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Newsletter Submission

Deadline: October 21



2011 CAPITALEX PARADE EDMONTON

Congratulations and Thanks to all the Lions, led by John Cragg, for their great work with the Lions float at the CapitalEx Parade in Edmonton. The float took first prize in the "Non Profit Award" Category...

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DG Donna's Notes

Greetings Lions!

Can you believe that three months have already passed in this Lionistic Year?

The deadline for applying to attend the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is just about here. We will accept your applications until September 30 so if you're interested please contact PDG Betty Ann or me and we will see that you receive the registration package. Attendance is not just for those aspiring to be a District Governor. If you want to be a leader in your club, your community, or your district, this Leadership Institute will benefit you.

Many of our District Lions are attending the USA/Canada Forum in Anchorage, Alaska, this week. VDG Wanda is a presenter, speaking on Youth Exchange, and a number of our 37L Lions are session moderators.

Plans are underway for the 2012 Regional Rally for Districts 37L and I in January. The theme is "Back to the Future" and there are some interesting plans underway, starting with the Friday Night tribute to the "60's". A number of the sessions will be focusing on new technology. If you want to know how Facebook works or how to Tweet, or if you have one of those new-fangled cell phones that you can't seem to work then there will be a session for you. Please plan to attend.

How is the tree planting coming? Has your club planted a tree in memory of a deceased member or as an addition to the local Lions Park? Please send a count of trees planted to me so we can post that on our tree planting thermometer at the district convention as we want the number to far exceed 1153 trees.

The District convention is coming up fast. Have you registered yet? The registration form is at the back of the Lions Link. The official opening is 7pm on Friday November 4. After the opening Parade of Flags and greetings from our dignitaries we have great entertainment and a late lunch. On Saturday morning breakfast will be served at 8am and the convention will commence at 9.

Finally, congratulations to the St. Albert Host Lions Club, celebrating 60 years of service with a donation to their city of a Lions Playground. One more reason why we need to increase our membership: so we can have the hands and hearts to build more playgrounds in our communities.

Until next month,

- Donna

Corrections for the Millwoods Breakfast Lions Club

Meetings - 4th Saturday of the month at 10:30am

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Secretary Diana Zelasek

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Maple Leaf Weekend Raffle in support of Lions Foundation of Canada DogGuides Programs

Tickets \$2.00 each

now available from any Lions Club in Alberta

Licence # 318058

Draw at 7:05 PM Dec.20, 2011 at the Lions Learning Centre, Grande Prairie

Lion Lynne Coulter,780-432-3027

Convention 37L – Elections – Lionistic Year 2012-2013

District 37L is seeking nominations for the following:

District Candidate for the position of Vice Council Chair.

Each district will submit one nominee for the position of Vice Council Chair. The Vice Council Chair nominee will stand for election at the Multiple District Convention in May, 2012.

Candidates for Hall of Fame -

Candidates for 2nd Vice District Governor

Nominations have been received for the positions of District Governor and First Vice District Governor.

Nominations can be forwarded to District Governor Donna Wozney gmawoz@shaw.ca or Convention Advisor PDG Dan Claypool Box 5007 Stn Main, Devon AB T9G 1X8

Deadline for nominations – October 4, 2012

Convention Registration Form at the end of this Lions Link!

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!

Join Edmonton Strathcona Lions at the Greater Edmonton Teachers Convention Mar 1 & 2, 2012.

An exceptional opportunity to showcase Lions programs and conduct a membership drive at the same time.

