

# District Governor Newsletter

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## Message From District Governor Michael Tobin

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

Happy New Year District 37. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Santa was very generous with you all. First, I would like to apologize to all of you for my general absence. I had cancer surgery in November and shoulder surgery in December and with all the pain meds making me sick, I did not do a lot of District 37 work. That being said, the good news is all my margins for the cancer came back clean and my shoulder continues to mend (slowly). So enough complaining. Back to District info.

Peace Poster, congratulations to the Ennis Club for their winning submission, (Amber Anzick). We had four posters submitted and all were worthy of an award!

The web site is in full swing so please go and have a look ([montanalions.org](http://montanalions.org)). Check out the info and check for any corrections. The directory had to be manually input so please check it out

With the District 37 convention looming soon, (April 28 to May 01) start your planning for your club's auction item. Don't forget Saturday night April 30 will be a formal dinner, so it's time to dress up and enjoy.

DG Michael Tobin

## **SERVICE FROM THE HEART JANUARY 2022**

Lions: Thank you for your incredible dedication this year. Although we have faced many challenges, we have persevered and accomplished so much together.

Your commitment to strengthening your district has helped us charter more than 1190 new clubs and inspired more than 89,100 new members to embrace the job that comes with service from the heart. Let's continue to start new clubs and encourage every Lion to share the gift of service by sponsoring a new member. Let's bring attention to the great work of our clubs by reminding them to report their service. And let's ensure the success of Campaign 100 by being the example of generosity to our districts.

We are now halfway through our year together, so thank you for your hard work and commitment to our mission. Together we have already accomplished so much, and I can't wait to see how much more you'll achieve in the new year.

DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



# Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

## **ANNOUNCING A NEW LCIF HUNGER PILOT GRANT PROGRAM! PROJECT EXAMPLES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

- \* Initiating or expanding of school-based feeding programs
- \* Supporting the infrastructure needs of food banks, feeding centers, and similar facilities that provide food to communities on a charitable basis

### TYPICAL PROJECT EXPENSES MAY INCLUDE:

- \* Construction and 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.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS SHOULD:

- \* Have a strong Lions identity and involvement
- \* Provide long term benefits
- \* Support efforts too large for one club to undertake alone
- \* Mobilize significant matching funds
- \* Highlight the presence of Lions in the community and region

### NON-ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- \* Requests under \$10,000 or over \$100,000
- \* Single club projects
- \* Purchase of food
- \* Purchase of land
- \* Individual assistance (projects should serve the broader community)
- \* Projects lacking Lions identity and involvement.

For more information or an application contact me at 406-855-6997 or [lionlarygarrison@gmail.com](mailto:lionlarygarrison@gmail.com)

PDG Lary Garrison

## **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)

**2023 District Convention Bid Form** – The bid form for hosting the 2023 District Convention is included with the newsletter. The bid form must be received by the District Governor 30 days prior to the start of the 2022 district convention.

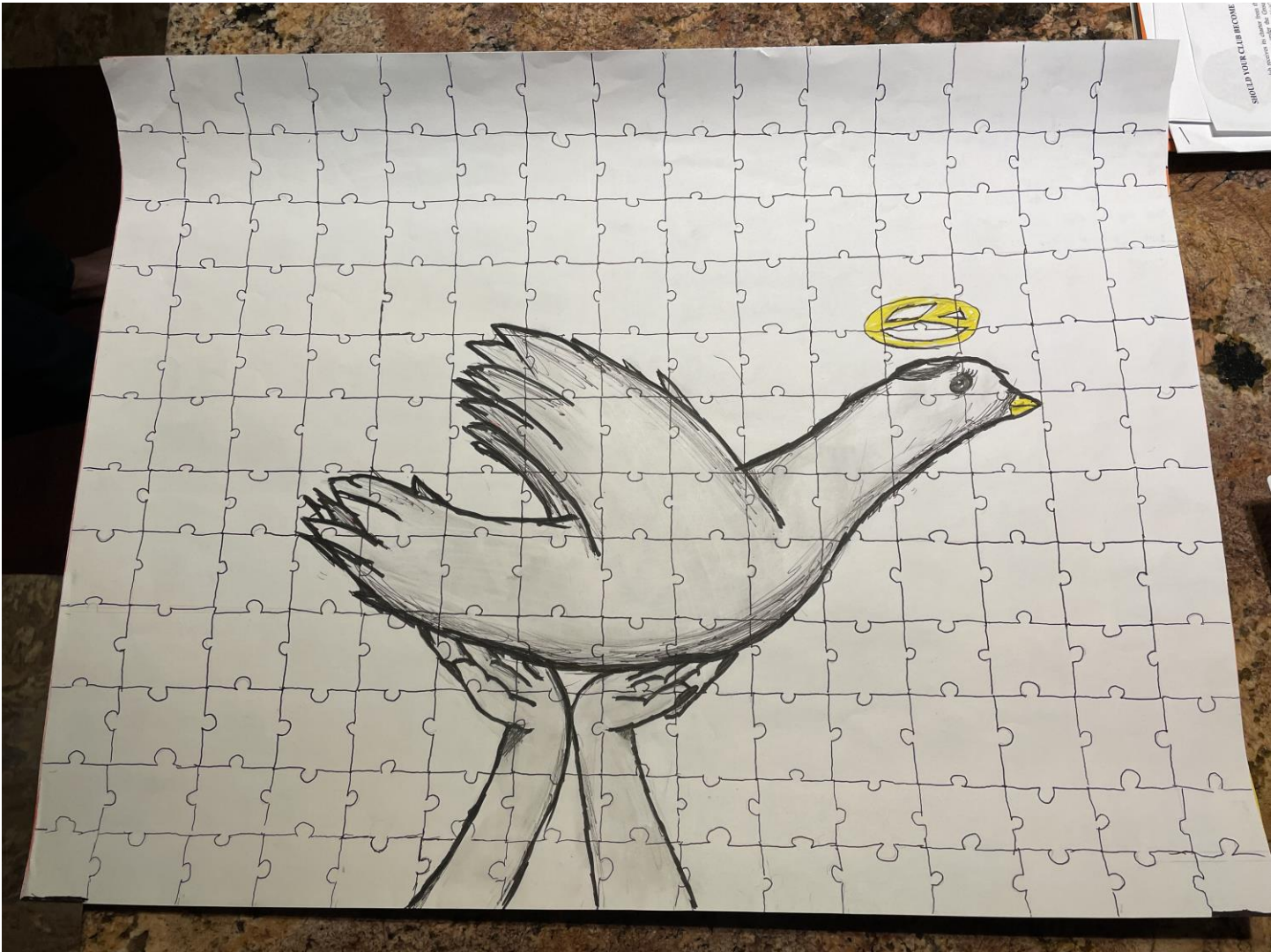
**Hall of Fame Nomination Form** – The form to nominate a deserving Lion for induction into the District Hall of Fame is included with the newsletter. The nomination form must be received by the District Governor 30 days prior to the start of the 2022 district convention.

