

Lions Link

Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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DG Donna's Notes

Hello Lions

Can you believe April is just about over and as usual I am late sending my message to Hank at the Link. I have never met anyone with as much patience as he has.

Since I made it my mandate to increase membership we have had successes and some failures.

Although we have now inducted 82 new members we have lost 69. We're slowly inching up but it has been a long, hard process. For those clubs with new members please register them to attend World Wide Induction Day in St. Albert on May 12. Lion Carole Henson has sent personal invitations to all the new Lions and we hope to see them and their sponsors at the event. We are also holding Officer Training at the same time. You don't have to be on your club executive to attend and these mini seminars will help you understand how a club and Lions International function. Our presenters are very qualified and they will be able to answer all your questions about Lionism.

On June 15 the Thorsby Lions Club will be chartered. The tickets for the Charter Night are now available from members of the Thorsby Club and the Devon Lions Club. I am sure the place will be packed. I encourage you to attend and welcome this new club into 37L.

The Multiple District 37 Convention is less than a month away – May 17 to 19 in Westlock. At the back of the Link you will find the registration form. Please make an effort to attend.



The Lions Foundation of Canada supports Dog Guides and the annual Dog Walks will be held on May 27 in a number of communities, sponsored by individual Lions Clubs. Donations are down this year and we all know that it takes a great deal to train those dogs. This is the major fundraiser of the year for Dog guides and I want to encourage all of you to sponsor a walker. DGE Wanda and I will be in Grand Prairie for their Dog Walk and we would be more than willing to have sponsorship. In fact we probably could have a little competition – perhaps I could challenge her to a dog walk duel. Would anyone else want to join us? If you can't walk you can always sponsor someone. And if all else fails, your club purchase of a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship or a Life membership for a deserving member is appreciated.

Until next time,

- Donna



Edmonton (Mill Woods) Lions Club Makes another Donation of \$4,000 to Mill Woods Hockey Association

As published in the December 2011 Lions Link, a formal request for financial support of \$8,000 was made by the Mill Woods Hockey Association on November 21, 2011 at which time Edmonton (Mill Woods) Lions donated \$4,000 to assist with the Association's cost of operation for the year 2011/12.

The Edmonton (Mill Woods) Lions Club is pleased to have been able to donate the remaining \$4,000 on March 19, 2012. These programs have been ongoing for 6 years and can train and nurture the young hockey players (approximately 650 children) for future development. The club is happy to support community based programs which can foster such activities; and wish Mill Woods Hockey Association to continue building on this opportunity for the children and youth in the Mill Woods community.

Service Opportunity

The Edmonton Heritage Festival and Lions International District 37L have concluded and agreement that will have a presence on site by Lions as sponsors of the Lost Parent-Lost Child program during the Festival. Crowds attending this event number in the hundreds of thousand, thus allowing Lions an opportunity to show our colours to a huge audience.

The term of this endeavour is three years and financing is through District 37L with a matching grant from LCIF

A minimal number of Lions members will look after a booth for this purpose, handing out stickers for kids to wear. These stickers display instructions on what to do if a child should become separated from parents or guardians.

In addition, Lions membership brochures will be available to hand out.

John Cragg, District 37L Public Relations Chairman, has negotiated this on behalf of the District and will be looking for volunteers to work shifts.

This is a very satisfying job. Let John Cragg jcragg@telusplanet.net know if you are interested.

Grande Prairie Four Club Charter Night

that was to be held in Grande Prairie on April 14th but was cancelled due to inclement weather has been re-scheduled for Saturday, May 26th at the Lions Learning Centre located at 9625 Prairie Road. Start time is 6:30 p.m. with a pot luck supper to follow at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by May 20th to PCC Donna Coulter at Ldcgp@telusplanet.net or 780-532-3027.

The Grande Prairie Lions Club

would to thank the Hinton Lions and OPTIK 1000 (Grande Prairie) for recent donations of used eyeglasses

The Lions Club of Devon

invites you to the

Lions Club of Thorsby & District Charter Presentation.

