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Meet Your Incoming Council of Governors 2015-2016



(l-r) Council Chair Elect, Chuck La Tourette; District Governor-Elect 36-E, Wes King; District Governor-Elect 36-G, PDG Paul Zastrow; District Governor-Elect 36-R, Chuck Blanchard and District Governor-Elect 36-O, Hank Calhoun

ANNIVERSARIES

June and July 2015 marks the anniversary of another year in Lionism. It's great to be a part of a network of Lions who are recognized as the greatest service organization worldwide! Indeed, your Club continues in the excellent tradition of service and pride under the banner of Lionism.

June

Lebanon	June 18, 1924
Coquille	June 25, 1925
Columbia Gorge	June 29, 1948
Langlois	June 15, 1964
Pilot Rock	June 21, 1974
John Day/Canyon City	June 25, 1974
Sherwood	June 30, 1975
Keno	June 12, 1978
Crooked Rvr Rnch	June 28, 1979
Blue McKenzie	June 21, 1982
Dallas	June 10, 2003
Woodburn	June 23, 2004
Ptld St. Johns	June 11, 2008
LC Applegate Trail	June 25, 2010

July

Dorris	July 16, 1946
Yachats	July 20, 1950



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MONTHLY CALENDAR

MEETINGS

June

- 10 Patient Care Committee meeting - OLSHF @ noon
- 11 District G Cabinet meeting - Hood River - TBA - @ 10 am
- 18 OLSHF Webinar - online or by phone @ 11 am
- 20 District E Cabinet meeting - Region 3 - TBA @ 10 am
- 29 SOLS&HC Board meeting - Medford - 228 N Holly St. @ 6 pm

MONTHLY CALENDAR

EVENTS

June

- 1 Eyeglass Sorting Party - Keizer - Keizer Lions Hall @ 6 pm
- 4 **Keep the Promise Breakfast** - Ashland - Ashland Springs Hotel @ 7 am
- 13 OLSHF Board Retreat, TBA @ 9 am
- 15 Father's Day
- 20 Elgin Lions Riverfest - Elgin @ 9 am
- 27 Cave Junction Lions - 16th Annual Classic and Antique Car Show

July

- 4 Independence Day Holiday - Observed - Office closed
- 10 *The Oregon Lion* deadline - Due HQ Office

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Council Chair News



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I hope that you had a great time in Seaside at the MD 36 Convention. It was great fun to see all the “race fans” ready to compete in the Pinewood Derby on Thursday afternoon. I really appreciate having the opportunity to share my racing fantasy. Look for more information and pictures in the July/August issue of the Oregon Lion.

My thanks to Lion Glynis Beyerlin for all of the extra time and effort she takes to help all of the Lions in Multiple District 36. While it is her job to do certain tasks, she always goes the extra mile to help make it better. My experience as Council Chair would have been much harder without her willingness to help.

Now is the time to start thinking about how we are going to make the 2017 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum the best ever! Many Lions from MD 36 need to plan to attend the two Forums that will occur before ours. In September 2015, the Forum will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and in 2016 it will be in Omaha, Nebraska. These two events offer us a great opportunity to promote and invite Lions to come to Portland in 2017. Registering for Grand Rapids is as easy as going to www.lionsforum.org. It's a secure site! Please let PCC Steve Thomson, PCC Rod Bach or me know if you would like to be included on the list of volunteers.

This is the month when most clubs will be holding some type of Installation of Officers event. No matter what type of program you have, it should be one that makes the new officers feel that they have been selected to a position of value. It's also a great time to recognize those of your members who have been so busy all of this past year. Everyone likes to be recognized and thanked!

If you are one of the Lions elected by your club members to serve as an officer of the club

for the coming year, please make plans to attend the officer training sessions that are scheduled in your District. I know that it is easy to say, oh, I've held this office for so many years that I could teach that sessions or I don't need to attend because I already know what my responsibilities are. We know all of that to be true, but you can be of greater service to your club and District if you attend because you have the past experiences to draw from and you can help newer officers through some of the rough spots. All that said, LCI is always making a few changes and we can always benefit from a refresher.

This has been a fun and busy year for me to have served as your Council Chair. All four of our District Governors have spent many hours and traveled many miles in order to help the Lions in each District to become the best we can be and I want to take this time to thank them all publicly for they have done. They have been so much fun to work with, spend time with and to laugh with. It started in Seaside at our District Governor-Elect training session way back last April 2014, and it has just gotten better as the days have passed. They took me seriously when I said it was my job to help them and make them look good and that they were in charge. As soon as the International Parade was finished in Toronto, they started with their plans and they have continued all year. Our hope is that the new Guiding Lamp Travelling Award” will be as big a success as the fun things from the past. Many of you will not remember the Jack-A-lope or the plaid sport coat and necktie that were covered with trading pins. Those items travelled around our Multiple District many times and are fondly remembered by some “seasoned” Lions. This year's winning District will determine the criteria for winning this award for next year. Stay tuned, you could be the winner!

I'm looking forward to working with all of our Lions as we prepare to host the 2017 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Portland. We will need all of you for help and support.

I wish all of you the very best and continued growth in your Lions Club and as a Lion in our Multiple District and Lions Clubs International. Please support your new officers and leaders as you have this past year. We do make a difference especially when “We Serve”!

