



# We Serve Wyoming

## Let's Meet in Torrington!



District Governor  
Bonnie Harrison

It's time again for Lions from across Wyoming to gather the pride. I am honored to invite all Lions to Torrington, Wyoming, for our Annual State Convention. The host committee has been working hard to prepare a great venue, fantastic meals, and an interesting program.

Look forward to the Auction on Friday night in support of the Camp. There will be interesting and creative items available for bid. Our auction has proved to be a roaring good time, a successful event, and a great kick-off to our meetings.

Lions Foundations: Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank, Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation, and the Lions of Wyoming Foundation will all update us on their work over the last year. Our Wyoming Lions Cabinet will conduct its business to grow Lions activities.

A special treat will be presentations from International Director Marie Cunning who will discuss the programs and successes of Lions from around the world.

Back this year will be our Speed Learning session with interactive activities on both Lions subjects and other topics of interest.

### WYOMING LIONS 2025 STATE CONVENTION

April 25-26, 2025 in Torrington, Wyoming

Lincoln Community Complex - 436 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Convention Hotel: Cobblestone Inn  
Reservation - 307-532-1033  
1306 Main Street

*DISTRICT GOVERNOR Bonnie Harrison*

*and the Torrington LIONS CLUB*

*INVITE YOU TO*

*THE WYOMING LIONS STATE (DISTRICT 15) CONVENTION.*

*JOIN US FOR*

*FELLOWSHIP, INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS, AND FUN!*



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## Wyoming Lions Welcome International Director Marie Cunning



Maria T. Cunning from Phoenix, Arizona, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Cunning is a business owner and entrepreneur with more than 35 years of experience in real estate development. She currently manages and operates three companies. She is president and CEO of Arista Development, Inc., she is the owner and a designated broker for Altair Realty, LLC and she is the owner of Arizona Discount Flooring, LLC. Among her many notable projects are the construction of over 100 custom homes and a 120-unit apartment complex in the Phoenix and Scottsdale areas. She speaks 3 languages—English, Filipino and Spanish.

She is a third generation Lion with a passion for service and going on medical missions. She joined the Phoenix Barangay Lions Club as a charter member in 1996 and has served with them ever since. Additionally, she has served as guiding Lion for two clubs in the Phoenix area.

Director Cunning has held a number of offices within the association including district Youth Exchange chairperson and multiple district youth coordinator. She has served several years as multiple district membership chair and is currently the district 21-N membership chair. She has served multiple times as LCI Tel-a-thon fundraising chairperson and has been a speaker at the USA-Canada leadership forum and for LCIF Foundation Fridays. She was also a task force member for the North American Membership Initiative. Additionally, she participates in the Global Service Missions and "A Ball for All" initiative for sight impaired children.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including an International President's Award and an International President's Leadership Award. She is also a LCIF Progressive Lead Donor and a LCIF Legacy Society member.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Cunning is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is currently the national president for the Federation of Philippine American Chambers of Commerce (FPACC), president of the Filipino American Business Chamber of Commerce of Arizona, Board of Trustees for the National Federation of Filipino American Associations and is director at-large for the Arizona Asian American Association.

Director Cunning has received a number of civic awards for her kindness and service including Outstanding Asian American Citizen awarded by former US Senator Jon Kyl, the International Global Leadership Excellence Award, as well as the Excellence in Community Leadership award given by Filipino American National Historical Society. She was also honored as Woman of the Year in 2017 for Chicago by the TV Hall of Fame Awards.

Director Cunning has two wonderful adult sons and hopes that grandchildren are in her future. Her hobbies are service, recruiting new Lions and travel.

## We will be having a roaring good time!!



### Friday, April 25

11:00 am to 3:00 pm Board Meeting (Rooms to be assigned)

- Registration – 10:30 am to 3:30 pm - Lincoln Community Center
- 11:00 am Lions of Wyoming Foundation and Lions Camp Committee – Lincoln Community Center
- 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Rocky Mountain Eye Bank Board Meeting – Lincoln Community Center
- 12:00 pm Lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation Board Meeting – Lincoln Community Center
- 3:00 pm Service Project (*Grandpa's White Cane* and Sorting Eyeglasses)
- 3:00 pm Set up for the AHSLC Auction – Open Barrell Brewery

#### Fun Activities:

Friday afternoon - shop local stores (Poker run)  
Museum, Ft Laramie

- 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Taco/nacho dinner at Open Barrel Brewery – 1930 Main Street
- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Lions Camp Auction at Open Barrel Brewery
- 9:30 Hospitality – Cobblestone Hotel Lounge

