

District Governor Newsletter

**May
2022**

DG Michael Tobin
1st VDG Scott Dornfeld
2nd VDG Brian Gertiser
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Montana Lions District 37

Message From District Governor Michael Tobin

“Where there Is a need, there is a Lion”

Well April is over, and the District Convention is in the rear-view mirror, but what a convention it was. If you didn't go, you missed a good one. The parade of Green brought in \$59,752.16. Here is the break down.

LCIF	7600
Montana Sight and Hearing Foundation	13,800
Leader Dog	6600
Montana Youth Diabetes Association	3000
Lions Sight and Hearing	750
Roland McDonald House	250
Florence Crittenden	100
Grand Total	\$59,752.16

Don't let the math fool you it all adds up.

The Silent auction raised an additional \$3,885 for Montana Sight and Hearing, the Live auction raised an additional \$3,800 for LCIF, and \$3,800 was donated by all present for the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. The giving was unbelievable. Thank you District 37!!

Friday night was the live auction, and it was both thrilling and VERY entertaining. 2nd Vice International President Dr. Patti Hill stated that it was the most fun she has had at a convention in a long time.

The Saturday night banquet was elegant, and the food was fabulous. The ladies were beautiful and the men handsome. Standing up front and looking out at everyone was a sight to behold and it actually brought tears to my eyes. Thank you all. Dr. Hill's message was extremely motivating and reminded us all of what Lion's is all about. I know the newly elected Governor team is looking forward to their start, and if you support them as you have supported me, the district will have another successful year.

The logo features the text "Lions: We Serve" in a bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is a different color: 'L' is purple, 'i' is pink, 'o' is red, 'n' is orange, 's' is yellow, 'W' is green, 'e' is blue, 'S' is dark blue, 'e' is purple, 'r' is blue, 'v' is green, and 'e' is yellow. The text is set against a background of light gray diagonal stripes.



2nd IVP Patti Hill

CONVENTION ACTION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Nomination for 2023 Convention

Glendive and the Glendive Lions Club

Leadership Positions

District Governor – Lion Scott Dornfeld

Nomination by PDG Lary Garrison

Second by Lion Jesse Gonzalez

1st Vice District Governor – Lion Brian Gertiser

Nomination by PID Dave Hajny

Second by PDG Jack Beckman

2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Raleigh Peck

Nomination by PID Dave Hajny

Second by Lion Jon Kimble

2023 convention site and nominations for leadership positions were approved by a vote of convention delegates

Presentations

American Red Cross Disaster Services – Shellie Creveling

Leader Dog – PDG Jim Johnke

Memorial Service – PDG Melody Whitcher & PDG Jim Johnke

Can You Hear Me Now – Brian Lodgson

Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center – PDG Jack Beckman

Plusoptix – Lion Dave Falcon

Meet & Greet Our Leaders – 2nd IP Patti Hill, PID Dave Hajny,
PCC Ben Apeland

District Governor Banquet

Awards

District 37 Hall of Fame Inductee
PDG Lary Garrison



DG Michael Tobin, PDG Lary Garrison and 2nd IVP Patti Hill

District Governor Appreciation Awards

Lion Jon Kimble – Seeley Lake Lions

Lion Steve Melby – Columbia Falls Lions

Lion Chris Robinson – Cut Bank Lions

International President's Medal

PDG Dan Sturdevant – Helena Lions



DG Michael Tobin, PDG Dan Sturdevant and 2nd IVP Patti Hi

International Leadership Award
Lion Raleigh Peck – Sidney Lions



Global Membership Initiative Award
DG Michael Tobin

Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation – Donation Awards

Top 5 Clubs – Total Donations

Shepherd Lions Club	\$5400.00
Huntley Project Lions Club	\$5250.00
Gallatin Empire Lions Club	\$4907.00
White Sulphur Springs Lions Club	\$3600.00
Ennis Lions Club	\$3340.00

Top 5 Clubs – Contributions Per Capita

White Sulphur Springs Lions Clubs	\$257.14
Great Falls Electric City Lions Club	\$254.55
Shepherd Lions Club	\$207.69
Roundup Lions Club	\$200.83
Huntley Project Lions Club	\$150.00

**A FULL ALBUM OF CONVENTION PHOTOS WILL BE POSTED
ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE: MONTANALIONS.ORG**

SERVICE FROM THE HEART May 2022

This has been a year unlike any other. We have faced a global health pandemic and a humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, which have posed great challenges to our communities and the world. But through it all, your leadership and courage has kept our incredible association moving forward. I ask you to continue to be the leader your lions and your communities need—to keep pushing forward to ensure that we accomplish our goals.

