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## Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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### Newsletter Submission

Deadline: **April 12**



**Morinville Lions Club members** Dr. Kim Bugera, Lucien Beaupre, President Colleen Turner, Francis Fryters and Neil McDougall with eleven boxes of donated used pairs of eye glasses. The last few years of collecting from Morinville and area residents and from the numerous drop off boxes have resulted in more than 3,056 pairs of glasses. It costs Lions International less than eight cents US to provide a pair of recycled eyeglasses and change someone's life. For children the vision means a better education and for adults a greater employment opportunity. From your old dresser drawer to a drop off point the journey of a pair of eye glasses begins. The glasses are sorted at a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where volunteers sort the used eyeglasses separating the sunglasses, broken frames and single lenses from intact pairs. The prescription of the glasses are determined by the lensometer. The glasses are cleaned and packaged according to their prescription and the prepared glasses are stored in the warehouse until they are requested for an eyeglass dispensing mission.

Photo by Lion Lucie Roy

-Lucie Willis

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***"Smile every chance you get.  
Not because life has been easy,  
perfect, or exactly as you had  
anticipated, but because you  
choose to be happy and grate-  
ful for all the good things you do  
have and all the problems you  
know you don't have."***

- Anonymous

## DG Joan's Notes

It is hard to believe that the year is 75% over!! The time has flown by very quickly. It is now time to take stock of the goals you and your club set at the start of the year. Are you 75% done? Have you reached three quarters of them? If not, will you be able to achieve these goals by June 30? You only have three months to

accomplish what you set out to do for this Lionistic year. I know I have a few more things to do. Has your club held their elections for the upcoming year of 2014/2015? Please try to have this done and your PU 101s sent in on time. This is where the directory and LCI get their contact information from as well.

This past week I attended the On Site Placement breakfast. What a fantastic program this is. Any support your club can give them will be greatly appreciated. Visitations are winding down and this past month I visited 3 smaller clubs - small in numbers but mighty in what they do for their communities. Just think how much more could be done if they had more members. We are all in the same boat as far as new members go but the bottom line is we can't give up and need to continue with "JUST ASK"

Until next month have a GRRRREAT time finishing up the goals you set.

Hopefully spring will be here by then. I for one have had enough winter!!!



## The Ice Man Came

If you don't recognize the man in red on the right, its because he isn't wearing his kilt on the outside of his coveralls. Lion Don Finnamore reports from Yellowknife:

For the past couple of years DeBeers has held "Inspired Ice",

an ice carving competition held in conjunction with our winter carnival, Long John Jamboree. The Yukon Lions (me) cuts the large blocks from ice from Great Slave Lake for the competition.

The blocks are approximately 4'x8' and however thick the ice is, approximately 3-4 feet. They weigh about 2-2.5 tons each or more. We are one of approximately 4 places in the world that uses large block natural ice for competition.

When I was finished cutting, I had so much ice on me that I could hardly bend my legs and it was hard to walk. Had to go home and use my wife's hair dryer to melt the ice from the clips so I could take my chainsaw chaps off.

Animal Planet was on site filming for a reality TV show. Lions might get a mention or at least show our banner.

- Don Finnamore

# St. Albert Lions Club proudly presents The 23th Annual Beer & Beans Bash Saturday, April 26, 2014

St Albert Community Hall, 17 Peron Street  
Doors open at 5:30 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Silent & Live Auction

**Dancing until 12:00am - Tickets \$25.00 each**

Master of Ceremonies  
**"Mayor Nolan Crouse"**

For Tickes, call:

Lion Gerry Gorgichuk: 780-459-7751

Lion Paul Benson: 780-459-5509

Lion Dave Hiatt: 780-459-4144

Lion Jeff Stoneham: 780-458-7561



**The Lions Club of Devon  
is having their 65th  
Charter Anniversary on  
October 25, 2014.**

The guest of honour will be Past International President Lion Brian Stevenson. This event will be held at the Devon Community Centre. For further information please contact Lion Dan Claypool @ 780 499 1062

**WWID and Officer Training  
May 10** at the Sands Hotel in Edmonton. Start and end time to be announced in the next issue. Contact PDG Wanda Coates 780 422 1970 [wanda.coates@epsb.ca](mailto:wanda.coates@epsb.ca)

**Whitecourt Lions Club** is a sponsor of and Community Partner of **Whitecourt's Community Lunch Box Program**, contributing money so that foundation can provide nutritious lunches in **all** Whitecourt schools. The Club also provides funding to Whitecourt's Teen Centre, making it possible for teens to take part in social and travel activities, and provides financial support to the local Girl Guides.

