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From DG Pauline

I can't believe how busy I have been – spurts of panic to get things done and then short periods of time to try to get my act together! I know that as soon as this newsletter is sent I will remember things that I wanted to share with you.

Since the release of the October newsletter, I have attended 3 District conventions – 37-L and 37-I and of course, our own District 37-N convention in Butte, MT. The Butte Mile-Hi Club were wonderful hosts and I would say that the convention was a great success. Special thanks must go to the Convention's driving forces - PDG Steve Hadnagy, Lion Janet Hadnagy and PDG Ed Malesich. Big job – but big results from their capable hands – Many thanks. Our International guests, International Director Robert Littlefield and his wife Kathy are from North Dakota and I think, enjoyed their stay with us. ID Robert and Kathy helped with the Celebration of Life and had thoughtful, and though provoking words to share with us. As part of ID Robert's duties, he was able to induct 2 new members (to the Butte Mile-Hi Club) and presented three Presidential Certificates of Appreciation. He also made a special note of the service provided by PCC Ardith Tjornelund from the Cardston Lions Club as the first female District Governor in District 37-D, and the first female Council Chair of MD 37, and the recognition of her service as a recipient of the new Dr Patti Hill Fellowship.

There was no voting for the DG team at this convention because all voting for the new Alberta District will take place on January 10, 2015 in Champion, AB. An outstanding Lion was named to the MD Hall of Fame, but because that individual was not at the convention, the announcement will be made later.

With regard to the Special Convention to be held on January 10, this is only for the Alberta Lions in our District. For the Montana Lions in District 37-N, your voting will take place in Bozeman at the MD Convention in May.

There is a LOT of material in this newsletter – some of you may have already received it directly from Lions clubs International, but there is sooo much to do – and so many tools and resources available to accomplish our goals. I sent the summary of my goals to you earlier, and in the January newsletter, I will give you an update of how things stand. I will still be sending things directly to the clubs – using whatever emails I have for club contacts.

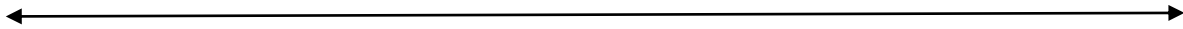
Please be patient with us – it is 'challenging' to keep the continuity of service within our existing District and MD and still do all the planning and preparation that will allow the new DG teams to serve the Lions in our new Districts – AND planning for our Centennial! Wow! Oh, and the two upcoming leadership institutes!

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I have visited a few clubs and have more on my calendar. One special event was held last week when PID Dave Hajny was the guest speaker at the 75th Charter Anniversary of the Fort Macleod Lions. Two other special Charter anniversary celebrations were with Raymond and Warner Lions. Lions were sure active in southern Alberta in the 1940s! For those clubs with whom I have not yet set a date for my visit, I will be working on that in the next few weeks and will contact you as soon as I can.

When I am on the road, especially after a club visit or a convention, it gives me great pleasure to think about the amazing Lions we have in our District and our Multiple District. You know that there is a soft spot in my heart for the Lions I have met in other parts of the world, but it is here, at home, that I am reminded how special you all are – and how very lucky I am to be your representative. Thank you – and stay safe. (PS – Happy Thanksgiving!)



District Governor Calendar: October 2014 - February 2015

Updated 24 November 2014

December 2014

2	Tuesday	Official Visit - Lethbridge West Lions Club
8	Monday	Dental – Yikes!
19	Friday	Christmas Party – Pincher Creek, AB

January 2015

6	Tuesday	Official Visit – Carmangay, AB
10	Saturday	Special Convention for Voting – Champion, AB
12	Monday	Zone 2/3 Meeting, Lethbridge, AB
13	Tuesday	Official Visit – Lethbridge Host Lions Club
14	Wednesday	Zone 4 Meeting, Redcliff, AB
16-17	Friday – Saturday	District 37-O Convention – Calgary, AB
22	Thursday	Official Visit – Seeley Lake Lions Club

February 2015

6-7	Friday – Saturday	MD 37 Council Meeting – Calgary, AB
8	Sunday	District 37-O Cabinet Meeting, Calgary, AB
9	Monday	Official Visit – Medicine Hat Lions Club
28	Saturday	Official Visit – Zone 1 – Location TBA