Keeping the Faith

Brother James Bartos of Mt. Angel Abbey knows a thing or two about keeping faith. When you make your first vows at the age of 18, and celebrate more than 50 years of service to the community and church, you build up a catalogue of experiences that inform your world view. But even a man of Brother James' convictions can wrestle with the implications of failing vision and he remembers after being diagnosed with Fuch's Dystrophy; thinking to himself – in his typically restrained manner – “You're going to go blind.”

It's hard for Brother James to pinpoint when his vision began failing him; the progression was so gradual that he just made concessions without even realizing it. The font on his Psalm handouts kept getting larger and larger – 12 point font grew to 14, to 16. He took to wearing tinted glasses. When he told people about his difficulty driving at night in the rain, they just said, “Yeah, it's like that for me too,” so James thought this was all just a part of normal aging.

Among his many other roles at the Abbey, including ministry with the church's elderly clergy, Brother James is the community's locksmith as well. With more than six hundred lock sets between the monastery, the library, the school, and resident areas – a great majority of them intricate old-fashioned mechanisms – Brother James had his hands full. He remembers noticing how much shinier, and fuzzier the lock components seemed to be; he had slowly developed a great deal of difficulty pinning locks – something he'd done many, many times over the years.

Brother James comes from a family of seven siblings, and while discussing his eyesight with his sister, she asked him, “Well, maybe you have what I have?” She was referring to Fuch's Dystrophy, which is a hereditary condition. This conversation prompted Brother James to seek out a new Ophthalmologist – Lions VisionGift's Medical Director, Dr. John Wilkins. Cornea transplants had been discussed before, but always as a solution for down the line, and Brother James still remembers Dr. Wilkin's telling him very matter-of-factly that, “It's time.”

A man of many talents, Brother James is also a Registered Nurse. From a clinical perspective, he knew there was very little to worry about with the transplant procedure. He understood the projected healing timeframes and what he needed to do to help that healing go as smoothly as possible. One aspect of recovery that Brother James hadn't anticipated was the realization of where his gift had come from. “I hadn't thought about it much before, but I realized that someone had to die for me to receive this gift. I pray for them and their family every day, for everyone involved in the whole process. It's just, a really significant thanks giving,” says Brother James.

Now, eighteen months out from the other cornea being transplanted, Brother James notices more beautiful colors around the Abbey, and more sharpness and clarity in his locks. And though there have been some bumps in the road during his transplant process, Brother James is sure he, “wouldn't trade it for the world.”

Industry Life Cycles

Given the incredible breadth of human endeavor that we call business and industry, it is remarkable that we can distill essential elements of that experience that are common to the wide range of fields and businesses out there. This is the reason we can use terms like “widget” to refer to some activity in the scope of larger discussion about the business, and all have a common understanding of the “thing” we’re discussing.

Perhaps the best example of this principle comes to light when we look at the life-cycle of industries themselves. Consider the evolution of the airline industry in the in the 20th century. There were many small, regional airlines that served local customers. As the industry developed and the market eventually saturated, companies started competing with each other, often on price. This downturn meant only efficient airlines survived and they cannibalized the others until we end up with the current situation of only a handful of large national options.

The American Automobile Industry followed almost the identical path to the small hegemony of a few major companies. Think about all those great independent car companies that eventually were bought by GM or Ford. The Insurance Industry; the Banking Industry; the Funeral Home Industry, all follow the same trajectory. Basically, any industry which lifecycle has reached maturity (i.e. market saturation) is primed for this consolidation, and guess what industry is sitting smack dab in the middle of this lifecycle stage? That’s right, the Eye Bank Industry.

Of course, merger or acquisition for the sake of merger or acquisition is not the path forward; the annals of business history are littered examples of companies that pursued unsustainable scope or “grew themselves to death”. Instead, calculated synergies need to be achieved, it’s all about maximizing the firm’s competitive advantage. Sometimes this takes the form of partnerships which emphasize strengths and compensate for deficiencies, however, that competitive advantage might conversely be best served by becoming a ‘luxury brand’; an “artisanal brand”.

Whether **Lions VisionGift** pursues a strategy that ultimately positions us as one of the major airline carriers (Southwest, United, etc..) or one of the specialty providers (Learjet or Cessna), rest assured that we recognize the shape of the industry and are taking the necessary steps to position ourselves for a long future of serving our stakeholders and families.

Portland Downtown Celebrates “St Paddy’s Day”!

Oak’s Amusement Park 1920’s Dance Hall was the location for the first ever major fundraiser to build an Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Fund. Portland Downtown Lions Club helps those in need, mostly in the Portland Downtown area, an area that houses many community service organizations. So the needs are great. About \$7,000 was raised at the event.

A silent auction with some top items such as artwork and Trailblazer Tickets, tables of gift baskets and many, many other items were awarded by the drawing of raffle tickets; a fifty-fifty raffle had a cash prize of over \$1,000 and finally a “Bid for the Cause” after hearing from one of those in need. All added to having a lot of fun, fundraising for a great need in the community.

submitted by PID Bill Rollins



District Governor Brad King came dressed in his everyday Irish garb and went home with many prizes. Notice the smile on his face.



Portland Downtown Lion President Bev Swanson welcomes the big crowd and then lets the Tail Twister and Head Elf Wayne Baseden take over.



PDG Mary Lee Turner learns how to sell raffle tickets from Beaverton Lion John Pederson.

Island City Inducts New Members

Island City Lions Club President Dan Cosner inducted three new members. Jeremy Clark, who was sponsored by member Doug Edmonds, has a radio news program and has a college information station. He informed the Club he will put out information about clubs activities.



