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Newsletter

Submission

Deadline: Dec 18



Lion John Cragg (Southgate) receiving a President's Award of Appreciation from DG Tom Hodgson and International Director for Canada Carl Young (Fowler's Corner Lions Club, District A-16). ID Carl and his partner Lion Elizabeth Young (personal friends of DG Tom) were the Convention's featured guests.

District Governor Tom's notes:

Lions: If you missed it, you missed a great District Convention. It was a busy weekend with a Council Meeting, Devon LC 60th Anniversary, Devon Lionetts 50th and Leos 2nd, Convention and 37L Cabinet meeting on Sunday. I must congratulate Devon for hosting our convention, over 230 Lions and guests were in attendance. Congratulations to all of our elected officers and award winners. And a big thanks to our International President Certificate of Appreciation recipients. I am pleased to see we have excellent Lions stepping forward to take a leadership role in our District. We have hosts for the convention in 2011 and 2012. Thanks to all the clubs that have been visited to date. I have seen fellowship, hospitality and dedicated service to your respective communities. I do have some updates to the schedule

as some visits had to be changed. Your donations to Lions Foundation of Canada, Camp He-Ho-Ha and Lions Quest are also appreciated. I have encouraged clubs on my visits to increase membership. We, as a District, are gaining but we do need more. An extension workshop has been planned for Nov. 29 and membership drives in Edmonton on Nov.30 and Dec 1. Please sign up for this worthwhile undertaking. I know that it does work. I assisted a team of 12 Lions in Stettler to form a club in one day. Lions, communicate and share ideas with other Lions members and clubs. By sharing, other clubs may find new and inventive ways for fundraising. Write that article for our newsletter. Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

- DG Tom
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37L Convention Notes

201 delegates (203 at DG's Banquet)

231 attended Devon's 60th Charter.

The 2009 Lions Cavalcade (Morinville) reported \$48,000 in donations.

Elections and Awards:

VDG Lion Betty Ann Robson

1st VDGE Lion Donna Wozney

2nd VDGE Lion Wanda Coates

VCC endorsement

- DG Tom Hodgson

Hall of Fame

- PDG Claude Carignan

Dr. Lynn Hall

- Lion Wanda Coates

Unsung Hero Herb Moeller

- Lion Bob Fisher

International President Certificates of Appreciation - Lions John Cragg, Dorothy Harris, Wanda Coates



Three new Lions inducted at Convention:

Tara Lynn Werk with sponsor Dan Claypool; Julia Smith with sponsor Julian Smith; Rick Robson with sponsor Betty Ann Robson

Lions T-Shirts

Another order is being placed in early January for those bright yellow T-shirts with the large blue Lions logo on the front. Please place your order by January 5, 2010. Pricing is dependent on numbers, so exact amount is pending, but history says about \$8.00.

Contact Lion John Cragg

@ 780 435 1948 or

jcragg@telusplanet.net

Extension Workshop

It is time to sign up for an extension workshop. Many indicated that you would help at the convention when asked by PID Patti Hill.

I have recently returned from participating in a workshop and the formation of a new club in Stettler. An evening of training and a day of calls.

It can be done in Edmonton. We need Lions to give of their time to help us achieve, not one but two, clubs in our District.

PID Lion Jack Isaman has agreed to help with the training and the calls. He suggests that the time is now before December.

So now we need you to commit.

Can you be prepared to take Sunday afternoon, November 29 and one of two days, either Monday Nov. 30 and Tues. Dec. 1, to be part of this successful event. I need your answer ASAP to make this work. Please forward to any Lion who may wish to help us. We need to have at least 10 people who are willing to commit.

Please reply.

- DG Tom

Volunteer Opportunities

Inner City Lunch Program

Edmonton Host and City of Champions Clubs have the following dates scheduled for the Inner City Lunches for 2009/2010:

Dec 12th (Children's Christmas Party and Meal)

Feb 8th (Family Day)

March 21st

April 25th

May 16th

June 12th (Saturday Barbecue and clean up)

Please contact Ron Kasha at 780 487-0793 or email kashar@shaw.ca if you would like to volunteer for any of these luncheons.

