

Lions Link

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**Newsletter
Submission
Deadline: Nov 23**



No, she's not playing the drums....Although the Tumbler Ridge Lions Campground is closed for the season, there is still plenty of work to do. Clean-up from this year and preparation for next season requires the work of many willing hands and strong backs. A stalwart group of energetic Lions spent the day cutting, splitting and stacking firewood for next season. Another work party moved picnic tables under shelter before the snow comes to stay.

- Lynda McKenzie

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**District 37L Convention
November 2 & 3
Fort Saskatchewan!
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DG Wanda's Notes

CONGRATULATIONS!! Your hard work and dedication to the Campaign 1250 membership initiative has proven to be most effective. District 37 L is the **NUMBER #1 DISTRICT IN ALL OF CANADA** for the first quarter of this Lionistic year. Give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back and many thanks to the Membership Committee for their visitations to promote this campaign. If you haven't had your visit yet, look forward to it because obviously they are not done yet. They want us to be **#1** for all the quarters this year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Convention on November 2 and 3. Edmonton Northgate Lions have 'ensured' us that a most entertaining time will be had by all. The HOJA's will be with us Friday evening and although I have never heard them, Drayton Valley whom I was visiting last night assured me they were outstanding. Also please note that we will be having our **Opening Ceremonies on Friday evening** not Saturday morning. Northgate would also appreciate whatever you have to offer for the silent auction as well.

How are you all doing with the International President's Global

Service Action Campaigns? I know he assigned *engaging youth* to the month of August but really, why can't we be engaging youth throughout the year? Where are the Lions of tomorrow going to come from if we don't demonstrate to them today the importance of what we do? Our convention in November will give you the opportunity to maybe not engage but certainly observe youth in our community.

Although *working with the blind and visually impaired* is designated to October I congratulate the Hi-5 Branch Club of Edmonton Northgate for setting up a White Cane table at the Clairview Walmart on November 3.

Feeding the hungry is allocated to December and January because those cold winter months really require more nourishment to stay warm as well as fed. However, we have clubs in our District that host meals for the needy in their communities throughout the year and that (in my opinion) is definitely preferable to a limited time frame.

When it comes to *working to improve our environment* (April) I don't know anyone who doesn't recycle (eyeglasses) in some way or another throughout the year as well, so as far as I can see, you're all doing a fine job on the Global Service Action Campaigns.

In closing I want to remind you of our previous International President Tam's request that we treat our fellow Lions like one of our family. Our family of Lions is very important to making our communities better places to live and we need to continue to make sure our fellowship with one another is maintained in a positive manner to ensure that ongoing service to our communities. Once again Lions, thank you for all that you do.

Thoughts on Diversity

Just thinking about our ongoing drive for new members in comparison to our penchant to be culturally aware and accepting of the diverse population that makes up our great nations.

We have all heard of the distasteful and cruel manner in which some cultural groups including our own indigenous (aboriginal) population have been treated in the past and unfortunately in some places are still being treated that way.

We believe as Lions that we have conquered that hurdle because we have expanded globally and we incorporate culturally specific clubs into our North American Lions family. But have we?

I'm thinking about another segment of our population that comes from all cultural backgrounds and suffers ongoing discrimination. Oh they celebrate them with Special Olympics and other events around the globe, but what about their daily lives here at home.

On a daily basis they suffer people looking away from them so to avoid eye contact; people ignoring them and not responding to their greetings

or questions; being called "tards, stupid, ugly, dummy, cripple" to name a few; not being allowed to join in conversation/acitivities/games/work; and generally being thought of as a burden to society. Most of us don't behave in this manner but there is a large part of the population that still does.

Challenged people all have something to give, just like you or I they have their special niche in which they excel, and guess what? They can be Lions too! They not only can but they do contribute to the community. They write a few cheques on their limited budget from the annual Spaghetti Dinner they host and their in-house bottle drive. What they do best, is actually be seen in the community; cleaning up the area around the Girl Guide House that provides them a no cost meeting facility; manning a water table at a recent Diabetes Run; setting up a White Cane table to aid the sight impaired. I am of course talking about the Hi-5 Branch Club of Edmonton Northgate – they are Lions in every sense of the word. We need to start looking at **all** people with our hearts and not with outdated belief systems.

