



“Service Through Fellowship”



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District Governor Message



Merry Christmas to our Lions, Lioness, and Leos of District 37N!

During my travels this month, I have seen extensive work that intensifies during this season of giving from our members across District 37N.

The generosity and kindness we exemplify brings tremendous hope to those in our communities who are struggling during this Christmas Season.

It seems to be a vision issue; Lions have the vision to see those who are less fortunate, those passed by in our communities. Our vision allows us to see the needs of others and respond with relevant support for those overwhelmed by life's challenges.

Our vision combines generosity with wisdom. With clear sight, we can contribute to maximum effect. In our dozens of clubs, the discussion is the same; how best do we manage the resources of the club to address the concerns we see. Your thoughtfulness and vision will make this Christmas one to remember for many individuals and families throughout Alberta and Montana.

So often we believe our service is about the vision in others, but truly it begins with the individual member and their vision of care in each community and around the world.

The vision that saw wasted glasses, thrown away when their use was through, are now recycled. Those recycled glasses, painstakingly collected, cleaned, serviced, and processed were taken to Agua Caliente in Mexico by our Lioness and Lions members. Thank you for raising your eyes to see beyond our borders and making the simple act of recycling extraordinary in the life of someone far away.

Closer to home, the Coleman Lions and the community of Coleman have worked for four decades to develop the wrap around services for the disabled in the community.

We are service.

Blessings to you and yours for profound peace and deep joy this Christmas Season!

DG Laura Dickerson

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Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

I have had an experience the past two days that you might want to put into the monthly bulletin. On Sunday (2nd) my wife and I were at the local Great Falls Wal-Mart and I decided to check and empty the used eyeglass, hearing aid, drop box there. It was almost full. Later that afternoon I decided to sort out the glasses and I found a zip up case that had Regional Medical on it plus a sticker with a ladies name, date of birth, etc. I opened the case and there was one pair of glasses and when I took out the glasses there was a zip plastic bag with an identical sticker on it folded up in the bottom. When I pulled out the bag I could see that there was a ring in it and sure enough it was a very nice diamond ring.

When I Googled the ladies name I got an obituary from the Billings Gazette and the Great Falls Tribune. The lady, age 84, had passed away in Rapid City, South Dakota on the 11th of August from complications from an accident. The obituary showed some relatives in Montana but none in Great Falls. The last people mentioned in the obituary were a sister-in-law and brother-in-law but there was no address. Her ashes were buried in the Manchester Cemetery and it showed a Great Falls mortuary had handled the services. I called them and explained the circumstances and they told me that the last people listed on the obituary were in the Great Falls area and because they were not listed in the phone book they could not give me their number but that they would contact them and give them my number to call. A short time later a very nice lady called me and I asked her if she had donated a pair of glasses for the deceased and she said yes and I asked her where and she told me Wal-Mart in Great Falls. I then told her what I had found and she broke down and cried. She told me she was executor of the estate and that she was to receive 3 pieces of jewelry and she had two but they had searched every where and never found the ring. This ring meant a lot to her as it was her brother who was married to the deceased and had given her that ring. Her brother passed away in 2005. It was the deceased's second marriage and that was in 1980.

About an hour ago the sister-in-law stopped by the house and picked up the ring. She said that she could not believe that she had the ring all along and then gave it away. She was grateful beyond words and right now she thinks the Lions are the greatest organization in the world. This one really made me feel good.

Lion Chuck Schabel

Christmas is full of shiny things
That sparkle, gleam and glow;
These holiday pleasures dazzle us,
And yet, deep down, we know ...
That Christmas has its special gifts,
But our year-round joy depends
On the cherished people in our lives.
Our family and our friends.

PDG Ed Malesich
Bulletin Editor

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TOAST: To the Lethbridge College Justice Program Leo Club for all the help they have given to the Lethbridge Host Lions Club by volunteering to work bingos, help with our Pig and Pumpkin Festival and Project Connect. You are a great group of young people and a real asset to our community.

Kalispell Lions - Gladys Shay

Kalispell Lions Club combined Christmas party with holiday giving. Traditional raffle was held with over \$ 250 in proceeds given to help provide Christmas for a Salvation Army family. President Mike Collins was master of ceremonies for the informal program. Banquet was enjoyed at Jagz Restaurant. Rod Gillman, past president, AKA Weird Santa, entertained with his versions of mishaps endured by Lions throughout the year. These ranged from a bite by a chihuahua to injury received in the Dragon Race on Flathead Lake. Plans are underway for another Race at Rosauer's with ticket sales beginning in January. Second annual event takes place in March.

In Memory of their service and fellowship:

Lion Verdun Buchanan—Pincher Cowley Roaring Lions

Lion Leonard Gallivan—Kalispell Lions

Lion Jeanette Haley—Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions
and Pincher Cowley Roaring Lions



Extending condolences from District 37M to the Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions.

Pincher Cowley Roaring Lions.

Kalispell Lions and the Families of our Lions.