(Scheduling in process for other official visits in January, February and March)

Corrections to the District Directory:

- Page 27 – Cowley Lions Club –
2nd Vice President – Edna Nelson – Change Fax # to 403-627-3302
- Page 28 – Deer Lodge Lions Club –
Change meeting start time to 0730 pm
- Page 30 – Enchant Lions Club –
Secretary Jeff Wiest – DELETE personal email & use enchant.lions@gmail.com
- Page 32 – Evergreen Lions Club
President – Joseph Keller – Correct email to sjkeller68@gmail.com
- Page 61 – Stirling Lions Club
President – Add - Mr. James Nelson, Box 249, Stirling, AB T0K 2E0, Res: 403 756-3451
Secretary – Add Karma McClenaghan, 346 5th Street, Stirling, AB T0K 2E0 Res: 403 892-9472,
email: karmamc@gmail.com
Treasurer - Mr. Larry Bates, Box 452, Stirling, AB T0K 2E0 Res: 403 756-2330
- Page 65 – Warner Lion Club
Secretary – Collette Glynn – Correct email to colletteglynn@rogers.com
- Page 76 – Cabinet –
Zone Chair2/3 – Grant Nelson – Correct email to grant@nfr.ag
CLERC – Delete Ray Penny – position now VACANT
- Page 93 – Hall of Fame – 2013-2014 – Correct name to PDG Willard (Bill) Brown



Plusoptix Vision Screening

Pictured are Lion Don Hampa and PDG Ed Malesich from the Butte Mile-HI Lions Club at one of twenty one vision screening sessions during the months of September and October. To date 2108 children have been screened with 1673 passing and 435 being referred. This is about a 20% referral. The criteria for referrals can be adjusted for sensitivity in many areas. The local eye care professionals would rather have a couple of the areas set very sensitive so that we may detect problems at an earlier age. Total man hours for the above are 132 and total mileage is 441.

DISTRICT 37 N 2014 CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 7-8, 2014



"Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!"

Dear District 37N Lions!

The convention is over! **"Thank You"** for making this last 37N meeting in Butte the very best ever! I would like to take this opportunity to specifically thank those of you who contributed to our success.

- To the Lions in Hamilton last year who voted & selected Butte for your 2014 convention host city. **"Thank You!"**
- To the Butte Mile-Hi Lions Club who accepted the challenge, **"Thank You!"**
- To the Lions who served on the host committee, **"Thank You!"**
- To Charlene Willett, our Girl Friday, **"Thank You!"**
- To Lion Ed for his expertise and support as my assistant chair, **"Thank You My Friend!"**
- To the staff, managers and owners of the Finlen Hotel & the Thornton Building, we couldn't have pulled this off without your cooperation, **"Thank You!"**
- To Lions Russ Edelen, his wife Julie & daughter Jennifer (newly inducted members). Your commitment to handling registration at the hotel, made our job so easy! **"Thank You!"** and congratulations on becoming members of our great organization.
- To Lion Verna Cragwick for arranging for the Black Tail Band. They were wonderful! **"Thank You!"**
- To all the speakers, presenters and leaders who guided us through our meetings, **"Thank You!"**
- To the merchants of Butte who shared their stores and hospitality with us, you definitely showed that we are the Friendly City, the Can Do City, we **"Thank You!"**



PDG STEVE HADNAGY, *Convention Chair*
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PDG ED MALESICH, *Assistant Convention Chair*
2345 Grand Ave. • Butte, MT 59701 • 406-723-4689 • edsich@bresnan.net

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- To all of you Lions who attended; to those that voted to pay for & send delegates to the convention and to the Cardston and West Lethbridge Lions Clubs who contributed extra funds to help pay for refreshments, “**Thank You!**”
 - To the Anaconda Lions Club for providing the Friday Pasty Lunch, we know you are a small club with a limited treasury, we “**Thank You!**” from the bottom of our hearts.
 - To Cecelia Hanson and her family, “**Thank You!**” The reviews were out of this world!
 - To my dear wife and partner, Lion Janet, “**Thank You!**” sweetheart. I certainly could not have completed my part in this endeavor without your support and help.
 - To the tour sponsors and the bus drivers for your wonderful presentations. Your knowledge of our city certainly made us all proud. “**Thank You!**”

Still Committed to Lionism,

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APPEAL
SOUTHERN ALBERTA LIONS CLUBS WE NEED YOU
Fluorescein Angiogram Retinal Camera

The West Lethbridge Lions Club is appealing to the Lions Clubs of Southern Alberta for donations to purchase a new Fluorescein Angiogram Retinal Camera and printer for the Chinook Regional Hospital. The new machine and printer will cost \$100,000.

