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# WHAT A GREAT LIONS YEAR!



Proudly accepting the KidSight USA Award for the most children screened in a Multiple District. (l-r) DG Edward Glad, District O; DG Lynn Coon, District R; ID Hans Neidhardt; CC Phyllis Carlin; DG Steve Brewster, District E; and DG Pete Runnels, District G.

**VisionEnvoy Branch Club's Team  
Kancer Kickers Win the 2023-2024  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's  
Student Visionaries of the Year Competition!**



(l-r) starting from the front row: Alice Yang, Katie Jin, Jorie Liang, Carol Wang, Nikki (Jiayue) Huang, Vy Hoang, Amy Wang, Jessie Pan, Lexi Ye, Lucy Xu and Lucien Luo.

**Sutherlin Evening Branch Lions  
Support Local Library**



(l-r) Leo Josh is Tawny the Lion, Lions Carma Fisher, Pam Cameron and Carol Swesso, Library Director Patrick Lynch, Lions Gwen Best and Bertha Egbert.

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# MONTHLY CALENDARS

## MEETINGS

### June

- 8 Dist. E Cab. mtg., 10am, Klamath Falls, details TBA (Zoom option will be offered)
- 15 Dist. R Cab. mtg., 9am-noon, Albany Historic Museum, 136 SE Lyons Street
- 24 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

## EVENTS

### June

- 1 Gales Creek Camp Clean-up 9am-noon  
Water, snacks and lunch are provided **SO YOU NEED TO SIGN UP AHEAD**
- 3 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE @6pm
- 8 OLSHF Trustee Retreat - details TBA
- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for July-August combined issue)

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## ANNIVERSARIES

June 2024 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

### June

Coquille	June 25, 1925
Langlois	June 15, 1964
Keno	June 12, 1978
Crooked River Ranch	June 28, 1979
Dallas	June 10, 2003
Woodburn	June 30, 2004

### July

Dorris	July 18, 1946
Yachats	July 20, 1950

## Directory Updates

- p. 91 Iverson, Carleene, PDG has new address of 114 Heather Way, Aiken, SC 29803



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## Council Chair News



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### **Lions changed my life**

Earlier this spring I went to Central Oregon Eye Care in Redmond to pick up some glasses and have them fitted. Instead of the gentleman who usually takes care of this, I was met by a young woman. It took me a moment to recognize her. It was Anna, my club's first scholarship recipient. She looked and acted so grown up. Quite different from when we first met her 10 years ago as a high school senior.

After she fitted my glasses we chatted about the scholarship program and I told her how it had grown. "Unlike the early years when we could only give one scholarship, we now give up to ten." Then I said, "But none were more meaningful and special as the one we gave to you." And her reply to me was, "Receiving that scholarship changed my life. Without it I would not have been able to go to college and I wouldn't be where I am today."

While Anna was not valedictorian or salutatorian of her class, what won us over was that it was clear she had a servant's heart. The first in her family to go to college, she is now thriving. Her boss Jim told me that Anna is instrumental in keeping the office running smoothly and that she is currently working on optician certifications. If ever we ever made a "right decision", it was in selecting Anna to be our first scholarship recipient.

A month or so later I was having my yard thatched. The gentleman doing the work brought his two sons to help. I mentioned our scholarship program and he said, "Oh, you're a Lion?" I answered affirmatively. He went on to say, "I was raised by a single mother. We didn't have any money. You bought me glasses. And that changed my life."

Twice in two months I heard this. "Lions changed my life." While not all our service can be placed in the "life changing" category, we do many things in service to others in many ways. And for those of us who desire to serve our communities and help others, Lions provides us with an amazing vehicle.

As individuals, we can certainly do some things in service to others. But when we combine our talents and energies with likeminded people, our service is increased exponentially. So much can be done when we have "A Common Heartbeat for Service". What a gift Lions is both to those who need help as well as to those who wish to serve.

### **It was a wonderful convention**

Having recently returned from the Lions State Convention in Bandon, I am reflecting on the wonderful time that we had in this beautiful location. It was our 100<sup>th</sup> convention and what a celebration it was. From great presentations, to a Pediatric Cancer walk, to the opportunity to exchange ideas with other Lions, to the renewal of friendships and the chance to make new friends, it was a special convention. I would like to give a shout out to the Convention Committee Host Clubs, the Bandon and Coos Bay Lions Clubs as well as to PDG Bryan Longland, the Host Committee Chairperson. I would also like to thank the Convention Operating Committee. Meeting and planning since last fall, the committee worked diligently to ensure that convention was a wonderful experience for us all. Lead by PCC Bob Chaney, the committee was comprised of Lions from all four districts.

Next year's state convention will be held in Pendleton, home of the Pendleton Roundup. Pendleton is seeped in history and is so much fun to visit. Hope to see you there!

### **Thanks for a wonderful year**

In closing, I would like to say thank you all for a wonderful year. Special thanks go out to our outstanding DG Team Ed Glad, Lynn Coon, Steve Brewster and Pete Runnels, who were the "Boots on the Ground" in terms of making things happen this year. I would also like to thank all who served as State Chairpersons of State Committees, all who served as District Chairpersons and on District Committees, all who served as Zone Chairs and all who served as club officers. Thank you for making our organization operate seamlessly.

And finally, thanks to all who will step up to serve next year. In less than a month I'll be turning over the reins of MD-36 to CCE Lynn Coon. Lynn has some innovative ideas and I'll be excited to see what is accomplished next year.

All the best to you all as we head into our Lions New Year of Service. I look forward to seeing you during the upcoming year at conventions, at your club's service projects and fundraisers and maybe even at a club meeting or two.

