

District Governor Newsletter

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Message from District Governor Mike Collins

“Where there is a need, there is a Lion”

Happy New Year Montana Lions,

Kari and I truly wish that the New Year of 2021 brings joy, happiness, peace, and good health for you and your family. While 2020 may have been a year filled with challenges, wouldn't it be magical if 2021 was to become a year to remember fondly for every club in our great District.

When we look back on 2021 will we be able to say we made each person in our Club, both 'old and new', feel welcome and a part of our Association of Lions? That we have an environment in which members feel safe and healthy but continue to serve? That all our members contributed to the formation of the club's goals and to the realization of those goals? That we worked hard to identify key opportunities in the broader community where our members promoted and participated in worthwhile and safe projects.

All clubs should:

- Find ways to continue to increase our service despite the current health issues.
- Provide opportunities for individuals to participate equitably in our community and to understand the rights and responsibilities that we share as part of that society.
- Stimulate a sense of belonging for everyone by helping our membership and our community work towards a spirit of inclusiveness and a shared identity as a diverse society.
- Seek and encourage new members and clubs so we can continue to serve our communities.

Ideas to attract new members

- Ask someone to join.
- Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the club
- Print club business cards with club meeting location and time
- Distribute extra copies of LION magazine and attached information about your club in waiting rooms, etc.
- Build a social media presence
- Hold joint meetings with other groups
- Share your club experience with others
- Ask every member to submit 3 prospects to the membership chair
- Always make it FUN
- Develop a welcome letter from the president for all new members
- Contact all members who have resigned in the past 3 years
- Ask club members to put club ads on their commercial trucks

Happy 2021 Everyone.
District Governor Mike



William "Bill" Pfeifer of Mesquite, Nevada, passed away Dec. 2, 2020, from COVID-19.

Bill was born May 7, 1953, in Hayward, Wisconsin, the son of Oscar and Lucille (Poppe) Pfeifer. In 1971 Bill graduated from Hayward High School. On Dec. 4, 1976 at the First Congregational Church in Hayward, Bill married Jayne Cook. Bill served in the federal government for 33 years with the Department of Justice, as well as the U.S. Forest Service. Bill also served in the Air Force from 1971-1975 and subsequently the Army National Guard from 1980-2008, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Bill earned a number of awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Montana National Guard Distinguished Service Ribbon, and a Montana National Guard Outstanding Unit Ribbon. After his retirement from the U.S. Forest Service and ARNG he then taught contracting law courses for the Northwest Procurement Institute and Management Concepts, Inc.

Bill was also very involved in community service with the Montana Lions. He and Jayne were instrumental in starting a Lions statewide vision screening program for the children of Montana. Bill served as District 37S Governor during the 2010-2011 Lionistic year. He received the International Presidential Medal in 2013, was a

progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, and a lifetime member of Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. A fellow Lion said, "Bill was the Lion's poster man. He could defuse any situation with a smile and a wink. He was wise beyond his years. Listened and thought before he talked."

Bill was full of life, compassion, character, wisdom and, of course, he had an amazing sense of humor. He will be greatly missed. He was loved by many.

Bill is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jayne Cook Pfeifer; sisters, Luella Wendt, Charlotte (Jim) Robotham and Machele Pfeifer; and brother, John (Joyce) Pfeifer.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Oscar and Lucille (Poppe) Pfeifer; brothers, Paul, Carl and Walter; sister, Yvonne McGuire; and his grandparents.

Due to COVID concerns, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Hayward. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Bill's name to the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, Box 1925, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or the Gallatin Empire Lions Foundation, Box 504, Bozeman, MT, 59771.

Cards of sympathy and condolence may be sent to Jayne Pfeifer, 1068 Starlight Terrace Way, Mesquite, NV 89034.



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

From PDG Lary Garrison:

As of July 1, 2021, I will no longer be District 37 LCIF Chairperson. It has been an honor to have served the District and you in this position-but the time has come for me to allow someone else the opportunity to serve and learn.

District 37 has benefited greatly over the past 50 years with many clubs doing great things for their communities. While many Lions have done the hard work to plan, develop, and complete many projects that have made these community enhancements possible, I have only given them guidance and encouragement while receiving a great deal of satisfaction from the small part I played in seeing dreams come true.

Although I will not be "active" at the District level, I will be there to advise and encourage.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of District 37 over the past 20+ years.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Lary Garrison, LCIF Chairperson

District 37 – Montana Peace Poster Winner.

