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## District Governor Lynn Coon Inducts 4 New Members Into the Woodburn Lions Club



New Lion Valerie Howell, DG Lynn Coon and new Lion Jenne Marquez (not pictured are new Lions Don Clark and Lowell Bick).



Lion Jerry Wear who received the distinguished Woodburn Lions Club "Member of the Year" from the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce.

## January's Mission Trip to Peru



Peru Lions visiting community of Valle Nueva to help with clean water.

See Story pages 12-13

# MONTHLY CALENDARS

## MEETINGS

### May

- 16 OLSHF Trustee mtg. 9am-noon, Bandon Community Center, 1200 11 St. SW  
Council of Governor's mtg. 1:30-3:30pm, Bandon Comm. Cntr., 1200 11 St. SW
- 17-18 MD36 Convention, Bandon Comm. Cntr. 1200 11th St. SW., Speaker: ID Robert K.Y.Lee (Pamela) from Honolulu, HI
- 27 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

### 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

### May

- 10 The *Oregon Lion* article deadline (for June issue)

### 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)

# ANNIVERSARIES

May 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.

### May

Salem Downtown	May 26, 1922
La Grande	May 2, 1929
Mt. Hood	May 11, 1951
Gresham Breakfast	May 6, 1980
Cloverdale Nestucca	May 6, 1983
Gold Beach	May 6, 1993
Waldport	May 17, 1993
Elgin	May 23, 1997
Mohawk Valley	May 6, 2003
La Pine	May 24, 2004
Weston McEwen	May 6, 2008
Tillamook	May 2, 2023

### 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

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**PR Suggestions:**

- Maybe it's time to contact that Lion who has not been active or shown up at meetings. Stop by and visit, give them a call, send them a card (maybe birthday) and just let them know they are missed.
- Have you prepared a one minute "elevator speech?" As Lions we are often asked what we do. Be prepared for a wonderful short sell.

submitted by PDG Gerald Hopkins  
MD36 Public Relations Chair

## Council Chair News



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### Why LCIF?

There's something very exciting going on in the northeast corner of our state. In the Wallowa, an area of great natural beauty, a non-motorized trail is being built alongside existing railroad tracks within the publicly-owned Wallowa-Union Railroad Authority. The trail, known as the Trail-with-Rail, is being spearheaded by the Joseph Branch Trail Consortium.

Winding through the Grand Ronde and Wallowa River valleys, the trail will begin in Elgin and end 63 miles later in Joseph, connecting the towns of Minam, Wallowa, Lostine and Enterprise along the way. The trail will offer residents and visitors of all ages and abilities a safe and accessible way to get outdoors to recreate, commute and exercise away from ever-busier roads and highways.

It will probably come as no surprise that the Elgin Lions are involved in this project. The trailhead will be built on the 27-acre parcel of land directly across from the Elgin Train Depot, which will also serve as Pocket Park for the city. The Elgin Lions are working on financing a public restroom at the park for the city as well as those utilizing the trail. Through an LCIF Community Impact Grant, District G was awarded over \$3,000 which will be used to jumpstart this project.

On the other side of the state, District R was awarded a \$100,000 Hunger Grant which will be used to build a new Ella Curren Food Bank in Polk County. The current food bank in Independence serves people in 16 different zip codes. Last year 37,000 people or roughly 3,580 people a month were served. With the

grant money, the food bank will be rebuilt. The grant requires that the district match a percentage of the grant totaling \$12,500 and that \$12,500 be raised from other resources. This grant was approved by the Lions International Board of Directors this past February.

These are the two grants that we received from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in 2024. Since 1984, MD-36 and its individual districts have received LCIF grants totaling \$1,969,059. These grants range from renovation of the Oral Hull kitchen to the purchase of an ambulance to the construction of a patient guest house to equipping a low vision clinic to a kennel expansion for Dogs for the Deaf and many more. Emergency grants received include flood relief, wildfire relief and COVID relief.

If you have a grant request idea, please work with your District Governor to get it submitted to LCIF. Grant categories include:

• SightFirst • Matching • Diabetes • Disaster • LionsQuest • Designated • LCIF Leo Service • Community Impact • Hunger • Childhood Cancer

More information on grants can be found on the Lions International website.

It's yearly budget planning time for many clubs. As you plan where and how you will give, please consider a donation to LCIF. Around the time you receive May's Oregon Lion, I am going to ask district secretaries to distribute a comprehensive list of all grants we have received from LCIF since 1984. When you see the enormity of these grants, I think you will be amazed, as was I.

Please consider giving generously to LCIF.

Yours sincerely,  
Phyllis Carlin, Council Chair

## Directory Updates

- p. 76 District R Cab. mtg now June 15, 9am-12 Albany Historic Museum, 136 SE Lyons
- p. 95 McGlothlin, Timothy has new email of timothymcglathlin@gmail.com

## District O - Northwest - North Coast



**District O Governor Column**  
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We are now closing in on the finishing of the Lion Year 2023-2024 and in getting there we are launching into the season of service activities. Golf tournaments, car shows, fun runs, road cleaning... you name it – it is the season to be outside and to “get-er-done.” But before we fully get into this summer it is time also to get our leadership for the following year elected, registered and trained.

