

PRAIRIES to PEAKS



October 2014

District 37N

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From DG Pauline:

If you have read the first three newsletter of this Lionistic year, you may have wondered why I haven't really mentioned any of the subjects that have been in the Lion magazine or in any of the emails you may have received from International.

Well, for the most part, there is just soooo much going on. Our International President Joe Preston has a wonderful theme - Strengthen the Pride - and written a song that is really meaningful and easy to sing along with (however - you really don't want to hear me singing!) Anyway, there are many aspects to the President's theme, there are several new tools for making our clubs stronger, for increasing membership, for planning for the future - for our Centennial. The logo for the centennial has an amazing tag line – Where there's a need, there's a Lion. How much better can it get?! And so simple.

I'm not used to having a 'team' to share the message and the work - I know that there have always been Lions around to help me - and they have. But there is too much going on - or so much that 'could' be going on, that one person cannot do it. I am very lucky to have VDG Cathy, PDG Sharon West as Global Leadership Team Leader, PDG Laura Dickerson as Global Membership Team Leader and my Zone Chairs - Lion Michelle Harris, Lion Grant Nelson, Lion Russ Edelen and Lion Mike Collins.

I guess the biggest news for you is that the request for redistricting of our Multiple District has been approved and will be effective July 2015. So, what does that mean to you? A change to be sure. But basically, it means that in July we will no longer be an international District or Multiple District. Montana will become a stand-alone Single District and the rest of the Multiple District will be divided into two sub Districts of the newly created Multiple District "C". The Lions Clubs north of the existing District 37-O will combine to form a new sub District and will be MD C-1 and the clubs from District 37-O and the Canadian Clubs in 37-N will form together to create a brand new District C-2. Obviously with the change in boundaries, we (37-N) will have a much smaller District while the Lions in 37-O will have a slightly larger District. Everything needs to be changed since we will no longer be international - new constitution and by laws, policies, 'uniforms', dues structures, etc etc. There are many unanswered questions right now on how thinks like voting will go, don't hesitate to ask any question that YOU have – and VDG Cathy and I will try to get answers for you – and if you have any suggestions

So, my dear friends, it is less than a month away until our last District 37-N Convention in Butte. PDG Steve, PDG Ed and the Butte Mile-Hi Lions have been working hard to make this convention memorable – let's add your attendance to the convention to enrich our experience!

See you in Butte!

District Governor Calendar: October 2014 - February 2015

Updated 10 October 2014

Octobe	er 2014		1			
	14	Tuesday	Lethbridge Host – New Member Evening			
	24-25	Friday-Saturday	District 37I Convention – Camrose, AB			
	28	Tuesday	Official Visit – Charlo Lions Club			
	31	Friday	District 37L Convention – Edmonton, AB			
Novem	iber 20	14				
	1	Saturday	District 37L Convention – Edmonton, AB			
	5	Wednesday	Official Visit – Missoula Lions Club			
	7-8	Friday-Saturday	District 37N Convention – Butte, MT All Welcome!			
	9	Sunday	District 37N Cabinet Meeting – Butte, MT All Welcome!			
	11	Tuesday	Official Visit – Warner Lions Club			
	14-15	Friday-Saturday	MD 37 Council Meeting – Calgary, AB			
	16	Sunday	District 37O Cabinet Meeting – Calgary, AB			
	22	Saturday	day Fort Macleod Lions – 75 th Charter Anniversary Celebration			
Decem	ber 201	14				
	2	Tuesday	Official Visit - Lethbridge West Lions Club			
Janua	ry 2015					
	13	Tuesday	Official Visit – Lethbridge Host Lions Club			
	16-17	Friday – Saturday	District 37-O Convention – Calgary, AB			
	22	Thursday	Official Visit – Seeley Lake Lions Club			
Februa	ary 201	5				
	6-7	Friday – Saturday	MD 37 Council Meeting – Calgary, AB			

DISTRICT DIRCTORY:

The District Directory has been printed and as soon as the holes are punched, it will be sent to all of the clubs. 2 copies for each club will be sent for the secretary and president at no cost to the club, and if anyone else wants their own copy, it will be \$5 each. Please let Lion Ardith (Cabinet Secretary) know. (37n.secretary@gmail.com)

OCTOBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

"JUST ASK" someone who has a heart like you....and bring your newest candidate to the Convention in Butte next month - ID Robert Littlefield would LOVE to induct as many new members as possible! (Let me know?)



