

2024- 2025
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Board Members:
LIONS

1 year
Chuck Blanchard
Bruce Curtis
Connieehlman
Jim Mueller

2 years



Eugene Downtown Lions
District 36-R



April LIONS TALE 2025

March Board Meeting:

The EDLC held its March Board meeting on March 11, 2025 via Zoom meeting.

Lion Officers attending: President Jim Origliosso, IPP & Tail Twister Jimmy Koch, Secretary Karen Norton, Treasurer Kathy Hinson, 1st VP Liz Roberts; 2nd VP Ted Fox; 3rd VP Sandi Patton.

Board of Directors present: Lions all: Sharon Newton, Bruce Curtis, Teri Yerton, Jim Mueller, Connie Fehlman

Absentees, Lions all : Ed McMahon, Chuck Blanchard, Jim Arscott, Tom McCann

Guests, Lions all: Monica Tarrant Kratzke and Susan Pfanner.

Note: April's board meeting on April 8th will be held at the Curtis's house in Eugene. There will be food. Contact Bruce or Tandy if you plan to attend and need their address.

Membership Discussion:

- Fundraising Project Status Reports
- Action on new member applications
- Chamber of Commerce Membership
- Pat and Annie Picnic
- Lion Club Surveys
- Upcoming events – Old business – New business

-- Installation Dinner will be June 26th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield

-- Mohawk Valley Lions Club next meeting is Wednesday April 9th at 5pm. Contact Cassidy Vassallo <cassidyvassallo20@gmail.com>

EDLC Meeting – March 5:

The first March EDLC meeting was held on March 5, 2025 at the Mission. District Governor Linda Stent was the guest speaker. Reports were given by the Committee Chairs

Topics discussed: Nominations for 2025- 2026 Officers and Board, Member Survey, Fundraising Dinner and raffle updates.

EDLC Meeting – March 19:

The second March EDLC meeting was held on March 19, 2025 at the Mission. (Lions Bruce and Tandy's 42nd wedding anniversary). ❤️

Topic discussed: **Pat and Annie Picnic Announcement**, **Rejoining Chamber of Commerce**, Approved and Ready to Approve new members and **Installation Dinner update**.

The guest speaker was Cynthia Cuevas from Hope and Safety Alliance (formerly known as Women's Space). Hope and Safety Alliance is a 24-hour crisis and supports trauma for all survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Support includes housing, food and supplies, peer counseling and transportation. The number of people they have helped in the Eugene, Springfield and Cottage Grove areas is astounding. The mission is to protect, shelter, and empower people impacted by domestic violence; and to promote social change to end violence for our communities.

Hope and Safety Alliance can be reached at – Office: 541-485-8232. Crisis line: 541-485-6513 or 800-281-2800.

Pat and Annie Picnic: Save the Date for Pat & Annie Picnic

'Focus on Fellowship' is the theme for Eugene Downtown Lions Club's annual Pat & Annie Picnic for blind and visually impaired people, to be held: JULY 26, 2025 (12 – 2:30pm) at Emerald Park Shelter #2 1400 Lake Drive Eugene, OR 97404. RSVP to: (541) 735-5959.

--Keep the Promise for Non-Profits

Lions are the largest service club in the world. Preserving sight and preventing blindness has been the longest and strongest project for Lions Clubs worldwide. First, on what would be Helen Keller's 145th birthday (June 27, 2025) you can donate toward the goal of \$1,450 for Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's 'Keep the Promise' (KTP) campaign.

--Online giving will open 06/27/2025 at: 4:50pm. In-person giving will begin at 5:00pm at the Eugene Downtown Lions Club's Awards and Installation Banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn at 3528 Gateway Street, Springfield, OR 97477. The KTP Campaign will wrap up at 1:00pm on the day of the picnic. Incoming Lion President Liz Roberts will provide results of the campaign during Pat & Annie Picnic on the 26th of July.

