

# 37s LIONS ROAR ...



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News from District 37-S

## **Message from the Governor...**

**I know many of you scream when the topic of "Membership" is brought up.** It is always about going out and recruiting new members. We have all heard the plea so many times. For those of you who feel that, it might surprise you, I feel the same. Your response is shock! A District Governor who feels that way?? One more shocker for you, I enjoy recruiting new members and to add to it, I am GMT Chair, have held Membership Chair from the MD level to the club level.

To me it is about having enough membership in our clubs to help our communities. **Do you think your club has a membership issue?** Let me ask you these questions. Answer these questions honestly, I especially ask Club Presidents and Club Membership Chairs to ask these questions.

- (1) Do we have enough Lions to handle our projects and/or fund raisers?
- (2) We have some great project ideas for our community, but do you have enough Lions to do them?
- (3) Are you recycling the same officers year after year?
- (4) If you are doing this, are they getting tired and looking for someone else to relieve them?
- (5) Are there issues in the club that is or has the potential to hurt the harmony in the club?
- (6) Hey you are doing great. Are you replacing members at the same pace you are losing them?

**If you answered yes to any these you have a problem.** Be honest. Do not go into denial. Now take a look at the problem and look for solutions. How can you fix or turn around this situation? Just realizing there is a problem is the hardest part. Have a great discussion with your club on how to fix the situation. Every club has something they have to work on. **DO NOT put it off;** more often than not it will not go away, it will only

get worse.

At the District level we have a problem. In this news letter you will be seeing some of the efforts we are doing to help Membership in the District. This is not a one year wonder. VDGE Lary Garrison, GLT Doug Skillman, VDG Jack Beckman and others are actively working on this together. When my term is over as your DG, I will be continuing to working with them. It is a long term team effort. We did not get into this situation over night and we will not get out of it over night. Failure is not an option.

**If you and fellow Lions do not know what to do, give me a call. Together we will figure it out** and get the help you need. One key component of the District GMT is to be there to help and to encourage clubs who like to have help.

*District Governor George Chenoweth*

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## **IMPORTANT DATES.....**

- Feb 23-24--MD 37 Council Meeting - Bozeman, MT
- **Feb 24-26--Montana Rally-Bozeman MT**
- Apr 14--District 37-S Cabinet Meeting- Great Falls, MT
- May 16-17 --MD 37 Council Meeting - Athabasca, AB
- May 17-19-- MD 37 Convention - Athabasca, AB
- June 22-26-- 95<sup>th</sup> International Convention - Busan, Korea



"His heart was as big as the world."



A life-sized bronze statue of Gary Tschache sitting on top of a lion named "the heart of a Lion" was unveiled on December 18<sup>th</sup> at Kagy Korner in Bozeman. A large crowd, which included many Lions, gathered to honor and remember Gary; a man who gave so much to the Bozeman community.

"His heart was as big as the world," said Lions Club Past International Director Tom Lehman. "He served on the Lions International Board and people loved him because he cared. He'd listen and respond. Before I ever make a decision, I ask myself, 'what would Gary Tschache do?'"

Tschache was a member of the Gallatin Empire Lions Club for over 35 years. He died in September at age 64.



## Making Dreams Come True

Submitted by Lion Harry Axline

Lion Joe Ziler was made aware that this young autistic boy wanted a bicycle but his Mother couldn't afford one. Joe stepped in and located a free, reconditioned bike with the help of Lion Gary Six. Joe made sure he had a helmet also before he got on the bike. Joe and Gary know what the motto "We Serve" is all about.



# **Time is Running Out!** **Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation** **Cash Raffle**

- **Time is running out to get your cash raffle tickets** into the final drawing.
- **Funds raised will be used for the Foundation and for local Lions Clubs.** Clubs receive a rebate of 25% of their gross ticket sales.
- **Drawing will be held February 25th** at the Montana Rally in Bozeman
- **CASH PRIZES – 1<sup>st</sup> \$1500; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1250; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1000; 4<sup>th</sup> \$750; 5<sup>th</sup> \$500; 6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> \$100**
- **Tickets - \$10 each; 3 for \$20; 9 for \$50 and 20 for \$100**
- Every Lion in the State was sent 10 tickets. Each Lion is encouraged to purchase at least 3 tickets for \$20 and if possible sell the remaining 7 tickets.
- Make checks payable to: Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation and send to Lion Dennis Kopitzke- Box 1266- Forsyth MT 59327

**Your financial support of the Foundation makes a difference in the lives of your community members.** Just to name a few....

Case 2011C67-Anaconda Lions-cataract surgery-\$4300  
Case 2011C60-Bozeman Lions-diabetic retinopathy-\$5500  
Case 2011C52-Gallatin Empire Lions-cataract surgery-\$2561  
Case 2011C47-Hamilton Lions – laser eye surgery-\$3200  
Case 2011C35-Billings Heights Lions-vision equipment-\$2595

**In calendar year 2011 the Foundation provided \$37,901.32 to help those in need in your communities.** There were 70 applications; 51 hearing aids; 8 cataract surgery; 1 diabetic retinopathy, 1 detached retina, 3 vision equipment; 1 cochlear implant, 3 laser eye surgeries; 2 vision medical bills.