Lion Karen Olson promises to stop bugging me if enough of you promise to come to the Regional Rally, January 22 and 23. Entry form at the end of this Newsletter!

Edmonton Food Bank

Between the demise of BrightNights and the 60% increased demand for Food Bank services, the Edmonton Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help in their operations. Of particular interest are some upcoming Christmas projects:

Stuff a Bus: Saturday November 28 at all Save on Stores in Edmonton.

Shifts are 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

At the Calgary Trail and Ellerslie locations need 4 people per shift.

At the 109th St and Jasper, and Strathcona, stores need 2 people per shift.

At all remaining stores need 3 people per shift.

Loblaws (Superstore Event) Saturday December 5th

Every store in Edmonton as well as their 2 Warehouse locations - 111 Ave & 99 St)

Need a couple of people at all locations, or as many locations as possible with a Food Bank money bin from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Debbie Theuss and Tamara Stecyk
Special Events and Community Relations

Edmonton's Food Bank
11508-120 Street

PO Box 62061

Edmonton, AB T5M 4B5

P: 780.425.2133

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www.edmontonsfoodbank.com

Twitter: @yegfoodbank

PDG Roger Kozma's phone number:

Cell 780 953-8772

DG Roger's work telephone numbers are not currently active.

Lion Karen really, really wants you to come!

**This Event replaces the
Midwinter Conference!**

**Go for the Gold
Lions Regional Rally Districts 37I & L**

January 22, 23, 2010

Central Lions Recreation Centre
11113 -113 Street Edmonton

What will I do? What will I learn and share?

Learn more about yourself and develop leadership skills you never knew you had!

- 'We did that before and it didn't work – it won't work now' attitude adjustment or take your chances with the Judge!
- Membership-
- Sell yourself to the community – what would our world look like without Lions Web design for beginners
- Communications
- New Members a Preposterous Idea! Too scared to ask!
- Be Calm my Lions hearted friends Conflict resolution
- Public Speaking
- Club Images, Letterhead, Business Cards
- FUN-Raising
- YIKES! A PowerPoint!
- Computers, Texting, Twitter + Me = NEVER!

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

LCIF responds to humanitarian concerns around the world including our own communities. LCIF enable Lions to help Lions and funds projects too big for a district or club to do on their own.

Lions Clubs International Foundation makes grants available in four main areas: sight preservation, combating disability, youth and disaster relief.

The four types of grants are:

- Standard Grants: **M a t c h i n g** grants up to US\$75,000.00 for local humanitarian service projects.
- Core 4 Grants: Fund special projects in eyesight, disability, health and youth up to US \$200,000.00 (One available per district)
- SightFirst Grants: **B l i n d n e s s** prevention and sight restoration projects in neediest areas.
- International Assistance Grants: Support club twinning projects –US \$5,000 – US \$30,000 (One per district or club annually)

The most common grant is the Standard Grant which has the broadest category of LCIF funding. In 2007-2008 one hundred and forty three grants were awarded, totaling US \$6.6 million. In 2008-2009 to date there have been 55 grants approved, totaling more than US \$2.5 million. Standard grants match funds up to US \$75,000 and support Lions' projects that are too large for one club. These projects provide local impact and community visibility for the Lions and a minimum of two clubs are required to apply.

Please contact me if you would like a presentation to your Club or if you would like information about LCIF.

Lion Donna Wozney
gmawoz@shaw.ca
780-998-3865

Wanted

One used trailer in decent condition capable of being converted into a permanent parade float but also legally able to travel on public roads. Must be reasonably if nor miraculously priced. A donated value can get a tax receipt. Ideal length of flat deck approx. 24 – 32 ft, tandem axle configuration ideal. Electric brakes only; not a 5th wheel hookup. Ideally the tires are round with tread left on them.

