

# District Governor Newsletter

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## **DISTRICT CONVENTION SIDNEY, APRIL 26-27**

The 2019 Montana District 37 convention will officially be held in Sidney on April 26-27; Pella Lutheran Church, with the call to order at 8:30 AM. The convention kicks off with a social event on Friday evening. Later in the evening there will be a live and silent auction to benefit the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

**Lodging is the responsibility of the attendee. The following motels have guaranteed a room rate of \$75.00:**

**BW Golden Prairie Inn & Suites;  
820 South Central Ave.; 406-433-4560  
Lone Tree Motor Inn;  
900 South Central Ave.; 406-433-4520;  
Richland Inn & Suites;  
1200 South Central Ave.; 406-433-6400**

**Convention HQ: Candlewood Suites;  
201 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW; 406-482-9692**

**Other Lodging:**

**Wingate;  
1490 South Central; 406-433-3100  
Microtel;  
1500 South Central; 406-482-9011  
Holiday Inn Express;  
251 West Holly Street; 406-478-5912  
Mainstay;  
1000 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW; 406-488-1000**

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LOCK IN ROOM RATES. ATTENDEES  
MIGHT CHECK WITH SITES SUCH AS  
“PRICELINE” TO FIND BETTER RATES.**

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Events continue on Saturday morning with the flag ceremony, several informational presentations, business session and Memorial Service.

The new luncheon will feature incoming District Governor Verna Love. DGE Verna will provide an overview of her goals and expectations for the 2019-2020 Lions year.

The afternoon session starts with voting on the positions of district governor, 1<sup>st</sup> vice district governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice district governor, 2020 convention.

Additional informational presentations associated with, plusoptix, Great Falls reader project, Lions Sight for Life Project and LCIF will be provided in the afternoon.

Our international guest PID Marvin Chambers will hold the annual "Bear Pit" session and the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation will hold their drawing for the guns & ammo..

The convention closes with a banquet on Saturday night with **PID Marvin Chambers** and his wife Lynne as our special guests. PID Marvin will close the convention with his address to the attendees.

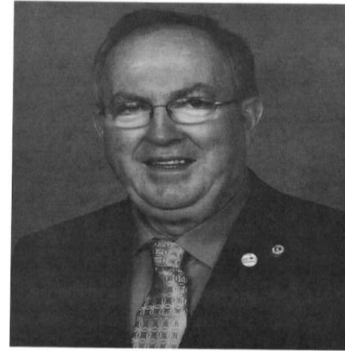
Voting delegates must register at the convention registration desk. Each club will have voting delegates based on their club membership as of the March LCI Report. Clubs will be allowed 1 voting delegate for each 10 club members, with a fraction of 5 or more members allowing for an additional delegate (i.e. 15 members, two delegates).

A registration form and information sheet are included with this newsletter mailing.

## **PID MARVIN CHAMBERS**

### **CONVENTION INTERNATIONAL GUEST**

PID Marvin Chambers, from Fillmore, Saskatchewan is an agricultural consultant and mayor of Fillmore.



A member of the Fillmore and District Lions Club since 1971, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair and district governor. He also served as a Guiding Lion and convention chairperson, attended extension workshops and helped start three Lions clubs and a Leo club.

PID Marvin is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He currently serves as a member of the Fillmore Recreation and Cultural Board, Hospital Foundation, representative for Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities. In the past he has served as United Church treasurer, councilor of the Village of Fillmore, president of both the Fillmore's Donor's Choice and Fillmore Curling Club.

PID Marvin and his wife, Lynne, also a Lion, have five children and five grandchildren

## **ZONE/REGION CHAIR & INCOMING OFFICER TRAINING: PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS**

The district will be offering training for all zone chairs, region chairs, incoming presidents, secretaries and treasurers at the district convention. There will be 4 ½ hours of training on Friday, April 26 from 10:00 – 2:30. Information has been sent to all zone/region chairs and potential 2019-2020 club presidents, secretaries and treasurers. For more information on the training contact 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Verna Love.

# **NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE**

## **NAMI**

Montana District 37 has been selected, as a pilot district, to participate in the LCI North American Membership Initiative. NAMI is a pilot project to develop new ideas, concepts and programs to try and increase membership and retention of Lions in North America. The primary objectives include: (1) rejuvenate districts with new clubs (2) revitalize clubs with new members (3) re-motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service.

The process of involvement in NAMI includes: (1) established a steering committee and make a commitment to the project (2) analyze the district to determine strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (3) develop a plan (4) work to get club commitment to the project (5) implement the plan.

