



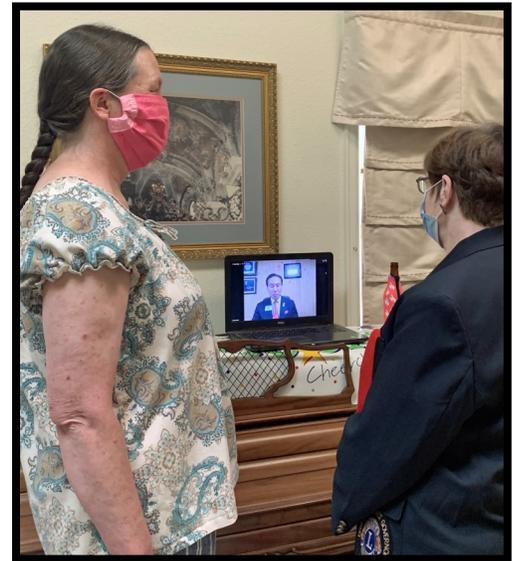
We Serve Wyoming

Analyn Reader Assumes Roll as Wyoming's District Governor

International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi installed district governors elect during a media presentation on June 29. The Lions Clubs 103rd International Convention in Singapore was canceled due to Covid-19.

But that didn't stop LCI and Wyoming Lions!

PDG and spouses from the area gathered at the home of Lions Robin and Bill Walters for a masked event to support DG Analyn.



First Vice District Governor Robin Walters assisted DG Analyn Reader by pulling off the DG Elect ribbon.



PDGs Bob Lyons, John Harper, Gary Roadlfer, Dave Orr, Gus Lopez and Jim Reynolds celebrated with DG Analyn Reader.



Considering the health and safety of attendees the following events have been canceled due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic:

- AHSLC Celebration and cabinet meeting August 22-23 at AHSLC on Casper mountain, meetings will be scheduled with Zoom
- WY Lions Leadership Institute September 10-13 at AHSLC on Casper Mountain

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District Governor Greets Wyoming Lions

Hello Fellow Lions,

As I write this, we find ourselves in the strangest of times and functioning under heightened restrictions. We are still Lions and there are things we can still do. I am hearing stories of local clubs reaching out to help and assist both individuals and community groups. Keep up the good work.

Our meetings might now be on Zoom rather than in person, but we are fortunate to be able to sit in the comfort of our living rooms in our pajamas and still have a meeting with fellow Lions. Of course, not everyone is wearing their PJ's; but the fact we even have that option is amazing. Lion Dave Orr has been very instrumental in assisting clubs with setting up Zoom meetings, as well as the Cabinet, the Camp Board, the Foundation Board and quite a few clubs. He is always more than willing to assist in doing this for any board and/or club. Please reach out to him, if you need tech assist as he is our Official Technology Person.

Many of you may already know Lion Dave is retiring from the his position as the Executive Director of the Lions of WY Foundation. Lion Mindi Crabb who is both a member of the Pinedale Club and a past District Governor will assume that position. They are currently working together to transition.

As District Governor and a WY Lion I want to personally say, "Thank you Dave, for your nine years of dedication to managing the Lions of WY Foundation and your diligence in pushing, pulling, dragging, and guiding us into the computer/ Internet era, especially me."

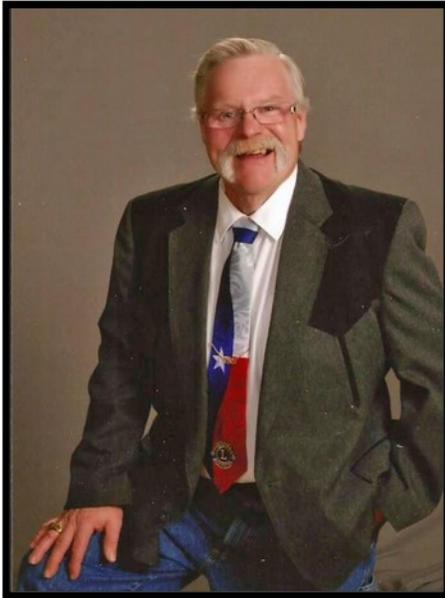
Special thanks to Past District Governor Craig Thompson for his leadership and guidance over this past year. He and I first met at the very first WY Lions Leadership Institute which was held at the AHSLC. It was during this experience that my passion for Lions was truly first set afire.

Your District Governor Team, including myself, First District Governor Robin Walters, a truly amazing Lion and Gary Roadifer, a PDG who graciously stepped forward to fill this position want all Wyoming Lions of WY to please feel free to reach out to us with questions, ideas, input, etc., We are ALL LIONS for the same reason, TO SERVE and help others.

