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## Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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### Newsletter Submission

Deadline: December 19

## District Governor

### Bob's Notes

We are entering a very crucial time in our redistricting. A special Convention will be held in Fort Saskatchewan at the United Church, with delegates from District 37-L and 37-I to vote on our future leaders. It is of the utmost importance that we have as many delegates as possible attend this convention. We need them there to ensure that our candidate for District Governor for the new District C-1 (1st Vice District Governor Hank Hoekstra) and our candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor of C-1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Ron Wackenhut) are successful in their bid for these offices,

Voting delegates from each club will have to register. The registration form is in this copy of the Lions Link. There is a \$15.00 fee that will be charged only for those delegates that are having lunch.

The number of voting delegates is based on club membership. For every 10 members and a greater portion of 10 you are allowed one voting delegate. For example if your club has 16 members you are allowed 2 votes. If your club only has 15 members you are only allowed 1 vote. All Past District Governors are also eligible to cast a vote. To be eligible to vote you must have been a Lion Member for 1 year and 1 day before the date of the convention.

I have not done a visitation report for December as I will be meeting with our Vice District Governors so that together we can visit the greatest number of clubs to get the word out about the special convention.



## Thank You, Lions!

Our District 37L Convention was memorable for so many reasons: outstanding presentations by NAIT President Dr. Glenn Feltham, Keynote Speaker Frank O'Dea, Social media presenter Linda Hoang, our talented Lions performers, and the showcase of Lions Service Projects. But for me, the memory of our last District 37 L convention will forever be the memory of your endorsing me as a Candidate for VP of The International Association of Lions Clubs. I am humbled and honoured by your support and your confidence.

This endorsement would not have been possible without the AMAZING work of Lions Club members all across the District, Strengthening the Pride through membership growth. The diligence of our GMT and GLT leaders, Donna Wozney and Wanda Coates and their teams, in supporting our clubs' efforts to grow our service capacity through member recruitment was and continues to be outstanding.

You inspire me to do more. Thank you.

*Lion Patti Hill*

*Endorsed Candidate for VP of LCI*

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### District Governor Bob Hunter's address

is amended to read:

**29 Cardiff Place  
Sturgeon County AB  
T8R 1N9**

# **This is an open letter to all Lions of District 37-L and 37-I**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 a special convention will be held at the Fort Saskatchewan United Church 10409-100 Avenue in Fort Saskatchewan.

At this convention we will be voting on the following:

A ballot to elect a District Governor for the new District C-1.

The 2 candidates vying for this position are:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Hank Hoekstra, District 37-L

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Butch Bouchard, District 37-I.

A ballot to elect a 1st Vice District Governor for the new District C-1.

The 2 candidates vying for this position are:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Ron Wackenhut, District 37-L

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice district Governor Frances Sawiak, District 37-I.

We will also be nominating candidates for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for the new District C-1.

[If you are interested in running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor you must forward your intentions to the District Governor in your District by December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.](#)

A vote will be held on a proposal from the Sylvan Lake Lions Club to hold the first convention of District C-1.

A Special Committee has been set up with members from both 37-L and 37-I to review and prepare a new constitution, bylaws and policy manuals for the new District C-1. The committee members are from District 37-L, PCC Donna Coulter and PDG Claude Carignan. From District 37-I the members are PDG Jim Taylor and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Butch Bouchard.

There is also a committee formed from both districts to help with the transition to the new District C-1. This committee consists of the following from District 37-L. PDG Donna Wozney, PDG Joan Lubbers and PDG Wanda Coates. From District 37-I the members are PDG Jim Taylor, PDG Bob Cadue and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Butch Bouchard.

It is very important that each qualified voting delegate from every club exercise their right to come and vote for the candidates of their choice.

It is also of the utmost importance that every member in the 2 districts give their co-operation to the 2 committees if they should be asked for input.

Please make sure that you register for this very important Convention,

R.W. (Bob) Hunter

David Dalby

District Governor 37-L

District Governor 37-I

**Registration Form at the end of this Newsletter**

**Registration Deadline: January 5, 2015**

## Bill Webber Fellowship Moves

We are pleased to announce that the Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight will continue to generate funds to serve the vision and sight needs of Albertans through the Lions of Alberta Foundation. Previously, the Bill Webber Fellowship donations were made payable to the Lions Eye Bank (Alberta) Society in support of eye-banking at the Rockyview Hospital in Calgary. These eye-banking services are now part of Alberta Health Services.

