

Lions Link



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**Newsletter
Submission
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District 37L Peace Posters on display at the St Albert Public Library, January 3 - 31, 2012

DG Donna's Words of Wozdom

Happy Winter, Lions of 37L.

I hope all of you had a joyous and happy Christmas and New Year. I know I enjoyed the time spent with my children and grandchildren. Happy times always pass by too quickly.

Now that we're in the last half of this Lionistic year we cannot stop our work – there's always another community project to attend to and someone who needs us.

I'm sure that all of you know that the Northern Rally has been cancelled. Now we need to access the reasons why. Link editor, Lion Hank, has sent out a questionnaire to all Lions on his mailing list. If you didn't personally receive it, your club president and secretary did. Ensure that they share it with you. Please fill it out and return to PID Patti as soon as possible. We need input from all of you. We cannot afford to stop hosting these functions but we do need to know what you want in a rally.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute that had been cancelled last fall is scheduled for the end of April. As the last time, 37L has space for ten of our Lions. I encourage all of you to register for this great learning experience. Whether you have a goal

to be the District Governor or you want to chair a club committee, this Leadership Institute is for everyone. Please consider it. Contact CC Tom Hodgson or PDG Betty Ann if you would like to register or if you have any questions.

The Multiple District Convention is being held in Westlock this May long weekend, hosted by the Athabasca Lions Club. Registration forms will appear in the Link.

We are making headway in our quest to increase membership in Lions and specifically in 37L. The last official notice I received we were at plus 12. But since that time I have inducted 9 new members. I am sure that my projection of 50 new members by the end of June is right on target.

Did you know that you can take the course for Certified Guiding Lion on line from LCI? All of those guiding lions who were certified when this program first started have to renew their certification. To date we have two renewals and two new guiding Lions.

Until next time, Donna

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Great civilizations are not constructed by the hopeless and the skeptical and the permanently unamused.

[From Captured by Aliens by Joel Achenbach, 1999]

Complete the Survey regarding Rallies at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/U2M8ATCVGY2A>

Youth Exchange!!!!

I have two female Italian students who wish to participate in an exchange during the July/August months. The Italian coordinator is frantic for a placement and I said I would try very hard but I seem to be hitting a brick wall. If we have 4 families take two weeks each that wouldn't be very hard would it? Please call me at home or work or use my email but do contact me. Lion Wanda Coates at coates.wanda@gmail.com or 780-479-5887 or 780-422-1970 PS: This is a Lions International Project!



FROM THE JOINT CHEIFS OF STAFF OF EDMONTON NORTHGATE LIONS CLUB AND THEIR HI-5 BRANCH CLUB:

From Edmonton Northgate, our thanks to the "Three Amigos" for their dedicated mentorship of our Hi-5 Branch Club and additionally our congratulations to the Hi-5 on the induction of 6 new members (I

think they're ahead of us now!). The photo does show everyone in their best light.

From the Hi-5's we too thank the "Three Amigos" and we would also extend our sincere gratitude to District Governor Donna for coming out to induct our 6 new members and sharing our Potluck Dinner.

PS: Don't forget to mark November 1 and 2, 2012 on your calendars for the next District L Convention.

- Wanda Coates

had amnesia once - maybe twice.

Multiple District 37 Convention

May 17 - 19, 2012

Westlock Community Centre

Entry Form at the end of this Lions Link

WANTED

Casino Workers
February 8 - 9, 2012
Yellowhead Casino,
Edmonton
for
Lions of Alberta Foundation
contact
Lion Bill Webber
wandjwebber@gmail.com
780 459 7023
Your help will be appreciated!



At the Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank Drive in November, each Lion was challenged to bring a donation for the Second Annual Steve Sumka Lions Food Bank Drive. Lions donated over 300 boxes of Kraft Dinner, tea, coffee, pasta and sauce...

