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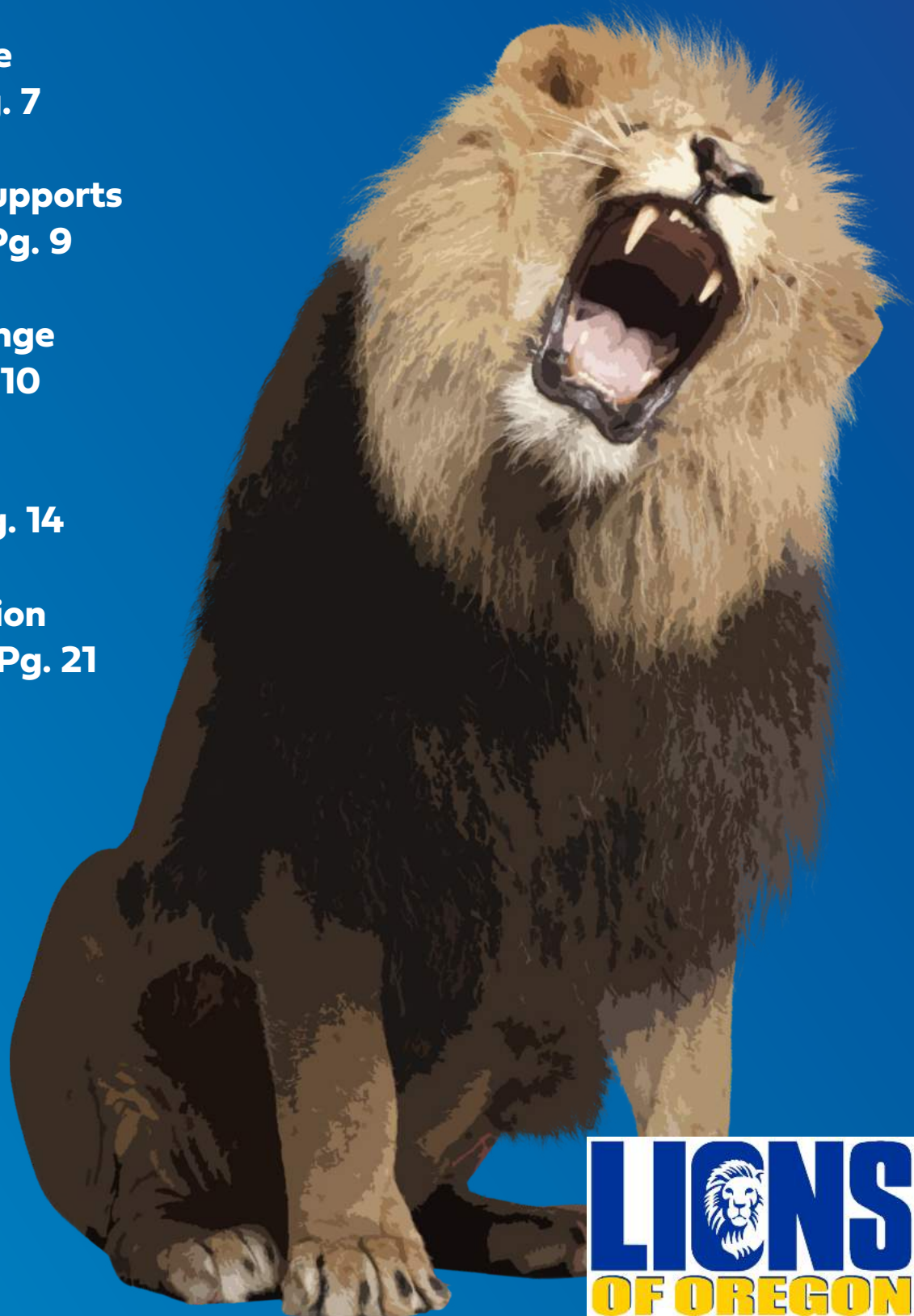
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ANNIVERSARIES

October 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.

Klamath Falls	October 14, 1926
Myrtle Point	October 5, 1928
Roseburg	October 12, 1928
Forest Grove	October 15, 1946
Lake Oswego	October 16, 1946
Florence Siuslaw	October 26, 1948
Milwaukie	October 28, 1948
Springfield	October 10, 1950
St. Helens	October 10, 1955
Jordan Valley	October 13, 1970

DIRECTORY UPDATES

- p. 25 Forest Grove Meets 8:00am on the 3rd Wednesday at Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce.
- p. 46 Island City Club's President Is John Talon.
- p. 77 Tim Arbow's email address is drarbow@peak.org.
- p. 97 John Taylor's address is now 450 John D. Odom, Apt. # 110, Dothan, AL 36303
- p. 38 Ashland Lions Club's address is PO Box 495, Ashland, OR 97520

MONTHLY CALENDARS

Meetings

October

- 12 Dist. E Cab. mtg., 10am, details TBA
- 26 9am-noon, OLSHF Trustee mtg., The Yamhill County Historical Society Museum, 11275 SW Durham Ln McMinnville OR 97128.
- 1pm-4pm Council of Governors mtg., The Yamhill County Historical Society Museum, 11275 SW Durham Ln McMinnville OR 97128.
- 28 SOLSHC Board meeting @ 10:30am

Events

October

- 7 Eyeglass Sorting Party, Keizer Lions Hall, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE @6pm
- 10 The Oregon Lion article deadline (for November issue)

Oregon Lions Submissions

Submit:

1. Article describing the Lions event.
2. Photos should be submitted in the highest quality possible.

Submit articles to:

md36lions@comcast.net

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GREETINGS LIONS OF MULTIPLE-DISTRICT 36, as a close friend and fellow Lion often says It's a great day to be a Lion. Indeed, it is, I love serving my community as each of you Lions do. I love belonging to the Lions of multiple district 36 Oregon & Northern California. I love belonging to the world's largest service organization the Lions.

Our multiple-district has a great opportunity for membership growth this Lions year. We have District Governors committed to membership growth and retention within their districts. We have District Governors that want to build a legacy, to move forward, upward and onward, to have fun being a Lion and knowing more members means more service.

