

District Governor Newsletter

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DG Dennis Kopitzke
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THANKS AND WELCOME TO CLUB OFFICERS

Thanks to all the outgoing officers for your year of service to your club and the district.

Welcome to all the new club officers that will serve during the 2018-2019 Lions year. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated and you certainly model our motto: WE SERVE.

If there is any need for help with any club issue or other related Lions issue do not hesitate to get in touch with the district governor or either vice district governor.

**PLEASE PROVIDE THIS NEWSLETTER
INFORMATION TO ALL CLUB OFFICERS
AND CLUB MEMBERS.**

2018-2019 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT GUDRUN YNGVAGOTTIR

Our new International President is Gudrun Yngvadottir (Gu-drun Ingva-daughter). IP Gudrun will continue to emphasize our WE SERVE mission but will encourage clubs and Lions to Pursue New Horizons. Those New Horizons will center on (1) increasing membership (2) increasing membership through cooperative work with the Global Action Team (GAT) (3) promoting the fellowship between Lions and Lions Clubs (4) sharing our stories (5) support for Lions Clubs

International Foundation (LCIF) (6) promoting

a more balanced membership by increasing the number of women as members and as leaders.

CABINET MEETING REPORT SUNDAY, JULY 22

The first district cabinet meeting of the 2018-2019 Lions year was held on Sunday, July 22 in Ennis. Information associated with most of the issues discussed at the cabinet meeting is included in this newsletter. Other key issues dealt with by the cabinet members were:

Budget: Approved the 2018-2019 district 37 budget;

Goals: DG Dennis Kopitzke reviewed 2018-2019 district goals;

Retreat, Forums, Conventions: Reviewed planning for the upcoming USA/Canada Forum, Leadership Retreat, Montana Forum and District Convention;

District Vests: The district has a number of vests for sale. LCI convention attendees purchased vests (\$65.00) and wore them in the LCI convention parade. Contact PID Dave Hajny for more information on the vests.



Directory: Work continues on compiling the 2018-2019 district directory. It is expected that the directory will be distributed to clubs prior to Labor Day.

Endorsed Projects: The cabinet reviewed endorsed projects. Project representatives have until September 3 to provide a current update on project objectives and its relationship to district 37;

Club Health Issues: The cabinet reviewed the status of several clubs that may have membership issues. Clubs will be contacted and offered appropriate assistance.

Membership: Membership is an issue for almost all Montana Lions Club. The cabinet is supporting plans to increase club membership: (1) Zone chairs will be asked to work with clubs in their zone to determine specific membership issues, determine what help is needed and provide resources to deal with membership issues. (2) every Montana Lions Club will be asked to increase membership by at least 5 members during the 2018-2019 Lions year. Membership forms will be provided, a brochure explaining why

joining Lions is a worthwhile experience, information on recruiting and retaining members. (3) the district will work to establish regional membership leaders. The leaders will work with zone chairs and clubs to increase membership (4) the district will work to establish a Lions Club in Lewistown.

District Conventions: An effort will be made to create a 5 year listing of possible district convention sites beginning with the 2020 district convention. Potential host sites will have to complete the bid process.

Cabinet Meeting: The next cabinet meeting will be held in Helena, October 13, 1:00 PM. The site of the meeting is yet to be determined.

For more information on any items discussed or action taken at the cabinet meeting contact DG Dennis Kopitzke

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.

NEW MEMBER PACKETS

LCI has provided a large number of "new member" packets. If your club has a need for the packets please let district governor Dennis Kopitzke know of your need and packets will be mailed to your club.

