



“Service Through Fellowship”

November 2013



District Governor Message

Greetings Fellow Lions!!

It has been a busy month. I have made a total of 17 visits this month and attended not only our convention but Districts’ S and I conventions as well and will be attending the District L convention in Westlock this weekend, November 1 and 2.

The District 37N Convention was held in Hamilton on October 4th and 5th, 2013. There were 77 Lions and partners registered for the convention and attended the banquet on Saturday night. The Friday night social meal was known as Pitchfork Fondue. While the mental images of such a meal might deter the faint of heart it was very, very good. The featured item were steaks were deep fried in oil on pitchforks. The highlight of the evening was the silent and live auctions. Led by PID Tom Lehman over \$2200 was generated for the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation and the Lions of Alberta Foundation.

The business session results are that we now have a 2nd Vice District Governor. Lion Cathy Anderson of Lethbridge has stepped up to fill the vacancy. Thank you very much, Lion Cathy!! 2nd VDG Cathy is also 1st VDG elect. Other results are 1st Vice District Governor Pauline Cooper is now District Governor Elect, PDG Bill Brown is District N’s Hall of Fame selection, and Butte will be hosting the district convention in 2014.

Speakers for the convention were well received and very informative. Michael Wright gave us an update on the PlusOptix vision screening device and Dr. Marshall Bloom told us the history of the Rocky Mountain Laboratories facility in Hamilton which started with finding the cure to Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. However, our scheduled international guest PID John Daum was stranded in Spearfish, South Dakota due to a major winter storm cancelling all flights from Rapid City. Substituting very ably was PID Dave Hajny who gave us another heartwarming story of why we are Lions. PID Hajny also assisted in presenting Presidential Certificates of Appreciation to PDG Ed Malesich, Lion Kim Simpson, and Lion Frank Garner.

My thanks to the convention committee co-chaired by Lions Nancy Sabo and Shelly Loranger as well as President Dixie Dies and the rest of the Hamilton Lions Club. Your hard work and dedication made the convention a big success.

Enjoy the newsletter articles. If you have something for me to put in please send the info and pictures to me and I’ll send them on to the editor.

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4th Annual



Strides



WALK 2013

Diabetes Awareness

November 17th

Join West Lethbridge Lions
in a Walk for Diabetes and learn about
living with diabetes

Being held at the
University oval track in the Wellness Centre
Starting 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Prizes by





Leading the fight against diabetes



WALKER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

PHONE _____ E-Mail _____

Strides Diabetes Walk

TEAM NAME (Only if applicable) _____

Nov. 17, 2013 Strides Diabetes Walk at The Wellness Center at the U of L. Total donation of \$20, receive an official Stride Diabetes Walk Shirt and pin!

*Donations over \$15 receive receipts from Md37 Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes for income tax purposes

Please collect pledges in advance. Make checks payable to West Lethbridge Lions Club

SPONSOR'S NAME	ADDRESS/CITY <small>(Please provide clearly and in full or tax receipt may not be issued)</small>	POSTAL CODE	PHONE	Amount Pledged	Receipt Required	Donation Enclosed
Joanne Walker (example)	104 Sample St.,	T1H 2B7	403-320-1222	\$100	✓	✓
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TOTAL Donations
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Pledge sheet full?

Download a blank Pledge form at www.e-clubhouse.org/site/lethbridgeWest/

Release Statement

I, _____, release the Strides Walk sponsors and organizers from any claims or liability resulting from my participation in the Strides Walk.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

District 37N Speakers Bureau

If you are interested in having a cabinet member speak to your club; click on the email of the individual. Please have your club consider compensation if distance or time is deemed large.