Lions International last month held a Mission 1.5 summit training in Orlando Florida. There we met with other Lions from within our constitutional area 1 and leaders from LCI. We shared ways to have membership growth, to build new clubs. Having round tables with other districts collaborating ideas. We were very surprised that our constitutional area has not had a net gain in membership for forty years. It was also interesting that districts struggle as our multiple-district does.

We had a couple of questions presented to us during the summit.

1. Do you love being a Lion?
2. Are you willing to let Lionism die with you?

The answer is yes, I love being a Lion and No I'm not

willing to let Lionism die with me. So, what are we Lions of the multiple district 36 going to do about it? The answer lies in us inviting our non-member friends, family and associates to come help us change someone's life, come help us strengthen our community come help us serve and make a difference.

There is a sign I see as I enter Keizer that has inscribed SPIRIT, PRIDE & VOLINTEERISM.

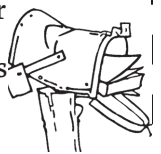
I believe each one of you Lions shows these traits every day as a Lion member. Each one of you Lions should sense a belonging as a member as you serve your community. You belong to the Lions pride, and they take care of those around them. When kind and like-minded people gather to serve others, beautiful things happen. Lion members are like minded men and women that give of their time and volunteer to make a difference where they live. I ask each of you Lions of MD36 to support and join your District Governors as we continue forward with membership growth. I remember Past International President Lion Doug Alexander often saying (EACH ONE BRING ONE). Just imagine if each member asked one person to join the Lions family how much service we could provide. Fellow Lions, the future of Lionism lies in our hands. Are we willing to let it die with us? I hope your answer is NO. Lets work as a team and make our mark for the future. As Henry Ford once said about teamwork."

"Coming together is the beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success."

SERVING FROM THE HEART, TOGETHER MAKING OUR MARK AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
Council Chair Lion Lynn MD36

Are You Moving? Have You Moved?

MD-36 will need a few days to change your address. Please provide name along with your former address and your new address and send it to us. You can e-mail it to us at md36lions@comcast.net. You can also mail it to us at PO Box 457, Klamath Falls, OR 97601



District O - Northwest - North Coast



District O Governor's Column Carrie Bartley

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HELLO FELLOW LIONS! Several of us just returned from the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. I cannot recommend this event ENOUGH; it is worth every penny and then some. I would encourage all clubs to try to find funds in their admin account to help send one or two of your members to this yearly event that rotates around North America. Next year's event will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 18-20. Start planning now, you won't regret it!

So why is this a big deal? Attending the Forum isn't just about attending training sessions, it is about networking and meeting Lions from all over the world. Sharing information, learning from one another, getting new ideas and socializing is just the tip of the iceberg- this event is Lionism at its finest. To give you an idea, we sat and talked with Lions from Canada, Texas, Wisconsin, Delaware, Iowa, California, Colorado, and more at the meals.

Some of the highlights for me:

Being surrounded by 2000+ like-minded people who want to improve and help their community is itself inspiring. Learning Sessions that cover all kinds of topics- my favorites included the session on online fundraising and using Artificial Intelligence to help our clubs. Lion David and I hope to have a Zoom training about using AI and ChatGPT. What you can do and how technology can save time and energy in promoting our clubs are impressive. Let me know if you'd be interested!

The guest speakers are always high quality and two stood out to me this year, the first being motivational speaker Sam Glenn (<https://www.samglenn.com/> and <https://www.samglennart.com/>). If you need a chuckle and a smile, I highly recommend you check him out online and on YouTube- he is hilarious. The second speaker I want to highlight is Randy Pierce, a few Lions from New Hampshire. When he was 22 he lost the majority of his vision within two weeks due to a neurological disease. He talked about overcoming the odds with his guide dogs and how it led to him hiking mountains, running marathons and so much more. He was very inspiring and a great speaker. (<https://futureinsight.org/randypierce/>)

I know the cost can be prohibitive, but I hope more Lions try to attend future Forums with some planning. Dates for future events: September 18-20, 2025 Atlantic City, New

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District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



District R Governor's Column Linda Stent

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I'M SURE MOST OF YOU HAVE HEARD THE EXPRESSION "GAT" and then wondered "what is a GAT?" GAT is the Global Action Team. It is made up of the Global Service Team (GST), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Leadership Team (GLT), and Global Extension Team (GET).

Oh boy, more acronyms . . .

GAT. This is the group that oversees four vital District areas: Service, Membership, Leadership, and Extension. The GAT is comprised of the Team Coordinators and members of each of their teams. The GAT Chair for District 36-R is myself. I am responsible for providing leadership and guidance to ensure the successful implementation of GAT initiatives. I can be contacted at stentlinda47@gmail.com.

GST. The GST Chair is Lion PCC Rod Bach. He is responsible for enhancing service activities and projects to increase the impact of Lions in our communities. He has several documents with suggestions for service activities that can help your club reach out to community in new and innovative ways. Lion Rod can be contacted at rodbach@gmail.com.

GMT. The GMT Chair is Lion CC Lynn Coon. He is responsible for focusing on strategies to revitalize existing clubs with new members and remotivating current members. Our District has been losing members at a rapid rate. He is more than willing to work with you to determine what causes these losses and how to correct them. Lion Lynn can be contacted at boston1@centurylink.net.

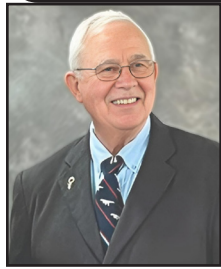
GLT. The GLT Chair is Lion Fran Silbernagel. She is responsible for developing and supporting leadership initiatives to build strong, innovative leaders within the District. She has already presented two officers training and a zone chair training and will be following up with those Lions who were not able to attend those trainings. Lynn Fran can be contacted at fscamac@yahoo.com.

GET. I am the GET Chair. This is a new LCI position this year. It specifically focuses on extension efforts, supporting the development of new clubs and membership growth. If you have ideas for a new club (think branch clubs, specialty clubs) or the possibility of reviving a former closed club, please contact me at stentlinda47@gmail.com.

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees and helping out in these vital District areas, please contact the appropriate Committee Chair. We appreciate your support!

