The international convention in Singapore was conducted virtually this year because of Covid 19 concerns. Therefore, in McCarrell Hall at the fabulous Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp on beautiful Casper Mountain, members and guests watched International President Douglas Alexander virtually install Robin Walters as District Governor. Her service dog-in-training Legend, PDG Penn Street from Colorado, and her guide dog Beethoven were assisting Robin. Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer PDG Jim Reynolds presented DG Robin with her DG patch. She also received a badge with a raised jewel and Robin's late husband Bill's name so that he could go with her as she travels around the state. A reception followed. DG Robin dawned a large, furry hat representing the Grand Poopah, Loyal Order of the Water Buffaloes from The Flintstones, during the reception. She plans to pass the hat during her visits around the state soliciting funds for LCIF. The District 15 Cabinet held its meeting afterward.

"Let's serve with kindness and a smile!"
From Your District Governor

Greetings, fellow Lions!
I am so excited as we begin this new year in Lions. We are coming out of a challenging time in which we had to find creative ways to meet and serve our communities and each other.

I want to thank Immediate Past District Governor Analyn Reader for her leadership during this past year. Under her leadership, the Burns Lions Club has been formed as a club branch of the Pine Bluffs Lions Club. The Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation received a $75,000.00 matching grant from LCIF for a total of $150,000.00 raised by District 15 for equipping six exam rooms. This money increases the number of patients that the Eye Institute can serve.

Our leadership team will build on this momentum by encouraging membership growth, creating a list of service and fund-raising projects on the website, creating a virtual training platform for upcoming leaders, and personally communicating with club officers. We also look forward to visiting every club and participating in as many club service projects and fundraisers as possible.

As we move forward this year, let us set our sights high and shoot for the stars as we serve our communities. Gary Roadifer, 1st Vice District Governor/Global Leadership team Coordinator, Lee McDonald, 2nd Vice District Governor/Global Membership Team Coordinator, Jennifer Reculusa, Global Service Team Coordinator, and I are here to serve you. Please let us know how we can help your club meet your goals and serve your community? Let's serve with kindness and a smile!

Goals
- To expand GAT by April 30, 2021.
- To charter 2 new clubs by June 30, 2022.
- To increase membership by net 100 members by June 30, 2022.
- To implement a virtual training platform for all District 15 training by August 31, 2021.
- To increase club reporting to 80% by December 31, 2021.
- To create a list of service and fund-raising projects on the website by December 31, 2021.
- To increase number of clubs donating to LCIF to 100% by June 30, 2022.
- To call every club president monthly.
- To attend 1 major service project or fund raiser in every zone by June 30, 2022.
- To conduct zone chair meetings monthly.
- To conduct GAT meetings monthly.
- To conduct DG leadership meetings monthly.
From PDG Analyn

What a strange year we have all had.
I want to share how proud I have been of what individual Lions, individual clubs and WY Lions have been able to accomplish over this past year. Thank you all for your support and hard work.

Past District Governor Analyn Reader

Adult School for the Visually Impaired Cancelled

Lions of Wyoming,
It is with great disappointment that the scheduled 2021 Adult School for the Visually Impaired has been canceled.

Reading news accounts that Wyoming county health departments have grave concerns with the rising cases of covid 19 in Wyoming, consulting with others about the health concerns of vulnerable participants, and the deadly impact of the new Delta strain, we feel it is in the best interest of everyone concerned to not have the Adult School this year.

Having an adult school for the visually impaired is a worthy goal, and we look forward to hosting the school in 2022.

