

Li ns Link

Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

Volume 11 Number 11 June 2014

Joan Lubbers

District Governor

780-963-5654

jlubbers@telus.net

Bob Hunter

Vice District Governor

780.939.6331

dryfus@shaw.ca

Hank Hoekstra

2nd Vice District Governor

Lions Link Editor

780 988 9318

hankh@telus.net

Newsletter

Submission

Deadline: July 22



District Governor Joan Lubbers with incoming DG Bob Hunter

DG Joan's Notes: My year as your District Governor has almost come to an end. What a year it has been! Lion Herman and I would like to thank all of the clubs for their warm welcomes and the great hospitality we have been given on our travels throughout the district. It is amazing to see what the clubs are doing to improve their communities and better the lives of others. It is a testament to our motto "WE SERVE".

Congratulations on a job well done to all clubs.

51 of the 54 clubs in our district were visited. Unfortunately things did not pan out for the other 3 or it would have been 100% visitation. Still I am proud of the work that was done with the help of 1st VDG Lion Bob Hunter and 2nd VDG Lion Hank Hoekstra. Thank you for your help Lions Bob and Hank.

In This Issue

District Governor's Notes.....	1
PU-101s, please!.....	2
Blue Ridge Celebrates.....	2
Lions Passed Away.....	2
Edmonton Chinese Plants.....	3
Directories.....	3
Vision Screening.....	3
Edmonton Korean Charter Night.....	3
Wabamun Raffle.....	3
World Wide Induction Day Generates Ideas.....	4
Grande Prairie Dow Walk.....	4
Tumbler Ridge Reports.....	5
Canada Day Essay.....	5
Lions Logoas and Artwork.....	5
District Foster Child Programme.....	6
Good bye to the Nuttalls.....	6
District Calendar.....	6
Emerging Lions Leadership Institute.....	7
Morinville Golf Tourney.....	8

*Don't be pushed
by your problems.*

Be led by your dreams.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

This is the Last Issue of the Lions Link

sent to the current year's mailing lists. If you are **NOT** a member of Cabinet, a President or Secretary of your Lions Club in District 37L, a member of the MD37 Council, or otherwise on incoming DG Bob Hunter's hit list, you will **STOP** getting the Lions Link **UNLESS** you let the editor know you want to keep getting it. Email me at: hankh@telus.net or snail mail at 4816 - 144 Street NW, Edmonton, T6H 4G8

As the numbers go, right now we are at a positive growth for the month of June. It would be fantastic if we could add a few more members and end up with a positive growth for the year. Presidents and secretaries please go through your club records and make sure all members are entered with LCI. You don't save any money by waiting as dues from LCI are calculated from the date of joining.

There are still 4 clubs who have not paid their District 37L dues. Please pay these and make Lion Lynne Coulter a happy man.

I extend wishes for safe travels and a great convention to those who are going to Toronto. Have a "ROARING GOOD TIME". Remember to exercise your right to vote. Congratulations to 1st VDG Lion Bob Hunter who will come home as our District Governor for the year 2014-2015. I sincerely hope all clubs will extend him the support that was given to me.

A huge Thank You to all clubs for your hard work this past year and all the best for your projects in the coming year as we continue to make a difference in the world.

Thank you once again for making the past year a year Lion Herman and I thoroughly enjoyed and will never forget.

- Joan Lubbers
District Governor 37L

District Governor Joan advises that 17 Clubs have not submitted PU-101s.

We need them whether or not you changed executives this year. The District Directories, the DG's ability to communicate with Clubs, visitations, and District support for Clubs all depend on them. So, please get your secretaries to submit them ASAP.

Editor's note: Without those PU-101s, you probably won't get the Lions Link, either.



The Blue Ridge Lions Club received its charter on November 10, 1977. It began with 23 enthusiastic members of which two of the original members, Bill Dunn and Dave Jackson, still belong. Since 1977 the club has been an active part of the community always there when help was needed. One of their ongoing commitments has been the maintenance of the Blue Ridge Cemetery.

