

District Governor Newsletter

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Message From District Governor Michael Tobin

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

Hello, District, 37. This will be my last newsletter as your District Governor. It was a great year for me, I had a lot of fun and learned a lot from all of you. Thank you all for all the support you gave me.

As I look back, the District has come forward a long way. We made it through Covid, we have a new and improved web site, (still a work in progress), almost all the clubs met my challenge of netting at least one NEW member and some more than that, (130 new members District wide) well done! The convention was a lot of fun, and we raised a lot of money for LCI and MLS&HF. We are still learning to do the hybrid meetings so we can be more inclusive of all our members. (Technology is our friend), keep at it. The district has funds if needed to help you with the purchase of technology for your hybrid meetings

My future with the District will see me working and learning with Lary Garrison as the co-chair for LCIF, a position I am very excited about. I look forward to continuing to work with all the clubs in the district and help in any way I can. Thanks again for a great and rewarding year as your District 37 Governor.



District Governor Michael Tobin. Thanks for your year of service as our District Governor.

Memorial Day, May 31

CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY AND RECOGNIZE THE UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE DIED WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES.

LIONS: WE SERVE

SERVICE FROM THE HEART June 2022

The greatest impact of your service goes far beyond what can be seen today. Your kindness is inspiring and influencing the hearts and minds of those who will continue the work you began. And by creating the right opportunities for Leos and young people in your community. You ensure that the leaders of tomorrow are getting started today.

Leos bring enthusiasm and energy to every project they serve. And that's great news for your club. So get your Leos involved and give them the benefit of your skills and experience. Though the challenges they face in the future may be different, kindness never changes. And neither does the heart of service. So let's give them the support they need to be ready for the work ahead.

DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dues Adjustment Resolution Will Be Voted on at 2022 International Convention

2022 International Convention, Montreal, June 24-28

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

SCAM ALERT

Hello Montana Lions,

We have been receiving many reports of Lions receiving scam emails and text messages. The emails contain requests to help families with various tragedies. It may appear that the email comes from a person that you know. The texts and emails will usually ask you to go buy some gift cards and then text or email the numbers. Asking to buy gift cards and send the numbers is **always** the sign of a scam. If the email or text has a web link in it **DO NOT** click on the link.

It does not appear that either the montanalions.org or Lions Club International web sites have been hacked. Most likely your information came from someone's personal computer being infected. If you have donated via a link or gift cards, please contact your local authorities.

The district will never use email messages to ask club members for donations.

Four Signs That It's a Scam

- Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know. Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. ...
- Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE. ...
- Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately. ...
- Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.

CONVENTION NOTES FROM PDG JACK BECKMAN

Here are a couple of additional notes on the convention in Great Falls. The crew who worked on the convention from Great Falls Sunrise included Gretchen Swift, Neil Swift, Mitch Martin, Jim Porter, Jim McCormick and Mike Schmit. We also enjoyed a group from Great Falls Lions - Mark Willmart, Ronda Wiggers and Eric Borrgard. At the registration with a huge pain in the back was Bob Hansael from Electric City and PCC John Mathis.

The cover for our convention program was designed by Shari Jenkins Schmit who is most notably associated with the Leanin' Tree Cards group that she founded. Shari has prepared a biography which will be sent to International 2nd VP Patti Hill, our special guest. A HUGE THANK YOU FOR THE PATIENCE AND THE FUN PROMOTED BY ALL. Yes, Gretchen she knows your name!

PCC BEN APELAND Candidate for LCI International Director Montreal, Canada

PCC Ben initially joined the Gallatin Empire Lions Club in 1974. After a short pursuit of a career opportunity, he rejoined the club in 1980. PCC Ben has held all club level positions. He has been a zone chair and region chair, vice district governor and district governor and eventually serving as Multiple District 37 Council Chairperson.

Currently PCC Ben serves as a trustee of the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, member of the districts Friendship Committee, Governors Advisory Committee, Chairman of the District's Past District Governor's Association, and Ambassador for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum.

In recognition for his service to LCI, the district and his club he has received numerous awards including: Lion of the Year, Tom Lehman Fellowship, District Hall of Fame, Multiple District 37 Hall of Fame, Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Life Member, Lions Foundation of Canada Fellowship, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, Five International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the International President's Leadership Medal and two International Presidential Medals



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 as soon as possible.

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

FROM 1ST INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, BRIAN SHEEHAN

Every Lion . . . Every club working together to raise

US\$2 MILLION

LCIF CAMPAIGN 100

TELL-A-THON

JUNE 5TH

Presented by LionsVirtual.org

Donate@lionsclubs.org/givetoday

District 37 Memorial Service

District Convention



PDG Melody Witcher and PDG Jim Johnke were responsible for developing presenting the Memorial Service at the district convention. The service was a special tribute to the Montana Lions that had passed away in the year prior to the convention.