**Thanks to all the Lions in our great State that continue to “dig deep” and support your Foundation, your Lions Club and your community.**

*"Love is the condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."*



# **We Need Your Help!**

Are you willing to motivate clubs to build their membership? Or inspire community members to start a new club? Then please join us in Billings on March 19<sup>th</sup> for a training session for Guiding Lions and Recruiting Teams!

Certified Guiding Lions observe and advise new clubs and are also available to offer a helping hand to an existing club. CGL's role is only to guide with the clubs making their own decisions. We will be trying to start a new Lions Club in Billings this week.

The purpose of the Recruiting Teams is to offer their time and assistance to new and existing clubs to grow their membership. We have had great success with this method, but we are in need of additional help to be able to reach out to more areas. The District has budgeted travel money for Lions on the Recruiting team.

All interested Lions are encouraged to attend the training sessions on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Perkins Restaurant on 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Billings. The Recruiting Training and Planning Session is at 11 am and the Certified Guiding Lions Training is at 6 p.m. If you have not been certified in the past three years, you will need to be recertified. If there is enough interest, additional training sessions may be added March 19-22.

Please contact DG George Chenoweth (581-0958) for additional information. Hope to see you there!

*"People love others not for who they are, but for how they make them feel."  
Irwin Federman*

*"I could never love where I could not respect."  
Charlotte Elizabeth Aissé*

*"Your words are my food, your breath my wine. You are everything to me."  
Sarah Bernhardt*

# Creation of Bozeman Lions Foundation

On July 27, 2011, the members of the Bozeman Lions Club voted to establish the Bozeman Lions Foundation, secured a 501c3 IRS designation, approved the new by-laws and elected its first slate of officers. Serving as the first President is Lion Rich Winget; the vice president is Lion Mark Gannon; the secretary is Lion Nate Kirby; the treasurer is Lion Connie Thomas. The Board of Directors includes Lions ID Dave Hajny and Steve Johnson.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide sight and hearing care for those who cannot afford it and who reside in Lions District 37-S, Zone 2. In other words, we will provide support for residents of Bozeman, Livingston and Big Timber. This geography may change with time, but it was the decision of the Board to start with Zone 2. We will work in conjunction with and in support of the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

The first step to take before beginning to offer aid is to raise the funds necessary to enable us to operate only on the interest earned from the principal. We realize that this will take years, probably as many as ten, as our goal is \$100,000. To this end, the Board has developed a fundraising plan that has also been approved by the members of the Club. In subsequent articles, I will address some of these strategies. For now, I will introduce two.

The 1<sup>st</sup> is the offering of a ***Dave Hajny Fellowship.*** As with the Gary Tschache & Tom Lehman Fellowships with the MLS&HF, the Dave Hajny Fellowship will be given upon the donation of \$500 to the Foundation. The Fellowship will include a plaque and a pin. These are currently in design, and we expect to have everything complete and the Fellowship available by the middle of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this year.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> strategy is the offering of a tier of Bozeman Lions Foundation ***Life Memberships.*** Each step includes an ID card, a pin and a mounted congratulatory letter from the president of the Foundation. The first level is called ***Hyalite,*** and it is awarded upon the donation of \$100. The pin will include the initials of the honoree engraved

within a gold box on the surface of the pin. The second level is called ***Headwaters,*** and the pin will include a 2 mm sapphire mounted within the box and will be awarded upon the donation of \$250. The third level is called ***Alder Gulch,*** and the pin will include a 2 mm ruby mounted within the box and will be awarded upon the donation of \$500. The fourth level is called ***Yellowstone,*** and the pin will include a 2 mm diamond mounted within the box and will be awarded upon the donation of \$1,000. The memberships are progressive; that is, the first must be granted before the second can be awarded, and so on. The pin is designed and ordered, and Lion Ben Apeland will be doing the engraving and setting of the precious stones. As soon as the pins arrive these life memberships will be available.

We appreciate your support and encourage you to contact me with questions or ideas.

Lion Rich Winget  
lionspintrader@gmail.com



- PDG Terry Dunn, District 37-I Bruderheim Lions
- Joined Lions in 1999
- One term as club president
- Three terms as club treasurer
- Six terms as director
- Seven terms as zone chair
- Five terms as 37-I Eye Bank chair
- 2006 Bruderheim citizen of the year
- Certified guiding Lion
- Graduate of MD 37 Lions Leader Institute
- Graduate of Faculty Development Leadership Institute
- Seven District Governor Appreciation awards
- Bill Webber Fellow
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- Brian Stephenson Fellow
- District Governor 2008-2009
- Served on MD 37 Council two years
- Member of Global Membership Team

# Children First

Submitted by Lion Carla Marinko



This month's featured Children First Project is the annual Fishing Derby hosted by the Kalispell Sunrider Lions. The club teams up with Walleye Unlimited to put the event together. The derby occurs the week between Christmas and New Years every year for the past 40 years.

