

# District Governor Newsletter

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

District 37 Lions

**ONLY 30 DAYS REMAINING TO REGISTER FOR THE DISTRICT 37 LIONS  
CONVENTION!**

That is right. The City of Glendive has been looking forward to the District 37 Lions visit to their city. The Glendive Lions club has been working tirelessly in preparation for our annual event, so please consider joining us in a celebration of all Montana Lions. Please find all the information

needed to register **in this newsletter**, and just a reminder, April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it.

Our special guest and keynote speaker will be LCI International Director Jeffrey Gans from New Jersey. ID Jeff's resume' and accomplishments in Lions are beyond impressive. If you do a google search for Lion Jeffrey Gans, you can see his many accomplishments and awards as a Lion. I am looking forward to seeing you in Glendive. ID Lion Jeff's wealth of knowledge will be well worth the trip.

### **WHY REPORT SERVICE**

In presenting this topic to clubs, I often get the feeling that this is not a priority. I am going to give a few reasons why we ask the clubs to perform this task:

#### **Grow Partnerships**

Collaborating with other organizations in your community, i.e. Kiwanis, Rotary, etc, is a terrific way to increase the visibility of your service projects. When approaching potential partners, your club's service reports provide tangible evidence of your club's effectiveness to help persuade other organizations to join with you.

#### **Inspire Service**

Your reported service projects can be viewed within our district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.

#### **Inform Decisions**

Documented club achievements reveal what is working and what is not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic goals

Remember – in Montana, **WE SERVE**

Respectfully,  
Scott Dornfeld, District Governor

## **CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA**

Policy Manual, Article 8, Section B: Club Delegate Formula

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and this District shall be entitled in each annual convention of this District to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the International office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate, present in person, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only on each question submitted to the respective convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing within the District.

Montana District 37 grants full delegate status to each past district governor who is a member of a club in such district independent of the club delegate quotas.

**DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION FORM  
APRIL 28-29 - GLENDIVE**

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

<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 - Early Bird By 3/31/2023</b>	\$85.00 Covers all Meals		
<b>LIONS MEMBER - After 3/31/2023</b>	\$110.00 Covers all Meals		
COMPANION – COVERS ALL MEALS	\$59.00		_____ <b>Smoked Prime Rib</b> _____ <b>Cedar Plank Salmon</b> List Food Allergy _____ We will Attempt to Accommodate.
<b>LIONS MEMBER - SATURDAY- SOCIAL &amp; BANQUET</b>	Included with Paid Registration		_____ <b>Smoked Prime Rib</b> _____ <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 or 406-377-5631; DEBRA ANDERSON - 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

## **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.

## CONVENTION - PARADE OF GREEN

Clubs will have the opportunity to participate in the Parade of Green at the district convention. Clubs can take part in an event where they can demonstrate their financial support for a wide variety of programs of interest to all Lions. Bring your club's donation to the convention and take part in the Parade of Green.

### AUCTIONS

Fundraising auctions will be held at the district convention. A silent auction and live auction will be held. Proceeds from the auctions will be given to worthy district projects. Bring your auction item to the convention. All donated items are sincerely appreciated.

### **TOGETHER WE CAN March 2023**

Like so many of you, I'm proud to carry on my family's legacy as a Lion. But today, we're doing things a whole lot differently than my grandfather did. That's because innovation is such a huge part of our tradition, and it's how we've met the changing needs of our communities for generations.

Innovation is about embracing new ideas, new service and new ways of connecting with our communities—and it begins with each of us. So let's keep thinking about new ways to innovate. Because when we ensure that our tradition of service is as vital today as it ever was, we not only honor our past, we create a brighter future for our communities and the world.

