



CREATING THE MAGIC



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011

Hamilton - Tuesday September 6 at 12:00 noon
Hellgate - Tuesday September 6 at 6:30 pm
Missoula Southside - Wednesday September 7 at 6:30 am
East Missoula - Wednesday September 7 at 6:30 pm
Lolo - Thursday September 8 at 7:00 pm
Missoula - Monday September 12 at 12:00 noon
Kalispell Sunrisers - Monday September 12 at 6:30 AM
Kalispell - Tuesday September 13 at 12:00 Noon
Charlo - Tuesday September 13 at 6:30 PM
Superior - Wednesday September 14 at 6:30 PM
Hot Springs - Monday September 19 at 7:00 PM
Ronan - Tuesday September 20 at 12:00 Noon
Plains - Tuesday September 20 at 6:00 PM
Whitefish - Wednesday September 21 at 12:00 Noon
Seeley Lake - Thursday September 22 at 7:00 pm

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REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS

STAND UP AND BE RECOGNIZED FOR THE GOOD THINGS YOU ARE DOING IN YOUR COMMUNITIES.

PLEASE SHARE THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY SUBMITTING YOUR PICTURES AND STORIES TO OUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR SO THAT ALL OF US MAY APPLAUD YOUR CLUBS.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please send your information for the Newsletter to PDG Ed Malesich at: edsich@bresnan.net
The deadline date is the 15th of the month.

District 37N

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Bigfork-East Shore Lions Club

Past Zone Chair Dave Beyer put a magnetic Lions logo on his Red MG Convertible and represented the Bigfork-East Shore Lions Club in the July 4th Parade which was a huge success with record numbers.



RAFFLE - PROCEEDS TO LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The application to Alberta Gaming for the Maple Leaf Weekend Raffle in support of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides programs has been approved (Lic.# 318058).

Two books of tickets will be mailed to each Lions/Lioness Club in Alberta by Sept. 1.

Tickets may be sold to anyone 18 years of age or older, including Lions/Lioness members.

An introductory letter and Rules of the Lottery will be included with the tickets.

This is a great opportunity to help your Foundation make a difference in the lives of fellow Canadians.

NOT ALL HEROES ARE PEOPLE

James Crane worked on the 101st floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. He is blind so he had his golden retriever named Daisy with him. After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go, out of an act of love. She darted away into the darkened hallway, choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke. James was just waiting to die. About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back, along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112. On her first run of the building, she leads James, James' boss, and about 300 more people out of the doomed building. But she wasn't through yet, she knew there were others who were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes she ran back in the building.



On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapses. James hears about this and falls on his knees into tears. Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried by a firefighter. "She led us right to the people, before she got injured" the fireman explained. Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives. Daisy is the first civilian Canine to win the Medal of Honor of New York City.



HATS OFF TO OUR YOUTH

August is Youth Global Service Action Campaign

August is the time we want to recognize our youth for they are our future LIONS and LEADERS of tomorrow. We are proud to have both types of Clubs in our District. The Alpha Club is for youth 12 - 18 years of age. This club focuses on the individual and social development of teens and pre-teens. The Omega Club is for youth between 18 - 30 years of age. This club focuses on the personal and professional development of young adults. Our hats go off to all LEO'S for the Community work they do.

The LEO Objective: To provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.

The LEO Motto: LEADERSHIP – Develop skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader.

EXPERIENCE – Learn how teamwork, cooperation and collaboration can bring exciting changes to your community and the world.

OPPORTUNITY – Make friends and feel the rewards of community service.

Youth who engage in meaningful service projects experience a host of positive outcomes. Lions have an incredible opportunity to engage youth by developing programs they can relate to, and by encouraging their input and participation in the planning process. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project helps them learn valuable life skills while emphasizing the role of service.

I would encourage all Lions Clubs to utilize these natural resources our youth and encourage them to be involved in activities and service projects.

DEADLINE REMINDER

Remember Lions the deadline of September 1st is fast approaching to submit names for 2nd Vice District Governor Elect, MD 37 Hall of Fame Nominee and Vice Council Chair nominee. Also bids will be accepted if any Club is interested in hosting the 2013 District N Convention or the 2013 Rallies for both the Montana and Southern Rallies.

Please email to DG Sharon West at lionssharonw@gmail.com or contact 403-327-1122 for more information.

