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Zone 5A Chair Connie van Dyk (Edmonton Millwoods) being presented with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation at the 37L Convention in Barrhead, November 3, flanked by International Director Harold Ott and DG Bill Engram

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We Are Lions:

"Our 1.3 million men and women in 201 countries and geographic areas conduct vision and health screenings, build parks, support eye hospitals, award scholarships, assist youth, provide help in time of disaster and much more."

(Taken from the Lions International English Homepage)

<http://www.lionsclubs.org>

Bill's Blurb

(formerly DG's Corner)

One more milestone completed. And what a milestone it was – District 37-L Convention 2007!!! A convention such as ours does not just happen. It takes a lot of planning, extreme dedication and lots and lots of work. I sincerely thank PCC Gordie Topps and the other members of the Convention Committee as well as the Athabasca, Gibbons, Vimy & District and Westlock Lions Clubs, and their members who, jointly, made this happen. A special thanks also to DGE Roger Kozma for his time and dedication – driving all those miles to attend the convention meetings. I also thank all the Lions members who took time from their busy schedules

to attend our Convention. Without your attendance and participation, there would be no Convention. Thanks also, to all the wonderful speakers who contributed so much to our success. Special thanks to Lion Larry and Marg Armfelt for graciously hosting our International Guests ID Dr Harold "Otter" Ott and Lion Barbara Ott.

Some highlights from the Convention.

The opening ceremonies were performed on Friday evening with the traditional Flag Ceremony, followed by our Celebration of Life conducted by Reverend Ron Opmeer. Each of the fifteen Lions were honoured by the lighting of an individual candle and a single toll of the gong in remembrance of each Lion.

We were so pleased to see so many members of the MD Council in attendance - Council Chair, DG and VDG from 37-I, DG from 37-O, DG and VDG from 37-S, MD Finance Chair and two of our advisors, PID Bill Webber and PID Gary Tschache.

Election results were as follows:- VDG Roger Kozma was elected as our DG for 2008-2009. Zone chair elections were as follows:- Lion Don Finnermore Zone 1A; Lion Lori Perley Zone 1B; Lion Peggy Hauca Zone 1C; Lion Jacki Bremner Zone 1D; Lion Margaret Potvin Zone 3A; Lion Joan Lubbers Zone 3B; Lion Wanda Coates Zone 4B; Lion Connie Van Dyk Zone 5A; Lion Karen Olson Zone 5B. There was no candidate for VDG at this time. As well, DGE Roger is looking for Zone Chairs for Zones 2A, 2B and 4A.

The successful bid for the 2008 District 37-L Convention was awarded to the Wembley & District Lions Club. Should be a great one!!!!

Two excellent candidates for the MD Hall of Fame, PDG Harvey Atkinson of the Morinville Lions Club and PDG Claude Carignan of the St. Albert Host Lions Club were formally introduced to the attendees. PDG Harvey Atkinson was elected as District 37-L nominee to the MD Hall of Fame. His name will be presented with four other possible nominees from the other four districts at the MD Convention in Kananaskis in May, 2008.



PDG Harvey Atkinson on being nominated for the MD37 Hall of Fame at the 37L Convention



International Director Dr. Harold Ott and his wife, Lion Barbara (both of Harris Township Lions Club, Boalsburg, Pennsylvania - MD14) at the Governor's Banquet. The Ott's were gracious and charming guests of the Convention.

The Herb Moeller Unsung Hero Award was presented by Lion Zone Chair Wanda Coates and me to Lion Marge Berry, President of the Edmonton Northgate Lions Club.

A Convention Banner patch was presented to the Athabasca Lions Club as they were the Convention site of the 2007 Convention. The Convention Mileage award was presented to the Edmonton Southgate Lions Club (68%) and the Membership Growth Award Banner was awarded to the Grande Prairie Lions Club (27% increase). Thank you PDG Dan Claypool for the excellent job done by you and your credentials team to ensure our elections went as smoothly as they did. Thanks also for your opening remarks with the rules of the convention so clearly spelled out for everyone.

Thank you ID 'Otter' for your update on the last International Board meeting and for answering questions

during our 'bear-pit' session on Friday afternoon. Thanks also to Lion Barbara for being a part of our Child-Find program on Friday afternoon. We were proud to have you both as such accommodating guests.