The best to you all, CC Phyllis Carlin

## District O - Northwest - North Coast

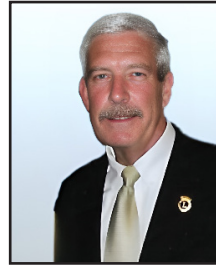


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## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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The Teddy Bear Parade in Oregon City is an event you should put on your calendar for next year. In fact, this should be an event if you live near Oregon City that should be on your calendar every year. And if you don't live near Oregon City it is worth considering putting on a Teddy Bear Parade in your own town. May this year was a rainy year for the parade. But that did not discourage the many determined folks who showed up for the parade and for the participants and horses in the march.

What we all know to be a nearly avoidable (especially in the rain) activity, it is also one of the events that children can't miss when they get a chance. Despite the rain, it was so heartwarming to see kids lined up with their contribution to the Teddy Bear collection, prepared with bears sealed in plastic bags knowing that they are giving to a greater cause: Comfort to kids in the Hospital who need to be included in the thoughts and prayers of everyone. Now perhaps the reward of candy being thrown at them from the Lions and others is an ulterior motive, but in essence the bond between kids and the paraders is the most palpable of the experience.

Isn't this true with all of our service projects? There is a palpable visceral bond of joy and comfort we experience when we make a connection with those in the community that perhaps have a need that we Lions are trying to meet. In the Food Banks, in the vision screenings, in the delivery of medical devices, in the Spam and Eggs or Thanksgiving food boxes; each time we act to create community these bonds strengthen our own identities as being a part of someone else's identity.

When we doubt that this strength and identity is just too small to be important I promise you that the day you enter into an office of a Governor or legislator or company CEO and see the little American Flag perched on the desk or shelf, you will remember your Lion identity back to when you gave a flag to a first grader who remembered their identity affirmation in just a short moment with a small gift.

As I reflect on my journey as your District Governor it fills me with profound gratitude. Having the opportunity of serving you a second year brings me back to what I've always said, district governors should serve two years. The first year is a period of learning and growth, and the second year would allow you to enjoy everything you learned the first year and share with those you serve the second.

I am immensely proud of what our District has accomplished this year. Together, we have done so much for our communities. I asked for input and received it. I realized the first time I was your DG that it is important to hear what others want and need and this input has guided our actions.

In my visits to clubs, I have seen clubs grow. Not necessarily with membership, but working together to serve their communities. This unity reminds me of the story shared by CC Lion Phyllis Carlin at our first Council of Governor's meeting about Texas Longhorn coach Darrel Royal. How we are all different yet when we come together as Lions: those differences and opinions are set aside as we serve those in our communities.

My theme as DG this Lions year was Service from The Heart, because when we serve from our hearts -- we are going beyond making a difference in our communities we are CHANGING THE WORLD, echoing the sentiment of International President Lion Patti Hills theme. The Lions of 36-R have served from their hearts and made a difference.

This Lions year has been marked by memorable events, including a remarkable 36-R convention that saw 145 attendees, thanks to the tireless efforts of a dedicated committee. As part of MD36 we were part of screening 168,000 school children, propelling us to #1 in the country for school screenings. We gave out flags to first graders and helped with food banks. We received two grants: (1) was for \$75,000.00 to build a food bank and (2) was for \$10,000.00 for Disaster preparedness.

We are experiencing positive membership growth, with 91% of clubs reporting service. I'm confident in the incoming DG and 1VDG who will serve next year. Recognizing their exemplary service, I had the honor of presenting eight International Certificates of Appreciation (the fourth highest international award) to acknowledge them for their outstanding contributions.)

At the MD36 convention, alongside International Director Lion Bob Lee, I had the privilege of awarding Lions Karen Norton (Eugene Downtown) and Fran Silbernagel (Stayton) with the third highest international medals. This is for the service to their communities, their clubs and the District.

As I finish my second term as your DG, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and dedication. In closing, I want to leave you with this one thought as I have served you great Lions: "It's the friends we meet along the way that help us appreciate the journey." In Service, District Governor Lion Lynn

## District E - Southern - South Coast



**District E Governor Column**  
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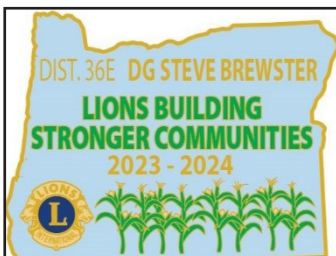
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The Lions Year ends and the New Lions Year begins. We need to thank our leaders at all levels who enriched and led our clubs to do great things. We need to welcome our leaders for the next year who will bring a new perspective and direction for your clubs.

As Club leaders you will join with new district leaders, multiple district, and international leaders in plotting the future of lions' clubs internationally. You will be part of the district governor's advisory committee: serving your local community, but also serving the world and changing the world one step at a time.

The resources are available from your leaders to make your job easier and enable you to serve your club to the best of your ability. You have many levels of knowledge and leadership available to you to help you achieve your goals this year. You have the district governor and his knowledgeable cabinet who stand ready to lend assistance any time they are asked. The Lions Clubs International web page has a membership resource page with helpful links to member resources for all of the officers of your club.

It's time to move forward, start your lion's year. Get satisfaction from a job well done. Have fun, make your club meetings fun. There is a whole new world out there. You are changing the world.



## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



**District G Governor Column**  
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Well Lions, here we are ... the year has come to an end! To say it has gone by rather quickly is an understatement. At the beginning you feel like you have a daunting task ahead of you but then the COG meetings begin, your district Cabinet meetings begin and to me, the most enjoyable .. the individual club visitations begin. At every one of these gatherings you find support, friendships, fun, energy and the resulting motivation moves you on to the next one. Attending the meetings is enjoyable as I have mentioned before ... We are so similar, yet different in the service we provide to our communities.

