



“Service Through Fellowship”



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District Governor Message

Greetings to the Lions of 37N,

Our year is off to a great start with creative projects and service all over our district. Some examples are showcased in our newsletter this month. Keep those great activity updates coming! We are learning from each other, inspiring our clubs, and changing lives.

However....

We do have a tremendous need that has not been met and I encourage you to see if you can help. We need you to be the leaders within District 37.

Do you have 4 hours per month that you could share?

Would you be willing to communicate with a team?

Please consider the positions below and see if you have an interest to help.

2 Lions for Global Membership Team Member

2 Lions for Global Leadership Team Member

Zone 1 Chairperson (for clubs in Blairmore, Cardston, Claresholm, Coleman, Cowley, Crowsnest Pass, Fort Macleod, Pincher Creek, Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions)

Zone 5 Chairperson (for clubs in Anaconda, Butte Mile-Hi, Deer Lodge, Helena, Helena Gold Rush)

Zone 7 Chairperson (for clubs in Charlo, Hot Springs, Plains, Polson, Ronan, Superior)

And for those with more training, time and leadership skills:

1st Vice District Governor Elect (for nomination at the October Convention)

2nd Vice District Governor Elect (for nomination at the October Convention)

The Lions are calling for service and leadership is service!

I have confidence that our needs will be met. I welcome your calls, emails, Facebook messages, and Tweets on the subject and will be glad to answer your questions to see if a position is a good fit for you. Thank you for your service and your consideration!

Yours in service,

Lion Laura



****Around the District****

July 2012 COWLEY LIONS

TREE PLANTING AND PLAYGROUND

We have recently planted 40 trees at the Castle River Campground. We had a great turnout for this activity and the weather has assisted us greatly in keeping them watered and off to a great start. As reported previously, last summer and this spring, we have installed 13 new camping sites near the Castle River and have installed electricity to approx. 40 sites at the Castle River Campground. Seasonal campers are very thrilled with these additions and comments have been very favorable. The upkeep of the campground has been one of our projects for many years and we are very thankful for the volunteer workers and all of the wonderful donations we have received in such items as gravel, sand, heavy machinery, just to name a few. Without these donations/volunteers, this project would not have turned out as great as it did. We are now working towards repairing and adding new playground equipment at the Campground. The kids whose parents camp their yearly in the summer, asked if they could collect bottles/cans all summer long to put towards the project and this has worked out very well so far. We hope to pursue this project next year if funds permit. We have also been very involved in putting up a new playground in the Village of Cowley. This is an ongoing project, as fencing and a gazebo are next to be installed. The colors of the playground equipment are Purple and Gold (Lion's colors) depicting all the volunteer help, as well as financial help the Cowley Lion's Club have given over the past 2 years. A plaque will be installed on a decorative rock at the playground displaying our involvement in this project. We are currently working on a fundraising project for Sept. 8th at the Rodeo stockade which is next to the Campground site. We will be hosting a Pig Roast Supper at 6 PM, with a dance to follow with one Country and one Rock and Roll band playing alternately from 7 pm to Midnight. Tickets are available from our Cowley Lions members and at various outlets from Pincher Creek to the Crowsnest Pass. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the gate. Dance tickets only will be available at the gate that night. Should be a fun evening!!!



July 2012 KALISPELL SUNRISERS

Pee Wee Baseball Tourney

Sponsor of the oldest tournament of its type in the state of Montana continuously for over 40 years. Over 40 teams this year from Montana, Washington, Idaho and Canada. Raise money selling ads for extensive program. Club's 2nd largest fund raiser.

East Missoula Lions Club

Collected 198 pairs of used eye glasses and 2 hearing aids.



NOT BEEN A CLUB PRESIDENT YET?

A Training Opportunity for Canadian Lions in 37N

We are seeking Lions for the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in Toronto, November 1-4, 2012. Financial assistance for travel is available. Please Contact DG Laura Dickerson for specific information. District 37N already has 3 Lions from Montana attending the session in the United States in September

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute has a focus on building the skills of Lions members for leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president. Candidates must be Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee and who have not yet attained the level of club president. Charter club presidents are also eligible for this institute.

Candidates must be willing to commit to every day of the institute. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$95.00** (or the equivalent in local currency) will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. **Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.





