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DG Betty Ann's Notes



Greetings Lions,
 What a wonderful time we had in Australia. Lion Rick and I had a great holiday before the convention. We toured the north island of New Zealand and then spent time with three of our former youth exchange students. We had the opportunity to travel the Great Ocean Road of Victoria, AU. From there we flew to Cairns and drove to Chambers Wildlife Rainforest Lodge, where we spent a quiet week, feeding and watching

the wildlife and relaxing before we started the DG school and convention in Sydney.

The District Governor school was great, PCC Polly Voon from MD 19, put us through our paces. Thanks to PCC Lynne Coulter and CC Ben Apeland, for the work that they did to get us ready for Sydney. Our group of DGs were well prepared.

International President Sid L. Scruggs III's, Presidential Theme "A Beacon of Hope" is based on service. Lions, we have the opportunity to participate in four special service action campaigns throughout the year. He has set aside four times throughout the next year for these projects. I am challenging each club to take part in these activities and submit either a photo record or video of this project. I have listed the times of the year and criteria for each one below. The best project in each category will win a prize.

August/September – Engaging our Youth

Invite Leos and youth in your area to help organize and participate in a service project. Projects may include school or community facility cleanups or a visit to a home for senior citizens or a children's hospital. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project enables them to learn skills while emphasizing the role of service.

October – Sharing the Vision

Plan vision health projects and work with the visually impaired. Many Lions already celebrate World Sight Day in October. This is a great month to

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**37L Convention
 October 29 & 30
 Drayton Valley!**

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organize a vision screening, volunteer at a nearby Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, organize an eyeglass collection or an activity to benefit the visually impaired in your community.

December/January – Relieving the Hunger

Organize food drives and projects to feed the hungry. With the downturn in the global economy, many hunger relief organizations are finding it difficult to keep up with demand. Help alleviate hunger by planning events around the end and beginning of the calendar year to collect and distribute food.

April – Protecting our Planet

Implement projects that improve and protect the environment. Organize a highway clean up, plant trees or plan a community “Earth Day” event to collect recyclables such as aluminum cans, plastic bottles, used cell phones and batteries.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

- John Quincy Adams

My membership goals this year for the district are to have 3 new clubs and each existing club by 3 members. I am to work with clubs that are to get back track. I feel also benefit from more If you have any leads that either of these clubs please or any member of your Lions of District 37L, I know that you are all leaders and together we will increase our membership and form new clubs this year. On this note, an extension workshop was held on July 18th with 8 Lions present, as well as PIDs Patti Hill and Jack Isaman and guest Lion Vinay Dey from Calgary. The next day meetings were held and a South Asian club will be formed. I am looking forward to working with and meeting all the Lions of this district and together we can make this one of the strongest districts in our multiple.



Until next month

- DG Betty Ann and Rick



98TH GREY CUP TICKETS SOLD OUT!!!

The St. Albert (Host) Lions are holding a “GREY CUP TICKET “ Raffle.

There are 2 sets of prime seat tickets up for grabs.

2-early bird draws.

Tickets are \$5.00 each (or) 3 for \$10.00

All proceeds will go towards the renewal of the play ground in St. Albert Lions' Park

Contact any St. Albert Lions member (or) Lion Dave Hiatt: davehiatt@shaw.ca

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Alberta Lions and STARS – The Sky's the Limit

STARS, the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society, and the Alberta Lions have been partners from the very beginning. 2010 marks STARS 25th anniversary of Care in the Air and to know that the Alberta Lions was one of the founding members that helped to get STARS off the ground makes me proud to be a Lion. Since their inception in 1985, the three STARS bases, Grande Prairie, Edmonton and Calgary, have flown over 19,000 missions, saving thousands of lives in the process and at no charge to any Alberta resident.

This year, District Governor Betty Ann's Charity of Choice will be STARS. As a nurse, she has a great deal of respect for STARS and their ability to get a critically ill patient to the nearest trauma centre where the patient stands a greater chance of survival. She also has a personal connection with STARS, but that is her story to tell. Suffice it to say, she firmly believes in their mission. As for me, I hope I never have to use STARS, but I'm really glad they're around if I do.

STARS, unfortunately, doesn't get off the ground alone. The three bases, in 2008, had a total operating budget of over \$27 million. Of the three bases, Grande Prairie was the only one funded solely by community, corporate and personal donations. Although all three bases now have funding from Alberta Health Services, this funding comes to less than one quarter of their annual operating costs. The rest of their operating budgets come from the annual STARS lottery, the annual Calendar Campaign and the generous donations of the public, including Alberta Lions Clubs.

So why am I bothering with all of these boring details? Because STARS needs the Alberta Lions' help to continue their missions. For those clubs that already support STARS in their annual budgets, thank you. For those that don't, ask yourselves

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"Why not support STARS?" It's easy to add STARS into your budget and service plans for 2010-2011 – after all, we're just starting a new Lionistic year.