District 37N Youth Camp/Exchange Committee

Here is a brief write-up about the Lions Youth Camp/Exchange for our District during the current Lionistic 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.

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 pref	erence:		
1st			
2nd			
3rd			
Meeting Time: Dinner meeting?			
Will there be any other clubs visiting?	Yes	No	
If so, name them:			
If so, name them: Will Governor be expected to speak? Specific topic?	Yes	No	
Specific topic?			
will Governor be expected to install officers?	res	No	
If yes, please have information ready for the Gov			
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Will Governor be expected to give out Awards?	Yes	No	
If yes, please have the information prepared for	the Gover	rnor 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: <u>lionpauline@gmail.com</u>

Yours in Lionism,

Sign Up! Be Dart of History!

ign Up! As we all know this will be the last International District N Convention Ever!!

The times are a changing - we hope you will choose to join us in Butte for this final history making convention.

November 7th & 8th - Butte, MT Great Speakers

ID Robert Littlefield PID Dave Hajny RN Ida Reighart PDG Sharon Elder

DG Pauline Cooper Steve Grayson Helene Mann PDG Christine Lank

- Incredible FREE tours of Butte Historic places. Please call us before convention & reserve your seat as space is limited.
- FREE Pasty luncheon Friday at noon
- Official kick off starts Friday evening at 7 pm with our "Celebration of Life Ceremony"
- Special recognistion for our leaders of the past
- Silent & live auction Friday evening with proceeds supporting MT Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation & the Lions of Alberta Foundation
- Please remember to bring your auction items & turn them in when you register Friday morning!
- 5 great meals included with your registration. Motel room @\$68/nite
- 3 Easy ways to still register and get in on the fun and history.
 - ~ If you have a registration form you still have time to mail it in.
 - ~ Go to the web-site & register www.buttemilehi.org
 - \sim Call either Ed or myself we will fill out your registration over the phone.

PDG Steve Hadnagy (406) 490-7710 Convention Chair PDG Ed Malesich (406) 723-4689 Assistant Convention Chair

Remember - "A Proud Past & An Exciting Future!"



District 37N Convention November 7-8, 2014 Butte, Montana



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We look forward to welcoming you in historic uptown Butte

CELEBRATE WITH US! 75[™] CHARTER ANNIVERSARY FORT MACLEOD LIONS CLUB NOVEMBER 22[™], 2014 - DETAIL TO FOLLOW (OR CONTACT LION MICHELLE HARRIS @ JMTROW@TELUS.NET)

Strengthening our Membership Strengthens our Service

MESSAGE FROM LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA CHAIRMAN

My name is Ryan McNeil and I am from the Redcliff Lions Club. This is my first year as a Chair for our MD and I hope I can do a good job. As chair for LFC/Dog guides I can be reached by email or phone to help everyone with any LFC related concerns. My contact is in the Directory and I will post it also at the bottom of my report.

First off I will report on the 2014 Purina Dog Walk. This walk was a huge success and raised a total of \$1,163,843.27 for the Dog Guides program. Congratulations to Lethbridge for raising \$73,728 and being the number 2 top walk across Canada. The national date for the next walk is set for May 31, 2015. Thank you to Medicine Hat Community View Lions for sponsoring Hearing Aid Dog graduate Jean and Splash from Edmonton. I recently had a friend whose car finally died. They ended up just junking it to the scrap yard, and it was afterward that I discovered that you can donate your vehicle to LFC at no cost to you and you will receive a tax receipt. I encourage everyone that needs to get rid of a car or know of someone that needs to get rid of their car, that they consider donating it to LFC via LFC Donate

Thank you all, and feel free to contact me at mcneilpipeline@shaw.ca or 403-502-0150.

