

# Lions Link



## Lions Clubs International District 37L Newsletter

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**DG Donna's Words of Wozdom**

Fellow Lions

I had no idea a month can pass so fast. One third of this Lionistic year is over and I don't know where the time went.

I have good news for our district – there were only two districts in our multiple with plus numbers in membership and 37L is one of those but it's still not enough! Plus 5 really doesn't sound like a big number and I am hoping that we are on the way to much bigger numbers. I again encourage everyone of you to bring in one new member to your club and the family of Lionism. Twenty new Lions by the end of November is 20% of what we need to bring us back up towards our goal of a minimum of 1250 Lions in 37L. And only TWO new members per club this year will do the same thing.

In this past month much work has been done on establishing a campus club at Concordia University in Edmonton and hopefully this club, and others will be on stream soon. Our future is in our youth and we have to encourage the growth of not only Campus clubs and Leo Clubs but family clubs with our new program for Lion Cubs –children starting at age 5. Can you imagine three generations of Lions working together.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute slated for the end of October has been cancelled due to a shortage of registrants. This institute will now be held in April, giving those who have aspirations of leadership to apply. It's not just for those who want to be the District Governor, it's for all Lions that want to take a



leadership role, whether in their club, their zone or just being a better Lion. There are 10 spots for our District and we would like to fill them all with Lions from 37L.

Who has planted a tree? I have received reports of our Lions planting 130 trees so far but I know we can do better than that. Send me your numbers so we can be the first district in our multiple to go over the top.

PCC Lion Lynne Coulter was elected to the position of Chairman of the Board of the Lions Foundation of Canada. He had served as a director of the foundation for a number of years. Congratulations to Lion Lynne. Taking his place as director will be PDG David Dalby of Smoky Lake Lions.

I would like to welcome two new members to the cabinet. Lion Paul Cheung of Edmonton Chinese Lions is the new Leo Chairman, and Lion Barbara Kozoriz of Edmonton Strathcona Lions is our new representative on the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta (LERINA). Thank you to both of them and welcome.

Have you registered yet for the 37L convention? – there's only two weeks remaining and the convention

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**District 37L Convention  
 November 4 and 5, Ft. Saskatchewan. Entry Form at the end of this Lions Link...**

committee would like your commitment prior to the opening day if possible. The registration form is at the back of this issue and you can e-mail it to me – [gmawoz@shaw.ca](mailto:gmawoz@shaw.ca) . We have a packed program and great entertainment planned so plan on being there when the official opening starts at 6:30 Friday evening.

Mark your calendars for January 13 and 14 for the Northern 37L and I rally in Edmonton. If you want to learn how to use that new cell phone you have or how to tweet or join Facebook or participate in a Webinar then this rally is for you. We are going to help those, like myself, who are electronically challenged.

Finally congratulations to the High 5 Club. They recently held their first fundraiser and it was a resounding success. Normally we wouldn't acknowledge a club for holding a fund raiser but these members have many challenges in life and their enthusiasm and hard work is a joy to witness.

Hope to meet many of you in Fort Saskatchewan at the convention.

*-Donna*

### 37L Convention Hilights

- Opening ceremonies – Friday November 4, 6:30 sharp
- Entertainment – Les Bucherons
- Late lunch – Friday
- Display setup – Friday 4:30
- Breakfast - Saturday 7:30 – 8:30
- Saturday Opening – 8:30am
- Celebration of Life – Saturday morning
- Cabinet meeting – Sunday morning – 9:00am
- Registration and Certification – Friday 4 – 8 And Saturday 7am – noon
- Meet our International guest ID Marvin Chambers

**Have you registered yet?**

# Remembrance Day Ceremony

co-hosted by  
**Sherwood Park Lions**  
**Edmonton Millwoods Breakfast Club**  
**Norwood Legion.**

**Nov. 7**

**PROMPTLY (we're dealing with the military.) @ 6PM.**

**Dinner to follow @ 7:PM**

**\$25.00 per ticket**

**Norwood Legion, 1150-82 St. Edmonton**

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**Thanksgiving provided an opportunity** for the Tumbler Ridge Lions Club to thank their community. The Club provided free winter clothing to all who needed something. Many recent immigrants to our community, and large families were unprepared for the harsh northern winter to come. Here Lions Fee and Elaine sort the winter gear as they prepare to assist the crowds.