Our top priority for the year is reaching our Campaign 100 goal. I want to thank every Lion who has contributed to LCIF's Refugees and Displaced Persons fund. It is helping us reach our campaign goal, but more importantly, it is helping Lions meet the immediate needs of families who are struggling to find safety and security.

I ask that you continue to charter new clubs and strengthen our existing clubs to help meet the growing needs of the world. Lions have always been a beacon of hope to those in need, and this is when our light must shine its brightest.

I could not have asked for a better team to work with throughout this challenging year. Let's continue to strive for greatness at a time when the world desperately needs it.

DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dues Adjustment Resolution Will Be Voted on at 2022 International Convention

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 convention and the move to a virtual convention in 2021 as we adapted to the pandemic. *The new dues adjustment model will be voted on at the 2022 International Convention in Montreal.*

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues \$7 over a three-year period.

Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, hybrid convention, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander
International President

2022-2023 CLUB OFFICERS

This is the time of the year that all Lions clubs are responsible for reporting their 2022-2023 club officers. The preferred means of reporting club officers is via MyLCI. Officers can also report using the PU 101. Club officers should be reported to LCI prior to May 15, 2022.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Leadership Retreat has been re-scheduled for October 28 and 29 in Helena. If you want additional information, have questions or concerns, contact IPDG Mike Collins, mikeacollins@bresnan.net 406-871-4176



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING YOUR SERVICE

A Guide to LCIF grant opportunities

Childhood Cancer Grants: US \$10,000-\$150,000

lionsclubs.org/ChildhoodCancerGrant new.emerging@lionsclubs.org

Diabetes Grants: US \$10,000-\$150,000

lionsclubs.org/DiabetesGrants diabetesgrants@lionsclubs.org

Disaster Relief: Emergency Grants/ Disaster Preparedness Grants: Up to US \$10,000/ Community Recovery Grants: Up to \$20,000/ Major Catastrophe: Up to \$50,000

lionsclubs.org/DisasterGrants LCIFHumanitarianPrograms@lionsclubs.org

District and Club Community Impact Grants: Based on Contributions to LCIF

lionsclubs.org DCG new.emerging@lionsclubs.org

Leo Service Grants: US \$1,500- \$5,000

lionsclubs.org/LeoGrants LCIFliogrants@lionsclubs.org

Lions Quest: Program Grants: US \$50,000 Promotional Grants: US \$1,500

lionsclubs.org/Lions Quest Grants lionsquest@lionsclubs.org

Matching Grants: US \$10,000-\$100,000

lionsclubs.org/Matching Grants LCIFHumanitarianPrograms@lionsclubs.org

SightFirst Grants: Awards Vary

lionsclubs.org/SightFirst SightFirst@lionsclubs.org

Contact PDG Lary Garrison, LCIF District Chairperson with any questions.

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DISTRICT WEBSITE

Our new website, www.montanalions.org is up and running. It is getting more visits week over week, which means it is being used. We have followed the use of the website with metrics which is information about how many visits, how long, how many pages, which pages and new versus returning visitors. We want to encourage all of you to take a look and see what is offered and to determine how you can use the website. Less than 90 members have visited the site. When you start at the home page, take the time to look around and get a feel for what is available and how to access the information. You will be amazed at how easy the directory of officers and clubs is to access. You can search if you want to find what you are looking for. The by-laws and constitution are on the site along with the current and archived monthly newsletters. You can send photos and news articles about your club's activities after the event or before if you want to notify Montana Lions about an upcoming event. You can use the site to help a potential new member to understand what Lions do in Montana. There will be more information every week as clubs post more information and we continue to add to the site. If you have any suggestions about the web site you

can contact District Governor Michael Tobin or Website Chair Richard Gessling at, gesslingdds@gmail.com Thank you for checking the website out.

