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## Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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**Newsletter Submission Deadline:**  
**May 20**



**DG Bill's Notes**

Dear Fellow Lions.

The Lions year is drawing to a close. Lion Shirley and I have started a wind-down in our Official visits and I have begun a wind-up for my year as your District Governor. Total clubs visited to-date is 64 with 4 left to visit. I certainly look forward to the opportunity to visit the remaining clubs.

As you know, the PU101's are required to be in to International by April 15 of each year. We do have a little grace period here but I urge all those clubs that have not yet done so to please submit the information so that Lions Clubs International can:

- ensure the correspondence/mail/necessary documents reach your club Secretary and/or President.
- so that your club can be correctly entered into the International Directory, and
- that passwords may get out in a timely matter to enable the incoming officers to access the website in their respective capacities.

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well, your District Governor Elect, Roger Kozma will want to have the correct information for your District Directory. So please, I urge you, give this a high priority.

I sincerely thank all the clubs that have so graciously and generously donated to my charity of choice, The Lions Foundation of Canada. As of this writing your contributions total \$7,587.00. This does not include the many generous donations made directly to the Foundation for other purposes.

Our upcoming annual MD Convention is being held in Kananaskis on May 2 and 3. We have a full and exciting agenda and our International guest is the Second Vice President of Lions International, Lion Eberhard Wirfs from Kelkheim Germany. There are also a few items on the agenda to be voted upon, including electing a Vice District Governor for 37-L. As well, we will be voting on a proposed change for the direction that future Council and Finance Chairpersons are elected for the Multiple District. We will be inducting our Members into the MD Hall of Fame and, of course, we will be honouring all those dedicated Lions that have passed away since our last Convention. So, I urge you to send delegates to the convention. I have also been informed that the golf course is open, so bring your clubs and do a round or two in your spare time. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Don't forget our upcoming 'New and Improved' Club Officer Training sessions combined with our World Wide Induction Day. Please reserve May 31, 2008 for this special event. I believe our District Leadership

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*If I die,  
 I forgive you;  
 if I recover,  
 we'll see...*

Spanish Proverb

Chairperson, Lion Carole Henson will have more info in this Link for you. Our District will be holding our final Cabinet meeting on June 7 at Millie Calder hall. It is being hosted by my home club, Edmonton Host Lions Club. I am hopeful that most of our Cabinet members can attend as we will be having a wind-up as well. This is certainly open to any and all Lions of our District. More on this later.

Also, see the updated schedule for our travel. I will have more spare time now and will continue to be available to help clubs and club members. You know where to find me.

Yours in Lionism,

- DG Bill

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## A Letter from Lions International:

*(Reference to Grande Prairie Lions Club and the Grande Prairie Lions Learning Centre)*

Dear Club President Donna Coulter,

Congratulations! The Lions Learning Center has been selected as one of three finalists for the International Challenge to Change Award in the category of Outstanding Continuing Project.

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All finalists will be recognized and the winner announced during a special awards ceremony at the Second Plenary Session of the 2008 Lions Clubs International Convention at the IMPACT Convention Center in Bangkok, Thailand, on Thursday, June 26, 2008. Once again, we offer our congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

Sincerely,

Kristopher Kempski  
Communications Coordinator  
Public Relations

## Can Media History Book Project.

To all clubs in our District 37-L. As I visited your clubs I discussed the History Book Project. At this time we only have 16 clubs confirmed. I have listed them below. If I have missed any club, please let me know so we can correct it. Also, for those clubs that have decided to support the project but haven't yet advised me, I look forward to hearing from you real soon. This is, without a doubt, one of the best opportunities we have to get our Lions Clubs out there for recognition at absolutely no cost to our Clubs. In a previous email to all clubs I had mentioned that Can Media would be calling to answer any questions you may have about this project. Some of you may have heard from them by now. If not, they will be contacting you in the near future. I certainly look forward to much more support in the next couple of weeks.