I know that some clubs may feel that fundraising for a single organization such as STARS goes against what they see as what Lions stands for. So I say, fine, but you can still do fundraising and for more than one organization, such as STARS and CNIB. And the idea doesn't need to be big. There are all kinds of ways to raise money and awareness of the link between STARS and the Alberta Lions. Raffles, BBQs by donation, crib tournaments, dine and dance, silent auctions, Halloween events such as a haunted house or a Valentine's event, such as a dance or selling roses, even Read or Bike a thons to get the kids involved. Talk to your local minor hockey teams and see if they'll do a 50/50 draw with the proceeds to STARS and another local charity.

Remember, all of these little donations add up to big donations.

And you don't have to do this alone. Contact other Lions clubs in your zones to help out with an event. Contact the local STARS base – they'll be more than happy to come out and add support to your event with STARbear or even just the pilots being there to help out. Contact the other service clubs in your area, such as the Kin Club, Elks, or even Rotary, and create a fundraiser that everyone can benefit from. The exposure for everyone will be fantastic as well as raising money for a worthy cause.

As part of my job as the STARS Liaison for the Northern Base, Lion Rob and I have already helped out at two STARS functions, bringing awareness to the link between STARS and the Lions, including riding on the STARS float in the Canada Day parade, proudly showing our Lions colours. That is what I am encouraging you, my fellow Lions, to do as well. Not only are you helping with keeping STARS in the air, you are also exposing potential members to Lions. And growth is always necessary, isn't it?

I'll leave you with this thought. It's dark, raining, and you're travelling home from...somewhere. Without warning, you hit a patch of water, and start hydroplaning. You crash and are critically injured. Now imagine that when the first person that calls 911 and tells them that STARS is needed to fly out and save your life, that person is told that, sorry, STARS can't come because there's no money to cover the flight and everything involved with it, so you end up being taken by ground ambulance instead, which then costs you or your family thousands of dollars.

And to think, donations that could've been made and that would've saved your life or the life of someone you know was never done. With our help, the Sky's the Limit when it comes to keeping STARS flying for another 25 years.

*Lion Tammy J. Coulter
STARS Liaison
Northern Base
Grande Prairie Lions Club*



Since you asked...

There are 7.5 miles of information on a standard DVD

Regulation slug races are held on a course one yard long.

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Why are canned herring called sardines? The canning process was developed in Sardinia.

Turtles fart.

On average, there are 8 peas in a pod.

Biker Gang Hits Tumbler Ridge

The Race is on!! Again this year the Tumbler Ridge Lions, with help from the Community Health Angels, raised over \$10,000 in pledges for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. All funds go to support vital heart and stroke research. The Lions Club also held a barbeque to support the event, bringing the grand total raised for Heart and Stroke to over \$11,000. A special thank you to everyone who participated and had a roaring good time.

- Lion Dina Haavind

It cost \$3 million to build the Titanic, and \$100 million to make the movie.

Bears live in *dens*, badgers live in *setts*, and squirrels live in *dreys*.

There are more than 20,000 brands of beer worldwide.

District Calendar

2010

7	22	CapitalEx Parade	Edmonton	John Cragg jcragg@telusplanet.net
9	23-25	USA/Canada Forum	Milwaukee, WI	Lions International lionsclubs.org
10	1-2	37S Convention	Bozeman, MT	
10	8-9	37N Convention	Pincher Creek	
10	22-23	37I Convention	Hanna	
10	29-30	37L Convention	Drayton Valley	Shirley Smith jssales@xplornet.com

2011

1	15-16	37O Convention	?	
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	

2012

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

2013

7	5-9	International Convention	Hamburg, Germany	Lions International lionsclubs.org
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2014

7	4-8	International Convention	Toronto	Lions International lionsclubs.org
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2015

6	26-30	International Convention	Honolulu	Lions International lionsclubs.org
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EDMONTON HOST LIONS CLUB 80TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT – continued....

Due to lack of space in the last Lions Link, photos of the completed renovations were omitted, and only the “before” photos were published. Here are two “after” photos of the recreation room, the new “Lions Den”, at the Youth Emergency Shelter, part of the renovations that the Edmonton Host Lions Club funded as its 80th anniversary project. Also renovated, were the floors in the bedrooms, and the extreme renovation to the girls bathroom area now accommodates up to six girls at one time instead of only one. Such a difference, and the kids love it!