The district website provides a wealth of information:

Lions causes: vision, hearing, diabetes, childhood cancer, the environment.

Endorsed projects: Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, Florence Crittenton Home, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Montana Association for the Blind, Lions Gift of Sight, Montana Youth Diabetes.

Events: Club Officer Training

Newsletters

Club News

Information regarding LCIF

Donation options: Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation

Contact information For: vision screening, 2021-2022 directory, District Governor

CLUB NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Any Lions club member can submit information associated with any type of Lions project or general club information. Please send in "word" format and/or photos in JPEG format to: PDG Dennis Kopitzke; djk_7491@rangeweb.net

District 37 Club Officer Training Videos

All Club officers: Trainer IPDG Mike Collins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfiAchdTUik>

Club President: Trainer DG Mike Tobin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIYHa-hYzwI>

Club Secretary: Trainer Lion Peggy Tobin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdA1Zj0KngM>

Club Treasurer: Trainer Mike Collins

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_E2y2RSeRdA

WEBSITES

Visit the district website at www.montanalions.org to find a wealth of valuable information regarding almost every aspect associated with the operation of the district.

LCI website, lionsclubsinternational.org Look for: general information, service projects, membership, club improvement, online training, media and news releases, and LCIF.

The Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation website: www.mtlionsshfnd.org
Information regarding programs and sight, hearing and/or speech impairments.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sdornfeld51@gmail.com

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District Secretary/Administrator; PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Box 1266, Forsyth, 59327; 406-346-1488; 406-853-8695; djk_7491@rangeweb.net

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

May

Anaconda Lions Club	05/07/1999
Bozeman Sourdough Lions Club	05/29/1990
Chinook Lions Club	05/05/1925
Deer Lodge Lions Club	05/22/1984
Great Falls Sunrise Lions Club	05/25/1966
Helena Lions Club	05/03/1933
Kalispell Lions Club	05/04/1942
Laurel Lions Club	05/25/1976
Scobey Lions Club	05/18/1936

IMPORTANT DATES

May

Strengthen Membership Month

- May 1 District cabinet meeting, Great Falls
- May 10 LCI Executive Committee, Oak Brook, IL
- May 11-13 LCI Board of Directors, Oak Brook, IL
- May 20-23 Lions Certified Instructor Program, Brisbane, Aus.
- May 27-29 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Brisbane, Aus.

June

- June 6-8 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Brussels, Bel.
- June 19-23 Board of Directors Meeting, Montreal
- June 23-24 FVDG/DGE Seminar, Montreal
- June-24-28 LCI International Convention, Montreal

Future LCI Conventions

- 2023 Boston
- 2024 Melbourne
- 2025 Mexico City
- 2026 Atlanta
- 2027 Washington, DC
- 2028 Singapore

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022

September 15 -17
Calgary, Alberta

Volunteers are needed .

Volunteers can choose the day, the hours, and the job. There are some jobs where you can be seated.

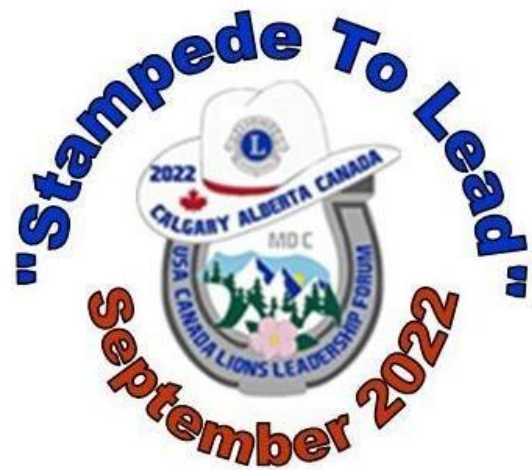
A few of the jobs are:

Greeter Bag Stuffing Office
Registration Display Setup
Forum Store Data Entry
Drivers Booth Staffing

- volunteers are needed from Monday to Saturday
- you can do more than 1 job
- some jobs require Forum registration.

