

Li ns Link

Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

Volume 3, Number 12, June 25, 2007

Darlene Grace
 District Governor
 780 486 3764
dr_grace@telusplanet.net

Bill Engram
 Vice District Governor
 780 490 1372
billengram@shaw.ca

Neil Gourley
 Bulletin Co-editor
 780 435 4411
ngourley@shaw.ca

Hank Hoekstra
 Bulletin Co-editor
 780 988 9318
hankh@telus.net

**Newsletter
 Submission
 Deadline:
 July 23**



DG Darlene Grace being awarded a Dr. Jack DoBush fellowship at her final Cabinet meeting. She is flanked by PID Bill Webber and Aide-de-camp PCC Harold Grace

In This Issue

DG Darlene's Corner 1
 District 37-L Final Report..... 2
 Introducing our new DG, Bill Engram..... 3
 A note from PCC Patti Hill 3
 "For the Betterment of Lionism" 4
 "You Can Make A Difference" 4
 Club Supplies..... 5
 Travelling Diabetes Resource Program..... 5
 Lions Cavalcade 5
 Yellowknife Lions Report 6
 Peace Poster Kits 6
 Lions Quest Seminar..... 6
 Casino Volunteers Please 6
 Coulter's Corner..... 6
 Beaumont Honours Greg Patsula 7
 Editor's Meanderings 7
 Sierra Club Speakers Available 7
 Edmonton Grand Prix Volunteers 7

DG Darlene's Corner

I write this last corner with mixed emotions. Part of me is sad because I will not be visiting so many of the great Clubs that we have in Our District. Part of me is happy because I know that I have done my best to serve all the Lions in our District and I am turning over the leadership to a great Lion team of DGE Lion Bill and Lion Shirley Engram.

First I would like to congratulate PCC Dr. Lion Patti Hill on her progression towards becoming the Canadian International Director. On July 6, 2007 she will be formally elected by Lions throughout the world to serve on the LCI Board for a two year period.

During my official visits I ended my talks with one of two poems, many of you at that time requested a copy of my poems and I stated that I would include the poems in the last newsletter of my year. Please see

page 4 for the poems entitled "For the Betterment of Lionism" and "You Can Make a Difference."

On the next page I summarize my final report concerning my year as your District Governor 2006-2007. I have also taken this opportunity to introduce in a separate article, our new District 37-L District Governor Lion Bill Engram.

Please remember that for 2007-2008 I will be the LCIF Chair on Lion Bill's cabinet and if you have any inquiries about this please contact me.

I want to thank each of you for making my year, as your District Governor a memorable one. Your hospitality, friendliness, and warmth to PCC Lion Harold, myself, and any one that accompanied me on my visits was truly appreciated.

Yours in Lionism,
 DG Darlene

DISTRICT 37-L FINAL REPORT

District Governor
Darlene Grace
Highlights 2006-2007

Where has the year gone?

My year seemed to be constantly highlighted by travel incidents. Right off the bat on our way to Lions Foundation of Canada to visit the Dog Guide School, Harold's and my direct non-stop flight from Edmonton to Toronto was diverted to Winnipeg for over three hours due to a sewage problem on board. Once we arrived I learned a great deal about the school and how it could benefit so many people with sight, hearing and special needs.

Next came our trip to the Lions International Convention in Boston, where we had an uneventful trip from Edmonton to Toronto; then the fun began. Our flight was delayed and eventually cancelled so that we had to sleep on the bench overnight at the Toronto airport. The next morning, once I had to arrange for another flight, we travelled to Boston, when we arrived we found out that we had no luggage, other than the one small carry-on piece that Harold had. Therefore I had to attend the District Governor Elect training school in jeans that I had been wearing and Lions golf shirts as well as having our picture taken with International President Jimmy Ross and his wife in the same attire. Throughout the training, I was known as the incoming DG without clothes. Little did I realize that not only my class knew about this but it eventually filtered to the entire 750 incoming District Governor's. I learned so very much at the school and met so many great Governor's from around the world and shared many ideas with them. Our original flight leaving Boston to Edmonton via Toronto was cancelled and we were diverted to Edmonton via Ottawa, five hours later. We were enthusiastic when we had no difficulties on our flights to Leader Dog.

