

Lions Link



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The DG's Wandarings...

Greetings to one and all. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm summer we're having this year.

In response to 4 days of DGE seminars using an Indianapolis 500 theme, I repeat the words of our incoming President, Lion Wayne Madden; "Lions, start your engines". Winning race teams develop a formula and President Madden's formula is 'Dedication' + 'Preparation' + 'Teamwork' = "Excellence" and also I might add 'success'. It is this formula we must embrace if we are to meet the challenge of "Campaign 1250". We need to ensure adequate 'plus' membership numbers to enable an International endorsement for our PID Dr. Lion Patti Hill.



I know that increased membership is ever the message from 'on high', however, it is part of the 'formula' for not only 'success' but an integral part of our survival as the District we currently are. The alternative formula is 'No Membership' = 'No Lions'. Additionally, let us not forget that a very Important part of "Campaign 1250's" 'success' means that many more hands providing service to our communities.

President Madden's theme this year is "in A World of Service" and in the tradition of past presidents his Global Service Action Campaign this year includes; August – Engaging our Youth; October – Sharing the Vision; December/January – Relieving the Hunger and April – Protecting our Environment. He shared these helpful hints for meeting this service: Don't start from scratch if you already have a similar project, just expand on it or partner with another club; make it hands-on as the more Lions who participate, the more

meaningful the project will be and will also re-energize members; Be visible so your community is aware of what Lions are doing to make their world a better place and it also may interest new membership; Don't forget recognition of Lions and non-Lions who participate in your projects; Create some excitement by asking other Lions clubs to partner in your project thereby providing even greater visibility in the community.

President Madden's personal Action Campaign this year is the Reading Action Program (RAP). He believes that Education and Literacy is the key to overcoming poverty, disease and other social issues. Dr. Seuss once said "The more you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Isn't it amazing that in the digital world of technology today that nearly one billion people worldwide are illiterate? Some of those are right here in District L. A few of his suggestions include; help an after school reading program; read to children at local and school

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37L Cabinet Meeting
 13:00 August 18
 Edmonton Girl Guide House
 11055 - 107 Street

37-L Membership News Flash!!

libraries; work with local literacy experts and agencies to promote reading; read or record books on tape (disk) for the blind and visually impaired; provide internet connection for a school or library. One of the things that I personally do every day (almost) is go online to 'the literacy site click to give' and click to assist in the purchase of books for children. Put your team's heads together and brainstorm ways you can improve literacy in your community or in the global community.

Please check out the LCI website for the President's "World of Service Awards" and maybe try making a Rap Video.

I'm not sure if you are all aware that the final plenary session at an International Convention is when DGE's become DG's. This ceremony is done by all of the DG's and their spouse/companions' ripping off the 'training ribbon' from their lapels. Lion David and I were both extremely honoured to have our District Governor Lion Donna perform that ceremony; it was one of the highlights of our Korean experience. Thank you Donna.

The District directory is off to print shortly and should be available at our first Cabinet meeting on August 18. I am looking forward to visiting all of you and hearing the great projects your clubs are providing to the community. The visitation schedule will be in the August issue of the LINK and also note I will be sharing the visitations with Vice District Governors, Lion Joan and Lion Robert.

I want to thank all of you for your support, guidance and well wishes, as we begin this exciting year in our Lions Family.

- DG Wanda

With the beginning of our new Lions year all clubs of District 37-L are encouraged to join in our effort to bring district membership up to the magic number of 1250. In each of our Lions Link publications we will share news of our success in this endeavour.

This month we are pleased to report on the outstanding success of the Vimy Lions Club. They are inducting 11 new members. These inductees include the local MLA, a member of the local school district and a County Councillor. When asked how they achieved such success VDG Bob Hunter said "we just asked them". Your club can benefit from a growth in membership too, just ask.

When considering potential members don't overlook family memberships. The first family member (head of household) is required to pay the entrance fee (US\$25) or charter fee (US\$30) and full international dues (US\$39). Up to four more subsequent qualifying family members, living in the same household with membership in the same club, pay no entrance or charter fee and half international dues (US\$19.50).

- PID Bill Webber



Here's the proof! Lions have big hearts! The Tumbler Ridge Lions raised over \$7000 for the BC Heart and Stroke society while having fun. A full bike of 29 enthusiastic riders teamed up with a dedicated core of BBQ experts and the citizens of Tumbler Ridge to support the goal of becoming a heart healthy community. This was the fourth year the Big Bike stopped in Tumbler Ridge on its tour of the Peace Region. The Tumbler Ridge Lions encourage everyone to get on board!