During the early 80's our club together with other local Lions Clubs, Kinsmen, Elks, and private individuals raised \$50,000 plus to purchase a Fundiscopic Retinal camera for our local optical surgeons in Lethbridge, to jointly use at the Regional Hospital. This camera has served Lethbridge and area well, but has been unusable since February. The old camera saved thousands of dollars in travel cost for patients, by forgoing stormy trips to Calgary. The hospital estimated that it was used 5 times per week x 52wks/year x 30 years or approximately 7,800 times.

The West Lethbridge Lions Club wishes again to spearhead the fundraising necessary to bring a new Fluorescein Angiogram Retinal Camera to the Lethbridge Hospital. It will be available for use by all area Optical Surgeons and will help keep these top rated Doctors in our community.

“ This Machine as described by Dr. Niel Heyns: is a fluorescein angiogram camera that gives detailed information about the retinal blood circulation. This information is of great value to treat many conditions of the eye, like Diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinal detachment, glaucoma, cataracts and many other conditions. It is his opinion that as eye specialists in Lethbridge they cannot function properly and efficiently without this unit. This FA unit gives them information to make a proper diagnosis and is the standard of care expected in specialist eye care. The retinal cameras used in Optometrist offices are very limited. We as specialists are not interested in that “

Because of the immediate need The Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation has ordered and agreed to initially pay for the new machine so that we can get it in place as soon as possible. We have agreed to fundraise and reimburse them for the cost. The West Lethbridge Lions Club has pledged \$10,000 to this project. We have also received matching and smaller pledges from other Lions Clubs in the area.

We ask that you take this appeal back to your club. This machine will help your local citizens defray extended travel costs to get their test done. **Our eyesight is a valuable gift and is so important to protect.**

Website showing the TRC-50DX machine that is being considered:

<http://editor.absolunet.com/UploadedFiles/images/Topcon/PDF/TRC-50DX.pdf>

A Big “THANK YOU” To all Lions Clubs for your consideration and support.

For more information contact the following West Lethbridge Lions Club members:

Stewart Erickson: stewart.erickson@telus.net or 403-381-7808

Sharon West: lionsharonw@gmail.com or phone: 403-327-1122



LIONS YOUTH CAMP & EXCHANGE

Here is a brief write-up about the Lions Youth Camp/Exchange for our District 37-N during the current Lion-istic year....

The Lions District 37N Youth Camp/Exchange Committee which is made up of Lions Arnold and Edna Nelson and PCC George Takashima has made three proposals which were presented at the District Cabinet meeting held in August. We would like to share with you three items of importance.

First, we would like to provide opportunities for three of our high school students to take part in the Youth Exchange program during the summer of 2015. Each of the three selected students will have an opportunity to visit a country of his/her choice for up to six weeks. Depending on the country, the time may be shorter than six weeks. A student may wish to visit another part of Canada or the United States, or overseas to an European country (ie England, France, Germany, Italy) or somewhere in Asia/south-east Asia. Preference will be given to a child, grandchild, great grandchild, Leos, in our District. Having said that, it is open to other students as well. We are asking local Lions Clubs to seek out someone who may be not only interested in being a YE student but who would do us proud.

In the event there are two or more students from the same high school who are interested in taking part in this program, the local Lions Club will set up a criteria for selecting a candidate. In the case of Leos, if there are two or more expressing interest in this program, the advisors of the said Leo Club will determine how a candidate will be selected. There can only be one name of a candidate put forth by the Lions/Leo Club to the District YCE Committee.

At the District level, if there are more than three applicants put forth by Lions/Leo Clubs, the District committee will set up a criteria for determining which three applicants will be accepted.