Contact: Lion John Cragg,
37L Parade Chair
780-435-1948
jcragg@telusplanet.net

Zone Happenings

Community Activities
PDG Bob Nuttall Chairperson

Zone 3A

Athabasca Lions: Paid \$95,000 towards a new Zamboni and continues to support the local Ag Society

Busby Lions: Donated \$20,000 towards the Community Hall renovations / \$50,000 for the Community Hall roof repairs / supported 4 scholarships for area students and sponsored an exchange student to go to Australia

Morinville Lions: Held a golf tournament and the proceeds of \$3,500 were donated to Camp HeHo Ha / donation was made to Stars / a blood donor clinic was held.

Vimy Lions: They are working with the County through a sub committee to better their community. / renovated the Community Hall / will also hosting a Christmas Supper for adults and children in their community

Zone 4B

Lions Club of Sherwood Park: Will be hosting their third annual Walk for Guide Dogs on May 30, 2010 in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of Lions Foundation of Canada; last year's walk raised over \$8,000.

Fort Saskatchewan: Club activities include: Toxic Roundup; Annual BBQ; Float in Canada Day Parade; Movie Night in the Park; 650 pairs of glasses and 12 hearing aids shipped to Calgary; presentation of four new bus shelters to the city; working with local students on how to volunteer; and new project donating gear bags to fire fighters in the two trucks DOW is shipping to Chile.

Edmonton Northgate: Recent Marathon Bingo was successful; donated \$750 to a post secondary student for the Scholarship Legacy Scholarship.

Zone 5 C

Edmonton Korean Lions: Supported the Edmonton Korean Language School and financial support for 3 Korean Youths, in Korea.

Edmonton Southgate Lions: BBQ for all students at McKee Public School / 2 scholarships to students at St. Laurent High School (\$1,500) / Helped serve at the Hope Mission / Donated to Medic-alert "No Child Without Program" at McKee and Woodside public schools / an additional \$40,000 have been donated to other worthy causes.

City Of Champions Lions: \$1000 scholarship to St. FX High School

/ \$1000 scholarship to Tusaruik School / Committed \$10,000 to City of Edmonton Indoor Playground Project / \$8000 to the Jamie Platt YMCA Climbing Wall.

Strathcona Lions: Supported 3 schools for the Medic-alert "No Child Without Program" / The club will be delivering goodies, mitts and socks for 3 schools at Christmas Time / also 2 scholarships to the University of Alberta to the faculty of Nursing and Physiotherapy / in addition this club supports 27 organizations and spent in excess of \$42,000 over the past year.

WABAMUN & DISTRICT LIONS REACH OUT

Like many clubs in small towns,



The Morinville Lions Club & St. Albert Host Lions along with Members of the 3061, 1(one) CER Morinville Cadet Corp participated in the 15 year of the Lions Western Canadian Challenge Invitational High School Volleyball tournament held in Morinville, St. Albert schools. 24 (twenty-four) Men's & Women's teams from across Alberta and 2(two) teams from Steinbach, Manitoba were competing from Thursday to Saturday.

Pictured (L-R) are: RCACC Mcpl Page Brenneis, St, Albert Host Lions Club Jeff Stoneham, & President Dave Haitt. Morinville Lions Club Matt Fleck, Jim Turner & President Francis Fryters, RCACC Sgt Steavon Taylor. Seated: Morinville Lions Club Margaret & Alexis Potvin.

- Lion Gerry Morrow Morinville Lions Club

Wabamun & District Lions faces dwindling membership that, unfortunately, leaves us understaffed for some projects. When we looked around for new members, we found that everyone in our area who had interest in volunteering were already members of at least one other club or organization. We were, in fact, amazed to find how many groups there were.

Searching out all other organizations in our community, the Wabamun Lions invited two members from each to a dinner and informational evening. Guests included representatives from the Village Council, Volunteer Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce, Parent Advisory Committee, Medical Clinic, Minor Sports, Crime Watch, Citizens on Patrol, Seniors Club, Community Citizen's Board, Friends of the Library, Museum Committee, Food Bank and more...forty-two people attended. Our local MLA, Fred Lindsay a life-long volunteer in Wabamun, graciously accepted our invitation and spoke on the importance of volunteers and cited some provincial statistics. Each group was asked for a short introduction of their organization, their activities and goals.

