



Focus

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"Changing Lives. One Pair of Eyeglasses at a Time"

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A Note from President Don Schmidt

I have made it through my first month and things seem to be going well. I feel my first meeting went pretty well. Some issues like the web site are ongoing, but many were resolved. If the budget isn't complete, it has to be close.

Most of the local newspapers I have contacted with volunteer requests have responded positively. Hopefully we will be seeing lots of new faces with enthusiasm and ideas. I believe we have several shifts with minimal volunteers that we may support and it would be great if we got the people to set up new shifts. We have lots of unutilized time on the calendar, so I would like to fill it up. Please invite all of your friends to join us, even if they just chose an existing shift and gave us 1 day a month. Feel free to contact me if someone would like a tour. Every Tuesday afternoon we have up to half a dozen community volunteers who contribute a lot of hours. I can see the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center becoming a place where many people can serve their community.

As I have said though, getting more volunteers is only half of the plan. More volunteers create a need for more glasses. We need to support and encourage our existing satellites and all of the clubs in the Multiple District to collect glasses. This, of course, means assisting our Directors in their support and encouragement of their Zones and Clubs.

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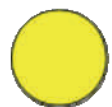


Each month, right here on the front page, we'll display a traffic-light color to signify our current inventory of glasses received for processing.

- Red** = we need more glasses right now
- Yellow** = our supply is dwindling
- Green** = our storage is full

Hopefully it will easily signal our inventory needs so you can help us maintain a steady supply.

Inventory



Low

Mission Feedback — Honduras

From Sydney Liu, St. Charles Borromeo Church

"Our mission is to provide the highest level of compassionate care in a manner that honors and respects the Honduran people and promotes healing and hope."

Mission Trip to Honduras
January 24 - February 1, 2014

Villages visited: Valle Arriba, Suyatillo, Flor Azul
Village, Lomas Limpias, Tatumbala/Linaca



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| Mission Year | 8 | Team Members Traveling: | 53 |
| Physicians: | 7 | Nurses: | 10 |
| Pharmacists/Pharm Techs: | 6 | Dentists/Assistants | 4 |
| Interpreters | 6 | Construction/Water | 3 |
| Support Staff | 16 | Priest | 1 |

Over 900 patients received glasses/readers this year. 75 pairs of glasses were left over and given to the local clinic to use at their discretion.

Medical and dental care was also provided, and the Water Brigade team worked to improve several water systems. In addition, the mission team provided school supplies, toiletries, and clothing.

Preparations have already begun for the 2015 mission trip, scheduled for January 23-31, 2015.

More from Prez Don (cont. from p. 1)

The addition to the building is coming along well and should be substantially complete by the time you read this (*photos on p. 4*). Thank you, Pat Bucknell, for making this happen and achieving it so economically. We all know that's what Pat is good at, and can't help but wonder what new ideas he will come up with to improve the facility.

On the afternoon of August 12th, we will be visited by a photographer from the LION magazine. We need Lions there that day so we are not outnumbered by community volunteers, so please encourage members to come by and see us.

Remember our Volunteer Appreciation Day is **August 23**, starting at 11:00 a.m. I hope to see many of you there.

Snohomish County Homeless Event

Excerpts from a report submitted by PDG Art Ruben

District 19B Lions coordinated vision screenings at the 6th annual Snohomish County homeless event in Everett on July 10th. Over 1300 homeless clients from throughout the county attended, and about 245 people were screened for vision.

According to VOSH President Jeff Forrey, the vision screening was a "well-oiled machine". Lion members registered patients as they came in. Then 19B Lions and LERC volunteers provided initial acuity screening and frames. PDG Bert Caoili, District B Director, managed this room.



Members of VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services To Humanity) and local volunteer eye doctors provided examinations. Those clients who needed eyeglasses were then sent to a room where volunteers from Luxottica helped select frames. The eyeglasses will be made by Luxottica and then they will fit the finished glasses at Volunteers of America in Everett at a later date.

Co-chairs Sue Campbell and Art Ruben both agree this was the smoothest homeless event they have been involved with during the last six years. They thank the many volunteers who turned out to help.



Photos by William Wright for Project Homeless Connect

Send me your news for the FOCUS



Thanks to everyone who makes my job easier by sending me information, articles, and photos for the monthly *Focus*.

Please send submissions to my **new email address**: Jacq.Lion@comcast.net or call me with your ideas at 360.791.8789.

Editor Jacqueline

NWLERC's New Addition



The construction crew, chaired by Facilities Manager Pat Bucknell, has been hard at work building a new addition on the side of the NWLERC building.



"Before"

Note there is a walkway to the storage trailer and, on the other end, an apron for the loading dock.



On Monday you could look between the rafters and see blue sky. By Tuesday, the addition was totally enclosed and the new roofing was complete.

NWLERC Founder Dr. Bob Pinson signals his approval with a smile and a cold beverage!



Upcoming Events



Tuesday, Aug. 12 Photographer from LION magazine visits LERC
 Wednesday, Aug. 13 NWLERC Exec./Staff Meeting, 10:00 am
 Saturday, Aug. 23 Volunteer Appreciation Day, starting at 11:00 a.m. (it's a potluck!)
 Holiday Closure: Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1



Executive Committee & Staff



As you can see on the list at left, we still need to fill some officer slots. More hands means we can spread the work around; more minds means new ideas; more Lions means more fun!

Don Schmidt
President

Pat Baron
VP-Operations

vacant
VP-Outreach

Sue Madsen
VP-Admin. (Stats)

vacant
VP-Satellite Operations

Hope Ramsdale
Recording Secretary

Lyell Clark
Treasurer
Procurement

vacant
Communications / Website

PZC Bob Pinson
VGD John Kirry
Senior Advisors

Pat Baron
Immediate Past President

Cliff Brandsma
Volunteer Coordinator

Pat Bucknell
Facilities Manager

Jean Cook
Berta Fender
Mission Coordinators

Jack Ford
Site Manager Training
Quality Assurance / Training

PZC Bill Miller
Homeless Outreach Programs
VOICE Program
Youth Volunteer Coordinator

Mission shipments, July 2014:

Vietnam - 700 pairs for Vietnam Health Clinic

Snohomish County - 50 pairs for Homeless Connect

| Key Statistics, July 30, 2014 | THIS MONTH | THIS YEAR | PRIOR YEARS | SINCE 2004 |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Raw Eyeglasses Received | 9,010 | 9,010 | 1,618,930 | 1,627,940 |
| Eyeglasses to Missions | 750 | 750 | 183,585 | 184,335 |
| Volunteer Hours | 509 | 509 | 48,546 | 49,055 |
| Missions Supported | 2 | 2 | 217 | 219 |
| Mission-Ready Inventory | 10,100 | | | |

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