Sincerely,

Robin Walters, DG  Gary Roadifer, 1st VDG
AHSCLC Chairman  Adult School Director
Information Reported from District 15 Cabinet Meeting

- PID John Harper reported that an International By-laws prohibits PDG’S from running for another term.
- Technology Chair PDH Dave Orr informed that the new WY Lions website is available. He is doing a “Spotlight on____” with Wyoming Lions clubs. Pinedale Lions Club featuring PDG Mindi Crabb was the first. Other clubs will follow.
- PDG Roger Epp announced that PDG Al Parmely, Sunrise Lions Club, has earned his 10th Melvin Jones Fellow.
- All clubs should have an LCIF Club Representative, stressed PDG Roger Epp.
- The Wyoming State Penitentiary is again screening donated eyeglasses.
- PID John Harper reported that District 15 received a $75,000.00 matching grant from LCIF to help furnish six new eye exam rooms.
- The Virtual Lions Leadership Institute is completed. Four Lions from District 15 went through the Institute.
- Camp Director PDG Gary Roadifer conveyed that the summer camp for the visually impaired children at the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp hosted six students with a fresh staff.

TO DEVELOP LEADERS, MOTIVATE AND EDUCATE ATTENDEES, PROVIDE AN OPEN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND GOALS OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

Register at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum | (lionsforum.org)
Look at a Kaleidoscope of Photos From the 2021 District 15 State Convention in Riverton

Lions Challenge for Visually Impaired Youth
Silent and Live Auction raises $10,000+.

Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank sponsors the Saturday morning breakfast and presents new happenings at RMLEB.

President of the Board of Directors RMLEB Mike Bussey leads the breakfast activities.

Executive Director John Lomeier gives a presentation about the activities at
Convention Photos Continue

District Governor Analyn Reader welcomes everyone to the hybrid 2015 state convention.

Brian Ballard and Gary Albrandt, cochairs of the 2021 Riverton convention, keep attendees up to date to the happenings.

DG Analyn conducts the business meeting, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Reynolds reports the status of the district, and Dana Stone, Mountainview Lions Club, participates in discussion.

Old Yeller from Cody Lions Cub gives special rides around Riverton during the afternoon.
PDG Dave Orr, district, information technology chair, hosts a hybrid convention with Lions from around the state joining the convention through Zoom.

Breakout sessions include Codi Thompson, Riverton Lions Club, on Diabetes Awareness and Ron Warpness, Riverton Lions Club, on the history and information of AHSCLC.

DG Analyn welcomes all to the District Governor Banquet.

PID Jenny Ware speaks at the banquet.

PID Jenny shares the LCIF grant amounts received by District 15.
DG Analyn receives her Past District Governor’s plaque from Sec/Treas Jim Reynolds and PID Jenny Ware.

(Above) PDG Lee McDonald receives a 2021 International Leadership Award from PID directors Mick Barrus, Jenny Ware, and John Daum. (Right) Kayla Madler receives her leadership award. Accompanying Kayla are representatives of the new Burns Lions Club.

Mary Ann Jones, Lander Lions Club, receives a banner from PTD Jenny. Sec/Treas Jim Reynolds presents PID Jenny a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. PID Jenny requested that a drawing be made and a Lion attendee be given the Melvin Jones Fellow instead. A drawing occurred. Mary Ann Jones is the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow.

PDG Craig Thompson receives a 2021 International Certificate of Appreciation From PID Mick Barrus, PID John Daum and PID Jenny Ware. Also receiving a certificate but not in attendance are Cheryl VonRiesen, Pine Bluffs Lions Club, Kurtis Gries, Jackson Hole Lions Club, and Mike Cometto, Casper Lions Club.
Convention Photos Continue

PDG Craig Thompson’s 2020 convention in Cheyenne was held virtually due to Covid. PDG Craig is given the opportunity to award WY Lions at this convention.

PDG Craig presents PID Jenny with a favorite Lion picture.

Glenda Reynolds receives the International Distinguished Leadership award from PID John Daum, PID Mick Barrus, PID Jenny Ware, and PDG Craig Thompson.

DG Analyn Reader receives a International Certificate of Appreciation from PDG Craig, PID Mick, PID Jenny, and PID John Daum.

