

Lions Link



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District 37L's Peace Poster contest winner, titled "Peace Begins With Me": by Madison Johnstone, Neil M. Ross Elementary School, St. Albert.

- PDG Harvey Atkinson

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DG Roger's notes...

Hello Lions!

Once again it is Link time. This has been a busy travel month, with some visitations as well as travel to the District 'O' convention in Canmore. They had 350 attendees to their convention. There were two candidates for 1st Vice Governor and two candidates for 2nd Vice Governor.

Ok people, it is time for eligible candidates for 2nd Vice Governor to step forward! DGE Tom and I cannot do it all, we have been talking to eligible candidates but have not found one to say yes, yet. How about some of you in the areas outside of Edmonton?

With our convention in Devon coming up on November 6th and 7th, it is time to start making plans to attend. I am sure that Devon will do a great job on convention. Any club or clubs or zone can put in a bid for the 2010 District convention. I am working with a club bidding for 2010, but a firm proposal has not been made yet.

We have some exciting plans coming from our MERL team, we will have more information very soon.

Plans for World Wide Induction Day (WWID) and Club Officer training are also in the works. The date will be April 25th with the location to be announced soon.

A note to all clubs, it is very important that you report all new members

immediately on your MMR so that we can have an accurate list of new members for WWID as well as for our district records with International.

Plans are proceeding for the CapitalEX parade. We would like to have a large presence in the Parade. Anyone that is interested in helping out can contact me for more information.

Next cabinet meeting will be March 14th in Fort Saskatchewan, all Lions are welcome to attend, not just those on cabinet, more information on location, time etc. will be available in the next link.

This weekend will be the final Mid Winter Conference and will be held in Bozeman, MT. Next year the Mid Winter Conference will be replaced with three regional Rallies. One in Montana, one in Southern Alberta and one in Northern Alberta, District L and I. Location has not been determined yet. How a club or clubs or zone to host it. Most of the work such as program, date and location have not been arranged yet. It will be a joint effort by District L and I.

Well, time to close and continue with preparations for Mid Winter and the Council of Governors meeting to be held in Bozeman prior to the conference.

- DG Roger



PDG Donna Coulter does the honours: Glenn & Kathryn MacKenzie, guarded by sponsor Noreen Weiss, are inducted to Beaverlodge Lions Club

Vimy Lions Champagne Breakfast

Vimy Community Hall
Saturday February 7, 2009
Doors open at 9:00 am
breakfast at 10:00 am

Come join us.

Please RSVP with the number of your club members that are planning to attend to vimylions@shaw.ca

A reply by January 24, 2009 would be greatly appreciated

To all Lions Clubs of District 37 L:

At a recent meeting of the MERL team and other interested Lions, the suggestion arose that to assist the group in promoting Lionism in our District, that it would be advantageous to have a list of all activities and projects that your club is involved in.

This can mean International, District and community. We are trying to inform our public of all the good works that Lions do.

So, with your help, we hope to achieve the first item towards a public relations campaign to assist all clubs in gaining new members.

Please help, send your list to me.

- VDG Lion Tom Hodgson

St Albert Lions Clubs 18th Annual Beer & Beans Bash

Saturday, February 28/ 2009 St. Albert Community Hall
17 Perron Street St. Albert

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Lunch 10:00pm
Silent Auctio & Dancing until 12:00pm

Tickets: \$20.00 per person; please call:

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

District directories

are available from VDG Tom Hodgson @ \$3.00; make cheques payable to District 37L. The Directory is also online at www.district37L.com

Yellowknife Lions Club

Box 1029, Yellowknife, NT
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13 November 2008

NORTHERN ALBERTA AMPUTEE PROGRAMME

I bring greetings to you and your Club from the members of the Yellowknife Lions Club. I hope you have a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

During the lunch session at the District 37L Convention in Grande Prairie on 8 November 2008 we had two speakers talk about the Northern Alberta Amputee Programme. For those that weren't in attendance, you missed a very informative talk about those that have undergone amputation, how their lives had changed and what they must live with.