Over the years the club has had various fund raisers from dinner theatres to the popular jamboree which has been held once a month for 17 years. On April 6 the club held their annual Charter Appreciation Supper as part of the jamboree. It's the club's way of thanking the performers, dancers and everyone who comes to enjoy the music. 70

to 100 people attend the jamboree each month with the annual suppers being well attended. Dave gives the credit for the wonderful meal to the cooks, Edna Jackson and Karen DeGroot. Dave and Bill Jackson, Kaj Christensen and Bill DeGroot run the jamborees each month with Edna and Karen doing the concession.

The Blue Ridge Lions Club has donated money to the hospitals in Mayerthorpe and Whitecourt, the Blue Ridge Library, Stars Air Ambulance, Camp He Ho Ha (Health, Hope and Happiness), the Red Cross as well as helping locally if people lose a home to fire. Special circumstances where help is needed are also considered such as the Slave Lake fire in 2011.

- Bill de Groot

Passed Away:

- Lion **Larry Newell**, Morinville, age 90, on May 19 – a 35 year Lion.
- Lion **Harvey Lee**, Edmonton Southgate, last Charter Member, age 84, on May 15.
- Lion **Al Cameron**, Lacombe, age 75, on May 29
- Lion **Don Chisholm**, Edmonton Host, age 89, on June 3
- Lion **Olga Skuba**, Edmonton Strathcona, age 91, on June 4, wife of PDG Mike Skuba

Tree Planting June 7th, 2014

This was Edmonton Chinese Lions Club's third annual tree-planting event continuing the legacy of Past President Lion Tam to plant 1,000,000 trees. Because of the caring and dedicated lions around the world 6,000,000 trees were planted. We are proud to have held our third annual tree-planting event on Saturday, June 7th at Hermitage Park and it was a huge success.

Upon arrival all volunteer tree planters registered and received a neon band to put on their wrist for easy identification. There were coconut buns for everyone and water bottles to start the day.

We had 87 volunteers register and join together with 5 horticulturalists from Edmonton Urban Forestry to plant a small forest on the side of a hill within Hermitage Park. The 87 volunteers included 20 inner city youth that were brought by Assist Community Services Centre. The youth reportedly enjoyed themselves very much and are looking forward to next year.

Together 92 people planted approximately 1,500 various plants and trees over the course of just

under 3 hours with 1 snack and water break. It was fortunate that it had rained a fair bit before the event softening the land making it easier to dig.

After the three hours of planting all 92 people enjoyed barbecued hotdogs and hamburgers and watermelon. Following that the youth and children enjoyed a soccer game, Babington, blowing bubbles and everyone enjoyed fellowship.

Participation:

Bouquets of thanks to the tree planters for all your of your hard work planting a little forest of 1,500 plants and trees.

The following is a list of volunteers that are greatly responsible for a successful event. Lions Henry Lung, Douglas Lim, Eugene Chow, Bob Hiew, Darcy Knoll, Angie Loo, Simon Yu, Gwen Hsieh, Lan Chan-Marples, and friends: Jackie, Kim, Lisa, Janet, and Mike.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Canada Safeway, Oliver Square for contributing lunch for 92 people;

To Malaysian Singapore Social Association for sponsoring a bus for the youth;

To Bee Cool Window Coverings for water.

- Leah Henderson

Vision Screening

South Edmonton Lions held its first vision screening at Meadowlark Play-school in Edmonton in early June, evaluating 31 children aged 8 months to 4 years, with good results.

There are a few idiosyncrassies with measurement taking, but these are minor and will be corrected as we gain more experience.

The parents and caregiivers were thrilled with the service, and already we are getting enquiries about taking the service to other venues.

- Hank Hoekstra



Wabamun & District Lions Club have been conducting a 50/50 raffle since March.

At the May 28th meeting, past Lion, Bill Purdy, was invited to draw the winning ticket. Congratulations to G. Corbett of Gunn for his win of \$3841.00

Wabamun Lions thank Safeway, Superstore and Save On Foods for allowing us to set up sales tables at their sites. Also, thank you to local Wabamun organizations who invited our salesmen to their events and, of course to all the people who bought and sold tickets and continue to support Wabamun Lions Club.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR
ANOTHER 50/50 RAFFLE THIS FALL

- Marilee Kosik

Edmonton Korean's 10th Charter

was held June 21 at the Korean Cultural Centre in Edmonton, with some 180 Lions and guests attending. Supper featured Korean fare as well as some superb steak cooked the way we like it.

