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**Newsletter
Submission
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Each September the Tumbler Ridge community organizes a mass registration night. Although Lions Club members need to be invited to join, it was a good opportunity to share information on our club. Lions Frank and Lynda talked to many curious people who stopped by and gave out our new brochure to several people. The Lions Club is visible at many events in town and now more people know what we are all about.

- Lynda McKenzie

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District 37L Convention

November 2 & 3
Fort Saskatchewan!
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***needs your support!
Come out and vote!***

DG Wanda's Notes

Greetings to all! First the positive news, when I last checked (September 21) we had 7 new members registered for this month. On the other hand, the negative – we dropped 7 members to match the new numbers. I know you don't want to hear me beating the membership Campaign 1250 to death but time is of the essence. We need more hands providing community service.

I would like to share with you some information from Grande Prairie and their Camp Tamarack. Camp Tamarack was featured in a wonderful colour spread in a magazine called OFF-SITE, published by the Edmonton Journal featuring available event venues throughout the province of Alberta. What a great

story with wonderful references to the Grande Prairie Shriners who originally built it and the wonderful community support that the camp couldn't operate without. The Rotary was mentioned along with Canadian Natural Resources but, no mention of Lions. I could have sworn that I heard there was Lions activity out there at Camp Tamarack. Is there a reason why they were left out? I think, we need more visible Lions hands in all our communities. I wasn't trying to single out Grande Prairie (I just happen to read the article recently), however, all our communities seem to suffer the same fate in that, people do not seem to be aware that we exist. We need to change that or we will not be successful in providing the best possible service to our communities. Many thanks to

the teams working on visiting clubs with the membership message.

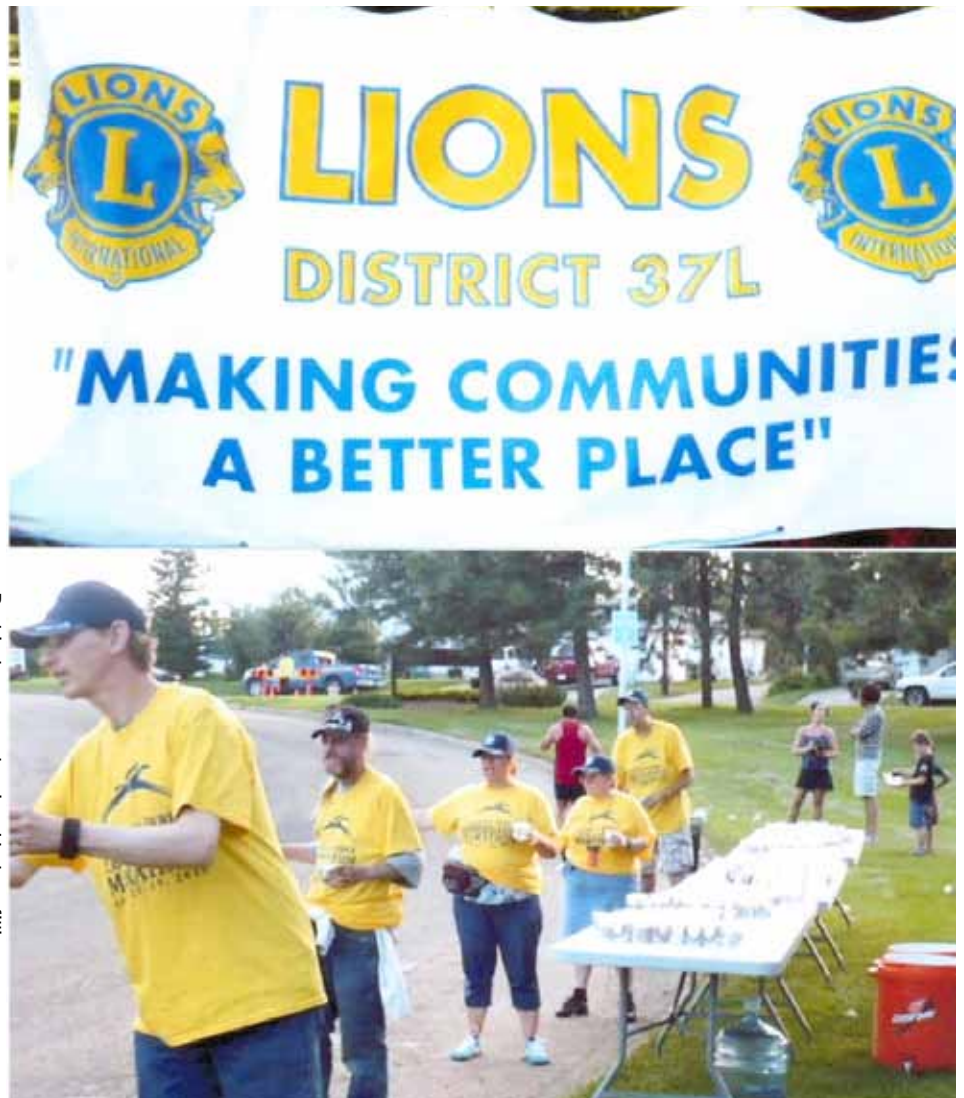
Upcoming in October is President Madden's Global Service Action Campaign - 'Sharing the Vision'. Plan to organize your Eyeglass Recycling project and make sure your collection gets sent to the Calgary centre. Additionally, you can call Lion David (660-9063) for pick-up and delivery information.

