# District Governor Newsletter

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#### Message from District Governor Mike Collins

#### "Where there Is a need, there is a Lion"

Hello Montana Lions,

Hello Montana Lions,

I am writing this immediately following the 2020-21 District 37 Convention in Kalispell. It was beyond a pleasure to welcome almost 100 Lions to Kalispell. We had a great time and listened to some excellent speakers. Thanks to an inspiring presentation by PID Anne Smarsh, the convention attendees donated more than \$20,000 for the Lions Club International Foundation. The live and silent auctions raised \$4,100 for the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing foundation and the 50/50 contributed \$500 to Leader Dogs.

We were able to give away awards to Lions from the last two years. IPDG Verna gave awards to Lion Steve Melby of the Columbia Falls Lions, PDG Melody Whitcher of the Winnett Lions, Lion Don Idso of the Glendive Lions and PDG Dennis Kopitzke of the Forsyth Lions.

I gave awards to PDG Monte Weisser and Lion Dave Falcon of the Kalispell Sunrisers Lions, Lion Peggy Tobin of the Coutts + Sweetgrass Lions and PDG Lary Garrison of the Billings Heights Lions.

Hall of Fame medals were presented to PDG Dennis Kopitzke of the Forsyth Lions and PDG Ted Witzel of the Kalispell Lions. Lion Elaine Black of the Billings Heights Lions had been presented her hall of fame medal in Billings because she was unable to attend the convention.

I own many people a debt of gratitude for the hours spent preparing for, and running the convention. The Kalispell area Lions clubs went above and beyond to make sure this convention was a success. Convention chairperson Monte Weisser did an incredible job.

In the next two months the District Governor team will be trying to visit the clubs that Covid-19 prevented us from visiting earlier this year. I hope that clubs are starting to meet and get back to doing what Lions do best, Serving our communities.

Kindness Matters, District Governor Mike

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." — Muhammad Ali

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." – **Sherry Anderson** 

#### IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION LINKS

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#### PU 101 CLUB OFFICER REPORTING FORM

This is the time of the year that clubs need to select their club officers for the new Lions year. The 2021-2022 Club Officer reporting form is available for download on the LCI website: <u>www.LionsClubInternational.org</u>; search for 2021-2022 PU 101. The form has been emailed to current club presidents, first vice presidents, secretaries, and treasurers. If there are questions contact a district leadership team member or the district administrator. Reports are due at LCI prior to May 15, 2021.

#### 2021 DISTRICT CONVENTION APRIL 23 & 24, KALISPELL

What a great convention! Thanks to convention managers DG Mike Collins and PDG Monte Weisser and to the clubs and all the Lions that provided help. For additional photos check the district website.

The convention kicked off on Friday night with a presentation by Bill Whitsitt, Chairman of the USS Montana Committee. The USS Montana, stealthy attach submarine, has been commissioned and is expected to be launched into service in the coming months.



The Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation followed with their annual presentation of awards to the top five clubs that made total donations to the Foundation and the top five clubs with contributions per member. The annual MLSHF silent and live auction was held and a tremendous thanks to all the clubs that donated items for the auction and to the Lions supported the Foundation through their winning bids.



PDG Dan Sturdevant, Foundation President, and Lion Jessica Falcon, Foundation Administrator presenting contribution awards.

Saturday's events started at 8:00 AM with the welcome by DG Mike Collins, Invocation from PDG Lary Garrison and the singing of our national anthem, led by IPDG Verna Love. The nominations of Lion Michael Tobin, for District Governor; Lion Scott Dornfeld, for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and Lion Brian Gertiser, for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor were placed before the membership. All three were later elected to serve as the district's senior leaders for 2021-2022.



The first information presentation was made by Matthew Larsen a certified diabetes consultant, serving through Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Matthew had an informative and eye-opening presentation on the types of diabetes, background on the growth of diabetes issues especially in the United States and basic management strategies for the disease.