This year's derby was held on New Year's Eve day and they had more than 300 people show up at Smith Lake. The derby promotes family friendly competition in a really fun way. The Lions give out fishing poles to the kids and prizes are awarded for the biggest and smallest fish. The kids and parents both have a great time.

The club is also able to do some fundraising by operating a booth with food and drinks. Not only do they provide great food, but they also deliver...on ATV!

This is another great example of how Lions can bring children and their families together.

I'm waiting to hear from you about what your club is doing to help the children in your community. This is your chance to show what your club does and brag a bit. Submit YOUR Children First project to Carla at [cmarinko@stockmanbank.com](mailto:cmarinko@stockmanbank.com), or call 556-4165 with details.



*"Love is something eternal; the aspect may change, but not the essence."*

*Vincent Van Gogh*

*"True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights.*

*If you hear bells, get your ears checked."*

*Erich Seaal*

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**PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS AND IDEAS WITH OTHER CLUBS IN DISTRICT 37S. SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO: [37sliongeorge@gmail.com](mailto:37sliongeorge@gmail.com)**

# MD 37 Rally Montana Feb. 24-26, 2012

Bozeman, MT 59771

## AGENDA

- Friday Afternoon:  
4:00-7:00 Registration opens
- Friday Evening:  
6:00 No Host Bar Opens  
6:30-7:00 Montana & Lions Trivia Pursuit  
Silent Auction starts (closes 15min after the Live Auction ends)  
Live Auction (proceeds from both auctions to MLSHF)  
Past District Governor's Hospitality Room
- Saturday Morning:  
6:30-7:30 No Host Breakfast Buffet  
8:00 Opening Ceremony  
Invocation and Anthems – Lion Cheryl Lewis  
Flag Program--Lion Doug Skillman  
Protocol-- CC Tom Hodgson
- Class I Dynamics between the Generations  
PCC Ben Apeland – Presenter  
PDG Christine Lank – Presenter  
PDG Pauline Cooper – Moderator
- Class II Build the Best Lion's Club Ever  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Laura Dickerson – Presenter  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Monte Weisser – Moderator
- Class III Community Needs Assessment  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lary Garrison – Presenter  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jack Beckman – Moderator
- 11:45 LUNCH  
Speaker-Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Presentation  
MC - VCC Dan Krum
- Class IV Fundraising Rural & Urban  
PID Tom Lehman – Moderator
- Class V How To Achieve Club Growth  
PDG Bill Pfeifer – Presenter  
Lion Doug Skillman – Moderator
- Class VIA Grant Applications  
Lion Randy Tafelmeyer– Presenter  
PDG Mary Kay Flanagan – Moderator
- Class VIB Public Speaking  
PID Dana Biggs – Presenter  
Lion Doug Skillman – Moderator
- Class VII Plusoptix (Information and demonstration of Eye Screening Machine)  
Cyd McDowell – Presenter  
Lion Jayne Pfeifer
- Saturday Evening:  
5:30 No Host Bar  
7:00 Banquet  
Guest Speaker-PID Dana Biggs  
MC VCC Dan Krum
- Sunday Morning: 6:30 – 7:30 No Host Breakfast Buffet  
8:00 Business Plans For Clubs  
PID Dana Biggs – Presenter  
ID Dave Hajny – Presenter  
DG Sharon West – Moderator  
Lion Doug Skillman – Moderator  
Rally Close – CC Tom Hodgson



# Lions Clubs International – MD37



## Rally Montana 2012

February 24-26, 2012

Bozeman, Montana

Name:	Name on badge:
Club:	District:
Companion:	Name on badge:
Club:	District:
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	E-mail/Fax

**REGISTRATION** received by February 10, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$65.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations** received after February 11, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$75.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Registered Guests:

Fri. Night \_\_\_ X \$20.00/ Sat. Lunch \_\_\_ X \$20.00/ Sat. Banquet X \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Choices: Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Piccata \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment In U.S. Funds: Made out to Rally-Montana 2012 TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_**

Payment: Check \_\_\_ Master Card: \_\_\_ Visa: \_\_\_ Discover: \_\_\_ Money Order: \_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name shown on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Lion Leona Deane, 1336 Holly Drive, Bozeman, MT 59715 406.570.9029**

Please bring an Auction Item for Friday evening with proceeds supporting Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. There will be a raffle with proceeds being designated by District Governors Sharon (37-N) and George (37-S).

**\*YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.**

Rally Headquarters is the **Holiday Inn- 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman: 1.406.587.4561**

Rooms at the Holiday Inn are \$89 for single/double

***SPECIAL REQUEST TO ALL REGISTRANTS***

*The host committee asks that everyone make their reservations only at the headquarters hotel. They have given us such a terrific deal and great service. Your support enables us to provide this conference to you reasonably. Thank You!*