



“Service Through Fellowship”



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DG Message:

Greetings, Lions, Leos and Lioness Members,
We have had a terrific year in District 37N and I thank each of you for making this an outstanding year of service and fellowship. I believe that leaders are accountable and want to share the progress of our unique district with you:



- 10,619** number of miles traveled by the District Governor
- 2,637** number of emails sent by the District Governor
- 58** number of visits to 1 Branch , 3 Lioness , 1 Leo and 53 Lions Club
- 1** District 37N was first in hosting a convention with a webcast and live Twitter feed
- 1** new Branch Club in Eureka, MT
- 1** Leadership Training in Lethbridge, AB
- 2** conventions hosted—District 37N Convention, Kalispell and MD37 Convention in Helena
- 1** closing of the Bigfork-East Shore Lions Club
- 1** club showcased on the Lions Quarterly Video—Congratulations to the Whitefish Lions!
- 9** number of members recognized at the International level with service awards.
- 124 new Lions Members**
- 1** \$10,000 Emergency Grant received to assist relief efforts in Medicine Hat
- LOTS** number of “Go to Meetings” held to conduct District and Multiple District business via internet conferencing.
- Infinite** the effect of nearly 1,200 members across 59 clubs engaged in service for their communities and Internationally.

Thank you all for the privilege of representing you this year during my service as District Governor. Your service is remarkable and creative. You are my daily inspiration in understanding the scope and breadth of what being a Lion really means.

The journey continues and sadly, our services are needed more than ever in a flooded Alberta. I urge every club to step forward and help those in need. We must reach beyond our borders, boundaries and obstacles and rise to the challenge of helping those who have lost nearly everything. Our wonderful Lion Terri Robson in District L reminded us of the Mary Anne Radmacher quote at the Helena Convention;

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is that quiet voice at the end saying 'I will try again tomorrow.'



Hello Fellow Lions,

I was elected at the Lethbridge convention to fill the 2nd Vice District Governor position for the Lionistic year of 2011 - 2012 for District N.



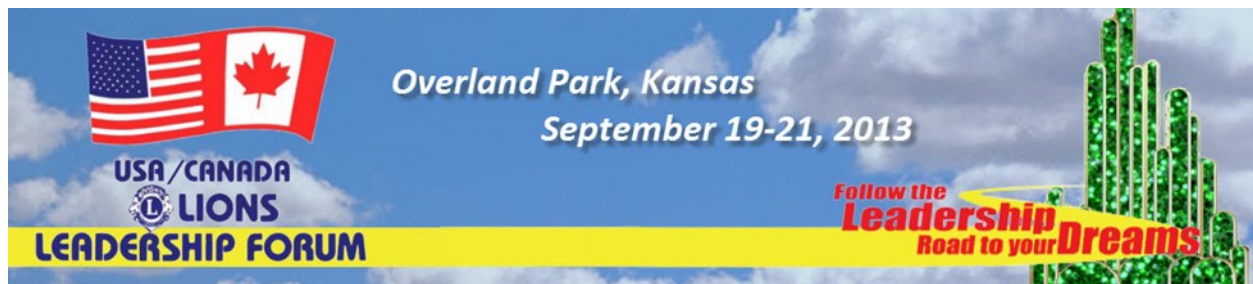
I was born and raised in Missoula and graduated from Missoula Sentinel in 1968. After serving eight years in the Navy aboard submarines, I returned to Missoula to go to the University of Montana (Go Griz!!) and graduated with an Accounting Degree in 1980. Eventually I ended up in Newcastle, Wyoming and stayed for sixteen years. I was the internal auditor and loan officer for First State Bank. At that time I also joined the Cambria Lions Club and served as president during Newcastle's centennial year in 1989. Cambria is the name of the local coal mine that serviced trains until the 1920's.

In my time in Wyoming I met two Lions that had a great influence on me: PID Mick Barrus and PID John Daum. With their encouragement and support I served on the district and multiple district level in many posts including membership chairman and zone chairman culminating as District Governor for 15A for the year 1993 - 1994. I also served as president of the Wyoming Lions Foundation and Council Chairman until my resignation from those posts in order to take a position with Three Rivers Bank in Kalispell in 1998.

Since my return to Montana I have served on the district level as zone chairman, Leader Dog chairman, and many other posts as needed. I have also chaired a mid winter conference (2003), two district conventions (2007 and 2012), and one multiple district convention (2010).

I am single. PID Barrus once told me that no one could be without a family and Lions were his family. He was also single his whole life but raised several foster children. I feel the same way but was a Big Brother for 9 years to a great kid name Preston. I do have a yellow lab named Clancy to occupy the house with me.

I retired from banking in January 2012. I've heard that people are busier in retirement than before. Between my Lions obligations and my part time job with Don K Chevrolet in Whitefish I have found that to be very true. I would like to thank all the Lions of the district for their confidence in me and will endeavor to be worthy of that support in the coming year.



