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From DG Pauline

Well, Happy New Year, Happy Valentine’s Day and Happy St Patrick’s Day (and maybe I should add Happy Easter to this!?) Yes, I have been very lax in getting this newsletter written. And there is no excuse for it. I must apologise to the Lions of District 37-N for not being better at communicating with you all.

I have completed almost all of my visits to clubs. I have 8 club visits scheduled and yet to do and I am still having a little trouble scheduling visits with 4 clubs but hopefully it all clubs will be visited before the beginning of May and the MD Convention in Bozeman.

One of the ‘challenges’ this year (besides redistricting) is that there are only 4 zone chairs in the district – 2 in Alberta and 2 in Montana. We should have 7. I have been trying to fill in as Zone Chair in eastern Alberta but I haven’t been doing the job I should be – nor have I done anything for the other two zones in Montana.

On the positive side, the winter driving conditions have been amazing so the trips have been less stressful on that front - and even better, I have been honoured to induct several new members and I want to thank all of you and the sponsors for truly ‘Strengthening the Pride’!

There is so much information posted on the multitude of websites that are available to us – first, of course is www.lionsclubs.org , from there you can access the centennial website – which I encourage you all to explore. Then we have the MD37 website – www.md37lions.org , For the individual districts, just type “District 37N Lions” in the search engine or <http://e-district.org/sites/37n/index.php> . I’m going to try to post more information on the website rather than duplicate effort by including it all in a newsletter. I’ll reference it in the newsletters but that should make it easier for clubs to pass on information that have relevance or interest to your club members. For example – the MD37 Convention will be in Bozeman, MT on May 1-2, 2015 – registration forms will be on the website.

Much has happened in the last two months – January 10th was the date for special conventions to elect the new DG team for our new District C-2. In 2015-2016, the DG will be Hazel Hiebert from the Northeast Eyeopener Club, 1st VDG will be Gail Haight from the Calgary Mountainview Club and 2nd VDG will be Cathy Anderson from Lethbridge West Lethbridge. The DG team is working together on all of the

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the issues that arise from the creation of the new District. For District 37 (Montana), the DG Team will be Richard Gessling from Red Lodge, 1st VDG Jayne Pfeifer. On February 7th, there was a Council meeting followed by a special MD Convention for the endorsement of PID Patti Hill as a candidate for International President. It was unanimous in support of PID Patti!

March is busy with the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Calgary and the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is scheduled for Lethbridge in April. Officially the deadline has passed, but there are still some vacancies. Contact our District GLT Leader PDG Sharon West and/or the MD GLT Coordinator PDG Christine Lank immediately if you are interested. This is a rare opportunity to improve your skills – for your personal life, your professional life and, of course, your Lions life!

There are options upcoming for club officer training – April - Strathmore, AB (District 37-O), May - Lethbridge, AB and something is in the works on the Montana side of the District –(more info forthcoming). It has taken me longer to get this newsletter together for you – and I will try to do better for the remaining months of my term as your District Governor.

Dates to put on your calendar (that I know about!):

March 20-22, 2015	District Governor Elect School – Lethbridge, AB
March 21, 2015	CLERC Workshop (Multi-club) - Stirling, AB
April 13, 2015	Zone 4 Meeting – Medicine Hat, AB
April 16-19, 2015	Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Lethbridge, AB
April 25, 2015	Officer Training School, Strathmore, AB
April 30-May 1, 2015	Final Council Meeting, Bozeman, MT
May 1-2, 2015	MD 37 Convention, Bozeman, MT
May 23, 2015	Club Officer Training, Lethbridge, AB
May 31, 2015	Purina Walk for Dog Guides, Lethbridge, AB
June 26-30, 2015	International Convention, Honolulu, HI
September 17-19, 2015	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Grand Rapids, MI
October 9-10, 2015	District 37 Convention, Helena, MT (first one in this century!)
October 16-17, 2015	District C-2 Convention, Location???

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Hello fellow Lions. I would like to let everyone know of another way to donate to LFC. Head to your local Pet Valu store and make a ‘give what you can’ donation to Dog Guides when you pick up a 2015 calendar. All donations go to LFC and because of these donations, they have helped their second Dog Guide team.

The most recent graduates of the Hearing program is Gloria and Irie, from Medicine Hat. All thanks to donations made to the Pet Valu Calendar!

