



“Service Through Fellowship”



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District Governor Message



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

“It can’t be done!”

“Young people are not interested in volunteering.”

During my travels over the last three years, I have heard these statements in different countries, different languages and in our own District N. I wish to encourage you that this does not have to be the case—we have clubs that have grown tremendously this year. Why are these clubs effective in growing? One word, fellowship! People of all ages are interested in service, but often we see their primary resource to share is time. What group will make productive and positive use of their time? If it is the local Lions Club, they will often stay and become long term members.

Most of the members that leave us are Lions for three years or less. They sign on initially because of a personal invitation from a Lion, Lioness or a Leo member. They stay because they are appreciated, not merely tolerated by the club. A great way for a club to take a look at their fellowship is through the surveys found on the LCI website:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/how-are-your-ratings.php>

Each club is a family that continues to need positive communication and tending, so that we can bring our very best forward to those we serve. I encourage you to use the survey above to strengthen our amazing fellowship in every club. Remember to keep inviting people to join us in service. **We are Lions!** The impossible just takes us a little longer to accomplish!

Yours in service and gratitude,

DG Laura

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FOOTHILLS LIONS CLUB

Melvin Jones 1879-1961: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." This is a quote from Melvin Jones, founder of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International was formed in 1917 because Melvin Jones had a vision of successful business minded people putting their talents to serving and improving their communities. From the age of 38, he devoted himself to the cause of finding civic minded people willing to serve their communities and providing them with the leadership skills necessary to carry out the work. In 1945, he was honored to represent the Lions Club as a consultant at the organization of the United Nation in San Francisco.

Melvin Jones statement, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else", has become a guiding principle for public-minded people around the world involved in Lions Clubs.

Helen Keller: We all recognize the name Helen Keller and the hardships she underwent when at the age of 18 months she suffered a severe fever leaving her blind and deaf. Yet she persevered and learned to speak, learned sign language and learned Braille. However, did you know that in 1925 Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs International to become "knights of the blind in the crusade of darkness"? Lions Clubs International accepted her challenge and have included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness. In 1971 the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International instituted June 1 as Helen Keller Day. Lions Clubs around the world implement sight related projects on Helen Keller Day.

Read Helen Keller's 1925 speech to Lions Clubs International at www.lionsclubs.org then choose About Lions, Mission and History, Our History, Helen Keller's Speech.

Donations: January 1st to March 19th donations were made to the following organizations: CLERC (Canadian Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Centre), Oilfields High School Bursary, Rowan House, Iwa Yama Karate, Community Safety Net, High Country Wellness Coalition, RCMP Turner Valley Charity Golf Classic, Foothills Lions Pin Fest, and Turner Valley Food Bank.

Golf Tournaments: Foothills Lions Family Spray Park Charity Golf Tournament, shotgun Texas scramble, will be held July 15th at Turner Valley Golf Course. Funds raised from the Texas Scramble will go to Foothills Lions Family Spray Park. To sponsor a hole or to book your team, phone tournament organizer, Heather Lunn 403.968.3334. Limited to first 120 golfers.

Meeting: At our March 19th meeting, we welcomed Don Edy - 2nd Vice District Governor, Tom Christie - RCMP, Brian Grier - CLERC (Canadian Eyeglasses Recycling Centre), and several members of our twin club, Woodcreek Lions Club. It was a fun and inspiring meeting as we welcomed new members Randy Reynolds (March 5th),

Justin Jones and Beverley Michalezki and heard presentations about CNIB and their need for Daisy players so those with seeing impairments can hear audio books for entertainment or education, RCMP Golf Classic which takes place at Turner Valley Golf Course June 28, and Woodcreek Lions Club activities. RCMP Tom Christie addressed the Club and stated "What we do for the community makes a difference". It is encouraging to know that the Foothills Lions Club is appreciated for their community involvement and gives us the impetus to become worthy ambassadors of our communities.

Election of Officers: Effective July 1st, Past President - James Lee, President - Tyler Bray, First Vice President - Tim Beer, Second Vice President - Diane Bray, Treasurer - Don Thomson, Secretary - Caryl Ricks, Membership - Glenna Hopkin, One Year Director - John Le Boutillier and Garry Raab, Two Year Director - Barry Hopkin and Barry Crane, Lion Tail Twister - Don Gallaher, Lion Tamer - Ham Kirkpatrick. The following are appointed positions: Health & Wellness - Maureen Parsons, Convention - Sal Olsen, Donations - Charlotte Martens, Media Relations - Carol Gibson. Foothills Lions Club 5th Annual Collector Fest: Pin collectors, mark Saturday, October 19th 10am-4pm on your calendar. This will be a day to start or add to your pins, cards or other collectables. Admission is free and your day of fun will be held at the Turner Valley Legion. Adults and children welcome.

