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Evidence that the Grande Prairie Alberta Lions believe in the concept of females in Lionism; 3 generations now serve as members:

From left to right; Lion Ebby Schumacher, Lion Shae-lynn Schumacher, Lion Shannon Schumacher, VCC Betty Ann Robson.

- PCC Lynne Coulter

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Council Chair Dennis Stevenson's Notes

By the time you read this newsletter this Lions year will be almost 3 quarters gone. It's amazing how time flies as we Lions Serve our communities with a multitude of service and fund raising projects that make our communities better places to live in.

Your MD Council of Governors has been busy working on the Redistricting proposal preparation (see article elsewhere in this newsletter for more detail).

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the MD 37 Convention on May 2-3, 2014 in Calgary, AB at the Executive Royal Hotel. Registration can be found on the MD website <http://www.md37lions.org>.

We are planning a great Convention. Some things that are

happening are: the Redistricting resolution to be voted on at MD level and election for Vice Council Chairperson. The candidates are 2 very capable Lions, PDG Bill Pfeiffer from District 37-S in Montana and DG Bill Baux from District 37-O, plus a number of informative sessions.

Our International Guest for the Convention is ID William "Bill" McKinney and we will also have PID Mike Butler, one of the candidates for LCI 2nd International Vice President. The election will be held in Toronto, Ont. at the LCI Convention July 4 - 9, 2014.

For those of you who plan on being in Calgary on Thursday May 1, 2014 there will be a special function on Thursday evening at the Bowness Lions Hall, that you are invited to attend. Check on the MD 37 Website for further information about the MD 37 Convention as it becomes available. <http://www.md37lions.org>.



Thank you all for all that you do as Lions in your communities and congratulations to the newly elected officers in all the clubs in MD 37 as you continue to go forward with your clubs' activities and to increase the membership of your club for the betterment of all.

In closing I leave all of you with the following;

Teamwork,

"Coming Together Is A Beginning...
Keeping Together Is Progress...

Working Together Is A Success."

- Yours in Lionism,
PDG Dennis Stevenson,
MD 37 Council Chairman

Chestermere Lions Club is small but Busy!

Due to copyright concerns and space limitations, the following items regarding Chestermere Lions activities are online:

Chestermere Lions Club Makes \$50,000 donation.

<http://www.theanchor.ca/2014/chestermere-lions-club-makes-a-50000-donation/>

Mel Foat (our current Club President) and his new guide dog

<http://www.theanchor.ca/2014/chestermere-man-benefits-from-guide-dog/>

Family Day - We provided Chili and Hot Chocolate

<http://www.theanchor.ca/2014/family-day-unplugged/>

Pumpkin Patch 2013

<http://www.theanchor.ca/2013/chestermere-lions-club-host-7th-annual-pumpkin-patch/>

Waterfest 2013 - Chestermere Lions Beer Gardens

<http://www.theanchor.ca/2013/waterfest-a-success-despite-a-windy-encounter-with-mother-nature>

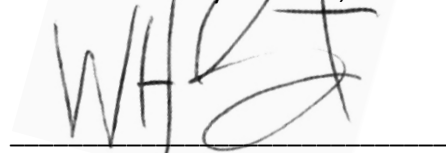
- Lois Gill

THE LIONS EYE BANK (ALBERTA) SOCIETY – NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Lions Eye Bank (Alberta) Society ("the Society") will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites (64 East Lake Ave NE), Airdrie, Alberta on Saturday, April 5th, 2014 at 1:00pm (Mountain Daylight Time) for the following purposes:

1. To receive the report of the Chairperson of the Board on behalf of the Board of Directors.
2. To receive the financial statements of the Society for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013, together with the reports of the Directors and auditors thereon.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint auditors and to authorize the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration of such auditors.
5. To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Dated the 7th day of March, 2014



W. Busst
Secretary/Treasurer

MD37 Convention

Calgary, May 2 & 3, 2014

(Registration Form at the end of this Newsletter)

Have your Club send at least as many Lions as you have voting eligibility for! Clubs in good standing (bills paid) may nominate one Lion voter for each 10 members plus one Lion voter for a majority of the next ten members (5 or more) registered in the Club. PDGs in your Club have a vote independent of their Club's eligibility and quota.

Lions Legacy Scholarships in Alberta

In 2013 the Lions of Alberta Foundation partnered with 18 clubs across Alberta to provide scholarships to 26 Alberta students entering post secondary institution in Alberta and across Canada. The value of the scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500 as determined by the local Lions club. The Foundation matched a total of \$11,250 offered by the clubs. To the right is a note from one of the scholarship recipients, which should be a source of pride to each participating club and their role in this program.