BRIAN SHEEHAN  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

## **HOW CAN OUR FOUNDATION HELP YOUR COMMUNITY???**



**What is your club Legacy Project that your community identifies your club with? If you do not have a Legacy Project- WHY NOT? If you do, are you promoting it?**

**Do you know what a Legacy Project is? A Legacy Project is one that brings attention to your club every time it is used or seen. It provides a gift to your community and it makes an impact on your community.**

**Montana communities have benefitted from club projects that are known by citizens and visitors alike. These include parks, senior citizen centers, an emergency generator, 2 ambulances, a handicap fishing dock, 100 readers for low vision students, a swimming pool as well as other projects unknown to us. Bozeman is building a new Food Bank and I am working with St. Vincent's Hospital on a cancer or diabetes grant for their new Hospital.**

**Do you have a sign commemorating a flood or fire that received a LCIF grant because of your club? Could you post new signs, dedicate a park bench or statue, or even sponsor a fountain in your local park. You might refurbish a park or playground, build a footbridge over a busy road, or even donate a vehicle to a community organization. Don't forget to seek partnerships with other organizations.**



### **LCIF VISION GRANT PROPOSAL**

**I am requesting a grant for PlusOptix machines. We may be able to get up to 15 machines with a grant from LCIF. Cost: \$6,635 each w/printer and extra batteries. Club cost: \$2,122 w/grant. I have 5 clubs that want to participate. I need to have a request and a check for ½ of the club cost made out to District 37 PlusOptix Screeners by April 25<sup>th</sup> from them or any other interested club.**

**New requirements state a grant application has to have ½ of the matching funds in a bank account before the application can be submitted, and ½ of the matching funds in an account before the grant monies will be released. This is due to the fact that some grants have been released and some projects were not completed as approved. If for any reason the grant is not approved the monies received will be returned in full to each club.**

**Please send checks to PDG Lary Garrison, 703 Conway St., Billings, Montana 59105. A checking account will be set up requiring 2 signatures. The DG of record and myself will be the two required signatures. If you have any questions please contact me at 1-406-855-6997 or [lionlarygarrison@gmail.com](mailto:lionlarygarrison@gmail.com).**

**Yours in Lionism,  
PDG Lary Garrison  
District 37 LCIF co-chair**



## WEBSITE UPDATES

If you have not gone to [montanalions.org](http://montanalions.org) lately, please check out some of the upgrades that we have been working on:

- **Convention Registration is online!** You can process your registration for the Glendive Convention via the website and pay by credit card or by check (mark the box for “check”). The easiest way to get to the registration is to **click the blue button at the bottom of the home page** on the banner that says “Here to register for the 2023 District Convention?”. You can also go to “**Events**” and select District 37 Events and “View Details” on 2023 District Convention.
- **Under “Contact Us”:**
  - If you select Club Directory, you can see all of the clubs listed, and if you click on a club, you can see that club’s information and officers. You now have the ability to **print individual club directories**. Select the club that you want to see and click the blue button that says “Print Club # \_\_\_\_\_ Directory”.
  - In addition to viewing the directory by clubs, you can now also view the directory by zone. Just click the “**View Directory by Zone**” button. When you select a Zone, all of the clubs in that zone are listed including the same information under the club directory. You can also print the Zone directory by clicking the blue button.
- Additional Links have been added under “**Links**” which allow you to go directly to the following websites:
  - LCI
  - My LCI Login
  - Montana Lions Sight & Hearing
  - LCIF
  - Lions University
- Under “**Donate**” you will now find a “Donate Now” button which will take your **DIRECTLY** to the donate page on the website for the foundation you have selected.

If you have any questions about the website, please do not hesitate to contact me. Lion Peggy Tobin; Website Administrator; 406-461-4206; [peggyt@northerntel.net](mailto:peggyt@northerntel.net)

## ELECTION OF 2023-2024 CLUB OFFICERS AND RESOURCES FOR INCOMING OFFICERS

This is the time of year than clubs should be in the process of or starting the process of electing club officers for the 2023-2024 Lions year that starts on July 1. Officers should be reported to LCI prior to May 15, 2023.

As your club prepares for annual elections and to welcome a new leadership team, use these helpful resources to get your incoming officers ready to take the lead.

**Standard Club Constitution & By-Laws** – This document outlines the election process and describes key position within the club structure as outlined in the Standard Club Structure. No later than May 15 your club secretary should report the incoming officers and directors. Make sure to provide email addresses.

**Standard Club Structure** – Help your Nominating Committee know what positions are available in the new Standard Club Structure. The sample structure includes the officers, board of directors and standing committees.

**Club Quality Initiative (CQI)** – The CQI is a strategic planning tool that helps clubs identify opportunities for improvement. The program features several steps to help club operations become more efficient and find new directions.