(l-r) New Lion Jeremy Clark with sponsor Doug Edmonds and Club President Dan Cosner

The second new member was Mike Voss. Lion Mike was instrumental in putting on a Gun Show at the Convention Center and ask the Island



New Lion Mike Voss

City Lions Club to help with admissions, gun check in and the food concession for the two day show. As a result, Mike joined the Lions and they will work together again on next year’s Gun Show.



New Lion Chris Haefer with Club President Dan Cosner

The third new member was Chris Haefer. New members are bringing new ideas, activities and help to the Club. The Island City Lions Club is gearing up for the Hog Wild Days to be held the first week of June. This events brings money for scholarships in their community.

submitted by Lion Glenna Sams

Crooked River Ranch Lions Visit Yuma Lions As They Winter in Arizona

While wintering in the Yuma, Arizona area, Lions Carole and PDG Jim Stagl had the opportunity to connect with the Yuma Lions Club. This connection resulted in participation in



one of the Club's projects known as "Hands Across the Border". This project is actually a multi-national community service project to hand out gifts to underprivileged Mexican children in Algodonnes, Mexico, a town at the border crossing near Yuma. This project was started many years ago on a shoestring budget and has grown into a large project that is conducted in cooperation with the Algodonnes Lions Club, the Yuma Lions Club and members of the Calgary, Canada Lions Club along with a number of Lions who are winter visitors to the area.

The bulk of the funding for this project is provided by the Calgary Lions from

Lion Carole Stagl displays the gifts to be handed out to the children

fundraisers they participate in at their home Club, much of which comes from an arrangement they have with Casinos in Canada. The Canadian Club has been averaging a donation of \$5,000 and this year it was \$6,000. The project takes place in mid-December and this year presented nearly 360 kids with gifts of



The children make their way past the gift table with lots more waiting outside



soccer balls, toys, dolls and snacks. This was all accomplished in an hour and a half. Of course, there was a prep and setup period of about an hour before opening the doors to the kids. We were very impressed with the whole project and had a great time being able to participate in it. This is the kind of Lion project that epitomizes the Lions motto, "We Serve" with a truly international flair.

submitted by PDG Jim Stagl

District O - Northwest - North Coast



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More & More & Better & Better!

If I had any idea how serious the Mighty Lions of District 36-O would take our "bad English" District theme, it might have been published in better English! This Lions year the Lions of District 36-O collected more than 180,000 cans and bottles for \$9,000 to send veterans to Washington DC. You've collected and distributed more tons of food, more shoes, socks and coats for kids; you've filled more backpack with school supplies and weekend groceries for kiddos than ever before. You've provided more exams and eyeglasses than ever before and you've helped screen the vision and hearing of more than 70,000 kiddos. The Lions of District 36-O have done more service better than ever!

Last time I looked, we'd gained 31 Lions this year in District 36-O. Just so you know, you crushed my crazy optimistic prediction of 25! We gained 152 and lost 121. That being said, we need to work harder to keep the Lions we have. You started two new Lions Clubs this year, the Portland Legacy Lions and most recently the University of Portland Branch Lions, (soon to be the University of Portland Campus Lions Club).

Thirty-seven Lions leaders from around the District attended two sessions of Leadership 101 and took new skills back to their clubs. Thirty-one Lions leaders in the District achieved Certified Guiding Lion status and are now available to assist new clubs or clubs that seek help. One hundred, **twenty-five Lions Leaders from around the District attended the Mid-Winter Conference in February; in early April, 11 Lions leaders from around the District attended the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute in Salem.** Remember, when your community seeks leadership, the first place they will look is to your Lions club and you. You're ready ... answer that call. You did more, better!

In all of my visits I've been warmly welcomed, graciously accepted and I've enjoyed the fun and fellowship we Lions are famous for. Keep the fun in Lions! Keep doing more fellowship better! Share that joyous fellowship!

You've done more better in everything and our foundation of Lionism is strong, but as homeowners know, keep tending it! I'm proud to serve you, honored by your trust and humbled to be counted among you! You're Lions! You serve!

District R - Willamette Valley - Central Coast



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We're Not Finished

It's hard to believe that our year has almost come and gone. As Governor this year, I have seen many highs and a few lows. The worst of the lows was seeing the passing of some fellow Lions and close friends. The loss of these people has left a void in our lives and in the world of Lionism as well, but we must continue on. I'm sure these Lions would say that there are many more people that need the help of our Lions family.

Over the last several years, District 36-R has been on a big membership decline, losing about 300 more members than we've taken in. This year thanks to so many members with their enthusiasm and hard work, we are at a breakeven point. Officer training is on an upward swing and communications has improved. Overall our District is on a turn around to grow bigger and better. Our push to improve our District is due to everyone's help and I want to thank everyone for your support and help. What we do is a team effort and not accomplished by depending on a select few.

As our year comes to an end, the transition into to next year will be smooth and easy, building on what we have already accomplished and adding what is needed. Membership, communication and retention will be the main things focused on for the next few years. Lions DGE Chuck Blanchard, 1st DGE Judy Kauffman and the rest of this year's Cabinet have worked together as a team this year and plan to continue working together for the next few years.

