

# Focus

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

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## A Note from President Don

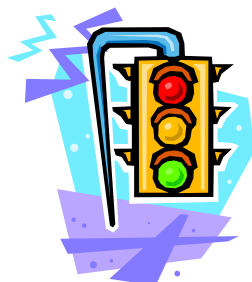
Well, we are halfway through our Lions year and it has been pretty interesting so far. Changes in personnel, operations and our physical facility have made life interesting. Changes in our Executive Committee, Directors, new annex and additional issues have made for challenging times. With our new heating system in place, our volunteers are working much more comfortably. Keeping our volunteers comfortable and happy is so important, because without them we don't exist.

We are fortunate to have new Lion volunteers as well as our community volunteers. To continue our success we need glasses and volunteers. We currently have a good supply of glasses, but are looking for more volunteers. We are encouraging local Lions Clubs to consider giving us some time, plus we are recruiting at area Senior Centers.

I see our Northwest LERC as providing multiple important services. Obviously we provide eyeglasses to needy people throughout the world. Something else we provide is an opportunity for members of our local community to volunteer their time in a very satisfying program. Also we all realize the importance of Lions throughout the Northwest encouraging members of their communities to support the NWLERC by contributing their eyeglasses.

Meeting these needs requires dedication of Lions and community members throughout the Northwest and I know we have the support of all. In the past we have seen times when volunteers did not have glasses to process so I think this is a cyclical thing.

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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



Holding Steady

## *Mission Feedback — Mexico*

These pictures are from a 2014 mission to San Jose, a small community near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This was a Venture Mission sponsored by Avondale Bible Church.



Some mission groups do not take bifocal glasses on their trips. Or, as in this case, they did not have enough bifocals. The alternative is to give two pairs of glasses to individuals needing bifocals.

Therefore, on this mission, 678 people received a single pair and 259 people received two pairs of glasses.



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

The continued success of the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center requires continued commitment from everyone in our service area.

Lions throughout MD19 are doing a great job supplying us with glasses. We are gaining volunteers to process these glasses, which enables us to fulfill our mission of supplying glasses to the needy around the world.

Thank you to all who contribute to the success of the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

# District C Eyeglass Collection Contest

Submitted by Bob Pinson, District 19-C Sight Chair

The District 19C Eyeglasses Collection Contest is well underway and the patches will be presented to the winning zone at the Spring Conference in March.

Each Lions Club in the winning zone that has participated in this contest will receive an attractive banner patch for helping their zone win the contest.

As of January 7, 2015 the results of this contest are as follows:

1st Place	Zone C-3 with <b>11,748</b> collected
2nd Place	Zone C-6 with <b>8,206</b> collected
3rd Place	Zone C-2 with <b>4,808</b> collected
4th Place	Zone C-4 with <b>4,695</b> collected
5th Place	Zone C-1 with <b>2,848</b> collected
6th Place	Zone C-5 with <b>1,128</b> collected



**Attention Zone Chairpersons:** You still have plenty of time for your zone to be competitive, so let's get your Lions out to empty your collection boxes and deliver your glasses to the NWLERC.

## District B Update

Submitted by Director Bert Caoili

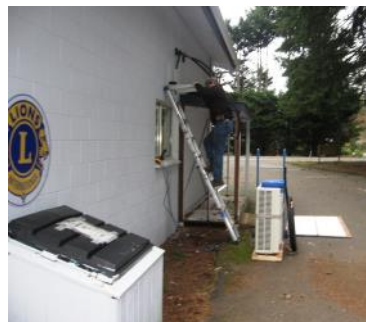
♦ **Walmart Eyeglasses:** Seattle Bituin Lions picked up a box full of eyeglasses from Walmart in Lynnwood on Wednesday, January 7, to be delivered to the KCECC Satellite Eyeglass Sorting Party.