ID Dr. Harold's address at the Governor's banquet on Saturday evening brought us a great message about "Challenge to Change". He certainly presented us with many thoughts on how we may be able to help our individual clubs and our District grow. Change is inevitable for the survival of our Clubs, our District and Lions International. It is time for us all to look at what may need changing and do it. As ID Dr. Harold would say, we know we otter do it.

Towards the end of the evening ID Harold presented four International President's Certificates of Appreciation to Lion PCC Gordie Topps of the Athabasca Lions Club, Lion Larry Armfelt of the Athabasca Lions Club,

For details and entry form for the Grande Prairie Lions 4th Annual Film Festival, please visit:

www.grandeprairieliions.com

and click on "Coming Events".

Zone Chair Lion Dianne Crayston of the Jasper Lions Club and Lion Zone Chair Connie Van Dyk of the Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club. This award is the fourth highest award given by Lions Club International. I was honoured to select these four deserving Lions from our District 37-L. Because there are so many deserving Lions in our District, I believe this is one of the most difficult tasks for a sitting Governor.

During the two days there were lots of wonderful taitwister prizes, some super duper raffles and a 50/50 draw that netted \$926.00 which was donated to my charity, The Lions Foundation of Canada.

At the time of this printing, Lion Shirley and I will have made 29 official visits and three special visits, as well as attended the District Conventions for 37-I, 37-N and 37-S. Club donations to my charity, Lions Foundation of Canada, have exceeded \$3600.00 at this time. My sincerest thanks for your generosity.

**District 37L Convention
Athabasca
November 2 & 3 2007**

156 Registrants
26 District Clubs
12 out of District Clubs

Look for the registration form for the Mid-Winter Conference being held in Great Falls Montana on January 25-26, 2008. It is going to be a great learning session, patterned somewhat after the USA/Canada forum with breakout sessions on various things including Roberts Rules, Communications, Fund raising Projects, Mini Club Officer training and more.

Until next Month, may all your meetings be enjoyable and your projects successful.

DG Bill



Yau-Man Chan

The Edmonton Chinese Lions Club (ECLC) was honoured to have **Yau-Man Chan**, the popular *Survivor Fiji* contestant to Edmonton to speak on *What can we learn from Survivor?* in support of the **Youth Emergency Shelter Society (YESS)** and the **Edmonton Chinese Lions Club** charitable organization.

During his talk, Yau Man had showed and explained clips from *Survivor Fiji*. His sense of humor and his enthusiasm lightened the crowd. Those who were not initially his fans became ones by the end of the session. According to **Jeff Probst**, host of the *Survivor* series, Yau Man is one of the all-time favourites on the show. He was extremely popular with the *Survivor* audience because of his wisdom, principles, integrity and authenticity. That was also the reason he received a standing ovation from the audience at the end of his speeches.

Yau Man has donated his time and money to many charitable organizations. As a testimonial to his popularity, there are many Yau Man websites and even Yau Man fan clubs on Facebook exist.

The Edmonton Chinese Lions Club and the Youth Emergency Shelter Society (YESS) would like to thank all the volunteers from YESS and Omega Achievers Leos club, and ECLC. Without volunteers, this event would not have been this successful! We would also like to thank the following Lions Clubs for their great financial donations toward the Youth Emergency Shelter Society in this event:

- Edmonton Castledowns Lions Club
- St. Alberta Breakfast Lions Club
- Edmonton Jolly Fellow Lions Club
- Edmonton City of Champions Lions Club
- Edmonton Host Lions Club
- Edmonton Westmount Lions Club



Furthermore, our club would like to express its gratefulness to PDG Lion Leo Bruseker for his huge contribution to this event. Being a die-hard fan of Yau-Man, Lion Leo Bruseker volunteered countless hours of his own time to visit many Lions Clubs in the Greater Edmonton area to have them support us in this great cause. Lion Leo Bruseker, we thank you so very much!!! Here is a Link to Edmonton Journal Article: <http://www.edmontonchineselionsclub.org/pdf/SurvivorYauManChan07.pdf> of Oct 27, 2007.

