

# Lions Link

## Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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### Newsletter Submission

**Deadline: June 24**

### DG Donna's Notes

Greetings Lions

I just returned from attending the MD 37 convention in Westlock. Gordie and Marjorie Topps, Ken Pickett and their entire club put on a great convention. Lots of hard work went into this weekend and it certainly didn't disappoint any of us. Great work everyone from the Athabasca Lions Club!

The announcement was made at the convention that a committee has been struck to promote the candidacy of PID Dr. Patti Hill for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Lions International. Our district will have the opportunity to endorse Lion Patti at the upcoming 37L convention. But first we have to bring up our numbers and we have to do that as soon as possible – no later than September. At present we are still a provisional district because our numbers are under 1250 – we need at least 65 new members NOW. This has been my message the whole Lionistic year and I can't stress enough how critical it is. Officially we are plus 33 so far this year and there are a number of newly inducted members not reported yet to LCI but we need to top up these numbers. **LIONS - WE CAN DO IT AND NO OTHER TIME HAS IT BEEN SO CRITICAL.**

Running for this office is a long journey and we will be supporting our Patti the whole way. Just think – we WILL be starting the Lions' new century with a President who would not only be the first female president of this great organization but she will be from 37L.

The Lions of Alberta Foundation has announced that there are changes to the scholarships. The matching



*PID Patti Hill, speaking at the MD Convention in Westlock on May 19.*

grant has been changed to \$500 per student and there will be two scholarships available per Lions Club. Applications can be downloaded off the MD37 website.

Springtime and gardening is certainly here and so is tree planting. District 37L has surpassed our tree planting goal of 1153 by an additional 2000 trees. When we started this year I thought that my goal was unrealistic but never underestimate Lions. Keep those reports coming.

The Lions Clubs of District 37S in Montana are planning a Regional Lions Leadership Institute in September in Montana. This institute is open to all Lions at a cost of \$50 per registrant. This includes accommodations and meals. Watch for the registration form in an upcoming Lions Link.

There were a number of resolutions voted on at the convention this weekend. They all passed. PDG Dennis Stevenson was elected as

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**PU-101s?** The quality and usefulness of the District Directory is greatly enhanced if everyone submits these ASAP!

the incoming Vice Council Chair and I wish him good luck.

At the convention I had the pleasure of presenting PID Patti with a cheque for \$1336 from the Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School Junior Lions Club for Hope House in Nepal. These ten and eleven year olds raised this money by donating their lunch money and allowances. Over the past two years they have collected over 600 pairs of used eyeglasses. Congratulations to their teacher Lion Blair Ching for leading them down the road of volunteerism and serving.

Finally thank you to Lion Priya of the Athabasca Lions and her friends for entertaining us with dances from Sri Lanka and to the pirates of the ship "Host" for making CC Tom walk the plank. We enjoyed it all.

Until next month, **Donna**

## District 37L – 306A1 Foster Child Program update

from  
**Lion Tammy Coulter, 37L District  
Twinning Chairperson**  
from an e.mail received from the  
**Foster Child Program Coordinator**  
**PCC Dayantha Fernando**

District 37L and District 306A1 are continuing the Foster Child Program. The program is progressing well with the support from District 37L and the regular remittance we receive. I still continue to the Coordinator and will probably do so until I get the calling from the Lord above.

The programme now services 51 children and continues to increase the number of children we could service. The year we brought in an additional 15 children to make the total 51. However, there are some clubs who had been getting support from us and since we have not had acknowledgement for payments, we have temporarily withheld payments. Those children are around 9 in number and if we start servicing them again, our figure would go up to 60.

## GRIBBEN, BERNIE (ARTHUR JOHN VICTOR)

Passed away peacefully on May 20, 2012 at Southwood Hospice. Born in Cornwall, England November 13, 1945, Bernie emigrated to Calgary in 1972. Bernie was a long-time member of Lions Club International. Starting his Lionistic life at Beiseker Alberta in 1982 - transferring to the Calgary Southridge Lions club in 1989 where he served for 20 years before joining the Lions Club of Calgary in 2009. He oversaw the development of the Lions Village, a 90 unit affordable rental housing for seniors and persons with disabilities. On May 14, 2012, Bernie participated in a site visitation and tree planting with Lions Clubs International President Dr. Tam.