# Lions Clubs International Use of Funds Policy and Guidelines

*The following items represent Lions International's official policy and guidelines regarding the use of funds raised from the public by Lions Clubs, and was forwarded to us by PIP Judge Brian Stevenson*

## Use of Funds Policy

*Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV,  
Section B, Effective July, 2011*

**1. General Policy on Funds Raised from Lions Clubs Activities.** Funds raised from the public must be used

for the benefit of the public and community in which the Lions Clubs serve. The International Constitution and By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation (the "governing documents") provide that chartered Lions clubs shall be not-for-profit of the individual club or its individual members. Consequently, no part of the net earnings of funds raised from the public shall benefit any individual Lions member, or other private individual or entity.

These policies are intended to provide guidance for clubs to meet the purposes of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Key in determining the proper use of funds is considering transparency to the public and developing trust from the community in which the Lions operate. How Lions use funds must meet the legal and tax requirements for the local jurisdiction in which they operate.

**a. Definition of Public/Activity Funds.** Funds raised from the public are the net earnings of income

raised from activities open to the public, public contributions, bequests and money accumulated from

invested public funds.

**b. Definition of Administrative Funds.** Administrative funds are contributions from Lions through

dues, fines, advertisement revenue, rental fees and other individual Lions contributions. These

funds may be used for either public projects or for internal Lions use such as meeting and convention

expenses, incorporation fees, audit fees, newsletters, bulletins and other club and/or district operating and administrative expenses.

**2. Direct Expenses of Fundraiser.** Direct Expenses of a public fundraiser may be deducted from the proceeds

of the fundraiser to replenish the administrative funds used to hold the fundraiser.

**3. Lions Property.** A percentage of the net proceeds from funds raised through the use of property owned by Lions clubs and districts may be used toward the operating and maintenance expenses of the property under the following guidelines.

**a. Property Used for Public Purposes.** Expenses for operating and maintaining the property may be paid from public funds to support the use of the property for the public.

**b. Property Used for Administrative Purposes.** Expenses for operating and maintaining the property must be paid from administrative funds if the use is for the benefit of the Lions.

**c. Mixed Use of Property.** When Lions property is used for both public and administrative purposes, then a pro-rata percentage of the expenses may be paid from public funds related to the percentage of use of the property by the public. For example, a Lions Club House that is used 20% of the time for the public may use public funds to offset 20% of the expenses of maintaining and operating the

property.

**4. Political Activity.** As a non-partisan charitable organization, Lions Clubs and Districts (single, sub- or multiple) cannot contribute public or administrative funds to support or endorse an elected official or candidate for local, state, federal or foreign office.

**Laughing stock: cattle with a sense of humor.**

## Use Of Funds Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to assist Lions members, clubs and districts (single, sub- and multiple) in following the Use of Funds Policy adopted by the International Board of Directors.

These guidelines are a supplement to the Use of Funds Policy, and are not intended to replace the policy adopted by the International Board of Directors. Lions are encouraged to review the described Use of Funds Policy in detail and may be found on the Lions Clubs International website [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or by contacting the Legal Division at [legal@lionsclubs.org](mailto:legal@lionsclubs.org) or by calling 1-630-203-3847. It should be noted that these guidelines are not intended to constitute legal or tax advice. The following questions and answers are typical questions and answers for non-profit organizations, but may not be accurate under every local law which may have different requirements. For additional questions and advice about the use of funds and the laws in your jurisdiction, please consult local legal counsel or tax professionals for advice.

