

37S Newsletter

District Governor Jim Johnke

February 2008

Woolgathering

DG Jim Johnke

Time surely flies by when one is busy, but what else is new with my life. It seems like it was only yesterday that I wrote the last newsletter.

I hope everyone remembers their sweethearts on the fourteenth. I won a box of chocolates at Broadview last week so I am all set.

On a personal note, I am scheduled for cataract surgery on my right eye on Tuesday, February 12. After this eye is healed I will be fitted for new glasses. It has been a long time since I had normal vision and I am looking forward to this.

Club visitations are very rewarding and enjoyable. Everyone has been very gracious even when the governor has been talking longer than he planned. I promise to work on this.

The clubs I have visited most recently are:

February 5	Denton--6:30 a.m.
	Billings Heights--6:00 p.m.
February 6	Fairfield--6:00 p.m.
February 7	Billings Lions and Broadview

(at Broadview)--6:00 p.m.

Remember to invite someone to join your Lions club. We want new members, so we must ask others to visit our clubs. It is very unusual for other people to ask to join us.

Happy Trails,
DG Jim

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

District 37-S has over \$2,000 available. Clubs or members can apply for \$300 or \$400 if a club has no Melvin Jones Fellows. Clubs in 37-S can apply for only one scholarship until March 1, 2008.

NEXT CABINET MEETING

Tentative Date: Saturday, April 26

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Johnke Ranch, Flatwillow, Montana (15 miles south of Winnett)

Alternate Date: May 10

Cabinet members, please E-mail your preference on the dates. I prefer May 10 because the countryside would be greener at that time. johnke@midrivers.com

Leader Dog

By Lucille Mapston, Leader Dog Chairman

37S continues to lead MD37 in financial support of the Leader Dog Program with contributions of \$5600 for the past 6 months. The donations came from 17 clubs in the District. Where are the Donations from the other 70% of the Clubs in 37S? It is understandable that the Canadian Clubs do not support the Leader Dog Program because they are affiliated with the Canadian Lions Clubs.

Computer guru and web-master, Jerry Leggate has constructed a great link in our District Web Page about the Leader Dog Program. Take a minute or two and go to md37s.billingslions.org and click on Leader Dog in the left hand column.

Leader Dogs for the Blind have selected a new CEO and president replacing long time President Bill Hansen. The new CEO is a very talented leader who has a true passion for his work and vision for what it takes to make improvements and continue moving forward.

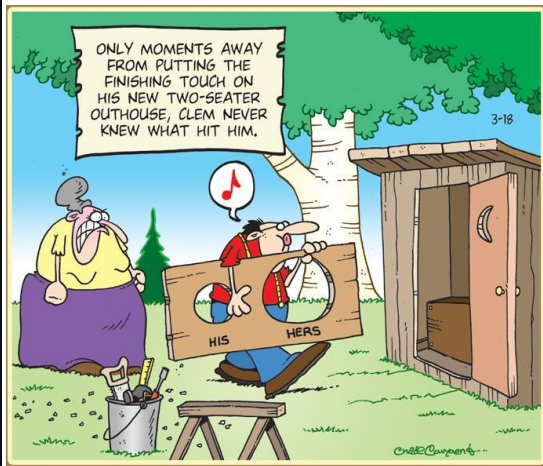


Personalized License Plate

The Foundation is involved in the **Specialized License Plate Program**. Any resident of Montana can contribute to the Foundation through the purchase of a Lions license plate at any time during the year. Individuals can contact their county treasurer to purchase the license plate. The cost is \$30.00 of which \$20.00 goes to the Foundation and \$10.00 to the State.

Purchasing a license plate is a great way to support

Lionism and the work of the Foundation.



Message from LCIF Chairman Jimmy M. Ross

Dear Fellow Lion,

I want to tell you about an exciting new Lions partnership.

In July 2007, The International Association of Lions Clubs agreed to help the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) disseminate information about large-scale or pandemic influenza (flu).

This new partnership includes my participation as one of four leaders of national non-profit organizations to appear in advertisements for HHS' awareness campaign, Take the Lead: Pandemic Flu-Working Together to Prepare Now.

Participation in this national public health campaign is an honor for Lions clubs. This national campaign coincides with our Lions ALERT emergency preparedness program.

Last century, there were three worldwide pandemic flu outbreaks. Millions of people died. Unlike seasonal flu, humans have little - if any - immunity to a pandemic flu virus. It takes several weeks or months for public health officials to identify a pandemic flu virus strain and develop a vaccine.

As community leaders, we can participate in a pro-active pandemic flu plan. Additional information about pandemic flu appears on the HHS Web site: www.pandemicflu.gov and the United Nations' World Health Organization (WHO) Web site at: www.who.org.

Lions from several US communities recently met with HHS representatives to discuss ways to develop pro-active pandemic flu plans. I want to thank these Lions for representing the Association and for eagerly agreeing to help in the development of a pro-active pandemic flu plan.

Sincerely,

Jimmy M. Ross
LCIF Chairperson

MD37S Web Page

If you get e-mail on your computer, you can view the great web page constructed by Lion Jerry Legate. On this page you can view not only this newsletter, but all the past issues and all of the newsletters from each of the Districts. You have links that you can connect to LCI, MD, and various sub-organizations of the Lions. A click of a mouse can save the district about 50 cents in mailing and labeling cost per member. We can do better things with our money than send out newsletters to people

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The Web Address is: md37s.billingslions.org

The Blonde and the Blinker

Two blondes were driving down the road. The blonde driving looks at her friend in the passenger seat and asks her to see if her blinker is working. So the blonde looks out the window and says, "Yes. No. Yes. No."

Winterized MD37 Lions

A recent sighting of Lions of MD37 in AZ has the State buzzing with rumors and even a couple RI HDUWKTXDNHV , ¶P QRV Bill Weber & Joan recently seen at the Flea Market in Mesa or PDG Jim Spate and Brenda or PDG Dick Corne and Joan have caused the earthquakes but shortly after their sighting 3 or 4 earthquakes occurred in northern Mexico and were felt with significant movement in Yuma where Jim and Brenda are visiting PDG Mapston and Lucille. I sure miss those Negative temperature numbers and shoveling of snow but somehow I guess I can stand it until April.

What is your Club Doing?

Other than a few Clubs reporting what they are doing to make their communities a better place most of our clubs know nothing about the 40 plus clubs in 37S. It is difficult to write a newsletter if there is no news. I have heard that there are interesting projects going on in Forsyth, Denton, Billings, Hysham, Choteau and others, but I cannot make up stories about these project that are unique and interesting without some communication from these clubs. Why not share your projects with the rest of us. One club is planning a \$17,000 project. One club is going to try to redo their swimming pool at a cost of tens of thousands of dollars, One club has constructed and paid for an electronic sign for their community, One club has designed a Veterans Memorial Park. One Club has created a neat playground. Etc. Etc. / H W¶¶¶ the etc., etc. Come on Lions We can Do Better.

A Lions Club here in Yuma had a recent successful project. They had a shopping Spree. They sold tickets for a shopping spree at Alberstons and made several thousand dollars. The winner got a \$250 voucher for meat and therefore did not use her entire time at the expensive meat counters but still came up with about \$900 worth of groceries and the Lions got a lot of publicity from the radio and TV Stations here in Yuma.

THE TAILTWISTERS OF EACH CLUB WILL BE CONDUCTING A TEST TO DETERMINE WHO READS THESE NEWSLETTERS.