How are we doing with RAP? Yes, the Reading Action Program that is ongoing throughout the year to increase our global literacy. In relation to that, I was honoured to be invited to attend a presentation by Lions of Alberta Foundation to the new (still in progress) Slave Lake Library. This presentation was in the form of a \$117,234.79 cheque to assist in the completion of the library, what an amazing contribution in the promotion of literacy and rebuilding. Needless to say the cheque was received with much gratitude. Accolades to the many Lions Clubs and individual Lions who made that possible.

During that same visit to Slave Lake Lion Gordon Topps also presented a \$10,000.00 cheque from the MD to the Jean Luc Deba Memorial (the helicopter pilot who was the only casualty of the Slave Lake fire). What an amazing visit, observing hands-on what Lions can do for our communities.

In closing I would like to say 'thank you' Lions for all you do.

- **Lion Wanda**



the Hi-5 branch club (Edmonton Northgate) manning a water station at a recent Diabetes Marathon sponsored by Edmonton Northlands. They also had on display one of the new District PR banners (available for all clubs to use at their events).

Lions Club of Leduc has three new members, Terry Wark, Cal McClements and Stan Wilson.

- **Bill Tingey**

Lion Rod Mohess, Edmonton Southgate passed away on September 9, 2012

- **John Cragg**,

***Maple Leaf Weekend Raffle in support of Lions Foundation of Canada DogGuides Programs**

The NHL Lockout DOES NOT change anything for our Maple Leaf Weekend Raffle. It is business as usual and we have several options for the Grande Prize if the lockout continues for the entire season.

Tickets \$2.00 each

now available from any Lions Club in Alberta

Lion Lynne Coulter, 780-432-3027, ldcgp@telusplanet.net

Draw Dec.4, 2012

Proposed Amendments to the District 37-L Constitution

as accepted at the August 18, 2012 District 37 L Cabinet meeting

Resolution #1

Article V – District Organization – Section 1 – Cabinet and Officers Subsection (a.) currently reads: *The District Governor shall have a District Cabinet which shall consist of the Governor, the immediate Past Governor, the First Vice District Governor, the Second Vice District Governor, the Region Chairpersons, the Zone Chairpersons, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and all other positions officially recognized by Lions Clubs International. Each of these members shall have one vote. There shall be no proxy votes.*

Be it resolved that **Article V - District Organization – Section I, subsection (a.)** be amended to include the following as the second sentence of this subsection and it to read: **The use of the position of Region Chairperson, during the term of the District Governor, shall be at the sole discretion of the District Governor. If the District Governor wishes to use the position of Region Chairperson during the term of office of that District Governor, the Governor may appoint the Region Chairperson(s).**

Resolution #2

Article V – District Organization – Section 1 – Cabinet and Officers Subsection (f.) – currently reads: *The use of the position of Region Chairperson, during the term of a Governor, shall be at the discretion of the Governor. If the Governor wishes to use the position of Region Chairperson during the term of office of that Governor, the Governor may appoint the Region Chairperson.*

Be it resolved that **Article V, Section 1, subsection (f.)** of the District 37L Constitution be deleted in its entirety.

