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Never fail to know that if you are doing all the talking, you are boring somebody.

- Helen Gurley Brown

DG Donna's Notes

After a long 6 years there will finally be another Regional Lions Leadership Institute in MD37. It will be held in Montana, October 20-23 inclusive. Lions who have aspirations of becoming leaders in their club, district, or Multiple District should attend. There are approximately 10 places available for our district 37L Lions and I hope to see every one of them used.

The MD and a grant from LCI will be covering most of the cost of the institute but the applicants will be responsible for their transportation and a \$100 registration fee. The cabinet has budgeted money to help defray some of these costs to attendees.

On the same subject, the next Senior Lions Leadership Institute is being held in Oak Brook on November 17 - 20. It is for Lions who have been a club president but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor. The deadline is September 7 so if you're interested please let me know. Meals and hotels are provided but the applicant has to look after their transportation.

As many of you are now aware the MERL team no longer exists and has been replaced with the Global Membership (GMT) Team and the Global Leadership (GLT) Team. In District 37L these teams will be led by CC Tom Hodgson on the GMT and PDG Betty Ann on the GLT.

The first round of information and training for these teams is being held on Sunday, August 28, for the northern half of the MD at Lions Villages Riverside in Edmonton and all Lions are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you are interested.



DG Donna Wozney haranguing the District Cabinet, August 13 at the Devon Lions Campground.

Our Lions Clubs are falling on tough times with our membership numbers and it is up to every one of us to help increase these numbers. As we stand right now, District 37L is a provisional district as our membership has been below the required 1250 for three years. An average of two new members for each club is all we need. If every one of us just brought in one new member, we would be on top of the world. I'm asking you to ask your wife, your husband, your son or daughter, your sister or brother, to become a family member of Lions. The future of Lions is with the young people you recruit.

International President Dr Tam believes that the success of Lions starts at club level. My own club has said that for years. We need to have effective orientation and keep our new members involved from the start. Our fellow club members are

our extended family and we need to treat them like they are our family.

Our new International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam's theme is "I Believe". I quote him: - "Believe that one person can make a difference. Believe that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. Believe that changing a life - or the world - starts with each one of us." He goes on to say - "Believing has three key elements -

**COURAGE
COMMITMENT
ACTION**

We need the courage to try, the commitment to try again, and finally we need to take action.

At the International Convention in Seattle Dr. Tam spoke of his goal to plant a million trees around the world. Like all of us, Dr. Tam is concerned about the environment, and we all know how beneficial trees are. At the time of our District Governors' photo session with Dr. Tam we were each asked to give a pledge for our District of how many trees we could plant - my pledge was 1153 - one tree for every member in 37L - Sounds like a lot doesn't it? Well it wasn't. One DG in my class pledged over 4000 trees.

A club in our district has one member who has already planted 80 - 7 percent of our pledge!

And the total pledged world wide was astonishing - 8.7 million trees and still counting. Absolutely unbelievable --- or is it? --- After all we are Lions and we can do anything! Please let me know how the count in your zone or club is doing - I want us to double and triple our pledge.

Lion Wanda and I have been participating in learning sessions given by PID Patti on the use of "Webinars" - an unbelievable tool. You can't beat face to face communication but these Webinars are the next best thing. We will be trying to integrate their use in training sessions and perhaps meeting monthly via webinar with the zone chairs.

Plan to register soon for the 2011 District convention, November 4 and 5 in Fort Saskatchewan, and the 2012 37L and I Rally to be held January 13 and 14 at the Central Lions Senior Centre. This Lionistic year the Multiple District Convention is being held in Athabasca in May 2012. They are anticipating that the International guest will be President Tam so be sure to register early.

- Donna



Donation Cheques and the District

The Cabinet Treasurer, PCC Lynne Coulter, advises that **the District can not process donation cheques intended for third parties issued by Clubs, made out to the District.** As the District is not a registered Society in Alberta, receipts cannot be issued, and **the donations may not be approved by Alberta Gaming.** Please make out cheques directly to the intended recipients. So, if your Club wishes to donate to the DG's charity of choice, please make out the cheque to the charity directly...



