

Lions Link

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Newsletter Submission

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DG Wanda's Notes

It's hard to believe this year is coming to a close. Although there have been a few unforeseen difficulties, we made it through in relatively good shape and that is due to the efforts of a great team of Lions – thank you all!!

We have had a great year in terms of membership growth and I thank all the clubs for your ongoing efforts. We did not meet the 1250 goal but I know we will all strive to ensure that it is met for our convention in November, as we do not want to alter our ballot again.

Your incoming Governor has been very busy with planning and preparation for her upcoming training. I know she will graduate with flying colours and provide you with an outstanding 2013-14 Lionistic year.

I have been absolutely amazed with the 'hands of service' our clubs provide to their communities. Until you have the opportunity to visit other clubs and listen to the community service they provide you just take for granted that all clubs do their part. We always say that Lions is the world's greatest service organization. Well, after this past year I KNOW that in this part of the world we are indeed the greatest service organization. I urge all of you to join the few clubs that now provide pictures of their community service in action to the Lions LINK, and to do so on a regular basis. Let everyone know how great we are!!

Thank you for a wonderful year and keep on doing what you do so well.



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"Think of how stupid the average person is, and realize half of them are stupider than that."

~ George Carlin



A big thank you from the Tumbler Ridge Lions to the dedicated members who commit weekly to operating the local bingo. The bingo is a steady source of the many funds raised during the year. There is more to bingo than just hustling about, helping players during the games. These energetic Lions set up and take down the tables and chairs, order supplies, and balance the books for gaming reports. With summer approaching bingo will take a holiday, but these dedicated Lions will switch their attention to other endeavours. Thanks again from your fellow Lions!

- Lynda McKenzie

EDMONTON HERITAGE DAYS CLUB FUNDRAISER...Lion Carole Henson

Call to all clubs for volunteers to earn NON-GAMING MONEY for club piggy banks!!

The Lions have been invited to participate in the Heritage Days Festival again this year to sell MEAL TICKETS at the pavilions, same as last year. **August 3, 4, 5, 2013.**

Here are the hours – note Saturday morning shift is full

Saturday, August 3 th	Morning shift - full	3:00pm to 8:00pm
Sunday, August 4 th	9:30am to 3:00pm	1:00pm to 6:00pm
Monday, August 5 th	1:00pm to 6:00pm	2:00pm to 7:00pm

Please keep the following information handy:

A free **Orientation BBQ** will be held on **Thursday, August 1st**, starting at **5:30pm** at Hawrelak Park. You can drive and park at Hawrelak on this day only. During Festival days, you will have to take ETS.

We will find out whether or not we are getting ETS bus passes at the BBQ.

You will be given a Festival T-shirt upon arrival of your first shift. **Please be sure to check in at the Volunteer Trailer** to pick it up and also **please check in at the start of each of your shifts.** The Volunteer trailers and tent are located in the same place as last year. For those of you who are newbies, when you enter the gates, turn left, and you will see the Volunteer white tent and trailers located up against the trees bordering Groat Road about a block or so down.

ONE MAJOR CHANGE THIS YEAR for all ticket sellers: all sellers will be cashed out BEFORE they leave the site. Their driver will bring them back to base, where the Seller will then go into the Bank Trailer and sit with one of the volunteers and be cashed out. Sellers must keep ALL of their receipts together with their Sellers Sheet (the sheet they are given when they pick up their float) and these must match with what is in the count room. Sellers are reminded that at each collection during their shift, it is imperative they count the money the driver is taking and ensure it matches the amount on the receipt before they sign the receipt. This will help to ensure a fast and accurate cashout at the end of each shift.

Please do not wait to call me. If you have the slightest inkling that you and your “over 18” friends would like to participate, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ME ASAP. It takes a lot of work to put this all together, and the sooner I know, the more efficient I can be on behalf of the Lions. Commitments already received from several Lions clubs – join the bandwagon and have a great weekend of fun at the same time.

Contact me by email: clh@tbwifi.ca or talk to me and/or leave a clear message at 780-962-9342 – yours will be my favorite phone call/email that I get, without a doubt!