1st VDG-Elect Pauline Cooper

The Lethbridge West Lions Club has been my home since 2008, after I moved from Cardston, AB. I keep very involved with Lions activities, at Club, District and MD levels - and continue to expand my interests to include the more international aspects of our great organization. I feel I am earning my Lions pin by joining with the Lions of Oregon to distribute used eye-glasses during their Health and Vision Clinics to Mexico, and with the Lions of Nepal in raising money for computers for the schools and otherwise spreading awareness of the needs of people less fortunate than we are.

In 2004-2005 I was honoured to serve as the first District Governor in the newly formed District 37-N - combining the clubs in the old District 37-C and 37-D, and with the unexpected vacancy last year in the 2VDG position, I am again honoured to be able to serve our District. One of my goals as part of the District Governor



Team, is to promote and encourage other Lions to take on the challenge, the responsibility and the satisfaction of being District Governor.

I was born in Cardston, Alberta and with the exception of three years spent in East Africa, I spent most of my youth in Southern Alberta. I joined the Canadian Armed Forces in September 1972. I was selected to attend the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario where I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Commerce and Economics, and received my commission as an officer. I retired in January 2000, in the rank of Captain. My military service enables me to continue to serve - in a different uniform, to be sure, but service to Lions is as deep-founded commitment.

Within our own community and within our country it is sometimes difficult to see what a difference Lions make - in my travels, I have made some wonderful friends and worked with the Lions of other countries - not as fortunate as we are - and know in my heart that what we do and how we do it is important - and I am proud - and humble - to be a Lion.



DISTINGUISHED LIONS HONORED

The following Lions & Lioness were recently honored by their Clubs at a combined zone 2 & 3 recognition night May 27th in Lethbridge.

Lion Richard Huculiak – Lethbridge Lakeview Lions Club

Lion Donna Takeda – Lethbridge Host Lions Club

Lion Cathy Anderson – Lethbridge West Lions Club

Lioness Phyllis Moore – Stirling Lioness Club

Lion Grant Nelson – Stirling Lions Club

Lioness Verna Drach – Taber Lioness Club

Lion Pete Peters – Taber Lions Club

Lion Ann Breckenridge – Warner Lions Club

Each Lion or Lioness along with their companion enjoyed a wonderful dinner and were presented with a framed certificate by 1st Vice District Governor Elect Pauline Cooper signed by District Governor Laura Dickerson as well as a rose presented by immediate Past District Governor Sharon West.

Ninety lions, lioness and guests came out to show our thanks and support to these recipients.



Lion-hearted

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On his 100th birthday more than a year ago, Theodore "Ted" Allen, born at 11:55 p.m. on Feb. 28, 1912, remarked that if he arrived five minutes later he would have only been turning 25.

It was a leap year.

And the now 101-year-old Allen, the longest-serving Lions Club member in the world, still has his sense of humour; say current Taber club president Wayne Baker and member Jerry Farrage.

The pair were at Allen's current residence at St. Therese Villa in Lethbridge Monday afternoon to give the life member the club's new official shirt for 2013.

"He always came to the meeting and he always had a joke; he has a tremendous sense of humour," said Baker, who has known Allen for 35 years.

"He's been a Lions member longer than anyone else in the world. Of course, he was that 10 years ago, too. That is something. It's so special."

Allen was asked last year if he wanted to keep his membership - Baker said he got mad at him for even asking.

"I've been a member of the Lions Club since 1935," said Allen, the former Taberite who has lived in Lethbridge for the past five years.

Allen is the only one of the Taber Lions Club's 26 charter members from 78 years ago who is still alive. The club's next longest-serving member has been there for 46 years.

Baker said Allen, who was a generational farmer and also raised competition race horses, was instrumental in having Taber's first arena built.

The Lions Club bought two old Second World War-era airport hangars from Claresholm in the early 1950s, dismantled and moved them to Taber and re-assembled them as the first indoor arena. When it burnt down in 1970, the Lions Club gave the insurance money to the town to build the current Civic Centre.

Baker said **Allen's** long-term involvement is also even more applaudable because of how hard it is to recruit and retain new club members. The Taber Lions Club has 16 current members.

"You can't get young people interested," Baker said.

"Young people these days don't have any community emotions at all. A lot of stuff isn't done by the government. It's been done by service clubs over the years."

"People are going to depend a lot on the charity from service clubs now because of the cuts in the budgets (provincial and federal)," Farrage added. "They'll be knocking on our doors."

The Lions Club International was founded in 1917 as an organization aiming to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale. There are more than 1.35 million members between 45,000 clubs in 205 countries worldwide.