Yes, we had to cancel the planned WY State Convention in Cheyenne. This event was to have been their 100-year Celebration. Then, we had to cancel the celebration to be held at the AHSLC on Casper Mountain. Both, because of Covid 19. We are now looking forward to the Lions Convention in Riverton, the first weekend in April 2021.

Always remember Lions are tough, committed, and positive. We will keep marching onward!





IPDG Craig Thompson Reflects on this Past Year

Hello to all,

My thoughts and recollections from this past year begin when I became **District Governor of District 15 – Wyoming**. When I was asked to begin a new chapter in my life, the enthusiasm I felt to begin this venture relates to all things that we do as Lions "We Serve". I know that I personally have grown much in working with my club members and in trying to inspire them to move forward.

As I reflect on all the leadership classes I have attended at the District and International level, I have found you make a lot of friends for life. Even on the **District level** you have a different style of communicating. It makes your heart grow fonder to understand all people are different as are all clubs are different. We are all still true servers to our community. When I left for Oak Brook to attend training and met other District Governors Elect, I developed relationships that helped me learn and understand what it is all about. When I traveled to Milan for my induction as DG and met with hundreds of District Governors from all over the world, WOW - what a moment it was! Even though I was there for an extra 3½ days before I left, I began to find out how humble one gets when thrust into these situations.

There are times when we as District Governors must have those tough talks with your own cabinet group. We had to cancel a state convention for the district, probably for the first time ever, and then get things rolling later. I cannot express myself enough about those clubs I visited either in person or with a new generational change of Zoom meetings. Now that is progress, we have made in the last 103 years.

It takes leadership at the club and district level to inspire those around you. Please remember to always praise your fellow club members for their contributions and valued volunteer time doing their service for your clubs.

New Voices is a new program on the LCI website. One may think it is a new program to increase our membership. My thought is that New Voices is just to inform us that in our ever-changing way of doing things just ask one will keep membership climbing.

In closing I would like to say thank you Lions for the opportunity to serve you this past year. I would love to do this journey again of working hard and serving. -

"ROAR"

IPDG Craig Thompson



Membership Issues During a Pandemic

By PDG Lee McDonald, Global
Membership Team Coordinator



The pandemic continues to force changes in all our lives that none of us enjoy. As I sit down to write this article, I wonder if the topics and suggestions made in the past are still relevant. Certainly the focus on increasing numbers in club membership takes a back seat to simply maintaining what we have. Clubs have ceased in-person meetings, have discontinued or made huge changes to projects, and been forced to re-evaluate how to serve our communities as Lions. Normal seems a long way in the future!

Here are a few thoughts on how we can “keep it together” during these changing times. Several clubs throughout the state have started using technology to hold virtual meetings. Some have even (yes I’m surprised) found it to be a really good communications tool. No driving and you don’t even have to wear pants. In some cases Lions that might not have been able to otherwise attend in person can attend virtually. There are a number of free or low cost meeting and communication options like: Zoom, Go to Meeting, or Freeconferencecall.com. With a little practice these formats allow us to continue our Lions work. If any of you have questions on how these formats work please feel free to contact me or any of the District officers and we will be glad to help.

Since we have not been able to physically get together for a while now is a good time to check in with our fellow Lions. Many of us are social people (one reason we are Lions) and the isolation caused by the pandemic is difficult. Now is a great time to reach out to our fellow Lions and just check in. A quick note, phone call or even a text can make our day.

Let us remember that Lions still have a bright future and the community need for our service is greater than ever. If you or your clubs have found creative ways to continue Lions service during these crazy times we would love to hear about it so we can share with others. If your clubs are struggling we have ways to help so please reach out. Please stay safe!



District Results Are In

By PDG Jim Reynolds Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

- District Governor – District 15 Wyoming 2021 – 2022 Lion Robin Walters, Pine Bluffs Lions Club, 1st Vice District Governor (2020-2021)
- 2nd VDG - D15 WY 2020 - 2021 /1st VDG - D15 WY 2021 - 2022 PDG Gary Roadifer, appointed
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Board 2020 - 2023 Lion Bruce Heimbeck, Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club
- Allen H. Stewart Camp Board Director – Area 1 – 2020 - 2023 Lion Neil LaFave, Cody Lions Club
- Allen H. Stewart Camp Board Director – Area 2 – 2020 – 2023 Lion Shawn Martin, Hulett Lions Club
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation Board 2020-2023 Lion Dave Orr, Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club – Write in
- Wyoming State Convention Host and Site for 2022 Rawlins Lions Club
- Lions of Wyoming Foundation Board Director – Area 4 – 2020-2023 Lion Dr. Nathan Edwards, Casper Mountain Lions Club
- Lions of Wyoming Foundation Board Director – Area 2 – 2020-2023 Jennifer Reculosa, Kaycee Lions Club – Write in
- District 15 Constitutional Amendment Amendment Passed
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Constitutional Amendment Amendment Passed

Here's a Letter to You!