That brings up a piece of what I felt I missed out on ... being able to attend the different events, fundraisers, community service projects, etc. that all clubs do. With the distance and cost of fuel on a limited budget it makes visiting clubs twice impractical out here on the east side. I think seeing a club in action within their community is where it's at. To me that is one of the best places to recruit and visit with folks, where they see the good we are doing, the fun we are having and the service we are providing!

Our vests stand out, our emblem is easily recognized, our pancakes are delicious! From the Opera House in Elgin to The Follies in Hood River, catfishing derby in Huntington, golf tournament at Crooked River Ranch, building birdhouses in Burns, Holiday gift store in Sisters, and car shows to eye screenings everywhere ... our SERVICE is AMAZING!

Keep it up MD36 Lions, it has been a pleasure to meet you and assist where I can. Thank you for allowing me into your meetings and the welcome gifts. You have given me fond memories!

Pete Runnels - District Governor 36G  
'Be Instrumental in Service'

## Lions Invade Local Watering Hole!

Crooked River Ranch Lions took over The Big Dog Saloon. The annual Crooked River Ranch Lions Christmas party, cancelled due to weather, roared back in the form of a St. Patrick's day bash. With 'wearin o the green' prizes and a delicious buffet and desert line, old and new members crowded the favorite watering hole.



(l-r) Susan Cooper, CC Phyllis Carlin, Gail DeBrisay, unknown, Bob Bengtson, Vicki Burt, Burt Thompson, Carolyn Thompson and Pat Kelly.



(l-r) Sue Snyder, Joan Johnson, Ruth Ferguson, Jana Dunham, Ben Johnson and Carole Stagl.

With laughing, talking and general comradery, a great time was had by all and newer members were introduced to the fun side of our Club. This writer thinks we should make a St. Patrick's day party an annual event in addition to the Christmas party. Many thanks to the staff of the Big Dog Saloon who did a great job on the food and service.

*submitted by PDG Jim Stagl*

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## East Albany Lions Support Our Future with Five Scholarships

The East Albany Lions are selecting 5 senior students for 5 scholarships. This year they were all from our local Albany High schools.



(l-r) Lions Jerry Shipman, Doug Rogerson, Bill Scheler, Betsy Hills and Patricia Jansen. Not pictured is Lion Mark Raum.

*submitted by Lion Bill Scheler, Membership Chair*

## VisionEnvoy Branch Club's Team Kancer Kickers Win the 2023-2024 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Student Visionaries of the Year Competition!

On Friday, April 12th, it was official: Team Kancer Kickers had won the 2023-2024 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Student Visionaries of the Year (SVOY) competition! Congratulations and thanks go to Jorie Liang, Carol Wang, and their families for their tireless commitment of time and efforts to raise money for people with blood cancer in hopes that cancer will be eliminated. We would also like to thank our team members in the team Kancer Kickers and the Lake Oswego Lions Club. They also contributed greatly to this terrific cause! Lastly, we would like to thank our community for supporting us every step of the way.



Jorie Liang and Carol Wang pose together after their team (Kancer Kickers) raised the most money.



Lucien Luo and Lion Gen fundraise together at Lake Oswego Zupan's.



Smile! The Wag-aThon was a success. (l-r) Lion Gen, Alice Yang, Lion Bonnie, Lucy Hong and Jorie's grandma.



Lion Gen and Jessie Pan take a picture with one of their customers!



The whole Kancer Kicker team gets together for a photo. (l-r) starting from the front row: Alice Yang, Katie Jin, Jorie Liang, Carol Wang, Nikki (Jiayue) Huang, Vy Hoang, Amy Wang, Jessie Pan, Lexi Ye, Lucy Xu and Lucien Luo.



Wow! Jorie's family hosts the potsticker workshop.



Team members of Kancer Kickers fundraiser at Safeway. (l-r) Jessie Pan, Nikki (Jiayue) Huang, Kadee Liang, Amy's mom, Amy Wang, Lucien Luo.

In order to raise money, team Kancer Kickers held many events, including:

- Fundraising at Lake Oswego Zupan's (Shout-out to Zupans for being so generous!)
- Fundraising at Lake Oswego Safeway
- Potsticker Workshop
- Chipotle Fundraiser
- Wag-a-thon
- And more!

Again, thank you to everyone who helped & supported! We appreciate it so much!

*submitted by VisionEnvoy Club Branch member Jessie Pan*

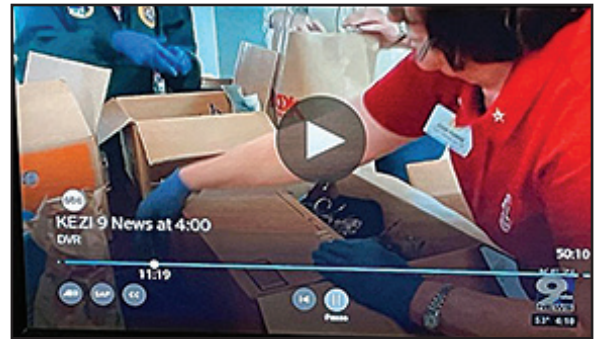
## Used Eyeglasses, Sunglasses, Hearing Aids and Cell Phones Get Recycled

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club has six members who have specific drop-off locations from which to collect used eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. They are sorted, then boxed up and shipped to the Lions LEAP (Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program) lab in the Portland area. Each Lion has been packing up the collections on an individual basis and delivering them to Albertsons/Safeway stores and the store puts the boxes on one of their trucks that is headed for Portland.