- DG Wanda

25th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Imagine Peace



You Are Invited

District 37L Peace Poster Contest

Judging and Reception

St. Albert Community Hall – 17 Perron Street

Tues. Nov.27/12 7:30 – 9:00 pm

VCC Dennis Stevenson`s
email address in the
2012-2013 directory is
incorrect - it should be
pdg37e@sunraybase.ca

**IMPACT
Drum and
Bugle
Corps**

will perform
the National
Anthem!





The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving their environment. Every Lion can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo!

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2012-13 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- *Beauty of the rural environment:* photos celebrating our natural local surroundings

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the **District Governor** to be received no later than **December 20, 2012**

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right

to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

E-mail contest questions to: programs@lionsclubs.org
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/community-environment/lions-green-team/environmental-photo-contest/index.php>

"The Grande Prairie Lions Club wishes to thank the Peace River Lions Club, and Northern Vision Centre(Grande Prairie)for recent donations of used eyeglasses".

– PCC Lynne Coulter

Sherwood Park Lions Club

is participating in the International Day for Persons with Disabilities Community Fair. This event features organizations and groups that support persons with disabilities. The date is Dec. 3, from 10:00AM – 2:00PM. It takes place at Northlands Expo Ballrooms #105 & 106. If your club is interested in participating or attending, please contact

Kimberly Mayer

e-mail: Kimberly@cgalberta.com

phone: 780-471-9167

FAX: 780-471-0855

Lions Club of Leduc has two prospective members: Jim Howe, and Craig Sleen. Not to mention they have rehabilitated former member Andy Zmijewski.

– Bill Tingey

KEEPING THE ROYAL ALEX IN FOCUS

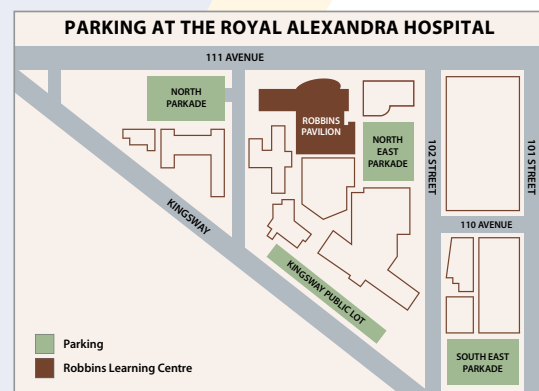


Please Join the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation and the Lions Eye Research Fund Committee as we thank the Lions Districts L and I for their ongoing support of the Regional Eye Centre at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Come and see what your hard work has accomplished to help patients at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Thursday, November 1
Robbins Learning Centre, Robbins Pavilion
Royal Alexandra Hospital
7:00 pm Reception
7:45 pm Formal Program
Post Reception to Follow

RSVP by October 24 to Jeff Buhr at 780-735-5804 or jbuhr@royalalex.org
 Parking is complimentary. Please see map below.





With LFC placing more and more Dog Guides each year, the need for funding also increases. This makes the donations raised through the *Purina® Walk for Dog Guides* an essential part of the success and growth of the Foundation. Since its debut in 1985,

the *Purina® Walk for Dog Guides* has grown to become the largest event of its kind in Canada. The Walk is truly a national event with more than 220 locations and occurs in every province across Canada! This past year the Walk reached a milestone, raising over \$1 million! To build upon this success we are urging lions clubs across the nation to get involved in hosting a *Purina® Walk for Dog Guides* in 2013. The Walk is a pledge based event where participants collect donations in support of Canadian with disabilities. Organizing a Walk brings Lion and Lioness clubs, as well as

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, significant media attention both locally and nationally. Last year alone the Walk made more than 83 million impressions. It also creates awareness for clubs in the community, generates new members and only requires a small committee and time commitment in return for a truly rewarding experience. Lions Foundation provides all Walk organizers with ongoing support through step-by-step manuals, monthly newsletters, and promotional tools such as posters and donation forms.