Submitted by Lion Carol Gibson
Media Relations, Foothills Lions Club



Lion Tim Beer enjoying conversation with Woodcreek Lions Club members.



Lion Glenna Hopkin, Christine Bates - High Country Wellness Coalition, Lion Charlotte Martens



Lion Don Thomson, Past District Governor
Lion Brian Grier - CLERC, Lion Larry Williams



Lion Hamilton Kirkpatrick, RCMP Tom Christie - RCMP Golf Classic, Lion Maureen Parso



Foothills Lions Club members with honored guests, Tom Christie - RCMP, Lion Brian Grier, Christine Bates - High Country Wellness, Lion Don Edy, Woodcreek Lions Club members ns



Lion James Lee and Lion Don Edy, 2nd Vice District Governor

**MD 37 LIONS CAVALCADE for DIABETES AWARENESS 2013
REGISTRATION FORM – May 31 to June 2, 2013 – Pigeon Lake, Alberta**

Name of Lion, Lioness, Leo or Guest _____ Club/District _____ Email _____

Will be participating in Lions Cavalcade Parade: Yes _____ No _____

Information re Parade staging area will be provided at registration table in
Lakedell Agricultural Center, Pigeon Lake AB.

There will be a Diabetes Awareness Presentation by Canadian Diabetes Assocation at 10:30 AM

Parade marshalling will be done between 12 and 2 PM

Parade starts at 2:00 PM, Please bring **decorations and Club signs** for your vehicles.

Will be staying for Saturday Meal: Yes _____ No _____ # of people _____
Will be attending Breakfast on Sunday Morning: Yes _____ No _____ # of people _____

Cost for Saturday Meal: Adults: \$ 20.00 each, Children (6 – 11 years old) \$ 5.00 each
Cost for Breakfast on Sunday: \$ 5.00 per person

Tickets for meals may be purchased by cheque made payable to:
Pigeon Lake Lions Club.

For catering purposes we **must have your paid registration** by no later than **May 17, 2013.**

**DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION ON FRIDAY and
SATURDAY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

Silent Auction starts Friday evening in the **Lakedell Agricultural Center, Pigeon Lake, AB.**

A list of camping facilities, motel accommodations and golf facilities is enclosed.
Please arrange your stay well in advance. Our website <http://www.md37lionscavalcade.org>

**THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE RETURN IT NO LATER THAN MAY 17, 2013 TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS**

Pigeon Lake Lions Club, PO Box 156, MA-ME-O Beach, AB, T0C 1X0

IF YOU OR YOUR CLUB ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AND YOU WISH TO DONATE

Please mail donation cheques to: Lions Cavalcade c/o Lion Bryant Ducheminsky
2 Chilcotin Way West, Lethbridge, AB., T1K 7L8

Club _____ District _____

Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City/Town _____

Phone numbers/email for information: 403-453-1257, 403-605-7765 or pdg37e@sunraybase.ca

VISION SCREENING PROJECT

Hello Lions:

I see it is time for another update on our efforts regarding the Vision Screening Project, using the Plusoptix Vision Screening Devices. As with many Lion's projects there seems to be a lot going on. There are presently 12 vision screening devices located in Clubs from Baker to Kalispell and Lions have been busy doing vision screenings ranging from schools, to head start programs to health fairs. Based on the information that I have been able to gather thus far about 10,000 individuals have been screened, with about 11 percent being referred to an eye care professional. While this is not many within the State, I feel we are just getting started. As word gets out Clubs are being requested to come and help out with screenings from health fairs and schools, additionally I know that some Clubs are attempting to get into local shopping locations and providing free screenings. (See sign that the Missoula Club uses)

Part of the agreement that was made with the Plusoptix Company was that when the new equipment was developed and ready for use all of the screening devices within the State, purchased by Lions would be replaced free of charge and the old devices would be returned to Plusoptix to be refurbished and then sold in Third World Counties to Lions Clubs located there. Because the size of Montana the great distances to be travelled to hit all of the communities Lion Jayne talked with the Plusoptix about the Lions in Montana being able to purchase the devices rather than sending them back. After some discussion the Company agreed and so we have the opportunity to purchase the present screening devices for about \$3,000.00 which is about a 60 percent discount.