Bernie's tenure as District Governor, 1999 – 2000, only strengthened his desire to be of Service to his fellow man. Bernie, passionately embraced the goal of Lion-



ism – "to become Knights of the Blind". Singlehandedly overseeing the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Re-Cycling Centre (CLERC), he was the guiding light in restoring eyesight to over 3 million people throughout the world.

Bernie promoted the CNIB's activities and fragrance garden; Instrumental in the development of the Lions Pride in Community award; A Lions Historian of great proportion; Edited Lions District 37-O Newsletter. Inducted into the Lions Hall of Fame, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Bill Webber Fellow, Jack & Denise Isaman

CNIB Fellow, recipient of several International Presidents Appreciation Awards for outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to Lionism. Bernie encouraged everyone to live every day as it was their last – leave nothing undone to day – he was the living example.

**- From PCC Bernie's Obituary Notice**

## The Devon Lions Club

*Welcomes you to the Charter presentation night of:*

## The Thorsby & District Lions Club

*June 15th 2012*

## Thorsby & District Community Hall

*4813 49 St Thorsby, Alberta*

*Cocktails @ 6:00pm Dinner @ 7:00pm Presentation to follow*

*Please R.S.V.P. by no later than June 1st, 2012*

*Ticket Sales please contact Lion Bev. Ucorn*

**1-780-789-3092**



**Tickets \$30.00 each**

*Please note this is a Semi formal event.*

*P.D.G.'s please wear whites or business attire*

Each child is paid R. 1,750.00 per quarter (approximately CAN \$13.50). These funds are for their day-to-day expenses and their needs for items required at school. These children are financed up to the age of 18 years as they continue their studies in school. We get a certificate every year from the principal of the school certifying that the child is still attending school. In this manner we are able to keep a control of the child's education being continued.

The children are selected by Lions clubs in District 306A1 from homes where there is abject poverty and very often either one parent or both parents are not living. The children selected are those being brought up in a home environment and are not children of state-run homes or orphanages. The program is fairly successful as there is limitation on funds but however we are happy with the progress of the program.

I will be preparing a comprehensive report which will be provided to District 37L.

With best wishes in Lionistic Service, *PCC Dayantha*



Lions Tim, Grace, and Frank present a cheque in the amount of \$1000 to the Tumbler Ridge Band Aid Association. Part of the money will be used in the purchase of a Vitals Monitor to be used by the Tumbler Ridge paramedics; and the remainder will purchase stuffed toys for children with trauma being transported by paramedics and ambulance attendant. - *Dina Haavind*



Lions Jim Maher and Anton Tschoop planting 250 trees in the Stony Plain Lions Campground.

- *Joan Lubbers*



PID Joe Preston (in the black suit -and International Guest at the MD Convention) joins Stony Plain Lions in celebrating the playground they sponsored and developed.



## Edmonton Korean Lions Club

sponsored by Edmonton Chinese Lions Club, is pleased to announce its 8<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary. We could not have made it this far without the love and support of you and your club members. Please join Korean Lions for a relaxing evening with Korean food and fellowship. It will be an opportunity to observe the achievements of Korean Lions over the past year and interact with other club members.

Seating is limited so reserve tickets today!

Lion Angela  
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Angela.SON@bdc.ca

When chemists die, they barium.

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## STARS Northern Base – Grande Prairie

Greetings from Grande Prairie, fellow Lions. This is my final STARS report for the district as I will not be returning on DGE Wanda's cabinet, but no worries. I'll still keep everyone advised of any fun projects the STARS Northern Alberta Base does.

It's been 5 years for the Grande Prairie base and they, like the other bases in Alberta, continue to fly life-saving missions throughout Alberta and BC. Since 1985 until 2011 the three STARS bases, Grande Prairie, Edmonton and Calgary, have flown over 22,027 missions, saving thousands of lives in the process and at no charge to any Alberta resident. The Grande Prairie base in

their 5 years have flown over 1,000 missions alone. Staggering numbers for our base.