The Taber Lions Club has contributed to the town by sponsoring guide dogs, donating to the handibus and STARS, furnishing a room in palliative care at the Taber Hospital and supporting sports teams. It also runs the concessions at Cornfest and sells Christmas trees and sandbags in the wintertime.

Its most recent project involves the installation of a walk-in cooler for the Taber Food Bank Society.

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Lion Ted Allen is 101 years young and has been a charter member of the Taber Lions Club for 78 years.

It is definately inspiring to both new and old lions. I don't know of anyone who could boast to this many years of service.

Lions Wayne Baker, Ted Allen Jerry Farrage



**Lion Brent Johnson – West Lethbridge Lions Club
& Grade 1 Children - General Stewart School**

Each year the West Lethbridge Lions Club team up with the Lethbridge Host Club to do Project Pride. Grade 1 classes in the school system are visited by a lions service club. We have an opportunity to tell them about the Lions organization along with some of our very important projects such as the dog school and eyeglass recycling. The highlight of our visit for the children is the presentation of a certificate and Canadian Flag to each of them. As club sponsor of the Kate Andrews High School LEO Club in Coaldale we team up with them to do the grade 1 students in their community. We want our children to be proud of our country Canada which we recognize and celebrate on July 1st.

Welcome Lions of District 37N.

This month you are all well into organizing your summer fundraisers. Have you got your brochures all printed or Lion's business cards to hand out to prospective members? As you volunteer, you may notice a wife of a member or member's child helping out. Be the first to ask them to join your clubs, hand them a Lion's T-shirt or apron and make them feel part of your Lion's Family. Remember (as International Past President Judge Brian Stephenson said "you are a service club not a social club"). Women and families belong in our clubs. They add to our clubs through their willingness to serve.

I am now addressing the men only clubs. I know you're memberships are up (in some of your clubs) and down in others, but this is the 21st century and it is time to remember you are a service club not a social Men's only club. If your club is to continue after you all get old you must allow women and families into your club now. They want to serve their communities as well as yourselves do. So, swallow your pride and be the first to ask a family to join your club! Lions International has allowed women to be Lions since the 1980's and it is now 2013.

District 37N Chairperson for Women and Families in Lions
Ellen Tieman



Lions Quarterly Video Magazine



<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/lq.php?id=c5erMViL>

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.

Congratulations to our Whitefish Lions for this creative community project! We all wish you continued success!



Lion Russel Rowledge induction into the MD 37 Hall of Fame
 (l-r) ID Dave Hajny, DG Laura Dickerson, Lion Russel Rowledge, 1VDG Monte Weisser



PDG Sharon West Awarded the Leadership Medal
 (l-r) CC Dan Krum, 1VDGE Pauline Cooper, ID Dave Hajny



1VDGE Pauline Cooper awarded the Presidential Medal
 (l-4) CC Dan Drum, PDG Sharon West, ID Dave Hajny



District Cabinet Chair Lion Ellen Tieman awarded the International President's Certificate of Appreciation
 (l-r) DG Laura Dickerson, Lion Ellen Tieman, ID Dave Hajny



Lion Cathy Anderson awarded the International President's Certificate of Appreciation (l-r) DG Laura Dickerson, Lion Cathy Anderson, ID Dave Hajny

EVERY LIONS CLUBS MEMBER IS A LEADER

“Which way did they go? How many were there? What were they wearing? What did they say? I MUST find them ... as I AM THEIR LEADER.”

I used to think that all leaders were highly educated, skilfully trained and motivationally inspiring as prerequisites for their respective leadership positions. It seemed to make sense at the time that the more you knew about people and problems, the more you could provide leadership to make people happier and the problems less stressful. The leaders with the most power dominated the masses of people who felt compelled to accept and follow the powerful and dominating leaders because the masses did not question or oppose the leaders.

Education, people and management skills will definitely assist a leader in their daily challenges. However, the use of higher technology and theories of human relations do not always make the leader more productive, respected or accepted in most volunteer organizations. Leaders who do not earn the respect and acceptance from their followers will not lead successfully nor will they benefit their volunteer organizations.

My personal experiences with Lions Clubs International leaders has always been related to the acceptance of protocol and professionalism within the Lions “Code of Ethics” where all Lions members ... “pledge allegiance to their Country and to the cause of peace throughout the world, they believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics, they are proud to be a Lion dedicated to the SERVICE of others”. A successful LEADER does not do all the work themselves, take all the credit for the activity or dominate every step in the process to show their superiority over others. We have all seen, worked for or have been dominated by these ineffective Leaders who did not earn our respect or acceptance of them as a person or a Leader.

A truly respected and accepted Leader is the person who motivates others in a positive, enjoyable process of achieving goals, accomplishing several tasks in a structured timeline while working alongside the people he or she is delegated to Lead in a trusted TEAM environment.