One of the most appreciated presentations was the Memorial Service. The program recognized the passing of over 60 of our Lions during the past two years. Many of the deaths associated with COVID-19. Thanks to PDG Jim Johnke and PDG Melody Whitcher for organizing the program. PID Dave Hajny, DGE Michael Collins and 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Scott Dornfeld helped with the program.



It is always great to have an entertaining and motivational speaker at conventions. This year convention attendees had the opportunity to listen to, to learn, to laugh with and enjoy a great presentation by Tim Gard.



The final informational presentation was made by Jocelyn Dehass, Director for the Montana Association for the Blind. Jocelyn presented a wealth of information on the services provide by MAB and the tremendous help given to those in need.



All of the proposed changes to the district constitution and by-laws were approved in the voting by those club delegates attending the convention.

The convention concluded on Saturday night with the District Governor's banquet, presentation of award and address by PID Anne Smarsh.

Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Awards

PID Dave Hajny Fellowship – PDG Steve Hadnagy, Butte Mile-Hi Lions Club PID Tom Lehman Fellowship – Lion Mike Lawson, Butte Mile-Hi Lions Club PID Gary Tschache Fellowship – Lion Benno Garwood, Butte Mile-Hi Lions Club

Hall of Fame Inductees

2020 Lion Elaine Black, Billings Heights Lions Club 2020 PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Forsyth Lions Club 2021 PDG Ted Witzel, Kalispell Lions Club



PDG Ted Witzel receiving his Hall of Fame award from DG Mike Collins.

2020 Special Awards – Presented by IPDG Verna Love Presidential/Leadership Awards PDG Melody Whitcher, Winnett Lions Club Lion Don Idso, Glendive Lions Club Lion Steve Melby, Columbia Falls Lions Club

2021 Certificates of Appreciation – Presented by DG Mike Collins Lion Dave Falcon, Kalispell Sunrisers Lions Club Lion Lary Garrison, Billings Heights Lions Cub Lion Peggy Tobin, Coutts/Sweetgrass Lions Club PDG Monte Weisser, Kalispell Sunrisers Lions Club

PID Anne Smarsh delivered the closing address to the convention. Throughout the convention PID Anne was always accessible and willing to talk to all Lions. She provided a wealth of information and great common-sense advice to not only district leaders but to all Lions that attended the convention. PID Anne's noon comments and her presentation at the banquet emphasized the importance of LCIF to Lions in the State of Montana, the United States and throughout the world.



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

When you connect with your club, amazing things happen. And even though the way we meet may have changed, what we've been able to accomplish together show that our connection has only grown stronger.

Let us always remember that even though there may be distance between us, there is no divide amongst us. No matter where we call home, we are united through service. And together, our Lions family will never stop working to make the world a better place for all people.



#### **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

## **District 37 Help Wanted**

**Webmaster:** Are you looking for a fun way to contribute to your Montana Lions District? Or maybe your resume needs a bit of a boost? You could be the District 37 Lions next volunteer web admin! Webmaster administers the District website. Site is a WordPress blog on a commercial server. Webmaster assigns roles (permissions) for others to add, edit, and post items and to create, edit, or send emails to established lists. Using WordPress is similar to using Microsoft Word.

Webmaster is responsible for maintaining the appearance and functionality of the site using WordPress while working with others to provide content. May require about 2 hours per week on no fixed schedule. Basic writing and organizational skills are needed. HTML coding knowledge is a plus. Training and technical support from existing webmaster is available.

**NAMI Team**: The North American Membership Initiative is a program to revitalize Lions Clubs in our district. We need Lions who are willing to start new clubs and increase membership for existing clubs in Montana. This will require attending meetings (zoom for now) and making plans to increase membership. This will include travel once Covid-19 has subsided.

**Zone Chairperson**: The Zone Chairperson is the link between the clubs and the District Leadership Team. The Zone Chairperson is a full member of the District Cabinet. Develop & grow new members Identify and develop future and clubs. leaders at all levels. You will get to know the clubs in your area by visiting them and holding three zone meetings throughout the year.

