

# Lions Link



## Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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### Newsletter

### Submission

Deadline: July 20

## One More Time... DG Tom Reports

It has been an exciting and rewarding year serving as your District Governor for 37L - from the start when DGs visited the Lions Foundation of Canada and Leader Dog, to completion, where I will participate in the Lions Club International Convention in Sydney, Australia. The hospitality and fellowship encountered is one for which I cannot fully express my thanks to clubs and their members. Your donations to designated charities are greatly appreciated.



There is some regrettable news to report. The District has officially decreased by five clubs this year - we will have 60 clubs as of the end of June. Membership in the District has also decreased by eighteen members from the beginning of this Lions year. Clubs have been working hard to maintain membership, some have increased membership; I

inducted many new members during my visits.

On a positive note, hopefully membership will show a slight increase as clubs recently inducted new members to be added to the June MMR's. It gives me pleasure to report that Edmonton Northgate is sponsoring a Branch Club.

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## This is the Last Issue of the Lions Link

sent to the current year's mailing lists. If you are **NOT** a member of Cabinet, a President or Secretary of your Lions Club in District 37L, a member of the MD37 Council, or otherwise on incoming DG Betty Ann's hit list, you will **STOP** getting the Link **UNLESS** you let the editor know you want to keep getting it. Just email me at: [hankh@telus.net](mailto:hankh@telus.net) or snail mail at 4816 - 144 Street, Edmonton, T6H 4G8

*Don't forget to look for the Lions' entry in the CapitalEx parade July 22!*

I completed 96 percent of my official visits. It is unfortunate I was unable to visit all clubs - a goal I set at the beginning of my year.

Throughout the year I attended other Districts' conventions and the three inaugural rallies. It was certainly a learning experience participating in these events. I have made many new friends during this year of Lionism.

Highlights of the year:

- LCI Convention in Minneapolis
- Lions participated in Capital Ex parade
- In early August, PIP Al Brandel visited our city and Council meeting
- Our District Convention hosted by Devon with our guest International Director for Canada, Lion Carl Young
- 1<sup>st</sup> MD 37 "Royal" Northern Alberta Rally in Edmonton featuring an Olympic theme
- Our District was privileged to have LCI 2<sup>nd</sup> International VP Dr. Tam as the guest at the Edmonton Chinese 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- MD 37 Convention in Kalispell

It has been my pleasure to have worked with District 37L Lions who demonstrated our motto "We Serve" proving that, with teamwork, we can accomplish anything.

I must thank the Lions for all their support and look forward to the next two years in my role as Vice Council Chair and Council Chair.



**Murray (Mo) Fobert**

A long time member of South Edmonton Lions, passed away June 21, 2010, after a lengthy illness.



**Stakeholders in the Grande Prairie Lions Learning Centre** gathered for the burning of the mortgage on the Centre on June 14. The stakeholders are pictured above, but your editor wants to know who in his left mind would trust PCC Lynne Coulter with matches...

**June 14, 2010 was another milestone day in the history of the Lions Learning Centre, Grande Prairie.**

The "Partnership" (Bridge Network/ Grande Prairie Public School District, Council for Lifelong Learning, Society for Pregnant & Parenting Teens, Grande Prairie Lions Club) celebrated the retirement of the \$1.2 million debt to RBC Financial Services. The loan, held by the Grande Prairie Lions Club, was taken in 2003.

Hard work, dedication, cooperation & commitment by all parties ensured we never missed a payment. Along the way, the Partners have helped countless citizens, at home and abroad. The project also established credibility for our Association and our club within our community.



Thanks to any group or individual who helped make the dream come true.

- Grande Prairie Lions Club

## Help Wanted

**Volunteer At Lions Information Booth  
At the Capital Ex  
A Recruitment Opportunity "Just Ask"**

**Contact Lion Terry Kozma**  
[takozma@shaw.ca](mailto:takozma@shaw.ca)    780 463 8762 (Home)

## EDMONTON HOST LIONS CLUB – 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

*Submitted by Lion Carole Henson*

An exciting invitation was issued in the fall of 2009, to all Edmonton Host Lions Club Members to put their thinking caps on and submit their ideas as to how this club should celebrate and mark its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. After much deliberation by the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Committee, chaired by Lion Kathy Medd, this is what happened:

The date: December 3, 2009;

The motion: ***To Fund building renovations at the Youth Emergency Shelter Society in its SKY (Skills for Youth) Program, and the desperately needed renovations to the girls' bathroom area on the shelter side.***

Moved by Lion **Alan Bissonnette**, seconded by Lion **Ben Glieberman**.

**Motion Carried...**by the members of this amazing club.



### **Where we started:**

- In the recreation room: Worn and damaged flooring, duct-taped furniture, old and peeling paint, outdated wall designs, scraggly curtains, old outdated television;
- In the bedrooms, worn flooring to the point it was impossible to clean thoroughly;
- In the Girls' Shelter Bathroom: one shower, one toilet, one sink for up to as many as 8 girls a day.

### **Where we are today:**

- In the recreation room: beautiful grey leather furniture, newly painted soft yellow walls, lime green area rug and scatter

cushions, new flat screen tv, and new flooring.

- In the bedrooms: new flooring.
- In the girls' bathroom: 3 showers, 3 toilets, 3 vanities, shiny new fixtures, soft grey tiled flooring, and baby blue walls.