DG Linda Stent
The Oregon Lion

District E - Southern - South Coast



District E Governor's Column

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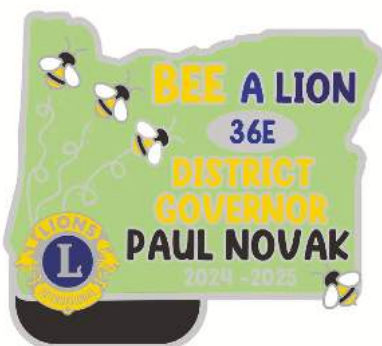
AS LIONS OUR MOTTO IS WE SERVE, and we are all located in Southern Oregon and Northern California. As I am reaching out to the Clubs in 36E, I have found out how busy we all are, reports from the Clubs and the Zone and Region Chairpersons show the projects that are going in 36E, from Crescent City, California up the coast to Coos Bay our Western Boundary, Ashland to Sutherland our Central Area, and Dorris California to Lakeview our Eastern Area. Projects include Food Booths, Street Fairs, Wine Walks, Plant Sales, Garage Sales, Can Drives, Highway Clean-ups, Candy Sales, Eye Glass drives, Lions Information Booths and much, much more. We need these activities to raise money so we can continue funding the Service Projects we have and getting the Lions name out there. And I am happy to see more and more clubs are helping each other and supporting these projects.

We are just starting our Eye Screening program, while screening our youth, we get a good feeling knowing those needing attention can go to an Eye Clinic and the Lions will defray the cost if needed.

Coming up, many of the clubs have "Flags for 1st graders, another project that warms my heart. That is what our Service is all about. But let's share these good feeling we get and invite other to join in our projects as Lions or volunteers. You know we may have to ask 1, 2, 3 or more times, and once they join, we need to get them involved. Remember we must be open to the ideas they have.

I want to thank all of you for your dedication to serving others. Let's make our MARK with service from the HEART and BEE a true Lion.

Paul Novak District Governor



District G- Central - Eastern Oregon



District G Governor's Column

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AS A NEW YEAR OF LIONISM SETTLES IN, many clubs have varied awards ceremonies or informal gatherings such as BBQs, banquets, dinners, etc. It is a fun and rewarding time to look back at our accomplishments from the past year and honor those in our clubs who took an office or led an event that their club holds in their communities. Our events are special and unique to each community for various reasons and go back a few years or many decades in some cases. We don't want to let our communities down or disappoint younger kids growing up and beginning to experience these fun times. Yes, it's fun for the public and work for us Lions. We put in many long hours during some of these events following many planning and coordinating meetings. We do it because WE CARE, we understand the meaning of 'community' and we enjoy the smiles and fun it brings to many generations ... past, current and future.

Is your club in danger of no longer being able to carry on these events or functions because it is falling on just a few of the active or able Lions in your club? Many of our clubs have aging members who can no longer help like they used to. And I know they feel bad when a request goes out for help needed at this or that event. Remember, they have served for many years and earned the rest. They should have no feeling of guilt when they can't answer the call to serve. I don't want any long time Lion feeling that way. If your club has that aura then there is no better time than now to go out and ask an individual if they would like to be a Lion. So many times, I have heard the following statement when the question is asked of a prospective Lion ... Why are you not a Lion? ... the answer ... Because I've never been asked! Yes, it's that simple, they are just waiting to be asked! Many future Lions are in our communities and they live next to you, work daily beside you, wait on you at your favorite grocery store or restaurant or are just a casual acquaintance. There is no better time than starting today to ask the question of them ... Why aren't you a Lion? Every new member is another set of helping hands, another anchor to carrying on our traditions and another opportunity for a new idea! Go get 'em Lions! ... ROAR!

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

National Safe Night Out

Newport Lions Host Informational Booth



President Lion Florencio Rios Jr, Treasurer Lion Scott Buck and Sight and Hearing Chair Mary Buck setting up the table at Safe Night Out

NEWPORT LIONS CLUB joined about twenty non-profit organizations and hosted information booths at National Safe Night Out in the Rec Center on August 6, 2024. Mary, Scott, Tio and Ti manned the booth provid-



Newport Rec Center Director, and Newport Lions Club Media and Tech Chair, Lion Keeley Naughton hosted the Rec Center table.

ing families information about the Lions Club, showing LEAP frames and gave away little flashlights to kids. You may think this was a small event, but in little over an hour, we chatted with over 450 people in the community. It was so special connecting with locals in

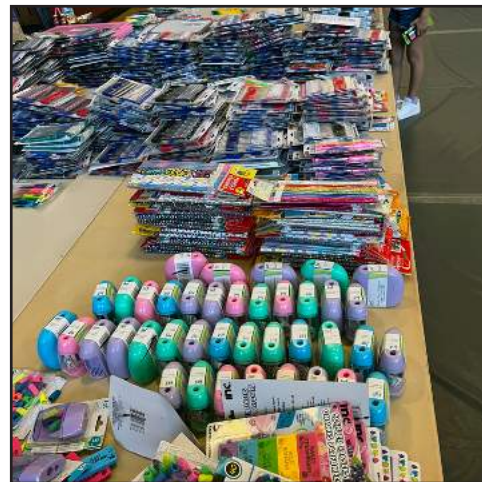
this way because several were actually looking for help with sight/hearing issues. We also connected with local county workers from DHS and the Health Department. We provided fliers for these agencies to post on bulletin boards for others to easily contact Lions for assistance.



Secretary Lion TiAnne Rios joining the table

Sure was fun!
Upcoming events for Newport Lions Club: Back to School Night, Newport Pride, Samaritan Community Health Expo, and Trunk or Treat Activities on the Coast. Our focus is serving community and helping where we can. We encourage other clubs to find local community events to join.

Submitted by TiAnne Rios



Newport Safe Night Out is known for giving away tons of school supplies to kids. This table was hosted by Vice President Lion Luke Bobeda with the National Guard. Eight tables of supplies were given away in about 45 minutes!



Jorie Liang squeezes pancake batter onto the grill.

Annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast

Lake Oswego Lions & VisionEnvoy Branch at Annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast

ON THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, one of the hottest events of the year was happening: the annual 4th of July pancake breakfast at George Rogers Park in Lake Oswego! Club members carried out tables & chairs the day before, and officially started getting supplies ready the next day at 5:00am. Grills were getting fired up, tablecloths were getting laid on, drinks were being made. This year, the VisionEnvoy Branch set up a booth for hair tinsel, aka “fairy hair”, face painting, and press-on nails. Needless to say, both the breakfast and the booth were a hit, as the lines stretched out a long way! In total, we served over a thousand people. Thanks to everyone that helped out!

Submitted by VisionEnvoy Club Branch member Jessie Pan



Ophilia Lu & Lucy Xu share a moment of friendship while setting up tables.

Jessie Pan, Lucy Xu, & Jorie Liang help each other out by splitting up the work and putting tinsel into a customer's hair.



Senior Lions advertise the Lake Oswego Lions Club in their own booth.



Lucy Xu does face painting on a young boy.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

LCIF – our International worldwide Foundation that sends money to assist in a myriad of causes, from outright grants to matching funds for causes dear to members wishes.

Donations to it are worldwide, the funds are much greater than those with Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation funding. Started in 1969 it is some 10 years younger than the MD 36 Foundation we love so well, and often serves different causes, including the partial funding of our own vision clinic in Portland! LCIF gives to the following

initiatives and causes: Vision; Hunger; Youth; Disaster Relief; Humanitarian Causes; Diabetes, Childhood Cancer and Environmental Causes.

MD 36 gets much more in grants than we donate, which is true for each district. We have published the list of grant funding in previous issues of the Oregon Lion, so will not do so in this article.

Currently LCIF uses a system of leadership that assists clubs and members in their donating and fundraising causes. This all starts with each club having a Club LCIF Coordinator – often the past president. Then it moves up to a District Coordinator and Multiple District Coordinator each serving three-year terms, and eventually to the Immediate Past LCI President who serves a year term as the Chair for LCIF worldwide. Our District

Coordinators are District O – PDG Kerith Vance, District R – PDG Dale Bachman, District E – PDG Steve Brewster and District G - IPCC Phyllis Carlin. PCC Paul Zastrow serves as our MD Coordinator.

We each get monthly reports as to the amount an individual or club donates, the number of Melvin Jones Fellowships or Progressive MJFs delivered and other items. Summary of donations by district and multiple districts as well as areas of the world are sent to the coordinators keeping them apprised as to the progress towards LCIF Funding goals. Each year districts are assigned a challenge for these funding levels. Let’s meet the challenges issued for once! Make 2024-25 a real success!

Submitted by PCC Paul Zastrow

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE LIONS CLUBS OF OREGON AND N. CALIFORNIA!

Dear Lions of MD-36,

Your voice is vital to the future of our Lions Clubs! We invite you to take a few moments to share your thoughts through this survey (*found on our website at <https://www.md36lionsclubs.org/lions-survey-2024>*). Your insights will help shape the future direction of our clubs, ensuring we remain vibrant, relevant, and effective in our service. Whether it's leadership opportunities, new ideas, or Mission 1.5 membership growth, your feedback will guide our collective efforts. By sharing your experiences, you're helping us identify opportunities for growth and improvement. Together, we can build a stronger and more dynamic Lions organization that continues to meet the needs of our communities for years to come.



Scan this QR code to take the survey on your mobile device!

Thank you for being a part of this important conversation as we work together to strengthen our impact!



Council Presiden Sharon Schaub, former Mayor Kathy Figley, Mayor Frank Longren, Lions Club members Jerry Wear, Clearance Timmons, and Lion President Pat Paradis.

Woodburn Lions Support Community Center

Woodburn Lions donate Money to Support Bond Intiative for Local Community Center

AS THE WOODBURN aquatic facility continues to age, local elected officials and community organizations are busy supporting efforts to bring it new life. Voters will be deciding in November whether to approve a bond of 99 cents per \$1,000 assessed property value. That money will go toward a “complete makeover” of the pool, gym facilities and outdoor amenities at Settlemier Park. If passed, the bond would allow for the development of an indoor walking and jogging track, weight and cardio exercise space, a warm-water pool, upgrades to the existing lap pool, a new multi-court gymnasium and a space for events and afterschool programs. And the development wouldn’t stop there; the plan would be for an entire remodel of Settlemier Park, complete with a new playground, new outdoor sport courts and walking paths.

The leaders of Woodburn contend that the city is one of the largest, if not the largest, city in October 2024

Oregon that does not have a community center. For community auctions, large chamber gatherings and other big-name events that can draw a crowd, those in Woodburn must look toward neighboring cities for places to meet. Woodburn has a population of 28,483, according to Portland State University’s estimates



for 2023. By 2045, PSU estimates Woodburn will have a population of 29,681 — a 4% growth in just over two decades. For more day-to-day use, the Woodburn Boys & Girls Club would be able to reap the benefits of an upgraded facility, providing “a safe harbor for kids after school and in the summer,” Lonergan said.

To support the political action committee’s work to get the word out on the bond, the local Lions Club donated \$2,000 to support the political action committee. The local chapter is part of one of the largest service organizations in the world, which seeks to provide community support wherever possible, according to Lions President Pat Paradis. “We’ve been accumulating money, and we have an interest in supporting Woodburn and increasing the significance of (the bond and its impacts),” he said. And while the plan is for the amenities to benefit the Woodburn taxpayers most, many from around the region have something to gain from the massive additions. “This isn’t just a Woodburn project,” Lonergan said. “People come from all over to use the pool. We are the center of North Marion for tourism and economic business development.”

*Submitted By Pat Paradis
Taken fro Woodburn Independent*



YEP Excursion 2025

Youth Exchange Program

Reestablishing an Global Project.

AROUND 50 YEARS AGO Lions Clubs International decided that we needed a program that attracted the youth of the world to truly fulfill one of the first obligations of the Lions Objectives “To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world.” At the time it was felt that the best way to accomplish this would be to offer camps and travel to youth ages 15 to 21 to different countries with Lions Clubs sponsoring both the traveling as well as visiting youth through their willing clubs and members.

Consequentially, the Youth Exchange Program was initiated. It still exists, although some areas have dropped the ball with little to no participation. Oregon is one of the areas that used to have a very healthy program – even offering winter camps and tours by our kids to Australia and New Zealand.

