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**Submission**

**Deadline: Dec 18**



**At Least Somebody Takes Pity** on Us Poor Lions - Grande Prairie

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## District Governor Joan's Notes

Another month is almost over! I want to send a big THANK YOU to Lion Henry Romanchuk and the Vimy Lions Club for all the hard work that was put into making our convention in Westlock Nov 1&2 such a great success. I think everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. Once again a job well done.

Our guest speaker, International Director Stacey Jones from Florida, was a most interesting speaker. Now if we could just turn off the snow he asked for!!!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits to clubs and want to thank them for the warm hospitality given to myself and Lion Herman. I look forward to more visits in the coming months and will do my best to accommodate any special requests.

For those who did not see the news

item, the first group of Diabetes Alert Dogs have graduated from Lions Foundation of Canada. What a history making event this is!

Congratulations to the Foundation and those who were matched up with these dogs.

The Peace Poster Contest is almost over for another year. The final judging for our district will be done on Tuesday Nov 26. Thanks to Lion Claude Carignan for all his work.

As the Christmas season approaches and our lives get busier let's not forget the less fortunate among us, and in the disaster areas of the world. Since this may be the last edition of the LINK that some clubs receive before Christmas Lion Herman and I would like to wish each and everyone of you all the best for a joyous holiday season. May you be able to spend some quality time with family and friends.

## District Awards

*(Presented at the District Convention by Past District Governor Donna Wozney)*

In 2012 District 37L established the **Lions Citizen of Distinction Award**, given to a non-Lion, dedicated to humanitarian service. The first recipient was Jack Little of the Heritage Festival.

The 2013 Lions Citizen of Distinction is Frank J. Flaman, a successful businessman providing agricultural, industrial and fitness services which span several provinces and the US states. And while he can be recognized for his success in business his name is more recognized as a philanthropist.



He has long believed in giving back to the community and in 2005 he created the Frank J. Flaman Foundation to distribute profits from his business to the tune of \$1 million dollars a year. Additional funds come from the Flaman Foundation's annual fundraising efforts.

His generosity addresses both local and global needs. These include Edmonton's inner city school lunch program, Win House, Kid's Kottage and the Alberta Diabetes Foundation, as well as the Mennonite Central Committee.

Some of his major international commitments include Amnesty International, the East African

drought victims in Somalia and following the earthquake that devastated Haiti, Frank Flaman donated over one million dollars through Oxfam and the Salvation Army.

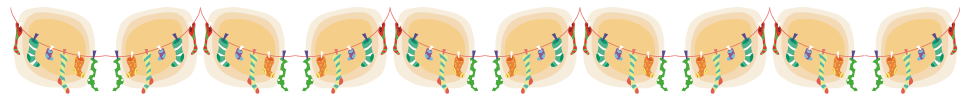
Although Frank Flaman is not a Lion, I am sure that in his heart, he is a great Lion.

In presenting the Lions Citizen of Distinction Award the Lions Clubs of District 37L wish to recognize individuals who are dedicated to humanitarian service. There is no doubt that Frank J. Flaman meets and exceeds any criteria to describe "dedicated humanitarian service" and is most worthy in being recognized as the "2013 Lions Citizen of Distinction".

## The Herb Moeller Unsung

**Hero Award** was established in memory of Lion Herb Moeller, a member of the Edmonton Northgate Lions Club, following his death in 1999. Lion Herb was the club treasurer and he worked tirelessly on behalf of youth in his community. He was quick to volunteer and to serve on club projects and activities. The Herbie's Kids Fund, named after him, assists under privileged youth, helping those young people with their registration fees or whatever they need to be able to join an activity.

Wine improves with age. I improve with wine



### EDMONTON CHINESE LIONS CLUB INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT

#### 12th ANNUAL LIONS REUNION *Christmas* PARTY

**Tickets are going quickly.  
Get Yours soon!**

**2013**

**And, please bring an unwrapped new toy for Santa's Anonymous!**



**DATE** DECEMBER 10TH, TUESDAY

**TIME** 5:30 - 9:00PM

**LOCATION** DYNASTY CENTURY PALACE RESTAURANT  
9700 - 105 AVENUE, EDMONTON

**TICKETS** \$30

**PROGRAM** SILENT AUCTION / DOOR PRIZES / 50-50 TICKETS  
**SPECIAL GUEST** DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOAN LUBBERS