2017 Lions Legacy Projects

The Devon and Thorsby Lions Clubs have chosen their Legacy projects, an electronic community sign and a clock tower respectively to be dedicated to the Lions Clubs International centennial year, 2017.

All clubs within our district are encouraged to create a legacy project for their respective communities.

Here are some suggested guidelines:

- : Appoint a committee
 - : Solicit project ideas.
 - : Set up a legacy fund budget yearly funding.
 - : Obtain consensus with your local municipality.
 - : Invite Lions, local dignitaries, the public and the media for a dignified unveiling ceremony in the L.C.I centennial year.
- *Lion P.D.G. Dan Claypool*

Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson suffered a heart attack in mid June. After surgery to have 2 stents implanted, he is now resting at home, and will not be attending the International Convention in Hamburg.

The most exciting project to come along in years has got to be the establishment of *(continued on page 8)*

Recycling at It's Best

In 1999 a lady who lived in Calmar, Alberta, Clara Bablitz, was house bound due to a medical condition.

The Devon and Calmar Lions clubs purchased an electric wheel chair and presented it to Clara on a permanent loan basis, as her funds were not sufficient to make this purchase.

This gave Clara a new lease on life as she was now mobile to go to the post office, the grocery store, and the seniors facility at times when she chose to, as opposed to waiting for someone to take her when their time permitted.

Being mobile allowed her to carryout service projects in the community, which she continued to do for several years.

In the year 2009 she found the resourses to purchase her own electric wheel chair. At that time she returned the Lions permanent loan electric wheel chair to the Lions club. The Bablitz chair was serviced and brought back up to standard and placed out on permanent loan to another deserving individual.

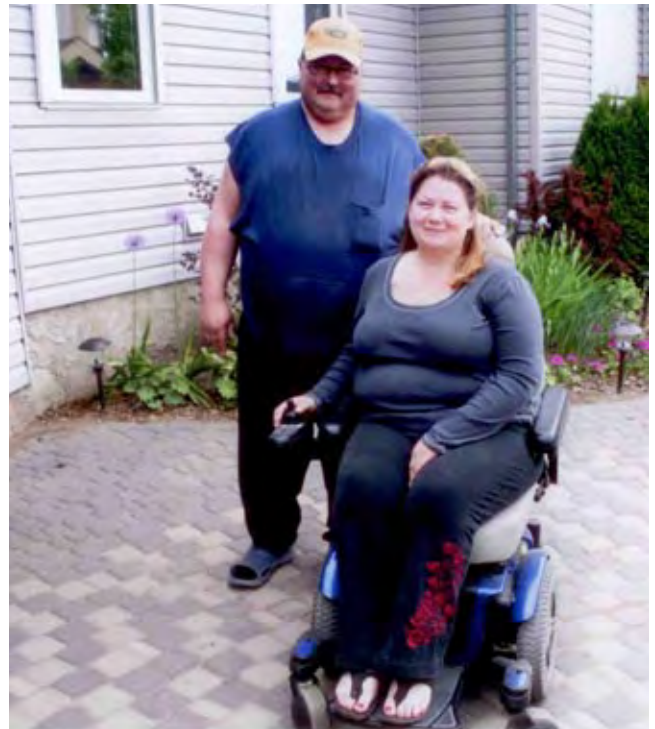
In 2013 Clara Bablitz passed away after several months in poor health, at the age of 68.

Todd and Debbie Robertson inherited Clara's purchased electric wheel chair, realized it was in very good condition and still quite valuable.

Todd and Debbie decided that their mother would want to return the great service favour she had received so many years ago that changed her life forever, and donated her purchased electric wheelchair to the Devon Lions club to be used by some other house bound person.

This is a prime example how service to others can be perpetuated back from life beyond the one we know.

I'm sure that Clara is smiling down on us as her service work continues here on earth.



