



Montana Lions
Sight & Hearing Foundation
Foundation Newsletter

Fall

2017

**NEW
FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATOR
LION JESSICA FALCON**

Foundation trustees approved the hiring of Lion Jessica Falcon (Kalispell Sunriser Lions Club) as the new Foundation administrator.

Lion Jessica brings a long history (16 years) of involvement with the Sunriser Lions Club. She has served in numerous roles: cabinet secretary, club president, district social media chair, zone 3 chair, trustee of the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. She has 10 years of clerical experience, most recently, with the Columbia Falls school system.

Lion Jessica is a 21st century Lion with computer skills (email, word, Excel) and great social media skills which will help the Foundation more effectively keep up with the latest technological trends.

The transition process is ongoing and will be completed within the next couple of weeks. Lions can contact Lion Jessica and the Foundation: Box 1925, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; 406-253-1737; lion.jfalcon@gmail.com

Lion Jessica will be a great addition to the Foundation in her role as administrator.

ATV FUNDRAISER

The Foundation will be sponsoring an ATV FUNDRAISER. The raffle will offer a 2018 Honda, 700 Series, side by side, ATV. Tickets will be sold for \$20.00 each or 8 for \$100.00. If the raffle winner does not want the ATV they can choose a \$7,500.00 payment. Tickets have been sent to every Lion in the State and will be available to every Lions Club. Additional information and details regarding the raffle will be sent with every set of tickets. The final drawing will be held at the 2018 District convention which will be held in Butte, April 27/28.

Proceeds from the raffle are used by the Foundation to help provide financial assistance to citizens of Montana with sight, hearing and/or speech impairments.

Thanks for Supporting Your Foundation



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Assistance Applications

During the 1st 3 quarters of 2017 the Foundation received 68 applications: 57 hearing aids, 1 macular degeneration, 3 cataract, 1 diabetic retinopathy, 1 medical services; 3 special eye issue; 1 vision equipment; 1 tinnitus. Applications have been received from: Malta, Belt, East Helena, Hardin, Stevensville, Darby, Fortine, Marion, Helena, Missoula, Great Falls, Hamilton, Glendive, Laurel, Bozeman, Dillon, Kalispell, Billings, Fairfield, Shepherd, Whitefish, Eureka, Laurel, Townsend, Havre, and Sidney. **Trustees have approved paid \$42,851.86 to help citizens of Montana so far in 2017.**

NORTHWEST LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER

As president of NWLERC I would like to thank the Lions clubs of Montana for sending their glasses to us. It takes a lot of work to collect as many glasses as you have. We in the Northwest have been inspecting, cleaning, reading prescriptions and classifying eyeglasses for missions to countries throughout the world for the last thirteen years. We would like to continue this operation with you. Since our inception we have collected 2,217,718 pairs of glasses with 236,514 being sent on 284 missions. We have a saying in our organization which states, "Changing Lives. One Pair of Eyeglasses at a time." Kirby Kee, President

FCLCA

Foundation trustees have voted to support the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act (FCLCA). The legislation is moving through the U.S. Senate. Letters have been sent to Senator John Tester and Senator Steve Daines.

BIKE FOR SIGHT

Six Lions Clubs in the Missoula area (Missoula, Missoula Southside, Hamilton, Lolo, East Missoula, and Seeley Lake) took part in the Bike for Sight fundraiser. The event raised \$3270.43 for the Foundation. Thanks to all the clubs that were involved in the event. For more information on how to organize an event contact: PID Tom Lehman, 1045 Anglers Bend Way, Missoula, 59802; email tjleman@q.com.

PLUSOPTIX

Another school year to do vision screening has rolled around. Please get out into your communities and start scheduling schools. There are a lot of schools that do not have anybody but the Lions of District 37 to help them. So start warming up those vision scanners. We can't wear them out if they are left in their containers. The children in this great State of Montana need all the clubs in District 37 to do their best so every child will have the best chance to see. Remember our motto: WE SERVE. So let's get out there and do the job we all signed on for. After the schools are done move on to the Day Cares. We can screen children all the way down to 6 months old.

Please send your screening totals each month. I would like the total number of children screened and the number of referrals. Thanks Lion Dave Falcon.

If you have a problem with your machines my contact information is lion.dfalcon@gmail.com or 406-257-2258.

FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATES

Montana Lions are encouraged to give consideration to purchasing a Foundation Specialty License Plate. Contact your county treasurer's office or State license plate renewal office and get your Lions License Plate. The \$20.00 annual assessment benefits the Foundation and is a quick and easy way to provide financial support to the Foundation.

WHITE CANE PROGRAM

White Cane Days is a major fund-raiser for the

Foundation. The Trustees of the **Foundation** ask that your club do the *White Cane Days* fund-raiser at any time during the year even though May is known as White Cane Month. A White Cane Day involves your club members stationing themselves in strategic businesses, places on that day and giving white canes to the passersby and accepting donations.

The proceeds of *White Cane Days* go to the **Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation**. The **Foundation** provides your club with miniature white canes, balloons and other supplies you might need, without cost to your club. Just fill out the enclosed order form and return it as soon as possible. Clubs can have supplies in a few days.