For Information and to
Register to be a Volunteer go to:

[2022 lionsleadershipforum.com](https://2022.lionsleadershipforum.com)



It is easy to Register at
lionsforum.org

Read a bout the seminars, displays, and activities. Canadian Olympian Catrina La May Doan will be one of the motivational speakers.

- over 70 seminars
- 4 motivational meal sessions
- service projects
- many networking opportunities
- Lions University graduation
- meet Lion leaders

Why not volunteer for a few hours?
You can do both!

Register before May 31st for the
early bird fee.

See Ya'll There!



CABINET MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2022
GREAT FALLS

May 1, 2022

Montana District 37 – Cabinet Meeting, May 1, 2022; Great Falls, District Convention

Attendees in person: DG Michael Tobin, DGE VDG Scott Dornfeld, 1st VDGE Brian Gertiser, 2nd VDGE Raleigh Peck, PID Dave Hajny, PCC Ben Apeland, PCC Dan Krum, PDG Lary Garrison, IPDG Mike Collins, PDG Dan Sturdevant, PDG Richard Gessling, PDG Melody Witcher, PDG Jack Beckman, PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Lion Steve Melby, Lion Dave Falcon, Lion Kathryn Yancey, Lion Jon Kimble

Guest: 2nd IVP Patti Hill, PDG Steve Hadnagy and Lion Janet Hadnagy, Lion Jim McCormick

- I. Call to Order by DG Michael Tobin at 8:00 AM
 - a. DG Michael Tobin led the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. PDG Lary Garrison provided an invocation
 - c. Introductions - NA
- II. Minutes – January 8 and February 9, 2022 cabinet meeting minutes; motion PCC Dan Krum, second by 2nd VDGE Raleigh Peck, to approve the minutes.
Passed.
- III. Financial Reports – PCC Dan Krum provided the reports. Motion to approve by PID Dave Hajny, second by 2nd VDGE Raleigh Peck. Passed.
- IV. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Dress Code
 - b. District Governor Phone
 - c. ZOOM – Use of OWL System
 - d. PID Tom Lehman Legacy Award
 - e. Dues Increase

V. General Business

a. Grants

- i. Laurel (pond area improvements) – The project has been completed. Dedication ceremony On Monday, May 2
- ii. Denton (Ambulance) – LCIF grant approved; ambulance to be delivered in August
- iii. Fairfield (Senior Center/Food Bank) – Work continues on the project
- iv. Plentywood (Park and Park Dock) – work continues on the project
- v. Bozeman (Food Bank) – Work on the project continues

PDG Lary Garrison reviewed the grant process and the availability of funds
PID Dave Hajny – Clubs and the District need to be aware of the increase in costs associated with projects and how this might affect grants

IPDG Mike Collins – Review of diabetes grants and the availability of approximately \$17,000.00 in grant funds

2ND IVP Patti Hill – Clubs and district need to be aware of the District and Club Impact Grants

b. Administrator's Report – District administrator provided the quarterly report; information only, no action required

d. Club Health Assessment – Leadership team will be taking special action by visiting or making contact with clubs suspected of having significant membership issues; clubs that have folded, Butte Copper City, Lolo, Evergreen, Charlo, Lewistown, Columbus and Bozeman Sourdough. There was discussion of possible reasons for the loss of clubs (internal conflicts, lack of club leadership, inappropriate focus as attempts were made to start new clubs in Lewistown and Columbus.

a. Success story from Lion Steve Melby (Columbia Falls); use of social media/Facebook, ongoing activities, vibrant leader

e. Reports – Lion Kathryn Yancey, Zone 3: Two visits have been made to each club in the zone; Whitefish Lions continue to eye test using PlusOptix, work at the fair and will try to form a middle school LEO club; Columbia Falls continues to be active; Tobacco Valley is set in their ways but may try to establish a LEO club; Kalispell Lions continue to be involved in the flag distribution program to young students; PDG Jack Beckman, North Region: Clubs will try and hold social event, there have been limit visits to clubs; PDG Melody Whitcher, Zone 14; Winnett continues to have a very vibrant club; Denton Lions continue to work to support efforts to rebuild the community after the devastating range fire; Roundup continues to struggle with membership; Lion Jon Kimble, West Region – clubs continue to meet

“in person”, clubs are actively working on community projects; the Seeley Lake LEO club will receive an Environmental Award from LCI; East Region, 2nd VDGE Raleigh Peck, East Region - clubs in the east region continue meet on a regular basis; the Sidney LEO club continues to be very active; travel distances continue to be an issue.