Resolution #3

Article V – District Organization– Section 5– Administration - subsection (c.) currently reads: *The Governor shall provide for an annual audit of the books and accounts of the Treasurer. A statement of the financial condition of the District shall be sent by the Governor to Lions Clubs International and to each club in the District that requests such a statement within sixty (60) days after the close of the fiscal year.*

Be it resolved that **Article V –District Organization, Section 5- subsection (c.)** be amended to read:

The District Governor shall provide for an annual or more frequent financial review of the books and accounts of the District. Within sixty (60) days after the close of the Lions year, a statement of the financial condition of the District shall be sent by the District Governor to each club in the District that requests such a statement.

Resolution #4

Article VI – District Convention - Section 4 – currently reads: *Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, the*

affirmative vote of the majority of the delegates voting on any question, constitutes the decision of the Convention. The Governor and any Past District Governor resident in the District shall have full delegate status at an annual Convention independent of the club delegate status.

Be it resolved that **Article VI - District Convention – Section 4** of the District 37L Constitution be amended and it to read:

Unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution, the affirmative vote of the majority of the certified delegates voting on any question constitutes the decision of the District 37L Convention. The District Governor and any Past District Governor resident in District 37L shall have full voting delegate status at an annual District 37L Convention providing his or her Lions club is in good standing with District 37L. One vote per certified delegate, per ballot, shall be permitted.

Resolution #5

Be it resolved that in the event that some or all of Resolutions #1 through #4 are approved, the numbered sections and/or subsections of the District 37L Constitution shall be re-numbered to reflect the changes.

As Article VII of the District 37 L Constitution states: Each amendment adopted at a Convention takes effect at the close of the convention at which it was adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

NOTE: *In order to pass, proposed amendments to the District 37L Constitution require the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the votes cast by the certified voting delegates at the District 37L Convention.*

Resolution # 6

Article 1 – District Nominations and Elections - Section 5. - currently reads: *In the event that no suitable candidate for the position of District Governor, First Vice District Governor or Second Vice District Governor has been elected at the District Convention, the Secretary shall notify, in writing, the Multiple District Secretary Treasurer of the intent of the District to elect a Governor, First Vice District Governor and/or Second Vice District Governor at least sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of that Multiple District Convention.*

Be it resolved that **Article 1 – District Nominations and Elections – Section 5.** be amended to be more clearly defined and it to read:

In the event no candidate for the position of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, or Second Vice District Governor has been elected at the District 37 L Convention, the District 37L Cabinet Secretary shall, within (60) sixty days prior to the commencement of the Multiple District 37 Convention notify, in writing, the Multiple District 37 Secretary-Treasurer of the intent of District 37L to elect a District Governor, First Vice

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

District Governor and/or Second Vice District Governor at that Multiple District 37 Convention.

Resolution #7

Article 1 – District Nominations and Elections - Section 6: currently reads:

The Secretary shall notify, in writing, the Multiple District Elections Committee of the name of the Governor-elect, the First Vice District Governor-elect and the Second Vice District Governor-elect at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of that Multiple District Convention.

Be it resolved that Article 1 – District Nominations – Section 6. be amended and it to read:

The District 37L Cabinet Secretary shall, no less than (30) thirty days prior to the commencement of the Multiple District 37 Convention, notify in writing the Multiple District 37 Elections Committee of the names of the District 37L District Governor-elect, First Vice District Governor-elect, and Second Vice District Governor-elect.

Resolution #8

Article III – District Administration

Section 1 – Taxes – Subsection (a): currently reads: *Annual dues in the amount of \$8.00 CAD per member of each Club in the District are payable to the District on January 15 of each year.*

Be it resolved that Article III – District Administration – Section 1 – Taxes – subsection (a.) be amended and it to read: Annual dues in the amount of \$8.00 Canadian per member of each club in the District are payable to the District. The amount owed by each club will be as written under Section 2, subsection (a) of this Article III.

Resolution #9

Article III – District Administration

Section 2 - District Administration Fund – Subsection (d.) – currently reads: *the taxes shall be collected by the Treasurer.*

Be it resolved that Article III – District Administration, Section 2 – District Administration Fund be amended and it to read: **the taxes shall be collected by the District 37 L Cabinet Treasurer.**

Resolution #10

Article VIII – District Convention – Section 10 – currently reads: *The Governor shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit of the District Convention surplus account and shall give a financial report of said account to the annual Convention.*

Be it resolved that Article VIII – District Convention – Section 10 be amended and it to read: **The District Governor shall provide for an annual or more frequent financial review of the District Convention account and shall give a financial report of said account to the annual Convention.**

Resolution #11

Article X – Amendments – Section 1.

