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Newsletter Submission Deadline: April 22

DG Betty Ann's Notes

Good day Lions,

I think that spring has finally arrived and hopefully it will be green before my next column.

With spring here it is also time for club elections and PU101s. Please file these as soon as your club elections are over. You do not want to have the District Governor or Vice District Governors hounding you.

Thanks to the Vimy Lions for hosting the Cabinet meeting and the wonderful champagne breakfast and lunch. Thanks to all that bought 50/50 tickets that day and for your donation to STARS.

We also attended the Southgate Spaghetti Bash and had the most wonderful feed of spaghetti that we have had in quite awhile.

The next event coming up is the World Wide Induction Day and Leadership Training. Our Leadership Chair Lion Carole Henson has worked hard in planning these days, so please register early, so that we do not have to cancel them. The North training day is April 9th, Grande Prairie Lions Learning Center, deadline is April 1st for registration. The South training is April 30th at J.J. Nearing School in St. Albert. These sessions are for all Lions not just incoming officers.

The District has not reached the goals that I set at the start of the year but I am pleased to announce that our membership is on the plus side, but not by much, so get out and make that effort to increase your club. We still have 90 days.

The district has grown by two new branch clubs, Northgate and Devon each worked hard to get these started.

The next Action campaign will be *Protecting our Planet*, so clubs get creative and lets all try to make a difference in our communities and our world.

I will not be making any visits during April 10th - April 16th as Lion Rick will be undergoing surgery but I'll be back on the road the week after.

Until next month

- **DG Betty Ann and Lion Rick**

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Well done is better than half baked...



You may think DG Betty Ann is a bit of a pussycat, but if you don't get your PU-101s in, you might see her wilder side...

(At Vimy's Champagne Breakfast)

Impact Drum Corps

Now that the District has adopted the Impact Drum Corps, we can help them fundraise by simply voting for their project - a grant of \$100,000 provided by PepsiCo if the project receives more votes than the competition. A note from the director of Impact:

We're live for the Pepsi Refresh Grant.

Here is a link where you can go to vote for Impact. Can you spread the word throughout the Lions? It would be great to receive the grant money. Imagine all the kids we could serve with 30 more horns, new pit equipment and a 20,000 dollar recruiting budget to bring them in the doors!

Below is a link to find our entry online: the "Vote for this idea" button is in

the top right. Pepsi requires people to create a user account to vote, but then each person can vote for us once a day! that's 60 votes per person by the end of the contest.

www.refresheverything.ca/impactyouth

It'd be great to make this our first big success together!

Thanks,

Stephen McConnell

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Multiple District 37 Convention

Medicine Hat

May 19 - 21

Vote on MD Dues

Entry Form

on page 12



The TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes takes place **June 12, 2011** at the **Edmonton Garrison (Namao) Military Fitness Centre**. As Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) biggest fundraiser, the annual event raises both awareness of the disease and funds to continue research into cures and treatments for diabetes. Teams of families, friends and co-workers show their spirit and passion by donning the most colourful team t-shirts in support of JDRF's mission to find a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications through support of research.

Type 1 diabetes, the most severe form of diabetes, is a non-preventable autoimmune disease affecting more than 300,000 Canadians and that number is increasing by three to five per cent each year. Type 1 diabetes strikes children and adults suddenly leaving them dependent on injected or pumped insulin for life.

What: TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes
When: June 12, 2011
Where: Edmonton Garrison Military Fitness Centre
Registration: 8:00 A.M.
Walk Starts: 10:00 A.M.
Online: www.jdrf.ca/walk



Help us pave Gold Sneaker Blvd.

An easy way to increase your pledge total! The Gold Sneaker boulevard" is created at the TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes to recognize corporations and individuals who have donated a minimum of \$250.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
17321 108 Ave, NW
Edmonton, AB
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(780) 428-0343





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Greetings Lions of Multiple District 37:

The topic of a dues increase for Multiple District 37 was originally raised at the second Council of Governors meeting in Hanna. At that time Council discussed and requested more information before making a decision and recommendation. At the third Council meeting in Great Falls, following a lengthy discussion, a motion was passed to propose a dues increase at the next Multiple District Convention, to be voted on by the delegates. The proposal is to increase dues by a total of \$3.00 over a two year period, at a \$1.50 per year beginning January of 2012. The rationale for this dues increase is to cover the shortfall that has been occurring over the past couple of Lionistic years.