Every club should know or be in the process of establishing their officers for next year. The Secretaries, new or not, will have to report to Lions International who are the executive boards of you clubs. In the past the report to fill out has been the PU101. Not hard or complicated. With the launch of the new “Portal” website we are hoping that the process will be as easy as it has been in the past and maybe even easier. Naturally we may be a little bit wary of what the new thing is, this is understandable. However, it is worth your time to peruse the website ‘Portal’ and get this taken care of. When all of the new officers have been reported their access to club records becomes available. I imagine that this report will be able to be filled out and submitted online.

It is best to have done a little prep before you set out on making the report. Collect up the names and mailing addresses. Make sure you have accurate telephone numbers – all, cell, home and business numbers. Correct (unique) email addresses are a must. And it is helpful for the directory creator that you include a spouse/partner’s name. This coming Lion’s year we will have a new MD36 Executive Secretary who is responsible for constructing that Directory. So being prompt in supplying this information to LCI is so helpful.

I would like to thank all of the leadership from all of the clubs. Meeting each of you is and has been such a joy. I would encourage everyone who has been a leader over the past almost 10 years to take a minute to acknowledge Leah Malcolm for the fantastic work she has done for our MD36 in compiling the Oregon Lion magazine issues, publishing our Yearly Directory and on and on with her duties. We have been blessed to have such a professional working in our midst.

## District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



**District R Governor Column**  
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Lions of 36-R, first let me say what an honor it is serving with all of you as your District Governor. I feel we have had a great Lions year so far. Though our membership is down a little, we continue to serve our communities. We need to continue working together as a team both in our clubs and the district. We need to continue serving from our hearts not only our communities but our fellow Lions.

I’m asking you to take the time before we drop a member to reach out to them to see why they want to drop. Reach out to them with a member satisfaction question sheet. Have we offered to pick them up to attend a meeting if we haven’t seen them? Have we made that phone call just to see how they are doing? This is where I ask all our Lions, are we serving our fellow Lion as well as our community? If not let’s change that and see what we can do for them as well.

Kindness goes a long way. It’s part of who we are as Lions. As the late Haynes Townsend said and was known for KINDNESS MATTERS. This is both towards our communities but also towards our fellow Lions. We can make a difference when we work together.

Auto creator Henry Ford made this statement and it is so true “COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING, KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS, WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS”. Let’s finish our Lions year with a positive net gain in membership growth and let’s retain the Lions we have.

Let me remind each club you can receive a club Excellence award with just a short list to check off including club membership growth. Along with Membership growth your club must contribute to LCIF an amount equal or greater than the club’s membership total multiplied by \$5. Start a new service project and list three service activities your club participated in and report to LCI. You also must be a club in good standing, report club officers to LCI and have your key officers participate in officer training. Your club must also use marketing of your club publicizing activities through local media or social media.

I want to thank all of the clubs in our district who have reported your service to LCI. Currently, we are at 91% for our District. Let’s keep up the great work as we finish the Lions year strong.

**SERVICE FROM THE HEART.** I firmly believe that when we Lions serve from our hearts, we go beyond making a difference in our communities. We are in fact **CHANGING THE WORLD.**

## District E - Southern - South Coast



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We all know what assume means and how much trouble you can get in by assuming and not verifying. It seems that I assumed that because club officers told me they know how to be a club secretary or president, I didn't verify. It seems that even the most seasoned club officers are not aware of some of their duties and responsibilities.

Club officers know how to do the basics, they know how to run a meeting, they know how to take minutes and how to enter information required by Lions International. But they are not aware of their responsibilities at the zone, region and district level.

Club Presidents and Secretary are part of the District Governor's advisory committee. Their responsibility is to file a report quarterly before each cabinet meeting. This report should contain information on what your club is doing and any support or concerns that your club has.

This report should be sent to your zone or region chairman. Their responsibility is to put all the reports together and send them to the District Governor and the cabinet. When these reports are received, they can be evaluated, and they can provide the support your club needs.

This is how we can help you grow your clubs.

Stephen Brewster  
District Governor MD36E

## District G - Central - Eastern Oregon



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Slice of Cake, for all!

It's hard to compare one club to another, as it is comparing your grandma's top prize winning cake recipe at the fair to your best friend's grandma's top prize winning cake recipe at the next county fair over. Are the ingredients the same? Did all of the ingredients get added this time the cake was made? Or did we miss adding the vanilla, or the baking soda and half the flour?

Leaving the vanilla out could leave the taste off a bit, yet it's still a decent cake. But leaving the baking powder out and half the flour ... you aren't left with much of a cake and it doesn't look very tasty either.

Are we seeing this in our clubs ... are all of the ingredients there to make everything run smoothly? The meetings go as planned ... Lion tamer gets there in time to set the room up, greeters are there welcoming members, especially the new ones, the agendas are prepared and kept on schedule, members step up and take a lead role in a project or assist with another. Membership is bringing in new members, program chair keeps interesting topics coming forward, etc. etc. That's a recipe for a good meeting and you leave with a good taste of accomplishment.