## Typical Questions & Answers Property

1. A Lions Club raised funds from the public to build a community center. May the building be used for Lions meetings as well as for the community?

**Yes,** so long as the building is primarily used for the community, the club may still use the building for its own meetings.

2. Our Lions Club owns a building that was donated to it from the city. May we rent the building and keep the proceeds for our Administrative Account?

**It depends** on the circumstances in which the building was donated and whether there were any restrictions on the use of the building. However, it is possible to use the funds from rental income from a Lions owned building for use in the Administrative

account.

3. The Lions Club owns a building and permits the local Boy Scouts (or other community related group) to use the building free of charge. May we use funds from the public account to clean the building after the use by such organizations?

**Yes**, you may use public funds to offset direct expenses for the public use of the building.

4. Our Lions Club owns a multi-use building where we hold public fundraisers, donate use of the building for other community organizations, charge rent for private events and hold Lions meetings. Can we use public funds to offset the cost of maintenance and upkeep?

**Yes**, you can use a pro-rata share of the public funds related to the percentage of the use of the building by the public.

5. The Lions Club maintains a public park. May we use public funds for maintenance of the public park?

**Yes**, because the park is for the use of the public, public funds may be used to maintain it.

6. Our Lions Club owns a Clubhouse and we want to sell it. Are the proceeds from the sale considered public funds?

**The** dissolution of a club property must be done in accordance with the local laws of the jurisdiction in which a club is located. Many jurisdictions have specific requirements depending upon the nature of the organization. Therefore you should seek local legal guidance for the particular local requirements, if any, that are applicable. Generally, if publicly raised funds were used to acquire and/or maintain the property, the proceeds from its sale are considered public funds. If administrative funds were used to acquire/maintain the property, the members may have a legal claim to a prorated share of the property/proceeds or else the property/proceeds may be used for public funds.

### Operating Expenses

7. Our Lions Club purchased directors and officers liability insurance

with the crime/fidelity (Bond) coverage to protect the officers of the club and to protect the club from losses as a result of fraudulent acts. What funds may be used to purchase this insurance?

**This** insurance coverage is considered an administrative expense and must be paid from administrative funds.

8. Our Lions Club purchased excess umbrella liability and liquor liability insurance for our annual fundraiser. What funds may be used to purchase this insurance?

**This** insurance is a direct cost of the fundraiser and therefore public funds may be used.

9. Our Lions Club purchased Accident Insurance under the supplemental insurance program. What funds may be used for this expense?

**Accidental** insurance coverage is an administrative expense and therefore must be paid with administrative funds.

10. Our Lions Club is thinking about incorporating our club. May public funds be used for legal and filing fees necessary for incorporation?

**No**, this is considered an administrative cost and should be paid out of the Administrative Funds.

11. Our Lions Club has decided to create a separate Lions foundation. May we use public funds for the start-up costs of creating the legal entity?

**No**, this is an administrative expense and must be paid by administrative funds. However, public funds could be donated to and for the use of the Foundation to further the Foundation's own charitable purposes.

12. Our Lions club received a large bequest and would like to create a permanent endowment for scholarships. What funds can we use for the expenses related to setting up the endowment as well as ongoing fees for managing the endowment?

**Generally**, the operating expenses of the endowment may be paid from the corpus of the endowment. However, the laws related to endowments and

whether the funds of the endowment may be used toward operating expenses vary depending on jurisdiction, and therefore you will need to seek local legal and/or tax counsel for advice.

13. Our Lions Club has purchased property insurance for our Clubhouse which is used as both for the benefit of the club and for the use by the public. May public funds be used for purchase of this insurance?

**A pro-rata** percentage of public funds related to the percentage of public use may be used to purchase the insurance. For example, if the building is used 60% of the time for the public, then 60% of the cost of the insurance may be paid by public funds.