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District 37N Directory Changes

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DG Monte Weisser	Phone #	406-756-8528	51	District Governor
VDG Pauline Cooper	New Cell #	403-332-2340	47	First VDG
PDG William Brown	Phone #	403-942-1677	48	LCF Chair
Lion Patricia Cuthill	Phone #	403-942-7976	42, 48	LEO Chair
	Address	105 – 329 Highland Lethbridge, AB T1J 4W7	42	Leo Advisor Lethbridge
Lion Cathy Anderson	New Address	Replacement 226 Sherwood Pl W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 6E6	47, 51	2 nd VDG
	Email	canderson53@shaw.ca		
	Phone #	403-381-2895		
Lion Carolyn Hobson	New Rep.	chobson@shaw.ca	55	Lions Eye Bank of Alberta
Lion Jessica Falcon	Email	lion.jfalcon@gmail.com	47	Cabinet Secretary

CHARTER NIGHT

Missoula South Side Lions Club will be celebrating their 50th Charter Night celebration January 25, 2014 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Missoula, Montana. Past International President Lion Judge Brian Stevenson and Lion Patricia Stevenson will be honored guests and speaker. Choice of dinner will be London Broil or Grilled Chicken Breast with cream sauce. Cost to attend is \$35.00. Please send reservations, menu selection and checks to Judy Lehman, 1045 Anglers Bend Way, Missoula, MT 59802 prior to January 15.

BIOGRAPHY

WILLARD J. (BILL) BROWN **District 37N Hall of Fame Winner**

Bill Brown grew up in Pincher Creek, Alberta and received most of his formal Education in Calgary where he received a Business Administration Diploma. He married Lynda in December, 1998 and has one son, Grant. They moved back to Pincher Creek, Alberta from Dundas, Ontario in June 2000 and then moved to Lethbridge in May 2006.

Bill is visually impaired, having lost his sight from Retinitis Pigmentosis (RP), which is a progressive eye condition and he now is totally blind.

Bill worked for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) for over thirty-seven years and accepted early retirement in 1996. His position, at that time, was District Manager for the CNIB in Hamilton, which had over 60 staff members.

Bill joined the Lions organization in 1976 and has been very active in Club and District activities ever since. He was President of the Hamilton Central Lions Club in 1993-94 and President of the newly formed Hamilton West Lions Club in 97-98. He achieved the 100% President's Award for both these terms. He was the Governor for District A-11 in 1998-99. He also served as the President of the Pincher Creek Lions in 2003-2004. After moving to Alberta he again served as the District Governor for District 37-D (Southern Alberta/Northwest Montana) for the Lions year 2001-2002. He has been the District Chair for the Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC) ever since coming to Alberta and he uses a poodle guide dog which was trained at LFC. He has been recognized by LFC who presented him with the LFC fellowship and in 2011 he was made a patron of the Lions Foundation of Canada which is one of the highest honours a Lion volunteer can receive.

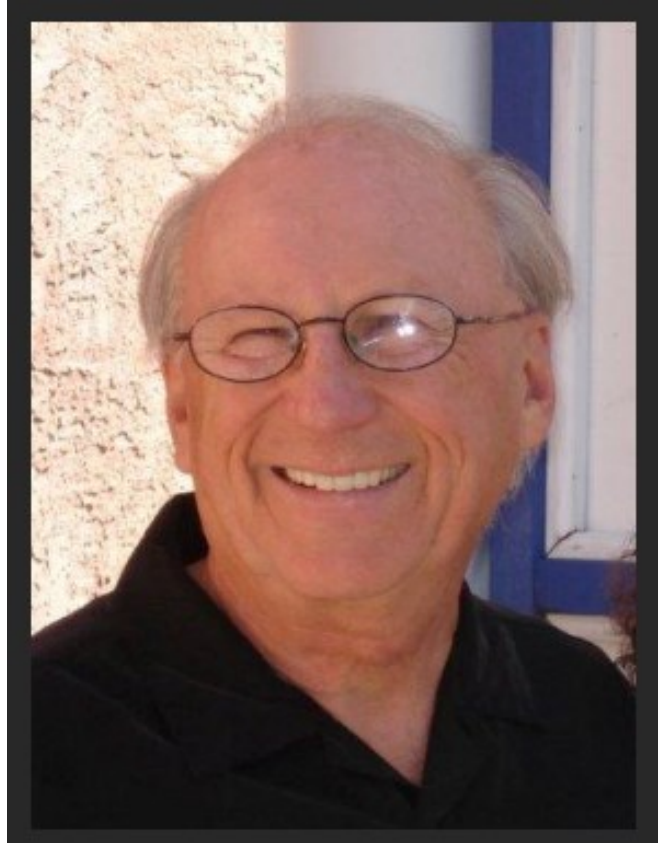
Lion Bill has had the distinct honour of being recognized by Lions Clubs International five times by being presented with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation in 1988, 1992, 1999, 2000 and again in 2010. He was presented the Helen Keller award and the Judge Brian Stevenson award in recognition of his outstanding efforts as Governor in Ontario. He was presented with the Melvin Jones award by the Pincher Creek Lions in 2006.