LCIF – CAMPAIGN 100

LCIF EMPOWERING SERVICE

Campaign 100 will be the most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF history, Campaign 100 will span three years and seek to raise \$300 million. By June 30, 2021, Campaign 100 will empower Lions to serve 200+ people each year and ensure you have resources to:

- Increase service impact:
- Help improve vision
- Support youth activities
- Provide disaster relief
- Support humanitarian causes
- Fight diabetes
- Fight and eliminate hunger
- Treat childhood cancer
- Improve our environment

Together, we'll respond to these issues with comprehensive initiatives targeted to the communities where we live and serve. Every Lions club and Lion will be asked to contribute to this effort. To donate visit: lcif.org/BE100

For more information on how you can help in Montana District 37 contact LCIF coordinator PDG Monte Weisser, 533 West Arizona, Kalispell, 59901; 406-890-9561; monte014@gmail.com

2018-2019 GOALS

LCI FORWARD

LCI Forward includes four areas of focus that will guide our action plan for the next five years.

1. Improve membership value & reach new markets;
2. Enhance service impact and focus
3. Pursue club, district and organizational excellence;
4. Reshape public opinion and improve visibility.

AREAS OF SERVICE (Possible Activities)

Diabetes

- Promote Healthy Diabetes Related Action From Club and Family Members
- Work With Senior Centers to Provide Related Information

- Work With School Districts to Provide Related Information
- Work With Local Medical Facilities to Develop and Promote Diabetes Action Plans

Environment

- Adopt a Highway
- Arbor Day Celebration
- Community Cleanup Event
- Earth Day Event
- Tree City USA
- Park Improvement

Hunger

- Community Food Pantry
- Holiday Baskets
- Town Pump Assistance Program

Vision

- Community Eyeglass Assistance Program
- Plusoptix eye screening
- Support for Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation
- Used Eyeglass Collection Program

Pediatric Cancer

- Be Community Aware
- Seek and Support Local Non-Profits Associated With Providing Related Assistance
- Seek and Support Social Service Organizations
- Seek and Support Local Medical Facilities

MONTANA DISTRICT 37 SMART GOALS

Leadership: GLT Leader, PID Dave Hajny; Box 1489, Ennis, 59729; 406-682-4586; 406-596-4596; whodat@3rivers.net. Montana District 37 will host 3 major leadership training events during the 2018-2019 Lions year. Leadership Retreat, Montana Forum, District 37 Convention.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Leader; PDG Monte Weisser; 533 West Arizona, Kalispell, 59901; 406-756-8528; 406-890-9561; monte014@gmail.com. Seventy five (75) percent or at least 51 clubs will report at least 1 contribution to LCIF during the 2018-2019 Lions Year.

Membership GMT Leader, Open Position:

The District will start 2 new clubs, 1 standard club and 1 LEO club, during the 2018-2019 Lions year. District membership will be increased by a net of 56 new members.

Service: GST Leader Lion Jerry Leggate, 1315 2nd Street West, 59101; 406-256-8770; jnleggate@yahoo.com. All District clubs will participate in service projects during the 2018-2019 Lions year. Each club will participate in at least 1 service project associated with diabetes, environment, hunger, and vision. An effort will be made to involve each club in a pediatric cancer service project

MONTANA SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN READER PROJECT

The Great Falls Lions Clubs in cooperation with the Montana School for Deaf and Blind Children and as a District 37 endorsed project, have embarked on a fundraising campaign. The campaign will raise approximated \$150,000.00 to help purchase 50 low vision closed captioned CCTV's. The machines will help students with vision problems become more independent in elementary school and will give them a better chance to keep up with their sighted peers.

The technology will empower the students by allowing them to read any book not just large print editions. The CCTV units can be used to support education in math, science, reading, language arts, and life skills. The devices are life changing.

For more information and to provide financial support for this great project contact: PDG Jack Beckman; 301 Skyline Drive NE; Great Falls, 59404; Home: 406-453-6390; Cell: 406-231-2424; jtbeckman@bresnan.net

GMT District Coordinator

There is a need for a district Global Membership Team Coordinator. 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 Dennis Kopitzke.

Cabinet Positions

Open cabinet positions for the 2018-2019 Lions year include GMT Coordinator, East Region Chair (Eastern Montana), Zone 2 Chair (Polson 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 DG Dennis Kopitzke. Detailed information regarding specific positions will be provided.