If you are interested in learning more about these roles, email me at <u>mikeacollins@bresnan.net</u> or 406-871-4176

# SIDNEY LIONS CLUB 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Sidney Lions Club will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Charter Night on Saturday, May 15. Social hour starts at 5:00 PM and dinner to follow. Contact the Sidney Lions Club for additional information regarding costs for attendees. All activities will be held at the Sidney Elks Club. Tickets for the event will be available beginning March 19 and can be obtained through Evenbrite, https://sidneylionsclub50th.evenbrite.com

#### MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND FOUNDATION

#### LIONS CLUB PARTNERSHIP

MSDB set a goal to provide all low-vision students in the state with updated technology – saving students from having to push a cumbersome cart with a magnifier down the hall with them to each class. With the help of Lions Clubs throughout Montana, they met that goal before the pandemic hit – equipping students with the technology they need to succeed at both home and school.

Lions Clubs often support projects providing vision support, so Clayton-Bye reached out and was invited to attend their conference.

They set a goal to raise \$300,000 and purchase 100 devices for Montana's low vision students.

"We said if we can meet that goal in two years it would be a dream come true and we met it in eight months with the Lions," Clayton-Bye said, "We want to continue to dream big to open the doors to Montana's deaf, hard of hearing, blind, low vision and deafblind."

#### LCI CHARTER AND ENTRANCE FEES WAIVER FLEXIBLE PAYMENTS

The LCI Board of Directors has passed another resolution to help our clubs: **Charter and Entrance Fees Waiver** – The LCI board has waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.

**Flexible Payments** – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 20, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.

**Please note** – Clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at LCI to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 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 place 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, 20**21 – 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 cancelation 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 I good standing and continue their great work in time when Lions are needed more than ever. membershipbilling@roar.lionsclubs.org

their greatest resource. Continue to help them to do what they do best—serve.

#### 2021 LCI International Convention Virtual Convention

Due to the continuing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. LCI is still finalizing the details of the new convention experience, and will share those with all Lions as soon as they are ready.

**Everyone's Invited –** The 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world: June 25-29.

**Registrations Fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50.00 until March 31, the US\$75.00 beginning April 1. The registration fee for LEOS will be US\$30.00 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

**Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forth coming.

**Convention Registration and Updates** – Check our convention website: <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u> and click on the LCICon tab to register and to get convention updates and details as they become available.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank all Lions for your incredible service as a Lion.

## USA/CANADA FORUM

The 2021 USA/Canada Forum will be held in Des Moines, IA on September 9-11, 2021. The forum will be conducted "in person". For more information and to register for the forum contact: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709; 605-723-4007 or access the forum website at: www.lionsforum.org or to register on line at: register@lionforum.org

## Websites

Visit the district website: <u>www.montanalions.org</u> to find a wealth of valuable information regarding almost every aspect associated with the operation of the district.

LCI website, <u>lionsclubsinternational.org</u> Look for: general information, service projects, membership, club improvement, online training, media and news releases, and LCIF.

The Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation website: <u>www.mtlionsshfnd.org</u> Information regarding programs and sight, hearing and/or speech impairments.

## **Contact Information**

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### **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Anaconda Lions – 1999 – 22 years

Bozeman Sourdough Lions – 1990 – 31 years

Deer Lodge Lions - 1984 - 37 years

Helena Lions– 1933 – 88 years

Kalispell Lions – 1942 – 79 years

Laurel Lions – 1976 – 45 years

Scobey Lions – 1936 – 85 years

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

May	Strengthen Membership Month
May 5-7	LCI Board of Trustees Meeting, Oak Brook
May 11	LCI Executive Committee Meeting, Oak Brook
May 15	Deadline for Filing 2021-2022 Officer Reporting Form (PU101)
June 1	Helen Keller Day
June 7	Lions Clubs International Birthday
June 20-24	International Board of Directors Meeting, Montreal
June 25	First Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect Seminar
June 25-29	103 <sup>rd</sup> International Convention, Virtual Convention, Montreal
June 30	Last Day of the 2020-2021 Lions Year





#### A WORLD IN NEED

#### 800.000,000 People go to bed Hungry every night!

400,000,000 People are living with Diabetes!