By Bonnie Harrison, Global Service
Coordinator

Hello Lions,

I am the District Global Service Team Coordinator. Last year there were 40 active clubs in District 15. Of those 40 clubs, only nine recorded their service activities

The current method that LCI has for clubs to report their service is with the MyLion® App. It is far from perfect and it has numerous quirks that make using it challenging and annoying to use. However, it is the only tool we have for reporting service hours and we need to make the best of it. They do update it occasionally and some day it may live up to its potential.

MyLion® is used to enter service activities, fundraisers and meetings. When you create the activity, you can invite your club members, District members or Lions around the world to participate in your activity.

MyLCI® is still the site where club secretaries or presidents enter their Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs) and update their officers for the next year. These two sites are combined under one umbrella.

They have added a training site, called the Lions Learning Center, that also can be accessed under the umbrella site.

- ◆ Any Lion who has a MyLion account can CREATE an activity for their club.
- ◆ The Club Secretary, Club Service Chair (CSC), Club President, and Club Administrator can REPORT on an activity after it has been finished.
- ◆ A District Administrator can also report an activity for a club if needed.



If you need to set up a Lions Account, I recommend that you initially create the account using your computer. (MyLion is also available in an App version for your phone or tablet.)

Go to www.lionsclub.org

At the top of the LCI webpage is the link: Member Login. It takes you to the follow site. If you need to create an account, pick REGISTER.

To create an account, you need

- Your Lions member ID number
- Your birthdate
- Your email or mobile phone #
- The password you will want to use.

If you do not know your member ID number, the club secretary should have a record of it. It is also on your membership card.

It is important that your birthdate and email or mobile number matches what LCI has on file in their database exactly. This is one thing that may prevent users from being able to set up their Lions Account. The exact match is what LCI uses to help verify it is actually you setting up the account.

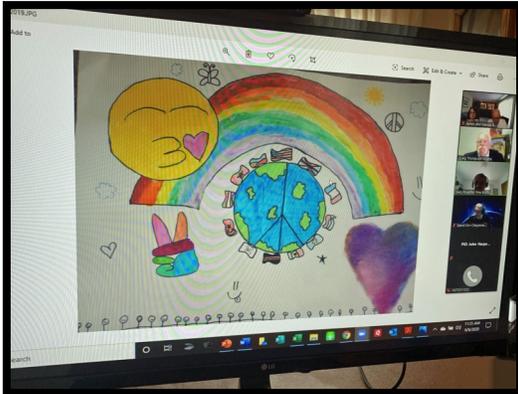
Once you have created an account and logged in you will see this site.



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2020 Peace Poster Winner is Announced

By PDG Gary Roadifer



DG Analyn Reader and 1st VDG Robin Walters presents gifts to the District 15 Peace Poster Contest winner, Alyssa Valdez. Alyssa was a 6th grader at Rossman Elementary in Cheyenne. Gifts included an artist drawing kit, a frame photograph of Alyssa's winning poster, and a stuff Lion. Alyssa gave a great description of her poster to 1st VDG Robin.



USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience

The USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience is an OPPORTUNITY!

Lions will soon be able to register for this online event to learn from Lions Clubs International Leaders, featured professional speakers and numerous seminars, while still in the safety and convenience of their own homes. Save the date and join the fun!

***Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity* September 25-27,**

2020

Click on this link for the newsletter describing the event.

<https://lionsforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Louisville-Newsletter-07.2020.pdf>

District 15 Cabinet Meeting Goes Virtual

The work of the Lions of Wyoming continues in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic. Instead of a face-to-face state convention in Cheyenne celebrating 100 years of Lionism in Wyoming a free virtual experience was opened to all. PDG Dave Orr, District 15's Technology Chair, scheduled a Zoom meeting for June 6. Attendees had to register with him and access the link on the invitation. Over fifty Wyoming Lions registered and joined that day. Business was conducted as usual and there was even time for chit-chat.



PDG Dave Orr hosts the Zoom meeting while PDG Jim Reynolds records and reports.



Part of the Gallery interacts.