**- Ray Leadley**

**A Fillable version of  
the MD37 Convention**

(May 2 & 3 in Calgary) **entry form** can be found at [md37lions.org](http://md37lions.org) - conventions.

**The FAX number for  
registrations has been  
changed:**

**403 901 0112**

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

## South Edmonton Lions Club

**60th Charter Anniversary (June 11, 1954)**

**Celebration Banquet June 9, 2014**

**Woodvale Community Hall (Mill Woods Golf Course)**

**6:30<sup>PM</sup> Tickets \$30**

**(Details To Be Announced)**

### BrightNights

**South Edmonton Lions Club's** largest project ever was the management of on-site services for the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce's BrightNights, which ran from 1996 to 2008 in Hawrelak Park, Edmonton. More than 600 light displays were visible from the park's ring road.

Virtually every Lions Club in the Greater Edmonton area participated, providing staff to collect money, direct traffic, and help with Food Bank donations. It couldn't have happened without the help of so many Lions from so many Clubs!

South Edmonton Lions organized volunteer schedules, supervised cash handling, turned the displays on and off, changed lightbulbs, kept the trailers organized and clean, and kept the show running.

Lions involvement started in 1999,

and continued until the Chamber of Commerce ended the show's run. During those nine years, more than 3 million visitors enjoyed the 45 days the show ran every year - including Christmas Eve and Day, and New Year's. The Food Bank collected over 150,000 kgs of food and more than \$150,000 over the project's run. In the end, BrightNights funded a \$750,000 endowment for Edmonton's School Hot Lunch program.

**- Hank Hoekstra**



Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. Our 1.35 million members - who perform community service in 208 countries and geographic areas - are different in many ways, but share a core belief: community is what we make it.

When you join Lions, you join a global service network. So, at the same time you're doing local community service, you can also contribute to Lions volunteer efforts around the world.

**The Edmonton Mill-woods  
Breakfast Lions Club**

**21st Annual Gong-a-thon  
and Charter Breakfast  
April 26, 2013, 10:00 AM**



Royal Canadian Legion,  
11150 - 82 Street, Edmonton

**\$18 per person**

**Speaker: Sandra Woitas,  
Edmonton Public School  
Foundation**

*"We Know We Can -*

*Celebrating efforts to provide full  
day Kindergarten for Edmonton's  
socially vulnerable communities"*

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If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea... does that mean that one enjoys it?

## Three Club Charter Night Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

In recognition of years of service given by the  
**Grande Prairie Lions - Chartered 1957**  
**Beaverlodge Lions - Chartered 1971**  
**Grande Prairie Trumpeter Lions - Chartered 1992**

**Hosted by the Grande Prairie Lions**  
at the  
**Lions Learning Centre**  
**9625 Prairie Road, Grande Prairie**

Cocktails - 6 p.m.  
Pot Luck Supper - 6:30 p.m.

Door Prizes  
&

Silent auction of gently used donated items.  
All proceeds from the silent auction will be  
donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada

*Special Speakers*  
*Grande Prairie City Councillor Dwight Logan*  
*District Governor Joan Lubbers*

Member awards presentations by the three  
clubs

Please RSVP by May, 16th  
to PCC Donna Coulter at  
[Ldcgp@telusplanet.net](mailto:Ldcgp@telusplanet.net) or phone 780-532-3027

*If you purchase one or more of the Silent Auction items you may  
pay for your item(s) with a personal cheque made payable to Lions  
Foundation of Canada and the Foundation will provide you with a  
charitable tax receipt for your donation. All the silent auction items are  
being donated and all funds raised from that auction will be sent to the  
Lions Foundation of Canada.*

# District Calendar

## 2014

4 26 Mill Woods Gong-a-thon  
 4 26 Beer & Beans Bash  
 5 2-3 MD37 Convention  
 5 24 3 Club Charter  
 6 9 South Edmonton 60th Charter  
 7 4-8 International Convention  
 9 26-27 37S Convention  
 10 24-25 37I Convention  
 10 25 Devon 65th Charter  
 10-31/11-1 37L Convention  
 11 7-8 37N Convention

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 St. Albert  
 Calgary  
 Grande Prairie  
 Edmonton  
 Toronto, ON  
 Innis MT  
 Camrose  
 Devon  
 Edmonton