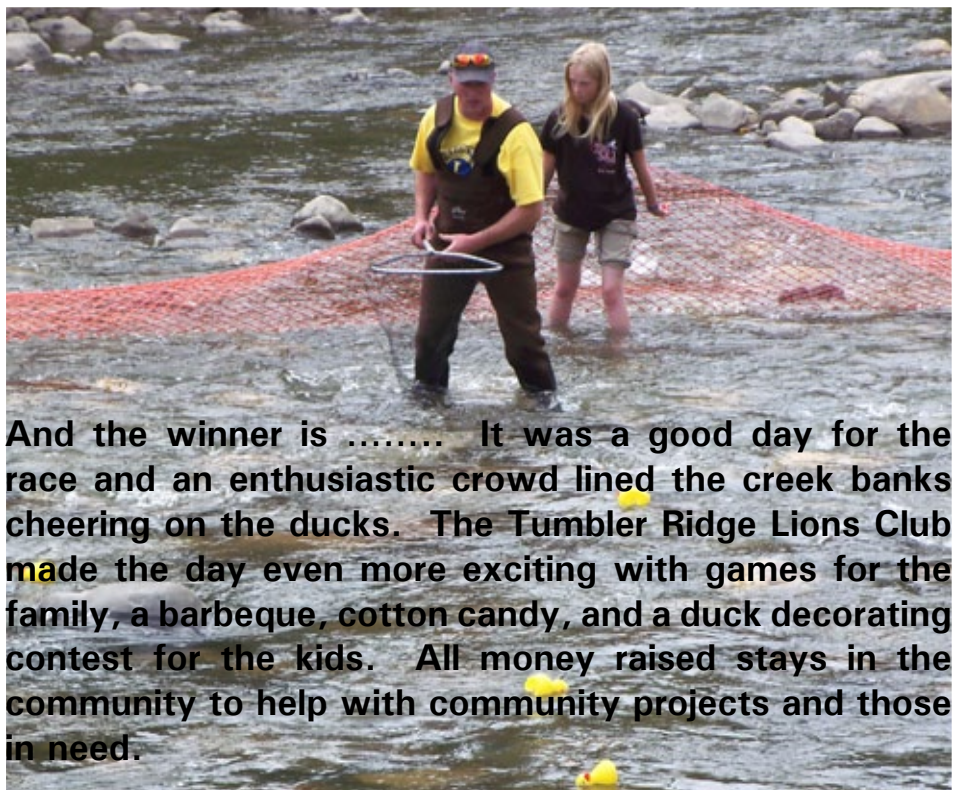
This event brings together over 8000 teachers from Edmonton Public and Catholic Schools as well as Fort McMurray.

The cost to host a booth is \$630.00 for the two days. We would like the support of other clubs in the area to share the costs and to host the booth.

Please contact Lion Kris Kozoriz kkozoriz@telus.net or 780.434.9211 with your interest. To make this viable we need to have your decision by October 28th.

- Lion Kris Kozoriz

The average homeowner spends three days a year waiting for repairmen to arrive...



And the winner is It was a good day for the race and an enthusiastic crowd lined the creek banks cheering on the ducks. The Tumbler Ridge Lions Club made the day even more exciting with games for the family, a barbeque, cotton candy, and a duck decorating contest for the kids. All money raised stays in the community to help with community projects and those in need.

Have YOU passed your Best Before Date????

Calling all Certified Guiding Lions!!! If you took the Certified Guiding Lion Course 3 or more years ago (that would be all of us in District 37L), you are no longer certified as a Guiding Lion!!

The course is available on-line on the Lions website for those who wish to take it. Or---- your GMT/GLT Team will arrange for a course for those who wish to take it in person (numbers permitting).

With all the plans the Team is making, we will need Certified Guiding Lions even more than ever. Please consider re-taking the course. Help us grow our District in numbers and leadership ability.

What the Heck is a Certified Guiding Lion?

Certified Guiding Lions are Lions who are interested in helping Lions in their Club, in the District and even internationally with the challenges they face as Lions serving their community. In the past, they have been most visible helping new Clubs during the first two years of the Clubs operations. Certified Guiding Lions have learned about constitutional, legal, operational and philosophical areas of Lions. They know about project management, fundraising ideas, conflict resolution; in fact just about everything you might need.

But the main thing they are useful for is contained right in their name: Guidance. They are there to help Lions and their Clubs find their own path; not tell them what to do or do it for them.

In the future, the District would like to have many Certified Guiding Lions to help not just new Clubs but even established Clubs who are looking for some support or new direction.

But even more importantly, Certified Guiding Lions also bring their new knowledge and expertise back to their home Clubs and thus the program benefits all of us as those Clubs grow and flourish.

Yeah But What's In It For Me?

The skills you will learn as a Certified Guiding Lion will not just help you as a Lion in your Club and District; they readily transfer to the "real" world. You learn project management and organizational skills as well as how to manage different personalities and ideas. Conflict resolution, time management and more are all skills you can take with you wherever you go and whatever you do.

The course is fun. It is interesting. It is useful. What more could we ask?

Interested? More information follows below but you can contact your Zone Chairperson as well as the Global Leadership Team (GLT).

