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From DG Pauline

Well, here we are – into the last quarter of the Lionistic year 2014-2015 – and the last few months of existence for our international MD37. I have a plaque on my wall over my desk that says: “**Every ending leads to a new beginning**”. This has been a challenging year in many ways – getting things in place for the redistricting, new ideas and programmes from International and working towards the Centennial celebrations for our organization.



With every club meeting and every Zone meeting, I feel like I am giving new information and trying to reinforce the familiar. There just aren't enough hours in a day! One thing that seems an ongoing issue – communication – or lack thereof! For one thing, only half of the Zones in our District have Zone Chairpersons – and while they should be the first line between the clubs and the District Governor, vacancies there leave vacuums and clubs suffer because there isn't anyone close enough to coordinate passage of information. The clubs suffer from lack of information also, because, and I am not criticizing – but you all have to get into the digital age and use emails and the internet. I understand that some club officers don't want their personal emails to go beyond the club level – but snail mail (Canada Post and USPS) is not a viable option for most things. I would suggest an option that seems to work in some clubs – create a club email account and give all the club officers the password! I get so much information from International and from the Multiple District, but I have limited success in sharing with all the clubs because there may only be one email address listed for a club and the information doesn't go beyond that one person. We need an email account to send the invoices for MD and District Dues (and yes, you still have to pay them!) An example of a club email account could be “mylionsclub@gmail.com” or yahoo or Hotmail. The world is going digital faster than we may like, but the future is now in terms of communication. It isn't all bad, but it is a change for some of us!!



It is not ideal to have a newsletter that has pages and pages AND pages of information – the content is important, but it is still difficult to read large documents on the computer screen and it is a pain to print off pages and pages. So, what I am going to try to do for the remainder of my year as your Governor, is to limit the pages of the newsletter by just having topics or subjects of concern or interest with the detail on our District website:

<http://e-district.org/sites/37n> Then, if you see something you are interested in, you can get more information from the website. The main issue is – if you are the only person in club to get the email, you have to pass all the information to the rest of your club members! SHARE please!

RLLI – Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be taking place April 16-19 here in Lethbridge – participation is lower than we would have liked, but I am confident that those who will attend will benefit in their personal life and their Lionistic life.

The last two days of this month I will be attending last MD 37 Council of Governors meeting in Bozeman, Montana – followed by the MD 37 Convention on May 1-2, 2015. Hawaiian theme.

I have finished most of my official visits – still having trouble connecting with a couple of clubs, but... what can ya do?! And I have to get all the cabinet members together to sort out the District 37-N affairs before we go out separate ways!

Enjoy the spring – hope to see you in Bozeman (registration form and program is on the District website:

<http://e-district.org/sites/37n>

Strengthen the Pride: DG Pauline

Dates to take note of...

- April 16-19, 2015 - RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Institute) – Lethbridge, AB
- April 25, 2015 - District 37-O Officer Training School – Strathmore, AB **
- April 30, 2015 - Deadline for Lions Waterton Leadership Camp – Waterton, AB **
- May 1-2, 2015 - MD 37 Convention – Bozeman, MT **
- May 23, 2015 - Club Officer Training – Lethbridge, AB **
- May 30, 2015 - Purina Walk for Dog Guides – Lethbridge, AB
- June 5-7, 2015 - Lions Cavalcade Campout & BBQ – Vegreville, AB **
- June 20, 2015 - Redcliff Lions Show & Shine – Redcliff, AB **
- June 26-30, 2015 - International Convention, Hawaii
- July 1, 2015 - New MD – C and District 37 come into effect
- July 24, 2015 - 3rd Annual Foothills Lions Charity Golf (for CLERC) – Turner Valley, AB **
- October 9-10, 2015 - District 37 (Montana) Convention – Helena, MT **
- October 16-17, 2015 - District C-2 Convention – Lethbridge, AB

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CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Let us Help You

Once again we will be holding Club Officer Training to help our incoming club executives with the tools they need to perform their job in 2015-2016.

