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Wishing you all an Easter filled with favourite traditions and happy memories, but most of all, an Easter that renews your faith, uplifts your spirit, and fills your heart with joy for Easter is a time of love, of family, and of peace.

Congratulations to Lion Kim Simpson for the wonderful job she has done putting our new District Website together at <http://www.e-district.org/sites/37n/> please take the time to look at our new site.

Just a reminder to the Clubs, election of the new Club executives for the next lionistic year 2012-2013 needs to be completed by the end of April. You must file this information on the PU101 form to International on or before May 15, 2012. For those Clubs not making executive changes you still need to complete and file the PU101. Please remember to include the following accurate information addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for your Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairperson, as that is how International and the District communicates with your club.

Congratulations are extended to the Montana Rally Committee & Southern Rally Committee for the exceptional job done in planning and hosting these MD events. They were both very successful and I have heard many favourable responses regarding the curriculum presented. To the presenters my heartfelt thanks for a job well done.



Thank you to all the lions in our clubs that make this the number one Service Organization in the world.

Respectfully yours in lionism,

District Governor Lion Sharon West

Extending Our Warmest Welcome To Our Newest Members

Doc M Vivian – Kalispell Sunrisers Lions Club

Frank B Miller - Lolo Lions Club

Edward William Gergely – Medicine Hat

Community View Lions Club

Brian P Freire- Warner Lions Club

Kim K King - Warner Lions Club

Beth M Punga - Warner Lions Club



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IN MEMORY



Daniel I Cainan
October 12, 1921 – February 4, 2012
Seeley Lake Lions Club



Peter Moss
February 23, 1939 - February 29, 2012
Claresholm Lions Club



Jon Stevens
September 24, 1940 - March 14, 2012
Picture Butte & District Lions Club

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY LION TED ALLEN



Lion Ted Allen is a Life Member of the Taber Lions Club. On February 28, 2012 Lion Ted celebrated 100 years young. He has belonged and served with the Taber Lions for 77 years since their charter year in 1935. To help him celebrate his special day Taber Lions PDG Wayne Baker and Joe Orban were on hand to offer Congratulations from the Club.

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

District Global Leadership Team Coordinator Lion Richard Huculiak has secured a computer lab at the Lethbridge Community College for Saturday May 5, 2012 from 8:30-4:00 pm to conduct Club Officer Training for Zones 1-4. We would encourage all Clubs from these areas to send their new executive.

Please see a list of the positions and training times below.

8:30 - 11:00 Club Secretary Training

11:30 - 1:30 Club President Training

2:00 - 4:00 Club Treasurer Training

For more information please contact either Lion Richard at richardhuculiak30@msn.com or District Governor Sharon at lionsharonw@gmail.com

Worldwide Induction Day

Remember Worldwide Induction Day on April 21, 2012 is the perfect time for a membership campaign, a public relations campaign and to strengthen member retention.



Highlites of MD37 Council Meeting & District 37N Cabinet Meeting

No proposed Multiple District dues increase

Cancellation of the Regional Lions Leadership Institute April 26-29, 2012 in Gold Creek, MT
Camp Make a Dream due to lack of interest.

Pending visit by our International President Wing Kun Tam to meet Club Presidents.
Tentative Date May 13 or 14, 2012 in Calgary more information to follow.

Measles

Source: lcif.org

Help us save 157 million children. Be a part of the solution through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to mobilize US\$10 million. To help Lions in this effort, the Gates Foundation is donating US\$1 for every \$2 raised by Lions. This is a total matching contribution of US\$5 million, the largest single donation in LCIF's history! Together, LCIF and the Gates Foundation will provide a total of US\$15 million to fight measles this year. Lions ...

LCIF Chair: Brent Johnson

Protecting Our Environment - April Service Action Campaign

During April, we invite your club to join Lions around the world to protect the environment. Help us raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment in connection with Earth Day. Or, organize hands-on projects throughout the month that mobilize your club members to improve your community's environment.

The environment is a major concern for communities and people around the world:

According to the United Nations Environment Programme, only about 20 percent of the world's population has access to clean water.

More people die from unsafe water than from all forms of violence, including war.

During the last century alone, the world lost more than 80 percent of its original forests, which provide a source of livelihood, protection from natural disasters and absorb carbon dioxide emissions that lead to global warming.

Lions have an opportunity to bring attention to the environment and show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Protecting our Environment."

