

District Governor Newsletter

**November
2022**

**DG Scott Dornfeld
1st VDG Brian Gertiser
2nd VDG Raleigh Peck
Montanalions.org**

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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 November 2022

You're doing amazing things in your community, and that gets people's attention. They see what you're doing, and the impact you're making as a Lion, but there are still some who don't know. That's why it's so important to promote your projects, share your service stories and show your pride.

There are more ways than ever before to get the word out about what your club is doing. Whether you are old school or new school, just getting started or looking to make that signature project even bigger, we have all the tools and resources you need. So get your club marketing tools. Keep serving and keep sharing. And keep being awesome. Because Lions are the best story of all!

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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

LCIF Co-Chair
IPDG Michael Tobin

I can't believe it's already November, Halloween is over, Thanksgiving is right around the corner and then comes Christmas and a new year WOW.

A new year in LCIF has started and the new fund raiser is "continual donations". Constitutional area one (CA1, the United States) is being tasked to raise 55 million. That equates to 26.63 per person per month for the full year. What they are asking for is for everyone to do a monthly donation of at least \$25.

How does that equate to District 37 (Montana)?

Total members $1557 \times 25 = \$38,925 \times 12 \text{ months} = \$467,100$. It would really be a feather in our cap if we went back to LCIF and informed them of the fact that we had 100% participation from our District. There is a form on the district web page (montanalions.org) where you can donate. If you can afford a monthly donation or can just make a one-time donation, please sign up! These donations go a long way in helping LCIF and your club. As your personal and club donations increase, your club has the ability to draw on those funds to help fund some of its service projects. So far, over \$1 million in grants has been awarded and returned to help Montanans, with an additional \$300,000 waiting to be implemented. Service is more than just your own clubs. Thank you for all you do for your communities!

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

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

**2023 DISTRICT CONVENTION, GLENDIVE, MT
APRIL 28-29, 2023**

The 2023 district convention will be held in Glendive on Friday and Saturday, April 28 & 29. A Facebook page for the Glendive Lions Club has been created to help promote, provide updated information, and share information regarding the district convention.

The web page address: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086385318026

The Glendive Lions Club looks forward to hosting the 2023 district convention.



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. Do not 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.

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

LCI RESOURCES FOR CLUB OFFICERS

LCI offers some great resources for club officers that will help every club improve the quality of the service they offer to their community members. Among the resources are: Best Practices for Financial Transparency, Club Membership Chairperson's Guide, Just Ask! Guide, Membership Satisfaction Guide, Improving Lions Club Quality.

There are plenty of resources available at www.lionsclubs.org More information is available via email clubofficers@lionsclubs.org

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:

NOVEMBER

Butte Mile-Hi	11/15/1973
Havre	11/13/1952
Hysham	11/04/1960

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Diabetes Awareness Month

November 8	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 14	World Diabetes Day
November 15	Postmark Deadline for Sending Peace Poster Winner
November 15	Lions Day on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Canada
November 24	Thanksgiving Day

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

Happy Thanksgiving

PDG Dennis Kopitzke – District Administrator/Secretary

October 16, 2022

Montana District 37 – Cabinet Meeting, October 15, 2022, Noon; Boulder, MT; and via “Zoom”

Attendees: ID Ben Apeland, DG Scott Dornfeld, 1st VDG Brian Gertiser, PCC Dan Krum, PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Lion Peggy Tobin

Attendees via Zoom: PID Dave Hajny, PDG Mike Collins, PDG Richard Gessling, 2nd VDG Raleigh Peck, Lion Jon Kimble, Lion Kenny Seymour, Lion Charles Keen

Guests: PDG Dan Sturdevant, Dr. Eric Van Kuijk, MD, PhD

- I. Call to Order by DG Scott Dornfeld at 12:00
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Invocation: DG Scott Dornfeld
 - c. Introductions
- II. Minutes: Motion by PCC Dan Krum, second by VDG Brian Gertiser to approve the July 16, 2022 minutes. Passed.

Dr. Eric Van Kuijk, Sight Life representative provided a brief summary of his remarks made to the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation earlier in the morning. For more information with the www.sightlife

- III. Financial Report: PCC Dan Krum presented the financial report. Motion by VDG Raleigh Peck, second by PDG Dennis Kopitzke to approve the financial report. Passed.