### Saturday, April 26

- Registration 7:00 am to Noon - Lincoln Community Center
- 7:00 am to 8:30 am Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Breakfast – Lincoln Community Center
- 8:45 am to 10:15 am District Cabinet Meeting – Lincoln Community Center
- 10:15 am to 10:30 Break
- 10:30 am to 11:00 am Celebration of Life – Lincoln Community Center
- 11:00 am to 11:15 am Break
- 11:15 am to 11:45 am Wyoming Lions Hall of Fame Induction – Lincoln Community Center
- 11:45 am to 12:00 Noon Break
- 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lions of Wyoming Foundation Lunch - Lincoln Community Center  
Peace Poster District Winner  
Knights of the Blind  
LoWF Report  
AHSLC Report  
RMLEIF Annual Meeting
- 1:30 to 3:30 pm Speed Learning Activities – Lincoln Community Center  
Join in nine unique and fun presentations and activities. Some are Lion's experiences; some are from subject matter experts, and some will challenge you! See page 6 for a list of topics and presenters.
- 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm Elections and Break TBA
- 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm Meet our International Guest, ID Marie Cuning – Lincoln Community Center
- 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm- Social hour – Elk Lodge – 120 Esat 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm- Dinner, awards, presentation from International Guest Marie Cuning – Elk Lodge
- 9:00 pm – Hospitality – Cobblestone Hotel Lounge

### Sunday, April 27

- Breakfast-Continental Breakfast at Cobblestone Inn
- 9:00 am to 10:30 am Cobblestone Meeting Room

**\*\* Note: Park in the North Parking Lot of the Lincoln Community Center and entry through the Conestoga Room.**

## Lions Fun Activities

On Friday, April 25, afternoon fill free to enjoy one of the venues.



**Poker Run** participants will visit five to seven Torrington main street merchants, drawing a playing card at each one. The object is to have the best poker hand at the end of the run. Torrington has many nice, little shops on main street.

**Fort Laramie National Historic Site** was originally established as a fur trading fort in 1834. It evolved into a major military post and played a crucial role in America's westward expansion and Native America resistance. Visitors can explore the site, which includes a visitor center located in the restored 1884 Commissary Storehouse, and learn about its history through various exhibits. It is 23 miles NW of Torrington on US-26. This site is fee-free year-round. No entrance fee or pass is required.



**The Goshen County Homesteaders Museum** is the home to historical artifacts, historical information, and genealogical resources related to Goshen County from the first settlement in 1834 until Homesteading ended. Housed in an historic Union Pacific Depot, Goshen County's first automobile, an original homestead shack and a one room schoolhouse—along with many other treasures are in the museum. Admission is free. The address is 495 Main Street.





**Join in working on service projects**

**Friday, April 25 Lincoln Community Complex**



The LoWF purchased 100 books *Grandpa's White Cane*. The convention attendees will place a Lion sticker on the front and a donation label inside. Fifty of the books are being donated to the county libraries and the other fifty can go to clubs that will be making a White Cane presentation to 3rd grade classrooms. A book will be given to the school library. PDG Robin Walters and PDG Gary Roadifer have completed one presentation in Pine Bluffs and are scheduled for four more presentations. Riverton Lions are planning of doing five presentations to the elementary schools in Riverton.

The convention attendees will sort the eyeglasses brought to the convention. The sorted eyeglasses will be given to the Rawlins Lions Club where they will be read by Wyoming State Penitentiary inmates. The glasses will be packaged for distribution.





## Speed Learning

District 15 Convention

April 26, 2025 1:30 to 3:30 pm Speed Learning Activities – Lincoln Community Center

The participants are divided into 9 groups. To start each group is assigned to a presenter. Each presenter will present for 8 minutes and then the groups will rotate clockwise. Each group will attend each presenter. At the end there will be a 10<sup>th</sup> station where participants can choose to go back to a presenter so they can answer any questions they have.

### Presenters

ID Maria Cunning

Jim Hoxie and Joanna Jones

Andrea Shipley

Scott Veatch

Kari Myers

Ryea O'Neill

PID John Harper

PDG Robin Walters

Shari Zwiebel

Membership

*Grandpa's White Cane*

Wyoming Center of Aging

Wyoming Demetia Together Caregiver Network

Wyoming 211, Inc Aging Disability Resource Center

RMLEB

RMLEIF

Being a Human Guide

WMCI Braille Program



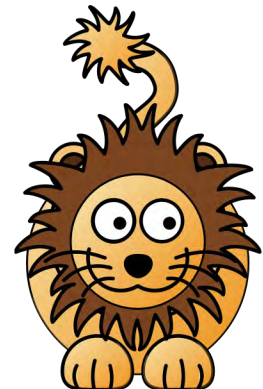
**Make Your Reservations Now  
Cobblestone Hotel in Torrington, Wyoming  
1306 Main Street**

