



“Service Through Fellowship”



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District 37N

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District Governor Message



Greetings to my friends in service!

Thank you all for your outstanding work in our District and farther abroad. The Lions of 37N have had a productive summer as we close our first quarter of the Lionistic year. It is my sincere hope that you have taken the time for a pit stop to keep your hearts nurtured and your hands focused in the best of service to our communities.

Thank you to the Lions leaders who have stepped forward since last month. I appreciate your strong response to the call of leadership and look forward to an amazing year.

Welcome to our 11 new Lions members district wide this month! We are a strong, dynamic and positive association that is attractive to new members.

In this edition of our newsletter you will find the projects that have been shared in your monthly activity reports. Big thanks to those hard working club secretaries for taking the time to share this tremendous service with all of us.

At present, we are 1175 Lions among our 54 Lions Clubs in District 37. I hope to hear you roar in Kallispell at our Convention, October 12 and 13. We need you there to tend the business of our great District through the election process, to share in the fellowship and grow in knowledge of available resources to bring back to your clubs.

Enjoy!

Lion Laura Dickerson

See You At the DISTRICT 37N Convention

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District Governor Schedule

09/04/12	Helena Lions Club
09/06/12	Helena Gold Rush Lions Club
09/10/12	Kalispell Sunriser's Lions Club
09/13/12	Lolo Lions Club
09/17/12	Polson Lions Club
09/18/12	Kalispell Lions Club
	Evergreen Lions Club
09/20/12	Columbia Falls Lions Club
09/21/12	Redcliff Lions Club
	Medicine Hat Lions Club
	Medicine Hat Community View Lions Club
09/26/12	Whitefish Lions Club Community Garden Harvest
09/27/12	Whitefish Lions Club Celebration Luncheon
	Seeley Lake Lions Club
09/28/12	District 37 S Convention, Havre
10/02/12	Ronan Lions Club
10/10/12	MD Council of Governors Meeting
10/12/12	District 37 N Convention—Kalispell, Mt.
10/14/12	District 37 N Cabinet Meeting
10/15/12	Missoula Lions Club
10/16/12	Hamilton Lions Club
	Hellgate Lions Club
10/17/12	Missoula Southside Lions Club
10/17/12	East Missoula Lions Club
10/26/12	District 37 I Convention—Rimbey, AB
11/02/12	District 37 L Convention—Edmonton, AB
11/13/12	Enchant Lions Club
	Taber Lions Club
	Vauxhall Lions Club
	Taber Lioness Club
12/04/12	Lethbridge Lions Club
	Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions Club
	Lethbridge Lakeview Lions Club

Don't forget to bring a donated item from your Lions Club for the Silent Auction at the District 37N Convention in Kalispell!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW GUIDING LIONS!

The Helena Gold Rush Guiding Lions held a Guiding Lions workshop for their club. Welcome and best wishes for success to our new membership team!

Lions Ron and Marjorie Engdahl

Lions Mike and Georgia Heffner

Lion Steven Hirsch

Scott Marshall

Lion Don Gilbert

Lion Tom Naegele

Lions Jim and Glenna Obie



WAIT FOR IT. . .

Stay tuned to the next edition to see what our Whitefish Lions are up to at the end of September.

ZONE Chairs



**New Lions Leaders on Board
Welcome to our newest Zone Chairs**

Jerry Bishop, Zone 4
Bow Island
Brooks
Irvine and District
Medicine Hat
Medicine Hat Community View
Redcliff

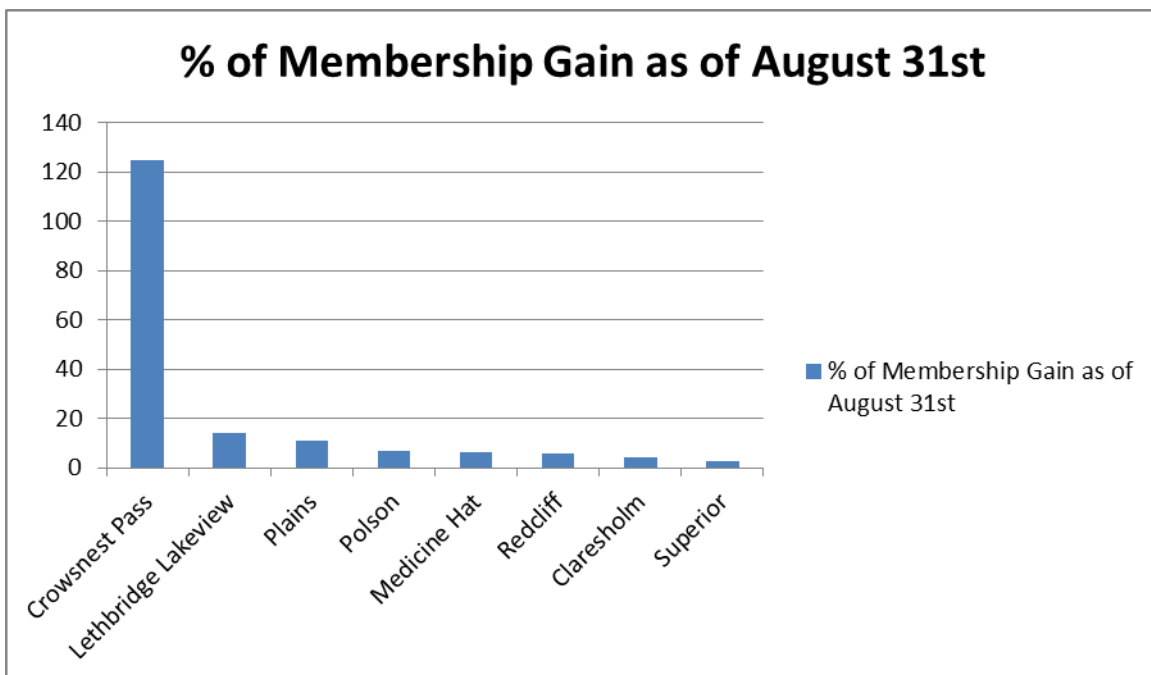
**And
Dan Sturdevant, Zone 5**

Anaconda
Butte Mile-Hi
Deer Lodge
Helena
Helena Gold Rush

**Thank you for your service and best wishes
for a great year!**

Well done to the clubs with highest percentages of growth this year!