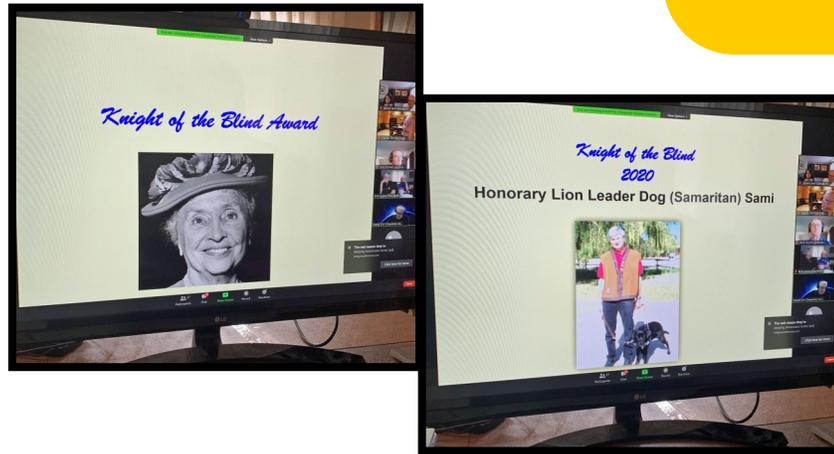
DG Craig Thompson conducts the meeting.



Past International President Joe Preston from Mesa, Arizona addresses the participants.



PDG Dave Orr announces the Knights of the Blind awardee.



Actions of District 15 Cabinet Meetings Using Zoom

April 2, 2020

- Canceled the 2020 District 15 convention in Cheyenne.

June 6, 2020

- Endorsed PID Mick Barrus to present a special fundraising project to the convention in Riverton in 2021.
- Approved sending \$125 to the Madden Reading Action Fund and \$125 to LCIF in memory of Past International President Wayne Madded who passed away on May 30, 2020.
- Confirmed the motion passed by the DG Team members on May 18, 2020 the allocation of funds to AHSLC for \$8,000 for sidewalks and internet, to LoWF for \$5,000 undesignated, to WY Food Bank of the Rockies for \$5,000 for 20,000 meals to WY families in need, and to WLLI for \$1,500 for WY Lions registration 2020.
- Announced the Wyoming Lions Hall of Fame Class of 2020. These Lions will be recognized at the state convention in 2021. The following Lions will be honored.
 - J. Jerome Durfey, PDG, Lander Lions Club
 - John A. Harper, PID, Cheyenne Sunrise Lions
 - John Daum, PID, Spearfish Lions Club, Newcastle Cambria/Newcastle Lions Club
 - C. Kent Jensen, Cheyenne Frontier Lions Club
 - Bob Harper, Gillette Lions Club
 - James Ullery, Kaycee Lions Club
- Asked for further nominations for the District 15 2020 elections. There were none. Ballot was discussed and mail-in voting process explained.
- Heard DGE Analystyn Reader report the 2021 state convention in Riverton is scheduled for April 1-3, 2021 with ID Jennifer Ware being the guest.

July 1, 2020

- Canceled the August 22-23, 2020 Celebration on Casper Mountain at the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp.
- Set the D15 cabinet meeting for August 22, 2020 at 9:00 AM on Zoom.

July 11, 2020

- Appointed PDG Gary Roadifer as 2nd VDG 2020-2021/1st VDG Elect 2021-2022.



ROARS FROM THE CAMP

By DGE Robin Walters, Board of Directors Chair

This summer has presented both challenges and opportunities for the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp Board. The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in most groups canceling their activities at the camp. However, we are taking this opportunity to improve the facilities, so that next year it will be better than ever.

Thanks to District 15 Lions and the Lions of Wyoming Foundation, the following projects will be completed by the end of the summer.

- New floors and new curtains in the boy's and girl's dorms
- New sidewalks
- New electronic locks
- New sound system and large screen tv in McCarrell Hall
- Repairs to the basketball court
- A new fire pit
- Repair of laundry room floor in McCarrell
- Stain interior of McCarrell
- Stain outdoor BBQ area

Progress is being made toward providing broad band internet to the camp. This should be completed in 2021.

The Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth and a camp for visually impaired adults are planned for the summer of 2021.

At the next AHSLC Board meeting new wiring in the Mills Mountainview building, restoration of Boyer Hall, and a new gate for the entrance will be discussed.

Although several organizations and groups have canceled this summer, four groups have rented the camp, as well as four wedding parties. This is approximately 40% of expected rentals.

PDG Gary Roadifer has stepped down as chair of the AHSLC Board. DGE Robin Walters is taking his place. Thank you, Lion Gary, for your leadership and motivation. Other Board members include:

- DG Anlyn Reader, Riverton Lions
- 2nd VDG Gary Roadifer, Pine Bluffs Lions
- PDG Val Grant, Torrington Lions
- Cheryl VonRiesen,, Pine Bluffs Lions
- Neil Lafave, Cody Lions
- Shawn Martin, Hulett Lions
- Pam Glasser, Medicine Bow Lions
- Dana Stone, Mountainview Lions

New Locks



McCarrell Dorm



Dubay Dorm



McCarrell Hall





Message from Lions of Wyoming Foundation Lion Dave Orr, Executive Director

In August of 2004, I drove from my home in Cheyenne to the home of PID John Daum, my predecessor as Executive Director of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation. After visiting for several hours, we loaded my car with storage tubs and boxes filled with all the paraphernalia of the LoWF. At the time, I had no idea that my service as E.D. would last 16 years. We served as co-directors for three months while I transitioned into the position, and John gradually withdrew. In some ways, it seems like a long time ago, but in other ways, it seems like it was only yesterday.