A few months later, we followed up by inviting the same groups to a wine and cheese where we asked them to present an idea or project they would like to undertake or see happen.. Many were in a similar position of too low membership to carry out their projects and quite a few 'joint ventures' arose from the discussions. All present agreed that keeping in touch and working together was a great benefit to us all. Another club agreed to host the next information session and we hope others will continue to provide yearly meetings. Lions presented each speaker with a "Key to the Pride", a 'no advance notice required' invitation (cut-out-lion) to attend and/or address any Wabamun Lions meeting. (pic. attached)

Some projects that arose from these meetings are; a beautification project at the Library, the Fire Department's toxic roundup, Lions agreed to bartend for the Senior's Grey Cup Party, the Village and Senior's Club

joined forces to host the Harvest Fest (Volunteer Appreciation night) and all groups pitched in for the Wabamun Homecoming.

Our initial concerns about increasing membership are ongoing, but cooperation among clubs and knowing whom to call if we need help will allow us to tackle more and bigger projects. Working with diverse groups has given us more insight into the needs in the community and, by being seen in different places at different projects, more of the community has become aware of Lions and their activities. We hope this awareness will attract members. And, through our local Welcome Wagon, when anyone new moves in, you can be sure we will be greeting him or her with a Lions Club information package and a Key to the Pride!

- Lion Marilee Kosik
Wabamun & District Lions Club

Go for the Gold Lions Regional Rally Districts 37I & L

January 22, 23, 2010

Central Lions Recreation Centre
11113 -113 Street Edmonton

How?

Register by November 30 for discounted registration.

Sponsor a coffee or snack break by contributing funds directly to the Rally. Supporters will be acknowledged.

Encourage your new members to attend. Everyone will benefit!

Ensure your club is well represented. Assist members financially, if possible.- It is educational and will benefit your club, community and the world!



Tumbler Ridge Halloween

About five years ago a young RCMP Constable (now Sergeant) in Tumbler Ridge was looking for a way to make Halloween safer for the children of the community. He came up with the idea of a community bonfire where the children could be supervised and still receive lots of goodies. Today this event is an established feature

of Halloween night. Volunteers from the fire department, police, and Lions Club pull together to make this a fun family event. The fire department organizes the bonfire; the police provide glow sticks for trick-or-treaters; and the Lions Club provides goodies for kids and adults alike. This year they handed out hot dogs, hot chocolate, and marshmallows to a happy, well-behaved crowd.

District Governor Visitation Schedule

November 23	Edmonton South Edmonton
November 24	Leduc Breakfast
November 24	Devon
November 25	Edmonton Northgate
November 26	Wembley
?????	Edmonton Millwoods Breakfast
December 1	Edmonton Westmount
December 2	Edmonton Riverside
December 7	Stony Plain
December 8	Edmonton Chinese
December 14	Beaumont
December 15	Edmonton Jasper Place
January 5	Edmonton Castledowns
January 6	Whitecourt
January 11	Gibbons
January 12	Edmonton Jolly Fellows
January 13	Legal
January 16-17	37-O Convention Canmore
January 18	Strathcona
January 25	Edmonton Millwoods
January 26	Edmonton Goldengate
February 2	Spruce Grove
February 23	Edmonton Korean
March 13	Cabinet meeting Sherwood Park
March 23	Jasper Place
March 27	Millwoods June 19
May 10 or 20	High Prairie
June 10	Yellowknife
June 11 or 12	Hay River
June 19	Cabinet Meeting Edmonton Host



Edmonton Chinese Lions Club

Cordially invites you and your guest to our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Holiday Charity:
Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program

December 8, 2009
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00

Dynasty Century Palace
206, 9700 – 105 Avenue
Free parking behind the restaurant

All proceeds from 50-50 ticket sales and Silent Auction will go toward our Holiday Charity!

