

# District Governor Newsletter

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## **DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION - APRIL 27-28, 2018 - BUTTE, MT REGISTRATION FORM AND CONVENTION INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

### **District Convention**

The 2018 district convention will be held in Butte on April 27-28. PDG Steve Hadnagy and his convention committee will put on a great convention. This will be an affordable event with great educational opportunities, a chance to meet old friends and make new friends, and at the same time have fun and have an enjoyable weekend. Stay tuned for more convention information as it becomes available. Registration form and information sheet are attached at the end of this newsletter.

### **GMT District Coordinator**

There is a need for a district Global Membership Team Coordinator. This Lion will complete work in the final months of the 2017-2018 year. It would be expected to continue membership work in the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Lions years. The coordinator works directly with the district governor, vice district governor(s) and other appointees to form the Global Membership Team. The team is responsible for promoting all facets of district membership. If interested in serving in the key district position contact District Governor Lary Garrison, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis Kopitzke or 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Verna Love.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG & Cabinet Positions**

**Lion Mike Collins, Kalispell Lions Club, has submitted a letter of interest regarding serving as the district's 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for the 2018-2019 Lions year. Final action on filling the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG position will occur at the District Convention.**

The 2017-2018 Lions year is more than half over. Work has started on putting together the 2018-2019 cabinet. Open positions include GMT Coordinator, East Region Chair (Eastern Montana), Zone 2 Chair (Polson Area), Zone 4 Chair (Butte Area), Zone 6 Chair (Great Falls Area), Zone 8 (Conrad area), Zone 9 Chair (Glendive Area), Zone 10 Chair (Plentywood). If any Lion is interested in serving in the district cabinet as a region chair, zone chair, or other cabinet position contact 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis Kopitzke. Detailed information regarding specific positions will be provided.

### **LCIF – 50 YEARS OLD**

The 2017-2018 Lions year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Foundation has provided hundreds of millions of

dollars in financial assistance to help community members throughout the world deal with humanitarian needs. Many times LCIF and Lions are the first service organization on the ground to help with earth quakes, hurricanes, floods and other natural disasters. The Foundation has joined with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help eliminate measles, implemented SightFirst One and SightFirst Two to help eliminate blindness and other vision impairments throughout the world.

During the upcoming years LCI and LCIF will be emphasizing service and support for projects associated with: Assistance to the Elderly, Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Pediatric Cancer and Vision.

All clubs and club members are encouraged to donate to LCIF, annually. For more information on LCIF contact the districts LCIF Coordinator, Lion Monte Weisser, monte14@gmail.com

### **LAS VEGAS**

#### **2018 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

The 2018 Lions International Convention will be held in Las Vegas, June 29-July 3. With the convention in Las Vegas this will be a great opportunity for Montana Lions to attend an international convention that is relatively close to our home State. There will be a wide variety of Lions events, of interest, to Montana Lions. There will be great entertainment and the opportunity to have a great time in the entertainment capital of the United States. For more convention information log onto the LCI website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

### **USA/CANADA FORUM**

The 2018 USA/CANADA FORUM will be held on September 20-22 in Columbus, Ohio. The forum is always a great learning experience. This year's forum will feature presentations by: John Pinero, Michelle Ray, IP Gudrun Yngvadottir, and Jon Petz.

For more information check the forum website: [lionsforum.org](http://lionsforum.org) or call 605-723-4007.

### **BIKE FOR SIGHT**

**Bike for Sight** is a charity bike ride sponsored by the Missoula and Bitterroot Valley Lions Clubs. All levels

and abilities welcome.

All proceeds donated to sight & hearing restoration.

2nd Saturday in June

June 9

For more information go to:

[lionsbikeforsight.com](http://lionsbikeforsight.com)

Email: [lionsbikeforsight@gmail.com](mailto:lionsbikeforsight@gmail.com)

100 miles in the Bitterroot and Missoula valleys; plus shorter Family Fun Routes; fully supported, rest stops, food and drink.

Register online at:

[LionsBikeForSight.com](http://LionsBikeForSight.com)

See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Trustee Mtg.

