



Lions' Tales

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"There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who gets the credit."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Council Chair Dan Krum

Greetings from Council Chairman Dan Krum goes out to all Lions in the Multiple District. I hope everyone is having a great year in working with the Lions and working hard to get new members. All Lions need to "just ask" to get new members, for their respective clubs. Congratulations goes out to DG Wanda Coates and her fellow Lions, for being the top District in North America in membership growth for the first quarter of the Lionistic year.

The second council meeting has been completed, in Kalispell, and some changes were made to benefit the MD. The Rallies were dropped and in their place some leadership training or leadership forums were asked to be put in place. These ideas were strongly suggested by the council and could be in place at your officer training event or at your conventions. These are suggestions, but other things could be available if you so desire, as long as some kind of leadership event is going to happen. The second major item on the agenda was re-visiting the budget for 2012-2013, as it was showing a deficit of \$18,660.00. The finance committee did a great job and through some major cuts, was able to balance the budget, without taking any money

from the reserve account. The council also voted not to order any MD pins for 2013-2014. This came about as the District Governors said they were having a hard time selling the current pins and their cabinets were voting not to sell them anymore. It appears that the Peace Poster program is going strong in some clubs and I am looking forward to seeing the District winning posters.

Again I would like to thank the MD Advisors for their input, as it makes the council's job a lot easier with their expert advice.

The MD Convention will be in Helena, Montana on May 16-18, 2013. Please plan to attend this great event. The planning committee has some great events scheduled and will start off with the opening ceremonies on Thursday night and then will continue with events all day Friday and Saturday. See you there.

Get those new members and new clubs, on board, as you make the MD stronger and your clubs more responsive to the needs of your communities.



Past International Director Patti Hill and Friends waiting for the train at the District 37N Convention in Kalispell in October.



From the desk of VCC Dennis....

Hello fellow Lions, here we are 4 months into the 2012-2013 Lions year and the clubs in the MD are busy with all the various activities that they run each year.

Convention season is upon us and 2 of the 5 Districts in the MD have held their annual conventions since the end of September and 2 more will be held by the beginning of November and the last one will be held in January 2013. The dates, locations and registration forms can be found on the MD website, www.md37lions.org under Conventions/Rallies.

The MD 37 website and newsletter are up and running and we encourage all clubs to please send articles about your club's activities to your District Governor for them to send to us for inclusion in the next issue of the MD Newsletter and on the Website.

I thank each and every Lion in the MD for all that you do for those less fortunate than we are in each of your communities and for your continued support for local and worldwide projects.

Remember,

Teamwork

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

- VCC Dennis Stevenson

Whitefish Lions—Best Practise Project

The Whitefish Lions Club (Chartered in 2008) has a signature Farm to School Garden Project that has caught the attention of Lions Clubs International.

This unique project hits home on many levels:

- Youth learn proper nutrition and create a potential reduction in the onset of diabetes.
- The teens participate directly in the planting and harvesting of the garden, connecting them in service to the land, their school, their community and the Lions Club.
- The youth see the partnership between the Lions and their school. All stakeholders are working co-operatively to process the harvest and incorporate the garden produce into the school menu in creative and delicious recipes.
- Teens grow in appreciation for the community members who support the Lions in their efforts to provide this garden to the community.
- The teens learn that service can be both beneficial and lots of fun!



The Whitefish Lions were invited to video the spring 2012 planting of their 1 acre garden and were assisted by Whitefish Middle School students. On September 26th and 27th, 2012, approximately 200 Whitefish Middle School students and the Whitefish Lions were the subject of a video crew sent out by Lions Clubs International to film the harvest of this incredible garden project.

Congratulations to the Whitefish Lions Club for developing this innovative project!

We will keep District 37N posted on where to view this video when it becomes available.

- DGN Laura Dickerson



Whitefish Middle School Students digging potatoes after a frost.

HOW CAN I HELP MY LIONS CLUB?

Many years ago, in the last century, when we were young and new Lions, we often wondered how we could, as individual members, help our Lions Club. Here are several suggestions that our experience tells us will assist our Club to be the best of the best.

