



37S LIONS ROAR ...

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News from District Governor George

Message from the Governor...

Dear Fellow Lions and Friends,

Many Lions and those who knew PID Gary Tschache, may be looking for ways to remember him. There are three organized efforts I know of. Please look at all of them and consider the one that reflects what is in your heart.

- A donation to Montana Lions Sight and Hearing. This project was closest and dearest to PID Gary's heart. If you donate \$500 in Gary's memory, you will receive a Gary Tschache Fellowship.
- There is an effort by Lion Jeff Cottrell to raise the funds to build a life size statue of Gary. Lion Jeff has raised 80% of the funds needed to get built. More information later in this newsletter.

- The Bozeman Sweet Pea Lions are selling bracelets that say, "What would Gary Tschache do?" for \$3.00. I am wearing my mine with pride. The Sweet Pea Lions will be selling them at the convention, with 50% of profits going to Montana Lions Sight & Hearing and the other 50% going to the American Diabetes Association.

As you consider what you like to support, how about supporting all three? The bracelets are only \$3.00, the statue is an everlasting tribute to Gary and what he did for the family of man. A donation to Montana Lions Sight & Hearing means Gary is still working through all of us to help those who need eye and hearing care, and that was his life passion. I think the bracelet may say it best, if given these three choices, what would Gary do?

I strongly hope we all will do something positive in lasting memory of Gary. Here are three great ways to do that. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Warm regards,
Lion George - 406-581-0958

Lions Family Fun Fest

Submitted by Lion ZC Bob Haensel

On July 9, 2011 the Lion's clubs of Great Falls (Electric City, Sunrise and GF Lions-noon club) joined together for the 2nd annual Lion's Family Fun Fest in the Lions Park in Great Falls. The event went from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Games were provided for the children for a penny per game and they could win tickets to get prizes. Games included soccer, bowling, bumper bags, frisbee toss/golf, and many others. There was live music throughout the day and a free raffle was held for kids bikes. A total of seven new bikes were given away. Food and drinks were available.

Hamburger/Hot Dog, a bag a chips and soda went for \$2.00. Sno Cones were also available @ 25 cents. A total of 700 Sno Cones were sold. Attendance for this day was estimated at 600. The Great Falls Park and Rec Division also helped in the set up of equipment and games. Airmen from the Malmstrom AFB also assisted in set-up and clean-up. Fun was had by ALL.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

- 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 CREEK, MT

Convention Reminder

This is just a friendly reminder to get your registration in for the upcoming District 37-S Convention. The convention this year will be held at Buck's T-4 Lodge in Big Sky, MT on September 30 and October 1. We have exclusive rights to the entire lodge and there is a lot to do there.

We are excited to announce that our Key Note speaker will be PIP Al Brandel. His lovely wife Maureen will be joining us as well. We have a host of great speakers lined up for Saturday morning. However, since we like to have fun as Lions as well we are also planning to play some bingo on Friday evening, do a little singing around the campfire, and enjoy watching your friends entertain us all with the Karaoke machine. There is even a rumor floating around that there might be some sort of skit involving DG George during dinner on Friday evening.

Remember, early registration for \$85 ended on September 15th, but we will be more than happy to take registrations for \$90 all the way up to the convention. You must make your own hotel reservations at Buck's T-4 by calling them at 800-822-4484. Be sure to mention you are with the Lions. Room rates are \$90 per night and that includes a hot buffet breakfast. It is important to get your hotel reservations made as soon as possible.

Come prepared to have a lot of fun. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

You're Convention Committee Co-Chairs,
Lions Joe Haas & Mary Kay Flanagan

Dues Increase -

Ballot Question – Should the Lions District 37S annual dues of \$5.95 be increased by \$2.05 per Lion? If passed, \$1.00 of this increase will be effective January, 2012 which will result in annual dues of \$6.95. \$1.05 of this increase will be effective January, 2013, resulting in annual dues of \$8.00.

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity." ~ Douglas Adams

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Submitted by Lion DG George Chenoweth

Among our District approved projects is "Project Pride." The program has mainly been about Lions providing flags for elementary school students. For those clubs and Lions who participate in this program, thank you very much for your efforts. I hope more clubs start this great program. I want to thank Lion Chuck Morelli for his years of dedicated service to this project.

We, Lions, should take it another step further and expand "Project Pride" not just to elementary school children. If you are not already doing so, how about putting up the flag at our homes, businesses or even a little flag on our desk at work. Again, not just this September 11, but on other holidays like Veteran's Day and the Fourth of July also. If you are doing this already, I commend you for your efforts.