Today I looked back at the minutes of my first meeting with the LoWF Board of Trustees, held on October 23, 2004 in Casper. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Ellis (Rock Springs). The minutes were kept by Secretary Gilbert Cordova (Byron). Our treasurer was Roger Epp (Rawlins). Mention was made of a phone call from Jay Bullock (Mountain View). We talked about use of the Aruba time share property. I encouraged our board members to make a diligent effort to visit all the clubs in their area. There was discussion of a partnership with the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute. A nomination was considered for a Knight of the Blind Award for Scott Gilmer (Cheyenne Sunrise Lions, at that time). There was consideration of moving the "Parade of Checks" to be part of a Lions of Wyoming Foundation Luncheon at the State Convention.

I reported on my first Club Representative Training event held October 2 in Gillette. John Daum co-hosted the meeting with me. We discussed the Christmas Give Away Raffle and the Spring Raffle. Other board members at that time were: Allen Peterson (Torrington), LeRoy Baldwin (Mills-Mountain View), Bill Wright (Rawlins), Bill Heron (Casper), Nancy Haynes (Thermopolis), and Lewis Lyon (Laramie Plains).

You "old timers" will remember some of those names. Only a few of them are still with us. Much has changed: The Foundation no longer owns a time share in Aruba; our associations with the RMLEIF is now routine; there is no longer a Mills-Mountain View Lions Club.

We do not do state-wide raffles as fund raisers anymore. We used to keep track of how many tickets each club sold, and a proportion of the proceeds was split between participating clubs and the Foundation.

The Friends of the Foundation Program began eleven years ago. It has raised over \$45,000 during that time.

I made a quick count and found 118 grants issued in 16 years. I did not try to add up the funds granted, but at \$500 each that would be nearly \$60,000. If you figure that the LoWF provides 20% of surgical grants, that will represent \$300,000 in surgical fees at the Medicare rate. Full price for that amount at Medicare rates would represent something like \$1,200,000. Rather good "bang for our bucks."

It has been a wonderful experience serving the Lions of Wyoming in this way. One of the joys of serving in his position has been visiting your clubs. As District Governor and with LoWF, think I have visited nearly every club in the state. They are different in many ways, but all are alike in their commitment to serve their communities.

Most memorable though, is meeting the people we have helped. When a person finds out that the eye surgery that will allow them to continue to work for a living; one that they could in no way afford; will be available at no cost... Well, that warms your heart in a way that I cannot describe. As I look back at the names on the grant records that I personally helped fill out the applications, some I remember vividly because of the emotions of the situations. The gratitude expressed after the sight restoring surgeries.... Great memories. That is what it means to be a Lion. When you are able to be there, with the person you help in a meaningful way, and see the impact it has on their lives, that is what it is all about, my fellow Lions.

In sixteen years, I have not received a raise in pay, but believe me, I have been well compensated in other, much more important ways.

I am retiring from the Lions of Wyoming Lions, but not from being a Lion. I will continue to serve as District Technology Chair. I am one of the newest members of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation Board of Trustees. I was asked to serve as their secretary at the first meeting this month. I am still serving as my club's secretary.

Looking ahead, I see a bright future for the Lions of Wyoming Foundation. Your new Executive Director, PDG Mindi Crabb of Pinedale, brings a wealth of experience as a Lion and in working with nonprofit organizations. She has energy, intelligence, experience, and creativity. I fear she will soon help you discover my shortcomings. I am excited by the possibilities, and I hope you are too. I encourage you to continue supporting the Lions of Wyoming Foundation as you have in the past sixteen years. Thank you, for all you do.

David M. Orr



Looking for a way to serve the community of Wyoming?

The Wyoming Legislature created the Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in 1975 to protect the welfare of the public through regulation of the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology. Lion Dave Orr is term limited after serving two three-year terms on this board. The five-member board consists of two speech pathologists, an audiologist, a medical professional, and a member of the public. Lion Dave is the public member. The Board meets a minimum of two times per year, but with some recent changes in rules has met more often. Candidates must have resided in Wyoming for at least one year. The Board sets rules for licensing and approves new and renewal licenses. The one perk is that there is an annual meeting of similar boards each year in the fall. Board members may attend at the expense of the Board. Locations for previous annual meetings have been Todd's Crossing, VA (near Washington, D.C.), New Orleans, and Santa Fe, N.M. Members who live outside of Cheyenne may attend meetings virtually (on-line). Membership on this board has been interesting and rewarding, working with professionals who are dedicated to public safety. Of course, hearing issues are a service area supported by Lions Clubs International. Please contact Lion Dave at dorr7111@gmail.com for more information.