### Benefits to Lions or Family Members

14. A member of our Lions Club recently lost their house due to a fire. May we use public funds to assist him?

**Use** of public funds to benefit a member of the Lions club is not permitted. However the individual club members may donate to the member personally to assist him.

15. The sister of one of our Lions Club members recently lost their house due to a flood. May we use public funds to assist her?

**Use** of public funds may not be used to personally benefit a Lion. So long as the member will not personally receive a financial benefit from the transaction, a family member who is not a dependent may be eligible to receive public funds from the Club.

16. Our town recently suffered a devastating flood and many of the Lions as well as the community at large suffered extensive loss to their homes. May we use public funds to assist the community which would include affected Lions?

**Use** of public funds may be used to assist the community including affected Lions members in the case of disasters so long as the members meet the same eligibility criteria established for the disbursement of funds and assistance.

17. We have a member of our club that needs a heart transplant. May we hold a fundraiser in his name to raise money for the financial hardship of the medical procedure?

**No**, this is considered a private benefit to a member. However, individual club members may donate to the member personally to assist him or ask others to donate personally to him.

18. We have a member of our Lions Club that has recently lost her job and is experiencing financial hardship. May we loan her money from public funds to assist her?

**No**, this is considered private benefit to a member of the Lions.

19. Our Lions Club wants to establish a scholarship fund for children or grandchildren of Lions members. May we raise funds from the public to support this fund?

**Use** of public funds may not be used to personally benefit a Lion. So long as the member will not personally receive a financial benefit from the transaction, a grandchild of a member who is not a dependent may be eligible to receive public funds from the Club. If the club wanted to establish a scholarship for the public at large, they could include family members as well as the public so long as the recipients meet the qualifications and are selected by a group (such as the school) outside of the control of the Lions Club.

### Public Fundraisers vs. Private Lions Fundraisers

20. Our Club is holding a Golf Tournament and we are selling tickets to Lions and the public. Lions receive a blue ticket and members of the public receive a yellow ticket. May we use the proceeds from the ticket sales to the Lions (as evidenced by the blue ticket) for our administrative funds?

**No**. Once the event is open to the public, all the proceeds are considered public funds.

21. We are having a Lions dinner open to all Lions Clubs in the District. May we use the proceeds from the sale of the tickets to the dinner for

our administrative funds?

**Yes**. As the event is limited to Lions members, the proceeds may be designated as administrative funds as well as public funds.

22. Our Lions Club is working the vending area at the local football game and is getting paid a percentage of the sales by the stadium. May we designate our payment as administrative funds?

**Yes**, so long as this is the agreement between the stadium and your club and no Lions name or logo is displayed in working the event through signs or clothing.

23. May our Lions Club accept a personal bequest from a member of the public (non-Lion) to be designated administrative funds?

**Yes**, if the bequest was received with specific directions to be used for the administrative purposes of the club.

24. Our Lions Club wants to raise money to build a new Lions Clubhouse. If we advertise that the money is to be used for the clubhouse and will be used for our administrative fund is that okay?

**No**. If the clubhouse is going to be used primarily for the private use of the Lions, then the funds must come from the Lions and not the public, regardless of how it is advertised.

25. A Lions Club sponsors an event such as an antiques show. It obtains the space and arranges for appraisers to render opinions as to the value of items brought in by Lions and non-Lions. Either a flat fee or fee per item will be charged for the appraisal and the Lions will receive a percentage of that fee. Where can the funds be used?

**This** is a Lions event for the public, and therefore the net proceeds of the event are considered public funds.

26. A Lions Club provides free food for participants (and is recognized for it) in a fundraiser for a non-Lions cause, such as the Cancer Society 5K Race. Some participants want to make donations for the food. If the club puts a donation box on the table, what must be done with the do-

nations? What if people just hand the club money with no directions?

**Regardless** of whether the funds are donated through a donation box or handed personally to the Lions by participants, the funds are considered public funds. Note that the expense for the food purchased for the race could be paid from the Club's public funds in this particular circumstance. Interest/ Investment of Public Funds.