- Alberta Beach Lions Club
- Brightbank Lions Club
- Edmonton Host Lions Club,
- Edmonton Northgate Lions Club
- Edmonton Southgate Lions Club
- Edmonton South Edmonton Lions Club
- Evansburg Lions Club
- Fox Creek Lions Club
- Grande Prairie Lions Club
- Grande Prairie Swan City Breakfast Lions Club
- Leduc Breakfast Lions Club
- Morinville Lions Club
- Rycroft & District Lions Club,
- Stony Plain Lions Club
- St Albert Breakfast Lions Club
- St Albert Host Lions Club

Thanks again.

- DG Bill

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## Presentation on Thursday, May 15, at the Royal Glenora Club to Edmonton Host Lions Club

In the early 1980's Edmonton was like most other cities in the world when it came to handling garbage – they were landfilling it!

A garbage crisis arose when a replacement landfill could not be realized. A creative response to this situation such as recycling and composting has resulted in Edmonton becoming a world leader in waste management. At the present time, about 60% of residential garbage is diverted from the landfill. A new diversion target of 90% is planned in another 3-4 years. How? You will have to attend this lunch meeting to find out!

LARRY GEORGE taught for 36 years with Edmonton Public Schools as a teacher of Physical Education, Outdoor and Environmental Education and Science. Never in his wildest of dreams did he ever think he would be excited about garbage! You will be excited too!

Please RSVP Lion Karen at  
780.476.6092 or  
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## Wabasca-Desmarais Lions Club.

On our recent visit to the Wabasca-Desmarais Lions Club I had the great honour of inducting 7 new members into this club. Congratulations to PDG George Mair and Lion June Courtoreille (and new Lion Kathie Matters) for sponsoring so many new Lions. Lions all, April Courtoreille, Kathie Matters, Caroline Favel, Matthew Moore, Tammy Banks, Ken Beaudry and Pauline, I welcome you all to the wonderful world of Lionism.

Sorry we don't have any pictures to accompany this.

- DG Bill

## PONDERISMS

*PCC Lynne Coulter continues to provide Evidence that his active brain needs more substantive challenges as he poses the following questions, scattered throughout this newsletter.*

- CAN YOU CRY UNDER WATER?
- HOW IMPORTANT DOES A PERSON HAVE TO BE BEFORE THEY ARE CONSIDERED ASSASSINATED INSTEAD OF JUST MURDERED?
- WHY DO YOU HAVE TO "PUT YOUR TWO CENTS IN" .. BUT IT'S ONLY A "PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS"? WHERE'S THAT EXTRA PENNY GOING TO?

More at bottom of page 3

## DG Bill's Perambulations...

### April

22	Tuesday	Official visit	Busby & District
26	Saturday	Invited guests	Westmount
29	Tuesday	Serve Lunch	Abbottsfield School lunch program
29	Tuesday	Official visit	Edmonton Korean Lions Club

### April/May

30, 1	Wednesday..Thursday	4th Council meeting	Kananaskis
2, 3	Friday, Saturday	MD37 Convention	Kananaskis
13	Tuesday	Induction of new members	Alberta Beach Lions Club
14	Wednesday	FSNA Luncheon	Edmonton AB
15	Thursday	Edmn Host Lions Club	Regular meeting
31	Saturday	WWID & Club Ofc Trng	JJ Neering School

### June

4	Wednesday	Club visit	Edmonton Omega Achievers Leos
5	Thursday	Instln of Officers	Athabasca Lions Club
7	Saturday	Final Cabinet meeting 37-L	Millie Calder Hall, Edmonton
23	Monday	Instln of Officers	Devon Lions Club
28	Saturday	Instln of Officers	Ft. Saskatchewan Lions Club

MD37 Convention. Kananaskis. May 2-3

## World Wide Induction Day & Club Officer Training

This is a year of **looking at change**. Our District is planning a new approach to World Wide Induction Day and to Club Officer training. We plan to hold all the activities on one day and together!!! We have reserved **May 31, 2008** to kick off this important function with its new format. It will take place at the J.J. Neering School in St Albert since we are planning on having break-out sessions in various rooms. Lion Carole Henson, our District Leadership Chair is presently working on getting a team of presenters for this day. The program will include the Candlelight ceremony for the Induction of all new Lions, Club officer training for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries as well as information session for all Lions. I can assure you it will be a very exciting program and we hope to see the Club Officers (especially the new ones), the new Lions and their Sponsors, and support members from the various clubs.