Szymon May of Sunburst, MT submitted by the Coutts/Sweetgrass Lions Club



CLUB 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

DISTRICT 37 HALL OF FAME

The District 37 Hall of Fame nomination form is included with this newsletter, pages 16 & 17. The nominating form, for 2020, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the district convention, April 24-25, 2021.

DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION BID FORM

The District 37 Convention Bid Form, for the 2022 district convention, is included with this newsletter, pages 18 & 19. The bid form must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the district convention, April 24-25, 2021.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP BILLING

This past year has been unlike any other as the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our world in so many ways. To support our Lions during these challenging times, the Board of Directors approved a resolution stating that no clubs will be suspended or canceled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.

Currently, there are a record number of clubs that have not yet paid their balances. We want to make sure you are aware of some important dates and action items that will impact our clubs so we can all work together to support them during this difficult time.

October 25, 2020 – The District Team will be advised on clubs that have not paid their balances within the suspension parameters.

October, November and December Statements – The statements will include a suspension warning to inform clubs of their past due status.

January 1, 2021 – Clubs will be placed on Financial Suspension if balances over 120 days are in excess of US\$20/member or over \$1,000. Clubs released from Financial Suspension can expect to be billed for dues for January-June 2021.

March 1, 2021 – Clubs previously suspended will automatically be canceled if their balances are not paid in full.

March-June 2021 – Canceled clubs may be reactivated to Active Status upon receipt of their payment and approval from the district governor.

May 8, 2021 – The suspension cycle will again review clubs for balances unpaid over 120 days with cancellation following on June 29 if payment has not yet been received.

DG RECAPS will be mailed regularly each month. The District Team should review the report and communicate with clubs to encourage payment prior to the end of this calendar year.

We will be sending the list of clubs in suspension to our District Team and Global Action Team leadership each month to support the districts.

Please let us know if you have questions about the process or the timeline. LCI can then ensure that our clubs stay in good standing and continue their great work in time when Lions are needed more than ever.

membershipbilling@roar.lionsclubs.org

United in Kindness and Diversity – Dr. Jung-Yul Choi January 2021

Thank you for your extraordinary commitment this year. Despite all the challenges we have faced together, we have persevered and accomplished so much for so many. And you played a key role in our success.

During the past year we have recruited 20% more new members into existing clubs, chartered 52% more new clubs and increased club service reporting approximately 20%. Let's continue to keep our Lions safe and healthy so we can make a difference in even more lives and communities everywhere.

The challenges facing us today are great, but we can still achieve great things when we unite around global causes like diabetes.

District Grant Opportunities

Hunger Pilot Grant Program – One in nine people around the world struggle with food security. Hunger grants support the infrastructure and equipment necessary to develop long-term solutions to alleviating hunger.

District and Club Community Grants (DCG) – Create even more change within the district. Eligibility is based on contributions to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

LCIF Leo Service Grant Program – Help Leos in your district make a bigger impact in their communities. Support the service of our youngest members and inspire them to continue to lead, now and in the future.

Websites

Visit the district website: 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

DG Mike Collins, 40 Meadowlark Drive; Kalispell, MT 59901; H 406-752-3473;
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2nd VDG Scott Dornfeld, 744 Arbor Hills Drive, Billings, MT 59105; C, 406-489-1884;
Sdornfeld51@gmail.com

District Secretary/Administrator; PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Box 1266, Forsyth, 59327;
406-346-1488; 406-853-8695; djk_7491@rangeweb.net

January Club Anniversaries:

Denton – 1955 – 66 years
Eureka – Tobacco Valley Lions – 2014 – 7 years
Glendive Lions – 1944 – 77 years
Hamilton Lions – 1930 – 91 years
Helena Gold Rush Lion – 1984 – 37 years
Hot Springs Lions – 1940 – 81 years
Missoula South Side -1964 – 57 years
Sun River Valley Lions – 1966 – 55 years

DISTRICT VESTS

The district has a number of vests for sale in a wide variety of sizes. Contact PID Dave Hajny for more information on the vests. 406-596-4596;
whodat@3rivers.net

The vests are great looking and a great way to support our district and Lionism.



LCI-NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE-NAMI

It has been two years since the LCI board of directors authorized the North American Membership Initiative as a pilot program. The project started with nine pilot districts (Montana District 37 was included) and two primary goals: achieve membership growth and develop a process for other districts to follow.

All the process materials and resources for this initiative are centralized at www.lionsclubs.org/nami Several initial lessons have been learned: (1) districts and clubs must take action quickly (2) there is a need to better engage zone chairpersons and clubs.

