District Governor Gary Roadifer has traveled the state and observed service projects, including eye care assistance, collecting eyeglasses, collecting food for food banks, honoring our youth, building a ramp and deck for an elder, highway cleanup, and many more. Great things are happening in Wyoming, and we need to hear about them.

This issue will display pictures sent to DG Gary, to the publication chair Glenda Reynolds, or to the technology specialist PDG Dave Orr. We appreciate your help.

DG Gary writes, "One of the District goals is to have each club report at least one service project to LCI. A club can do this in two ways: its secretary logs into MyLion and enters the service project or fills out the attached form and sends it to Jim Reynolds or me.

The Wyoming Lions does great services to our communities. It is time to show the world how awesome Wyoming Lions are in serving."
The 30th Annual Lake Hattie Fishing Derby is the Laramie Plains Lions major fund raising project each year. The derby was held Saturday, January 7 and Sunday, 8, 2023 at Lake Hattie close to Laramie. It was one of our most successful derby events ever. We had over 240 adults and 40 kids this year.

Submitted by 1st VDG Lee McDonald PDG
The Casper Mountain Lions Club presented 2 Melvin Jones Fellows at their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 12, 2022.

First Vice President Mark Hansen presented a Melvin Jones Memorial to Toni Patik in memory of Rodney "Rod" Patik. Lion Patik passed away from a sudden illness on October 21, 2021, at 62 years young. Lion Rod lost his sight as a young man and was a Type 1 diabetic. Lion Patik was a member of Casper Mountain Lions Club for many years. He served as President for 2020 and 2021. Lion Rod epitomized everything Lions Club supports. Despite his many challenges, he accomplished so much in life and Lionism.

A Melvin Jones Fellow was also presented to Ancil Juby. Lion Juby has been a Casper Mountain Lions Club member for 45 years. His knowledge, tools, equipment, and expertise have been invaluable in maintaining the Lee McCune Braille Trail. In addition, he has served all our work party meals on the Braille Trail and hosted and prepared the main dish for our annual Christmas Party for many years. Lion Juby is also a key member of the success of our annual Pancake Breakfast held each year on the first Saturday in May in Mills.
Saratoga Lions hosts the 7th Annual Saratoga Skijoring Races

On the weekend of February 3rd, 4th, and 5th, the Saratoga Lions Club hosted the 7th Annual Saratoga Skijoring Races in partnership with the Carbon County Visitors Council. The Lions Club is grateful to the generous sponsorships from the Community, in-kind assistance from Brush Creek Ski Staff, and contractors who donated equipment and time.

This year the amount of snow was perfect. There was plenty, and we did not have to haul snow. The weather was beautiful, and the temperatures were low enough that the track and access road held together.

The race consists of a horse and rider pulling a skier over a track containing gates, jumps (2–7 feet in height), and possibly rings to pick up. There are three divisions for the entrants, children, novice, and experienced open division. Winners are selected by the times achieved to complete the course. Entrants may register just as a skier or a combination of horse-rider and skier. Winners are awarded belt buckles and cash. One hundred races were scheduled daily; this year the programs listed about 66 riders and 80 skiers.

Friday, February 3rd, was the registration at the Wolf Hotel; Saturday and Sunday races are held at the Lions Buck Springs track and arena northeast of Saratoga on County Road 205. Races begin at 10:00 AM each day. There is Calcutta betting Saturday evening, and the awards ceremony occurs on Sunday at the Wolf Hotel.

This event would not be possible without the community’s support; about 42 individuals were required to put on the races, of which possibly two-thirds were friends, companions, and spouses. There were over 67 financial and in-kind sponsors. In addition, we thank the beverage and food vendors; the medical and vet services.

Other communities also hosting skijoring races include Pinedale, Wyoming, and Leadville, Ridgeway, and Meeker in Colorado.

The Saratoga Lions Club also supports and hosts the Wyoming Open Pool Tournament April 5 – 9, Kids Fishing Day June 3, Junior Golf June 5–9 with tournaments 12th and 13th, and Bull Fest Saturday, August 26th, 2023.
DG Gary Roadifer assisted the Glenrock Lions Club recognizing club members who received their Chevron pin for membership.

Tony Lehner received his 45 years Chevron.

Linda Fargan received her 15 years Chevron.

Tom Fargen received his 15 years Chevron.
Sheridan Sundowners Lions Club

Lion President Gail Vanderpool presents PDG Jim Rapp with a gift to honor his 47 years of being a Lion and all he has done. Jim is a PDG, serves on the Rocky Mountain Lion Eye Bank Board, and has been the club treasurer for who knows how many years.

Lion Gail presents DG Gary with a Valentine Lion during his club visit.
Burns Branch Lions Club

Burns Lions hosted a new year's dance Saturday, December 31st, and had a gun raffle with proceeds going to Hunting with Heroes. There was also a goose hunt raffled off, donated by Taft Love. Lion Dave Keiter won the gun, and Diomena Mercer won the hunt. The Rustic Diner and the Rustic Plate catered food. Music provided by The Country Club. All ages had fun, and over 200 people attended.