Normally any business, and Lions Clubs, tries to maintain a “carryover balance” so as to be able to operate into the coming year. The MD has seen this “carryover balance” diminish for the past few years.

Presently the MD collects \$11.00 (US) per Lion within the MD. The MD Budget receives \$10.25 and \$0.75 goes to the MD Friendship Committee. The Friendship Committee provides funding to campaigns for International Positions and helps defray costs of bringing LCI Executive Officers to the MD.

The last actual dues increase for the MD was 27 years ago in May of 1983. Since the last dues increase the number of Lions serving within the MD has decreased, resulting in less revenue to the MD. While inflation has not been high during the last 27 years, even an increase of 1 percent per year results in a total increase of over 25 percent during that time period.

The Council of Governors has tried to find ways to cut costs. An example is the decision to revert back to using the Blue Blazers rather than purchasing Green Blazers for the sitting Governors. While the original reasoning for the Green Blazers was sound, this recent decision results in a saving of approximately \$1,000 per year.

Recently the MD office has had to be moved three times and an independent audit report done twice as required by the MD By-Laws. Hopefully the mobility of the MD office has been stabilized but there is the need to bring the office into the 21st century with technology upgrades that have been delayed for the past several years. In order for the MD office to fulfill the job requirements in the Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual with the goal to eventually reduce operating costs, reinvestment in office equipment upgrades and software are necessary.

Increasing the Mid-Winter Conference to three Rallies has created additional expense but at the same time has tripled the number of Lions served which was the intention of Council and the goal.

With LCI developing the 2nd VDG position and encouraging another level of officers to attend, learn and participate, additional expenses are incurred to get these new Lion Leaders involved. Logically an additional year around Council creates a more knowledgeable Council of Governors. Upon their return to their Districts, they are better trained and more effective leaders. Council doesn't just provide administrative duties for the MD; it trains and creates leaders and mentors for the Districts and Clubs.

Council Chair Ben Apeland

City dedicates Log Cabin to the Lions

By Naeema Siddiqua
Staff Writer

The Spruce Grove Log Cabin is no longer just the log cabin, it's now officially the Lion's Log Cabin.

Spruce Grove Mayor Stuart Houston, city council members and members of the Spruce Grove Lions Club gathered at the cabin on Tuesday evening for the official name change.

The Lions Club began funding the Log Cabin since 1996, and contributed \$5,000 annually for the past 15 years.

The money was used for construction and renovations. The Club completed its \$75,000 funding commitment for the Cabin on June 28, with the presentation of the final cheque.

"The Lions Club is leaving a significant mark for the city," said Houston, adding that the club has provided an ideal place for people to congregate and share the good time together.

"The Log Cabin is a special place for the city and it's

citizens. It's not only served the needs of the youths but also the needs of community groups."

The log Cabin is not only a hangout place for the youths, but many youth and mentorship programs are also run from there.

Also present at the name unveiling ceremony was a group of youths who had personal connections to the Cabin. Stephanie Chard said the Lions Log Cabin literally saved her life.

"Without this place I would not be who I am today," said the second year psychology student.

"I stumbled upon this place at a very low point in my life. I had no goal in life... this cabin allowed me to heal and pick myself up again."

The Cabin offers a array of drop-in programs for youth as well as fun activities, including games, Conversation Café (casual chit-chat in a positive and welcoming environ-

ment with the youth coordinators), Craft Corner (duct tape art), scrapbooking, card making, cravings (create different food masterpieces to satisfy the cravings), and Friday jam nights.

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GRANDE PRAIRIE TRUMPETER LIONS CLUB

Proudly Presents

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Improving the lives of amputees

FUND RAISER

Saturday, April 9th, 2011

at the

Royal Canadian Legion
9912 - 101 Avenue
Grande Prairie, AB

Cocktails 6:00 pm
Buffet 6:45 pm
Special Guest Paul Franklin



Naeema Siddiqua Reporter/Examiner

Spruce Grove Mayor Stuart Houston, council members, and the Lions Club members gathered at what was formerly known as the Log Cabin for a name change to the Lions Log Cabin on Tuesday evening.