One of the speakers was Master Corporal Paul Franklin a young medic who served with the Canadian Military in Afghanistan. On 15 January 2006 a suicide bomber attacked MCpl Franklin's convoy. This event changed his life in an instant. He found himself lying against a wall with his left leg gone and the right leg destroyed. A fellow soldier, whom MCpl Franklin had just instructed on the application of a new tourniquet, used that training to save his life. It should be noted that the other three persons riding in the vehicle were killed.

After long and arduous medical treatment, MCpl Franklin faces life as a double above the knee amputee. He eventually found himself at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital in Edmonton, where he put his energies into rehabilitation and recovery. On March 24, 2006, just two months after his initial injury and one month after his last surgery, he walked with artificial legs for the first time.

It was at this time he discovered a new passion...to help other amputees.

Interacting with injured patients and amputees, and seeing how hard the hospital staff was working to care for these individuals, he had the idea to start a charity to support the efforts being made in amputee care. After extensive consultation with his health care professionals, he co-founded the Northern Alberta Amputee Program (NAAP) with Dr. Jackie Hebert and the support of the University of Alberta.

NAAP is a non-profit organization with the goal to enhance rehabilitation knowledge and care of people with amputation. NAAP provides a new opportunity for patients and healthcare providers to work together to enhance community support, education, research and clinical advancement in amputation rehabilitation and recovery. They focus on three major areas:

Research; Education; and Support.

Individually, each of these areas contributes to the specific needs of amputee patients, their families, and the health care providers that work with them. Together – Research, Education and Support forms the Triangle of Care that helps amputees and their families to recover their best independent function.

With support of NAAP, amputees will benefit from comprehensive care and support throughout their life. Using physical fitness and an active lifestyle as an essential part of successful rehabilitation and recovery, NAAP and the Franklin Fund support the activities that promote quality of life for people with amputation.

How can we as Lions help? As a new organization, NAAP has many challenges and needs. Their biggest

need at this time is staff. Other than a few volunteers, only Paul Franklin and Dr Hebert are full time staff. This causes a large workload and limits the support and assistance that can be provided. As well, Dr Hebert is the Clinical Director of the Adult Amputee Programme at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital and an Assistant Professor with the University of Alberta in the Faculty of Medicine, Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. As you can see, she is a very busy lady!

In discussions with Dr Hebert it was learned that the best way that we as Lions can help is to provide funding so NAAP can hire a part time Programme Coordinator to organize various clinics, programmes and services. It would cost approximately \$25,000.00 yearly for this person.

As NAAP was just recently endorsed by District 37L as a project, I am soliciting the support of your Club. Any funds your Club wishes to provide can be sent to the Lions of Alberta Foundation. I am in the process of setting up a trust account for NAAP with LOAF. Contact information is: Lions of Alberta Foundation, 44 Straddock Crescent S.W., Calgary, AB T3H 2T2. The Treasurer is Lion Ollie Borgedahl.

I am also looking for a Club or a Lions member in the Edmonton area to volunteer to seek funding from the Wildrose Foundation or other such provincial organization. Being from Yellowknife, it is difficult for me to access these funds.

Your support is very much appreciated no matter what it may be.

Yours truly, Don Finnamore, Zone 1A Chair

The District 37L MERL committee is trying to put an entry into the upcoming 2009 CapitalEx Parade in Edmonton. All clubs in the District are asked for suggestions as to the content of that entry, and advise if they have items that could be used such as Lion Mascot Outfits, Banners, Etc. This information is needed by March 15, 2009 and should be submitted to:
Lion John Cragg,
Parade Coordinator, jcragg@telusplanet.net

HELP WANTED

I am looking for a few qualified or talented Lions members to be part of my team. There are openings in District Cabinet positions. If you are interested in being involved with any particular committee, I would like to know. However, I cannot guarantee every Lion a position.

The District needs a 2nd Vice District Governor & Zone Chairpersons for Zones 2A & 2B.

You can respond to this request by phone – 780-758-0553 or email at papa.count@hotmail.com.

