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## Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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### Resources

Are you looking for Awards, Scholarships, Calendars of Lions events, Newsletter from other Districts and the MD?  
 Are you looking for MD publications, access to information, and anything else to do with our great Multiple District 37?  
 Go to:  
[md37lions.org](http://md37lions.org)

### DG Roger's Notes:

Greetings Lions

Here is an update on my last month. DG School @ Pattaya was very good, long days, much information and many new people to meet. Convention @ Bangkok was good, not huge number of attendees due to the location and travel required. If you think traffic is bad here in Edmonton, you should see Bangkok! And it is on the Wrong side of the road.

News from the Convention; A couple of new initiatives were passed at the Convention; First was the addition of Second Vice District Governor and the adoption of some changes and updates to the Lions Logo, and other housekeeping items.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, a new position, was added mostly to validate all of the Districts

that have been using this position for some time now. In terms of our District and the Multiple District we will need to comply with the new rules and the addition of this office. How it is handled in the MD as well as our District will be dealt with by MD Council and District Cabinet. Those items are already on the agenda for the next meetings of both.

Global Membership Team (GMT) is a new initiative by LCI to help with our falling membership. Along with this is more emphasis on member retention, we would not need to recruit as many new members if we were not losing as many current members. To that end I would ask all clubs to talk to members wishing to leave and find out their reasons. I have available an Exit Interview form that I can email to Clubs to help identify why we are losing members. I know that sometimes it is a change in work

status or a move, the MERL team and I will be available to help whenever we can lend a hand. You can contact me (contact info on the masthead at left)

**Note for Cabinet members, Cabinet meeting is Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Devon Community Centre, beginning at 10:00 am. Lunch will be \$7 per person. I will be contacting all Cabinet members to remind them and find out the numbers for lunch.**

This year the "Theme" for Lions President Al Brandel is "Miracles through Service, Everyday Heroes". We will be emphasizing "Hands on Service to your Community". I will be looking for service to your Community at my visit to your Club. Let us try to emphasize Community Service, and maybe look for new opportunities to serve your community.

I am working on my visitation schedule and will be contact all Clubs to set up a date. I will also be looking to schedule visits for special events such as Charter Nights or other events. I hope to have the schedule in place to put in the next link.

**-DG Roger**

### **Going to USA CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM in Saskatoon this September?**

I am currently taking names of interested Lions and spouses wanting transportation.

Should we be able to get a minimum of 50 bodies I will charter a motorcoach departing Wednesday September 17 returning Sunday September 21.

Initial costs for the trip are app. \$125. A deposit of \$75 per person is required to hold your seat. Deadline for deposits is August 15. Remaining costs due September 8.

Please contact Lion Karen at [lionkaren37L@shaw.ca](mailto:lionkaren37L@shaw.ca) or leave a message at 780 476 6092.



**Three unidentified Lions** (thankfully) working hard to raise money at the Cavalcade for Sight in June in Carstairs

### **Hi Lions,**

The Heart & Stroke "BIG BIKE" will be at the **Lions Learning Centre in Grande Prairie** on Sunday, Aug. 17 starting at 12:30 NOON.

Please circulate the attached info among your fellow employees, family members, church members, or other groups to which you may belong, and assemble a team, collect pledges or donations, and come prepared to "Ride for Life".

There are prizes for large groups and large donations (the BIKE holds up to 29 riders), but don't let that deter you if you have only 3 or 4-you will have lots of company-you can ride with another small group.

We will have as many "rides" as it takes to accommodate everybody (the more the merrier). Don't even worry about the paperwork. Bring your pledges and/or donations and we can complete the paperwork that day if necessary. There will be liquid refreshments, and washrooms are available.

Questions, please call Lynne Coulter at 780 532-3027 (24 hour phone/fax/answering machine) or email: [Ldcgp@telusplanet.net](mailto:Ldcgp@telusplanet.net)

**More information at: [www.bigbike.ca](http://www.bigbike.ca).**

## **Fort Saskatchewan Lions 60th Charter Night November 1st, 2008**

**guest speaker - PIP Judge Brian Stevenson**

**Cocktails - 6pm dinner - 7pm**

**cost \$25 per person location - Dow Centre, Ft Saskatchewan  
contact - Lion Donna Wozney, [gmawoz@shaw.ca](mailto:gmawoz@shaw.ca)  
or 780 998-3865**

## Edmonton Lions Clubs Working Together

North America's oldest and largest conference of First Nations Catholics was held in Edmonton from July 2nd to 6th. The 69th Annual Tekakwitha Conference was hosted by the Alberta Metis and First Nations Communities with this year's theme being ONE HEART ALL NATIONS. This is the first time the gathering of aboriginal people from across the continent has been held in Canada. The main Conference was held at the Mayfield Inn & Suites, however approximately 700 of the attendees traveled to Lac St Anne on Saturday, July 5th for a day of prayer and social events.

The Conference was founded in 1939 and incorporated in 1979 as a National Non-profit Organization. The National Office is located in Great Falls, Montana. The Tekakwitha Conference represents nearly one-half million Native Catholic members of over 300 tribes and nations in the United States and Canada plus in addition to Catholic Church ministers of many cultural backgrounds serving the Indigenous on this continent.

One of the organizers of the conference was Edmonton's Sacred Heart Parish and Father Jim Holland the church's pastor. Lion Father Jim had approached some of the Lions Clubs to

help with the sponsoring and serving of a BBQ on July 5th at Lac St. Anne. The Edmonton Riverside Lions and The Edmonton City of Champions Lions Club sponsored the event, with volunteers also from the Edmonton (Host) Lions Club. Lions Village of Greater Edmonton Society in



Lion Sister Michael

provided pick-up, delivery and transportation of all the food and volunteers. The Lions served approximately 700 attendees from all over North America and Europe with the help of Fellow Lion Sister Michael from Arizona, also an attendee of the conference.

The meal, consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw plus a variety of desserts and beverages, was prepared at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday morning and then transported to Lac Ste Anne. The total cost of providing

meals to approximately 700 participants came to a total of only \$1060.00.

All leftover food was donated to the George Spady Centre. The George Spady Centre's historical roots go back to the early 1960's. In the early 1960's, the provincially funded and run Single Men's Hostel offered meals and overnight shelter to single unemployed men in Edmonton. On September 26, 1983, the Shelter opened at its present location, and was named the George Spady Centre. The George Spady Centre facility is owned by Alberta Infrastructure under a lease agreement sponsored by AADAC. During the 1990s, the Spady Centre expanded its overnight shelter and detoxification services to women, and funds were raised to increase the number of mats in the overnight shelter to 60. Today, the George Spady Centre is funded primarily by AADAC and continues to operate as an outreach ministry of the Edmonton Presbytery of the United Church. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

- *Allan Bissonette*

"If a word in the dictionary were misspelled, how would we know?"

- *Steven Wright*



Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2008-09 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

The special annual theme category is:

- *Lions Environmental Miracle Workers* - photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environment project.

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- **LIONS CLUBS** select and submit one winning photo to the district.  
**District Chair: Lion Margaret Potvin, 8504 121 Avenue, Edmonton, AB, T5B 0Z2 780 967 5526**
- **LIONS DISTRICTS** select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district.  
**January 15, 2009** is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.
- **LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS** select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. **March 1, 2009** is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.
- **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL** will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

*Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.*

*Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International.*

*Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.*

*E-mail contest questions to: [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org)*

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