A Young Lions Task Force was created and the LCI Global Action Team have been instrumental in moving NAMI ahead. In our Constitutional Areas 1 & 2, 26 new clubs have been chartered this year.

In these difficult times, the world needs Lions to serve more than ever. Get on board and support the North American Membership Initiative.

DISTRICT 37 ENDORSED PROJECTS

As of December 1, 2020

Florence Crittenton Home (Helena)– (Actively Endorsed) – Lion Danielle Vincent; 1205 Daybreak Street; Helena, MT 59602; 406-202-1348; craftycpa@gmail.com; www.florencecrittenton.org

Florence Crittenton Home & Services is a 120-year-old organization that provides effective intervention services to parenting families and their children across Montana. Programs support at risk parents and their children as well as young families who are struggling with substance use challenges, at risk for removal of their children and/or socio-emotional or developmental problems as a result to parent-child relationship challenges.

Leader Dogs for the Blind (Actively Endorsed) – PDG Jim Johnke, Box 206, Winnett, 59087; 406- 928-3311; jrjohnke@gmail.com; www.lionsclubs.org/leaderdog and 2nd VDG Michael Tobin, Box 408, Sunburst, MT 59482; 406-937-1215; miktob1951@gmail.com; www.LeaderDog.org

In every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion. **Guide Dog Training** is a residential training program lasting up to 25 days-matching hand-selected, highly trained dogs with people who are legally blind, or both deaf and blind. **Accelerated O & M Training** is the only seven-day residential orientation and mobility program in the U.S. providing clients with cane skills to become safe, more independent travelers. **Summer Experience Camp** is a unique summer camp for 16 and 17- year-olds who are legally blind, combining fun and leadership activities with an introduction to guide dogs.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – (Actively Endorsed) – PDG Lary Garrison, 703 Conway Street, Billings, 59105; 406-855-6997; lionlarygarrison@gmail.com; www.lcif.org

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) supports 8 areas of need around the world: Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief, Address the needs of at-risk and vulnerable communities, diabetes education, childhood cancer, reducing hunger throughout the world, improving environmental health

Lions Gift of Sight, (Actively Endorsed) - PDG Dan Sturdevant, Box 275, Clancy, MT 59634; 406-439-9297; sturdydan@gmail.com; www.opthalmology.umn.edu

Working with Ophthalmologists from the University of Minnesota hospitals and Ophthalmologists in Montana have been making great strides in addressing needs

associated with corneal transplants here in Montana. The Lions Gift of Sight is working to help supply the tissue needed to do the corneal transplants.

Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation – (Actively Endorsed) – Lion Jessica Falcon, Box 1925; Columbia Falls, MT 59912; 253-1737; lion.jfalcon@gmail.com ; www.mtlionsshfnd.org

The Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation is dedicated to helping the sight, hearing and speech impaired by providing aid to the blind and visually handicapped, working to help with sight conservation and restoration, providing aid to the deaf and hearing impaired and providing social and human resource referrals.

Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance – (Actively Endorsed) – District Governor Mike Collins; 40 Meadowlark Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901; 406-871-4176; mikeacollins@bresnan.net

The Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance is a 501, c, 3 organization with a passion to help kids and their families be successful while having to live with type 1 diabetes. A primary goal of the organization is to offer a summer camp for type 1 diabetic children at the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp on Flathead Lake and host a family retreat at Fairmont Hot Spring.

LCIF - Hunger Pilot Grant Program

There are nearly one billion people across the world that experience food insecurity. No one can truly understand the devastating physical and emotional impact of hunger unless they experience it. Through the LCIF Hunger Pilot Grant Program, Lions can support school-based feeding programs, food banks, feeding centers, and similar facilities that provide food to people when they need it most. For more information go to: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/hunger-pilot-grant>

Our Strategy.

Grants are available to Lions districts in amounts of US\$10,000 to US\$100,000. Hunger Grants support infrastructure and equipment acquisition of Lions' projects capital needs and select project operational expenses during the start-up period.

Examples

Typical project expenses may include:

- * Construction or expansion of food banks, feeding centers, and food storage facilities.
- * Construction or expansion of kitchen or dining facilities as part of a school based feeding program.

- * Purchase of refrigerators and freezers to store perishable food items.
- * Kitchen equipment such as stoves and ovens.
- * Furniture such as chairs and tables for dining rooms and feeding centers.
- * Vehicles to transport, collect, and deliver food.

Application and Deadline

The applications for Hunger Grants are due no later than 90 days prior to the start of the Board of Trustees meetings, which take place in January, May, and August.

