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Sights & Sounds

A stranger's gift



Cassidy Myers, age 5.

Thanks to the gift of a stranger and our Eye Bank, five-year-old Cassidy Myers of Coeur d'Alene Idaho will use two eyes to feast on the sights of the coming holiday season instead of just one.

The puzzles that she loves to work will come together instead of driving her to frustration. Coloring between the lines has become a source of pride instead of an unbeatable challenge. And no more bumping into walls.

With her depth perception restored by a cornea transplant to her ulcerated left eye, Cassidy can now negotiate the family home safely.

The surgery was done this February in Spokane with a cornea from the Northwest Lions Eye Bank. Though doctors told the Myers that the odds for success in a transplant to a child of Cassidy's age were only 50-50, this was a last hope.

It had been more than a year since Cassidy began to complain that everything looked "scribbly." Doctors found an ulcer that was boring into her eye, but they couldn't diagnose its cause and they couldn't cure it. As the ulcer festered, the hole grew and scarred over. Cassidy developed a condition called amblyopia, in which the brain begins to disassociate itself from the bad eye. The ulcer also made Cassidy's eye extremely susceptible to infections from cold viruses, etc., so her mother, Dawn, took her out of the Montessori school that she loved and quit her own job to stay with her. Every hour, Mom administered a complicated series of eye drops and Cassidy wore an eye patch day and night. They also drove to Spokane to see doctors three times a week, but still nothing worked. Without intervention Cassidy's eye would go completely blind.

***"You have given us the
most beautiful gift.
You have given us the
ability to look forward
to the future."***

- Cassidy's mother, Dawn Myers

So Dawn and her husband Bill elected for the corneal transplant and held their breath. And it took! Immediately after waking up from the surgery, Cassidy reported that her world wasn't scribbly any more. In the seven months since her eyesight has continued to improve. "I can see so much better!" she tells her parents over and over, but they never fail to feel a new thrill at the words.

"We will never know the donor or the donor family, but they have given us the most beautiful gift," said Dawn. "They have given us the ability to look forward to the future." ■

This Holiday season, as you pick out just the right gift for each of your friends and loved ones, won't you include a year-end contribution to the Foundation that delivers miracles like Cassidy's 365 days a year? Working together, we make the difference!

*Happy
Holidays!*

**From the Trustees
and Staff at the
Northwest Lions
Foundation for
Sight & Hearing.**

***'Tis the season
for remembering
the gifts of
sight & sound
in your year-end
charitable gift.***



Florence Eakin

Though the amounts are exceptional, the gifts of Florence Eakin (below) and Harry and Clare Wilson (page 3) are, in another way, typical. In choosing to serve those with hearing and sight challenges, Lions of all income levels become united. All gifts are needed, large or small. Thank you, Lions!

\$50,000 gift will help Eye Bank expand

For Florence Eakin, it's about value and serving a need. That's the investment philosophy that led her and her late husband Carl to financial security. And when the 83-year-old resident of Vancouver, WA learned that the Northwest Lions Eye Bank laboratory had a serious need for more room, the same philosophy led her to give \$50,000 to help it expand.

"People need to be able to see," said Florence. "The Northwest Lions Eye Bank helps them do that and I feel privileged to be able to help it grow."

The humble comment fits the giver. Throughout their 35 years together, she and Carl lived simply. "People told us we were just too frugal," Florence remembers. "We were never the first to buy anything." The first automobile they ever purchased new was a Chevy Citation that they bought late in life.

"We never cared to be consumers only when there were so many around us with basic needs going unmet," she says. In fact, supplying apartment tenants with the basic need of shelter at a reasonable rent won their loyalty and helped put her in a position to now assist the Northwest Lions Eye Bank.

So when Florence joined the Orchards Evergreen Lions Club in 2001, the Lions mission of helping people in need had a natural appeal. She began looking for a way to become personally involved. When Sue Chaplik of the Northwest Lions Foundation visited the Club to talk about Foundation sight and hearing programs, Florence had found her way. Soon after, she sold some stocks and presented the Foundation with a \$50,000 check that arrived as workers prepared to start work on the expansion project.

"Florence epitomizes the spirit of Lionism," says Chaplik, Development Manager for the Foundation. "It is my great privilege and pleasure to count her as a friend. She truly knows the joy of giving." ■

Editor's note:

Shortly after receiving a thank you letter from the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing, Florence wrote her own letter to her Lions Club to thank THEM. Please take a moment to read what Florence had to say to her fellow Lions.