Or do you see some of the ingredients in place and others missing or short in commitment? When we were sworn into our clubs, we vowed to help and assist for the betterment of the club. Some clubs are short on ingredients and the results can be like a fallen cake. It might be that we need to look at our members and see what ingredients might be missing from having the best club ever. We need to get them back in the mix! It doesn't matter if it's from scratch with lots of ingredients or a jiffy mix with just a few, when all ingredients are present the taste left in our hearts and minds brings us back for another slice.

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

# **DISTRICT 36-G CONVENTION**



*Lion PCC Bev Bridgewater accepts award from OLSHF from PCC Paul Zastrow. Lion Bev also received the International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.*



*PCC Phyllis Carlin accepts nomination for International Director from District G.*



*Lion Trudy Tallman accepts OLSHF's award from PCC Bob Chaney and current Chair of OLSHF. Trudy also received the International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.*

**District 36-G held their convention in Sisters on April 5th and 6th 2024. Approximately 75 Lions, spouses and friends came together to 'Rock the Membership' in a 60's themed weekend ending with a sock hop Saturday evening dancing along with DJ Grits. District Governor Pete Runnels squeezed into his 1977 letterman's jacket and played Rock around the Clock on his tenor sax, fulfilling a promise to his clubs during visitations. Many in attendance sported poodle skirts, t-shirts, slicked back hair, rolled up jeans, Pink Ladies jackets and more.**

# ROCK THE MEMBERSHIP

The Three Sisters club did an outstanding job of organizing and planning the activities. Lions were treated to a free BBQ Friday evening courtesy of Lions PCC Richard and PDG Vicki Smith. A service project which consisted of collecting socks to be distributed to FAN (Family Area Network) to assist local citizens in need was a great success with a large tote overflowing with socks being collected.



International Director Hans Neidhardt and his wife Shari joined in all of the activities from bringing socks from Potwin, Kansas to Shari sporting a poodle skirt for the sock hop.

ID Neidhardt spoke on 10 top reasons that commitment and our work as Lions in service have in common. Don't ring the bell, We Serve.

The convention committee put together a full weekend offering everything from workshops to breakout sessions. CC Phyllis Carlin was voted in soundly to throw her name into the ring for International Director and received 36G's endorsement.

Everyone enjoyed the event!

*submitted by DG Pete Runnels  
photos by PDG Gerald Hopkins*



*Lions PDG Gerald and Mary Hopkins cuddle with District G's Lion.*



*Lions PDG Gerald Hopkins, PDG Kathy Oliver, Janet Stafford and Joan Oliver share convention success sign.*

*See YOU  
Next Year!*

## Informative District O Convention in March

Informative! That's a good word to describe the District 36-O Lions Convention on March 1-2 at the Church on the Hill in McMinnville. We had presentations and speakers who provided information about Scouting, about club membership and about life in general.

The convention started on Friday, March 1 with two presentations about partnering with organizations. The first was a panel about how and why to partner with a local scout troop. Scouting nowadays is combined for both girls and boys. Thank you PCC Vince Bishop and Robin Stoeckler for organizing this Scouting presentation. After this, we heard from representatives from Guide Dogs for the Blind in Boring, Oregon. This is the largest guide dog service organization in North America. And all of the services are provided free of charge to the blind clients.

Saturday's convention began with nomination speeches. The following Lions were running for office: Carrie Bartley for District Governor; Brian Sauer for 1st Vice District Governor; Thuy Tran for 2nd Vice District Governor; PCC Vince Bishop for International Director; and PCC Brad King for International Director.

There were also table discussions about what attendees saw as priorities for district leaders. The large sheets of paper with answers were posted on the convention walls, and Lions then identified the most important priorities. What gravitated to the top? They were the following:

- Public relations to tell our story to find community partners
- Membership growth
- Continued support of OLSHF and local club's sight and hearing committees to increase these programs to senior communities.

The mid-day presenters were very informative. International Director Lee Vrieze showed many helpful statistics about our organization. Maybe you heard that LCI is combining MyLion with MyLCI? Check out the new LCI combined website in April. ID Lee also mentioned that there are changes in Lions districts to elect international directors, namely not needing 1,250 members.

At lunch, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) gave us overviews of their many programs such as School Vision Screening (SVS), Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP), and the hearing aid program (ROAR). Attendees could complete a paper or online survey about the effectiveness of OLSHF.

After lunch, New York Times reporter Nicholas Kristof told us about his farm life growing up in Yamhill, Oregon in the 1950s and how that world, as we know it, has changed. He talked about his new book, Chasing Hope, which tells about some of the extraordinary people he's met in his global travels.

Along with dynamic presenters, convention attendees heard about the following: This year's Peace Poster Contest winner, Gaurangi Raseogi; the new McMinnville Leos Club members present at the convention; from the 14 different vendors there; and about who won the dozen or so club raffle baskets. Did you win one?

Thank you to the Convention Planning Committee who spent five months working to make a successful and informative Lions convention.