- Rod Lindemann

- Edmonton - Millwoods Lions Breakfast Club • Edmonton Northgate Lions Club



- Edmonton Strathcona Lions Club
- Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club



are pleased to provide this colouring book for you.

Lions Clubs make your community a better place to live, and as you colour your way through this book you will see why.

Please take time as your summer begins to attend a July 1st Canada Day Celebration in your community.

It is very important for us to remember and be thankful for all the freedoms we have.

Wave your flag proudly and have a great summer!

COLOURING BOOKS

As a result of information provided by the Grand Prairie Lions Club at the spring cabinet meeting, last year Fort Saskatchewan, Vimy and 3 Edmonton Clubs ordered colouring books to give to grade one students along with the Project Pride flags and certificates. They were a huge hit with the students and teachers expressed many accolades as well, saying that the colouring book was an excellent way to demonstrate volunteering in the community. The imprint below is what we had on the colouring books last year. The small banner is across the front of the colouring book and the large banner with the club names on, is on the back of the colouring books. Please contact Lion Wanda if you want to add your club name to the colouring book and how many you want to order. Last year we managed to get the price down to the .47 per copy range, maybe this year we can go for the .37 per copy range.

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

| Quantity | Amount |
|---------------|--------|
| 125 to 249 | \$0.79 |
| 250 to 499 | \$0.65 |
| 500 to 999 | \$0.59 |
| 1000 to 2499 | \$0.47 |
| 2500 to 4999 | \$0.45 |
| 5000 to 99999 | \$0.37 |

You can contact Lion Wanda at coates.wanda@gmail.com or 780-479-5887 or 780-422-1970

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:

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|----------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Lion Gerry Gorgichuk | 459-7751 | Lion Dave Hiatt | 459-4144 |
| Lion Tom Flynn | 459-3943 | Lion Paul Benson | 459-5509 |
| Lion Jeff Stoneham | 458-7561 | | |

District Calendar

2012

5 25-26 Cavalcade for Diabetes etc.
5 17-19 MD37 Convention
6 22-26 International Convention
9 14-16 USA/Canada Forum
10 12-13 37N Convention
11 1-2 37L Convention

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

<http://cavalcade.md37lions.org>
PCC Gordon Topps [gtopps@msn.com](mailto:ghtopps@msn.com)
Lions International lionsclubs.org
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

For PCC Lynne only...

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

11. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

I don't want buns of steel. I want buns of cinnamon.

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 Council Candidates

Hello Fellow Lions,

My name is Lion Dennis J Stevenson, PDG from the Calgary North Hill Lions Club, District 37-O in Alberta.

I am a candidate for Vice Council Chairperson for the 2012-2013 Lions year.

Thank you in advance for your clubs support at the MD 37 Convention in May 2012 in Westlock, Alberta.

If successful in the election for this position it will be my privilege to Serve the Lions of MD 37 as Vice Council Chairperson during 2012-13 Lions year.

You will find my personal and Lionistic information on the next page.

Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing you in Westlock, Alberta, May 17–19, 2012.

Yours in Lionism,

Dennis J Stevenson

Lion Dennis grew up on the family farm in Ontario before spending 3 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and for the next 25+ years he worked in many computer related positions with Shell Canada. While employed with Shell Canada, a transfer brought him and his family to Calgary. He has lived in Calgary for the past 28 years.

Dennis was married to Lion Julie Stevenson (deceased) and is a devoted family man with 2 sons, Tim (in Ontario) and Robert (in Strathmore) and daughter Andrea (in Calgary) as well as 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Dennis retired from Shell in 1992, but soon became restless and found his niche as a computer analyst with ED's Canada Inc. In 2006 Dennis retired for good this time and is living the good life traveling and enjoying Lionism with his companion Lion Vi Gibb.