Certified Guiding Lion Re-certification

The Certified Guiding Lion course continues to be the most comprehensive program for the support of new clubs; however, many changes have taken place since the initial launch of the course. Last year the course was substantially redesigned to include many of the tools and materials that were not available just a few years ago.

The newly designed course features recently released on-line training for club officers, the development of a new club mentor team and new resources specifically designed for Certified Guiding Lions. These resources will be constantly changing and to stay current, the International Board of Directors encourages all Certified

"Sometimes the road less travelled is less travelled for a reason..."

- *Jerry Seinfeld*

The Grande Prairie Lions Club

would like to thank Northern Vision Centre, Grande Prairie, and the Peace River Lions and the driver, Mo, for their continued support of collection of used eyeglasses on behalf of CLERC and their clients.

The GP Lions are willing to continue to act as a depot for transshipment of used eyeglasses from the NW part of our District. Simply call us at 780-532-3027. CLERC cannot use cases or broken or damaged lenses. If you have time and opportunity, please sort and discard those items in advance.

-*Thanks from the Grande Prairie Lions Club*

PID Gary Tschache

Most of you will already know that PID Gary Tschache passed away earlier this month. A tribute article appeared in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and is available online, should you want to know more about this remarkable Lion:

www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/dailyfeatures/article_de9526be-d82d-11e0-bf88-001cc4c03286.html

Guiding Lions to take the new course.

Further, to ensure that Guiding Lions who assist new clubs have the latest information, the International Board of Directors now requires that all Certified Guiding Lions retake the Certified Guiding Lion Course every three years to remain certified.

If your certification has expired, you can retain your certification by taking the newly redesigned course. The course is [available on-line](#) and can be completed either on your own or in a classroom.

The workbook will walk you through the course and the new materials that are available.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please visit our website or contact us directly at Englishlanguage@Lionsclubs.org

"Instead of thinking where you are, think about where you want to be. It takes 20 years of hard work to become an overnight success."

- *Dianna Rankin*

Constitutional Resolutions

(For Consideration at the District L
Convention, November 5, 2011)

Resolution 1. Article III Section 1 shall be deleted and replaced with the following amendment:

Article III

Section 1. The Objects of the Organization shall be:

- a. *To advance the purposes and objects of Lions Clubs International in this District.*
- b. *To provide a structure for the administration of the business of the District.*

Resolution 2. Article V Section 1 Subsection (a) shall be amended to add the following to the section:
There shall be no proxy votes.

Resolution 3. Article V Section 1 shall be amended to provide the following new subsection:
*Subsection (b).
The Cabinet may, at its first Cabinet meeting of the fiscal year, extend voting privileges to other members of the Cabinet, including Committee Chairs.*

Resolution 4. Article V Section 2 subsection (c) shall be deleted and replaced with the following:
*Subsection (c)
Attendance of a majority of the members of Cabinet of this District shall constitute a quorum for any cabinet meeting. Attendance may be in person, or via teleconference or webconference, if approved by the District Governor.*

Resolution 5. Article VI District Convention Section 4 shall be deleted from the District Constitution.

Resolution 6. The Constitution shall be amended to changes all references to the First and/or Second Vice Governor to First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor as the case may be.

Resolution 7. In the event that some or all of Resolutions 1 through 6

are passed, the numbered sections of the District Constitution shall be renumbered to reflect such changes.

Bylaws: Proposed Amendments

Resolution 8. Article I Section 3 shall be amended to add the following subsections:

- c. *The First Vice District Governor election shall be conducted by secret written ballot, with the candidate required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting in order to be declared elected.*
- d. *The Second Vice District Gover-*

nor election shall be conducted by secret written ballot, with the candidate required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting in order to be declared elected.