Bill has also been recognized by Communities where he has worked and he was presented with the ACRA award in 1986 while in Markham, ON which is an award that is presented to persons for their outstanding contribution to the municipality in community service.

In 1996 he was presented the Peter Street Inspirational award for his outstanding contribution to the community in Hamilton, ON. This award is presented to individuals who provide inspiration to disabled persons in the community through example.

Some of Bill's hobbies include walking and jogging with his Dog Guide Jax and playing guitar for his own pleasure.

He is a very positive individual and has a good sense of humour.





New Recycled Eyeglass Shipping Instructions

The Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (CLERC) has a new shipper and receiver of used eyeglasses. Williams Moving and Storage are downsizing and have been a faithful shipper from 1996 to 2013. Effectively immediately we are asking you to send any glasses using any **other** United Van Lines Affiliate.

Ship to:

CLERC
C/O MATCO Transportation
5003-52nd. Ave SE
Calgary, AB, T2C 4N7

Attn. Wes Robinson
Ph. 403-236-5010

MATCO is an affiliate of United Van Lines. If you have any further questions please email Gordon Prusky PDG at: gprusky@shaw.ca
Please do not send any cases they are bulky and heavy. Thanks for the glasses.



VISION SCREENING PROJECT

Hello Lions:

It's time for an update on our efforts regarding the Vision Screening Project, using the Plusoptix Vision Screening Devices. This Lion's project has been very successful because of the efforts of a number of Lions around the State of Montana. While getting the funding was a necessary starting point, it is the Lions that have been involved with the actual vision screening that have really made this project a success.

One update is that all of the paperwork has been sent off to LCIF to close out the grant that resulted in the Lions of Montana getting \$29,400.00 that was used to purchase of vision screening devices. This matching grant resulted in a number of Clubs being able to have a vision screening device within their Club or Zone so as to share with other Clubs. This has helped to reduce the commuting distance for a Club to be able to use a screening device. This has resulted in providing vision screening to more communities, either through local schools, day-care centers or other venues. THANKS to the Lions that have been leading the charge in this project. Now is the time for other Clubs to check out the vision screening devices and see how they work and how quickly the screening can be accomplished.

At present there are now 26 vision screening devices located in Clubs around the State. These scattered devices help Lions cover the State and provide vision screening services, especially for young children. In addition a number of Lion's Clubs around the State have stepped up to provide funding so to allow the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, as well as other Clubs take advantage of these "matching" funds. Those devices that are "owned" by the MTLS&HF are then placed with Clubs in more rural areas, thus increasing the coverage of this project. This provides for a win, win situation for the Clubs and the communities that they serve.

Another development was to have Lion Doctor Murdoch, from the Missoula Southside Lions, along with Lions Jayne and Bill Pfeifer provide information to the County Nurses at their State Convention in Belgrade this past month. Doctor Murdoch, an optometrist, provided the Lion's share of the information and answered numerous questions regarding the vision screening. As a result of this effort do not be surprised if your Club is contacted regarding the Lions ability to help with vision screening for the schools. The demonstration and discussions after the meeting showed how quickly the vision screenings could be accomplished with the Plusoptix, either the S09 or the S12 and I'm guessing that the schools will be checking to see if they can get help with this important issue.

