

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 this finds all doing well. The holidays are over, you have come to grips with all the weight you gained (again), and now it's time to try and loose it again, oh well, such is life, time to move forward.

We had a great Cabinet Meeting, and it was decided to purchase new equipment to enhance our Zoom meeting capabilities. I am also interested in any club that is interested in enhancing their zoom meeting capabilities. If so please contact me and let

me know. I might be able to help you. I think Hybrid meetings will part of our future as lions.

Congratulations to the 3 Peace Poster winners. They are posted on the web site.

The challenge is still out there for each club to have a net gain of 1 new member. Looking at the latest statistics we are looking good, but we still have 5 more months, so don't stop recruiting.

The new leadership retreat is scheduled for Helena at no cost to the individual except transportation to and from. However, it will only hold 20 individuals and it is a first come first serve event so don't delay in your application. We have sent out invitations to those who have previously show interested, but if you are interested in this contact IPDG Mike Collins.

Don't forget annual convention. Talk about it in your meetings. It would be great if at least 2 Lions from each club would attend, (more would be a lot more fun), your Presidents and Secretaries can get some awesome training the Thursday before and have their one-night stay paid by the District. More information to arrive via the website.

DG Michael Tobin

SERVICE FROM THE HEART FEBRUARY 2022

You begin this year by sharing an ambitious vision with the Lions of your district. Lions have worked to put that vision in action within their clubs and throughout their communities. And together, we are making an incredible difference every day.

Stay focused on your success and keep working toward achieving your membership, service and giving goals. Encourage your Lions to take advantage of entrance fee waivers by inviting new members. And work with the GAT to empower your leaders to support the work of all Lions. But most of all, continue to prioritize the health and safety of all the Lions in the district.

As we begin the second half of our year, take a moment to assess your progress. Listen to what your Lions are saying. Make the adjustments needed to

accomplish your goals. We have already done so much, and by staying focused on success, there is no limit to how much more we can achieve.

DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

**2022 DISTRICT CONVENTION
GREAT FALLS, APRIL 29-30**

**AS USUAL WE WILL BE HAVING THE SILENT AND LIVE
AUCTIONS AS A PRIMARY FUNCTION OF FRIDAY EVENING.**

**AS A PRELUDE AND KEEPING A LOOK AHEAD WE WOULD
LIKE**

EACH CLUB

TO MAKE SHRE TO PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR.

**THIS AUCTION IS A MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE DISTRICT.
THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILL DIRECT FUNDS RAISED TO
WORTHY LIONS SERVICE PROJECTS. CLUBS AND CLUB
MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE AUCTION ITEMS.**

**THE “PARADE OF GREEN” WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR CLUBS TO DONATE TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS.**

**PLEASE RESPOND WITH YOUR DONATED AUCTION ITEM, AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:
GREAT FALLSLIONSCONVENTION2022@GMAIL.COM**



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

2021 THE YEAR OF EXTREMES!

Unusual heat waves and extended freezes, continued drought leading to massive fires, record setting tornados and huge hurricanes resulted in widespread flooding, property damage and death, thus becoming the legacy of 2021. Unfortunately, 2022 is not starting any better.

If we could add and examine the many isolated events that we did not see or hear about we would find one frequent thread that connected them. "Where There's a Need- There's a Lion!". It may have been a single Lion or Club that donated money, food or unneeded furniture due to a fire, or it may have been one of 'Our Foundations Grants' providing food, water, bedding, clothing or missing medications to those displaced.

In 2019 the American Red Cross had a budget of \$3 Billion dollars in the US. The Lions Clubs International Foundation was, and is, in a 4 year campaign to raise \$300 Million dollars. Originally set up as a 3 year drive it was modified due to COVID-19 and few fundraising opportunities for most clubs. Of the \$3 Billion dollar Red Cross budget approximately \$670 Million dollars was spent on 'Disaster Assistance' and about \$1.74 Billion dollars was designated to 'biomedical services' (blood plasma collection and distribution),

Why are 'Our Foundation's' contributions just as important, and in some cases more prevalent, to those in need? There are Lions Grants that are not available from other groups. Our donation to those that need food, water, bedding, clothing or missing medications are appreciated just as much by the recipient. In many cases, especially worldwide, Lions will still be there long after Red Cross, and other, volunteers have left, and Lions also have grants for clean-up, refurbishing or replacing qualifying structures and equipment.

