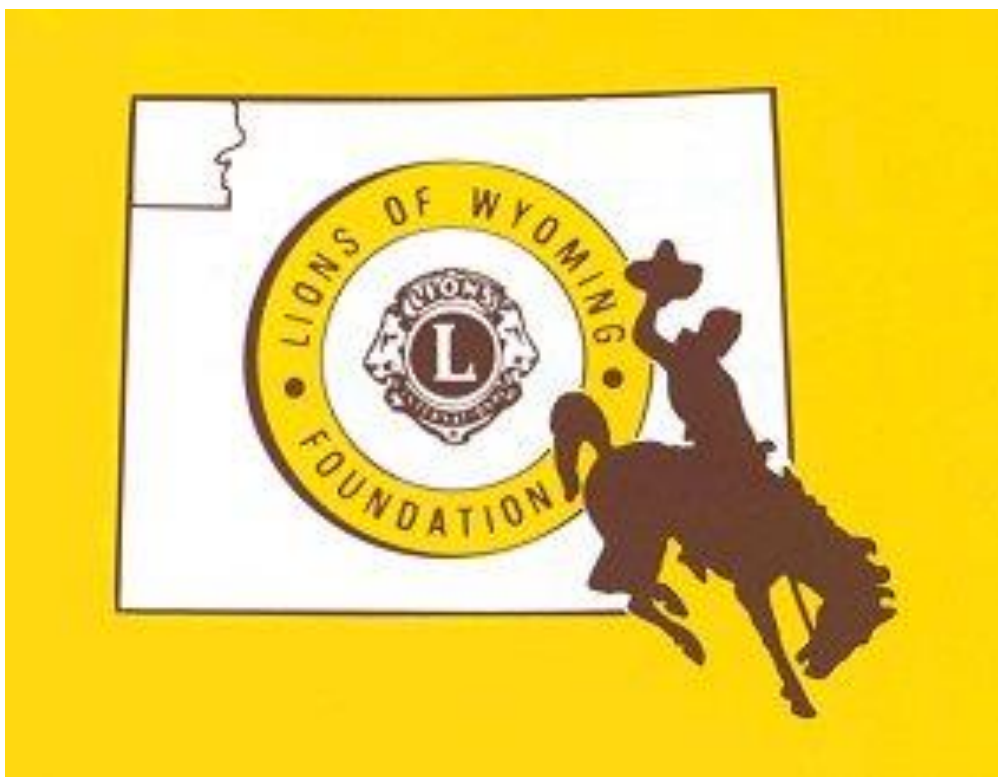


# Lions of Wyoming Foundation Annual Report 2017



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## **Lions of Wyoming Foundation**

### **Trustees:**

#### *Officers*

President – Lion Gary Roadifer, Immediate Past DG, Pine Bluffs

Vice President – Lion Robert Lyons, Pine Bluffs (1<sup>st</sup> VDG)

Treasurer – Lion Kurtis Gries, Jackson Hole

Secretary – Lion Jeanne Stapleton, Rawlins (Area 5)

#### *Members*

Lion John Long, Cody (Area 1)

Lion Stuart Bechtel, Gillette (Area 2)

Lion Dick Dubay, Cheyenne (Noon) (Area 3)

Lion Analyn Reader, Riverton (Area 4)

Lion Dana Stone, Mountain View (Area 6)

#### *District Governor/VDGs*

Lion Val Grant, District Governor, Torrington

Lion Robert Lions, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, Pine Bluffs

Craig Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Gillette (Noon)

#### *Executive Director:*

Lion David Orr, PDG, Cheyenne Sunrise



*The Charitable Arm of Wyoming Lions*

**Lions of Wyoming Foundation**

## MISSION

The Lions of the Wyoming Foundation exists to assist in the general improvement of the quality of life of those in Wyoming having unmet needs. It is the specific mission of the Foundation to provide quality programs and services to the people of Wyoming for the detection, treatment and rehabilitation of visual impairments. The Foundation solely, or in conjunction with the Lions Clubs, foundations and other organizations shall provide its assistance through grant processes or delivered through direct or indirect programs and services.

## OBJECTIVES

1. To provide quality programs and services for the treatment of sight related problems for the citizens of Wyoming.
2. To provide assistance for the unmet medical needs associated with sight and hearing.
3. To provide assistance for activities and services for those with disabilities.
4. Provide other grants under special circumstances.

The Lions of Wyoming Foundation is the “Charitable Arm of Wyoming Lions.” It is our goal to support Lions projects in Wyoming. We also encourage support of Lions projects in the region, the nation and the world. The major focus of the Foundation is to assist local Clubs with humanitarian projects that require more funding than the club can support on its own. We also provide assistance for clubs in applying for grants from the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Surgical Fund and the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation’s Travel Assistance Fund. We often partner with clubs to provide the match for such grants, brokering cooperation between the local club(s), our Foundation, and other grant funding organizations. Since becoming the owner of the Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp in 2012, the LoWF has an additional important role: assuring that funding will be in place to underwrite the annual, one-week long Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth.

## 2017 Highlights



An important role of the Foundation is to continue the excellent legacy of service to the visually impaired by securing funding for the operation of the Camp and for the Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth.