During my 73 official visits that

Lions Link June 25, 2007

covered over 20,000 kms; we had to have two front windshields replaced. Other memorable incidents included hitting a ptarmigan (which is similar to a prairie chicken) near High Level. Having a deer jump out in front of my car and me realizing that if I braked I would collide, so naturally my heavy foot laid on the gas and while looking in my rear view mirror saw the deer jump over the trunk of my car leaving a tuft of skin and fur as a reminder; this happened on route to Barrhead. Being able to touch the nose of a bull moose while I patiently waited for him to cross the highway as he gazed into my side window near Valleyview. I was willing to let Harold (for those of you who don't know Harold is totally blind) do the driving many times, due to the grooves on the highway made from ice and snow that my wheels just naturally followed, particularly on route to Jasper and Hay River.

Of all the memorable Club visits, some in particular I will never forget. These are, having a one and half hour tour of Red Earth Creek by Lion President Don; I never knew there was so much to see and so many camps for the oil rig people. My visit to Legal Lions Club and having the experience of a housefly do a nose dive down my blouse after Club President Lion Tina swatted it in my direction. Jasper Lions visit was so relaxing, being able to stay in the home of President Lion Dianne and Richard Crayston's. I truly felt the warmth from the northern hospitality provided by the Hay River Lions Club, who because of a sudden heavy snow storm got in touch with the RCMP to ensure that we were not in a ditch somewhere.

I experienced many other great highlights with each Club's members; even though we think we are alone in our problems regarding membership and retention. What I found was that almost all the Clubs have exactly the same basic problems. But on a more positive note they all have the same motivation to serve their communities.

I was pleased to receive approximately \$7,500.00 in lieu of gifts, which were distributed to my three charities of choice for the year: Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship; Jack and Denise Isaman/

CNIB Fellowship; and Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation.

During my year it was great to have International President Jimmy Ross attend the 75th anniversary of the Lethbridge Host Lions Club; and 1st Vice President Mahendra Amarasuriya attend the 50th anniversary of the Grande Prairie Lions which also included the five Club charter night.

I am proud that this year our District was finally able to complete a Youth Exchange and Youth Camp Manual which sets new guidelines and structure for the future.

I was also thrilled the Multiple District Peace Poster winner came from District 37-L, the St. Albert Host Lions Club.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my home Club, Edmonton South Edmonton Lions for their support and encourage and make-ups for the year; the "We Serve Team" on Cabinet and each Lions Club.

Harold and I will never be able to thank each Lion for so much hospitality, warmth, friendship and fellowship that we received in 2006-2007.

I want to wish DGE Lion Bill Engram and Lion Shirley all the success, fun, joys, and yes, some heartaches in 2007-2008.

Lion Darlene Grace
District 37-L



Introducing DGE Lion Bill Engram as OUR 2007-2008 District Governor

For the last number of years, I have known DGE Lion Bill and Lion Shirley and have enjoyed working with them as Lions and developing a close personal friendship.

I was pleased when Lion Bill, in consultation with Lion Shirley, agreed to put his name forward for VDGE at the convention in 2005. I included Lion Bill every step of the way as I moved forward, keeping Lion Bill abreast of the happenings within District 37-L and our Multiple. We have worked as a team to ensure a smooth transition between my year as DG and his incoming year as our DG for 2007-2008.

I was proud to nominate Lion Bill for the Leadership Medal, which he received at the MD37 Convention in Lethbridge on May 19, 2007. This was one way I could demonstrate to all Lions how much Lion Bill's leadership and assistance has meant to our District and to myself.

I know that Lion Bill with the assistance of Lion Shirley will lead our District well from July 6, 2007 to the end of the 91st Lions International Convention to be held in Thailand.



Incoming DG Bill Engram planning his year...

..I pledge my support to help DGE Lion Bill in whatever task(s) he chooses to give me. I would also ask that ALL LIONS in our GREAT DISTRICT 37-L give him similar support to that you have shown to me.

- DG Darlene Grace

Thank You Multiple District 37

On Saturday, June 9th, the votes of the Lions of Western Canada were counted and the announcement was made that the *Campaign to Elect Lion Dr. Patti Hill* would progress on to the LCI International Convention in Chicago. This was a moment made special for Lion Greg and me because of the many friends who were there to share it with us, and the many friends who were with us in spirit.

The journey from endorsement, to certification, to election is not one that a Lion makes alone, and I would like to thank the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of MD 37 for their fellowship and support. A special thanks goes to those who have served as mentors and on our election committees at the club, district, and multiple district levels. As well, I would like to publicly express my appreciation to my Campaign Chair, PID Bill Webber and his companion in service, Joan Webber, who have been with use every step of the way.

To all of you who will be attending the International Convention, accept this as your invitation to visit the MD 37 office at the Drake Hotel to learn about the fun and excitement that goes with the international campaigning we have planned for Chicago.