As its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project, the Edmonton Host Lions Club members were pleased to support the dire need for renovations that support the good work the devoted staff and volunteers are doing at the Shelter. The SKY (Skills for Youth) Program supports youth at risk at an extremely critical time in their lives, and is the "make it or break it" time, just when these young people are starting to trust in others, and to believe, just a little, in themselves. Providing comfortable, pleasant surroundings, offers these kids a feeling of being respected and cared for, and that they do, indeed, deserve a chance to live normal, productive lives, free of abuse, drugs, prostitution, and crime.



The beautifully refurbished recreation room will bear the new name, "**The Lions Den**", and will credit the Edmonton Host Lions Club with a plaque on the door. The girls' bathroom area signage will read, "**Extreme Makeover by the Edmonton Host Lions Club**". These renovations were badly needed, will last for many years into the future, and will serve as an active reminder to everyone that Lions Clubs make a significant difference in their communities and in the lives of adults and kids that may otherwise be forgotten.

The recreation room is now known as "**The Lions Den**".

## Yellowknife Walks for Juvenile Diabetes Reserach

Greetings from the Great White North. I suppose I should say the Great Green North since all the snow is in the south!

The Yellowknife Lions Club is still marching on. We just had two new members join, so we are up to five members. We aren't sitting on our haunches, but are still out in the community doing things.

On 30 May we held a fund raising walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. It was a great warm and sunny Sunday afternoon which historically has not been the case. This year we had 27 pledges and at least that many people walking the 5 km walk. At the end of it, we raised \$14,194.25 for JDRF. This may not be a lot in the grand scheme of things, but it is more than triple the amount raised last year.

A local mother, Tara Naugler, assisted with the organizing and fundraising. She has an excellent reason for assisting. Her 8 yr old son Adam was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was four years old. During my time organizing the walk, I got to know Adam a bit better and am more aware of what he has to go through daily. Although he does have an insulin pump, he is still required to take up to 8 blood samples a day to confirm the settings on his pump. Since his first blood sample, he has had to have over 11600 needles to take blood samples. Of course the blood sampling continues daily.

He is a very stoic young man. He knows he can't eat all the same foods that his friends do, that he has to take blood samples daily and that he must keep to a schedule. It should also be noted that his condition affects his family.

Knowing Adam makes fund raising for diabetes research personal for me and makes it easy to spend the time fundraising and organizing the walk. If you or your Club wants to donate,

the Edmonton Branch of JDRF will still take your funds. Tell them I sent you.

We are also planning on having an LFC Purina Walk for Dog Guides on 27 June. This is the first time that we have held the walk, so it will be interesting to see how much money we raise and how many people show up. I invite all of you to visit for the Dog Walk. It would be good to see all the Lions vests out walking the streets.

Bring your golf clubs. It is close to the summer solstice, so it is still light enough to T off at midnight. I might have to organize a Lions Golf Tournament next year for all you southern golfers to attend. Let me know who would attend and it can be arranged.

- Don Fynamore  
Yellowknife Lions Club



## 98<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:davehiatt@shaw.ca)  
780 459 4144

## District Calendar

### 2010

7	22	CapitalEx Parade	Edmonton	John Cragg <a href="mailto:jcragg@telusplanet.net">jcragg@telusplanet.net</a>
9	23-25	USA/Canada Forum	Milwaukee, WI	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
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 <a href="mailto:jssales@xplornet.com">jssales@xplornet.com</a>

### 2011

1	15-16	37O Convention	?	
1	21-22	Regional Rally	Rimbey	Gwen Olson <a href="mailto:brix.construction@yahoo.ca">brix.construction@yahoo.ca</a>
5	?	MD37 Convention	Medicine Hat	
7	4-8	International Convention	Seattle, WA	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
9	22-24	USA/Canada Forum	Anchorage, AL	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
11		37L Convention	Ft. Saskatchewan	

### 2012

5	17-19	MD37 Convention	Athabasca	PCC Gordon Topps
6	22-26	International Convention	Busan, Korea	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
9	14-16	USA/Canada Forum	Tampa Bay, FL	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>

### 2013

7	5-9	International Convention	Hamburg, Germany	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
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LIONS INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 37L

2010-2011 DIRECTORY & ADVERTISING  
ORDER FORM

Club/Name:	

	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Full Page Ad	\$100.00		
Half Page Ad	75.00		
Business Card	35.00		
Directories	3.00		
TOTAL			

MAKE YOUR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: **LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 37L**

Please Mail Cheque to:

DG Tom Hodgson  
10909 124 Street NW  
Edmonton, AB  
T5M 0H6

If you wish to place an advertisement in the District Directory, please email your ad to [papa.count@hotmail.com](mailto:papa.count@hotmail.com) or mail hard copy to Lion Tom at the above address.

Note: **Your advertisement must be received no later than July16, 2010**, for a full or half page ad you receive two free copies of the Directory and for a business card size ad you will receive one free copy of the Directory.

Thank you for placing an advertisement and directory order.

# 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

<b>Team Name</b>		
<b>Team Captain</b>	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 _____		
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SubTotal	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

**Please Make All Cheques Payable to "Omega Achiever LEO Club"**

\*Early Bird Registration Deadline is June 30th, 2010

\*Registration Deadline is July 31st, 2010

*Good Luck at the Tournament!*