*submitted by PDG Bert Diamond*



## Doing the Lion's Share

One of Lions International Global Causes is Youth. The relationship between Lions Clubs International and the Boy Scouts of America dates back to the early days of both organizations in the early 1900's, with a strong collaboration that benefits both organizations. When Lions Clubs charter a Scouting unit, they serve as adult role models for Scouts and provide a quality program for youth in the community.

From a 2002 article in Scouting Magazine: "The relationship between Lions and the Boy Scouts of America goes back more than 100 years, and for good reason", says J. Frank Moore, III, Past President of Lions Clubs International and Past Chairman of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. "The two organizations have similar goals – the promotion of international cooperation, community service, citizenship, and leadership", he points out. "Aiding one organization is a complement to the other," Moore said.

Realizing a long-time goal, Lions PCC Vince Bishop and Robin Stoeckler convened a panel discussion consisting of long-time Scouting volunteers, Lions, and professional Scouting staff to kick off the District 36-O Convention on March 1, 2024 in McMinnville. The focus was to rebuild and strengthen the relationship between Lions and Scouting. The session was well-attended and well-received. As a result of the discussion, Lions Clubs in District O have already taken the next steps towards providing greater support of Scouting.

The panel discussion concluded with Scouting leadership recognizing the Lions Clubs that sponsor Scouting and with the presentation of the Lions Scouting Service Award to Lion Robin.



(l-r) PDG Dan Wolf (Mt Hood Lions / Timberline District Cascade Pacific Council, BSA), Gary Carroll (Scout Executive/CEO Cascade Pacific Council, BSA), John Foster (Cascadia District Commissioner, Boy Scouts), Kathleen Jordan (Boy Scout Board Member), Andrew Danner (Beaverton Lion, Cascade Pacific Council Board Member). Standing in back: Tim Williams (Service Area Director, Cascade Pacific Council, BSA), Jim Hill (Deputy Scout Executive, Cascade Pacific Council, BSA), and Virginia Molina (Service Area Director, Cascade Pacific Council, BSA), PCC Vincent Bishop and Robin Stoeckler.

(l-r) PDG Dan Wolf,, Gary Carroll, John Foster, Kathleen Jordan and Andrew Danner. Standing in back: Chris Bartell (Boy Scout Director of Marketing & Innovation), Tim Williams, Jim Hill and Virginia Molina.



(l) is Gary Carroll (Scout Executive / CEO of Cascade Pacific Council, BSA), Robin Stoeckler, Kathleen Jordan (Cascade Pacific Council Board Member / Council Commissioner).



DG Ed Glad presenting the certificate to Robin Stoeckler. Seated visible in the back are PDG Dan Wolf and John Foster.

*submitted by Robin Stoeckler*



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## January's Mission Trip

Over the years Agua Pura Para El Pueblo has been in many different environments and met and dealt with a variety of problems. We always are invited and we always work with community leaders to help them have safe drinking water and sanitation in their communities. Sometimes though, just making the drinking water safe is not enough, we have to look at the whole sanitation environment. Here is what I found last January during a visit to Peru.

### SONYA'S STORY

Sonya, a young Peruvian woman was concerned that her two children seemed to be sick frequently and were falling behind in school.

She with other families worked in flooded rice fields all around her home, spending long hours wading in knee deep water. The fields were flooded most of the time and the local water table is always just below the surface.

Her drinking water came from a deep community well in the fields and was pumped to all the families in the area. The inside lining of the well was old and may be cracked and there was no cover on the well. When tested the water showed signs of potential contamination. Her home has no toilet or latrine because whenever she tried to dig a pit it filled with water. Worse still, because she has no toilet she and her family have to use the surrounding fields to go to the bathroom.



Peru Lions visiting community of Valle Nueva to help with clean water.

### THE SURVEY

Agua Pura spent several days in the area talking to Sonya and the other families about the problem. All of the families are connected to the same water system with the same risk. If the well became contaminated due to the high water table many of the families would become sick at the same time. It's difficult for people to think that organisms invisibly small can make them sick, so we always show them the results of our testing with bacteria growing on a petri plate. They can then see what is in their drinking water.

Agua Pura has always felt that each family ultimately is responsible for their own children's health. Government help may never come, well-meaning non-profits may help for a while but then leave without any plans or help for the future.



Contaminated drinking water.



Community well.

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## to Peru

### THE COMMUNITY MEETING

After several days of discussions and testing we had a community meeting with Sonya and the other families. We invited the local Local Lions clubs to participate because they wanted to know more about the local problems and they wanted to help.

At that meeting the first thing we did was to give each family a water pasteurization indicator (WAPI) and demonstrated its use. It's a simple thermometer like device that shows when water has been heated enough to kill all pathogens. We have distributed many thousands of these reusable indicators as a families' first line of defense against contaminated water. Whatever else happens to their supply they can protect their own families drinking water. We also provided a water filter for the school.



WAPI's in Panama.

Next, because many families have no latrines we recommended that they should provide a space to wash hands with soap outside before entering the home, that way hand contamination won't reach their food as easily. Since most families have running water it should be possible to create a wash station. These steps should be a first start and something each family can do for themselves. The local lions club can help with this step.

