

District Governor Newsletter

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DISTRICT 37 WHERE ARE WE GOING?

2018-2019 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR

Our new International President is Gudrun Yngvadottir (Gu-drun Ingva-daughter) from Iceland. 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.

DISTRICT 37

District 37 will continue to emphasize our WE SERVE mission, the goals established by IP Yngvadottir but we also have the opportunity to emphasize issues that best serve the Lions and Lions Clubs of Montana. The issues will center on (1) promoting **leadership** opportunities for club members (2) increasing **membership**, especially new women members (3) support for **LCIF** through increased involvement in the new Campaign

100 project (4) increase **service** especially in the areas of diabetes, environment, hunger, pediatric cancer/youth and vision.

There are many other great district projects: LEOS, Peace Poster, Project Pride, Ronald McDonald House, Plusoptix, Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, Montana Diabetes Program, and Leader Dog. Contact information for all district projects is included in the district directory. Every club president and club secretary will receive a district directory. There are numerous service projects, needed in our communities. Our Montana clubs can get involved in current projects or look to New Horizons and create new service projects. **LIONS: WE SERVE**

Every Lion and every Lion leader (advisor, cabinet member, region chair, zone chair, club officer) is being asked to help promote the LCI, goals, District goals and projects and your community service projects. Thanks for your help.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership Goal : 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, and District 37 Convention.

Leadership Retreat

PDG George Chenoweth and 1st Vice District Governor Verna Love are leading the effort with plans to hold a District 37 Leadership Retreat on October 5 and 6 in Butte. There promises to be a lineup of great speakers (Bob Kaufman, Full Circle Foundation and Bob Green, former head football coach at Montana Tech), an opportunity to improve leadership skills, gain new knowledge (training associated with conflict resolution, goal setting, public speaking, motivation), meet and network with fellow Montana Lions. Attendance at the retreat is by invitation. Invitation letters are in the mail.

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.

The forum will include a social event and auction on Friday night. Training, educational opportunities and dinner on Saturday. Training and educational workshops will cover: Montana School for the Deaf and Blind low vision reader project, LCIF, membership and retention, leadership, LCIF grants, zone chair training, guiding Lions program, friendship committee, Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, plusoptixs and LCIF grants.

District Convention

The 2019 district convention will be held in Sidney on April 26 and 27. The convention will feature PID Marvin Chambers of Fillmore, Saskatchewan. The exact listing of workshops will not be completed until early next year but will include training and

workshops associated with: leadership, LCIF, membership, and service. A summary of “where we have been” and “where we need to go” will be presented. PID Marvin Chambers will be the keynote speaker at Saturday nights district governor’s banquet. More information will be provided as plans are finalized.

LCIF

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.

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 have empowered Lions to serve 200 million+ people each year and ensure clubs 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**

MEMBERSHIP

Membership GMT Leader, DG Dennis Kopitzke: 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.

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, and information on recruiting and retaining members will be provided;. (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.

SERVICE

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

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

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.

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.

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

Contact Information

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Note: The 2018-2019 district directory will be mailed during the week of September 3. Please send corrections to DG Dennis Kopitzke.



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 Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation
Friday Night Social and Fundraising Auction

All attendees and Lions Clubs are encouraged to bring/send items for the auction

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

2018 Montana Forum

Schedule of Events

Friday - December 7

Registration, 3:00 – 4:30

Mixer, 4:30-5:30

Opening Comments, DG Dennis Kopitzke, 5:30 – 6:00

Forum Organizer Comments, PDG George Chenoweth, 6:00 – 6:45

Live Auction, 7:00 –

Closing Comments, 1st VDG Verna Love

Saturday – December 8

Registration, 8:00

Kickoff, 9:00 – 9:30

Presentations, 9:30 – 10:45

Low Vision Reader Project – PDG Jack Beckman

LCIF and Campaign 100 – PDG Monte Weisser

1st Split Session, 11:00 – 11:50

Membership – Just Ask! New Member Recruiting and Retention – DG Dennis Kopitzke

Leadership – Why Leadership Training is Important – Been There Done That! - PDG Laura Dickerson

LCIF – Lions Clubs International Foundation and Campaign 100 – PDG Monte Weisser

LCI Grants – How To's and Why's – PDG Lary Garrison

12:00 – 1:30. Lunch

2nd Split Session, 1:30 -2:30

Membership – DG Dennis Kopitzke

Leadership – PDG Laura Dickerson

LCI Grants – PDG Lary Garrison

Zone Chairperson Training – Session 1 - TBD

Zone Chairperson Training – Session 2 - TBD

Guiding Lions Discussion - TBD

Joint Session, 4:00 – 4:45

Friendship Committee – PCC Ben Apeland

Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation – PID Dave Hajny

Plusoptix – Lion Dave Falcon

Dinner, 5:00 – 6:30

Guest Speaker – PID Tom Lehman, 6:30 – 7:30

Closing Remarks