So, just a couple of notes from the Grande Prairie base. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hangar Ball in January 2012 raised over \$127,000 for the base. Not bad for only its second year. They plan to continue the ball next year and hope that it will be bigger and better than ever. Lion Rob and I'll most likely be right there with them, helping every chance we get.

The Grande Prairie base also has a new award to hang on the wall. A two-person flight medical team won the METI Cup in St. Louis Missouri in October of 2011, beating out 11 other teams from across North America. The objective is to enhance patient care in the air medical

industry through realistic scenarios while working on human patient simulators. This is an International Award. To read the full article, visit [www.stars.ca](http://www.stars.ca). Congratulations to the STARS Northern Base.

Glenda Farnden, Manager, Major Gifts at the STARS Grande Prairie base visited the Grande Prairie Lions Club on May 8, 2012 to present the Club with a framed print of a STARS mission to thank us for being with the Grande Prairie base from the very beginning. She was also presented with 2 cheques – one from the Grande Prairie Club for \$1,500 and one from the Wembley and District Lions Club for \$2,000. Photos were unfortunately not taken of these donations. My apologies.

Glenda also talked about a new program that STARS has begun that the Lions Clubs of Alberta may

want to consider. It's called Fund-A-Flight Program. It has been created in order to get more community involvement and funding. For the three bases, the average operational cost for an average 90 minute flight is \$5,400. The Fund-A-Flight program would allow donations to be made over 1 or 2 years. Every time a donation reaches \$5,400, the donating club will receive a framed print of a specific mission that your donation helped to fund. It is a wonderful way to physically show how you have helped STARS.

Last, but not least, STARS has now expanded their operations into both Saskatchewan and Manitoba. As of Monday, April 30, 2012 the base in Regina is up and running. By this fall, there will be a second base located in Saskatoon. STARS has also signed a 10-year agreement with

the Manitoba government to have a base of operations in Winnipeg. Nice to see the success of STARS in Alberta has spread to two more provinces.

Hopefully this information helps your club in your upcoming budget deliberations for the 2012-2013 Lionistic year. Any support you can give to any of the three bases will be gratefully accepted. If you can help out by volunteering at an event for them, that's even better.

Thanks to our PDG Lion Betty Ann and DG Donna for allowing me to serve on their cabinets as the Liaison for the STARS Northern Base. I look forward to continue serving as a member of the greatest volunteer organization in the world in every way that I can.

**-Tammy J. Coulter**  
**STARS Liaison Northern Base**  
**Grande Prairie Lions Club**

## District Calendar

### 2012

	Diabetes Awareness	Camrose	<a href="http://cavalcade.md37lions.org">http://cavalcade.md37lions.org</a>
6	15 Thorsby Charter	Thorsby	Bev Alcorn 780 789 3092
6	22-26 International Convention	Busan, Korea	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
7	19 CapitalEx Parade (Lions Float)	Edmonton	John Cragg <a href="mailto:jcragg@telusplanet.net">jcragg@telusplanet.net</a>
9	14-16 USA/Canada Forum	Tampa Bay, FL	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
10	12-13 37N Convention	Kalispell MT	
11	1-2 37L Convention	Edmonton	Edmonton Northgate

### 2013

5	17-19 MD37 Convention	Helena, MT	
7	5-9 International Convention	Hamburg, Germany	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
11	? 37L Convention	Westlock	Vimy & District

### 2014

5	16-18 MD37 Convention	Calgary	
7	4-8 International Convention	Toronto	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>

### 2015

5	14-16 MD37 Convention	Bozeman	
6	26-30 International Convention	Honolulu	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>

## MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday August 18, 2012  
Cardiff Golf & Country Club  
3 km East of Hwy 2 Cardiff Road  
(TWP 554)

**Entry Form on Page 7**

**The Grande Prairie Lions**  
would like to thank the following  
for contributions of used  
eyeglasses and for shipment to  
Calgary:  
Hinton Lions Club, Wabamun  
Lions Club, Northern Vision  
Centre, Advantage Relocation.

## LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The national walk for the Purina Walk for Guide Dogs is May 27th. The demand for dog guides

is on the rise and our support is greatly needed to provide dog guides at no cost to Canadians with disabilities. The Foundation's goal is to provide 160 dog guides in the year 2012.

There are 3 walks for this coming Sunday May 27th for District L

Grande Prairie - [carmen@topmaps.ca](mailto:carmen@topmaps.ca)

Morinville - [carriefoss@shaw.ca](mailto:carriefoss@shaw.ca)

Sherwood Park - [hoolihan@telus.net](mailto:hoolihan@telus.net)

Yellowknife's walk is June 27

Try to get out and support these clubs. You may also give a donation to Lions Foundation of Canada, Purina Walk for Dog Guides, PO Box 907, Oakville, Ontario. L6J 5E8.

Be sure to make cheques payable to Lions Foundation of Canada and mark them for the Walk.

Go on line to Purina Walk for Guide Dogs to read stories of how the guide dogs help families with challenges blindness, hearing, special skills, autism and seizures.

Help bring District "L" to the top of the fund raiser.

**Lion Dorothy Harris**  
**Lions Foundation of Canada**

**From PCC Lynne's file of axioms to live by:**

*By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.*

- Socrates

*I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me.*

- Bill Clinton

*The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once...*

- Kobe Bryant

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## MD37 Convention Bits

- 178 full registrations
- PCC Ben Apelund named to the MD Hall of Fame
- All Resolutions Passed
- PDG Dennis Stevenson elected to 2012 - 2013 Vice Council Chair



**Past Lions International President Judge Brian Stevenson**, introducing the incoming District Governors and telling bad jokes...



**District 37L's favourite blowhard, Don Finnermore** hard at work...



**Wanda Coates**, incoming DG for District 37L



**PID Patti Hill** is a dangerous woman - here she is inducting one of the Convention speakers - Marilyn Cavanaugh - into the Athabasca Lions Club.

### Remember this Lion...

**Past International Director Joe Preston**, the Convention's International Guest, harangues the Lions attending the Governors' Banquet. PID Preston will be running for the position of 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International in Korea in July.



**THE Multiple District 37 WEBSITE is being rebuilt!**  
Check it out at <http://md37lions.org/>

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 37L

### 2012/2013 DIRECTORY & ADVERTISING ORDER FORM



Club/Name:	
Address:	

	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: **LIONS DISTRICT 37L**  
 c/o R. Lynne Coulter, Treasurer  
 11305-103 St.,  
 Grande Prairie, AB  
 T8V 2Y6

If you wish to place an advertisement in the District Directory, please email your ad and this form to [coates.wanda@gmail.com](mailto:coates.wanda@gmail.com) or mail a hard copy along with this form to Wanda Coates, 235 Abbottsfield Road, Edmonton, AB T5W 4S9.  
 Please inform your VDG's elect as well.

Note: **Your advertisement must be received no later than June 8, 2012**, 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, however if you don't:**

**Submit your PU101s you will not receive an accurate Directory. If you want the correct names and numbers in the correct places get your PU101s in!!!**



# REGISTRATION

## MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB

### 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF

### TOURNAMENT



# Saturday August 18, 2012

Cardiff Golf & Country Club – 3 km East of Hwy 2 Cardiff Road (TWP 554)

## ATTENTION GOLFERS

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Morinville Lions Club Golf Tournament With Proceeds  
Going To CAMP HE-HO-HA (Health, Hope & Happiness)**

Location: Cardiff Golf & Country Club  
Tee Time: 11.00 am Start  
Format: Texas Scramble  
Mulligan's: \$ 5.00 each - Max 4 Per Person  
Registration Cost: \$ 100.00 per person – this includes; 18 holes of Golf, Power Cart &  
BBQ Steak Dinner, with Silent Auction  
BBQ Dinner (ONLY) Tickets \$ 25.00 per person

**RSVP BEFORE SATURDAY AUGUST 11 - 2012**

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Note \* Teams will be made up of 4 individual golfers  
Note \* Name the 4 individuals that you prefer to golf with

Make Cheque Payable to Morinville Lions Club  
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