The third item is the water well. It serves the whole community and it's the whole communities' responsibility to make it safe. The first step is to close the top of the well so that contaminants cannot fall in. We are encouraging families to come together and develop a plan to cover it. There may be some expense involved and Agua Pura may be help with the costs but the community will be responsible for implementation. The covering should be done soon before contamination worsens.



Latrine with shower and clothes washing basin.

### THE FUTURE

This last step that we discussed with the families will take longer and require more effort to accomplish but will be the most helpful of all - building above ground sanitary latrines so that each family will have a safe place to go to the toilet that will not further contaminate the water. There are many types of designs that can suit different families' needs, are easy to build and are not too expensive. It is a source of pride for families that they have a safe, sanitary latrine. These latrines have been successfully built in many areas of the world and will be an important part of improving the health of the families in that community.

## The Rogue Valley Lions Have a Great Time With Flags for First Graders

The Rogue Valley Lions club had a great time with first graders in Southern Oregon learning all about the United States flag. The students loved the interactive learning as well as receiving their very own flag to take home!



Karl Eddings and Michelle Meilicke show a 1776 flag.



Charlie Brotherton giving a 5-point star demonstration



Charlie Brotherton talking with the students.



Charlie Brotherton, Jim Akins and Lisa Spurlock showing the 1776 flag.



Karl Eddings, Michelle Meilicke, Charlie Brotherton, Lisa Spurlock and Jim Akins with the students.



Karl Eddings, Lisa Spurlock, Michelle Meilicke, Jim Akins and Charlie Brotherton.

*submitted by Lisa Spurlock*

## The Klamath Falls Lions Club Received a Special Thank You Note

The Klamath Falls Lions Club received a very large thank you note from the Conger School first grade classes, in appreciation of our Flags for first graders presentation. The classes also sang a good rendition of the song "You're A Grand Old Flag."



Back Row: (l-r) Ken Goswick, DG Steve Brewster, Stephanie Snyder, Cherie Brewster, Becky McGuire and Melissa Clinton. Middle row: (l-r) Gary Boyette, Margaret John and Jennifer Brewster. Front Row: (l-r) Dena Solyst, James Mathers, Rose Mendonca, Lynda Olsen and 1VDG Paul Novak.

*submitted by Ken Goswick*

## St. Helens Lions Distribute Flags for 1st Graders

The St. Helens Lions Club recently delivered American Flags for 1st Graders to five local elementary schools. Lion Dixon Kirsch spent many hours in his workshop crafting wood bases for the small flags, and then PDG Lion Hank Calhoun and Lion Sharon Fraser delivered flags to the schools with the option of an in-person or video educational program.

Lion PDG Hank Calhoun gave a well-received presentation to students at the Columbia County Christian School in Warren and the Yankton Arthur Academy in St. Helens. There were attentive students and smiles all around in those two classes!



Students in Mrs. Hubbard's 1st Grade class listen attentively to PDG Lion Hank Calhoun's presentation.



PDG Lion Hank Calhoun keeping the students interested and involved.

*submitted by Kathy Syrstad*



Doug Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer



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Bob Chaney  
Board Chair

## Lions Clubs' Generosity Shines: The Parade of Checks Across Oregon

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### Parade of Checks: A Tradition Like No Other

When our Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation was founded in the late 1950's, and then for the next couple of decades, all funding for our sight and hearing programs came from the Lions Clubs of MD-36. As we have expanded our funding base to include individuals, foundations, and businesses and corporations, the support that we receive from Lions Clubs remains critical to our efforts to help those in need to see and hear the world around them.

### District MD-36R Convention in Springfield

This is why we are grateful to have been included in every Lions District Convention in 2024, including the District R Convention in Springfield with **District Governor Lynn Coon** as host. Thank you to the following Clubs that "marched" in the Parade of Checks on February 3rd: **East Albany Lions, Alvadore-Franklin Lions, Central Lions, Eugene Bethel Lions, Gardiner Reedsport Lions, Jefferson Lions, Junction City Lions, Keizer Lions, Mohawk Valley Lions, Philomath Lions, Springfield Lions, and the West Salem Lions.**

### District O Convention in McMinnville

The month of March indeed did "come in like a Lion" as District O Lions congregated in McMinnville on March 2nd with **DG Ed Glad** presiding. In addition to the inspiring words of **NY Times columnist and Keynote speaker Nick Kristoff**, OLSHF sight and hearing programs benefited from the generosity of the following Lions Clubs: **Vernonia Lions, King City Lions, Gresham Breakfast Lions, St. Helens Lions, Milwaukie Lions, McMinnville Lions, Rockaway Beach Lions, Carlton-Yamhill Lions, Lake Oswego Lions, Cloverdale Nestucca Valley Lions, Gresham Supper Lions, Portland Downtown Lions, Sandy Lions, Estacada Lions, Portland Hollywood Lions and the Portland Bentham Lions.**

### District E Convention in Bandon

Later in March, **DG Stephen Brewster** and the District E Lions went to the beach in beautiful Bandon and held its convention at the Bandon

Community Center. We are grateful to the following Lions Clubs for their donations in the Parade of Checks on March 23rd: **Ashland Lions, Bandon Lions, Dorris Lions, Grants Pass Lions, Illinois Valley Lions, Merrill Lions, Myrtle Creek Lions, and the Sutherlin Lions.**

### District G Convention in Sisters

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### MD-36 Convention: May 17-18

Lions from all over Oregon and northern California are expected to turn out for the MD-36 Convention in Bandon on May 17 and 18th, and we look forward to seeing you there. OLSHF will be on hand to share information on our sight and hearing programs and our retail optical shop, Eye Promise LLC, will also be on hand with a "trunk show" of new eyewear offering great value for those interested in purchasing a new pair of eyeglasses, with all proceeds supporting our charitable Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP).