**TICKETS & INQUIRY**  
LION DARCY KNOLL

PH 780.483.6989 anytime before 11pm / EMAIL drknoll33@hotmail.com

**RSVP by December 2nd, Monday**



The recipient of this year's Herb Moeller Unsung Hero Award is a fairly new Lion who is totally committed to our motto "We Serve". He works tirelessly with community groups in the northeast section of Edmonton. He is the main contact for the schools in that area and an Ambassador for Lions. He is always looking for new ways to promote Lions including setting up a booth at an Oil Kings game promoting Lions membership. He has been instrumental in forging a community relationship with minor soccer and three Lions Club in his area.

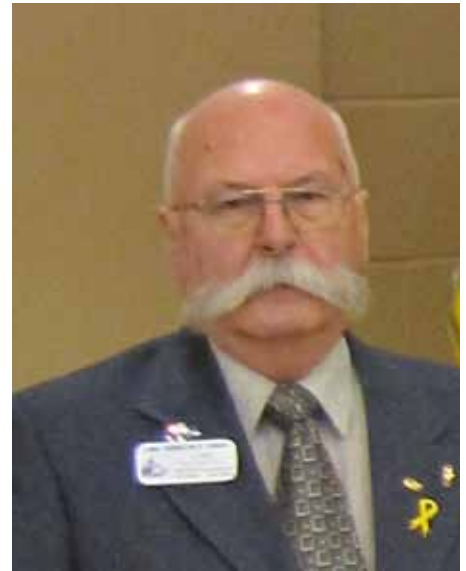
Members of the Hi-5 Lions look to him for leadership and counseling in administering their club. He is patient and provides assistance when required. Just recently I spotted him on the news, pushing someone with a disability in a 5km run.

The 2013 recipient of the Herb Moeller Unsung Hero Award is Lion Tom Scott.

## The Dr. Lynn Hall Award

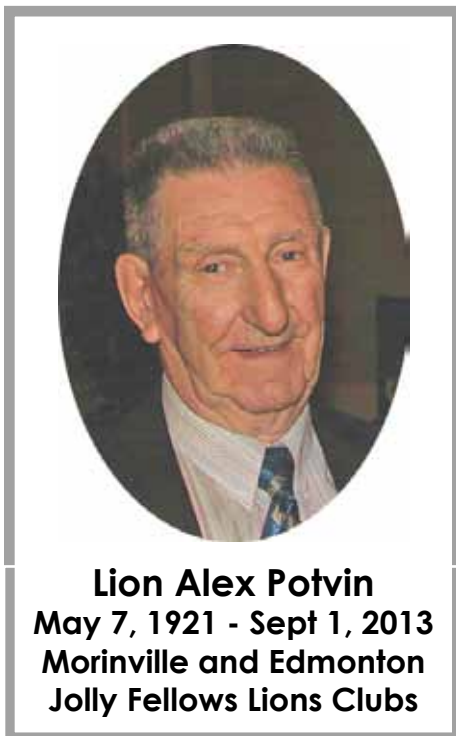
was established in 1997 in recognition of the outstanding Leadership qualities in Lionism displayed by the late Dr. Lynn Hall. Lion Lynn was a member of various clubs for over 50 years, serving two terms as District Governor. Always quick to step forward, no matter what the project, Lion Lynn was a leader by example. He exemplified what Lionism is all about.

The recipient of this year's award has been a Lion since 1970 and has served his clubs in every capacity in addition to serving two terms as District Governor, as Council Chairperson, and treasurer of 37L for the last three years. He has just completed a 3 year term as the Alberta/NWT Director of Lions Foundation of Canada and is Past Chairperson of that board. He is also the co-chair of the D 37 Governor



- elect training Committee and I might add that our Governors are probably the best trained Governors-Elect that there are. The 2013 recipient of the Dr. Lynn Hall Award for Leadership is PCC Lynne Coulter.

**Westlock Convention:** 155 registered; 171 at the banquet. All resolutions passed. Bob Hunter confirmed as incoming District Governor, and your long suffering Editor will be Vice District Governor.