*-DG Bill*

- ONCE YOU'RE IN HEAVEN, DO YOU GET STUCK WEARING THE CLOTHES YOU WERE BURIED IN FOR ETERNITY?
- WHY DOES A ROUND PIZZA COME IN A SQUARE BOX?
- WHAT DISEASE DID CURED HAM ACTUALLY HAVE?
- HOW IS IT THAT WE PUT MAN ON THE MOON BEFORE WE FIGURED OUT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PUT WHEELS ON LUGGAGE?
- WHY IS IT THAT PEOPLE SAY THEY "SLEPT LIKE A BABY" WHEN BABIES WAKE UP LIKE EVERY TWO HOURS?
- IF A DEAF PERSON HAS TO GO TO COURT, IS IT STILL CALLED A HEARING?
- WHY ARE YOU **IN** A MOVIE, BUT YOU'RE **ON TV**?
- WHY DO PEOPLE PAY TO GO UP TALL BUILDINGS AND THEN PUT MONEY IN BINOCULARS TO LOOK AT THINGS ON THE GROUND?
- WHY DO DOCTORS LEAVE THE ROOM WHILE YOU CHANGE? THEY'RE GOING TO SEE YOU NAKED ANYWAY.
- WHY IS "BRA" SINGULAR AND "PANTIES" PLURAL?
- WHY DO TOASTERS ALWAYS HAVE A SETTING THAT BURNS THE TOAST TO A HORRIBLE CRISP, WHICH NO DECENT HUMAN BEING WOULD EAT?
- IF JIMMY CRACKS CORN AND NO ONE CARES, WHY IS THERE A STUPID SONG ABOUT HIM
- CAN A HEARSE CARRYING A CORPSE DRIVE IN THE CARPOOL LANE ?
- IF THE PROFESSOR ON GILLIGAN'S ISLAND CAN MAKE A RADIO OUT OF A COCONUT, WHY CAN'T HE FIX A HOLE IN A BOAT?
- WHY DOES GOOFY STAND ERECT WHILE PLUTO REMAINS ON ALL FOURS? THEY'RE BOTH DOGS!

*More at bottom of page 4*

## District 37-L Youth Exchange and Youth Camps

I have received questions over the past months regarding DISTRICT Youth Exchange and Youth Camps. A manual was put together by members of the 'Lions Opportunities for Youth' Committee over a period of several months, and was presented to Cabinet for approval in November 2007. Each Zone Chairperson was given a copy of this manual for information and use in their respective zones. To help clarify our District's (District 37-L) position please note the following excerpts from the Cabinet meeting of February 10, 2007 at Mayerthorpe, Alberta. I ask that you take specific note of requirements for host families.

### QUOTE

*11.4 Opportunities for Youth Programs – Lion Karen Olson reported that the Wembley and District Lions and the Grande Prairie Lions Clubs have decided to hold a "Northern Alberta Lions Youth Leadership Camp." It is NOT a District 37L endorsed camp. This is allowed under the rules of LCI.*

*11.4.1 Moved by Lion Karen Olson and seconded by Lion Carol Moeller that if District 37L is to endorse a youth camp, that a mandatory Volunteer police Information Check take place. This information will be included in District 37L's Youth Exchange Manual. CARRIED*

*11.4.2 Moved by Lion Karen Olson and seconded by Lion Lori Perley that Youth Exchange host families be inspected as previously approved by the District Governor or designate and have the Volunteer Police Information Checks done. This information is to be included in District 37L's Youth Exchange Policy Manual. (The cost of the police checks may be covered by hosting clubs) CARRIED*

*11.4.3 Moved by Lion Karen Olson and seconded by Lion Lori Perley that the position of Youth Exchange Country Coordinator be eliminated and all reference to the position be removed from the Youth Exchange policy manual. CARRIED*

*11.4.4 Moved by Lion Karen Olson and seconded by Lion Lori Perley that the Opportunities for Youth Chair be the coordinator for the Volunteer Police Information Checks. CARRIED*

*11.4.5 Moved by Lion Karen Olson and seconded by Lion Carol Moeller that no youth be accepted into District 37L youth activities until December 2007. CARRIED*