Applications can be downloaded from www.lionsclubsinternationalfoundation.org

or by contacting lionlarygarrison@gmail.com

You Can Feed the World

Defeating hunger is a huge undertaking. It will require the effort of everyone, everywhere-and all Lions. To begin making a difference, you can make a donation today. Support LCIF at: www.lcif.org/donate

IMPORTANT DATES

January	Hunger Awareness Month
Jan. 4	NAMI Webinar
Jan. 10	Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation – Quarterly Meeting
Jan. 11	NAMI Webinar
Jan. 11-18	LCIF Week
Jan. 13	Melvin Jones’ Birthday
Jan. 13-15	LCIF Board of Directors Meeting, Oak Brook
Jan. 16	Cabinet Meeting
February	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Feb. 2-4	First Vice District Governor/DG Elect Seminar
Feb. 15	International Childhood Cancer Day
Apr. 23-24	District Convention, Kalispell
Apr. 25	Cabinet Meeting, Kalispell

District 37

Advertising and Publicity Reimbursement for 2020-2021

District 37 has made available funds for reimbursement of advertising expenses for the July 2020- Jun 2021 Lions Year. District 37 will reimburse clubs in good standing up to \$100.00 for expenses for advertising expenses such as social media advertising, google ads, newspaper, radio, or other paid advertising.

It is highly recommended that the advertising should be used to promote your club and club projects, attract new members, and increase public awareness of your Lions club. While the funds may be used to promote a fundraiser, please emphasize what your club is raising the funds for. Social media advertising allows you to get a much bigger impact for your dollar and can be targeted to specific demographics, so it is highly recommended that these funds be used for that type of advertising.

Requests for reimbursement can be made by submitting an Advertising and Publicity Reimbursement Request to DG Mike Collins either by email or postal mail. Please send one request for funds rather than sending multiple small requests. The form will be published in the newsletter and on the web site. All requests must be submitted by June 1. 2021.

We Serve
DG Mike Collins

Montana Lions District 37 will reimburse individual Lions clubs for expenses for advertising your club for the Lion's year 2020-2021 up to a maximum of \$100.00 per club. It is recommended that this be used for attracting new members and/or publicizing your club using electronic or social media but is not limited to this.

District 37 Advertising and Publicity Reimbursement Request

Date _____

Club _____

Mailing Address

_____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Describe advertising done (type of media, purpose, duration of ad):

Describe results of advertising (new members, fundraising results, new followers):

Amount requested (receipts required):

Club Representative Signature

District Governor Signature

All requests must be submitted no later than June 1st, 2021

Please email signed form and scanned receipts to

mikeacollins@bresnan.net or Mail to DG Mike Collins, 40 Meadowlark Dr.,
Kalispell, MT 59901

**Nomination Form
District 37 Hall of Fame**

Date:

Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Address:

Candidate's Phone #:

Candidate's Immediate Family:

Family Addresses:

Sponsor:

Sponsor Contact

Information:

CRITERIA:

Date Candidate joined Lions:

Candidate's current Club:

List of all clubs in which Candidate has held
membership:

List Past Club Offices held:

List Current Club Offices:

List District positions held:

List LCI positions held:

List all Lion's awards and honors received:

Is candidate a Life Member of District 37 or LCI? ___ If so, how long?

How many new members has candidate sponsored?

State reasons why you think this member is a worthy candidate for the District 37

Hall of Fame:

List any other information that you feel may be applicable:

Please feel free to include any news articles.

Note: This form/application must be filed with the District Governor at least 30 days before the District Convention.

Additional Comments:

DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION BID FORM

This form must be received, by the district governor at least 30 days prior to the current year convention. 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: _____

(Note: All correspondence will be sent to the Chairperson)

Chairperson's mailing address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

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	()	_____
Luncheons	()	_____
Friday Night Social	()	_____
DG Banquet	()	_____

2. Attach information on what makes your area attractive as a District Convention site. 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 and/or Convention Bureau: _____

Other: _____

4. Convention experience of Chairperson and others:

5. Bid submitted by:

Host club(s) _____

Chairperson's signature: _____

Date: _____

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



Help Support Your
MONTANA LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION

YOU COULD WIN ME!! Contact a Lion for tickets.



Polaris Basic 570 Ranger with a Dump Box & Roll Bars

Tickets: \$20.00 each or 8 for \$100.00

Drawing: April 24, 2021

Need not be present to win

Thank you for Supporting the Foundation!

Return ticket stubs and money to:

Lion Monte Weisser
533 West Arizona
Kalispell, Montana 59901