# Ukrainian New Years *MALANKA* JANUARY 18, 2014 THORSBY COMMUNITY HALL

TICKETS - \$40 each - Only 225 Tickets Available

**FULL UKRAINIAN BUFFET SUPPER**

**UKRAINIAN MUSIC BY: SPARKLING TONES**

**COCKTAILS - 6:30 pm Supper - 7:30 pm**

**Dance - 9:00 pm - 1:00 am**

**Midnight Lunch**

SPONSORED BY:

**THORSBY LIONS CLUB**

**Phone: (780) 789-3734 for Tickets**

**Lion Member: Sam Kobeluck**





## Eyeglass recycling in Edmonton and surrounding area

is still being provided free shipping to Calgary. The new trucking company is Manatoulin and is located at 402-53114 Range Road 262, Acheson, Alberta, T7X 5A1 Phone number 780-452-3386. It should be noted that Lion David Coates [coatesdavid48@gmail.com](mailto:coatesdavid48@gmail.com) is the District liaison and/or contact for Eyeglass recycling and as such is able to provide Lions Clubs with the appropriate boxes for the business they pick up from and answer most questions you may have; like how the boxes should be labelled. He also personally picks up glasses from 45 businesses in the Edmonton area. He is not the District courier that picks up glasses from Clubs for transport to Acheson. Each club is responsible for getting their collection to the trucking company. Lion David does take the collections he personally picks up and those of his own club out to Acheson and if your club wanted to get their collection to him, he would be happy to add them to his load when he schedules his time to go out there. Your clubs participation in the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program is a great contribution to Lions Clubs International's ongoing global goal for sight preservation. Club secretaries please remember to report your eyeglass recycling in your monthly activity report.

**-PDG Wanda Coates**



**The coal mining community of Tumbler Ridge** is an international melting pot. The mining industry has brought new residents to the town from South Africa, Australia, the Philippines, and China. During the recent Halloween celebrations the Tumbler Ridge Lions helped integrate these diverse cultures into our traditions. The Lions handed out free hot dogs, coffee, and hot chocolate at the annual community bonfire. This may have been a strange event to many new-comers but soon everyone enjoyed the festivities.

**- Lynda McKenzie**

**97th International Lions Convention Toronto, July 4 - 8, 2014**  
Information at: <http://lionsconvention2014.ca/>

26th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

*Our World, Our Future*



*You Are Invited*

*District 37L Peace Poster Contest*

*Judging and Reception*

*St. Albert Community Hall – 17 Perron Street*

*Tuesday Nov.26, 2013 7:30 – 9:00 pm*

## Canadian Diabetes Association presents Outstanding National Partnership Award to Lions Club International Canada

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA (October 22, 2012) – The Canadian Diabetes Association has presented Lions Club International Canada with the 2012 Outstanding National Partnership Award. This prestigious national award recognizes partners in any sector that have worked with the Association on a national level to contribute to the organization's mission, creating a significant outcome.

The mission of Lions Club International is to conquer and support blindness, the leading cause of which is diabetes. The Lions have made a formal commitment to conduct and support local and large-scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications.

Lions Club International Canada was named recipient of the 2012 Outstanding National Partnership Award in recognition of their loyalty and tremendous contributions to the Canadian Diabetes Association, particularly in the areas of fundraising and volunteerism. For many years, the Lions have been a service club upon which the Association can rely to raise funds, support diabetes camps and the children who attend them, and raise awareness of diabetes. In Saskatchewan alone, the Lions have raised over \$1 million on behalf of the Association.

"Lions Club International Canada is a very worthy recipient of this year's Outstanding National Partnership Award. It seems that in any part of the country, whenever the Canadian Diabetes Association is in need of support, we can rely on the Lions," said Fred DeFina, Director, Community Giving, Canadian Diabetes Association.

"Lions clubs all across the country work tirelessly to raise funds and awareness for the Canadian Diabetes Association. Their support is significant and is an important part of the Association's ability to help make a difference in the lives of people with diabetes."

"The Canadian Diabetes Association is thrilled to formally acknowledge the outstanding work of our volunteers and supporters through our national awards program. Volunteers are critical to the success of our mission delivery," said Michael Cloutier,

Association and Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism Professional Conference brings together more than 2,000 leading diabetes clinicians, researchers and educators from across Canada and around the world to share their knowledge, ideas and experiences on diabetes.

The conference serves as an important opportunity to collaborate and share the latest ground-breaking research aimed at helping those with diabetes to live healthier lives while the Association and researchers they fund continue



President & CEO of the Canadian Diabetes Association. "Lions Club International Canada has demonstrated a true dedication to making a difference in the lives of more than nine million Canadians who are living with diabetes or prediabetes. On behalf of the Association, I'd like to congratulate the Lions for their tremendous contributions and express our sincere appreciation for all those who were nominated."