The last organized program that involved a number of Lions and Clubs was in the early 2000’s when we had mobile camps – using motor homes hosting adults charged with hosting from 2 to 6 youth for a 10-to-15-day period of time. Visiting

youth had host parents/families that were assigned for 4 to 6 weeks interrupted by the mobile camps. We have 3 tours – Willamette Valley to Coast, north to Astoria and back to the Salem area to disperse to their other host families for the rest of the time in Oregon. The second tour consisted of the same start, but south to the Southern Oregon Coast then on to Crater Lake and up to the Bend area to greet their host families. The last was Willamette Valley up the Columbia River Gorge, to Baker, then through the Oregon Out-back and dispersing in the Sisters area to host families.

Along the way in the tours, host Lions Clubs set up picnics, gatherings of local interest, and activities. Even such things as baseball games, rodeos, visiting the Oregon Caves and touring historical

areas of interest. One year, visiting La Pine, the girls showed the boys truly how to bowl!

So – where do we fit in now? Let us concentrate on restarting the MD 36 YEP experience, gathering host families, perhaps getting 6 or so motor homes and setting up travel schedules for July so that we



YEP Excursion 2025

can say we offer unique experiences to our foreign guests! Interested? Contact PCC Paul Zastrow for info, pzastrow@gorge.net.

*Thanks.
PCC Paul Zastrow*



Elgin Picnic/ Club Meeting

Lions seen from through the beautiful setting of the Hawes' home

UNDER BEAUTIFUL SKIES with a light breeze, the Elgin Lions met for a potluck at Daryl and Barbara Hawe's ranch for their regularly scheduled meeting. Barbecued chicken was prepared by the Hawes, and the delicious dishes provided by members, led to an enjoyable and successful business meeting. The Lions decided to have a drive for elementary school supplies, sign up for the Cycle Oregon Stations, purchase

Braille music for a high school student, and organize the Duck Train for a CASA event in La Grande.

Submitted by Gerald Hopkins



Darby the dog relaxes with Elma Jean Wilhelm, Jim Way and Scott Ludwig



Doreen Baker talks with Lion Kate Bottger about stations for Cycle Oregon

Pendleton Visits Elgin

THE PENDLETON LIONS were welcomed by the Elgin club during a barrage of activities. Pendleton's President Sherry Sievert, Vice-President Craig Hylton, Secretary Risa Riggen and PDG Cheri Jackson were guests of the Elgin club. They were present to present Elgin's District awards of the Neil Parks Publicity award and Brochure plaque.

Receiving the plaque (left) is Pat McDonald (Elgin president), Sherri Sievert, President; Craig Hylton, Vice-President; Risa Riggen, Secretary; and Cheri Jackson, Past District Governor (Pendleton Lions)

Submitted by Gerald Hopkins

October 2024





Enjoying great food and fellowship

Eugene Downtown Club Banquet

The Annual Awards and Installation Banquet had a Familiar Ring to It.

PRESIDENT ELECT LION JIM ORIGLIOSO is following in the footsteps of Lion President Jimmy Koch and continuing the informal outdoor gathering for the Club's Awards and Installation Banquet at The Arc Park in Springfield. Continuing our 100th Anniversary Celebration it's only fitting to hold the banquet at the park where our Legacy Centennial Project is helping to build portions of the Arc Park project that will give all children regardless of disabilities a place to have fun. The club gave \$26,000 dollars for our part in this massive undertaking. Members were given a tour of the new attractions at the park including the sandbox which is part of the Club's project.

emphasized that all of the club members have done a great job this year and the awards are given to those who



CC Lynn Coon performed the installation, President Elect Jim Origliosso, Immediate Past President and Tail Twister James "Jimmy" Koch, 3rd Vice President Sandi Patton, 1st Vice President Liz Roberts, 2nd Vice President Ted Fox, Secretary Karen Norton, Board member Connie Fehlman, Treasurer Kathy Hinson, Board member Teri Yerton, Board Member Chuck Blanchard and Lion Tamer Ed McMahon



Lion Past President Karen Norton holds up American flag picture on her phone for the "Pledge"

Lion Jeff Musgrove was Master of ceremonies and led the Pledge of Allegiance. No flag was available, so Lion Past President Karen Norton held up a picture of the flag on her cell phone. Lion Norma Barbisan gave the invocation. Lion Jeff invited everyone to join in the food line.

Next were the awards presentations. Lion Jimmy

stood out as exceptional.

Lion President Jimmy Koch was ready to present awards when Tail Twister Lion Judith Grosenick announced that Lion Jimmy's fines for forgetting to call members Lions at our meetings totaled \$100, but she said the fines dropped to \$46 due to the restrictions in the club's bylaws.

Starting off the awards: Foundation Honor Roll Awards went to Lions Kathy Hinson, Robin Yozzo, Connie Fehlman, Liz Roberts, Jim Arscott, Bruce Curtis, and Ed Mc Mahon. Spirit of Service Awards were presented to Lions: Ted Fox and Judith Grosenick. President's Appreciation Awards went to Lions: Len Calvert and Tim Chuey. Outstanding Service Stars went to Lions:

Karen Norton and Jim Origliosso. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Lions Chuck Blanchard and Susan Pfanner. The Robbie Award, the highest award given by the EDT Lions Club, went to Lion Yvonne Hamson who was not able to attend the gathering. The last two awards are the culmination of the year of outstanding service. The "Lion Cub of the Year" award went

Roberts, 2nd Vice President Ted Fox, 3rd Vice President Sandi Patton, Immediate Past President Jimmy Koch, Secretary Karen Norton, Treasurer Kathy Hinson Tail Twister Jim Koch, Lion Tamer Ed McMahon.

Of course, as usual, the food, provided by Smoking Gingers, was excellent and the special cake with the Club's Centennial logo on it was delicious.

Immediate Past President Lion Jimmy gave his final remarks and turned over the reins of the Presidency to Lion President Jim Origliosso who addressed the members explaining that his plan for the future of the



Lion President Jimmy presents "Lion of The Year" award to Lion Teri Yerton



Lion President Jim Origliosso explained his plans for the Club's future

to Lion Beth Sheehan and Lion Teri Yerton was presented with the "Lion of the Year" Award.

