

District Governor Newsletter

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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 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)**

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: 1st VDG Verna Love, 6:00 – 6:45

Live Auction, 7:00 –

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

ZONE TRAINING AND GUIDING LION DISCUSSION SESSIONS MAY CHANGE

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

MEMBERSHIP

PDG Lary Garrison has accepted the position of District 37 Global Membership Team (GMT) leader. Clubs can contact PDG Lary: 703 Conway Street, Billings, 59105; 406-855-6997; lionlarygarrison@gmail.com.

Membership GMT Leader, PDG Lary Garrison. 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, 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.

A 2018-2019 STANDARD MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION has been sent to club presidents and secretaries.



GMT Leader PDG Lary Garrison

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 the 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

LCIF

CAMPAIGN 100

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 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 over million 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

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.

**A GRANT APPLICATION WILL BE SENT TO
THE CLUB PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY**

LEADERSHIP

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.

The **Leadership Retreat** was held in Butte on October 5 and 6. The retreat was a great opportunity for attendees to meet other Lions with similar roles in Lionism, get relevant training on issues affecting all clubs and enjoy the fellowship.



Retired Coach Bob Green, Montana Tech was the featured speaker at the retreat.

The **Montana Forum** will be held on December 7 and 8 in Butte. All important information is included at the front of this newsletter. All Lions are encouraged to attend this well planned event. Great opportunity to socialize with other Lions, network, receive excellent training and enjoy the opportunity to gain knowledge associated with being a Lion.

The **2019 District Convention** will be held in Sidney on April 26 and 27. The start of the convention on Friday will feature opportunities to play golf, visit historical locations or visit great tourist locations. Friday evening will feature a social event and fundraising auction. Saturday features the business session with voting on several important district issues, relevant workshops that will be of interest to all Lions and the convention ends with the Saturday night banquet and message from our international guest PID Marvin Chambers.

Registration and other key information will be distributed starting in mid-December.

A 2018-2019 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION has been sent to club presidents and secretaries.

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

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

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

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute
November 3 – 5, Oak Brook

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

November 10-12, Winnipeg

Montana Forum

December 7 & 8 – Butte

Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

January 15 – 6:30 PM Phone Meeting

District 37 Cabinet

January 16 – 7:00 PM Phone Meeting

Faculty Development Institute

January 18-21, Reno

Special Announcements

PDG Lary Garrison has assumed the duties of the district GMT leader.

Lion Mike Tobin (Coutts/Sweetgrass Lions) has submitted paperwork for the position of 2nd VDG for the 2020-2021 Lions year.

Lion Dela Chatriand (Broadwater County) has accepted the position as Zone 2 Chairperson.

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

From the LCI website club officers can access **MyLCI**. www.MyLCI.org

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

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871-4176; mikeacollins@bresnan.net

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TO OTHER CLUB MEMBERS**

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