The Grande Prairie Lions Club wishes to thank the following for recent donations of used glasses for our Sri Lanka project:

- *Westlock Eye Centre & Lion Jonathon Whaley, Westlock Lons Club,
- *Fox Creek Lions Club,
- *Red Earth Creek Lions Club,
- *Drayton Valley Lions Club,
- *Northern Vision Centre, Grande Prairie,

Edmonton Chinese New Meeting Place & a Christmas Invitation

As of October of 2007, Edmonton Chinese Lions Club has a new meeting place, Century Palace Restaurant (formerly known as Marco Polo Restaurant). The address is #206, 9700 – 105 Ave, Edmonton, (780) 428-3388. There are two free customer parking lots at the rear of the "Pacific Rim Mall" building. A map is available on <http://www.edmontonchineselionsclub.org/pdf/CenturyPalaceParkingMap.pdf>

Our meeting time is still at 6 pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month. District Governor Lion Bill and his wife, Lion Shirley, and Zone Chair Lion Wanda Coates and her husband, Lion David, are joining us for our special Christmas Party at 6 pm on Tues, Dec 11 at Century Palace Restaurant. We would like to invite all of you who are interested in visiting our club and tasting the gourmet Chinese food to join us. Please confirm your attendance with our Club Secretary Lion Wendy Lam at (780) 918-6018 by Dec 7.



2008 - 2009 District Governor
Roger Kozma

Lions Cavalcade for Sight
raised \$35,323 for Diabetes support and research in June!



32nd Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum September 18-20 2008, Saskatoon

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org>
Or contact PDG Donna Coulter: ldcgp@telusplanet.net

This is one of the greatest learning opportunities in Lionism. Every Club should consider sponsoring a member or three - its guaranteed to strengthen your Club!



Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

Every Lion (from a club in good standing) can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

The purpose of the photo contest is to showcase the beauty of nature. In 1972, Lions Clubs International made a commitment to protecting the environment.

Lions can enter photographs of their environment (without people) in one of the following five categories:

- animal life
- plant life
- urban or natural landscape
- weather phenomenon
- a special annual theme

Winning club-level photographs will advance to the district, multiple district, and international competitions. Registered attendees of the Lions international convention will vote for the six (includes Best of Show) international photo contest winners.

Full details and entry forms at:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/environment_photo_contest.shtml

Or contact Lion Margaret Potvin, District Environment Chair - 780 967 5526



The Grande Prairie Lions Club would like to thank Lion Ron Stobbe of the Edmonton South Edmonton Lions Club for the donation of a shuffleboard to the Lions Learning Centre. It is an excellent example of Lions helping Lions. Thanks also to Airways Rentals, Leasing & Sales for delivery of the unit, and to Mike Schwab, Grande Prairie Public School District for assistance with set-up (and for showing the students how to play).



The Lions Foundation of Canada is extremely excited to announce, for the third year in a row, an amazing gift from an anonymous donor.

This generous donor will **match dollar for dollar** any donation from MD 37 (Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories) received by LFC and designated to sponsor a dog guide team. If your club makes a donation of \$5000 to LFC, it instantly becomes \$10,000 - the sponsorship of a Special Skills or Seizure Response Dog guide team. The gift of \$3,000 becomes \$6,000 - the sponsorship of one Canine Vision Canada Dog guide team and the gift of \$2,000 becomes \$4,000 - the sponsorship of a Hearing Ear Dog guide team.

All donations, **regardless of the amount**, made toward Dog guide sponsorships from the Lions, Lioness and Leos of MD 37 by February 15, 2008 will be matched to a maximum of **\$60,000.00**. We particularly would like to encourage those clubs that have never before supported a Dog guide team to give now, since by supporting your Foundation in this program, your donation becomes a very powerful gift.

Please consider being part of this very special project to provide Dog guides to people across Canada. It's an amazing opportunity to double your donation, and to truly make a difference in the life of someone living with a disability. **Your support does make a difference.**

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Lions Foundation of Canada, 1-800-768-3030, your LFC District Chair or Lion Greg Holmes, Alberta/NWT Director, 1-780-436-6286 or email at

liongholmes@hotmail.com.

Eyeglass Recycling

Eyeglass recycling? Check out the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre: <http://www.clerc.ca>
 PDG Bernie Gribben,
 403 640 1056;
 email clerc@shaw.ca



PCC Lynne Coulter with his sponsor into Lionism...