--Volunteer to 'Focus on Fellowship'

I look forward to hearing from everyone who would like to attend +/- or help with the Pat & Annie Picnic +/- or KTP Campaign. Tasks include: Signage & Set-up; Set-up Food Service area; BBQ area for 'Kat's Dogs'; Beverage Serving; Greet and Seat guests; Buss tables; assist if guests request more; Servers; Escorts to assist in plating lunch for guests; Transport guests to and from picnic; Loan an ice chest, wagon +/- or a folding table; Clean-up. Thank you for 'Focusing on Fellowship', Lions Kat Chinn & Robin Yozzo & Susan Pfanner, chair. Lisa Sansevere, (SWACB member)

Rejoining Chamber of Commerce: The board has been discussing rejoining the Eugene Chamber of Commerce. The board will be voting on whether to rejoin or not during the next board meeting on March 11, 2025.

Installation Dinner Update: Our Installation Dinner will be June 27th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield. It is also Helen Keller's birthday.

Cottage Grove Lion's Club Food Drive the third weekend in July.

After the meeting, committees met and glasses were sorted. Thank you to all who collect, sort, pack and help support the Lion Recycling.



Chair: Lion Tom McCann

April 7 – Lions Norma and Monica
April 14 – Lions Chuck and Ted
April 21 – Lions Jim O. and Ed Mc.
April 28 – Lions Newt and Tom

May 5 – Lions Karen and Carol
May 12 – Lions Norma and Monica
May 19 – Lions Chuck and Ted
May 26 – Holiday

March Volunteer Newsletter front page. Contact Tom McCann if you'd like to read this newsletter.

Volunteer Newsletter & Updates March 2025

MEALS *on* WHEELS EUGENE

FOOD For Lane County

March Closures
Friday, March 21st - Furlough

**Expanding Your Impact:
Volunteer with Our Partner Program!**

At Meals on Wheels of Eugene, we're deeply grateful for our volunteers who bring meals and companionship to homebound seniors every day. Now, imagine the difference we could make by reaching even more people! Our partner, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG), provides Meals on Wheels services in surrounding communities like Coburg, Junction City, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Creswell, and more. By volunteering with LCOG, you can extend your kindness beyond Eugene and support even more neighbors in need.

Why Volunteer Beyond Eugene?

- Make a Bigger Impact – If you love giving back, why not expand your reach? Volunteering with LCOG connects you with even more people who rely on these vital meals.
- Same Process, New Neighborhood – Already a Meals on Wheels volunteer? Great! LCOG's program follows the same procedures as you're already trained and ready to go.

Area Lion Club Visitations: Co-Chairs: LionsTom McCann & Sharon Newton

Bethel Club held at Putters on Route 99 on March 25th.
Lions attending the Bethel Lions meeting at Putters on 3/25
Jim Origliosso
Tom McCann
Sandi Patton
Jimmy Koch
Connie Fehlman (now eligible for her Blue Badge)

Presentation by Food for Lane County

Bethel Lions purchased a table of 8 at EDL "over the Rainbow Dinner/Auction

Lots of Raffle tickets sold by both EDL and Springfield Lions

Mohawk Lions April 9 @ 5pm call for dinner reservation

Mohawk Valley Lions Club next meeting is Wednesday April 9th at 5pm. It will be a dinner meeting with a brief agenda on business. We would like to get RSVPs head counts from any Eugene Downtown Lions that plan to attend. Our coordinator is waiting to see some numbers to be able to plan and shop. Menu for that night: Meat pie, Salad, Home made rolls, Boyfriend blueberry cake

Food Rescue/Food for Lane County: Lion Jim Newton Chair

Attendees: Lions Karen, Sandi, Newt, and Kat at Food for Lane County on March 12.

Four Lions showed up for Food Rescue on Wednesday, March 12. In addition, Lion Diane Gregoire dropped off some paper sacks for Food for Lane as requested.

Joined by a spirited church youth group, the Lions packed 350 pounds of restaurant food.

Afterward, the Lions stuck around to wrap and store clean food containers for future use. Lions Karen and Kat supervised the dishwasher area.

This is one of the club's longest standing service projects, and fits the Lions' mission perfectly. We could definitely use more participation on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.



