

# District Governor Newsletter

February  
2023

DG Scott Dornfeld  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Brian Gertiser  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Raleigh Peck  
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**Where there is a Lion, there is a way!**  
**District Governor Message - DG Scott Dornfeld**

District 37 Lions:

Welcome to 2023! Fortunately, the year started out much warmer than the previous year ended. I am not sure my thin skin would put up with too much more of the –20 to –30 days we were experiencing. Well, enough of me complaining about something I cannot do anything about.

On a warmer note, I had the privilege and honor of attending the Columbia Falls Lions 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Night celebration on January 11, 2023. I believe that everyone in attendance had a wonderful time reminiscing about the success of the CF Lions Club. One would have to look far and wide to find a club more driven to deliver the quality and quantity of community service like this club.

This deserves a hearty --- LET'S ROAR!

Also, congratulations to the Gallatin Empire Lions Club on the approval of their grant application to support the purchase of equipment for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and Fork and Spoon. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) announced this grant award Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Thank you, Gallatin Empire Lions for all the challenging work put into this application for a great cause. This is another example of how much LCIF does for District 37, and it is only right that we continue to support the Foundation with our club and individual donations.

Respectfully,  
Scott Dornfeld, District Governor

## **TOGETHER WE CAN February 2023**

When you love what you do with a team that you love, you can make every day a great day. That's what's so awesome about being a Lion. Because no matter how hard the work may be, we always have a great time getting it done.

There's really nothing that compares to the fun and fellowship of being a Lion except for inviting more people to be a part of it. So give your community the opportunity to join our team and discover what we've found. And let's keep working together to make the projects we love even bigger, better and more fun for everyone.

**BRIAN SHEEHAN  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**



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**We Serve**

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FROM THE DESK OF ID BEN APELAND

February 2023

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.

We Serve and Together We Can.

Lion Ben Apeland  
International Director  
Montana USA



# **Lions Clubs International**

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# **FOUNDATION**

## **LCIF GRANTS APPROVED AT JANUARY 2023 BOD MEETING....**

### **HUNGER GRANTS:**

- Dist. 13 OH2- Kitchen Equipment- \$60,029**
- Dist. 2 T3- Equip Food Bank Mobil Unit- \$100,000**
- Dist. 33 S- Build Community Pantry- \$100,000**
- Dist. 37- Equip Gallatin County Food Bank- \$93,856**
- Dist. 42- Secure Vehicle for Hope's Harvest- \$47,995**

### **MATCHING GRANTS:**

- Dist. 2 E2- All Inclusive Playground- \$50,000**
- Dist. 2 X1- Construct Beds for Texas Lions Camp- \$ 21,875**
- Dist. 20 Y- Purchase Cameras for Diabetic Screening Equip- \$15,000**
- Dist. 26 MS- Purchase KidSight Vision Screening Equip- \$48,291**
- Dist. 34 C- Equip Eye Research Institute- \$46,737**
- Dist. 36 O- Renovate Hull Foundation Kitchen and Pool- \$51,880**
- Dist. 4 LS- Purchase Vision Screening Equip- \$23,904**
- Dist. 5 M11- Renovate Goodridge Playground- \$100,000**
- Dist. 5 M8- Sartell Lions Inclusive Playground- \$100,000**
- MD 12- KidSight Vision Screening Equip- \$49,910**

**TOTAL GRANTS= \$909,477**



**Helen Keller: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. To keep our faces toward change and behave like free spirits in the presence of faith is strength undefeatable."**

Listed are 15 U.S. Lions Districts that received grants of \$21,875 to \$100,000 at the January 2023 Lions Clubs International Foundation Board of Directors meeting. Yet- that is only a part of their adventure, and not the most impressive part.

Each and every grant began as a daring adventure, and without LCIF could have ended as nothing. Each Lions Club or District had some member or members say it would cost too much, did not have enough members or enough expertise. However, each and every one of them had those "free spirits in the presence of faith" to make a change completing their adventure.

What does your community or district need to give you the opportunity for that adventure? The last consideration should be the cost. At that point you can adjust what is possible. Something is always better than nothing. As one of my mentors was famous for saying-"JUST DO SOMETHING!!!" Not every adventure will need \$100,000 or more- but every adventure is important to those people in your community.

