



### Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Vision Screening Project

Hello Lions:

I want to take a few minutes and provide you with an update on the efforts regarding the Vision Screening Project, using the Plusoptix Vision Screening Devices. While the project is being spearheaded by the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, the real work is being accomplished by the Lions in their local communities. Lions are presently performing vision screenings at schools, day cares, and local head start locations. This has resulted in over 2,000 youngsters being screened so far and the project is just getting started. Children as young as 5 months can be safely and easily screened using the devices.

At this time there are 12 devices within the State from Baker on the East side to Missoula and Kalispell on the West side. This is a result of Clubs making a commitment to this project and a successful matching grant from LCIF. The funding provided by LCIF provided enough funding to purchase four devices. This has helped to jump start the program across the state. Now Clubs are funding devices and getting the training and setting up vision screening within their communities. The most recent example of this is Lion Anna Griffith from the Baker Lions. While attending the District 37S Cabinet meeting (26 Jan) she took the time to attend the scheduled training for the Great Falls Lions and made the decision to purchase a device to be used to screen children in the eastern portion of the State.

It is that kind of enthusiasm that Lion Jayne and I have seen as we continue working this project with a variety of Clubs around the State. During the week of January 13, we conducted training or assisted with screening/training at Belgrade, Helena, Missoula, Lolo and Great Falls. At each of these locations the Lions involved were amazed at how quick the actual screenings were accomplished or in the case of training how quick and easy it was to learn to use the equipment and practice screening other Lions. All of this has combined to make the training and screenings thoroughly enjoyable. Towards that end Jayne and I have been demonstrating the screening devices and providing support and/or training as needed. We even travelled to District 37O's convention to do a presentation on the vision screening devices. Thanks DG Bruce for the invite!

In February Lion Jayne and I have scheduled training at Huntley, Laurel, Baker, and Billings and have setup a potential screening in the Gallatin Valley at the Three Forks School. We're also coordinating with Seeley Lake Lions to do the training for the screening device that that Club purchased.

Finally, as the project gathers momentum we need to keep in mind the need to maintain some data. This is helpful for a couple of reasons. First, Montana Lions need to ensure that we capture and establish as well as maintain accomplishment data for the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Second by gathering data it will help to ensure that the project leaders are able to coordinate the needed coverage for the entire state. Lastly, we need to provide data to LCIF as it relates to our accomplishments and the specifically to the grant that both Districts were able to use in procuring the vision screening devices.

Lion Jayne and I continue to be committed to this project and to seek additional funding to keep this project moving forward. We have been successful in getting not only the LCIF grant, but grants from various foundations and organizations throughout the State of Montana to help with funding the purchase of screening devices, and the accessories that are need to make this project a success.

If you have any questions or comments, my contact information is Lion Bill Pfeifer, 218 Dogwood Drive, PO Box 831, Bozeman, MT 59771, e-mail [ogeez@optimum.net](mailto:ogeez@optimum.net) or 406-580-6442 or 406-209-2083.

***Warner Show 'n Shine***

***Warmer weather is around the corner with this community gathering sponsored by the Warner Lions Club. Mark your calendars for this great event:***

**Lions Club of Warner 2nd Annual Show & Shine**

**Sunday, September 1, 2013**

**Registration: 9:00 A.M – 12:00 PM**

**Show & Shine: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**CRUISE**

**Lethbridge to Warner Rodeo Grounds**

**Depart at 9:00 AM from a location TBD**

**SWAP MEET/FLEA MARKET**

**Registration: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM**

**Vendor Fee: \$10.00 (bring your own table and shade)**

**Open 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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Lions Clubs International  
Multiple District 37 Convention  
May 17 & 18, 2013  
Helena, Montana



Name:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Companion:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Mailing address: Street: City: Postal/Zip Code:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

**Please fill in ALL boxes above as this data is required.**

Registration (Received by April 1, 2013)	x \$100.00 =	
Late Registration (Received by April 15, 2013)	x \$110.00 =	
On Site Registration (May 5, 2013 or later)	x \$120.00 =	
Non Registered Companion Awards Banquet – Friday	x \$ 40.00 =	
Non Registered Companion Governors' Banquet – Saturday	x \$ 40.00 =	
Non Registered Companion Lunch – Saturday	x \$ 21.00 =	
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	

Registration includes Saturday Lunch and Friday & Saturday Banquets.

**Special Diet/Allergies:** Please specify – Diabetic  Vegetarian  Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Check  Money Order  Credit Card – VISA  MasterCard

**All Monies are in U.S. Funds**

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail to:**  
MD37 Convention  
1215 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Helena, MT 59601

**Contact:**  
Lion Wayne Hintz  
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**Make checks payable to: MD 37 Convention**

**All Lions are responsible for their own Hotel/Motel reservations.**

Convention Headquarters: Red Lion Colonial Hotel – 2301 Colonial Drive Phone: 1-800-733-5466 or 406-443-2100. Room rates in the Lions block are \$100 plus taxes per night. (Rooms on hold until May 3, 2013).

**Refund Policy:** If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund will be issued only if written request is received prior to April 19, 2013. 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 Council Chair through the District Governor and Club President.

**Other Accommodations:**

Howard Johnson – 2101 East 11<sup>th</sup>. Ave Helena, MT 406-443-2300 Rates: from \$70 plus taxes.  
Helena Super 8 – 2200 11<sup>th</sup>. Ave. Helena, MT 800-800-8000 or 406-443-2450 Rates: from \$57 plus taxes.  
Fairfield Inn – 2150 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Helena, MT (406) 449-9944 Rates: from \$94 plus taxes

**Camping:**

Lincoln Road RV Campground Starting at \$36.00/night full service plus tax

**Attractions:**

Are on your own. Guidebook will be included in your registration package.

