

# Lions Link

## Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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# PU-101

(Ask your Club Secretary)

**District 37 L Cabinet Secretary and President of Northgate Lions Club Carol Moeller** received a Queen's Jubilee Medal on January 23, 2013 at a ceremony and reception at Government House. The presentation was made by Lieutenant Governor The Right Honorable Donald Ethel. She received her award for her involvement in Girl Guides of Canada and Lions Clubs International.

## DG Wanda's Notes

Greetings to All!

I want to "thank you" very much for all your well wishes to David and I, we do appreciate your kindness.

As you are reading this we will be approaching 'the beginning of the end' (of this Lionistic year) or as President Madden would say 'the final quarter'.

We need to continue to maintain the pace. We started the 'first quarter' with a burst of speed and with a few ups and downs maintained the

regular engine run for the 'second and third quarter'. I do believe with the regular maintenance we have applied this year that we will reach the projected "1250" in our (37 L) World of Service.

The most exciting outcome of our growth this year is all those new 'hands of service' in our communities. Our grandparents used to say "the more hands the lighter the load" and it is still true today.

Many thanks to all of you for 'lightening the load'.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS TO LEAD A SUCCESSFUL LIONS CLUB

An old friend of both of us, and a friend of our Multiple District 37, where he has been our International guest on several occasions, is Past International President Bill Biggs. PIP Bill, in an address to a Lions Convention in Ontario several years ago, spoke about successful Lions Clubs, and set out certain characteristics of those Clubs and their leaders. We will summarize those characteristics in this information. However, we won't be as verbose as Bill (who, by the way, is a leading lawyer in Omaha, Nebraska)

- *PID Jack Isaman*  
- *PIP Judge Brian Stevenson*

### 1. ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% of how you react to it.

### 2. DREAM YOUR DREAMS AND SET YOUR GOALS

To be successful you must set goals and strive to accomplish them. You need to know where you are going, how you are going to get there, when you get there, and what you're going to do once you get there. You need to be flexible on your way there and also when you get there.

### 3. TAKE ACTION AND DO IT NOW

Don't keep putting things off. Go for it. If you want to try something new - get it started now.

### 4. NEVER STOP LEARNING

Keep reading, listening and learning. You never know it all. Go to the Club Officers' school even if you're serving in the same position next year. You **will** learn something new.

### 5. BE PERSISTENT! WORK HARD !

You get the best out of others when you give the best yourself. Provide a role model for the Club. It communicates to others and enables you to outlast the opposition.

### 6. FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

You need fun and fellowship mixed with hard work. Your Club needs to

be a welcoming place for others. Be friends with every Lion you meet.

### 7. FOCUS YOUR TIME

Do those things which only you can do. Delegate and let them go on their own. Trust authority to others. **Follow everything up.**

### 8. DON'T BE AFRAID TO INNOVATE OR BE DIFFERENT

Too much sameness limits creativity.

### 9. WATCH HOW YOU DEAL AND COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS

Motivate others to want to do things. Build on the people around you. Anything can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit. Always be positive and support others goals. Be a teacher and coach - not a dictator.

### 10. BE HONEST, BE DEPENDABLE AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

If you **don't** do number 10, all the others **won't** make a difference.

## St. Albert Lions Clubs 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beer & Beans Bash

The two St. Albert Lions Clubs are hosting the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lions Beer & Beans Bash on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the St. Albert Community Centre- a silent auction, chili dinner and dancing to add to your enjoyment. Chili is being provided by Tim Hortons and dancing is to the Moonlight Breeze band. Local celebrity Mayor Nolan Crouse will be acting as the MC and Auctioneer for a live auction. After expenses the funds generated will be split between The Lions Park, St. Albert Victim Services and High School Service Awards in St. Albert.

To pick up tickets please contact

Dave Hiatt-780-459-4144

Gerry Gorgichuk- 780-459-7751

Paul Benson- 780-459-5509

Jeff Stoneham- 780-458-7561

Tom Flynn- 780-459-3943.

**Tickets \$25.00 per person.**

## 37L Lions Clubs with outstanding 37L & MD 37 dues (effective March 24)

Beaumont, Blue Ridge,  
Chetwynd, Edmonton Golden  
Gate, Edmonton Host,  
Edmonton Jasper Place,  
Edmonton Jolly Fellows,  
Edmonton Millwoods  
Breakfast, Edmonton  
Southgate, Edmonton  
Strathcona, Edmonton the  
City of Champions, Hay River.