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TAKE ACTION

You can build on the momentum of our Million Tree Planting Campaign by planting even more trees or by engaging your club and local Leos on projects such as:

Helping to build a safe drinking water system



Organizing a battery or electronics recycling campaign

Cleaning-up a beach or park

Raising awareness about "going green"

IP Wing-Kun Tam recently wrote.

Tree Planting

I am proud and grateful for the overwhelming support Lions have shown for our tree planting campaign. You have done amazing work to surpass my goal more than 6 times over but the project still offers us great opportunities to change the world and build our clubs.

The ideal time to plant trees in the Northern Hemisphere is during the early spring when the weather is still cool. This allows trees to develop strong roots before the heavy rains and heat of summer. Tree planting remains a crucial environmental concern for our world. Read Why Trees to learn why they are so important.

Planting trees is an ideal way to attract new members who care especially about environmental issues. Work in partnership with Leos, other youth groups and environmental groups in your community and use the Million Tree Planting Campaign Resources to publicize your projects. Be sure to report all tree planting activities through the Service Activity Report to help spread the word about the great work that Lions are doing around the world

Let us make DG Sharon proud of our district by surpassing her goal of 200 trees, please make sure that you report the number of trees on your WMMR under activities.

Thank You for Caring,

Lion Rob Herfst

Environmental Chair

**“Children Know Peace” 2011-2012 Grand Prize Winner in Lions International
Peace Poster Contest**

Trisha Co Reyes, a 13-year-old girl from Manila, Philippines, has been named the grand prize winner in the 24th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. “In my painting, the hidden child is me,” Reyes said. “Exhibited are children from all over the world who have love, freedom, unity and peace.”

Reyes’ poster was chosen from the 126 posters from 60 countries that made it to the international level of judging after being narrowed down at local levels. Annually, more than 350,000 entries are drawn by children ages 11 to 13.

As the grand prize winner, Reyes will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City.



Helena Middle School student wins peace poster awards

By MARGA LINCOLN
Independent Record

Hailey Henrikson, a Helena Middle School seventh-grader, recently won two awards for her peace poster, designed for an International Lions Club contest.

At a Wednesday night awards dinner, she received a plaque, certificate and cash awards totaling \$350 for winning both at the district and multi-district level. They were presented by Lions District No. 37 Governor Sharon West of Lethbridge, Alberta.

Henrikson's design, "Children are the Pathway to Peace," depicts a dove's wings hugging the Earth. In its beak, the dove holds ribbons that turn into banners, becoming a path made of the flags of the world, with people of all ethnic backgrounds and animals converging into a smiling crowd.

"Some of the children are holding books about plants of the world to learn more about the environment," said Henrikson.



Dylan Brown *Independent Record*

Erikson called her peace poster design "Children are the Pathway to Peace."

"I felt she did an exceptional job," said West. "She did it when she was just 12 years old. We were extremely impressed with it."

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Dylan Brown *Independent Record*

Hailey Henrikson sketches a hawk from a picture of an eagle in Victor Daniel's room at Helena Middle School. She says hawks have narrower eyes than eagles.

Poster

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Henrikson said she had about 10 days to come up with the design, after hearing about the contest from HMS art teacher Victor Daniel.

"I knew a dove had to be in there and flags have to be in there," she said of her design ideas. And, of course, children were a major focus because this year's theme was Children Know Peace.

The Lions International Peace Poster contest for 11- to 13-year-olds has been held for 27 years, said Leo Medina, president of the Helena Lions Club. However, this is only the second year his club has participated in it. Medina approached Victor Daniel last fall about HMS entering the contest and sponsoring their entry. More than 100 HMS students created posters.

Henrickson's poster was the one submitted to West from Helena Middle School. West selected it as the top design from a group of six submitted from schools in Lions District 37, which includes

Western Montana and Southern Alberta. Henrikson's poster then went on to the multi-district competition, made up of five districts, where it also won the top award.

Youth from more than 100 countries participated in the annual international contest, and this year's top winner is from the Philippines. The names of the 24 merit finalists have yet to be released.

"I think I'm pretty lucky," Henrikson said of her awards. "I'm pretty proud of myself."

At 13, she already thinks of herself as an artist and has sold her works in a local gallery. She loves to create in a variety of media — pencil, color pencils and chalks, clay, fabric, collage — and is looking forward to entering the next peace poster contest that's already under way. She's also self-publishing her first book, "Guardian Wolves," an adventure story about a she-wolf.