JUNE 15, 2012

THORSBY & DISTRICT

COMMUNITY HALL

COCKTAILS 6:00PM

DINNER 7:00PM

\$30.00 PER TICKET

CHARTER PRESENTATION CERMONY AND ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW

CONTACT: BEV ALCORN

PHONE: 780 789 3092

CELL: 780 905 7410

BOX 663 THORSBY, AB. T0C2P0 FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE CATERERS PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE JUNE 01, 2012

2011-12 Dues Past Due!

As of April 20, the following clubs have not paid their combined MD 37 & 37-L dues for 2011-12:

- Athabasca
- Beaumont
- Brightbank
- Chetwynd
- Edmonton Castledowns
- Edmonton Millwoods Breakfast
- Edmonton City of Champions
- Fox Creek
- Grande Prairie Trumpeter
- Hay River
- Hudson's Hope
- Yellowknife.

Clubs with any questions should contact Lion Lynne Coulter, 37-L Treasurer, at 780-532-3027 or by email; Ldcgp@telusplanet.net

Clubs with outstanding dues on May 19 will not be able to vote at the MD 37 Convention in Westlock unless they pay them there prior to Certification.

Multiple District 37 Convention
May 17 - 19, 2012
Westlock Community Centre
Entry Form at the end of this Lions Link

An invitation from your Council Chair to all Club Presidents:

Our International President set a goal this year to meet and greet as many Lions Club Presidents as possible.

International President Wing Kun Tam will be in Calgary May 13 – 15 visiting MD 37. President Tam has requested a meeting with MD 37 Club Presidents on Sunday, May 13 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the CNIB Auditorium, Memorial Drive NE.

The opportunity for a Club President to meet the International President face to face is extraordinary; I would like to encourage you to take this opportunity to meet your President at this event. Please make every effort to attend.

Monday, May 14 the President will be touring Lions sponsored projects and a special banquet has been scheduled for the evening when at least one new Lions Club will be chartered. For further information, please contact PDG Ben Pond at benpond@shaw.ca.

Please RSVP me and PDG Cristina Pond (christina.pond@shaw.ca) by May 1, if you plan to attend.

Thanks for your timely attention to this invitation.

Lion Tom Hodgson

Council Chair MD 37 papa.count@hotmail.com



EDMONTON HERITAGE DAYS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Lion Carole Henson

Call to all clubs for volunteers to earn NON-GAMING MONEY for club piggy banks!!

The Lions have been invited to participate in the Heritage Days Festival again this year, to sell MEAL TICKETS at the participating pavilions, same as last year. August 4, 5, 6, 2012.

Here are the hours – note there are two shifts on each of the three days:

Saturday, August 4 th	10:30am to 4:00pm	3:00pm to 8:00pm
Sunday, August 5 th	9:30am to 3:00pm	1:00pm to 6:00pm
Monday, August 6 th	1:00pm to 6:00pm	2:00pm to 7:00pm

Please do not wait to call me. If you have the slightest inkling that you and your "over 18" friends would like to participate, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ME ASAP. It takes a lot of work to put this all together, and the sooner I know, the more efficient I can be on behalf of the Lions. Commitments already received from several Lions clubs – join the bandwagon and have a great weekend of fun at the same time.

Contact me by email: clh@tbwifi.ca or talk to me and/or leave a message at 780-962-9342 – yours will be my favorite phone call/email that I get, without a doubt!

Edmonton Southgate

Lions have sponsored the Edmonton South Side Athletics AAA Bantams for many years, and are gratified that the team is now Provincial Champions, and placed 2nd in the Western Canada Championships!

- *John Cragg*

Lion Janine Potvin, wife of Lion Ralph Potvin, passed away on February 20, 2012 in hospital in Kingston, Ontario. She leaves to mourn, her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lions Margaret and Alexis Potvin of Edmonton.

