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## Newsletter

## Submission

Deadline: April 22



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**District Governor Bob Hunter and Vice District Governor Hank Hoekstra, with Edmonton Goldengate Lions President Brett Symington** at the opening of an "end of Life" room at the Cross Cancer Hospital. This room is outfitted to be less institutional than a regular patient room, and has amenities, such as a TV, microwave, sink, small fridge, easy chairs, bathroom, and a sofa-bed, so that families can be together.



signature project, donating over \$350,000 over that time to create comfortable lounges, patient rooms, and service areas. As well, the club has donated four vans to ferry patients and their families to and from their temporary accommodations - such as Ronald MacDonald House - while in Edmonton for treatment. Current fundraising is aimed at buying the fifth van for this purpose.

## Multiple District 37 Convention

*(Last One, ever!)*

**Bozeman, Montana  
May 1 and 2, 2015**

Entry form at  
[md37lions.org](http://md37lions.org)

Golden Gate Lions have worked with the Cross for 30 years, as their

## District Governor Bob reports:

We are winding down our Lions year fast. Spring is here but you would not know it by looking out the window. That was quite a dump of snow on the weekend but what do you expect, we live in Alberta

I received a rather interesting e-mail on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>. The e-mail came from Brett Symington, the Secretary of the Edmonton Goldengate Lions Club. He was inviting me to attend the grand opening of the Care and Comfort Lounge at the Cross Cancer Clinic. Both myself and VDG Hank

attended. We learned so much about this club and the work that they do. The Goldengate club has been a mystery for so long that it was nice to finally update their activities.

Our GMT team has been very active and we are 90% done on the formation of 2 new Lions Clubs. The Edmonton Chinese Club is sponsoring an Alpha Leo club also. This Thursday the GMT Team is meeting with representatives of the Filipino Community so start the process of a new club there. The teams have been very busy and deserve a heartfelt thanks for their work.

Last night Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> I attended a farewell supper for Lion John Cragg. Lion John was instrumental in our affiliation with the Edmonton Impact Band, he was also the driving force behind the creation of our District Float. He spearheaded our involvement at Edmonton's Heritage Days. Lion John will be sorely missed. Our loss will be the Duncun Lions Clubs gain. So long John and have a safe trip to your new home in British Columbia.

Club visitations are going great and we should have them all done by the end of May. This could not have been possible without the help of our 2 VDGs Lion Hank and Lion Ron. Thanks ever so much.

### The Grande Prairie Lions

would like to thank "fyi doctors" and "Aurora Eye Care" for recent donations of used eyeglasses.

- PCC Lynne Coulter

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THERE'S A LION



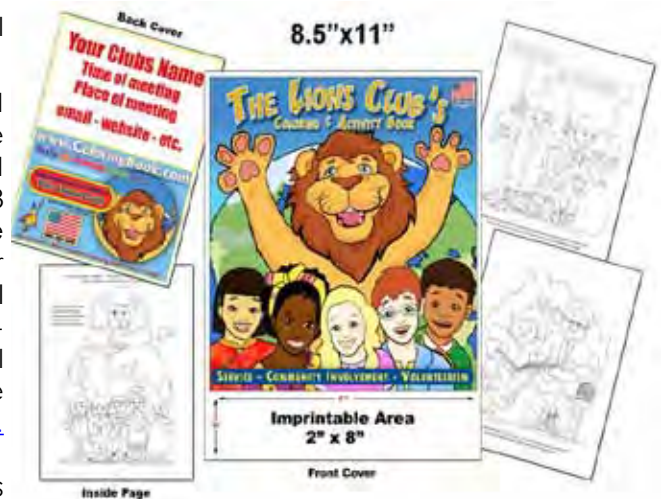
## Lions Colouring Books

Deadline for orders will be April 15

The price will depend on the amount in the total order. Should range between \$.48 and \$.65 per copy. Use in conjunction with your Project Pride flags. I will be available to take orders at either my e-mail address or my home phone [gmawoz@shaw.ca](mailto:gmawoz@shaw.ca) or 780-998-3865

These colouring books

will list the names of the clubs who ordered them so it's good advertising and the kids and teachers love them. The story line in the colouring books is about Lions so it's A great way to promote Lionism.



- PDG Donna Wozney




St. Albert Lions Club proudly presents

# The 24th Annual Beer & Beans Bash

## Saturday, April 25, 2015

St. Albert Community Hall  
17 Peron St.