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## 2015

1 16/17 37O Convention  
 4 17-18 MD37 Convention  
 6 26-30 International Convention

Calgary  
 Bozeman, MT  
 Honolulu

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

## 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)

## District Governor Joan's April Visitation Schedule

Tues April 1 - Edson Lions

Tues. April 8 - Leduc Breakfast Lions

Wed April 16 - Wabasca-Desmarais

Tues April 22 - St Albert Breakfast

Sat April 26 - Millwoods Breakfast  
 Gong-a-thong

- St Albert Beer and  
 Beans Bash

If any club has any changes or  
 special requests please let DG  
 Joan know.

If God is watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining.

Have you checked out the Public Service Announcements and other promotional materials Lions Clubs International has available for publicising Lionism?

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/>

## Club Elections

Your Club should be in the middle of electing next year's executive and board to ensure continuity, and so that your secretary can complete the famous

**PU-101s**



# Garage Sale



May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

From 9am - 4pm

7608 Wagner Road

(780)246-7228






**2014**  
**MD 37 CONVENTION REGISTRATION**  
**Executive Royal Hotel, Calgary, AB**  
**May 2 & 3, 2014**



*Hosted by the Calgary Southridge Lions Club*

1. NAME _____					NAME ON BADGE: _____							
Lion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lioness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	1st Conv	<input type="checkbox"/>	Official Title: _____	Club: _____	District: _____
2. NAME _____					NAME ON BADGE: _____							
Lion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lioness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	1st Conv	<input type="checkbox"/>	Official Title: _____	Club: _____	District: _____
_____					_____							
Address _____					City _____		Prov./State _____		Postal/Zip Code _____			
Contact Phone # _____					E-mail Address _____							

**1. Registration & Full Meal Package:**

(incl.all Meals and Convention registration)

Payment on or before April 1, 2014 # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$135.00 per person: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment after April 1, 2014 # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$145.00 per person: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Companion (non Lions Program):**

(incl.all Meals and Program registration)

A Companion Program will be run if there is enough interest, otherwise they will be with the regular Convention.

Payment on or before April 1, 2014 # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$135.00 per person: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment after April 1, 2014 # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$145.00 per person: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Registration Only (No Meals Included):**

Payment on or before April 1, 2014 # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 per person: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment after April 1, 2014 # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 per person: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Separate Meal Tickets listed below are for registered delegates only:**

a. Separate Banquet Ticket for Friday Evening Awards Banquet: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 per person: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b. Separate Saturday Lunch: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 per person: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c. Separate Banquet Ticket for Saturday Evening DG Banquet: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 per person: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Plan to arrive early, as some special events are planned for Thursday May 1st, 2014**

Do you have any Special Dietary Requests? YES ☐ NO ☐  
 (Please advise)

**IMPORTANT: Delegate (Voter) Certification closes promptly at 10:30 am, Saturday. If you aren't certified, you can't vote**

Do you require an official receipt? YES ☐ NO ☐  
 (Official receipts will be sent via e-mail only)

**Cancellation Policy:** Full refund if received in writing by the Registration Committee at least 30 days prior to the Convention  
 Refund **MAY** be granted with less than 30 days by written application to the Convention Committee via your District Governor.  
 The Council Chairperson has final approval.

<b>Method of Payment:</b>	
CDN Credit Card: (Visa/MC): <input type="checkbox"/>	Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____
USD Credit Card: (Visa/MC): <input type="checkbox"/>	
Cheque: <input type="checkbox"/>	Please make Cheques payable to the "MD37 Lions Convention"

**FULL PAYMENT** must accompany this form to qualify as a registered delegate.

Send Completed Registration to:

**Lion Kevin Gibbons**  
**837 Westmount Drive**  
**Strathmore, AB**  
**T1P 1P9**

Home Telephone: 403-934-9460  
 Fax Number: 403-901-0112  
 E-mail: lionkev@telus.net

Registration form updated: January 29 , 2014

Hotel Reservations are **NOT INCLUDED** with the registration fee and are the responsibility of the delegate.

**Executive Royal Hotel**  
**2828 - 23rd St. N.E., Calgary**  
**Toll free: 1-888-388-3932**  
**Direct line: 1-403-291-2003**

Room rate \$109.00 + (applicable taxes)

Room block available until April 16, 2014

**Ask for the MD37 Lions Convention Room Rate**