To that end I've been working with Lion Jerry Leggate, from the Billings Lions on getting more information posted to the website regarding Plusoptix vision screening. That website is www.montanalions.org and once there it is a simple click of the mouse to get to the site having Plusoptix information. In the near future a contact list for each of the Vision Screening devices will be loaded and available for all to view. There is presently some information located there regarding the program.

If you have any questions or comments, my contact information is Lion Bill Pfeifer, 218 Dogwood Drive, PO Box 831, Bozeman, MT 59771, e-mail ogeez@optimum.net or 406-580-6442 or 406-209-2083. If your Club would be interested in having a demonstration or practice session with the vision screening devices, please contact me and I'll make arrangements to do a presentation at a Club meeting or another time that works for a number of the Lions within your Club.



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Monte,

On behalf of International President Barry Palmer, I am pleased to share with you that Lions Clubs International's Board of Directors has approved a special pilot program to waive the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans of all ages.

The ***Involve a U.S. Veteran*** program is being offered only in the United States. The program waives the charter or entrance fee for any qualifying veteran who joins a new or existing Lions club between July 1st, 2013 and June 30th, 2015.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to the first 5,000 qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members are honorably discharged from the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Click below to learn more about this special program. You'll find a program fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release you can use to promote this program in your community's news outlets.

[LCI Veteran Program
Learn More](#)

Veterans Day is November 11th, just two weeks from today. Make plans now to reach out to veterans in your community and offer them the opportunity to make a difference and change lives as Lions.

Sincerely,

Peter Lynch
Senior Executive Administrator
Lions Clubs International

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26th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Our World, Our Future



Sponsor a Lions International Peace Poster Contest and join clubs worldwide in sharing children's visions of peace with your community.

How the Contest Works

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2013. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Our World, Our Future."

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district governor for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected to go on to the multiple district competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

Awards

Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change). At the ceremony he/she will receive a cash award of US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. The award ceremony is scheduled for March 2014.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

Mail or fax your order to: LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
CLUB SUPPLIES SALES DEPARTMENT, 300 W 22ND ST.
OAK BROOK IL 60523-8842 USA; Fax 630-571-0964

Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) _____ Qty. @ US\$10.95/each \$ _____
Language Required _____ Tax \$ _____
(Available in all official languages.) Postage & Handling \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Method of payment

Club/District Acct. # _____
Lions Club Name _____
Officer's Signature (Required) _____

The protection of your payment data is important to us. Your credit card* purchases of Lions merchandise must be made directly online at www2.lionsclubs.org. Please do not include your credit card number in any written communication or correspondence. *Visa, MasterCard, Discover.

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How to Enter

Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Available in all 11 official languages, it costs US\$10.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one* school or organized, sponsored youth group:

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

*Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.

The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is included in this kit and on the LCI website.

NEW Kits are available January 15 – October 1, 2013. Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning. **ORDER NOW!**

To order the Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) submit the form below, order through the online Lions Store (Item search: Peace Poster Kit) or call Club Supplies at (630) 571-5466 or (800) 710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).

Visit www.lionsclubs.org [search: Peace Poster] for more contest information, deadlines, to send a Peace Poster e-card and view past finalists' posters.

Ship order to:

Name _____
Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____
City _____ State/Province _____
Zip Code _____ Country _____
Daytime Phone # (Required) _____
E-mail Address _____

<p>Postage/handling Charges:</p> <p>United States/Canada - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. An additional charge will be added if second day service is required.</p> <p>Overseas - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. Duty/taxes may be required upon receipt of your order. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for payment of these duties or taxes.</p>	<p>Sales Tax:</p> <p>We are obligated to charge sales tax in Illinois and Canada.</p>
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