When replying, it would be appreciated if you could tell me a little about yourself and your involvement in Lionism.
Yours in Lionism

*VDG Lion Tom Hodgson
District Governor Elect*

A CHILD IN SRI LANKA NEEDS YOUR HELP...HAS YOUR CLUB MADE ITS DONATION YET?

For several years the clubs in District 37L have generously donated to the 306A1-37L Foster Child Program in support of many children in Sri Lanka who have, because of that program, been able to continue to attend school and to complete their education in spite of the many roadblocks that stand in the way. Lions clubs and individual Lions members in District 37 L continue to donate funds to this humanitarian and educational program and they are to be thanked for their generous support.

If your club has not yet made a donation I urge you to do so as the children in that program and the ones wishing they could be in the program will be the ones who suffer because the funds were not there. A donation of any amount will be most gratefully appreciated and will be pooled to

support as many children as the funds will allow.

During this Lions year I've been in touch with District 306A1 Past District Governor Gordon Lester Aponso who is the administrator of the project and he assures me the funds we send have been and will continue to be used to support the children. There are currently 50 children being supported as they can continue their education to help them have a brighter future.

Please give generously and send your donation to District 37L Treasurer Lion Larry Armfelt at Box 2070, Athabasca, AB T9S 4Z5. Please make the cheque payable to District 37L and note on the cheque that the donation is for the 306A1- 37L Foster Child Program.

Thank you, Lions and I know you will come through for the children.

*Donna
PDG Donna Coulter
37L District Twinning Chairperson*

**MORINVILLE LIONS Club
April 1949 – April 2009**

60th CHARTER NIGHT

SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2009

GUEST SPEAKER – Lion Dr. Kim Burgera

Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM

**Morinville Legion Hall
10120 – 101 Ave, Morinville, AB**

Cost \$25.00 per person. RSVP by March 06, 2009

**Contact: Lion Francis Fryters H: (780) 939-3741
P.O. Box 3150, Morinville, AB, T8R 1S1
Lion Dianna McNalley Email: diannamay@live.com
Lion Gerry Morrow morinvilletaxi@ab.telus.net
Lion Margaret Potvin**

**Edmonton Host Lions
Club
80th Charter Anniversary
October 17, 2009
Details coming soon!**

Lions Tokens

Dear Mr. Hoekstra,

I came across your District 37L newsletter quite by accident earlier today. I am not a member of the Lions but both of my parents are very active (both are Melvin Jones recipients presently serving a club in Calgary of which my father is the immediate Past President).

The reason that I am writing to you is that my seven-year old son, James, and I collect Canadian wooden tokens. Over the past 50 years many Lions Clubs from across Canada have issued wooden tokens. Typically these were used as drink tokens although they have served other purposes as well over the years.

I was hoping that it might be possible to include something in your next newsletter indicating that we would be very interested in hearing from any Lions members who may possibly have any spare or duplicate



Donation of used eyeglasses from Tumbler Ridge president Frank Walsh to Lynne & Donna (GP Lions) for their Sri Lanka project.

A big thanks from the Grande Prairie Lions Club to: Lion Gerald Stimson and the Whitecourt Lions Club & Lion Cathy Palmer and the Fox Creek Lions Club for their recent donation of used eyeglasses for our SRI LANKA project.

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tokens they would like to pass on to a young Canadian living abroad.

I was looking for information on one particular Lions Club (from Tumbler Ridge) which issued a token in 1985 which is how I ended up on your site by accident. Your newsletter had a small article on that club's activities. If you have any specific details on how to contact this club, I would be very appreciative.

In the meantime, if you have any suggestions on how I could get contact information on other District newsletters in Canada, I would be extremely grateful to have your feedback.

I, myself, have been a coin collector for over thirty years and I am thrilled that James has taken an interest in this hobby as well.

Please feel free to pass along my contact details to absolutely anyone you feel may be able to assist us in any way whatsoever.

