



“Service Through Fellowship”

August 2013



District Governor Message

Greetings to Lions, Lioness, and Leos!

I hope you all have had a great and fun summer. I know they can be short in our areas.

Not everyone has had a pleasant summer. Medicine Hat and many others have had to deal with flood waters (see story further in the newsletter) and the myriad of problems that come with it. Lethbridge even had a major storm with much hail and wind damage. If you missed all that, you were very fortunate.

Thank you to all the Lions who have stepped forward this year to fill leadership positions in the district. It's a big job managing a district this size and it can't be done without you.

International President Barry Palmer's theme this year is Follow Your Dreams. In future newsletters there will be examples of how Lions follow their dream and ways in which you can follow yours whether it is in Lions or on a personal level.

At present we are at 1156 members in 52 clubs in our district. We have lost the Bigfork club that has been in existence since 1968. There are many reasons why this occurred. I believe retention was a major reason here as it is in many other clubs that fail. Future newsletters will emphasize retention techniques. President Palmer has a goal to save 1 in 5 Lions that leave. I believe we can do better.

The district convention this year is in Hamilton, Montana and the committee is working very hard to put on a convention all Lions will be proud of. A major issue to be voted on will be the redistricting proposal (see article by CC Dennis Stevenson). I would encourage all Lions to attend and get the latest information to make this important decision.

I look forward to a great year with the Lions of District 37N!

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District Governor Schedule

As of August 12, 2013

07/17/13	Plains Lions Club
08/06/13	Ronan Lions Club Hellgate Lions Club
08/10/13	District 37N Cabinet Meeting - Coutts, Alberta
08/19/13	Polson Lions Club
08/20/13	Kalispell Lions Club
08/22/13	Seeley Lake Lions Club
09/04/13	Missoula Southside Lions Club East Missoula Lions Club
09/05/13	Helena Gold Rush Lions Club
09/09/13	Kalispell Sunrisers Lions Club
09/10/13	Hamilton Lions Club Charlo Lions Club
09/11/13	Lethbridge Lakeview Lions Club
09/16/13	Missoula Lions Club Hot Springs Lions Club
09/18/13	Whitefish Lions Club
09/23/13	Medicine Hat Lions Club
09/24/13	Lethbridge Host Lions Club
09/25/13	Superior Lions Club
09/26/13	Lolo Lions Club
09/27/13	District S Convention - Red Lodge, Montana
10/01/13	Evergreen Lions Club
10/04/13	District N Convention - Hamilton, Montana
10/06/13	District N Cabinet Meeting - Hamilton Montana
10/07/13	Picture Butte & District Lions Club
10/09/13	Claresholm Lions Club
10/15/13	Lethbridge West Lions Club
10/17/13	Zone 1 Multi-club visit
10/18/13	District I Convention - St. Paul, Alberta
10/23/13	Redcliff Lions Club
11/01/13	District L Convention - Westlock, Alberta
11/04/13	Raymond Lions Club
11/06/13	Irvine & District Lions Club
11/15/13	MD Council of Governors (Go To Meeting Webinar)

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides School

One of the benefits of being a District Governor of an international district like ours was to get to go to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides School in Oakville, Ontario this past June. What an amazing place! I was able to tour both training facilities in Oakville and Breslau. The breeding program is located at the Breslau facility. The puppies are so cute!!

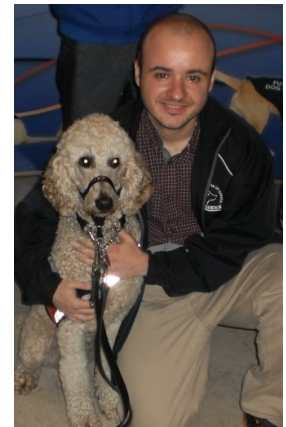
The mission of the Dog Guides School is to assist Canadians with medical or physical disabilities with a dog at no cost. Dogs are now provide assistance in six areas: vision, hearing, seizure response, special skills, autism assistance, and now this fall the first class in diabetic alert dogs will graduate.

Programs like this are so important because it helps those with need to become independent productive members of society while getting their self-respect back. But, just as important is the free from worry that recipient's family gets because a specially trained dog is watching over loved ones.

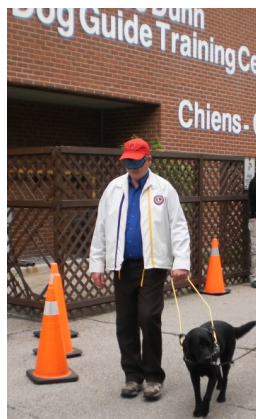
This program is worthy of any support you can give it. It is funded entirely by donations from individuals, service clubs, foundations, and corporations. No funding is received from the government. One of the most popular fundraisers is the Purina Walk for Dog Guides. If you are interested in participating or starting your own, contact PDG Bill Brown at brownwj@shaw.ca. For other ways to support this program such as the Memorial Forest go the Lions of Canada Foundation at www.dogguides.com. It will be my charity of choice for the Canadian Clubs in my district during my year as District Governor. "Fellow Lions,



District Governor holding a future dog guide.



This recipient has found new independence with his hearing dog.