The Rawlins Lions Club receive an appreciation plaque from PDG Craig for their work with the Wyoming State Penitentiary and eye glasses recovery, Accepting the award is PDG Roger Epp.

PDG Gary Roadifer receives the International Distinguished Leadership Award from PID John, PID Mick, PID Jenny, and PDG Craig. First Vice District Governor Robin Walters also receives one.
Wyoming Lions Hall of Fame Inductees

John Daum
Cambria Lions Club/Spearfish Lions Club

PID John Daum has served Lions in many capacities since becoming a Lion in 1972. He was a member of the Cambria Lions Club in Newcastle, Wyoming (which since has disbanded) and presently is a member of the Spearfish Lions Club in South Dakota. As a local club member, Lion John has served as the club president, guiding his club in many service projects. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow recipient.

PID John served as District Governor for 15A from 1992-1993. He was the past Executive Director of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation. He continues to be a leadership instructor for the Wyoming Lions Leadership Institute. Lion John helped present 97 Melvin Jones Fellows at District 2017 Lions Convention and helped install the first inductees to the Wyoming Lions Hall of Fame.

He was a South Dakota Global Leadership trainer from 2012-2015. He is Past President of the South Dakota Lions Foundation.

He was an International Director for 1997-1999. His greatest passion is the USA/Canada Leadership Forum: being on the committee in 1997, presenting several leadership workshops, chairing the 2002 USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Fort Worth, Texas, and secretary of the leadership forum from 2002-2007. Lion John was actively involved in the leadership initiative, Train the Trainer.

Jerry Durfey
Lander Lions Club

Lion Jerry Durfey has been a Lion since 1985. He has served as club president, vice president, and membership chairperson for the Rawlins and Lander Lions Clubs. Lion Jerry is the essence of the Lions Logo, “WE SERVE.” He never turns down the opportunity to serve on Lions’ service projects, community projects, and fund-raising endeavors. He has chaired many club service projects throughout the years as a Lion. He carries his passion for serving in other organizations: bell ringer for the Salvation Army, an American Legion member, and a church deacon many times.

He has served the District 15A and 15B as a Zone Chairperson, Region Chair, and Membership Chair. He has served as District 15 Governor, Vice District Governor, President, and member of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation, and Chair and member of the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp Board. He has served as the District Convention Chair twice.

Lion Jerry served as a trustee for two terms on the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation Board at the regional level.

Lion Jerry is truly the epitome of what it is to be a proud Lion.
Bob Harper
Gillette Lions Club

Lion Bob Harper served as a Lion for 37 years. During that time, he served his club in many areas of leadership. He sponsored many new members and received the perfect attendance award several times.

Lion Bob lived the Lions motto, “WE SERVE.”

Lion Bob was a Past District Governor and a Council Chairman. He was one of the Wyoming Lions Foundation founding members and was on the Board when the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank was formed. He was the co-editor of the beginning of the Lions of Wyoming WE SERVE. Lion Bob received several Club Extension awards.

He served as the Campaign Chairman for PID Bill Winland and PID Mick Barrus in the run for International Director.

Lion Bob is fondly remembered as a Lion who served his community both as a private citizen and a Lion.

John A. Harper
Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club

Past International Director John Harper has demonstrated exceptional leadership within his profession, his club, District 15, the Region, and Lions Clubs International.

PID John is retired as the Senior Deputy Administrator of the Division of Public Health in the Department of Health, State of Wyoming.

He was instrumental in getting Wyoming Kid Care passed by the Wyoming Legislature.

PID John has been a member of the Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club since 1979. He has held many offices within the organization: including Club President, Zone Chair, Region Chair, District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretary, Lions Eye Help Coordinator, District Diabetes Committee Chair, District LCIF Coordinator, and Area G Global Service Team Coordinator. He serves as a Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation President, Area G LCIF Campaign 100 Co-Chair, as well as Ex-Official Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp Board, Lions of Wyoming Foundation, and District 15 Summit Committee. PID John is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion John has shaped the past and future of Wyoming Lions.