Thank you very much for your consideration and help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Darryl Atchison
2 Willow Close, Ballea Woods
Carrigaline, County Cork
Ireland
atchisondf@gmail.com

Lions Web Page addresses:

Lions Clubs International www.lionsclubs.org
Lionnet www.lionnet.com
MD 37 www.md37lions.org
District 37-L <http://www.district37l.com>
Leos <http://leonet.info>
CLERC www.clerc.ca
Lions Quest www.lions-quest.org
Lions Foundation of Canada www.dogguides.com
Lions Eye Bank <http://act4sight.com>
Lions Cavalcade <http://cavalcade.md37lions.org>

<http://www.district37l.com>

Project Pride

Dear Lions,

Thank you for your past participation in this very worthwhile project and to encourage your Club to continue your good work.

It's that time to year to again start making plans for the presentation of Canadian flags and Certificates to the grade one students.

Within the next month or two your club Chairperson should contact the schools to ascertain their participation and number of students in grade one, either by speaking to the principal or the grade one teacher. Purchase price for one flag and one certificate is \$1.50. Your club name can be printed on the certificates for an additional fee.

Flags and certificates can be ordered at the following address: (please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery).

Lions Project Pride
Lions Foundation of Canada
68 Glenwood Crescent
St. Albert, AB T8N 1X5
Fax/Phone 780-459-7023

If your Club does not yet participate in this project please consider doing so. What better way is there to instill pride in Canada and respect for our Flag, not to mention giving Lions community exposure? Going to schools to speak to grade one students and presenting them with a Canadian flag and Certificate is very rewarding as well as fun.

District Calendar

Please submit any **Lions** events or dates of note for inclusion...

2009

2	28	St Albert Lions Clubs	Beer & Beans Bash	Gerry Gorgichuk 780 459 7751
3	14	37L Cabinet Meeting	Ft. Saskatchewan	
3	14-15	LionsEye Bank Casino	Baccarat Casino, Edmonton	Cec MacKenzie lioncec@shaw.ca
3	28	Morinville 60th Charter	Morinville	Francis Fryters 780 939 3741
4	25	WWID & Club Officer Training	?	
5	15-16	MD37 Council Meeting	Havre, MT	
5	15-17	MD37 Coonvention	Havre, MT	
6	6	Cavalcade	Morinville	
6	?	Cabinet Meeting	Edmonton	billengram@shaw.ca
6	18-19	Lions 'Make a Dream' Casino:	Edmonton	Darcy drknoll33@hotmail.com
7	26-31	Northern Albera Youth Leadership Camp	Grande Prairie	PDG Betty Ann Robson robsonba@telus.net
7	6-10	International Convention	Minneapolis, MN	Lions International lionsclubs.org
9	24-26	USA/Canada Forum	Memphis, TN	Lions International lionsclubs.org
10	17	Edmonton Host 80th Charter	Edmonton	TBA
11	6	Devon Lions 60th Charter	Devon	
11	6-7	District L Convention	Devon	PDG Dan Claypool

2010

6/28-7/2	International Convention	Sydney, Australia	Lions International lionsclubs.org
9 23-25	USA/Canada Forum	Milwaukee, WI	Lions International lionsclubs.org

2011

7 4-8	International Convention	Seattle, WA	Lions International lionsclubs.org
9 22-24	USA/Canada Forum	Anchorage, AL	Lions International lionsclubs.org

2012

6 22-26	International Convention	Busan, Korea	Lions International lionsclubs.org
9 14-16	USA/Canada Forum	Tampa Bay, FL	Lions International lionsclubs.org

2013

7 5-9	International Convention	Hamburg, Germany	Lions International lionsclubs.org
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LION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2 Casinos in Edmonton

The Lions Eye Bank (Alberta) Society Casino on Saturday and Sunday, 14 and 15 March, 2009 at the Baccarat Casino , 10128 104 Avenue NW, Edmonton

They still need of a few more volunteer workers. If you are available on either of those dates, please contact the Casino Chair, Lion Cec MacKenzie, at 780 436 4491 lioncec@shaw.ca.

Lions 'Make a Dream' Casino: June 18 June 19, 2009. Contact Lion Darcy (drknoll33@hotmail.com) or Lion Keith (keith.wu@edmonton.ca) to volunteer. This group of Lions grants wishes to terminally ill adults.