We are at about 80% to our \$300 Million dollar goal with 5 months left in the campaign. Will you as an individual in combination as a Club make a donation to help 'Your Foundation' meet it's goal and provide the services needed to continue OUR efforts to continue to 'Have a Lion- Where there is a Need?' Won't you please send a check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, Il., 60523-8842 or log onto: donorassistance@lionsclubs.org to learn more about the various options that fit your budget and legacy wishes in supporting "YOUR FOUNDATION".

Denton Ambulance Grant Approved!

The pictured ambulance is a 1-ton F350 Ford Ambulance similar to the one Denton will be getting. It will have 4-wheel drive, with state of the art medical and communications equipment, which will give the community a much improved emergency response capability.

As Lions we can all celebrate knowing that Denton is getting some good news after the loss of so much of their town from the recent fire, but it is a special moment knowing the purchase is supported by a \$75,000 grant from 'Our Foundation' the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

I want to thank every member and club for your past and future donations to LCIF. Our contributions make a difference in lives everywhere. For how you can make a donation check this month's Campaign 100 article.

Congratulations to the Denton Lions for finding a way to replace a outdated community ambulance.



DISTRICT WEBSITE

Our new website, www.montanalions.org is up and running. It is getting more visits week over week, which means it is being used. We have followed the use of the website with metrics which is information about how many visits, how long, how many pages, which pages and new versus returning visitors. We want to encourage all of you to take a look and see what is offered and to determine how you can use the website. Less than 90 members have visited the site. When you start at the home page, take the time to look around and get a feel for what is available and how to access the information. You will be amazed at how easy the directory of officers and clubs is to access. You can search if you want to find what you are looking for. The by-laws and constitution are on the site along with the current and archived monthly newsletters. You can send photos and news articles about your club's activities after the event or before if you want to notify Montana Lions about an upcoming event. You can use the site to help a potential new member to understand what Lions do in Montana. There will be more information every week as clubs post more information and we continue to add to the site. If you have any suggestions about the site you can contact District Governor Michael Tobin or Website Chair Richard Gessling at, gesslingdds@gmail.com Thank you for checking the website out.

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

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 2nd 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.

District 37 Club Officer Training Videos

All Club officers: Trainer PDG Mike Collins
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfiAchdTuik>

Club President: Trainer DG Mike Tobin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIYHa-hYzwl>
Club Secretary: Trainer Lion Peggy Tobin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdA1Zj0KngM>

Club Treasurer: Trainer Mike Collins
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2y2RSeRdA>

USA/CANADA FORUM

**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022
September 15-17 in Calgary**

**Join your fellow
Lions for 3 days
of exciting
speakers &
special events!**



**Here is your chance to
VOLUNTEER!**

Hundreds of Lions are needed. You can choose from many jobs as well as the hours you would like. What better way To Serve!

Go to the website below for more information.

- Strides Walk for Diabetes
- Collecting clothing for the Mustard Seed
- Sponsoring Jean Nelson Children's Diabetic Camp
- Keynote speaker Catrina La May Doan, Canadian Olympian

**For information on the Forum as well as
Registering and Volunteering go to:
www.2022lionsleadershipforum.com**



IDEAS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS

Did you know that Lions who are actively engaged in Service re happier than Lions who are not serving?

Did you know that Happier People live longer?

Moral of the story: let's get busy serving our communities.

But how? How do we serve during restrictions and a pandemic?

While our clubs have had local restrictions to our in-person gathering, our communities continue to need us. Some of our neighbors need us desperately.

New Year's Challenge:

Step 1. Make a plan to serve, to make a difference in your community. You have options:

A: Serve as a club or

B: Serve as an individual

Which ever you choose, serve safely.

