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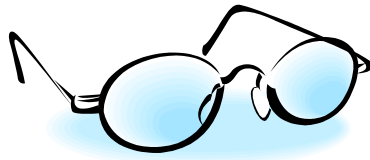
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A Note from President Kerby

Greetings to all,

Even though my feet are still wet after four months into the job, I think I am getting the hang of it.

We had a great picnic on September 17th even though it rained on us. A lot of volunteers and Lions made it a great success, plenty of food and camaraderie. Many hard-earned awards were handed out, among them were to the following: Pat Baron, Don Schmidt, Jodi and Ed Taylor, Malena Hine, Bob Wright, Ike Ikara, Berta Fender, and Donna and Richard Monohon.



At the Executive Committee meeting in October, Founder Bob Pinson presented Harry Thornton, a Lacey Lamplighters Lion, with a plaque for his 18 years of collecting eyeglasses. Harry also did this for several years prior to LERC's existence. **Harry collected over 100,000 glasses!** Is there someone out there that could beat Harry's record? Not likely.

On October 21st, the NWLERC officers met in Spokane for our annual Board of Directors meeting. Six of our Directors were able to attend the meeting. Bert Caoili (District B) was in Jamaica on a mission with VOSH; I know Bert was hard at it. Carl Montgomery (District D) made rounds to all his clubs. Good news: Moses Lake Satellite is starting up again. Sam Clayton (District F) presented two checks, stating he now has 13 clubs donating to LERC. Also schools in Natchez, Clarkston and Lewiston will be having an eyeglass collection drive in January. Patti Easterling (District H) has made great strides in her first year as a Director, making sure that her clubs have all the materials that are needed. Diane Neubert (District I) has been very active in her district, giving presentations to several of her clubs. She wants to establish a mission at the Veterans Stand Down to distribute reading glasses and sunglasses. Judy Ann Bergvall (District C), Ron Johnson (District G), and Joy Otis (District E) are our newest Directors. All of them are excited about working for LERC.

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Got a question for Pres. Kerby? Email him at kerby912kee@hotmail.com.

THE GREAT NWLERC APPRECIATION PICNIC

Photos provided by Sr. Advisor John Kirry



Sure, there was a little rain, but there was also a lot of food, a lot of fun, and a lot of smiling faces!

We're the **Northwest** LERC and we know how to adjust to the weather.

Thanks to everyone for a great time and for giving us a chance to show our appreciation for all your hard work.



More from Pres. Kerby (cont. from p. 1)

Two proposals for bylaw changes which the Executive Committee had submitted to the Directors to vote on were passed:

Proposal #1: That all Past Presidents become voting members of the Executive Committee with the designation of Senior Advisor.

Proposal #2: To pay 25¢ per mile to Executive Committee officers and staff members who live outside of Thurston County for travel to Executive Committee meetings.

The proposed slate of officers and the budget submitted by the Executive Committee both passed.

To the many clubs that earned their Trifecta chevrons, thank you. A Trifecta patch and chevrons can be earned by donating eyeglasses, a financial donation to LERC and also working on eyeglasses.

Senior Advisor John Kirry presented a report from the site planning committee. We are hoping to erect a new building on our property, as our existing structure has outgrown itself!

Patti Makinen was elected to serve as VP - Communications/Public Relations Coordinator. The Directors will vote to confirm her election.

I hope this does not seem like a report, but I want to make sure everyone in "NWLERC-land" knows what we are all about. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact us on the Executive committee or the Director in your District.

To all Lions and volunteers who work at LERC and throughout MD-19, I would like to wish all of you a very happy holiday season. See you in the New Year!

Mission Feedback — Marshall Islands, Sept. 8-23

Photos and mission report provided by Justin Dalke, O.D., Canvasback Missions

Thank you so much for coming through with the donated glasses for our mission trip to Ebeye. The mission was a great success with 400 patients seen, 110 cataract surgeries and 10 pterygium surgeries performed. Approximately 300 glasses were given out.



Awards - It's Great to Give and to Receive!



Bob Pinson (R) presents Lion Harry Thornton with an appreciation plaque for his dedication to recycling so many eyeglasses for so many years.

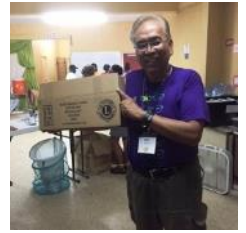
Sedona Oak Creek Canyon Lions Club presented this plaque to the NWLERC for providing eyeglasses to their mission to Malawi in June.



Director Bert on iCARE Mission to Jamaica

Submitted by Director Bert Caoili, District B

The "iCARE" program is a project of Great Shape! Inc., and has been going on for 8 years now. The program provides free eye care, surgical and nursing services for the people of Jamaica.



The 2016 iCARE mission was held October 17-21 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church located in Port Maria, in the district of St Mary. Steven Stern from Seattle is the Program Director. I am very fortunate to be part of this program since 2011, representing the Seattle Bituin Lions Club and LERC.



The 39 volunteers from the US and Canada included 6 optometrists, 2 registered nurses, and 16 opticians. During this timeframe, we served 1550 young and elderly Jamaicans! Their smiles and words of gratitude made all our efforts very heartwarming!

NWLERC has been a part of the success of iCARE, supplying many used prescription eyeglasses, readers and sunglasses. Thank you, NWLERC!

Recycling - It's What We Do!



Of course we recycle eyeglasses — that's our middle name

And for years we've also recycled hearing aids for refurbishing and reuse



Now we can also recycle cell phones, so please send them our way

Send me your news for the FOCUS

Thanks to everyone who gives me articles, photos, and ideas for the newsletter!

Please send submissions to Jacq-Lion@comcast.net or call me at 360.791.8789.

Editor Jacqueline



NWLERC Schedule



Exec./Staff Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 10:00 am

Christmas Closure: December 24 thru January 1

Holiday Closures: Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving

Weekly Closures: Friday - Sunday, Weekdays on 5th week of the month



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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PDG Ed Taylor
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Site Manager Training

PZC Bill Miller
Homeless Outreach Programs

Mission shipments, Sept – Nov:

Grenada: 117 pair of children's glasses for Windward Islands Research & Education Foundation

Mexico: 558 pair for Vista Missions

USA: 65 pair + 40 sunglasses for Sequim Valley Lions Standdown

Mexico: 1549 pair + 2000 sunglasses for VOSH-Arizona

Nigeria: 250 pair + 150 suns for Moses Lake Medical Gp

Mexico: 642 pair + 178 sunglasses for VOSH-Arizona

Indonesia: 125 pair for SeaIndo

Key Statistics as of 11/30/16	SEPT-NOV	THIS YEAR	SINCE 2004
Raw Eyeglasses Received	77,346	118,605	2,065,139
Eyeglasses to Missions	5,674	8,914	221,976
Volunteer Hours	1,766	2,495	65,245
Missions Supported	7	11	267
Mission-Ready Inventory	11,800		

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