates: <ul> <li>December 10, 2024</li> <li>January 14, 2025</li> <li>January 28, 2025</li> <li>February 11, 2025</li> <li>February 25, 2025 Honoring Peace Poster entries</li> </ul> </li> <li>Board meetings are held separately.</li> <li>Lunch Bunch Thursdays <ul> <li>January 16, 2025</li> <li>February 20, 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>Speaker Series Meetings <ul> <li>February 23, 2025 Second Home Jeff, Speaker</li> </ul> </li> <li>Crab Feed was successful!</li> </ul>		
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## District Report for GLT

I have set up a Zone Chair and Club Officer training on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Moose Lodge in Junction City. It will be from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Have also reserved the Keizer Lions Den on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for the same training.

Will probably do some training via Zoom for those people that can't attend in person.

Submitted by Fran Camacho-Silbernagel

## <u>Global Membership Report 36-R</u> Cabinet Meeting March 15, 2025, Albany, Oregon

Mission 1.5 is still a very hot topic for membership growth. We need all our clubs to continue their efforts for new members in their community. It's not too late as we still have four months in this Lions year.

At the time of making my report, District 36-R is at a positive 21. That is in big part due to the Junction City Lions, who have 26 new members with another 14 possible. This is not due to yard signs or flyers, though they may work. I believe it's having a passion and speaking to non-Lions about what Lions do and how Lions make a difference in their community; Talking about how they can be part of the world's largest service organization; Talking about how it's a volunteer organization where they can serve as much as they have time to.

I would encourage every club to reach out to schools and retirement homes. Encourage clubs to hold open houses and let our communities know how they can help. It's up to each Lion to JUST ASK. Let's get behind Mission 1.5 and our district governor Lion Linda and finish strong with membership!

The more members the more service!

CC/GMT Lion Lynn

# 2025 CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

## Report to the 36-R Cabinet

## March 15, 2025

The 2025 District 36-R Convention is in the books. As with all events of this sort, there are pluses and minuses. In the interest of preserving my image, I'll forego mentioning the pluses and instead will focus on the minuses, most specifically, this convention was a dismal failure from a financial standpoint. While I have not sat down and compared notes with Treasurer Brain Rangitsch, as of this writing, my records indicate that we are \$1,348.80 in the red for this year's convention, and that doesn't include the hotel charges for our visiting ID and Phyllis Carlin, which would add another \$1,500 to the deficit. There are two main issues behind this \$2,700 turnaround from last year's convention which ended up \$1,350 in the black.

- 1. The catering accounts for the bulk of the shortfall. Although the Saturday lunch was reasonable, the rest of the menus were expensive, and I should have reduced the numbers from 120 to 80. Although we had just more than 100 people registered and a few guests, food for 80 would have been more than adequate.
- 2. We received no support in the way of sponsorships this year. The importance of obtaining community financial support in exchange for advertising and recognition can't be overestimated. The amount of these sponsorships need not be large. Every dollar contributed by community businesses is invaluable in offsetting our convention expenses and keeping the cost down for our convention-goers.

I noticed a couple of problems with this year's convention relative to the event format and scheduling, but there's no need to go into those here. I can bring those up if and when our planning committee holds its post convention meeting.

As for the plus side of the ledger, while I don't know much about the other districts and therefore have no basis for comparison, my impression is that we in District 36-R are doing wonderfully in putting our service and membership front and center, and that certainly was evident at our convention. There was much to be proud of on display in our convention thanks to the efforts of our district leaders who are finding new and innovative ways of publicizing the many service and fund-raising projects of our 36-R Lions clubs and of encouraging our clubs to report and be recognized for those projects.

Linda Stent, Fran Silbernagel, and incoming DG Karen Norton will be taking the lead on next year's convention. I will gladly share any info I can to help them achieve a better result than we did this year.

Tom Hilgers 36-R Convention Chair

## Lions of Oregon District 36-R Convention Fund Activity

#### For the Period July 1, 2024 to March 14, 2025

	For the Period July 1, 2024 to Mar 14, 2025	2024 / 2025 Budget	Variance	NOTES
Income				Budget TBD by Committee
Registration	6,006.99	6,875.00	-868.01	Meet & Greet \$455.47
Donation	725.82	0.00	725.82	
Raffle	943.00	0.00	943.00	
COG Meeting	460.00	920.00	-460.00	
Sponsorships	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00	
Peace Poster	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Dues Income	537.50	679.00	-141.50	
Total Income	8,673.31	9,924.00	-1,250.69	
Expense				
Registration Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Conference Center Rent	4,241.00	2,977.50	1,263.50	Meet & Greet \$1,320.00
Decorations	0.00	150.00	-150.00	
Catering / Food	4,106.04	2,740.00	1,366.04	
Peace Poster	477.75	175.00	302.75	
<b>Registration / Various Supplies</b>	75.98	300.00	-224.02	
International Director - Accom. / Gift	50.74	915.00	-864.26	
International Director - Gift to LCIF	0.00	200.00	-200.00	
Conference Programs	0.00	230.00	-230.00	
Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Raffle Prizes	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Oregon Lion - Publication of Registration	0,00	200.00	-200.00	
Postage / Printing	152.12	225.00	-72.88	
OLSHF / COG Meeting	0.00	920.00	-920.00	
Basket Raffle Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Expense	9,103.63	9,032.50	71.13	
Net Income	-430.32	891.50	-1,321.82	

FUND BALANCE - JULY 1,	2024 \$ 2,964.28
NET INCREASE (DECREAS	E) -430.32
FUND BALANCE - FEB 28,	2025 \$ 2,533.96

March 15, 2025 District R Cabinet Meeting

<u>Credentials Report</u>: The last minute numbers crunching for the Credentials Report caused me to get to the podium long after they called for it. Lesson learned, line up the member information with everyone before the convention begins.