Lion Dennis spends a lot of time camping and attending Lion's conventions throughout the year. He is talented in many areas including radio communications, woodworking, owns many computers and is somewhat a computer guru in his own right. He has helped many Lions with their computer skills and was even instrumental in assembling some computers for the Pot O'Gold. (Now Lion's Lucky Loot) He is a member of the "Volunteer Resource" unit of the Calgary Police Service for the last 22+ years.

Lion Dennis began his service as a Lion in District A16 about 33 years ago, and has been most active for all of those years. He has served as club president twice, club secretary for 7+ years, and just about every other club executive position. He has served on District 37-E (Now 37-O) Cabinet since 1987. Dennis has served as Lion's Sight Conservation chairman, Extension chairman, Zone and Region chairman, as well as Convention Committee secretary, also as VDG in 2001-2002 and in 2002-2003 served District 37-E as District Governor.

In 1986 he served as housing chairman for the USA/Canada Forum. Lion Dennis is a valued member of the Calgary North Hill Lions Club, and is a mentor and advisor to many of our members. He is also an Associate member of the Camrose Swans & Roses Lions Club.

Dennis is currently MD 37 Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Chairperson, District 37-O Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Chairperson, Lions Youth Camp committee Secretary, CLERC Board member, as well as Bulletin Editor for Calgary North Hill Lions club. He is also a Certified Guiding Lion.

Lion Dennis is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, a Bill Webber Fellow, a Jack Dobush Fellow, and is a life member of Lion's Foundation of Canada. Lion Dennis has been Lion of The Year twice, has received 2 – 100% Presidents Awards, 7 – 100% Secretaries awards, 2 Lion's Clubs International certificates of appreciation, along with numerous Presidents and District Governor awards. Dennis is also a member of Lions Clubs International Founders Club.

"For VCC Please Vote For Me"

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Want it *Dunn* right?
Vote for Terry
Council Chairperson 2012 - 2013
The Man with Heart!

- 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**

Southern Regional Rally (Districts O and N) March 16-18 in Brooks, Alberta

(Entry Form on next Page)

BeGosh and Begorrah, St Paddy's Day is coming and that will be the theme of the 3rd Annual Southern Alberta Rally "Leaping into Leadership" co-hosted by Districts 37N and 37O on the weekend of March 16 - 18 in Brooks.

I've seen many of you at previous rallies but there are others that may be asking, what the heck is a Rally? A good question considering they are relatively new. Consider a rally to be a mini leadership forum. The annual officer training school provides great training for incoming presidents, secretaries and treasurers and orientation for new Lions but the Rally will provide tools that all Lions interested in growing their club and the organization can benefit from.

The rally starts Friday night with registration and a St Patrick's Day themed social with a no host bar. Saturday morning starts with a short opening ceremony followed by the first two of a dozen break out session. District Governors Sharon and Rose have suggested some excellent topics for your enjoyment and edification.

Each breakout period will have a choice of two sessions. The first pair will be "Goal Setting" and "Give Your Club a Facelift". Many times we talk about our club problems and never get around to doing anything about them. This session will give you tools to take back to your club that will let you determine what programs will let you improve your club and what resources you need to accomplish your plan. The other session give you ideas to help retain your existing members and make the club attractive to new members.

After a short break the next sessions start. "Build the Best Club Ever" explores the new Club Excellence Process. The Club Excellence Process helps a club look at

community needs, analyze the make-up and operation of their club, look up valuable resources and work on action plans to make a club stronger. "Find Your Way Through LCI's Information Technology" will walk you through the many tools available on the LCI web site. There should be WIFI available at the hotel so bring your laptop or iPad and follow along with the instructor.

After a short break delegates will have a choice between "Club Public Relations / Your Club and the Media" or "Solving Common Club Problems". Something I hear over and over is that people don't know about Lions or the great things we do. The first session will give you tips on how to publicize the work your club does and perhaps generate some new members. The other session will explore problems faced by many clubs and look at ways to overcome them.