Lions Clubs International
District 37 N CONVENTION
 October 7 & 8, 2011
 Lethbridge, Alberta

Name: _____ Title: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Companion: _____ Title: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Contact Number: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Early Registration (received by Sept. 2, 2011) _____ X \$90.00 = _____

Late Registration (received after Sept. 2, 2011) _____ X \$110.00 = _____

Non Registered Companion Saturday Evening Banquet _____ X \$35.00 = _____

Registration Includes: Friday Evening Social, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Banquet

Meals: all meals will be served buffet style: *special meals – be specific (it may not be possible to accommodate all requests)*

Payment : please circle Cash, Cheque (payable to 2011 District 37N Convention), Money Order, Visa, Master Card,

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Verification Number _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Mail to:

West Lethbridge Lions Club
 Box 38
 Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 3Y3

Contact: (Convention Chair)

Lion George Takashima
 (403) 328-0156
gptak@shaw.ca

Contact: (Registration Chair)

Lion Cathy Anderson
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You are responsible for your own Hotel/Motel Reservations

Convention Headquarters : Coast Lethbridge Hotel and Conference Centre – 526 Mayor Magrath Drive South , 403-327-5701
 rates: \$109.00/Comfort room with 2 doubles/1 queen/Night based on single/double, \$119.00/Superior room with 1 king/2
 queens/Night based on single/double, and \$129.00/Premium room with 2 queens plus sofa bed/Night based on single/double.
 Rates quoted are in Canadian dollars and subject to appropriate taxes at the time of check in. **When making reservations please
 ask for the Lion's Club Convention Group. The room block will be held until September 8, 2011.**

Other Accommodations : Sandman Hotel (within walking distance) 421 Mayor Magrath Drive South 403-328-1111
 Holiday Inn Express Suites 120 Stafford Drive South 1-866-494-9292 or 403- 394-9292
 Quality Inn and Suites (near Casino) 4070 2nd Avenue South 1-888-331-6440 or 403-331-6440
 Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton (near Casino) 4073 2nd Avenue South 1-800- 426-7866

REFUND POLICY: If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund if written request is received prior to August 27, 2011. 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 .



International Director Lion Dave 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*

Montana Lions
Sight & Hearing Foundation

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The Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation ATV/Trailer raffle was a great success.

Thank you Montana Lions and your community members.

The raffle raised \$33,338.00 with approximately \$8,334.50 being returned to Lions clubs for their participation in the raffle. Raffle winners were: 1st prize: Sten Iversen, Helena, \$4000.00; 2nd prize, Hellgate Lions Club, \$700.00 and 3rd prize, Beryl Deda, Pincher Creek, \$350.00.

The Foundation still owns the ATV and trailer and will be using a bid process to dispose of the items. Exact details will be sent to all Montana Lions through the Foundation's newsletter.

During the past two years the Foundation has spent considerable effort to promote the ATV raffles to help raise funds for the Foundation. For the 2011-2012 Lions year the Foundation will direct substantial effort promoting: license plate sales, mint program, White Cane Days and individual assistance.

Means of Promotion

Trustees making contact with clubs in their areas to promote the issues. Use of Foundation video, printed materials, support from Foundation Connections. The trustee visitation plan used in the past would be updated and used as a guide.

Mass mailing to all Montana Lions: fall of 2011 and winter of 2012

Monthly newsletter featuring the key issues.

Sent via email

Sent via regular mail to: Foundation connections, club presidents, and club secretaries

Website: The website would be used to feature the key issues.

Video: Clubs would be encouraged to show the Foundation video. Trustees would be asked to travel to as many clubs as possible and show the video.

Facebook: The issues would be featured on the Foundation's Facebook page.

Foundation Miracle Network: The network would be used to relay information to as many people as possible using the network.

Promotional Mailings: Information would be sent to service providers such as: audiologists, nursing homes, senior centers, assisted living, county health, funeral homes, other

Media: PSA information would be prepared and distributed to radio stations, newspapers, TV stations, other

Postcards: The Foundation did use post cards to promote license plate sales. This means could be used as needed.

Thank you Lions for supporting Your Foundation. The board of directors looks forward to serving you and helping your community members in the 2011-2012 Lions year.

WHAT ARE THE GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM & GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Lions Clubs International has moved in a new direction effective July 1, 2011. The Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Leadership Team (GLT) have replaced the old MERL team and will be a major factor in maintaining our membership, growing our membership and building new membership along with training future leaders for our District.

Our leaders for Western Canada are PID Patti Hill for the GLT team and PCC Andre Nimchuk for the GMT team. These leaders will be working with two Multiple District Coordinators; they are PDG Mary Kay Flanagan with the GLT team and Lion Bill Busst for the GMT team. Together they will be working with District Coordinators and team members from each district.

Our District governor team will be working closely with our District Coordinators and their team members who have each committed to three year terms on Cabinet.

What are the GMT and GLT Roles and Responsibilities, here is a brief explanation of each team and the goals they will be working towards achieving.