Once again this year, we were supported by the Montgomery Trust for the “Lion’s share” of funding for the Summer School for Visually Impaired Youth. Under the management of the State Department of Education, the Montgomery Trust provided nearly \$16,000 of the approximately \$30,000 required to operate the one-week program. New this year was a \$10,000 grant from the Howard Fund administered by the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The Foundation is developing new fund raising efforts that we hope will bring in funds from the general public, so as not to lean as much on the hard-earned funds raised by our Lions Clubs. Of course, we need the continued financial and manpower support of our Wyoming Lions as well.

In 2017 we again staged an entertainment show through Westlake Events. Only one program was used in 2017 due in large part to the downturn in the economy of the state. That show was produced in Casper, and earned \$2,000 for the Summer School.

We also received a large and unexpected grant of \$10,000 from the Robert Hosch Foundation.

This was an unusual year – we had no applications for grants until the very end of the year. These applications were approved, but were not paid until after the end of the year. No grants were given in 2017.

# Financial

## *Income*

### **Designated Donations**

Bricks & Stones	\$7,132.00
Allen H. Stewart Camp	20,535.00
AHSLC Summer School	32,593.00
Wyoming Vision Initiative	550.00
Leader Dog	1,950.00
RMLEI Foundation	4,100.00
Rocky Mtn. Lions Eye Bank	4,100.00
LCI Foundation	9,620.00
Other Designated	1,200.00

**Total Designated** **\$ 81,780.00**

### **Undesignated Donations/Income**

10% Recapture	\$ 665.00
Gold/Silver/Bronze Lion	1,000.00
Facebook - AHSLC	220.00
District 15 – Flip Cause/Amazon Smile	11.21
Friends of the Foundation	4,845.00
Westlake Events	13,967.10
Other undesignated revenue	7,652.58

### **Investments**

Interest	2.40
Dividends	5,589.23
Capital Gains	5,039.89

Wells Fargo Custodial Fee 2,024.26\*

**Total Undesignated Donations/Income** **\$ 41,016.67**

**Grand Total Income** **\$ 122,796.69**

\*Payment from Jackson brokerage for managing funds

# Information

## *Expenses*

### **DESIGNATED EXPENSES**

### **Carry Over**

AHSLC – Bricks & Stones	4,503.84	2,628.16
Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp	\$ 20,535.00	0.00
AHSLC Summer School	32,813.00	-220.00
Wyoming Vision Initiative	550.00	0.00
Leader Dog	1,950.00	0.00
RMLEI Foundation	4,100.00	0.00
RMLEB	4,100.00	0.00
LCI Foundation	9,620.00	0.00
Other Designated	1,200.00	0.00
<b>Total Designated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 79,371.84</b>	<b>\$ 2,408.16</b>

### **UNDESIGNATED EXPENSES**

#### **Fund Raising Expenses**

#### **Net Raised**

10% Recapture	0.00	665.00
Gold/Silver/Bronze Lion	341.40	658.60
Facebook – AHSLC	0.00	220.00
Amazon Smile/Flipcause	0.00	11.21
Friends of the Foundation	308.20	4,536.80
Westlake Expenses (AHSLC)	11,958.23	2,008.87
Other Undesignated	16,000.00	-8,347.42
Approved Grants	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,607.83</b>	<b>-\$ 246.94</b>

#### **Operating Expenses**

Accounting/Legal	375.00
Bank & Account Charges	65.00
Leadership Training	355.02
Donation Expense-Facebook, Pay AMA	6.98
Supplies	305.82
Postage	106.61
Administrative Expenses	179.00
Marketing & Promotion	2,265.54
Meeting Expenses	532.72
Personnel	\$ 12,918.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 17,109.69</b>

***Total Undesignated Expenses*** \$ 45,717.52

***Grand Total Expenses*** \$ 125,089.36

***Net Income vs Expenses*** \$ -2,292.69

<b>Assets</b>	<b>1/1/2017</b>	<b>12/31/2017</b>	<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>
FIB – Westlake	\$ 212.17	183.26	-28.91
First Ed FCU #984	10,618.10	11,737.80	1,119.70
First Ed FCU #00	5.00	5.00	0.00
First Ed FCU #99	1531.43	1,533.77	2.34
Edward Jones #2-1-6	18,127.53	20,165.77	2,038.24
E. Jones (Endowment)	85,094.83	90,220.46	5,125.63
Wells Fargo (Jackson)	91,423.52	91,062.98	-360.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 207,012.58</b>	<b>\$ 223,909.04</b>	<b>\$ 16,896.46</b>

*Grants Awarded in 2017 (None)*

*Bricks and Stones Purchased in 2017:*

Red Bricks

Lion Christian Magnussen 50 Years, Laramie Plains Lions  
 Lion Bob Boltz, TenSleep-Hyattville Lions  
 PDG Jim Rapp, Jim Rapp, Sheridan Sundowners Lions  
 Lion Leslie Rapp, Sheridan Sundowners Lions  
 Bryan & Ginni Stevens, Bryan & Ginni Stevens  
 Jerry Shad, Paul Frieman, Ralph & Beth Davis  
 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Farrington, Terry Farrington  
 Lion Tom Tammen, Cheyenne Sunrise Lions  
 Rodney Tidemann, Roxann Eddington  
 Lion Dave Woods, Cheyenne Sunrise Lions