DISTRICT 37



DRUM CORPS

EDMONTON - ALBERTA - CANADA



DISTRICT 37

**CAPITALS BASEBALL GAME &
FIREWORKS NIGHT**

TELUS FIELD, EDMONTON, 6:30 PM

Most important is the debut of Impact, our District 37L supported marching band

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TICKETS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: THEY ARE \$15. EACH AND IMPACT EARNS \$5. PER TICKET.

CASH IN EXCHANGE FOR TICKETS.

Tickets available from:

- Lion John Cragg**
- Lion VDG Wanda Coates**
- Lion Tracey Honey**



Thirty years of Rock and Coal - ten years of Rock and Roll was the theme of this year's Grizfest parade in Tumbler Ridge. The Lions Club entered its first float in the annual parade and won a third prize medal! The float highlighted the Lions Club activities of local BBQs and the annual Duckie Race. Congratulations to all the Lions that contributed many hours of work on the float. Grizfest is a busy time for the TR Lions Club with a pancake breakfast, daily BBQs, and now a parade float. What a great weekend for the Lions to show their pride.

Ready to Help, Worldwide

Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy.

Our 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members make us the world's largest service club organization.

We're also one of the most effective. We get the job done.

We recently:

- Brought 3,000 volunteers together to build a playground for children of all abilities in California, USA.
- Fed 60,000 people in a township in South Africa. It's something Lions do there every day.
- Sent a team of eye surgeons to Honduras to treat more than 100 adults and children.

Everywhere we work, we make friends. With children who need schoolbooks, with seniors who need transportation and with people we may never meet.

We're led by talented, dedicated volunteer leaders from around the world. And, we're supported by the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which helps to fund Lions humanitarian projects.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/about-lions/index.php>

BACK TO THE FUTURE

37L - 37I Northern Region Rally
January 13-14, 2012 Edmonton, Alberta
 Central Lions Seniors Centre

Sessions:

- * Today's technology (iPhones, iPads etc)
- * Staying safe on-line
- * Green Ideas
- * Leos - who are they?
- * Your Club "Family"

*** And More! ***

- * Psychedelic '60s Night!
 Have fun like they did in the '60s
 - Flower Power! - Name That Tune!

More details next month!

LionMarkSchmidt@gmail.com



International Director Lion Dave Hajny



Lions of MD 37. I would like to express to each of you my heartfelt gratitude for all the support that you gave to me and Marie in our campaign for your International Director this past year. You worked so hard from the very beginning to the very end. Many of you gave your valuable time and all your effort and I'm sure I will never know who or how much you each contributed. It is not for the recognition that we pour our hearts into what we do, but for the end result. That is what Lions do. So to each of you, Thank You.

When the campaign was first kicked off a year ago, you so generously supported it financially, I was over whelmed. Money does not come easy in these times, yet you gave because you believed. Without that kind of monetary backing, I would not be your Director today. Your thoughtfulness to join in and be a part of this successful campaign is an example of our International bond, we the Lions of MD 37 have together.

Some of you were able to go to the International Convention in Seattle, but I'm confident that the rest of you were there in spirit.

I look forward to being able to visit with you in the near future, because you are second to none. You are the dedicated "can do Lions" from MD 37.

Love what you do, do what you love. Lions, Serving Our Communities

*Sincerely Yours in Lionism, **ID Dave Hajny***



Peace Poster Winner 2010 - 2011

an easy "Draw"

Peace Poster Contest for 2011-2012

Children Know Peace. Order your kits and get easy step by step instructions on starting a contest in your Club. Great way to partner with a local school. Easy and affordable project. International and very well established. Contact PDG Claude Carignan for more information

carignan@shaw.ca

Poster paper 17" x 23" available at \$.25 per sheet
Limited number of poster kits available at \$10.00

See page 8 for Contest details.