- 1) Always have a positive attitude – after all, we are a part of a worldwide network of love and compassion;
- 2) Attend as many meetings as possible – enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that is a hallmark of our meetings – and don't forget that every member is welcome to attend our Board of Directors' meetings;
- 3) Offer to help in both our service projects and our fundraising efforts – every member has some time to contribute;
- 4) Read the minutes of our Regular and Board meetings – our Secretary distributes them for that purpose;
- 5) If you have a question, seek an answer from our President or another member of our Board of Directors; review all items that come from our Zone, District, Multiple District and Lions Clubs International – an informed Lion is obviously a better Lion;
- 6) Plan to attend our annual District Convention, and be prepared to be a voting delegate or alternate delegate;
- 7) If possible, plan to attend our Multiple District Convention, usually held in May;
- 8) If possible, attend the annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, usually held in September;
- 9) When elected to a position on our Club's Board of Directors, attend our Club Officers' training session, usually held in April;



Welcome to the Eureka-Tobacco Valley Lions

Left to Right: Lions Patrick and Sue Flanary, President Adrian Miller, Roberta and Mike Skranak, Debra and Myles Hickman, Guiding Lions Jessica and Dave Falcon.
- **DGN Laura Dickerson**

- 10) Take time to understand the roles of our Club Officers, our District Officers, and those who serve at the Multiple District and International leadership positions;
- 11) **VERY IMPORTANT!** Continually keep in mind the need of our Club to have new members – with more hands, we can complete more **SERVICE** – invite spouses, companions, relatives, persons who work with you, who worship with you – any individual who in your opinion share your humanitarian values;
- 12) Plan now to attend the International Convention in Toronto on July 4-8, 2014 – the last time the Lions of the world came to Canada was in 1996 (Montreal)
- 13) Be nice to the Taitwister!

(From a series of articles prepared by PID Lion Jack Isaman and PIP Lion Brian Stevenson)

The MD WEBSITE
is under reconstruction,
but more features are
constantly being added.
Check it out at:
md37lions.org

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

September 16-19 found three of our District 37N Lions attending the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in Tampa, Florida. Congratulations to ELLI Graduates:

- Cabinet Secretary Jessica Falcon, Kalispell Sunrisers
 - Lion Verna Love, Butte Mile-Hi
 - Lion Mark Cragwick, Butte Mile-Hi
- A hearty thanks to these three Lions for taking the time to attend advanced leadership training.

We look forward to your continued service and leadership in District 37N!

- **DGN Laura Dickerson**

Disclaimer:

Throughout this and future Newsletters you will find assorted jokes and one-liners submitted by my usual sources: PIP Judge Brian Stevenson, PCC Lynne Coulter, and myself. These items reflect the demented, perverse, and off the wall personalities that we are.

- **Lion Hank Hoekstra**

Tuesday at 5 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become little mothers will please meet with the Minister in his study.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon will be: "What is Hell?" Come early, and listen to our choir practice!



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,



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).

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 to 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.

- DGL Wanda Coates

Lawyer: "Now sir, I'm sure you are an intelligent and honest man..."

Witness: "Thank you. If I wasn't under oath, I'd return the compliment."

A married couple was celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. At the party everybody wanted to know how they managed to stay married so long in this day and age.

The husband responded: "When we were first married we came to an agreement. I would make all the major decisions and my wife would make all the minor decisions. And in 60 years of marriage we have never needed to make a major decision."



Why Do I Go To Conventions?

1. To be around Great Lions!! I have been a Lion for over 20 years and I learn something new every time I go to a Convention or Rally. I have had the opportunity to meet and become friends with many fantastic Lions. Some have been very close friends while others have not. Yet, whether I met them a few times or whether I met them many times over several years they all added to my knowledge and appreciation for Lions and their endeavors. You can learn invaluable lessons, not only at sessions, but also by just hanging around and listening.

I have had the real privilege to learn from Lions from all around the world. What an honor to know Lions PIP Judge Brian Stevenson, ID Dave Hajny, PID Gary Tschache, PID Tom Lehman, PID Patti Hill, PID Ed Gear and PID Dennis Tichner to mention a few. They will never be able to fully appreciate what they have done for me and others lucky enough to be around them. Any time you have an opportunity to learn something, even what you may not appreciate the importance of until later in your life, do it.

