



“Service Through Fellowship”



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District Governor Message

Greetings, to the great Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 37N,



During the many miles and the many club visits, I have had the privilege of meeting the most dedicated volunteers on the planet. There has been a common thread between our many successful clubs—they actively plan to be successful. In my travels, I see clubs who proactively seek and support new leaders within their ranks, plan for membership growth, mentor new members, develop innovative fundraisers, and provide relevant, vital service to those in need.

When the idea of a having a quarterly Pit Stop is discussed, these clubs understand the need for this communication within our Lions family. After all, nothing happens in Lions without our incredible fellowship! I encourage you all to take the time and in the spirit of fellowship and continued service, examine the needs within the club. Our communities need you strong and running on all cylinders.

Thank you for your incredible service, fellowship and the gift of your friendship!

DG Laura Dickerson

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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-

breaking research aimed at helping those with diabetes to live healthier lives while the Association and researchers they fund continue to work towards finding a cure.

About the Canadian Diabetes Association

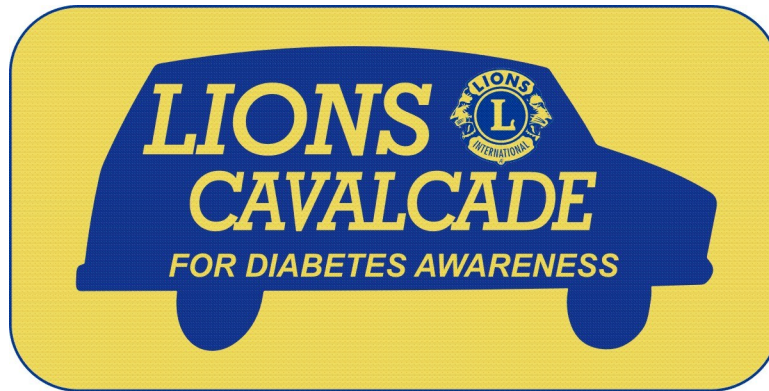
The Canadian Diabetes Association is a registered charitable organization, leading the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while we work to find a cure. Our professional staff and more than 20,000 volunteers provide education and services to help people in their daily fight against the disease, advocate on behalf of people with diabetes for the opportunity to achieve their highest quality of life, and break ground towards a cure. Please visit diabetes.ca, join us on [facebook.com/CanadianDiabetesAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/CanadianDiabetesAssociation), follow us on Twitter [@DiabetesAssoc](https://twitter.com/DiabetesAssoc), or call 1-800-BANTING (226-8464).

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MD 37 LIONS CAVALCADE for DIABETES AWARENESS ANNUAL CAMPOUT, PARADE AND BBQ WILL BE HELD May 31, 2013 – June 2, 2013 IN PIGEON LAKE ALBERTA FURTHER DETAILS AND INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT BY EMAIL AND POST IN NOVEMBER 2012 AND ALSO IN MARCH 2013. THE INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE ON OUR WEB SITE AT <http://www.md37lionscavalcade.org> AND IN DISTRICT AND MD NEWSLETTERS IN THE COMING MONTHS