DISTRICT 37L YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARD

The District Governor will make the decision on the club which is to be presented with the award based on the following criteria. To be eligible for this award, a Club must have done AT LEAST SIX of the following in the Lionistic year.

1. Participated in Lions Youth Exchange through their club members personally hosting a youth exchange student.
2. Provided a financial contribution to the District 37L Youth Exchange Program or to the MD37 Youth Exchange Program.
3. Sponsored youth[s] to travel on the Lions Youth Exchange or to attend a Lions Youth Camp.
4. Participated in or financially supported Lions Quest.
5. Participated in or financially supported at least two local youth organizations such as Scouts, Girl Guides, minor hockey, minor ball or other organized and recognized non-profit youth groups.
6. Provided financial support to the District 37L and Sri Lanka Foster Child Program.
7. Made a financial contribution to Camp He Ho Ha.
8. Made a financial contribution to Camp Tamarack.
9. Sponsored a new Leo club in their community.
10. Provided funds to purchase equipment for children with special medical needs or for children who are blind or deaf.
11. Participated in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest.
12. Participated and/or financially supported Project Pride.

The Letter must be received by the DISTRICT AWARDS CHAIRPERSON by October 1

MD 37 HALL OF FAME NOMINATION CRITERIA

Any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone or Region may nominate a candidate from their district to the MD 37 Hall of Fame.

13. There is no nomination fee.
14. There may be a maximum of one (1) candidate per district, inducted into the Hall of Fame each year.
15. The District Governor must receive nominations at least 30 days prior to the District's Annual convention. Each individual District will hold an election to determine the successful candidate.
16. The award may be presented to either a Lion or Lioness and only one recipient per District may be elected annually.
17. The award may be presented posthumously.
18. Each candidate must have 15 years of service and be two years removed from Council (if they have served as a member of the Council of Governors).
19. Each candidate should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavours. He/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community.
20. All sponsors will use the standard form. No other will be accepted.
21. The sponsor(s) will ensure the candidate, or representative, will be in attendance at the Multiple District Convention.
22. All successful candidates will be inducted to the Hall of Fame at the next MD 37 Convention.
23. The presentation of the MD 37 Hall of Fame Awards is the responsibility of the MD 37 Historian.
24. A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to the delegates attending the

annual MD 37 Convention, and published in the subsequent MD 37 Newsletter.

25. A perpetual plaque will be kept in a prominent place in the MD 37 Office.

26. The application for this award may be found on the MD37 website

The Letter must be received by the DISTRICT AWARDS CHAIRPERSON by October 1

DR. LYNN G. HALL LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN LIONISM

This Award was established in 1997 in recognition of the outstanding Leadership qualities in Lionism displayed by the late Lion Dr. Lynn G. Hall. Lion Lynn was a member of various clubs for over 50 years and also served as District Governor 1952-53 and 1975-76. Always quick to step forward, no matter what the project, Lion Lynn was a leader by example. He was an active participant in many a fundraiser and a great Lion. Lion Lynn exemplified what Lionism is all about. His professional life included teaching, School Superintendent, School Inspector, Provincial Director of School Administration as well as serving as Mayor of Lac La Biche and Councilor of Wainwright.

AWARD CRITERIA

1. A Lion Member in good standing with a Lions club for a MINIMUM OF 10 years.
2. A Lion who has demonstrated continuous leadership for a MINIMUM OF three (3) years.
3. A Lion whose leadership may be at the community, club, district or International level or a combination thereof.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. Application may be made by any Lion in good standing within district 37L.

2. A letter is to be written which includes the following:

- Name of Award applied for
- Name of the Lion
- Name of the club
- When the Lion became a member
- Commitment to Lions based on the above criteria
- Biography of applicant) marital status, family, interests, etc.)