Reporter Marga Lincoln:
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Montana Lions

Sight & Hearing Foundation

Box 1266; Forsyth, MT 59327; 406-346-1488

djklmk@rangeweb.net; www.mtlionsshfnd.org

The Foundation and Raffle

The Foundation's cash raffle was a great success. The effort raised \$16,565.00 which surpassed a goal of \$15,000.00. Approximately \$4141.25 (25%) will be returned to clubs that participated in the raffle. The Foundation's three raffles raised \$76,648.00 with approximately \$19,161.50 returned to clubs through the 25% raffle rebate. During the time of those three raffles the Foundation provided grants to your community members totaling: \$98,501.47.

Raffle Winners: David Meissner, Fort Benton, \$1500.00; Leon Schneider, Helena, \$1250.00; Jon Dunlop, Missoula, \$1000.00; Joe Keller, Kalispell Evergreen, \$750.00; Larry Bauer, Kalispell Sunrisers, \$500.00; Burl Baty, Joliet, \$100.00; Cal Simms, Havre, \$100.00; Columbia Falls Lions Club, \$100.00; Larry Bauer, Kalispell Sunrisers, \$100.00; Candy Marsh, Plentywood, \$100.00; Clay Dunlap, Winnett, \$100.00; Ronda Miller, Gillette, \$100.00; John McFarland, Conrad, \$100.00 (returned to the Foundation); Norm Banta, Simms, \$100.00; Charlie Hinch, Choteau, \$100.00

On behalf of the trustees I would like to sincerely thank you for your support of the Foundation, your local Lions Club and your community members. You have truly lived up to our Lions motto: WE SERVE.

Your financial support of the Foundation certainly makes a difference in the lives of your community members.

Who Are You Helping?

Case #2011C67, Anaconda Lions Club, cataract surgery, both eyes, \$4300.00.

Case #2011C60, Bozeman Lions Club, diabetic retinopathy, \$5500.00.

Case #2011C52, Gallatin Empire Lions Club, cataract surgery, \$2561.00.

Case #2011C47, Hamilton Lions Club, laser eye surgery, \$3200.00.

Case #2011C35, Billings Heights Lions Club, vision equipment, \$2595.00



Hearing Aid Recipients:

From Billings: “I really appreciate your assistance in helping me get the hearing aids. May the Lord bless you and multiply to you what you did for me.”

From Hamilton: “I want to thank you for the gift of hearing, and for your generosity. I now have hearing aids that allow me to hear so many things I didn’t know existed. My daughter would whisper and say ‘can you hear this’ and I whispered back ‘yes I can’. Then she began to cry as she was so excited for me.”

From Great Falls – “I want to thank you & your Foundation for funding my mom’s ... hearing aids. It has made a big difference in her life. She now again can participate in conversation with her family and friends. Thank you so much!”

From Helena – “I want to thank your group so very much for giving me the hearing aids. My husband and I really appreciated it as now I can hear what is being said & I don’t

WOMEN IN LIONS

We are steadily growing in numbers due to a large part by women in local Lions clubs. More than 300,000 women are now Lions, making up 23 percent of our total membership.

Perhaps just as important, women now make up approximately the same percentage of Lion leaders. Having women advance into leadership positions in proportion to their overall numbers is a tremendous success and a source of pride for our association. It helps ensure that membership in a Lions club will be an even more attractive option for dedicated, energetic women who wish to serve their communities and the world.



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The South Alberta Lions Walk for Dog Guides Committees are making plans for the eleventh Walks which will take place in May and June. With your help our Walk last year was the number two most successful Walk in Canada raising \$50,700.00 and our local Lions Clubs contributed \$7,880.00 towards our record breaking result. THANKS LIONS! This is the third year our Walk has been in the top two Walks in Canada. We are looking forward to successful Walks again this Spring.

The LFC now offers five individual dog guide programs that assist blind/visually impaired persons, deaf persons, persons in wheelchairs and/or with other special needs, persons who experience seizures and their newest program for children with autism. These service dogs are provided to all individuals who qualify for this support completely free of charge.

We are very proud that Lions Clubs have adopted this marvellous project and for those of us who have received a service dog this is a fantastic gift and I am pleased to let you know that there are now eleven Service Dogs in South Alberta. Thanks to all Lions Clubs who have supported the Walks over the past ten years.