*PID Dave Hajny suggested that clubs be provided \$1000.00 to start new LEO clubs

*2nd IVP Patti Hill suggestion that the cabinet allow 2 or 3 LEO members to be cabinet members; efforts need to be made to convert graduating LEO's into Lions club members

- f. Club Visitations – DG Michael Tobin has made 23 visits; VDGE Scott Dornfeld has 1 visit pending; 1st VDGE Brian Gertiser has 2 visits remaining
- g. Committee Reports –
 - GMT (Lion Steve Melby) – Goals will be established for 2022-2023
 - GLT – (IPDG Mike Collins) – Club officer training was held at the convention; training will continue via ZOOM; Leadership Retreat is schedule for October 28 and 29 in Helena; the DG manual will be reviewed and updated; incoming DG and VDG training was held in Wyoming
 - GST – (Lion Jesse Gonzalez) No report
 - LCIF (PDG Lary Garrison) – Information provided in grant report
 - GMA – Nothing new to report
- h. Website – Lion Peggy Tobin is serving as the administrator for the website; Metrics & analytics are available associated with the website and there are metrics for the MailChimp system; work has to be done to make sure information is correct and up-to-date, efforts will be made later this spring an into early summer to collect information and get it posted to the website; there is a need to get the district by-laws and constitution on the website
- i. Club Officer Training – Information provided in GLT report
- j. Leadership Report – Information provided in GLT report
- k. USA/Canada Forum – Efforts will continue to promote the forum
- l. PCC Ben Apeland, ID Candidacy – District members were thanked for their support; final decision will be made during the Montreal convention

VI. New Business

- a. 2022 Convention – Final report is pending; 92 Lions and 24 other individuals attended the banquet; PDG Jack Beckman will provide a convention checklist and report on the impact on the convention budget
- b. 2023 Convention – Glendive Lions Club will host the convention; dates to be determined; Convention Advisory Committee will be activated and used to help with the convention planning
- c. 2022 – 2023 Officers – DGE Scott Dornfeld; 1st VDGE Brian Gertiser, 2nd VDGE Raleigh Peck
- d. 2022-2023 Budget – Work continues on the budget; proposed budget will be presented to the cabinet at the July 16 cabinet meeting.
- e. 2022-2023 Directory – Directory will only be available via electronic means

VII. Additional Items

- a. Dress Code – Policy will be reviewed and adjusted as needed
- b. District Governor Phone – Motion by IPDG Mike Collins, second by PDG Jack Beckman to provide the District Governor with a smart phone on a one-year trial. Passed. 2nd VDGE Raleigh Peck will research the issue and provide recommendations for the acquisition of a smart phone.
- c. ZOOM Meeting System – An OWL system was purchased for approximately \$1000.00
- d. PID Tom Lehman Legacy Award – PDG Dan Sturdevant outlined a plan to develop a PID Tom Lehman Legacy Award which would be administered through the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. This would be an annual award presented at the district convention. Award criteria will be developed and additional plans will be formulated. Motion by PCC Dan Krum, second by 2nd VDGE Raleigh Peck giving district support to the award. Passed.
- e. Dues Increase – LCI has proposed increasing LCI dues by \$7.00 (\$3.00 in 2023-2024; \$2.00 in 2024-2025 and \$2.00 in 2025-2026). District dues will not be affected.

Next meeting: Saturday, July 16, 2022; Noon; Ennis Firehall
Adjournment, 10:48 AM

Dennis Kopitzke

PDG Dennis Kopitzke, District 37 Administrator/Secretary, May 1, 2022

NOTE: Minutes will not be official until approved by the District Cabinet. Next cabinet meeting July 16.