- Lion Dan Claypool

District Calendar

2013

7	5-9	International Convention	Hamburg, Germany	Lions International lionsclubs.org
7	19	Kdays Parade	Edmonton	Lions Float, Impact Band
7	27	Legal Lions Parade	Legal	Impact Band
9	27-28	37S Convention	Red Lodge, MT	
10	4-5	37N Convention	Hamilton, MT	
10	18-19	37I Convention	St Paul, AB	
11	1-2	37L Convention	Westlock, AB	Vimy & District

2014

1	17-18	37O Convention	Canmore, AB	
5	16-18	MD37 Convention	Calgary, AB	
7	4-8	International Convention	Toronto, ON	Lions International lionsclubs.org

2015

5	14-16	MD37 Convention	Bozeman, MT	
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
			(100 years of Lionism)	

Lions for Dummies Part 1

1. All Lions are members of a Lions Club. Even the President of Lions Clubs International must be a member of a Club.

2. All Lions are volunteers. Employees of Lions Clubs International or of Multiple Districts, Districts, or Clubs may be Lions, but it is not a condition of their employment, nor are paid positions offered as a reward for being a Lion.

3. Membership is by invitation. This does not mean that a Club cannot be approached – just that the person must be approved by the Club. Exception: A lion transferred from another Club is automatically accepted.

4. Every Club is autonomous: sets its own agenda, projects, and fundraising activities. Each Club must adhere to the Standard Constitution and By-laws of Lions International. Individual Clubs (also Multiple Districts and Districts) may develop their own Constitution and By-laws, but nothing in them may contravene International's Standard Form.

5. Every Club elects its own officers annually. Those officers – President, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice Presidents, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, (or Secretary-Treasurer), plus 4 directors, the membership chair, the tail twister, the Lion Tamer, and anyone appointed by those officers, constitute the Board. The Board essentially filters matters brought to the Club, makes recommendations, approves minor expenditures,

and generally directs the affairs of the Club.

6. Lions Clubs do not meet in secret, nor keep its affairs and business secret. However, it is not customary to discuss detailed financial matters when non-Club members are present.

7. All Lions Clubs are part of a District, generally due to geographic proximity. The minimum size for a District is 1250 Lions, but there is no maximum. Districts may be divided into Zones for administrative convenience and to provide a framework for geographically close Clubs to cooperate. Some Districts also have Regions, especially in larger Districts, to provide better administrative support for Zones and Clubs.

8. Each District elects a District Governor for a one year term. The Governor and his or her Cabinet provides leadership, administration, and support for the District. The District Governor (or, more commonly, the DG) is supported by 2 Vice District Governors (also elected), who will normally move up to the DG position according to seniority.

9. Each District Cabinet is composed of the DG and 2 assistants, the immediate past District Governor, a secretary, a treasurer, the Zone Chairs, the Region Chairs, Committee Chairs, and advisors (generally Lions who have held higher office in Lions International). This group normally meets four times a year.

10. The Cabinet Committee Chairs will have responsibility for things such as District ap-

proved projects, liaison with specific projects, newsletters, publicity, and so on. Particular assignments reflect the needs and priorities of the individual Districts.

11. Each District has an annual convention at which elections are held, changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are approved, items and issues of interest to Lions are considered, and Lions have an opportunity to exchange ideas and accomplishments, and generally enjoy each others' company.

12. Multiple Districts are collections of Districts that reflect larger geographic entities than Districts. These MDs further serve to coordinate activities and the governance of Lions.