Submitted: Lion Ryan McNeil



A New Beginning.....

I think Anne (spelled with an `e´) said it best: "Tomorrow is a brand new day with no mistakes." Multiple District 37 will have its' new beginning on June 30th 2015. I have a lot of mixed feelings about *'this new beginning.'* I have been a Lion for over 25 years now and it has, in no uncertain ways, changed my life.

I remember when I decided that I wanted to join the Lions Club. It was in December 1975. My husband had just passed and even though four of my five children were home with me it was a bit lonely. There was a knock on the door and a "Lion" gave us a plant. A poinsettia. He just said "Merry Christmas, this is from the Cardston Lions Club." I was pleased and I thought how nice it would be to be part of an organization that did little things for people without a thought for a thanks or a donation. I promised myself that if there was any way that I could join such a club, I would, and I did fourteen years later.

A new motion was passed and women were allowed to join with an invitation. This became a very important day for me. I decided then and there that I would go as far as I could with the new responsibility given to me. From the different offices in my local club, I went on the serve as zone chair, Regional chair, Vice District Governor for District 37D and then District Governor and then to Council Chair. Everywhere I went I was treated with so much respect, you just have to love the job. What and honor it was/is to Serve. That single, simple act of kindness to me in 1975 made such a big difference and I realized that any humanitarian club in the community is needed. They just make the world better place.

With the different districts, I feel sorry that we will no longer have an international district. I truly believed that the fact that Canada and United States were together made us stronger, and made us more aware of our neighbors. The "Lions Code of Ethics" and the "Lions International Object" is a great way to live one's life. I feel it is important for us to try to live up to the standards that were/are set for us.

So re-districting will happen - and after a while we will get to know more the new lions and we all will be better people for it. The miles to get from club to club will definitely be a new challenge for our district governors and we, as lions, should try to make their journeys a little bit easier. Let's also promise ourselves that we will get more members and that we will make our meetings more interesting so more men and women want to join us in making the world a better place.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Ardith Tjornelund
Past Council Chairperson



Hello Everyone,

Your Club, Your Way!

"Customizing Your Club Meeting.

Are your club's meetings all that they can be?

It is easy to recruit new members when you invite them to meetings that are welcoming and enjoyable. Positive and engaging meetings encourage involvement, facilitate communication and give members something to look forward to. But how do you design a meeting that appeals to members and prospective members who want to make a difference in their community, but have little time to commit? And how do you create a club atmosphere that is positive and inviting?...."

The above is an excerpt from the Resource guide for "Your Club Your Way" which has been prepared for our clubs to use to design their Lions club meeting environment to be a place where both long time Lions and newer members are comfortable meeting in, thereby helping us to recruit younger members both male and female from our communities.

Here is the link to access the complete resource guide on LCI web site,

www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/DA-YCYW.pdf


Special MD 37 Convention Huge Success

February 7, 2015 will be remembered as a milestone date in the history of Multiple District 37. Close to 190 Lions gathered at the Bowness Lions Hall in Calgary at the call of the Council of Governors to consider the endorsement of Lion Dr. Patti Hill for the office of Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International. They travelled from all corners of the MD, as far north as Athabasca and Grande Prairie and south to Bozeman, Montana. They came by plane, bus and car to show their support for an exceptional candidate for this high office. 135 voting delegates were unanimous in their support for the endorsement of Lion Patti.

The results have been filed with Lions Clubs International and the campaign moves into the next phase as we communicate the results to the Lions of Canada and our International leaders. We hope to see many of our Lions in Bozeman, Montana May 1 and 2 (the regular and final MD37 convention) to celebrate this journey to victory. We will have special edition pins and other opportunities for all to join the campaign. All in preparation for the Honolulu convention which begins June 26, 2015.

A big thank you to all who participated in Calgary with special thanks to the Bowness Lions for hosting the event.

Bill Webber PID
Campaign Chair



"Does Your Club Need Money?"

At the most recent Council meeting, we were given information about a foundation based in Saskatchewan that is offering "seed" money to not-for-profit groups, including Lions Clubs.

Canadian Clubs and Clubs in Montana are eligible to apply for this start-up money for projects and community service. And depending on the activity, it is a possible source of money that Clubs may want to look into.

Exerpt from the package provided:

Does Your Club Need Money?

