

Lions Link



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Newsletter

Submission

Deadline: February 18

DG Betty Ann's Notes

I hope that everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season, but it now time to roll up our sleeves and get back to the work at hand. It is hard to believe that 6 months have gone by already.

The 3 winning District peace posters were sponsored by St. Albert Host Lions.

First - Liberty Goodman, Grade 7, from Sir George Simpson Jr. High and Second (Tie) - Shannon Hogan, Grade 7, from Richard S. Fowler Catholic Jr. High and Robyn Kerr, Grade 7, from Vincent J. Maloney Jr. High.

I am very proud to announce that Liberty Goodman's poster won 1st Place at the Multiple District level and has been sent on to Lions Clubs International. Congratulations to all the students, teachers and schools that participated this year.

Everyone knows that I set a goal for this District of 3 new members per club and 3 new clubs, which would give us a total new membership of 240 new Lions and 480 extra hands to help serve our communities. We have already had a branch club formed and several other communities are being looked at for new clubs.

I have included a table of membership totals to let everyone see how far we have come and how far we have yet to go. We have many clubs within this District that have fewer than 20 members - yes I know my own club is one of these, and we have to work with the MERL team to help find a way to strengthen and grow these clubs. Sometimes they say that we Governors preach to the converted and the deaf, but if only a handful of Lions hear or read this message and take it to heart, then my ramblings are for not wasted.



We think DG Betty Ann might be recruiting... At Vimy, December 15, joint Christmas party with Legal.

- Photo Courtesy Lion Bob Hunter

Your District MERL team consists of Lions Donna Wozney, Wanda Coates, Tom Hodgson, Ken Picket, Lynne Coulter, Carole Henson, all Zone Chairman and myself. Please give us a call and have a chat and let us know how we can be of service to you. There are some very excellent tools that we can tell you about, i.e. Club Excellence Process, Community Needs Assessments, How's Your Club Ratings, etc.

Thanks to all the clubs for the hospitality that has been extended to me on my visits. I really appreciate the fun and friendship that I have had, even when the weather at times messed up plans. Thank you to all the clubs that have sent donations to STARS on my behalf. If you or your club have not heard about the STARS red ring campaign, please ask me about it when we meet.

Until next month,

- DG Betty Ann and Lion Rick

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37L Membership Numbers 01-07-2010 thru to 14-01-2011

Club	Total Members	Added Members	Dropped Members	Club	Total Members	Added Members	Dropped Members
Alberta Beach	22	6		Athabasca	42	2	
Beaumont	29	1	1	Beaverlodge	17		
Blue Ridge	9		1 - 1	Brightbank	11	2	1
Busby	35		3 - 1	Chetwynd			
Dawson Creek	11	5	3 - 1	Devon	50	1	1 - 1
Drayton Valley	12			Castledowns	14		
Edmonton Chinese	33		1	Goldengate	13		
Edmonton Host	70		1	Jasper Place	7		2 - 1
Jolly Fellows	15	1	1	Edmonton Korean	19		
Millwoods	12		1	Millwoods Breakfast	15	1	
Northgate	27	1	- 1	Riverside	7		
South Edmonton	34	1	- 3	Southgate	25	6	2
Edmonton Strathcona	18	3	1	The City of Champions	21		1
Edson	7	2		Entwistle	9	1	
Evansburg	11	2		Fairview	12		
Fort Saskatchewan	30	1	3	Fort St. John	5		
Fox Creek	13			Grande Prairie	31	2	1
GP Trumpeter	16	1	4	Hay River	12		1
High Prairie	11		2	Hinton	11		
Hudson's Hope	16	8	1 - 1	Jasper	12		
Leduc	58	1		Leduc Breakfast	12		
Legal	8			Morinville	25	2	3
Peace River	11			Red Earth Creek	14		
Rycroft	8			Sherwood Park	10		
Sherwood Park Breakfast	15		1	Spruce Grove	9	2	
St Albert Breakfast	25			St Albert Host	27	3	2 - 1
Stony Plain	16			Tumbler Ridge	34		3
Vimy	29	7	1	Wabamun	11		
Wabasca – Desmarais	15			Wembley	14		
Whitcourt	11			Yellowknife	5		
Totals	863	40	24 - 9		367	23	17 - 5

Total 1230 members Added members 63 Dropped members 51 Deceased members 14

A club folded with 12 members, another club picked some of them up.

Lions can't roar until they are two years old...



Helping Hands for Winter

The Jr. Lions of Grade 5 students of Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated, mitts, hats, toques, scarf, coats, books and socks for our first annual "Helping Hands of Winter" The clothing was given to an inner city charity in Edmonton. All told we collect approximately 10 bags of gently used clothing. There will be a great number of people - mostly children who will be able to dress a whole lot warmer for the weather this winter.