Experiencing the use of a vision dog blindfolded.



Lions Club International
 District 37N Convention
 October 4th & 5th, 2013
 Hamilton, Montana



Name:	Title:	Name on Badge
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PLEASE FILL IN ALL boxes above as we need this data. Thank you.

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On Site Registration (Sept 21, 2013 or later)	_____	x	\$120.00 - \$ _____
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Non Registered Companion Saturday lunch	_____	x	\$ 20.00 - \$ _____
Non Registered Companion Banquet - Saturday evening	_____	x	\$ 40.00 - \$ _____
		TOTAL -	\$ _____

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Make checks payable to: Hamilton Lions Club - P.O. Box 1564, Hamilton, MT 59840
You are responsible for your own Hotel/Motel Reservations.

Convention Headquarters is the **Bitterroot River Inn**, 139 Bitterroot Plaza Drive, Hamilton, MT 59840 (turn at the Dairy Queen)
 Tel: (406) 375-2525 or toll free at 877-274-8274. Room rates in the LIONS block are \$74.00 per night Plus Tax.
 (includes breakfast). **Rooms on hold until August 8, 2013.**

REFUND Policy: If possible, have another Lion take your place. A full refund will be allowed if a written request is received prior to September 1, 2013. Refunds may be allowed within a 30-day period after the convention provided the Lion contacts the host committee and a written application is made to the C.A.C. through the District Governor and Club President.



PLEASE BRING an auction item to benefit Lions of Alberta Foundation and the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE BITTERROOT VALLEY!

Kalispell Lions Awards Night gladys shay

Kalispell Lions Club officers were installed during Awards Night banquet. Mike Chamberlain is new president succeeding Mike Collins. Others installed were Rick Doran, first vice president; Cindy Coats, second vice president; Doug Kalvig, secretary; Curley Grimlie, treasurer; Cindy Coats, membership director. Terry Lingenfelter, tail twister; and Rod Gillman, lion tamer. Installing officer was district governor elect Monte Weisser. A new member, Lori Adams, was inducted by DG elect Weisser. Weisser is also past district governor of Wyoming. Special awards went to Curley Grimlie as Melvin Jones recipient and Rod Gillman, Lion of the Year. Birthday cake was served to honor Bob Lingle observing his 85th birthday anniversary. Fund raising is under way for the 34th rifle raffle conducted by Kalispell Lions club. Winner will receive two guns in the raffle or may choose to take \$1,000 cash instead of the guns. Guns are a Browning X-Bolt--300 WSM with Nikon 3x9 scope and a Hatsan Escort Defender 12 gauge pump shotgun with 18" barrel with flash suppressor. Tickets are \$ 5 each with only 2,000 sold. Drawing takes place at the Oct. 15 Lions Club meeting. Winner does not have to be present to win and will be notified. Winner is subject to federal and state ownership laws.

Alberta Floods

If anyone ever asks why we should donate to LCIF show them these pictures. LCIF gave our district \$10,000 dollars upon request to aid those displaced by the flood waters in Medicine Hat in this spring's flood. We owe LCIF a great deal of thanks for this.

Medicine Hat prepares for the worst: 23 June 2013



MD 37 REDISTRICTING 2013-14

Hello fellow Lions, you may have heard by now that some Lions from the State of Montana have expressed an interest in breaking away from the Multiple District to form their own single District with-in the borders of Montana. This idea was brought to the 2012-2013 MD 37 Council in January and a committee was formed to explore possible ways to redistrict the Canadian part of MD 37. At the council meeting in Helena the committee presented 2 plans, one a 3 district plan and one a 2 district plan, Council voted at Helena to explore these options and the best way to do that is to vote on a re-districting resolution.

At an on-line Council Meeting in August, Council discuss the resolution that was needed to see if redistricting would be feasible, at this online meeting the DG of District 37-O suggested an alternate 2 district plan (the details are in resolution below) and after some discussion a vote was taken and the result was unanimous to accept the alternate 2-district plan.

After council had accepted the redistricting plan a resolution was developed and voted on. The result of the vote was unanimous to go with the following resolution at all district conventions and at the MD convention.

“Be it resolved that the Lions Clubs of Montana separate from Multiple District 37 to form their own single District 37 within the borders of Montana, and the Canadian Clubs of Multiple District 37 be re-constituted as a new Canadian Multiple District C, with two sub-Districts. The redistricting would take place at the beginning of the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

The two Canadian sub-Districts to be constituted as follows:

District A to be the merger of current Districts 37-L and 37-I.

District B to be the merger of current District 37-O with the Canadian Clubs currently a part of District 37-N.”

The timeline for this process would be: voting at all district conventions during 2013-14; voting at the Calgary MD 37 Convention in May 2014; submit proposal to LCI in time for their October 2014 board meeting; if approved by LCI, redistricting would take effect July 1, 2015.

As this redistricting process affects the entire Multiple District it is our responsibility as Lions in MD 37 to understand the process and that all clubs ensure that their voting delegates attend your district convention and MD Convention to vote your clubs wishes.

Remember this is not a decision that a few Lions should be making for the MD it is one that all Lions in the MD should be making through your voting delegates.

Yours in Lionism,
CC Dennis Stevenson

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