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There is one official notice in this newsletter – so please pay attention to that and try to get as many people as possible registered.

Goodbye from DG Pauline

Well, it really isn't 'Goodbye' – it more like *see you later, adios amigos, hasta luego, ciao, TTFN (ta-ta for now), see ya later alligator, so long, adieu, Auf Wiedersehen, Sayonara* - I think you get the idea. However you say it, this is the last newsletter I will write as the District Governor of the only international District in our Multiple 37. But it is not the last you will see of me. I am so passionate about Lions that I will have to stay involved – Lions make a difference in the world and I want to stay part of that. You know – “Where there is a need, there is a Lion”.

With regard to the Goals in both Membership and Leadership for this Lionistic year - I didn't achieve them. Could I have done better? Yes. I can't deny that this has been a challenging couple of years – there were times that I wasn't sure I would get through it. But then, then I visited a club and renewed old acquaintances, and met new friends, or read about how Lions changed the lives with their service. Mostly though, I made it through with the help of you – my Lions family. I can't start naming names – you know who you are, and I hope I have told you and showed you how important you have been and are in my life. As for the goals, well, I have a better understanding of what I still need to do as a Past District Governor. My 'job' is not over.

I want to say one thing about the creation of the new Districts: there is a story about the two seas in Palestine, and it is written by Bruce Barton.

There are two seas in Palestine.

One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near to it, and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on out into another sea. Here there is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's

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children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its water, and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink. What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not in the country round about.

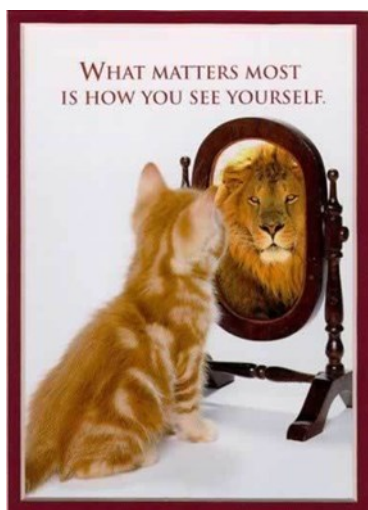
This is the difference.

The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps.

The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named Dead. There are two kinds of people in this world. There are two seas in Palestine.

What I want to say is that regardless of what has happened, or how we got to where we are now, we ALL must be like the Sea of Galilee – giving and living. The survival of Lions is worth fighting for – and we must remember to live one of Helen Keller's quotes – "Alone we can do so little – together we can do so much." Continue to "Strengthen the Pride" so there are more hands to serve. Don't forget that Lions Service isn't just about our local community- we ARE international –be proud that! Borders do not matter! You must believe that we have changed the world with our service – and the lives of countless people - and not just with money. One of my most favourite quotes is: "It isn't the shilling I give you that counts – but the warmth of my hand it brings."

Thank you for the warmth of YOUR hand and helping me to give, and live.





**MD37 in conjunction with the GLT & GMT Area Leaders
Refresher presentations on the Global Leadership and
Global
Membership
Teams**

**Latest information on Team Building, Club Leadership
and Membership Development**

There are two dates & locations:

**June 13 at the Cowley Community Hall &
June 14 at the Devon Lions Hall**



**Start time 9:30 AM
Wrap up at 3:30 PM (both locations)**



Lunch is provided at no charge.

Registration is Necessary

**Registrants need to bring an empty 3 ring binder
Check your MD Newsletter for even more information**

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AGENDA FOR JUNE 13 & 14
June 13/15 in Cowley, AB | June 14/15 in Devon, Ab

930 AM Start at both Locations

Welcome & Introductions	930 - 945
Opening Remarks	945- 955
Coffee	950 - 1005
Team Building	1005- 1025
Comments	
District GLT Team Roles and Responsibilities	1030 – 1050
District GMT Team Roles and Responsibilities	1100 - 1120
Club Quality Initiative	1130 – 1150
LUNCH	1200 - 1230
ASK 1, JUST ASK,	1235 - 1255
Blueprint for Club success,	1305 -1325
Club Officer Training	1330 - 1350
ELLI, ALLI, RLLI,	1355 – 1410
Break	1410 - 1420
Importance of New members, Retention and Extension.	1425 - 1435
What does this all mean and where do we go from here? Do we have a goal or goals?	
Wrap up and closure	1530



Please register as soon as possible!!

The target audience and key groups of people is for this 'Operation Update' are the District GLT and GMT Team, 1st and 2nd VDGs, and as many incoming Zone Chairs and Regional Chairs if there are any. Also other interested Lions are more than welcome.

We also need to have as many PDGs and above who remain involved in our association attend. Things have changed and are changing with the GMT/GLT program. It is not all that helpful to have a PDG who is a mentor to an incoming DG tell the incoming DG that they can just ignore all that GMT/GLT stuff as it really doesn't matter!!

Anyone who has a vision of changing or moving up in a Leadership or Membership role would find this interesting.

PCC Allan Hunt really would like to see this event be a whole system reboot or refresh to ensure that the new MD takes off running.



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.***