Traditional Korean drumming opened the program, and Past International Director Patti Hill was the featured speaker.

Great company, great music, great food, great program - what more could a Lion want at a Charter Celebration!

Directory Orders

I have received orders from the following clubs:

Devon
Edmonton Castledowns
Edmonton Millwoods
Edmonton Northgate
Edmonton Southgate
Edmonton Strathcona
Fort Saskatchewan
Grande Prairie
Grande Prairie Trumpeter
Leduc
Morinville
St. Albert Host
Vimy

Please let PDG Wanda Coates know **asap** to ensure your copies and advertising needs are met. Thank you.

wanda.coates@epsb.ca
780-422-1970

Notes from World Wide Induction Day

Happy June to all, summer will get here eventually. At our recent WWID and Outstanding Officer Training day we had a session called "Native Eyes". The session focused on how we become complacent and accepting of the people and things going on around us and are not aware of what could be happening if we opened our eyes. The final question of this session was "What did the person you last talked to about your Lions Club find 'remarkable and exciting'? We then broke into groups to document what we would do to prevent 'native eyes'. The results of that documentation is listed below:

- Pay more attention to new members and encourage them to bring their ideas forward (at the same time protect them from the 'Negative Nellies')
- Look at LCI website and see what other clubs are doing and what LCI is doing.
- Accept that things do change and keep an open mind
- Actively seek new ideas/projects from outside the club
- Rotate project/activity chairs more often
- Get information into Club Newsletter (don't forget the District Newsletter)
- Be flexible and develop a thick skin (re: Negative Nellies)
- Talk excitedly about "Plus Optics" and get people to know about "Lions"
- Sing something other than O'Canada and still be patriotic (how about rotating the Pledge with O'Canada)
- Tell people about the projects your Lions Club is doing in the community
- Be more visible in the community
- Be more welcoming to all
- Have fun!
- We have to stress to new prospects (and to our old Lions) that it's okay to just come for

Lion Gavin Greentree, Grande Prairie Lions, finishing our Purina Walk for DogGuides. He walked the entire 3 km. blindfolded, on challenge from his sponsors, in order to have a similar experience as would a visually handicapped person.

- Lynne Coulter



- projects and not necessary to always stay for the routine week to week meetings
- Try setting up a picture board of your community projects at a local trade fair or farmers market
- Give new projects from new members a try
- Get our name out there to everyone in town especially new neighbours
- Get meetings organized to give committee reports and business done in one meeting and have guests speakers or information session at 2nd meeting.
- Keep the community informed about what the Lions Club does. (Community billboard, newspaper, posters)
- Get a Facebook Page, Website, Google + going
- Change meeting format and where people sit at those meetings
- Advertise what we do in the community in the local papers or possible Lions Handbook made up to deliver to neighbourhoods
- Ask children what they think about a Lions project
- Listen to others opinions even if you don't always agree
- Think positive
- At one time we had a 'bottom line' "Have you been asked about being a Lion" or "Have I told you about what Lions do in the Community"
- Look outside the box
- Get younger members (remember the Green Thing when you do)
- Advertise on your laws with a sign "A great Lion lives here"
- Advertise in local arenas with signage and contact person
- Signs saying this project was sponsored by Lions
- Go to other successful and vibrant clubs and ask how they do things
- More meeting fun, don't follow the agenda, wing it
- Listen (really listen) - be respectful everyone in the club is valuable
- Leave your dislikes and prejudices at the door
- Try new fundraisers
- Instead of giving to many with small amounts, give a large amount to fewer
- Have people come in and give a presentation instead of just responding to a letter with a cheque
- Tail twister more inventive and fun

A black cat crossing your path signifies that the animal is going somewhere.