Events – (sent by Lion JimO)

Wine Party Bus Social was organized by Connie Fehlman

On Friday March 28. The following Lions (and guests) met at Target on West 11th

Jim and Bonnie Mueller

Sandi Patton

Jim Origliosso and guest Peter Asai

Chuck Blanchard

Connie Fehlman and her shadow guests John and ???

The weather was showery with rainbows in between for the trip to Sarver where we drank a lot of wine and then to Lavelle where we drank a bunch more... by the end of the trip we were all whooping it up about Ducks Women's basketball and having an outrageously good time.

Fundraising: Lions Jimmy Koch, Connie Fehlman, Monica Kratzke

*--Spaghetti Feed and Auction: Monica Kratzke (flyer included towards the end of this newsletter)
Lion Monica reporting that the plans and preparations are going well. As of 3/25, 71 seats have been spoken for. Potential for more tables to be available to be sold. Great line up of auction items and dessert auction. This is a really fun event! Come join us! Reach out to Lion Monica to purchase a table or some seats.*

*--Mother's/ Father's Day Raffle: Jimmy Koch (flyer included towards the end of this newsletter)
Lion Jimmy spoke to project status at last Lions meeting. Ticket sales are in progress. The drawing will be May 1 at Claim 52. First winner will be able to choose either the Mother's Day or Father's Day package. Second winner will receive the second prize. Sell tickets!!!*

--Bottle drop: Jim Mueller. It sounds like this project is almost complete. I apologize. I don't have any details about the current status.



Heartfelt House: Lion Robin Yozzo

YIPPEE!!! - 29 days & counting until Eugene Marathon weekend!! April is next week....

Huge Thanks to the 29 volunteers that have signed up already to help us out...please reach out to family and friends to help us cover the other 30 open slots!!!

WE CAN DO THIS, TEAM RMHC!!!!

<https://vhub.at/RMHC>

Sure do appreciate you all ❤️

**With Heartfelt Thanks,
Robin Yozzo,
Guest Services Director**

Vision Screening: Lions Chuck Blanchard

**We do not anticipate any more vision screenings until next school year. The only school that may request a screening is Oak Hill School. We do not yet have a request from them.
Chuck**

Low Vision Support Group: Lion Susan Pfanner

A new Low Vision Support Group in the South Willamette Valley area sponsored by the American Council of the Blind of Oregon (ACB of OR) will be chartered as the "Southern Willamette Chapter" on Friday April 18, 2025. Any amount above \$1450 that is raised during the KTP campaign shall be donated to the Southern Willamette Chapter of the American Council of the Blind of Oregon. OLSHF is a non-profit organization and SWCACB will be a non-profit organization. Therefore, monetary contributions are tax deductible. If you want to give to one organization and not the other, please note which one in the memo line on your check or while giving in person.

The next Low Vision Support Group meeting will be held on Saturday April 5th at 1:00pm in the meeting room at Holiday Sheldon Oaks Retirement Living, 2525 Cal Young Road, Eugene, OR 97401.

Sight and Hearing Committee: Lions present were: Susan Pfanner, Dr. Arbow, Sharon Newton, Chuck Blanchard, Ted Fox, Kathy Hinson, Mark Myers (Tyler Fund...Florence Siulaw), Jim Mueller(Hawn Fund)

March Sight & Hearing Meeting 3/5/25

Eyeglasses and/or frames, exam

Accepted:

16 (which includes two awaiting interview)

Discussion:

Cost for Transition lenses

Low Vision Kits

Hawn Fund

Tyler Fund payments

Working with Junction City to supply patient care.

Hearing

Accepted:

1

The Membership and Retention Committee: Lion Jim Newton

The March meeting of the EDLC Membership Committee was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 3/4/25. All members were present.

There were no additions or corrections to last month's minutes.

Our first item was an update on the status of incoming members:

Tandy Curtis has paid her dues and filled out the form. Lion Newt has it and will pass it on to Lion Karen at tomorrow's club meeting. Tandy's membership was approved by the board in February.