Fairly recently the Club started a once-a-month sorting party after one of the Clubs meetings at the Eugene Mission. On February 21st KEZI-TV sent a photojournalist to cover one of the sorting parties. They ran a story a few days later on their "Recycle Reuse" segment about the Eugene Downtown Lions Eyeglass Collection program. They showed the Eyeglass Sorting party held after the February 7 Club meeting. They interviewed Lion Past President Susan Pfanner who explained that we collect used eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. Lion Susan did a great job explaining the process. Thank you KEZI for spreading the word. It is a privilege for me to be one of the collectors.



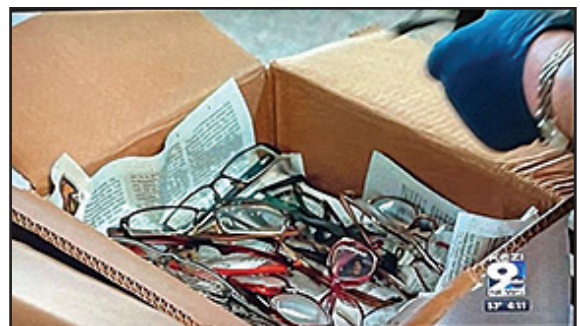
KEZI photojournalist Madison shooting video of sorting.



Sorting the collected eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones.



Lion Susan Pfanner is interviewed to explain the process.



Sorted items are packed in layers with newspaper to protect them.

Many people don't realize that the eyeglasses get distributed all over the world to those in need. For those receiving the glasses or hearing aids it can be as impactful as receiving an organ transplant. It can be a life changing experience.

*submitted by Lion Tim Chuey, Publicity Chairman  
Eugene Downtown Lions Club*



## Eugene Bethel Lion Chuck Parnell Helps Change People's Lives

September 10, 2020 changed Josh and Dahlia Curtis' life for several years. The Santiam Wildfire roared through Gates, OR. Their house and all their belonging were destroyed in the fire. The only survivor was their turkey. They stayed with relatives until their insurance company helped them secure a rental house in South Salem. They started rebuilding their house.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Eugene Computers through Lion Chuck Parnell from the Eugene Bethel Lions Club donated computer equipment to the Curtis family. Their family of seven will put the computer equipment to good use. Lion Chuck Parnell uses his connection with Eugene Computers to help those in need of computer equipment that has been checked out and verified to be usable. Parnell has been helping families for many years. He is the "Lion Tamer" in the Eugene Bethel Lion's Club and works with Food for Lane County. He is the main volunteer at the pantry site at Prairie Mountain School.



The Curtis family.

*submitted by Gerald Oliver*

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## Sutherlin Evening Branch Lions Give Treats to School Staff!

In February, the Sutherlin Evening Branch Lions gave out 10 dozen Treats (cookies, brownies, Rick Krispy treats and biscotti) to the Sutherlin school support staff for the Classified School Employees Week.



(l-r) Gwen Best, Bertha Egbert and Carma Fisher pictured with our treats that had a club business card attached to each bag!



(l-r) Carol Swesso, Bertha Egbert and Pam Cameron.

And then on May 6<sup>th</sup> we did the same for an equal number of credentialed staff for Teacher Appreciation Week.

*submitted by Carol Swesso*

## Sutherlin Evening Branch Lions Support Local Library

On Wednesday, April 17, the Sutherlin Evening Branch Lions Club presented a check for \$2,140.03 to the Sutherlin C. Giles Hunt Library during the “Children’s Reading Hour.” The funds were raised through the Lions “Bunko for Books” events held in 2023 and 2024 to support the library’s “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library” program. The Imagination Library is a nation-wide book gifting program which monthly mails high-quality books to children from ages birth to five years old that live in participating communities.

Noah, from our Sutherlin High School Leo’s Club came to the presentation costumed as Tawny, the Lions Club mascot. He was welcomed by the children with “high fives” and lots of smiles.



(l-r) Sutherlin Leo, Tawny the Lion (also a Leo) and Nancy Anderson (the library coordinator for the Imagination Library).



Girl getting a “high five” from Tawny the Lion.



Students, Lions and Tawny (Sutherlin Leo Noah).

The donation was made possible by the support of the community including generous donations of raffle prizes by numerous local merchants. We also appreciate all the participants who supported our events and purchased tickets for the many raffle prizes. Lions hope to repeat the event next year to further support the library.

*submitted by Pam Cameron*

## Eugene Downtown Lions' Community Service Committee Presents Grants

At the March 6th meeting of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club Lion President Jimmy Koch presented a check for \$1,000 to Terry Spencer for Lane Senior Support Coalition. This is just one of the many grants the Club gives out each year. Terry was our guest speaker for the meeting and she explained what the organization does and who it serves and thanked the Club for the grant. For more information concerning Lane Senior Support Coalition go to <https://www.lanessc.org/>

At the April 3rd meeting Lion President Jimmy presented a check for \$1,000 dollars to Teresa Bauer Executive Director of Lane County Diaper Bank, which is the beneficiary of a grant from the Club's Community Service Committee. Teresa was our guest speaker and gave a great presentation as our guest speaker detailing what the Diaper Bank is all about. <https://lcdiaperbank.org/>

At the April 17th meeting Lion President Jimmy Koch presented Mary Lou Bradley a check for \$1,200 for The Candlelighters For Children With Cancer. For information about this great organization just search for their webpage at Candlelighters:Oregon Home. Mary Lou gave a wonderful presentation as our guest speaker.



