



“Service Through Fellowship”

April 2014



District Governor Message

Greetings to Lions, Lioness, and Leos!

It is now April and spring is here! This means it is now time to determine your club officers for next year if you have not already done so. The PU 101 form is due to LCI by May 15th. It is important that all clubs submit it on time so that the incoming District Governor can put together the directory in a timely manner. Club officer training will be in Seeley Lake on June 7th. So please fill out the registration form attached to this newsletter and get it in as soon as possible. The Seeley Lake Lions have scheduled some social activities to make the training fun as well as educational. Every Lion is welcome to attend and there is **no cost** to the attendees.

I have completed 47 of my 51 club visits with Butte, Deer Lodge, and Anaconda scheduled for April 22nd and Vauxhall scheduled for May 28th. As with my previous term as DG in Wyoming 20 years ago, I have found there are as many ways to serve a community as there are clubs. Each does things a little differently, but the goal is the same: to serve our communities in the best way possible. I would like to thank each club that I have visited for the warm hospitality shown to me and also their generosity to my charities of choice.

All districts have had their conventions and have passed the redistricting proposal by the required two-thirds margins. One more vote is needed at the Multiple District Convention in May. It is expected that it will pass. The council met March 1st and 2nd to create the proposal. It is being reviewed by council members and advisors and a final version will be approved in Calgary to be submitted to LCI in July. The Montana Past District Governor's Association has been meeting periodically to begin the transition to a single district and the District Governors in Canada have been in touch with each other on the process for their side of the border. If you are interested in participating in the process please contact me or VDG Pauline Cooper as appropriate.

Don't forget the Multiple District Convention in Calgary, May 1st and 2nd. It's not too late to register.

DG Monte Weisser

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LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, June 7th, 2014

**SULLIVAN MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL,
3248 HIGHWAY 89 NORTH, SEELEY LAKE, MT**

Assembly at 9 am, Wrap up at 4 pm

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING REGISTRATION

Name (Lion, Lioness, Leo)
Club
Address
City
ZIP/Postal Code
Phone
E-mail
Club Officer Training Session (see below for choices)

**TRAINING SESSIONS: ~ Club President ~ Secretary ~ Treasurer ~ Zone Chairman ~ PlusOptix
Eye Screening**

IMPORTANT: Please send registration to Lions Gary & Cheryl Lewis **before May 31, 2014**

Send Registration Form to: P.O. Box 523, Seeley Lake, MT 59868

*****SPONSORED BY THE SEELEY LAKE LIONS CLUB AND LIONS DISTRICT N - THERE WILL BE
NO COST TO THE PARTICIPANTS*****

Please contact Lions Gary and Cheryl Lewis

by email at slk3018@blackfoot.net

or call 406-677-2829 (HOME)

406-677-4072 (GARY'S CELL)

406-677-4041 (CHERYL'S CELL)

Number of people attending with you (for food and refreshments) _____

**ACTIVITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SPOUSES AND GUESTS DURING THE TRAINING: A
SOCIAL AND BARBECUE WILL FOLLOW THE TRAINING**

ACCOMMODATIONS: SEELEY LAKE LIONS CLUB MEMBERS ARE PLEASED TO OFFER OVERNIGHT HOUSING FREE OF CHARGE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN CONTACT THE SEELEY LAKE MOTOR LODGE AT 406-677-2336 FOR RESERVATIONS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

9:30 - 10:00 AM - COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

10:00 - NOON - OFFICERS TRAINING

NOON - 1:00 - LUNCH PROVIDED, ON SITE

1:00 - TRAINING RESUMES

4:00 - WRAP UP

5:00 - SOCIAL HOUR AND BARBECUE, HOSTED BY THE SEELEY LAKE LIONS CLUB - EVERYONE'S INVITED!