Lions Links:

District 37N Lions: <http://e-district.org/sites/37n/index.php>
Multiple District 37 Lions: <http://www.md37lions.org/>
Lions Clubs International: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/>
USA/Canada Forum: <http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org/>
Lions Quarterly Video Magazine: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/lq-view.php?id=25>
Lions Clubs International Foundation : <http://www.lcif.org/>
International President's Theme: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/international_theme_highlights.pdf

**District 37L Convention
November 2 & 3, 2012
Edmonton
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Dog Walks...

The 2012 Purina® Walk for Dog Guides broke the million dollar mark this year, an unprecedented achievement. This fantastic growth in funds raised will go a long way in helping provide hundreds of deserving Canadians greater independence through the use of a Dog Guide.

Lions Clubs across the country account for the majority of Walk organizers and committees and have been the driving force behind this success. You and your Club can help make an even bigger impact on the lives of Canadians with disabilities by getting involved with the 2013 Purina® Walk for Dog Guides in your community.

Everyone at Lions Foundation is channeling the success of this season to plan for next year. With the need to provide more and more Dog Guides and possibly even a new type of Dog Guide being trained, applications for Dog Guides are sure to increase. Each year we have reported growth in applications for our 5 current programs; Canine Vision Canada, Hearing Ear, Special Skills, Seizure Response and Autism Assistance Dog Guides and need to ensure we are all able to meet new demands. We thank you and look forward to you being a part of LFC's mission to continue to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them Dog Guides at no cost.

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Lion Don Fynamore awarded Queen's Jubilee Medal

Please join me in congratulating Lion Don Fynamore (Yellowknife, NWT) on being presented with a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal on July 1. Lion Don's MLA submitted his name for all of the community service he and his very small club provides. Lion Don's comment was that "I have to thank the Lions Club and everyone in the MD for giving me the chance to help out in the community as well as everyone I meet at the District and MD Conventions for their advice and guidance." I think we need to give him a major thank you for his perseverance and stamina in maintaining and keeping Lions alive with so few members (3 - 5) over the years.

That being said, more congratulations are in order for Lion Don as his club has recently seen a 50% increase in membership, Yellowknife Lions Club now boast 10 members. Lion Don attributes this to "a change in the way we do things, we don't have a lot of formal meetings - we have fast meeting and then we just get out and do projects and that seems to work better with people's busy schedules."

My reply to that is 'if that's what works for you, then do it'. Every community is different and club management has to meet the needs of that diversity.

Once again Lion Don, on behalf of the District, our heartfelt congratulations on your medal and your increase in membership.

- DG Wanda



Lion Don Fynamore, being presented with a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in Yellowknife, by NWT Commissioner George Tuccaro

Lion Larry Fowler - Update

Lion Larry Fowler, President of The Lions Club of Sherwood Park-Breakfast, has recently been admitted to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. His admission is due to complications with chemotherapy. As of today, July 9, he is on an isolation unit & the staff is hopeful that he'll be moved to a regular unit in the very near future. Larry is in good spirits & is eagerly looking forward to visitors. Don't let the isolation gowning routine scare you away; the staff will give you a hand.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me & I will do my best to answer them.

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MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday August 18, 2012

Cardiff Golf & Country Club
3 km East of Hwy 2 Cardiff Road
(TWP 554)

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**Entry Form in May and June
Lions Links**

District Calendar

2012

9	14-16	USA/Canada Forum	Tampa Bay, FL	Lions International	lionsclubs.org
9	28-29	37S Convention	Havre, MT		
10	12-13	37N Convention	Kalispell MT		
10	26-27	37I Convention	Rimbey, AB		
11	2-3	37L Convention	Edmonton	Edmonton Northgate	

2013

1	18-19	37O Convention	Strathmore, AB		
5	16-18	MD37 Convention	Helena, MT		
7	5-9	International Convention	Hamburg, Germany	Lions International	lionsclubs.org
11	?	37L Convention	Westlock	Vimy & District	

2014

5	16-18	MD37 Convention	Calgary		
7	4-8	International Convention	Toronto	Lions International	lionsclubs.org

2015

5	14-16	MD37 Convention	Bozeman		
6	26-30	International Convention	Honolulu	Lions International	lionsclubs.org