Highlights for our year include a new Lions Club in Lincoln City; Junction City has a new Leos Club as does Mohawk Valley. The Quest program has received eleven thousand dollars in grants and Multiple District 36 has been picked to host the USA/CANADA Forum in our Centennial Year 2017. For me personally, this has been my best year as a Lion, meeting people and building new relationships. But by the time you figure out how and what you're supposed to do, your year is over. If I was given the chance and the timing was right I would do it again. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to represent this District as your Governor. I'm asking everyone to join me in giving support to our incoming District Governor Lion Chuck Blanchard. Again thank you.

District E - Southern - South Coast



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A Final Greeting to All

It hardly seems possible that this is the last article I submit as District Governor. What a wonderful experience this year has been. I learned so much about all the clubs in the District; which unfortunately I knew nothing about prior to taking a leadership role. I also learned so much about the great work the Lions in District E are doing and about many new ideas for projects and fundraisers. I have made new friends and renewed old friendships. I have seen leadership capabilities in the clubs and pushed some to take advantage of the great opportunities available to them through working with Lions. I have been made aware of what Lions do throughout their communities and the giant hole that would exist if the Lions were not there.

I have found that as a District Governor I became even more active in my life as a Lion at both the District and club levels I and became more aware of the things that are being done throughout the state. I have also been made aware of the great training opportunities for all Lions at the Multiple District level.

I have learned that LCI is there for you whenever you need them. Their resources for studies, for ideas and for assistance in all matters are outstanding. Until you decide to become a Lion leader, there is so much that you do not know about and once you start forward, there is an endless amount of material available to you.

So, I can say wholeheartedly, to all Lions, look ahead and take your place in Lions leadership. It is well worth it from every aspect and, I would venture to say, a decision you will never regret making.

I'm convinced that good done anywhere is good done everywhere and we as Lions do good wherever we are.

District G Central - Eastern Oregon



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If you missed the Mid-Columbia Lions Follies, you missed an absolutely outstanding production. The proceeds from the production go to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. The idea of Zone Clubs: Hood River, Hood River Eye Openers, Odell and Columbia Gorge, working together to support the Foundation is heartwarming. If you did miss this year, then mark your calendars for the 40th anniversary year show April 15-17 and 21 -23, 2016.

Congratulations to the LaPine Lions for sponsoring the "Business of the Year." The award is being presented to Les Schwab for the support given during the past year. A portion of the donations included several thousand dollars for the Club to purchase a new food trailer to help build their activities fund.

Finding new projects and trying new ideas is a key to expanding membership. I commend the Enterprise-Joseph Club for a new concept of an auction of recreational equipment from motorcycles to boats. I would also commend the Columbia Gorge Club. President Pat Hesgard called and wanted to know where to send \$1,000 for the recent disasters in Bali. Even small clubs make a big difference! I also had a call from Al Weathermon with the Island City Lions, which has collected 10 boxes of eyeglasses for those in need. Lions do care!

Our sponsoring heroes include Steve Rhea, Al Weathermon, Tim McGlothlin, Sheila Weed, Mitchell Southwick, Mike Kee, Steve Hardrath, George Sahlberg, Mary Payne, Kay Durham, John Nesbitt, Douglas Edmonds, Gerald Toussaint, Charlie Foote and James Wilcox. Thanks for "just asking."

Helen Keller once wrote, "Anyone who, out of the goodness of his heart, speaks a helpful word, gives a cheering smile, or smooth's over a rough place in another's path knows that the delight he feels is so intimate a part of himself that he lives by it. When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another."

Thank you, Lions, for living our motto of "We Serve" and making miracles happen. And thank you for allowing me to serve with you.

You, Me and Diabetes

This is the MD36 Diabetes final report for Lions year 2014-2015. At the beginning of the year, I contacted all four District Diabetes Chairmen and extended an invitation to them to submit an article for publication in *The Oregon Lion* magazine if they so desired. District G Chairman Judith Poage was the only one who responded to the invitation with an excellent article earlier in the year. District O Chairman Garry Charbonneau was in contact with me on several occasions so when I was asked by Council Chairman Joyce to find a speaker on the subject of diabetes for the MD 36 Convention, I contacted Lion Garry as he provided the services of Dr. Joseph El Youssef at last year's MD36 Convention in Salem.

I then contacted Dr. Youssef and he graciously accepted the offer to present. I then contacted Lion Garry by telephone as my computer went on the fritz and he agreed to introduce Dr. Youssef at the Convention. Working with Garry the last two years assures me that he is a Lion who gets things done and I'm sure he will be an excellent future Governor as will Lion Judith Poage from District G. I'm sure that the chairmen for Districts R and E also had a good year but their efforts weren't as obvious. I have served four years as the Diabetes Chair for the Lions of MD36 and I believe that I only missed one month with no article. Most of the material I presented was written by experts in the fields of nutrition and diabetes and I was always sure to give them credit for their efforts. My contributions were researching material and presenting what I thought would be appealing to you the reader.

Thanks to former Council Chairmen Richard Smith, 2011-2012; Rod Bach, 2012-2013; Steve Thomson, 2013-2014; Joyce Anderson, 2014-2015, for providing me with the opportunity to serve the organization I love. And I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge a great Lion who assisted me through all four years. I love you Glynis!

Life might not be the party we asked for but might as well dance while we are here.