IV. Additions

- a. VDG Brian Gertiser – North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association
- b. ID Ben Apeland – Leadership Accountability Review

V. Old Business

- a. Grants (PDG Lary Garrison) –
 - i. Major LCIF grants include: Laurel, \$95,000 (lake project); Denton, \$90,000 (ambulance); Pending: Bozeman Lions, \$100,000 Food Bank project; Great Falls Sunrise, \$100,000, mobile van to diagnose autism, Billings Heights, \$100,000-\$150,000, St. Vincent cancer center;

- b. Club Health Assessment (DG Scott Dornfeld) – Several clubs have not paid their LCI dues, DG Scott is working with those clubs
- c. Website (Lion Peggy Tobin – Lion Peggy Tobin is managing the website and making changes as needed. Lion Peggy provided a detailed presentation reviewing all the major features of the website. Check out the site at www.montanalions.org
- d. Club Officer Training (PDG Mile Collins) – Officer training programs continue to be available on the website and via you tube
- e. Leadership Retreat (PDG Mike Collins) – The retreat will be held in Helena on October 28 – 29; 17 Lions have committed to attending the retreat
- f. OWLS – There was much discussion concerning the use of the OWL system. Motion by PDG Richard Gessling, second by PCC Dan Krum, the cabinet will perfect its system and then give consideration to expanding the use of OWLS to regions, zones and clubs. Passed.
- g. 2022-2023 Cabinet ; There is still a need for several zone chairs: zone 4, zone 8, zone 10. Lion Dennis Baker will serve as the zone chair in zone 13.
- h. Convention Manual Review – Pending
- i. District Governor Manual Review – Pending

VI. New Business

- a. Letter of Support, PID Mark Lyon – Motion by ID Ben Apeland, second by PDG Dennis Kopitzke to provide a letter of support for the 3rd IVP candidacy of PID Mark Lyon. Passed.
- b. Administrator's Report (PDG Dennis Kopitzke) – Written report provided to the cabinet.

- c. Club Visitations – DG Scott Dornfeld has 8 visitations planned in the next two weeks; VDG Brian Gertiser has 8 visitations scheduled in the next two weeks; VDG Raleigh Peck is working on scheduling his visitations.
- d. 2024-2025 Convention Sites – Search Committee will be formed to try and establish future convention sites and future district governors
- e. DG Succession – Search Committee
- f. Zone/Region Reports – Lion Jon Kimble, West Region Chair: Seeley Lake Lions have been active with wood stacking, sand/gravel sales, work associated with the community center; Lion Chuck Keen, zone 6 chair has just started visiting clubs; Lion Kenny Seymour recently held a zone meeting with great attendance and a great sharing of ideas to promote service
- g. Committee Reports – Nothing from GST and GMT. PDG Mike Collins has reported on activities of GLT and PDG Lary Garrison has reported on activities of LCIF.

VII. Additional Items

- a. VDG Brian Gertiser - North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association; VDG Brian provided a summary of the benefits of taking advantage of the program offered by NAVHDA; benefits of the program include discounts on lodging with a return to organizations that serve as sponsors of the program.
- b. ID Ben Apeland – Leadership Accountability Review; ID Ben presented a proposal from PID Justin Faber regarding a program using a district Advisor Committee to discuss the importance of district leadership, assessment of the leadership and providing suggestions for improvement. Motion by VDG Brian Gertiser, second by PDG Dennis Kopitzke to provide information to cabinet members and cabinet members will vote, via email, to move ahead or discontinue the process. Passed.
- c. LCI Update – ID Ben Apeland provided a brief update on some key issues being addressed by the LCI board: Remove a requirement for 35 clubs and clubs of 1250 or more for the nomination of a candidate for a position as International Director; 2029 International Convention will be held in New Delhi; LCI will be conducting a significant rebranding project.

Next meeting: Location, date and time to be determined.

Adjournment, 2:05 PM

Dennis Kopitzke

PDG Dennis Kopitzke, District 37 Administrator/Secretary, October 16, 2022

October 19, 2022

ADDENDUM TO OCTOBER 15, 2022 DISTRICT 37 CABINET MEETING

On October 18, 2022 the District 37 Executive Committee on behalf of the District 37 Cabinet unanimously approved the close out of the LCIF grant associated with the Laurel Lions Club pond project. The project primarily involved construction of a fishing dock for those with disabilities, a paved walkway for accessibility for the disabled, and benches for resting of the elderly and disabled.

PHOTO FROM THE WINNETT LIONS CLUB: NO IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED



WINNETT LIONS CLUB, VISION SCREENING IN JORDAN, Lion Tom doing the screening for a Jordan student.