Kaycee Lion Jennifer Reculosa elected to Area Two Seat on LoWF Board

Welcome to our newest LoWF Board Member, Jennifer Reculosa, from the Kaycee Lions Club. She will represent Area 2 (Johnson, Sheridan, Campbell, Crook and Weston Counties). Jennifer has been a Lion since 2009 and serves as her club's secretary. She is a ranch wife with three children.



Lions of Wyoming Foundation fact module:



The Lions of Wyoming Foundation has received grant applications from six Lions Clubs on behalf of seven people in 2020: six eye surgeries and one set of hearing aids. The hearing aids will be provided at no cost (donated working set). Three eye surgeries have been completed. One was approved but had to be rescheduled due to the Covid-19 situation. Two have been approved for funding, and the surgeries are scheduled for the near future. For each of the surgeries, the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Surgical Fund picks up 60% of the cost. The local club and the LoWF split the remaining 40%. The Eye Bank has paid/approved over \$13,000; The Clubs and LoWF have each paid/approved nearly \$5,000.

Lions of Wyoming Foundation Update

by DGE Robin Walters

Let us give a big ROAR to Lion Dave Orr for 16 years of service as the Executive Director of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation. He is retiring on August 31.

His diligence in fund raising for the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp and the Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth has played a large part in helping many blind and visually impaired young people to learn skills to enable them to become independent, productive individuals.

We can only imagine the great sense of relief and excitement of persons who have received eye surgeries or hearing aids with assistance from the Foundation. Lion Dave spent many hours making this possible. I have heard him become emotional when reading the “thank you” letters or recounting conversations which he had with many of these recipients. He has always been grateful to have the opportunity to help so many people.

Lion Dave has also been very dedicated in producing reports, developing presentations, and expressing appreciation for support of the Foundation. The Foundation is clearly very near and dear to his heart.

Thank you, Lion Dave, for exemplifying the true meaning of “WE SERVE”. We wish you the best as you move on to serve in other capacities in Lionism.



PDG Mindi Crabb has been hired to take Dave's place. She will begin on August 1. With extensive experience in office management, marketing and fund raising, event planning, and consulting with non-profits and small businesses, she was a great choice for Executive Director of the LoWF. She is also a Past District Governor and member of Pinedale Lions.

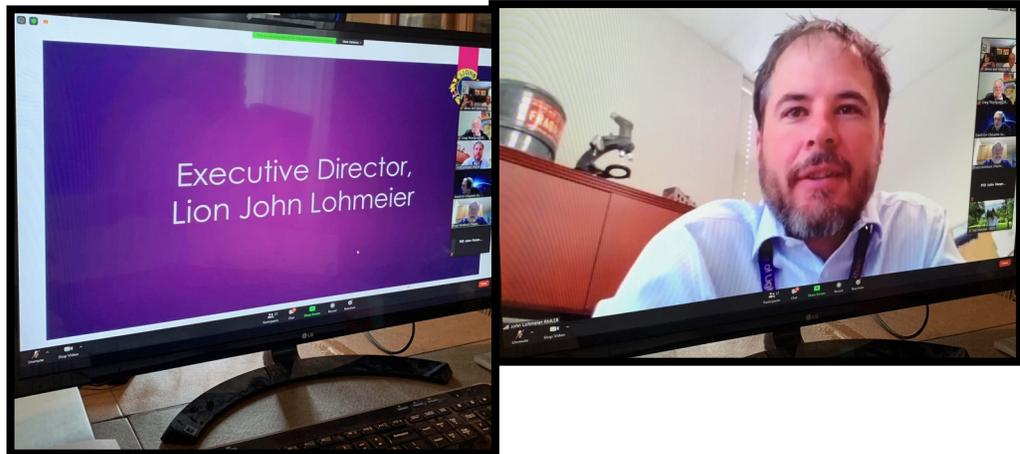
CONGRATULATIONS Lion Mindi! We look forward to working with you to achieve new and bigger dreams for the Foundation and District 15.

Friends of the Foundation

Want to support the Lions of Wyoming Foundation as an individual Lion? Become a Friend of the Foundation by donating \$20. You will receive a pin and first year “dangler” for your first donation. For each subsequent annual donation, we will send you another dangler to add to your pin. Convince all your club members to donate and receive a banner patch for a 100% Friends club.



Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Introduces a New Executive Director



Circle of Light Photo Project

By Janell Lewis, RMLEB Wyoming Satellite Office

The Circle of Light Photo Project, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank, is an annual art exhibit of photographs taken by people whose sight was restored through cornea transplants. Cornea transplant recipients take photos of things they are grateful to see after receiving the gift of sight from an eye tissue donor. The exhibit not only educates the public about the impact eye donation has on the lives of our people in our communities, but it also helps support your eye bank's mission of fulfilling the wishes of eye donors and their families to help another overcome blindness.