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Entertainment:
Royal Canadian Legion
Air Band
A little bit country
with a lot of rock & roll



BUFFET DINNER
SILENT AUCTION
DOOR PRIZES
& RAFFLES

\$40.00 per person
For tickets contact Peggy
780-532-8406
pm_hauca@hotmail.com



All proceeds donated to the Franklin Fund Under the University of Alberta

www.Franklinfoundation.ca





The Beaverlodge Child Development Centre

The Beaverlodge Lions Club are very proud of their most recent project, THE BEAVERLODGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE. The planning of this Beaverlodge Lions Club initiative began in 2004 with the intention of having facilities for the Beaverlodge Daycare, the Beaverlodge Playschool, a meeting room for the Beaverlodge Legion and the Beaverlodge Lions Club. The sod turning ceremony was in 2006 with construction beginning in 2007.

This project was a huge undertaking with original projected costs at

\$630,00. By the time the numbers came in and the building completed, costs had skyrocketed to over \$1,000,000. Although the building was completed and the official Grand Opening for the Beaverlodge Child Development Centre was held on April 15, 2009, there was still a lot of work to be done. The sidewalks had to be poured, the parking lot had to be paved, landscaping and sod for the playground had to be laid. This much needed facility would never have happened without our donors, volunteers and dedicated Lions Club Members.



During the winter of 2011 the **Tumbler Ridge Lions Club** took over operations of the local arena concession. With a willing core of volunteers the club worked several hockey tournaments. In addition to the usual coffee, pop, chips and chocolate bars our cooks made chilli, hot dogs and hamburgers. Here Lion Tim pitches in by washing dishes. The money raised will go into the fund to support the building of our own Lions Den.

Herbie's Kids

Many of you may remember the Herbie's Kids Fund but for those who do not, we would like to provide you with some information about this fund and ask for your support and donations to this fund.

Herbie's Kids was set up in memory of Herb Moeller, Northgate Lions member. The fund was created to provide funds for any youth travelling to assist with unexpected costs. Herb was an advocate of young people, wanting to provide them with the best life experiences possible. He was involved in the Lions Youth Exchange, Boy Scouts, and as an active supporter of Girl Guides. Herb did not want any young person to be disadvantaged by lack of funds, from attending any event, be it travel with the youth exchange program, camps

through Guiding or Scouting or any other youth related activity.

The fund has been established as a separate entity under the auspices of the Northgate Lions; applications for funding and donations to the fund, have not been received as of late and Northgate would like to ensure all Lions Clubs are aware of this fund and ask for your support. Please also share with your members that this money is available and encourage youth who would benefit from this fund to contact Deb Kelly at 780-476-8664 or Carol Moeller at 780-475-3298.

We thank you for your support and look forward to hearing from you and the youth in your community who may be able to benefit by receiving help from this fund.

- **Wanda Coates**

Impact Drum Corps

A very prestigious and influential publication within the world of drum corps has just issued a news item on its' website.....

www.drumcorpsplanet.com and at <http://impactarts.ca/new/news/62-announcement.html>

Additionally, Impact Drum Corps is plastered all over Facebook.

We have been in search of publicity and here it is!

-**Lion John Cragg,**
Public Relations 37L



Ahhhh.....Endless Summer Days.....ANCHORAGE, ALASKA!

Lion Carole Henson, Leadership Development

September 22-24, 2011

So...how are your Forum plans coming along? Have you clicked on that website yet? Checked out the many hotels the Forum organizers have selected? Well, if you haven't yet, *mush* right to www.usacanadalionsforum.org The deadline for early bird registration is June 15th...but to get your choice of hotels, registering early is a must.

Just imagine, meeting hundreds of people who are just like you, just as devoted to doing good in the world, and all under one beautiful Alaskan sky! What are you waiting for? This is the year to plan that Alaskan holiday and take in one of LCI's most coveted events....**the USA/Canada Forum**.....while you're enjoying the scenery! What a deal!

Club Presidents Seminar: *If you are, or will be a club president, plan to be at this Seminar to participate in a unique opportunity. Where else can you brainstorm with more than 250 other club presidents and leaders of our association in one seminar? And you, who are a Board Director – this one's for you as well.*

Club Vice-President: Administrative Team Player – *if you are a club vice-president, or have considered allowing your name to stand for this office, you will want to attend this seminar. The vice-president's role is no longer that of "president-in-waiting" – you have responsibilities and opportunities to make a difference for your Lions Family right now. Learn to exert the Power of "We"!*

The speakers are always the very best, and Thursday Night's Opening keynote speaker is **Mary Kay Mueller**, upbeat, enthusiastic and sure to motivate you into even more positive thinking.