**Silent Auction:**

A silent auction will be held. Please ensure that your club brings at least one (1) silent auction item. Funds raised will be donated to Montana Sight & Hearing Foundation, Lions Eye Research Foundation (Edmonton) and Lions Eye Centre (Calgary)

**Theme:**

Wild Wild West, bring your western gear and prepare to cowboy up for a good time!



## Call For Nominations from the Canadian Lions of MD 37

At our MD 37 District Convention to be held in Helena, Montana on May 17 – 18, 2013, there will be an election for the following office:

- Alberta Provincial Director for Lions Foundation of Canada (Dog Guides) for 2014 – 2017.

Nominations for this position are to be received by the MD 37 Office on or before March 1, 2013. They can be sent by email to [cst.tim@gapproductions.com](mailto:cst.tim@gapproductions.com) or mailed to MD 37 Office, 147 Rocky Ridge Bay NW, Calgary, AB, T3G 4E7

The following are the qualification for the position for you information:

### ARTICLE 5 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS

**Section 1:** To qualify as a Candidate for Provincial Director on the Lions Foundation of Canada Board, he or she must;

- (a) Be a Lion in good standing; and
- (b) Any one of the following:
  - (i) Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the Provincial Director
  - (ii) Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the District Governor
  - (iii) Served as the Multiple District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the Council Chairman
  - (iv) Has served as District Governor, and has participated in the Lions Foundation of Canada's orientation program;
  - (v) Has served as a Representative, appointed by the Lions Foundation of Canada Board promoting and supporting one of the Lions Foundation of Canada projects.
- (c) It shall be the duty of the sitting Director to advise the selecting body of the qualifications required to be nominated as a Provincial Director.

### Section 2:

- (a) All nominations as a candidate for the position of Provincial Director shall come as the result of whatever process has been adopted by each individual province for selection of its Provincial Director, and all such nominations, together with a resume of the candidate's Qualifications, including but not limited to his/her Business Experience, Community Activity, Lionistic Record and Current Involvement, must be received at the Foundation's Head Office in Oakville, on or before December 31st, of the year immediately preceding the year the Director would be elected to office.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the current Director to notify the Corporation in writing of the name and address of the candidate for Director for his or her Province &/or Territory.

**Section 3:** All nominations received by Lions Foundation of Canada for the position of Provincial Director are subject to final approval, without prejudice by the Board of Directors of the Lions Foundation of Canada provided the nominee meets the qualifications set out in Section #1. Such approval shall be at the mid-winter meeting held each year. (See Policy Manual: Appendix 1, for Provincial Selection Procedures).

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Canadian Diabetes Association presents Outstanding National Partnership Award to Lions Club International Canada**

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA (October 22, 2012)** – The Canadian Diabetes Association has presented Lions Club International Canada with the 2012 Outstanding National Partnership Award. This prestigious national award recognizes partners in any sector that have worked with the Association on a national level to contribute to the organization’s mission, creating a significant outcome.

The mission of Lions Club International is to conquer and support blindness, the leading cause of which is diabetes. The Lions have made a formal commitment to conduct and support local and large-scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications.

Lions Club International Canada was named recipient of the 2012 Outstanding National Partnership Award in recognition of their loyalty and tremendous contributions to the Canadian Diabetes Association, particularly in the areas of fundraising and volunteerism. For many years, the Lions have been a service club upon which the Association can rely to raise funds, support diabetes camps and the children who attend them, and raise awareness of diabetes. In Saskatchewan alone, the Lions have raised over \$1 million on behalf of the Association.

“Lions Club International Canada is a very worthy recipient of this year's Outstanding National Partnership Award. It seems that in any part of the country, whenever the Canadian Diabetes Association is in need of support, we can rely on the Lions,” said Fred DeFina, Director, Community Giving, Canadian Diabetes Association. “Lions clubs all across the country work tirelessly to raise funds and awareness for the Canadian Diabetes Association. Their support is significant and is an important part of the Association's ability to help make a difference in the lives of people with diabetes.”

“The Canadian Diabetes Association is thrilled to formally acknowledge the outstanding work of our volunteers and supporters through our national awards program. Volunteers are critical to the success of our mission delivery,” said Michael Cloutier, President & CEO of the Canadian Diabetes Association. “Lions Club International Canada has demonstrated a true dedication to making a difference in the lives of more than nine million Canadians who are living with diabetes or prediabetes. On behalf of the Association, I’d like to congratulate the Lions for their tremendous contributions and express our sincere appreciation for all those who were nominated.”

Lions Club International Canada was recognized at the Association’s National Awards Presentation recently held in Vancouver. The event is held in conjunction with the Canadian Diabetes Association’s Professional Conference and National Annual General Meeting. The 15th Annual Canadian Diabetes Association and Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism Professional Conference brings together more than 2,000 leading diabetes clinicians, researchers and educators from across Canada and around the world to share their knowledge, ideas and experiences on diabetes.

The conference serves as an important opportunity to collaborate and share the latest ground-



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**RECIPIENT**

Name of Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Print name clearly as it should appear on the plaque

Is recipient a Lion? Yes

No

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, Province, Postal Code

Check here if the recipient is to be named later

**DONOR**

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Is recipient a Lion? Yes  No

If yes, provide Lionistic affiliation

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is from (check one):

Club  District  Individual  MD

Club No: \_\_\_\_\_

District No: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION**

Please enclose your donation of \$500.00 payable to: STARS Foundation

Cheque

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Money Order

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Card Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS**

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## 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](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/international_theme_highlights.pdf)

Leader Dog Newsletter, The Mane Event: [leaderdog.org/lions/reports](http://leaderdog.org/lions/reports).

LFC Guide Dogs Newsletter: <http://www.dogguides.com/newsletters.html>