About the 2020 Tenth Anniversary Exhibit

We were looking forward to celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Circle of Light Photo Project with our friends and supporters at the end of the summer. Sadly, we won't be able to do that in person, given the uncertainty of gatherings these days. Nonetheless, the project's message of the impact eye tissue donation and transplantation has on our communities is vital to our mission.

Join us online the week of September 7 – 12 for the 2020 Circle of Light Photo Project. You can participate right from wherever you are! This year we will feature new photos ONLINE, as well as many photos from past exhibits. You will be able to order prints of the photos or have them imprinted on a variety of merchandise.

All proceeds will benefit the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank's sight-saving mission. Get more information and sign up for email updates at <https://corneas.org/2020colpp> or follow us on Facebook.

Your Support Matters

COVID-19 affected everyone and everything. RMLEB was no exception. With elective surgeries on hold, the eye bank scaled back to a minimum crew to provide corneas for emergency cases. RMLEB's dedication to its mission and its employees kept everyone going. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Below is a Utube video link that contains information for the Annual Circle of Light event that RMLEB is having this year.

<https://youtu.be/bArCOErG4fs>



ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIONS EYE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION

For the advancement of Eye Research, Education and Care
At the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center at Fitzsimons



RMLEIF Report, July 2020

Fellow Lions, Families and Friends,

Wyoming and Colorado Lions have exceeded our Mission 20/20! Goal!

Because of the unusual circumstances we all find ourselves in, your RMLEIF has effectively suspended our fund raising activities for Mission 20/20! and pleased to announce we have exceeded our goal to contribute \$250,000 for the necessary equipment to fill 5 new examination rooms currently under construction. Local funds from Wyoming and Colorado Lions will be matched with LCIF matching grants to make our gift nearly \$300,000! An area containing 6 new examination rooms will be named recognizing the Lions' contribution.

There is still work to be done to close out our financial goal, but we are moving forward with that effort and hope to be complete by year's end.

Our thanks to all that have helped in this important effort through individual financial contributions and the various Lions Clubs of Colorado and Wyoming donations. Once we have the final work complete, we will be issuing special thanks to all that helped reach this goal.

Last year we were all saddened by the passing of Lion Harold Hein, one of the founders of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation and long-time Treasurer. For his miraculous contribution, the new examination hallway will be named in his honor.

We welcome Lion PDG Bob Johannes from Fraser (Colorado 6W), Lion Scott Nesman (Colorado 6 NE) and PDG Dave Orr (SD 15) to our board. They will be serving three-year terms with meetings every-other month.

There will be new and exciting challenges ahead for your RMLEIF as we come to the end of our Mission 20/20! Campaign and launch into a new era.

As of this writing, thankfully all your Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation Board of Directors' members are safe and healthy. Stay safe, stay healthy and as always, where there is a need, there is a LION!

Sincerely,

**Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation
Board of Directors**

*Submitted by PID John Harper,
President of the Board of Trustees*

Club News

History of the Cheyenne Lions Club

*By Bonnie Harrison, President of
Cheyenne Lions Club*

100 Years
100 Years

The first Lions Club in Wyoming was formed in Cheyenne in March 1918. The members were interested in local politics and enhancements for the city such as advocating for a city manager and paving roads. They also mapped a scenic drive. The club called the scenic drive the "Lions Trail". The route led out of downtown Cheyenne, along Happy Jack Road to the Ames Monument and back to Cheyenne. The club members did not build the route but helped to improve it, by removing boulders and placing markers. After six months of existence, for reasons unknown, the members chose to disband the Lions club and created the first Rotary Club in Cheyenne on August 15, 1918.

In 1920, when the Association of Lions Clubs became an international organization, it sent representatives throughout the United States and the world to form new clubs. One of those representatives arrived in Cheyenne in the spring of 1920. Local businessmen were persuaded to create a new Lions Club. It was chartered on June 5, 1920. Thus, the Cheyenne Lions Club was 100 years old on June 5, 2020.

The early days of the Cheyenne Lions Club was documented in the local papers, then Cheyenne State Leader and the Wyoming State Tribune. The club participated in or fostered numerous civic improvements in Cheyenne and throughout the state of Wyoming. In 1921, the Lions Club and the Rotary club began planting trees to create a picnic area on land near Sloan's Lake. It appears that the picnic area has always been Lions Park. A 1922 Wyoming State Tribune article referred to it as Lions Park. The club has continuously worked through the years to improve and expand the park. The Lions planted more trees and flowers annually throughout the park. Eventually, they also provided restrooms, a skating pond, a beach house and a softball field. In the 1983, the club helped build a fitness trail. In the 1994 the club raised money and helped to build a playground in the park.