OFFERED IN A CLASSROOM SETTING, ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL PARTAKE IN ALL TRAINING SESSIONS. PLAN TO STAY OVERNIGHT TO ENJOY THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OFFERED AS WELL, INCLUDING THE BARBECUE, PONTOON BOAT RIDES, GOLF, HIKING AND MORE!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Convention Calendar

Multiple District 37 Convention	Calgary, AB	May 2 -3, 2014
International Convention	Toronto, ON	July 4 -8, 2014
District 37N Convention	Butte, MT	Nov. 7 - 8, 2014
Multiple District 37 Convention	Bozeman, MT	April 17 - 18, 2015
International Convention	Honolulu, HI	June 26 - 30, 2015
International Convention	Fukoku, Japan	June 24 -28, 2016
International Convention	Chicago, IL	June 30 - July 4, 2017



ATV/TRAILER OR CASH RAFFLE
Delivered Anywhere in Montana

Drawing May 3, 2014

Win a 2014 Sportsman 570 and trailer or \$4000.00

Support the Foundation & your Lions Club by purchasing raffle tickets.

Clubs receive 25% rebate on all ticket sales

Ticket prices: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Send ticket stubs, funds or request for tickets to: Lion Dennis Kopitzke

Box 1266; Forsyth, MT 59327; djk_7491@rangeweb.net

Make Checks payable to: Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

If Lions would like to purchase additional tickets, send funds to Lion Dennis Kopitzke; tickets will be prepared, stubs entered into the drawing, ticket receipts will be returned.

Contact Foundation trustees for additional tickets or to deposit tickets and funds. Please pass this information to other club members.



*Montana Lions
Sight & Hearing Foundation*

Lion Dennis Kopitzke, Administrator
Box 1266; Forsyth, MT 59327; 406-346-1488
djk_7491@rangeweb.net www.mtlionsshfnd.org

March 22, 2014

Lions Clubs and Lions:

Is your Lions club or a Lion in your club planning on purchasing a Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions Clubs International Foundation?

Why not purchase it with a check, \$750.00, made out to the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

The Foundation has a trustee with a substantial unused balance at LCIF who would be willing to use the outstanding balance to help you purchase a Melvin Jones Fellowship. For only \$750.00, payable to the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, you can acquire a Melvin Jones Fellowship for a deserving club member.



There are only 18 fellowships available so first come, first served. Send the payment and the name of the recipient to PID Tom Lehman; 1045 Anglers Bend Way; Missoula, 59802 or tjlehman@g.com. PID Tom will take care of all the associated paperwork. This is a great opportunity to acquire a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a great way to honor a deserving Lion.

Thanks for supporting the Foundation.

Yours in Lionism,

Dennis Kopitzke

Lion Dennis Kopitzke



**TAKE A STAND FOR
YOUR
MONTANA LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION**

March 22, 2014

Dear Lions:

I need your help!

Due to the increasing notoriety of our Foundation we are expending more money, to help those in need, than ever before. Because of this, we are rapidly facing budget shortfalls and the very disheartening reality of having to turn those in need, away.

The best way to help our Foundation is through our license plate program. *Anyone* can support our Foundation by putting our specialized license plates on their vehicle!

For every license plate sold, the Foundation receives \$20.00 each time the registration is renewed, until the plate is changed or the vehicle is retired.

Because of the urgency of our needs, the Foundation board has voted unanimously to launch "Take a Stand" license plate campaign. The campaign will run through May 1, 2014.

For every 25 plates your club sells, you will be eligible for a PID Fellowship. Please let me know how many plates your club will commit to selling as I will be posting results on our web page and in our newsletter.

Let's all "Take a Stand" for our Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation!

If you have questions or concerns please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dennis Kopitzke

Lion Dennis Kopitzke

Kalispell Lions Club



Jeril Ren was honored as Montana Highway Patrolman of the year by Kalispell Lions Club members. He is pictured with MHP Captain Steve Lavin of the Kalispell District and Mike Chamberlain, Lions Club president.

Columbia Falls Lions Club

Pete Darling was named Citizen of the Year by Columbia Falls Lions Club. He has been a resident since moving to Columbia Falls with his parents in 1929.