I know that sometimes they feel like they are not making a Significant Difference in Lionism, but make no mistake, they are and will continue to do so for many years. PID Gary left us a year ago, yet his influence will be with us for many, many years to

come through all the lives he touched and influenced for the better!

Yet, some of our great leaders will never be an International President, an International Director or even a District Governor. They are the ones that do the nuts and bolts work of Lions. They come up with ideas, put projects together and see them put into action. We need to encourage their attendance and participation.

2. Go to Conventions and Rallies to learn new ideas you can use at your Club.

3. To learn more about how we as Lions change the World!

If all we do is stay in our own community we will never know what influence we have around the world. As Lions we support Lions International.

What does Lions International do? Only anything that needs to be done to help others wherever they may be or what they need. From reacting to man made or natural disasters, relieve hunger, curing illnesses, assisting with physical challenges, helping the environment or to teaching people to read or use a computer, we are there anywhere around the world.

As Lions we have helped untold millions of people around the world. We have recycled eyeglasses, purchased new eyeglasses, eradicated river blindness in most areas of Africa, joined with the Bill Gates Foundation to fight Measles, raised, trained and delivered Guide Dogs for the blind, financed eye surgeries, purchased hearing aids, supported Youth Exchange just to mention a few.

My wife Judy first understood my commitment to Lions at a Convention in Oregon. A young girl, of about 8, was accidentally shot in the eye with an arrow by her brother. Lions of Oregon helped to pay for eye surgery that saved her sight. When she and her parents related what it meant to have an organization like Lions to help in their time of need there was not a dry eye in the room.

I go to Conventions to remind myself why I spend my time and money to work on various projects.

4. To be there to help other Lions.

Sometimes Lions will feel more at ease to ask a Lion that does not know them questions because they may feel uncomfortable asking Lions they know. It might be an intimidation factor that they feel they will be thought of as someone that should already know the answer themselves. It could be that they just do not know someone familiar with the project they have heard about, i.e. Youth Exchange, LCIF, LeaderDog to mention a few.

They may also want to know what District Governors, Council Chairs or International Directors responsibilities are. We as Lions should always look for and encourage future leaders to expand their Lionistic Experiences in areas they are interested in.

If you are unable to attend your own Convention attend one of the others.

Check the MD Calendar in this Newsletter. **- DGS Lary Garrison**

WHO Can Serve ???

Lion Sandra Baldwin, the Bulletin Editor of "The Lions' Roar", the newsletter of the Barrhaven Lions Club in Ottawa, Ontario, had this to say about that question:

"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve.

You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of is heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker."

Surely each one of us knows someone who fits Lion Sandra's definition and assessment of who can serve. Why not invite him or her to our next meeting ?

When our membership increases, it clearly increases our ability to serve the needs of our community and, indeed, the world community.

LET'S GROW !!

Lioness Charter Night – a first

The newly formed Elk Point Lioness Club began what could become a new tradition for Lioness Clubs all around the world.

On Saturday, Nov. 25th, Deputy District Governor John Neville presided over a very solemn candlelight charter night program for Elk Point Lioness members. This charter night was the first ever held for a Lioness Club, although it is a tradition for new Lions Clubs. If approved by the district, charter nights could be adopted by the international Lioness organization.

Mr. Neville, who wrote the evening's ceremony, was assisted by Don Young, Zone Chairman for this area, Bruce Bishop – Extension Chairman, Norm Rinas – Conservative Chairman for the Blind, Jeremy Bentley – Lioness Chairman for this area, Gloria Bell – Associate Lioness Chairman, Garnet Corbin – Zone Chairman for the Fort McMurray area, and J. Portas – Deputy District Governor.

Following a cocktail hour and a formal banquet, twelve Lioness members were conducted into the darkened hall by their sponsors, the Elk Point and District Lions Club.

The Lioness members formed a semi circle and listened as Gloria Bell pronounced the Invocation. The Code of Ethics was read by Bruce Bishop.