Your club may have a history of involvement in *White Cane Days*. If your club has not been involved please consider this project. If your club chooses not to be involved with *White Cane Days* the **Foundation** asks that you do a different project for the benefit of the **Foundation**. The **Foundation** must have your support if it is to succeed.

Highlights of October 14, 2017 Trustee Meeting

The quarterly trustee meeting was held on Saturday, October 14 at the Valley Bank in Helena

Lion Dennis Kopitzke presented the financial report. As of September, 2017 the account balances were as follows: administrator's checking account, \$2124.78; Treasurer's checking account balance, \$3,728.97; certificates of deposits, \$103,006.05 (2 CD's were redeemed, 18636, \$5126.49 and 18637, \$5158.55); the income, expense and budget summary were presented; the expense report, income report and petty cash reports were presented.

New Trustees

Lion Gary Lewis and Lion Dan Rothlisberger took their seats as the newest additions to the Foundation's board of directors.

FUNDRAISING

Safari Raffle – PDG Monte Weisser is still working to profitably dispose of the safari. Anyone interested in obtaining a great deal on a safari to South African contact PDG Monte.

Foundation Pin – PCC Ben Apeland presented additional information regarding the creation of a new Foundation pin. The pin includes a re-designed "Knight for Sight". The pins will be available for purchase in the very near future. All Foundation trustees will have pins to sell.

ATV Fundraiser: The raffle will offer a 2018 Honda, 700 Series, side by side, ATV. Tickets will be sold for \$20.00 each or 8 for \$100.00. If the raffle winner does not want the ATV they can choose a \$7,500.00 payment. Tickets and additional information have been sent to every Lion in the State and will be available to every Lions Club in the State.

Plusoptix – Lions Dave Falcon provided an update on the plusoptix program. There are 23 S12 machines and 10 S9 machines in the State. Over 30,000 students have been tested. For more information as to how to get involved with the plusoptix program, contact Lion Dave Falcon.

Website – Trustees reviewed the early design for the home page of the website. Several suggestions for making the site more user friendly were provided. Website Express, Kalispell, has been hired to update and re-design the Foundation's website. There will be an extensive re-tooling of the site. The new site should be able to meet all the needs of the Foundation for many years to come.

Facebook – Lion Jessica Falcon is managing the Foundation's Facebook page. There is a need for pictures and club information that can be placed on the page. Contact Lion Jessica with information.

Visitation Plan – Additional work will be done on the plan and existing Foundation documents will have to be modified with the new administrator contact information.

New Business

Assistance Applications – Trustees gave consideration to 4 assistance applications. All 4 applications were approved. Hearing aid applications were received from: Great Falls Electric City, Helena, Great Falls Sunrise, and Great Falls Lions clubs.

Visitation Plan – Each trustee has been assigned several clubs in their geographic that they will visit during the upcoming year. The plan provides that each club in the State will be visited by a Foundation trustee sometime during the 2017-2018 Lions year.

Foundation Promotion Plan – One or more trustees from the major media centers in the State (Kalispell, Missoula, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Great Falls, Billings) will visit television stations and provide those stations with a version of the Foundation's promotional video and several 30 second PSA's. Trustees will encourage the stations to air the video and PSA's.

FOUNDATION AWARDS

As we continue with the 2017-2018 Lions year it is always a great time for clubs to give consideration to presenting Foundation awards to deserving Lions. Life Memberships, Foundation Fellowships, PID Dave Hajny, PID Tom Lehman and PID Gary Tschache Fellowships awards are available for presentation to deserving Lions.

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 (Dillon), 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: Lion Mark Langohr, Lion Dave Falcon, and Lion Ron Christman (Kalispell Sunrisers), Dela Chatriand, Nathan Chatriand (Broadwater County), Lion Al Blair (Lolo).

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), PDG Ed Malesich (Butte Mile Hi).

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), PCC John Mathis (Electric City) Don Hampa (Butte Mile-Hi), Jerry Leggate (Billings), Scott Dornfeld (Billings Heights).

The most recent recipients of the PID Gary Tschache Fellowship are: Alex Hudak (Gallatin Empire) Jessica Falcon (Kalispell Sunrisers), Ken Sciuchetti (Ennis) and Sarah Barutha (Bozeman Sweet Pea), Paddy Gwin (Billings Heights), Randy Sullivan (Gallatin Empire), Mindy DeCosse (Sweet Pea), PDG Richard Gessling (Red Lodge).

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: PDG Wayne Hintz, Gordon Steele, Jan Plessas, Margaret Malesich, Betty Steele.

January Meeting - The next trustee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the Valley Bank in Helena

**FOUNDATION WEBSITE
WWW.MTLIONSSHFN.D.ORG**

Lions can access the current Foundation website. The site 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, and Honorariums. The individual assistance form and instructions are available.

NEW FOUNDATION WEBSITE

Foundation trustees have retained Website Express (Kalispell) to revise and update the Foundation's website. As soon as all the work on the site has been completed Lions will be notified with all relevant information.

FOUNDATION INFORMATION

For more information about any program or service offered by the Foundation contact: Foundation administrator, Lion Jessica Falcon, Box 1925, Columbia Falls, 59912; 253-1737; lion.jfalcon@gmail.com
website:www.mtlionsshfnd.org

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