27. If our Lions Club invests our public funds, would we be able to use the interest for administrative costs?

**No**, the interest raised is considered public funds.

28. How long can our Lions Club invest public funds before spending it?

**The** funds should be spent within the same year received unless they have been designated for long term projects.

### Other Questions:

29. Our Lions Club sells advertisements in our Calendars. May we use the proceeds from the sale of advertisements as administrative funds?

**Yes**, however, the revenues from the sale of advertisements may be considered unrelated business income and may be subject to federal and/or state income tax. Please consult with a local tax or legal advisor for additional information regarding unrelated business income.

30. Can the administrative funds and public funds be maintained in the same checking account?

**Yes**, so long as there is a detailed accounting of deposits and expenditures for each fund.

31. Our Lions Club sponsors a Leo Club. May we use public funds for the charter of Leo Clubs?

**Yes**, a Leo Club is considered a project of the Lions Club and therefore the funds for supporting the Leo Club may be public funds.

32. We would like to send the members of the Leo Club to the International Convention. May we use public funds to offset the registration and

travel expenses for the students going to the convention?

No, this is considered a private benefit to Leos and Lions.

*Effective July, 2011*

## Districts 37L and 306A1 Twinning - A Background

Prepared October, 2011

*District 37L Twinning Chairperson  
Lion Tammy Coulter*

In 1988, at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Denver, Colorado a chance meeting between incoming District Governors Lynne Coulter of what was at that time District 37G and Dayantha Fernando of District 306A (Sri Lanka) took place. As a result of that meeting a sight project began. Lynne's club... the Grande Prairie Lions collected, sorted and shipped used eyeglasses to the Moratuwa Lions...Dayantha's club. Grande Prairie Lions would package these glasses in boxes of 200 pair and mail them to the Moratuwa Lions. Once the eyeglasses reached Moratuwa volunteer optometrists catalogued and marked each pair as to prescription. The Moratuwa Lions members held vision testing clinics to which people would come, have their vision tested by optometrists, and then receive eyeglasses...all at no charge. With the help Lions clubs and individual Lions in District 37G as well as optometric businesses who provided the eye glasses, this sight project became a successful one between the Grande Prairie Lions and the Moratuwa Lions that lasted for years.

As the eyeglasses project progressed, Lynne and Dayantha began to discuss what might be done to get the two *districts* involved in a service project. It was suggested by District 306A that a project be considered where the clubs in District 37G be encouraged to provide funds to assist in educating needy children in 306A. It was also suggested that if approved, such a program operate through a trust fund in 306A set up and managed by Dayantha as he was a banker. Districts 37G and 306A

### Summary Chart

How Funds Are Raised	Use for Public Projects? (Activity Account)	Use for Administrative Expenses? (Administrative Account)
<b>Administrative</b> – dues, rental fees, fines, advertisement revenue	Yes	Yes
<b>Public</b> – any fundraising event open to the public, public contributions and bequests	Yes	No *
<b>Interest</b> – accumulated investments from money received from the public	Yes	No*

*Direct Expenses of Fundraiser.* Direct Expenses of a public fundraiser may be deducted from the proceeds to replenish the Administrative Account for funds used to hold the fundraiser.

*Lions Property.* If the Lions Club (or District) owns property that is used to meet the needs of the community at large, a pro-rata percentage of the proceeds from funds raised through use of the property may be used toward the operating expenses of the property.

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# BACK TO THE FUTURE

## 37L - 37I Northern Region Rally

January 13-14, 2012 Edmonton, Alberta

Central Lions Seniors Centre

### Mark Your Calendar!!

"Where we're going, we don't need roads!"

