

Lions Link



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Prepare to Meet Your Doom, or start thinking PU-101s - whichever seems easier!

DG Donna's Notes

Fellow Lions

Once again this district will be holding our "Officer Training and World Wide Induction Day" in two locations. Those of you in the northern part of this district will be having your session in Grande Prairie on Saturday April 14 at the Lions Learning Centre. Plan also to stay that evening and attend the Annual Four Club Charter Night at the same facility.

For those of you in the southern part of the district the Officer Training and World Wide Induction will be on May 12 at the Bertha Kennedy Community School in St. Albert. Invitations are being sent to 53 new Lions in the District and I encourage them and their sponsors to attend.

Do you know what the duties of your club's executive are? Officer Training is a very important part of our clubs' survival. Experienced Lions members have already been enlisted to present training sessions on everything from tail twisters to zone chairmen. And you don't have to be a Club Officer to attend.

We already have far too many clubs who are delinquent in their reporting of membership and activities and far too many clubs who neglect to file their PU 101s. Some of this is due to executive not being familiar with the LCI website and we want to help you overcome this.

May 17 - 19 are the dates of the upcoming MD37 convention. This year the convention will be held in Westlock. Registration forms will be in the Link so watch for them.

With this fine weather we should all be planning our spring tree planting. Even though we have already



surpassed our pledge of 1153 trees, there is nothing wrong with doubling or tripling that number.

I am still focusing on increasing our membership in 37L and I will continue to do so until my term is up. Did you know that of all the districts in Canada there are only 3 on the plus side and we are one of them. So far this Lionistic year we have inducted 53 new Lions - but - we have lost 43 Lions. We have to just ASK and ASK and ASK again. Just like President Tam's message: we need Courage Commitment and Action to ask.

Until next time, Donna

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



Lions and Luxottica

Fellow Lions I have received several request regarding our partnership with Luxottica and thank you for your inquiries. I am happy to answer your questions. The information below should give you some understanding on the history of the collaborative relationship between Luxottica and Lions Clubs International.

A collaborative relationship with **Lenscrafters Give the Gift of Sight Foundation** was introduced over 20 years ago through the Public Relations Department at LCI. That foundation is now known as the **One Sight Foundation**. Lenscrafters is one of a group of retail stores owned by Luxottica. In the early years of the collaboration, Lenscrafters had sent shipments of used eyeglasses to our official Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers. Years later, Luxottica established the OneSight Foundation which conducts its own global eye care missions and global clinics. It also established a network of its own recycling centers and promotes the collection of used eyeglasses in its own Luxottica retail stores,

LensCrafters Eyeglass Collection: Luxottica retail stores (LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Target Optical, Sears Optical and others) accept donations of gently used eyeglasses. The glasses are no longer collected for exclusive distribution to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers; most are diverted to OneSight Foundation recycling centers for processing for OneSight global clinics. The OneSight Foundation is a foundation of Luxottica. No Lions official eyeglass collection boxes are displayed in Luxottica retail stores, as per the Luxottica policy. OneSight utilizes its own branded eyeglass collection box in the retail stores.

One Sight Eyeglass Recycling Centers: OneSight has established 15 Global Eyewear Recycling Centers located in Australia, Italy and North America to process eyeglasses for OneSight Global Clinics and optical missions.

Public Assistance Requests: Luxottica retail stores have referred members of the public to local Lions clubs in cases of financial need to obtain eye care and corrective lenses. There is no link to LCI from the OneSight Web site. However, LCI does provide a link to the OneSight "Special Price Vouchers" program brochure, to provide information to USA and Canada Lions for terms of use (\$50 per pair in USA and \$70 per pair in Canada). Also note that the LCI Web pages does not promote or refer to collaborative eyeglass collection efforts between LensCrafters and LCI.

Regards, Bernie Gribben, Chair Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre



Vimy Lions Champagne Breakfast Saturday March 3rd, 2012



Cost is \$15.00 and tickets can be purchased at the door.
Breakfast will be at 10:00am
doors will open at 9:00

Please RSVP to the Vimy Lions e-mail at vimylions@shaw.ca if you are planning to attend so we have some idea of the number of people coming.

LIONS LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA!
GRANDE PRAIRIE

FOR ALL INCOMING CLUB EXECUTIVE AND
FOR ALL INTERESTED LIONS – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, April 14, 2012
LIONS LEARNING CENTRE
9625 Prairie Road
GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA

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

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~

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@tbwifi.ca
before April 1, 2012

Gong-a-Thon!

Millwoods Breakfast Lions
Eighteenth Annual
Breakfast Party and
Charter Celebration

Norwood Legion, Edmonton
Saturday, March 24, 2012, 10^{am}
\$15.00 per person

RSVP to

Joan Richardson

jrichardson@raybanmfg.com or
Dorothy Harris 780 921 2510

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

Plan on attending the

St Albert Lions Clubs

21st Annual Beer and Beans Bash

Saturday, February 25 2012

St. Albert Community Hall

17 Perron Street St. Albert

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Lunch 10:00pm

Silent Auction & Dancing To: " Moonlight Breeze " until Midnight

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

For tickets; please call:

Lion Gerry Gorgichuk 459-7751

Lion Tom Flynn 459-3943

Lion Jeff Stoneham 458-7561

Lion Dave Hiatt 459-4144

Lion Paul Benson 459-5509

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
(on a very timely and interesting topic!)