Mary Kay Mueller, also known as "The Gratitude Guru", is the author of two books, "**Taking Care of Me: The Habits of Happiness**" and "**8 to Great: The Powerful Process for Positive Change**". Every so often in life, we are given the opportunity to step out of what is, and move beyond, into a new level of what can be. The best teachers for facilitating these passages are those who have been there before us, and one such teacher is author and trainer, MK Mueller. Today her training programs motivate business leaders, educators, and health care professionals from around the world with the keys to happiness, health and success. As one client wrote, "After MK's workshop for our EPA employees, participants felt it was, by far, the most valuable three hours they had ever spent in a workshop." MK is also passionate about life skills, and educating teens and her recently published curriculum for middle and high schools called, "**8 to Great**" was highlighted on the Dr. Phil Show.



For more information and online access to the **Forum Newsletters, Registration Form, Travel, and anything else you want to know....go to www.usaandcanadalionsforum.org and www.suzidavis.com/lionsclubalaska/**

DID YOU KNOW? Alaska is 586,400 square miles in size, twice the size of Texas (Sarah's got one on George Dubya ☺). It has 29 volcanoes (really, you say??) 33,000 miles of coastline, over half of the world's glaciers, is only 55 miles east of Russia, and is the only state with coastlines bordering 3 different waters: Arctic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and Bering Sea – something to "sea" indeed!

LIONS LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA!

EDMONTON

FOR ALL INCOMING CLUB EXECUTIVE AND
FOR ALL INTERESTED LIONS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, April 30, 2011

**J. J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School
196 Deer Ridge Drive, St. Albert, AB**

**Entry Form on
Page 10**

**Registration starts at 08:30am – Assembly at 9:00am – 3:30pm wrap
Good Food and Coffee Breaks
and lots of fellowship!**

~~GUEST SPEAKER: TBA ~~

Training for Presidents, Vice-Presidents/Directors, Treasurers, Secretaries, Tail Twisters, and Zone Chairs

NEW LIONS ORIENTATION & INFORMATION SESSION UPDATE ON THE LATEST NEWS IN LIONS QUEST – “IT’S OURS”

And....you don't have to be a Club Officer to attend a Training Session
All new Lions are encouraged to sit in on the training session of their choice

~Induction of New Lions~

**Family members and sponsors – join with fellow Lions, around the world, and take part in our
significant and meaningful
*Special Candlelight Ceremony***

Club Presidents: please encourage your club officers to attend, and cover their costs – this is classed
as an “Educational Event”
~Small charge for lunch~

Email Lion Carole Henson to book your attendance clh@tbwif.ca
before April 20, 2011

Jack & Denise Isaman Fellowships contact change:

All enquiries for the The Jack & Denise Isaman Award should go to
carole.pickering@cnib.ca or:

Carole Pickering, Manager, Major Gifts, CNIB
12010 Jasper Ave
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LIONS LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA!

GRANDE PRAIRIE

FOR ALL INCOMING CLUB EXECUTIVE AND
FOR ALL INTERESTED LIONS – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, April 9, 2011
LIONS LEARNING CENTRE
9625 Prairie Road
GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA

Entry Form on
Page 11

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Volunteer Opportunity

Lions Make A Dream Society will be having having a 2 day casino on Monday June 6th and
Tuesday June 7th at Baccarat. Help is needed for all shifts and if interested they could contact
me at 780-483 6989 or they could email me at drknoll33@hotmail.com

- Darcy Knoll

Ethan Richards is a Grande Prairie boy who suffers from a rare skin condition known as Job's Syndrome, treatable only with a very expensive drug. Because Ethan's single mother couldn't afford the treatments anymore, his school organized fundraising in the hope of raising \$7000. Grande Prairie Trumpeter Lions stepped up to the plate with a \$3000 donation (which covers 2 treatments - Ethan needs treatment every two weeks.) His story was featured a few weeks ago in the media, and subsequently Alberta Health has taken over the cost of treatments.



Grande Prairie Trumpeter \$3000 Donation to Ethan Richard. Lion Steve Pycrz, St Patrick's School Principal Shelly LaCroix, President Lion Connie Moffat

PU-101s?!

