

Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling

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NWLERC President's Report

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As many of you know I jumped into the role of president unexpectedly at the passing of Lion Dick Woods. No one can fill his shoes but we have carried on. Starting as a once a month lensometer reader and becoming President is not possible without the strong support of the NWLERC Board. Hope Ramsdale is an excellent secretary and so very helpful with questions and background. Past presidents have been my lifesavers. Thank you to all members of the board. My own Spanaway Lions have joined other Lions Clubs in showing up regularly to help sort, wash and wipe glasses. Thank you Lion Volunteers!

Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center received 381,551 total glasses. Thank you to all those who put out boxes, collected glasses and sent them to us. We had Eagle Scout projects and various volunteer groups join us. Total hours recorded for all volunteers to receive, sort, wash, wipe, read, bag, prepare for missions and recycle glasses was 130,088. Thank you Volunteer coordinator and Quality Control & Education Coordinator. 26,088 glasses were sent on 29 missions to places like India, Jamaica, Fiji, Uganda, Peru, El Salvador and Nigeria. Thank you Mission Support Team.

Phase 2 of our Building Campaign has just begun with a grant request to LCIF for half the funds needed to complete our storage facility. An Open House is in the works on completion.

Welcome to new member Lion Kris Reinbold, Director of District B. Lion John Kubena has stepped in to help us complete the new facility. A special shout out to Lion Bob Wright for his persistence in getting the build off the ground!

This is a two-year term and so I will report one more time on our progress. Thank you all for your support of NWLERC as we change lives one pair of eyeglasses at a time.