The successful candidate and his/her family will be responsible for funding the trip; Once the candidate has gone to his/her destination, the she/he will be taken care by the host Lions Club(s) during the duration of the trip. The student will likely be hosted by two or more families. The District YEC Committee will provide some financial assistance to each successful candidate up to One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars.

Please think about this as a very worthwhile project for your club. We will be sending more information to you via the Governor's newsletter. Deadline for receiving application at the District level will be January 31, 2015.

Secondly, we would like to remind all Lions in our District that sponsoring an incoming student to our District is the responsibility of the local Lions Club. The local Lions Club will make sure that there are two or more host families willing to receive students into their homes.

Thirdly, we will be accepting YE students from foreign countries during December for three weeks. We are therefore looking for Lions Clubs that will be willing to take up the responsibility of hosting one or more foreign students. Please let the District committee members know.

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.

The deadline for receiving application forms will be January 20, 2015.

Application forms can be mailed to

*Lions Arnold and Edna Nelson, Box 2039, Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 or
PCC George Takashima, 3112-29 Street South, Lethbridge, AB T1K 7J9*

If you have any question or need further information, contact PCC George at 403-328-0156 or send him an e-Mail to gptak@shaw.ca

Looking forward to hearing from you and receiving application forms.

District 37N YCE Committee



Free monthly membership webinars provided by Lions Clubs International:

The Membership Development Division invites you to participate in our free monthly webinars! These webinars provide an opportunity for Lions to learn about various membership programs and discuss membership topics. Webinars are conducted in English only.

Webinars are recorded and posted on the LCI website. Below is the schedule of upcoming webinars.

Space is limited so register today! Go to the LCI website and search for “membership webinar”.

Questions? – contact District Membership Coordinator is PDG Laura Dickerson - mtlionlaura@yahoo.com

Show Your Lions Pride through Awards and Recognition

Lions Clubs International offers many awards to recognize Lions, clubs and district for outstanding efforts. This webinar will review ways to earn recognition in areas of membership growth, years of service, member satisfaction and more!

Tuesday, January 29, 2015 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. (CDT)

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“Calling All Future Leaders - Opportunity is Knocking “

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

March 7-9, 2015

Location: Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Language: English and French

Submission Deadline: December 22, 2014

Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels.

Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor.

It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the zone, region and district levels.

This institute is targeted to Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions who are region and zone chairpersons, as well as second vice district governors are encouraged to apply to this institute

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. Applications will be available four months prior to the event. If you are interested in applying, please download the application from the list below or obtain a copy of the application from your Global Leadership Team District Coordinator. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

Cost of the Institute

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US\$95.00 will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO: PDG Sharon West @ lionsharonw@gmail.com

An application form is enclosed in this newsletter, but a fillable PDF form is available on the District website: e-district.org/sites/37n

For more information on this and other leadership institutes, contact District 37-N GLT Coordinator – PDG Sharon West - lionsharonw@gmail.com



ADVANCED LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Calgary, Canada

March 7-9, 2015

The purpose of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute is to provide Lions leaders with an opportunity to enhance skills in preparation for leadership responsibilities at the zone, region and district levels.

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates for this institute must be from Constitutional Area I & II - United States of America, its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas & Canada. This institute will be conducted in English and French. Candidates must be capable of understanding and participating in the language of instruction at this institute.
2. Candidates must be Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions members who are currently serving as club presidents will be considered on a space-available basis.
3. Candidates must be willing to commit to attending all days of the institute, including group mealtimes, and understand personal time is extremely limited. **Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.**

COST OF THE INSTITUTE

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the schedule of the institute. Please note that according to board policy, a non-refundable participation fee of US\$95.00 will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. Please do not send fees until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute. Participants are also responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

SELECTION PROCESS

Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. In the selection process the Leadership Division strives to achieve maximum geographical representation of districts throughout the constitutional area. All candidates will be notified of selection status no more than two weeks after the application deadline via the email address provided on the application form.

The Leadership Division of Lions Clubs International reserves the right to cancel any institute or language-specific classroom due to insufficient applications submitted by the stated application submission deadline date.