Jim Cole is not yet official because he has not paid his dues. Lion Karen noted that he contributed \$100 at the Santa Breakfast for raffle tickets.

Alex Huse has filled out his form and paid his dues, but he needs to be approved by the Board.

Kris Maegher has not been attending due to a death in her family and she should resume attending, according to Lion Susan.

Lion Monica's mom, Tina, IS joining. None of us knew Tina's last name, but she is in the process of joining.

Lion Newt will print copies of the "Invitation to Join the EDLC" document and will also see if we have copies of the tri-fold. These two should be available to hand out to prospective new members at the Spaghetti Dinner.

We discussed the Board's idea of having a third club meeting of each month to be held in the evening at a place other than the Mission. Lion Chuck suggested that we create a "Branch Club" because these people would still be part of our club and the charter would require as few as five

people. These and other matters will be discussed and debated by the Board. Our reaction as a Committee was very positive. Anything which would allow people who work days to join our club could really help us. Lion Susan suggested the idea of a "Specialty Club," but agreed that this would require a higher minimum number of members than a "Branch Club."

Lion Newt noted that we have been getting a good response to "This Week in Lions," including having three Lions add additional information to the club on the Raffle and Spaghetti Dinner.

Lion Newt also noted that Lions Tandy, Monica, Kat, and Jimmy are all taking on major jobs for the clubs, signaling a shift in the leadership of the club. We all agree that this is a good and necessary development.

We noted that several of our members are in poor health which is a strong reason for us to keep adding new, younger members.

Lion Susan is approaching a woman named Josephine, employed by the Oregon Council for the Blind, about joining the club. Susan is optimistic that this person will join.

Lion Karen announced that one of her goals as incoming District Governor is to secure a District-wide "Marketing Grant," focusing on radio and/or TV spots highlighting Lions Clubs in the District.

Lion President Jim O told us that he would be presenting a slate of candidates for club officers at tomorrow's meeting and shared it with the committee. The committee was very enthusiastic at the inclusion of many of our newer members as officers and Board members.

Lion Jim also mentioned that Lion Ted will be distributing a survey at tomorrow's club meeting to be filled out by members.

We discussed the continuing concern about making sure that members who need rides to our meetings are connected with drivers willing to provide rides.

Respectfully Submitted, Lion Newt

New Members:

Alex Hughes approved by the Board

Tina Tarrant calendared to be approved in April

April Birthdays

1.....Lion Judith Grosennick

2.....Lion Jan Sohlman

10...Lion Walt (Babe) Curtis

16...Lion Robin Yozzo

20...Lion Karen Norton

27...Lion Tom McCann

29... Lions Connie Fehlman and Liz Roberts

May Birthdays

1.....Lion Bruce Curtis

3.....Lion Kris Meaghrer

13...Lion Jane Olbekson
19...Lion Teri Yerton
24...Lion Patty Star
27...Lion Diane Gregoire
27...Lion Jim Arscott

Health and Wellness: Lion Diane Landon (reported by Lion Sharon)

Norma B fell and hurt her knee
Kat C has shingles and a cough
Marie B is getting her pacemaker as we speak
Lion Liz reported Cindy H is seriously ill with brain issues

Hope you all have a speedy recovery

Messages from Governor Karen

This is a Heartfelt Message to Lions of District 36R,

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

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

I got into Lions on my 1st club visit. I enjoyed the camaraderie & it has not changed in the 13 years since I joined. From the beginning I felt free to choose what interested me the most.

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

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

As 1st Vice District Governor, I was asked to choose 2 of our initiatives to focus on. That was a tall order. My choices were Youth, Vision, Humanitarian, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Disaster Relief and Diabetes. My choices are Youth & Hunger. However, one of my goals is to find ways to support all of our initiatives in different ways. After all, all clubs are different with different wants & needs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours in Service,

District Governor Elect (DGE) Lion Karen Norton

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Greetings Eugene Downtown Lions,

Since I am your District Governor Elect for 2025-26, I decided that the only way I was going to meet other Lions & get new ideas prior to becoming District Governor, was to visit other clubs and by attending the other 3 District Conventions.

