



Lions' Tales

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"Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?"

- George Carlin



The Chair's Thoughts...

The new Lionistic year is well on its way and I look forward to making it a great year. We all need to make a concerted effort to increase membership in all clubs, in the Multiple District and I challenge everyone to get a new member, as I will be working hard to get new members in my club. The July council meeting went well, with several items discussed. One of the major items was a quarterly newsletter that will be sent out in August, October, February and June. With the newsletter we hope to keep all Lions informed, as to what is going on in the Multiple District. If anyone has any questions, please contact your District Governor for further activity.

The regional rallies will be discussed further, at a GO TO Meeting, scheduled for later in August. If you have any ideas or thoughts, as to content or even having, please contact your District Governor, right away. The Multiple District Convention will be held in Helena on May 14-16, 2013. Please make plans to attend. More info will be sent out at a later date. The Big Sky Leadership Retreat will be held Sept. 7-9, 2012, at the Red Lodge Lions Camp, in Montana and will cost \$50.00. Please plan to attend, but registration needs to be sent in right away. Get the leaders in your clubs to attend this very informative retreat.

I would like to thank the MD advisors for their very informative dialogue and ideas, during the council meeting. They are truly the leaders in our Multiple District.

Make this year a memorable one by doing whatever is necessary to promote Lionism in all your communities.

- CC Dan Krum

Lion Don Finnamore awarded Queen's Jubilee Medal

Lion Don Finnamore (Yellowknife, NWT) was presented with a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal on July 1. Lion Don's MLA submitted his name for all of the community service he and his very small club provides. Lion Don's comment was that "I have to thank the Lions Club and everyone in the MD for giving me the chance to help out in the community as well as everyone I meet at the District and MD Conventions for their advice and guidance." We need to give him a major thank you for his perseverance and stamina in maintaining and keeping Lions alive with so few members (3 - 5) over the years.

That being said, more congratulations are in order for Lion Don as his club has recently seen a 50% increase in membership, Yellowknife Lions Club now boast 10 members. Lion Don attributes this to "a change in the way we do things, we don't have a lot of formal meetings - we have fast meeting and then we just get out and do projects and that seems to work better with people's busy schedules."

- DG Wanda Coates



Lion Don Finnamore, being presented with a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in Yellowknife, by NWT Commissioner George Tuccaro

The Vice Council Chair weighs in...

As we relax at my trailer parked near the Red Deer River east of Red Deer, I put pen to paper (*likely story - fingers to keyboard is your editor's guess*) to to put this article together for the 1st issue of the 2012-13 MD Newsletter.

I take this opportunity to thank the Lions of the MD for your support in Westlock, AB, in May 2012 at the MD Convention where I was elected to the position of VCC for MD 37 for 2012-13.

We have just returned from the 1st Council meeting in Calgary, for Lions year 2012-2013. I must say things have changed somewhat since the last time I was on Council, but all for the good.

As well as being the Finance Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson among my many duties I accepted the challenge along with a committee of 3 and the District Governors and MD Sec/Treasurer to work with the Webmaster of MD 37 Website. We will get the site updated so it will be a useful tool to the Lions of our MD and visitors to it.

In closing for this issue we hope you all are having a good summer and we look forward to meeting you somewhere in our Lionistic travels, until then, remember, we are only as far away as your telephone or email if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

Teamwork:

"Coming Together Is A Beginning...
Keeping Together Is Progress...
Working Together Is A Success."
Yours in Lionism,

- **VCC Dennis J Stevenson**

Just for PCC Lynne Coulter:
(The rest of you, don't read this)

"You have a cough?

Go home tonight, eat a whole box of Ex-Lax.

Tomorrow you'll be afraid to cough."

70 Years and Counting!

The **Kalispell Lions Club** celebrated their 70th anniversary on June 25th, with an Anniversary Dinner that honored their exceptional service to the community and provided great Lions fellowship for all. This event also included an awards ceremony for the year's ser-vice and installed their new club officers for the coming year.

There is always the challenge in our clubs to honor those Lions who have received multiple awards over the years and continue to demonstrate exceptional service. Lion President Rod found a creative way to honor such a Lion. Lion Curlie Grimlie was awarded the "Top Banana," award in recognition of his involvement in many club projects over the last year.

- **DG Laura Dickerson**



Kalispell Lions Curlie Grimlie (L) and Rod Gillman

Welcome to Our New Lions

Crowsnest Pass Lions Club

Keith Allenby
Imad Randy Farrage
Lillian Mann
Marcus Mann
Doris Matthews-Allenby

Redcliff Lions Club

Ryan McNeil

Nowhere in the Bible does it say there were three wise men.