250,000,000 People are Blind or Visually Impaired!

245 People die every day from Measles!

67% of Children report having been Bullied!

#### 50% of the World's Population lives in water stressed environments!

#### 15% Increases of Disasters annually!

On April 10th the first Lions Clubs International Foundation Tell-A-Thon was broadcast with the goal of raising \$250,000 hosted by 1st IVP Doug Alexander. At this time over \$800,000 has been raised with more to be reported. In comparison the first of Jerry Lewis's Tel-A-Thons raised a total of \$1,000,002. Plans are in the works for next year's Tell-A-Thon with 2nd IVP Brian Sheehan as it's host which should be a hoot!!!

Unfortunately, even \$1,000,000 will fall far short in meeting the Worlds Needs as grants are dispensed almost on a daily basis. We all can do a part in making sure there are financial resources available, though seldom enough, to meet the needs at home or abroad. Visit: <u>www.lcif.org/be11</u> or <u>www.donorassistance@lionsclubs.org</u>

Thank you for your support!

Yours in Lionism, Lary Garrison, LCIF Chairperson

## **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 then 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**

Data			
Date Club			
Mailing Address			
	City	ST	Zip
Describe advertising don	e (type of media, p	urpose, duration	of ad):
Describe results of adver followers):	tising (new membe	ers, fundraising re	sults, new
Amount requested (recei	pts required):		
Club Representative Sign	nature		-
District Governor Signat	ure		
All requests must be su Please email signed form mikeacollins@bresnan.ne Kalispell, MT 59901	and scanned recei	pts to	

PDG Dennis Kopitzke – District Administrator/Secretary

Box 1266, Forsyth, MT 59327 H, 406-346-1488; C, 406-853-8695 djk\_7491@rangeweb.net

April 26, 2021

Montana District 37 – Cabinet Meeting, April 25, 2021; Meeting face to face and via "Zoom"

Attendees: DG Mike Collins, DGE Michael Tobin, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Scott Dornfeld, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Brian Gertiser, PID Dave Hajny, PCC Ben Apeland, PCC Dan Krum, PDG Monte Weisser, PDG Melody Whitcher, PDG Dennis Kopitzke, IPDG Verna Love, PDG Richard Gessling, PDG Jim Johnke, PDG Jack Beckman, Lion Kathryn Yancey, Lion Peggy Tobin, Lion Dave Falcon, Lion Raleigh Peck, Lion Marie Hajny, Lion Robert Jaquiss; Lion Kristen Kennedy, Lion Jessica Falcon, Lion Raleigh Peck, Lion Jon Kimble, Lion Jesse Gonzalez Guest: PID Anne Smarsh, PCC Randy Ritterbush

- I. Call to Order by DG Mike Collin at 8:00 AM
  - A quorum was present

PDG Dennis Kopitzke provided an invocation

- II. Minutes January 16, 2021; Motion by PCC Dan Krum, second by DGE Michael Tobin to approve the minutes. Passed.
- III. Financial Reports PCC Dan Krum provided the reports. Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Brian Gertiser second by Lion Kathryn Yancey to approve the reports. Passed.
- IV.Additions to the agenda
  - a. Plusoptix
  - b. District Vests
  - c. 2021-2022 Budget

Comments: PID Anne Smarsh thanked the cabinet and especially convention organizers for a great convention. PCC Randy Ritterbush indicated that the membership initiative will be expanding worldwide, he continues to work on key relationships and will be available to support district projects.