This was the 4th dance for the Burns Lions Club since February 2022, and the community has really enjoyed the classic ‘barn dance’ type atmosphere provided in the community. The next dance is March 18th, and then Burns Day, Saturday, June 10th.

All events are donation only so families can come and enjoy something local.

Burns Lions Club hosted the student of the quarter in February. Senior Hogan Allen was chosen as Burns High School student of the quarter by the staff and the Burns Lions Club presents the student with a $200 check to put towards college and a certificate of accomplishment.
Pinedale Lions Club

The Pinedale Lions Club keeps busy year-round. On the first Thursday of each month, they help with community food distribution in partnership with Rendezvous Pointe and the Food Bank of Wyoming. They recently assisted Main Street Pinedale by collecting admissions for the skijoring event at the Winter Carnival and with parking at the cardboard classic sled races. The Big Fish Winter Derby was next on March 4-5, 2023. This ice-fishing derby is one of the club’s largest fundraisers and will host approximately 300 fishermen, women, and children for two days of winter fun on Fremont Lake. Sponsors provide $7,000+ in cash prizes, leaving the event proceeds available for the many local, state, regional, and international projects and programs the club supports.

Submitted by Mindi Crab PDG
Cheyenne Frontier Lions Club

Submitted by Mike Martin

The Cheyenne Frontier Lions Club held the 45th Annual Top Scout Recognition Banquet on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Red Lion Hotel in Cheyenne. The Master of Ceremonies was Lion Dennis Pino, and Event Coordinator was Lion Steve Hopkins. There were 10 Eagle Scouts, and 2 Gold Award Girl Scouts recognized. Rev Mark Marston lead the Invocation. The Event Speaker was former Eagle Scout Greg Dykeman. There were 90 people at the event, including Lion District Governor Gary Roadifer. A special thanks was given to the K. Gill Foundation for providing the personally engraved Buck Knives and to Blue Federal Credit Union for providing a pair of Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo tickets to each Top Scout. Donations from 21 area businesses helped make the event a success.
Riverton Lions members distribute peaches and pears in their annual fundraiser.

On a snowy night, many came out to make the pancake dinner a successful night. Canned goods were donated for the Elks’ Christmas baskets. Shoshoni received 20 baskets, and Riverton received 63 baskets.

Mayor-Elect Tim Hancock joins the club at the Lions Club meeting.

The Club has a great time at Books and Breakfast talking to children about vision screening and books.

Submitted by Gary Albrandt
Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club

Submitted by Deanne Skinner

The Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club has resumed its vision screening project after the Covid hiatus. Lion Gail Heimbuck contacts daycares and preschools to offer our service. When a date is established, we send the school an invitation form and a permission sheet to distribute to their parents.

On the day of a project, three or four Lions arrive at the school with our Plusoptix vision screener. It is much like a digital camera, except that it focuses on the child’s eyes. If the eyes aren’t properly aligned, have nearsightedness or farsightedness, astigmatism, or suffer from several other abnormalities, we print out a report for the parents to take to their eyecare provider. If the screening shows that the child passed, we send home a different note stating that.

Since last September, the Sunrise Lions have held four vision screening events, screening 119 children. Of that number, five children were referred to a vision specialist. In addition to the screening, the Sunrise Lions provide an age-appropriate paperback book for each child at the center, regardless of whether we screen the child or not. The book is labeled with a club sticker. This is part of our Child Literacy Project. Lion Kathy Orr orders the books from the Scholastic Book Club, the one that sends home book orders with elementary school students.

In addition to Lions Gail and Kathy, Lions Bruce Heimbuck, Jim Landen, Dave Orr, and Deane Skinner have contributed their time and talents to screen children this school year.
Wyoming Lions 2023 State Convention
April 13-16, Holiday Inn, Cody, WY
Theme: Dare to Soar
Hosted by: DG Gary Roadifer & Cody Lions Club

Look for the We Serve Wyoming Convention Issue around the middle of March!
Convention registration and information about reservations at the Cody Holiday Inn will be available.
We Remember…
Forever a Lion

Tom Ourada, a 57 year member of Cheyenne Frontier Lions Club

Daniel Haskett, a 1 year member of Pine Bluffs Lions Club

Erik Nelson, a 51 year member of Saratoga Lions Club

Emie Weyeneth, a 21 year member of the Story Lions Club

Derald Cheeney, a 36 year member of Ten Sleep-Hyattville Lions Club

Douglas Smith, a 39 year member of Ten Sleep-Hyattville Lions Club

Remember These Dates!

District 15 State Convention
April 13-16, 2023
Cody

Lions Club International Convention
July 7-11, 2023
Boston, MA

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