For the most part club secretaries signed and distributed delegate cards for their members attending convention.

We all owe Lion Tom Hilgers a huge thank you for coordinating the conventions for all these years. I trust we can lean on you for a question or two. You deserve to retire the positions of planning convention and handling all the components thereof. BRAVO! Our gratitude to you, Lion Tom!

<u>Environmental Report:</u> This quarter I am doing something a little different. Instead of a report from me, I want to recognize clubs in District R that do something for the environment. Last week I attended the Springfield Lions meeting. They had done a 'clean up' around one of their bridges. I believe Lion Henry recognized fourteen Lions members who showed up last Saturday for the event. He gave each of them a little gratitude gift, from Rolos and candy bars to a fresh red apple. April is Environmental Awareness month. Please let me know what your club does this next month in order for them to be recognized. I will plan to submit an article to <u>LIONS of OREGON</u> magazine to list all the clubs in District R who celebrate April with any type of project to improve the environment.

Thank you for what you do in service as Lions.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Pfanner, Eugene Downtown Lions

<u>Good of the order</u>: The American Council of the Blind, Oregon is establishing a new chapter named Southern Willamette. This is a non-profit group to support those with low to no vision. The meetings will be held on the first Saturday at 1:00pm.at Holiday Sheldon Oaks (Retirement Community) meeting room 2525 Cal Young Road, Eugene, OR 97401. For more information please call Lion Kris Meagher at (541) 914-7246 or email her at: kristin.meagher@yahoo.com LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 36R

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (DPP) REPORT Lion Jim Origliosso March 15, 2025

Last year District 36R received a \$10,000 grant from LCIF to assemble 300 Emergency Kits ("Buckets") for adults and 100 kits for children. Home Depot Foundation matched this grant by contributing over \$5,000 of supplies plus additional in-kind labor to assemble the kits.

The Buckets/Kits were assembled and half of them (150/50) were allocated for storage at the Albany Airport and the other half at the Creswell Airport. The buckets/kits are available to any 36R Lions Club upon request.

The strategy for distributing the Buckets/Kits in response to a disaster within 40 miles is for Lions volunteers to go to the airports and load the buckets/kits into their vehicles for delivery. If the disaster is beyond 40 miles the volunteers would help load the buckets/kits into small airplanes for delivery by air.

The response to the "Call for Volunteers" has been remarkable with about 100 Lions expressing interest in being involved. The plan is to provide training to the Lions volunteers in May with inperson sessions at each of the airports and Zoom sessions for others located further away and along the coast. These sessions are to be followed up with an actual "live fire" exercise on June 14.

After that, the DPP Committee will meet to decide what next steps can be taken to further enhance the resiliency of our Lions Club communities.

## Information Technology Chairperson Report District 36-R Q3 Cabinet Meeting March 15, 2025

The District Website is being kept up-to-date as much as possible with the little club input I receive.

All of the funds received through Square from convention registrations and donations have been transferred to the District checking account.

I have registered a District 36-R YouTube channel and placed a link to it at the top of the District website home page. I will be able to upload created videos to the channel. Videos can then be embedded in the website for play, or linked to in emails or on Facebook. There are currently two convention related slideshow videos created, uploaded, and embedded on the website homepage. All videos will remain archived on the District YouTube channel even after being removed from the website.

I have the current District 36-R membership email contact list and am beginning to develop the idea of a "monthly" promotional publication. It could remain a simple email of announcement headlines with a "go to the website for more information" link, or perhaps develop into a standardized newsletter document created by others to attach.

I am pretty excited at the prospect of a possible first ever addition to the District "Information Technology Committee"! I will be meeting with a brand-new Lion member from Eugene Downtown Lions Club later this month.

Respectfully, Lion David Nielson District Information Technology Chairperson <u>District36Rit@gmail.com</u> www.LionsDistrict36R.org

## LCIF Report—District 36R Cabinet March 15, 2025 PDG Dale Bachman

LCIF highlighted International World Childhood Cancer Day on February 15.

LCIF partnered with the Global Hope Program of Texas Children's Hospital—to help improve pediatric cancer care in sub-Saharan Africa.

Childhood Cancer Grants through LCIF help enable Lions projects that address the social and economic factors children and their families encounter during cancer treatment, improving quality of life for the children and their families.