Notes From the Past District Governors' Association

Congratulations to district governors Wanda Coates, Rob Gingeras, Bruce Bishop, Laura Dickerson and Larry Garrison, as you take over the reins of your individual districts. You are about to enjoy one of the best and busiest years of your lives, and I know I speak for all of us who have been there. You will of course, have your highs and your lows, but the highs will definitely outweigh the lows. Enjoy your year.

Each of you have many Lions in your district who have been in your shoes and are always willing to share their experiences and assist you when and where they can. Just ask!!

One of my duties as President of the PDG association is to send condolences to the families when one of our own passes on. Please be kind enough to forward their names and addresses to me. Also, should a "partner in service" pass on I would appreciate hearing this as well.

I look forward to meeting all of you at various conventions, etc, during this new lionistic year. Again, congratulations.

- **PDG margaret young**
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Lions from Edmonton Southgate and Edmonton Strathcona staffed the "Lost Parent" Booth at Edmonton's Heritage Days August 3-6. Edmonton Host sold food tickets, and South Edmonton ran a "hole in one" event. The Festival hosted over 60 ethnic pavillions and was attended by more than 360,000 people over the week-end.

MD37 Calendar

2012

9 14-16 USA/Canada Forum
9 28-29 37S Convention
10 11-12 MD37 Council Meeting
10 12-13 37N Convention
10 26-27 37I Convention
11 2-3 37L Convention

Tampa Bay, FL
Havre, MT
Kalispell MT
Kalispell MT
Rimbey, AB
Edmonton

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2013

1 17-18 MD37 Council Meeting
1 18-19 37O Convention
5 15-16 MD37 Council Meeting
5 16-18 MD37 Convention
7 5-9 International Convention
11 ? 37L Convention

Strathmore AB
Strathmore, AB
Helena MT
Helena MT
Hamburg, Germany
Westlock AB

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2014

5 16-18 MD37 Convention
7 4-8 International Convention

Calgary AB
Toronto ON

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2015

5 14-16 MD37 Convention
6 26-30 International Convention

Bozeman MT
Honolulu HI

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2016

6 24-26 International Convention

Fukoka, Japan

Lions International lionsclubs.org

2017

6-30 - 7.4 International Convention

Chicago
(100 years of Lionism)

Lions International lionsclubs.org

Production Notes

The more observant among you will have noticed that this issue is kind of brief.

We welcome submissions of your District and Club events and projects, and I will attempt to use as much of your material as possible.

On the practical side, pictures of things happening are preferable to Lions congratulating each other. You may submit almost any format of picture, although JPG, which is native to all digital cameras, is preferred. If possible, reduce the size of the image to 200k - 600k. In other words, a nominal resolution of 1024 is very usable.

For print materials, Word is great (do not embed pictures in a Word document - send them as separate attachments. RTF (Rich Text Format) is available in the "Save As" dialogue in EVERY word processor.

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Here's the proof! Lions have big hearts! The Tumbler Ridge Lions raised over \$7000 for the BC Heart and Stroke society while having fun. A full bike of 29 enthusiastic riders teamed up with a dedicated core of BBQ experts and the citizens of Tumbler Ridge to support the goal of becoming a heart healthy community. This was the fourth year the Big Bike stopped in Tumbler Ridge on its tour of the Peace Region. The Tumbler Ridge Lions encourage everyone to get on board!



Lions Clubs International District 37N Convention Oct 12, & 13, 2012 Kalispell, Montana

Name:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:	District:	
Companion:	Title:	Name on Badge:
Club:	District:	
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Email/Fax:	

Registration (Received by Sept 24 th , 2012)	_____	X	\$90.00 =	_____
Late Registration (Received after Sept 24 th , 2012)	_____	X	\$110.00 =	_____
Non Registered Companion Banquet – Saturday Evening	_____	X	\$25.00 =	_____
*Registration includes Friday Social, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Banquet				Total = _____

Cash Check Money Order Credit Card - VISA MC

ALL MONIES ARE IN U.S. FUNDS

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

***Please note: Your card will show a charge to MD 37 Lions Clubs. US credit cards may be charged a \$12-\$15 international transaction fee by your bank.**

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You are responsible for your own Hotel/Motel Reservations

Convention Headquarters is the Red Lion Hotel. 20 North Main St, Kalispell, MT 59901
Tel: 800-733-5486 or 406-751-5050. Room Rates in the Lions Block are \$79.95 Plus Tax per night (includes breakfast). (Rooms on hold until 9/12/2012)

Refund Policy: If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund if written request is received prior to Sept 24th, 2012. 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 a auction item to benefit Lions of Alberta Foundation or Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.