Edmonton's Food Bank

P.O. Box 62061 Edmonton, Alberta T5M 4B5



Since 1981

January 7, 2009

Lions Clubs of Edmonton
c/o Hank Hoekstra
4816 144 Street
Edmonton AB T6J 4G8

A note regarding BrightNights: This year's results will not be available for some months yet; however, despite the bad weather, and a substantial drop in attendance due to that bad weather, revenues at the park were close to 2007/2008. Our thanks to all the Lions that contributed to this year's project
- Hank Hoekstra

Dear Friends,

RE: The 2008 Christmas Campaign for Edmonton's Food Bank

For most people, the holiday season is over as fast as it begins. This is especially true at Edmonton's Food Bank where we witness the benevolent spirit of the community bring the magic of the season alive.

It's difficult to express in words, the extent of our gratitude for the colossal effort of Lions Club members across Edmonton and their contribution to BrightNights. It is an inspiration, true evidence of what is good in humanity and community.

Once again, BrightNights stands out amongst events in regards to Edmonton's Food Bank Holiday Campaign. BrightNights 2008 raised 23,285 kilograms of food and \$32,433.28. These donations will go a long way to fulfilling the year-round commitment of the food bank, stocking shelves and feeding needy families into spring.

Lions Club members worked tirelessly and selflessly throughout BrightNights, in ways the general public can never really appreciate, throughout set-up, for the duration of the event and tear-down. While BrightNights represents a huge draw on human resources for both of our organizations throughout its 45-day run, it also produces a generous pool of good will, companionship and fun for volunteers and visitors. Once again, the Lions were wonderful ambassadors, welcoming and helping food bank volunteers at every turn – a partnership without boundaries that generated many positive comments, expressions of warmth and lasting impressions.

Throughout the holiday season, the work of the Food Bank was blessed by the continued commitment of the community, delighted by absolute acts of kindness, and lifted by feats of inspiration. It was a pleasure to work with you over the festive season and we look forward to an increased partnership with you in 2009.

In friendship,

Marjorie Bencz, CM
Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT: To be stewards in the collection of surplus and donated food for the effective distribution, free of charge, to people in need in our community while seeking solutions to the causes of hunger.

Phone: (780) 425-2133 Fax: (780) 426-1590 www.edmontonsfoodbank.com



ORDER FORM
LIONS VESTS AND LIONS LADIES VESTS
MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB
 Box 3150 Morinville AB T8R 1S1
 Replaces all previous order forms for CANADIAN CLUBS
 September 01, 2008



Lions vests, please include the following information:

NAME OF CLUB; _____

NAME OF MEMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

VEST COLOR: RED: TRIM (Check one) PURPLE _____ MAROON _____ GOLD _____
 First name to be placed on front of vest. (Optional, (for example "JOHN")

NOTE: Club name will be on front unless indicated otherwise. BACK _____
 Tall (T) or Regular (R) _____ (Mark "T" if you are 5'-8" or taller)

New Sale Price: All prices include: Postage, Handling and G.S.T.

Mens Size:	Chest Size	\$Price	Ladies Size:	\$Price
Small	36	62.00	12 (34)	62.00
Small	38	62.00	14 (36)	62.00
Medium	40	62.00	16 (38)	62.00
Medium	42	62.00	18 (40)	62.00
Large	44	62.00	20 (42)	62.00
X Large	46	62.00		
XX-Large	48	65.00		
3-XLarge	50	65.00		
4X-Large	52	65.00		

Mens Sizes 54 and up \$70.00

For larger sizes give chest and waist
 Ladies: If ordering from men's sizes indicate _____
 Ladies: Fringe Yes or No _____

(If last name is required, add \$1.00 per vest). All prices include postage, handling and G.S.T.

NSF Fee \$35.00 for all dishonoured. cheques

IF PAYMENT IS NOT INCLUDED, ORDERS WILL BE SENT C.O.D.

(Please allow 8 weeks for delivery)

Make Checks Payable to MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB
LIONS CLUBS CHEQUES PREFERRED

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 10004 - 96 Avenue
 MORINVILLE, ALBERTA T8R 1G4
 Phone: (780) 939-3741 Fax:(780) 939-3727