The Officer and Directors Installation was performed by District Governor Lynn Coon. Lion President Elect Jim Origliosso was installed as the new President. The rest of the Officers are Lions: 1st Vice President Liz

Club is the balance of Community Service, Social & having fun, and Financial Sustainability.

Congratulations to Lion President Jim Origliosso for planning and executing a perfect outdoor event for the annual banquet.

Submitted by Tim Chuey



Lion Immediate Past President "Jimmy" Koch addresses the Club and turns over the job to Lion Jim.





Phoropter in Madagascar

Rogue Valley Lions Give Overseas Donation

WE ARE A GROWING, active club who donate goods and services to a variety of local needs. Recently, we have been involved in vision screening for kids, donation of glasses and hearing aids to those in need, and road cleanup projects. We are also operating the Wine Walk in Central Point, a fun opportunity to experience a number of local businesses paired with some of our celebrated local wineries for wine tastings. This event occurs twice a year, and the next date will be in Central Point September 27 from 3PM to 7:30PM.

Recently our President, Charlie Brotherton, felt we should also serve by giving an overseas donation. As an ophthalmologist, I have done missions to countries outside the US. Most of these have been short-term trips of a week or 10 days to many areas, including Mexico, Honduras, the South Pacific, and several to Africa. These trips involve seeing patients for a variety of eye problems, and doing

surgery on those that need it. Such trips are very gratifying but serve only a very small portion of those that need care. Teaching doctors to become ophthalmologists provides long-term care to the people of their country. Our charity has been involved for years in a project in Mexico that has trained over 200 ophthalmologists who now serve in many countries outside the US. And 20 years ago, we started a similar program in Madagascar. We now have 5 doctors being trained at various levels in ophthalmology. Our clinic in Antananarivo, the capital city of Madagascar, now sees over 2000 patients per month and does about 75 surgeries each month.

Charlie asked what equipment would be most useful for our services. I answered, a phoropter. That is the machine you look through with wheels that spin lenses of various powers to measure your refractive power. Then glasses can be prescribed as needed. New ones cost up to \$4,000, but used ones in good condition are available for

about \$1,000. So, our President proposed a donation of \$1,000 and it was approved.

A suitable phoropter of high quality and long-lasting reputation was purchased and shipped to Madagascar. That machine is now installed and in use in our clinic as you can see in the pictures attached. And it is a significant addition to the efficiency and patient flow of our clinic. The donation is highly appreciated as it will help us serve the very needy people of that country. Thanks to the Lions more people will be served.

by James L. Davidian, MD

*DG Carrie Bartley
Continued from p. 3*

Jersey, September 3-5, 2026, Memphis, Tennessee, September 16-18, 2027 Huntsville, Alabama.

As a multiple district, we are struggling to bridge the leadership gap among our members, and training like this is invaluable when it comes to the knowledge gained and being inspired. For more information, please check out the website for the Forum at <https://lionsforum.org/>

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions! My cell is 541-391-0767 and my email is cls24@hotmail.com

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A ROAR for ROAR!

A fun tradition at OLSHF is to end our bi monthly team meetings with a ROAR! (which is another way of saying GREAT JOB!) to a deserving member of the team for going above and beyond. We recently received a note of Thanks - a ROAR! - for Nick Schenfeld and our ROAR! Hearing Assistance program.

OLSHF recently created this position to help more people become reconnected to the world of sound. Nick is the owner of Play It Again Hearing in Eugene, and he has a passion for helping people hear again and he especially enjoys traveling throughout Oregon with his wife and partnering with Lions.

Here is a letter from Elizabeth from Eugene, the daughter of a recent ROAR! recipient:

Dear Melinda -

THANK YOU!! A big, huge, heartfelt 'thank you!!' for all your work making my mom's hearing aids happen. I cannot express the depth of gratitude from myself and my family. Thank you for responding quickly to my email cry for help. Thank you for finding a provider in Eugene. Thank you for taking a personal interest in my mom's case and care and following up.

By the way, Nick was wonderful! He rolled with my mom's sassiness (and her dementia). He got us an appt 2 days after I first talked to him. I highly recommend his services.

I was almost in tears when the (hearing) aids were first put in my mom's ears; she remarked "I can hear myself". After 4 years with only 1 aid (I got lost) and 8 months with no aids (the 2nd one died), her delight in being able to hear all of us, and herself, was beautiful.

Again, thank you, to you personally. And thank you to the Lions Club for helping people. Bless you and the work you do.

**Warmly,
Elizabeth**

As a ROAR! recipient, Elizabeth's Mom benefitted from the support that Lions and other donors provide to the Foundation -- so Thank you for believing in the work of OLSHF so that we can address preventable blindness and hearing loss for those that need our help.

A Fun Way To Help!

A great way for anyone to help OLSHF help people in need with their sight and hearing issues is to participate in our upcoming Silent Auction, where 100% of all proceeds support the Foundation's programs.

Our online auction items will go live on Friday, October 11th. Visit the Galaween event page at www.OLSHF.org to bid early and often on your favorite items. Open through October 20th, you too can participate in our biggest event of the year!

ROAR! to all that participate in the online auction and Happy Bidding!

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How Social Media Can Boost Awareness for OLSHF's Vision Screening Programs

At the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF), we're dedicated to providing life-changing vision and hearing services to children and adults across the state. One of our key programs, School Vision Screeners (SVS), ensures that students receive early vision screenings, catching potential issues before they affect learning and development. Now, we're expanding our reach through social media, and we need your help to make this effort a success.

In today's digital world, social media - specifically Instagram - has become a powerful tool for spreading awareness. It allows us to share important updates, success stories, and information about our programs in real-time. For organizations like OLSHF, creating a presence on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter is crucial to reaching new audiences. It also helps us engage with our existing supporters on a deeper level.

We understand that social media might feel overwhelming or intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. It's actually a simple and effective way to connect with others and spread the word about the good work being done.

You don't need to be an expert to help us grow our online community—all it takes is a few clicks!

By following our School Vision Screeners accounts, liking posts, sharing stories, and even copying links to send to friends and family, you can amplify our message. The more engagement our posts receive, the more likely they are to be seen by others.