Global Leadership Team

Leadership is critical to the overall success of any organization. An effective leadership team will provide the vision, guidance and motivation necessary to continue to fulfill its mission of providing quality, relevant service to the global community. Without a solid foundation based in effective leadership, this growth cannot be sustained and maximized. The new Global Leadership Team (GLT) provides the needed focus on active leadership development encouraging regional training and development approaches to address local needs. The GLT encourages the identification and development of leaders at all levels of the association, while providing necessary information, guidance and motivation.

Some Responsibilities of the District-GLT include:

- 1) Supports and motivates zone and club leadership. Organizes zone chairperson training and club officers training
- 2) Assesses training and leadership needs in our district
- 3) Organizes and promotes training at district rallies and conventions
- 4) Will role out the Club Excellence Process to help Clubs.
- 5) Work harmoniously with the GMT Team to identify needs and ensure suitability of training opportunities.
- 6) Establishes training and development plan for district with guidance from GLT-Multiple District
- 7) Organizes Certified Guiding Lion training; supports and advises Certified Guiding Lion
- 8) Ensures new member orientation is effectively implemented
- 9) Identifies and encourages potential leaders based on aptitude, experience and interest; recommends qualified candidates for further development; encourages involvement with Lions Mentoring Program

Global Membership Team

Increasing membership is an important goal. There are three fundamental ways of achieving annual net membership gains:

- Start new clubs (new club extension)
- Invite new members to existing clubs (membership growth)



- Reduce drops (retention)

The GMT concentrates on membership and club growth, and on club success. The integrated efforts of the GMT and multiple district and district GMTs will address regional growth and development needs while building our membership base, improving club health, and enhancing the quality of leadership at all levels of the association.

Responsibilities of the GMT Team

- 1) District GMT member responsibilities include setting membership goals
- 2) Implementing action plans, and communicating the goals and plans to the GMT multiple district coordinator.

Grow, Keep and Build Our Membership

VACANCY FILLED

Congratulations to Doug Combs who stepped up to become the new Zone 6 Chair. This includes the following Clubs, Hamilton, Hellgate, Lolo, East Missoula, Missoula, Missoula South Side and Seeley Lake. Contact info: ddcombs@bresnan.net

THANK YOU DOUG FOR STEPPING UP.

ZONE 7 CHAIR STILL REQUIRED

Clubs include: Charlo, Hot Springs, Plains, Polson, Ronan and Superior.

Helping Kids through Lions Quest the center for positive Youth Development

August is Youth month. So fellow lions the new lionistic year is now one month old, what have you done so far? With the kids being out of school we should all be thinking of ways to improve their coming year? I can't think of a better way than introducing LIONS Quest into to their school curriculums for this coming year.

Lions Quest programs are comprehensive, positive youth development and prevention curricula that unite the home, school and community to cultivate capable and healthy young people of strong character. Lions Quest programs teach essential life skills that support character development, social and emotional learning, civic values, substance and violence prevention, and service-learning.

I know one training school is being set up for the teachers of the Horizon School District. We have a qualified trainer residing in the district so this keeps the cost very reasonable for training new teachers.

The horizon school district uses the program in all their schools so it must be a very worthwhile and helpful resource.

I will try to get a Lions Quest session on the program for our District N convention this fall so you can learn more of its success. With any luck I will be able to have a teacher from Horizon do the presentation so we can hear first hand how well the program is working for them and the students. Lets get out there and promote the program to all the teachers we know for the new year before they become to busy.

Yours in LIONISM

Lion Wayne Baker - District 37N Quest Chairperson

TREES FOR TAM

Planting a Million Trees – Do You Believe it Can Be Done?

One of International President Tams projects this year was for the Lions Clubs around the world to pledge and plant 1 million trees.

After the pledges by the 750 Governors were tallied in Seattle, 1 million trees turned into a whopping 4,7000,000.

Being conservative and wanting to achieve the goal for our District I pledged 200 trees. I feel this number is more than achievable and my hope is that we surpass this number. Each month we are asked to send in our numbers to International so that we may watch the thermometer rise.

Why trees? It's no secret that trees help the environment, but you may be surprised by all the benefits that planting a tree can provide. Trees are like the lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. They also reduce erosion to save soil, help preserve local water sources, and provide habitat for wildlife living under more and more stress. Simply put, planting trees in your neighborhood really is one of the best things you can do for the local environment.

Any of us can plant a tree. It's a very visible and hands-on way for each and every Lion to make a difference. It's also a great project to invite your community at-large to join your local Lions club in a collaborative effort. If we can plant a million trees, it will reinforce the limitless potential we all know we have to make a difference as Lions.