*Lions Forever
In God we trust
MD36 Diabetes Chairman Charles Tate*

Awards Delivered to Elgin Lions Club

Gregory Chamberlin, President of the Elgin Lions Club, received the Multiple District Award, a podium and banner patch for the Lions Club having the largest percentage of membership growth in the state. Elgin Lions also won the District 36 G Spirit Award for numerous activities and Club participation.



submitted by DG Gerald Hopkins

Lion Mike Key Presented Honors

Lion Mike Key was presented a plaque at the annual meeting of the Holland Youth Park Foundation. Lion Mike has been President of the Holland Youth Park Foundation for 20 years and was instrumental in organizing the



foundation that provides ball fields for softball and baseball to Parrish Little League in Salem, Oregon. The Salem NE Lions are very proud of Lion Mike.

*submitted by Stella
Horsley*

District G Delivered Aluminum Tabs to Ronald McDonald House

On Tuesday, May 19th at 1:30pm, the District G Lions delivered approximately 200 pounds of aluminum tabs to the Ronald McDonald House of Bend.

The following Lions Clubs participated in the effort: Bend/Sunrise, Redmond, Three Sisters, Crooked River Ranch, Madras, Prineville, Elgin, Arlington, Baker City, Burns, Columbia Gorge, Enterprise, Halfway, Heppner, Hood River, Huntington, Island City, Jordon Valley, La Grande, La Pine, Maupin, Mitchell, Odell, Pilot Rock, The Dalles, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Weston- McEwen. The District Governor, Dr. Hopkins and other Lions members were in attendance. Many of these Clubs have been collecting the pop tabs all year!

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Oregon accepts donations of pop tabs pulled from beverage cans and recycles them for cash locally. They call this program "Pulling for the House."

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Oregon directly improves the health and well-being of children and their families across our region. The Bend Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for high-risk, pregnant mothers and for families who must travel to Bend, seeking medical care for their critically ill or injured child, age 21 and under. One hundred percent of donations received stay local to serve families. Call 541-318-4950 or visit www.rmhccentraloregon.org for more information.

Lions Clubs International is a secular, non-political service organization founded by Melvin Jones in 1917. As of April 2015, it had over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members in over 200 countries around the world. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois, United States, the organization aims to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale. www.lionsclubs.org.



(l-r) Keven Korn (Bend), Russ Chase (Bend), Rodney Schossew (Bend), Gerald Hopkins (District Governor), Teresa Braun (Operations Manager of Ronald McDonald House), Phyllis Carlin (Crooked River Ranch), Vicki Smith (Three Sisters), Tim McGlofhlin (The Dalles Lions), John Basma (Bend) and DGE Paul Zastrow (Hood River Eye Openers)

Movie Night Honoring Our War Veterans Was Well Received

Friday, May 8th, South Willamette Valley Honor Flight and the Eugene Downtown Lions Club hosted the showing of an amazing documentary called "Forgotten Heroes An Honor Flight Story." The documentary tells the heartwarming story of one of many groups of WWII veterans who are taken to Washington D.C. free of charge to see



Veterans flags welcomed the movie goers

About 60 people attended the showing at the Musgrove Family Center. Proceeds from the ticket sales went directly to South Willamette Valley Honor Flight to fund trips for more of our local veterans to see their war memorial.

Lion President Karen Norton opened the evening welcoming everyone. Michael Pungercar, Director of South Willamette Honor Flight, introduced the movie and explained how he first became involved with the movie. He wrote a book detailing the war stories that his father



Watching the very emotional documentary

spent time telling him. The movie's director heard of the South Willamette Valley Honor flight and contacted Michael Pungercar for more information. The documentary took shape and Michael and local veterans on one particular flight became the subjects of the movie. Each veteran has a "guardian" to make sure they are well taken care

of on the trip. Our own Lion Karen Norton was one of those guardians and she has traveled on six of the honor flights so far.

Copies of Mike Pungercar's book were on sale for \$20 with \$4 going back to Honor

the WWII Veterans Memorial for the first time.



The scouts presented the Colors



Lion Karen welcomes everyone.

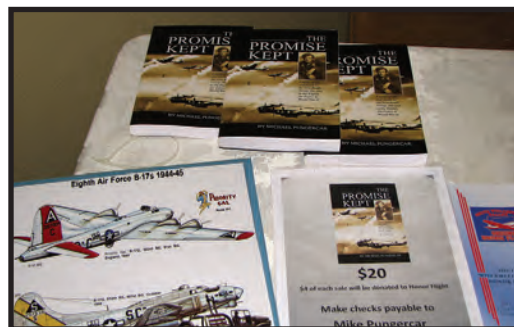


Mike Pungercar introduces the movie

Flight for each book sold. DVD's of the movie were also available for purchase for \$15 by going to their donations site

at: <http://swvhonor-flight.org/donations/>

Mike Pungercar's book "The Promise Kept"



submitted by Tim Chuey



The movie on DVD

Les Schwab of La Pine Honored by Lions Club

The La Pine Les Schwab Tire Company was the recipient of the “Business of the Year” Award from the District 36-G Lions. The geographic area of District G includes Eastern and Central Oregon. It was noted by President Darrell Bennett that Les Schwab Tire Company has been “the greatest supporter of our La Pine Lions Club since I have been a member.” Les Schwab has helped the Club by being a clearing house for sight and hearing applicants, donating money to buy the “Leo the Lion” costume, allowing the Club to place barrels in their store for “Cans for a Cause”, collecting items for the Club Christmas store and recently donating several thousand dollars to purchase a new food trailer to help in the community.



submitted by DG Gerald Hopkins

Pictured in no particular order are Lions and employees of Les Schwab: Jordan Cornelius, Darrell Bennett, Leonard Dahl, District Governor Gerald Hopkins, Shirley Gerhart, Dave Driggers, Gary Mose, Diane Sauer, Dave Taylor, Bruce Wolfe, Gary Forbes, Mike Benseng, Carol Tate, Gary Tate, Betty Driggers, Lanell Bennett, Sue Mose and Jerry Toussaint

Active New Lion

Linda Johnston joined the Elgin Lions mid-year, but “has already become a Lion’s Lion,” according to District Governor Gerald Hopkins.