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before April 30, 2012

Please book early for catering purposes and space assignment

Southern Rally

Districts 37 O & N
(Alberta Clubs)
March 16-18, 2012
Brooks, Alberta

Entry Form in the January
Lions Link

He who stands on toilet is HIGH on POT.

PDG Roger Kozma

New Contact Numbers:

Home phone- (780) 758-9455

Cell phone- (780) 265-5896

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

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>

MD37 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR LIONS LEADERS

The Lions Leadership Institute focuses on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibility at club, zone, district, and regional levels.

April 26, 2012 (3PM) to April 29, 2012 (1PM)
Camp Mak-A-Dream, Gold Creek, MT

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates for this institute from Alberta, North-west Territories, British Columbia and Montana will be given priority.
2. Candidates must be Lions in good standing. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently.
3. Candidates must be willing to commit to a three day institute including group mealtime activities. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.

COST OF THE INSTITUTE

Registration Fee: \$100.00

MD 37 will pay for meals and lodging during the actual days of the institute. Participants are responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute.

SELECTION PROCESS

Acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. A maximum of fifty applicants will be accepted. The Institute staff will review applications and notify the applicants of the results. If applications received exceed the capacity of the institute, unaccepted applicants will have first priority for acceptance to the next institute to be held the following year.

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

PDG Mary Kay Flanagan
MD37 GLT Leader
3615 Nelson Road
Bozeman, MT 59718-7718
Ph/Fax: 406-388-1262

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Prepare the following items and submit them as indicated below. Your application will be considered only when all completed forms are submitted.

- A) Application form
- B) Candidate's Lions history
- C) A minimum of two letters of nomination from a Lions leader who knows you from the following list:

- International President
- Past International President
- International Vice President
- International Director
- Past International Director

Council Chair
District Leadership Development Chair
District Membership Chair
District Extension Chair
District Retention Chair
District Governor
Vice District Governor
Past District Governor
Zone Chairman
Club President
Lions Club Board of Directors

How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work in the mornings?

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:
April 15, 2012

The following materials are available from Mary Kay Flanagan mkflanagan@theglobal.net : or e-district.org/sites/371/page-6.php

Generic Schedule
Nomination Letter
Application Form
Personal History Outline (Service Record)

is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?



Stony Plain Lions presenting a cheque for \$8000 to cover the costs of collapsible & reusable water bottles for the athletes at the Alberta Winter Games hosted by Stony Plain & Spruce Grove .
- Joan Lubbers

RYLEY LIONS CLUB

50th Charter Anniversary
Saturday May 5, 2012.

Featuring an address by Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson.

Ryley Community Centre

Cocktails: 6:00^{pm}

Supper: 7:00^{pm}

Tickets: \$30.00/person

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Lion Andre' Nimchuk by April 30, at (780)663-2444 or (780)940-8018

asnimchuk@mcsnet.ca

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?



Draw for Tumbler Ridge's annual Christmas Food Hamper Raffle. Pictured with the draw drum are Raffle Chair Lion Sherry, and President Lion Frank. The Raffle raised approximately \$1,500.00 ... of which, \$1,000.00 was donated to the Tumbler Ridge Food Bank

District Calendar

2012

3	24	Millwoods B'fast Gong-a-Thon	Edmonton	Joan Richardson jrichardson@raybanmfg.com
4	14	Northern Officer Training and World Wide Induction Day	Grande Prairie	Carole Henson clh@tbwifi.ca
4	26-29	Leadership Institute	Gold Creek, MT	Mary Kay Flanagan mkflanagan@theglobal.net
5	12	Southern Officer Training and World Wide Induction Day	St Alberta	Carole Henson clh@tbwifi.ca
5	17-19	MD37 Convention	Westlock	PCC Gordon Topps ghtopps@msn.com
5	25-26	Cavalcade for Sight	Camrose	http://cavalcade.md37lions.org
6	22-26	International Convention	Busan, Korea	Lions International lionsclubs.org
9	14-16	USA/Canada Forum	Tampa Bay, FL	Lions International lionsclubs.org
10	12-13	37N Convention	Kalispell MT	
11	1-2	37L Convention	Edmonton	Edmonton Northgate

2013

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

2014

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

5	14-16	MD37 Convention	Bozeman	
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For PCC Lynne Coulter only. All others, please disregard: A lion spots a monkey walking through the jungle. He grabs him by the neck and roars "Who's the king of the jungle?" The frightened monkey says, "You are, of course, your majesty." The lion does this to several other animals, with the same results. Then the lion goes up to an elephant, grabs him by the trunk and roars, "Who's the king of the jungle?" The elephant picks the lion up with his trunk, bounces him a few times on the ground, grabs his tail, twirls the lion around over his head, and then lets him go flying into a mud puddle. The lion looks up at the elephant and says, "Well, if you don't know the answer, just say so!"

There was a zoo that was not having a good day. In the morning, the Head Bird Keeper found two dead finches in the Aviary. Things were worse in the Primate House; there were two dead chimpanzees. The Lion Keeper, wanting to be efficient, made his rounds and collected the dead animals. He then unceremoniously threw them to the lions. One of the lions, on observing what was for lunch, said, "Oh no! Not Finch and Chimps!"



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
ATHABASCA, Alberta
T9S 2A2

kenpiket@gmail.com
ghtopps@msn.com

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