

# District Governor Newsletter

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## Message From

**District Governor Michael Tobin**

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

Hello District 37.

I hope that you are all enjoying the beautiful fall colors. With the closing of September, and as October begins, your governor's team is continuing their club visits. What I have noticed is what a wonderful impact District 37 with all of its clubs is having on our local communities. Sight and Sound, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer are all being positively impacted by the work that our clubs do. The second

grader whose eyesight was saved because of Plusoptix early detection; the new equipment in the clinics for diabetes purchased by Lions; having food venues to assist with getting back to normal after COVID 19; restoring our local parks; writing notes and letters of encouragement to children in the cancer wards; You can't say that District 37 doesn't have an impact on the communities of Montana!! WELL DONE LIONS OF MONTANA!

The new webpage is in final development. Your governor has a new email address: [governor-SD37@montanalions.org](mailto:governor-SD37@montanalions.org) and I'm accessible to you at all times via this email. The new website will be revealed at my cabinet meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for your input and comments. I look forward to having better communications between the district and the clubs. Remember, I need your input!

DG Michael Tobin

## **SERVICE FROM THE HEART OCTOBER 2021**

It takes a lot of caring men and women to carry out our incredible mission of service. Lion leadership is the key to ensuring that everyone with a heart for service can find a club to call their own. Remember that every new member and new club enhances our ability to achieve goals and increases the good we can do together.

Strengthening membership creates so many new opportunities for your district. It creates access to new communities and needs, increased opportunities for innovation, and greater support for LCIF and Campaign 100.

So be sure to encourage Lions to connect with local community groups to help them continue their work as specialty clubs. And work with your GAT to equip Lions with the tools and resources they need to help your clubs attract new members.

There's something that I like to say, "Each one, bring one." Imagine how much we could achieve if each Lion brought one new member and every district had the clubs support their passion for service. Let's work toward success on an astonishing scale and achieve growth like never before.

DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

## **PLAN ON SUCCESS: LCI 2021-2022 GLOBAL PRIORITIES**

**Membership Growth and Engagement:** The growth of our association means we're always ready to serve. To grow, we must not only bring in new members, we must also keep our current Lions engaged and active.

**Support Our Foundation:** We are in the final year of our most ambitious giving campaign ever, Campaign 100. The generosity and support of LCIF is empowering our service around the world, and bringing hope.

**Compassionate Service:** As communities around the world seek to find a sense of normalcy once again, Lions have a new and great opportunity to lead by example. We can help the world recover in this time when so many are still struggling. We must keep up our innovative service efforts.

**Communication:** Transparency and open lines of communication are essential to great service, and therefore have always been key to Lions clubs. We must continue to focus on our connections to one another, those we serve and the organizations that support us.

## **DISTRICT WEBSITE MONTANALIONS.ORG**

The district's website team composed of PCC Dan Krum, PDG Richard Gessling, Lion Jerry Leggate, Lion Jessica Falcon, and Lion Daniel Douthit chose EDGE Marketing and Design of Helena to redesign the district's website. The district cabinet approved the team's selection of EDGE at the July 17 cabinet meeting.

The work is just now beginning as we need to give EDGE information about ourselves. There is a critical need for photos of Montana Lions participating in service projects. Please email photos to EDGE, [deanna@edgemarketingdesign.com](mailto:deanna@edgemarketingdesign.com)  
Thanks for your support. An excellent example of the type of work EDGE has done can be viewed at the Florence Crittenton website.

## **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](mailto:djk_7491@rangeweb.net)

## **PLUSOPTIX**

Please check to make sure you have the latest update in your S12. It is 7.2.6.0. You can get it off the Plusoptix web site. If you need help down loading it let me know and I will walk you thru it. Call me at 406-257-2258 or Cell # 406-253-1726. Lion Dave Falcon

## WEBSITES

Visit the district website: [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.

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## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

### October

Billings Lions Club	10/20/1921	100 Years
Coutts/Sweetgrass Lions Club	10/13/1934	87 Years
Fort Benton Lions Club	10/10/2005	16 Years
Joliet Lions Club	10/22/1971	40 Years

## **12 OLDEST MONTANA LIONS CLUBS**

Billings Lions Club	10/20/1921	100 Years
Great Falls Lions Club	12/10/1922	99 Years
Forsyth Lions Club	12/03/1924	97 Years
Chinook Lions Club	05/05/1925	96 Years
Big Timber Lions Clubs	12/12/1925	96 Years
Roundup Lions Club	12/22/1925	96 Years
Choteau Lions Club	04/26/1927	94 Years
Missoula Lions Club	12/04/1928	93 Years
Conrad Lions Club	12/10/1928	93 Years
Cut Bank Lions Club	12/06/1929	92 Years
Hamilton Lions Club	01/27/1930	91 Years
Helena Lions Club	05/03/1933	88 Years

## **10 LARGEST MONTANA LIONS CLUBS As of August 31, 2021**

Sidney Lions Club	65	Choteau Lions Club	39
Gallatin Empire Lions Club	61	Helena Lions Club	39
Ennis Lions Club	61	Plentywood Lions Club	36
Seeley Lake Lions Club	55	Columbia Falls Lions Club	35
Havre Lions Club	52	Wolf Point Lions Club	35
Denton Lions Club	45	Conrad Lions Club	34
Scobey Lions Club	43	Huntley Project Lions Club	34
Coutts/Sweetgrass Lions Club	42		

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

October	Vision Awareness Month Lions Membership Growth Month Leo Membership Growth Month  International Board of Directors Meeting, San Diego
October 9	Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Meeting, 10:00 AM, Boulder District 37 Cabinet Meeting, 11:15AM, Boulder



## **Lions Clubs International**

# **FOUNDATION**

**Lions around the world have worked together in order to reach 75% of our goal for Campaign 100. We still have 25% to attain 100% of the goal of \$300 million dollars (US). Unfortunately, the demands on our Lions Clubs International Foundation have expanded exponentially at the same time.**

**During this campaign the world has faced an international pandemic, larger fires that not only destroyed forests but also whole towns. There has been an increase in earthquakes, tornadoes, tsunamis, floods, droughts, famine and war. Cancer, Diabetes and other illnesses are on the rise. Hundreds of Grants have been approved for these and humanitarian needs dealing with community improvements, schools and hospitals.**

**What has all this meant? Millions of people around the world have received help in meeting natural and man-made disasters. Hundreds of towns have new and improved community infrastructure to be used and enjoyed by men, women and children for years into the future. BUT- none of this would have happened without the Lions Clubs International Foundation!**

**Over \$1.1 Billion dollars (US) have made the world a better world to live in. From one corner of Montana to another Lions Clubs International Foundation has left it's footprint with over \$1 million dollars (US) in Grants over the past 50 years.**

**The handicap fishing dock is under construction with a paved pathway around the pond at the Laurel Lions Community Park. We are still working on the finalization of a grant for Denton's new ambulance. This summer three one day outings for Type 1 Diabetics were held in Billings, Helena and Kalispell.**

**We have used Plusoptix machines at the Special Olympics Medfest in Billings where 10 of 19 athletes have been referred for further treatment. Lion Dave Falcon and his wife Teresa also set up at least one more Medfest Event.**

**How can you continue to support Lions Clubs International Foundation causes?  
Make a one time, a monthly or a Legacy Gift at [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org)**

**Yours in Lionism,**

**Lary Garrison, LCIF Co-Chair, Montana District 37**