

### MAGRATH

Community Collection for Operation Christmas Child. Non-LCIF Donations

From Oct 15 through Nov 15 the Lions Club collects donations from the Magrath School and from Public for Christmas Gift Boxes. Last year we collected and delivered over 150 boxes to the Lethbridge collection point. We hope to meet or beat that total this year as well. We will place collection boxes in each classroom and all the donated items are organized and put into shoe boxes by worker Lions and community volunteers mid-November. In addition to the boxes themselves, we also try to include \$7 per box collected to help cover their shipping/delivery costs.

Leo Club Organization, sponsorship of Leo club. We have decided to proceed with the request to organize an Alpha Leo Club here in Magrath. Lion Club President Roger is getting the necessary forms and information. We already have a core of interested families and kids and have put them to work last summer in our Lions Garage Sale, and this fall in our Mural Project.

### **MISSOULA SOUTH SIDE**

University Music Department Ticket Taking Fundraising Event / Campaign

### **PINCHER-COWLEY ROARING**

Support group for visually impaired, aid to the vision / hearing impaired, This support group was actually started in 2010 as a demonstration project when the writer was sight & hearing chair for district 37N.A group of six people were identified and approached about starting a support group. Meetings were continued to the end of June 2011. During that time monthly meetings were held. Members shared their experiences and ideas for coping with their failing vision. All of the attendees had macular degeneration. They were very excited about learning from one another and that there were resources for them to draw from. They identified things in the community which had become obstacles to being mobile. Many of the streets had no sidewalks and some sidewalks ended abruptly and there was just dirt or grass and they were splashed by cars when it rained. Several members of the group took a presentation to town council and later some of the issues were addressed with new sidewalks in some of the busier spots. The group sponsored an information evening with people from CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind presenting. They showed equipment that is available, how to register with CNIB and access assistance from staff members. Some of the members attended social functions put on by the Lethbridge support group. Trips were made to Lethbridge and Calgary to try out more equipment such as the closed circuit TV and various magnifiers. Some joined the local library and started using the "daisy readers" which were made available by lions. One member of the group even did a couple of presentations to other groups The following winter saw the group lose some momentum. The lions' member was unable to devote as much time and it was hard to get the group going again in the autumn. This June however, the group got going again. there are now three lions advocates. CNIB is playing an active role. There is an ophthalmologist coming to Lethbridge to present at a symposium and the lions are organizing a bus or van for transportation. They are looking to come up with a catchy name for the group and they are looking to recruit new members. The participants supply coffee and a snack at a local seniors condo



complex and they are starting to organize a Christmas party.

### RAYMOND

Hall renos, physical reconstruction. Installed range and cupboards and counters in the Lions Hall

## SEELEY LAKE

Sandbags, other fundraising. Filling of Sandbags that we sell during the winter months .

# TABER

Highway Cleanup, civic services,, *Engaging our Youth campaign, Protecting our Environment campaign.*. Remove garbage from Highway 3 Between Taber and Barnwell





# **News from Africa**

Our hardworking friends at the Malaika Orphanage in Johannesburg, South Africa, are trying to secure a safe location for the 135 children in their care. They currently reside in an abandoned building in a slum in the roughest area of the city.

Thanks to the Kalispell Sunriser Lions Club and the Medicine Hat Lions Club for stepping forward to financially support the Malaika Orphanage. Will your club meet the \$200 District wide challenge? Please send your funds to the District 37N Treasurer, Mike Collins.



Left to Right, Malaika Orphage Director/Founder Osmond, DGE Monte Weisser, Secretary Micki, DG Laura Dickerson during a visit to the Kalispell Sunriser Lions.







# Women and families joining your <u>Lions</u> Club.

This is so exciting we have 6 new members in our club! How is your club doing?

I was talking to the past president of another club in our area and he has gotten some of the new brochures that Lions International have done up. They are available to help get new members for your clubs. Check it out online.

The Medicine Hat Lions Club is planning to have a table set up with them on to hand out at their Christmas Sleigh ride. They invite all the families in our city to come out with their children for a free sleigh ride, hot chocolate and hot dog. We talked about having each of their members ask a neighbour with children to come out and help for an hour. Their children could ride on the sleigh and just have fun helping out while their parents assist in helping out with this big event! This is a great way to get families involved and just see how much your club does for the community.

Can you think of ways your club could get families involved at Christmas? Don't just invite them to your Christmas party get them helping with Christmas hampers for the needy families in your area, or involve them in your fundraisers for the charities you help and the events you hold during this Christmas season. This is a perfect time of year to get new women and families out.

Lion Ellen Chair of Women and Families District 37N



# **Kalispell Lions Club**

Winner received Sig Sauer Tactical Rifle M400 Series 5.56 ^ 45 MM AND the Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22; .22 long rifle. Single \$5 ticket for both rifles. gladys shay, associate member, Kalispell Lions Club.



Rifle Raffle Chairman Doug Kalvig and Kalispell Lions President Mike Collins present rifles to raffle winner Todd Howe of Kalispell. Proceeds from raffle sales are returned to the community helping to finance variety of Lions Club projects including eyesight and hearing, high school scholarships, food banks, Salvation Army, American flags for elementary students.

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Every day you have the opportunity to learn and experience something and someone new. Seize the opportunity. Learn and experience everything you can, and use it to change the world. Rodney Williams

The LEO Club at Lethbridge College is a longstanding tradition for the School of Justice Studies, and this year is no exception. So far this semester, we have almost 80 members, and have taken part in events across Lethbridge. The Club offers members a great opportunity to get involved, make friends, and network in the community, while developing leadership skills.

#### SEPTEMBER

- 15 Pig & Pumpkin Party
- 21 Bingo
- 23 Word on the Street Festival
- 29 Giant Pumpkin Festival

### OCTOBER

- 3 Homeless Census
- 4 Sisters in Spirit Vigil
- 10 Crime Stoppers
- 11 LRPS FAS Training Video
- 25 Child Find Booth

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Wine Festival
- 9 Career Conference

This September, the LEO Club has been involved in many events around the city, including the Lakeview Lion's Pig & Pumpkin Party, the Lethbridge Public Library Word on the Street Festival for literacy, and the Children's Wish Foundation Giant Pumpkin Festival. The club made a \$180 donation to LC faculty participants in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes fundraiser for domestic violence, and provided security for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sisters in Spirit Vigil. As well, over 40 members volunteered for the Lethbridge Homeless Census.

Some upcoming events we are taking part in are the Wine Festival and the Career Conference put on by the College, as well as a Child Find/Immunization booth for Alberta Health Services and the filming of a training video for the Lethbridge Regional Police Service.



Our LEO Club is a student-run organization supported by a team of faculty members. This year's executive is Meghan Aydt, James Price, Kandace Mitchell, & Danny Todd. Our faculty members are Richard Huculiak, a member of the Lethbridge Lakeview Lions, with Bob Pike, Hugh Richards, & Roy Davidson, all Justice Studies instructors. Our LEO Advisor is LION Patricia Cuthill.



# **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/Iq-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