Please contact me to discuss clubs that you believe would be interested in hosting a Walk. I am more than happy to contact them myself, and am willing to do presentations regarding the Walk (where applicable). I look forward to speaking with you. Sincerely,

David Nash

Manager, *Purina® Walk for Dog Guides*,

Lions Foundation of Canada/Dog Guides Canada

152 Wilson Street

Oakville, ON, L6K 0G6

Phone: 905.842.2891 Ext. 238

Toll Free: 1.800.768.3030

Fax: 905.842.3373

www.dogguides.com

Did you know?

On average, 42 Canadians learn that they have epilepsy each day. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides' Seizure Response Dog Guide program provides additional support to people with epilepsy. These specially trained Dog Guides recognize the onset of a seizure and know how to get help for their handlers; something that becomes essential for people with epilepsy that live alone. In. If you or someone you know could benefit from one of these Dog Guides please contact us at (800) 768-3030 or www.dogguides.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lfcdogguides Twitter: www.twitter.com/lfcdogguides



DGs Dan and Bill and Friend at Thorsby Charter

A Lions Green Team

community clean up is a great way to improve the environment and work alongside Lions, Leos and members of the community on a "hands-on" high-visibility service project.

View the [Lions Green Team Kit:](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/community-environment/lions-green-team/lions-green-team-kit-materials.php)

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and get started with your community clean up.

Community cleanup projects can include:

- Removing debris from a roadway, waterway, nature trail, school, or train station.
- Clearing debris away after a heavy rain or flood.
- Raking autumn leaves. Removing graffiti from public buildings, bridges, or fences.
- Landscaping a public area.

Pick a date and organize something in your area spring is right around the corner.

We know you do these activities so why not utilize LCI materials?

To purchase these materials, complete and submit an [order form](#).

- Karen Olson

Host Families Needed

We are in search of a couple great families to open their homes and hearts this December/January to Lions Youth Exchange participants. These youth must be placed in the greater Edmonton area and are encouraged to participate in your families daily routines and festivities. For further information and/or if your family fits the bill(ot) please contact Lion Karen Olson today as we must complete the airfare and other itinerary bookings by early November!

Lion Karen

lionkaren371@shaw.ca

780-476-6092

STARS Edmonton Relocates

Please note our new Edmonton base address below, effective October 5, 2012:

STARS Edmonton Base

Suite 100, 1519 35 Avenue East

Edmonton International Airport, AB T9E 0V6

Reception: 780-890-3131

STARS reviewed several options before deciding upon the EIA as our new location. The decision was based on many factors, with priority given to what is in the best interests of patients, donors, volunteers and employees.

Patients flown by STARS will receive the same level of care and rapid response from the new location at the EIA.

An existing hangar and building is being leased, and will include space for two helicopters, aircraft engineering

equipment and maintenance activity, and medical and aviation crew training and staging areas. The building also includes crew quarters, clinical education and training areas, and office space for support staff and volunteers.

If you are in the area, please stop by and visit us in our new location. We would welcome the opportunity to connect with you and show you our new home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information about this relocation. Thank you for your continued support of STARS.

Maureen Henkel

Fund Development Officer - Events

780 890 - 3156

F: 780 890 – 3180

mhenkel@stars.ca



PDG Mike Skuba, now 90 years old, being presented with a 65 years membership pin by South Edmonton President Hank Hoekstra. PDG Mike became a member in Smoky Lake in October, 1947. PDG Mike thinks there aren't a lot of longer serving Lions anywhere in the world! Good guess, Mike!