Bill Webber PID
Scholarship Coordinator

To W.W. Webber,

I would just like to say thank you very much for considering me for the Lions Legacy Scholarship. The assistance the Lions Club is giving me for my education is extremely kind and I'll be forever grateful for it.

The Lions Club does so many wonderful things for not just our community, but for communities nationally and worldwide, and I am very proud and excited to be associated with your wonderful organization.

I look forward to the relationship we will have in the future.

Again, thank you very much!

Mike Kitt, *Mike Kitt*

Lions of Alberta Foundation Notice:

If you are planning to apply for funding for a project through the Lions of Alberta Foundation, please send your application to PDG Margaret Young, 403 2528 Bowness Rd, NW, Calgary, AB T2N 3L9

Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship

This fellowship is in honor of Past International Director Dr. Patti Hill for her many years of Lions service. The funds are used for Eye Research at the Edmonton Royal Alexandra Hospital Regional Eye Centre, through the Lions of Alberta Foundation.

The fellowship is available at the cost of \$500.00. Application forms and payment payable to Lions of Alberta Foundation will be sent to Lion Kristine Kozoriz, who you can contact for more information, not to mention the application form. kkozoriz@telus.net

Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre Happenings

A recent Eyeglass Work Party held at the Evergreen Centre in Olds, was an absolute success. 63 dedicated Volunteers from the Olds Lions, Carstairs Lions, Didsbury Lions, Crossfield Lions, Sundre Lions and the Sundre Leos Club processed 30,000 pair of glasses. Around 7,000 pair were read (prescriptions catalogued) and bagged ready to ship out. The remainder were sorted, washed and readied for future Eyeglass Work Parties to process. This was the single largest Eyeglass Work Party that we have hosted to date, and eclipses the record of 61 Volunteers set at a Lions Village Work Party earlier this fall! The Sundre Leos were so great to work with, and really embraced the opportunity to SERVE and work on a Lions Initiative that focuses on the World Community at large. All 63 Volunteers were personable, approachable and totally enthusiastic, committed to getting the task at hand accomplished. We at CLERC are humbled by this great, memorable experience. Huge Kudos for these Lions Clubs and the Sundre Leos, as well as

their Club Executives for embracing CLERC's program and promoting this great day. We would also like to Thank Zone Chairs Denise Braithwaite, and Pat Reed (Olds Lions Club Secretary) for their outstanding commitment and their invaluable assistance in making this happen! I would like to extend a rather large Thanks to CLERC Operations Manager Darryl Raleigh for organizing all the equipment and supplies needed to pull off this momentous task. Heart felt Thanks to CLERC Board Members Christine and Greg Clarke, Darryl and Denise Axenty and newest CLERC Board Member Barb Atchison (Properties Lions) for making the trek to Olds and greatly assisting in making this Eyeglass Work Party a resounding Success. For all those that took part, take pride in what you have accomplished, and know that the visually impaired from Third World Nations laud you for your unselfish ability to SERVE! THANK YOU Olds Lions our gracious Hosts!!!

Sincerely, James Lee, CLERC Chair
CLERC "An Out of Sight Opportunity to Aid the Visually Impaired of the World!"

MD37 Convention Notes

Calgary, May 2 & 3, 2014
Executive Royal Hotel

The Lions pictured on this page will be our International Visitors. Past International Director Butler is attending to support his bid for Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International.

Program Highlights:

Registration and Voter Certification

Friday 15:00 - 18:00
Saturday 07:45 - 10:30

Friday:

No Host Social 17:30
Opening and First Session 18:30
Awards Banquet 19:00

Saturday:

Business Sessions 08:00 - 16:30
Celebration of Life 10:30
Voting 11:15 - 12:00
DG Elects' Luncheon 12:00
No Host Social 18:00
Banquet 19:00

M. P. "MIKE" BUTLER PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

M. P. "Mike" Butler, of Kerrville, Texas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 67th annual convention, held in San Francisco, California, USA, July 1984.

Past Director Mike is a member of the Kerrville Host Lions Club and a Lion since 1974. He has held numerous offices in the association, including district governor and multiple district treasurer. He served as chairperson of the Global Membership Team for 2008-09. Since 2010, PID Mike has served as an area leadership or membership coordinator.

For his efforts on behalf of the association, PID Mike has received the Master Key, the Extension Award, the District Governor's Extension Award, several International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by Lions Clubs International to its

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members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

PID Mike and his wife, Lion Sheryl, are involved in their church and community. Sheryl is a member of the Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club. PID Mike has three children, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He is the owner and operator of a construction company

WILLIAM "BILL" MCKINNEY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

William "Bill" McKinney, from Highland, Illinois, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany July 5 through 9, 2013.

Director McKinney is a retired general manager of Livestock Market.



A member of the Marine Lions Club since 2012 and a Lion since 1973, he has held many offices within the association, including president, district governor, council chairperson and co-coordinator for Campaign SightFirst I.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Lion of the Year, an International President's Medal and two International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Director McKinney has two children and four granddaughters.