- a. Grants, LCIF Laurel, their park project is moving ahead, bidding is in process, work should start in May and be finished in October; Denton has applied for a \$95,000.00 to purchase an ambulance, final approval is expected at the May board of directors meeting; diabetes camp grant (\$40,000.00) should get final approval in May
- Administrator's Report PDG Dennis Kopitzke presented the report; information only, no action required
- d. Club Health Assessment The district is down approximately 25 in membership; many clubs are still not meeting; the Charlo Lions Club has folded; the Lolo Lions Club is struggling; efforts will be made to reach out to the club and encourage continued involvement in Lions
- e. Zone Reports PDG Melody Whitcher (14), the Lewistown Montana Lions Club will hold their charter celebration on June 13; Lion Peggy Tobin (8) continues to work on scheduling visits to clubs; Lion Robert Jaquiss (1) East Missoula, Missoula, South Missoula, Seeley Lake clubs are doing well, Lolo is struggling; Lion Kristen Kennedy (9) Sidney and Glendive are doing well, no report on Baker; Lion Kathryn Yancey (3) all clubs in the zone are doing well, there is concern with the Eureka Lions club (leadership and attendance issues)
- f. Club Visitations DG and VDG's continue work on scheduling and attending club meetings; covid-19 issues still cause problems
- g. District Convention The convention was a great success. PDG Monte Weisser provided an initial report: there were 98 registered attendees, 109 attended the banquet; 31 clubs were represented. A final report will be prepared and made available to cabinet members and Montana Lions; the Memorial Service was well received, thanks to PDG Melody Whitcher and PDG Jim Johnke, thanks to the clubs that submitted information on their members that have passed.
- h. Magnetic Signs The signs have arrived and efforts are being made to distribute 4 signs to every club
- i. Constitution and By-Laws Proposed changes have been approved, an update to both documents will be done; work will begin on an update to the policy manual
- **VI.New Business** 
  - a. Virtual Diabetes Club DG Mike Collins continues to work on establishing a state wide virtual diabetes club.

- b. Montana Association for the Blind Motion by DGE Michael Tobin, second by PDG Jack Beckman to approve the Montana Association for the Blind as an endorsed district project. Passed.
- c. Communications DGE Mike Tobin will lead the effort to update the district website and develop a district communication plan. Efforts will be made to contract with a business that can develop and manage the district's website. The contractor needs to have experience working with nonprofits.

PDG Richard Gessling will also be working on creating a Request For Proposals. The plan is to have the proposals prior to June 1.

- d. DGE Michael Tobin Comments A key element of DGE Michael Tobin's year as district governor will be to improve our district wide communication system. There will be excellent communication between the DG and district Lions, cabinet members, region chairs and zone chairs. There will be continued efforts to increase membership, start new clubs, update all district technology including development and use of our website, Facebook page, newsletter, and other means.
- VII. Additional Items
  - a. Plusoptix Lion Dave Falcon provided an update on activities associated with the plusoptix program. There may be an increase in the cost of warranties; the district purchases 5 annual warranties and may be used on a first come, first served basis. The new software is much better in diagnosing "Asian Eyes" and the eyes of Native Americans. Trade in value of S-9 machines to S-12 is approximately \$2500.00 with the cost of a new S-12 at \$7000.00.
  - b. District Vests Motion by PDG Jack Beckman, second by DGE Michael Tobin to approve the purchase of 6 XL vests and 1 small vest. Passed.
  - c. 2021-2022 Budget DGE Michael Tobin with treasurer PCC Dan Krum will develop a 2021-2022 budget for cabinet review at the next cabinet meeting. There is a proposal for LCI dues increase: \$3.00 in 2023; \$2.00 in 2024 and \$2.00 in 2025

Note: The "search committee" needs to be re-activated to continue work to find DG candidates and future convention sites.

Next meeting: Date and site to be determined

Adjournment: 10:04 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Kopitzke

PDG Dennis Kopitzke, District 37 Administrator/Secretary April 26, 2021