

Lions Link

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Newsletter Submission Deadline: March 19



DG Tom has been keeping busy... In Grande Prairie, Lions Peter Tryon and Tammy Coulter with new Lions Peter and Jocelyn Ryan; DG Tom with Lion Karen Sunderland; Tammy Coulter with new Lion Sarah Blanton and DG Tom; and DG Tom inducting new Lions Carmen Limoges and Natalie Stith

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DG Tom's Corner

Lions: I am writing this message to you from Great Falls MT. I have just attended the Southern Alberta Rally with an attendance nearly the same as our Rally. They had some interesting and informative break-out sessions. Lion participation at the Rallies has improved significantly over the Mid-Winter Conference. The Rally format allows time for fun, fellowship and gaining leadership skills. Thanks go to all the organizing committees for a job well done.

There is not a great deal to report this month. Activities are still ongoing. I encourage all Lions to participate in other Lions Club functions. I am concerned about our membership. We are not increasing as fast as I had anticipated. The District needs your help to show a net improvement this year.

With this in mind I am asking for all Lions who are interested in attending

an Extension workshop on March 28 and 29, to confirm their attendance through a message to me.

I have been asked by Can-West Media to continue with the Alberta History CD project that was started by PCC Bill Engram. They wish to complete this worthwhile endeavour, but need more clubs to help complete the required forms. Your signature and financial statement is required, but all other paper work is completed by Can-West Media. We need 4 or 5 clubs to sign. Please help if you have not yet responded.

I am pleased with the Lions of District 37 L for their response to the disaster in Haiti. You are to be commended for your contributions.

The next cabinet meeting will be hosted by the Sherwood Park Lions Club on March 13 at the Robin Hood Association Learning Centre. Plan now to conduct your club elections and completion of your

annual reports and attending the MD Convention in Kalispell, MT. Your officer training and World Wide Induction Day is April 24, 2010 at the Victoria School, Edmonton. I encourage all Lions to attend. Watch for more information in your newsletter. That's all for now

- DG Tom

Calling for volunteers for Inner City Luncheon March 21st at Sacred Heart Church in Edmonton. We will require volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up for our upcoming luncheon. Shifts are 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, and 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please contact Ron Kasha (kashar@shaw.ca 780 487-0793) or Jane Chevalier (jchevalier@shaw.ca 780 468-7627) if you are able to assist.

IN SUPPORT OF LIONS QUEST, Edmonton Host Lions Club SERVES HOT LUNCH

Volunteers from the Edmonton Host Lions Club prepared and served a hot pasta lunch, complete with veggies, milk, and TimBits, to all students and staff at Inglewood Elementary School, on Winter Fun Day, Friday, February 5, 2010. Inglewood Elementary School implements the Lions Quest Program throughout its curriculum, and all teachers are trained in Lions Quest.

Thank you to PID Bill Webber for encouraging Lions Clubs to become more actively involved in supporting Lions Quest initiatives and the schools that implement this program.

I volunteered to take on the responsibility of acting as the LQ liaison with Inglewood School, and PID Bill and I met with the principal, Leona Gordey, on November 24, 2009 to discuss ways in which the Lions could get involved with activities at this school to promote not only Lions Quest, but Lions in general, in the Inglewood community.



Greg Holmes, Diane Ellerbeck, Carole Henson, Ron Kasha, Audrey Shonn, Larry Medd, Shannon Ethier, Terri Robson, and Principal Leona Gordey

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

Inglewood School is most unique, (probably the only school in Edmonton), in that no children are bussed in. All students live within walking distance, or are transported by caregivers, so all the families have close ties with this community school as it is "their" school, in "their" community.

Ms. Gordey has initiated various important incentive programs for all grades, based on the LQ outline, and she attributes the noticeable and dramatic fall in incidences of vandalism, playground infractions, and absenteeism, to the implementation of these Lions Quest program strategies. Parents are more involved and attendance at school functions is up. Just an excellent example of the value of Lions Quest!

And...I am happy to report that the pasta lunch was a great success and everyone had a good time. Simple,

fun-filled projects such as this, gives Lions members hands-on volunteer opportunities, and contributes much to supporting schools that use the Lions Quest Program... just one more way that Lions can become more visible in their communities.

So...what's YOUR club doing to support Lions Quest?

