

Report from the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute *Foundation*

This Lions year started with the final payment on our commitment to the expansion of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute. We made the final \$60,000 payment that was due in December. We thank the Lions of Colorado and Wyoming for their commitment to the furtherance of this world-class facility. The staff has grown to over 80 and patient visits continue to increase. The ten lanes (exam rooms) we funded are used daily. With that behind us we are focusing on an article on the Lion magazine. We have submitted an article chronicling the inception of the Institute and the growth over the years. With that, thank you to all the now PDG's for their work and notably to Jim Burton and John Harper for their work.

Additionally, we are working on increasing our exposure within Colorado and Wyoming. We have updated our website (thanks to Rick Argotsinger and Corky Carlson) and will soon be able to accept payment for the Paul M. Barbour, or any donation, online. We will produce some printed information to be handed out to anyone interested in learning more about the *Foundation*. If anyone needs a program for their club, please contact the trustee in your area. On that note we are looking for a trustee for 6W, DG Pulley is asking around.

Something we all at State leadership need to do is encourage our clubs and members to look beyond their area and see the opportunities to serve at the District and State levels. We have one trustee who was appointed to a third term because no one in his district wanted to take time for 6 meetings a year.

Finally, we hope to have Dr. Mandava present at our annual meeting in Wyoming in June next year, International President Bob Corlew will be there, they are hoping to have him present 100 Melvin Jones Fellowships.

We need to rebuild our funds so we can be ready for the next big thing that happens at the Rocky Mountains Lions Eye Institute. We will share that with you when it comes around. In the meantime, help us prepare for the future.

Thank you,

Roger Hosea

President RMLEI***F***