

# District Governor Newsletter

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**Where there is a Lion, there is a way!**  
**District Governor Message - DG Scott Dornfeld**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season. It was probably a little bit colder than we had expected, but you know us Montanans, we don't let a little cold weather hold us back. I know we didn't. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, my wife and I drove to Three Forks, on our way to Kalispell, to go to the Lewis and Clark Caverns Holiday tour of the caves. We

arrived at about 3 PM and received a call from the tour people telling us the tours had been cancelled due to the cold temperatures. It was -30 degrees F at the time. We stayed the night in Three Forks, since we had reservations at the Sacajawea Hotel, and the next morning it was -38 degrees F. We headed for Kalispell and the temperature had climbed all the way to -20 degrees F by the time we arrived. I hope most of you had more sense than I did.

Anyway, I spent most of November and December recovering from having a stent put in after they found a blockage in my aortic artery. I was on the phone and computer, answering calls and emails, during my recovery. I was unable to attend the U.S./Canada Leadership Forum because of my heart procedure. I was really looking forward to attending because it is a very educational and entertaining experience. Next fall the Forum will be in Reno, NV. It is worth the effort to attend.

I want to commend the Lions Clubs of Montana for their outstanding new member recruitment so far this year. The district has 84 new members due to your passion for Lions. However, we are at a net of +4 members due to the high dropout rate. We now have 60 Lions clubs in the district and are looking at different areas to establish new clubs or bolster existing clubs. Keep up the great work with membership and community service.

Dates to remember:

In Boulder, MT at the high school, in person or via ZOOM:

Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Fdn. Meeting 1/21/23 10AM

District Cabinet Meeting 1/21/23 Directly following MLS&HF mtg

Respectfully,  
Scott Dornfeld, District Governor



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**TOGETHER WE CAN**  
**January 2023**

The holidays are such a special time. And as we gather with family and friends to celebrate this season, let's also remember to celebrate as only Lions can—by serving others. Your kindness will make a big difference for so many families, especially at this time of the year.

Our service is a gift that never stops giving. And by working with your cub on a hunger project for your community, you can ensure that all families have a special holiday meal and the support they need all year long. Or consider a gift to LCIF and see how your generosity helps Lions bring hope to the world.

Happy holidays, and thank you for your incredible kindness and service! Make a great day.

BRIAN SHEEHAN  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

**LIONS: WE SERVE**



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**We Serve**

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FROM THE DESK OF ID BEN APELAND

January 2023

I hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas.

With the holiday season and 2022 now in the books it's time to look forward to the new year of Club projects and activities. Hopefully your plans for Lions activities include the Montana District 37 convention in Glendive, April 28-29, the International Convention in Boston, July 7-11 and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno, September 21-23. While it seems like a long time away mark your calendars as the days pass quickly and these events will be here in no time.

At the Montana District 37 level our Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation meets this month on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Jefferson County High School multi-purpose room, 10 am in Boulder. All Lions are welcome to attend and learn about all the great work being done by our Foundation in the area of sight and hearing assistance.

In my keynote address to the Lions of the world I share the experience of reaching beyond the boundaries of our Clubs and being a participant in the bigger picture of service.

I wish you and yours a Happy New Year.  
We Serve and Together We Can.

Lion Ben Apeland  
International Director  
Montana USA



# Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

Dear Fellow Lions,

Happy New Year District 37! I hope Santa was good to all, but if you got coal in your stocking, that may not be a bad thing with all the cold weather we were having!

That being said, the extreme cold has killed a lot of people and put a lot more without power, causing a lot of stress and need for some relief. That is where your club and LCIF come into play. There are many grants available to help your clubs relieve some of that stress to your local communities.

However, LCIF needs to give those grants. I know most clubs donate to the LCIF once a year, but have you ever thought about donating individually with a small monthly donation. Let's look at what a \$20 dollar a month individual donation would like in District 37.  $1600 \text{ members} \times \$20 = \$32,000/\text{month} \times 12 = \$384,000/\text{year}$ ! WOW. As you can see a small amount over a large cast equals a large donation. For some \$20 a month is too much, try \$10. But if we all donate a small amount, a huge impact can be made and LCIF will have the funds it needs to give out those grants to help all. The link to do this donation is on the district website: [www.montanalions.org](http://www.montanalions.org). Click on "links", select LCIF, click on donate. Thank you. If you need further help, you can contact your district LCIF chairpersons, Michael Tobin 406-450-2780, (western half of Montana) or Lary Garrison, 406-855-6997, (eastern half).

I hope this new year finds you well. Take care and thank you for all you do for your communities.

IPDG Michael Tobin

**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**

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!!

**DISTRICT 37 LEADERSHIP RETREAT  
October 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:djk_7491@rangeweb.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](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086385318026)

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

## **2023 USA/CANADA FORUM**

The 2023 USA/Canada Forum will be held on September 21-23 in Reno. For more information, to access the Forum website and newsletter go to:

[www.Lionsforum.org](http://www.Lionsforum.org)    [www.lionsforum.org/newsletter](http://www.lionsforum.org/newsletter)

Information is also posted on the district website.

## **LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND**

General information and their January newsletter:

<https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/>





## **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](https://youtu.be/G3X_kyfPGpk)

## **NFB-NEWSLINE – MONTANA DIGITAL BROCHURE**

All persons who are legally blind, or who cannot hold a book qualify for the NFB-NEWSLINE service. If there are any questions please contact Lion Robert Jaquiss, [rjaquiss@earthlink.net](mailto:rjaquiss@earthlink.net)

Limited Access Accounts are available to avoid adult language and are recommended for readers twelve years of age and younger. Learn more at: <http://nfbnewsline.org>. If you are already a patron of the Montana Talking Book Library, you are eligible for NFB-NEWSLINE. Call 406-444-3115 for more information. Individuals can call NFB-NEWSLINE Montana 406-233-0771 or 888-987-0414 and complete an application over the phone. An online application is available and a downloadable application is available. Visit, <http://nfbnewsline.org> or [nfbnewsline@nfbfmt.org](mailto:nfbnewsline@nfbfmt.org) for more information.

## **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](http://www.lionsclubs.org). More information is available via email [clubofficers@lionsclubs.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mtlionsshfnd.org)  
Information regarding programs and sight, hearing and/or speech impairments.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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[Governor.sd37@montanalions.org](http://Governor.sd37@montanalions.org)

1st VDG Brian Gertiser, 10680 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715; C 406-539-0992; [2bjgert@gmail.com](mailto:2bjgert@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](mailto:djk_7491@rangeweb.net)

District Treasurer: PCC Dan Krum, Box 213, Worden, MT 59088; H: 406-967-3281; C: 406-671-4209; [danmar@nemont.net](mailto:danmar@nemont.net)

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY

Cascade	January 25, 1958
Denton	January 26, 1955
Eureka/Tobacco Valley	January 16, 2014
Glendive	January 10, 1944
Hamilton	January 27, 1930
Helena Gold Rush	January 9, 1984
Hot Springs	January 23, 1940
Missoula Southside	January 15, 1964
Sun River Valley	January 5, 1966

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 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

Jan. 21 District 37 Cabinet meeting, Boulder, 11:30

### 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

**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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Convention Headquarters:

\_\_\_\_\_

Convention Chairperson:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address and Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Nbr. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax:

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of full-service motel rooms: \_\_\_\_\_; meeting rooms: \_\_\_\_\_ Campsites: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Location and seating capacity for the following activities

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Location</b>
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**