



“Service Through Fellowship”



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District 37N

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District Governor Message

My warmest greetings to the amazing Lions of District 37N!



It is my honor and privilege to serve you as the District Governor for this year.

Lions are people of Fellowship and Service. I will encourage our District to remain strong in these areas to continue to motivate us all in our activities and to strengthen our connections to our “Lions family.”

I look forward to working with you and will work to keep you informed on pertinent information around our District and Multiple District. Here are the main points so far:

- ◆ Facebook and Twitter accounts are now up and running for District 37N Lions.
- ◆ The District Governor is looking for your Tweets and to be “Friended” on her personal accounts on Facebook and Twitter.
- ◆ Innovative use of technology is in the planning stages for the District 37N Convention in October. Please attend, if you can’t, keep your media close so you can follow this event!
- ◆ A new Lions Club is forming in the Eureka area of Montana. They should charter soon and will be called the Tobacco Valley Lions Club.
- ◆ A continued District focus to increase membership in our clubs with less than 20 members. These small, but mighty clubs provide tremendous service, but could do even more with more hands in service.

Thank you for your time and for your service. Your work changes communities and inspires us to see what is possible.

Sincerely,
Lion Laura

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Monte Weisser
1st Vice District Governor

My name is Monte Weisser and I was elected at the Lethbridge convention to fill the vacant position of 2nd Vice District Governor for the remainder of the 2011-2012 Lionistic year for District N. I was born and raised in Missoula and graduated from Missoula Sentinel in 1968. After serving eight years in the Navy aboard submarines, I returned to Missoula to go to the University of Montana (Go Griz!!) and graduated with an Accounting Degree in 1980.

Eventually I ended up in Newcastle, Wyoming and stayed for sixteen years. I was the internal auditor and loans officer for First State Bank. At that time I also joined the Cambria Lions Club eventually serving as president during Newcastle's centennial. Cambria is the name of the local coal mine that serviced trains until the 1920's.

In my time in Wyoming I met two Lions that had a great influence on me: PID Mick Barrus and PID John Daum. With their encouragement and support I served at the district and multiple district level in many posts including membership chairman and zone chairman culminating as District Governor for 15A for the year 1993 - 1994. I also served as president of the Wyoming Lions Foundation and Council Chairman until my resignation from those posts in order to take a position with Three Rivers Bank in Kalispell.

Since my return to Montana I have served at the district level as zone chairman, Leader Dog chairman, and many other posts as needed. I have also chaired a mid winter conference (2003), two district conventions (2007) and currently chairing the upcoming 2012 Convention, and one multiple district convention (2010). I am single. PID Barrus once told me that no one could be without a family and Lions were his family. He was also single his whole life but raised several foster children. I feel the same way and was a Big Brother for 9 years to a great kid name Preston. I also have a yellow lab named Clancy.

I retired from banking in January 2012 and will be able to have the time to serve the Lions of District N. I would like to thank those that voted for me and I will do my best to repay that confidence over the next three years.



OUR TOP BANANAS!

The Kalispell Lions Club celebrated their 70th anniversary on June 25th, with an Anniversary Dinner that honored their exceptional service to the community and provided great Lions fellowship for all. This event also included an awards ceremony for the year's service and installed their new club officers for the coming year.

Outgoing Lion President Rod Gillman presented awards to honor the service of the Kalispell Lions. Lions Jennifer Gietzen and Mike Chamberlain were honored as co-Lions of the Year for their efforts on key service projects for the club. Lion Marian Smart was honored with a PID Gary Tschache Fellowship for her service and dedication to the club's eye care projects for many years.

There is always the challenge in our clubs to honor those Lions who have received multiple awards over the years and continue to demonstrate exceptional service. Lion President Rod found a creative way to honor such a Lion. Lion Curlie Grimlie was awarded the "Top Banana," award in recognition of his involvement in many club projects over the last year.

The evening was completed with the candlelight installation ceremony of the new club officers for the next year. Congratulations to the new club executives:

President: Mike Collins

Vice Presidents: Mike Chamberlain, Cindy Coats and Rick Doran

Secretary: Doug Kalvig

Treasurer: Curlie Grimlie

Membership Co-Chairs: Cindy Coats and Mike Reifenrath

Lion Tamer: Curlie Grimlie

Tail Twister: Rod Gillman

Congratulations to the Kalispell Lions Club
from your Lions family in District 37N!



Lions Curlie Grimlie and Rod Gillman



Lions Marian Smart and Rod Gillman



Lions Jennifer Gietzen, Mike Chamberlain and Rod Gillman



Whitefish Installation of Officers

June 29, 2012

The Whitefish Lions Club installed their new officers for their 4th year of service Friday, June 29th. The club has a unique fellowship tradition of having a family bowling night with a pizza dinner followed by an informal installation ceremony.

Welcome and best wishes to the new Lions officers:

President Greg Shaffer

First Vice President Josh Branstetter

Treasurer Denyne Adams

Secretary Laura Pringnitz

Membership Kim Taylor

Tail Twister Eddie Monday





Welcome to Our New Lions

Crowsnest Pass Lions Club

Keith Allenby

Imad Randy Farrage

Lillian Mann

Marcus Mann

Doris Matthews-Allenby

Redcliff Lions Club

Ryan McNeil

Revitalize Your Club

We often talk of growing membership, but some of our fellow Lions have taken action.