This is where the magic of algorithms comes in. Social media platforms use algorithms to determine what content is shown to users. When you engage with a post by liking or sharing it, the algorithm recognizes that content as interesting and relevant, making it more likely to be shown to a wider audience. In essence, your simple actions help boost our visibility, allowing us to reach more people who might not have heard of OLSHF or our mission.

By embracing social media, we can spread the word about our vision screenings and other programs to people not just in Oregon, but across the country and even the world. More eyes on our work means more awareness, more volunteers, and ultimately, more children and adults receiving the care they need.

So, don't be afraid to engage! Supporting OLSHF on social media is an easy way to make a real difference in the lives of those we serve. Help us continue to bring sight and hearing to those in need—one like, follow, and share at a time.



While you're at it, don't forget to check out these accounts too:

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Hull Foundation and Learning Center Wins Award



ON JULY 11, Sandy's own Hull Foundation and Learning Center joined the likes of Microsoft and JPMorgan Chase as a recipient of the American Council of the Blind's James R. Olsen Distinguished Service Award. This award is one of national recognition that periodically honors "individuals who have made important contributions, which have advanced opportunities for the blind community." Hull Foundation Executive Director Monica Butler traveled to Jacksonville, Florida, to receive the award. "I was overwhelmed," Butler said of her reaction to the award. "I was honored. It's such a huge thing from ACB. Honestly, for such a small foundation, it means so much to me."

The foundation was nominated by a member of the Florida Council of the Blind because of their many programs, both accessible in

person and virtually to anyone, anywhere. These programs include both educational and social opportunities that help people with vision loss relearn life skills, meet new people, work out and more. There are also



Monica Butle, Executive Directory

programs offering support to sighted friends and family. "As you can see, this organization has provided much education and a safe place for our members in different areas, and has certainly shown that they care about persons who are blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind," the nomina-

tor wrote.

The nonprofit organization, located at 43233 S.E. Oral Hull Road, Sandy, has served those with low to no vision from all over the country (and some from Canada) for 62

years. Staff and volunteers at the 22-acre retreat center offer several programs to help those new to sight loss learn how to navigate everyday experiences and also learn that they can still do activities they loved before, even "high adventure" excursions like rock climbing and rafting. The center also offers spaces for anyone to rent, including a heated indoor pool, dormitories, outdoor event spaces, indoor event spaces and more.

*Submitted by Kerith Vance
Taken from the Sandy Post*

Hull Foundation and Learning Center

Serving Adults with Blindness and Sight Loss “Keeping Hopes and Dreams Alive”

THE HILL FOUNDATION and Learning Center is in part supported by the donations of Oregon Lions Clubs. The 22-acre park and buildings are nestled at the foot of the Mt. Hood National Forest, in Sandy, Oregon. They offer year-round workshops online and in person. They also offer adventure retreats that include outdoor sports activities like kayaking and white-water rafting. A few times a year there are multi day getaways and seminars focused on topics ranging from topics for those new to sight loss, to art workshops, and a new seminar series for those with both sight and hearing loss.

Their peer-to-peer support program connects by phone with individuals with sight loss, blindness, and their families and caregivers and provides information and resources tailored to the individual requesting assistance. They also offer in person and Zoom presentations for caregivers, health care agencies, assisted living and skilled nursing facilities for both themselves and the people they support.

The facilities include a lodge with a Large carpeted area featuring

6 comfortable sofas, massive stone working fireplace, grand piano, drop down screen, multiuse projector and separate room with braille, large print and accessible computers. Wi-Fi is available throughout park. The lodge building also features a large dining room, commercial kitchen with all amenities.

Among other amenities is a 42 ft by 24 ft indoor, heated pool. ADA compliant lift available. There is a catch and release trout fishing pond. Fishing gear supplied. The hiking trails at the Facility are incredible and offer a safe and adventurous stroll in nature for all those that visit.

The award-winning Gardens of Enchantment is a self-guiding garden with markers both in print & Braille. The gardens comprise five distinct areas, each containing special elements to highlight its own varied beauty, offering the visitor many unique experiences with sight, smell, hearing, touch and taste. This 1/2 acre of garden is paved for easy in travel and features a large accessible gazebo with restrooms and seating to rest and enjoy the sights and sounds of the old growth forest.

In the hearing section, the Morning Glory Fountain creates a pleasing sound of falling water. Benches around the pool provide a restful spot where visitors may enjoy the songs of birds, the sounds of water, and the music of wind chimes.

In the taste 64-foot-long elevated bed features herbs of various smells and flavors, both annual and perennial. The herbs may include thyme, spearmint, chocolate mint, chives, fennel, rosemary, sage, dill, sweet marjoram, basil, among others.

In the touch section we strive to display plants with different textures – ferns, prickly birdnest spruce, mugho pine, soft and fuzzy lambs ear, the satiny leaves of Bergenia, and spiky yucca and red hot poker. Across the path are shrubs offering other interesting textures.

The fragrance section invites guests to enjoy sweet scented shrubs such as lilacs, peanut butter tree, Carolina allspice, and honeysuckle. In the raised beds, planted for summer and fall bloom, visitors will experience the scents of alyssum, nicotiana, scented geraniums, heliotrope, lilies, and other fragrant varieties of plants.

The sight area is the framework for the Garden as a whole. The hedges and trees provide a background for the various beds, which are planted mostly with bright annuals in the summer. Many low vision people can distinguish shape and color, so they can enjoy the masses of color along with their sighted friends.

For more information or to donate visit their website at www.hullflc.org.



Getting Your Project Noticed

Creating a Flyer

WHEN CREATING FLYERS for events or fundraisers, you don't need to spend a lot of time or money to create a flyer to get your message across.

Before starting your project, determine how many you'll need printed and who will do the printing. When we have a local event, typically we need about 40-50 flyers. The flyers are designed to have about 50% white space so they will be more economical to print on a home printer. Ask club members to print 5-10 flyers and no one feels the burden. If more flyers are needed or an outside source will be doing the printing, the design could be more elaborate with full color coverage. We put on a Halloween carnival each year and the local school administration office has been gracious enough to print small handouts for each student to take home. We provide the graphics – 4 to a page – and, when asked, they have been willing to print them free of charge. Other organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce or Visitor's Center have also partnered with printing costs. Check with your local ESD (Education Service District) – they have provided us with very low-cost printing for many of our projects.