*To Orchards Evergreen Lions Club International
Sept. 24, 2002*

Dear Fellow Lions,

I want to share with you something that came very unexpectedly in my mail today. It is this picture from the staff and service community of the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing, together with a letter of gratitude for OUR contribution to its purpose. I say OUR because as a fellow member of this club we are all in this effort together – you and me.

When I sit here in meetings month after month I cannot help observing your earnest thought and endeavor toward reaching out into the community for whatever possible help you can be to those less fortunate than ourselves. I myself am not able to join in many of your efforts due to my own physical constraints. Thus I see that you make up for my shortfalls, as in other ways I may be able to do for yours.

Obviously, there is a great principle of equalization that must be reckoned with. Those upon whom much blessing has been given, much is required. The most any of us can do is comprised of all we are created capable of doing. When we all operate on that basis, regardless of who or how much, or what we individually give, our personal output is actually equal. Therefore, vainglory should have no place in any one of us.

*Sincerely your fellow Lion,
Florence M. Eakin
Florence Eakin*

One Lion's legacy

Though Harold and Clare Cayo Wilson are no longer with us, just this year the couple gave \$30,000 to help the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing continue its LEAP program. They also helped the Ballard Lions Club buy eyeglasses and hearing aids for low income school children in their Seattle neighborhood.

How is that possible? It's called the Harry L. and Clare Cayo Wilson Charitable Trust. Though the former owner of the Wilson Ford Dealership is remembered by fellow members of his Ballard Lions Club as a quiet man, the legacy he and his wife left behind in establishing the Trust will speak loud for Lionism forever.

Since the Trust began awarding grants in 1995, the Ballard Lions Club and the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing have worked together to request and receive \$268,707 for Foundation sight and hearing programs. "The Ballard Club has been effective and generous in partnering with the Foundation on programs that benefit Lions communities throughout the region," said Michael Feltman, Director of Development for the Foundation.

In addition, the Ballard Club has secured \$34,300 in Wilson Trust grants for sight and hearing projects within its own community boundaries. These grants include \$7,800 for the LEAP program at Swedish Medical Center/Ballard Campus, and \$11,300 for the Lions Low Vision Clinic at the same facility.

As for Harry Wilson and his wife Clare, every day their legacy is still making a big difference in the communities where Lions live and serve. Any Lion who would like to continue his or her own support of Foundation sight and hearing programs into perpetuity through a charitable remainder trust or other planned giving program is invited to join the Lions Legacy Society. See the story below for details. ■

Anyone can leave a Lion's legacy

Want to leave your own Lion's legacy? You don't have to be a millionaire. For every Harry and Clare Wilson there are hundreds of individuals of ordinary income who have left never-ending legacies in their own name. Statistics show that most people who do planned giving have annual incomes of under \$75,000.

To help Lions who want to maximize tax savings or put assets to work, the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing has established the **Lions Legacy Society**. This Society recognizes and honors friends of the Foundation who inform us of their intention to invest in Lions sight and hearing programs through planned or deferred gift arrangements.

What Lions stand for

LIBERTY
INTELLIGENCE
OUR
NATION'S
SAFETY

Such information allows the Foundation to ensure the gift will be used as the donor intended, as well as to acknowledge and thank those who support the Foundation in its mission of promoting lifelong hearing and sight health.

We invite you to join other committed Lions who are leaving a legacy by including the Foundation in your estate plan and informing us of your intentions. Large or small, all gifts are important.

Through the Lions Legacy Society you can:

- Leave a legacy by remembering the Foundation in your will.
- Receive guaranteed income through a charitable gift annuity.
- Put assets to work with a charitable remainder trust.
- Leverage your giving by purchasing a life insurance policy.
- Provide for your heirs by funding a charitable lead trust.

Besides the opportunity to leave a legacy that lasts forever, planned giving can serve as an incentive to do important financial planning today. To learn more about leaving your own legacy, call Michael Feltman or Sue Chaplik at the Foundation at 1-800-847-5786. ■



Harold and Clare Wilson at a Ballard parade.

Photo by Vic Candioty, Seattle Times

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Hearing Fellow Oak Leaf Level

RAY TREMBLAY
DG 19-H, Langley Lions

District Governor Ray has now reached the highest Hearing Fellowship level that can be achieved. As a District Governor, Lion Ray asks Clubs that he visits to contribute to NLFSh hearing or sight programs in lieu of the customary personal gift. Thank you, DG Ray, and thank you also to the following Clubs that have contributed to this Fellowship:

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Thank you for partnering with us!

