

District Governor Newsletter

**December
2022**

**DG Scott Dornfeld
1st VDG Brian Gertiser
2nd VDG Raleigh Peck
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District Governor Message - DG Scott Dornfeld

Lions of District 37:

It is hard to believe that the Christmas holiday season is upon us already. I know, most of the retailers have been in holiday mode since July, so I feel like I'm about 5 months late. But this is the perfect time of the year to remind ourselves of our main purpose as Lions, which is SERVICE.

Service opportunities abound this time of the year. Whether it's volunteering at the local food bank, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army, or shoveling snow for a neighbor, a Lions' service comes in many different forms. In 2021-2022, worldwide, Lions served 495 million people through our 1.4 million members and other volunteers. A lot of these service encounters are small in scope but huge in the eyes of those served.

If the past 100 years have taught us anything, it's that as we serve, we grow. Continue to serve your communities with vigor and passion and we will all be amazed at the growth of each Lion member and our clubs. Service is a journey, and as we take that journey together, everybody benefits. Have a Happy and Joyous Christmas and Holiday!! Continue serving our neighbors because...

WE SERVE

Respectfully,
Scott Dornfeld, District Governor

TOGETHER WE CAN December 2022

It takes a great team to bring big ideas to life. That's what makes your club so special. Because the greatest team you could ever ask for is always right by your side. And by working together, you bring out the very best in every Lin and make even greater things possible in your community.

Teamwork will always be one of our greatest strengths. It helps us take on bigger challenges and achieve bigger goals like expanding our service and growing our clubs. So, let's embrace what makes our team so special and be open to new ideas, new members and new ways of doing things. Because none of us can do more than all of us. And together we can do so much more.

BRIAN SHEEHAN
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays



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We Serve

FROM THE DESK OF ID BEN APELAND

Isn't it amazing how time moves along? Here we are already into the sixth month of the Lions year, busy with our Club projects and family activities while preparing for Christmas and the coming New Year. The cold and snow of winter is upon us following an amazing fall of warm days and pleasant nights. The drive to Boudier for the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation and Cabinet meetings was an amazing picture of fall colors against a perfect blue sky and sunshine. Now it's snow shovels, warm clothing and winter tires.

PDG Christine and I hope you, our Lions family, had a wonderful time with family and friends during the week of Thanksgiving. I actually got to have two Thanksgiving days this year as we had the pleasure of spending Canadian Thanksgiving with 1VP Patti Hill, ID Allen Snider and Lion Susan during the International Board meeting in Minnesota.

Upon return to District 37 it was my honor to present our own PDG Dan Sturdevant a Peace Poster plaque on behalf of International President Brian Sheehan for his many years of dedicated service to the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. Congratulations Lions Dan!!

PDG Christine and I are busy participating in our respective club activities and projects while making plans and looking forward to our convention visits. So far, we have received and accepted invitations throughout the Midwest and South all around the next International Board meeting in Ireland. Right now, it looks like the grand finale prior to the International Convention in Boston will be the MD Convention in California with our mentors ID Ken Ibarra and Lion Amy Fink.

Again, I wish to express what a thrill it is to serve at the International level. Lion Christine and I thank you for the honor of serving beyond the borders of Montana District 37. We extend seasons greetings to each of you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May you experience joy and comfort and our very best to you.

We Serve and Together We Will

We Serve and Together We Can

Lion Ben

Lion Ben Apeland

International Director
Montana USA



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Dear Fellow Lions,

We are near the middle of our Lionistic year, and we have some encouraging news as well as new challenges. First the encouraging news.

As of 11 November, LCIF is at 43.3% of our goal of \$50,000,000 for this Lionistic year. Constitutional Area 1, our area, is at 26% of our goal, but we annually provide more support during the second half of the Lionistic year.

As we enter the Holiday Season of Christmas and New Year remember to give a donation to OUR FOUNDATION. Many of us will give to various charities and ours is one of the only that gives 100% of its donations to its service and relief projects.

So far in November there have been 15 earthquakes of 6.0-7.3 magnitude around the world. A 5.6 magnitude quake in Indonesia and West Java killed 310 people and injured another 2,046 on the 21st. There were 4 major hurricanes causing thousands of injuries and over 1 Billions dollars in damage. In Columbia and West and Central Africa has affected over 5.9 million people in November 2022.

These are just a few of the needs OUR FOUNDATION have responded to in less than 30 days. Natural disasters are increasing in number and intensity affecting more people as well as increasing financial requirements every year.

Please join me in, making a donation, to the Lions Club International Foundation this month at LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, Illinois USA 60523-8842. No donation is too small to make a difference.

Thank you for your past, present and future support. A part of service is giving.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Lary Garrison, District 37 LCIF Co-Chair

**LION SCOTT CROMWELL
HELENA LIONS CLUB
FLORENCE CRITTENTON HOME – PROJECT SUNSHINE**

Lion Scott Cromwell, Helena Lions Club, is the principal architect in charge of Project Sunshine with his focus on the design, specifications, and overall project management. While in architecture school at Montana State University, Scott put himself through school by working at the ASMSU Daycare. Babies and young children have always been in Scott's life, from watching over them to teaching them and providing opportunities for them wherever he can.

It is this with this passion that he is excited to be a part of Project Sunshine. He is working closely with Riley Hanson and Seth Varty to share the love in design of spaces for the Florence Crittenton team, the moms who will call those space home and especially, to nurture the children to carry us into the next generation.