In recognition of his service to the Lions Clubs, he has received numerous awards: Lions of Wyoming Foundation Silver Lion, 100 percent District Governor Award, International President’s Certificates of Appreciation, International President’s Awards, and the Ambassador of Good Will, which is the highest honor bestowed by Lions Clubs International.

Lion John is active in numerous professional and community organizations: Wyoming Protection and Advocacy, Inc., Wyoming Safe Kids, and Wyoming Governor’s Developmental Disabilities Council, to name a few.

PID John is a genuine server for all communities.
C. Kent Jensen
Cheyenne Frontier Lions Club

Lion Kent Jensen was a longtime member of the Cheyenne Frontier Lions Club and committed to statewide Lions’ service during his years of a member. He actively served as District Governor 15A 1993-1994. During this time, Lion Kent emphasized educating the public about the “white cane” used by visually impaired individuals. He sought to increase mobility training for visually impaired people to improve their employment and personal opportunities.

He also served as the Wyoming Chair of the Lions Clubs International Foundation Sight First fundraising initiative in 1994. He helped to raise $135,000 in Wyoming. He served for ten years on the Allen H. Stewart Summer Camp board.

Lion Kent only had 10% normal vision. He did not let his low vision slow him down but used that condition to show Lions and residents of Wyoming in his leadership for all types of initiatives at his work in the Wyoming Department of Education, Wyoming Lions, and Lions Clubs International.

Lion Kent was a true believer in the Lions’ motto of "We Serve."

James Ullery
Kaycee Lions Club

Lion James Ullery was a charter member of the Kaycee Lions Club formed 1968. In 52 years of service, Lion Jim held all positions within the club, from Club President to Club Secretary, several times.

He spearheaded the club’s largest fundraiser, the “Kaycee Basketball Tournament.” The basketball tournament is over 40 years old and still is the most important and looked forward event in Kaycee.

Lion Jim recruited many new members into the Kaycee Lions Club over the years.

His dedication to serving his community of Kaycee, Wyoming through Lions has been a great example to the people of Kaycee.

Lion Jim is truly the pioneer of Lions in his community.
Fellow Lions, Families and Friends,

The Impact of Lions Clubs.

Usually unrewarded and seldom recognized but the fact remains, Lions Clubs provide positive impacts on countless numbers of people, people of all ages, color, sex and nationalities. One fantastic example providing service to untold numbers is your Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute in Aurora, Colorado.

Patient services at our facility currently exceed 150,000 visits per year. Those patients are in need from a simple obstacle in the eye to more complex cataract or lens replacement to extremely delicate and complicated surgical procedures. Lives positively impacted.

Training current and future ophthalmologists provide outreach services throughout the world, maybe in your very community. The Institute on the CU Medical Arts facility prides itself on continually developing, training and placing doctors outside the facility.

Our Research Department is developing sight saving and restoration miracle opportunities that just a few years ago were never dreamed possible.

From community service, offering needed personal help, camps for visually impaired children and adults and all the other services Lions Clubs provide, the Lions of Colorado and Wyoming deserve one HUGE feather in our caps. The Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute was created, designed and built by dedicated Lions of our two states and the perfect example of the power Lions together have.

Your RMLEI Foundation takes this opportunity to thank each and every Lion for your service and encourages you to stop by your Institute when in the area, it’s a monument every Lion should be proud of.

After the close of a successful fundraiser, Mission 20/20! contributed another $300,000 to equip the expansion increasing even more client services. We are looking at our next “mission” to continue our needed service to the Institute and the people they serve.

Updates to come.

Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation Board of Directors

RMLEIF PO Box 473007, Aurora, Colorado 80047
It’s a New Lions Year!
LCI Has All Your New Information! Right?

