

# District Governor Newsletter

October  
2018

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1<sup>st</sup> VDG Verna Love  
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## **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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Verna Love, (406) 498-5798 or (406) 988-4585  
You may email your registration to [montanaforum2018@gmail.com](mailto: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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## 2018-2019 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

### GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR

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.



## Leadership Retreat

PDG George Chenoweth and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Verna Love are 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.

**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.

406-596-4596; [whodat@3rivers.net](mailto:whodat@3rivers.net)

**Lions: We Serve**

**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, at Valley Bank, 321 Fuller.

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

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, 59101; 406-256-8770; [jnleggate@yahoo.com](mailto: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; [jbeckman@bresnan.net](mailto:jbeckman@bresnan.net)

## **CLUB VISITATIONS**

Club visitations have started. 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

### **1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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

### **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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:mtnvw@3rivers.net)

## IMPORTANT DATES

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](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

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](mailto: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](mailto:vprosgroup@hotmail.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mike Collins, 40 Meadowlark Drive; Kalispell, MT 59901; H 406-752-3473; C 406-871-4176; [mikeacollins@bresnan.net](mailto:mikeacollins@bresnan.net)

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PLEASE PASS THIS  
NEWSLETTER INFORMATION  
TO OTHER CLUB MEMBERS**

## DIRECTORY CHANGES / CORRECTIONS

Page 4: Verna Love phone number, ~~406-299-1510~~; 406-988-4585

Page 5: Dave Falcon address, ~~Box 1925, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; 406-257-2258;~~  
~~lion.falcon@gmail.com~~; 314 9<sup>th</sup> St. West, Kalispell, MT 59901; H, 406-253-1726;  
lion.dfalcon@gmail.com

Page 5: Verna Love phone number, 406-988-4585

Page 15: Bozeman Lions Club President, Stacey Alzheimer, 411 AL Drive, Belgrade, MT 59714;  
406-570-8024; therapeutika@hotmail.com

Page 16: Gallatin Empire Club President, Callan Nagy, 550 Westgate Avenue

Page 16: Bozeman Sourdough President Richard Lee, R, 406-624-6659; C, 406-577-6410; meetings  
are held on Thursdays at the home of a club member

Page 22: Culbertson Lions; Allen Peterson email address: ahp-emp@nemont.net

Page 26: Evergreen Lions meet at the Moose Lodge, 2158, Hwy 2

Page 27: Forsyth Lions; Club President; Gordon VanAsh, 427 Cartersville Road, R, 406-356-2829; 1<sup>st</sup>  
Vice President, Scott Klein, Box 1483, 406-346-4380; sklein@fsbforsyth.com; meets every Monday

Page 32: Hot Springs Lions, Secretary, Valerie Sidmore, 144 Chisholm Trail Road, 406-741-2383

Page 35: Laurel Lions meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 PM; Palace Bar & Lanes, 305 East Main; President  
Terrance Keller, C, 406-690-4525

Page 36: Lolo Lions, President Dave Kubert, Box 1422

Page 38: Plentywood Lions, club number 45887

Page 40: Scobey Lions, club president, Andrew Johnsrud, Box 124

Page 41: Shepherd Lions, meet Community Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 PM

If there is a need for other changes and corrections please send information to DG Dennis Kopitzke.