Childhood memories including going to Woodlawn Cemetery with family members and spending the day cleaning graves at Woodlawn Cemetery. It remained a ganged mass of weeds through the years. Pete has volunteered thousands of hours at the cemetery through the years. It was taken into Flathead County and he served as secretary-treasurer. Upgrading the area, including a water system through the City of Columbia Falls, only paved streets in Columbia Falls for a number of years, and landscaping were all part of Darling's interest and diligence. Board members even located graves without tombstones and made concrete markers for each.

Woodlawn Cemetery now provides an attractive entrance on the west side of Columbia Falls adjacent to Highway 40.

Medicine Hat Lions Club

Dear Medicine Hat Lions Club,

I (Jill Droogers) would like to touch base with you to extend a very big and heart-felt "Thank You" to you and your club for sponsoring our Autism Dog Guide dog ... Verdi!

This past Friday, I returned home to High River, Alberta, with the service dog for our son Joel. Joel was diagnosed April 2012 with Autism. He is a runner and is non-verbal. Today he is a very smart 4 (almost 5) year old, but still has very few words. As you can see by the pictures he loves technology and we hope it will help Joel better communicate better in the future. But we still had the fear of Joel running away or bolting without us knowing. Also with his limited speech, we see that it is hard for Joel to make friends and is also often alone. So we applied for a Dog Guide Service Dog. We have been told that the bonding process will take 6 months to a year but as you can see from the pictures, we already see some bonding happening. Joel is never alone any more, he has a shadow and a loyal friend. Soon we hope Joel will take to being tethered to Verdi, but this will take time too. By the fall of 2015 we hope to send Joel and Verdi to 1st grade together. Hopefully they will learn to support each other and succeed in Joel's educational career.

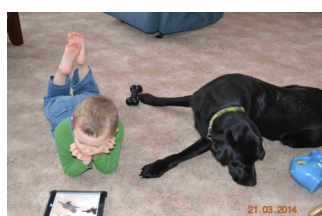
Again, we would like to say thank you for supporting a Dog Guide. Without your support, getting Verdi would not have been possible and life would be different or limited for Joel. But now he will have an unconditional friend and we (his parents, Paul & Jill) will have the confidence that Joel will be safe as long as Verdi is with him.

We hope to come and visit Medicine Hat soon and would like to personally thank you for your sponsorship of Verdi. My husband, Paul, is the pastor of the High River Christian Reformed Church. We just moved to Alberta from Sarnia, Ontario, in August of 2011 and we are still checking out what the province has to offer and the "Albertian way of life". But please let us know if or when you would be open for visitors. Weekends are a little tough for us (due to Paul having to preach on Sundays) but we really would love to come and visit. And maybe we could wait until the snow is gone so the roads would be nicer to drive upon. But please keep in touch with us.

Again, we would like to offer our heart felt thanks for your support of Dog Guides Canada. Without you and your support, getting a service dog would not be possible for us and especially for Joel.

Thank you again,

Paul, Jill, Kees, Steven, Joel and Verdi Droogers





**MD 37 LIONS CAVALCADE for DIABETES AWARENESS
2014 REGISTRATION FORM**

June 6 to 7, 2014 – Sylvan Lake, Alberta

<http://www.md37lionscavalcade.org/>

Name of Lion, Lioness, Leo or Guest _____ Club/District _____ Email _____

Will be participating in Lions Cavalcade Parade: Yes _____ No _____

Information re Parade staging area will be provided at registration table in Sylvan Lake Lions Hall, 5119-50a Ave, Sylvan Lake AB.

There will be a Diabetes Awareness Presentation by Canadian Diabetes Association at 10:30 AM

Parade marshalling will be done between 12 and 2 PM(lunch is on your own)
Parade starts at 2:00 PM, Please bring **decorations and Club signs** for your vehicles.