Step 2. Select a service activity that meets your community needs and restrictions. Here are a few ideas that you can adopt to SERVE SAFELY:

FEBRUARY Service Challenge: CHILDHOOD CANCER

- Work with a local restaurant to provide take-out meals to a family whose child is in treatment;
- Drop off a casserole or meal for a family as above;
- Call a grandparent who is worried about a child in treatment and just be a listening ear for them;
- Reach out to family and friends and set a fundraising goal for a donation to LCIF in support of children's cancer services;
- Donate plasma – children with leukemia need plasma as well as blood on a regular basis;

Step 3. Report your service to your Lions Club Secretary. Follow-up and thank your fellow Lions for making sure your service is reported to MyLion.

PLAN ON SUCCESS: LCI 2021-2022 GLOBAL PRIORITIES

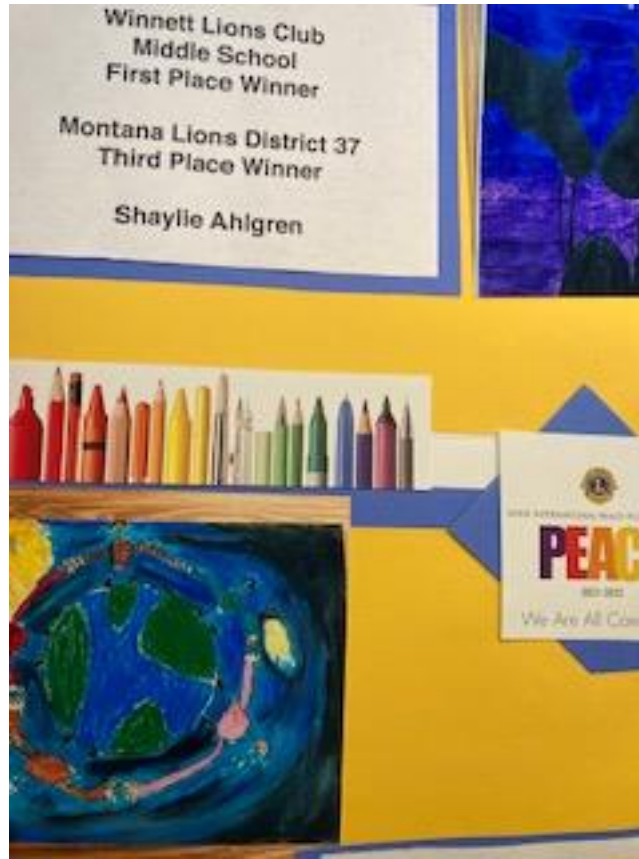
Membership Growth and Engagement: The growth of our association means we're always ready to serve. To grow, we must not only bring in new members, we must also keep our current Lions engaged and active.

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.

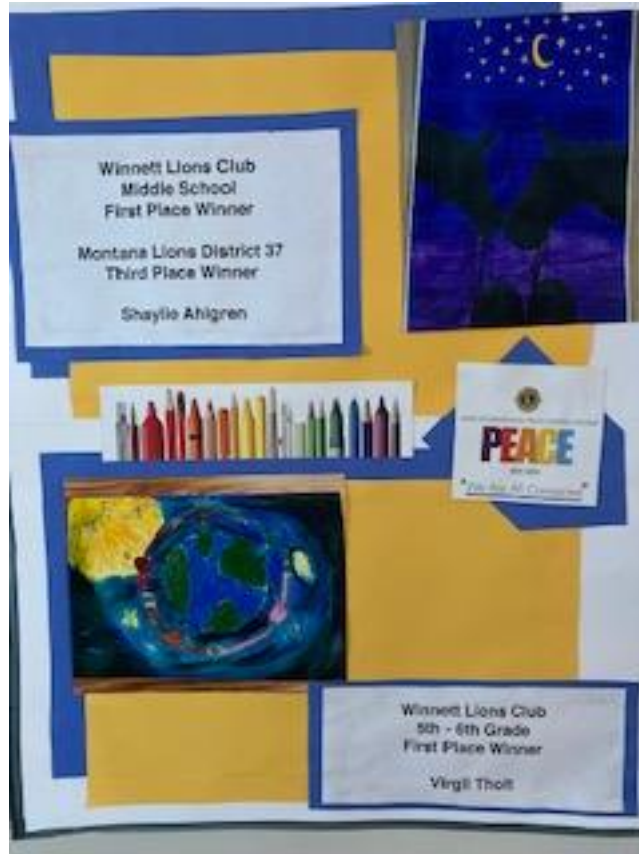
Compassionate Service: As communities around the world seek to find a sense of normalcy once again, Lions have a new and great opportunity to lead by example. We can help the world recover in this time when so many are still struggling. We must keep up our innovative service efforts.