Lion Jimmy presents check to Terry Spencer, Lane Senior Support Coalition.



Lion President Jimmy presents check to Teresa Bauer for the Lane County Diaper Bank.



Mary Lou Bradley accepts the check from Lion Jimmy for The Candlelighters For Children With Cancer.

## Another Successful Fundraiser for the Eugene Downtown Lions Club

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club held a PIZZA DAY Fundraiser April 22nd at Papa's Pizza on Coburg Road. Participants just had to bring a copy of the promotional flyer and the Club would receive 50% of the value of the food that they purchased. They could also buy Fundraiser Bucks which were good for future purchases and earned 25% of their value for the Club.

In addition, the Club held a Bingo night that began at 6 pm. Lion Jeff Musgrove, back from his second home in Hawaii, was the ultimate Bingo caller. Good food and a lot of fun was had by all. The Flyer receipts totaled \$610.20 and the Bingo Night brought in \$330.00 for a grand total of \$940.20. That's not bad for one day's work (FUN). Thanks to everyone who participated and special thanks to Lions President Jimmy Koch and Monica Tarrant for supplying the pictures in my absence.



Lion Jeff Musgrove calling out the Bingo letters.



Lions, friends and family enjoying the food and the camaraderie.



Great participation by fun-loving Lions.

## A Historical Celebration

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a Gala February 24, 2024 at the Eugene Country Club. To honor this great achievement Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis issued a Proclamation honoring the Club's 100th Anniversary. There were special guests and shared memories of the 100 years of service by the Club members.



Emcee Lion Judith Grosenick.

The Gala began with a Social hour. Lion Judith Grosenick introduced herself as Mistress of Ceremonies and gave the podium to Lion President Jimmy Koch who officially welcomed everyone to this monumental event.



Lion President Jimmy Koch welcoming everyone.

Lion Past International Director Ed Gear introduced the many Special Guests who were in attendance. They included: MD36 Executive Secretary Leah Malcolm, PDG Linda Stent, CC Phyllis Carlin, PID Ed Gear, DG Lynn Coon, PDG Chuck Blanchard, PDG David O'Kelley, PDG Mary Lee Turner, CEO of OLSHF Doug Thompson, PCC Bob Chaney, District 36R's Cabinet Secretary Diane Bash and PCC Vincent Bishop who is MD36's Executive Administrator/Council Secretary & Treasurer.



Table of Club Presidents.



One of the two boards of Historic Club articles.



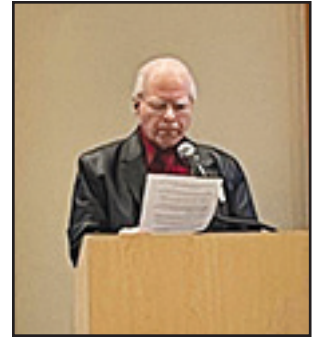
One of the two cakes.

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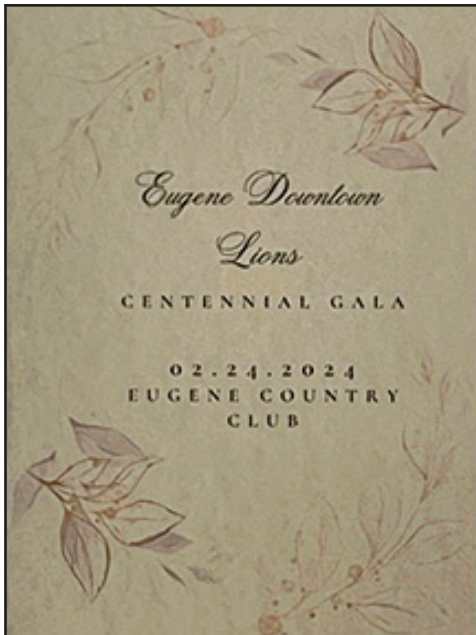
## to be Remembered!

Lion Tim Chuey gave the invocation and then the dinner was served. Two special cakes were prepared for the occasion. They were delicious!

Two tables were set up with photos of the many Past Presidents who guided the Club during their time as President and two poster boards displayed the events and publicity the Club garnered over the years.

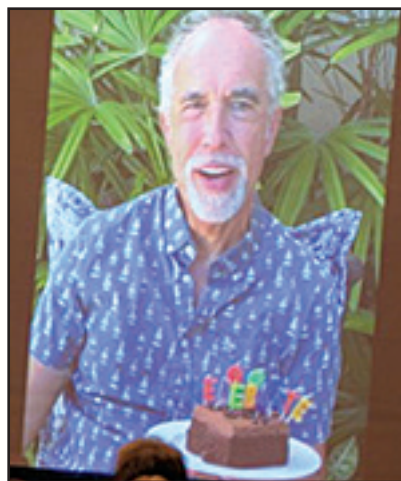


The invocation, my honor.

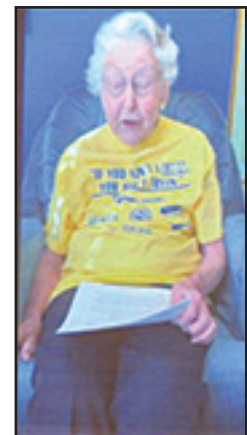


The program for the Gala.

The formal program began at 6:30 pm with a spotlight video by Lion Jeff Musgrove who was still at his residence in Hawaii.



Lion Jeff Musgrove's video.



Lion Golda Fabian's Video.

The following speakers gave two-minute reminiscences about their Eugene Downtown Lions Club experiences: These were from Lions Yvonne Hamson, Roger Smith, Jim Mueller, Karen Norton and PDG Mary Lee Turner.