**\$109.00 per night (just mention this is for the Torrington Lions convention)**

**For reservations call 307-532-1033**

**Hotel amenities**

- |                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Free breakfast     | Air conditioning             |
| Free parking       | Nonsmoking rooms             |
| WiFi               | Handrails                    |
| Swimming pool      | Accessible                   |
| Spa                | Microwave                    |
| Pets allowed       | Laundry                      |
| Family friendly    | Coffee maker Hair dryer Iron |
| Fitness center     |                              |
| Business center    |                              |
| Restaurant on site |                              |
| Bar lounge         |                              |





**Wyoming State Lions Convention  
Lincoln Community Complex, Torrington, Wyoming  
April 25-27, 2025**

Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_ Lion ? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Registration by April 11, 2025	\$60		
Lions Family Registration by April 11, 2025	\$90		

OR

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Registration after April 11, 2025	\$70		
Lions Family Registration after April 11, 2025	\$100		

**Friday April 25, 2025**

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Dinner Buffet and Auction ** Taco/Nacho Bar (Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm) Auction to follow.	\$18.00		

**Saturday April 26, 2025**

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Breakfast - Buffet (7:00 - 8:30 am) Sponsored by Rocky Mtn Lions Eye Bank	NA		NA
Lunch - Soup/Salad Bar (12:00 to 1:15 pm) **	\$15.00		
District Governor's Banquet (7 - 9 pm) **			
Prime Rib Dinner	\$40.00		
Fried Shrimp Dinner	\$30.00		
Chicken	\$30.00		

**Sunday April 27, 2025**

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Breakfast - ON YOUR OWN			
**Ticket required for admittance			<b>Grand Total =</b>

**Payment Method (Choose One):** Check \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

- Checks only, mail completed registration form and check to Torrington Lions Club, PO Box 146 Torrington, WY 82240.

Lincoln Community Complex 436 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave Park in back parking lot and enter through Conestoga Room Door  
Registration : Friday 10:30 am-3:30 pm Saturday: 7:00 am-12:00 noon



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The 2025 District 15 Wyoming Trading Pin is now available for Lions Clubs and Lions to order. The 2025 pin (shown above) measures 1 inch wide and 1 1/2 inches high.

The price reflected below includes the cost to manufacture, package, and ship.

We also have pins from other States, Wyoming Club Pins and Wyoming District Pins dating back to the mid-1970s. Please submit orders to Lion James Reynolds at the above address; you can order using this form or by e-mail or phone. Checks should be made out to the Lions of Wyoming, Inc. You may pay upfront, or I will invoice when the pins are shipped.

If the purchaser orders 10 or more of the 2011 -pins, the postage is included in the listed price.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 District 15 State Trading Pin (Cowboy on a Lion)
  - Orders of 9 or less pins.....@\$3.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Orders of 10 or more pins..... @\$2.75 ea. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 District 15 State Trading Pin (Wyoming State Penitentiary)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 District 15 State Trading Pin (Wyoming Lions Serving Cowboy Style) (Very limited number!)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2022 District 15 State Trading Pin (Cattle Trail Heritage)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 District 15 State Trading Pin (Rendezvous in Riverton)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 District 15 State Trading Pin (100 Years of Wyoming Lions)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 District 15 State Trading Pin (Triceratops - Wyoming's State Dinosaur)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2018 District 15 State Trading Pin (Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp-A Wyoming Lions Signature Project)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2017 District 15 State Trading Pin (Wyoming Lions - There When Needed) Limited Number
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 District 15 State Trading Pin (Wyoming Early Childhood Vision Project) Limited Number
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2015 District 15 State Trading Pin (Energy for the Future)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 District 15 State Trading Pin (Coal Producers)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2013 District 15 State Trading Pin (Oil Energy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2012 District 15 State Trading Pin (Wind Energy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 District 15 State Trading Pin (Mockingbird)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 - 2024 Pins - 9 or fewer pins are \$2.00 each: 10 or more pins \$1.75 each..... \_\_\_\_\_

Total Value of Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send pins to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ or, Please Invoice: \_\_\_\_\_

Other deals: Early District 15/15A/15B pins (1977 - 1995) - D15 Pins (1996-2010) if available, \$0.50 each for orders of 25 randomly selected pins plus postage; the price is the same for Wyoming Club Pins. Various state pins (not Wyoming) \$0.25 each for orders of 25 randomly selected pins plus postage



If your Lions Club would like to have a deceased member recognized at the Celebration of Life during the 2025 state convention, please send a photo and short biography to DG Bonnie Harrison, bonharrison708@charter.net

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## Remember These Dates!

**District 15 State Convention and Cabinet Meeting**  
April 25-26, 2025  
Torrington, WY

**107<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention**  
July 13-17, 2025  
Orlando, Florida



Does your club have a project or program worth R-r-roaring about? Wyoming Lions want to hear about it! Send information and photos so we can roar with you!

Please send your articles and photos as email attachments, if possible to: grlebhart@aol.com or mail to:

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**Preferred text format: Word**  
**Photos: jpg**