- Need more socializing with new members to get to know them and more visitations to other clubs
- Make meeting room more pleasant and comfortable
- Have some fun activities before and/or after meetings (not all business)
- Market Club throughout the community to show what Lions is giving back to the community
- Seek new members from the working community – they have contacts, youth, purpose and they have community knowledge
- These new members can market club to the community businesses they are from and to our political leaders as well
- Actively seek a Major project for the club and seek community assistance
- Must have good revenue and impact for this project to draw new members

I have come to end of all the post it notes and if we all pick just one of these ideas to work with I do believe we will see an increase in our clubs membership.

Thank you all for your great input.

- PDG Wanda Coates

We did it again! The Tumbler Ridge Lions Club held a gigantic garage sale this month and raised over \$1400 to contribute to community projects. The event required many hours of work by the local Lions, both setting up the goods and helping customers find their bargains. Work in Progress, a support group for special needs children, teamed with the Lions and provided a bake table at the sale. At the end of the day customers were happy, Lions were tired, and the community benefited. Way to go Tumbler Ridge Lions!

- Lynda McKenzie

I am proud to be Canadian

Because of the beauty of our land; the majesty of the mountains; the far horizons of the prairies; the sweep of the shorelines; the abundance of the farm lands; the sparkle of ten thousand lakes and rivers...even the forbidding barrens of the North.

Because of the rich diversity of our people. We are not a melting pot, but a unique union of minorities; each of us proud of our origins but prouder still to be a Canadian.

Because we are a multilingual country: two basic languages and woven through the fabric, and enriching it – the sound of other tongues, all united in praise of "the true North, strong and free."

Because our country was not born in nor does it live in violence. We harbor no hate, we covet no territory, we envy no other people.

Because our heritage confers such bounty. Our laws and our traditions have been built on faith in God and man, on an unflagging love of freedom, and on respect for the rights of others. Our physical resources have not yet been fully

contemplated much less measured.

Because in Canada the operative word is Tomorrow, not yesterday. Our greatness rests not only in our history but in our future. Our destiny has yet to be fashioned.\

Because my pride in Canada does not cause me to respect other nations or other peoples less. I am a Canadian, yes, I am also a citizen of the planet earth and a brother/sister to every other man/woman.

- PDG Wanda Coates

Lions Logos and Artwork

Some of you are still using Lions Clubs International artwork and logos that are no longer authorised.

To access the new styles and remain current in your publications and WEB efforts, visit:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/logos-and-art/index.php>

The resources found on these pages will enhance your ability to get our messages across.



Report on Canada Foster Children's Programme

Further to our previous report I'm pleased to inform that the Canada Foster Children's Programme has been able to overcome its problems and virtually serviced 58 children up to the end of the second quarter in 2012/13. Prior to the end of the current Lionistic year we hope to have all the scholarships paid out for the Lionistic year 2012/13.

We are unable to accelerate the payment since children who benefit from the programme have to send an acknowledgement for the receipt of the previous monies. These acknowledgements are being delayed by some of the clubs and therefore we are unable to service some of the scholarships until

we receive the acknowledgement. No doubt this problem was created from year 2011/12 and it would take some time for us to get back to normal. But nevertheless, we continue to pay the scholarships for which acknowledgment are received.

The position of the funds is satisfactory and as at 31st December 2013, we had in the Bank Investment to the value of approximately Rs.2.283M in fixed deposit and cash in bank account amounting to approximately Rs.195, 000/-.

The fund in fixed deposit is bringing a return and would continue to bring the fund a substantial annual payment.

Even though, our intention was to increase the quarterly contribution

per child to Rs.2, 000/-, we could not do so until such time that we could streamline the scholarships payment regularly. Nevertheless, we will strive to do so in the Lionistic year 2014/15.

Once again we take this opportunity of extending our grateful thanks to both of you, PCC Lynne and PCC Donna for the continued support extended to this programme. Please also thank Lion Bill Tingey and the members of your District Cabinet, Club Presidents and members for this continued support.

Our District 306 A1 is assured and able to keep this programme going on for more than 20 years by the generosity of your Lions and Lion Ladies.

Many thanks...!!!