Once again, thank you for your support, and for honouring me with the responsibility to serve.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Dr. Patti Hill



DG Darlene's Poems

During the year, DG Darlene frequently quoted from these poems that she wrote. In response to many requests, here is the text of both poems.

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LIONISM

by DG Lion Darlene Grace

Today outside my window, a new day I see,
And only I can determine what kind of day it will be.

It can be busy and sunny, laughing and gay,
Or boring and cold, unhappy and gray.

My own state of mind is the determining key,
For I am only the person I let myself be.

I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help,
Or be selfish and think just of myself.

I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun,
Or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone.

I can be patient with those who may not understand,
Or belittle and hurt them as much as I can.

But I have faith in myself, and believe what I say,
And I personally intend to make the best of each day.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By DG Lion Darlene Grace

You can make a difference, Every single day
You can make a difference, With everything you say
You can make a difference, To that stranger on the street
You can make a difference, With everyone you meet
You can make a difference, By holding someone's hand
You can make a difference, By taking a stand
You can make a difference, To someone who is sad
You can make a difference, And instead make someone glad
You can make a difference, And make someone smile
You can make a difference, By making it last a while
You can make a difference, By making someone laugh
You can make a difference, And help them forget the past
You can make a difference, Stop being so greedy
You can make a difference, And help those who are needy
You can make a difference, By helping out a friend
You can make a difference, And be there until the end
You can make a difference, To those who are near and far
You can make a difference, No matter who you are
You can make a difference, Just by being YOU
You can make a difference, With the simple things YOU do.

Club Supplies:

Dear Lions of Canada,
My name is Anthony Holowicki. I am the new Division Manager for the Club Supplies and Distribution Division at International Headquarters. I want to assure you that Lions Clubs International (LCI) is committed to serving the Lions in Canada. In order to simplify the shipping process LCI has contracted with UPS to ship all packages to Canada via the UPS World Ease Program T. This allows LCI to group the packages sent to Canada and consolidate Customs clearance. You do not have to worry about duties and customs charges. What does this mean for you?

You pay a flat shipping charge of US\$14.95 or 13% per order whichever is greater. This includes shipping, handling, duties and taxes. No additional brokerage fees or charges to you. In order to reduce your shipping cost we recommend that orders less than US\$15.00 be combined. For your convenience, you can order through the website at www.lionsclubs.org,

Lions store toll free 1-800-710-7822, or mail in your order to:

Lions Clubs International
Club Supplies Sales
300 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook, Illinois
60523-8842,

fax to 630-571-0964
e-mail clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org.

The Canadian Lions convention vest, item #CO-22, is still available through the website and/or through your club secretary. The vest ships directly from our supplier in Toronto, Canada. We hope to see you at the 90th Anniversary International Convention, July 2 - July 6, in beautiful Chicago, Illinois, proudly wearing your vest.

Anthony Holowicki
Club Supplies and
Distribution Division Manager
300 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook IL 60523-8842, USA

Lions Link June 25, 2007

Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes

The Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes annual BBQ/Campout and Parade (Event) was held in Grande Prairie, AB. On June 2, 2007 hosted by the Grande Prairie Lions Club, who did a great job of organizing and running the event.

The attendance was down this year from last. There were 10 clubs represented. 30 Lions and companions attended the BBQ on Saturday evening and 20 attended the breakfast on Sunday morning. There may have been more over the course of the day as it was held in the Lions Learning Center and the public was invited. A successful silent auction was held raising app. \$569.00.

To date Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes has received \$30,735.60 in donations (combination of mail in and parade of green at event). Of the funds raised we set a portion aside each year to go toward replacing the vans being used by Canadian Diabetes Association to operate the Diabetes Resource Program (TDRP). The remainder of funds is donated to CDA to help with the operating cost of the program each year.

The Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes for 2008 will be hosted by the Calgary North Hill Lions club (details to follow) and the 2009 event will be hosted by the Morinville Lions Club.

The Traveling Diabetes Resource Program (TDRP)

The Traveling Diabetes Resource Program (TDRP) is a public education tool designed to promote the health of Albertans. It provides diabetes related resources and information for people with diabetes, their family members and those at risk of developing the disease.

The TDRP services the entire province of Alberta at no charge to the community, health authority, facility or general public. Donations are always welcome.

What kinds of activities does the TDRP offer?

Educational sessions on diabetes including:

- Preventing Type 2 Diabetes
- The Seriousness of Diabetes
- Living Well With Diabetes
- A Research Update About the Canadian Diabetes Association
- School presentations for students from elementary to high school.
- Information displays at health fairs, trade shows, health centres, shopping malls and pharmacies.
- Access to Canadian Diabetes Association cookbooks and resources.