As Junior Lions, the Grade 5s are associated with the Fort Lions Club. Just like the regular members of the Fort Lions Club, the Grade 5s are volunteering their time and efforts to help others. They are learning what every Lion knows, that by being good citizens our communities and our world become better places for everyone.

- Blair Ching

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again to the PYRCZ family in Grande Prairie and the KUTYN family in Edmonton. From December 5 to January 6 these families hosted an Exchange student, Alexandra, from Australia. I am truly grateful to these two families for sharing their homes and lives with this young woman at a very precious time of the year for families. This experience has enriched the lives of these families and the student.

This is a wonderful project whether sending or hosting a student. These students will be the Lions of tomorrow. More than ever we need to engage the youth in our communities as we look to the future. Is your club doing their part?

- Lion Wanda Coates

The Lions Make A Dream Come True Society is having a Casino

on Monday June 6th and Tuesday June 7th, 2011 at Baccarat Casino Edmonton. We could use your help. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lion Darcy Knoll at drknoll33@hotmail.com or phone 780-483-6989.

The Edmonton Host Lions Club has moved!!!

(effective immediately)

St. John's Cultural Centre
10611 110 Avenue. Edmonton
Meeting 12:15 Thursdays weeks 1,3



Lions Bob Strang and Frank Walsh are shown here presenting a cheque to Rich McRae head curator of the Tumbler Ridge paleontology museum. The museum foundation relies on government and private donations to keep its exciting work forging ahead. Northern BC and notably the Peace Region is a hotbed of fossil finds with several finds yet to be excavated. This cheque for \$500 will help to keep the museum operating over the winter.

Fort Saskatchewan Lions

new President: replacing Ed van Dedan is Rod Lindemann
33 Westwood Wynd
Fort Sask AB T8I 4I4
rdlindemann@shaw.ca

PID Bill Webber advises that he and Lion Joan have a new email address:

wwandjawebber@gmail.com

The Grande Prairie Lions

Club wishes to thank the Alberta Beach, Spruce Grove, Wabamun and Beaverlodge Lions Clubs for recent collection of used eyeglasses for the SRI LANKA and CLERC projects.

Thanks also to DG BAR for their delivery.

- PCC Lynne Coulter

The Leadership Division at Lions Clubs International

Headquarters is excited to announce that we now have a new Webinar page on the Lions Clubs Web site in the Leadership Resource Center - Leadership Development. This new page explains what a webinar is, contains an interactive tutorial on how to be a webinar participant, and provides a schedule of upcoming 2010-2011 webinars with registration links.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/leadership-development/webinars.php>

**Edmonton Chinese Lions Club
30th Anniversary
Project Proposals:**

1. The construction of a playground for children age 2-5 years old in front of the main KARA Family Resource Centre site at 67 Street and 132 Avenue in Edmonton. A permanent structure would be commissioned by KARA to be utilized by children from low income families in Northeast Edmonton. Equipment would be specifically chosen to create a developmentally appropriate play space. The capital cost of this project is about \$19,000
2. Fund up to \$25,000 to permit ASSIST Evergreen Seniors Club to establish and operate a pilot seniors' program. The program's aims are to involve Asian seniors in educational, recreational, fitness, cultural and social programs to improve their quality of life.
3. Fund up to \$30,000 to provide the Edmonton Dream Centre with a 9 passenger van to support that organization's programs and activities. The Edmonton Dream Centre is a long-term residential program for women in crisis and their children and women who struggle with addiction, homelessness and/or abuse.
4. Provide \$8,500 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Edmonton to improve the lighting in the gymnasium at the McCauley facility.
5. Provide \$6,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Edmonton to install replacement dishwashers in 5 of their facilities.
6. As an Edmonton Chinese Lions Club's 30th Anniversary legacy project, endow \$30,000 to the Edmonton Community Foundation, which will advise the Club on proposed grants to be made from the endowment.

- *Bob Nuttall*

Clubs wishing to participate in any of these projects are encouraged to contact Lion Bob Nuttall: nuts123@shaw.ca



Peace Poster Contest

Liberty Goodman's poster won 1st Place at the Multiple District level and it has been sent on to Lions Clubs International. Liberty is a grade 7 student at Sir George Simpson Junior High School in St. Albert. St. Albert Host Lions are the sponsors.



The St. Albert Lions Club
proudly presents...