OLSHF will provide a "state of the Foundation" presentation at lunch on Friday, May 17th followed by the statewide Parade of Checks which will provide every Lions Club in MD-36 the opportunity to showcase their support of OLSHF and our dedication to "Keeping the Promise" of addressing preventable blindness and hearing loss for those in need.

**Thank you all for your support...and we'll see you in Bandon!**



# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

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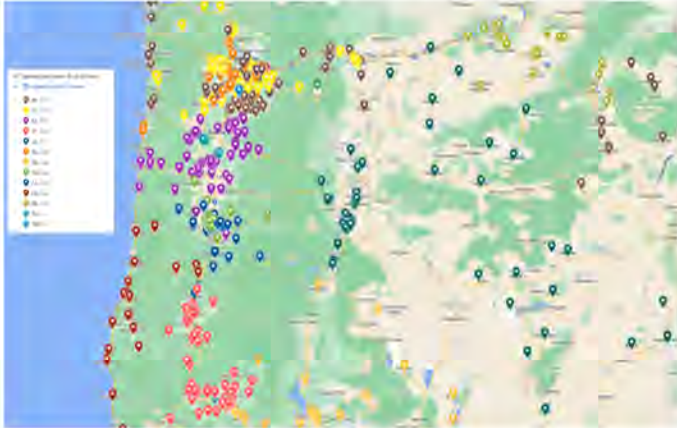
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## School Vision Screening 2023-24

### Improving Vision for Students Across the State



#### Helping Students See Better in 2023-24

In MD-36, over 160,000 students got their eyes checked, and more than 28,000 were referred for further help. That's about 18% of students screened. Statewide, we're aiming for over 163,000 screenings by June, with 29,000+ referrals. These screenings are a big step in making sure students can see well and succeed in school.

#### Looking Forward to the Future!

Next school year, we'll be back in Beaverton and Salem Keizer School Districts, screening even more students. We're hoping to reach over 200,000 screenings statewide. That's a big goal, but with everyone's help, we know we can do it!

### Are You Interested in Being a School Vision Screening Event Manager?

Your Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation is looking for several people who want an exciting, unique part time job. Our SVS Event Managers conduct school based vision screening events under the direction of our SVS team. **If you'd like to learn more about the role, please email us at [employment@olshf.org](mailto:employment@olshf.org) to express your interest.**

#### JOB OVERVIEW

- Pre-, post- and on site coordination of school vision screening events and occasionally community health screenings.
- Scheduling and coordination for all events including event locations, OLSHF public relations, update and distribute event materials, assist event partners with volunteer and community recruitment and relations.
- Data tracking including event information, community partners and volunteers, screening event results, vehicle needs and maintenance, event evaluations, as well as supplies, materials and equipment inventories.
- Deliver program services using a company or personal vehicle in accordance with Oregon law and OLSHF guidelines.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

- Coordinate travel arrangements, fueling, maintenance, and vehicle usage during scheduled events.
- At each event site, direct parking, set-up and take down of screening equipment.
- Train available volunteers to provide screenings for either school or community events.
- Supervise volunteers as they interact with event attendees to ensure quality and accuracy of screenings.
- Troubleshoot equipment and/or arrange repair as necessary.
- Manage the screening data and results through our digitally based systems and protocols.
- Represent the OLSHF in a positive manner during screening events, including adherence to OLSHF and event host COVID-19 protocols.
- Ensure operational compliance with OLSHF policies, guidelines, and standard operating procedures for each event.



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## 2024 Lions Conventions: Highlights

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**MD-36 G  
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2024**



**MD-36** May 17th + 18th

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CC Phyllis Carlin



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## The Dalles Lion Elt Fadness Receives His 50-year Chevron

On March 19, the Dalles Lions Club celebrated Lion Elt Fadness for his 50 years of service in The Dalles by presenting him his 50 year Chevron along with a letter from Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill. Lion Elt has brought numerous new members into our Club and his dedication to Lionism is a credit to his service to his community.



Lion Elt's cake.

Back row: (l-r) Lions Kathy Emmons, Al Wynn, Bob McFadden, Mike Kilkenny, Jim Wilcox, Ethan Wray and Dave Congdon. Front row: (l-r) Lions Terry Emmons, Carolyn Layson, Elt Fadness, Laurie Fadness and Grandson Oscar Powell.

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## The Dalles Lions Hold Annual Induction Dinner

On March 19, 2024 at the Beautiful Historic Granada Theater in Historic Downtown The Dalles, The Dalles Lions Club initiated 4 new members bringing our total to 90 members. We had a potluck dinner and then did our induction with Lions Al Wynn and Jim Wilcox officiating with the Ceremony.