DESTINATION TIME: JAN 13 2012 00:00

PRESENT TIME: SEP 26 2011 00:00

LionMarkSchmidt@gmail.com

Cabinets approved both suggestions and the program became known as the District 37G – 306A Foster Child Program. A further suggestion was made that our two cabinets might consider officially “twinning” our two districts. Lions Clubs International was contacted and asked how we might do that. We were informed that LCI didn’t have an official twinning program for districts...only for Lions clubs. However, they said there was nothing stopping our two districts from twinning and gave us the go-ahead.

So, in 1993, at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a twinning agreement between Districts 37G – 306A was signed. A project of that official twinning was the District 37G – 306A Foster Child Program. Clubs in District 37G continued to financially support the program. All the money donated by our clubs was sent by our District 37G Cabinet Treasurer to PDG Dayantha who placed the funds in a trust account to be used to support the program. The children to be helped by those funds were chosen by the Lions clubs in 306A. The clubs and individual Lions in District 37G provided these donations and the program grew because of that generosity.

In 2003, Multiple District 37 was redistricted from seven to five districts and what was District 37G was now District 37L. As well, because of *their* redistricting, District

306A became District 306A1. So, in July 4, 2004 at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, then 37L District Governor Bill Engram and 306A1 District Governor Shirley Perra signed an agreement to continue the twinning relationship. At that signing PID Bill Webber and now PID Patti Hill spoke of the value of this twinning relationship and how it continued to demonstrate how Lions in different parts of the world can work together in friendship for the betterment of people in need.

The Districts 37L – 306A1 Foster Child Program provides for the cost of books, clothing, and other needed materials for youths aged 6-18 so that they may continue to attend school. These children are still selected by the Lions clubs in 306A1 and that selection is based upon the need...some children are orphaned, some are being raised by elderly grandparents, some are from single parent homes, some have special needs, and some are from extremely poor families who simply cannot afford to send their children to school. All donations of any amount are appreciated as *all* the funds are placed in the trust account and *every dollar* donated is used to support the children. When a donation *is* made, the clubs and individual donors don’t receive a photo or a history of a specific child they are helping because *all* donations received are used to support as many children as these funds will allow. Therefore, the more we donate, the more children

we can help. The program and the trust account are currently under the capable management of now Past Council Chairperson Dayantha Fernando.

As of October, 2011, the 37L – 306A1 Foster Child Program is supporting fifty children ages 6-18 who, because of the support of Lions clubs and individual Lions in District 37L, receive an education and are able to look forward to a more productive future. Over the years numerous young people have been supported under this program and have completed their education because Lions cared enough to help.

Lions clubs and/or individual Lions in District 37L who would like to support this most unique district twinning project should make the cheque payable to District 37L and include on the cheque’s tag line that the donation is for the District 37L – 306A1 Foster Child Program. Please send your cheque to District 37L Cabinet Treasurer PCC Lynne Coulter at 11305 – 103 Street, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 2Y6.

Thank you from all the children you have helped...WE SERVE.

**Corduroy pillows: They’re making headlines!**

## College Campus Clubs

A recent college extension workshop held in Edmonton and follow-up information booth at Concordia College has proven successful and the District would like to thank Edmonton Strathcona Club for sponsoring this new club. Additionally, Lion Kris Kozoriz from the Strathcona Club is a Concordia Alumni and will be one of the Guiding Lions for this new club. Thank you Lion Kris.

Thanks also go to Lion Paul Cheung who will partner with Lion Kris as the other Guiding Lion for the new club.

This initiative is thanks to PID Lion Patti Hill and workshop consultant PDG Lion Paul Baker and we eagerly look forward to opening more campus clubs here in District L and throughout the MD.

-VDG Wanda Coates  
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## Edmonton Northgate Lions

has had a recent change in their Board and Lion Carol Moeller is now their Club President. Lion Carol can be contacted at:

[cmoeller@telus.net](mailto:cmoeller@telus.net)  
780-475-3298

We wish Immediate Past President Lion Murray Berry a speedy and healthy recovery.