I started with the District E Convention in Central Point on March 21st & 22nd. It was held at the Grange Hall and their theme was Bee the Change You Want to See in the World. One of their speakers was an actual Bee Keeper, which was surprisingly informative. The main speaker was International Past President Brian Sheehan. He was very energetic & his talks made me proud to be a Lion.

I took lots of notes & will share them at our next Membership meeting on April 1st via Zoom. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Lion Newt.

I will be attending District O's convention on March 28th & 29th in McMinnville.

Plus District G's convention on April 4th & 5th in Hood River.

From May 1st to May 4th, Lion JimO & I are attending the Northwest Lions Learning Institute in Post Falls, Idaho.

I'm also attending the Multiple District (MD36) convention in Pendleton from May 15th-18th.

And let's not forget the International Convention in Orlando on July 13th thru July 17th, where I will officially become your District Governor for District 36R.

I tell you all this so that you can have a better understanding of what I am doing to make our District & our Club better for the future. I may not be at a few of our meetings, but my goal will always be to find ways to help my Lions Club.

Thank you for your continued support.

DGE Lion Karen

Happy Easter Every One!!



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- **What kind of jewelry does the Easter Bunny wear?**
14-carrot gold!
- **What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school?**
He was eggspelled!
- **How does the Easter Bunny stay healthy?**
Eggs-ercise, specifically hare-obics!

- Where does the Easter Bunny study medicine?
Johns Hopkins!
- Why did the Easter Bunny have on a hat?
Because he was having a bad hare day!

JOIN THE EUGENE DOWNTOWN LIONS
FOR AN EVENING
SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW



SPAGHETTI DINNER
HOSTED WINE BAR
DESSERT DASH
SILENT AUCTION
LIVE AUCTION
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
TICKETS ... \$30
HEARTFELT HOUSE
116 ST JOSEPH PLACE
SPRINGFIELD, OR 97477



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PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE HEARTFELT HOUSE AND THE EUGENE DOWNTOWN LIONS



Eugene Downtown Lions



Mother / Father Raffle

Ma
Mom
Momma
Mommy
Madre



Mothers Day
May 11th
Fathers Day
June 15th

Padre
Papa
Daddy
Pop
Dad

Tickets \$5.00 Only 2000 tickets will be sold.

♥ Drawing May 1, 2025 ♥

Main Package:

2-night stay at Three Rivers Casino + \$100 voucher, private flight over the Willamette Valley, Gourmet Coffee Package from Main Street Coffee/Cascade Estates

Choose from one:

Mother: Bouquet of Flowers, 90-Minute Massage at Kaleidoscopic Moon, Sarver Winery/My Party Bus Wine Tasting for 4, Hult Center Tickets for 2

Father: Northwest Adventures Half-Day Fly Fishing Trip on the McKenzie River, Lube It Oil Change, \$50 Claim 52 Gift Card, Jerry's Gift Card, Hot Towel Shave by Tim's Trims

THREE RIVERS
CASINO RESORT





LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

April

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lion's club meeting – Guest speaker – Mindy Bell, School Garden Project	3	4	5
6	7	8 Lion's Board Meeting – Curtis's House @6:30 PM	9 EDLC visit to Mohawk Lions	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Lion's club meeting – Guest Speaker – Bring – Rethink Program	17 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraise r & Social	18	19
20 EDLC fundraiser Easter Brunch	21	22 Mother Earth Day	23	24	25	26 Hearfelt House / Eugene Maraton

27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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LIONS STRENGTHEN MEMBERSHIP MONTH

May

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Drawing for Mother's / Father's day Raffle	2	3
4	5	6	7 Lion's club meeting Guest Speaker – Daniel Hiestand, Lane County Waste Reduction Lions Day at the Oregon State Capitol	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Multiple	16 District 36	17 Convention in
18 Pendelton OR	19	20	21 Lion's Club Meeting – Guest Speaker - Stephen Miller, a Jeopardy Contestant	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