*11.4.6 Moved by Lion Karen Olson and seconded by Lion Margaret Potvin that the updated Youth Exchange Policy Manual be accepted as amended. CARRIED*

*11.4.7 Moved by PID Bill Webber and seconded by PDG Rick Chambers that the District Governor send a letter to the director of the Northern Alberta Lions Youth Leadership Camp and the presidents of the Wembley and District Lions Club and the Grande Prairie Lions Club, outlining District 37L cabinet position on Youth Camps and Youth Exchange. CARRIED*

### UNQUOTE

Most notably to be a recognized district activity the individuals involved in hosting youth exchange students and operating youth camps must be inspected by the DG or delegate AND have Volunteer Police Information Checks done. Several years ago the Multiple District completely DISBANDED Youth Exchange, allowing each district to determine whether or not they wish to participate. After extensive review our District chose to implement the afore-mentioned additions to existing policies.

We trust this clears up some confusion.

MD37 Convention, Kananaskis, May 2-3

Yours In Lionism, *DG Bill*

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## Peace Poster Contest

"Peace Begins With Me" is the theme of the 2008-09 Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Through the contest, students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

***Lions clubs order your kits before the rush!***

There are pictures of every year's winners at: [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/grand\\_prize\\_winners/index.htm](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/grand_prize_winners/index.htm)

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- IF WILE E. COYOTE HAD ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY ALL THAT ACME CRAP, WHY DIDN'T HE JUST BUY DINNER?
  - IF CORN OIL IS MADE FROM CORN, AND VEGETABLE OIL IS MADE FROM VEGETABLES, WHAT IS BABY OIL MADE FROM?
  - IF ELECTRICITY COMES FROM ELECTRONS, DOES MORALITY COME FROM MORONS?

- DO THE ALPHABET SONG AND TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR HAVE THE SAME TUNE?
- WHY DID YOU JUST TRY SINGING THE TWO SONGS ABOVE?
- WHY DO THEY CALL IT AN ASTEROID WHEN IT'S OUTSIDE THE HEMISPHERE, BUT CALL IT A HEMORRHOID WHEN IT'S IN YOUR BUTT?
- DID YOU EVER NOTICE THAT WHEN YOU BLOW IN A DOG'S FACE, HE GETS MAD AT YOU, BUT WHEN YOU TAKE HIM FOR A CAR RIDE, HE STICKS HIS HEAD OUT THE WINDOW?
- DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY YOU GAVE US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

*(Please refer all queries, complaints suggestions, vents, etc to PCC Lynne...)*

# MD 37 LIONS CAVALCADE for Diabetes

## Carstairs, Alberta, June 6 & 7, 2008

Meet for social time, and take in the MD Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Committee regular meeting on Friday June 6, 2007, at 7:00 PM in the Carstairs Arena; all are welcome to attend. Saturday features a silent auction, the parade (cavalcade), and a wind-up barbecue.

To those who have supported the project in the past we say thanks and look forward to your continued support. For those who haven't had an opportunity to support us yet we hope you will find some funds in your budget that can be directed to Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes to help Canadian Diabetes Association continue to operate the T.D.R.P. program now and in the future.

Thank you in advance for any and all donations, which can be made at the Lions Cavalcade event Parade of Green on June 7, 2008 or mailed to our Treasurer, Lion Bryant Ducheminsky, 931 Youville Dr. West NW, Edmonton, AB., T6L 6T2.

Lion Lorne Johnson, District 37-L Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Chairperson, 780 459 6210

Lion Dennis J Stevenson, PDG, MD 37 Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Chairperson, 403 295 0107, [pdg37e@telus.net](mailto:pdg37e@telus.net)

## Camping, Accommodation and Golfing Information

### CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND

The Carstairs Municipal Campground, known as "*The People Friendly Place*", is located on the east edge of Carstairs, at the corner of Centre Street and Highway 2A. The campground, located temptingly near the 18-hole Carstairs Golf Course, is open from the May long weekend to the end of September. A stay in our campground can bring you in contact with people from across Canada, Europe and the United States. The campground serves as the Town's Visitor Information Centre during the summer.