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.

WINNETT LIONS CLUB PEACE POSTER CONTEST



LIONS: WE SERVE



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

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

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.

WEBSITES

Visit the district website at 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

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

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:

February

Bozeman Gallatin Empire Lions Club	02/24/1969
Fairfield Lions Club	02/26/1940
Kalispell Sunrise Lions Club	02/03/1969
Nashua Lions Club	02/12/1952
Plains Lions Club	02/23/1944

IMPORTANT DATES

February - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

- February 2 LCIF Grant Applications Due
- February 4-6 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute – Brisbane, Australia
- February 11 LCI and LCIF Joint Board Meeting - Virtual
- February 16-17 Lions Day at the United Nations
- February 29-
March 20 2022 Virtual FVDG/DGE Seminar – Virtual

- March 11 Lions Day at the United Nations
- March 11-13 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute =- Mumbai, India
- March 18-20 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute – Brussels, Belgium
- March 26-28 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute – Calgary, Canada

**Nomination Form
2022 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:

2023 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:

Activity	Capacity	Location
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.

2023-2024 2nd Vice District Governor Candidate Checklist

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

PDG Dennis Kopitzke – District Administrator/Secretary
Box 1266, Forsyth, MT 59327
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djk_7491@rangeweb.net

January 9, 2022

Montana District 37 – Cabinet Meeting, January 8, 2022; Townsend, MT; Meeting face to face and via “Zoom”

Attendees in person: DG Michael Tobin, PCC Ben Apeland, PDG Jack Beckman, PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Lion Jon Kimble, Lion Peggy Tobin

Attendees via Zoom: PID Dave Hajny, PCC Dan Krum, IPDG Mike Collins, Lion Marie Hajny, Lion Dave Falcon, Lion Robert Jaquiss

- I. Call to Order by DG Michael Tobin at 1:00 PM
 - a. DG Michael Tobin led the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Lion Jon Kimble provided an invocation
 - c. Roll Call
 - d. DG Tobin Opening Remarks – All going well in the district; meetings throughout the district continue be held via Zoom but many clubs are meeting face to face; DG and VDG’s continue to travel and do their club visits
- II. Minutes – October 9, 2021 cabinet meeting minutes; motion PCC Dan Krum, second by Lion Jon Kimble, to approve the minutes. Passed.
- III. Financial Reports – PCC Dan Krum provided the reports. Motion PCC Ben Apeland, second by Lion Jon Kimble to approve the reports. Passed.
- IV. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Meeting related equipment
 - b. Club activities
- V. General Business
 - a. Grants

- i. Denton (Range Fire) – DG Michael Tobin with help from PDG Lary Garrison will apply for a \$20,000.00 LCIF grant to help the Denton community; the district is waiting for related information from the Denton Lions Club.
 - 1. Clubs and Lions are encouraged to donate to the Denton Lions Club or the Denton community. The Gallatin Empire Lions Club Foundation donated \$5000.00. A Coutts/Sweetgrass fundraising project raised \$1600.00
 - ii. Laurel (pond area improvements) – The project has been completed. Information is being gathered related to the final paperwork associated with the project
 - iii. Culbertson – Work continues on their pond project; work on the grant is pending, waiting for additional information related to the project
 - iv. LCIF Hunger Grant – Information has been distributed to Montana Lions Clubs and Montana Lions
 - v. Campaign 100 – Campaign 100 is moving into its final stages; clubs and Lions are encouraged to contribute to the campaign
- b. Administrator’s Report – District administrator provided the quarterly report; information only, no action required
 - d. Club Health Assessment – Many clubs have not paid their international dues. New statements will arrive later in January. DG Tobin will be contacting clubs with outstanding dues and encourage payment. Leadership team will be taking special action by visiting or making contact with clubs suspected of having significant membership issues
 - e. Reports – Lion Robert Jaquiss, Zone 1: The Missoula Lions Club has purchased a plusoptix machine and meets regularly; Missoula Southside continues to meet; Missoula Lions Club helped the Missoula Southside Lions Club with vision screening and Missoula Southside “sold out” their supply of Christmas trees; zone clubs continue to work to provide financial support to individuals with a special need; PDG Jack Beckman, North Region: Clubs continue to meet; zone 6 clubs held a well-attended social event; clubs continue to meet; written reports were submitted to the DG from Lion Kathryn Yancey, zone 3 and Lion Raleigh Peck, east region
Lion Raleigh Peck, East Region, work continues on a fishing pond.