### Enquiries please contact:

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## 3 Club Charter Night

*Beaverlodge, Grane Prairie  
and Trumpeter Lions Clubs*

May 25 ,2013

Grande Prairie Legion

6 pm cocktails, 6:30 supper  
\$15 per person

Contact Mary Hemmingway  
780 532 2951  
[mhemmin@hotmail.com](mailto:mhemmin@hotmail.com)

## We are still in NEED of Host Families

for this summer for the Lions Youth Exchange! Please contact me to apply or ask any questions; [LIONK-AREN37L@shaw.ca](mailto:LIONK-AREN37L@shaw.ca)  
780 476 6092

## The Lions Make A Dream Society

is having a casino on  
Thur May 9 and Fri May 10 at  
the Palace Casino at WEM. Help  
is required both days. If able to  
help please contact me at 780-  
483-6989 or email at [drknoll33@  
hotmail.com](mailto:drknoll33@hotmail.com)

- Darcy Knoll

**LIONS LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**EDMONTON**

**BOOK BEFORE APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Email Lion Carole Henson to book your attendance [clh@tbwfi.ca](mailto:clh@tbwfi.ca)

or phone 780-717-1835 – leave me a message if I can't answer

**I must know the number of attendees before April 10, 2013**

**Please help me to successfully plan the day by booking early for catering purposes and space assignment**

**FOR ALL INCOMING CLUB EXECUTIVE AND FOR ALL INTERESTED LIONS**

**Saturday, April 20, 2013**

**BERTHA KENNEDY COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**175 Larose Drive, St. Albert, AB**

**Registration starts at 08:30am – Assembly at 9:00am – 3:30pm wrap**

**Good Food, Coffee Breaks, and lots of fellowship!**

**“WELCOME ALL” – District Governor Wanda Coates**

**~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\***

**Special Sessions – Informative and Fun**

**“New Lions – Welcome to the Greatest NGO In The World!”  
and**

**“How to Hang On To Those New & Not-So-New Members of the  
Greatest NGO In The World”**

**“What’s Your Communication Style?”**

**“The How To of Your Very Own Club Website – Sharing What We Do”**

**“Just Where Do Those Glasses Go?”**

**And who knows what else will pop up??**

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

And....you don't have to be a Club Officer to attend a Training Session or you don't even have to ever want to be one,  
but you can have fun finding out what those guys do to make your club...



And hey, you might have the best ideas while sitting on the sidelines!

**BOTTOM LINE? ☺ WE NEED YOU!**

**Come and Participate!**

**HELLO Club Presidents:** please encourage your club officers and members to attend, and cover their lunch costs –  
this is classed as an “Educational Event”- no registration fee

~Just a small charge for a delicious lunch – NEW LIONS FREE~

Email Lion Carole Henson to book your attendance [clh@tbwfi.ca](mailto:clh@tbwfi.ca)

or phone 780-717-1835 – leave me a message if I can't answer

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## From Our Northern Outpost

Greetings fellow Lions. You have heard of and watched Ice Road Truckers and Ice Pilots. Now you will hear my story of Arctic Ice Cutters.

Starting in 1955, Yellowknife held an annual winter carnival called Caribou Carnival. One of the events that the Yellowknife Lions Club was involved in was ice carving. The Club purchased a large chain saw with a 5 foot bar to cut blocks of ice from Great Slave Lake. We arranged to have them shipped to the carving site and organized the carving. Most of



the blocks were approximately two feet by two feet by the thickness of the ice cover; approximately four feet thick, or more. Unfortunately our Club lost a lot of members over the years and almost closed down. We stopped organizing the ice carving approximately ten years ago,

Over time, Caribou Carnival started to change and not for the better. It had grown stale and was difficult to get people to assist. No one wanted to step up and organize any of the events but they all had great ideas on what the Carnival should become. 2009 was the last year for Caribou Carnival.

After two years without a winter carnival, many people were complaining that we needed one. In 2011, a group of people got together, organized and conducted the newly reformed winter carnival, the 2012 Long John Jamboree. Part of the Jamboree included "Inspired Ice" the NWT Ice Carving Championship sponsored by DeBeers. This competition under the auspices of

the National Ice Carving Association is an international competition and is one of only three places in the world to use natural ice.

Since the Yellowknife Lions Club had the chain saw and I had a bit of experience cutting ice with it the Club offered to assist in cutting the needed ice blocks. This year we cut 16 blocks of ice each weighing approximately 6000 lbs (a cubic foot of ice weighs 62.5 lbs). Each block is approximately four feet by six feet and whatever thickness the covering is. One block was only 27 inches thick (we discarded that one). Most blocks were closer to four feet thick.

You should remember that once the saw blade gets through the ice, it kicks up an awful lot of water. At -40 degree C, water freezes very fast. If the saw stops working even to refuel it, the chain freezes very quickly. Maintenance is very difficult. By the end of the day, I looked like a honey glazed donut with lots of large clumps of ice hanging from me. You also notice that I am wearing a floater jacket just in case! Where we were cutting, the water is approximately 100 ft deep.