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Thank you to everyone who gave the gifts of sight & sound

(Contributions made July 11 through October 14, 2002)

We greatly appreciate your gifts to the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing. If our records are incorrect, please notify Rachel at (800) 847-5786.

*GED = Golden Ear Days *WCD = White Cane Days *STP = Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic

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*Congratulations award winners
 and thank you all WCD participants!*

Where should hearing aids and eyeglasses be sent?

EYEGASSES:

Please mail eyeglasses to:
 Lion Stanley Sagara
 529 East Magnolia Avenue
 Burlington, WA 98233-1224

Lion Stanley has volunteered to serve as the collection and distribution hub. To make his big job easier, please follow these rules:

- Discard cases before shipping
- No prescription sunglasses
- No loose lenses or broken glasses
- Send only glasses that are in working condition

If you have questions, please call Lion Stanley at (360) 755-0702. And don't forget to thank him for his tireless work!

HEARING AIDS:

Hearing aids should be sent directly to the Foundation. If you would like a receipt, please include your name and address. We appreciate the opportunity to help you make a difference. ■

Marvin rides again



This summer, Lion Marvin Clinesmith of the Almira Lions Club completed the Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic for the second year in a row. This year Marvin raised \$1,640 in pledges for the Foundation. Thank you once again Lion Marvin for all the miles and all the smiles! Terrific job! ■

Oops

The LHSU scheduling application that was mailed last month to Lions leaders gave a wrong phone number. The correct number to call Lion Ralph Harding for scheduling is: 1- 800-847-5786, ext. 500.

LHSU Schedule

November 2002

1, 4 - 8 Battleground Lions
 9 Salmon Creek Lions
 12 Anacortes Lions
 14 - 16 Morton Lions
 18 & 19 Shelton Lions
 20 - 22 North Mason Lions
 25 & 26 Anacortes Lions

December 2002

3 & 4 La Center Lions
 5 & 6 Ocean Shore Lions

NLEB

NORTHWEST LIONS EYE BANK

Eye Bank challenged by record week

Employees at the Northwest Lions Eye Bank are used to a busy schedule. But there's busy and then there's BUSY.

During the week of Sept. 6-13, Northwest Lions Eye Bank staff members throughout Alaska, Montana, and Washington stretched themselves to the limit to recover and evaluate 98 corneas used to give the gift of sight to individuals who have lost their vision. The normal volume of corneas per week is between 50 and 60.

With almost double the work load, extra hours day and night were the order at every turn. At the end of the week, 56 corneas had been recovered in Western Washington, 18 in Eastern Washington, 16 in Montana, and eight in Alaska.

"There were multiple situations where staff worked extra hours to make sure we handled every case with the highest level of care and service," said Monty Montoya, Director for the Eye Bank. "Every cornea donor is extraordinary, and we would never want to let them down." ■

Driven to give the gift of sight



Gary Hagler

When you are an Eye Bank technician entrusted as a caretaker of the gift of sight, sometimes you have to go the extra mile to live up to the responsibility. Or, in Gary Hagler's case, the extra 1,060 miles.

Hagler is a part-time technician at the Montana office of the Northwest Lions Eye Bank. This September 10th, he received an emergency call. There was an eye tissue recovery to make in Billings, 340 miles to the east, but the technician who usually covered that city was not available. For Hagler, there was no question of what to do. He

jumped in his car and made the 5-1/2 hour drive to Billings.

As he finished his recovery in Billings, Hagler received another call. An eye tissue donor in Glendive, another 240 miles to the east, had just passed away. Again Hagler was the only one available to make the recovery. So Hagler jumped back in his car for another four hours of driving to make that recovery, too.

Then back into the car for 9-1/2 hours of more driving to deliver the corneas back to the Eye Bank in Missoula. From there, the tissue went to the laboratory in Seattle for testing and then to a waiting surgeon. But after 19 hours of driving, Hagler's part in a miracle that occurs daily was done. Bottom line? When it comes to caretaking the precious gift of sight-restoring corneas, Gary Hagler's commitment is anything but part-time. ■

Welcome, Montana and Alaska readers

Beginning with this issue, Lions in Montana and Alaska will receive our *Sights & Sounds* newsletter. *Sights & Sounds* is published quarterly to give Lions the latest news from the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing.