DG Hopkins presents “District Governors Certificate of Appreciation” to Lion Linda Johnston

Lion Linda was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciate during the regular Lions meeting. DG Hopkins said she has already helped with Lions BINGO, spent the full day with the collection of food for the Elgin Food Bank, ushered at the Opera House, assisted with eye screening for the youth, enthusiastically involved selling duck race tickets, set up registration for Riverfest vendors and even sponsored her husband, James. “ She is an example of how one person can make a difference and is already making a difference in our community,” DG Gerald said.

Island City Lions Club Install Officers

DG Gerald Hopkins installed the Island City Lions Club officers for 2015-2016. These are the people leading the group with projects such as Flags for First Graders, Sight and Hearing, Vision Screening in Island City schools, Bingo at Island City School Carnival, food baskets, shopping for kids, the Gun Show, Hog Wild Days, the Pig Train, donations for Habitat for Humanity, mint sales and parkway maintenance. This group is attracting new members with their numerous projects.

submitted by Glenna Sams



(l-r) DG Gerald Hopkins; Dan Cosner, President; Randy Wilson, 2nd Vice President; Sheila Evan, Secretary; Moneta Wollard, Tail Twister and Dan Wollwood, Vice President. Treasurer Al Weatherman was absent.

Lions Support Summer Retreats at the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

A big **THANK YOU** to Lions from throughout the Northwest who have always been a great source of financial support for those with vision loss at our summer retreats. This year we want to connect with more Lions clubs, to not only help with camperships, but to reach out to those with vision loss in each of your communities. We encourage you to refer people with vision loss who would benefit from and enjoy a memorable experience with their peers. Following is an example of what they will experience. We have retreats for all level of physical activities.

Family Camp July 1-5, 2015

Our Family Camp retreat, where at least one member of the family has a vision loss, is a fun filled gathering for adults and children alike. A Family Farm Day is a chance to touch, see and smell (eeewww) some animals you may find around a farm such as pigs, chickens, a goat and "Suzie" the cow, who will be joining us at the park. "Dance With Me", a parent and child dance class with professional instructors, is also offered. Of course, we will have our favorite, Parent Café (adults sharing conversations relating to topics about vision loss), family games, crafts and team sports. We even have special activities for teens! We'll be celebrating the 4th of July in an exciting Hull Park way.

Friends and Alumni July 15 - 19, 2015

This year our Friends and Alumni Retreat will have loads of fun activities. A trip to Phillip Foster Farm, a unique, walk back in history. Phillip Foster was one of Oregon's earliest pioneers. Grind corn, scrub laundry with a washboard and wringer or build a log cabin. Also featured are archery, crafts, hiking, beeper baseball, fishing, water aerobics or a walk through the Gardens of Enchantment.

Moderate Adventure August 4 - 10, 2015

Rafting, hiking, archery and sightless self-defense are just some of the activities we have planned. Try zip lining at Mt Hood or a beading class in the Irvington neighborhood. Learn the waltz or tango at "Ballroom Works" where fitness, vitality and expression merge together in the art of dance. This year horseback riding will be included. This and more will be waiting in our Moderate Adventure 2015.

High Adventure August 13 -19, 2015

During High Adventure, things are a bit more challenging and physically demanding. More strenuous hikes, rafting, kayaking, horseback riding, zip lining are typical adventures. Sensei Stan will teach a great Sightless Self-Defense class. We will also feature an instructor who will teach basic yoga and meditation.

EXTREME Adventure August 21-27, 2015

For our adrenaline junkies this is the retreat for an all-day rafting trip and an all-day kayaking trip in the Willamette Narrows. Our EXTREME retreat takes rock climbing to the next level by hiking into French's Dome and experiencing outdoor rock climbing! Even more demanding is our backpacking overnight at Daly Lake. We explore the crests of the Old Cascades trail system while learning map and compass skills, backcountry travel, ecology and natural history. This isn't just a relaxing camping trip; our guests will pitch the tent, cook the meals and clean up. Participants must be able to travel 1-5 miles a day with a loaded backpack.

Blinded Veterans Retreat September 7-11, 2015

We now provided a special get-a-way for our honored blinded veterans. As they come together as a group they will enjoy many of the same activities as our Moderate Adventure Retreat.

For more information about any of our retreats please call 503-668-6195 or email Executive Director, (Lion & PDG) Sharon Elder at: sharonelder@oralhull.org

Lions and Leos Worked Together

The Dalles Lions Club recently worked with the Leos to plant ten new trees replacing infected trees in the area.

submitted by Tim McGlothlin



The Dalles Leo Club

(r) You can see the where the old trees were removed due to infestation. Ten (10) new trees were transplanted by our Leo Club during the Lion International Worldwide Service Week. The new trees were between 5 and 6 feet tall to help insure their survival.



Community Organization Members Speak To Elgin Lions Club

Two guest speakers at the Elgin Lions Club meeting were Cynthia Chandler with the Elgin Chamber of Commerce and Rachael Carrothers with the Elgin Community Library.