On the first anniversary of 9-11, my club passed out the flags, and we handed out over 1,000 flags in minutes. We were taken aback by how appreciative our community was for doing this. Why stop there -we could do that for Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July events as well.

I was involved in American Legion Baseball for over 25 years. I was always impressed how much our flag meant to our Veterans. I eagerly awaited every holiday and Election Day when my Dad, a WWII Veteran, put the flag out for all the neighbors to see and to show his patriotism and he passed that respect on to my brother and me. I know all of you love this country and the flag that stands for our freedoms. I hope you will take up my challenge.

For flags call or email Project Pride Chairman Chuck Morelli. The cost of the flags range from .50-\$1.00. You can reach Lion Chuck at comicaidragen@bresnan.net or 406-652-2122.

☺ ☺ One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something.

Henry David Thoreau, poet, writer, philosopher ☺ ☺

A Note From District Governor George Chenoweth

The District 37'S Convention is fast approaching, the committee - with Bucks T4 - has been working hard for the past year putting together a fun convention. I hope many are planning on coming, you will be glad you did.

There will be someone missing this year of course, PID Gary Tschache. His smile and laughter will be noticeably missed. I believe PID Gary would not want us to mourn him any longer, in private or at the convention. He would want us to have a good time and see what we can do to help our great Lions projects. Of course knowing Gary, he would want us to buy lots of raffle tickets!

When we share our memories, especially the good times - the times we laughed together, he is with us. What is your favorite Gary Tschache memory? Here's mine:

Three years ago PID Gary had me come over to his house. We talked about me becoming Governor, shared our visions and he provided me, as always, his wisdom. When we were done talking about Lions, he asked if I'd be interested in making "Bull Shit Coins". He thought this would be a huge hit like the Montana Turd Birds, and once they got going he would need people to help make them. So he and I went to his garage - and there was lot of BS, and I am not just talking about Gary and me either!

So he started to teach me how to make them, we formed the coins and then put them on cookie sheets. This was not in the garage, but in his kitchen. Eventually we placed them in the oven to cook. That is when I learned how special Candy was. How many of us would cook BS in our home ovens? How many wives would allow this to go on? You could feel the love and understanding Gary and Candy had for each other. We had a great time and laughed as we played with cow manure that afternoon. When I left his house, I was laughing and shaking my head all the way home.

The Bulls Shit coins did not take off as he'd hoped, so that was my last day making the coins. It was a special afternoon, a very memorable time with Gary I will always cherish. He and I several chats and I always appreciated his wisdom. We'd talk about a project and share ideas how to make it successful.

I know we all have those times with Gary. I hope this story will remind you of fun and memorable times you had with Gary. I hope when those memories come up now and in the future, you will have a big smile, hear Gary's warm chuckle and feel his loving friendship once more embrace in your heart.

Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer

1. When you stay home you get too many telemarketing calls.
2. Your family could use a break from you.
3. You might need help yourself some day.
4. It's hard to win a game of solitaire.
5. Soap operas all sound alike.
6. If you don't go out each day, you get old.
7. Why let your boss have all the fun in life?
8. The car needs a workout.
9. Your mom would be proud of you.
10. Who cares about money? 😊



Greatness is defined by someone who is not simply awesome and wonderful in the sport they compete in but goes beyond that and is great in whatever they do off the track or off the court. ~
Marion Jones



In Honor of our friend Gary Tschache

In June of 2011, a decision was made to construct a life size bronze of Gary Tschache. The bronze consists of a life size Lion lying down next to a rock, and Gary sitting on the rock with his arm on the lion. The intention was that the bronze be a surprise tribute to Gary during an unveiling ceremony. Gary's declining health changed that plan. With the help of his entire family, the sculptors (Harvey Rattey and Pam Harr) and my family, we presented a miniature bronze to him in the last week of his life.

I told Gary how much we loved him and appreciated all that he has done for us, our community, and Lions International. I gave him the small bronze and he began to cry and said "Thank-You so much!" Candy knelt down beside him and said, "Honey, they are doing a life size bronze, this is just a small version." The look on Gary's face said it all. "Now you have a place to come visit me. This will be my headstone." He said to Candy. I told him that now the grandkids will be able to see their Grandpa. He said, "That's awesome, thank-you so much."

In honor of our friend and fellow Lion, would you please join me by contributing to the completion of the bronze. Any amount of contribution is welcome, and your name will be engraved on the bronze as a contributor. If you contribute \$1000.00 or more, you will receive a numbered miniature of the life size bronze.

Thank You all for your love and support. ~Lion Jeff Cotterell

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Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love... *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



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