2016 Gun Raffle

The Foundations 2016 gun raffle fundraiser has started. Shedhorn Sports of Ennis has provided 29 weapons (handguns, rifles, shotguns) and as a 30th prize 4800 rounds of 22 long rifle ammo. Raffle tickets are available from all Foundation trustees. Tickets are being sold: $40.00 each or 3 for $100.00. The drawing will be held on October 8, 2016. As a bonus the 30 winning tickets will be entered into a drawing for $500.00 cash.

Weapons include: Kimber, custom two toe, 45 ACP; Kimber Pro two tone, 45 ACP; Benelli Super Nova, 12 GA (2); Heckler & Koch, VP-9, 9 MM; FNF FNS-9L, 9MM; Sringfield, XD-9, 9MM; Marlin, 336-XLR, 30-30; Smith & Wesson, M&P 15, 5.56/223; Smith & Wesson, Governor, 45/410; Ruger, GP-100, 357 Mag; Remington, Nov 87, 12 GA.; Winchester, XPR, 270 WIN; Winchester, XPR, 300 WSM; Weatherby, Vanguard, 257 WBY; Weatherby, Vanguard, 7 MM MAG; Glock, 22, 40-S&W (2); Cimarron, 1911, 45 ACP; Springfield, 1911, 45 ACP; Henry, Golden Boy, 22 LR (2); DPMS RFA3-16, 223/5.56; Chiappa, Lever 39A, 22 LR; Ruger, Single-Six, 17 HMR; Sako/Tikka, T-3, 25-06; Sako/Tikka, T-3, 30-06; Taurus, Judge, 45LC/410; Taurus, Tracker, 357 MAG; Browning, 22 LR AMMO 4800 rmds, 22 LR.

The list of weapons can be obtained from any trustee or information is available on the Foundation’s website: www.mtlionsshfnd.org.

On behalf of the Foundation trustees, thanks to all the Lions and Lions Clubs that participate in the raffle. Your support of the Foundation is sincerely appreciated.

Individual Assistance Applications

As of September 1 trustees have processed 46 applications. Applications have been received from Lolo, Clinton, Missoula, Drummond, Miles City Ravalli, Cut Bank Lewistown, Victor, Helena, Condon, Seeley Lake, Great Falls, Roundup, Harlowton, Havre, Lincoln, Big Sky, Sidney, Corvallis, Eureka, Billings, Bridger, Libby,
Fairview and Butte.
So far in 2016 the Foundation has received 46 applications: 35 hearing aids, 2 detached retinas, 2 vision equipment, 5 cataract surgeries, 1 cochlear implant and 1 on-determined issue. So far in calendar year 2016 the trustees have provided $21,462.84 in financial assistance to those in need.

POSITION OPENING
FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATOR
The Foundation is still looking for a Lion to serve as the Foundation’s administrator. In the mean-time Lion Dennis Kopitzke will continue as the Foundation’s administrator. The position is part-time. It requires a minimum of 15 hours per week. The starting compensation will range between $500.00 - $700.00 per month. A position description and other position information can be obtained from Foundation president PDG Dan Sturdevant. Interested individuals must submit a letter of interest, resume and letter of support from the local Lions club. All documents must be sent to: PDG Dan Sturdevant, Box 275, Clancy, MT 59634; sturdydan@gmail.com; 406-933-5360; 406-439-9297; fax 406-933-8396.

Thanks for Your Financial Support
During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2015-2016 (April - June) Lions Clubs and Lions supported the Foundation by providing approximately $10,779.80 in financial assistance: White Cane, $570.00; license plate sales, $840.00; memorials, $1042.00; general donations, $1824.00; assistance applications donations, $3004.00; gun raffle, $3500.00.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2015-2016 the Foundation made payments to those in need in the State of $17,777.91; paid out $1600.00 on the administrator’s contract; postage, $137.33; White Cane supplies, $192.00; miscellaneous, $418.06.

New Trustee – IPDG Richard Gessling joined the Foundation’s board of directors.

Election of Officers – PDG Dan Sturdevant, president; PID Dave Hajny, vice-president and PDG Ed Malesich, secretary were re-elected for the 2016-2017 Lions year.

Lion Dennis Kopitzke presented the financial report. As of June 30, 2016 the account balances were as follows: checking account, $7,714.92; certificates of deposits, $105,839.48; status report, $113,689.19; the income, expense and budget summary were presented; the expense report, income report and petty cash reports were presented.

Old Business

2016 Gun Raffle – The gun raffle has started. Tickets are available from all trustees.

Golf Tournament – The tournament has been cancelled.