Alaska and Montana are local service areas for the Northwest Lions Eye Bank (NLEB) that is operated by the Foundation. This means that citizens in your communities receive priority for cornea transplants. Many cornea donors who have chosen to give the gift of sight through our Eye Bank also come from your states. In Montana, recoveries are accomplished through the Lions

Eye Bank office in Missoula. In Alaska, the organization Life Alaska partners with the Eye Bank to do cornea recoveries.

As the leading Eye Bank in the country, the NLEB has provided more than 23,000 corneas for sight-restoring transplants since its inception in 1969. Cassidy Myers's story on page one of this issue is just one example of the difference we make in people's lives. We hope you enjoy reading about the Eye Bank and our many other sight and hearing projects at the Foundation. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded, directed, and supported by Lions, we consider you part of the Foundation family. ■

*A message from the Chairman***Consider a year-end gift to your Foundation**

Dear Fellow Lions,

I trust that you share with me a tremendous pride in the work that is being done on your behalf by the Trustees of the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing. I would like to share with you a list of a few of the projects on which the Board has embarked on your behalf for 2002-2003:



Fred Minifie, PhD
Seattle University Lions

- Keeping the Northwest Lions Eye Bank as the #1 provider of corneal tissue for transplant in the nation. Our eye tissue quality is widely recognized as superb by physicians.
- Continuing to provide key support for five low vision clinics.
- Continuing the leadership role we are playing within Lions Clubs International in development of the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid. We will soon be able to distribute very low cost hearing aids to needy individuals.
- Deploying the Lions Health Screening unit to serve nearly 23,000 citizens annually.
- Coordinating the Lions Early Assessment Project (LEAP) that is helping families in Washington and Northern Idaho identify and provide early intervention services to newborn children who are deaf or have significant hearing losses.
- Helping individual patients who experience otherwise insurmountable problems related to sight or hearing impairment.
- Providing support for biomedical research on sight and hearing.

Please appreciate that the Board is diligently trying to carry out the work that you have told us you want done. I think that we can all be proud of what we, as Lions, have achieved during this past year.

As I approach the end of the calendar year, I shall personally make conscious decisions to make a few monetary donations to support key charities that I think are doing good for our region. At the top of that list is the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing. If you share my belief that the Foundation is helping you accomplish many of the good deeds that you want to see done as a compassionate Lion who is seeking to serve the community, please consider joining me in making a year-end contribution to the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing. Our collective generosity can do great things for the people we serve.

I continue to seek your input and advice.

Yours in Lionism,

Fred D. Minifie, PhD
Chairman, NLFSh Board of Trustees

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Golden Ear Days report

Our Lions Golden Ear Days 2002 campaign is shaping up as a big success. Congratulations and thank you to all the Clubs and Club members who participated. We're hearing some great stories from Clubs who tried new things or experienced increased success this year.

For example:

- Led by the Mt. Baker Lions Club, the 11 clubs in Whatcom County combined forces this year to form a pre-campaign publicity juggernaut. The Clubs used the sample proclamation in the Golden Ear Days Action Packet and got the mayors of all cities in the county to sign it jointly, as well as the County Executive. They then sent the proclamation and a news release to every newspaper in the county, which resulted in some great publicity.
- The Federal Way Lions Club raised \$850 during the campaign and increased that total to \$1,000 by adding a Club contribution. That amount represented a four-fold increase from the year before. "We were just a lot more active on the site this year," said Club GED Chair Carolyn Harestad. "We greeted everyone, and I mean everyone, who passed by and they all got a sticker, a brochure on Foundation hearing programs, and lots of big smiles. It was that simple and it made all the difference." ■



Silverdale Sunrise Club

From left: Tim Botkin, Kitsap County Commissioner, poses for a newspaper publicity photo with Hoyt Burrows, Teri Noll and GED Chair Bob Reid of the Silverdale Sunrise Lions.

"Our GED Chairman Bob Reid did a great job publicizing the event," said Club President Al Hedstrom. "Bob got the County Commission to issue a proclamation for Golden Ear Days at its regular meeting in front of several hundred people. Then he arranged a photo opportunity for the local paper in which the County Commissioner signed the proclamation. On the days of the event a lot of people knew exactly who we were and what we were doing. We had a great campaign!" ■

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