



**August  
2025**

**Lions Tales**  
*Corvallis Lions*



**WEBSITE:** <https://corvallislions.org/>

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6 PM at Benchwarmers

**BOARD MEETINGS:** 2nd Tuesdays of each month.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Lise Schellman

### ***A Message From...***



Hi, this is Lise Schellman, the new Membership Chair and this is my first newsletter so bear with me as I figure this thing out. Skip has a lot on his plate as well as travel plans, so he felt it was time for some new blood. Happy travels Skip! My goal is to make sure people who can't attend meetings know what's going on. In future this section might be from our President, Lion Mark Newsome, or someone else who might have news of interest.



### ***UPDATE – Board MEETING August 2025***

- Estimated profit from the Burger Barn at the Benton County Fair, \$4000. Thanks to everyone who volunteered!
- Board approved Lion Kelly's motion to buy vests for new members Lions Lise, Robert, Christine, and Mark N. They were ordered, then handed out at the August 20th Meeting.
- Board approved covering the cost of eight corrugated sign boards for the holiday See's candy sale at \$30.00 each.
- Lion Sue recommended we should consider a onetime \$10,000 donation in support of a building project at the School for the Blind in Salem. At the 8/20/25 general meeting she spoke movingly about attending a graduation at the school and said someone from the school would speak with us this Fall. Club Members seemed to like this idea so the board will discuss it in September. This would come from our Activities Fund.

### ***UPDATE – GENERAL MEETINGS August 2025***

#### **Guests and Speakers**

- Our guests at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were:
  - Karen Norton our district governor, and Bill Scheller our zone chair from the East Albany Club.
- Lion Marc V is inviting the Executive Director of the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center to come and speak at a September meeting.



**Corvallis Daytime  
Drop-in Center**



Proceeds benefit:



**Food  
Donuts  
Beer\*  
Medals  
Music  
FUN !!!**

\*must be 21 with valid ID

**Food Truck On-Site**



## Albany Beer Run

As of August 10<sup>th</sup>, only thirty-five people signed up for this event but that swelled to one hundred by our August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. This means we can make a \$1,000 donation to Prevent a Litter (PAL), an agency that provides support and education around spaying and neutering to help reduce pet overpopulation, the number of homeless and euthanized dogs, and promote responsible pet guardianship.

**It's not too late to sign up and you can also sign up at the event.**

## Centennial Matching Funds Project

We have approximately \$50,000 in our Bond account which we can use all or part of to support matching funds for needy organizations in line with our priorities as matching funds in the amount of \$10,000. We have agreed to supply these funds to two organizations so far; Heartland Humane Society, who have already raised their \$10,000 matching funds, and \$10,000 to support the new 4H and I quote, "Big Ass Fan" for their new covered arena. See plan at end of this newsletter.

## New Drop Box for Glasses and Hearing Aids

Lion Gary has been working with Republic Services who requested an eyeglass Dropbox at their recycle center. Lion Gary went to Home Depot and found a box that will work and has been

approved by Republic. The board has approved \$283.49 to purchase this box and we are hopeful that we will get that installed and up and running sometime soon.

## School Vision Screenings

Lion Jack Campbell gave us an update on school screenings and handed out a draft schedule from OLSHF. The screenings will happen from late October through early December. The first school screening will be October 27<sup>th</sup> at Garfield Elementary, but several Lions attended a Health Fair, Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Linus Pauling Middle school to do screenings. There was a great turn out and we screened around ninety children. Last year we screened about twelve students at this event.



**A heartwarming story.** Lion Chris met a young father at the Health Fair who recognized her and gave her a big hug and thanked her for the impact she'd had on his life. As a youth his family couldn't take him to soccer games and Chris stepped in and took him and many others to the games with her son. He felt those experiences had a huge impact on him as a youth. Thank you, Chris, for a lifetime of quiet service!

A LIONS CLUB EVENT



A 0.3K "Run" For The Rest of Us!

**September 6**

**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Calapooia  
Brewing

Deluxe  
Brewing



**Registration: \$30.00**

Registration and info:  
[www.omroadrace.org](http://www.omroadrace.org)



## Pins

We plan to use our new logo for our Centennial pins. We will purchase one hundred pins and distribute them to members and special guests etc. The pin will be our new Centennial logo seen at the top left of this newsletter.