CLUB VISITATIONS

Visitations are expected to start late this summer or early this fall. The DG and VDG's will contact clubs and make arrangements with the support of the zone chair. If a club wants a special visit by the DG or VDG make contact and make the arrangements.

District Governor; Dennis Kopitzke

- Zone 9: Baker, Forsyth, Glendive, Hysham
- Zone 10: Culbertson, Nashua, Plentywood, Scobey, Sidney, Wolf Point
- Zone 11: Billings, Billings Heights, Huntley Project, Roundup, Shepherd, Winnett
- Zone 12: Big Timber, Joliet, Laurel, Red Lodge
- Zone 13: Bozeman, Bozeman Gallatin Empire, Bozeman Sourdough, Bozeman Sweet Pea, Ennis

1st Vice District Governor; Verna Love

- Zone 4: Anaconda, Butte Copper City, Butte Mile-Hi, Deer Lodge, Dillon
- Zone 5: Broadwater County, Helena, Helena Gold Rush, White Sulphur Springs
- Zone 6: Cascade, Fort Benton, Great Falls, Great Falls Electric City, Great Falls Sunrise, Sun River Valley
- Zone 7: Chinook, Coutts/Sweetgrass, Cut Bank, Havre, Turner/Hogeland
- Zone 8: Choteau, Conrad, Denton, Fairfield

2nd Vice District Governor; Michael Collins

Zone 1: East Missoula, Hamilton, Lolo, Missoula, Missoula Southside, Seeley Lake

Zone 2: Charlo, Hot Springs, Plains, Polson, Superior

Zone 3: Columbia Falls, Evergreen, Eureka, Kalispell, Kalispell Sunrisers, Whitefish

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

LCIF DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS (DCG)

LCIF is announcing that District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) will be available for application beginning in July 2018. Donations made by a club or a district **during this current fiscal year** will count toward the requirements for this new grant opportunity. Funds raised by a club will remain in that club's account until the club notifies LCIF to apply the funds to the district's account.

*The program is available to both district and clubs;

*15 percent of unrestricted and/or general campaign donations will be available for DCG's;

*Only unrestricted and general campaign donations will qualify;

*Districts and clubs will be required to meet a minimum donation level to enable 15 percent of their donation to be counted towards their available funds to be accessed through the DCG program;

*For districts, the minimum cumulative donation amount is \$10,000 per fiscal year;

*For clubs, the minimum cumulative donation amount is \$5,000 per fiscal year.

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: www.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. Registration form and forum information is attached to the end of the newsletter.

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.

GUIDING LIONS PROGRAM

“Leadership is more than service, it is enabling others to be more productive.”

While all Lions are welcome to take the course, it is recommended as a foundation to anyone who will work with new or existing clubs or serve (or plan to serve) in a leadership position. Upon completion of the course, you will become a Certified Guiding Lion! However, to be appointed as a Guiding Lion, please note that you must have served as club president. While the course may be valuable to any Lion, the experience of being a club president is

critical to your success in guiding a new or existing club.

CERTIFIED GUIDING LION COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or have a priority designation. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

Even if you are an experienced Guiding Lion, you will benefit from this course because it provides the most comprehensive overview available of the roles and responsibilities of a Guiding Lion.

The Certified Guiding Lion Course will help you:

1. Understand your role as a Guiding Lion
2. Help you develop a plan to guide the club to become self-sufficient and strong
3. Provide tools to help the club officers manage their club
4. Establish a system to track development over the course of your term

Successfully completing this course will certify you for three years. You are required to recertify every three years to maintain certification. Please also note that you do not need to be certified to be assigned to a club as a Guiding Lion, however, you must have served as a club president to be qualified for club assignment.