Support is a part of service. Contact me at [lionlarygarrison@gmail.com](mailto:lionlarygarrison@gmail.com), or IPDG Mike Tobin at [miktob1951@gmail.com](mailto:miktob1951@gmail.com) for information on grants. Go to [donarassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donarassistance@lionsclubs.org) to find out how you can support LCIF. No donation is too small, or too large. You can make your donation to Humanitarian or Emergency needs.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Lary Garrison



**2023 MONTANA DISTRICT 37**  
**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**  
**APRIL 28 & 29, 2023**  
**GLENDIVE, MT**

NAME & TITLE:	
COMPANION NAME & TITLE:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	
CLUB NAME:	
VOTING MEMBER:	YES / NO Voting Member must bring Lions Membership Card with Lions Number

Registration	Check or Credit Card - PAYMENT DUE WITH REGISTRATION FORM	Indicate # Attending in Each Category Below	Banquet Entree - Please make Entree Selection Below
<b>LIONS MEMBER -</b> Early Bird By 3/31/2023	\$85.00 Covers all Meals		
<b>LIONS MEMBER -</b> After 3/31/2023	\$110.00 Covers all Meals		
COMPANION – COVERS ALL MEALS	\$59.00		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Smoked Prime Rib</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cedar Plank Salmon</b> List Food Allergy _____ We will Attempt to Accommodate.

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Check or Credit Card - PAYMENT DUE WITH REGISTRATION FORM</b>	<b>Indicate # Attending in Each Category Below</b>	<b>Banquet Entree - Please make Entree Selection Below</b>
<b>LIONS MEMBER - SATURDAY-SOCIAL &amp; BANQUET</b>	Included with Paid Registration		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Smoked Prime Rib</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cedar Plank Salmon</b> List Food Allergy _____ We will Attempt to Accommodate.
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>			

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO GLENDIVE LIONS CLUB. SEND REGISTRATION FORMS TO GLENDIVE LIONS - REGISTRATION - PO BOX 366, GLENDIVE, MT 59330 or email to djwags@midrivers.com.**

Circle CREDIT CARD TYPE: **MASTER CARD** or **VISA**

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Glendive Lions - District Convention will show as transaction on credit card statement.)

EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Refund Policy: Any refund request must be communicated to DG Scott Dornfeld no later than April 21, 2023. Registration may be transferred from one club member to another, within the same club.

<b>Events Planned</b>	<b>Friday Afternoon April 28</b>		<b>Select Event &amp; Number in Party</b>
Bronze Sculptures Tour with Pamela Harr (wife of late Lion Harvey Rattey)	Transportation & Guide Provided	Included with Paid Registration	
Makoshika State Park Tour - Including Lions Camp (Weather Permitting)	Transportation & Guide Provided	Included with Paid Registration	
Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum 139 State St 406-377-3228	On Own	Separate Fee	
Golf - Cottonwood Country Club 508 Country Club Rd 406-377-8797	On Own	Separate Fee	
Local Shopping	On Own		

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** During the District Convention, PDG Jim Johnke and PDG Melody Witcher will be recognizing deceased Lions members at the Memorial Service. Club Presidents or Secretaries are asked to record deceased member's name on lionsclubs.org web site or contact Winnett Lion PDG Melody at WMEL46@yahoo.com.

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR CLUB PROVIDE ONE ITEM/ BASKET FOR THE SILENT AUCTION WHICH WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL.**

**THE PARADE OF GREEN WILL BE HELD DURING THE DISTRICT CONVENTION.**

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT PATTY WINCHELL- [plwinchell@midrivers.com](mailto:plwinchell@midrivers.com) or 406-377-5631; DEBRA ANDERSON - [djwags@midrivers.com](mailto:djwags@midrivers.com) or 406-939-4903.

## **HOTELS**

### **Holiday Inn Express & Suites (IHG One Rewards) (CONVENTION HOTEL)**

1919 N Merrill Ave - Glendive 406-377-3300  
King & Double Queen Rooms - \$96.00 + Taxes (Rates valid 4/27 - 4/30)  
Block of Rooms Under: DISTRICT 37 Lions Convention  
Includes: Refrigerator/Microwave  
Pool, Spa & Fitness Room  
Hot Breakfast  
Tesla Charging Stations

### **LaQuinta Inns & Suites by Wyndham**

1717 N Merrill Ave - Glendive 406-377-7300  
King & Double Queen Rooms - \$89.00 + Taxes (Rates valid 4/27 - 4/30)  
Block of Rooms Under: GLENDIVE LIONS  
Includes: Refrigerator/Microwave  
Hot Breakfast  
Pet Friendly - First Pet Free

### **Fairbridge Inn & Suites**

1918 N Merrill Ave - Glendive 406-365-6000  
King & Double Queen Rooms - \$96.00 + Taxes (Rates valid 4/27 - 4/30)  
Block of Rooms Under: GLENDIVE LIONS  
Includes: Refrigerator/Microwave  
Pool & Hot Tub  
Hot Breakfast



## PLUSOPTIX

Just a reminder to send me your screening results each month. I enter them into the USA Kid Sight data base. Please send your screening numbers if you have not done so. Also, the District 37 total as of right now is 22,411 screened and 2,376 Referred.

