



We Serve Wyoming

Come, enjoy the fellowship!

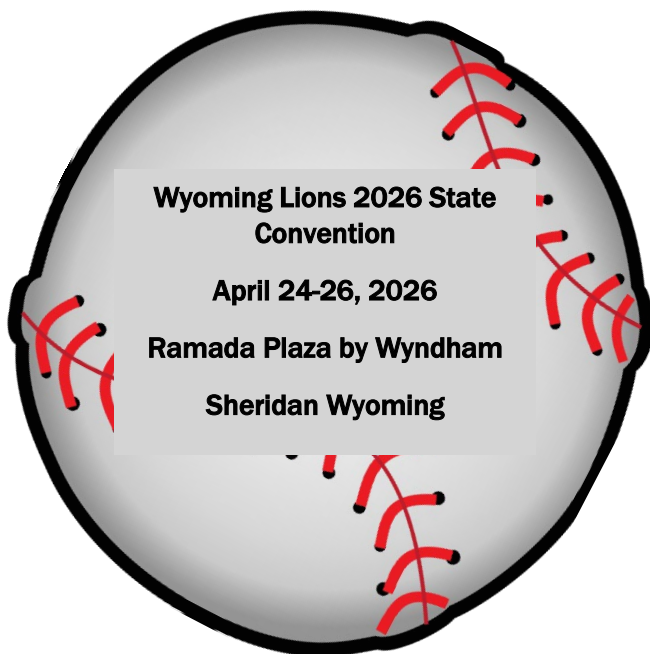
Lions of Wyoming, welcome to the 2026 Wyoming State Lions Convention! Big Horn Lions has chosen to host the Wyoming State Lions convention in Sheridan this year. The Wyoming State Lions Convention committee, chaired by PDG Gary Roadifer wish to offer you a convention designed to give every Lion an opportunity to: meet and socialize with current Lion friends and make new Lion friends, support a Big Horn Lions service project, celebrate the service you have provided to your communities, and learn what Lions International and District 15 can offer to help you "Serve". PID Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski, from Alaska, will be our guest and will speak at our banquet Saturday evening and will give us an opportunity to interact with him in an informal QA session.



The convention theme this year "Lions on Deck" is based on the 250th anniversary of the United States of America and the all-American pastime, baseball.

Please, come, enjoy the fellowship with fellow Lions, and Have Fun!

Yours in Service,
DG Ron Leathers



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Wyoming Lions Welcome International Director Robert “Ski” Marcinkowski

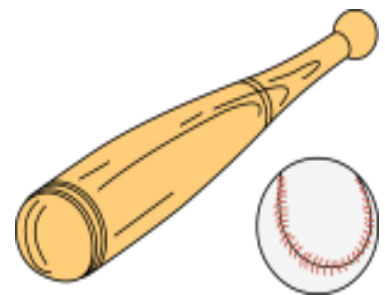
Robert “Ski” Marcinkowski of Fairbanks, Alaska, United States, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions International at the association’s 106th international convention in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 through June 25, 2024.

Director Marcinkowski is both a retired Army aviator and a U.S. Department of Defense civil servant. During his 23 years of service in the United States Army, he flew numerous types of helicopters and was the commander of Fort Greely, Alaska. During his civil service career, he managed Air Force and Army airfields, worked division-level operations and plans and culminated his career as the director of plans and operations at the Logistics Readiness Center, where he served as deputy for all installation logistics at Fort Wainwright in Alaska.

Director Marcinkowski is a charter member of the Interior Baseball Lions Club, where he served the baseball community since 2003. He held several offices within the association including club president, club secretary, zone chairperson, district governor, first and second vice district governor, club, district, and multiple district LCIF coordinator and council chairperson, among many other positions.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Marcinkowski received numerous awards, including multiple Lion of the Year Awards, multiple International President Leadership Certificates, multiple International President’s Certificates of Appreciation and International President’s Medals. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lions Legacy Society member.

In addition to his Lion activities, Director Marcinkowski served on the Alaska State Veterans Advisory Council, local school board, and local platting board among several other volunteer positions. He is also a member of the Army Aviation Association of America and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and coached high school and American Legion baseball teams for 13 years. Director Marcinkowski and his wife, Janis, a past district governor and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and one grandchild.