**THE 20TH ANNUAL
BEER & BEANS BASH**

Saturday, February 26, 2011

**St. Albert Community Hall
17 Perron Street**

Doors open at 6:30 pm

SILENT AUCTION

Lunch at 10:00 pm

Dancing until midnight

Tickets \$20.00 each

SPECIAL GUEST STAR

"Elvis"

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CALL

Lion Gerry Gorgichuk – (780) 459-7751

Lion Dave Hiatt – (780) 459-4144



Lions Link January, 2011

CALGARY PROPERTIES LIONS CLUB

Box 55069, Temple RPO
Calgary, Alberta
T1Y 6R6

January 8, 2011

Re: **2011 - 14th Annual LIONS Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course**

Dear Lions,

The 2011 Lions Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course is leadership training through socially, mentally and physically active programs. These take the form of seminars and group/team game competitions, learning the values of cooperation, planning, compromising and leading, and conflict resolution. Your positive response in past years to our invitation to sponsor youth to the annual Lions Youth Leadership Training Course has encouraged us to offer the camp again this year. We appreciate your concern and agreement about the importance of nurturing our youth by providing the necessary training and preparation to help face the uncertainties of the real world.

WHAT	14 th Annual LIONS Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course
WHO	Youth 14 - 18 years old (inclusive), male & female, to be sponsored by a Lions Club (e.g. Leos, Venturer Scouts, 4-H, Pathfinder Guides, Cadets, Boys & Girls Clubs, School groups, Church groups, sons/daughters/ neighbours)
WHERE	District 37-O Lions Youth Camp, Cremona, Alberta
WHY	Introductory Leadership Skills Training
WHEN	March 11, 12 & 13, 2011 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)

Groups **must** be sponsored by a Lions Club, to a preferred maximum of 4-6 youth per group, and at least 1 leader or adult chaperon per group. **A Club can sponsor more than one group.** Registration fee is \$55.00 per youth, \$45.00 per adult chaperon. The fee will cover the camp fee, training supplies and food for Friday night snack, Saturday all meals and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Space is limited to 64. Please use the appropriate registration form and appropriate photo release form per person (youth / adult chaperon). An equipment list is included. Please register before March 1, 2011. Late registrations will be accepted if space allows.

Please send registrations (in groups) with cheque made payable to: **Calgary Properties Lions Club**

Mail To: Calgary Properties Lions Club
2011 Lions Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course
Box 55069, Temple RPO
Calgary, Alberta, T1Y 6R6

For Clubs that are not able to sponsor youth groups, your donations can help other youth to have the opportunity to participate. We know that the youth of today will be our citizens and leaders of tomorrow, and will need leadership skills to meet the challenges of the future. Someday they may become our Lions of the next generation. Looking forward to Serving with you, we are

Yours in Lionism

Supplementary Information - registration, medical, and photo permission forms, and equipment lists, are available from Lion Eileen

Lion Eileen Skinner
Lions Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course Registrar
403-285-2456 eileen.skinner@telus.net



COME TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BY BUS

Note that this Charter starts in Calgary and terminates in Calgary.

Arrangements have been made to lease a bus to go to Seattle for our International Convention.

The full cost for the return fare is \$300.00 with one half(1/2) to be paid on application, and the balance by May 1, 2011.

This notice is being sent to find out if enough people are interested in taking part in this trip. Cheques sent will not be cashed until we are sure that we have enough attendees to fill the bus. If this is the case, the cheques/or cash will be returned. We are unable to accept Credit Cards - cheques or cash only.

We must know how many Lions are interested in taking part in this trip by May 1, 2011. If it is feasible we will then contact you for the balance of the funds.

Please reply to: Lion Ralph Zuar
1115 Edgemont Rd. N.W.
Calgary, AB T3A 2J6

Phone: 403-283-6260
prarose@shaw.ca

Our condolences to PCC Lynne Coulter and the entire Coulter clan on the recent death of Lynne's sister in law in Ontario.

Bus Information

This is general information, and the cost is a figure when the bus is fully booked.

The bus will leave fairly early in the morning of July 3, from Calgary, and will continue to Abbotsford, where we will spend the night. There will be intermediate stops, lunch, etc. enroute, and these expenses will be on your own. Yes, you may take a lunch, and/or refreshments. The hotel cost in Abbotsford is included in the bus cost. In Seattle, the hotel which has been selected for District 37 is the Seattle Hilton, which is quite central. We will return on Sat. July 9, and will be a direct trip, with no overnight stopover, to Calgary. As on the way out, there will be intermediate stops enroute for which you will be responsible.

The bus will be either a 56 passenger luxury Setra motorcoach, build by Mercedes Benz, or a 56 passenger motorcoach build in Canada. Both have comfortable reclining seats, large windows, AC, flushing toilet, luggage space and DVD Video system.

Please provide the following information

Name _____

Address _____

Club name _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

Abbotsford accommodation - check preference:

- _____ 1 room 1 person
- _____ 1 room 2 people
- _____ 1 room 4 people

Provide the names of people you will be sharing with.

The final payment will be adjusted by the cost of the room type requested in Abbotsford.