How does four decades of service impact the community of Coleman?

Mountain View Industries

Day Program for the Disabled and a Lions Van to make it happen.

World's Largest Piggy Bank and Community Thrift Store to support funding.

Custom built homes that are specially designed for the needs of those in wheelchairs or other mobility issues.

Thanks to our Coleman Lions for their vision and service!



Lions Cliff Reiling
and Roy Schmode of
the Coleman Lions
Club



We are known for our Lions Parks all over the world! Come see the Blairmore Lions Park at night. Yes, our Blairmore Lions have decorated the park for the holiday season. Great job, Blairmore Lions!!!!



A Lion sponsored Bowling League in Lethbridge for those with blindness and low vision. Volunteers offer transport, coaching and fellowship for the participants in this 6 month long league that runs September to April.





*Stay tuned next month for
the Eyeglass trip to Agua
Caliente Mexico!*



Christmas Party fun With
the Warner Lions Club! Warm
fellowship, great food and fun
bowling!



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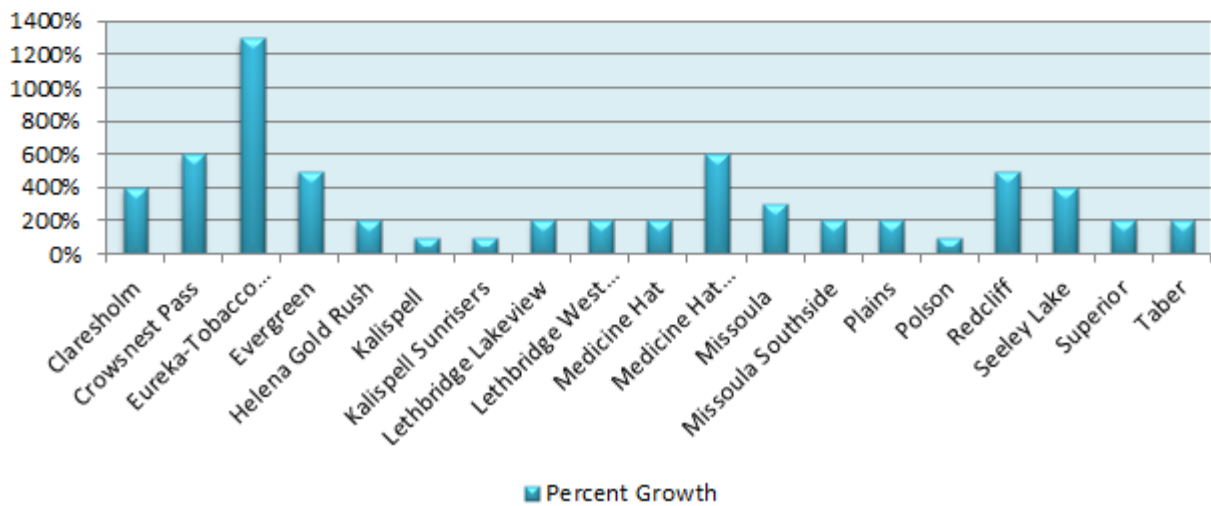


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Year to Date New Members (as of 11/30/12)



CLUB PERCENTAGE GROWTH YEAR TO DATE (as of 11/30/12)



DISTRICT 37N PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS:



1st Place Winner

Hailey Henrikson, Helena, Montana, age 13 years



2nd Place Winner

Meagan Peace, Cardston,
Alberta,
age 11 years



3rd Place Winner

Jamie Berry, Helena, Montana
age 13 years

*Congratulations to our Peace Poster winners for sharing their vision of peace.
We thank all the participants and wish success to our winner from 37N,
Hailey Henrikson, as her poster has been entered into the MD 37 competition.
We will keep you posted on the results!*

Call For Nominations from the Canadian Lions of MD 37

At our MD 37 District Convention to be held in Helena, Montana on May 17 – 18, 2013, there will be an election for the following office:

- Alberta Provincial Director for Lions Foundation of Canada (Dog Guides) for 2014 – 2017.

Nominations for this position are to be received by the MD 37 Office on or before March 1, 2013. They can be sent by email to cst.tim@gapproductions.com or mailed to MD 37 Office, 147 Rocky Ridge Bay NW, Calgary, AB, T3G 4E7

The following are the qualification for the position for you information:

ARTICLE 5 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS

Section 1: To qualify as a Candidate for Provincial Director on the Lions Foundation of Canada Board, he or she must;

- (a) Be a Lion in good standing; and
- (b) Any one of the following:
 - (i) Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the Provincial Director
 - (ii) Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the District Governor
 - (iii) Served as the Multiple District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the Council Chairman
 - (iv) Has served as District Governor, and has participated in the Lions Foundation of Canada's orientation program;
 - (v) Has served as a Representative, appointed by the Lions Foundation of Canada Board promoting and supporting one of the Lions Foundation of Canada projects.
- (c) It shall be the duty of the sitting Director to advise the selecting body of the qualifications required to be nominated as a Provincial Director.