JAN CAHILL – GREAT FALLS SUNRISE LION

JAMES CLEARLEY – SEELEY LAKE LION

JOHN CROSSMAN – BUTTE MILE-HI LION

WILLIAM FLECHSENHAR – CASCADE LION

ROBERT INMAN – CHINOOK LION

KENNETH LEMANSKI – CASCADE LION

MARVIN LUNDBERG – DILLON LION

MARY MIELKE – COUTTS/SWEETGRASS LION

BRIAN MILLER – EAST MISSOULA LION

DAVID OYEN – KALISPELL LION

FRANK PEHRSON – CHINOOK LION

DICK RODGERS – BOZEMAN GALLATIN EMPIRE LION

JOHN RUMNEY – CASCADE LION

FRANK SHARPLES – CHINOOK LION

GERALD SIX – BILLINGS HEIGHTS LION

THOMAS SMITH – PLAINS LION

BUCK THAXTER – CONRAD LION

JOE VOERMANS – WHITEFISH LION

JAMES WALRATH – DEER LODGE LION

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.

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-hYzwl>
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

Short videos about how to do specific secretary or treasurer tasks on MyLCI/MyLion:
Activity Reporting in MyLion (23 minutes): <https://youtu.be/LoohFYDKy6u>
Monthly Membership Report in MyLCI (15 minutes): <https://youtu.be/mYIZyH8hMYA>
Designating officers for in MyLCI (10 minutes): <https://youtu.be/-wPPZq2IZSQ>
Filing your 990-N (e-Postcard) (9 minutes): https://youtu.be/G3X_kyfPGpk

PLUSOPTICS

I would like to thank everyone that sent me your information for this year. Please keep up the great work you are doing in your community. The work you are doing is helping the kids of Montana. Thanks again and have a wonderful summer.

Lion Dave Falcon

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.

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CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

June

Turner/Hogeland	06/30/1985
Whitefish	06/01/2009
White Sulphur Springs	06/17/1985
Winnett	06/05/1991

IMPORTANT DATES

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

July 1 Start of the 2022-2023 Lions Year
July 16 Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation board meeting – Ennis
District 37 cabinet meeting - Ennis

Future LCI Conventions

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

District Governor Michael Tobin presented special service awards to Lion Chris Robinson, Cut Bank Lions Club; Lion Jon Kimble, Seeley Lake Lions Club and Lion Steve Melby, Columbia Falls Lions Club.



District Governor Michael Tobin, Lion Chris Robinson and 2nd IVP Patti Hill.

Lion Chris Robinson is a long serving president of the Cut Bank Lions Club. Lion Chris has been active at the zone level, he has been active in supporting the projects promoted by DG Tobin and played a key role in helping establish a Coutts/Sweetgrass branch club in Shelby.

District Governor Michael Tobin, Lion Jon Kimble and 2nd IVP Patti Hill



Lion Jon Kimble has been active in his club, Seeley Lake Lions Club and is a past president of the club. Lion Jon has served for several years as the West Region Chairperson.

District Governor Michael Tobin, Lion Steve Melby and 2nd IVP Patti Hill.

Lion Steve Melby most recently has served as the Membership Chairperson for the Columbia Falls Lions Club. With Lion Steve's leadership the club has made great gains in new club members. Lion Steve is also finishing his first year as the districts Global Membership Team leader.



USA/CANADA FORUM: Early Registration Rate Ends on May 31, 2022

Don't forget the Early Registration Rate ends on May 31, 2022. Act fast and register so you do not miss out.

Pre-Entry Tests No Longer Required for Fully Vaccinated Travelers Entering Canada!

Starting April 1, 2022 pre-entry tests are no longer required for fully vaccinated travelers entering Canada by land, air or water. You must still use ArriveCan within 72 hours before your arrival to Canada.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022 September 15-17 in Calgary

**Join your fellow
Lions for 3 days
of exciting
speakers &
special events!**



-  Strides Walk for Diabetes
-  Collecting clothing for the Mustard Seed
-  Sponsoring Jean Nelson Children's Diabetic Camp
-  Keynote speaker Catrina La May Doan, Canadian Olympian

Here is your chance to VOLUNTEER!

Hundreds of Lions are needed. You can choose from many jobs as well as the hours you would like.

What better way To Serve!

Go to the website below for more information.



**For information on the Forum as well as
Registering and Volunteering go to:
www.2022lionsleadershipforum.com**