The eleventh annual walks will again take place in Pincher Creek on Sunday May 6th, Taber on Saturday May 26, Claresholm on Sunday May 27 and in Lethbridge on Saturday June 2.

You can help by having members of your Club, their families and friends get sponsors and come and join us in one of the Walk. If no one from your Club can join us then possibly your Club and/or individual members could sponsor the new team of Calvin and his dog guide Breyer, Angela Klok and Rav, David Zech and Indiana, or the team of Bill Brown and his new guide dog Jax on the Walk.

If you would like one of our committee members who have a dog guide to come and speak to your Club we would welcome this opportunity. **PLEASE**, join us or support us with a donation for this great Lions event in support of the **LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA.**

You can contact us by mail at the address below, phone (403) 327-3099 or e-mail: brownwj@shaw.ca

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Bill Brown

LFC CHAIR & Coordinators Lions Walk for Dog Guides

Contact: PDG Bill or Lynda Brown at 403-327-3099 or brownwj@shaw.ca



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION
 May 17, 18, & 19th, 2012
 Westlock Community Centre
 Registration Form



Name: _____

Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-Member _____ First Multiple District 37 Convention _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code/Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Companion Name: _____ District: _____ Club: _____

Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-Member _____ First Multiple District 37 Convention _____

Early Registration Cut Off Date is April 15th, 2012
 Special Meal Request { } Diabetic { } Vegetarian { } Allergies
Please note that it may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests

Registration No. Total Amount

Early Registration _____ X \$100.00 = \$ _____

Registration(s) _____ X \$110.00 = \$ _____

Please note that registration includes Friday Lunch and banquet, and Saturday lunch and banquet.

Extra Tickets

Governor's Banquet _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Contact person: PCC Gordon Topps
 Phone: (780) 675-4626 Cell: (780) 213-1471
 E-Mail: ghtopps@msn.com

REGISTRATIONS PAYMENTS

Please make cheque payable to:
 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION E-MAIL:
 P.O. Box 143 kenpiket@xplornet.com
 ATHABASCA, Alberta ghtopps@msn.com
 T9S 2A2

Check { } Money Order { }
 Visa { } Master Card { }

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature: _____

Refund Policy:
Before asking for 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 February 28th, 2012. A refund may be granted after March 1st, 2012 upon approval of the District Governor.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS: *Please let the Hotel know you are registering for the Lion's Convention as a block of rooms have been reserved for the convention.*

HOTEL NAME:	Ramada Inn	Westlock Inn	Best Western
PHONE #:	780-349-2245	780-349-4483	780-349-4102
	Convention Hotel		



Want it *Dunn* right?
Vote Terry
for
Vice Council Chair
2012-2013
The Man with Heart!

PDG Terry Dunn, District 37-I Bruderheim Lions Club

Joined Lions in 1999

One term as club president

Three terms as club treasurer

Six terms as director

Seven terms as zone chair

Five terms as 37-I Eye Bank chair

2006 Bruderheim citizen of the year

Certified guiding Lion

Graduate of MD 37 Lions Leader Institute

Graduate of Faculty Development Leadership Institute

Seven District Governor Appreciation awards

Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship

Bill Webber Fellowship

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship

District Governor 2008-2009

Served on MD 37 Council two years

Member of Global Membership Team

LET'S GET IT DUNN FOLKS!!



Hello Fellow Lions,

My name is Lion Dennis J Stevenson, PDG from the Calgary North Hill Lions Club, District 37-O in Alberta.

I am a candidate for Vice Council Chairperson for the 2012-2013 Lions year.

Thank you in advance for your clubs support at the MD 37 Convention in May 2012 in Westlock, Alberta.

If successful in the election for this position it will be my privilege to Serve the Lions of MD 37 as Vice Council Chairperson during 2012-13 Lions year.

You will find my personal and Lionistic information on the next page.

Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing you in Westlock, Alberta, May 17—19, 2012.

Yours in Lionism,

Dennis J Stevenson



Lion Dennis grew up on the family farm in Ontario before spending 3 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and for the next 25+ years he worked in many computer related positions with Shell Canada. While employed with Shell Canada, a transfer brought him and his family to Calgary. He has lived in Calgary for the past 28 years.