Cynthia Chandler discussed some of the goals of the Chamber, stating one goal was to encourage visitors to the area. One of the projects to meet the goal was the creation of a publication, *Destination Elgin*. Cynthia asked the group to consider sponsorship in the publication, which would include businesses, groups, clubs and personal ads.

Rachael Carrothers discussed the summer reading program for the students. She said the theme would be "Every Hero Has A Story" and the theme would be used throughout the eight-week program. Students would be attending each Thursday beginning June 11th. Rachael stated that the Lions have been very generous with their donations to help raise funds for each of the students to have books. The Club then made a donation of \$300 to the summer reading program.

In other matters, the Lions completed a high-

way clean-up program netting 28 full bags of garbage according to Project Chair Barbara Hawes. The Lions also participated in the city of Elgin Clean-up Program.

Bob Thomas said that there was only one garden plot available in the Lions garden plots. He asked that the Lions disseminate the information.

Plans continue for the Riverfest to be held June 20th.

Individual reports were made on the Duck Train, RC Planes, Duck Race, 3 x 3 basketball tournament, car show, quilt show, yard sales, sidewalk art, book giveaway, vendors, coloring contest, climbing wall, street bowling, scavenger hunt, face painting and antique engines.



(l-r) Cynthia Chandler and Rachael Carrothers confer on community projects

submitted by Gerald Hopkins



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Share Your Vision With Us

❖ *Jason Shaner, Board Chair*

Good organizations plan for the future. Great organizations plan for the future using data from as many different sources as possible. With this in mind, we hope you'll assist us in the process of developing the Foundation's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan.

This summer we'll begin the process of gathering input from throughout Oregon and northern California to help us identify future trends. We'll enlist the help of experts in the fields of healthcare, government, education, grant making, social services and more. We'll also look inward and assess OLSHF's strengths and weaknesses, and attempt to pinpoint potential opportunities and threats that exist for the Foundation. And we'd like your help, to hear your insights personally, and the input of your Lions Club.

One way to participate right away is to go to <http://www.ols hf.org/annual-survey> and participate in our OLSHF Annual Lions Club Survey. Your responses will help assess your current level of satisfaction with our programs and help guide us as we prioritize the future of these programs. Another way to participate is to contact the Foundation and request to have "OLSHF 2016-2021: Focus on the Future" sent to your incoming Lions Club President. Our plan is to significantly increase the number of Lions Clubs that participate in the planning process over five years ago and having your Lions Club participate is greatly appreciated.

Our 2011-16 Strategic Plan led to the creation of our "2020 Vision" of one day every child in Oregon having their vision screened and your participation with the 2016-2021 planning process could have a similar impact. In other words, in addition to helping us "keep the promise" you can help us continue to be a great organization!



If At First You Don't Succeed...

❖ *Doug Thompson, Executive Director*

I'm disappointed - but not discouraged - to report that HB 3190 (the bill that would provide public funding for vision screenings in Oregon schools) evidently will not receive a hearing this legislative session and therefore will not have a chance to be approved.

The reason that I'm not discouraged is that the spirit of the bill is looked upon favorably by many of our elected officials and will have a good chance of being approved if the bill can be assigned to the right committee with the right leadership next session. There is a plan in place to make this happen, and it started on May 28th during Lions Day at the Capitol when many of you from around the state gathered at the State Capitol to meet with legislators and advocated for state funding to help schools provide much-needed vision screening for our children.

Law making can be a tricky process and at times befuddling. HB 3190 will not have a hearing scheduled because the Chair of the House Education Committee, Rep. Margaret Doherty of Tigard feels that there "is not much advocacy" for the bill. Which is odd, because the purpose of a committee hearing is to gauge the level of interest in a particular bill. While it's too late to have the bill scheduled for a hearing this session, it's not too late to write or email Rep. Doherty to let her know how you feel about the need for public funding for vision screening in Oregon. Her email address is Rep.MargaretDoherty@state.or.us and her mailing address is: Rep. Margaret Doherty, 900 Court St. NE H-282, Salem, OR 97301

Please let me know if you have questions about HB 3190 or would like more information on why the bill will not pass this legislative session. And thank you to all of you that contacted your State Senators and State Representatives to let them know that you support state funding for vision screening in our schools. Your voice was heard, and we're confident that we're making progress toward making this happen!



Living Inductees, Pictured L-R: Dennis Tichenor, Warren Heathman, Art Abbott.

Bottom Row, L-R: Mo Jaffer, Walt Trandum, Don Bowers, George Sahlberg. Not pictured: Dr. Richard Chenoweth, Margueritte Hofferber, Wally Anderson, Tom Bessonette. Also Pictured: Executive Director Doug Thompson (top left), Past Board Chair David Rich (top right).

The Hall of Fame was established to honor, memorialize, and encourage outstanding leadership and service on behalf of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation mission to screen, treat, save, and restore sight and hearing for those in need in partnership with Lions Clubs.

Eligibility for Nomination:

- Individual Lions or non-Lions with a minimum 10 years of service to the Foundation in a leadership or volunteer service role
- Three inductees per year; one person from the posthumous category and two from the living category
- The OLSHF Executive Committee will review all submissions

Lions in MD-36 are eligible to make nominations through July 15th. Nominations should be emailed to Doug Thompson at Doug@OLSHF.org or mailed to the Foundation office. In addition to listing the nominee's name and club affiliation (if applicable), all nominations must describe why the nominee deserves to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

New Hall of Fame members will be inducted at the annual Hall of Fame Awards and Gala Dinner on Saturday, October 3rd, 2015. Please encourage fellow Lions to send in their nominations!