Will be staying for Saturday Meal: Yes ____ No ____ # of people ____

Cost for Saturday Meal: Adults: \$ 20.00 each, Children (6 – 11 years old) \$ 5.00 each

Tickets for meals may be purchased by cheque made payable to:
Sylvan Lake Lions Club.

For catering purposes we **must have your paid registration** by no later than **May 17, 2014.**

DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION ON FRIDAY and SATURDAY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Silent Auction starts Friday evening in the **Sylvan Lake Lions Hall, 5119-50a Ave, Sylvan Lake, AB.**

A list of camping facilities, motel accommodations and golf facilities is enclosed.
Please arrange your stay well in advance.

**THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE RETURN IT NO LATER THAN MAY 17, 2014 TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS
Sylvan Lake Lions Club, 5119-50a Ave, Sylvan Lake, AB., T4S 1E1**

IF YOU OR YOUR CLUB ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AND YOU WISH TO DONATE
Please mail donation cheques to: MD 37 Lions Cavalcade c/o Lion Bryant Ducheminsky
2 Chilcotin Way West, Lethbridge, AB., T1K 7L8

Club _____ District _____

Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City/Town _____

Phone numbers/email for information: 403-605-7765 or pdg37e@sunraybase.ca

MD37 Convention in Calgary May 2-3, 2014

Program Highlights

Registration and voter Certification on Friday between 3 and 6 PM and Saturday 7:45-10:30

Thursday: Bowness Lions Hall presents Prohibition Dinner & Dance (see poster)

Friday:

No Host Social	5:30 PM
Opening and First Session	6:30 PM
Awards Banquet	7:00 PM

Saturday:

Business Sessions	8:00—4:30 PM
Celebration of Life	10:30 AM
Voting	11:15—12:00
DG Elects' Luncheon	12:00 PM
No Host Social	6:00 PM
Banquet	7:00 PM

International Guests



William "Bill" McKinney—
International Director of the
Marine Lions club from Highland,
Illinois.

Our International guest



M.P. "Mike" Butler—

Past International Director of the
Kerrville Host Lions Club, Texas.

PID Butler is visiting to support
his bid for Second International
Vice President of Lions Clubs
International.

*Bowness Lions
8551 Bowness Road NW
Calgary AB*



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*Start the MD Convention
with a little fun-Dress for
the era The Roaring 1920's*

*When May 1, 2014
Start up 7:00 PM
Speak Easy Cash Bar
Dinner Steak or Chicken
Baked Potato. Salad
Coffee, Tea*

*\$25.00 per person
Call Sandra at 403-845-5475
Your Name will be added to
the list
Tickets at the door*



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Dear LCIF Coordinators,

The following is a sample article for use in your local newsletter or website. Please feel free to delete the text above the line and forward the message or reproduce as appropriate.

Thank you for your leadership!

LCIF Development Team

LCIF's Response to a Major Catastrophe

Over the past 10 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has provided more than US\$100 million for disaster-relief programs worldwide. When a major catastrophe happens, like the recent typhoon in the Philippines, Lions around the world are quick to support fellow Lions and their communities.

When you give a donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief fund, your contribution may be used for many different types of needs. Not every disaster is the same but typically there are three different phases of a major catastrophe.

- **Immediate Needs**

Donations from Lions and friends around the world provide immediate basic needs such as water, food, clothing, and medicine to the affected area. Lions Clubs in the local area begin applying for Emergency Grant assistance to fund immediate needs projects such as food distribution at a community center. Many times Lions will work alongside religious institutions and fire stations to deliver these basic needs.

- **Mid-Term Needs**

Once recovery planning begins, a local committee of Lions is established to begin the process of evaluating the mid-term needs and identifying appropriate relief projects to implement. Following SuperStorm Sandy that hit the East Coast of the United States in 2012, the Lions of New Jersey received funding from LCIF to make basic home repairs for low income individuals who did not have insurance and did not receive any Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to make homes habitable again. Donations may go to fund a mid-term need project such as this when you give to support Disaster Relief.