-*Margaret Potvin*

Lions Clubs International

Webinars (Internet based seminars) are available on a variety of topics relevant to Lions:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php>

- *Karen Olson*

President Tam believes, and so do Joan and Herman Lubbers, Fred and Luella Marshall, Marvin and Marlene Eckert and Waylon and Jennifer Wickstrom in the Lions Youth Exchange Program. I am most grateful to these three Lions families and one IMPACT family for hosting two exchange students from Italy this summer. Kudos to you all!!!!

- *Lion Wanda Coates, YE Chair*

Further to last month's photo of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's drop-in to the the Multiple District Council meeting, PDG John Watson reports that the Prime Minister is an honorary member of Calgary Woodcreek lions which is based in his constituency. He has been a member for about two years.

LIONS LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA!

EDMONTON

FOR ALL INCOMING CLUB EXECUTIVE AND
FOR ALL INTERESTED LIONS

Saturday, May 12, 2012

BERTHA KENNEDY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

175 Larose Drive, St. Albert, AB

**Registration starts at 08:30am – Assembly at 9:00am – 3:30pm wrap
Good Food and Coffee Breaks
and lots of fellowship!**

Guest Speaker Extraordinaire – PDG Leo Bruseker

“Becoming a Lion”

(So....you think you've heard it all? Well....you haven't...)

Training for Presidents, Vice-Presidents/Directors, Treasurers, Secretaries, Tail Twisters, and Zone Chairs

And....you don't have to be a Club Officer to attend a Training Session

All new Lions are encouraged to sit in on the training session of their choice

~Induction of New Lions by District Governor Donna Wozney~

Family members and sponsors – join with fellow Lions, around the world, and take part in our significant and meaningful

Special Candlelight Ceremony

Club Presidents: please encourage your club officers to attend, and cover their costs – this is classed as an “Educational Event”
~Small charge for lunch~

Email Lion Carole Henson to book your attendance clh@tbwifl.ca

or phone 780-717-1835

before April 30, 2012

Please book early for catering purposes and space assignment

UPDATE: LIONS LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA! EDMONTON

Bertha Kennedy School, St. Albert – Saturday, May 12th, 2012

EXCITING ADDITIONS TO OUR SCHEDULE:

Leo Chair, **Lion Paul Cheung** and his team, the **Social Media Tactical Team** (SMTT) is made up of Leos and the Campus Club. This team is “social media savvy” and will be presenting on how Lions can use exciting social media tactics to grab the attention of, and recruit younger members. Don't miss this informative and first-time fun session!

And a must-attend session by sponsors and all Lions who are concerned about keeping our new Lions happy..... don't miss **VDG Lion Wanda Coates'** seminar titled “**Are You Guilty?**” that will cover *the most important topic of membership retention from the perspective of the new Lion*. As always, her sessions are full of good information presented in unique “Lion Wanda Style” – full of energy and packing a wallop!

“**WELCOME NEW LIONS**” – presented by none-other-than **Past Int'l Director BILL WEBBER**, World Traveller and Ultimate Educationalist on all things Lionistic – bring your questions!

“**Happy 25th Birthday, Peace Poster**” – celebrate with **CC Tom Hodgson** as he sings Happy Birthday ☺ and tells us how our clubs can participate in school sponsorship.

