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DG Roger's Notes

Once again it is time for your DG's message. Well here goes. It has been a very busy month with the District 37S convention in Billings, Montana, Council of Governors meeting at the 37N convention in Missoula, Montana, lots of miles on the vehicle. One last district convention this month, 37I next weekend in Ponoka, actually a local commute! Our district convention is happening November 7th and 8th in Grande Prairie, I hope you have all made plans to attend, we are very fortunate to have sitting International Director, ID Dana Biggs from California as our guest, as well as PIP Bill Biggs who will also be doing a session or two at the convention. I have congratulations for 3 Lions who earned their Certificate of Enhanced Leadership Skills at the USA/Canada forum in Saskatoon. They are Lion Mark Schmidt, President of the Southgate Lions Club, Lion Karen Olson, Zone Chair 5B (Edmonton Host Lions Club), and Lion Melodie



Franko, Stony Plain Lions Club. This is the first year that these certificates have been presented at the Forum. Hopefully they will be continued at future Forums, Next year the Forum will be in Memphis, TN. Start making your plans to attend.

The final Mid Winter Conference for MD37 will be held January 23rd and 24th in Bozeman, MT. Next year, 2010, the conference will be changed to a Regional Rally, patterned after the USA/Canada Forum. One will be held in Montana for District S and the Montana Clubs of District N; One for the clubs of District O, and the Alberta clubs of District N; one for the clubs of district L and I, that will be ours. Planning is underway for these so look for more info to come as it becomes available.

After a slow start on my visitation schedule, I am finally getting it rolling, I have some visits scheduled and will be working on more dates this week. My schedule this week includes 2 Zone meetings as well as other meetings.

Keep up your good work, remembering our Presidents' theme for the year "Miracles through Service"

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District 37L Convention Guest International Director Dana Biggs, Reedley Kings River Ambassador Lions Club, Fresno, California

Last Call!
 District 37L Convention, November 7 & 8, Grande Prairie. Entry form at end of this Newsletter.

District Foster Child Program



Her name is Alla Devage Dilini Madushani and she lives in Mt. Lavinia, Sri Lanka. She is 15 years of age. Her father is deceased and she lives with her grandmother and without the help from the Lions of District 37L she would be unable to attend school as her family cannot afford what it costs for her to stay in school.

Alla is one of the soon-to-be fifty students being helped through the generosity of the Lions clubs and the individual Lions members in District 37L. With the funds provided through the Districts 37L – 306A1 Foster Child Program, Alla and the other youths in situations very similar to hers are able to attend school and thus look forward to a brighter future.

Lions of District 37L, I ask you to make a donation to this unique partnership between our two Lions Districts. All funds are used to support the children and the money you donate is placed in a trust account in Sri Lanka and the funds provided to support as many youths as those funds can accommodate. For \$150 Canadian you can support one child for one year.

For many years the person in charge of this program was PCC Dayantha Fernando but now he has turned that work over to District 306A1 Immediate Past District Governor Lester Aponso who for several years has been working with the program.

To make your club's or a personal donation, please make your cheque payable to District 37L and make sure you note that it is for the 37L-306A1 Foster Child Program. Send your cheque to the District 37L Cabinet

Treasurer or to District Governor Roger Kozma.

Thank you, Lions of 37L for your support of this program. I know you will not let Alla and the other children down.

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Directory Update

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The Lions Foundation of Canada is happy to announce an amazing gift from an amazing, anonymous donor. This generous donor will for the final time 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 Dogguide team. The gift of \$3,000 becomes \$6,000 - the sponsorship of one Canine Vision Canada Dogguide team and the gift of \$2,000 becomes \$4,000 - the sponsorship of a Hearing Ear Dogguide team.