Lions Club International Canada was recognized at the Association's National Awards Presentation recently held in Vancouver. The event is held in conjunction with the Canadian Diabetes Association's Professional Conference and National Annual General Meeting. The 15th Annual Canadian Diabetes

to work towards finding a cure.

### About the Canadian Diabetes Association

The Canadian Diabetes Association is a registered charitable organization, leading the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while we work to find a cure. Our professional staff and more than 20,000 volunteers provide education and services to help people in their daily fight against the disease, advocate on behalf of people with diabetes for the opportunity to achieve their highest quality of life, and break ground towards a cure. Please visit [diabetes.ca](http://diabetes.ca), join us on [facebook.com/CanadianDiabetesAssociation](https://facebook.com/CanadianDiabetesAssociation), follow us on Twitter [@DiabetesAssoc](https://twitter.com/DiabetesAssoc), or call 1-800-BANTING (226-8464).



## First Diabetic Alert Dog Guide Class Graduates on World Diabetes Day!

On November 14, 2013, the inaugural Diabetic Alert Dog Guides class at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides graduated. The four clients spent two weeks at the Oakville training school learning how to work with their new Dog Guides. The first three Diabetic Alert Dog Guides; Nettle, Nara and Wilfred, are trained to detect drops in their handlers blood sugar and alert them.

Individuals who have type 1 diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness cannot detect when their blood sugar drops and this puts them at risk of losing consciousness, falling into a coma and even dying.

Check out the newly updated MD37 WEBSITE at: [md37lions.org](http://md37lions.org)

## GP Lions Club President

**John Spence** is shown presenting the Lions Legacy Scholarship to Grande Prairie Regional College student Mary Melnyk.

## Grande Prairie Lions Notes

Thanks to the staff at Dr. Senekal's clinic for the recent donation of used eyeglasses for the CLERC program.

\*The Annual WINGS NIGHT was a "SMASHING" success thanks to the efforts of Chairperson Lion Beverly Spence and GPLC President John Spence. Special thanks to Todd Z. and his staff at the Lions Den Pub, to Liz and Randy and the staff of Smash & Sons Contracting, and all the members of the business community who so generously contributed funds and prizes."

Thanks to the Whitecourt Lions and to Aurora Eye Care Centre(Grande Prairie) for recent donations of used eyeglasses.

- PCC Lynne Coulter



## DG's Visitation schedule for Nov, Dec & Jan

Mon Nov 25 - Edmonton Southgate Lions  
 Tue Nov 26- Peace Poster Judging  
 Wed Nov 27- Wabamun Lions  
 Wed Dec 4 - Vimy Lions  
 Fri Dec 6 - Athabasca Lions  
 Mon Dec 9 - Morinville Lions  
 Tue Dec 10 - Edmonton Chinese Lions  
 Wed Dec 11 - Edmonotn Northgate Lions {1st VDG Bob Hunter}  
 Fri Dec 20 - Stony Plain Lions  
 Tues Jan14 - HI - 5 Lions  
 Mon Jan 20 - Edmonton Millwoods Lions  
 Wed Jan 22 - Edmonton City of Champions

## District Calendar

### 2014

1 17-18 37O Convention  
 5 2-3 MD37 Convention  
 7 4-8 International Convention

Canmore, AB  
 Calgary, AB  
 Toronto, ON

Kevin Gibbons [lionkev@telus.net](mailto:lionkev@telus.net)  
 Multiple District 37 [md37lions.org](http://md37lions.org)  
 Lions International [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

### 2015

5 17-18 MD37 Convention  
 6 26-30 International Convention

Bozeman, MT  
 Honolulu

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 - 7.4International Convention

Chicago  
 (100 years of Lionism)

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





## ADVANCED LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Oak Brook, Illinois

March 8-10, 2014

The purpose of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute is to provide Lions leaders with an opportunity to enhance skills in preparation for leadership responsibilities at the zone, region and district levels.