MD37 (Midwinter) Conference

Great Falls, Montana

January 25th-26th, 2008

Hosted by Great Falls Electric City Lions Club

Convention Site is the Holiday Inn Great Falls, 400 10th Avenue South, Great Falls, MT., 59405.
 Phone: (406) 727-7200 or 1-800-257-1998. The room rate is \$74.00 plus tax through December 24, 2007.

The registration form is not available at the time of publishing. Check the MD37 WEBSITE in early December:

<http://md37lions.org/subpage.html>

Can Tabs

Got some aluminium can tabs and don't know who to send them to? Try Lion Al Nugent: 780 450 8480;
bailey13@shaw.ca

DG Bill's Meanderings

November

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| 24 | Saturday | Official visit | Drayton Valley Lions Club (50 Anniv) |
| 26 | Monday | Official visit | Edmonton South Edmonton Lions |
| 27 | Tuesday | Official visit | Spruce Grove Lions club |
| 28 | Wednesday | Official visit | Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club |

December

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| 4 | Tuesday | Official visit | St Albert Host Lions Club |
| 5 | Wednesday | Official visit | Sherwood Park Breakfast Lions Club |
| 5 | Wednesday | Official visit | Brightbank Lions Club |
| 6 | Thursday | Regular meeting | Edmonton Host Lions Club |
| 6 | Thursday | Official visit | Athabaska Lions Club |
| 10 | Monday | Official visit | Fox Creek Lions Club |
| 11 | Tuesday | Official visit | Edmonton Chinese Lions Club |
| 12 | Wednesday | FSNA Xmas dinner | Edmonton. AB |

January

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| 9 | Wednesday | Official visit | Legal Lions Club |
| 14 | Monday | Official visit | Gibbons Lions Club |
| 16 | Wednesday | Official Visit | Edmonton Riverside Lions Club |
| 21 | Monday | Official visit | Stony Plain Lions Club |
| 22 | Tuesday | Official visit | Devon Lions club (ladies nite) |
| 23, 24 | Wednesday, Thursday | 3rd council meeting | Great Falls, Montana |
| 25, 26 | Friday.. Saturday | MD 37 Conference | Great Falls, Montana |
| 28 | Monday | Official visit | Edmonton Korean Lions Club |

February

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| 4 | Monday | Official Visit | Edmonton Strathcona Lions Club |
| 5 | Tuesday | Official visit | Edmonton Jasper Place Lions Club |
| 6 | Wednesday | Official visit | Fairview Lions Club |
| 11 | Monday | Official visit | High Prairie Lions Club |
| 13 | Wednesday | FSNA Luncheon | Edmonton AB |
| 13 | Wednesday | Official visit | Edmonton Northgate Lions Club |
| 19 | Tuesday | Official visit | Edmonton Castledowns Lions Club |
| 21 | Thursday | Regular meeting | Edmonton Host Lions Club |
| 25 | Monday | Official visit | Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club |
| 26 | Tuesday | Official visit | Edmonton Golden gate Lions Club |
| 27 | Wednesday | Official visit | Peace River Lions Club |
| 28 | Thursday | Official Visit | Wembley & District Lions Club |

March

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| 5 | Wednesday | Official Visit | Whitecourt Lions Club |
| 6 | Thursday | Official visit | Barhead Lions Club |
| 7,8,9 | Fri, Sat, Sun | Dist 37-O Conv | Kananaskis |
| 10 | Monday | Official Visit | Beaumont & District Lions Club |
| 11 | Tuesday | Official Visit | Alberta Beach & District Lions Club |
| 12 | Wednesday | Official Visit | Wabamun & District Lions Club |
| 15 | Saturday | 3rd Cabinet meeting | Grande Prairie Lions Club |

April

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| 2 | Wednesday | Official visit | Vimy & District Lions Club |
| 22 | Tuesday | Official visit | Busby & District Lions Club |
| 26 | Friday | Official visit | Westmount Lions Club (50 Anniv) |
| 30 - May 3 | Wednesday..Thursday Friday, Saturday | 4th Council meeting MD37 Convention | Kananaskis Kananaskis |