- PDG Lary Garrison provided a written report associated with LCIF
- f. Club Visitations – DG Michael Tobin has made 23 visits with 5 pending; 1st VDG Scott Dornfeld has made 21 visits with 7 pending; 2nd VDG Brian Gertiser will have his visits completed by the end of February
 - g. Committee Reports .
 - GLT – Team leader is IPDG Mike Collins. The Leadership Retreat has been re-scheduled for May 6-7 in Helena. A list of possible future attendees will be compiled as district officers make their club visits; Helena. Training for secretaries, treasurers and other officers was held with good attendance. Training sessions will be held at the district convention
 - GST – Nothing new to report
 - GMT – Nothing new to report
 - NAMA – Nothing new to report

VI. Old Business

- a. 2022 District Convention, Great Falls – PDG Jack Beckman provided an extensive convention report. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, April 29 and 30. Registration form and related information is pending. Room rates are \$109.00 per night. Call 406-727-7200 and use Code SRL when registering; possible tours include a hydroelectric dam, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind; 1st IVP Patti Hill will be our international guest; additional details and registration information will be distributed as the information becomes available. The copy of PDG Jack Beckman's convention report is attached to the minutes.

As a prelude to the convention report we want to make the district aware the current COVID situation and economic inflation has made pricing a large concern.

- b. Website Update – The site continues to evolve. It is receiving excellent use.
- c. Club Officer Training - The Leadership Retreat has been re-scheduled for May 6-7 in Helena. A list of possible future attendees will be compiled as district officers make their club visits; Helena. Training for secretaries, treasurers and other officers was held with good attendance. Training sessions will be held at the district convention
- d. Leadership Retreat - The Leadership Retreat has been re-scheduled for May 6-7 in Helena. A list of possible future attendees will be compiled as district officers make their club visits; Helena.

e. Virtual Diabetes Club – No Report

VII. New Business

- a. Incoming DG Training – Training will be similar to last year with the training done virtually later this winter.
- b. 2023 Convention Bid Form – The bid form was sent to Montana Lions via the newsletter and is posted on the district’s website
- c. 2022 Hall of Fame Nomination Form – The form was sent to Montana Lions via the newsletter and is posted on the district’s website
- d. 2023-2024 2nd Vice District Governor Election Process – Information was included in the newsletter and posted on the district’s website. Any Lion interested in serving can also contact DG Michael Tobin for more information
- e. USA/Canada Forum - Information was included in the newsletter and posted on the district’s website. Contact PCC Ben Apeland, benjamin@montana.com for more information, Forum September 17-19, Calgary. Special Note: If traveling to the Forum via car there are special COVID testing requirements for getting into Canada

VIII. Additional Items

- a. Conferencing Equipment – DG Michael Tobin and Lion Marie Hajny have done research on acquiring improved conferencing equipment. It was determined that OWL offers the best equipment to meet the district’s needs. Motion by PID Dave Hajny, second by PCC Ben Apeland to spend approximately \$1700.00 to purchase appropriate equipment. Passed.

The new equipment may help with the interaction between local Lions clubs, their members and district leadership.

Notes: IPDG Mike Collins has prepared and distributed a draft of an officer’s manual. Suggestions for changes are welcome.

Thanks to Lion Angie Winrow for providing lunch for the Lions attending the meeting in person. Thanks to the American Legion Club for the use of their meeting room.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 1, 2022; 9:00 AM; Holiday Inn, Great Falls

Adjournment, 2:45 PM

Dennis Kopitzke

PDG Dennis Kopitzke, District 37 Administrator/Secretary, January 9, 2022