**Doors open at 5:30 pm**  
**Dinner at 6:30 pm**

Silent & Live Auction  
**Dancing until 12:00 am**  
**Tickets \$25.00 each**

Auctioneer  
**“Mayor Nolan Crouse”**  
For tickets please call:

Gerry Gorgichuk: 780-459-7751  
Dave Hiatt: 780-459-4144  
Paul Benson: 780-459-5509  
Jeff Stoneham: 780-458-7561

## District C-1 Notes

The District L and District I newsletters are getting thinner, as the Districts wind down their operations in expectation of the merge into District C-1 on July 1. So, to help move things along, the following may prove useful to you.

## District Officer Training Schools and World Wide Induction Day

As District C-1 does not exist yet, we cannot organize schools as District C-1 (No budget), so the following three options are available: There will be one **for all Lions in both Districts I and L**, on Saturday, April 18, at the Sands Hotel, 12340 Fort Rd Edmonton. Details can be found on the registration form at the end of this Lions Link.

If time and distance are issues, the relevant training is available online at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) and searching for "Club Officer Training", or go directly there at <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/training-resources/club-officer-training-orientation.php>

## Zones

I have reduced the zones in the new District C-1 to 9, from the current 27 zones in Districts I and L combined. This is an initial allocation only, and may be adjusted to best suit everyone's needs. I am encouraging zone chairs to consider how they would like to organize their zones, including subdividing the zones, each with a zone chair, which may elevate (or demote, depending on how you feel about it...) a zone chair to a Region chair. This model has not been used for some time in our area, but it may ease the burden on all concerned.

If you are interested in how the zones currently look, check out this map online: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?hl=en&authuser=0&mid=zkB5jTBqSduc.kmjMSJOC-w8bl>

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## Our First Convention

will be held in Sylvan Lake, October 30 and 31 (followed by a District C-1 Cabinet meeting on Sunday, November 1), 2015. Because the District does not yet exist, it will not be possible to provide registration forms and detailed information until after our first Cabinet meeting on August 15.

## First Cabinet Meeting

is tentatively scheduled for Devon Lions' Campground, on August 15, and in keeping with District I's practise of making the first Cabinet meeting part of a weekend campout. Devon Lions will host a barbecue, and there will be some camping spaces available. Note, however, that the campground is a popular place, so as soon as details are finalized, we will circulate the information, and urge early reservations.

## District Directories

These will no longer be printed, but distributed as PDF files. The print versions are expensive, and have long suffered from slow distribution. Electronic distribution will also make it easier to make changes and corrections during the year.

## PU-101s (Club Officer Reporting)

This reporting can also be done online, but needs to be completed as soon as Clubs hold elections are held. Directories, and our ability to communicate with each other hinge on this. Report whether you are changing club officers or not. All too often information (especially email addresses) get out of date. Also, please ensure that your club's meeting dates and times are accurate - this will make the planning of visits, by other clubs, and District resource people, easier to plan.



## District Governor Elect Hank Hoekstra

- Dutch by birth (Don't hold it against me!)
- Edmontonian since 1954
- 43 years member of Boy Scouts, as member, leader, trainer, member of the Board, Edmonton Region (three terms); Medal of Merit
- M.Ed in Instructional Technology
- 5 years teaching (Drayton Valley)
- 29 years teaching teachers at the University of Alberta (now retired) as Academic Staff
- Spouse Sharon a semi-retired Kindergarten teacher
- Son Gavin is a lawyer in Vancouver
- Daughter Elaine is a student at Maastricht University, the Netherlands
- Canoeing, Pioneering Instructor: Canadian Yachting Assn certified instructor, Royal Life Saving Society Boat Rescue Award
- A Lion since 1986 (South Edmonton Lions)
- 3¾ terms as President
- Club Secretary
- Board Member since 1987
- Zone Chair 2 times
- Lions Link Editor since 2007
- Former MD37 Lions' Tales Editor
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- Bill Webber Fellow
- Jack and Denise Isaman Fellow
- Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow
- International President's Medal
- 3 International Presidents' Certificates
- 2006 MD 37 Convention Chair
- Northern Alberta Lions Youth Camp Staff
- Evil/Off the Wall/Dry sense of humour

# District Governor's Visitation Schedule

Saturday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Joan and Herman Lubbers 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	
Wednesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wabamun and District Lions Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Ron Wackenhut
Monday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Strathcona Lions Club	
Tuesday April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Edmonton Chinese Lions Club	
Tuesday April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Edmonton Korean Lions Club	VDG Hank Hoekstra
Tuesday April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fox Creek	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Ron Wackenhut
Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Officer Training Sands Motor Inn	
Tuesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jasper Lions Club	
Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	St Albert Beans and Barley	
Monday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Leave for United States	
Thursday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Council of Governor's Meeting, Bozeman, MT	
Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Council of Governor's Meeting, Bozeman, MT	
Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	MD 37 Convention, Bozeman, MT	
Saturday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	MD 37 Convention, Bozeman, MT	
Monday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Back Home	
Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grande Prairie Trumpeter Lions Club	
Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Entwistle & Evansburg Lions Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Ron Wackenhut
Wednesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Peace River Lions Club	
Saturday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	District 37-L Cabinet Meeting Grande Prairie	
Tuesday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Spruce Grove Lions Club	