- e. *For the purposes of such election, a majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions.*

Resolution 9. Article 1 shall be amended to add the following Section:
Section 4. Candidacy Requirements for District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor
a. *A candidate for District Gover-*



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Entry deadline October 14, 2011

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Tammy Coulter 780-539-7488
gplionsecretary@hotmail.com

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nor shall:

- i. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District.
 - ii. Secure the endorsement of his/her Club or a majority of the Clubs in the District.
 - iii. Currently be serving as the First Vice District Governor in the District.
 - iv. In the event the current First Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor, or if a vacancy in the position of First Vice District Governor exists at the time of the District Convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of Second Vice District Governor and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of subsection iii of this section.
- b. A candidate for First Vice District Governor shall:
- i. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District.
 - ii. Secure the endorsement of his/her Club or a majority of the Clubs in the District.
 - iii. Currently be serving as the Second Vice District Governor within the District.
 - iv. In the event the current Second Vice District Governor does not stand for election as First Vice District Governor, or if a vacancy exists in the position of Second Vice District Governor at the time of the District Convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of Second Vice District

Governor shall fulfill the requirements of subsection iii of this section.

c. A candidate for Second Vice District Governor shall:

- i. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District.
- ii. Secure the endorsement of his/her Club or a majority of the clubs in the District.

iii. Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as Second Vice District Governor:

1. As President of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
2. As Zone Chairperson or

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BACK TO THE FUTURE

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

Mark Your Calendar!!

"Where we're going, we don't need roads!"

MONTH DAY YEAR AM PM HOUR MIN
JAN 13 2012 00:00
DESTINATION TIME

MONTH DAY YEAR AM PM HOUR MIN
SEP 26 2011 00:00
PRESENT TIME

LionMarkSchmidt@gmail.com

Region Chairperson or Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

3. *None of the above shall have been accomplished concurrently.*

Resolution 10. Article 1 Section 5 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. In the event that no suitable candidate for the position of District Governor, First Vice District Governor or Second Vice District Governor has been elected at the District Convention, the Secretary shall notify, in writing, the Multiple District Secretary Treasurer of the intent of the District to elect a Governor, First Vice District Governor and/or Second Vice District Governor at least sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of that Multiple District Convention.

Resolution 11. Article 1 Section 8 shall be amended to name the section as subsection 1 and add the following to the section:

If no nominations have been received by the deadline the District Governor shall appoint the Zone Chairperson.

Resolution 12. Article 1 Section 8 shall be amended to add the following subsection:

Subsection 2. A candidate for Zone Chairperson shall:

- a. *Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District Zone which he/she wishes to represent.*
- b. *Have served as President of a Lions Club in good standing for a full term or major portion thereof prior to taking office as Zone Chairperson.*
- c. *Have secured the written endorsement of his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the Zone he/she wishes to represent.*

Resolution 13. Article III District Administration shall be amended as

follows:

- a. *Annual dues in the amount of \$8.00 CAD per member of each Club in the District are payable to the District on January 15 of each year.*
- b. *The annual budget shall include an amount of 70 cents per member designated for Convention subsidy from the annual dues.*

Resolution 14. Section 6 Signing Authority shall be amended to read as follows:

Signing authority for the District shall be any two (2) of the following:

- a. *District Governor*
- b. *First Vice District Governor*
- c. *Second Vice District Governor*
- d. *Treasurer*

Resolution 15. Article VII shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 4. The vote on the question of endorsement shall be by secret written ballot.

Resolution 16. Article VIII District Convention Section 3 shall be rescinded and all disbursements of District Convention surplus funds, if any, shall be administered under the District Policy Manual.

Resolution 17. The By Laws shall be amended to change all references to the First and/or Second Vice Governor to First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor as the case may be.

Resolution 18. In the event that some or all of Resolutions 8-17 are passed, the numbered sections of the District By Laws shall be renumbered to reflect such changes.

NOTE: Resolutions 1-7 require a 2/3 vote in favour to pass. Resolutions 8- 18 require a simple majority to pass.

NOTE: These amendments, if passed, will come into effect at the close of the District Convention.

37L CONVENTION NEWS

- Display tables are still available. Please contact Lion Peter Belyk – peter@smithinsuranceservice.com
- The Super 8 Hotel is holding a block of rooms for Lions Convention #CG181 - \$108/night
- Breakfast will be served on Saturday morning at the convention – starting at 8am
- Celebration of Life – if your club has had deceased members this past year please forward that information to the District Governor – gmawoz@shaw.ca
- Opening ceremonies start at 6:30 pm sharp on Friday evening. There is entertainment and a late lunch on Friday. No host bar.
- **HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?**

Thank You from Sri Lanka!

My Dear Lynne,

On 5th September 2011, I received the bank draft for Canadian \$ 1350.00 sent by Kathy Medd.