Following a reading of the Club's Objectives, the Lioness members each came forward, lit a candle and returned to their places. In the darkened hall, each candle lit symbolized a little brightness in the world, and as all the candles were lit the glow strengthened

ed, representing the light of Lionism throughout the world. The ritual was indeed a beautiful and meaningful one for everyone in the hall.

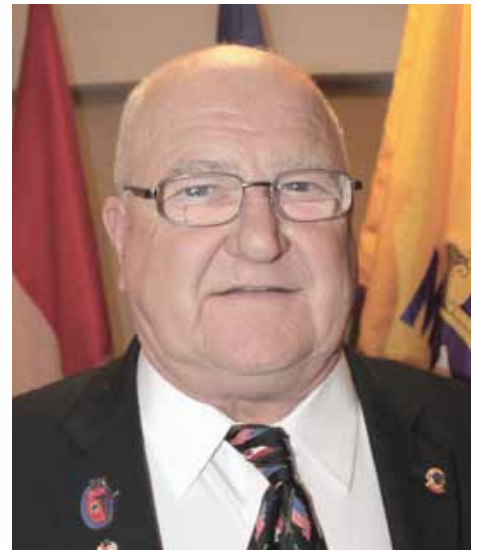
With the candlelight ceremony complete, the new executive members were called forward individually. Each listened to a reading of her duties and agreed to carry them out to the best of her ability.

The executive members are as follows: Lioness Tamer – Betty Bishop; Tail Twister – Bev Beazley; two year directors – Judy Estey, Karen

Whittington, and Melody Barry; Vice Presidents – Sharon Smith, Sandra Woytkiw, and Dianne Heathcote; Treasurer – Debbie Ballas; Secretary – Darlene Sereda; and President – Joyce Oryshchuk.

President Joyce accepted the Lioness gavel from Deputy District Governor Neville and everyone stood in salute and sang For They Are Jolly Good Fellows.

A dance to the music of Saturday Night Special from Lloydminster and a pleasant social evening concluded the Charter Night celebration.



- DGO Bruce Bishop

Mutiple District Convention

May 16 - 18. 2013
Helena



NEW LIONESS MEMBERS – Are officially welcomed into the Lioness organization during Saturday evening's Charter Night ceremony. Standing left to right are: Gail Hurtubise, Jean Gascon, Valerie Rowe, Karen Whittington, Mandy Saranchuk, Marianne Kozicky, Clare Tyler, Bernice Poleschuk, Melody Barry, Judy Estey, Dianne Heathcote, Sandra Woytkiw, Gene Shmyr, Evelyn Shatford, and Sharon Smith. Seated – Betty Bishop, Darlene Sereda, Joyce Oryshchuk, Debbie Ballas and Bev Beazley. Absent were Dawn Laberge, Siri Thir and Bev Snider.

Dear Abby:
What can I do about all the sex, nudity, language and violence on my VCR?

Dear Abby:
I have a man I never could trust. He cheats so much I'm not even sure the baby I'm carrying is his. Am I being unreasonable?

Dear Abby: I suspected that my husband had been fooling around, and when I confronted him with the evidence, he denied everything and said it would never happen again. Should I believe him?

MD37 Calendar

2012

11 2-3 37L Convention

Edmonton

Edmonton Northgate

2013

1 17-18 MD37 Council Meeting

Strathmore AB

CST Tim Haight cst.tim@gapproductions.com

1 18-19 370 Convention

Strathmore, AB

5 15-16 MD37 Council Meeting

Helena MT

CST Tim Haight cst.tim@gapproductions.com

5 16-18 MD37 Convention

Helena MT

7 5-9 International Convention

Hamburg, Germany

Lions International lionsclubs.org

11 ? 37L Convention

Westlock AB

Vimy & District

2014

5 16-18 MD37 Convention

Calgary AB

7 4-8 International Convention

Toronto ON

Lions International lionsclubs.org

2015

5 14-16 MD37 Convention

Bozeman MT

6 26-30 International Convention

Honolulu HI

Lions International lionsclubs.org

2016

6 24-26 International Convention

Fukoka, Japan

Lions International lionsclubs.org

2017

6-30 - 7.4 International Convention

Chicago

Lions International lionsclubs.org

(100 years of Lionism)

District 37L Convention

November 2 & 3
Edmonton!