For Information and Tools for Guiding Lions
certifiedguidinglions@lionsclubs.org

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The 2018-2019 peace poster theme will be:

Kindness Matters

For more information on the peace poster contest, contact Lion Jim Forsberg, 406-682-4344; mtnvw@3rivers.net

IMPORTANT DATES

USA/Canada Forum

September 20-22, Columbus, OH

District Leadership Retreat

October 5 & 6, Butte

Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

October 13 – Helena

District 37 Cabinet Meeting

October 13 - Helena

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

November 3 – 5, Oak Brook

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

November 10-12, Winnipeg

Montana Forum

December 7 & 8 – Butte

Faculty Development Institute

January 18-21, Reno

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: www.mylion.org

Global Action Team – Get the support and resources to take your leadership, membership and service to the next level: www.lionsclubsinternational.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. www.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: www.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, www.lionsclubsinternational.org so 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 www.MyLCI.org

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

IPDG 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 IPDG Lary for more information on grants and how a club might qualify for grant funding.

Contact Information

DG Dennis Kopitzke, Box 1266, Forsyth, 59327; 406-346-1488; 406-853-8695; djk_7491@rangeweb.net

1st VDG Verna Love, 820 N. Montana Street, #10; Dillon, MT 50725; H 406-299-1510; C 406-498-5796; vprosgroup@hotmail.com

2nd VDG Mike Collins, 40 Meadowlark Drive; Kalispell, MT 59901; H 406-752-3473; C 406-871-4176; mikeacollins@bresnan.net

LIONS : WE SERVE

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



WE Serve

4th Annual Montana Lions Forum
Learn, Share, Connect!

Date: December 7 -8, 2018

Location: Butte Montana:

Quality Inn & Suites
2100 Cornell Avenue Butte, MT 59701
Reservations : (406) 494-7800

Forum Registration: \$60 per person
(Discounts may apply, contact us for details)

Hotel Registration: \$74.00 + Tax Incl. per night

3 Meals & Training Materials (included in registration)

FREE HOT BREAKFAST!!

Pre-Registration and Hotel Reservations email us at: montanaforum2018@gmail.com Or
Contact VDG - Verna Love: (406) 988-4585

Like us on facebook: montanalions2018
Or visit: <http://news.montanalions.org/>

Montana Forum - Butte, MT

Name:	Name on Badge:	
Club:	Title:	Lion/Leo/Zone Chair
Companion:	Title:	Lion/Lioness/ Leo
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Email/Fax:	
Special Meal Requests: Vegetarian __ Diabetic ____ Food Allergies: _____		

DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2018

Registration includes: Friday Appetizers & Soft Drinks, Saturday Lunch & Dinner – Free Breakfast provided by the hotel from 6:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m./ hot and continental . (Sessions begin at 9:00a.m.)

Forum Registration \$60.00 () x \$60.00 = \$ _____
Hotel Registration \$74.00 (including Tax) (paid directly to hotel)
Saturday Non-Registered Attendees Lunch \$9.50 () = \$ _____
Saturday Non- Registered Attendees Dinner \$20.00 () = \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

****Registration for ALL CURRENT ZONE CHAIRS: \$60 + there is 1 night , compensation for room rate: (check in required prior to 11:00 a.m. Saturday; Attending the Cabinet Meeting on Sunday December 9th is MANDATORY For reimbursement of the 1 night stay!)**

Check # _____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ Money Order _____ No American Express
Card # _____ Expiration Date : _____
Signature: _____

Make Checks Payable to Montana Fall Forum and mail to:
Verna Love, 820 North Montana Street Trlr. #10, Dillon, MT 59725

Individuals are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. Forum site is:
QUALITY INN & SUITES
2100 CORNELL AVENUE BUTTE, MT 59701.

For Reservations call: (406) 494-7800 and ask for reservations for the Montana Lions Forum
For Questions or Concerns, Please contact 1st VDG Verna Love, (406) 498-5798 or (406) 988-4585
You may email your registration to montanaforum2018@gmail.com or fax to: 1(866) 596-2103