Safari – PDG Monte presented additional information on the safari fundraiser. The basic expense for the event will be approximately $4400.00 and be donated by the event company. There would be an approximate cost, to the Foundation, of $2000.00 to pay for airfare. There are numerous options that can be added to the trip. PDG Monte will collect additional information and make a presentation at the October 29 trustee meeting. The prize is a hunting/photography trip, for two, to South Africa. Motion by ADG Lary Garrison, second by PCC Ben Apeland to move ahead with the fundraiser. Passed.

Foundation Pin – PCC Ben Apeland presented additional information regarding the creation of a new Foundation pin. The pin might include images of Helen Keller and the Knight of the Blind. The proposed pin will be enlarged and adjustments made to the illustrations.

Video/PSA – The administrator will work with PSA creator David Pleasant to make changes to the PSA.

Promotional Mailing – The PR person retained to do the work has moved and will no longer be associated with the project.

Trustee Positions – The trustees gave consideration to several Lions that might be willing to serve as trustees:
Lion Judy Lehman, Lion Dave Falcon, Lion Russ Markwald and Lion Raymond Carlson. Lions will be contacted to determine their interest in serving on the board of directors.

New Business

Contribution Contest – The Foundation will move ahead with the contest with the awards to be presented at the spring convention.

Fall Newsletter – The administrator will prepare a newsletter for distribution to all Montana Lions. LCI may not provide an up-to-date mailing list. Efforts will be made to send the newsletter shortly after Labor Day.

Assistance Applications and Medicare – Where appropriate, applicants will be required to use Medicare benefits for sight, hearing and/or speech requests for financial assistance.

Sale of Used Eyeglasses – Trustees reviewed a proposal to sell collected used eyeglasses. Trustees unanimously rejected the proposal.

Administrator’s Position – Administrator Dennis Kopitzke will remain in the position. The trustees will give consideration to creating two positions: administrator and financial management. A proposal will be discussed at the October 29 trustee meeting.

Plusoptix – PDG Bill Pfeifer and VDG Jayne Pfeifer will be leaving the State. They will continue to provide advice. Efforts are underway to find replacements.

Other Business

Ride for Sight – Thanks to the following clubs for their efforts in raising $2126.97 for the Foundation through their Ride for Sight project: Missoula Lions, Missoula Southside Lions, Hamilton Lions, Lolo Lions and East Missoula Lions. Phone numbers of Lions Club contact persons will be given to applicants as needed (assistance applications, eyeglass situations).

Forum – ADG Lary Garrison presented a report on the upcoming forum to be held at the Big Horn convention center in Billings, October 7 and 8. Plans are being finalized for a great event for Lions and Leos. See the attached Registration Form.

Pins – PID Dave Hajny and PCC Ben Apeland provided an update on pin collections being held by the Foundation.

Used Eye Glass Processing

PCC John Mathis and Lion Charles Schabel (Electric City Lions) are coordinating efforts to collect and ship used eye glasses. The Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center will take all eyeglass related items except loose lenses, dirty soft cases and hard cases.

If you plan on taking glasses to Great Falls please contact PCC John Mathis (1025 17th Avenue SW, 406-761-6140) or Lion Charles Schabel (4204 Clark Avenue, 406-453-5254) to make arrangements for your delivery.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE HEARING AIDS AND BATTERIES IN THE BOXES FOR USED EYEGLASSES. PLEASE PACK THEM SEPARATELY. PLEASE NEVER SEND PACE MAKERS AS THEY CANNOT BE USED AND CREATE A REAL PROBLEM FOR DISPOSAL.

MEMORIALS OR HONORARIUM

Remember a loved one or honor that special person by donating to the Foundation. What better way to remember or honor someone than having your donation live in perpetuity? Your Memorial or Honorarium donation is never spent; only the interest earned on these assets will be used to further the purpose of the Foundation. Recent Memorials have been received in memory of: Shelly Ruttenbur, Gladys Stout, PDG Bob Simkins, Don Frye, Jack Naegele, Lion Dennis O’Leary, Amanda Peck and Albert Bodle.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

A Life Membership to the Foundation, which includes a lapel pin and packet card can be bestowed by an individual, group of individuals, Lions Club or can be purchased by an individual with a donation of one hundred dollars. The most recent recipients of Life Memberships include: Verna Love-
Cragwick (Butte Mile Hi), Lion Bob Haensel (Electric City), DG Rich Gessling (Red Lodge), Adrian Miller, (Eureka).

**FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS**

Foundation Fellowships can now be purchased by individuals. Foundation Fellowships are used to recognize outstanding Lions and other deserving individuals. The Board of Trustees of the Foundation endorses this Fellowship. The Fellowship award includes a lapel pin, a mounted certificate and acknowledgement on a permanent record board. Fellowships can be acquired for a donation of two hundred and fifty dollars. The most recent recipients of the fellowship are: Thomas Flaherty (Red Lodge), Brenda Ludwig (Broadwater County); Laurie Nugent, (Broadwater County).

**PID DAVE HAJNY, PID TOM LEHMAN AND PID GARY TSCHACHE FELLOWSHIPS**

The PID Dave Hajny, PID Tom Lehman and PID Gary Tschache Fellowships are available. The fellowships recognize the contributions to Lionism made by PID Dave, PID Tom and PID Gary. The fellowships are a great way to provide recognition for deserving Lions. Fellowships can be purchased for $500.00. A permanent record board has been created to give special recognition to all those that receive this fellowship. For more information and application forms contact the Foundation administrator.

Most recent recipients of the PID Dave Hajny Fellowship are: Don Vucasovich (Anaconda), Ron Christman (KalisPELL Sunrisers), Terry Lee (Billings Heights), Paul Dennis, (Anaconda), Donald Thiesen (Bozeman), Dennis Kopitzke (Forsyth), Lois Poulton (Billings Heights).

The most recent recipients of PID Tom Lehman Fellowship are: Andy Black (Billings Heights), Leona Gibson and Wayne Gibson (Bozeman Sourdough), Rick Robson (Canada), Jim McLean (Gallatin Empire).

The most recent recipients of the PID Gary Tschache Fellowship are: Alex Hudak (Gallatin Empire) Jessica Falcon (KalisPELL Sunrisers), Ken Sciuochetti (Ennis) and Sarah Barutha (Bozeman Sweet Pea), Paddy Gwin (Billings Heights), Randy Sullivan (Gallatin Empire).

**October Meeting** - The next trustee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the Valley Bank in Helena. All Lions and guests are always welcome.

**FOUNDATION WEBSITE**

WWW.MTLIONSSHFND.ORG

The Foundation’s website has all the basic information associated with Foundation programs and services: Purpose of the Foundation, Trustees and their contact information, information and forms for PID Fellowships, Foundation Fellowships, Life Memberships, Memorials, Honorariums. The individual assistance form and instructions is available.

**FOUNDATION INFORMATION**

For more information about any program or service offered by the Foundation contact: Lion Dennis Kopitzke, Box 1266, Forsyth 59327; 406-346-1488; email: djk_7491@rangeweb.net; website:www.mtlionsshfnd.org

**PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER INFORMATION TO OTHER CLUB MEMBERS**

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Club: ____________________ Title: ____________________ Lion/Lioness/Leo ________

Companion: ______________ Title: ____________________ Lion/Lioness/Leo ________

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________

Telephone #: __________________________ E-mail/Fax: ____________________________

Special Requests: Meals: __________________________ Allergies: ___________________

+Registration includes Saturday Lunch Only $____ X $60 = $_______

+Friday and Saturday evening events are optional, please bring auction items  Thursday evening
    Beach Party and Auction for MLS&HF $____ X $16 = $_______

Saturday evening dinner with Guest Speaker $____ X $18 = $_______

TOTAL SENT $________

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Mail to: Lary Garrison, 703 Conway St., Billings, Mt. 59105 or e-mail to: lionlarygarrison@gmail.com

Make checks to: 2016 Montana Fall Forum, Information Contact: 406-855-6997

Individuals are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. Forum site is Big Horn Resort and Waterpark, 1801
Majestic Lane, Billings, Montana 59102 (406) 839-9300 or (800) 955-8999 www.thebighornresort.com Ask for Forum
Room rate of $89+tax for a King bed or 2 Queens which includes free breakfast buffet and Waterpark entrance

Cancellation policy: Attempt to transfer the registration to another Lion; full refund if cancellation request is received by
host forum committee no later than 30 days before the forum. All other requests will be considered as to their merit
within 30 days of the forum.
EXPECTED SPEAKERS

PID Patti Hill – “The Next Generation of Lions”

PDG Gary Wong – “Membership Development Is An Intentional Mission, Not An Accident Waiting to Happen”

PCC Dennis Grotrian – “Is Leadership Development Important In Growing Lionism”

PDG Ronnie Martin – “Starting New Clubs Is The Real Answer To Membership Growth”

PDG Paul Baker – “Reaching Tomorrow’s Lions Through Today’s Campus Clubs”

PID Judge Brian Stevenson – “TBD”