Section 2:

- (a) All nominations as a candidate for the position of Provincial Director shall come as the result of whatever process has been adopted by each individual province for selection of its Provincial Director, and all such nominations, together with a resume of the candidate's Qualifications, including but not limited to his/her Business Experience, Community Activity, Lionistic Record and Current Involvement, must be received at the Foundation's Head Office in Oakville, on or before December 31st, of the year immediately preceding the year the Director would be elected to office.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the current Director to notify the Corporation in writing of the name and address of the candidate for Director for his or her Province &/or Territory.

Section 3: All nominations received by Lions Foundation of Canada for the position of Provincial Director are subject to final approval, without prejudice by the Board of Directors of the Lions Foundation of Canada provided the nominee meets the qualifications set out in Section #1. Such approval shall be at the mid-winter meeting held each year. (See Policy Manual: Appendix 1, for Provincial Selection Procedures).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Canadian Diabetes Association presents Outstanding National Partnership Award to Lions Club International Canada

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA (October 22, 2012) – The Canadian Diabetes Association has presented Lions Club International Canada with the 2012 Outstanding National Partnership Award. This prestigious national award recognizes partners in any sector that have worked with the Association on a national level to contribute to the organization’s mission, creating a significant outcome.

The mission of Lions Club International is to conquer and support blindness, the leading cause of which is diabetes. The Lions have made a formal commitment to conduct and support local and large-scale efforts leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications.

Lions Club International Canada was named recipient of the 2012 Outstanding National Partnership Award in recognition of their loyalty and tremendous contributions to the Canadian Diabetes Association, particularly in the areas of fundraising and volunteerism. For many years, the Lions have been a service club upon which the Association can rely to raise funds, support diabetes camps and the children who attend them, and raise awareness of diabetes. In Saskatchewan alone, the Lions have raised over \$1 million on behalf of the Association.

“Lions Club International Canada is a very worthy recipient of this year's Outstanding National Partnership Award. It seems that in any part of the country, whenever the Canadian Diabetes Association is in need of support, we can rely on the Lions,” said Fred DeFina, Director, Community Giving, Canadian Diabetes Association. “Lions clubs all across the country work tirelessly to raise funds and awareness for the Canadian Diabetes Association. Their support is significant and is an important part of the Association's ability to help make a difference in the lives of people with diabetes.”

“The Canadian Diabetes Association is thrilled to formally acknowledge the outstanding work of our volunteers and supporters through our national awards program. Volunteers are critical to the success of our mission delivery,” said Michael Cloutier, President & CEO of the Canadian Diabetes Association. “Lions Club International Canada has demonstrated a true dedication to making a difference in the lives of more than nine million Canadians who are living with diabetes or prediabetes. On behalf of the Association, I’d like to congratulate the Lions for their tremendous contributions and express our sincere appreciation for all those who were nominated.”

Lions Club International Canada was recognized at the Association’s National Awards Presentation recently held in Vancouver. The event is held in conjunction with the Canadian Diabetes Association’s Professional Conference and National Annual General Meeting. The 15th Annual Canadian Diabetes Association and Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism Professional Conference brings together more than 2,000 leading diabetes clinicians, researchers and educators from across Canada and around the world to share their knowledge, ideas and experiences on diabetes.

The conference serves as an important opportunity to collaborate and share the latest ground-



DR. GREGORY POWELL/STARS FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

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RECIPIENT

Name of Recipient _____

Print name clearly as it should appear on the plaque

Is recipient a Lion? Yes

No

Address _____

Street Address

Club Name _____

City, Province, Postal Code

Check here if the recipient is to be named later

DONOR

Name of Donor _____

Address _____

Is recipient a Lion? Yes No

If yes, provide Lionistic affiliation

Club Name _____

This donation is from (check one):

Club District Individual MD

Club No: _____

District No: _____

DONATION

Please enclose your donation of \$500.00 payable to: STARS Foundation

Cheque

Visa

Money Order

Master Card

Bank Draft

Card Holder: _____ Card No: _____

Expiry Date: _____

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

In the space below print presentation date, name, complete address, and daytime telephone number of individual to whom the plaque and label pin are to be sent to the recipient.

Presentation Date: (if available): _____

Name _____ Mailing Address _____

Phone No _____ Fax No _____ Email _____



Lions Links

District 37N Lions: <http://e-district.org/sites/37n/index.php>

Multiple District 37 Lions: <http://www.md37lions.org/>

Lions Clubs International: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/>

USA/Canada Forum: <http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org/>

Lions Quarterly Video Magazine: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/lq-view.php?id=25>

Lions Clubs International Foundation : <http://www.lcif.org/>

International President's Theme: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/international_theme_highlights.pdf

Leader Dog Newsletter, The Mane Event: leaderdog.org/lions/reports.

LFC Guide Dogs Newsletter: <http://www.dogguides.com/newsletters.html>