The division maintains the quality of all aspects of the institute, ALLI 701

including program, faculty and the selection process of participants. The division works in concert with the International President and the Leadership Committee of the International Board of Directors.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All candidates must complete the following items and submit them as indicated below. All completed documents must be submitted by the stated application submission deadline date in order to be considered. Asterisked (*) forms are attached.

- A. *Application Form
- B. *Nomination Form
 1. Must be signed by the **District Governor and Global Leadership Team District Coordinator of the applicant's district.
 2. Should be reviewed and supported by the First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor prior to submitting to LCI.

**Applicants from a provisional zone or provision region must have the signature of the Zone Chairperson or Region Chairperson and Global Leadership Team Area Leader, respectively, in lieu of the District Governor.

Expectations of ALLI graduates:

1. Pursue additional leadership roles and responsibilities in their respective zones, regions, and districts.
2. Help to develop Lions leaders in their respective clubs, zones, and districts.
3. Serve as a leadership resource in their respective zones, regions, and districts.
4. Share their institute experiences with members of their zone and district and encourage other qualified Lions to apply to the institutes.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE:

December 22, 2014

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Institutes & Seminars Department

Lions Clubs International

Fax: 630-706-9010

E-mail: institutes@lionsclubs.org

*To facilitate processing of your application, please submit the **writable pdf** version of this form.*

*To ensure timely receipt of your application, please submit by **e-mail or fax**.*



ADVANCED LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Calgary, Canada

March 7-9, 2015

APPLICATION FORM

Application Submission Deadline Date: December 22, 2014

Purpose: The purpose of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute is to provide Lions leaders with an opportunity to enhance skills in preparation for leadership responsibilities at the zone, region and district levels. Please type or print.

District Number _____ Membership Number _____

First Name _____ Last/Family Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Current Lions Title _____ Highest Lions Office Held _____

Language Preference English French

E-Mail* _____ Preferred Telephone _____

**Will be used for ALL communication regarding the Institute*

State/Province _____ Country _____ Gender: Male Female

Lions Club Name _____ Club Number _____ Month and Year Joined: _____

Lions Leadership Institutes Previously Attended (Locations & Dates) _____

Most recent term as Club President and Lions Club Name: _____

Offices Held Within Current Lions Club: _____

Committee Positions Held Within Current Lions Club: _____

Previous Lions Clubs of which you have been a member: _____

Offices held within previous Lions Clubs: _____

Comments: _____

Yes, I am capable of understanding and participating in the language of instruction at this institute.

Lions Clubs International is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or other personal events, lost or stolen property of participants. Participants are requested to carry medical insurance information in the event they require medical services.

Candidate Signature  _____ Date _____



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NOMINATION FORM

Application Submission Deadline Date: December 22, 2014

PLEASE NOTE: The District Governor and Global Leadership Team District Coordinator of the applicant's district must complete this form. Please see Application Procedure instructions. Please type or print.

1. Please complete this information about THE CANDIDATE:

First Name _____ Last/Family Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Why will this candidate benefit from attending the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute?

Yes, this Lion is capable of understanding and participating in the language of instruction at this institute.

2. DISTRICT GOVERNOR--Please complete this information:

I understand and agree that in the event that the above named candidate is selected to attend and does not cancel his/her registration for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in writing 10 days prior to the institute, or does not attend any portion of the institute, the district will be billed for one night's meals and lodging according to Board policy.

I have read and agree to the above cancellation policy statement.

First Name _____ Last/Family Name _____ Email _____

Signature of District Governor _____ Date _____

YES! This application has been reviewed and supported by the First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor, prior to its submission to LCI.

3. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM DISTRICT COORDINATOR--Please complete this information:

First Name _____ Last/Family Name _____ Email _____

Signature of District GLT Coordinator _____ Date _____



From Barry J. Palmer, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF):

Dear Lions,

Being a Lion means caring about our communities and about the well-being of others. Lions want to help people have better lives, and Lions Clubs Foundation (LCIF) supports that compassionate work. Through vision screenings, service projects and community involvement, Lions and LCIF are making positive contributions every day.