- **Long-Term Needs/Rebuilding**

Once a clear plan for recovery has been put in place by the government, local communities, and other community organizations, Lions begin participating in the rebuilding process. Lions have been very instrumental in the rebuilding process in Haiti following the earthquake in 2010. LCIF provided US\$1.4 million to construct new homes for 600 Haitian families who were initially housed in Lions tent cities following the earthquake. Donations may fund rebuilding projects like this significant project in Haiti. Other examples of long-term needs are rebuilding of schools and construction of hospitals and health centers.

Financial support provided by Lions and friends around the world is disbursed to the affected area incrementally. Funds go directly to the Lions Relief Committee to support their disaster related projects. Financial reporting is required with each grant and must be submitted to LCIF following a project.

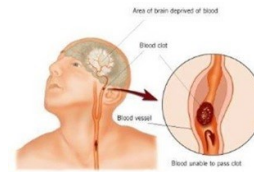
Support following disasters and major catastrophes around the world are funded through LCIF's Disaster Relief area of giving. This month, consider making a donation to Disaster Relief to help support Lions and LCIF respond to disasters throughout the world. For more information about disaster relief efforts by Lions and LCIF, please visit www.lcif.org.

STROKE HAS A NEW INDICATOR

Stroke has a new indicator! They say if you e.mail this to ten people, you stand a chance of saving one life. Will you send this along? Blood Clots/Stroke - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue
I will continue to forward this every time it comes around!

STROKE: Remember the 1st Three Letters..... S. T. R.

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:



During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ...she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 PM Jane passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR. Read and

Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to SMILE.

T *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A

SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)
(i.e. Chicken Soup)

R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is

'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved. I have done my part. Will you?



April 2014

Making Measles History

In November 2013, one of the strongest typhoons ever to make land devastated parts of the Philippines. Tens of thousands became homeless overnight and thousands more lost their lives. Lions around the world responded with generosity, raising more than US\$1 million in the first two weeks following the disaster. Yet there is another disaster that takes place each day that may not make headlines, but it takes the life of 335 children every day – more than 122,000 a year. And it's completely preventable. This disaster is measles – and Lions have vowed to continue the fight against it. Measles is one of the most infectious diseases known to humankind, and people who aren't protected have a high risk of infection. When one person has measles, 90 percent of the people they come into close contact with will become infected, if they are not vaccinated or have not previously contracted the disease.

For US\$1, a child can be vaccinated against measles making it one of the most cost-effective health interventions available. Vaccines have the power not only to save but also transform lives by protecting against disease – giving children a chance to grow up healthy, go to school, and improve their lives. In many parts of the world, parents do not have access to immunization services that could protect their children from measles. Factors such as poverty, poor health systems, and a lack of information can make it difficult for families to secure preventative vaccinations for their children.

Through our partnership with GAVI Alliance, Lions have committed to raising US\$30 million by our 100th anniversary in 2017 towards the fight to eliminate measles. The funds raised by Lions will be matched through the GAVI Matching Fund, which is financially supported by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. Through our joint efforts with GAVI and other partners, we will help immunize more than 114 million children and increase access to quality immunization services to benefit children throughout the world.

World Immunization Week is April 23-30, 2014. Throughout the month, Lions in measles priority countries will be out in their communities encouraging their neighbors to participate in vaccination events and serving as volunteers at vaccination centers. Lions are essential partners in immunization campaigns throughout the world helping to make measles history and the results are remarkable. Since 2010, Lions have helped to contribute to the vaccination of 200 million children against measles.

In celebration of World Immunization Week and Lions social mobilization efforts around the world to eliminate measles, all donations for measles during the month of April will be matched dollar for dollar by Lion Aruna Oswal and her family, up to a total gift of US\$500,000. This means that during the month of April, your contribution will save four times the number of children from the potentially devastating effects of measles.

In honor of World Immunization Week and Lions commitment to making measles history, consider making a donation to LCIF to help eliminate measles. For additional information about LCIF and our commitment to the global elimination of measles, please visit www.lcif.org.