Dennis was married to Lion Julie Stevenson (deceased) and is a devoted family man with 2 sons, Tim (in Ontario) and Robert (in Strathmore) and daughter Andrea (in Calgary) as well as 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Dennis retired from Shell in 1992, but soon became restless and found his niche as a computer analyst with ED's Canada Inc. In 2006 Dennis retired for good this time and is living the good life traveling and enjoying Lionism with his companion Lion Vi Gibb.

Lion Dennis spends a lot of time camping and attending Lion's conventions throughout the year. He is talented in many areas including radio communications, woodworking, owns many computers and is somewhat a computer guru in his own right. He has helped many Lions with their computer skills and was even instrumental in assembling some computers for the Pot O'Gold. (Now Lion's Lucky Loot) He is a member of the "Volunteer Resource" unit of the Calgary Police Service for the last 22+ years.

Lion Dennis began his service as a Lion in District A16 about 33 years ago, and has been most active for all of those years. He has served as club president twice, club secretary for 7+ years, and just about every other club executive position. He has served on District 37-E (Now 37-0) Cabinet since 1987. Dennis has served as Lion's Sight Conservation chairman, Extension chairman, Zone and Region chairman, as well as Convention Committee secretary, also as VDG in 2001-2002 and in 2002-2003 served District 37-E as District Governor.

In 1986 he served as housing chairman for the USA/Canada Forum. Lion Dennis is a valued member of the Calgary North Hill Lions Club, and is a mentor and advisor to many of our members. He is also an Associate member of the Camrose Swans & Roses Lions Club.

Dennis is currently MD 37 Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Chairperson, District 37-O Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Chairperson, Lions Youth Camp committee Secretary, CLERC Board member, as well as Bulletin Editor for Calgary North Hill Lions club. He is also a Certified Guiding Lion.

Lion Dennis is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, a Bill Webber Fellow, a Jack Dobush Fellow, and is a life member of Lion's Foundation of Canada. Lion Dennis has been Lion of The Year twice, has received 2 – 100% Presidents Awards, 7 – 100% Secretaries awards, 2 Lion's Clubs International certificates of appreciation, along with numerous Presidents and District Governor awards. Dennis is also a member of Lions Clubs International Founders Club.

“For VCC Please Vote For Me”



DESTINATION TAMPA

2012 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM



M y F e l l o w L i o n s ,

The Tampa Forum Planning Team, supported by the Host Committee, is working diligently to put on a Forum program which will provide attendees with an excellent experience of value-added leadership and informational seminars and sessions. From the keynote speakers and presenters to the extracurricular activities and events being planned by the host committee, we can be sure of a great learning experience and enjoyable time in Tampa. The February/March issue of Destination Tampa is now available online and can be view by clicking the link below.

[February/March Destination Tampa](#)

In each issue of the newsletter leading up to the Forum in September, we shall feature a variety of seminars, activities, events and highlights of things to do and see while in Tampa and Florida area. It is a family vacation destination and a great opportunity to make September a time to add on a family vacation to the Lions Forum. We encourage you to visit the Forum website regularly as it is continually being updated as new information on the Forum and program is available.

Full details and online registration information can be found at:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/>

Polly Ooan, PCC

General Chairperson
2012 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



IMPORTANT NOTICE - HELP!

Hello lion members of District 37-N this message is very important and time sensitive so I am asking Club Presidents and Secretaries to please relay this message to your clubs immediately. Thank you in advance for honouring this request.

Our District is currently in need of a 2nd VDG for the upcoming 2012-2013 Lionistic Year. This individual will be voted upon by the delegates at the District N Convention October 13, 2012 in Kalispell, Montana and will immediately be part of the Governor team with District Governor Laura Dickerson and Vice District Governor Monte Weisser fulfilling their role and responsibilities.

At this same time we will also be looking for nominations for the position of 2nd VDG Elect to begin their term in 2013-2014. To qualify for this position you need to have served as a club president and a zone chair and have a desire to expand your leadership skills. Please consider submitting your names by September 1, 2012 to District Governor Laura.

Also remember to nominate that special lion as our District 37-N candidate to the Multiple District Hall of Fame. Please submit their names, bios and pictures by September 1, 2012 to District Governor Laura.

Remember alone we can do nothing but together there is no limit to the service and accomplishments we can achieve. Thank you for your Commitment and Service.