Thank you to all the clubs that do the screening in the district.

One last thing. Please let me know when a new person takes over your PlusOptix program in your club. I get calls from different schools wondering if we can screen them. I need to have a contact person to call in that area. You can send the information to my email address. It is [lion.dfalcon@gmail.com](mailto:lion.dfalcon@gmail.com). Thanks again.

## 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.

Thanks,  
PDG Mike Collins

### 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.

## **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](http://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/>

# 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](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.

## **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**

DG Scott Dornfeld, 744 Arbor Hills Drive, Billings, MT 59105; C, 406-489-1884;  
[Sdornfeld51@gmail.com](mailto:Sdornfeld51@gmail.com)  
[Governor.sd37@montanalions.org](mailto: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)

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Raleigh Peck; 410 North Central Avenue, Sidney, MT 59270; H: 406-488-7447; C; 406-480-5000; [rgpeck@electriclandinc.com](mailto:rgpeck@electriclandinc.com)

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**

### **FEBRUARY**

Bozeman Gallatin Empire	02/24/1969
Fairfield	02/26/1940
Kalispell Sunrisers	02/03/1969
Nashua	02/12/1952
Plains	02/23/1944

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **FEBRUARY**

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month  
Feb. 7-9 FVDG/DGE Seminar  
Feb. 9 Lions Day With The United Nations

## 2024 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](mailto: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

<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](mailto:governor-sd37@montanalions.org); [sdornfeld51@gmail.com](mailto:sdornfeld51@gmail.com); the convention will be held on April 28 and 29, 2023**



MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2023 – CABINET MEETING  
PDG Dennis Kopitzke – District Administrator/Secretary

January 22, 2023

Montana District 37 – Cabinet Meeting, January 21, 2023; 11:30; Boulder, MT; and via “Zoom”

Attendees: ID Ben Apeland, DG Scott Dornfeld, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Brian Gertiser, PCC Dan Krum, PDG Dennis Kopitzke, IPDG Mike Tobin; PDG Dan Sturdevant, PDG Lary Garrison; PDG Melody Witcher; PDG Jim Johnke; Lion Peggy Tobin; Lion Margaret Baylinson, Lion Dave Falcon and Lion Jessica Fausey

Attendees via Zoom: PID Dave Hajny, PDG Mike Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Raleigh Peck, Lion Charles Keen, Lion Kenny Seymour, Lion Charles Keen, Lion Don Idso, Lion Jason Stuart

- I. Call to Order by DG Scott Dornfeld at 11:31
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. Invocation: PDG Melody Witcher
  - c. Introduction – Lion Margaret Baylinson
  - d. DG Comments – Thanks for thoughts regarding, health issue
  
- II. Minutes: Motion by PCC Dan Krum, second by IPDG Mike Tobin to approve the October 15, 2022 minutes. Passed.
  
- III. Financial Report: PCC Dan Krum presented the financial report. 21 of 60 clubs have paid their dues. Motion by IPDG Mike Tobin, second by PDG Dennis Kopitzke to approve the financial report. Passed.
  
- IV. Additions
  - a. Regional Lions Leadership Institute – Denver – Motion by PDG Mike Collins, second by Lion Peggy Tobin to approve attendance at ALLI with funding already included in the budget. Passed.
  
- V. Old Business
  - a. LCIF Grants (PDG Lary Garrison)
    - i. Montana Youth Diabetes Grant – Motion by PDG Dan Sturdevant, second by IPDG Mike Tobin close the grant. Passed. The grant was endorsed and approved.

- ii. Red Lodge Flood Assistance Grant – Motion by PDG Lary Garrison, second by PDG Jim Johnke to close the grant. Passed. 4000 of approved \$20,000 was used in Red Lodge.
  - iii. Denton Ambulance Grant, \$75,000; delivery expected in the next few weeks
  - iv. Bozeman Food Bank Grant, \$90,000;
  - v. Billings Hospital Grant, \$100,000; pending
  - vi. Membership Recruitment Grant, \$4500; available
  - vii. Public Relations Grant, \$5000; available
- b. Club Health Assessment (DG Scott Dornfeld) – Many clubs continue to not report their service projects; 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 associated with the organization of “zone” related information on the website. Donation page has been updated for LCIF and MLSHF. Check out the site at: [www.montanalions.org](http://www.montanalions.org)
- d. Club Officer Training (PDG Mile Collins) – Officer training programs continue to be available on the website and via you tube. LCI will be making major changes to content in the next few weeks. Website and You Tube will be updated.
- e. Leadership Retreat (PDG Mike Collins) – The retreat was a success with 15 attendees. Information on attendees will be provided and distributed to cabinet members. Next years event is tentatively scheduled for Billings.
- f. Convention Manual Review – PDG Mike Collins, PDG Dan Sturdevant and PDG Monte Weisser are working on the document.
- g. District Governor Manual Review (PDG Mike Collins) – Most of the work has been done on the manual. Contact PDG Mike Collins for additional information.