Please R.S.V.P. by December 4th to
Lion Wendy Lam at
wlam@telusplanet.net
Call at 780-918-6018

Lions' Remembrance Day

The Sherwood Park and Millwoods Breakfast Lions Clubs hosted a very successful Remembrance Day service on Nov 9, 2009 at the Norwood Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Eleven Lions Clubs attended the service including Edmonton Chinese, Edmonton Host, Edmonton Jolly fellows, Edmonton Northgate, Edmonton Southgate, Edmonton Westmount, Fort Saskatchewan, Gibbons, Millwood's Breakfast, Sherwood Park and St Albert Host. Each Club laid a wreath in remembrance and respect of our veterans. District Governor Tom Hodgson laid a wreath on behalf of Lions Clubs International and Master Warrant officer Dale Coble on behalf of the Canadian Armed Forces. The Lament was performed by Ted Soltys of the Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drum Band. Last Post and

Reveille were performed by bugler Alvin Lowery. 'In Flanders Fields' was presented by PID Lion Bill Webber.

The speaker for the evening was Master Warrant officer Dale Coble who spoke on the Canadian Armed Forces, our Veterans and

Remembrance Day. Master Warrant Officer Coble has been deployed seven times in his career with the Canadian Armed Force.

- *Lion Dorothy Harris*
Millwood Breakfast Lions club.





Calgary Properties Lions Club



November 12, 2009

Re: **2010 - 13th Annual LIONS Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course**

Dear Lions,

The 2010 Lions Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course is leadership training through socially, mentally and physically active programs. These take the form of seminars and group/team game competitions, learning the values of cooperation, planning, compromising and leading, and conflict resolution. Your positive response in past years to our invitation to sponsor youth to the annual Lions Youth Leadership Training Course has encouraged us to offer the camp again this year. We appreciate your concern and agreement about the importance of nurturing our youth by providing the necessary training and preparation to help face the uncertainties of the real world.

- WHAT** 13th Annual LIONS Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course
- WHO** Youth 14 - 18 years old (inclusive), male & female, to be sponsored by a Lions Club (e.g. Leos, Venturer Scouts, 4-H, Pathfinder Guides, Cadets, Boys & Girls Clubs, School groups, Church groups, sons/daughters/ neighbours)
- WHERE** District 37-O Lions Youth Camp, Cremona, Alberta
- WHY** **Introductory Leadership Skills Training**
- WHEN** March 12, 13 & 14, 2010 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)

Groups **must** be sponsored by a Lions Club, to a preferred maximum of 4-6 youth per group, and at least 1 leader or adult chaperon per group. **A Club can sponsor more than one group.** Registration fee is \$50.00 per youth, \$35.00 per adult chaperon. The fee will cover the camp fee, training supplies and food for Friday night snack, Saturday all meals and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Space is limited to 64. Please use the appropriate registration form and appropriate photo release form per person (youth / adult chaperon). An equipment list is included. Please register before March 1, 2010. Late registrations will be accepted if space allows.

Please send registrations (in groups) with cheque made payable to: **Calgary Properties Lions Club**

Mail To: **Calgary Properties Lions Club**
2010 Lions Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course
Box 55069, Temple RPO
Calgary, Alberta, T1Y 6R6

For Clubs that are not able to sponsor youth groups, your donations can help other youth to have the opportunity to participate. We know that the youth of today will be our citizens and leaders of tomorrow, and will need leadership skills to meet the challenges of the future. Someday they may become our Lions of the next generation. Looking forward to Serving with you, we are

Yours in Lionism

Lion Eileen Skinner
Lions Youth Introductory Leadership Training Course Registrar
403-285-2456 eileen.skinner@telus.net

**More information, entry forms, etc.
may be had from Lion Eileen:
eileen.skinner@telus.net**

PO Box #55069 Temple Postal Outlet/Calgary, Alberta Canada T1Y 6R6

District Calendar 2010

1 15-17 370 Convention
 1 22-23 Regional Rally
 3 13 Cabinet Meeting
 4 24 World Wide Induction Day
 and Club Officer Training
 5 14-15 MD37 Convention
 6 4-6 Lions Cavalcade
 6/28-7/2 International Convention
 7 22 CapitalEx Parade
 9 23-25 USA/Canada Forum
 11 37L Convention