It is expected that the passengers tip the driver a minimum of \$2.00 per person per day.

Canadian citizens are required to present one of the following valid WHT1-compliant documents when entering the United States by land or water:

- A passport
- A NEXUS card
- A Free and Secure Trade (FAST) CARD;
- An enhanced drivers licence (EDL) or enhanced identification card (EIC) from a province where a U.S.-approved EDL/EIC program has been implemented. (B.C., Man. Ont. Que)
- A secure Certificate of Indian Status.

Edmonton Southgate Lions present
A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER
and SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars!
FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011
 Ramada Inn & Waterpark
 5359 Calgary Trail

Tickets are \$20 per person

- All You Can Eat Pasta & Sauces!
- Fantastic Door Prizes!
- Great Silent Auction Items!
- Tropical Entertainment!
- Bring the Whole Family!

Mark Schmidt (780)436-2772 LionMarkSchmidt@gmail.com



DG Betty Ann's Visitations

	24	South Edmonton
	25	Gr. Prairie Trumpeter
Feb	01	Edmonton Castledowns
	02	Whitecourt
	03	Tumbler Ridge
	07	Sherwood Park
	08	Leduc Breakfast
	08	Edmonton Jolly Fellows
	14	High Prairie
	15	Rycroft
	16	Fairview New Member Induction
	22	Edmonton Goldengate
	23	Edmonton City of Champions
Mar	09	Hinton
	14	Fox Creek
	15	Jasper
	16	Edmonton Riverside
	22	Edmonton Korean
Apr	12	Entwistle / Evansburg
	27	Fort Saskatchewan
May	25	Peace River
Jun	22	Wabamun

Cabinet Meetings

Mar	12	Norwood Legion Edmonton
Jun	18	TBA

District Calendar

2011

3	12	Cabinet Meeting
5	?	MD37 Convention
6	18	Cabinet Meeting
7	4-8	International Convention
7	21	CapitalEx Parade
9	22-24	USA/Canada Forum
11		37L Convention

Edmonton
Medicine Hat
TBA
Seattle, WA
Edmonton
Anchorage, AL
Ft. Saskatchewan

Norwood Legion
Lions International lionsclubs.org
John Cragg jcragg@telusplanet.net
Lions International lionsclubs.org

2012

5	17-19	MD37 Convention
6	22-26	International Convention
9	14-16	USA/Canada Forum
11	?	37L Convention

Athabasca
Busan, Korea
Tampa Bay, FL
Edmonton

PCC Gordon Topps
Lions International lionsclubs.org
Lions International lionsclubs.org
Edmonton Northgate

2013

7	5-9	International Convention
11	?	37L Convention

Hamburg, Germany
Vimy?

Lions International lionsclubs.org
Vimy & District

2014

7	4-8	International Convention
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Toronto

Lions International lionsclubs.org
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2015

6	26-30	International Convention
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Honolulu

Lions International lionsclubs.org
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Lions Link January, 2011

STARS[®]

**1st Annual No-Limit Texas Hold'em
Poker Tournament**

presented by the Grande Prairie Lions and Wembley & District Lions

\$150 non-refundable buy-in includes tournament entry fee and buffet supper

Silent auction open to players and public

Pre-registration & Pre-payment Required

For entry details contact jantam2@yahoo.ca

Early deadline - March 15, 2011

30 players required

Final Entry Deadline April 1, 2011

Registration 11 a.m. Tournament begins at 1 p.m.

All proceeds go to the Grande Prairie STARS base servicing Northern Alberta

April 16, 2011

Great Northern Casino

1st Annual **STARS**[®]

No-Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Presented by the Service Clubs of Grande Prairie and Area

April 16, 2011 Great Northern Casino, Grande Prairie Alberta

Registration: 11:00 am

Tournament Start: 1:00 pm SHARP

Buy-in (non-refundable): **\$150.00**, includes Tournament registration and supper

Event also includes Silent Auction and entertainment

Send your \$150 buy-in (**Cheque, Money Order or Cash**), along with the lower portion of this form no later than March 15, 2011 (early registration deadline) Final deadline – April 1, 2011:

**STARS Poker Tournament
c/o 9005-90 Avenue
Grande Prairie, AB T8X 0C4**

**For Further information contact Tammy Coulter at
jantam2@yahoo.ca subject: STARS Poker Tournament**

ALL PROCEEDS TO GRANDE PRAIRIE STARS BASE, SERVICING NORTHERN ALBERTA

Complete and keep the upper portion of this form as your confirmation of registration.
You will need this on April 16, 2011 to prove you've pre-registered.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Buy-In: _____

1st Annual STARS Poker Tournament – April 16, 2011 Great Northern Casino

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Buy-In: _____