"Lions Quest" is a highly acclaimed positive prevention program, that helps kids to deal with the complex issues they face every day, and teaches and reinforces core ethical values such as trustworthiness, responsibility, kindness, honesty, integrity, courage, and service, within the school curriculum. This program exists in 50 countries all over the world through Lions Clubs International, and is available to students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

- Carole Henson

**You heard it here first:
PU-101
season comes right
after RRSP Season!**

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

ST ALBERT LIONS CLUBS 19TH ANNUAL BEER & BEANS BASH

Saturday, February 27/ 2010

Location: St. Albert Community Hall
17 Perron Street St. Albert

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Lunch 10:00pm
Silent Auction & Dancing until Midnight

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

For tickets: please call

Lion Gerry Gorgichuk	780 459 7751
Lion Dave Hiatt	780 459 4144
Lion Tom Flynn	780 459 3943



Not being of sound mind and able body, I missed the deadline for the last 'Link'. I believe the saying "better late than never" applies here. First of all a huge thank you to the Hanna, St. Albert Host, Edmonton Jolly Fellows, Rimbey, Edmonton Host and Fort Saskatchewan Lions Clubs for their outstanding Olympic events at the Northern Rally. They were all great fun, very inventive and everyone enjoyed them immensely. Thanks also to Lions Carol Moeller and DG Lion Tom Hodgson for the 'shiny' medals they put together for all the winners.

Our Friday night mixer theme was obviously the Olympics and being that the Special Olympics is a Lions International project, the rally committee agreed that it would also be a good mix to have Special Olympic athletes involved. Involved they were, and what superb job they did from our guest speaker to the event judges, many thanks guys. Thanks also to Lion David Coates for coordinating the judges and to Carmen Charron from Special Olympics Edmonton for our guest speaker and also for the picture.

- Lion Wanda Coates, Committee member



With family and friends arriving for Christmas there are always extra mouths to feed. In a win-win situation, the Tumbler Ridge Lions Club offered raffle tickets on a \$250, well stocked food hamper for the affordable price of 3 tickets for \$2. The proceeds of the raffle, of course, are recycled back into the community. Club president Frank Walsh looks on as Kelly Hachey draws the winning ticket. Second and third place prizes were also awarded.

- Dina Haavind



Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?", they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies "Yes, I'm positive."

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.

Canadian Diabetes Association Recycle Programs

Project Redial™ You can donate your “retired” cell phone using one of three easy options.

Donate your cell phone(s) by dropping them off at participating Value Village stores or any of our Canadian Diabetes Association offices. To find the location nearest you, call **1-800-505-5525**.

You can also have your old cell phone(s) collected through the Clothesline program by calling **1-800-505-5525** and arranging for a free pick up when donating other items. Or simply place the cell phone(s) in a plastic bag with your, to be recycled empty printer cartridges and call the Diabetes Recycle Ink toll free number **1-877-232-6730 (Ext. 238)**.

Diabetes Recycle Ink The Diabetes Recycle Ink. program provides people across the country with a FREE, convenient way to recycle their empty or expired inkjet and laser cartridges. Simply place your cartridges in a communal collection bin or become a [Program Partner](#) . For a list of communal sites in your area contact:

* Graham Dufresne graham.dufresne@diabetes.ca **1-800-BANTING (226-8464) Ext. 7212**

Collection Bin Sponsorship Collection Bin Sponsors simply agree to house a Diabetes Recycle Ink collection bin on their premises. This allows for individual donation at a central location. When the minimum cartridges level is reached you simply call the toll free number and we will come to collect. Registration is FREE and it will allow you to make a difference in your community. To register as a collection bin sponsor click on the link below and follow the instructions provided. Once registered, we will send you a start-up package.

For more information call

1-800-BANTING (Ext. 7212)

or email graham.dufresne@diabetes.ca

or go to <http://www.diabetes.ca/get-involved/supporting-us/clothesline/>

- **PDG Dennis Stevenson**

Awards

Many members of our clubs are quite simply OUTSTANDING! Is your club looking to recognize someone? Please allow a minimum of six weeks to receive any awards or fellowships.

Harry A Newman Award: From the Canadian Diabetes Association this award, named after the first Canadian President of Lions Clubs International, recognizes club member efforts and helps the Canadian Diabetes Association battle a global threat affecting millions worldwide. Check out the Harry A Newman Award at: <http://www.diabetes.ca/get-involved/supporting-us/harry-newman-diabetes-award/>

Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award: to recognize outstanding Lions and other deserving recipients. To order, just print and fill in the Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award application form <http://www.dogguides.com/need/JBSform.htm> and mail to Lions Foundation of

Canada with fee.

The **Melvin Jones Fellowship Program** was established in 1973 in honor of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. LCIF's highest honor is given to those whose contributions illustrate a significant commitment to humanitarian service and allows LCIF to perform such miracles as preserving sight, combating disability, promoting health and providing disaster relief. Applications available at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/lcif42.pdf>

The Lions-Quest Canada Fellowship was established in 2003 to recognize Lions and other deserving recipients who truly care about Canadian children, regardless of the challenges they may face or the gifts they may possess. Download application found at: <http://www.thrivecanada.ca/snapfiles/PDFs/FellowshipApplication.pdf>

Bill Webber Fellowship Program

Lions Eye Bank (Alberta) Society

The Bill Webber Fellowship Program began in July 1997 and was named after PID Bill Webber to honor his contributions to the Lions Eye Bank over many years. Complete application found at <http://act4sight.com/webber.pdf>

Jack and Denise Isaman/CNIB Fellowship

Funds received are used by the CNIB to help provide services for people with vision loss throughout Alberta. Contact: CNIB Edmonton Sharon McIntyre directly at: 780-453-8333

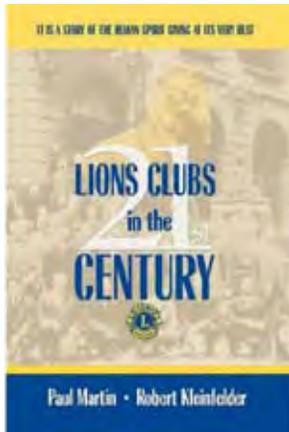
Dr. Jack DoBush Fellowship

To recognize Outstanding Lions and other deserving recipients, The late P.I.D. Lion Jack DoBush, along with The Alberta Diabetes Foundation for the Edmonton Protocol and the Can Tab Project for underprivileged diabetic children. Lions of Alberta Foundation c/o Lion Lois Cadue Email: LBCAD@TELUS.NET

- **Karen Olson**



Grande Prairie Mayor Mayor Dwight Logan at the presentation of "The City of Grande Prairie 2009 George Repka Award Recognizing Lynne & Donna Coulter In appreciation of longstanding, outstanding volunteer service to the community", January 25, 2010



This 383-page publication, with more than 70 photographs, surveys the nine decades in which Lions have been a moving force for community and humanitarian service, and looks to the future to consider how Lions can further enhance their position as leaders in answering human needs. The purchase price for Item number S47, Lions Clubs in the 21st Century, is US\$29.95 from the Club Supplies Division at International Headquarters. The book may be ordered by calling the Club Supplies Sales Department at 1-630-571-5466 or 1-800-710-Lions Link **February 22, 2010**

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

EDMONTON CHINESE LIONS CLUB'S
30TH ANNIVERSARY
 CELEBRATION
 SERVING FROM THE HEART

<p>DATE MAY 8, 2010</p> <p>PLACE CHA FOR TEA PALACE 17512 STONY PLAIN ROAD</p> <p>TIME COCKTAIL 6:00PM DINNER 7:00PM</p> <p>PRICE \$35.00</p>	<p>THE EDMONTON CHINESE LIONS CLUB IS TURNING 30 THIS YEAR! THIS IS YOUR SPECIAL INVITATION TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR CLUB ANNIVERSARY. YOU'LL BE IN GOOD COMPANY WITH CHARTER AND REGULAR LIONS CLUB MEMBERS, AS WELL AS OUR ESTEEMED INTERNATIONAL 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, DR. WING-KUN TAM.</p>	 <p>LIONS CLUB'S INTERNATIONAL 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, DR. WING-KUN TAM.</p>
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FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT
 LION KEITH WU @ (780) 944-6490
 LION BOB HIEW @ (780) 993-8016
 LION BING UNG @ (780) 907-2298
 EMAIL AT: LIONS30PROMO@GMAIL.COM

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7822 (U.S. only). The department's e-mail is Clubsupplies@Lionsclubs.org. The book is presently available in English only with translation into other languages under consideration. Please make every effort in encouraging clubs and Lions in your district to secure a copy of this book. Indeed, every club should have one for enjoyment and reference, and clubs may even consider providing new members with a copy upon induction. Also, libraries (public and school) in the area served by the

club would welcome a copy for their shelves. In addition, your district and Lions clubs may choose to provide a copy to guest speakers and other community leaders.

CDN \$34.52 + shipping and handling, from amazon.ca

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING AND WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Entry Form at the
end of this Link**

Saturday, April 24, 2010

**Victoria School for Performing and Visual Arts
10210 - 108 Avenue, Edmonton, AB**

**Registration starts at 08:30am - Assembly at 9:00am - 3:00pm wrap
Good Food and Coffee Breaks
and lots of fellowship!**

~~GUEST SPEAKER: TBA~~

**Training for Presidents, Vice-Presidents/Directors, Treasurers, Secretaries, Tail Twisters, and
Zone Chairs**

New Lions Orientation & Information Session

**And...you don't have to be a Club Officer to attend a Training Session
All new Lions are encouraged to sit in on the training session of their choice.**

~Induction of New Lions~

**Family members and sponsors - join with fellow Lions, around the world, and take part in our
significant and meaningful
*Special Candlelight Ceremony***

**Club Presidents: please encourage your club officers to attend, and cover their costs - this is
classed as an "Educational Event"
~Small charge for lunch~**

**Email Lion Carole Henson to book your attendance clh@tbwif.ca
before April 16, 2010**

Lions Foundation of Canada

2010 Maple Leaf Weekend Raffle

Coordinated by the Grande Prairie Lions Club

Grand Prize: A Maple Leaf Weekend (est. \$3400 value)

- Return airfare to Toronto for 2
- 2 nights accommodation
- Tour of Lions Foundation of Canada, with lunch
- Dinner on the Saturday evening
- 2 tickets to a Toronto Maple Leaf hockey game at the Air Canada Centre (date to be mutually arranged)

Secondary Prizes: One(1) of 3; 14 kt gold necklace with .02 carat total diamond wt.(value \$950 ea.)

Draw to be held at 7:05 PM on May 4th, 2010 at the Lions Learning Centre, 9625 Prairie Road, Grande Prairie, AB.

Tickets will be distributed to all Lions clubs in Alberta. Tickets shall not be sold or registered to a person under 18 years of age.

**11,000 tickets have been printed. Price, \$2.00 each
License # 288172**

Monday, March 8th, 2010 International Women's Day 2010 Edmonton *Inspiring Women*

IWD Inspiring Women

Awards and Dinner (6:00-9:00 pm)

The dinner will include the launch of an award to recognize local women who are seen as leaders, advocates and mentors in their community and/or profession and have inspired others in many ways.

Five Inspiring Women awards will be presented for the first time during the evening banquet.

Main focus is to Celebrate Womanhood and Sisterhood

W.I.S.H. Forum

(4:00-5:30 pm)

Presentations:

1. Human Rights and Family Violence Issues Affecting Women;
2. Impact of Religion on Women;
3. Barriers to Women's Participation in Public Office and Employment Equity; and
4. Emerging Issues on Women's Health and Well Being

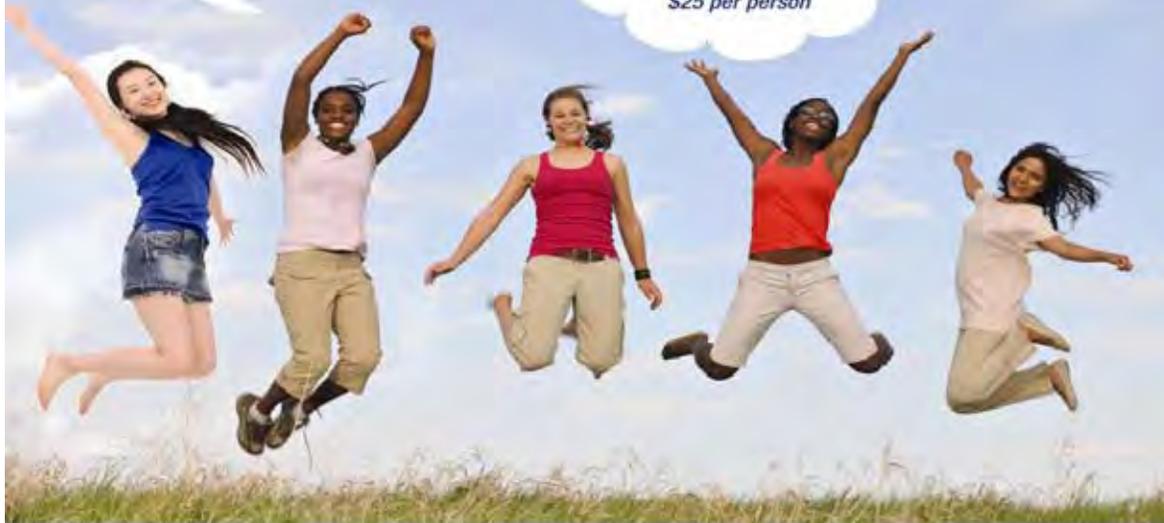
Dynasty-Century

Palace Restaurant

200-9700 105 Avenue

4:00 to 9:00 pm

\$25 per person



Organizers

Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation - Chinese Graduates Association of Alberta

The Photographic Arts Society of Alberta - Edmonton Chinese Lions Club

For more information, sponsorship or tickets to the 2010 IWD Event, please contact Lan Chan-Marples, 780-446-3386 or lchan_marples@yahoo.com or Florence Yeung at 780-716-3282 or floreyung@gmail.com.