More information will be provided to clubs as the project progresses.

Clubs will be involved with the implementation of multiple aspects of the district plan, which could include leadership development, club marketing and welcoming new members to their clubs.

## **LOW VISION READER PROJECT**

### **\$100,000.00 LCIF GRANT**

Congratulations to the Great Falls Sunrise Lions Club, PDG Jack Beckman, PDG Lary Garrison, PDG Monte Weisser and the Montana School for Deaf and Blind. LCIF approved a standard grant of \$100,000.00.

The grant is part of the campaign to 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.

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)

## **“HEART OF A LION”**

### **GLENDIVE LIONS CLUB**

The Glendive Lions Club is recognizing volunteers in their community through a life size monument of a Lion sculpted by Harvey Rattey and re-designed by Pamela Harr titled “Heart of a Lion” refers to the dedication, loyalty, love and passion to serve others.

Miniature (4 ½” x 5”) lion sculptures are available for purchase for \$500.00 each. Raffle tickets for a chance to win a miniature lion sculpture will be available for \$20.00 each or 6 chances for \$100.00. The Glendive Lions Club will have a display table at the convention with more information on the project and with raffle tickets for sale.

## **NEW VOICES**

The New Voices initiative celebrates women’s contributions to Lions Clubs International by focusing on increasing the number of women in Lions clubs and closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions.

Leading the initiative will be the Global Chairperson and eight Constitutional Area Teams who work with district governors and the Global Action Team to create awareness conduct webinars and identify Lions who have made a difference but whose voices have not been heard.

PID Sangeeta Jatia is the global chairperson. Jatia suggests that Lions work to make clubs and districts women friendly, with late evening meetings and Sunday meetings that include family. Lions need to be the ones to educate society that Lions are indeed both men and women. And while these Lions-men and women-work daily to meet the needs of all those they serve, she says. “We need to understand the needs of each other.”

Go to the [weserve.org/newvoices](http://weserve.org/newvoices) website to learn more about the program.

## PLUSOPTIX

The workable update for the plusoptix S-12 machines has been received. Please bring S-12 machines to the convention (Sidney, April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>). The machines will be up dated at the convention and training will be provided by Lion Dave Falcon. The manual that goes with the new update is available for downloading at [plusoptix.com/support](http://plusoptix.com/support), version 7.1.2.0. Bring this manual to the convention.

Please send your screening results, for this year, so we can have the totals to report at the convention. A reminder that we still have warranty cards for the plusoptix machines.

For more information contact: Lion Dave Falcon, 314 9<sup>th</sup> Street West, Kalispell, 59901; 406-253-1226; [lion.dfalcon@gmail.com](mailto:lion.dfalcon@gmail.com)



## DUES PAYMENTS

This is the time of the year that club's should be collecting dues. District treasurer PCC Dan Krum has sent payment notices to clubs. Clubs are responsible for providing payment as soon as possible. For more information or if there are questions, contact PCC Dan Krum; Box 213, Worden, 59088; 406-671-4209; [danmar@nemont.net](mailto:danmar@nemont.net)

## 2019-2020 Club Officers

This is the time of the year that clubs need to start planning for officers for the 2019-2020 Lions year. Clubs should be making arrangements for selecting club: **president; 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> vice presidents; secretary; treasurer; membership chairperson; LCIF coordinator and club service chair person.**

## HALL OF FAME

Nominations for the District 37 Hall of Fame must be received by the district governor not later than 30 days prior to the district convention (prior to April 26). The nomination form can be acquired from the district governor or downloaded from the district website, [www.montanalions.org](http://www.montanalions.org) For more information, contact district governor Dennis Kopitzke.

## MEMBERSHIP

### THE KEY TO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH: JUST ASK!

Every club in the State has been asked to recruit at least 5 new members during the 2018-2019 Lions year. Thanks for helping the district meet this goal.

There are several steps that clubs can take to promote membership growth and increase retention of current members:

#### #1 – Prepare Your Club

- Decide what you want to accomplish as a club;
- What are your club goals?
- Who are your target members?
- All club members need to be encouraged to recruit new members

#### #2 – Create a Club Growth Plan

- Who will you recruit?
- Where and when will you recruit?
- What materials will you recruit with?
- Hold an informational meeting and determine how you will promote the meeting

#### #3 – Implement your Growth Plan

- Reach out to your target members
- Host the informational meeting
- Follow-up with meeting participants
- Regularly review your club growth plan

#### #4 - Welcome New Members

- Conduct a new member induction ceremony
- Off your new members orientation and mentoring
- Involve your new members

For more complete details on how to increase club membership go to the LCI website and download: JUST ASK! New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs

**Membership** GMT Leader, PDG Lary Garrison: 703 Conway Street, Billings, 59105; 406-855-6997; [lionlarygarrison@gmail.com](mailto:lionlarygarrison@gmail.com).