***Training will be held at the Lethbridge College Saturday
May 23 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm***

Please RSVP if your Club will be attending, the number attending and for which positions you would be interested in. Thank you

***For further information please contact PDG Lion Sharon West District
GLT Co-ordinator e-mail: lionssharonw@gmail.com or call 403-327-
1122***

PLUS-OPTIX: From Lion Jessica of the Kalispell Sunrisers
Email received March 25, 2015

Hello Lions,

The Sunrisers have been going strong with providing vision screening for kiddos in the Flathead Valley, we've only be able to provide this service with the help of grants we received from a local utility provider, Flathead Electric Company.

Since they provided us the grants and we've been able to do so much good work, they asked Lion Dave Falcon to come in for a photo shoot for publicity purposes. We were thinking for a pamphlet, but they decided to go bigger...below is a picture of a bus that runs through downtown Kalispell with Lion Dave's picture on it!!





LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

To date we have not received any applications from a Lions Club indicating that it has a student interested in taking part in the 2015 Summer Lions Youth Exchange program.

Time is marching on

This summer we shall have over twenty LYE students from foreign countries visiting in southern AB. They will spend over two weeks with host families and one week at the Lions Youth Camp directed by Lion Tony Prettegiani of Calgary.

We are in need of Lions Clubs who are prepared to host at least a dozen students in our District 37N; the rest will be hosted by Lions from District 37O.

It would be appreciated if your club can host one or more students this summer.

For more information regarding hosting responsibilities, please contact Lions Edna or Arnold Nelson (aenelson@telusplanet.net) or PCC George Takashima (geotak@shaw.ca).

Your help is vitally important to us and to this program.

**MD37 Lions Convention 2015
May 1 – 2, 2015
Holiday Inn – Bozeman, MT**



Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____
 Club: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ Lion/Lioness/Leo: _____ First Convention: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Telephone Number: _____ E-mail/Fax: _____
 Companion: _____ Name on Badge: _____
 Club: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ Lion/Leo: _____ Non-Member: _____
 Special Requests for Meals: _____ Diabetic _____ Food Allergies _____
 Dress Code: Friday Night is a Hawaiian Luau, so Hawaiian dress would be appropriate.

Registration, including all meals by 14 April 2015	() x \$110.00 = _____
Registration, including all meals after 15 April 2015	() x \$120.00 = _____
Registration Only – No Meals	() x \$30.00 = _____
Friday Evening Luau Meal Ticket Only	() x \$35.00 = _____
Saturday Lunch Ticket Only	() x \$20.00 = _____
Saturday Night Council of Governor’s Banquet Ticket Only	() x \$40.00 = _____
Limited to first 300 Registrants	
All Funds in US Dollars	Total = _____

Committee needs to have registrations by 15 April, 2015 to ensure meal count.
 Check () Please make checks payable to: **MD37 Lions Convention 2015 (US)** No American
 Credit Card: Visa () Master Card () Cash () Money Order () Express

Card # _____ Expires: _____ Signature: _____
Mail Registration to: **Limited to first 300 Registrants** **Information Contact:**
 Leona Deane or fax registration form to 888-270-8091 Jayne Pfeifer 406-580-6442
 1336 Holly Drive
 Bozeman, MT 59715 e-mail registrations to: ldeanemt@hotmail.com

***Individuals are responsible for making their own hotel accommodations. Convention Site is Holiday Inn, 5 E Baxter Lane, Bozeman MT 59715. (406) 587-4561. The room rate is \$99.00 plus tax through April 1, 2015. Block of rooms saved under: MD37 Lions Convention.**
Cancellation Policy: Attempt to transfer the registration to another Lions member; full refund if cancellation request is received by the host convention committee no later than 30 days before the convention; 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.

INTERESTED IN DOING GOLF ON FRIDAY MORNING: YES _____ NO _____



CELEBRATING MONTANA LIONS SERVICE



***Save the date for the Montana Lions
District 37 Convention.***

October 9-10, 2015, at the newly remodeled
Red Lion Colonial Inn in historic Helena, Montana.

This is the first modern day convention since the last one
held in Great Falls, Montana, on May 13-14, 1927.

Have lots of fun and learn more about what the Montana
Lions are doing to help those less fortunate. All attendees'
names will be recorded for this historical event.

***Be a part of history for the first
Montana Convention in 88 years.***