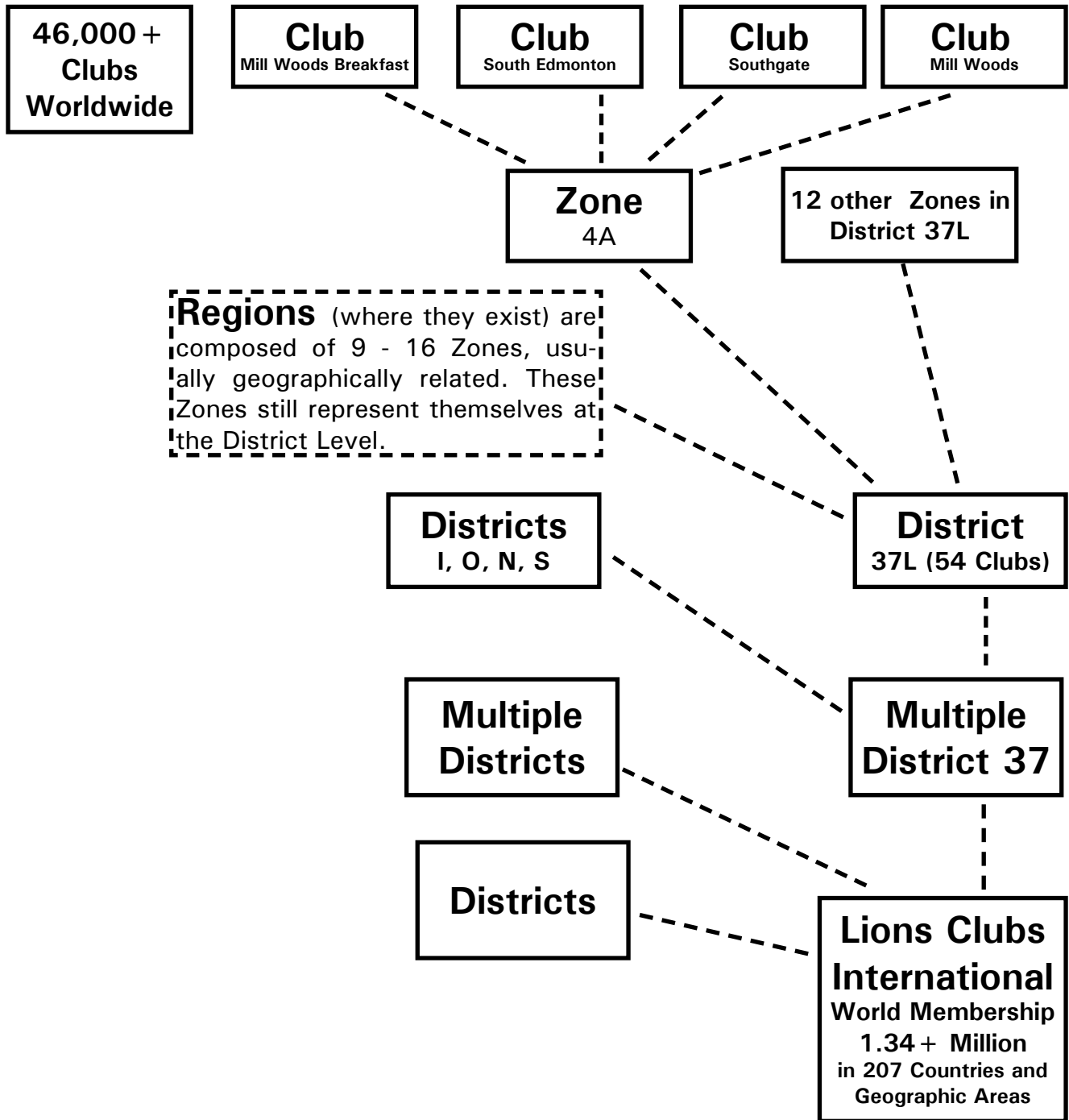
There is no further layer of organization between Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International. Multiple District 37, for example, consists of five Districts. 37L runs roughly west from Leduc to Jasper, as far East as Fort Saskatchewan, North to Yellowknife, and Northwest into the Peace Country of British Columbia. It comprises 54 Clubs. The other Districts (I, O, N, S) are South of District L – S, for example is entirely within Montana; N spans both sides of the USA/Canada Border, O is centered on Calgary.

13. Multiple Districts are governed by Councils, so there will be a Council Chair (elected annually), the current District Governors and 1st Vice District Governors, and the usual assortment: Secretary-Treasurer, Committee Chairs, and Advisors.

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

Now I don't know what to feed it. I planted some bird seed. A bird came up.

Lions for Dummies: Organization of Lions International



Lions Clubs elect delegates to the annual International Convention

Those delegates elect Lions International Executive and Directors

(The Executive Officers: president, immediate past president, first vice president, second vice president. 17 International Directors elected for 2 year terms in alternating years - 34 Directors in total. The Administrative Officers (Executive Director, Treasurer, and Secretary are appointed at the pleasure of the Board, and are members of the Board. All but the Administrative Officers MUST be members in good standing of a Chartered Lions Club.)