-VDG Wanda Coates

**OK, so what’s the speed of dark?**

## District Awards

Nominations for Herb Moeller, Hall of Fame, District Youth Activities, and the Lynn G. Hall Memorial Awardset are DUE!

Check the August Lions Link for details.

- Lion Karen

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## New District 37L WEBSITE

Check it Out!

<http://e-district.org/sites/37l/index.php>

## Hi-5 Lions Branch Club of Edmonton Northgate Lions

Many thanks to all who attended our 1st Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser. It was a great success and we wish to first of all thank our sponsoring club Edmonton Northgate for all their support with our first endeavour. Thank you also to the Edmonton Jollyfellows, Fort Saskatchewan, Edmonton Host and Southgate Lions Clubs for your support in attending.

We would also like to give the Elks and Royal Purple many accolades for supplying the venue and catering at absolutely no cost to the club – all we had to purchase were the groceries and supplies – many kudo's to you all.

Our silent auction featured some outstanding items and we would like to thank and acknowledge the following contributors:

Standard General Inc.  
Canada Post (Delton Depot)

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## District Calendar

### 2011

1 4-5 37L Convention

Ft. Saskatchewan

Robert Fischer 780 998 2152

### 2012

1 13-14 Northern Rally  
5 17-19 MD37 Convention  
6 22-26 International Convention  
9 14-16 USA/Canada Forum  
11 2-3 37L Convention

Edmonton  
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Busan, Korea  
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### 2013

7 5-9 International Convention  
11 ? 37L Convention

Hamburg, Germany  
Vimy?

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Vimy & District

### 2014

7 4-8 International Convention

Toronto

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### 2015

5 14-16 MD37 Convention  
6 26-30 International Convention

Bozeman  
Honolulu

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Lions Marge & Murray Berry  
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Lion Dan Mandryk  
Lion Tom Scott  
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Cash donations were also made by:

Denis Keroack  
Florence Keroach  
Nancy Anderson  
Paulette & Kevin Ryan  
Seema and Al Sehgal/Levsen

This event was coordinated by Lion David Coates with the assistance of Lions Darnell Addley, Tom Scott and Harry Clarke – words cannot say enough so we will end with Thank You.

*- Lion Roger Gratton, President  
High-5 Lions*

*I used to have an open mind  
but my brains kept falling out.*

## Fido Casting Call



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA  
**DOGGUIDES**

Not only is PCC Lynne Coulter a leading light at Lions Foundation of Canada, he wants us to help him raise up to \$200,000 by simply clicking on

<http://www.fidocastingcall.ca/>

and voting for any of the dogs available. This is a promotion sponsored by FIDO (The CEL phone service provider), where each vote earns the Foundation \$1.00 to a maximum of \$200,000.

If you are a Facebook member, just click on the Facebook link, and do your thing.

It is not necessary to be a Facebook member to vote - use the voting link on the right: **Vote For Your Top Dogs.** You can vote for any dog(s) once per day.

Vote as often as you can!

# 37L and 37I Northern Region Rally

'Back to the Future' January 13 - 14 2011

**Wow** - January 13 seems like a long way off, but it's approaching faster than you think!

Our committee has been busy planning the countless details that go into such an event, and we're satisfied that we've come up with a very informative and entertaining weekend for everyone. We've tried our best to come up with sessions that are a little different from what you might have been to in the past, while at the same time making sure that you can take everything you learn at the Rally and make use of it as a Lion.

Here is a sample of some of the sessions you'll be able to enjoy:

**Today's Technology and Social Media** - Learn about Facebook, Twitter, iPhones, iPads, Blackberries. Find websites that can help you organize events. Discover how these

tools can be used every day in many aspects of your life. Hands-on time will be included as well.

**The Year of One Million Trees** - Get updated on our International President's tree planting initiative and how you and your club can help. As well, other Green Initiatives will be presented.

**Online Safety** - The Internet is a great place for discovery, however some dangers do lurk out there. Learn how to surf safely while protecting yourself and your private information.