**2022-2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Position** – Any Lion interested in serving as part of the district governor leadership team for the 2022-2023 Lions year must make that interest known to the District Governor 30 days prior to the start of the 2022 district convention. Interest can be shown by completing the District Governor Candidate form included with this newsletter.

**USA/Canada Forum** – The 2022 USA/Canada Forum will be held in Calgary, September 15-17. There is a need for volunteers to help with the forum. If interested in helping contact PCC Ben Apeland, [benjamin@montana.com](mailto:benjamin@montana.com); 406-586-9402. For more information visit the forum website at: [www.2022lionsleadershipforum.com](http://www.2022lionsleadershipforum.com) Forum registration form is included with the newsletter.

## PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to Amber Anzick, Ennis. Amber was the winner of our Montana Lions Peace Poster contest. A photo of her winning entry is provided below.



## 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.

## **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CLUB QUALITY INITIATIVES**

Important and valuable tools and resources are available to help your club achieve their goals:

**Club Quality Initiative (CQI):** A strategic planning tool that helps clubs identify opportunities for improvement. By understanding our current operations identifying areas that may be improved and taking measured steps to accomplish your goals your club can be even better. Contact: [clubqualityinitiatives@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubqualityinitiatives@lionsclubs.org)

**Club Excellence Award:** This resource serves as your club's road map to excellence, focusing on the key elements of a quality club: membership, service organizational excellence and marketing. For more information contact LCI via email:

[clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org)

**Service Reporting:** Report your clubs service activities in MyLion. Visit the Service Reporting webpage to find resources to assist your club.

**Facebook:** If your club is using Facebook visit Improving Lions Club Quality to find helpful information from Lions around the world.

## **DISTRICT WEBSITE**

Edge Marketing Design has completed work on the update to the district's website: [www.montanalions.org](http://www.montanalions.org)

There is a critical need for photos of Montana Lions participating in service projects and descriptions of those projects. When submitting photos please provide an appropriate "caption" and make sure to identify Lions and others included in the photo. Please email photos to EDGE, [update@edgemarketingdesign.com](mailto:update@edgemarketingdesign.com) Thanks for your support.

## **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.

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## **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:**

### **January**

Cascade Lions Club	01/25/1958
Denton Lions Club	01/26/1955
Eureka/Tobacco Valley Lions Club	01/16/2014
Glendive Lions Club	01/10/1944
Hamilton Lions Club	01/27/1930
Helena Gold Rush Lions Club	01/09/1984
Hot Springs Lions Club	01/23/1940
Missoula South Side Lions Club	01/15/1964
Sun River Valley Lions Club	01/05/1966

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 1	New Year's Day
January 8	District Cabinet Meeting – 1:00 PM, Townsend, American Legion Club
January 9	Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Quarterly Meeting – Virtual
January 12-18	LCIF Board Meeting – Virtual
January 15	Peace Poster Contest Kits – Go on sale
February 4-6	Advanced Lions Leadership Institute – Brisbane, Australia
February 16-17	Lions Day at the United Nations
February 29- March 20	2022 Virtual FVDG/DGE Seminar - Virtual

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**Nomination Form  
District 37 Hall of Fame**

**Must Be Received by the District Governor Prior to  
April 29,2021**

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, 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:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Social	( )	_____
Business sessions	( )	_____
Breakfasts	( )	_____
Luncheons	( )	_____
Friday Night Social	( )	_____
District Governors'	( )	_____
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.

**District Governor Candidate**

This checklist must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the District Governor 30 days prior to the district convention.

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate's Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate has submitted sufficient evidence showing that he/she has met the following Requirements:**

- Candidate is an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing\* in his/her single or sub-district.
- Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District.

- Club President: Year Served \_\_\_\_\_
- Club Board of Directors Two (2) Years Served \_\_\_\_\_
- District Cabinet (check one)
  - Zone or Region Chairperson Year Served \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer) Year Served \_\_\_\_\_
- One (1) additional year as a member of district cabinet  
Position held: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Served \_\_\_\_\_
- With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

*\*Please note that if the club has any outstanding dues, the candidate should be notified and provided up until fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification to ensure that his/her club pay outstanding dues.*

I have reviewed this checklist and certify that the candidate listed above has met the requirements for District Governor in accordance with the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 4.

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date