Theme: Lions On Deck, We Serve

Thursday April 23 – Golf Tournament sponsored by Story Lions
Contact Larry Durante, bighorn@vcn.com.

Friday April 24

9:00 am Service Project

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm Lions of Wyoming Foundation Meeting

1:00 pm Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Board Meeting

1:00 pm Class Sessions:

LCI Website & Lions Portal – PCC Jim Reynolds, Lion Glenda Reynolds, PDG David Orr
Zone Chair – DGE Amy Bomgarnder, PDG Gary Roadifer

2:00 pm Service Project (Sorting Eyeglasses)

Friday afternoon – Visiting sights in the Sheridan (See page 6)

5:45 pm – Energizer -PDG Gary Roadifer

6:00 pm All American dinner

7:00 - 9:00 pm Games/Auction

9:00 – 11:30 pm – Hospitality Oasis Bar and Lounge

Saturday, April 25

7:00 am to 8:30 am Breakfast Hosted by Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank

8:45 – 9:45 am – LoWF, AHSLC, Camp Challenge Report

9:45-11:15 – Break

9:45 – 11:15 am District Cabinet Meeting

11:15 – 11:45 am Celebration of Life

12:00 Noon – 1:15 pm Lunch Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation annual meeting
District Peace Poster Winner

1:30 - 3:00 pm Speed Learning (LCIF, RMLEB Grant Writing, Membership Growth, Service
Carnivals, LCI Grants, RMLEIF, Plus Optic, Leos)

3:00 – 3:15 pm – Break

3:15 – 4:00 pm Elections

4:15 - 5:00 pm Meet International Guest ID Ski Marcinkowski

6:00 – 7:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 – 9:00 pm District Governor's Banquet – LCI Guest - ID Ski Marcinkowski

???? – 11:30 pm – Hospitality Oasis Bar and Lounge

Sunday, April 27

Breakfast - on your own

9:00 - 10:30 Summit Committee





**Wyoming State Lions Convention
Ramada Plaza – Sheridan, Wyoming
April 24-26, 2026**



Lion _____ Club/Office _____ Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____	First convention? – Yes ___ No ___ Phone _____ Past International Director – Yes _____ No _____ Past District Governor - Yes ___ No _____ Email Address _____
Family Member attending _____	Lion - Yes ___ No ___ / First convention? - Yes___ No ___ Club/Office _____

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Registration by April 3, 2026	\$60		
Lions Family Registration by April 3, 2026	\$90		

OR

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Registration after April 3, 2026	\$70		
Lions Family Registration after April 3, 2026	\$100		

Friday April 24, 2026

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Dinner **Burger Bar (6:00 pm) (includes veggie burger option)	\$29.00		

Saturday April 26, 2026

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Breakfast – Buffet (7:00 – 8:30 am) Sponsored by Rocky Mtn Lions Eye Bank	NA		NA
Lunch **-Deli Board (12:00 to 1:15 pm)	\$29.00		
Stuffed Bell Pepper	\$32.00		
District Governor’s Banquet (7 - 9 pm) **			
Prime Rib Dinner	\$51.00		
Creamy Risotto with Mushrooms	\$32.00		

Sunday April 27, 2025

	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Breakfast - ON YOUR OWN	NA		NA
Baseball Jersey (optional) (circle size) M L XL XXL XXXL	\$25		
** Ticket required for admittance		Grand Total=	

(Food Costs include tax and gratuity)

Payment Method (Choose one): Check _____ Credit Card (cc) _____ supply name on card, cc#, expiration date, CVC code, zip code; a surcharge will be assessed _____

Mail completed registration form and payment to:
Big Horn Lions Club, PO Box 276, Big Horn, WY 82833



Make Your Reservations Now

Ramada Plaza by Wyndham, Sheridan Wyoming

1809 Sugarland Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801

\$74 for Queen; \$84 for King or Double if reserving room by Friday, April 10, 2026

Standard reservation rates apply after Friday April 10, 2026

For reservations call 307-672-4000

Or enter location, check in/out date, and enter the group code #042426LIO under Special Rates:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com>


(Click on \$74 rate for King and Double options)

AMENITIES

 Internet Access


 Restaurant


 Accessible

 Smoke free


 Conference Center

 Swimming Pool

 Pets Allowed (conditions apply)

 Meeting Facilities

 Smoking Areas

 Laundry Facilities

 Fitness Center

 Room Service

 Bar

 24 hour

Fun Activities / Points of Interests

On your travels to and from the convention as well as on Friday afternoon, April 24, enjoy north central Wyoming. There's a lot to see and do, including but not limited to the following suggestions.