April 21 – Helena – 10:00 AM

District Convention

April 27-28, Butte

District Cabinet Meeting

April 29 – Butte - TBD

Bike For Sight

June 9

LCI Convention

June 29-July 3 – Las Vegas

District Cabinet Meeting

July 21 – Lewistown – TBD

District Leadership Retreat

October 5-6 – Butte

## Leadership Retreat

PDG George Chenoweth is leading a committee that is moving ahead with plans to hold a District 37 Leadership Retreat on October 5 and 6 in Butte. There promises to be a great lineup of great speakers, an opportunity to improve leadership skills, gain new knowledge, meet and network with fellow Montana Lions. Stay tuned for more details as plans are developed.

## 5 Ways to Innovate Your Service

These great resources can help you discover new approaches to local issues.

**MYLION** – Download the revolutionary app that streamlines service and improves your club's network and visibility. //mylion.org

**Global Action Team** – Get the support and resources to take your leadership, membership and service to the next level. //lionsclubs.org/globalaction.

**Engaging Youth** – Invite young people to serve with your club to get fresh ideas and more help for service.

**LCIF Grants** – Learn how LCIF grants can support life-changing service projects in your district. //lcif.org/grants

**Partnerships** – Download the revolutionary app that streamlines service and improves your club's network and visibility.

## Websites

There are several great websites that will be useful for every Lion. Visit the district website **montanalions.org** to find a wealth of valuable information regarding almost every aspect associated with the operation of the district. The website has easy to use links to: club information, how to use the website, district events, governance, directory, service projects, membership, brochures, online training, Centennial Challenge and much more.

The LCI website, **lionsclubsinternational.org** also has a wealth of information available to all Lions: general information, service projects, membership, club improvement, online training, media and news releases, LCIF.

From the LCI website club officers can access **MyLCI**. From this link officers can access all types of information regarding their club and the district: member information, club information, statements, service projects, reports (membership, activities, officers). Club reports now have to be filed via MyLCI.

LCI also offers a tremendous amount of information regarding Lionism through its **e-book** educational offerings.

The LCI website offers **model club constitution and by-laws**. If your club needs this type of information check out this website link.

Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation website is a great source for information regarding the Foundation and the services it can provide to those in need of help with sight, hearing and/or speech impairments. [www.mtlionsshfnd.org/](http://www.mtlionsshfnd.org/)

## MyLion Revolutionizing Service

The new MyLion Mobile App is now available. LCI celebrates 100 years with the unveiling of MyLion – a world-class mobile app designed to make service volunteering fun, fast and easy. Get ready to connect and serve with Lions everywhere—right from your mobile phone.

Learn more and download today at:  
[www.mylion.org](http://www.mylion.org)

## GRANTS

DG Lary Garrison has been extremely active in helping clubs get grants to help with their community service projects. DG Lary has a great grasp of the grant process and is willing to help clubs with their grant application. There is a tremendous amount of LCIF money available to help clubs through grant programs. Several of the major grant categories include: (1) Humanitarian Assistance Matching Grant, (2) Emergency Disaster Relief (Emergency Preparedness, Community Recovery, Major Catastrophe); (3) District & Club Sharing; a new grant that is just being developed,

Clubs are encouraged to contact DG Lary for more information on grants and how a club might qualify for grant funding.

## **Centennial Legacy Projects**

Connect with your community and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project. Create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

All Lions Clubs are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by June 30, 2018.

### **Raise Your Community Visibility**

- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Sponsor a park fountain

### **Provide a Community Gift**

- Refurbish a park or playground
- Refurbish park equipment
- Fund resources for the visually impaired
- Donate a vehicle to community organization

### **Make a Community Impact**

- Build a clinic
- Expand a library or school
- Develop a training center
- Equip a hospital, clinic

Promotional signs, decals and bronze plaques are available from Club Supplies.

Promote the activity via social media and local media.

Lion Jerry Leggate has obtained a \$600.00 grant to support the Centennial Legacy program.

Lion input is always welcome. Send comments to: PID Tom Lehman, PCC Dan Krum, PDG Richard Gessling, VDG Dennis Kopitzke, VDG Verna Love, Lion Jon Kimble.

## **Plusoptix**

The children of the great State of Montana need all the clubs in District 37 to do their best so every child will have a chance of

better vision. Remember our motto: WE SERVE. Be aware of the need to screen children that attend Day Cares.

