



37S LIONS ROAR ...

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News from District Governor George

Message from the Governor...

It appears that summer is finally here! Many clubs are participating in fund raisers. I wish you great success! If your club takes the summer off, I hope you enjoy your well deserved break and hope that your batteries are recharged when you resume meetings this fall.

We already have much to cheer about and more on the way! On July 8 PCC Dave Hajny was elected to the International Board of Directors. We all wish him and Lion Marie a fun and memorable 2 years as International Director. In May at Medicine Hat, Lion Dan Krum was elected as Vice Council Chair. I look forward to working with VCC Dan and VDG Lary Garrison during Council. Also in Medicine Hat, the Bozeman area was selected to host the 2015 Multiple District Convention. It will be great to have the MD Convention in District 37S again.

These successes are awesome! The most important success happens when Lions help those in need. As we all know - that is what Lions is all about.

In upcoming newsletters, we will focus on three areas. First, we are going to provide articles on one of the District Approved Projects, and those that have been helped by the project. Second, we will feature club success stories. Please send me information on your projects so we can share your success. Third, Children First Committee Chair Lion Carla Marinko will provide articles each month regarding Children First in general and specific projects.

I have included my biography. I hope that this information is interesting and helps you understand my involvement in Lions.

Enjoy this newsletter and **keep up your PAWS Spirit!**

Yours in Lions,
District Governor George Chenoweth

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

- Sept 17 GMT/GLT TRAINING
HELENA, MT
- Sept 22-24 USA CANADA FORUM
ANCHORAGE, AK
- Sept 30-Oct 1 DIST 37-S CONVENTION
BIG SKY, MT
- Oct 2 DIST 37-S CABINET
BIG SKY, MT
- Oct 6-7 MD-37 COUNCIL MEETING
LETHBRIDGE, AB
- Oct 7-8 DIST 37-N CONVENTION
LETHBRIDGE, AB
- Oct 20-23 REG. LEADERSHIP TRAINING
CAMP MAKE-A-DREAM
GOLD CRFFK. MT

In response to the observation that volunteers are too often seen as amateurs: "Just remember: Noah's Ark was built by amateurs. The Titanic was built by professionals."

A REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE IN MONTANA

Submitted by PDG Mary Kay Flanagan

Unbelievable! The Regional Lions Leadership Institute is coming to Gold Creek, Montana October 20-23, 2011! We are truly excited to have this LCI/MD37 Event! The Lions Leadership Institute focuses on building the skills of Lions Leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibility at club, zone, district and levels beyond. Applications can be obtained from and submitted to: GLT 37-S Coordinator Doug Skillman 406-682-4904, dmskill@3rivers.net or DG George Chenoweth 406-581-0958 osugeorge@gmail.com. Only ten participants will be taken from each district, so put your intentions in quickly!

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR HAJNY



Lions of MD 37 –

I would like to express to each of you my heartfelt gratitude for all the support that you gave to me and Marie

in our campaign for your International Director this past year. You worked so hard from the very beginning to the very end. Many of you gave your valuable time and all your effort and I'm sure I will never know who or how much you each contributed. It is not for the recognition that we pour our hearts into what we do, but for the end result. That is what Lions do. So to each of you, Thank You.

When the campaign was first kicked off a year ago, you so generously supported it financially, I was over whelmed. Money does not come easy in these times, yet you gave because you believed. Without that kind of monetary backing, I would not be your Director today. Your thoughtfulness to join in and be a part of this successful campaign is an example of our International bond, we the Lions of MD 37 have together.

Some of you were able to go to the International Convention in Seattle, but I'm confident that the rest of you were there in spirit.

I look forward to being able to visit with you in the near future, because you are second to none. You are the dedicated "can do Lions" from MD 37.

Love what you do, do what you love. Lions, Serving Our Communities

Sincerely Yours in Lionism
ID Dave Hajny

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Submitted by Lion Joe Ziler

The Riverside Middle School's Builder's Club under the guiding arms of their advisor Cynthia Jessee was able to collect 122 pair of eye glasses for the Billings Heights Lions Club. They challenge any other middle school in our district to meet or even beat this figure.

**THANK YOU RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
BUILDER'S CLUB!!**

LOW VISION MONTANA.....

Submitted by Lion Scott Cromwell

Low Vision Montana has surpassed a series of milestones since the first of this year. We are excited to announce that a mobile unit has been secured! The mobile low vision unit will make available an extensive variety of low vision aids, equipment, information and diagnostic tools for use by Optometrists, Ophthalmologists, other low vision service providers and organizations, and other trained individuals across Montana for use in recommending, prescribing, and training consumers to use low vision equipment, devices and services.