## VI. New Business

- a. Administrator's Report (PDG Dennis Kopitzke) – Written report provided to the cabinet. Lion Dennis will be leaving as administrator/secretary as of June 30, 2023.
- b. Club Visitations – DG Scott Dornfeld has 5 visitations remaining; VDG Brian Gertiser has 4 visitations remaining; VDG Raleigh Peck has 22 visits remaining and is working on scheduling his visitations.
- c. 2023 Convention (Lion Don Idso, Lion Jason Stuart) – An update on the 2023 convention to be held in Glendive, April 28 & 29. A tentative agenda has been prepared; registration form should be available by February 1, early bird registration will be \$85.00, regular registration, \$100.00; the district will provide \$3000.00 in seed money; ID Jeffrey Gans from New Jersey will be the special guest; convention hotels include the Holiday Inn Express, LaQuinta and Fairbridge Inn; Friday's events will be held at the Moose Lodge; additional information will be distributed as it becomes available
- d. 2024 & 2025 Convention Sites – Havre may be the site for the 2024 convention; efforts will be made to find a site for the 2025 convention
- e. Succession Planning – Efforts will be made to find a candidate to succeed 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Raleigh Peck
- f. Raiders Committee – Clubs are visiting other clubs and trying to take bells and gavels. Discretion has to be used in taking part in these events
- g. Lion Lucille Mapston, PDG Leonard Mapston Banners – DG Scott Dornfeld may display the banners at the convention or a club they may be gifted to a deserving club.
- h. Hall of Fame Nomination Form – The form is available on the website and has been included in the district newsletter.
- i. Zone/Region Reports – Lion Kenny Seymour (Zone 12), 2<sup>nd</sup> zone meeting has been held and efforts continue to work with club secretaries on reporting to LCI; Lion Margaret Baylinson (Zone 3), clubs in the zone are

spending significant time work on their annual projects with emphasis on projects to serve their communities, project leadership, project planning; vision screening continues; collection of pop tops continues; Eureka Lions and their LEO club continue to recruit new members; PDG Melody Whitcher (Zone 14), Roundup promoted a great program to help collect and distribute gifts to children during the Christmas season; Winnett Lions continue to do vision screening and hold a variety of raffles to support their programs; Denton Lions helped plan gardens in areas devastated by the recent range fire

- j. Committee Reports – Nothing from GST and GMT. PDG Mike Collins has reported on activities of GLT and PDG Lary Garrison/IPDG Mike Tobin has reported on activities of LCIF.

#### VII. Additional Items

- a. IPDG Mike Tobin – Request has been made to add “Camp Patriot” as an endorsed project. Appropriate documentation will be provided to the Endorsed Projects Committee and a recommendation will be presented to the cabinet.

Next meeting: April 30, 2023; Glendive, Holiday Inn Express, 8:00 AM.

Adjournment, 1:40 PM

*Dennis Kopitzke*

PDG Dennis Kopitzke, District 37 Administrator/Secretary, January 22, 2023



9:45 – 10:15 Leader Dog

10:15 – 10:30 BREAK

10:30 – 10:50 Parade of Green

10:50 -- 11:15 Convention 2024 Presentation and Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors

11:15 – 12:00 Memorial Service (Jim Johnke and Melody Witcher)

12:00 – 1:15 LUNCHEON (DG Scott and International Guest)

**-PM-**

1:15 – 1:30 Makoshika Park and Lions Camp (Riley Bell, Ranger)

1:30 – 2:00 LCIF Grants (Mike Tobin featuring local grant recipients)

2:00 – 2:30 International Guest Question and Answer Session

2:30 – 2:45 BREAK (voting)

2:45 – 3:05 MT Association of the Blind (Mary Wanty)

3:05 – 3:30 Diabetes Education (Marci Butcher DPHHS, Helena; Youth Diabetes Alliance)

3:30 – 4:30 Business (DG Scott)

4:30 – 4:45 S&H Foundation Drawing

**-SATURDAY EVENING-**

**Events held at the Moose Lodge, 415 N. Merrill, Glendive**

6:00 – 6:45 Social / Hospitality

6:45 Banquet (DG Scott and International Guest)

-Invocation

-Entertainment (Dawson Co. High School Music Dept.)

-Meal

-Speaker – International Guest

-Presentations and awards

9:00 – 10:00 Social Hour