All donations, regardless of the amount, made toward Dogguide sponsorships from the Lions, Lioness and Leos of MD 37 by February 15, 2009 will be matched to a maximum of \$50,000.00. We particularly would like to encourage those clubs

Fort Saskatchewan Lions

60th Charter

November 1st, 2008

guest speaker - **PIP Judge Brian Stevenson**

Cocktails - 6pm dinner - 7pm

cost \$25 per person location - Dow Centre

Ft Saskatchewan

contact - Lion Donna Wozney,

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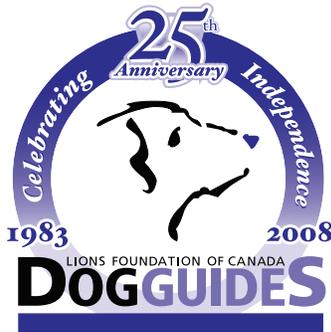
or 780 998-3865

that have never before supported a Dogguide team to give now, since by supporting your Foundation in this program, your donation becomes a very powerful gift.

Please consider being part of the last year of this very special

project to provide Dogguides to people across Canada. It's the final opportunity to double your donation, and to truly make a difference in the life of someone living with a disability. Your support has and will again 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 PDG Lynne Colter, Alberta/NWT Director at 1-780-532-3027 or by email at ldcgp@telusplanet.net.

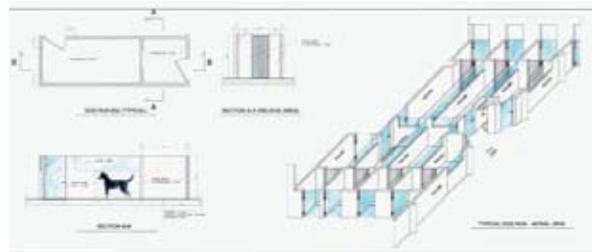


Kennel Expansion Project

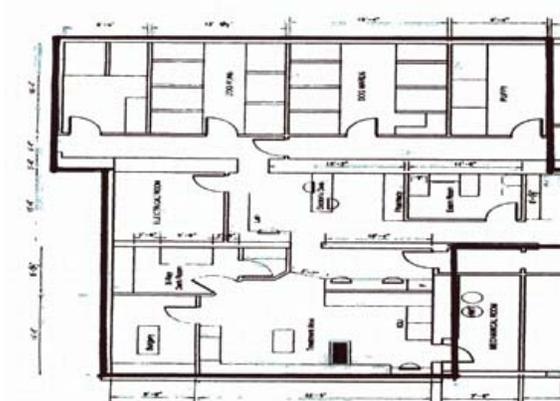


New Kennel Features:

- Modern design
- New windows to allow more natural light
- Heated floors found throughout the kennel area
- New increased ventilation system
- Provides space to house twice as many dogs
- Layout tailored to facilitate socialization for the dogs in training



Veterinary Clinic



Veterinary Facility Features:

- X-Ray facilities
- Fully equipped clinic and surgical area
- Allows for in-house cost effective veterinary care



37L District Convention
Quality Inn
Grande Prairie, Alberta,
November 7-8, 2008

Arrival Date: November 2008	Departure Date: November 2008
Name:	District:
Club:	Name on Badge:
Companion:	Name on Badge:
Club	District
Mailing Address:	Fax:
Telephone:	Email:

Special Request for Meals: _____

REGISTRATION: (Rec'd by Sept 30th, 2008) _____ x \$ 95.00 = _____
 Late Registration: (Rec'd after Sept 30th, 2008) _____ x \$105.00 = _____
 Non –Registered Companion Banquet Ticket _____ x \$ 35.00 = _____

Cash ____ Cheque ____ Money Order ____ **CANADIAN FUNDS ONLY**

Please make cheque or money order payable to **Wembley & District Lions Club.**

Receipt require for reimbursement from club? ____ Yes ____ No

How many conventions have you attended? _____

Contact persons:

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Refund Policy

Before 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 by the Convention Committee prior to Oct 30th. A refund may be granted after November 8th, 2008 upon approval of the District Governor.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

Hotel	Quality Hotel	Stanford Inn	Canadian Motor Inn	Pomeroy Inn & Suites
Ph. Number	1-800-661-7954	1-800-661-8160	1-800-291-7893	1-877-977-4678