

# Lions Link

## Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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### Newsletter Submission

**Deadline: August 22**



Lion Herman and District Governor Joan Lubbers

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*"Everyone has an invisible sign hanging from their neck saying, 'Make me feel important.'"*

*Never forget this message when working with people."*

*~ Mary Kay Ash*

### District Governor Joan's Notes:

WOW!!! What a great start to a new Lionistic year! The International Convention in Hamburg, Germany was fantastic. The training was great with talented instructors who even made Constitution and Bylaws interesting!! It was truly inspiring to see 25,000 Lions gathered in the same place and all working towards the same purpose of making our world a better place. The induction of 754 new District Governors was humbling. I would like to say a special "Thank You" to Past International Director Lion Bill Webber for "pulling my ribbon"

International President Barry Palmer's theme this year is "Follow Your Dream" If you dream it, plan it and work towards it, your dreams can come true! Never give up on your dreams!!

As we all start a new year, I look forward to renewing old friendships and making many new ones. We as Lions of 37L have a lot of work ahead of us to continue to reach our goal of 1250 members. We have made great strides and I know we will continue until we reach that target number

and more.

One of my personal dreams this year is to have one new net member per club. When we meet this goal we will also reach the illusive 1250. Just think what we could do with all of those extra hands to serve.

I plan to have my visitation schedule completed by early August. I would personally like to thank all who have accepted positions on Cabinet for the coming year.

Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. There are still a few vacancies to fill, a couple of Zone chairs, and Organ and Tissue and Information and Technology.

If you are interested in these positions or would like more information please call me at 780-963-5654 or email me at [jlubbers@telus.net](mailto:jlubbers@telus.net).

I know we will have a great year ahead and by working together we can truly make it a fantastic year.

Remember YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!! Just FOLLOW YOUR DREAM!!!

## Southern Alberta Flood Fundraiser

In June this year, Lions in Edmonton and surrounding area watched in horror as swollen rivers and creeks caused devastation to many communities in the southern part of our province. This flooding was the worst in the province's history with states of local emergency issued to over 25 communities. Sixty-five thousand residents in Calgary were told to leave their homes. The hardest hit community was the Town of High River where all its 13,000 residents were evacuated. Thousands of homes and millions of dollars of infrastructure were destroyed by the historic floods. Sensing the urgent need to help, the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club quickly established a committee to organize a dinner to raise funds to help those who have been affected by the floods. Within days the committee was able to solicit over 65 silent auction items from individuals and local businesses and enlist the free services of entertainers. The Dynasty Century Palace restaurant also offered a multi-course dinner at cost.

With only 15 days to organize the event the committee expected to draw 150 people. But, thanks to the support of the District 37L Lions Clubs in Edmonton's surrounding area, 215 Lions, families and friends attended the charitable event on Tuesday night, July 9<sup>th</sup>. In attendance



were PDG Wanda Coates, VDG Bob Hunter and Lions from Athabasca, Devon, Edmonton Host, Edmonton Jolly Fellows, Edmonton Millwoods Breakfast, Edmonton Northgate, St. Albert Breakfast, St. Albert Host, and Vimy & District. Financial donations to the Lions of Alberta Foundation Flood Fund were also received from Grande Prairie Trumpeter, Devon, Vimy & District, and Edmonton Castledowns. As a result the Lions Of Alberta Foundation Flood Fund raised over \$30,000 from the banquet, silent auctions, 50/50, District 37L Lions Clubs and Individual financial donations.

The day after the event PDG Lion Wanda representing District 37L emailed ECLC President Al Chow and Committee Chair Lion Angie Loo to say "Your club should be very proud of the outstanding accomplishment of last night's event. Thank you!"

The Edmonton Chinese Lions Club were indeed gratified by the strong support from the Lions Clubs in Edmonton and in the North, including individuals and local businesses in the Edmonton area to make this fundraiser a resounding success.

- Al Chow

### Lions Clubs Campgrounds Information Wanted

The Lions Club of Devon would like to get a list/map of all Lions club operated campground/parks. Please submit to [iast@telus.net](mailto:iast@telus.net) with name of facility, address c/w postal code & phone number.

- Ian Sinclair

### Leduc Lions Keep Busy

During the 2012-2013 year Leduc Lions added 6 new members, which is a 10% growth. We also awarded 7 scholarships of \$1500 each in addition to the \$158,000 in donations we made to various organizations. This included \$100,000 for a new community rink, \$20,000 for a Family Care Suite at the Leduc Hospital. We also donate \$1000 annually to 306A-37L programme as well as \$2000 annually to STARS, Food Bank and Boys and Girls Club of Leduc.

- Bill Tingey

***PDG<sup>2</sup> C. W. (Ken) Pickett passed away in Athabasca on July 12, at the age of 83. He will be missed by his family, fellow Athabasca Lions Club members, and Lions throughout the Multiple District.***



## Tumbler Ridge Delivers!

Home delivered meals to seniors in Tumbler Ridge was identified as a need by local doctors and the Seniors' Needs Committee.

From this discussion the Meals on Wheels program was born. Who better to step up to the plate than the local Lions Club - in the person of Lion Grace.

Lion Grace has a ready smile and a soft spot in her heart for seniors. She incorporates her pledge of "dedicated to the service of others" into her daily life. As a Meals on Wheels volunteer she gives freely of her time and receives no remuneration for car/gas expenses.

Currently the program delivers hot supper-time meals Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays. Three local restaurants take turns preparing the meals according to individual dietary

needs. The restaurants are paid the low price of \$5 per meal, paid for by the recipients.