So in addition to working with the Company to get the new screening devices out to Clubs and the Lions trained up on the new equipment Lion Jayne and I are still working to raise funds to help with the purchase of as many of the "old" devices as possible. By old all of these devices were new, in the box when purchased and most have not been within the State for more than six months, so they really are "new" and are very effective for what we are trying to accomplish, a quick and simple way to screen children for vision problems. [If you or your Club is interested in helping with this project, please make a check out to the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, and earmark it towards the purchase of this equipment.]

One last thing is that there will be a demonstration of the new equipment at the Multiple District Convention to be held in Helena. While the MD Convention is from 16 to 18 May, the Plusoptix demonstration is presently scheduled to happen on Saturday the 18th. Hopefully we will see a number of you there to see the equipment or get updated from the earlier version and see what the differences really are.

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.





Lions Quarterly Video Magazine

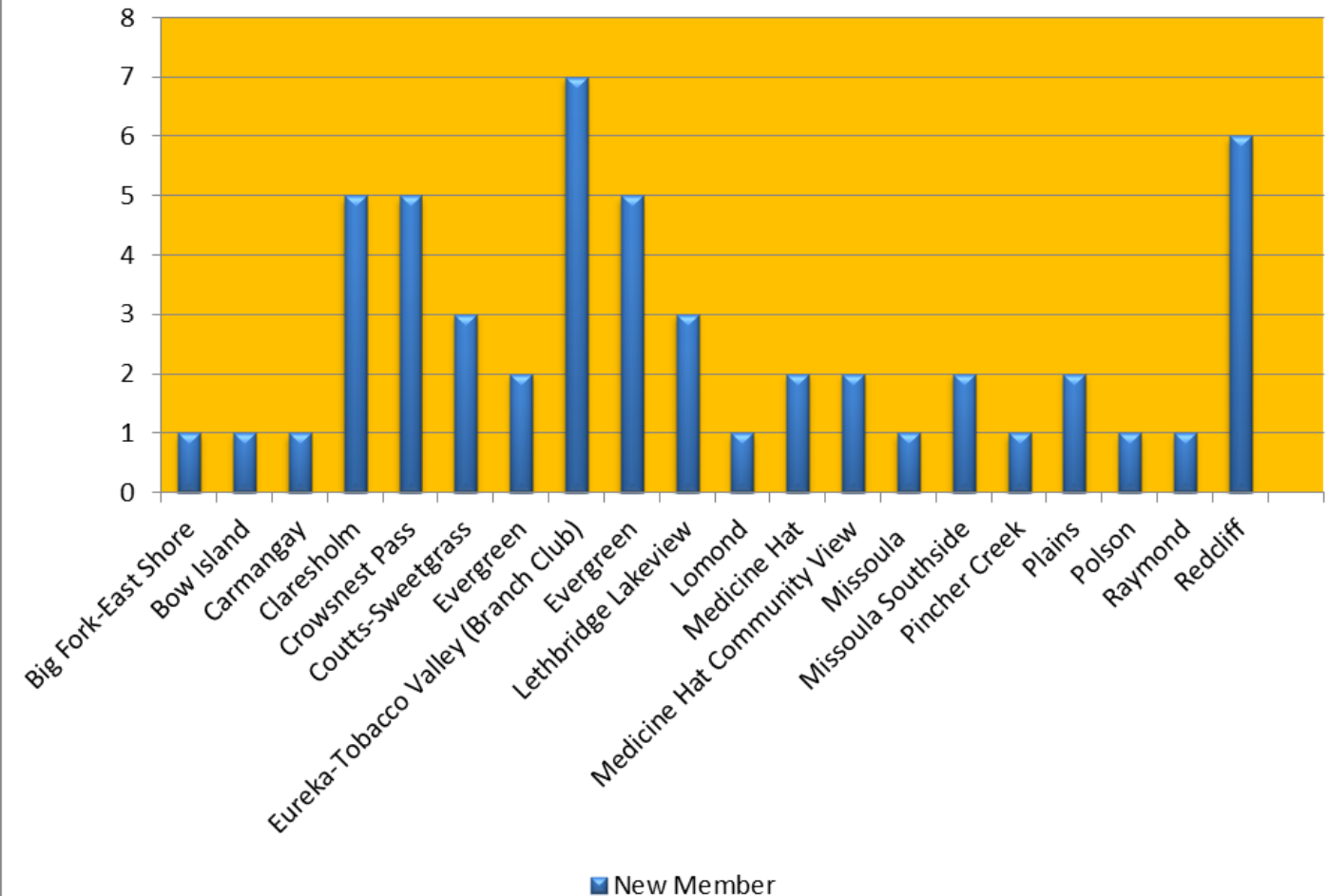


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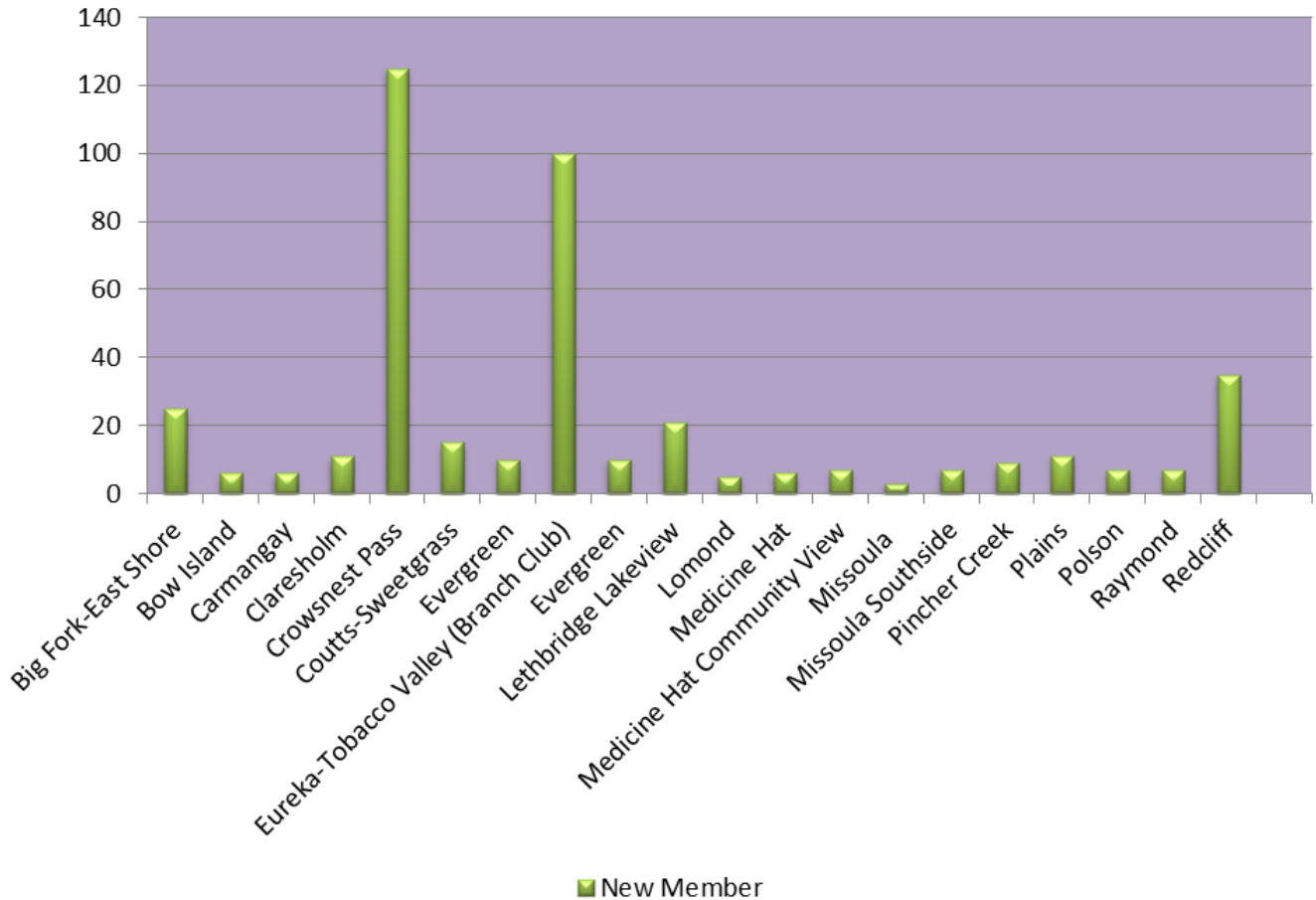
The above link will take you to the video article about the Whitefish Lions Club Farm to School Program.

The club originally listed this great project on the monthly Activity Report, allowing LCI to “discover” their service. A film crew from LCI was present to film the harvest and joined in the warm fellowship with the Lions in this four year old club. The harvest luncheon brought out many Lions from Zone 8 and community supporters.

Net Gain of New Lions Members (as of 03/31/13)



Percentage of Net Gain of New Lions Members (as of 03/31/13)



Great Growing, Lions!

We have two clubs that grew to have over 20 total members this year. Congratulations to the **Plains Lions** and the **Redcliff Lions Clubs**! We have 37% of our clubs in District N with net growth so far this year. Our June Newsletter will share the final data ending May 31. Let's see your club is listed with a positive membership gain this year!