4X12 Stone

Paul Dean Ragland, Paul Ragland (son), Pine Bluffs Lions  
 Doris Sorrell, Cheyenne Frontier Lions

8X8 Stone

International President Bob Corlew & Diane, Lions of Wyoming Foundation  
 Encampment-Riverside Lions, Encampment-Riverside Lions  
 Lion Max Ellis, Lander Lions

8X16 Stones

Lingle-Ft. Laramie Lions, Lingle-Ft. Laramie Lions  
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 Diana Raymer, Saratoga Lions  
 Lion Al & Arlene Parmely, Al Parmely



## *Friends of the Foundation*

In 2017, the Foundation was able to continue offering a Melvin Jones Fellowship to any club that had 100% membership in the Friends program (see below), until June.

### *100% Friends Clubs*

First Year: Byron, Kaycee

Second Year: Douglas, Dubois, Powell

Fifth Year: Lingle-Ft.Laramie (consecutive), Torrington

**Seventh Consecutive Year: Cheyenne (Noon), Cheyenne Sunrise, Laramie Plains, Sheridan Sundowners**

## *Gold/Silver/Bronze Lions Program*

Another important source of income for the Foundation is the Gold Lion Program. Clubs may honor local Lions (or non-Lion supporters) by making an undesignated donation of \$250 (Bronze), \$500 (Silver) or \$1,000 (Gold). A plaque is provided for the honoree. This program accounted for \$1,000 in donations this year.

### *Gold Lion Donors*

None

### *Silver Lion Donors*

Jeff Jeffers, Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank

NCHS Leadership Class, Casper Mountain Lions

### *Bronze Lion Donors*

None

## **Lions Projects Supported by Lions of Wyoming Foundation:**

The Lions of Wyoming Foundation encourages Wyoming Lions and Lions Clubs to support these Lions Projects/Programs through direct donations or gifts channeled through the Foundation.

- Allen H. Stewart Lions Camp and Summer School for Visually Impaired
- Wyoming Vision Initiative
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank
- Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Lions Clubs International Foundation

## How can you and your Lions Club support LoWF?

Lions work diligently all year long to raise funds to serve residents of their home community. The Trustees of the Lions of Wyoming Foundation invite Wyoming Lions to contribute to the Foundation in a manner that is meaningful to your club. Your donations are our life's blood. Without the support of the Lions Clubs of Wyoming, LoWF would cease to exist in a short period of time. The grants provided through your support have helped local Lions Clubs provide sight restoring surgeries and other services for individuals in Lion communities all over Wyoming.

- **Individual Lions may become a Friend of the Foundation for \$20.** If all members of a club become a "Friend," the club will receive a 100% banner patch. At least one Wyoming Club has increased their dues by \$20 and dedicated those funds to the Foundation for a 100% Friends. Others include LoWF in proceeds of a particular fund-raising project each year in an amount sufficient to donate \$20 for each club member.
- **Honor your outgoing president (or any other member)** with a Bronze, Silver or Gold Lion Award. Only two donations were received for this award in 2017. This too, can be a major source of funds for the Foundation.
- **Pledge a dollar amount** – as an individual or as a club.
- **Dedicate the proceeds from one fund raising project** to the Foundation.
- **Dedicate a portion of your Tail Twister** collections to the Foundation.
- **How ever you do it**, we sincerely hope you will join the many other Wyoming Lions Clubs in supporting your Foundation.

*So why should clubs contribute to the Foundation? The answer is the matching funds grant program. Partnering with the Foundation doubles the power of the funds raised and retained at the local level. The Foundation further leverages the value of funds raised by partnering with other charitable groups such as the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank and the Montgomery Trust.*

*2017 Donors*

Club/Individual	Club/Individual
Big Horn Lions	Laramie Plains Lions
Byron Lions	Lingle-Ft. Laramie Lions
Casper Mountain Lions	Lions District 15
Cheyenne (Noon) Lions	Wendell Manka
Cheyenne Frontier Lions	Newcastle Lions
Cheyenne Sunrise Lions	Helen Oates
Cody Lions	Lion Al Parmely
Karen Coteleso	Pinedale Lions
Ralph & Betty Davis	Pine Bluffs Lions
Douglas Lions	Powell Lions
Dubois Lions	Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank
Encampment-Riverside Lions	A.G. Richard
Terry Farrington	Riverton Lions Foundation
K. Gill Foundation	Saratoga Lions
Gillette Lions	Sheridan Sundowners Lions
Hulett Lions	Story Lions
Jackson Hole Lions	Ten Sleep-Hyattville Lions
Debra L. Juarez	Torrington Lions
Kaycee Lions	Vanessa White
Lander Lions	

*2017 Grants Awarded*

Howard Fund (CO DVR)	Montgomery Trust (WY Dept. of Ed.)
Robert Hosch Foundation	