I have added a few photos to show the blocks as they are harvested



and what some of the ice sculptures look like. Unfortunately, my photos don't do the carvers justice. You will have to visit the 2014 Long John

Jamboree in Yellowknife to get a really good look at the carvings. It is truly amazing what these artists can do with ice. They are truly Masters at their craft just like the famous painters. The details are fantastic! The website is located at: [http://www.longjohnjamboree.ca/LongJohn\\_Jamboree/Welcome.html](http://www.longjohnjamboree.ca/LongJohn_Jamboree/Welcome.html)

Our Club has two large tents that we rent. The Jamboree Committee contacted me to rent the tents. I always assist in setting them up and taking them down. That way it is done properly and makes it easier when storing them and preparing for the next event. While I was at the Jamboree site, I noticed that they had use of three other tents that were similar to ours. I volunteered to help them set them up as well since the helpers wouldn't know the tricks to doing so.

As I was there, I slowly got "sucked in" to assist with other things. During the time at the site, I met a number of the other volunteers. Throughout the course of the five days I assisted, I got to know one of them much better. During our conversations I spoke about Lions Clubs International. He mentioned that he would be interested in joining, so a membership form was produced in short order. I now have another member in the Club. He also advised that he has a friend who would also be interested in joining. Maybe their spouses will join as well.

The moral of the story (and you have heard it many times) we are our best recruiters. If we get out and do things, people will see us and through our conversations and work we will get new members. So get out into the community, show our flag by carrying on with the good work we all do and talk up the organizations. It took me a couple weeks of hard work, but I managed to get one new member. Maybe three others will join because of this one. Don't forget to have fun as well.

**- Lion Don Finnamore  
Yellowknife Lions Club**



## Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization.

We have more than 1.3 million members in more than 45,000 clubs worldwide. .

### Lions are everywhere.

We're active men and women in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

### Lions have a dynamic history.

Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of our history as well as our work today. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects – including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

### Lions give sight.

By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all. Lions have extended their commitment to sight conservation

through countless local efforts and through their international SightFirst Program, which works to eradicate blindness.

### Lions serve youth.

Our community projects often support local children and schools through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs, including the Peace Poster Contest, Youth Camps and Exchange and Lions Quest. Our Leo Program provides the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

### Lions award grants.

Since 1968, the Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded more than \$660 million in grants to support Lions humanitarian projects around the world. The Foundation was also ranked the number one nongovernmental organization in a 2007 study by The Financial Times.

Together, our Foundation and Lions are helping communities following

natural disasters by providing for immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies and aiding in long-term reconstruction.

### Lions are active.

Our motto is "We Serve." Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help our local communities.

## Coulter's Creed

As I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the world, I rapidly realized that I don't really give a rat's hiney. It's the tortoise life for me!

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, and is still fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does next-to-nothing, yet it lives for 450 years.

And you tell me to exercise?? I don't think so.

I'm retired. Go around me.

## District Calendar

### 2013

4 27 St Albert Lions Beer Bash  
5 16-18 MD37 Convention  
5 25 3 Club Charter  
7 5-9 International Convention  
9 27-28 37S Convention  
10 4-5 37N Convention  
10 18-19 37I Convention  
11 1-2 37L Convention

St Albert  
Helena, MT  
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### 2014

1 17-18 37O Convention  
5 16-18 MD37 Convention  
7 4-8 International Convention

Canmore, AB  
Calgary, AB  
Toronto, ON

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### 2015

5 14-16 MD37 Convention  
6 26-30 International Convention

Bozeman, MT  
Honolulu

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### 2016

6 24-26 International Convention

Fukoku, Japan

Lions International [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

### 2017

6-30 - 7.4 International Convention

Chicago  
(100 years of Lionism)

Lions International [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)



Lions Clubs International  
Multiple District 37 Convention  
May 17 & 18, 2013  
Helena, Montana



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

**Please fill in ALL boxes above as this data is required.**

Registration (Received by April 1, 2013)

Late Registration (Received by April 15, 2013)

On Site Registration (May 5, 2013 or later)

Non Registered Companion Awards Banquet – Friday

Non Registered Companion Governors' Banquet – Saturday

Non Registered Companion Lunch – Saturday

_____	x \$100.00 =	_____
_____	x \$110.00 =	_____
_____	x \$120.00 =	_____
_____	x \$ 40.00 =	_____
_____	x \$ 40.00 =	_____
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Total	=	_____

Registration includes Saturday Lunch and Friday & Saturday Banquets.

**Special Diet/Allergies:** Please specify – Diabetic ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make checks payable to: MD 37 Convention**

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

Convention Headquarters: Red Lion Colonial Hotel – 2301 Colonial Drive Phone: 406-443-2100 or [reservations@helenacolonial.com](mailto:reservations@helenacolonial.com). Room rates in the Lions block are \$99.95 plus taxes per night. (Rooms on hold until May 3, 2013).

**Refund Policy:** If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund will be issued only if written request is received prior to April 19, 2013. 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 Council Chair through the District Governor and Club President.

Entry Forms for All MD37 and District Conventions are now available at: <http://md37lions.org/>

The advantage is that the forms on the WEBSITE are fillable - you can type directly onto them. From the homepage click on Conventions, then the logos on the right.