- Photo by Chanprit Baweja

37L Convention Program

Friday, November 2

4:00— 6:00pm

- Set Up Display Area (reserved Tables)

4:00—8:00pm

- Registration
- Silent Auction Opens

7:00pm

Opening Ceremonies

- Parade of Club Banners - with the IMPACT Band
- Announcements
- Introduction of Guests
- Colour Guard (Girl Guides)
- National Anthems—led by Lion Peter Belyk & IMPACT Band
- Lions Pledge—DG Wanda Coates
- Official Greetings from Guests
- Janice Sarich
MLAEdmonton-Decore
- Edmonton City Councillor
Ed Gibbons, Ward 4

7:45pm - Break

8:00—9:00pm

- Entertainment HOJA

FELLOWSHIP/LUNCH

Saturday, November 3

8:00am - Registration

- Open until 12 Noon

9:00 -Business Session #1

- Official Protocol (DG)
- Rules of Convention (PDG D.Claypool)

Nominations:

- District Governor, 1st Vice
- District Governor, 2nd Vice
- District Governor, Multiple
- District Hall of Fame, Vice
- Council Chair, Future
- District Conventions, 2nd
- International Vice President.

9:45am - Business Session #2

- Social Media—College
- Campus Club

10:30 am - Break

- Coffee/Muffins

10:45am - Shorts (5 Mins each)

- LCIF
- LCF
- LOAF
- LERF

11:00am - Celebration of Life

- DG and Companion

11:30 - Lunch

- Awards Presentation (PDG Donna Wozney)
- Speakers :
Boyle Street Education Centre
Beverly Bronx Boxing

1:15pm - Business Session #3

- Dotmocracy

2:00pm - Silent Auction Closes

2:15pm - Break

- Silent Auction Draws

2:30pm - Business Session #4

- Interactive - Club Excellence Program

3:30pm

- Lions Den with International Guest

3:45pm

- Election Results

4:00pm - Break

6:00pm - District Governor's Banquet

8:00pm - Live Auction

District Calendar

2012

10 26-27 37I Convention
11 2-3 37L Convention

Rimbey, AB
Edmonton

Edmonton Northgate

2013

1 18-19 370 Convention
5 16-18 MD37 Convention
7 5-9 International Convention
11 ? 37L Convention

Strathmore, AB
Helena, MT
Hamburg, Germany
Westlock

Lions International lionsclubs.org
Vimy & District

2014

5 16-18 MD37 Convention
7 4-8 International Convention

Calgary
Toronto

Lions International lionsclubs.org

2015

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

Bozeman
Honolulu

Lions International lionsclubs.org

2016

6 24-26 International Convention

Fukoku, Japan

Lions International lionsclubs.org

2017

6-30 - 7.4 International Convention

Chicago
(100 years of Lionism)

Lions International lionsclubs.org



District 37L Convention 2012
November 2 and 3
Sands Convention Centre, 12340 Fort Road, Edmonton



Name: _____
Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-Member _____ First District 37L Convention _____
Mailing Address: _____
Postal Code/Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____ E-mail: _____
Club: _____ District: _____
Companion Name: _____ District: _____ Club: _____
Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-Member _____ First District 37L Convention _____

Early Registration Cut-Off Date is October 10, 2012

Special Meal Request ☐ **Diabetic** ☐ **Vegetarian** ☐ **Allergies** ☐

Please note it may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests

Early Registration _____ X \$100 = \$ _____
Late Registration _____ X \$110 = \$ _____

**Registration includes Friday evening light
lunch (entertainment HOJA's - don't miss
them) Saturday lunch and banquet.**

Extra Tickets _____

Governor's Banquet _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Convention Committee Contact:

Lion Carol Moeller

Phone: 780.475.3298 Cell: 780.983.1882

E-Mail: cmoeller@telus.net

REGISTRATION PAYMENT

Please make cheque payable to:
DISTRICT 37L CONVENTION
P.O. Box 20089 Beverly
Edmonton, Alberta T5W 5E6

Cheque ☐ Money Order ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature: _____

Refund Policy: Before requesting 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 October 20, 2012.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Sands Convention Centre Phone: 780.474.5476 or 1.888.444.3402

Please let the hotel know you are registering for the Lion's Convention as a block of rooms have been reserved for the convention at a discount rate of \$79.99 (only 30 rooms are available at that rate so book early)

Other accommodations:

Century Casino Hotel 13103 Fort Road – phone 780.643.4000

Holiday Inn 13742 - 50 Street – phone 780.476.9898 or 1.800.476.9898

Sessions include: Social Media, Dotmocracy, Hands-on—Club Excellence, Shorts, and In the Lions Den

Registration # _____
Amount _____