Big Horn: Located on the historic Quarter Circle A Ranch is the Brinton Museum, home of a renowned collection of Western and American Art. RSVP for lunch at the Brinton Bistro.



Historic Downtown Sheridan features 46 buildings on the National Registry of Historic Places, including unique shops, restaurants, galleries and cafes, a museum and some of the Mountain West's most legendary watering holes. For example:



23 South Main



138 N Main



Legendary tack store
184 North Main



171 N Main



151 North Main

Be sure and check out the city's public art projects located on street corners that represent the local culture. Other attractions in Sheridan include:



856 Broadway St.



The Kendrick Mansion &
Trail End-400 Clarendon

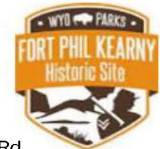


Connecting people to land and history
14 Lane Lane



Rifle manufacturing
1550 Yellowtail Drive

Story/Banner: Fort Phil Kearny was a U.S. Army outpost along the Bozeman Trail in the 1860s. Visitors at the Fort Phil Kearny Historic Site can enter the original location through reconstructed stockade walls, and experience the expansive grounds of the largest stockaded fort in the west. The State also manages the Fetterman and Wagon Box battle sites, which are both free areas, open sunrise to sunset seasonally.

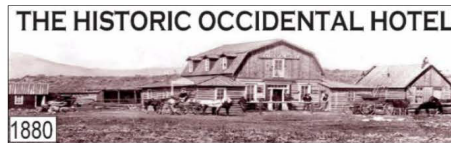


528 Wagon Box Rd

Buffalo features the Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum, the Occidental Hotel & Saloon, and a historic downtown with shops, restaurants and galleries. Yoders Country Market features an extensive selection of hand-made Amish goods. (Bring cash; credit cards not accepted.)



100 Fort Street



1880
10 North Main Street



Yoder's Country Market
369 Trabling Rd exit
south of Buffalo

Submitted by Pat Mahon

Lions State Convention Golf Tournament
Thursday, April 23
Buffalo Golf Club
Sponsored by the Story Lions Club



"The Hidden Gem"

Join us at Buffalo's 4 Star Public Golf Course and take in the views of the Big Horn Mountains' eastern slope. The 18-hole course is surrounded by mature trees and is ready for you to play.

Please arrive early on Thursday, April 23 as reserved tee times are between 12:00 and 12:30 pm. The cost is about \$75 for 18 holes with a cart, making for a great day of golf in Wyoming. We have spots for sixteen golfers, but more can join if needed.

The Story Lions Club is hosting this event. To reserve your spot, please contact Lion Larry Durante at email bighorn@vcn.com.



FRIDAY, APRIL 24

ALL-AMERICAN DINNER

6:00 PM

GAME NIGHT & AUCTION

7:00 - 9:00 PM

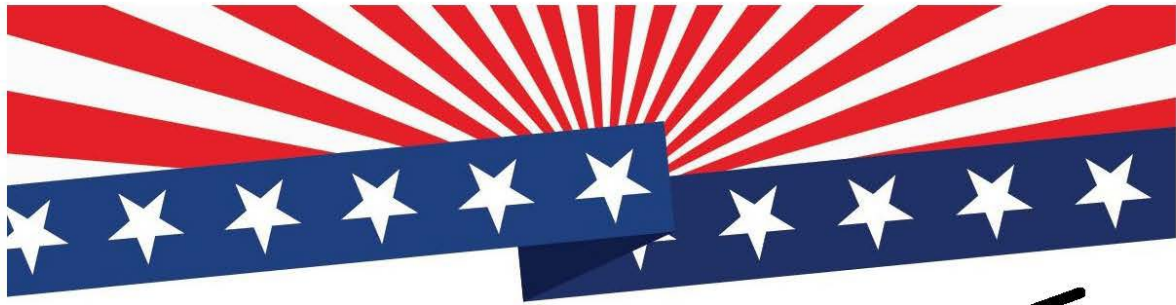
BASEBALL BINGO • BASEBALL TRIVIA • GOLF CHIPPING
LAWN YAHTZEE • FLIP & CHICKEN...
— AND MORE! —