News from the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

Individual Assistance Applications

In calendar year 2011, the MLSH Foundation paid \$37,901.32 to help those in need in the State of Montana.

In the 2012 calendar year the Trustees have given consideration to 36 applications:

26 hearing aids

3 cataract surgeries

3 hearing equipment

2 eye surgeries

1 detached retina

1 keratoconus.

Foundation trustees have paid \$16065.04 so far in calendar year 2012.

(Applications have been received from Missoula, Kalispell, Belgrade, Ronan, Columbia Falls, Lewistown, Great Falls, Winnett, Valier, Bigfork, Somers, Alberton, Billings, Polson, Sidney, Townsend, Whitefish, Hamilton and Livingston)

Highlights of July 21 Trustee Meeting

New Trustee - PDG Bill Pfeifer was seated as a new trustee to replace PDG Mary Kay Flanagan. PDG Mary Kay has moved out of State.

Trustee Vacancy - Foundation trustees are giving consideration to filling 2 additional seats on the board of directors. Several Lions have already expressed an interest and they will be given consideration for the positions. If interested in serving as a trustee send a letter of interest outlining your background as a Lion and what skills and abilities you would bring to the board. Send letters to Lion Dennis Kopitzke.

Election of Officers - The board re-elected PDG Dan Sturdevant, President; ID Dave Hajny, Vice President and PDG Ed Malesich, Secretary.



Old Business

Collection Boxes - Trustees are encouraged to place collection boxes in strategic locations in their communities. PDG Bill Pfeifer and PDG Dan Sturdevant have additional boxes. On July 21, Rhett Tschache presented \$477.00 to the Foundation collected from boxes placed in his stores in Bozeman. Thanks Rhett.

District Conventions - A representative from the Foundation will make an informational presentation at the District 37S and District 37N conventions. An updated version of the Foundation video will be shown. The Foundation will also present contribution awards at the conventions.

Foundation Video/PSA - **The Foundation has an updated video.** PSA have also been created and are being distributed to a variety of media outlets through out the State. If Lions Clubs would like a copy of the video, contact Lion Dennis Kopitzke.

Foundation Newsletter - The Foundation will be mailing the fall edition of our newsletter to every Lion in the State just after Labor Day. The newsletter will contain updated information regarding the Foundation's programs and services and also include registration and/or information about upcoming district conventions.

Individual Assistance Applications

Individual Assistance Application Report. - The report was presented by the administrator and an explanation of the report was given. The report provides current information on the status of outstanding assistance applications.

Trustees gave consideration to 11 applications:

8 hearing aids

1 hearing equipment

1 cataract surgery

1 general eye surgery

Nine applications were approved. Two were not approved (applicants had the financial resources to personally pay). The estimated amount of the grants for the 9 approved applications is: \$16,377.00.

Fundraiser

Trustees approved conducting a fundraiser to help support the Foundation. The Foundation will conduct a raffle with the grand prize a new ATV with trailer. Detailed information will be sent to Lions as it becomes available.



PlusOptix Power Point Presentation

PDG Ed Malesich

PDG Ed Malesich has prepared a Power Point presentation outlining the value of the PlusOptix equipment. Numerous clubs in the State are in the process of purchasing the equipment. PlusOptix can provide an evaluation of an individual's eyesight in approximately 35 seconds. Both eyes are done at the same time. The system will print out data from the procedure. The equipment can be used on individuals from age 6 months and up. If there is a need a referral can be made to an appropriate doctor. Individuals (Lions) can be easily trained to operate the system.

The cost of the system (1 unit) is \$8860.00. If 4 or more units are purchased the cost would be \$7360.00 each. PlusOptix will work with Lions Clubs to make sure clubs get the very best price available and the very best service available.

Clubs/individuals can get a copy of the power point presentation and information on the process that PDG Ed has used to get the community of Butte involved in the use of the PlusOptix equipment by contacting PDG Ed Malesich, 406-723-4689; edsich@bresnan.net. The information will also be posted on the Foundation's website: www.mtlionsshfnd.org

To cover the State of Montana there would be a need for from 6-10 machines. Gallatin Empire Lions Club, Electric City Lions Club, Mile-Hi Lions Club and a club in Missoula have expressed initial interest in acquiring systems. PDG Bill Pfeifer is gathering information to prepare a grant application for LCI funding.