Please extend to 37 L District Cabinet, the grateful thanks from the Lions of District 306 A 1 for the continued support given to us for this programme. We have no doubt that your district will continue to assist this programme, when you, Donna and I are no longer existing in the world of living.

My grateful thanks and best regards,

Dayantha

Lions Clubs International Records Fourth Straight Year of Membership Increase

Lions Clubs International has experienced its fourth straight year of membership increase. While many volunteer organizations continue to see a decline in members, 2010-11 marks the first time in nearly 20 years that the world's largest service club organization has recorded four straight years of membership increase.

"We chartered more than 1,600 new clubs, bringing our total number of clubs to more than 46,000," said Wing-Kun Tam, the 2011-12 president of Lions Clubs International. "In the last four years, we have increased our membership by more than 50,000. With more members, Lions can provide more service to their communities and to those in need around the world."

Lions Clubs International has 1.35 million members in 206 countries and geographic areas. In addition to its efforts toward conquering blindness, the organization has made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world. To learn more about Lions Clubs International, visit www.lionsclubs.org.

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

District Calendar

2011

10 4 Spaghetti Supper
10 20-23 Regional Lions Leadership Inst.
11 4-5 37L Convention

Edmonton
Gold Creek, MT
Ft. Saskatchewan

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Mary Kay Flanagan mkflanagan@theglobal.net
Robert Fischer 780 998 2152

2012

1 13-14 Northern Rally
5 17-19 MD37 Convention
6 22-26 International Convention
9 14-16 USA/Canada Forum
11 2-3 37L Convention

Edmonton
Athabasca
Busan, Korea
Tampa Bay, FL
Edmonton

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2013

7 5-9 International Convention
11 ? 37L Convention

Hamburg, Germany
Vimy?

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2014

7 4-8 International Convention

Toronto

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2015

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

Bozeman
Honolulu

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37L Convention Program Summary

FRIDAY

4:00PM – 6:30pm Display Set Up – (for those who have reserved a table ONLY)
4:00pm – 8:00pm Registration and Certification -
6:30pm Opening Ceremonies
“Time Capsule”
8:30pm No Host Bar
Tail Twisters
Entertainment – Les Bucherons

Lunch and fellowship –

SHUTTLE BUS AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS TO TAKE ATTENDEES BACK TO THEIR HOTELS

SATURDAY

7:00am - noon Registration and Certification
7:30am – 8:30am Breakfast
8:30am – 9:00am Rules of Convention
Convention Bids for 2013 and 2014
Review of Ballots
Nominations for Zone Chairs; for DG for 2012-2013; for First Vice District Governor for 2012-2013; for Second Vice District Governor for 2012-2013; for Vice Council Chair; for Hall of Fame
9:00am – 10:00am Celebration of Life
10:00am – 10:30am Break; Tail twister
10:45am – 11:45am “Courage and Commitment “
12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch; District Awards; Tail twister
1:30pm – 2:15pm - Voting
1:30pm – 2:15 “Action”
2:15pm – 2:45pm GMT/GLT
2:45pm – 3:00pm Comfort Break; Tail twister
3:00pm – 3:30pm “Trees”
3:30pm – 4:00pm Bear Pit Session: with ID Marvin Chambers
4:00pm – 4:30pm Convention closing and reports

SATURDAY BANQUET

6:00pm Cocktails – NO HOST BAR
6:55 pm Grand March
7:00pm Banquet
Speaker:ID Marvin Chambers
Presentations
9:00pm Entertainment / Socializing

SUNDAY

9:00am Cabinet meeting – Lions Pride

Stony Plain Lions Club recognizes 50 years of service.

Lion Herb Reinhart and his wife Donna, are presented with a clock by 2nd Vice District Governor Joan Lubbers, as a token of thanks for 50 years of service.





**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

District 37-I 2011 Convention Bonnyville , Alberta on October 14 & 15, 2011
 District 37-O 2011 Convention Strathmore, Alberta on January 13 & 14, 2012
 District 37-N 2011 Convention Lethbridge, Alberta on October 7 & 8 2011
 District 37-S 2011 Convention Bozeman, Montana September 30 & October 1, 2011
 Northern Lions Leadership Rally.....January 13 - 14 Edmonton, Alberta
 Southern Lions Leadership Rally..... March 16 - 17 Brooks, Alberta
 Montana Lions Leadership Rally.....February 24-25 Bozeman, MT