- PCC Dayantha Fernando

District Calendar

2014

7 4-8 International Convention
9 26-27 37S Convention
10 17 Edmonton Host 85th Charter
10 24-25 37I Convention
10 25 Devon 65th Charter
10-31/11-1 37L Convention
11 7-8 37N Convention

Toronto, ON
Innis MT
Edmonton
Camrose
Devon
Edmonton
Butte

Lions International lionsclubs.org

Claire Clark caclark5@yahoo.ca

Dan Claypool 780 499 1062

Bob Hiew bhiew@telus.net

2015

1 16/17 37O Convention
4-30 5-1 MD37 Council Meeting
6 26-30 International Convention

Calgary
Bozeman MT
Honolulu

Chestermere Lions
CST Tim Haight cst.tim@mvpinc.ca
Lions International lionsclubs.org

2016

6 24-26 International Convention

Fukoku, Japan

Lions International lionsclubs.org

2017

6-30 - 7.4 International Convention

Chicago
(100 years of Lionism)

Lions International lionsclubs.org

Celebration of PDG Bob Nuttall and Lion Linda Nuttall

Farewell celebration by Edmonton Chinese Lions Club.

The Nuttalls will be moving back to Ontario at the end of the month.

- Dan Chow

**Volunteering: we don't pay,
so no, you can't quit**





EMERGING LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Oak Brook, Illinois, USA

October 4-6, 2014

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions members for leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president.

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates for this institute must be from Constitutional Area I & II - United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas & Canada. This institute will be conducted in English and French. Candidates must be capable of understanding and participating in the language of instruction at this institute.
2. Candidates must be Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee and who have not yet attained the level of club president. Charter club presidents are also eligible for this institute.
3. Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute, including group mealtimes, understand personal time is extremely limited. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.

COST OF THE INSTITUTE

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the schedule of the institute. Please note that according to board policy, a non-refundable participation fee of US\$95.00 will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send fees until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are also responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

SELECTION PROCESS

Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. In the selection process the Leadership Division strives to achieve maximum geographical representation of districts throughout the constitutional area. All candidates will be notified of selection status no more than two weeks after the application deadline via the email address provided on the application form.

The Leadership Division of Lions Clubs International reserves the right to cancel any institute or language-specific classroom due to insufficient applications submitted by the stated application submission deadline date.

The division maintains the quality of all aspects of the institute, including program, faculty and the selection process of participants. The division works in concert with the International President and the Leadership Committee of the International Board of Directors.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All candidates must complete the following items and submit them as indicated below. All completed documents must be submitted by the stated application submission deadline date in order to be considered. Asterisked (*) forms are attached.

A. *Application Form

B. *Nomination Form

Must be signed by:

1. Club president
2. District Governor
3. GLT District Coordinator of the applicant's district.

**Applicants from a provisional zone or provision region must have the signature of the Zone Chairperson or Region Chairperson and Global Leadership Team Area Leader, respectively, in lieu of the District Governor.

Expectations of ELLI graduates:

1. Pursue additional leadership roles and responsibilities in their respective clubs.
2. Serve as a leadership resource in their respective clubs.
3. Share their institute experiences with members of their club and encourage other qualified Lions to apply to the institutes.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE:

July 21, 2014

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Institutes & Seminars Department

Lions Clubs International

Fax: 630-706-9010

E-mail: institutes@lionsclubs.org

To facilitate processing of your application, please submit the writable pdf version of this form.

To ensure timely receipt of your application, please submit by e-mail or fax.

"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful." - Ann Landers



REGISTRATION

MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB

8TH ANNUAL GOLF

TOURNAMENT



Saturday August 9, 2014

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

ATTENTION GOLFERS

The 8th Annual Morinville Lions Club Golf Tournament With Proceeds
50% To CAMP HE-HO-HA (Health, Hope & Happiness)
50% To Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation

Location: Cardiff Golf & Country Club
Tee Time: 11.00 am Start
Format: Texas Scramble
Mulligan's: \$5.00 each
Registration Cost: \$110.00 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 2 - 2014

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: Lion Francis Fryters
10004 96 Ave Morinville, AB T8R 1G4

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