Because of our Lions Clubs continued support of vision and sight services, and our unwavering respect for PID Bill Webber, we have arranged with the LOAF executive to continue to support the following:

- purchase of advanced medical /research technologies and equipment for eye care and eye research
- education and certification of the AHS performing eye-banking services to ensure the highest standards of care and accountability
- advocacy for organ and tissue donations
- Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight

Donations that your Lions club or individuals have made to the Lions Eye Bank (Alberta) Society in the past, can now be made payable to Lions of Alberta Foundation designated to the Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight fund. The Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight forms and your cheques should be mailed to:

Bill Webber Fellowship Coordinator  
c/o St. Alberta Host Lions Club  
Box 77082, Station Main  
St. Albert, AB  
T8N 6C1

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## Lions Foundation of Canada (Dog Guides)

<http://www.dogguides.com>

**Lion John Cragg receiving the Dr Lynn Hall Award for Leadership** at the District Convention, November 1. (with PDG Donna Wozney)

### Speaking of Lion John Cragg, he says:

The District Parade Float is much in demand. Previous users get first chance to have it again in 2015 but deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Then bookings go to next in line! Don't wait...Don't be sorry!

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Photo Courtesy PID Patti Hill

### EDMONTON CHINESE LIONS CLUB INVITES YOU TO OUR 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIONS REUNION CHRISTMAS PARTY - 2014



### THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

**DATE** TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

**TIME** 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**LOCATION** DYNASTY CENTURY PALACE RESTAURANT

2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, 9700 - 105 AVENUE, EDMONTON

**TICKETS** \$30

**RSVP** BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>



**PROGRAM** THEMED GIFT BASKETS TICKETS / DOOR PRIZES / 50-50 TICKETS

**SPECIAL GUEST** DISTRICT GOVERNOR BOB HUNTER

**TICKETS & INQUIRY**

LION LAN CHAN-MARPLES

PH 780-2980746 ANYTIME /EMAIL [LCHANUA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LCHANUA@GMAIL.COM)



## Optical Mission to Mexico

November 13 – 23, 2014

What do we do with all those recycled eyeglasses?

Some go to Mexico, accompanied by thirty Lions and friends, on a mission sponsored by MD36 (Oregon) and MD37. For logistical reasons the glasses on this trip were American, but there were some 9,000 pairs of them, as well as sunglasses, soft cases, and an



assortment of small gifts such as toothbrushes, toiletries, baseball caps, scarves, and the like.

In Mexico, organization, venue, logistics, and hospitality were provided by the Juchipila Lions Club. Juchipila is about 120 km north of Guadalajara and is an agricultural town of just over 12,000 people.

The clinic operated for five days from 9<sup>am</sup> to a theoretical 5<sup>pm</sup> – not one day ended early, and the longest ran until after 8 pm.

Registration was followed by testing for diabetes and high blood pressure, an eye chart screening (with pictograms for those who couldn't read), evaluation by a vision screener that provided



the prescription, reviewed by an optometrist who also verified possible problems such as cataracts and certain medical deficiencies.

Where possible, clients were given recycled glasses with appropriate prescriptions. In other cases where no match was possible, clients

received reading glasses to provide some improvement. In several cases where the client was totally blind, the mission provided white canes and some initial training in their use.

All glasses were custom fitted – adjustment of arms, replacement of nose pads, etc. Sunglasses and clip-ons were available to almost all clients – these are important in reducing strain and damage to the eyes caused by prolonged exposure to bright sun. This was followed by the presentation of protective cases, a final cleaning, and a small gift of personal items.

The results?

- 1910 clients served; almost all issued with glasses
- 186 clients referred; most with cataracts (usually for both eyes) and a few with other ailments of the eye. These people's surgeries will be underwritten by donations from the Juchipila Lions through agreement and deep discount with a Mexican ophthalmologist.
- 59 pairs of lenses special ordered. These are to be made locally by a charitable optometrist for about \$20 per lens, and fitted to frames chosen from the 9,000 recycled eyeglasses taken to Juchipila. These special orders were mostly restricted to children, both for the added importance of good eyesight for them, and the cost. \$20 per lens is cheap, even in Mexican terms, but the provider



of these lenses can't afford to offer this on a wider scale.

- Unused eyeglasses have been donated to the Mexican optometrist for distribution to needy patients.

It was an exhausting but extremely rewarding experience for all, including the Mexican hosts. On an excursion to Juchipila town

after the clinic, several people recognized us and thanked us for giving them the gift of sight.

There was time for relaxation and celebration. Although it was an eleven day mission, two days were travel days, one was a setup day, one day was an excursion to next year's probable location, Zacatecas, and ended with a two day conference of Lions from four districts in Multiple District B. A few hours at the pool, too much tequila, wandering around the village of Azopol, lots of good food, and too much tequila, rounded out the trip.

- Hank Hoekstra



**The Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club** recently delivered their first batch of Birthday in a Bag to the Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank. Lions Joan, Bernadette and Irene packed each bag with all the fixings for a birthday party for a child including a cake mix, cake pan and candles. There is also a book and birthday card.