Only 9 of 23 clubs with Plusoptix machines have reported their screening results. The following clubs need to report: Baker, Billings, Copper City, Coutts/Sweetgrass, Dillon, Gallatin Empire, Great Falls, Havre, Missoula Downtown, Plains, Polson, Red Lodge, Seeley Lake and Sidney. Please send Lion Dave Falcon totals: number of children screened and the number of referrals. Lion Dave Falcon, Lion.dfalcon@gmail.com.

## **Hall of Fame**

Any Lion may nominate a candidate from the District to be included in the District 37 Hall of Fame.

The district governor must receive the nominations 30 days prior to the annual convention (Butte, April 27-28). Each candidate must have 15 years of service, been a participating member of a district cabinet for 5 years and not be a member of current Executive Committee.

For more information contact DG Lary Garrison.

## **Contact Information**

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**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION  
APRIL 27-28, 2018  
BUTTE, MT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Companion: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration (Received by March 15, 2018) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Late Registration (Received after April 1, 2018) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evening \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Cash ( )                      Check ( )                      Money Order ( )                      Credit Card: Visa ( ) Mastercard ( )  
 Card # \_\_\_\_\_                      Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To:  
 Butte Mile-Hi Lions Club  
 PO Box 4562  
 Butte, MT 59702

Contact  
 PDG Steve Hadnagy  
 Phone: 406-490-7710  
 janandsteve2009@live.com

Contact  
 PDG Ed Malesich  
 Phone: 406-723-4689  
 edsich@bresnan.net

Make checks payable: District 37 Convention

To email registration please send to edsich@bresnan.net

Full registration includes Friday Social, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Banquet.

You are responsible for your own motel room.

Convention headquarters is the Quality Inn and Suites, 2100 Cornell Avenue, Butte, MT 59701; 406-494-7800

Room rates in the Lions Block of rooms will be \$60.00 including tax (This also includes breakfast).

Please bring an auction item to benefit the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

**\*\*There will be a free luncheon provided on Friday noon sponsored by the Anaconda Lions Club followed by several community tours. Your selection form will be sent to you when we receive your registration.**

# **BUTTE MILE-HI LIONS CLUB**

**406-490-7710 (Cell)**  
**406-782-7710 (Office)**

**Dear Lion:**

**Christmas and New Years has come and gone! I hope one of your New Year's resolutions was and still is to attend our District 37 State Convention to be held this April in Butte, Montana. We promise to provide you with the greatest convention our District has ever had! Our line-up of speakers will be the best ever; our free tours of Butte attractions, the best food ever and, of course, the fun and fellowship of being together with our Lion friends from Montana and surrounding areas guarantee the greatest convention ever! One of the things we are most proud of is how we have contained costs for you and all of our guests. We have negotiated a fantastic motel special rate of sixty dollars (including tax) per night for deluxe newly remodeled rooms along with an unbelievable registration of only seventy dollars. When is the last time you had the opportunity to attend a Montana Lions convention as reasonably priced? Great food, lots of fun and entertainment as well as Lions fellowship!**

**Please find enclosed a registration form. We want you to make copies and distribute them to your members. The Mile-Hi Lions Club and the entire Butte community look forward to having you as our guest the weekend of April 27-28.**

**As we receive your registrations, we will send you a list of the free tours available as well as a speaker list. Just a little teaser ..... Past International President Joe Preston will be our keynote speaker! Now lucky can we get.**

**We look forward to receiving your registration soon and seeing you in Butte on April 27-28, 2018.**

**Committed to Service**  
**PDG Steve Hadnagy, Convention Chairman**

**President – PDG Steve Hadnagy – 126 South Main Street, Butte, MT 59701**





# Bike For Sight

A charity bike ride sponsored by the Missoula and Bitterroot Valley Lions Clubs. All levels and abilities welcome.



All proceeds donated to sight & hearing restoration

**2nd Saturday in June**

For more information go to:  
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Email: [lionsbikeforsight@gmail.com](mailto:lionsbikeforsight@gmail.com)

**100 miles in the Bitterroot & Missoula valleys  
plus shorter Family Fun routes**

Fully Supported, Rest Stops, Food, Drinks

**Register online at [LionsBikeForSight.com](http://LionsBikeForSight.com)**