**Lions Role in Disaster Relief** - How we have helped in the past,

and how we can help in the future.

**Legendary Leos** - Legendary because many of you have heard stories of them, but how much do you really know about Leos, their clubs, and how we can work together in Lionism? Come find out!

**Gaming and Casinos** - An overview on the latest information and rules on how we can raise funds through gaming/casinos and how those funds can be used within LCIF guidelines.

**Generations** - As our clubs grow, we are seeing a wider range of ages in our membership. Learn how the interests and abilities of every age group can be used to make our Family of Lionism even better.

**Yoga** - In today's hectic world, who doesn't need time to relax? Spend some time learning yoga and seeing just how easy and relaxing it can be. A calm Lion is an effective Lion.

**Preserving our History** - Lions have a whole bunch of history, including things such as banners, photos, pins, certificates and such. Learn how you can use local museums and archives to help preserve these treasures.

**Retirement** - Some of us have been there for years, some of us are fast approaching it, and for some it's still a long way off. Learn about how you can make it as comfortable as possible - and have even more time for Lions!

We're also planning on having sessions on GMT/GLT, Lions and the

Law, Club Excellence Program, Presentation Techniques to Adults, and more.

**Fun Fun Fun ! ! !**

**Friday night is 60's Night!** We will be reliving that era with groovy music, psychedelia,

**Name That Tune contests.** There will be prizes for the Best Dressed Hippies so scrounge around your attic for your old Flower Child duds.

**Have you ever** tried your hand at today's video game equipment? Ever bowled on the Wii? We're hoping to have some time on Saturday afternoon to let those of you who are interested give it a try.

**We've got a real treat for you Saturday night** - internationally renowned hypnotist and motivational speaker Wayne Lee will entertain us after dinner. Be prepared to have a great time - and yes, there is definitely audience participation!

All food will be provided by Ela Euro Catering - your tummies will be very happy.

**Look for the registration form in this issue of the newsletter.**

**Register by November 30 and you'll be entered in a draw to win back your registration fee!!**

Looking forward to having you come Back to the Future with us!

- Mark Schmidt

**This is for PCC Lynne Coulter: (The rest of you, please don't read this)**

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her,

"Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.





**Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club  
District 37L Convention  
Nov 4 & 5, 2011  
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta**



<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Name on Badge:</b>
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<b>Mailing address:</b> Street: City: Postal/Zip code:		
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Fax:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

Registration (Received by Sept 1, 2011) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$90.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Late Registration (After Sept 2, 2011) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 EXTRA – Governors’ Banquet - Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration includes Friday evening activities, Opening Ceremonies, Celebration of Life and Entertainment.  
 Friday evening snack          Saturday: breakfast, lunch and banquet.*

**Special Diet/Allergies: Please specify - Diabetic Vegetarian Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash      Cheque      Money Order**  
**All Monies are in Canadian Funds – Payable to: Fort Saskatchewan Lions Convention**

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Hotels

Super 8                      8750 – 84 Street (by Dow Centennial Centre) - \$118.00 + tax (Double Rm)  
 Comfort Inn                1 block South West of Dow Centennial Centre - \$118.00 + tax  
 Hospitality Inn            9820 – 86 Avenue (2.5 km NE of Dow Centre) - \$125.00 + tax (Double Rm)  
 Hampton Inn                8709 – 101 Street \$119.00 + tax (Double Rm)  
 Other hotels available

District 37-O 2011 Convention Strathmore, Alberta on January 13 & 14, 2012  
 Northern Lions Leadership Rally.....January 13 - 14, 2012, Edmonton, Alberta  
 Southern Lions Leadership Rally..... March 16 - 17, 2012, Brooks, Alberta  
 Montana Lions Leadership Rally.....February 24-25, 2012, Bozeman, MT

*My aunt died, God bless her, at a ripe old age of 104.  
 We called her Aunt Tique.*