Working Group on Re-districting

On March 1st and 2nd the Council of Governors plus other Multiple District leaders met in Lethbridge, Alberta to "flesh out" the details of the re-Districting Proposal.

If the delegates at the Multiple District 37 Convention approve the re-Districting Resolution, which was approved earlier this Lionistic year at each of the District Conventions, then the re-Districting Proposal, will be forwarded to Lions Clubs International for review and consideration by the International Board of Directors at their October, 2014 Board Meeting.

Subject to the outcome of the International Board's review and consideration, the Working Group also explored several "transitional" matters that would arise with the new Multiple District and District structures (Constitutions and By-Laws, finance, property and paraphernalia inventory, current asset distribution, etc.) and established sub-committees to conduct further investigations that will enable compliance with policy requirements of Lions Clubs International.

PDG Dennis Stevenson
Chairperson, Council of Governors
Multiple District 37



2014
MD 37 CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Executive Royal Hotel, Calgary, AB
May 2 & 3, 2014



Hosted by the Calgary Southridge Lions Club

1. NAME _____					NAME ON BADGE: _____				
Lion <input type="checkbox"/>	Lioness <input type="checkbox"/>	Leo <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Member <input type="checkbox"/>	1st Conv <input type="checkbox"/>	Official Title: _____	Club: _____	District: _____		
2. NAME _____					NAME ON BADGE: _____				
Lion <input type="checkbox"/>	Lioness <input type="checkbox"/>	Leo <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Member <input type="checkbox"/>	1st Conv <input type="checkbox"/>	Official Title: _____	Club: _____	District: _____		
_____					_____				
Address _____					City _____		Prov./State _____	Postal/Zip Code _____	
_____					_____				
Contact Phone # _____					E-mail Address _____				

1. Registration & Full Meal Package:
 (incl.all Meals and Convention registration)

Payment on or before April 1, 2014 # _____ x \$135.00 per person: = \$ _____
 Payment after April 1, 2014 # _____ x \$145.00 per person: = \$ _____

2. Companion (non Lions Program):
 (incl.all Meals and Program registration)
 A Companion Program will be run if there is enough interest, otherwise they will be with the regular Convention.

Payment on or before April 1, 2014 # _____ x \$135.00 per person: = \$ _____
 Payment after April 1, 2014 # _____ x \$145.00 per person: = \$ _____

3. Registration Only (No Meals Included):

Payment on or before April 1, 2014 # _____ x \$25.00 per person: = \$ _____
 Payment after April 1, 2014 # _____ x \$35.00 per person: = \$ _____

4. Separate Meal Tickets listed below are for registered delegates only:

a. Separate Banquet Ticket for Friday Evening Awards Banquet:	# _____ x \$50.00 per person: = \$ _____
b. Separate Saturday Lunch:	# _____ x \$25.00 per person: = \$ _____
c. Separate Banquet Ticket for Saturday Evening DG Banquet:	# _____ x \$50.00 per person: = \$ _____
TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____	

Plan to arrive early, as some special events are planned for Thursday May 1st, 2014

Do you have any Special Dietary Requests? YES ☐ NO ☐
 (Please advise)

IMPORTANT: Delegate (Voter) Certification closes promptly at 10:30 am, Saturday. If you aren't certified, you can't vote

Do you require an official receipt? YES ☐ NO ☐
 (Official receipts will be sent via e-mail only)

Cancellation Policy: Full refund if received in writing by the Registration Committee at least 30 days prior to the Convention
 Refund **MAY** be granted with less than 30 days by written application to the Convention Committee via your District Governor.
 The Council Chairperson has final approval.

Method of Payment:

CDN Credit Card: (Visa/MC): <input type="checkbox"/>	Card # _____	Expiry Date: _____
USD Credit Card: (Visa/MC): <input type="checkbox"/>		
Cheque: <input type="checkbox"/>	Please make Cheques payable to the "MD37 Lions Convention"	

FULL PAYMENT must accompany this form to qualify as a registered delegate.

Send Completed Registration to:

Lion Kevin Gibbons
837 Westmount Drive
Strathmore, AB
T1P 1P9

Home Telephone: 403-934-9460
 Fax Number: 403-934-6919
 E-mail: lionkev@telus.net

Registration form updated: January 29 , 2014

Hotel Reservations are **NOT INCLUDED** with the registration fee and are the responsibility of the delegate.

Executive Royal Hotel
2828 - 23rd St. N.E., Calgary
Toll free: 1-888-388-3932
Direct line: 1-403-291-2003

Room rate \$109.00 + (applicable taxes)

Room block available until April 16, 2014

Ask for the MD37 Lions Convention Room Rate