STARS SHINES IN TABER

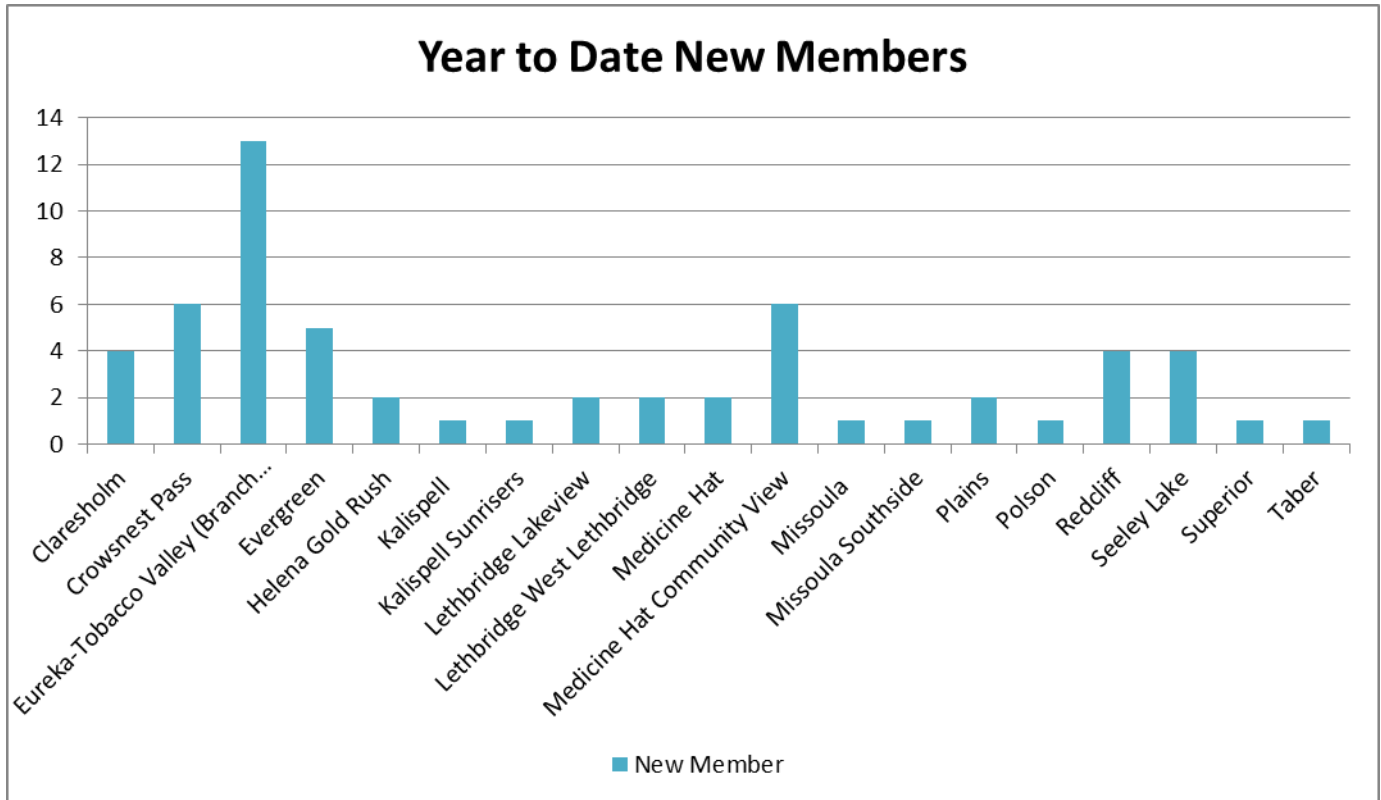
On November 13, 2012, the Taber Lions Club donated \$6,000 to STARS. Lion President Wayne Baker presented the ceremonial cheque to the STARS representative at the annual club banquet for the Taber Lions, Taber Lioness and Vauxhall Lions Club. The Taber Lions Club has a long standing history of supporting STARS through many years.



Fellowship in Action

Congratulations and Welcome to our 59 NEW LIONS since July!

We are seeing the positive momentum within our clubs and positive fellowship create significant growth in 35% of our clubs in District 37N. Congratulations to the Medicine Hat Community View Lions Club for inducting 6 new members in October!



HELENA SMALL FRY FOOTBALL LEAGUE



LIONS

The Helena Lions had an undefeated season in the Helena Small Fry Football League, Senior Division. The Lions team is coached by Trevin Pappas and played the Championship game against La Casa Fiesta, under the lights in Vigilante Stadium.

Congratulations to our Lions Champions!



As part of this year's "In A World of Service" theme, International President Wayne Madden is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through their service.

Literacy -- the ability to read and write-- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them.

The Reading Action Program is a call to action for every Lions club around the world to organize service projects and activities that underscore the **importance of reading** and address specific needs related to illiteracy within their own community.



BLAIRMORE

Bingo (Fundraising Event / Campaign)

Weekly televised bingo every Tues. 7:30 P.M. Bingo runs first Tues in September to mid May.

CLARESHOLM

Lions park (facility improvement / construction)

Our club began renovations on an existing Lions Park in Claresholm. Supports for three plaques were installed and a concrete pad has been poured. When completed next year the plaques will hold the names of current, founding and deceased Lion members. Some new park benches will be installed on the concrete pad. The town plans to replace the the current out of date playground equipment.

COLEMAN

Aid to disadvantaged children Donated \$1,000 to the Crowsnest Pass Boys and Girls Club

Donated to help pay for rental of recreational space for underprivileged children in the region.

COWLEY

MORE TREE PLANTING AT THE CASTLE RIVER
CAMPGROUND facility improvement / construction

EVERGREEN

37 N Convention and Halloween Project
other community & cultural activity

The 37N Convention was held, Evergreen provided the tailtwisting, and then provided 750 lights and 750 bags for safety to the Evergreen and Helena Flats Schools. \$1000 raised for safety, \$1000 from tailtwisting.

LETHBRIDGE WEST LETHBRIDGE

Mexican Eye Glass Non-LCIF Donations, *Sharing the Vision campaign*

VDG Pauline Cooper will be traveling to Mexico to assist with a eye glass clinic in rural Mexico. Club is assisting with a donation to buy sundry items for the patients at the clinics.

LOMOND

Cleanup

Work bee held at Badger Lake Campground on Oct. 02, 2012