

District Governor Newsletter

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District Governor Message - DG Scott Dornfeld

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

Lions of District 37:

We are entering our fourth month of the current Lions year and things are going well. On September 21st I attended the 40th Anniversary of the Townsend Broadwater County Lions Charter night. The club was chartered April 29, 1982. The evening was very well attended and momentous. The new officers for 2022-23 were installed by PDG Dan Sturdevant. He also initiated 4 new members into the club, two of whom were newly elected officers. Congratulations to the Townsend Lions club on the start of another successful year.

Last month I mentioned a need for zone chairpersons for selected zones. So far, I am still in need for people to volunteer for zones 2, 4, 10, 14. These unrepresented zones include the following clubs:

Zone 2 – Hot Springs, Plains, Superior

Zone 4 – Anaconda, Butte Mile-Hi, Deer Lodge, Dillon

Zone 8 – Choteau, Conrad, Coutts/Sweetgrass, Cut Bank, Fairfield
Zone 10 – Culbertson, Nashua, Plentywood, Scobey, Wolf Point
Zone 13 – Bozeman, Bozeman Gallatin Empire, Bozeman Sweet Pea, Ennis

Please consider SERVING in this capacity for the advancement of Lionism. If you are considering but have questions, call, or email me with any questions you might have. You will receive any help or assistance we can give you. Email me at governor-sd37@montanalions.org or call 406-489-1884. Just a reminder, we not only SERVE our communities but we are called to SERVE our District.

The District Governor team has been making club visits and is still attempting to make contacts with individual clubs. When your club receives a visitation request, it would help us immensely if we could hear from the club in a timely fashion to get everyone visited sooner rather than later. We look forward to visiting your club.

Respectfully,
Scott Dornfeld, District Governor

TOGETHER WE CAN
September 2022

One of the best parts of being a Lion is that every day you can see how your service changes lives right outside your door. But that's only the beginning. Because whether your focus is local or global, your impact goes far beyond your community. Especially when we serve our global causes.

Our global causes unite the talents and innovation of every Lion and Leo around the world. So if you're looking to take on an ambitious new service project, consider one of our global causes. And no matter how you serve, keep it up because Together We Can starts with you.

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We Serve

FROM THE DESK OF INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR BEN APELAND:

What a difference a couple of weeks make. We went from sweltering heat to having to carry a jacket and rain gear is also good to have handy.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary is now in the books. An incredible time was had by all in attendance including the dozen Lions from District 37. The motivational presentations during the general sessions were very inspiring as was meeting up with Lion friends from every corner of North America.

During the breakout sessions we learned about thinking big by stepping out of our comfort zone with Club projects that serve our communities. Take a chance, maintain a positive attitude, spread the joy of service and be a local advocate for the health and needs of your community.

The only down side was the news that our District Governor Scott Dornfeld was unable to attend due to a minor heart condition. He is now on the mend and getting back on the road with Club visitations. He asked that I mention the need for Chairpersons in several of our Zones. Explore the opportunity to step out of that comfort zone and be the communication link between the Clubs in your Zone and your District Governor. It's International Board meeting time in Minneapolis, Minnesota for PDG Christine and I. We're busy reviewing the schedule of meetings and activities that include team building and local service projects. Preparation for my Audit and Constitution and By-Laws committee meetings has included several on line sessions with fellow ID's and members of the LCI staff at Headquarters in Oakbrook. It's an exciting learning curve and I welcome the opportunity the Lions of District 37 gave me to serve at the International level.

We Serve and Together We Will

Lion Ben Apeland

International Director
Montana USA



Lions Clubs International

FOUNDATION

HOW DOES OUR FOUNDATION GUARANTEE THAT 100% OF OUR DONATIONS GO TO DISASTER AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS?

Just as any other organization, LCIF, has operational expenses. So how are they paid for? Many Lions assume that our membership dues are used-which is not accurate!

Operational expenses are paid from interest earned on donation monies deposited in interest bearing programs that allow accessibility to those funds as needed. At the same time enough deposits are required to cover those administrative costs which at times has been a delicate balance.

We just completed the most successful fundraising campaign in LCIF's history. A major purpose of that campaign was to build a reserve large enough to meet operational costs while at the same time permitting the Foundation to meet the increasing size and frequency of natural disasters as well as the increasing cost of humanitarian projects.

District 37, Montana, has received \$400,000+ over the past six years for a senior center, state-of-the art readers for low vision students, a handicap fishing dock, type-1 diabetes camps, a new ambulance, and disaster relief.

At present we are looking at \$100,000-\$150,000 grants for a new food bank, a mobile unit for autism testing and a new hospital project. This requires our continued support of "Our Foundation" as we continue to meet community needs here and around the world.

Remember that "A part of service is giving", whether it is \$5 or \$50,000 every dollar makes a difference. You can make a donation at

donorassistance@lionsclubs.org or mail your donation to LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, Il. 60122,4547, USA.