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

**NOTE: Club presidents and secretaries please remember to submit your Monthly Membership Report (MMR) to LCI.**

## SERVICE

It is extremely important that all clubs appoint a **Club Service Chairperson** for the 2019-2020 Lions year. The chairperson would be responsible for the promotion of club service projects and the reporting of the service projects to LCI.

Club officers need to consider improving basic computer skills especially the use of MyLCI and MyLion. Tutorials are available on the LCI website or contact the district governor and training can be made available to individual club officers.

When searching for or beginning a new project utilize a community need assessment. LCI provides information about the assessment and club officers can download the LCI recommended assessment.

Great areas for service for all clubs in our district include: diabetes, environment, hunger, vision and pediatric cancer/youth.

**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.

**NOTE: Club presidents and secretaries please remember to submit your Monthly Activity Report (MAR) to LCI.**

## 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 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

As Lions we will 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:

[www.lcif.org/BE100](http://www.lcif.org/BE100)

#### A \$100.00 Donation:

- Provides immediate relief to four people in the wake of a natural disaster;
- Provides the measles vaccination to 100 children;
- Provides diabetes screening for 18 at-risk individuals;
- Gives access to clean water for 14 people;
- Feeds 14 disabled, elderly or low-income people;
- Funds two cataract surgeries.

**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).

## **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;

## **LEADERSHIP**

The district will provide **additional training at the district convention** for incoming club presidents, secretaries, treasurers and any other Lion that would like to attend. Training details will be provided as plans are finalized.

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 February.

**Leadership:** GLT Leader, PID Dave Hajny; Box 1489, Ennis, 59729; 406-682-4586; 406-596-4596; [whodat@3rivers.net](mailto:whodat@3rivers.net).

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

## **Leadership in Turbulent Times**

### **Doris Kearns Goodwin**

This summary of leadership thoughts, on transformational leadership, from Teddy Roosevelt was provided by PDG Lary Garrison. Cabinet members, zone/region chairs, club officers might pass this information to other club members. Club officers could use this information in presentations to their clubs.

### **Transformational Leadership**

- Calculate the risks of getting involved;**
- Secure a reliable understanding of the facts, causes, and conditions of the situation;**
- Remain uncommitted in the early stages;**
- Be prepared to re-evaluate options;**
- Assemble a management team;**
- Frame the narrative;**
- Document proceedings;**
- Control the message;**
- Be ready with multiple strategies, prepare contingent plans;**
- Share credit for the successful resolution;**
- Leave a record behind for the future.**

## **USA/CANADA FORUM SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2019**

The 2019 USA/Canada Forum will be held on September 19-21 in Spokane. The forum is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills, provide motivation and educational opportunities, provide an open exchange of ideas and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

For more information contact incoming district governor Verna Love, [vprosgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:vprosgroup@hotmail.com)

## **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.

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)

## **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.

LCI website, [lionsclubsinternational.org](http://lionsclubsinternational.org) The website has a wealth of information available to all Lions: general information, service projects, membership, club improvement, online training, media and news releases, and LCIF.

The Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation website is a great for information regarding the sight, hearing and/or speech impairments, [www.mtlionsshfnd.org](http://www.mtlionsshfnd.org)

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)

## **EMAIL SPECIAL NOTE**

Several Lions have received unwanted emails from outside sources. The email salutation indicates that the email is from a known Lion but if individuals will look at the very top of the email they will find that the email address is not from a known Lion. Do not reply to the email. Contact your internet service provider and they should be able to provide advice as to how to proceed.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Advisory Committee

March 16 – 10:00 AM, Bozeman

Zone Chair/Region Chair and Incoming Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers Training

April 26 – 10:00 AM, Sidney

District Convention

April 26-27 – 8:30 AM, Sidney

USA/Canada Forum

September 19-21 - Spokane

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988-4585; C 406-498-5796; 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

**LIONS: WE SERVE  
PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER INFORMATION  
TO OTHER CLUB MEMBERS**

## DISTRICT VESTS

**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)