## District 37L and District C-1 Calendar

### 2015

4-30 - 5-1	MD37 Council Meeting	Bozeman MT	CST Tim Haight <a href="mailto:cst.tim@mvpinc.ca">cst.tim@mvpinc.ca</a>
5 1-2	MD37 Convention	Bozeman MT	Jayne Pfeifer <a href="mailto:pinkogeez@gmail.com">pinkogeez@gmail.com</a>
6 5-7	Lions Cavalcade for Sight	Vegreville	PCC Dennis Stephenson <a href="mailto:pdg37e@sunraybase.ca">pdg37e@sunraybase.ca</a>
6 26-30	International Convention	Honolulu	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
7 1	Multiple District C, Districts C-1 and C-2 come into effect.		
8 15	District C-1 Cabinet	Devon Lions Campground	DGE Hank <a href="mailto:hank@ualberta.ca">hank@ualberta.ca</a>
10 16-17	District C-2 Convention	TBA	DGE Hazel Hiebert <a href="mailto:witch123@telus.net">witch123@telus.net</a>
10 30-31	District C-1 Convention	Sylvan Lake	Lion Fred Schmaltz <a href="mailto:fjschmaltz@shaw.ca">fjschmaltz@shaw.ca</a>

### 2016

5 13-14	MD C Convention	St Albert	
6 24-26	International Convention	Fukoku, Japan	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>

### 2017

6-30 - 7.4	International Convention	Chicago	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
		(100 years of Lionism)	Lions International <a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>

## Our Impact and Selling Points

- **11,000,000:** Each year, Lions Global Service Action Campaigns positively impact more than 11,000,000 people.
- **8,000,000:** Lions and LCIF have helped provide nearly 8,000,000 cataract surgeries as part of the SightFirst program.
- **41,000,000:** The Lions-Measles Initiative pilot program has vaccinated 41 million children in Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali, and Nigeria against measles, which is a leading cause of childhood blindness.
- **13,000,000:** Lions Quest, a school-based life skills program, is helping more than 13 million young people.
- **147,000,000:** Number of doses of the drug Mectizan distributed by LCIF to people in 15 countries to treat and control river blindness.
- **4,000,000:** More than four million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the International Peace Poster Contest since it began in 1989



## CEP Facilitator Training



### Virtual Training Via GoToMeeting

***Sunday, April 12, 2015***

***9:00am – 3:00pm PST***

***10:00am – 4:00pm MST***

This practical training develops facilitation skills and better understanding of Club Excellence processes for guiding Lions Clubs through our Club Excellence Process (CEP)

Cost: All Materials will be available for download

We are limited as to the number of participants in the

GoToMeeting class so

please RSVP via email to Sharon Sikes, 19C GLT

[Sharon.Sikes@DoGreatThings.Net](mailto:Sharon.Sikes@DoGreatThings.Net)

***Ready to continue  
your leadership  
journey?***





**OUTSTANDING OFFICER TRAINING  
& WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY  
SATURDAY, April 18, 2015**

Sands Hotel Convention Centre, Edmonton AB (Yellowhead Trail/Old Fort Road)

Registration at 09:00 am.....Assembly at 09:30 am....Wrap at 3:00 pm  
~Lunch and Coffee Breaks~

**CLUB OFFICER TRAINING REGISTRATION**

Name (Lion, Lioness, Leo)	
Club	District
Address	
City	Postal Code
Phone	E-mail
Club Officer Training Session (see below for choices)	
<b>TRAINING SESSIONS</b>	
~ Club President	~ Secretary
~ Vice-President/Director	~ Tail Twister
~ Treasurer	~ Zone Chair
<b>WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY REGISTRATION</b> <b>Special Candlelight Induction Ceremony for all new Lions</b> ~Family members encouraged to attend~	
Are you a new Lion? _____	
If yes, your sponsor's name: _____	
Date joined: _____	
Number of people attending with you (for food and refreshments) _____ (No charge for new Lions and Sponsor - \$15.00 for all others)	
<b>Any questions? Please email <a href="mailto:coates.wanda@gmail.com">coates.wanda@gmail.com</a></b>	
<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Please mail registration to Lion Wanda Coates 235 Abbottsfield Road, Edmonton AB T5W 4S9. or copy and email before <b>April 10, 2015</b>	