- PDG Donna Wozney



**The Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club** presented two \$1,000 Scholarships to two outstanding graduates of Fort Saskatchewan High School:

- 1) Zachary Fischer (grandson of Lion Robert Fischer) who is now enrolled at the Grant MacEwan College in the Bachelor of Science/General Program, and
- 2) Meghan Onushko (granddaughter of Lion Rod Lindemann) who is now enrolled at the University of Alberta in the Bachelor of Science/Biological Sciences program.

- Rod Lindemann

Effective immediately PDG Donna Wozney's e-mail address has reverted back to [gmawoz@shaw.ca](mailto:gmawoz@shaw.ca)

## District Calendar

### 2015

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|------|-------|---|
| 1    | 10    | Special Convention                            |
| 1    | 16/17 | 370 Convention                                |
| 4-30 | 5-1   | MD37 Council Meeting                          |
| 5    | 1-2   | MD37 Convention                               |
| 6    | 26-30 | International Convention                      |
| 7    | 1     | MD C, Districts C-1 and C-2 come into effect. |

### 2016

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| 6 | 24-26 | International Convention |
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### 2017

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| 6-30 | - 7.4 | International Convention |
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November 2014



**District 37L's Citizen of Distinction for 2014 is Dr. Sandra Woitas**, B.Ed., M.Ed, LLD (Honorary). She was named as one of the "One Hundred Edmontonians of the Century" as part of Edmonton's centennial celebrations.

Her passion is as an educator and tireless advocate for the needs of Edmonton's most needy and disadvantaged children and families. She is a former Director of the *City Centre Education Project*, and has been recognized by *Today's Parent* magazine, and has been awarded both a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and an Alberta Centennial Medal. She holds many other awards, too numerous to mention.

Lion Carol should also be recognized for keeping PCC Tom Hodgson in line...



**Lion Carol Moeller received the Herb Moeller Unsung Hero Award** at the District 37L Convention for her long, tireless service to her Club and the District. The award will now be left in the custody of Lion Carol Moeller as the award will be retired with re-Districting.

**St. Albert Host Lions features the 14 school winners of the Lions International Peace**

**Poster Contest** at their recent Youth Night that also included the winners of the 3 Lions Legacy Scholarships, Filipchuk Bursary for Musical Theatre and 2 Air Cadets who received their Glider Pilots licence at summer scholarships.

- PDG Claude Carignan



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Bozeman MT  
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Chestermere Lions  
CST Tim Haight [cst.tim@mvpinc.ca](mailto:cst.tim@mvpinc.ca)

Lions International [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

Fukoku, Japan

Lions International [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

Chicago  
(100 years of Lionism)

Lions International [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)



# BILL WEBBER FELLOWSHIP FOR SIGHT

Lions of Alberta Foundation  
Bill Webber Fellowship Coordinator  
c/o St. Alberta Host Lions Club  
Box 77082, Station Main  
St. Albert, AB T8N 6C1

## Recipient Information *(Please complete one form per recipient)*

|  |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Recipient's Name <i>(please print clearly)</i> : |              |              |
| Address:   |              |              |
| City/Town:                                       | Prov./State: | Postal Code: |

- ☐ The recipient is not a Lion, or  
☐ The Recipient is a Lion. Recipient's Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

## Donor Information

- ☐ Same as recipient, or  
☐ Different from recipient

Donor is:

- ☐ Individual ☐ Lions Club ☐ Lions District ☐ Multiple District ☐ Corporation ☐ Other

|               |              |             |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Donor Name    |              |             |
| Address       |              |             |
| City / Town   | Prov./ State | Postal Code |
| Email Address | Phone Number |             |

## Shipping Instructions - Please allow 6 weeks for recognition to arrive

Please ship plaque and lapel pin to: ☐ Same as donor, or

|  |               |              |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Name of person to accept shipment:             |               |              |
| Address:                                       |               |              |
| City/Town:                                     | Prov./State:  | Postal Code: |
| Email Address:                                 | Phone Number: |              |
| Date Fellowship is to be presented (if known): |               |              |

## Donation - Please make payment payable to Lions of Alberta Foundation

Please mail completed form with a \$500 cheque/bank draft/money order to:

Bill Webber Fellowship Coordinator  
c/o St. Alberta Host Lions Club  
Box 77082, Station Main  
St. Albert, AB T8N 6C1



## District C1 SPECIAL CONVENTION

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Fort Saskatchewan United Church  
10409-100 Avenue, Fort Saskatchewan



| Registrant's Name | Club& District | Email | Delegate Y/N | Meal Yes or No |
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Registration Fee includes Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00

Payment by \_\_\_\_\_cheque \_\_\_\_\_ cash

Make cheque payable to MD 37 Lions Clubs

**Deadline for registration is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Special Convention Information Contact: CC Betty Ann Robson

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