A special spotlight video wrapped up the program as Lion Golda Fabian, who wasn't able to attend in person, congratulated the Club on its 100th Anniversary as she just celebrated her 100th birthday. A very stirring presentation I might add.

Social Hour music was provided by three members of the Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestra. This article could have been written in very flowery prose, but it is better to let the emotion of the event speak for itself.



Everyone enjoyed the celebration and dinner.

*submitted by Tim Chuey, EDTL's Publicity Chairman*



## The Junction City Lions Assist at School Crosswalks

The Junction City Lions serve the Junction City School District by providing school crosswalk volunteers 5 days a week . This service has been provided for many years and will continue for years to come. Two of Laurel elementary students asked if they could have their picture with their crossing guard.

District Governor 36-R Lion Lynn Coon and proud member of the Junction City Lions with two boys from Laurel Elementary School.

*submitted by DG Lynn Coon*

## Sutherlin Evening Branch Club Delivers Flowers



The Sutherlin Evening Branch Lions are delivering flowers for Tim’s Treehouse Flowers (a fellow Lion). This is a new fundraiser for us.

(l-r) Carol Swesso, Paisley and Makenna Swesso.

## Sutherlin Evening Branch Host Free BBQ!

On May 9th, the Sutherlin Evening Branch hosted a free BBQ for the Sutherlin community to come say Thank You to all of our public safety/first responders. We served hamburgers and hot dogs to over 250 guests. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. This was our 7<sup>th</sup> year to honor them and their service to our community.



(l-r) Pam Cameron, Carma Fisher, Carol Swesso, Gwen Best and George Hadd.



Lions, community partners, fire and police.

*both articles submitted by Carol Swesso*

## The Dalles Lions In Service to Their Community

On Saturday, May 4th, The Dalles Lions Club helped out the City of The Dalles Public Works Department by manning the refreshment table as we have done for the last 30 years plus, for the annual Community Cleanup. This was the first year that Lion Ross Cain has missed the event as he has passed along the torch.

Lions working this project were Mike Kilkeny, Jim Wilcox, Ethan Wray, Bob McFadden, Dave Congdon, Ed Goodman, Tim McGlothlin, Rena Hunley, Jim Bishop and Jan Oldenberg. Lion Jerry Betts was instrumental in starting this event years ago when he worked for the City of The Dalles. Waste Connections (The Dalles Disposal) also is heavily involved each year.



The Morning Shift (l-r) Lions Dave Congdon, Ethan Wray, Bob McFadden, Mike Kilkeny and Jim Bishop.

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## The Dalles Lions Help with the Community Backpack Food Program

The Dalles Lions Club helps pack bags for the Community Backpack Food program and will for the month of May. The Community Backpack Program gives kids in school food for the weekend to supplement what they get at the schools during the school week. Without this food, some of the kids would have to go without nutrition on the weekends until they get back to school on Monday.

The Dalles Lions has done this project for many years. It used to be done in a small room at a local church, but has now moved into the Oregon Food Bank building which allows room to spread out and be more efficient.



(l-r) Lions Lori Stiles, Ethan Wray, Jim Wilcox and Gene Parker. Not pictured is Lion Dan Richardson.

*both articles submitted by Mike Kilkeny*



Doug Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer



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Bob Chaney  
Board Chair

## So Many Ways To Help Keep The Promise

With MD-36 Convention season wrapped up, we extend our gratitude to all Lions Clubs that "marched" in the 2024 Parade of Checks to support the sight and hearing programs that make a difference in the lives of so many people in need in Oregon and northern California -- Thank you all!

### Upcoming Events

OLSHF has experienced tremendous growth in our programs over the past decade or so, and to meet the increasing demand for School Vision Screening, Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP), ROAR! Hearing Assistance, and Patient Care surgery and treatment, we have also increased the opportunities for Lions Clubs and individuals to get involved to sustain these programs financially. Here are some ways that you and your Lions Clubs can help "Keep the Promise" in the next few months:

### Golf Tournament

The Mighty McMinnville Lions are the defending champions of our Lions Club Flight in the OLSHF Golf Classic, presented by Applied Underwriters, which is scheduled for June 24th at beautiful Langdon Farms GC in Aurora. Your Lions Club is invited to field a team of 4 golfers (\$800) or to be a Hole Sponsor (\$100) with all proceeds supporting OLSHF sight and hearing programs. Please use the QR code below or contact Doug at DougT@olshf.org for more information on how to get involved. Fore!!!



OLSHF Golf Classic

### 2024 "Galaween"

Our annual Halloween Gala is set for October 19th at the beautiful new venue, The Avenue, in NE Portland where witches, goblins, and party goers of all types will gather to celebrate OLSHF's impact on the lives of those in need of sight and hearing services.

***"Besides being for a great cause, attending the gala with like-minded people is a pleasure, especially being able to engage with and meet new people. The committee does an excellent job trying to make the event fun and the location and food is always fabulous. It might be a distance for some folks to attend but I would encourage everyone to be creative in planning a fun trip to the Portland area to attend this event. Come as a group, car-pool, stay with friends, do whatever you need to do to attend this fun event. Bonus points if you get into the spirit of the event and wear a costume!"***

Whether you are able to attend or not, we are still in need of auction items for the event. An easy way to help in this way is to participate in the Lions "Gift Card Challenge" where Lions Clubs are invited to donate gift cards (Valued at \$50 or more) to be used as auction items. For each \$50 gift card donated, donors are entered into a drawing for a Helen Keller award (Valued at \$1,000 in Lions Club donations) which can be bestowed to anyone of the winner's choosing -- Contact Nick@olshf.org for more information.