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Strengthening our Clubs:

Has your club ever shied away from a service project because you didn't have the *man* Lion Power? Ever wanted to connect with the community but didn't have the *'connections*? Ever wished you had a new idea for raising money? If you can answer "*yes*" to any of these questions, your Lions Club(like mine) could benefit from more members - not for the sake of *' More'* membership on the roster, but for the sake of *'More'* hands to serve, *'More'* connections with the community and beyond, and *'More'* ideas and experience We live in the information age. Let's face it, none of us can keep up with all the changes, the new information, the changes to old policies and p r o c e d u r e s – you know what I mean. The only way to survive in today's world is to collaborate and share what we know, and borrow what others know. Woodrow Wilson was probably ahead of his time when he said, " I use all the brains I have, and all that I can borrow". In other words, he knew that the stronger the team, the better the outcome. For our Lions clubs, the same is true– the stronger the Club, the better the outcomes for our communities. For my club, having more members might mean delivering more Project Pride Flags each June, or having more members to serve that innercity luncheon to the homeless. For your club, it might mean new ideas for a fundraiser, or more hands to help at a pancake breakfast. We need that expertise and all those connections

Sharing the Pride:

But there is one benefit we haven't discussed: For each of us who enjoy our Lions participation, aren't we glad someone 'convinced' us to join? Shouldn't we do that for others as well?

Serving Together:

Now, specifically for all those spouses, significant others, close friends, and family members who have not signed up – who are helping us all the time, but not joining-**NOW** is the time. One of the best changes that happened in our club was bringing our spouses into membership –now they have a voice in all the club discussions, not just at the kitchen table at home. Furthermore, until they became Lions, they could not sponsor *their* friends or coworkers. Let's empower our loved ones to beL ions as well.

◆ PID Patti Hill

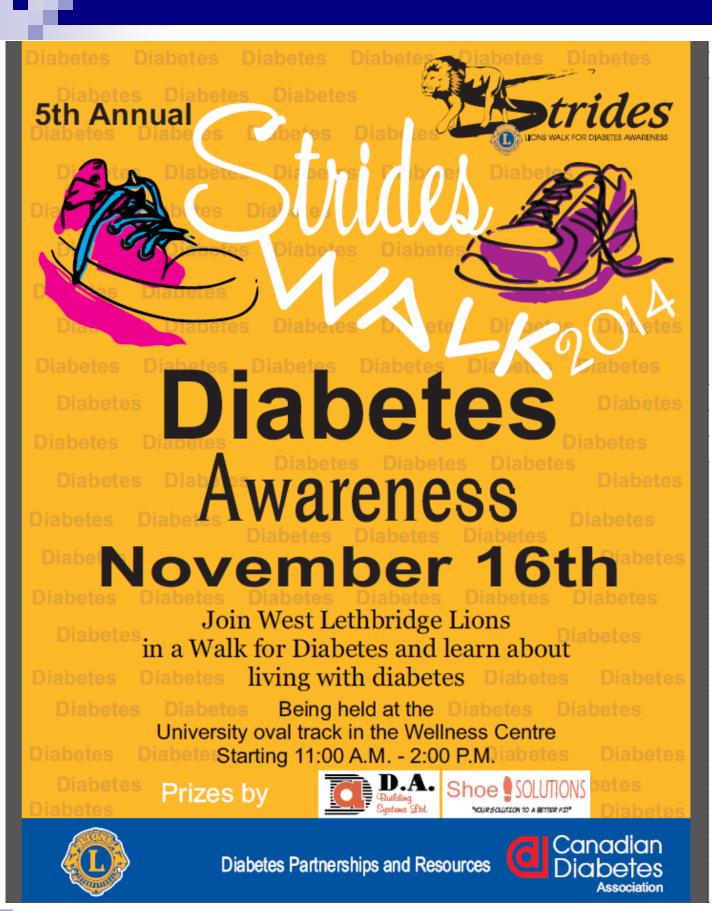
UPCOMING LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES IN OUR MD:

MARCH 7-9, 2015 - CALGARY, AB

ADVANCED LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (ALLI)

APRIL 17-19, 2015 - LETHBRIDGE, AB

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLLI)



Canadian iabetes Association

WALKER'S NAME

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ADDRESS CITY_____ Province

PHONE ______ E-Mail _____ Strides Diabetes Walk

TEAM NAME (Only if applicable)

Nov. 16, 2014 Strides Diabetes Walk at The Wellness Center at the U of L. Total donation of \$20, receive an official Stride Diabetes Walk Shirt and pin!