Seedmaster Manufacturing, based in Saskatoon, has established a foundation (Social Entrepreneurship by Design, or SED) that provides "seed" money to community groups, including Lions Clubs looking to raise funds or provide other community service, but needing some startup funds. This is worth exploring!

<http://www.seedmaster.ca/sed>

From that WEB page:

SED is a philanthropic foundation established in 2013 by SeedMaster to mark the occasion of its 10th anniversary as a successful and innovative manufacturer of seeding equipment.

SED was created as a vehicle to thank and acknowledge the communities of SeedMaster's loyal client base.

"We are the Foundation that funds fundraisers. We provide grants for community groups raising money for great social causes. The grants are intended to help cover the costs of fundraising expenses so community groups can have the confidence to dream bigger, be more innovative, and be entrepreneurial when producing a fundraising event."

Ask One in April and Be Recognized



Ask One is a small step that can make a big difference in your membership efforts. And when you Ask One friend, family member or neighbor to join your club in April, you can earn special recognition. Invite a member to join your club in April and you'll receive a [Membership Growth Award Pin](#)! Plus, if you invited a member in October, you'll receive a gold pin and a banner patch for your club.

New Centennial Video: Founding of Lions Clubs International

Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917, the year the United States entered World War I. Melvin Jones, secretary of the Business Circle of Chicago, was among those searching for a way to help improve the lives of others. He invited similar business groups around the country to form a service-oriented club known as the International Association of Lions. [Watch the first in a series of Centennial videos](#) to learn about Lions history, and be sure to download and share this video on social media (use the hashtag #LIONS100) or at your next club meeting or event.

Eye Donor Awareness Month in March

The month of March is a special time to honor eye donors and their families for giving the gift of sight. Eye donations are crucial for research and education, as well as for corneal transplants that can help restore the sight of children and adults. [Lions Eye Banks](#) recover, evaluate, store and distribute human eye tissue for sight-saving procedures. Lions support more than 50 eye banks in eight countries. Recognize Eye Donor Awareness Month in March! [Contact your local eye bank](#) to learn how you can raise awareness in your community about the importance of eye donations.

Book Your Pre- or Post-Convention Tour Today

Hawaii is one of the world's most popular vacation spots, so book your [Pre- or Post-Convention Tour](#) while space is still available. Our preferred tour companies include Goway, Pleasant Holidays/Pacific Island Institute and MC&A, who have designed special Lions tours, including cruises, to some of the most sought after spots within Hawaii's major islands. Book online or contact these Hawaii experts to design a tour that includes the best beaches, eco-tourism, historical sites, golfing and more. [Register now for the 98th Annual Lions International Convention](#) held June 26-30 in Honolulu, Hawaii. We hope to see you there!

Enliven Your Lions Club – Sponsor a Leo Club



Leos are an integral part of the Lions family. "Strengthen the Pride" and celebrate a global network of young people committed to serving others by [sponsoring a new Leo club](#). Lions can make a positive impact on the next generation of leaders by serving as mentors and motivators for Leos. Sponsoring a new Leo club will enliven your Lions club and provide young people with an opportunity to develop as leaders. Charter your new Leo club in preparation for Leo Club Awareness Month in April and support youth development in your community.

Protect Our Environment in April


Looking for a great way to make a difference *and* find new members? Consider hosting a special service project for family and friends during the Protecting Our Environment campaign in April.

You can organize a community clean-up, plant a tree, plan a "green" campaign or a recycling project to make your community a better place for all. Check out the project [planning guide](#) or click "Learn more" for additional information and resources. And remember to share your projects through MyLCI to earn a **Centennial Banner Patch** for your club!

Protect Our Environment in April

Encourage your clubs to make April an opportunity to serve by organizing a service project for the Protecting Our Environment campaign. When clubs invite their family and friends to serve with them, they can make a difference *and* find new members. Download the environmental [planning guide](#) for great ideas that can jumpstart a club project, or visit the [Protecting Our Environment](#) Web page for more resources and information. And remind clubs to report their projects through MyLCI to earn a **Centennial Banner Patch**!





"**Lexophile**" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as, "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish," or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless."

A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location. This year's winning submission is posted at the very end. Enjoy....

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate. ..

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months. ..

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A. ..

The batteries were given out free of charge.
A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress. ..