District Calendar

2012

5 12 Southern Officer Training and World Wide Induction Day
 5 17-19 MD37 Convention
 5 25-26 Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness
 6 15 Thorsby Charter
 6 22-26 International Convention
 7 19 CapitalEx Parade (Lions Float)
 9 14-16 USA/Canada Forum
 10 12-13 37N Convention
 11 1-2 37L Convention

St Albert
Westlock

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 PCC Gordon Topps ghtopps@msn.com

Camrose
Thorsby
Busan, Korea
Edmonton
Tampa Bay, FL
Kalispell MT
Edmonton

<http://cavalcade.md37lions.org>
 Bev Alcorn 780 789 3092
 Lions International lionsclubs.org
 John Cragg jcragg@telusplanet.net
 Lions International lionsclubs.org

Edmonton Northgate

2013

7 5-9 International Convention
 11 ? 37L Convention

Hamburg, Germany
Westlock

Lions International lionsclubs.org
 Vimy & District

2014

7 4-8 International Convention

Toronto

Lions International lionsclubs.org

2015

5 14-16 MD37 Convention
 6 26-30 International Convention

Bozeman
Honolulu

Lions International lionsclubs.org

Camrose, Alberta

That's where the MD 37 Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Campout, Parade and BBQ will be held on **May 25 - 26, 2012.**



Camrose has facilities for RVs, Motels, Shopping, Restaurants, Golfing and is located on Highway 13 east of Highway 21. Come on out and join us for a great time.

Watch your district newsletters and check on our website for further information as it is available.

Our website address is,

<http://cavalcade.md37lions.org>

Entry Form on Page 9!

You don't need a parachute to skydive, but you do need one to skydive again.



PDG DENNIS STEVENSON

“Vote for Dennis You Will See He's The Man For Vice C.C.”
Candidate for Vice Council Chairperson 2012-2013

PERSONAL

- Grew up on the family farm in Ontario.
- 3 years in the Canadian Armed Forces.
- 25+ yrs in computers with Shell Canada.
- In Calgary for the past 28 years.
- Dennis was married to Lion Julie Stevenson (deceased).
- Family man with 2 sons and 1 daughter.
- 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.
- Dennis retired from Shell in 1992,
- Went work for ED's Canada Inc.
- In 2006 Dennis retired totally
- Spends a lot of time camping and attending Lion's conventions with his companion Lion Vi Gibb.
- Talented in many areas including radio communications, woodworking, computers

- USA/Canada Forum.
- Valued member of the Calgary North Hill Lions Club, Associate Member Camrose Swans & Roses Lions Club
- Currently MD 37 Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Chairperson,
- District 37-O Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Chairperson,
- Lions Youth Camp Lionel Bird Award Chairperson,
- CLERC Board member,
- Bulletin Editor for Calgary North Hill Lions club.
- Dennis is also a Certified Guiding Lion.

AWARDS

LIONS

- Began his service as a Lion in District A16 about 33+ years ago.
- Served as club president twice.
- Club secretary for 7+ years, and other positions.
- Served on District 37-E (Now 37-O) Cabinet since 1987.
- Lion's Sight Conservation chairman,
- Extension chairman,
- Zone and Region chairman,
- Convention Committee secretary
- VDG 2001-02 and DG 2002-03 in 37-E
- Has served as housing chairman for the

- Melvin Jones Fellow,
- Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow,
- Bill Webber Fellow,
- Jack Dobush Fellow,
- Lionel Bird Award recipient
- Life member of Lion's Foundation of Canada.
- Lion of The Year twice,
- 2 – 100% Presidents Awards,
- 7 – 100% Secretaries awards,
- 2 Lion's Clubs International certificates of appreciation,
- Along with numerous Presidents and District Governor awards.
- Member of LCI Founders Club.

“For Vice CC Vote For Me”

Thank you for your support

PU-101s? You can vastly improve the quality of life for incoming DG Wanda Coates by submitting these #%\$%* forms!

"Protecting Our Environment" Global Service Action Campaign

The environment is a major concern for communities and people around the world:

- According to the United Nations Environment Programme, only about 20 percent of the world's population has access to clean water.

- More people die from unsafe water than from all forms of violence, including war.

- During the last century alone, the world lost more than 80 percent of its original forests, which provide a source of livelihood, protection from natural disasters and absorb carbon dioxide emissions that lead to global warming.

Lions have an opportunity to bring attention to the environment and show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Protecting our Environment."

