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Finally...a new mission request

We have received one mission request from The Alabaster Project for glasses that are going to Chad and other African countries.

We provided **2,800 pair of glasses**, including readers, single vision, and multi vision. we also sent **900 sunglasses**.

We will provide a report when it is received.

- Berta Fender



Happy days are here again!

Your NW LERC is open



Volunteers may come to the Olympia site to work.

Please note:

Volunteers must work with a Site Manager during regularly scheduled shifts.

Contact us at 360-923-2075

for shift times.

— Pat Baron

Introducing Kris Reinbold

New NWLERC secretary



Hi! My name is Kris Reinbold and I am honored to be serving NWLERC as Secretary in the upcoming term. I would like to thank Hope Ramsdale for her countless hours of service in this role, she has been an inspiration of efficiency, timeliness and follow through. She has graciously been training me and says she is willing to coach me along from her new location closer to her children.

I joined the NWLERC Team 2 years ago as the Director from 19B. I continue to be amazed with all the work that goes into improving vision for anyone we can support. I am also a fairly new member with the Seattle-Lake City Lions, yet have known the impact that Lions can have on a community most of my life. My dad was a Lion in Davenport, WA – I helped twist stickers on White Canes as a kid and helped at events, so I suppose I was a Leo before it was a thing.

I reached out to my local Lions as I was getting ready to retire from teaching Special Education for 30 years in the Shoreline School District. We had just finished a year of vision screening with the new digital Optics+ camera. In my school of 500 students, we found 25 new students who were in need of glasses or vision therapy, and 22 of them had needed my services with their learning difficulties at some time in their K-6 years. What a difference one vision screening could make in the learning career of children! I am so hopeful that Lions can continue to support children's vision with this new equipment.

I also had way too much time on my hands, so PDG Mike Lally was willing to give a newbie a chance with a leadership role. Thus, I became 19B's representative to NWLERC. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the people and processes at NWLERC and meeting new Lions from around MD 19. I look forward to serving you and those we are able to help locally and around the world improve their vision and their lives, "One Pair of Glasses at a Time".

If you have questions I can try to help you with, please contact me at lionkrisr@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 425-771-4235.



Kindness in Action

When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take

action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.

District H Lions deliver more than 13,000 pairs





A big shout out of "Thanks" to all the hardworking District H Lions Clubs, which supports the NWLERC Eyeglass Recycling Program. The photo pictured here is an example of their dedication with a pallet full of boxes containing over 13,000 pairs of eyeglasses collected and donated by the following Clubs: Bellingham Central, Bellingham Fairhaven, Bellingham Harborview, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Mt. Vernon, Sedro Woolley, Anacortes, Coupeville, Coupeville Central, Lopez Island, Oak Harbor, South Whidbey and Whidbey Island Lions Club. All of the Lions Clubs within District H continue to collect eyeglasses all year round. The second photo is eyeglasses collected from the Oak Harbor Lions Club and they stated that the pink pair of eyeglasses was their favorite.

As a special note of interest, all the boxes in the photo were delivered to the New NWLERC Storage Building, which is located next to the old Storage Building. A note of "Thanks" to all who helped lend their support to help make the much needed, New NWLERC Storage Building possible. As always, "Where There is a Need There is a Lion.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Carolyn O'Dell
NWLERC District H Director

Reminder

Loose lenses are not recyclable



It doesn't seem fair, but the many loose eyeglass lenses we receive cannot be recycled.

Our recycler does not want them and we have not found another use for them. Please do not include them in your glasses shipments. Thanks.



LERC Key Statistics

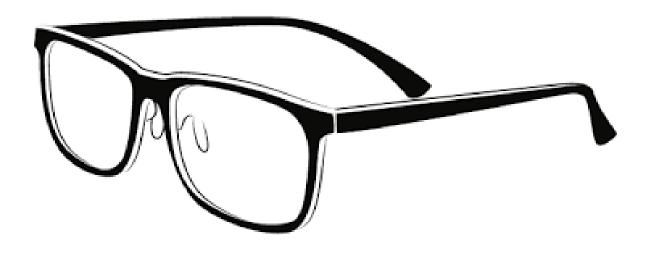
5/31/2021

	May 2021	THIS YEAR	TOTALS	
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Volunteer Hours	402	4692	140,837	
RAW GLASSES INFORMATION				
Raw Glasses Received	10,608	144,721	2,966,252	
Raw Glasses Recycled	00	100,800	1,865,396	
MISSION INFORMATION				
Eye Glasses to Missions	2,900	4,012	291,024	
Missions Supported	1	4	350	
Mission Ready Inventory	16,000	As of 5/31/21		

Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

"2009 Recycler of the Year"

Honored by the Washington State Recyclers Association in recognition of its practice of putting back to productive use or recycling all materials received for its eyeglass program



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