LCIF works to fight diseases worldwide. In West Africa, we are providing support to those affected by Ebola, focusing primarily on food programs for vulnerable communities. An even more contagious and deadly disease is measles. Measles kills 330 children each day, and may create lasting health issues for those who survive. There is a global need for vaccination efforts to fight this disease. Lions and LCIF continue to work tirelessly with our [partners](#) to bring vaccination campaigns to the areas of the world where they are most needed. In October, Lions in Tanzania were key social mobilization partners in a GAVI-supported MR campaign that vaccinated some 21 million children between 9 months to 14 years against measles and rubella. Your [donation](#) supports Lions as they **make sure that children have access to life-saving vaccines**.

Thank you for your support and your dedication to improving health worldwide!

I REALLY DO WANT TO VISIT YOU AND YOUR CLUB!

**CLUB REQUEST
FOR GOVERNOR'S VISIT - 2014-2015**

Club Name _____

Contact name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Meeting Location: _____

Requested date of visitation in order of preference:

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

Meeting Time: _____ Dinner meeting? _____

Will there be any other clubs visiting? Yes ____ No ____

If so, name them: _____

Will Governor be expected to speak? Yes ____ No ____

Specific topic? _____

Will Governor be expected to install officers? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please have information ready for the Governor.

Will Governor be expected to induct new members? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please advise the number of LCI NEW MEMBER KITS and PINS that will be required.

Will Governor be expected to give out Awards? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please have the information prepared for the Governor prior to arrival.

Any additional comments or requests?

Please return this request form ASAP, so I can schedule my club visits. I will correspond to your club as to which date works well for me. Remember the earlier I receive your request, the easier it will be for me to fulfill your first choice.

Please forward this form to:

Lion Pauline Cooper

3115-31 St S, Lethbridge, AB Canada T1K 6S9

(or PO Box 394, Babb, MT USA 59411)

Residence: (403) 380-3116 Cellular: (403) 332-2340

Email: lionpauline@gmail.com

Yours in Lionism,

**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 _____



Join the CENTENNIAL Service Challenge

(District Centennial Coordinator – VDG Cathy Anderson – canderson53@shaw.ca)

Wouldn't it be great if EVERY club in our District would participate?!

Excerpts from letters sent by Joe Preston, President:

Dear Lions,

There's never been a better time to be a Lion!

Lions Clubs International will celebrate 100 years of service in 2017. This is a moment to reflect. It's a time to look ahead to the future. But more importantly, it's a time to act. I'm inviting you to be part of this special moment in our history by supporting a new global service initiative to celebrate our Centennial. The Centennial Service Challenge encourages Lions around the world to serve 100 million people by December 2017.

Lions can take part in the Centennial Service Challenge by supporting our Global Service Action Campaigns through the year: Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger, and protecting Our Environment. To achieve our goal, Lions will need to help 25 million people in each campaign. The challenge is big. It's ambitious. And it speaks to the heart of being a Lions.

As Lions, we know that a single act of service, one occasion of kindness, can change a life. But when 1.35 million members come together to service, we can change the world.

Every club can play a part in reaching our goal of service 100 million people. We'll recognize clubs and districts that participate in the serve challenge with special Centennial Banner Patches. Donation to LCIF earmarked for sight, youth, disaster relief and the measles initiative will also qualify toward your Centennial recognition.

Join me in supporting the Centennial Service Challenge. There's never been a better time to serve than now!



Dear Lion,

Thank you for joining us on this journey to Lions Clubs International's Centennial in 2017. As we approach 100 years of service as an association, Lions around the world are celebrating by coming together to meet our Centennial goal of serving 100 million people. Every club can play a part in this historic event that will showcase the strength of Lions and the power of service to the world.

To honor the legacy of our founder, we're kicking off the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January to celebrate the birthday of Melvin Jones. Lions all over the world will be participating, and we want you to be a part of it! It's a great way to get involved in the Centennial celebration and show your friends and family what it means to be a Lion.

Visit the Lions Worldwide Week of Service website and start planning your project today. Remember, when Lions join together in service, we can change the world!

Join the Worldwide Week of Service in January

The Worldwide Week of Service in January is an international event that brings Lions around the world together for a special week of celebration and service. It's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Your club can join the event by hosting a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10-16. You can even earn a special Centennial Banner Patch for your club by reporting your project on the MyLCI Service Activity Report!