Each of these meals means more to the recipients than nourishment for their body. It means somebody cares. Often being elderly, shut in, and alone can lead to other problems. When Lion Grace's

smiling face arrives at the door the seniors have some social contact and a short up-beat conversation to brighten their day.

- *Lynda McKenzie*

- A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.
- A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

## LERF (Lions Eye Research Fund) Update

As a member of LERF committee, I am providing an update on the project initiated by Districts I and L, for the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation and Regional Eye Centre to purchase a new suite of ultrasound equipment. Over the past 8 months we have been working with the clubs in District I and L to raise funds towards our goal of \$120,000. As a committee we also submitted a grant proposal to LCIF for \$60,000 and our grant has been accepted. This has helped us attain our goal of \$120,000. To accomplish this in just 8 months is amazing. I would like to thank all clubs for their support to this project.

- *Kris Kozoriz*

- If Sheila, Candy and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Sheila, Candy and Sarah.
- If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

## District Calendar

### 2013

7 27 Legal Lions Parade  
9 19-21 USA/Canada Forum  
9 27-28 37S Convention  
10 4-5 37N Convention  
10 18-19 37I Convention  
11 1-2 37L Convention

Legal  
Overland Park KS  
Red Lodge, MT  
Hamilton, MT  
St Paul, AB  
Westlock, AB

Impact Band  
<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/>

Vimy & District [horoma@telus.net](mailto:horoma@telus.net)

### 2014

1 17-18 37O Convention  
5 16-18 MD37 Convention  
7 4-8 International Convention

Canmore, AB  
Calgary, AB  
Toronto, ON

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

### 2015

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

Bozeman, MT  
Honolulu

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

### 2016

6 24-26 International Convention

Fukoku, Japan

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

### 2017

6-30 - 7.4 International Convention

Chicago  
(100 years of Lionism)

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

**PLAN NOW  
TO ATTEND THE  
LIONS DISTRICT 37L CONVENTION  
November 1&2, 2013**

**WESTLOCK INN & CONFERENCE CENTER  
10411-100 Street  
Westlock, Alberta**

**Hosted By  
THE VIMY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

**Friday, November 1, 2013 "FUN & GAMES"**- Registration-4:30PM to..., Opening Ceremonies, Games, Entertainment, Prizes, No host Bar, Light snacks- 7:00PM to ...

Vimy Lions will host a hospitality room from 1:30PM to 6:45PM.

**NEWS: We've just engaged a "World Renowned" Magician to entertain us this evening.**

**DRESS: Casual.**

**Saturday, November 2, 2013 "LET'S GET SERIOUS"** - Registration- 8:30AM to 2:00PM, Sessions- 9:00AM to 4:30PM, Lunch, Credential Certification, Voting, Celebration of Life, Elections & Bids, Awards...

Some topics to be presented: Re-districting, What's Happening to Lions Internationally & Locally?, What makes a successful Lions project?, Having a safe & enjoyable holiday trip, Lions meetings that lead to good attendance and other timely topics.

**DRESS: Lions Apparel**

**Saturday Evening "TIME TO SIT BACK & ENJOY OUR GUEST"** - Banquet - Guest

**Speaker: International Director Stacey W. Jones from Miami Beach, Florida.**

**DRESS: Semi-formal (No jeans or t-shirts)**

**FEES**

**Individual Registration - \$115.00**

**Club Registration - 1or 2 members from the same Club - \$115.00 each**

**- 3 or 4 members from the same Club - \$105.00 each**

**- 5 or more members from the same Club - \$95.00 each**

**Club registrations must be on the same form and paid by one cheque, money order or credit card.**

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS. RESERVE EARLY as this is a busy time in our area and rooms may be scarce.**

**Westlock Inn - 1-888-768-9959 or 1-780-349-4483**

**Best Western - 1-780-349-4102**

**Ramada Inn - 1-888-319-2245 or 1-780-349-2245**

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?**

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**DISTRICT 37L CONVENTION 2013**  
**November 1 & 2, 2013**  
**WESTLOCK INN, Westlock, Alberta**  
**Hosted by the Vimy & District Lions Club**



Registrants' Names (Lion, Lioness, Leo or Companion)	Club & District	Address (Phone or e-mail)	Special Meal Request
1 _____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____	_____
6 _____	_____	_____	_____

Enter additional registrants on the back of this form.

**Registration fees include Friday evening Social, Prizes, Entertainment with "No host" bar, Coffee, "light" snacks (No meal), Saturday business sessions, lunch and Banquet (No breakfast)**

Registration Fees: 1 or 2 Registrations from same Club ..... \$115.00 each  
3 or 4 registrations from same club ..\$105.00 each  
5 or more registrations from same club..\$95.00 each

All registrations from the same club must be on ONE form with payment enclosed

Extra Banquet tickets -\$40.00 each

**PAYMENT ENCLOSED:**

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$115= \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$105= \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$95= \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by CHEQUE ☐ MONEY ORDER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD ☐  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to: District 37L Convention  
Vimy & District Lions Club  
10603 -108 St.  
Westlock, AB T7P 1E1

**REFUND POLICY:** Before requesting refund, try to get a Lion to take that place. A full refund will be granted **ONLY** if a **WRITTEN** request is received by the Convention Chair prior to October 22, 2013.

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS;** Westlock Inn -1-888-768-9959 or 1-780-3494483  
Best Western - 1-780-349-4102 ; Ramada Inn -1-888-319-2245 or 1-780-349-2245

**4 DRAW** from all **PAID** registrations received before October 10, 2013 will be made on Friday, Nov. 1, 2013 for a prize of \$100 (or two draws each for a prize of \$50.00)

**ALL** Convention attendees will be eligible for a draw for a "Lions" prize to be drawn after the Banquet on Saturday (Must be present to win).

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