Upon hearing Florence Crittenton was looking at acquiring the beautiful art-deco Coney Home, Scott, Riley and Seth are excited for not only the opportunity to help such a great institution in Helena, but as an architect the chance to work on such an iconic building of Helena's history.

**PDG DAN STURDEVANT
HELENA LIONS CLUB
PEACE POSTER AWARD**

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**DISTRICT 37 LEADERSHIP RETREAT
October 28th-29th
HELENA,MT**

The 2022 Leadership retreat was held in Helena. We had 15 great Lions leaders attend from 11 different clubs. We had some excellent presenters including the Mayor of Helena, Wilmot Collins, who told us his inspiring story.



The retreat covered many topics including public speaking, Lions 101, Leadership, conflict resolution and much more. They were taught by a great group of Lions.



I hope that club leaders can join us for the next retreat in the Fall of 2023



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

Loose lenses and broke frames are to be packed in one package and enclosed in the box sent. This is because the NWLERC gets a large amount of their income from recycling. If there are questions, please call PDG Jack Beckman, 406-231-2424; jtbeckman@bresnan..net

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

BILLINGS LIONS CLUBS ZOO MONTANA BENCHES



The park benches were donated to Zoo Montana by the Billings and Billings Heights Lions clubs. The benches were earned through the collection of plastic bags and pallet wrap for a program sponsored by Trex. The program was implemented to keep plastic out of the landfills. For every 500 bonds collected, we turn it in and Trex sends us a bench. We donated the first 3 benches to the Zoo.

The picture includes: Jeff Ewalt, Zoo Montana director; Lions Gary and Brenda Bissell, Billings Lions Club; Lions Liz Heal, standing in back, DG Scott Dornfeld, Billings Heights Lions Club. Lion Gary is Zone 11 Chairperson. The zoo was ecstatic to receive the benches to be used around their grounds.

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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Merry Christmas

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

Big Timber	12/12/1925
Bozeman Sweet Pea	12/03/2004
Columbia Falls	12/03/1952
Conrad	12/10/1928
Cut Bank	12/06/1929
Forsyth	12/03/1924
Great Falls	12/20/1922
Missoula	12/04/1928
Roundup	12/22/1925
Seeley Lake	12/11/1978
Shepherd	12/05/1967

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Dec. 1	Peace Poster Deadline – Submission of winning poster
Dec. 5	International LEO Day
Dec. 24	ALLI, Bangkok, Thailand
Dec. 25	Christmas Day

JANUARY

Hunger Awareness Month	
Jan. 1	New Years Day
Jan. 10	Executive Committee Meeting
Jan. 11-16	LCIF Board Meeting
Jan. 13-16	Certified Instructor Program, Charlotte, NC
Jan. 15	Peace Poster kits go on sale
Jan. 21	Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Board Meeting, Boulder, 10:00
	District 37 Cabinet meeting, date, time and location to be determined

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

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.

DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION BID FORM

This form must be received by the ***District Governor***, 30 days prior to the start of the current year convention (2022-2023) District Governor, Scott Dornfeld; 744 Arbor Hills Drive, Billings, 59105; governor-sd37@montanalions.org; sdornfeld51@gmail.com. The district convention will be held on April 28-29, 2023. The approval/non-approval of the bid will be made at the current year district convention.

Please print.

Date of Bid Submission: _____

Bid for Year: _____

Location: _____

Bidding Club(s): If this bid is being jointly made by more than one Lions Club, please list all clubs as bidding clubs:

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Convention Headquarters:

Convention Chairperson:

Mailing Address and Email Address:

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Phone Nbr. _____ Fax:

Number of full-service motel rooms: _____; meeting rooms: _____ Campsites: _____

1. Location and seating capacity for the following activities

Activity	Capacity	Location
Social	_____	_____
Business Sessions	_____	_____
Breakfasts	_____	_____
Friday Night Social	_____	_____
DG Banquet	_____	_____

2. Attach information as to what makes your area an attractive site for a District Convention. Please note items of interest in and around your community.

3. Organizational support has been obtained from:

Other Lions Clubs: _____

Other Clubs: _____

Levels of Government: _____

Chamber of Commerce/Board of Trade: _____

Travel/Convention Bureau: _____

Other: _____

4. Convention experience of Chairperson and others:

5. Name of host club: _____

Chairpersons signature: _____

6. Attach a copy of minutes of club meeting where the motion was passed authorizing this bid.

NOMINATION FORM
DISTRICT 37 – HALL OF FAME

Date: _____
Candidates Name: _____
Candidates Address: _____
Candidates Phone Nbr. _____
Candidates Immediate Family and Addresses: _____

Nomination Sponsor & Phone Nbr.: _____
Sponsor Email Address: _____

Nomination Qualification Criteria

Date Candidate Joined Lions: _____
Candidate's Current Club: _____
List of all clubs in which the candidate has held membership: _____

List Past Club Offices Held: _____

List Current Club Offices Held: _____

District Positions Held: _____

LCI Positions Held: _____

List all Lion's awards and honors received: _____

Is the Lion a Life Member of District 37? _____ of LCI? _____ How long _____
How many new members has the candidate sponsored? _____

State reasons why this member is worthy of being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

List any other information that may be applicable.

Include any applicable news articles.

NOTE: This form/application must be filed with the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the start of the District Convention. 2022-2023 District Governor Scott Dornfeld, 744 Arbor Hills Drive, Billings, 59105; governor-sd37@montanalions.org; sdornfeld51@gmail.com; the convention will be held on April 28 and 29, 2023