### 2024 OLSHF Raffle Contest

To borrow a phrase, Do you need to get away? One lucky winner of our 2024 Raffle will get to choose between a dream vacation of 5 Nights for 2 people in Oahu OR 7 Nights for 2 adults and 2 children in Mexico...tough choice!



Dream Vacation Raffle

Single tickets for the 2024 Vacation Raffle are only \$25 OR you can buy 5 tickets for \$100 and know that ALL proceeds support the Foundation's sight and hearing programs. All we can say to this is Mahalo and Gracias to all that buy tickets -- see below on how to purchase!

### MD-36 Lions Awards Season

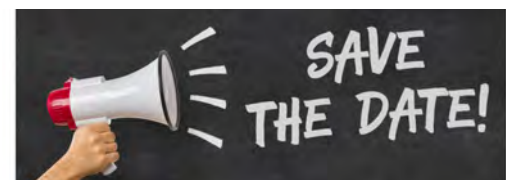
We know that many Lions Clubs celebrate their Club leaders in June and July and often their donations to OLSHF are utilized to redeem the awards that we offer as recognition of your support: Helen Keller award, the Norm Ross award, Spirit of Service to name a few. Now is the time to place your order and for ease and efficiency we encourage all Lions Clubs to place their awards using the OLSHF Lions Awards online system -- you will find a QR code below to do so.



OLSHF Awards Form

OLSHF had a successful operation year in 2023-24 and much of our ability to help those in need with their sight and hearing issues is due to the support of Lions over the years and during the past 12 months. We Thank you for your support and look forward to partnering with you in 2024-25!

**ROAR!!!**





# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Contributions list includes gifts received in mid-March through mid-May 2024. OLSHF values all of our donors and we do our best to recognize each and every gift. To help us maintain accuracy in our recognition, thank you for letting us know of any errors on our part by calling or emailing us at [Info@OLSHF.org](mailto:Info@OLSHF.org).

<b>IN HONOR OF</b>	<b>In Memory of John Hentze cont.</b>	<b>Lion Sentinel - \$1,000 to \$2,499</b>	Hood River Eye Openers LC	Carolyn Layson
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## MD-36 State Convention 2024



This year's MD-36 State Convention was a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and get excited for the new year!

MD-36 Executive Secretary Leah Malcolm was honored for her work with the district. Leah is retiring this summer. Her and her husband Gary will be having adventures while traveling. We wish them all the very best! *image top left: Leah expresses her appreciation for the Lions as they thank her for her years of support!*

OLSHF was honored to induct the newest members into our Hall of Fame: Hank Haydal, Grants Pass Lions; Past OLSHF Chair 1981-82 (posthumous); Elt Fadness, The Dalles Lions, Sight & Hearing Chair for over 20 years;

Dr. Steve Tronnes, Roseburg Lions, Patient Care Committee member, and School Vision Screening event coordinator; and David Rich, Beaverton Lions, Past OLSHF Chair 2013-14. As long time, engaged supporters of OLSHF, each of the honorees has improved the lives of thousands through their leadership and support of our programs and the people being helped.

Thank you to every Lions member at convention! The time we spend together having fun, building our community, promoting the sight and hearing saving programs that make such a huge impact on those receiving this care, will carry us into the new program year.



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## Low Vision Clinic 2023-24

### Unlocking Potential: The Importance of Low Vision Treatment for Young Students



Vision is essential for children's learning and development, yet some young students face challenges due to low vision, which affects their ability to see clearly even with corrective lenses. Recognizing this critical need, the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation established the "Low Vision Clinic" program, led by pediatric optometrist Dr. JP Lowery.

Since the early 1990s, the Low Vision Clinic program has been a cornerstone of support in Oregon, serving as a lifeline for children with visual impairments. Dr. Lowery goes beyond diagnosing; he travels statewide, meeting students, families, and school staff to provide comprehensive assessments and personalized strategies. By focusing on each child's specific needs, Dr. Lowery empowers them to maximize their existing vision capabilities.

Each year, the program touches the lives of around 150 children and families, offering hope and practical solutions. By addressing low vision early in a child's academic journey,

the program plays a vital role in fostering educational success and overall well-being. It equips families and educators with tools to create inclusive environments where every child can thrive.

The impact of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's initiative extends far beyond vision correction; it nurtures potential and provides equal opportunities for all students. Through advocating for low vision treatment and support, we ensure that young learners with visual impairments are empowered to embrace their abilities and reach for their dreams.

In essence, the work of Dr. JP Lowery and the Low Vision Clinic program exemplifies the transformative impact of early intervention and tailored support. It underscores the profound significance of addressing low vision in young students, paving the way for a brighter, more inclusive future where every child's vision, regardless of its limitations, is a gateway to boundless possibilities.

Providing comprehensive assessments and personalized strategies for young students with low vision

## Consider Twinning with Another Lions Club Far Away

Here's another idea for your Lions Club. You might arrange a sister/brother twinning with another Lions club across the country or on another continent. At the end of this article are some of the steps you might consider.



The Portland Bentham Lions Club pin, which is the shape of a Japanese fan.

Over the decades, the Portland Bentham Lions Club has twinned with five other clubs, three in Japan and two in Finland. We did this because we happen to have a good number of Japanese American club members and... also one member from Finland.

During the 1970s-1990s, members of our club traveled to Japan and Finland to meet our sister club members. We celebrated our twinning and created some official documents to sign. The Japanese Lions also traveled to visit us, and that was very special.

Here are some basic steps to follow to create a twin club: 1) The first thing you need is an interest to twin. 2) It's good to have a connection with the other Lions club far away. And, 3) with the power of Zoom, you could theoretically not actually travel to meet the other Lions.