Canmore
 Edmonton
 Sherwood Park
 Edmonton

 Kalispell, MT
 Taber
 Sydney, Australia
 Edmonton
 Milwaukee, WI
 Drayton Valley

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2011

5 ? MD37 Convention
 7 4-8 International Convention
 9 22-24 USA/Canada Forum
 11 37L Convention

Medicine Hat
 Seattle, WA
 Anchorage, AL
 Ft. Saskatchewan

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2012

5 17-19 MD37 Convention
 6 22-26 International Convention
 9 14-16 USA/Canada Forum

Athabasca
 Busan, Korea
 Tampa Bay, FL

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2013

7 5-9 International Convention

Hamburg, Germany

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Peace Poster Contest

On Thursday, November 19 District 37L presented a Peace Poster Exhibit – “The Power of Peace” 2009 – 2010 at the Central Lions Seniors Recreation Centre.

This year 16 schools participated in the contest sponsored by the Edmonton Host Lions Club, Edmonton City of Champions Lions Club and St. Albert Host Lions Club. On behalf of the Peace Poster committee, I would like to thank all the judges, DG Lion Tom, PID Lion Dr. Patti, PID Lion Bill, PDG Lion Leo, PDG Lion Roger, Mr. Ming Zhong (Artist), PDG Lion Bob, Lion Bing, Lion Darcy and Lion Michael for their time and effort at the exhibit that evening. My sincere thanks to the Lions from other Lions Clubs who have attended that evening exhibit and make that evening a great success.

- PDG Lion Henry Lung



Gabriella DeWitt,
 Gr 6
 JJ Nearing Catholic-School (held by DG Tom)

Thomas Davis,
 Gr 6
 Bertha Kennedy Catholic Community School (held by PID Bill)

Alyssa Ricioppo,
 Gr. 8
 Richard S. Fowler Catholic Jr. High (held by PDG Peter)



**GOING FOR GOLD
FIRST ANNUAL 37L AND 37I RALLY
JANUARY 22 & 23, 2010
CENTRAL LIONS SENIOR CENTRE,
1113 – 113 Street
EDMONTON**



Name		Companion Name	
Club	District	Club	District
Address		Address	
City	P.C.	City	P.C.
Phone	E-mail	Phone	E-mail
Name on Badge		Name on Badge	

Registration – early bird (prior to November 30, 2009)	_____ x \$85.00 = _____
Late registration – after December 1, 2009	_____ x \$95.00 = _____
Extra banquet	_____ x \$30.00 = _____
Total	\$ _____

Do you have dietary restrictions? ____ / diabetic ____ / vegetarian ____ / other ____

<p>Hotel info*</p> <p><u>Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre</u> 11727-Kingsway Ave. Edmonton Ph. 780-453-6521 or 1-800-661-9843 Special rate - \$109/queen – quote - #1001 LIONSR</p> <p><u>Best Western City Centre Inn</u> 11310-109 St, Edmonton Ph 780-479-2042 or 1-800-666-5026</p> <p><u>Ramada Hotel</u> 11834 Kingsway Ave Edmonton Ph 780-454-5454 or 1-800-272-6232</p> <p><u>Chateau Nova Hotel & Suites</u> 159 Airport Road Edmonton Ph 780-424-6682 or 1-888-919-6682</p> <p>* a shuttle bus will be available</p>
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Send registration and cheque or money order (Cdn funds) to:
EHLC Regional Rally
Ron Kasha
#401, 9620 – 174 Street
EDMONTON AB T5T 6B9

<p>Refund policy – Prior to asking for a refund DID YOU TRY TO GET A LION TO TAKE YOUR PLACE? A full refund will be granted if a written request is received prior to January 7, 2010. A refund may be granted after that date upon approval of Rally Committee.</p>
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