LIVE
AUCTION



PRIZES & BASEBALL MEMORABILIA AUCTION!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ALLEN H STEWART
LIONS CAMP



Auction

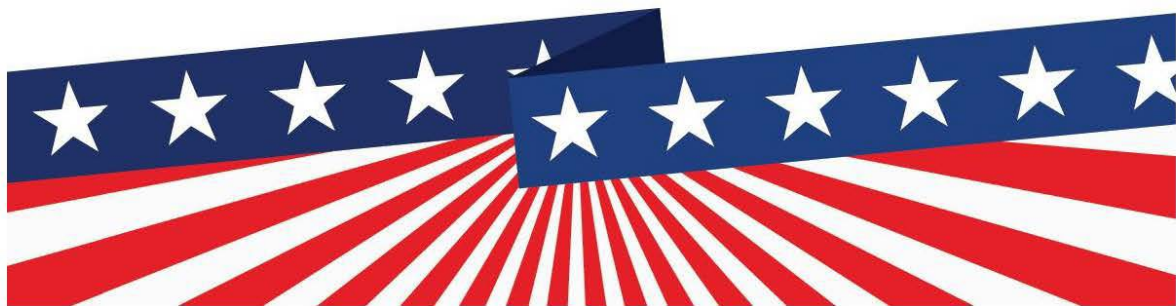


Join us Friday evening for a fun-filled auction during our All-American Game Night! The baseball-themed auction will feature unique baseball memorabilia along with a variety of specialty items. Come enjoy the games, win prizes, place your bids, and take home a treasure—all while supporting a great cause.

All proceeds benefit the Allen H Stewart Lions Camp, helping provide memorable camp experiences.

Each Lions Club is asked to bring One (1) item for the auction.

Each Lions Club is asked to bring its banner.



Odds and Ends

Come and learn

On Friday , April 24, at 1:00 pm Class Sessions:

LCI Website & Lions Portal – PCC Jim Reynolds, Lion Glenda Reynolds, PDG David Orr

Zone Chair – DGE Amy Bomgarnder, PDG Gary Roadifer

Buy A Wyoming Lions Baseball Jersey



Jersey price is \$25 with imprint of the front with the Lions logo on the left side and Lions with On Deck under Lions on the right side. On the back will be USA with 250 under USA.



Speed Learning

District 15 Convention

On Saturday, April 25, 2026, 1:30 to 3:00 pm Speed Learning Activities

The participants are divided into 8 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 9th station where participants can choose to go back to a presenter so they can answer any questions they have.

Sessions this year include

LCIF,
RMLEB Grant Writing,
Membership Growth,
Service Carnivals,
LCI Grants,
RMLEIF,
Plus Optic,
Leos



James F. Reynolds
District 15 Secretary/Treasurer
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To: Wyoming Lions, Club Officers, Board Members, and Pin Traders
 Subject: District 15 -Wyoming - 2026 State Trading/Convention Pin

The 2026 District 15 Wyoming Trading Pin is now available for Lions Clubs and Lions to order. The 2026 pin (shown above) measures 1 inch wide and 1 ½ 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 - 2025 pins, the postage is included in the listed price.

- _____ 2026 District 15 State Trading Pin (Lion on Deck)
 Orders of 9 or less pins.....@\$3.00 ea. _____
 Orders of 10 or more pins..... @\$2.75 ea. _____
- _____ 2025 District 15 State Trading Pin (Cowboy on a Lion)
- _____ 2024 District 15 State Trading Pin (State Penitentiary - Rawlins)
- _____ 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 Trading Pin (Oil Energy)
- _____ 2012 District 15 Trading Pin (Wind Energy)
- _____ 2011 District 15 Trading Pin (Mockingbird)
- _____ 2011 - 2025 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

More clubs and members mean more service

Submitted by: PID John Harper, PDG Gary Roadifer and GMT Mary Brown

A major goal for Lions Club International is to have 1.5 million members by the end of 2027. At present LCI membership is 1,374,920.

With this goal in mind, Lions of United States is having a major push to grow clubs and members. More clubs and members mean more service.