(l-r) Lions Al Wynn, Jim Wilcox, Ethan Wray, Dan Richardson, Carolyn Layson, Rena Hunley, Annette Byers, Jeff Stiles, Nikki Lesich and Gene Parker.



(l-r) Lions Rose Mays, Jim Wilcox, Dan Richardson, Ethan Wray, Rena Hunley, Carolyn Layson, Annette Byers, Jeff Stiles, Gene Parker and Nikki Lesich.

The Dalles Lions has a very unique induction ceremony that was developed by Lion Gus Weigelt many many years ago and has been used ever since then. Our custom podium that is used was made by our own Lion Bill Hamilton and each letter of Lions is switched on individually explaining what Lions represent.

*both articles submitted by Mike Kilkenny*

## Pendleton Lions Induct New Member

The newest member of the Pendleton Lions Club, Johnny Stuveland, was inducted on February 15, 2024. He was accompanied by Hailey Kendrick, his fiancé. She is expected to be our next new member as she will be sponsored by Alan Kendrick (her grandfather and a Lion of 57 years). He was inducted by PDG Bill Taylor and PDG John Taylor.



(l-r) PDG Bill Taylor, Johnny Stuveland and PDG John Taylor.



Lion Alan Kendrick.

*submitted by Risa Rigger*

## Eugene Bethel Lions Hear from Mindy Bean Activities Coordinator from Camp Millennium



Mindy Bean, Activities Coordinator for Camp Millennium.

The Eugene Bethel Lions club meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at Putters Entertainment Center on Highway 99 at 6pm. We schedule speakers from the community at each meeting. March 26 was no exception, the guest speaker for that meeting was Mindy Bean, Activities Coordinator from Camp Millenium in Roseburg, OR. She recently joined the Roseburg Lions club. She will also be attending the District Convention in Bandon, OR.

Camp Millenium is a camp that focuses on children with cancer. They sponsor a camp from June 23 to June 30. The theme for the week is "Down on the Farm." It is a time for the campers to be themselves and enjoy a week of activities such as: hiking, fishing, archery, swimming, arts and crafts, horseback riding and several other surprises.

The entire week is free for the campers. Parents are encouraged to seek support through Camp Millenium. Donations are always accepted to help finance the non-profit camp.

*submitted by Gerald Oliver*

## Florence Siuslaw Lions Club Is Keeping Busy!

Florence Siuslaw Lions Club was busy in February and March at their meetings collecting diapers and pull-ups from our members for the Pregnancy and Parenting Center in Florence. A great way to give back to parents with youth in our community!

Our Club partnered with the Lane County OSU Extension Service 4H Program Coordinator (a recent speaker at our club). They also offered to promote this and provided a generous donation of diapers and pull-ups to us as well.



On April 2, three Lions from our Club delivered all of the diapers to the Pregnancy & Parenting Center, in time for their diaper give-away event in April. It certainly was a worthwhile endeavor for our Club. We also thanked the OSU 4-H program coordinator.

*submitted by Jan Wilbur*

## Tualatin Lions 51st Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a HIT!

For the 51st year in a row (including a creative thing during the pandemic), the Tualatin Lions pulled off another giant Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th, 2024.

In partnership with Scout Troop 530, the Lions prepped for months in advance, doing PR and media, cleaning the “bunny suit” and making sure there were enough plastic Easter Eggs. As always, the City of Tualatin Parks Department was just waiting for the Lions to reserve the big green, grassy Tualatin Community Park for the event and the permit was handed right over. 10 days before the Hunt, the Scouts of Troop 530 filled hundreds of zip-lock bags of safe (quasi-healthy) Easter treats, all ready for the Hunters.



(l-r) PCC Brad King, Lance Lewallen, Norm Dannemiller, Stacy Lewallen, Jackie Dannemiller, Eileen Weinstein, Laura King and Ed Casey (with Jack, the Easter Bunny).



Ady Alvarez is one of our vision impaired friends.



(l-r) Lilly Morris (Miss Washington County), Kimberley Robinson (Mrs. Washington County), the Easter Bunny and PCC Brad King.

On the morning of Saturday, March 30th, after a hearty “bacon and eggs” breakfast the Lions and Scouts descended on Community Park and mapped out the 5 hunting areas and conducted a quality patrol for K9 ... stuff.

Shortly after noon, families and their Hunters began arriving at the park and at 12:15PM, Jack, the Easter Bunny, arrived to raucous cheers and a full  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour of posing for photos. The Tualatin Lions welcomed special guests, Miss Washington County, Lilly Morris and Mrs. Washington County, Kimberly Robinson who came to help Easter Bunny count down each group of Hunters.

Lion Ed Casey worked wonders with the Lions Club popcorn popper, selling many \$1 bags of popcorn to families. Families also made cash donations and donations of non-perishable food, all going to support the Tualatin Lions “Back-Pack Buddies” lunch program.



5 and 6 year old group out searching for treats.



Lion Ed Casey Popcornng!