Please Update Your Contact Information!



Please update your address books with [\[Staff First Name\]@OLSHF.org](mailto:[Staff First Name]@OLSHF.org).

As some of you may have noticed, OLSHF has completed the process of switching from our old e-mail addresses (first.last@orlions.org) to our new ones. E-mails delivered to any e-mail ending in @orlions.org will no longer work. If you have any questions about this, please contact Leo Touza at Leo@OLSHF.org.



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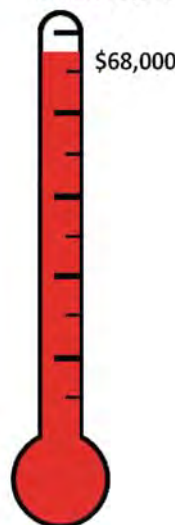
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Honor someone with a Helen Keller or an Honor Roll award.*

Keep The Promise Update



GOAL \$75,000



The "Keep the Promise" Campaign continued last month in Portland. Pictured (L to R): District 36-O Governor and OLSHF Staff member Brad King, MHSP supporters Paige and her mother Karen Tarmichael.

You can help us reach our goal by donating securely online through our website at www.OLSHF.org

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Eugene Downtown Lions Crab Fiesta and Auction was Fun for All

The Eugene Downtown Lions Club celebrated Mexican style Thursday evening April 23rd. Over 100 Lions, spouses and guests enjoyed the tasty crab, side dishes and yummy desserts. This year it was again a potluck with the members providing their own salads and desserts. Congratulations go to Lions Sharon Newton, Norma Barbisan and Joan Vaughn for organizing such a great event and having everything go perfectly. Lion Gene Gustafson did his usual outstanding job of urging everyone to buy tickets for the wine raffle. He made sure those with the winning tickets got their pick from the many bags of high quality wine. As usual, Lion Ed Gear emceed



Lion Gene Gustafson (r- seated) sold many wine raffle tickets making the wine raffle successful

the evening and helped pick the wine raffle winners.

Musical entertainment was provided by Mago and Willy who call themselves "Duo Piel Canela." They serenaded us throughout the evening as they walked around the room making sure everyone got a close-up look and listen.

Lion Jeff Musgrove once again demonstrated his auctioneering prowess, assisted by Lion Len Calvert,

getting bidders to keep bidding against each other for auction items ranging from a Coastal

Holiday of a three-night stay at the Sea Lion Surf Beach House, overlooking the ocean in Florence; Opera tickets for two at the Eugene Opera with dinner for two at the Oregon Electric Station to Up, Up In The Air, a 100-mile



Outstanding entertainment by 'Duo Piel Canela'



Standing in line for crab from the kitchen



A great medley of food



Marvelous looking desserts

sightseeing trip for two in a Piper Cherokee airplane piloted by Lion Jim Origlisso with lunch included.

More than 60 items filled the silent auction tables and the bidding as usual was competitive. A big "Thank You" goes out to Lion Ralph Robinson and all of those who helped serve the delicious food, everyone who came to the event, Hop Valley for providing the beer and especially to the

folks at St. Thomas Episcopal Church for letting us once again utilize their gathering room and kitchen. The preliminary net profit for this year's event was \$9,000 which bettered last year's amount by \$2,000. The money will go into the Administrative Fund which pays for the actual operating expenses of the Club as opposed to money raised from our annual raffle that goes 100% back to the community.



Lion Jeff Musgrove as master auctioneer

submitted by Tim Chuey



Attendees checked out the silent auction tables



Comraderie was a large part of the event



Club members (standing) reminded the attendees to hold up their bidder's number



Lion Darlene Thomasec picked out her winning bag of goodies

O'Hara Catholic School Continues the Tradition Honoring Our Flag

April 20th, 2015, is a day that the students at O'Hara Catholic school won't soon forget. At their regularly scheduled Monday assembly, a patriotic celebration was held. Principal Tammy Conway made the announcements and then led the whole assembly in prayer. Students participated in the prayer and announcements. The Scouts presented the "colors" in



The gym was filled with participating students, teachers and parents

a brochure with a brief history of the flag and pictures showing how it has changed over the years.

It is the pleasure of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club each year to provide all of the students attending O'Hara with the flag sets.

It is so wonderful to see the flame of patriotism passed on to the younger generation. Due to the number of flags provided, the teachers later passed out the flags to their students in their classrooms.

submitted by Tim Chuey

the traditional flag ceremony and all recited the "Pledge of Allegiance" together. My part in the assembly was to explain the meaning of the words in the "Pledge of Allegiance." I really enjoy explaining the words of the pledge because, so often once it is memorized, people don't think of what the words mean as they are saying them. All 525 students received a flag, a block of wood with the Lions logo on it for a flag stand and



The Scouts performed the traditional "Presentation of the Colors"

Bend Lion Receives Helen Keller Award



Russell Chase of the Bend Lions Club received a Helen Keller Award from District Governor Gerald Hopkins. The Bend Lions nominated Lion Russell for his leadership and support of the Club activities.

Two Lions Win Bingo Blackout

During the final game of the Elgin Lions Club BINGO event there were two winners. (l-r) Tom Freels and Shirley Keating each split the \$278 take for the year's final evening.