The Letter must be received by the DISTRICT AWARDS CHAIRPERSON by October 1

HERB MOELLER UNSUNG HERO AWARD

This Award was established in memory of Lion Herb Moeller, a member of the Edmonton Northgate Lions club following his death in September 1999. Lion Herb was the club treasurer at the time of his death and worked tirelessly on behalf of the youth in our community. Lion Herb was quick to volunteer and serve on club projects and activities. He joined Lions in 1986.

AWARD CRITERIA

A Lion in good standing who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to advance the causes of Lionism and their club.

A Lion who has volunteered regularly to serve on club committees, projects and fundraisers.

A Lion who may have worked on ZONE or DISTRICT PROJECTS.

A Lion who has not received, within the past three (3) years, a District Award, and International Presidents Certificate, or a District Governor Appreciation Award.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. Application may be made by any Lions Club in good standing within District 37L.

2. A letter written by the most recent Past Club President to include the following:

- Name of Award applied for
 - Name of the Lion
 - Name of the club
 - When the Lion became a member
- Commitment to Lions based on the above criteria

Biography of applicant) marital status, family, interests, etc.).

The Awards Chair must receive nominations by October 1 in order to be presented at the District's Annual convention.

Please apply to: Lion Karen Olson, District 37L Awards Chairperson

4707 – 131 Avenue NW

Edmonton AB T5A3G7

lionkaren37l@shaw.ca

For Your Directories

New Zone 1C (Beaverlodge, Fairview, Grande Prairie, Grand Prairie Trumpeter, Rycroft, Wembley) Chair Sandy Bruner sbruner@xplornet.com

Edmonton Jolly Fellows has a new e-mail address:

Edmontonjollyfellows@gmail.com

Edmonton Castledowns

long serving member **Bill Veinotte** passed away July 30 after a short but courageous fight with cancer.

- *Lion Les Coombes*



Enter as many teams as you want![®]
Just \$25 per entry!

All proceeds go to the
Lions Learning Centre

Entry deadline October 14, 2011

For details, or to request an entry, contact:
Tammy Coulter 780-539-7488
gplionsecretary@hotmail.com

You must be at least 18 to enter.

AGLC License Number: 318920

District Calendar

2011

9	22-24	USA/Canada Forum	Anchorage, AL	Lions International lionsclubs.org
10	4	Spaghetti Supper	Edmonton	David Coates coatesdavid48@gmail.com
10	20-23	Regional Lions Leadership Inst.	Gold Creek, MT	Mary Kay Flanagan mkflanagan@theglobal.net
11	4-5	37L Convention	Ft. Saskatchewan	Robert Fischer 780 998 2152

2012

1	13-14	Northern Rally	Edmonton	Mark Schmidt LionMarkSchmidt@gmail.com
5	17-19	MD37 Convention	Athabasca	PCC Gordon Topps ghtopps@msn.com
6	22-26	International Convention	Busan, Korea	Lions International lionsclubs.org
9	14-16	USA/Canada Forum	Tampa Bay, FL	Lions International lionsclubs.org
11	2-3	37L Convention	Edmonton	Edmonton Northgate

2013

7	5-9	International Convention	Hamburg, Germany	Lions International lionsclubs.org
11	?	37L Convention	Vimy?	Vimy & District

2014

7	4-8	International Convention	Toronto	Lions International lionsclubs.org
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2015

5	14-16	MD37 Convention	Bozeman	
6	26-30	International Convention	Honolulu	Lions International lionsclubs.org

Lion Alex Potvin

Lion Margaret Potvin (Edmonton Jolly Fellows) advises that Lion Alex Potvin has been at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton since July 6, and is expected to be moved to a long term care facility. If you wish to send cards, or enquire about Lion Alex's status, please communicate with Lion Margaret.

8504 121 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
780 477 5527

Dr. Stan Kucey, long time member of South Edmonton Lions passed away, July 17, 2011



Hi5 Branch Edmonton Northgate Lions Club

Presents

1st Annual (!) Spaghetti Supper

October 4, 2011 6:30^{pm}

\$15.00 per person

Elks Hall: 118 Street & 129 Avenue Edmonton

Contact Lion David Coates

[780 660 9063](tel:7806609063) coatesdavid48@gmail.com

24th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Children Know Peace



Sponsor a Lions International Peace Poster Contest and join clubs worldwide in sharing children's visions of peace with your community.