Lunch will be served in the conference room and we are going to be entertained by Past International Director Ted Fusco on "Putting the Fun back in Lionism". We are here because we believe that we make a difference in our communities but fun and fellowship play a large role in keeping us fresh, dedicated to the work of Lions and wanting to come to meetings.

The afternoon sessions start with "Fundraising" and "The Importance of Attending Rallies, Conventions and Forums". Fundraising is a constant challenge with so many organizations competing for the public's dollars. District and Multiple District gatherings are important not only to conduct the business of Lions but to make connections with other club members, share experiences and learn.

The following sessions will be "Managing Club Meetings / Logging into the Lions Training Courses" and "Mentoring - The Key to Retention". Meetings can and should be a lot of fun but often are pretty boring. There are many tips on the LCI website for supercharging your meetings. The objective of the Lions Mentoring Program is to help every member achieve the goal of better serving his

or her community. It does so through a program of personal development that helps members realize the potential that their unique skills and knowledge offer.

The final pair of sessions is "LCIF - Our Lions Foundation / Get a Grip on LCI Grants and Resources Available" along with "Attracting and Keeping Younger Members". Lions owe it to themselves to learn about the amazing work that we do around the world. The process for applying for a grant is straight forward and this session will prepare you for making an application. As many of our club members age it becomes more difficult to recruit new members from coworkers and family so this session will help you set up a recruiting plan that works for your club.

The Saturday evening banquet will include guest speaker PIP Judge Brian Stevenson. Those who have heard him speak know why he is in demand by Lions around the world and if you haven't heard him you owe it to yourself to come to the Rally.

Sunday morning will have a two hour workshop on "Business Plans for Clubs". This hands-on session will help you prepare action plans you can take back to your club and begin the process of improvement.

I urge every club to send at least two members to the Rally. This will not only ensure the success of the rally but will provide tools to start the process of club improvement.

The early bird registration ends at the end of this month and I have attached the registration form.

See you in Brooks!

- Christine Lanks

Once, during a baseball game, a strange thing happened. Three lions suddenly appeared, and they promptly jumped over the third baseline wall and walked into the outfield. A man followed behind the lions, urging them on in their strange outing. Up in the press box, the radio announcer saw what was going on, and told his listening audience, 'Lion drive in left field.'



SOUTHERN RALLY
DISTRICT 37-O & 37-N (Alberta Clubs)
March 16-18, 2012
Brooks, Alberta

Name: _____ Title: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Companion: _____ Title: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Contact Number: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Early Registration (received by January 31, 2012) _____ X \$95.00 = _____

Late Registration (received after January 31, 2012) _____ X \$105.00 = _____

Non Registered Companion Saturday Luncheon Only _____ X \$20.00 = _____

Non Registered Companion Saturday Evening Banquet Only _____ X \$35.00 = _____

Registration Includes: Friday Evening Social, Saturday Lunch, and Saturday Banquet

**** PLEASE NOTIFY REGISTRATION DESK OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR DIET RESTRICTIONS THANKS ****

Payment: please circle Cash or Cheque **ONLY**

Mail to: _____ Contact: (Rally Chair)

Brooks Lions Club

Lion Diane Colbens

Box 283

(403) 377-2493

Brooks, AB T1R 1B3

(403) 362-1066 cell

(403) 377-2949 fax

Email: mdcolbens@eidnet.org

You are responsible for your own Hotel/Motel Reservations

Convention Headquarters: Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre 1217 2nd Street West Brooks, Alberta \$97 + taxes

Phone # 403-362-6666

Heritage Inn & Suites (NEXT DOOR to Heritage Inn) – \$115 + taxes (includes Deluxe Continental Breakfast)



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

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|--------------|-----|--------------|
| 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 | |
| P.O. Box 143 ATHABASCA, Alberta T9S 2A2 | E-MAIL: kenpiket@gmail.com ghtopps@msn.com |
| Check { } Visa { } | Money Order { } 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.*

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