Looking at the membership data for United States and its Affiliates we have 258,958 members. This number of membership places us as only the 3rd largest area in Lion membership behind India and Southeast Asia. Lion membership in Wyoming is 831, which is a drop of 5 Lions from last year. It is important that we as Lions and Lion Clubs work to recruit new Lion members and charter new clubs.

Below is a tool that we encourage Lion Clubs to use to look at your community and Club in recruitment of membership.

6 Steps in 60 Minutes

1. 2-3 Club Members
2. List of people that are doers in the community
3. List of Groups in the community
4. Find Shared Values
5. Connect to a Cause
6. Invite to One Action

Notice-Ask-Show-Invite-Follow up



MISSION 1.5 

Club News

Casper Mountain Lions Club



Albertsons East Side provided the turkeys.

The Casper Mountain Lions Club has donated turkeys to the Holy Cross Food Bank at Christmas for several years.

The three Casper Mountain Lions picked up and delivered 36 turkeys from Albertson's East Side in Casper to the Holy Cross Food Bank in North Casper. Hunger is just one of the many initiatives the Casper Mountain Lions Club supports

If you would like to know more about the Casper Mountain Lions Club, visit our website or our Facebook page.



Staff works with Lions Joe Koening and Robert Porter



Lions Joe Koening, Robert Porter and Ted Graff deliver turkeys to the Holy Cross Food Bank in North Casper.

Submitted by Ted Graff

Laramie Lions

The Laramie Lions Club, The Quadra Dangle Society, and The Laramie Plains Lions Club did a Partnership Food Drive on Jan 11, 2026 with donations going to the Laramie Interfaith. We also accepted cash.



Submitted by Lew Lyons

Burns Lions Club hosted the rodeo dance following The Frozen Fury on the Plains at Archer, Saturday, Feb 7th. We are also having a raffle for a side by side to be drawn at Burns Day.

Burns Lions Club



Submitted by Kayla Madler

Torrington Lions Club

Val Grant reaches her 20 years of being a Lion. Mel Gabel just recently passed away.



Mel Gabel was inducted into the Wyoming Lions Hall of Fame at the 2026 state convention.



Submitted by Amy Bomgardner

Wheatland Lions Club

Wheatland Lions would invite any and all clubs to look into hosting a ride on pedal tractor competition for kids. We have done this at our fair for several years with convert 70 kids competing. We have two tractors that we would happily talk about bringing to your event and helping with the event. For more information contact Tom Bramlet.



Submitted by Jaime Hazen

Casper Mountain Lions Club

Casper Mountain Lion Club Supports Annual Wyoming Rendezvous for Students with Visual Impairments

Members of the Casper Mountain Lions Club, Hubert Townsend and G. Scott Novotny, spent time this past week volunteering at the Wyoming Rendezvous, a specialized event for students with visual impairments, their families, and primary caregivers.

The event was held on February 12, 2026, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Casper Mountain Trail Center (Nordic Center). The event brought together a supportive community of teachers, school administrators, and service providers for a day of education, recreation, and connection for students attending.

A Day of Recreation and Resources

The Wyoming Rendezvous is designed to bridge the gap between outdoor recreation and access to essential resources for students with visual impairments. The event provided a unique opportunity for attendees to build a community among families and professionals navigating similar experiences.

Key highlights of the event included:

Accessible Recreation:

Students enjoyed cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on Casper Mountain, with family members and school staff present. To ensure accessibility for all, the event provided free ski rentals, snowshoes, sleds, and boots from Mountain Sports and Gannet Peak Sports.

Professional Support:

Consultants from WDE Vision Outreach Services and other partner agencies were on-site to answer questions and provide guidance. Sight-impaired games and activities were provided as alternatives for students who had enough of the mountain air and needed a break.

Education:

Parents and school staff received targeted guidance on the specific supports available for children with vision loss.

To further thank families and volunteers, a free lunch was provided to all attendees and support staff.

It was a very rewarding experience for Lions Hubert and Scott N, and we felt privileged to have the opportunity to help.