**PLAN NOW
TO ATTEND THE
LIONS DISTRICT 37L CONVENTION
November 1&2, 2013**

**WESTLOCK INN & CONFERENCE CENTER
10411-100 Street
Westlock, Alberta**

**Hosted By
THE VIMY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

Friday, November 1, 2013 "FUN & GAMES"- Registration-4:30PM to..., Opening Ceremonies, Games, Entertainment, Prizes, No host Bar, Light snacks- 7:00PM to ...

Vimy Lions will host a hospitality room from 1:30PM to 6:45PM.

NEWS: We've just engaged a "World Renowned" Magician to entertain us this evening.

DRESS: Casual.

Saturday, November 2, 2013 "LET'S GET SERIOUS" - Registration- 8:30AM to 2:00PM, Sessions- 9:00AM to 4:30PM, Lunch, Credential Certification, Voting, Celebration of Life, Elections & Bids, Awards...

Some topics to be presented: Re-districting, What's Happening to Lions Internationally & Locally?, What makes a successful Lions project?, Having a safe & enjoyable holiday trip, Lions meetings that lead to good attendance and other timely topics.

DRESS: Lions Apparel

Saturday Evening "TIME TO SIT BACK & ENJOY OUR GUEST" - Banquet - Guest

Speaker: International Director Stacey W. Jones from Miami Beach, Florida.

DRESS: Semi-formal (No jeans or t-shirts)

FEES

Individual Registration - \$115.00

Club Registration - 1or 2 members from the same Club - \$115.00 each

- 3 or 4 members from the same Club - \$105.00 each

- 5 or more members from the same Club - \$95.00 each

Club registrations must be on the same form and paid by one cheque, money order or credit card.

ACCOMMODATIONS

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS. RESERVE EARLY as this is a busy time in our area and rooms may be scarce.

Westlock Inn - 1-888-768-9959 or 1-780-349-4483

Best Western - 1-780-349-4102

Ramada Inn - 1-888-319-2245 or 1-780-349-2245

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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DISTRICT 37L CONVENTION 2013
November 1 & 2, 2013
WESTLOCK INN, Westlock, Alberta
Hosted by the Vimy & District Lions Club



Registrants' Names(Lion,Lioness, Leo or Companion)	Club & District	Address (Phone or e-mail)	Special Meal Request
1 _____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____	_____
6 _____	_____	_____	_____

Enter additional registrants on the back of this form.

Registration fees include Friday evening Social, Prizes, Entertainment with "No host" bar, Coffee, "light" snacks (No meal), Saturday business sessions, lunch and Banquet (No breakfast)

Registration Fees: 1or 2 Registrations from same Club \$115.00 each
3 or 4 registrations from same club ..\$105.00 each
5 or more registrations from same club..\$95.00 each

All registrations from the same club must be on ONE form with payment enclosed

Extra Banquet tickets -\$40.00 each

PAYMENT ENCLOSED:

_____ X \$115= _____
_____ X \$105= _____
_____ X \$95= _____
_____ X \$40 = _____
TOTAL _____

Payment by CHEQUE ☐ MONEY ORDER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD ☐

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature: _____

Please make cheque payable to: District 37L Convention
Vimy & District Lions Club
10603 -108 St.
Westlock, AB T7P 1E1

REFUND POLICY: Before requesting refund, try to get a Lion to take that place. A full refund will be granted **ONLY** if a **WRITTEN** request is received by the Convention Chair prior to October 22, 2013.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS; Westlock Inn -1-888-768-9959 or 1-780-3494483
Best Western - 1-780-349-4102 ; Ramada Inn -1-888-319-2245 or 1-780-349-2245

A DRAW from all **PAID** registrations received before October 10,2013 will be made on Friday, Nov. 1, 2013 for a prize of \$100 (or two draws each for a prize of \$50.00)

ALL Convention attendees will be eligible for a draw for a "Lions" prize to be drawn after the Banquet on Saturday (Must be present to win).

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