Welcome to our 16 new Lions from our District 37N fellowship!





**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 _____
 Name on Card _____
 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.



District 37N Convention Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

- 5-7 PM Registration & Certification
- 6-9 PM - Oktoberfest theme, food & live music
- 9 PM - Live Auction starts
- 9:30 PM Silent Auction ends

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

- 7 AM to Noon -Registration and Certification
- 8:00 - Opening Ceremonies
 - Invocation
 - Flag Ceremony
 - National Anthems and Lions Pledge
 - Welcomes - DG Laura Dickerson
 - Mayor Tammy Fisher
- 8:30 - Business Session
 - Official Protocol
 - Rules of the Convention
 - Nominations
 - First Convention Report
- 9:15 - **Montana Lions S & H Foundation** - Dennis Kopitzke
- Lions of Alberta Foundation** - Wayne Robinson
- Plusoptix** - Michael Wright
- 11: 00 MEMORIAL SERVICE
- 11:30 VOTING
- NOON - LUNCH
- 1:30 Jennifer Troup - **Diabetes Awareness**
- Steve Weber - **Graves' Disease**
- Bruce Gibson - **DREAM**
- BEAR PIT SESSION**
- ID Hintzmann meets with Club Presidents**
- 6 PM - NO HOST COCKTAIL HOUR
- 7 PM - BANQUET

Have you registered for the District 37N Convention? Please join us and bring your best polka shoes!



Projects Around the District

Claresholm Lions

Claresholm Fly In

On August 18 the club organized a fly in at our local airport. As this was our first time to attempt this event, we were pleased to see such good attendance both from private pilots and the community. Club members pitched in to cook a great pancake breakfast for about 180. Other club members provided parking assistance and all of the other tasks needed for such an event.

Eureka-Tobacco Valley Lions

Beef Raffle

1st fundraiser to start our newest club in their quest to provide service in the greater Tobacco Valley area.

Medicine Hat Lions

Gear Up!

Collection of gently used equipment for sports for kids aged 6 - 12 for indoor soccer, minor hockey and ringette. We are partnering with a number of other groups (sports groups listed above, the City, Jumpstart, and Kidsport, to ensure that kids have the equipment they need to participate!

Plains Lions

Lions Wading Pool

Members take turns maintaining the pool and equipment. This takes one to two hours per day to ensure proper sanitation and water levels

Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions

Vista Village Family Banquet

Helped serve a banquet at assisted living facility.

Claresholm Lions

Donation to Claresholm Teen Center

The club donated \$5000 to the Claresholm teen center. This will assist the center with their operating costs. The teen center currently serves 110 - 120 teens within the ages of 14 - 18.

Lolo Lions

Playground Project

Planning work is going forward for a community playground with engineering in place and other community stakeholders participating in planning and funding of the project



Seeley Lake Lions

Selling lunch

We were invited by the local Artisan group to sell lunch during their fundraiser, an "upscale-yard sale". Sandwiches, chips and pop or water were sold with Lions keeping any profit made.

Medicine Hat Lions

Purchase of equipment to do vision screenings

We are purchasing a piece of equipment that will enable us to do vision screenings in schools, etc in our community. This equipment will also travel with one of our Lions members to Mexico this fall/winter to do vision screenings there! The cost of the equipment and accessories is approximately \$10,000!



In Case of Emergency:

Did you know that emergency grant is available through LCIF? Club Presidents should contact the District Governor immediately to start this process when you have an emergency that:

- Requires food, water, clothing, medical supplies, blankets and cleaning supplies that are not available from other agencies.

Emergency grants do not provide direct cash assistance to disaster victims or take the place of government or insurance efforts.

NETCAST

September 26, 2012,
7-8pm (CDT)

Preparing for October Growth
with Panelists:

PID Yamandu Acosta (USA)
PID Terry Graham (Canada)
Lion Carol Alderson (Australia)

Use the link below to register
for this valuable networking and
learning resource.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/membership-communication/membership-netcasts.php>



TOP 10 Walks

These Walks raised the most for the 2012 Purina® Walk for Dog Guides

1. Southern Alberta \$83,911.43
District 37 N Alberta
2. Toronto West \$72,653.96
District A 711 Ontario
3. Oakville \$47,972.49
District A 711 Ontario
4. Calgary \$25,539.17
District 37 O Alberta
5. Newcastle \$16,129.39
District A 3 Ontario
6. Saskatoon \$15,615.69
District 5 SKN
Saskatchewan
7. Toronto Harbourfront \$15,227.36
District A 711 Ontario
8. Ottawa \$14,753.82
District A 4 Ontario
9. Brooklin \$12,748.00
District A 16 Ontario
10. Kitchener Waterloo \$12,346.00

Congratulations to the Lions of District 37N Southern Alberta for being the top fundraisers in this year's efforts for Guide Dogs!

\$83,911.43