District Calendar

2011

4	9	Franklin Fund Raiser	Grande Prairie
4	9	Club Officer Training	Grande Prairie
4	16	Texas Hold-em Poker Tourney	Grande Prairie
4	30	Club Officer Training South & World Wide Induction Day	St. Albert
5	19-21	MD37 Convention	Medicine Hat
6	3-5	Cavalcade For Sight	Athabasca
6	18	Cabinet Meeting	TBA
7	4-8	International Convention	Seattle, WA
7	21	CapitalEx Parade	Edmonton
9	22-24	USA/Canada Forum	Anchorage, AL
11		37L Convention	Ft. Saskatchewan

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2012

5	17-19	MD37 Convention	Athabasca
6	22-26	International Convention	Busan, Korea
9	14-16	USA/Canada Forum	Tampa Bay, FL
11	?	37L Convention	Edmonton

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 Edmonton Northgate

2013

7	5-9	International Convention	Hamburg, Germany
11	?	37L Convention	Vimy?

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2014

7	4-8	International Convention	Toronto
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2015

6	26-30	International Convention	Honolulu
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**LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA
& WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011**

J. J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School, 196 Deer Ridge Drive, St. Albert, AB

**Registration at 08:30 am.....Assembly at 09:00 am....Wrap at 3:30 pm
~Lunch and Coffee Breaks~**

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING REGISTRATION

Name (Lion, Lioness, Leo)	
Club	District
Address	
City	Postal Code
Phone	E-mail
Club Officer Training Session (see below for choices)	
TRAINING SESSIONS	
~ Club President	~ Secretary
~ Vice-President/Director	~ Tail Twister
~ Treasurer	~ Zone Chair
WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY REGISTRATION Special Candlelight Induction Ceremony for all new Lions ~Family members encouraged to attend~	
Are you a new Lion? _____	
If yes, your sponsor's name: _____	
Date joined: _____	
Number of people attending with you (for food and refreshments) ._____. (there will be a break-even charge for lunch)	
Any questions? Please email clh@tbwfi.ca	
IMPORTANT: Please mail registration to Lion Carole Henson, 14 – 51513, Range Road 265, Spruce Grove, AB, T7Y 1E3. or copy and email before April 20, 2011	



**LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA
& WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011**

Lions Learning Center, 9625 Prairie Road, Grande Prairie, AB

**Registration at 08:30 am.....Assembly at 09:00 am....Wrap at 3:30 pm
~Lunch and Coffee Breaks~**

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**Lions Clubs International
Multiple District 37 Convention
May 19, 20 & 21, 2011
Medicine Hat, Alberta**



Name:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Companion:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:		District:
Mailing address: Street: City: Postal/Zip Code:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

Registration (Received by April 15, 2011)	_____	x \$115.00 =	_____
Late Registration (Received by May 12, 2011)	_____	x \$130.00 =	_____
On Site Registration (May 12, 2011 or later)	_____	x \$145.00 =	_____
Non Registered Companion Awards Banquet – Friday	_____	x \$ 40.00 =	_____
Non Registered Companion Governors' Banquet – Saturday	_____	x \$ 40.00 =	_____
Non Registered Companion Lunch – Friday	_____	x \$ 20.00 =	_____
Non Registered Companion Green Jacket Lunch – Saturday	_____	x \$ 20.00 =	_____
Golf Tournament (maximum of 40 people)	_____	x \$ 35.00 =	_____
Medalta Tour	_____	x \$ 20.00 =	_____
		Total	= _____

Registration includes Thursday evening activities,
Friday & Saturday Lunch and Friday & Saturday Banquets.

Special Diet/Allergies: Please specify – Diabetic Vegetarian Allergies: _____

Cash Cheque Money Order Credit Card – VISA MasterCard
All Monies are in Canadian Funds

Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____
Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Mail to: MD37 Convention Box 732 Medicine Hat, AB T1A 7G6	Contact: Lion Catherine Heberle Phone: 403-487-2494 Email: md37Convention2011@gmail.com	Contact: Lion Kim Simpson Phone: 403-526-7228	Fax to: 403-527-5290
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Website: <http://convention2011.md37lions.org/>

All Lions are responsible for their own Hotel/Motel reservations.

Convention Headquarters: Medicine Hat Lodge – 1051 Ross Glen Drive SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1B 3T8
Phone: 1-800-861-8095 or 403-529-2222. Room rates in the Lions block are \$135 plus taxes per night.
(Rooms on hold until April 19, 2011).

Refund Policy: If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund if written request is received prior to April 19, 2011.
Refunds may be allowed within a 30 day period after the convention provided the Lion contacts the host committee and a written application is made to the C.A.C. through the District Governor and Club President.