Over the years, the club found new community projects and humanitarian endeavors. When Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, in 1925, she challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind." Consequently, the Cheyenne club started working on vision projects to aid those who were blind or visually impaired. The club provided financial assistance for eye exams and eyeglasses. Also, over the years the Cheyenne Lions club has collected thousands of eyeglasses for recycling.

The Lions Club has also been involved in the developing the youth of Cheyenne. In 1933, the club became the sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 101. In 1998, the club became the sponsor of Boy Scout Crew 101 as well. The club provides a building in Lions Park for the Scouts to meet.

As the Cheyenne Lions club grew, there was a need for additional clubs in the city. In 1964, the club sponsored the Frontier Lions Club. They were chartered on June 26, 1964. In 1973, the club sponsored the Sunrise Club. It was chartered Dec 14, 1973. While on official LCI documents it is remaining the Cheyenne Lions Club, to avoid confusion the club uses the name Cheyenne Noon Lions Club on social media and advertisement.

The Cheyenne (Noon) Lions club is still continually active in the community. There are several fundraisers during the year to fund programs and service projects. One of the newest fundraisers is an annual Scrabble tournament. The tournament raises money for the club as well as providing money to a local literacy group. Additionally, the club partners with the other Lions Clubs in Cheyenne to provide financial assistance for people who need eye exams, eyeglasses and cataract surgery. New service projects have included helping build houses with Habitat for Humanity and picking up trash in Lions Park and on the Greenway. The club's projects are continually changing to meet new needs and greater demands, but our mission has always been the same: "We Serve".



100 Years!

Cheyenne Lions Club

June 5, 2020

Laramie Lions Club

June 19, 2020

Business As Usual?



Is your club unable to meet face-to-face because of Covid-19?

Contact Lion Dave Orr, dorr7111@gmail.com

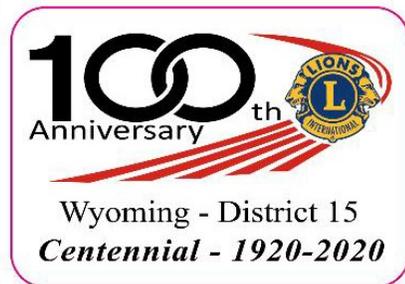
He will schedule and host your club meeting for you using Zoom. He just needs to schedule it with you early in order to avoid conflicts.

It's the next best thing to being there.

Riverton Lions Club

Submitted by Anita Johnson Nantt

Riverton Lions have been busy in their community. The latest event was the Friday Night Cruise. During the cruise the club sponsored a successful food drive for the Christian Food Bank.



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Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club

Submitted by Deane Skinner and Jim Reynolds



The sun rises on preparations for the Cheyenne Eye Clinic and Surgery Center and the Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Ride for Sight 2020.



Riders socially distancing for the start: 12 feet apart side to side, front to back.

Where did they all go? We must be really fast!



The first wave departs at 6:30 followed by two more waves ten minutes apart. 83 Riders were spread over a 20 minute window.



The food truck is open for business with hamburgers, cheeseburgers and smothered burritos.



DG Anlyn Reader visits the RFS!



Riders enjoy a provided lunch on the soccer fields from the foods truck.

The 28th Annual Ride for Sight consisted of a Century Ride and a Family Ride on the Greenway. Over a 100 riders participated on August 2 and helped raise funds for projects sponsored by the Cheyenne Sunrise Lions.

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Depending on your role in your club and District, the views and permissions to MyLCI and MyLion will vary. This may account for a tool being "greyed out" and not accessible when you get to this digital page.

The possible sites available are:

- MyLCI (for membership)
- Shop (at the LCI store for club supplies, clothing, gifts, etc.)
- MyLion (for service activities)
- Insights (to explore membership , service trends and impacts)
- Lions Learning Center - LLC (FREE online courses for all Lions)

I have acquired an excellent user guide that will help you navigate the MyLion app. A Lion from the District 27B2, PDG Jim Noll has created and given us permission to post it on the District 15 website.

www.lionsofwyoming.org

MyLion® also has a support desk available. The support desk can be reached at 630-468-7000, M-F 8:00am-4:30pm.

When you start documenting your service projects and invite other Lions to attend your events, you may be surprised by who shows up for the event. f you have questions or need help, please let me know.

Regards,

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We Remember... Forever a Lion



John Burger, a 7 year member of
Gillette Lions Club

William Boulden, a 42 year
member of Newcastle Lions Club

Ben Roman, a 56 year member of
Story Lions Club



Remember These Dates!

District 15 Cabinet Meeting
August 22, 2020
9:00 AM
Zoom

All other meetings and activities
TBA



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photos so we can roar with you!**

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