♦ John and Joan Flesher of the **Arlington LERC Satellite** reported:

"On Saturday, January 10th we had a LERC Eyeglass Cleaning Party at John and Joan Flesher's home. 11 hard-working Lions processed 7 boxes of recycle material, 2,250 pairs of single- and multi-vision usable eyeglasses, and 1 box of sunglasses. 65 total Lion hours were put in on this work party. We shared a pizza lunch together, which is a great way to get to know your fellow Lions." (See article and photos on p. 4)

♦ **KCECC Satellite Eyeglass Sorting Party:** Saturday, February 21, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Seattle-Rainier Lions Club, 37112 S. Ferdinand Street, Seattle, 98118.

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**Phil of Pacific Air installing the new ductless heating system.**

# New NWLERC Website

It's now up and running!! Visit the renovated NWLERC website at [www.lionsnwlerc.org](http://www.lionsnwlerc.org).

The site was designed by Donald Miller at Graphic Concepts Inc., and will be easy to update by LERC staff. The updates are being handled by Mission Coordinator Jean Cook.

Comments may be e-mailed to [missionsupport@nwlerc.org](mailto:missionsupport@nwlerc.org).

**Editor's Note:** The *Focus* newsletter is easily available for anyone to read/download; check out the link on the main web page or pull-down News link. There are archived issues, too!

## Arlington Satellite Work Party

A-LERC has it together now!

The theme of LERC is so very true -- we cleaned 'one pair of eyeglasses at a time' -- for 5 hours! (The most enjoyable hours spent in a long time.)

Eleven members of the Arlington Lions Club came together on January 10th at the home of Lions John and Joan Flesher to begin the process of cleaning, sorting and packaging or discarding 2,500 pairs of eyeglasses. (There is an equal amount still stored in the garage!)

This procedure was formerly done by the Seven Lakes Lions, but since seven of the former Seven Lakes Club have transferred to Arlington, the continuation of 7-LERC has become A-LERC. The shipment of 15 boxes was delivered to the NWLERC facility on January 14th by Lions Jim and John.

Lions Randy, John, Jim, Roy, Dave and Barry



Lions Teresa, Donna, Karen, Joan and Debbie

## New Email Address (Yes, AGAIN!)



Since the local computer geeks could not fix my recent email issues, I now have a new email address. It's a very subtle change — from a "." to a "-" between Jacq and Lion.

Please send submissions to [Jacq-Lion@comcast.net](mailto:Jacq-Lion@comcast.net) or call me with your ideas at 360.791.8789.

*Editor Jacqueline*



# Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Feb. 11 NWLERC Exec./Staff Meeting, 10:00 am



5th Week Closures: None for February!

## Executive Committee & Staff

**Don Schmidt**  
*President*

**ZC Pat Bucknell**  
*VP-Operations*

**vacant**  
*VP-Outreach*

**Sue Madsen**  
*VP-Admin. (Stats)*

**vacant**  
*VP-Satellite Operations*

**Hope Ramsdale**  
*Recording Secretary*

**Lyell Clark**  
*Treasurer / Procurement*

**vacant**  
*Communications*

**PZC Bob Pinson**  
**DG John Kirry**  
*Senior Advisors*

**Pat Baron**  
*Immediate Past President*

**Cliff Brandsma**  
*Volunteer Coord, / QA*

**ZC Pat Bucknell**  
*Facilities Manager*

**Jean Cook**  
*Website*

**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*



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!

## Mission shipments, January 2015:

None – Mission Coordinators Berta & Jean got to put their feet up (yeah, right!)

**VP Sue, our Stats Guru, is down with the flu, so we'll get caught up again next month.**

<i>Key Statistics, Dec. 27, 2014</i>	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	PRIOR YEARS	SINCE 2004
Raw Eyeglasses Received	8,316	112,302	1,618,930	1,731,232
Eyeglasses to Missions	1,265	8,117	183,585	191,702
Volunteer Hours	304.5	2,745	48,546	51,291
Missions Supported	2	11	217	228
Mission-Ready Inventory	9,200			

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