2016

6	24-26	International Convention	Fukoku, Japan	Lions International	lionsclubs.org
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2017

6-30	- 7.4	International Convention	Chicago	Lions International	lionsclubs.org
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(100 years of Lionism)

Lions of Alberta Foundation

Working with all the Lions of Alberta to Serve Our Beginning Lions of Alberta Foundation (L.O.A.F.) was created in 1980 as a supervisory and directive body, approved January 05, 1981 by the Province of Alberta, to form a society to serve the Lions Clubs of Alberta. Lions of Alberta Foundation was created to facilitate a body of individuals to unite the Lions Clubs of Alberta in order to better serve the communities of our province. The Board of Directors that governs this Foundation are representative of all of the Lions clubs in Alberta. Where one individual club might not have the resources to fulfill a project on its own, with the assistance of L.O.A.F. that project might become a possibility with the assistance of other clubs in the province.

With the ability to issue Tax Deductible Receipts (TDR) the Foundation assists Lions Clubs within the Multiple District to help raise funds for Canadian community projects

<http://loaf.md37lions.org/>

Lions Foundation of Canada

In the early 1980's Lions Clubs across Canada sought to develop a national project to reflect their service to Canadians with visual impairments. The result was Lions Foundation of Canada and its founding program, Canine Vision Canada, which was established in 1985. Since then the Foundation has grown to include four other Dog Guide programs:

Hearing Ear, Special Skills, Seizure Response, and Autism Assistance.

Lions Foundation of Canada mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them Dog Guides at no cost. To do this, the Foundation operates Dog Guides Canada, a preeminent national training school and charity that assists individuals with disabilities through five specialized Dog Guide programs. These Dog Guides are provided at no cost to eligible Canadians from coast to coast. The Foundation relies on donations from individuals, service clubs, foundations and corporations and does not receive any government funding.

Lions Foundation Now the largest school of its kind in Canada, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has two training facilities in Ontario: one in Breslau and another in Oakville, both of which serve Canadians across the country.

<http://www.dogguides.com/>

Alberta Diabetes Foundation

The Alberta Diabetes Foundation (ADF) is devoted to raising money for diabetes research. Through our fundraising efforts, we directly support scientific research which has yielded extremely positive results. To date the ADF has raised over 11.8 million in support of cure-related diabetes research.

<http://www.afdr.ab.ca/>



District 37L Convention 2012
November 2 and 3
Sands Convention Centre, 12340 Fort Road, Edmonton



Name: _____
 Lion ____ Lioness ____ Leo ____ Non-Member ____ First District 37L Convention ____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Postal Code/Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Fax Number: _____ E-mail: _____
 Club: _____ District: _____
 Companion Name: _____ District: _____ Club: _____
 Lion ____ Lioness ____ Leo ____ Non-Member ____ First District 37L Convention ____

Early Registration Cut-Off Date is October 10, 2012

Special Meal Request **Diabetic** **Vegetarian** **Allergies**
Please note it may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests

Early Registration ____ X \$100 = \$ _____
 Late Registration ____ X \$110 = \$ _____
Registration includes Friday evening light lunch (entertainment HOJA's - don't miss them) Saturday lunch and banquet.
 Extra Tickets _____
 Governor's Banquet ____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____
 Grand Total \$ _____

Convention Committee Contact:
 Lion Carol Moeller
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 E-Mail: cmoeller@telus.net

REGISTRATION PAYMENT
 Please make cheque payable to:
DISTRICT 37L CONVENTION
 P.O. Box 20089 Beverly
 Edmonton, Alberta T5W 5E6

Cheque Money Order Visa Master Card

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature: _____

Refund Policy: Before requesting a refund **DID YOU TRY TO GET A LION TO TAKE YOUR PLACE?** A full refund will be granted if a written request is received by the Convention Committee prior to October 20, 2012.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Sands Convention Centre Phone: 780.474.5476 or 1.888.444.3402

Please let the hotel know you are registering for the Lion's Convention as a block of rooms have been reserved for the convention at a discount rate of \$79.99 (only 30 rooms are available at that rate so book early)

Other accommodations:
 Century Casino Hotel 13103 Fort Road – phone 780.643.4000
 Holiday Inn 13742 - 50 Street – phone 780.476.9898 or 1.800.476.9898

Sessions include: Social Media, Dotmocracy, Hands-on—Club Excellence, Shorts, and In the Lions Den

Registration # _____
 Amount _____