The benefits to twinning are numerous. You'll have fun meeting other Lions. You'll learn about other cultures and countries. And, you'll be continuing the spirit of our Lions Clubs INTERNATIONAL.

*submitted by PDG Bert Diamond, Portland Bentham Lion*

## Carlton Yamhill Lions Hold Glasses Recycling Day



DG Ed Glad at the park in Carlton.



Lion Jim McConnell at the park in Carlton.

*submitted by DG Ed Glad*



**East Albany Lions Club**



**2024**

**Lumberjack Breakfast  
ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**Thu. Jul 4 – Sun. Jul 7**

**6:00am – 11:00am**



**AT TIMBER LINN PARK**

*submitted by William Scheler  
contact him at [wscgeler53@gmail.com](mailto:wscgeler53@gmail.com) with any questions*

**Mill City Lions Induct Three New Members!**

The new members were inducted at a regularly scheduled club meeting on April 16. Gale has already been put to work on our scholarship interview committee and our highway cleanup. LaVonne jumped at the chance to be our club secretary.

**(l-r) Club President Steve Dougherty,  
new member Gale Hofert,  
new member Myrlene Holfert,  
new member LaVonne Alexander  
and Club Treasurer Dan Lemke.**



We are a very small club with several inactive members. Our three new members will boost our membership to 16.

*submitted by President Steve Dougherty*



## Lions Golf Tournaments



Hello all you Lions golfers. Let's support each other on the links. One way we can do this is by forming a team and playing in each other's tournaments. Below you will find a listing of tournaments being played all around the state!

I listed the tournaments I knew about but I am sure there are more. If you would like your tournament listed, contact CC Phyllis Carlin at [pascalrin@gmail.com](mailto:pascalrin@gmail.com) with your tournament's information. Remember, our next issue of the Oregon Lion is the July/August issue which comes out in August

Hope to see you on the links!

### **OLSHF Golf Classic**

Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing  
Foundation

**June 24, 2024**

1:30 pm Shotgun Start

Langdon Farms Golf Club

Contact: Doug Thompson

[dougt@olshf.org](mailto:dougt@olshf.org)

### **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**

Gresham Breakfast Lions

**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

12:30 pm Shotgun Start

Gresham Golf Course

Contact:

Barry LeVon

503-805-7130

### **Clubs for a Cause**

Milwaukie Lions and Portland Hollywood  
Lions

**July 19, 2024**

9:30 am Shotgun Start

Glendover Golf Course

Contact: Carrie Bartley

541-391-0767

[cls24@hotmail.com](mailto:cls24@hotmail.com)

### **Jack White Memorial Golf Tournament**

Estacada Lions and Sandy Lions

**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

9:00 am Shotgun Start

Eagle Creek Golf Course

Contact: Marcia Perry

503-703-1458

[estacadalions@gmail.com](mailto:estacadalions@gmail.com)

### **CRR Lions Annual Golf Tournament**

Crooked River Ranch Lions

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

9:00 am Shotgun Start

Crooked River Ranch Golf Course

Contact: Mike Chamberlain

503-572-6220

[MLChamberlain2015@gmail.com](mailto:MLChamberlain2015@gmail.com)

### **Chief Joseph Summer Camp Golf Tournament**

Enterprise-Joseph Lions

**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Alpine Meadows Golf Course

Contact: Bob Pace

775-304-9854

### **Lions Annual Golf Tournament**

East Albany Lions

**September 20, 2024**

7:30 am

Trysting Tree Golf Club

Contact: Steven Reinhart

541-619-9244

[steve.reinhart@comcast.net](mailto:steve.reinhart@comcast.net)



submitted by Council Chair Phyllis Carlin

## Rogue Valley Lions Stay Busy!



Lion Drake Poston tells people about the upcoming wine walk at the Mother's Day weekend Made in Southern Oregon event in Central Point.



Lou Mayersky, Jim Akins and Karl Eddings hand out free water and popcorn at the Made in Southern Oregon event.



Lions Charlie Brotherton, Drake Poston, Hew McElroy and Karl Eddings prepare for the arrival of busses and students at the Britt Gardens amphitheater.



Students begin arriving.



Lion Cindy Lowe helps direct busses and students at the Britt gardens amphitheater in Jacksonville where Jacksonville Elementary School students performed the play Finding Nemo for over 1,900 Medford School District students.



An amazing production of Finding Nemo by the Jacksonville Elementary School students.

*submitted by Lisa Spurlock*

## Rockaway Lions Assist with Beach Clean-Up



The Rockaway Lions hosted 105 Solve volunteers to help clean the beaches and have lunch.



(l-r) Past President Sue Wilson, Rockaway Knight Lion President Zandra Umholtz, Club Treasurer Penny Cole and PDG Terry Bowman.

*submitted by DG Ed Glad*

## South Salem Lions Have Guest Speaker from the Hull Foundation and Learning Center

On March 20, 2024 Marja Byers from the Hull Foundation was a guest speaker at the South Salem Lions Club. The Hull Foundation has a special retreat center near Sandy, Oregon and serves folks eighteen years of age and older. Recently fifteen campers attended a fun-packed winter retreat.

During the summer, campers enjoy a memorable time experiencing the great outdoors! The Lions of MD36 are encouraged to lend a hand and support the Hull Foundation during their camp clean up and/ or consider reaching out to this worthwhile program for the legally blind and visually impaired. MD 36 Lions can go online to read more about the Hull Foundation at [hullflc.org](http://hullflc.org)



**Marja Byers.**

*submitted by President Lion Bruce Schnieber*