### **PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Candidates for this institute must be from the Constitutional Area II: Canada.
2. Candidates must be Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions members who are currently serving as club presidents will be considered on a space-available basis.
3. Candidates must be willing to commit to attending all days of the institute, including group mealtimes, and understand personal time is extremely limited. **Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.**
4. Graduates of this institute are expected to pursue higher levels of leadership responsibilities at the zone, region and district levels.

### **COST OF THE INSTITUTE**

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the schedule of the institute. Please note that according to board policy, a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$95.00** will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than four weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. In order to have as many districts represented as possible, one candidate per district will be selected. More than one participant per district will be allowed on a space available basis. **After the application submission deadline date, all candidates will be notified of selection status.**

The Leadership Division of Lions Clubs International reserves the right to cancel any institute or language-specific classroom due to insufficient applications submitted by the stated application submission deadline date.

The division maintains the quality of all aspects of the institute, including program, faculty and the selection process of participants. The division works in concert with the International

President and the Leadership Committee of the International Board of Directors.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

All candidates must complete the following items and submit them as indicated below. All completed documents must be submitted by the stated application submission deadline date in order to be considered. Asterisked (\*) forms are attached.

- A. \*Application Form
- B. \*Candidate's Lions History
- C. \*Nomination Form
  1. Must be signed by the \*\*District Governor and Global Leadership Team District Coordinator of the applicant's district.
  2. Should be reviewed and supported by the First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor prior to submitting to LCI.

**\*\*Applicants from a provisional zone or provision region must have the signature of the Zone Chairperson or Region Chairperson and Global Leadership Team Area Leader, respectively, in lieu of the District Governor.**

### **Expectations of ALLI graduates:**

1. Take on additional leadership roles and responsibilities in their respective zones, regions, and districts.
2. Help to develop Lions leaders in their respective clubs, zones, and districts.
3. Serve as a leadership resource in their respective zones, regions, and districts.
4. Share their institute experiences with members of their zone and district and encourage other qualified Lions to apply to the institutes.

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE:**

**December 27, 2013**

### **RETURN APPLICATION TO:**

Institutes & Seminars Department

Lions Clubs International

Fax: 630-706-9010

E-mail: [institutes@lionsclubs.org](mailto:institutes@lionsclubs.org)

**To ensure timely receipt of your application, please submit by e-mail or fax.**



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### APPLICATION FORM

**Application Submission Deadline Date: December 27, 2013**

Purpose: The purpose of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute is to provide Lions leaders with an opportunity to enhance skills in preparation for leadership responsibilities at the zone, region and district levels.

Please type or print.

GENDER: Male ☐ Female ☐

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FAMILY NAME

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FIRST NAME

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MIDDLE INITIAL

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STREET ADDRESS

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CITY

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STATE/PROVINCE

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COUNTRY

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RESIDENCE TELEPHONE

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BUSINESS TELEPHONE

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FAX

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E-MAIL

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
PREFERRED LANGUAGE(S)

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLUB NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLUB NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
CURRENT LIONS TITLE

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HIGHEST LIONS OFFICE HELD

\_\_\_\_\_  
LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED (LOCATIONS & DATES)

☐ Yes, I am capable of understanding and participating in the language of instruction at this institute.

**Lions Clubs International is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or other personal events, lost or stolen property of participants. Participants are requested to carry medical insurance information in the event they require medical services.**

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature  
ALLI 701 Oak Brook CA 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### CANDIDATE'S LIONS HISTORY

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT LIONS CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTH AND YEAR JOINED: \_\_\_\_\_

TERM AS CLUB PRESIDENT AND LIONS CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Offices held within current Lions club:

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Committee positions held within current Lions club:

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Previous Lions clubs of which you have been a member:

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Offices held within previous Lions clubs:

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Committee positions held within previous Lions club:

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Other comments:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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### NOMINATION FORM

*Application Submission Deadline Date: December 27, 2013*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The District Governor and Global Leadership Team District Coordinator of the applicant's district must complete this form. Please see Application Procedure instructions. Please type or print.

**1. Please complete this information about *THE CANDIDATE*:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAMILY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
MIDDLE INITIAL

Why will this candidate benefit from attending the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute?

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Yes, this Lion is capable of understanding and participating in the language of instruction at this institute.

**2. DISTRICT GOVERNOR--Please complete this information:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAMILY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of District Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**3. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM DISTRICT COORDINATOR—Please complete this information:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAMILY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of GLT District Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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YES! *This application has been reviewed and supported by the First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor, prior to its submission to LCI.*