Jim Reynolds, D15 Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

July 1, 2021 was the beginning of a new Lions Year. All of your new officers have been elected and installed in their new (or continuing) offices. You have relayed all of this information to Lions Clubs International through the LCI website. (Even if there are no changes.) If this is not the case with your club, please get it done! If you need help, please contact our District 15 Technology Chair, Dave Orr (dorr7111@gmail.com), or Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Jim Reynolds (jreyno9153@aol.com) and we will help you.

While you are on the LCI website, print out the information that is listed for all of your club members. Check with all of your members and see if the information is correct. If it is not correct, please fix it. We will be working on the 2021-2022 District 15 Directory and need to have the current officers and their contact information.

It has been a difficult year and a half for everyone. Some clubs have found a way to continue meeting and functioning as a Lions club and others have not. Look around your community. Are there people there who could use the help of a Lions Club to get glasses or put food on the table? Now is the time to act. You can't help others yesterday, but you can start helping them today. Remember, We Serve!

Kara Beech, BSBA, SHRM-CP, is one of four Regional Coordinators in Wyoming, providing programming across the state for diabetes prevention, diabetes self-management education, chronic disease management, and heart disease. You can find their website at Healthier Wyoming | Wyoming Center on Aging | University of Wyoming (uwyo.edu).

“We are always on the lookout for opportunities to speak about our programs and provide education. We would like to discuss the possibility of providing information for a newsletter or maybe even speaking at your upcoming convention. We believe your members could be a referral for some of our programs. We also have programs that are looking for funding to provide programming in their communities,” states Kara.

Maybe your club needs a program or ideas on how to incorporate one of Lions Clubs International focus areas of service.
The Rawlins Lions Club Celebrated 100 Years!

By PDG Roger Epp

The Rawlins Lions Club marked its 100th anniversary on June 21. A celebration dinner was held on the 18th, with the local club and visiting Lions in attendance. PID John Daum was the master of ceremonies, introduced by club president Leo Chapman.

The Rawlins club is currently the 4th oldest club in the district. It has sponsored five other Lions clubs, had the state's first international director, has had five district governors, and at its peak sported 133 members. Although not complete, we have found M&A reports dating back to the late 1920s. It was astounding to read that some of the ladies' nights had more than 230 in attendance.

The Rawlins club has done several projects throughout the town. The Lions built the archway over the road to the golf course and two pavilions in local parks. There are support efforts for individuals that are too numerous to mention. All in all, it was a wonderful evening celebrating the joys of Lionism and the accomplishments of a historic club.

Other clubs celebrating 100 years of Lionism include

Sheridan Sundowners
Torrington
Wheatland
Frontier Lions Club Honors Scouts

By Steve Hopkins

On March 4, 2021, the Frontier Lions Club hosted its 43rd annual Top Scouts Recognition Banquet. The Frontier Lions honored one Cheyenne Girl Scout who earned her Gold Award during 2020 and twenty Cheyenne Scouts BSA who earned their Eagle Award during 2020. The highlight of the evening was the announcement that these 21 young men and women organized, planned, and oversaw community service projects totaling over 4,000 work hours. Fourteen different community organizations benefited from these 21 projects.

The Girl Scout honored was Juana Rodriquez. The Scouts BSA honored were Travis Ahquin, Adan Asbury, Matthew Cobble, Josef Culver, Garrett Dolph, Connor Fisbeck, Ethan Harris, Colter Haws, Josef Larsen, Joshua Malcom, Taylor Merriman-Fish, Riley Milburn, Collin O’Connor, Isaac Peterson, Logan Schaad, Evan Smith, Jaden Tolman, Brenden Trembath, Ryan Williams, and Trent Wingard.

Each Scout received a packet of recognitions from several local and national organizations, including local businesses, public officials, and non-profits. Dr. Joe Schaffer, President of Laramie County Community College, spoke about his youth experiences.

The Frontier Lions are proud to have these incredibly talented young men and women in our community. We thank them for sharing an evening with us and their fellow TOP SCOUTS.