Headline or Title

Come up with a memorable title or headline, something that is eye catching and attention getting.

Color and Graphics

Use eye-catching colors or graphics on your flyer. There needs to be a balance between what you have on your flyer and white-space. You might also consider using color graphics that will print well in grayscale so that you can do flyers both in full color and in black on colored paper.

Fonts

Pick an easy-to-read font or if you use a fancy font, make sure that it is big enough to be easily read and reproduced.

Who, What, When, Where and Why?

It is critical when make a flyer to make sure you include ALL pertinent information, including Who is putting on the event, What the flyer is promoting, When and Where the event will be located and why, meaning who does it benefit.

If you're doing a fundraiser, be sure to include prices and what those prices include.

If you're promoting a service project, include any needs or restrictions to the project, such as tools needed for a city-wide clean-up or if there is a minimum age for children to help on a project.

Contact info

Always include the name of someone who can be contacted for more information. The more information the better, including a phone number, an email, social media pages or a website.

Keep it simple and easy to read.

Want to Know more? Visit our website at <http://www.md36lionsclubs.org/public-relations>

Tips for Growing Your Club

1. What would happen if each Oregon/California Lion would invite one guest to a meeting?
2. The communities usually send out billings with cards. Why not ask to include club information, which might also go to schools or community events.

Submitted by Gerald Hopkins



PCC Phyllis Carlin with ID Joanne Ogden and PCC Angie Sharbot.

WHEN 1,917 LIONS from the USA, Canada and beyond descended on the city of Louisville, Kentucky several weeks ago, what was the draw? Was it the chance to experience the legend and ambiance of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby? Was it the opportunity to see beautiful old Victorian homes while touring the city on a trolley car? Was it the opportunity to swing a bat at the Louisville Slugger Museum? Was it the chance to sample a Hot Brown sandwich (a Louisville specialty) or ride a riverboat in the Ohio River?

All these opportunities are certainly part of the Louisville experience, but the main reason for the recent journey, made by eight Lions of Oregon, was to attend the USA Canada Forum.

What's the draw of the forum and how does it attract this many Lions yearly?

The mission of the forum is to “develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas and support the programs and goals of Lions Club International.” Over the course of three days, 100 classes were offered averaging ten classes per hour. Many were informative and timely including a session on artificial interagency, marketing beyond Facebook and a session on the new graphic design program Canva. Playing to a standing room only crowd, Past International President Brian Sheehan inspired us and informed us of strategies to building and reorganizing clubs. A very entertaining speaker, PIP Brian will

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Phyllis Carlin for International Director

Phyllis's Launch Pad

be the guest speaker at the District E Convention in March. If you would like to hear this dynamic speaker, plan on attending the convention which will be held in Central Point this year.

Fun is a very important aspect of the forum. Opening with “Speed Learning”, attendees pick eight 15 minute table topic sessions to attend, all in



PCC Phyllis Carlin with fellow endorsed candidate PDG Mark Mansell from MD 19.

one big room. From Marketing Bingo to blindfold activities to Colonel Sanders sharing tail twisting activities to “dancing hipos”, the forum opened with laughter and learning. Immediately following attendees laced up their tennis shoes and stepped out in the Strides for Diabetes Walk. Bringing awareness of this health issue, the walk both educates and informs.

Personally, the forum gave me many opportunities in my quest for International Director. All fourteen endorsed candidates had the opportunity to showcase their public speaking skills by participating in the “International Derby”. Speaking to a large audience on a randomly selected topic, the question mirrored what one might be asked at a convention and challenged you to be able to think on your feet. The next day I served as a moderator for one of the sessions. The topic was hunger, one of our global causes. The moderator introduces the speaker, passes the mike, manages the room and closes the session. This was another wonderful opportunity that was afforded me. In addition, networking was the name of the game and it was my privilege to meet Lions from all around the US and Canada, Executive Committee members, Past International Presidents, International Directors, both past and current, as well as the other endorsed candidates. Networking was indeed a large part of the three days in Louisville.

Next year's forum will be held in Atlantic City, September 18th – 20th. First year attendee Ray Montgomery of the Astoria Lions encourages you to consider attending. “I was familiar with the purpose of the forum but I was surprised to see how large it was, especially the number of attendees. The great mix of people, years of service and home locations allowed me to get a good feel for what Lions are doing in service to their communities. If there was any disappointment, it was that there are so many interesting seminars held each day that it was difficult to choose which ones to attend. On the plus side, I was told that the seminars were being recorded and the recordings would be made available soon. Having now attended my first forum, I encourage those who have never attended to consider going next year.” I too hope you will be able to attend. You will come away with new ideas, new friends and a renewed desire to serve.

Submitted by PCC Phyllis Carlin

Oregon Lion Submissions

Submit:

1. Article describing the Lions event.
2. Photos should be submitted in the highest quality possible.

Submit articles to:

md36lions@comcast.net

Lions Serving Their Communities

ST. HELENS LIONS CLUB recently held the drawing to determine the winner of their raffle for a one-year Drive-in Weyerhaeuser Recreation Permit and a Yeti cooler. PDG Lion Hank Calhoun was surprised and excited to learn that he had sold the winning ticket to District 36-O VDG Brian Sauer of the McMinnville Lions Club. Lion Hank was happy to make a visit to McMinnville to present the prizes in front of VDG Brian's home club. Many thanks to all who supported this fundraising effort by purchasing raffle tickets!

submitted by Lion Kathy Syrstad



THE ELGIN LIONS recently collected school supplies for those students in elementary who might be in need. As well as individual donations, the club voted to spend \$200 for Lion Kate Bottger to purchase supplies. Pictured is Lion Bottger, librarian, and special education teacher Marta Naughton examining supplies donated by members.

Submitter by Gerald Hopkins

LION ELT FADNESS' WIFE LAURIE contacted The Dalles Lions Club to see if we knew of a family in need of a couch. Word went out & we found a family in need & the couch was delivered to the family, L-R, Lions Jim Wilcox, Rick Jones, Jim Bishop & Mike Kilkeny moved it. By the way it was a hideaway bed!! *The Dalles Lions Club, We Serve!!*

Submitted by Mike Kilkeny