What resources does TDRP bring to your community? Brochures on:

- Risk factors and signs and symptoms of diabetes
- Type 1 and type 2 diabetes
- Staying healthy with diabetes
- Eating healthy and staying active to prevent and or manage diabetes
- Local programming and resources
- Camp Jean Nelson
- Canadian Diabetes Association membership

We also provide:

- Cookbooks featuring healthy recipes and the Good Healthy Eating Guide Series.
- Culturally sensitive, community based programs.
- Information sessions for health professionals as well as the general public.

To book a visit to your community, please contact:

Northern Alberta & Edmonton Area:
1-800-563-0032 or
abinfo@diabetes.ca

Southern Alberta & Calgary Area:
(403) 266-0620 or
abinfo@diabetes.ca

We recommend that you call approximately eight weeks in advance to ensure the TDRP is available for the date requested.

Sponsorship for the TDRP is made possible through generous contributions from the Community Initiatives Program, Calgary Motor Dealers Association, Pfizer Canada and the Lions Cavalcade Committee of Multiple District 37, with support from ATB Financial.

From our Outpost in Yellowknife

Greetings from Yellowknife Lions Club. Thought I would provide an update on what the Club has been up to and also to send out a challenge to all the Clubs in the District.

We are still in the process of shaking off winter, ice is still on the lakes, but the MacKenzie River ferry is operating. As a result I was able to drive to the MD 37 Convention in Lethbridge. It was a great weekend. I always enjoy the Conventions. Its good to meet with friends and make new friends. It is also interesting to listen to the various speakers and learn from them.

The two Yellowknife High Schools are holding their graduation ceremonies at this time of the year. As we have for the past number of years, the Yellowknife Lions Club will provide two \$1,000.00 scholarships to students that meet our criteria. They must be enrolled in a social science programme so that once they graduate they can provide help to those in need. They must also come back to work in the north.

We have also just completed the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) "Walk to Cure Diabetes". As the people that organized the Walk for the past number of years moved south, the Yellowknife Lions Club took over the organization of the Walk. This year the walk took place on 27 May, a beautiful cold, windy, overcast and rainy day. Although not a lot of people attended the walk (approximately 20), we did manage to raise over \$10,000.00 for the cause. We also had a number of people commit to assisting us organize the Walk for next year.

Now for my challenge. As all of the JDRF Walks are scheduled for this time of year (May/June), chances are that you won't read about this until it is too late and the Walks will be completed for the year. It however is not too late to donate for this year. They will accept donations anytime

of year. Their website can be found at jdrf.ca.

I would like to challenge all Clubs in District 37L to organize a team, raise funds and enter the 2008 JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes. If you do enter a team, wear your vest and show the flag of Lionism to those in your community. You might also get people interested in joining your Club.

If you want to attend the Walk in Yellowknife, it is scheduled for 25 May 2008. If I don't see you lacing your sneakers on and walking the Frame Lake Trail in Yellowknife next year, hopefully I will hear about you attending or even organizing the Walk in your Community. Our youth are our future; lets help them obtain a better life.

Until next time, safe journeys and don't forget to take time to smell the flowers. Just watch out for bees!

- Lion Don Finnamore

City of Champions Lions Club

Mailing address:
#101, 204 Hadow Close
Edmonton, AB T6R 3B3

Email: riversidelions@shaw.ca

Project Pride

If you have not ordered your supplies yet please do so today. Keep track of the schools and number of students your club visits and forward to Lion Karen Olson, lionkaren37l@shaw.ca **before the end of June.**

Information at:
projectpride.md37lions.org/index.html.

Peace Poster

Has your club contacted any schools yet or ordered kits so that you are ready for September? Visit the official Lions International website for details on ordering your club supplies. Go to lionsclubs.org and search on "peace poster kit"

-Karen Olson

Lions Quest Seminar

A Lions Quest Presentation is scheduled for Saturday September 22, 2007 in Sylvan Lake Alberta at the Lions Den. All Lions who wish to attend are invited to do so. Cost \$20. includes two meals. Please reserve your spot by September 15/07. Contact

Lion Lori Perley
780- 649-2728

laperley@telusplanet.net

No Reservation = No Food!!