Make sure you share photos of your service project on social media. Use the hashtag #Lions100, and we'll share your images on the LCI Facebook page.

Whatever you do for the Worldwide Week of Service in January, make it a special day!

Start Planning Today:

Here's how your club can take part in this special service event:

1. Plan your project— Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10–16.
2. Share your project— Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
3. Report your project— Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club.

Download the service week flyer and share it with your club, then start planning your service project. Don't miss your opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service in January!

Visit the Centennial website for news and updates as we continue our journey to 2017 -

www.lions100.org

Your club can earn a Centennial Banner Patches with a special gemstone design each year you support our Global Service Action campaign to impact Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment.



Fight Hunger in Your Community

Hunger affects rural, urban and suburban areas of every nation and every community. Your club can help those who don't have enough to eat by participating in the Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action Campaign during December and January, or at any time throughout the year. Projects include volunteering at a local food bank, delivering food baskets to people in need or sponsoring a food drive for a local pantry. Get started now! Find a food bank at the Global Food Banking Network. Be sure to report your project on MyLCI to qualify for the Centennial Service Challenge, and help us reach our goal of serving 100 million people by 2017.

Ask One:

Clubs around the world have energized their membership with Ask One, so check out the Ask One Web page today. You can watch the Ask One video, find tools to promote your club in the media and download the Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide. Send photos of your new members to AskOne@lionsclubs.org with your club name in the subject line, and we'll share them with Lions around the world. Inviting new members is something that all Lions can do throughout the year, so ask your Lions to Ask One today!



Achieve Club Excellence with CEP

The Club Excellence Process is a fun, interactive workshop that brings members together and helps strengthen service, improve club effectiveness and enhance your membership experience. In order to make it easier for your club to participate, we offer two versions of CEP. Your club can choose between CEP Pro, in which a trained Lion facilitator guides members through the workshop, and CEP Lite, with a member of your own club leading the workshop. Help your club achieve excellence and register today!

Get Involved in the 2015 Environmental Photo Contest

Show your pride and commitment to preserving the environment by taking part in the 2015 Environmental Photo Contest. Categories include Animal Life, Plant Life, Landscapes and Weather. Clubs are encouraged to hold a local Photo Contest and submit the Best of Show photo to their district office. Districts must send their winning photo to their Multiple Districts by January 15, 2015. Winners in each category are chosen at the Lions Clubs International Convention. Learn more about the annual Environmental Photo Contest and how Lions club members can enter.

Celebrate International Leo Day in December

On December 5, we celebrate International Leo Day. This is an annual occasion to commemorate the organization of the first Leo club on December 5, 1957 and applaud Leos for their dedicated service in their communities. If your Lions club isn't involved in the Leo Club Program, consider sponsoring an Alpha Leo club today! Leo clubs offer young people an opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills and gain experience as project organizers and motivators. Join Leos and fellow Lions around the world as they celebrate International Leo Day next month.



BAD PARROT

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary.

Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "**May I ask what the turkey did?**"

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Medicine Hat Lions

On October 4th, seventeen Lions and family members arrived at Prairie Gleaners to cut sweet peppers. We were very lucky it was not onion day – I could not have survived it. Back track to May. Our programs committee invited the Prairie Gleaners to come talk to the club. Many of us were very impressed and suggested that this was something we should get involved with. Prairie Gleaners is an organization made up of volunteers who clean, cut, dehydrate and package food to be sent to places where food is in dire need. Such places recently have been the typhoon in the Philippines and earthquake areas of the Far East.

We arrived for a briefing at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Who would have thought that our area of the prairies produces so much that we spoiled Canadians will not eat? If a sweet pepper has only two bumps on the bottom, it is considered a throw away. Any small blemish makes it unsuitable for our supermarkets. All good nutritious food... In comes Prairie Gleaners. After our orientation we went into the prep area where we saw a palate of sweet peppers stacked more than 6 feet in the air.

We washed and cut the peppers, with the core going into a compost bucket and the good flesh into another bucket which is then taken into a room with a chopper which looks a little like an auger. From there they go into the drying machines and then packaged along with all other vegetable like onions, carrots, beans and corn. All these vegetables are locally grown. A fun morning and a good feeling inside.