RVs - \$18 Cdn/night, Tents - \$13 Cdn/night (2006 rates), For more information, call Town Office at 403-337-3341

### HOTELS/MOTELS

Dominion Hotel, 115 - 10 Ave, Phone: 403-337-3013

10 air-conditioned rooms, car plug-ins, steak pit, dancing

Golden West Motor Inn, 912 Osler Street (on Hwy 2A across from the campground)

Phone: 403-337-3333 ... Fax: 403-337-3980, 17 units ... \$49 - \$69 per night

### RESTAURANTS

Burger Baron	853 Centre St,	337-3941
Carstairs Country Kitchen	1123 Osler St	337-3536
Carstairs Golf Course (seasonal)	North end of Hwy 2A	337-2058
Carstairs Inn Restaurant	320 - 10 Ave S	337-3223
Fireside Place Restaurant, The	115 - 10 Ave	337-3053
Hunter's Country Kitchen	523 - 10th Ave. S	
Mediterranean Pizza	837 Centre St	337-2718
Skinny Joe's	311 - 10th Ave. S	337-3202

**Cavalcade  
Registration  
form on the  
next page.**

### CARSTAIRS COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE

The Carstairs Community Golf Course is conveniently located within Town limits, just ½ km north of town on the east side of Highway 2A, 30 minutes north of Calgary. This is a full 18-hole, challenging golf course, featuring water hazards, sand traps, and beautifully landscaped grounds. The Carstairs Golf Club has enjoyed a continual series of upgrades and improvements since first opening in 1982.

The Carstairs Golf Course is becoming well known as one of the premiere courses in the area. The new clubhouse was built in 1992. Besides the practice green and driving range, amenities include licensed dining facilities in the clubhouse, snack bar and coffee shop, lessons, club rentals, pull or power carts, and of course, the Pro Shop. There is also an outdoor patio and barbecue facilities.

Well maintained, the course is ideal for all levels of play. The course plays over gently rolling farmland with mountain views to the west. Small copses of trees are scattered about the course but overall, the fairways play open. Greens are large (in the 6,000 to 7,000 square foot range) and vary from flat to undulating with some multi-tiered. Their bentgrass surfaces putt faster than most, and golfers new to the course may require a few holes to adjust their putting weight to local conditions.

For information on tee times, call General Manager, Dale Tomlinson at 403 337 2058.

**If you wish to find out more about Carstairs, Alberta, go to the following website:** <http://www.town.carstairs.ab.ca/>

# MD 37 LIONS CAVALCADE for Diabetes

## Carstairs, Alberta, June 6 & 7, 2008

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Name of Lion, Lioness, Leo or Guest

Club/District

Email

**Will be participating in Lions Cavalcade Parade:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Information re Parade staging area will be provided in registration package.

**Parade starts at 2:00 PM Saturday**

Please bring decorations and Club signs for your vehicles.

**Will be staying for Saturday BBQ:** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_

**Will be staying for Sunday Breakfast:** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_

Cost for Saturday BBQ: Adults: \$15.00 each, Children (6 – 12 years old) \$5.00 each

Cost of Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00 each, all ages.

Tickets for meals may be purchased by cheque made payable to:

**CALGARY NORTH HILL LIONS CLUB.**

For catering purposes we must have your paid registration by no later than **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. Extra meal tickets will be available at the registration table on Saturday morning. If there are enough people staying over for Sunday morning, a Pancake and sausage breakfast will take place on Sunday morning.

## **DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION ON SATURDAY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

Silent Auction starts at 10:00 AM Saturday in the Carstairs Arena

A list of camping facilities, motel accommodations and golf facilities is enclosed.

Please arrange your stay well in advance.

**THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM**

**PLEASE RETURN IT NO LATER THAN MAY 24, 2008 TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS**

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Calgary North Lions Club, Box 65069, RPO North Hill, Calgary, AB., T2N 4T6

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### **IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AND YOU WISH TO DONATE**

Please mail donation cheques to:

Lions Cavalcade c/o Lion Bryant Ducheminsky  
931 Youville Dr. West NW., Edmonton, AB., T6L 6T2

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_