*Donations over \$25 receive receipts from Md37 Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes for income tax purposes

Please collect pledges in advance. Make checks payable to West Lethbridge Lions Club

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Pledge sheet full? Download a blank Pledge form at www.e-clubhouse.org/site/lethbridgeWest/ TOTAL

Leading the fight against diabetes

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Donations \$

Release Statement

___, release the Strides Walk sponsors and organizers from any I. claims or liability resulting from my participation in the Strides Walk. SIGNED: DATE: / /



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	E-mail/Fax:		
Companion:	Name on Badge:		
Club: District: Special Requests for Meals: Diabetic Dress Code: Friday Night is a Hawaiian Lua	Title:Lion/Leo:Non-Member: icFood Allergies au, so Hawaiian dress would be appropriate.		
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*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



1. Club Information			
LCI Club Account Number:			
Club Name:			
Street address:			
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Telephone number:			
2. Bank Account Information			
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Financial Institution Name:			
Branch Address:			
3. Pre-Authorized Debit Details			

You, the Payor, authorize Lions Clubs International to debit the bank account identified above upon written notification from a club officer. Please note: The debit will be <u>immediately</u> processed upon receipt of written request.

By signing this form, the payor agrees to waive the standard 10 day debit pre-notification.

You, the Payor, may revoke your authorization at any time in writing, subject to written 30 day notice. To obtain a sample cancellation form, or for more information on your right to cancel a PAD agreement, contact your financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.

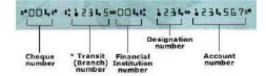
Signature of Account Holder: Signature of Joint Account Holder (if applicable)

Name:	Name:
Date:	Date:

You have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, you have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain more information on your recourse rights, contact your financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.

Please send the completed signed form to: <u>AccountsReceivable@lionsclubs.org</u> or Fax (630) 571-1683

** The Transit number is a 5 digit number and the Financial Institution number is the 3 digit number as shown below:



ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OPTION FOR CLUBS IN CANADA

The following is an Email from LCI that was supposed to go to club presidents in Canada. – repeated here for your info and action. I think it will make things easier for dues payments. DG Pauline Dear Club Officer,

I am pleased to announce LCI is now offering an electronic payment option for clubs in Canada. The electronic payment will be issued by a Pre-Authorized ACH Debit, which is an electronic bank to bank method of payment.

Please review the attached Pre-Authorized Debit Form, and contact us if you are interested in sending an electronic payment to pay your club

's balance. You must first fill out the form, and send it to us in a secure method, to ensure your club's banking information is protected. You may send it to us via fax or email. After you are ready to approve the ACH payment, contact us by fax or email, and advise the amount. We will take care of the processing of the payment on your behalf, by debiting your club's bank account.

We are so pleased to offer this payment option, and will have forms in Toronto for your review. Please feel free to visit me at the Finance Booth for more information. I have included Frequently Asked Questions, but will be happy to discuss it with you at the convention.

Best regards,

Melinda Plott

Manager

Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services

Lions Clubs International

Melinda.plott@lionsclubs.org

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Should I expect to submit the Pre-Authorized Debit Agreement form more than once?

A: No, you only need to submit the form once, unless your banking information has changed, or your club no longer wishes to approve electronic payments.

Q: Who can process the pre-authorized debit ?

A: The pre-authorized debit is processed at the LCI Office in Oak Brook after club approval is received.

Q: Must I call every time I want the ACH debit to be processed?

A: Yes, you must notify us each time you would like the debit to be processed. You may contact Accounts Receivable at <u>accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org</u>, or by fax <u>630-571-1683</u>.

Q: Who determines the amount to be processed?

A: The Club Officers determine the amount and date to be processed, The approval must be received in writing.

Q: Will the electronic payment be issued in CAD?

A: Yes, the electronic payment will be issued in Canadian Dollars.

Q: What rate will be used for the payment?

A: The rate will be reflected on your club statement.

Q: Can clubs initiate the ACH on the Lions Website?

A: No, the approved ACH process allows us to debit the club bank accounts. The Accounts Receivable Department must initiate the payment.

Q: Can ACH payments be processed for Multiple District and District Accounts too?

A: Yes, ACH payments can be processed for club, district, and multiple district accounts.

Q: How do I get started?

A: Send the attached form via email or fax and contact us with your approval at <u>accountsreceiva-ble@lionsclubs.org</u> or <u>630-571-1683</u>.