Cheyenne Lions Clubs Assist at Kiwanis Cheyenne Frontier Days Pancake Breakfasts

Lion President Gail Heimbuck, Cheyenne Sunrise, is patiently awaiting the ringing of the dinner bell so she could hand out napkins and forks. The Knife River concrete mixer was very near the batter mixing station. The Superintendent of the US Naval Academy dumps a bag into the top of the mixer, but it is unknown if any of the batter placed into the truck actually made it into pancakes. The flapjacks Lion Deanne Skinner ate were grit-free.

PDG Gus Lopez, Cheyenne Sunrise, is wearing a cowboy hat and standing with his back to the camera, partially hiding PDG Dave Orr, Cheyenne Sunrise. Lion Dennis Pino of the Frontier Lions and PID John Harper, Cheyenne Sunrise, were awaiting the first pancakes off of the griddle to place on guest’s plates.

PDG Dave Orr’s Lions safety vest made him stand out as he directed visitors to vacant seats. That was Lions Deane Skinner’s job as well.

Photos and commentary by Lion Deanne Skinner, Cheyenne Sunrise
Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club

By Gail Heimbuck

The Cheyenne Sunrise Lions have been busy since April 2020, despite not meeting in person until June 28, 2021! The members met via Zoom for club meetings with programs and board meetings throughout the year and carried out community service projects. These included working at St. Christopher’s Food Pantry, doing cleanup on a section of the Greenway, participating in the Christmas Parade, Super Day, Sherman Hill Train Show, and Frontier Days parades by providing rides on our kids’ train. The club also participated in the Cruisin’ Cheyenne event, which raised over $3,000 to support our projects. We recently helped serve during the Frontier Days pancake breakfast, too. Some of our Lions were even entrusted with serving pancakes, while others directed guests to their seats and gave out forks. Our biggest project is the annual Ride for Sight, which was held in 2020 and raised over $6,000. The 2021 Ride for Sight took place on August 8. This event raises funds to support many projects, including the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp, Cheyenne Lions Vision Committee, eye surgeries, hunger projects, and more.

Our past president, Lion Jim Landen, kept us running like a well-oiled train for the past 16 months. Jim presided over the first in-person meeting, which was our Installation Dinner. Past International Director John Harper and District Governor Analyn Reader presented Melvin Jones Fellow awards to Jim Landen, Darald Dykeman, and Denise Miller. Jim Dolan received his Melvin Jones Fellow award previously. PID John Harper also installed Gail Heimbuck as President, Jim Reynolds as 1st Vice-President, Dave Orr as Secretary, Deane Skinner as Treasurer, Jerry Egge as Membership Director, Paul Hunter, Gus Lopez, Denise Miller as Board Members and Darald Dykeman as Tail Twister.

We recently had our own Pancake Breakfast with our Pancake Chef Lion Jim Landen treating us to his Sourdough Pancakes. It was a great gathering with lots of fellowship and a little business. We enjoy being together doing our club business, community projects, and social events. Our time of fellowship and service is the glue that keeps us together.

DG Robin Walters, Pine Bluffs Lions, visits during the 2021 Ride for Sight end of the ride picnic at the home of PDG Gus Lopez and Linda’s home.

Photo by Michael Skinner
We Remember... Forever a Lion

Senator Mike Enzi, a 51 year member of Gillette Lions Club

Bill Walters, a 6 year member of Pine Bluffs Lions Club

Gerald Wells, a 28 year member of Casper Lions Club

Remember These Dates!

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 9-11, 2021
Des Moines, Iowa

District 15 Cabinet Meeting
November 6, 2021
Zoom

District 15 Cabinet Meeting
February 5, 2022
9:00 am
Zoom

District 15 State Convention
May 12-15, 2022
Little America Hotel & Resort
Cheyenne
Host club-Pine Bluffs Lions Club

LCI Convention 2022
June 24-28, 2022
Montreal, Canada

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Please send your articles and photos as email attachments, if possible to:
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