A boiled egg is hard to beat. ..

When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

Police were summoned to a daycare center where a 3 year old was resisting a rest. ..

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now. ..

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired. ..

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds. ..

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered. ..

He had a photographic memory which was never developed. ..

When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye. ..

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

And the winner: Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

ALWAYS LAUGH WHEN YOU CAN ... IT'S CHEAP MEDICINE



LIONS YOUTH CAMP & EXCHANGE

In the summer of 2015, students from our local Canadian high schools in District 37N will have the opportunity to participate in a three-to-six week youth exchange program sponsored by the Lions of District 37N. This exchange program promises fun and an opportunity for travel to another part of our country or to a foreign country of your choice. As well, students will have the opportunity to make new friends, experience a different culture, and be exposed to a variety of new experiences. Yes, there will be much fun in this venture.

As Lions Clubs, you have the interesting task of providing all of this for a young person in your community. This person – female or male – does not necessarily have to be related to a Lions member. This is open to senior high school students who have good leadership potential and have a strong leaning towards meeting and learning about new people in another part of our universe.

Each successful applicant will be provided with monetary assistance of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars from the District 37N YCE Committee. The rest of the monies will come from the student and his/her family and, hopefully, from the sponsoring Lions club. The YCE Committee will also provide each successful applicant with an appropriate wearing apparel (jacket, vest), business cards et al. The foreign countries include, of course, our neighbors to the south, Mexico, overseas countries such as France, England, Scotland, Germany, South Korea, Japan, and more.

The District 37N YCE Committee will be sponsoring four high school students. If more than one student apply in your community, it will be the club's responsibility to select one student who will represent that club and community. This is the first phase. The second phase will be that once all the applications have been received by the District 37N YEC Committee, the Committee will interview each applicant recommended by the local Lions Club and, if there are more than four applicants, the Committee will select the four successful candidates to go on the exchange next summer.

Where there are Leos in the District, the person(s) in charge of the Leo Club will select the candidate and the candidate's name and application form will be forwarded to the Committee.

The application forms are available on the website. Go to the Lions Clubs International website and type in "Youth Camp" in the upper right hand corner of the MYLCI webpage. You will also find a list of countries involved in exchanges and camps on this website.

Because of the popularity of this important Lions' program, it is best if you could seek out students who are interested in participating in the 2014 YCE program and get their application forms in to us as soon as you can. Once we receive all the application forms, we will interview each one and finalize the selection of the successful candidate. Their application forms will then be sent to the appropriate YCE Chairperson of the country of their choice.

Hunger Affects Diabetes



The [Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action campaign](#) is going strong through January! According to the American Diabetes Association, food insecure adults are at high risk for diabetes. To help reduce food insecurity, especially for people with diabetes, consider the following partners in your community:

- Restaurants and markets can retrieve fresh food donations for a local food pantry
- Healthcare professionals can provide free classes on nutrition and food preparation
- Local residents can help establish a community vegetable garden or food co-operative

Report your hunger service via [MyLCI](#) to qualify for the #LIONS100 [Centennial Service Challenge](#). Help us reach our goal of serving 100 million people by 2017!

Invite Your Friends to the Lions Worldwide Week of Service

The Lions Worldwide Week of Service is kicking off January 10, and we want you to join in the Centennial celebration. It's been nearly 100 years since Lions started helping communities locally and globally. Show the world the positive impact Lions can make by inviting your friends and family to your Worldwide Week of Service project.

[Visit the Centennial website](#) today and fill in our sample press release to get the word out. And remember to use the hashtag #LIONS100 in all your Centennial social media communications!

Announcing the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest Theme



The new theme for the 2015-16 [Lions International Peace Poster Contest](#) is "Share Peace." Kits for

the contest, which include the official guide and rules, flyers, stickers and certificates, go on sale January 15. Lions clubs interested in sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest in their community must order a kit, either online through [Club Supplies](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit) or by [downloading the Order Form](#).

For more than 25 years, the Peace Poster Contest has encouraged children across the globe to express their thoughts on peace through art. [Learn more about the contest](#) and order your kit starting January 15!



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.***





The Grand Forum IN GRAND RAPIDS



USA/Canada LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

September 17-19, 2015
Grand Rapids, Michigan



For details & registration, visit: www.lionsforum.org

**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 _____