## Service Projects

Lion Gary has been in touch with Corvallis Parks and Rec about some service projects such as clearing ivy, working on tables etc.

## New Website

This is our new website for the Corvallis Lions Club, which includes information about the club and historical photos, and there is more to come. Check it out! <http://www.corvallislions.org>

## Holiday Potluck

President Mark asks if we are interested in reviving the Christmas potluck. It seems we are...Grand Oaks was mentioned as a potential place to have the potluck. Lion Tom lives there. More as we get more info. Please send us your thoughts!

## District Governor



Karen Norton, our district governor from the Eugene Club, told us a little bit about herself. Her life story includes many service projects both as a Lion and as a service-oriented community member. One of her favorite service projects is the Honor Flight Network. Their mission is to celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials. She has been on several flights to DC with veterans and she says it was life changing for many of them, and for her.

- She reminded us that service reporting is important and helps LCIF get grants. We are pretty good (Thank you Kelly and all those who send reports to her) at this but reminders are always helpful.
- One of her goals is to get grants so that she can do some radio spots to improve our outreach, we can increase the public's awareness of what the Lions do and hopefully boost membership.
- She recommended that we do Service Projects at meetings. A favorite of hers is to write cards to veterans but she encourages us to find our own projects we can do together. Any ideas? Send them to me or President Mark. (Contacts are in the Club Officers Chart below.)
- She told us that the eyeglasses that we send to the Foundation are sorted and then go to Coffee Creek Correctional Facility where the inmates are trained to calibrate them, which helps them to get jobs when they leave custody.
- She encourages everybody to get to know our very robust and informative district website. The best way to access it is to Google "Lions District 36R." Among many things there is a Calendar we can use to post our activities and where we can find info about all kinds of Lion activities.



**On the District Calendar:**

- The multi district convention on May 29th through the 30th
- The district convention on February 7th
- A cabinet meeting in Tangent on August 23rd.
- **And much more...**

**RECYCLING GALORE!**

**EYEGASSES COLLECTION & RECYCLING** Lion Jack says he has oodles of eyeglasses from our collection boxes. We also discussed having other Corvallis Lions help empty our collection boxes. We are gathering info about where all our boxes are and will be sending out a request so Lions can sign up to help by collecting glasses and hearing aids regularly. Stay tuned!



**If you have access to an optician, thrift store or other location that might have used eyeglasses or are willing to have a small collection box placed there let us know!**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Get ready to Volunteer!**

**Please invite friends and interested acquaintances to volunteer and get to know the Corvallis Lions and our activities...that's how we can attract new members.**

- **2025 Albany Beer 'Run'**  
September 6, 2025  
Albany, OR
- **Corvallis Fall Festival — Lions Burger Barn**  
September 27-28, 2025  
Central Park
- **See's Candy Sale**  
Thanksgiving to Christmas  
Rice's Pharmacy
- **Benton County Fair, Burger Barn**  
July 29th to August 1st, 2026  
Benton County Fairgrounds
- Lion Jim asked if we might be interested in being at an Albany Pickleball Tournament. He believes we could make \$2,000-\$3,000 for about 12 hours of work, 4 hours a day for a 3-day weekend in late August 2026. More details to follow.



**Club Photo Gallery**



*Lion Tom receiving the Helen Keller Award pin from Lion Steve and Lion Gary*



*Lion Kelly and Lion Marc, putting the T in Teamwork at the Benton County Fair*



*Lion Officers Gary, Steve and Mark N. are greeted by District Governor Karen Norton at the picnic.*



*Lion Lise loving her time at the Burger Barn*

**CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD FOR 2025-2026**

TITLE	NAME
President & Web Developer	Lion Mark Newsome
1st Vice President	Lion Gary Christensen
Secretary	Lion Kelly Tharp
Treasurer	Lion Steve Pilkerton
Sight and Hearing Chair	Lion Jack Campbell
Membership Chair	Lion Lise Schellman
Director & - Past President	Lion Marc Vomocil
Director	Lion Sue Abbot
Director	Lion Jim Abbott
Sight and Hearing Chair	Lion Jack Campbell

# Plans for New Covered Arena at Benton Co.

## Fairgrounds

### ARENA CONCEPT DESIGN