For further information interested Lions please contact:

District Governor (Elect) Laura Dickerson

E-Mail: mtlionlaura@yahoo.com

Phone: 406-250-4057



**COME AND VISIT FELLOW LIONS IN MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
YOU WILL BE MADE MOST WELCOME.**

**OPERATION FRIENDSHIP-
DISTRICT 201 V5 (Australia)**

The Lions of District 201 V5 are pleased to extend to the Lions and Lionesses of Canada and Great Britain an invitation to participate in our 'Operation Friendship' project.

One Lion or Lioness, and their partner are invited each year to spend up to four weeks as a guest of our District. During this period all accommodation and travelling within the District will be provided by host families. Costs of travelling to and from our District together with general expenses incurred during the visit shall be borne by the guests and no funding will be available from the District Administration or members.

An itinerary will be planned to include both Clubs and areas of interest within the District and every effort will be made to ensure the particular interests of the guests are included in sight-seeing and leisure activities.

As the selected guests will be required to attend our District Convention to be held on 12-14 October 2012, the timing of the visit must include these dates. We would ask you to speak at the Convention about your Lions Club and home town or local area.

Interested Lions and Lionesses can apply for an application from PDG John Odgers, 29 Warrington Avenue, Vermont South, 3133, Victoria, Australia, or email jaodgers@bigpond.net.au Phone (61) 3 9803 8335. Applications close on 30 June, with a decision to be made by that date (or earlier) .

Our District is one of five in Victoria and extends from the East of Melbourne (Capital City) to the North East of the State- and currently comprises 73 Lions Clubs, 3 Lions Branch Clubs, 2 Lioness Clubs and 3 Leo Clubs.

We welcome your interest.

**PDG John Odgers
29 Warrington Avenue, VERMONT SOUTH, 3133, Victoria, Australia.
Telephone; (61) 3 9803 8335
jaodgers@bigpond.net.au**



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL-----OPERATION FRIENDSHIP

An initiative of District 201 V5, Victoria, Australia.

OBJECT: To give a visiting overseas Lions couple the opportunity to mix with Australian Lions within District 201 V5 and to study their meeting procedures, activities and projects.

QUALIFICATIONS: Lions who have attained a Lions Club Portfolio up to and including District Governor/Past District Governor are eligible to apply.

It is a requirement that one or both are Lion Members and English speaking.

The selected Lion will be required to attend and to address the District 201 V5 Annual Convention on the topic of Lions, Clubs and Projects within his/her own country. Next Convention is to be held on 12-14 October, 2012 in Wantirna, Victoria.

Applicants who wish to be included for consideration in this program are also asked to write a personal letter of application as well as completing this application form.

DETAILS OF APPLICANT.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms; Family Name; _____

Given Names; _____

Age; _____ **Partner's Name;** _____

Address; _____

Phone;(H) _____ (W) _____

Fax; _____ **Email;** _____

Occupation; _____

Brief Business or Academic Record

_____ **No of Years in**

Lionism; _____

Current Office or Portfolio Held; _____



Member of Lions Club of _____
 Town/Area; _____ Country; _____ District; _____
 Brief Record in Lions ; _____

ACCOMMODATION: Will be supplied for up to four weeks by families of District 201 V5. The Host Club or Hosts themselves meet hosting costs, including the cost of transporting the visitors from one host to the next. Usually the accommodation is supplied at the host's private home.

The Overseas Lion is required to meet the cost of travel from their own home to the District 201 V5 Melbourne Airport.

If the guests need to make overseas phone calls, they must also meet this cost themselves.

Are there any special meal or accommodation problems you would require to be taken care of? _____

Please list any special interests or hobbies you and your partner have (for example, hiking, reading, craftwork etc). _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW:

I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCURRED BY MYSELF AND MY PARTNER ARE OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY, AND THAT NO FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FROM DISTRICT 201 V5, I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT, AS PART OF THE CONDITIONS OF MY VISIT TO 201 V5, I WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT CONVENTION AND ALSO TO GIVE A SHORT ADDRESS TO THE CONVENTIONEERS ON LIONS AND LIONS ACTIVITIES IN MY OWN COUNTRY.

SIGNED; _____ **DATE;** _____

N.B.; APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 30 JUNE 2012.

FORWARD TO; PDG John Odgers, Operation Friendship Chairman 2012/13

29 Warrington Avenue, VERMONT SOUTH, 3133, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

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