After many long hours of looking, designing and negotiating that ultimately seemed like dead ends, a new opportunity surfaced. Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation President and fellow Helena Lions Club member PDG Dan Sturdevant, learned that the NW Lions Foundation would be replacing their mobile Health Screening Unit. Lion Dan suggested I call the NW Lions and inquire. Doing so, I was able to secure a 34' fifth wheel trailer at no cost and the purchase of the truck to pull it. Thanks to the generosity of the NW Lions, Low Vision Montana is very close to a roll out into the communities not only promoting equipment resources but the Lions Clubs of Montana as well. Additionally, LVM has begun discussions outlining a partnership with the Veteran's Administration (VA) Hospital in an effort to make sure we also reach those that have served our great country.

The LVM Board is currently working through the logistics of finalizing the plan. Many MT Lions Clubs have approached LVM wanting to donate money for purchase of the truck, repainting/outfitting of the truck and trailer or for continued operations funding. We will have our insurance in place soon and expect the truck and trailer to arrive in Helena, Montana by late June. Repaint and fit out will take approximately 3-4 weeks. Most of the provided vision equipment slated for the interior is ready to go as well. We expect to be on the highways of Montana this July in time for most county fairs.

LVM continues to field calls from Montanan's inquiring about monetary assistance with procedures or equipment. Many of those calls are referred to the local clubs in their particular areas.

☺☺ Volunteering is the time without the crime.

Community Service on the other Hand..... ☺☺

A Bit About DG George...

District Governor George Chenoweth originally hails from Roseburg, OR. His Mother was from Montana and so on family trips as a child he fell in love with Montana and its people. In 1997 he moved to Montana and settled in the Bozeman area. He has a 16 year old daughter named Christina.

DG George loves to spend time with his daughter, hunting, fishing as well as camping. He is also a big sports fan, with a deep passion for three teams: Oregon State Beavers, Montana State Bobcats, and whoever is playing against the Oregon Ducks!

Community service was a way of life in the Chenoweth family. For over 30 years they were key members of the nationally recognized Roseburg American Legion Baseball program. The Chenoweth family is permanently honored with a plaque at the base of the stadium, and at the time were only the third living people to be so honored.

It was Legion Baseball that led George to Lions. The Umpqua Lions Club served concessions at the ball park. George was impressed with the Lions and their dedication, especially Lion Tom Hobbs, who is now deceased.

When DG George moved to Bozeman he joined the Bozeman Lions Club. He has held many officer positions and chaired several committees within the club. These positions include President, 3 terms as Treasurer, and Membership Chair. He has served as the Membership Chair both at the MD and District Levels. He is a Certified Guiding Lion. He initiated the highly successful Zone Hall of Fame which has been adopted by a couple of zones in Alberta and currently is the only Zone Hall of Fame in Montana. With PDG Mary Kay Flanagan he formed the MSU Lions.

DG George has received many Lions awards: 2 International President Appreciations Certificates, Lion of the Year, and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He also received the 100% President and 100% Treasurer Awards, and is a graduate of the 2003 Lions Leadership Institute.

George has a passion to help children, especially through the Ronald McDonald House. He has led the local Lions effort in helping Toys for Tots. This program provided over 7,000 with toys and provided 175 Christmas dinners that fed nearly 1,000.



Submitted by Carla Marinko

My name is Lion Carla Marinko of the Belgrade Lions Club, and this year's Chair Person for Children First in District 37S.

What exactly is Children First? 2009-2010 Lions International endorsed Children First as a key part of Lions Services for Children. The Lions Children First program shares ways to develop hands-on service projects for children in need by focusing on the three key areas of (1) food and shelter, (2) health, and (3) education and literacy.

Each month a service project that helps children will be featured from items that are received from clubs throughout District 37S, sharing what they are doing in support of our future generations. It is a great way to show what your club is doing and to give a service project idea to the other

clubs in the district.

I know the Lions in our District do a lot for children with toys at Christmas, food baskets and other great service projects during the holiday's season. Those are very important and are part of the Children First Program. I am involved in a Holiday service project in my own community. I want you to share those great projects as well. Those projects will be featured in the November and December newsletters.

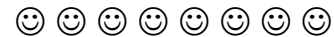
I am looking for the other great things you do for Children during the rest of the year as well. (Continued on Page 4)

CHILDREN FIRST continued....

Lions in Montana have helped youth, and families going back to the beginning of Lionism.

I encourage each club to send, via letter or email, what your club is already doing for children in these three areas. A few items I can think of would be a food or clothing drive, vision/hearing screening projects, book drives and/or helping with reading at your local school, and various after school programs.

Please submit your Children First activity items to cmarinko@stockmanbank.com or mail to Carla Marinko c/o Stockman Bank, PO Box 49, Belgrade, MT 59714.



A daughter had just helped her 90-year-old mother through the strain of moving from the family home into a new unit in a senior apartment building. The daughter was trying to tidy up all the arrangements and tactfully said: "Mum, what about Meals on Wheels?" To which her mother replied: "No, dear, I don't think I could volunteer for them anymore."



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