How the Contest Works

Lions clubs sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2011. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Children Know Peace."

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district governor for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected to go on to the multiple district competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

Awards

Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change). At the ceremony he/she will receive a cash award of US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 2012.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

Mail or fax your order to: LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
CLUB SUPPLIES SALES DEPARTMENT, 300 W 22ND ST.
OAK BROOK IL 60523-8842 USA; Fax 630-571-0964

Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) _____ Qty. @ US\$9.95/each \$ _____
 Language Required _____ Tax \$ _____
 (Available in all official languages.) Postage & Handling \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Method of payment (select one):

- A. Club/District Acct. # _____
 Lions Club Name _____
 Officer's Signature (Required) _____
- B. Visa/Mastercard # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Cardholder's Signature (Required) _____

PR 785 11/10

How to Enter

Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Available in all 11 official languages, it costs US\$9.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one* school or organized, sponsored youth group:

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

*Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.



Kits are available January 15 – October 1, 2011.
Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

To order the Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) submit the form below, order through the online Lions Store (Item search: Peace Poster Kit) or call Club Supplies at (630) 571-5466 or (800) 710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).

Visit www.lionsclubs.org for more contest information, deadlines, to send a Peace Poster e-card and view past finalists' posters.

Ship order to:

Name _____

Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone # (Required) _____

E-mail Address _____

Postage/handling Charges:

United States - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. An additional charge will be added if second day service is required.

Overseas - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. Additional charges for duty/taxes may be required upon receipt of your order. We are not responsible for any additional charges imposed by customs.

Sales Tax:

We are obligated to charge sales tax in Illinois and Canada.



**Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club
District 37L Convention
Nov 4 & 5, 2011
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta**



Name:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Companion:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Mailing address: Street: City: Postal/Zip code:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

Registration (Received by Sept 1, 2011) _____ x \$90.00 = _____
 Late Registration (After Sept 2, 2011) _____ x \$100.00 = _____
 EXTRA – Governors’ Banquet - Saturday _____ x \$30.00 = _____

*Registration includes Friday evening activities, Opening Ceremonies, Celebration of Life and Entertainment.
 Friday evening snack Saturday: breakfast, lunch and banquet.*

Special Diet/Allergies: *Please specify* - Diabetic Vegetarian Allergies: _____

Cash Cheque Money Order

All Monies are in Canadian Funds – Payable to: *Fort Saskatchewan Lions Convention*

Mail to: Fort Saskatchewan Lions P.O. Box 3194 Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 2T2	Contact: Lion Bob Fischer Ph 780-998-2152 OR Lion Peter Belyk Ph 780-998-2502	OR email Lion Donna Wozney gmawoz@shaw.ca
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Hotels

Super 8 8750 – 84 Street (by Dow Centennial Centre) - \$118.00 + tax (Double Rm)
 Comfort Inn 1 block South West of Dow Centennial Centre - \$118.00 + tax
 Hospitality Inn 9820 – 86 Avenue (2.5 km NE of Dow Centre) - \$125.00 + tax (Double Rm)
 Hampton Inn 8709 – 101 Street \$119.00 + tax (Double Rm)
 Other hotels available

Display Tables Available
 at the 37L convention Nov 4
 and 5 - limited space - availabil-
 ity with reservation only - con-
 tact 37L convention committee
 - Lion Peter Belyk 780-992-
 2502

*“What is happening to our
 young people? They disrespect
 their elders. They disobey their par-
 ents. They ignore the law. They riot
 in the streets inflamed with wild no-
 tions. What is to become of them?
 - Plato, 427 - 347 BCE*

***It cost \$3 Million to build the
 Titanic and \$100 million to
 make the movie...***