

District Governor Newsletter

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REPORTING 2018-2019 CLUB OFFICERS

The 2018-2019 Lions year is fast approaching and clubs are being asked to report their new officers as soon as they have been elected.

The new club officers will be able to access MyLCI on July 1. Reporting club officers is easy using MyLCI. Clubs not using MyLCI can report officers using the Club Officer Reporting Form. Make sure to verify all relevant contact information, email addresses, mailing addresses and phone numbers. If there are questions contact LCI at MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org

MEMBERSHIP BILLING

Starting on June 30, 2018, **dues credits for membership drops will not be issued** after the release of the semi-annual billings on July 1 and January 1.

Here are a few best practices that can help you prepare your clubs for their July dues billing:

Remind club officers to update their membership rosters using MyLCI or their regional reporting system.

Encourage club officers to submit their membership roster to MyLCI or their local reporting system prior to **June 30, 2018 CDT**.

Inform current and incoming leaders that membership dues credits will no longer

be issued. Please contact Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

Wherever we serve, we inspire others to make an impact. That's why every Lion is being asked to invite a friend or family member to serve with us. You can even earn a special prize of US\$750.00 when you sponsor new members in your club..

Here's how the new member sweepstakes works:

Sponsor a new member between April 1 and June 15, 2018 to be eligible to win.

You will receive one entry for each new member sponsored and be automatically entered into a drawing for **your chance to win US\$750**.

Two winners per constitutional area will be selected at random and notified by email.

2018 DISTRICT CONVENTION

BUTTE, MONTANA

The 2018 Montana District 37 convention concluded on Saturday, April 28. A special thanks goes out to PDG Steve Hadnagy, PDG Ed Malesich and all the area club members

that helped put on a great convention. PIP Joe Preston and wife, Lion Joanie were special guests and made a positive contribution to the convention. Excellent workshops were conducted by representatives of: Lions and Diabetes, Montana School of the Deaf and Blind, Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, Eleanor's Project, Farm to School and Florence Crittenton Home.

2019 DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 2019 district convention will be held in Sidney, April 26 & 27. Mark the date on your calendar. Additional information will be provided as plans are finalized.

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, 1st VDG Dennis Kopitzke or 2nd VDG Verna Love.

Cabinet Positions

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 10 Chair (Plentywood/Sidney area). If any Lion is interested in serving in the district cabinet as a region chair, zone chair, or other cabinet position contact 1st VDG Dennis Kopitzke.

Detailed information regarding specific positions will be provided.

LCIF – 50 YEARS OLD

The 2017-2018 Lions year is the 50th 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

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

Email: 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

See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Sidney Lions Club Trap Shoot June 24

The Sidney Lions Club will be sponsoring a trap shoot on Sunday, June 24. Signup at 9:00; Practice at 10:00 and completion starts at 11:00. Members of Pheasants Forever and Sidney area 4H members will provide an instructional school. For more information contact Lions Blaine Gifford (Phone: 406-433-6340, email: johnsonh@midrivers.com) or Lion Raleigh Peck (Phone: 406-488-7447; email: elcland@midrivers.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.

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 or call 605-723-4007.

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.

MONTANA FORUM

The district will host the Montana Forum in Butte on December 7 and 8 at the Quality Inn. Great room rates a great registration rate so this will be another great opportunity participate in excellent training workshops, connect with other Montana Lions and enjoy a great Lions learning experience. More information will be distributed as plans are finalized.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

Global Service Team (GST) Club Service Chair

Lions Clubs International is asking that every Lions Club elect a Club Service Chair (CSC). As clubs elect their officers for the 2018-2019 Lions year, LCI expects all clubs to elect a person to serve as the Club Service Chair.

Additional information associated with the position is included at the end of this bulletin.

Term

One year; elected position as a club officer and member of the board of directors.

Position Overview

As the GST club service chair you will bring Melvin Jones' dream to life - that every need can be met by a Lion or Leo. You are responsible for implementing impactful service and fundraising projects, increasing service project engagement of members, and elevating awareness of Lions' collective impact in fulfilling global humanitarian needs.

IMPORTANT DATES

Advisory Committee

June 7 - Butte

Bike For Sight

June 9 – Missoula Area

Sidney Lions Club Trap Shoot

June 24 - Sidney

LCI Convention

June 29-July 3 – Las Vegas

District Cabinet Meeting

July 22 – Lewistown

Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

July 21 - Ennis

District Leadership Retreat

October 5-6 – Butte

Montana Forum

December 7 – 8 – Butte

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/

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

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.

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.


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plus shorter Family Fun routes
Fully Supported, Rest Stops, Food, Drinks
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Actions for Success

- Collaborates with GLT and GMT club chairpersons and the club Global Action Team chairperson (club president) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- Develops and leads a service committee to create and implement service goals and action plans.
- Supports member retention by creating a harmonious club atmosphere. Makes members feel part of the Lion family while serving the local community.
- Increases member satisfaction in club service project events and fundraising efforts while effectively meeting priority needs in the community.
- Implements projects aligned with Centennial Service Challenge (CSC) campaigns .

(FY 2017/18) and LCI Forward Service Framework. Explores and executes Centennial Community Legacy Projects (FY 2017/18) to raise visibility of Lions service impact in local communities.

- Ensures all service projects are submitted through MyLCI. Utilizes consistent, quantitative outcome reporting so results can be promoted cumulatively and according to LCI standard practices.
- Collaborates with club marketing and PR leads to raise community awareness of club service projects and service impact.
- Increases Lion and Leo engagement in service projects through utilization of LCI App.
- Increases LCIF coordinator collaboration at club level in order to maximize LCIF resource utilization and fundraising engagement.
- Participates in region, zone and district meetings and events.
- Collaborates with GMT and club membership chair to drive current and prospect members to participate in service projects.

Measuring Success

- Increases member satisfaction in club service project and fundraising events though member growth in service project participation.
- Increases service project implementation and reporting over the previous fiscal year.

- Plans and executes at least one diabetes project.
- Plans and executes service projects aligned with each of the 5 areas of the CSC campaigns (FY 2017/18). Initiates at least one Centennial Community Legacy Project (FY 2017/18).
- Inputs and manages at least one service project or fundraising event through the LCI App platform.
- Implements at least one service project or fundraising event in tandem with local Leo club or youth service organization.

Recommended Qualifications

- Passionate about Lions and is invested in the association's future.
- Experience in leading and developing service activities within the last five years.
- Strong project or event management, public speaking, and presentation skills
- Familiar with LCIF programs, partnerships and grants.
- Able to use technology (Email, Microsoft Office, MyLCI, LCI website, social media).

Reporting Structure

- The GST club service chairperson reports to the GST district coordinator.
- The GST club service chairperson, GMT club membership chairperson, and the GLT club leadership development chairperson report to the Global Action Team chairperson (club president).

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We Serve

Please Pass This
Information
Onto Other Club
Members.
Thanks.