Casino Volunteers Wanted

Make A Dream Come True (Lions) Society Casino. The casino will be held on Sunday Sept 30 and Monday October 1. The location is Baccarat at 10128-104Ave Edmonton. If you can help please contact Bing at bing.ung@pacesetters.ca or Darcy Knoll at 780-483-6989 drknoll33@hotmail.com

Coulter's Corner

(A somewhat contrite PCC Lynne Coulter apologizes for not sending us enough fodder for the odds and ends of spaces in our newsletters.)

If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a noose around it?

I know what Victoria's Secret is: The secret is that nobody older than 30 can fit into their stuff.

Is it true that the only difference between a yard sale and a trash pickup is how close to the road the stuff is placed?

In winter, why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Why do women always ask questions that have no right answers?

Beaumont Honours Lion Greg Patsula



May 27th was the unveiling of the new sign and new name of the Beaumont Lions RV park. In honor of his years of service and dedication to the community as a councillor and Lions member, the Lions RV Park was renamed the Gerry Patsula Lions RV Park. Lion Gerry is a founding member of the Beaumont and District Lions Club.

As a member of the Beaumont and District Lions Club, Gerry was instrumental in the construction of numerous projects in the town, including the Lions Spray Park and the Lions Skate Park. Lions President Clay Stumph presented Lion Gerry with a Judge Brian Stephenson Award on behalf of the Beaumont and District Lions.

During his time on council, Lion Gerry was a member of the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission. Fellow board member and Mayor of Spruce Grove Ken Scott spoke about his time with Gerry on the board. On behalf of the entire commission, Mr. Scott and Gordon Thompson, general manager of the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission, presented Patsula with a parting gift, an aerial shot of the treatment plant in Fort Saskatchewan.

Lion Gerry had to resign from Beaumont Town Council December 29th due to health reasons. Beaumont Mayor Camille Berube paid tribute to Lion Gerry and presented him with a water color print of the Town of Beaumont.

The afternoon celebrations ended with a barbeque hosted by the Beaumont and District Lions Club.

- Lion Peggie Leslie

Need a Speaker?

Due to the increasing interest and controversy surrounding environmental issues in Alberta, the Sierra Club of Canada, Prairie Chapter has developed several presentations to give to concerned members of the public. Topics include:

- 1) Tarsands Development
- 2) Climate Change
- 3) Nuclear Power
- 4) Water

We would like to offer these to any Lion's Club members who might be interested. We can accommodate any time-frame, short or long, and can focus or broaden the topics depending upon the specific questions of the group. The presentations will be interactive and informative and will hopefully result in both audience members and presenters learning and developing new ideas as we move toward a more sustainable future.

Jessica Warren, Outreach Coordinator, Sierra Club of Edmonton,
780 439-1160
jfwarren@ualberta.ca

Editors' Notes

We have received a number of pictures for use in the Link, **but** the files have been too small to reproduce properly. Your **jpg** picture files should be 200k or more in size. Please try not to use borders and decorations in your ads and promos, as they must be edited for inclusion. Word documents are particularly difficult to change.

Subscriptions

The next issue of the Link will use new distribution lists, so if you will no longer be either the President or Secretary of your Club, but would like to continue getting it, please let us know.

Also, several courtesy copies go out, and we need to know if you would like to continue receiving the Link. Courtesy copies are available free to anyone who takes an interest in Lions activities. Just drop us a note:

hankh@telus.net



Become apart of the Edmonton Grand Prix and Win!

The Grand Prix of Edmonton wants to know if you are looking to add some spark to your summer. Rev up to the line and volunteer with the Grand Prix of Edmonton to experience the rush up close and personal. Get access to the event, exclusive swag, meals while on shift, an epic Sunday night volunteer wrap party right on the track-catered by the Sawmill and a chance to win.

Apply by Wednesday, July 4 and you'll automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Phoenix for the Grand Prix (includes airfare, hotel, rental car and tickets; value \$3000; Nov 29-Dec 2, chances of winning are less than one in 800!). Call us for more details at 488.8882, drop us a line at

volunteers@grandprixedmonton.com and/or apply and discover more details at

www.grandprixedmonton.com. With limited opportunities you'll want to call today. Friends, family and co-workers are all welcome and we will do our best to schedule you together to enjoy this adrenalin filled weekend!

This information was forwarded by Lion Karen Olson, who will be pleased to provide you with further details:

lions37b@shaw.ca
780 476 6092

Hyperlinks:

Any item in this Newsletter highlighted in blue and underlined can be used to link automatically to a WEBSITE or open your e-mail program and create a new message already addressed. By performing a

Control + Left Mouse Click you can directly make the link from your screen.

md37lions.org and hankh@telus.net are examples.