Be it resolved that Article X – Amendments – Section 1. be amended and it to read: **These Bylaws may be amended only at a District 37L Convention, by resolution reported by the District 37L Convention Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and adopted by the affirmative vote of the simple majority of the votes cast.**

Resolution #12

Be it resolved that in the event that some or all of Resolutions #6 through #11 are passed, the numbered sections and/or subsections of the District 37 L Bylaws shall be re-numbered to reflect such approved changes.

Resolution # 13

Be it resolved that the certified voting delegates of District 37L endorse Lions Clubs International Past Director Dr. Patti Hill as the District 37L candidate for the position of Lions Clubs International 2nd Vice President.

*In order to pass, proposed amendments to the **District 37L Bylaws** require the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the votes cast by the certified voting delegates at the District L Convention*

As per Article X, Section 3 of the District 37 Bylaws each amendment to the District 37L Constitution shall come into effect at the close of the District 37L Convention at which they were adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

I am delighted to advise you that **2011-2012 Zone 3A Chairperson Lion Robert “Bob” Hunter** (now Second VDG) of your District was the 2011-2012 Zone Chairperson Membership Growth Contest WINNER for all of MD 37! To refresh your memory, one Canadian Zone Chairperson in each Multiple District with Canadian Clubs within their boundaries whose Zone Clubs achieve the highest collective membership growth (including new Clubs) wins the contest.

Please extend my congratulations to Bob and thank him for his commitment to membership growth.

Details concerning the 2012-2013 Canadian Zone Chairperson Membership Growth Contest will be coming out shortly!

- Judge Brian Stevenson, PIP
GMT/GLT Constitutional Area Leader for Canada - CA II

Fido Casting Call 2's Top Dog title goes to Truffle, a Vancouver Pomeranian

Fido wraps up search with a \$200,000 donation to Dog Guides Canada

TORONTO, September 20th, 2012 –With local parks full of pampered pooches and fierce camera-ready pups – only one dog dominated the fierce competition and remained at the top of the pack. Today, Mitra Khorasani's Pomeranian pooch Truffle, from Vancouver, British Columbia was declared the winning dog of the Fido Casting Call 2 contest.

From August 13th to September 10th, more than 9,000 Canadians entered their dogs into Fido Casting Call 2 at www.FidoCastingCall.ca. Truffle earned the winning spot by obtaining the most votes from Canadian online voters during the four-week contest and will now star in an upcoming Fido ad. With great support from all of the local community events and online votes on the Fido Facebook page, Fido will donate \$200,000 to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides to train and place 10 Dog Guides with Canadians with disabilities.

"We loved the enthusiasm Fido fans

and dog lovers across the country demonstrated for their dogs and the support they gave to the contestants and our community partner Dog Guides Canada," said Steven Sarfin, Senior Director, Marketing, Fido. "We are thrilled to demonstrate how dogs are enriching the lives of Canadians and continue to support our partnership with Dog Guides Canada."

"We are incredibly grateful to have been a part of this fantastic contest! Not only does it celebrate canine companions, but it highlights the unique ways they enrich the lives of Canadians with disabilities," said Sandy Turney, Executive Director, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

As the Fido Casting Call 2 Winning Dog, Truffle with her owner Mitra will be treated to puppy stardom with a trip to Montreal for a VIP puppy pampering experience and photo shoot. Top pooches from across the country also battled it out to win the top prize and Fido is thrilled to congratulate the top nine finalists who will receive a Runner's up prize pack that includes an LG Optimus 7 Fido smartphone, Fido accessories and a personalized medal for each pup.

Some fun Fido Casting Call 2 facts -

did you know that:

- The largest number of casting sheets were submitted from dog owners in Ontario, Quebec and BC
- The most popular breeds entered were mixed breeds, Chihuahuas and Yorkshire Terriers
- The most popular names for pooches entered into the Fido Casting Call 2 were Bella, Charlie, Max and Bailey

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has revamped www.dogguides.com! The new user friendly site makes finding everything you need to know about Dog Guides quick and easy. Be sure to check back often for updates on what we are up to!

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Join our online community to discover the latest news and events happening at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Facebook: www.facebook.com/lfcdogguides

Twitter: www.twitter.com/lfcdogguides

District Calendar

2012

9 28-29 37S Convention
10 12-13 37N Convention
10 26-27 37I Convention
11 2-3 37L Convention

Havre, MT
Kalispell MT
Rimbey, AB
Edmonton

Edmonton Northgate

2013

1 18-19 37O 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

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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 _____