Submitted by G. Scott Novotny



Mission: *To fulfill the wishes of eye donors and their families to help another overcome blindness through transplantation and research.*



A project of the Lions of Colorado and Wyoming

Fiscal 2025-26 Q-2 Report to the Lions Clubs of Colorado and Wyoming

Fiscal Year Financial Report

July 1, 2025- Dec. 31, 2025

Expenses

Administration	\$ 176,466
Tissue Recovery/Processing	\$2,751,320
Community Relations/Fundraising.....	\$277,068
Total Expenses	\$3,204,854

Revenue

Tissue Recovery &	
Processing Reimbursement	\$3,218,193
Contributions	\$51,646
Total Operations Revenue	\$3,269,839

*Unaudited draft as of 12/31/25

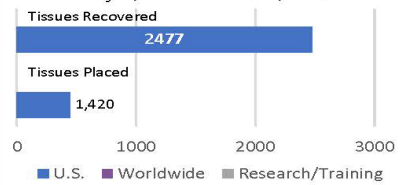
Eye Surgery Fund Grants

July 1 – Dec. 31, 2025

Applications Approved/Awarded: 12

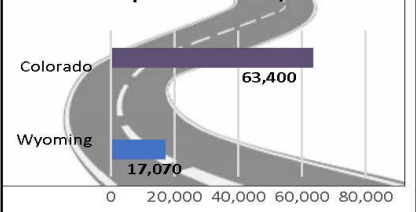
Tissue Recovered & Placed

July 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025



Miles Driven by Staff

July 1 2025-Dec. 31, 2025



Talking About Eye Tissue Donation Raises Awareness

RMLEB considers Lions an essential partner in fulfilling its mission.

How Lions Can Help:

- **Share Stories:** Mention RMLEB’s mission and accomplishments during your club meetings or community interactions.

- **Request Support:** The community and public relations staff is ready to help with materials for you to present, or to speak at your local meetings.

All Lions are encouraged to spread the word about RMLEB’s work in restoring sight regionally, nationally, and worldwide.

To learn more, contact: info@corneas.org

Activities, October – December:

RMLEB maintains ongoing education and outreach with medical staff in Colorado and Wyoming to ensure the wishes of donors are honored and sight-restoring transplants are possible.

We remain affiliated with the Denver Broncos as the Local Eye Bank Partner. One of the goals is to raise awareness and educated people about the donor registry. Throughout the season the RMLEB name and logo was displayed on the scoreboard and moving banner at Empower Field at Mile High, as well as placement on the Broncos’ YouTube Channel Sights and Sounds: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxC5ThHjXsP7dIbuxS-bUcxjHZDRVcgN

Eye Donation Month

The organization celebrated Eye Donation Month in November with in-person hospital visits and displays of the Circle of Light Photo Project.

We participated in an episode of The Unspoken podcast, conducted by the Chris Klug Foundation; the series aims to shed light on the often-overlooked aspects of donation and transplantation. This episode features donor family, Brad and Leslie Vickers, and Staci Terrin, RMLEB, director of quality & donation operations. https://youtu.be/B_Worg9U-mA

COLPP Call for Submissions

December saw the final exhibit of the current Circle of Light photos. A call for submissions for the upcoming exhibit, featuring individuals whose sight was restored through corneal transplants, was also initiated. The new exhibit is scheduled to debut in March or April.

We Exist to Restore Hope Where Hope May Have Been Lost

Dear Recipient,

“My husband Patrick would be thrilled to know that he was able to help you and give the gift of sight. I miss him desperately, but it helps me to know that he has made a difference in your life.”

Donor: 43-yr-old male. Recipient in Alabama.

We appreciate all financial contributions and ask that you be sure to note your name and the name of your Lions club on checks or other submissions. This will help ensure every generous gift is recognized.

1675 Aurora Ct, Mail Stop F751, Aurora, CO 80045
720-848-3937 • www.corneas.org



Get to know **YOUR** ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIONS EYE BANK. We invite you to take about 3 minutes and check this out.

Thank YOU!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WB3t5oCN5qY>



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**Remember
These Dates!**



**District 15 State Convention
and Cabinet Meeting**
April 24-26, 2026
Sheridan, WY
Club Host-Big Horn Lions Club

**108th Lions International
Convention**
July 3-7, 2026
Hong Kong, China

**USA/Canada Lion Leadership
Forum**
September 3-5, 2026
Memphis, Tennessee



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 by email to: grlebhart@aol.com

**Preferred text format:
Word**

Photos: jpg