-Lion Carole Henson



LEO's Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 26, 2010

Victoria Golf Course • 12130 River Road

12:00 pm

- Early Bird Registration Deadline: June 30, 2010
- Registration Deadline: July 31, 2010

- Four-Person Texas Scramble

- Door Prizes & Competition-Hole Prizes

- BBQ Dinner Following Tournament

- Raffle Draw for Two Lady Gaga Concert Tickets

- Side-Bar Challenge Events

*A Fundraiser Event in Support of the
LEO Club of Edmonton, Alberta*

Contact: **Eddie Chan (780) 716 2622**
or
leos.group@hotmail.com





Date _____

Registration Form

LEO Club Golf Tournament

Team Name _____		
Team Captain	Early Bird \$75	Regular \$80
Name	_____	
Address	_____	
City	Province	_____
Postal Code	_____	
Attention	Telephone	_____

Player	Name	Price	TOTAL
2		Early Bird \$75 Regular \$80	
3		Early Bird \$75 Regular \$80	
4		Early Bird \$75 Regular \$80	

Payment	Cash	Cheque
Comments	_____	

SubTotal	
TOTAL	

Please Make All Cheques Payable to "Omega Achiver LEO Club"

*Early Bird Registration Deadline is June 30th, 2010
*Registration Deadline is July 31st, 2010

Good Luck at the Tournament!



**Drayton Valley Lions Club,
Evansburg Lions Club
and
Entwistle and District Lions Club
invite you to attend**



**Lions District 37L 2010 Fall Convention
Westwinds Motor Inn, Drayton Valley, AB
Oct 29 & 30, 2010**

Name	District
Club	Name on badge:
Companion	Name on badge:
Club	District
Mailing Address:	Telephone: Fax:
City: Postal Code:	Email:

Special Request for Meals: _____

Dress Code: Sessions - Lions Vest

Banquet - Business Attire (No Jeans Please)

Registration cost

For Convention (includes noon luncheon & banquet)

(Prior to October 1st 2010) _____ ()\$80 = _____

After Oct 1st _____ ()\$90 = _____

Extra Banquet ticket _____ ()\$25 = _____

Hotels and Breakfast are on your own (See Attached List)

Contact Person: PDG Lion James Reid Phone (780)727-3573

Email - jameslinettereid@persona.ca

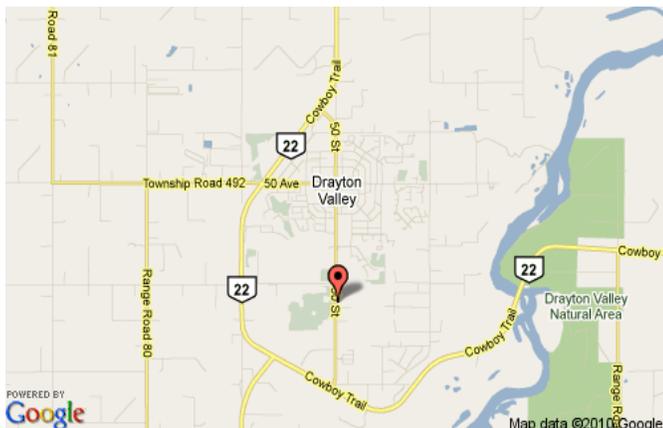
**Mail registrations and cheques payable to District 37L 2010 Convention
to PDG Lion James Reid (Convention Registration) Box 63 Entwistle, AB T0E 0S0**

Refund Policy: Before asking for a refund DID YOU TRY TO GET ANOTHER LION TO TAKE YOUR PLACE?? A full refund will be granted if a written request is received prior to Oct 15, 2010. A refund may be granted after Nov 8 if approved by the District Governor.

Hotel List for 2010 District 37L Convention

Ask for Lions convention when registering -
book before Oct 1 to get these rates

<p>Westwinds Motor Inn Phone (780)542-5375 Fax (780) 542-3004 4225 - 50th St Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1M4 email: westwindmotorinn@yahoo.ca</p>	<p>Suites -- \$85.00 + GST First Floor --\$ 65.00 =GST Second Floor --\$ 70.00 + GST</p> <p>Includes Breakfast</p>
<p>Lakeview Inns & Suites (Black Gold) 4302 - 50th St Drayton Valley,AB T7A 1M4 Phone (780) 542-3200 Fax (780) 542-7282 website - www.lakeviewhotels.com registrations Phone 1-877-355-3500</p>	<p>\$89.00 + GST</p> <p>Includes Breakfast</p>
<p>Super 8 3727 - 50th St Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1S4 Phone (780) 542-9122 Fax (780)542-5260 email: gss@super8draytonvalley.com www.super8.com</p>	<p>\$99.00 + GST</p> <p>Includes Continental Breakfast</p>
<p>Holiday Inn Express & Suites 5001 Brougham Drive Drayton Valley,AB T7A 01A Phone (780) 515-9888 Fax (780) 514-2732 email-gm@hiedraytonvalley.com www.hiexpress.com</p>	<p>Singles - including taxes -\$130.78 Doubles Including taxes - \$119.89</p>



The Westwinds Motor Inn is the Convention Hotel, all others hotels listed are close by. There are many other hotels as well as campgrounds closeby as well.