Yours in Lionism, PDG's Lary Garrison and Mike Tobin, LCIF Co-Chairs

SPECIAL NOTICES

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

DIRECTORY: The 2022-2023 district directory is being mailed or delivered to every club president and club secretary in the state. The directory is also being provided to all cabinet members. The directory should arrive near the Labor Day weekend. Report any errors to PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Box 1266, Forsyth 59327; djk_7491@rangeweb.net

PROJECT PRIDE: With the closing of the Project Pride program, the Billings Lions Club has closed the bank account that was used to purchase flags, stands and pamphlets. The balance in the account was \$5946.00 and some odd cents. Please be aware that there will be a check coming for \$6000.00 from the Billings Lions Club to the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation as a contribution to the Foundation and to close out and finalize the Project Pride program. Club president Lion Doug Hanson.

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. PDG Mike Collins.

LIONS MINT PROGRAM; It is with sadness I announce that the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation will no longer be involved with the Lions mint program. Due to the increase in costs and the drastic increase in shipping/freight the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation will no longer be ordering and providing mint supplies to Montana Lions clubs. If you area club who carries on this tradition of mints, you may reach out to a supplier to order your mints and supplies directly. Lion Jessica Fausey, Foundation Administrator.

LCI DUES INCREASE: At the International Convention in Montreal, the membership voted for a small dues increase. It's been over 11 years since an increase has taken place. Just something to consider as we prepare club budgets when it takes effect in July of 2023. Three dollar (\$3.00) increase starting July 1, 2023; two dollar (\$2.00) increase starting July 1, 2024 and two dollar (\$2.00) increase starting July 1, 2025.



THINGS TO KNOW – WHAT TO DO AND DON'T DO WHEN RECYCLING GLASSES!

1. MAKE SURE GLASS ARE BEING RECYCLED FROM ALL SOURCES:
 - a. Optometrists
 - b. Eye Care Centers
 - c. Senior Centers
 - d. Funeral Businesses
2. Repack donations if possible, into a container 12 W x 12 H x 16 LG.
3. Remove these items
 - a. All loose lenses
 - b. All reader glasses
 - c. All hard cases (soft cases can be reused in shipping)
 - d. All broken frames
 - e. All standard non-prescription sunglasses

4. Pack glasses loose and neatly in the boxes
 - a. Making the shipment neat helps with the removal for inspection and cleaning.
 - b. Repack in a CLEARLY MARKED Bag or box broken frame metal frames for recycle
 - c. Add shipping label to the top side of box filled out per instruction.
 - d. Website is NWLERC Seattle, WA Northwest Lions Eye Recycling Center
5. Send: single vision (like reading glasses, Multi-vision (bifocals and trifocals), plain sunglasses (not prescription).
6. Don't send contact lenses, loose lenses or hard cases

If you do not want to mail eyeglasses, please contact your region or zone chair and arrange for a pickup.

Montana District 37 Leadership Retreat October 28th – 29th in Helena

We still have some opening for this wonderful learning opportunity for Montana Lions. All expenses are paid except for travel. Great speakers, fellowship, and learning. If you are interested contact PDG Mike Collins. 406-871-4176 or mikeacollins99@charter.net.

MONTANALIONS.ORG – PROJECT REPORTING

Clubs that have tried to report their projects or other information on the montanalions.org website have reported trouble with the software. This has been corrected. Try again to post under "news+> submit club news". Report if this is not working to PDG Richard Gessling gesslingdds@gmail.com so we can get the application correct and easy to use. Thanks, this will be a help understanding what clubs are doing for fundraising and service projects.

Camp MYDA

The Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance is an endorsed project for Montana Lions District 37. District 37 was awarded a \$40,000 grant last year to support the camp. Montana Lions donated \$10,000 for that match for the grant. Last years camp was changed to 3day camps because of covid.

This year, Camp MYDA was held the week of Aug 15 – 19th at Flathead Lake – five fun-filled days of lake swimming, dance-moves, blood sugar checks, games, bon fires, insulin boluses, stories, and just being a kid! The camp had 126 campers with Type 1 Diabetes ranging in ages from 8-17. Camp is meticulously planned, with lots of volunteer medical staff (pediatric endocrinologists, nurses, dietitian/nutritionists, CDCES's, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacy students, and more!). It's an incredible opportunity for kids to learn that they're just like everyone else except, as one camper's t-shirt read, "insulin sold separately."

Go to the Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance's Facebook page to check out their info and to see all the camp fun, or check out their website: <https://www.mydiabetesalliance.org/>

Thank you, Montana Lions, for supporting this incredible event. Planning has already started for next year.



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.

From PDG Mike Collins

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. ...

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=IYHa-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>

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

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:

OCTOBER

Billings	10/20/1921
Coutts/Sweetgrass	10/13/1934
Fort Benton	10/10/2005

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Vision Awareness Month
Lions Membership Growth Month
LEO Membership Growth Month

Oct. 1	Deadline for purchase of Peace Poster Contest kits
Oct. 1	Grant application deadline for January 2023 LCIF board meeting
Oct. 3-6	LCI board meeting, Minneapolis
Oct. 7-9	ALLI, CA 1 & 2, Los Angeles
Oct. 15	Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, Board Meeting, Boulder
Oct. 15	District 37 Cabinet Meeting, Boulder
Oct. 28-29	Leadership Retreat, Helena
Oct. 31	Nominations Due for Kindness Matters Service Award

Future LCI Conventions

2023, July 7-11	Boston	2026, July 3-7	Atlanta
2024, June 21-25	Melbourne	2027, July 2-6	Washington, DC
2025, July 4-9	Mexico City	2028, June 23-27	Singapore