Well done Redcliff Lions for the addition of Lion Ryan McNeil!

However, our Crowsnest Pass Lions Club more than doubled their number with the addition of five new members this month! In one month this club went from four to nine members with the intention of making their club viable and to continue their important service to their community.

The Crowsnest Pass Lions Club have set the bar very high for us and challenge us all to ask the important question: **“Would you like to join our Lions Club?”**

Lions Links:

District 37N Lions: <http://e-district.org/sites/37n/index.php>

Multiple District 37 Lions: <http://www.md37lions.org/>

Lions Clubs International: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/>

USA/Canada Forum: <http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org/>

Lions Quarterly Video Magazine: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/lq-view.php?id=25>

Lions Clubs International Foundation : <http://www.lcif.org/>

International President's Theme: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/international_theme_highlights.pdf



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July, 2012

Dear Lions, Lioness, Leos and Friends,

I wish to personally invite you to attend our District 37N Convention in Kalispell. I wish to extend the warm Lions welcome of our Convention Committee, our Zone 8 membership and myself.

We will precede our Convention with a Council of Governors meeting on October 11th and 12th. Then we will gather for our social on the night of October 12 with the Oktoberfest Theme. I have heard rumor of a "best stein" competition and we will have our local polka band add to the festivities.

The business session will begin Saturday morning, October 13 and be followed by guest speakers that will focus on vision related issues such as Diabetes, Grave's Disease, and the Plus Optix visions screen, among others. Our banquet will be held in the evening. We are pleased and honored to have International Director Mark and Lion Jane Hintzmann as our International Guests for this Convention!

Lion Chuck and I hope that you enjoy your stay with us. Stay tuned to the District 37N website and Newsletter for specific scheduling information regarding speakers and timelines as it becomes available.

Safe travels,

DG Laura Dickerson





**Lions Clubs International
District 37N Convention
Oct 12, & 13, 2012
Kalispell, Montana**

Name:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Companion:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:		Email/Fax:

Registration (Received by Sept 24 th , 2012)	_____	X	\$90.00 =	_____
Late Registration (Received after Sept 24 th , 2012)	_____	X	\$110.00 =	_____
Non Registered Companion Banquet – Saturday Evening	_____	X	\$25.00 =	_____
*Registration includes Friday Social, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Banquet				Total = _____

Cash Check Money Order Credit Card - VISA MC

ALL MONIES ARE IN U.S. FUNDS

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

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Signature _____

*Please note: Your card will show a charge to MD 37 Lions Clubs. US credit cards may be charged a \$12-\$15 international transaction fee by your bank.

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You are responsible for your own Hotel/Motel Reservations

Convention Headquarters is the Red Lion Hotel. 20 North Main St, Kalispell, MT 59901
Tel: 800-733-5486 or 406-751-5050. Room Rates in the Lions Block are \$79.95 Plus Tax per night (includes breakfast). (Rooms on hold until 9/12/2012)

Refund Policy: If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund if written request is received prior to Sept 24th, 2012. Refunds may be allowed within a 30-day period after the convention provided the Lion contacts the host committee and a written application is made to the C.A.C. through the District Governor and Club President.

Please bring a auction item to benefit Lions of Alberta Foundation or Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.



USA/CANADA Leadership Forum

The **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** will be held in Tampa Bay, Florida this September. You can view the available training sessions and access the enrollment form in the **Lions Links** section of the newsletter. This is an outstanding training opportunity for club members.

Trying for Twenty

Is your club willing to work to increase membership? The top three clubs in District 37N will be recognized and rewarded by the District for reaching the 20 member status based on their percentage of growth. These clubs will receive awards, prizes and be nominated for the Club Rebuilding Award through LCI! Of course, you don't have to stop at 20 members!

Reading Action Program:

As part of this year's "[A World of Service](#)" theme, International President Wayne Madden is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through their service. Literacy -- the ability to read and write-- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them. The Reading Action Program is a call to action for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the [importance of reading](#) and address specific needs related to illiteracy within their own community.



Global Service Campaign:



August – [Engaging our Youth](#)

Invite Leos and youth in your area to help organize and participate in a service project. Projects may include school or community facility cleanups or a visit to a home for senior citizens or a children's hospital. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project enables them to learn skills while emphasizing the role of service.

Wayne Madden International President



Wayne Madden, of Auburn, Indiana, USA, was elected to serve as president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 95th International Convention, held in Busan, Korea June 22-26, 2012.

Vice President Madden owns an insurance agency. He is an insurance agent and a certified insurance counselor.

A member of the Auburn Lions Club since 1984, Vice President Madden has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, state council chairperson and district governor. In addition, he is a past president of the Indiana Lions Foundation. He served as a District Governor-elect Seminar faculty member five times and as Campaign Sight-First II sector coordinator for Multiple District 25.

In recognition of his service to the association, Vice President Madden has received many awards, including the 100% Club President

Award, Life Membership in the Association, the Senior Master Key Award, four Extension Awards, an International President's Leadership Medal, eight International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Charter W.P. Woods Fellow, a Kentucky Colonel, a Duke of Paducah, a Helen Keller Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In 2008, he was recognized for his humanitarian service by the governor of Indiana as a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the governor can bestow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Vice President Madden has been active in numerous professional and community organizations.

Vice President Madden and his wife, Linda, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and five grandchildren.

****NOTE! Deadline to submit pictures, articles and other information for the District Governor***

Newsletter is the 15th of each month.