So make tree-planting part of your club or district activities this year, and invite your neighbors, friends and members of the community to join you. What better way to be reminded of our gift of service than to watch the trees you have planted grow year-by-year?

Thank you Clubs and individuals for doing your part. I will be excited to here of your success.



ARE YOU OUR LEADER OF TOMORROW?

We are always on the lookout for future leaders for our District. If this maybe something of interest to you we want to put you on the right track.

Multiple District 37 will be hosting a Regional Lions Leadership Training October 20-23 in Gold Creek, Montana. This training is restricted to 50 attendees. This allows each of our five districts to send 10 potential lion leaders. The registration fee to attend is \$100.00. Attendees will be responsible for getting to and from the camp but once there you will be provided with meals and accommodations at no charge.

During your stay you will receive excellent training sessions by qualified facilitators. Be prepared to come, learn, listen and participate.

With 53 Clubs in our District I have no doubt we will have many interested lions. I would encourage you to review the enclosed forms to complete and submit them as soon as possible I wish we could send everyone but unfortunately only 10 can be chosen. Those successful candidates will be notified once the screening committee has reviewed all interested participants.

Thank you to everyone who will express an interest.

Yours respectfully in Lionism

DG Lion Sharon West



MD37 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR LIONS LEADERS

The Lions Leadership Institute focuses on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibility at club, zone, district, and regional levels.

Participant Qualifications

1. Candidates for this institute from Alberta, Northwest Territories, British Columbia and Montana will be given priority.
2. Candidates must be Lions in good standing. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently.
3. Candidates must be willing to commit to a three day institute including group mealtime activities. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.

COST OF THE INSTITUTE

Registration Fee: \$100.00

MD 37 will pay for meals and lodging during the actual days of the institute. Participants are responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute.

SELECTION PROCESS

Acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. A maximum of fifty applicants will be accepted. The Institute staff will review applications and notify the applicants of the results. If applications received exceed the capacity of the institute, unaccepted applicants will have first priority for acceptance to the next institute to be held the following year.

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

PDG Mary Kay Flanagan
MD37 GLT Leader
3615 Nelson Road
Bozeman, MT 59718-7718
Ph/Fax: 406-388-1262

Application Procedure

Prepare the following items and submit them as indicated below. Your application will be considered only when all completed forms are submitted.

- A) Application form
- B) Candidate's Lions history
- C) A minimum of two letters of nomination from a Lions leader who knows you from the following list:

International President
Past International President
International Vice President
International Director
Past International Director
Council Chair
District Leadership Development Chair
District Membership Chair
District Extension Chair
District Retention Chair
District Governor
Vice District Governor
Past District Governor
Zone Chairman
Club President
Lions Club Board of Directors

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: September 30, 2011

MD37 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE APPLICATION FORM

Purpose: The purpose of the Lions Leadership Institute is to provide Lions leaders with an opportunity to sharpen skills to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at the club, zone, region, and district levels.

Please type or print

Gender: ____ Male ____ Female

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial

Street Address

City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Residence Phone

Business Phone

Cell Phone

Fax/E-Mail

Club Name

Club Number

District

Current Lions Title

Highest Lions Office

List Any Lions Leadership Institutes you have attended before (Where and When)

Lions Clubs International is not responsible for your personal costs, including but not limited to those associated with illness, unanticipated or other personal changes, lost or stolen property of attendees. Attendees are requested to carry medical insurance information in the event they require medical services.

In case of emergency, contact:

Applicant Signature



MD37 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
CANDIDATE'S LIONS HISTORY (SERVICE RECORD)

Name: _____ District _____

Present Lions Club _____

Month and year joined

Offices held at the club level (if any):

Offices held at the zone, region or district level (if any):

List any previous Lions Clubs you have been a member of:

List offices held in any previous Lions Clubs:

List committees served on in any previous Lions Club:

Other comments:



**Nomination Form
MD37 Hall of Fame**

Date: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Candidate's Next of Kin: _____

Candidate's Address: _____

Candidate's Phone #: _____

Candidate's Immediate Family: _____

Sponsor: _____

Sponsor Contact: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Phone #: _____

CRITERIA:

Date Candidate joined Lions: _____

Candidate's current Club: _____

List of all clubs in which Candidate has held membership: _____



List all Lion's awards and honors received: _____

Is candidate a Life Member of MD37 or LCI? _____ If so, how long? _____

How many new members has candidate sponsored? _____

State reasons why you think this members is a worthy candidate for the MD37 Hall of Fame:

List any other information that you feel may be applicable: _____

Please feel free to include any news article: