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DG Wanda's email

Please use the following address only as she will be away from her office for some time.

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PCC Bill Engram

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to Lion Bill Engram (PDG, PCC). One cannot extol enough the great virtues of Lion Bill; his passion for Lions, his endless hours of service, his caring and compassionate nature, his great love of his family and of course his wonderful sense of humour. Lion Bill wasn't just a great Lion he was a great person and we will miss him. Be sure to keep Lion Shirley and their daughters in your prayers during this difficult time.

Bill passed away peacefully on February 20, 2013 at the age of 72 years.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Shirley; children, Wanda (James) Alpaugh, and Teta Engram; five grandchildren; sisters, Beth (Archie) Kenny, Jeannie (Roland) Herritt and Phyllis (Derek) Dinham; sisters-in-law, Debbie Beauchemin, Cindy (Rick) Joubert; brother-in-law, Rick Kinaschuk; as well as nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, Annie and Archie; and sisters, Melita and Leona.



DG Wanda's Notes

It's that time again: the monthly DG message. I have to tell you I'm somewhat at a loss for words (I know, very unusual). In our travels to the clubs of District 37L I have been so impressed with the work you do in your communities. Clubs with as few as 4 active members providing the same service as that of clubs with many more active members. It is incredible to say the least.

Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson has called on all Districts to rectify the situation of clubs with less than 20 members. I realize in some situations that's easier said than done and I have been told by some clubs that they

are more interested in quality than quantity. That being said we really do need to take stock of what's going to happen to those clubs when the quantity of quality Lions is further reduced in size. "In a World of Service" who will provide those hands of service to the community? Look to your communities for the quality people you strive to be and ask those individuals to join your club. You will find that it may be all that's needed is to just ask. Should you wish to seek the assistance of the District and have an Extension Workshop please don't hesitate to call. Additionally, don't be surprised to get a phone call from PDG Donna or PCC Tom wanting to visit your club.

My thanks for all you do.

Membership Notes

Its time to get started with this post Christmas push for membership. The last count I heard was 1207 and hopefully it's higher now.

I am preparing another visitation schedule - please let me know when you would be available, any preferences about where you would like to visit and also if I forgot anyone. Lets hope we can get the final 43 in good time to hold a special 37L meeting prior to the MD convention. We can't give up now!!

The statistics tell me that those clubs visited had a great deal more new members than those that weren't visited. please contact me at 789-998-3865 or gmawoz@shaw.ca

- PDG Donna Wozney

District Converntion Note

7 members of the Edmonton Jolly Fellows Lions Club were presented with MD Life Memberships by Past District Govenor Donna Wozney, at the Convention held in Edmonton at the Sands Hotel last November. All 7 members are also Lions Life Members and Melvin Jones Fellows. These Lions members donated the most money from one club in all of Canada.

- Lion Dawn Howe

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.



Devon Lions club secretary, Ian Sinclair, poses with chair recipients, Freda Deacon (left) and Gordon Akinneah (middle).

Devon Lions Donate Two Power Wheelchairs

In January 2013, the Lions club of Devon Alberta donated two power wheelchairs to the Canadian Paraplegic Association (AB). The hope was that they would go to two deserving clients who required new chairs and were looking to become more independent in the community. Long time members of CPA (AB), Gordon Akinneah and Freda Deacon were chosen as recipients.

Gordon has expressed interest in returning to school and work in the community, "having a power wheelchair will benefit my family in many ways" he says. "Rather than relying on others to push me around, I can be more independent. I will be able to go shopping on my

own, and attend therapy without any assistance."

Freda had received her new chair and immediately noticed a difference in her life, "Since receiving the chair barely 2 weeks ago, I feel safer in my own home and I'm feeling more independent, my ability to clean the house is much easier. With the power chair, I will be able to take the bus to work when I find a part time job". Along with the new chairs, the Lions club will be providing lifetime maintenance on the chairs for its users.

The Canadian Paraplegic Association would like to thank the Lions Club for their generosity and work with the disabled community. For more information on Lions Clubs in your area, please visit lionsclubs.org.

I had amnesia once---or twice



Vimy Lions Champagne Breakfast Saturday March 2nd, 2013

Tickets are \$15.00 at the door.
Breakfast will be at 10:00^{am}
Doors will open at 9:00^{am}



Please RSVP to the Vimy Lions e-mail at vimylions@shaw.ca if you are planning to attend so we have some idea of the number of people coming.

Deadline Correction for Lions Foundation of Canada Director Nomination: April 1

Call For Nominations from the Canadian Lions of MD 37

At our MD 37 District Convention to be held in Helena, Montana on May 17 – 18, 2013, there will be an election for the following office:

- Alberta Provincial Director for Lions Foundation of Canada (Dog Guides) for 2014 – 2017.

Nominations for this position are to be received by the MD 37 Office before **April 1, 2013**. They can be sent by email to cst.tim@mvcinc.ca or mailed to MD 37 Office, 147 Rocky Ridge Bay NW, Calgary, AB, T3G 4E7

The following are the qualification for the position for you information:

ARTICLE 5 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS

Section 1: To qualify as a Candidate for Provincial Director on the Lions Foundation of Canada Board, he or she must;

- (a) Be a Lion in good standing; and
- (b) Any one of the following:
 - (i) Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the Provincial Director
 - (ii) Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the District Governor
 - (iii) Served as the Multiple District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the Council Chairman
 - (iv) Has served as District Governor, and has participated in the Lions Foundation of Canada's orientation program;
 - (v) Has served as a Representative, appointed by the Lions Foundation of Canada Board promoting and supporting one of the Lions Foundation of Canada projects.
- (c) It shall be the duty of the sitting Director to advise the selecting body of the qualifications required to be nominated as a Provincial Director.

Section 2:

- (a) All nominations as a candidate for the position of Provincial Director shall come as the result of whatever process has been adopted by each individual province for selection of its Provincial Director, and all such nominations, together with a resume of the candidate's Qualifications, including but not limited to his/her Business Experience, Community Activity, Lionistic Record and Current Involvement, must be received at the Foundation's Head Office in Oakville, on or before December 31st, of the year immediately preceding the year the Director would be elected to office.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the current Director to notify the Corporation in writing of the name and address of the candidate for Director for his or her Province &/or Territory.

Section 3: All nominations received by Lions Foundation of Canada for the position of Provincial Director are subject to final approval, without prejudice by the Board of Directors of the Lions Foundation of Canada provided the nominee meets the qualifications set out in Section #1. Such approval shall be at the mid-winter meeting held each year. (See Policy Manual: Appendix 1, for Provincial Selection Procedures).

District Promotional Items

Now is the time to consider using the District 37L Parade Float during 2013 which is being upgraded this winter.

It is available to be rented from the District on a first come - first served basis at a fee of \$300.

Also available is a Lion Mascot Suit that is included.

Edmonton Southgate have the inflatable lion character "Melvin" that is also available to be rented at a fee of \$100.

Lion Joh Cragg 780 435-1948

jcragg@telusplanet.net

District 37L Colouring Books

District labelled colouring books are once again available from Lion Karen Olson. Contact her for more information:

4707 131 Avenue NW, Edmonton
T5A3G7

LIONKAREN37L@shaw.ca

780 476 6092

**Order Deadline:
March 14, 2013**

*I planted some bird seed.
A bird came up.
Now I don't know what to feed it.*

**Everything You
Need to Know
About Lions and
Lions Clubs**

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/
member-center/index.php](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/index.php)



Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.

January 26, 2013 the Edmonton Oil Kings faced off against the Brandon Wheat Kings and of course, we Lion Kings were also there. 160 Lions from Edmonton and surrounding areas were there to cheer on the winning team (the Oil Kings of course). In addition to that, as you can see by the picture (featuring Cabinet Secretary Carol Moeller) we were there at the main entrance to greet everyone as they came in and had our PR handouts ready for distribution (apropos that the Oil King mascot is also a Lion). All the Lions that came were in their Lions shirts and we were recognized on the digital billboard as well. This was a great PR opportunity and although there were a few glitches we are planning on making it an annual event.

- DG Wanda

The Edmonton Millwoods Breakfast Lions Club
invites one and all to attend the
20th Annual Gong-a-thon and Charter Breakfast
to be held March 23, 2013, 10:00 AM
at the Royal Canadian Legion, Norwood Branch
11150 - 82 Street, Edmonton
Cost \$18 per person
Speakers: Lion Ken Pohl and Lion Wendy Sperle
Life in a Dark World
Please contact Lion Dorothy Harris at
780 921 2510 or dotdot@telus.net

RSVP by March 19, please!





Opening Doors to Independence

Lions Foundation of Canada is excited to announce the launch of its Opening Doors to Independence campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1 million to launch a sixth Dog Guide program while increasing its service of the current five Dog Guide programs. To do so, there will be a renovation and expansion of the Oakville training centre to meet the needs well into the future as more people will be served from coast to coast.

Diabetic Alert Dog Guides is the new program currently being developed. These Dog Guides will be able to save

lives as they can detect and alert to sudden and life threatening extreme changes in blood glucose levels of people with type 1 diabetes (with hypoglycemic unawareness).

The campaign's sole purpose is to garner support to create more Dog Guide partnerships that help people with disabilities open the door to greater independence. This will ensure that Lions Foundation of Canada continues as a leader in its field, assisting a growing number of Canadians with a broad range of disabilities.

For more information, contact Lion Dorothy Harris dotdot@telus.net



Your intrepid editor had a very good holiday: too much sun, too much rum, and sand in his shorts, thank you; but came home to a major computer crash, not to mention the usual snow and cold. Some files and emails were lost in the crash, so I apologize in advance if I missed or lost something important.

- **Hank Hoekstra**

District Calendar

2013

5 16-18 MD37 Convention
7 5-9 International Convention
9 27-28 37S Convention
10 4-5 37N Convention
10 18-19 37I Convention
11 1-2 37L Convention

Helena, MT
Hamburg, Germany
Red Lodge, MT
Hamilton, MT
St Paul, AB
Westlock, AB

Lions International lionsclubs.org

Vimy & District

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

2015

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

Bozeman, MT
Honolulu

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



Lions Lynne and Donna Coulter of the Grande Prairie Lions Club received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on January 22. They have over 80 years of Lionism between them. And PCC Lynne turned 75 last month!

3 Club Charter Night

*Beaverlodge, Grane Prairie
and Trumpeter Lions Clubs*

May 25 ,2013

Grande Prairie Legion

6 pm cocktails, 6:30 supper
\$15 per person

Contact Mary Hemmingway
780 532 2951
mhemmin@hotmail.com



Lions Clubs International
Multiple District 37 Convention
May 17 & 18, 2013
Helena, Montana



Name:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Companion:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Mailing address: Street: City: Postal/Zip Code:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

Please fill in ALL boxes above as this data is required.

Registration (Received by April 1, 2013)	_____ x \$100.00 = _____
Late Registration (Received by April 15, 2013)	_____ x \$110.00 = _____
On Site Registration (May 5, 2013 or later)	_____ x \$120.00 = _____
Non Registered Companion Awards Banquet – Friday	_____ x \$ 40.00 = _____
Non Registered Companion Governors' Banquet – Saturday	_____ x \$ 40.00 = _____
Non Registered Companion Lunch – Saturday	_____ x \$ 21.00 = _____
Total	= _____

Registration includes Saturday Lunch and Friday & Saturday Banquets.

Special Diet/Allergies: Please specify – Diabetic ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Allergies: _____

Cash ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit Card – VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐

All Monies are in U.S. Funds

Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____

Security Code _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Mail to:
MD37 Convention
1215 11th Ave.
Helena, MT 59601

Contact:
Lion Wayne Hintz
Phone: 406-443-6220
Email: whintz@burghervision.com

Contact:
Lion Bill Gowen
Phone: 406-442-4445

Fax to:
406-442-5659



Make checks payable to: MD 37 Convention

All Lions are responsible for their own Hotel/Motel reservations.

Convention Headquarters: Red Lion Colonial Hotel – 2301 Colonial Drive Phone: 406-443-2100 or reservations@helenacolonial.com. Room rates in the Lions block are \$99.95 plus taxes per night. (Rooms on hold until May 3, 2013).

Refund Policy: If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund will be issued only if written request is received prior to April 19, 2013. Refunds may be allowed within a 30 day period after the convention provided the Lion contacts the host committee and a written application is made to the Council Chair through the District Governor and Club President.

Entry Forms for All MD37 and District Conventions are now available at: <http://md37lions.org/>

The advantage is that the forms on the WEBSITE are fillable - you can type directly onto them. From the homepage click on Conventions, then the logos on the right.