**Lion Portal Page** – As LCI prepares to launch the new Lion Portal, Lions can prepare for this new digital experience by making sure their information is correct in **MyLCI**. Get news and updates about the transition on the **Lions Portal Page**.

**Managing a Club (Club Officer Team)** – Lions Clubs International has designed webpages, e-Books and resource to assist your club officers in their positions. Visit the Managing a Club (Club Officer Team) webpage to learn more about each of these key roles.

Contact LCI if you have any questions by phone at 1-630-468-7084 or by email at [clubofficers@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubofficers@lionsclubs.org)



Lion Yvonne Gebhardt

Thanks to the Sidney Lions Club for the collection of 334 standard used eyeglasses and 21 used sunglasses. The club also collected a set of NANO hearing aids. Thanks to Lions Yvonne and Ron Gebhardt for the delivery of the glasses to Forsyth. Glasses will be eventually provided to individuals in need. The hearing aids will be reconditioned and be made available to those individuals in need. The collection of the glasses and hearing aids is part of the service provided by the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

## 2023 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

“Dare to Dream” is the theme for the 2023 Peace Poster Contest, kits are on sale now.

The peace poster contest is one of the best hands-on programs coming out of LCI. In this day and age, where there is so much global unrest and we belong to an organization that promotes peace and understanding to the peoples of the world, what better way to get our youth thinking about something as important as peace. Children are not challenged enough about intangible concepts such as peace, whether it be at home, on the playground or somewhere in a far-off land.

This program is designed for kids to dig deep in their thoughts and articulate them on a piece of art. In my experience with PPC in Ennis for 25 plus years, we have found that the teachers in our school love this program, the kids get into it, and they come up with so many unusual ways to express their thoughts. We have over 60 posters submitted each year. Fantastic program.

Please consider participating this year. If you are planning to participate, please notify me. If you would like help planning your contest, please notify me.

**Jim Forsberg, Peace Poster Chair; [mtnvw@3rivers.net](mailto:mtnvw@3rivers.net)**

### District 37 Club Officer Training Videos

All Club officers: Trainer PDG Mike Collins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfiAhdTuik>

Club President: Trainer PDG Mike Tobin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYHahYzwI>

Club Secretary: Trainer Lion Peggy Tobin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdA1Zj0KngM>

Club Treasurer: Trainer PDG 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)

## **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.

### **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.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> International Vice President – Patti Hill**

1<sup>st</sup> IVP Patti Hill will assume the role of our International President at the International convention to be held in Boston on July 7-11. A copy of IVP Patti Hill’s International Convention newsletter is attached to this newsletter and available on the district website.

### **SAVE THE DATE LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

The 2023 District Leadership Retreat will be held in Billings on  
October 13 and 14.



## **NFB BELL ACADEMY**

The National Federation of the Blind BELL Academy for braille enrichment for literacy and learning. The 2023 Summer program for blind and low-vision children is coming to Missoula, June 12-23.

The NFB BELL Academy – which stands for National Federation of the Blind Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning. The academy helps blind and low-vision children develop the literacy skills that will empower them to achieve their academic goals and live the lives they want. Children will receive Braille instruction and other non-visual blindness skills through fun, hands-on learning.

The registration fee is \$25.00 per child. For additional information and to register visit the NFB website: [www.nfb.org/bell](http://www.nfb.org/bell)

The NFB BELL ACADEMY flyer is posted on the district website: [www.montanalions.org](http://www.montanalions.org)

## **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;  
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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)

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## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL

CHOTEAU	04/26/1927
DILLON	04/26/1979
EAST MISSOULA	04/12/1967
SUPERIOR	04/03/1952
TOWNSEND/BROADWATER COUNTY	04/29/1982

## IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL

Environmental Awareness Month  
Family and Friends Month  
LEO Club Awareness Month

April 15	Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, QT Meeting, Boulder 10:00 AM
April 18	Lions Day at the United Nations (Geneva)
April 28-29	District Convention, Glendive
April 30	Cabinet Meeting, Glendive, Holiday Inn, 8:00 AM

### MAY

Strengthen Membership Month  
Lions Day at Capitol Hill