Hunts started promptly at 1:00PM beginning with the Beeping Easter Egg Hunt for the Lions vision impaired friends followed in sequence by the Toddlers-2-year-olds; the 3-4-year-olds; the 5-6-year-olds and finally the big kids, the 7-8-year olds. Every Hunter traded in the eggs they collected (all empty) for a bag of Easter treats from the Troop 530 Scouts and 2 Hunters in each age group traded “special” eggs to the Lions for a big prize basket. Following tradition, hunts were all concluded at 1:15PM. KATU, Channel 2 was on hand, filming the hunts for the 11:00PM news!

The Tualatin Lions and the Scouts of Troop 530 are already looking forward to Easter Egg Hunt 2025!

Follow these pages for more fun service from the merry pranksters of the Mighty Tualatin Lions Club: [tualatinlions@gmail.com](mailto:tualatinlions@gmail.com)

*submitted by PCC Brad King*

As published in the Hermiston Herald on April 5, 2024, by Tammy Malgesini

## Lions Club Spreads Easter Joy for Children with Special Needs

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Lions Club organized a special Easter egg hunt for children with disabilities March 30 at Riverfront Park, Hermiston.

According to a press release from Weston Putman, of the Lions Club, more than 100 children and family members participated in the event, which featured nearly 1,000 eggs. The annual event focuses on providing an inclusive and accessible space for children with special needs to join the holiday festivities. Club members volunteer to ensure that each child feels included and supported throughout the event.

Participants prepare for an Easter egg hunt for families and children with special needs, coordinated by the Hermiston Lions Club on March 30, 2024, at Riverfront Park, Hermiston. As part of the festivities, club volunteers dressed as the Easter bunny and the famous Hermiston Lion.



“Our annual Easter egg hunt is not just about finding eggs, it’s about creating moments of happiness and belonging for children in our community,” Carol Gilbert, Hermiston Lion and event coordinator, said. “Seeing the smiles on the faces of these children reaffirms the importance of our commitment to inclusivity and compassion.”

Putnam said the Easter egg hunt exemplifies the spirit of unity and generosity that defines the community. Through the dedication of volunteers and the support of local businesses, he said the event was a “resounding success,” leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.

Members of the Hermiston Lions Club are committed to serving the Hermiston community and beyond. For more information, search Facebook via [bit.ly/4965yzn](https://bit.ly/4965yzn).

*submitted by Phil Hamm  
photo by Lion Weston Putman*

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## Cloverdale Nestucca Lions Hold Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Each year the Cloverdale Nestucca Lions hold an Easter egg hunt. This year we had a booth set up so the children could get a picture with the Easter bunny and a gift bag. The Fire crew came and the children were able to use the fire hoses and climb onto the fire engine and learn what all the controls did. A great time was had by all!



(l-r) The Easter Bunny (Karri Oeder) and Fire Chief (Jim Oeder).



(l-r) President Dorothy Gann, Corrine Paratore, Fred Whittlinger, Kim Kirkwood, Treasurer Teresa Smith, Sandy Hanneman-Mobley and Norma Goss.



Fire Crew with the Easter Bunny.

*submitted by Norma Goss  
Oregon Lion May 2024*

## Fun Portland Bentham Lions Club 70th Anniversary Banquet

On Sunday, April 21, the Portland Bentham Lions celebrated their 70th Anniversary with 45 people attending. We were honored that one of our founders, Sam Naito, was there to receive special recognition.



(l-r) Frank Fujitani (Bentham member) received special recognition. There's also Rich Iwasaki (Bentham member) and Janet Fujitani.

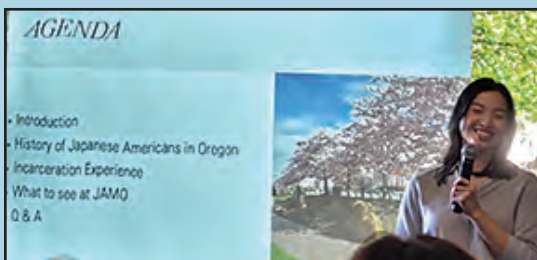


Gayland Rogers (Bentham member) received special recognition.



PDG Don Roach, Bentham Lion, gave a great history of our club.

The keynote speaker was Lauren Sadataki from the Japanese American Museum of Oregon. She showed photos of the tragic years that Japanese Americans were incarcerated in internment camps during WWII. And how Japanese Americans have become important in our country.



Lauren Sadataki (Japanese American Museum of Oregon) was our keynote speaker.

Our Portland Bentham Club has a rich cultural connection to the local Japanese community as our founders were mostly Japanese businessmen. Even though they were in internment camps during the war, they decided in 1954 to join together with non-Asians to create a unique Lions Club. They named it after Jeremy Bentham, a 19th Century British philosopher who said that people ought to do the “greatest good for the greatest number.”

We appreciate the non-Bentham Lions who attended and supported our celebration.

Many thanks to the banquet planning committee: Bentham Lions members Isaac Tevet, Don Roach, Bill Loos, Steve Thomson, Rich Iwasaki, and associate member Dale Rollins.

*submitted by PDG Bert Diamond, Bentham Club member*