LCIF granted \$100,000 to assist Lions working in communities affected by the California wildfires. LCIF urges supporters around the globe to contribute to its Disaster Relief Fund.

If you donate to LCIF, you may earn International President Fabricio Oliverira's recognition LCIF Supporter Pin. Perhaps you've donated?

LCIF is active in Oregon through the grant secured by PCC Lion Rod Bach to pay tuition for ten (10) Oregon Lions to attend the NW Leadership Training in Post Falls, ID on May 1-4. Contact Lion Rod for information @ <u>rodbach@gmail.com</u>

## PDG Report—District 36R Cabinet—PDG Report March 15, 2025 PDG Dale Bachman

PCC Rod Bach secured an LCIF grant to pay tuition for ten (10) Oregon Lions to attend the NW Leadership Training in Post Falls, ID on May 1-4.

The PDG Association holds periodic ZOOM sessions to discuss Lions business or to share news, as PDG friendships are special and many.

Remember that Oregon's PCC Phyllis Carlin is in the race for International Director and support her as you can.

PDGs are local resources for Lions information, opinions, and communication with other Lions and the community. Call on the PDGs, PCCs, and IDs in your area to share with members, clubs, and your district. They are a wealth of information!

### 36R "Lions Heart" Report Q3 Cabinet Mtg ~ March 2025

I continue to create and send cards upon request. Averaging two or three cards a week. Lions are welcome to contact me with any questions.

Debbie Bach Central Lions Club

## District R - LEO Chairperson - Quarter Report March 15th, 2025

Mohawk Valley LEOs Club had their 1st fundraiser. A Family Movie night with free entry to watch the Lorax as the LEOs sold raffle tickets and concessions. There were about 100 people in attendance. The kids loved it and are enthusiastic for the next one, which is planned for either May 2nd or 9th (waiting to hear from the venue which date they can have).

The LEOs are looking into community work opportunities at a roadside clean up in April, a community cemetery clean up in May for Memorial Day, and helping at a fundraiser for Mohawk Valley Lions in May.

Thank you for your time, Cassidy Vassallo Mohawk Valley Lions Club ~ Secretary Lions Club District 36 ~ Multiple District LEO Chairperson Lions Club District 36R ~ LEO Chairperson Helping Hand ~ Frozen Food Department Lead; Marketing Specialist; & Fundraiser Coordinator cassidylance20@gmail.com

## Lions MD36-R Cabinet Report—Reading Action Programs Lion Judy Bachman (Springfield) March 15, 2025

SMART Reading, South Valley (Lane, Linn, and Benton Counties)
As of February 25, 2025, South Valley SMART has read with 1,069 kids and gifted 4,850 books so far this school year in Benton, Linn, and Lane Counties.
Volunteer readers are needed in Benton County (Corvallis & Philomath) and Lane County (Elmira, Cottage Grove, & Eugene). Virtual trainings are available.

## FUNDRAISING

- Champions for Literacy fundraising continues until March 31, 2025, with matching funds up to \$5,000 provided by International Paper. The UO Men's Basketball team hosted the Fight for Literacy Campaign on February 11 when they played the Northwestern Wildcats at Matthew Knight Arena. See the donation link at SMART Reading.
- From March 1-31, 2025, SELCOs in Springfield and Eugene (as well as Redmond, Bend, and Burns) are collecting gently used or new children's books. Share with them any elementary-age board books, picture books, or chapter books.
- For the Love of Books, SMART Reading's March fundraiser ends soon! "Did you know that kids who have 25 books in the home will, on average, complete two more years of school than kids without books at home?" Purchasing books is their second largest expense (after staff). Create your own fundraising page and invite your friends and family to join you in supporting SMART. SMART will set it up for you and provide all the tools you need. Go online to SMART Reading to donate.

**Sewing Volunteers are needed** to prepare reusable bags for free children's books. Kid-friendly fabrics are used. SMART will provide the pattern. Contact <u>egrundmeyer@smartreading.org</u> **Perhaps Ellie should be a Lion CUB and then a Lion?** Inspired by SMART Reading, Ellie, a fifth grader in Washington State, started a student-led reading program for Kindergarten students at her own school! Ellie and her friends spend their recess twice a week helping younger students build confidence and literacy skills by reading alongside them. What incredible initiative and an impact she makes! Ellie learned about SMART through *Oregon Reads Aloud*, a compilation of stories by Oregon authors and illustrators that commemorated SMART's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **SMART Reading students will be casting their votes for the Annual Book Award of their favorite book.** In 2024 the winner was *Not A Box* by Antoinette Poitis. Following is the list of 2025 nominees:

- *Brave Every Day* by Trudy Ludwig
- Finding Home/Buscando el hogar by Esteli Meza
- *Let Me Finish* by Mih Le
- *Red Jacket* by Bob Holt
- *The Nature Journal* by Savannah Allen

Reading activity sheets for each of the five book award nominees are available on the Family Resources page of the SMART Reading website.

A virtual poetry workshop was presented by Christine Delea on both February 2 and February 27, 2025.

As always, please contact me if you have items about or ideas for this Reading Programs component of the District R Cabinet. Thank you.