Take Action

During April, we invite your club to join Lions around the world to protect the environment. Help us raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment in connection with Earth Day. Or, organize hands-on projects throughout the month that mobilize your club members to improve your community's environment.

Campaign Resources

Use the following resources to plan and promote your "Protecting our Environment" Global Service Action Campaign project.

- Call to Action Flyer: Get an overview of the "Protecting our Environment" Global Service Action Campaign – and ideas to jumpstart your project.

- Planning Guide: Use this step-by-step approach to organize your very own "Protecting our Environment" project.

- Project Ideas: Review ideas you and your club can use to participate

in the campaign. The opportunities are endless.

- Press Release: Send a press release to local media to help publicize your "Protecting our Environment" project.

For More Information

To learn how your club can participate in the "Protecting our Environment" Global Service Action Campaign, contact us today

programs@lionsclubs.org

Especially for PCC Lynne Coulter

So an English cat called One Two Three and a French cat called Un Deux Trois had a race across the Channel. The English cat won because Un Deux Trois cat sank.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



DG Terry Dunn, District 37-I Bruderheim Lions Club

Joined Lions in 1999

One term as club president

Three terms as club treasurer

Six terms as director

Seven terms as zone chair

Five terms as 37-I Eye Bank chair

2006 Bruderheim citizen of the year

Certified guiding Lion

Graduate of MD 37 Lions Leader Institute

Graduate of Faculty Development Leadership Institute

Seven District Governor Appreciation awards

Bill Webber Fellow

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow

Brian Stephenson Fellow

District Governor 2008-2009

Served on MD 37 Council two years

Member of Global Membership Team

MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday August 18, 2012

Cardiff Golf & Country Club – 3 km East of Hwy 2 Cardiff Road (TWP 554)

Entry Form on Page 8

Register Early

Early Bird Savings Before June 15th.



36th Annual

USA/CANADA



LIONS

LEADERSHIP FORUM

Family Size!

The Forum Planning Committee has created an event that is completely designed for families. The location, the many attractions and most importantly a learning event filled with new seminars and inspiring speakers.

Regardless of whether you are a new Lion or a Lion leader that wants to increase your knowledge and leadership skills, Tampa is ready with open arms that creates an experience you will always cherish.



Go to: www.usacanadalionsforum.org

and see all the information and packaging available for you and your family. **And now you can register online.**



Lions Comment on the Forum...

"I wouldn't do anything to change it. Everything was just right. This was my first one and I plan to go to the next one in Tampa."

"This has been a good time, made many new friends and learned a lot about Lions."

"Thanks for your combined efforts to create a nurturing, learning experience, that's fun too!"



Register Now!

Tampa Bay, Florida

September 13-15, 2012



REGISTRATION

MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB

6TH ANNUAL GOLF

TOURNAMENT



Saturday August 18, 2012

Cardiff Golf & Country Club – 3 km East of Hwy 2 Cardiff Road (TWP 554)

ATTENTION GOLFERS

The 6th Annual Morinville Lions Club Golf Tournament With Proceeds Going To CAMP HE-HO-HA (Health, Hope & Happiness)

Location: Cardiff Golf & Country Club
 Tee Time: 11.00 am Start
 Format: Texas Scramble
 Mulligan's: \$ 5.00 each - Max 4 Per Person
 Registration Cost: \$ 100.00 per person – this includes; 18 holes of Golf, Power Cart & BBQ Steak Dinner, with Silent Auction
 BBQ Dinner (ONLY) Tickets \$ 25.00 per person

RSVP BEFORE SATURDAY AUGUST 11 - 2012

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

BBQ ONLY:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Note * Teams will be made up of 4 individual golfers
 Note * Name the 4 individuals that you prefer to golf with

Make Cheque Payable to Morinville Lions Club
 Mail: Morinville Lions Club
 PO Box 3150 Morinville AB T8R 1S1

Contact: Chairman: Francis Fryters
 Phone: 780-939-3741 Fax 780-939-3727
 Email: jfryters@shaw.ca

MD 37 LIONS CAVALCADE for DIABETES AWARENESS 2012 REGISTRATION FORM – May 25 - 26, 2012 - Camrose, Alberta

Name of Lion, Lioness, Leo or Guest

Club/District

Email

Will be participating in Lions Cavalcade Parade: Yes _____ No _____

Information re Parade staging area will be provided at registration table in Memorial Room at the Royal Canadian Legion, 5703 48th Ave, Camrose, AB.

