



THE MOUNTAIN LION



FROM MY DESK

A monthly article

July has been a busy month. The Lions International Convention was held in Hong Kong and by all accounts, it was a huge success. Our own DG Terry Rubald was installed as our 2026/2027 District Governor. There were several votes taken at this convention and all passed:

1. International Dues Increase: Increase of \$1 each year effective July 1, 2028 through July 1, 2032 (\$30 being the final total for semi annual dues)
2. Club delegate voting formula: Requiring a Past District Governor to be a member in good standing of a club in good standing to retain their voting rights based on title.
3. International Director appointment: Even numbered years 4 (down from 5) directors, odd numbered years 5 (down from 6) * Board appointees shall not exceed 5 in any one fiscal year.

DG Terry has started her club visits and is doing a great job of bringing us the message from our new International President Mark Lyon. President Lyon is from Connecticut and his theme for the year is "Rooted in Service". You will hear more about this from DG Terry.

Our campaign for International Director is about to get very busy. The vote for endorsement is happening at the Ely Members Meeting on August 1, 2026. Once endorsement is obtained and certified by LCI, you will be able to follow the campaign on the website being created, Facebook, Instagram and X.

Lion Rachael and I will be heading down to the Las Vegas area later this year (when it cools down a bit) to visit clubs in the area and will be hosting a fundraiser as well. Date, time and location will be communicated.

You will have the chance to support the campaign at the Ely meeting by donating whatever amount you feel compelled to give. There are pins for (\$25, \$50, \$100 donations) and a challenge coin for a donation of \$500. Consider being part of the momentum being created!

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The E-Clubhouse many of our clubs and the District use, is being redesigned. The old platform will be going away and the new, more modern looking, more functional platform will be rolled out. I am placing the URL in this edition so that you can preview what it will look like. You can also sign up on the link, to be notified of the roll out.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/>

If you are on Facebook, consider joining the Global Lions Forum and the LionsUSA. These are great sources of information and allows you to see what topics Lions around the world are facing and to respond to their inquiries.

Monthly Zoom Training for all Lions

Don't miss the monthly trainings being held on Zoom. Training will be held on the last Sunday of every month at 3pm. Topics and instructors vary, the link is posted on Facebook and sent out by email to every club. Your attendance will be recorded in the portal and will be linked to your Lions number.

My daughter told me recently that she is so glad I found Lions when I retired. She said Lions has given you purpose. She is right!

Remember: Lions are everything GOOD in the world!
"FUEL THE GOOD" – PDG Adam Hopkins

Early August Fun Days

National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day: August 4 — Bake or buy a fresh batch of cookies.

National Root Beer Float Day: August 6 — Pour root beer over a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Book Lover's Day: August 9 — Spend extra time reading a favorite novel.

National S'mores Day: August 10 — Roast marshmallows for a classic summer treat.

Middle Child Day: August 12 — Give a little extra love to the middle kids in the family.

National Relaxation Day: August 15 — Take a break and unwind completely.

National Roller Coaster Day: August 16 — Ride a fast coaster at a theme park.

National Thrift Shop Day: August 17 — Go treasure hunting at a local second-hand store.

National Waffle Day: August 24 — Enjoy sweet or savory waffles for breakfast or dinner.

National Dog Day: August 26 — Pamper your pet pup with a long walk or a special treat