A multicultural International Women's Day will be celebrated on March 8, 2010 in Edmonton. The Edmonton Chinese Lions Club is a proud sponsor of this event. At this event, our club will present an *Inspiring Women Award* to a "Lion" from a MD37L Lions Club. To find out whom our club will honor with the first IW awards, come to the Forum and Dinner! For tickets, please contact Lion Stacey Chan at chanstacey@hotmail.com or call (780) 993-7570.

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

District Calendar

2010

3	13	37L Cabinet Meeting	Sherwood Park	DG Tom papa.count@hotmail.com
4	24	World Wide Induction Day and Club Officer Training	Edmonton	Carole Henson clh@tbwifi.ca
5	14-15	MD37 Convention	Kalispell, MT	
6	4-6	Lions Cavalcade	Taber	
6/28-7/2		International Convention	Sydney, Australia	Lions International lionsclubs.org
7	22	CapitalEx Parade	Edmonton	John Cragg jcragg@telusplanet.net
9	23-25	USA/Canada Forum	Milwaukee, WI	Lions International lionsclubs.org
11		37L Convention	Drayton Valley	PDG Jim Reid

2011

1	21-22	Regional Rally	Rimbey	Gwen Olson brix.construction@yahoo.ca
5	?	MD37 Convention	Medicine Hat	
7	4-8	International Convention	Seattle, WA	Lions International lionsclubs.org
9	22-24	USA/Canada Forum	Anchorage, AL	Lions International lionsclubs.org
11		37L Convention	Ft. Saskatchewan	

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5	17-19	MD37 Convention	Athabasca	PCC Gordon Topps
6	22-26	International Convention	Busan, Korea	Lions International lionsclubs.org
9	14-16	USA/Canada Forum	Tampa Bay, FL	Lions International lionsclubs.org

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7	5-9	International Convention	Hamburg, Germany	Lions International lionsclubs.org
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District Governor's Visitation Schedule

February 23	Edmonton Korean
March 13	Cabinet meeting Sherwood Park
March 23	Jasper Place
March 27	Millwoods
June 19	June 19
May 10 or 20	High Prairie
June 10	Yellowknife
June 11 or 12	Hay River
June 19	Cabinet Meeting Edmonton Host

A group of friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.

LIONS VILLAGE

Affordable Transportation to Lions MD Convention, Kalispell MT

Departing Thursday, May 13th ~ 7:00 a.m.
Returning Sunday, May 16th ~ 8:00 a.m.

offering: **47 Passenger Highway Coach Service**



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Snacks and Beverages, including Transportation to and from Kalispell for only:

\$ 160.00 /person Edmonton Departure**

Red Deer Departure \$ 150.00**

Calgary Departure \$ 140.00**

**A \$20.00 non-refundable reservation deposit will be required with balance due one week prior to departure.
VISA and Mastercard, Cash or Cheque payable to: Lions Village
Please note that meals enroute will be pre-arranged.

Call Alan to make your reservation at 780.446.5914 or email c77r@shaw.ca

A not-for-profit service supporting seniors in the greater Edmonton area.



**CLUB OFFICER TRAINING &
WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010
VICTORIA SCHOOL FOR PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS
10210 – 108 Avenue, Edmonton, AB
Registration at 08:30 am
Assembly at 09:00 am
~Lunch and Coffee Breaks~
Wrap at 3:00 pm**



CLUB OFFICER TRAINING REGISTRATION

Name (Lion, Lioness, Leo)	
Club	District
Address	
City	Postal Code
Phone	E-mail
Club Officer Training Session (see below for choices)	

<u>TRAINING SESSIONS:</u>	
~ Club President	~ Secretary
~ Vice-President/Director	~ Tail Twister
~ Treasurer	~ Zone Chair

Any questions? Please email clh@tbwifi.ca

<p><u>WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY REGISTRATION</u> Special Candlelight Induction Ceremony for all new Lions ~ Family members encouraged to attend ~</p>
Are you a new Lion?
If yes, your sponsor's name:
Date joined:
Number of people attending with you (for food and refreshments) . _____ . (there will be a break-even charge for lunch)

IMPORTANT: Please email registration to Lion Carole Henson clh@tbwifi.ca before **April 16, 2010**