Ninety six (96) years ago on June 7, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, Melvin Jones started the first Lions Club that continues to increase in membership, acceptance and respect throughout the world with over 46,000 Lions Clubs, 1.35 million members in 207 countries and geographical areas. Lions Clubs International is the WORLD’S LARGEST SERVICE CLUB ORGANIZATION.



EVERY LIONS CLUBS MEMBER IS A LEADER

On June 7, 2017 Lions Clubs International will celebrate with their 100th Anniversary of SERVICE throughout the World. What a privilege and an honor it is to be a Lions member dedicated to the SERVICE of others under the LEADERSHIP of 100 years of respected, dedicated, trusted and accepted LIONS LEADERS.

Fellow Lions Clubs members, please make a commitment to share your LEADERSHIP skills, talents, experiences and TIME with your Club members to strengthen their awareness of the importance of SERVICE in your respectable communities. Work together as a TEAM to support each other, increase your membership, enjoy completing your activities and focus on the reasons for your SERVICE to help those less fortunate in a respected and accepted LIONISTIC LEADERSHIP process.


PLEASE visit the Lions Clubs International website at www.lionsclubs.org to expand your awareness, gain new knowledge and learn new LEADERSHIP skills to prepare yourselves, your Clubs, your communities and the World for our future LEADERS to continue Melvin Jones' VISION of SERVICE to others.

Submitted by:

Lion Richard D. Huculiak, President Lethbridge (Alberta Canada) Lakeview Lions Club.

District 37N Global Leadership Team Coordinator

April 2, 2013



MEDICINE HAT LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club of Medicine Hat would like to offer for sale to any Club in our District a PlusOptikx S09 Screening device for \$3,000.00

Interested Clubs can contact our Club at lcmh732@gmail.com or call Lion Alan Bergen at 403-403-527-9464 for more information.

Vision Screener

Being our 3rd generation plusoptiX Vision Screeners are supported by an impressive list of testimonials and published validation studies. It is designed to screen for refractive error, anisocoria and strabismus in children starting at age 6 months. Because it's so easy to use it's used by pediatricians, school nurses and Lions clubs alike. Vision Screening can be performed in any child because the only compliance needed is a short fixation of the camera. This fixation is provoked by a specially designed sound target, called a "warble" sound.

Features at a glance

- Proven accuracy
- Both eyes are screened simultaneously
- Screening is performed from 3.3 feet (1 meter) away
- A "pass" or "refer" screening result is displayed automatically
- Screening takes 0.8 Seconds

Full range documentation options



Screening procedure

Performing a screening is simple, takes less than one second and can be performed by non-medical staff or volunteers. Start the camera by pulling the trigger, a sound attracts attention, capture both eyes in the white rectangle on screen and a measurement is performed automatically. Screening distance is 3.3 feet (1 meter) with a tolerance of +/-2 inches (+/- 5 centimeters). Screening results are displayed on screen immediately.

Screening results

Refraction, pupil sizes and corneal reflexes are measured and compared to age based referral criteria automatically. Referral criteria are:

Anisometropia - compares refraction of both eyes

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- Astigmatism - checks corneal irregularities
 - Hyperopia - checks farsightedness
 - Myopia - checks nearsightedness
 - Corneal reflexes - checks symmetric eye alignment

Anisocoria - compares pupil sizes of both eyes

If readings are within limits, a "pass" screening result is displayed. If one or more of the readings are outside of limits, a "refer" screening result is displayed. Screening results are displayed on screen immediately after a measurement is completed.

Screening documentation

Vision Screener plusoptiX S09 saves patient data and screening results in the internal database automatically. This database enables you to review all previous measurements of one child in a chronological order. For paper records or as a handout for parents, you are able to print the following documents:

- a self adhesive label
- a screen shot

a screening result

If your office uses Electronic Medical Records (EMR), you are able to connect the device to your computer network and import patient data and export screening results directly to your EMR.

When used in a pediatric or family practice, photoscreening with the S09 is reimbursable using CPT code 99174. In cases where insurance does not reimburse, most parents are comfortable paying an additional charge for this important service.

Testimonials

Lions Programs

The Indiana Lions KidSight vision screeners like how easy the PlusOptix unit is to use compared to earlier screening devices. As the Program Coordinator, I love the accuracy of the results.

Janice Chapman, Program Coordinator, Indiana Lions KidSight

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation has been using the Plusoptix vision screening since its inception. We own six instruments and are extremely pleased with the results. We screen approximately 40,000 children a year. The screening process with the Plusoptix is quick, non-invasive and non-threatening to the children we screen and gives 98% accuracy results. Our referral rate, which we have tracked, has been about 98-99% accurate and we have had many comments from eye care specialist stating that the results of the test were very exact to what they found upon examination. The Plusoptix is an efficient, accurate easy way to screen children for multiple vision problems which could lead to amblyopia.