An old man walks into a bar,
sits down, and starts crying.

The bartender asks, "What's wrong?"
The old man looks at the bartender
through

Teary eyes and between sobs says, "I
married a beautiful woman two days
ago. She's a natural blonde, twenty-
five, intelligent, a marvelous cook, a
meticulous housekeeper,

Extremely sensitive to my wants and
needs, very giving, my best friend,
and intensely passionate in bed."

The bartender stares at the old man
for a brief moment and says, "But
that sounds great! You have what ev-
ery man wants in a woman, so why
are crying?"

The old man looks at the bartender
and says, "I can't remember where
I live!"

For sale: 2 wire mesh butcher gloves - one 5-finger; one 3-finger.



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

Blame missteaks on Hank

District 37-0 35th. Annual Lions Convention-Strathmore Civic Centre

Friday January 18, 2013

2:00pm – 6:00pm –Registration (early bird before Dec. 15,2012 \$15) and Certification Desk Open

7:30pm – Entertainment –Lions Olympics(Brent MacLeod) Murder Mystery(Strathmore)

(Hospitality-wine & cheese by Clubs running the Toonie Bar: Strathmore, North East Eyeopener, Chestermere,)

Saturday January 19, 2013

8:00am – 11:00am –Registration and Certification Desk Opens

9:00 AM –1st. Business Session Presiding Convention Chair –Lion Christina Pond PDG

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions

DG Bruce Bishop, Strathmore Lions Club

Host Club – Lion Don Geiger, President Strathmore Lions Club

MP. MLA, Mayor –9:00- 9:15

Flag Ceremony – DG Bruce Bishop 9:15-9:20

ID Flag Recognition – Lion Christina Pond 9:20-9:25

Rules of Convention –2011-12 –Minutes, financial statement, 1st VDG Bill Baux 9:25-9:27

Constitutional Changes – 2nd. VDG Don Edy 9:27-9:37

Tail Twisters Rules – Strathmore Lions Club 9:37-9:38

Judge Brian Stevenson PIP 9:38-10:00

-Nominations demonstrations for DG, 1st. VDG, 2nd. VDG

-Nominations for MD 37 Vice Council Chair, Hall of Fame

MD Convention – May 17-19, 2013 Helena, MT – _____ 10:00-10:02

Others: _____

Dave Dalby NWT Director LFOC Dog Guides – 10:02-10:07

Jose Neto (?)– Brazilian shot in cross fire, LFOC dog guide recipient 10:07-10:27

Coffee – 10:27-10:37

Celebration of Life - DG Bruce Bishop 10:40-11:05

VOTING – 11:15-11:45 Home Economics Room

Luncheon – 12:00 noon

Presiding – 1st. VDG Bill Baux, North East Eyeopener Lions Club; Honouring: Leos, Lioness, First Time Attendees, Recipients of: Key Awards, Melvin Jones Fellows, Brian Stevenson Fellows, Bill Webber Fellows, Jack & Denise Isaman Fellows, Lions Quest Fellows; International Presidential Medals, Ambassador of Goodwill

Convention report and awards Registration Chair – Lion Kevin Gibbons- 2 minutes

Election results by Brent MacLeod -2 minutes

Acceptance speeches by successful candidates from DG elect, and 1st. & 2nd. VDG elect positions.5 minutes

Speaker – Mt. Everest climber, Andrew Brash, first attempt 200m short of summit to assist a climber -40 min.

Companions program –

2nd Business session – Presided by 2nd. VDG Don Edy

2:00pm Bear Dogs (Bill Baux)

Health & Wellness (Christina Pond)

Fraud (Brent Macleod)

3:45-Bearpit session presided by Chair Christina Pond in Chuck Mercer Room by ID Marvin Chambers

District Governor's banquet Cocktails 5:30pm and Dinner 6:30 pm

Entry Forms for This and All MD37 Conventions are now available at:

<http://md37lions.org/>

The advantage is that the forms on the WEBSITE are fillable - you can type directly onto them. From the homepage click on Conventions, then the logos on the right.