



Focus

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

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A Note from President Kerby



As I begin my term as President of the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, I would like to thank our past president, Don Schmidt, for his strong leadership at LERC during the past two years. We have made great progress during his tenure.

To all the Lions and volunteers that have put in innumerable hours, we cannot thank you enough. Our center is the preeminent recycling center in the nation, and the quality of our glasses is second to none. The doctors and their assistants going on missions look to NWLERC for glasses to help as many people as possible.

I would like to welcome our new Directors from the following districts, who have been involved with NWLERC for many years in the field: Judy Ann Bergvall - District C, Joy Otis - District E, and Ron Johnson - District G.

There are many projects that we will be working on in the coming months. We are working on a site plan to build a new LERC structure. We have outgrown our building and the addition already. In the coming months, we will have finished drawings of what is planned. With the cost of building a structure, we will be looking for grants to help in the construction. We will also be looking at a new lensometer and another commercial dishwasher for cleaning glasses.

In September we look forward to the annual LERC picnic, which will be held September 17th at LERC at 1:00 p.m. LERC will supply all the hamburgers and hotdogs, with the rest being a potluck. Please bring a favorite dish and come join in the fun! Also, you might want to bring a chair for your comfort.

We will be traveling to Spokane on the 21st of October for the MD-19 Fall Convention, where our Board of Directors will be holding their annual meeting. Hopefully, they will be voting on updates to the Policy and Procedures manual and the Bylaws.



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

Mission Feedback — Nigeria

Information & photos provided by Laurel Strong Olson

Mission to Nigeria, May 24 – June 16, 2016

While on a personal mission to Nigeria, Laurel visited 7 states on a very busy itinerary. Below are some photos she provided to us.



Students at two schools were provided with sunglasses.



Laurel also made some new friends at two Lions Clubs!



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



THE GREAT NW/LERC APPRECIATION PICNIC



INVITATION TO ALL LERC VOLUNTEERS (BOTH LIONS AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS)

- * GRAB YOUR GLASSES (OR NOT)
- * BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC DISH
- * WEAR YOUR VERY BEST SMILE (photos)

AND SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016, 12 NOON - 3 P.M.
ON SITE - 9013 MULLEN RD SE, OLYMPIA

HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, WATER AND SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED.
BRING POTLUCK - SAVORY OR SWEET.

COME & BE APPRECIATED — YOU DESERVE IT!

RSVP: Pat - pcardmaker@comcast.net / 360-491-9030

New Director for District E

Welcome to Joy Otis, who has stepped up to serve as a NWLERC Director. Although this is a new job for her, she has been involved in eyeglass recycling for years.

She has been a member of the Spokane Central Lions Club since 2001. Their LERC satellite has run out of the shop at her business for several years.

She has chaired several committees within her Lions Club, and enjoys working with her fellow Lions as well as working on projects in the community.

New & Easy-to-Use Drop Box

Submitted by Past Pres. Don Schmidt

The first minor step in our plans to improve and expand the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center has occurred! *(one small step etc.)* I don't know that it is *expansion*, but for those of us impacted by it, it is a definite improvement.

Randy Harris, a Lacey Sunrise Lion, constructed a new collection box for those who wish to deliver donated eyeglasses to our center. Our previous box disintegrated after years of service.

Upon delivery, Randy graciously agreed to modify the box. He installed a door on the front so that IPP Don could reach the glasses at the bottom.

The box is a functional and esthetically pleasing addition to our facility.

Thank you for your contribution, Lion Randy!



Production Numbers

For 2016, **30-84** volunteers donate their time each month to process eyeglasses at our LERC.

We currently have **46** trained lensometer technicians on our "Active" list.

They read the prescriptions on **hundreds** of eyeglasses monthly, with an average error rate under **1%**.

Prescriptions include an average of **82%** single-vision glasses, **4%** multi-vision, and **14%** progressives.

These numbers are tracked and reviewed monthly by our staff members so our QA team can be assured that the NWLERC continues to produce the quality product we're know for!

NWLERC Schedule



Exec./Staff Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 10:00 am
Board of Directors Mtg: Saturday, Oct. 22, 2:30 pm, at MD-19 Convention in Spokane
 Holiday Closures: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's,
 Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day
 Weekly Closures: Friday - Sunday, Weekdays on 5th week of the month



NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PZC Kerby Kee
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Ron Reierson
VP-Outreach
VP-Satellite Operations

Hope Ramsdale
VP-Admin.
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Berta Fender
Jody Taylor
Malena Hine
Mission Coordinators

Jack Ford
Bob Wright
Quality Assurance / Training
Site Manager Training

PZC Bill Miller
Homeless Outreach Programs
VOICE Program
Youth Volunteer Coordinator

Mission shipments, June – August:

Malawi – 300 pairs for Endeavor Children's Services
Mexico – 1300 pairs for Venture Missions
Haiti – 135 pairs for American Friendship Foundation
Nigeria – 200 pairs sunglasses for Laurel Strong Olson
Marshall Islands – 720 pairs + 165 pairs sunglasses for Canvasback Missions

Key Statistics as of 7/31/16	JUNE-JULY	THIS YEAR	PRIOR YEARS	SINCE 2004
Raw Eyeglasses Received	29,882	10,595	1,946,534	1,957,129
Eyeglasses to Missions	1,635	1,635	213,782	215,417
Volunteer Hours	890	218	62,750	62,968
Missions Supported	3	3	256	259
Mission-Ready Inventory	14,200			

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