There will be a Diabetes Awareness Presentation by Canadian Diabetes Association at 10:30 AM

Parade marshalling will be done between 12 and 2 PM

Parade starts at 2:00 PM, Please bring **decorations and Club signs** for your vehicles.

Will be staying for Saturday Meal: Yes ____ No ____ # of people _____

Cost for Saturday Meal: Adults: \$ 20.00 each, Children (6 – 11 years old) \$ 5.00 each

Tickets for meals may be purchased by cheque made payable to:
Camrose Swans & Roses Lions Club.

For catering purposes we **must have your paid registration** by no later than **May 5, 2012.**

DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION ON FRIDAY and SATURDAY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Silent Auction starts Friday evening in the **Royal Candian Legion, 5703 48 Ave, Camrose, AB.**

A list of camping facilities, motel accommodations and golf facilities anbe found on our website, <http://www.md37lionscavalcade.org/wp/>.
Please arrange your stay well in advance.

**THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE RETURN IT NO LATER THAN MAY 5, 2012 TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS**

Camrose Swans & Roses Lions Club, Box 1404, Camrose, AB, T4V 1X3

IF YOU OR YOUR CLUB ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AND YOU WISH TO DONATE

Please mail donation cheques to: Lions Cavalcade c/o Lion Bryant Ducheminsky
2 Chilcotin Way West, Lethbridge, AB., T1K 7L8

Club _____ District _____

Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City/Town _____

Phone numbers/email for information: 403-453-1257, 403-605-7765 or pdg37e@sunraybase.ca



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION
May 17, 18, & 19th, 2012
Westlock Community Centre
Registration Form



Name: _____

Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-Member _____ First Multiple District 37 Convention _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code/Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Companion Name: _____ District: _____ Club: _____

Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-Member _____ First Multiple District 37 Convention _____

Early Registration Cut Off Date is April 15th, 2012
 Special Meal Request { } **Diabetic** { } **Vegetarian** { } **Allergies**

Please note that it may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests

Registration No. Total Amount

Early Registration _____ X \$100.00 = \$ _____

Registration(s) _____ X \$110.00 = \$ _____

Please note that registration includes Friday Lunch and banquet, and Saturday lunch and banquet.

Extra Tickets

Governor's Banquet _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Contact person: PCC Gordon Topps
Phone: (780) 675-4626 Cell: (780) 213-1471
E-Mail: ghtopps@msn.com

REGISTRATIONS PAYMENTS	
Please make cheque payable to: MULTIPLE DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION E-MAIL:	
P.O. Box 143	kenpiket@gmail.com
ATHABASCA, Alberta	ghtopps@msn.com
T9S 2A2	
Check { }	Money Order { }
Visa { }	Master Card { }
Card # _____	
Expiration Date _____	
Name on Card _____	
Signature: _____	

Refund Policy:

Before asking for a refund DID YOU TRY TO GET A LION TO TAKE YOUR PLACE? A full refund will be granted if a written request is received by the Convention Committee prior to February 28th, 2012. A refund may be granted after March 1st, 2012 upon approval of the District Governor.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS: *Please let the Hotel know you are registering for the Lion's Convention as a block of rooms have been reserved for the convention.*

HOTEL NAME:	Ramada Inn	Westlock Inn	Best Western
PHONE #:	780-349-2245	780-349-4483	780-349-4102
	Convention Hotel		