



# “Service Through Fellowship”



February 2014

## District Governor Message

Greetings to Lions, Lioness, and Leos!

It is now near the end of January and winter is almost over - depending on the ground hog's forecast coming Sunday! Hang in there, spring will get here eventually.

If you are planning on going to Toronto for the International Convention, don't forget your parade uniform. Contact CST Tim Haight at [cst.tim@mvpinc.ca](mailto:cst.tim@mvpinc.ca) if you need the hat or material for the shirt. First one to contact me can borrow mine.

I have completed 46 of my 52 club visits with the rest to be scheduled by the end of March. As with my previous term as DG in Wyoming 20 years ago, I have found there are as many ways to serve a community as there are clubs. Each does things a little differently, but the goal is the same: to serve our communities. I would like to thank each club that I have visited for the warm hospitality shown to me and also their generosity to my charities of choice.

As of last week all districts have had their conventions and have past the redistricting proposal by the required two-thirds margins. One more vote is needed at the Multiple District Convention in May. It is expected that it will pass and the council is beginning to work on the proposal to be submitted in July. The Montana Past District Governor's Association has been meeting periodically to begin the transition to a single district and the District Governors in Canada have been in touch with each other on the process for their side of the border. If you are interested in participating in the process please contact me or VDG Pauline Cooper as appropriate.

On the membership level there is good news and bad news. The good news is that we have chartered a club in Eureka as of January 16th. The charter night dinner will be on March 21st. If you are interested in attending please contact me or Cabinet Secretary Jessica Falcon. The bad news is that the Crows Nest Pass club has turned in their charter. It does us no good if we trade one club for another. Membership and retention are important parts of a viable Lions Club. The continued decline in our membership is the root cause of the redistricting proposal.

While the year is half over, this is a good time to re-evaluate your goals and objectives for the year and expand your efforts to achieve them.

DG Monte Weisser

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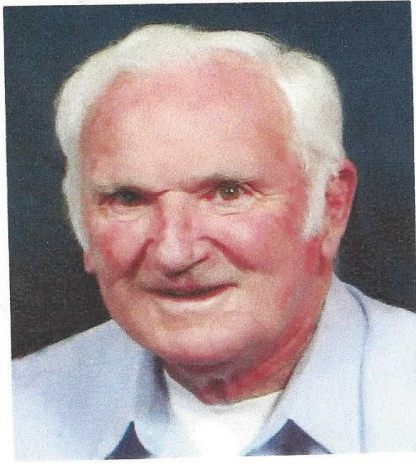
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## **WE LOOSE A LOVED FRIEND**

**Bud Beagle**

**1925 -2013**

**District Governor**

**1991 - 1993**

Bud (C.D.) Beagle left this world on Thursday, December 5, 2013 leaving a loving family, thousands of former Target Range school children and of course, hundreds of thankful and appreciative Lions in the Missoula Downtown Lions Club, the MD 37 District D and N cabinets as well as his many friends and acquaintances who served on the MD 37 Council.

To this humble Lion, Bud Beagle was the most dedicated and principled Lion I have ever had the pleasure to know and serve with. I always considered myself to be a protégé and a very thankful person to have the opportunity to follow in his footsteps.

After the untimely resignation of District Governor Dave Friesen, Bud gave that extra 100% when he agreed to serve a second term as our District Governor, leading District D out of a "leadership crisis" and helping to place our great MD back on a constitutional & sound financial basis. This great Lion & leader never wavered and by the end of his second term District D had reached a respected position of leadership & financial integrity in the Multiple District.

Bud, "If I do nothing else in writing this eulogy, I want to graciously Thank You for your push for me to go on and serve as a District Governor. Again, thank you for the many wonderful opportunities Jan and I have received and experienced through our Lions service.

PDG Steve Hadnagy  
D.G. 37 D, 2002-2003

## VISION SCREENING PROJECT

Bill Pfeifer, Montana Sight and Hearing Chair.

It's time for an update on our efforts regarding the Vision Screening Project, using the Plusoptix Vision Screening Devices. This Lions project has been very successful because of the efforts of a number of Lions around the State of Montana. While getting the funding was a necessary starting point it is the Lions that have been involved with the actual vision screening that have really made this project a success.

One update is that all of the paperwork has been sent off to LCIF to close out the grant that resulted in the Lions of Montana getting \$529,400.00 that was used to purchase vision screening devices. This matching grant resulted in a number of Clubs being able to have a vision screening device within their Club or Zone and be able to share with other Clubs. This has helped to reduce the commuting distance for a Club to be able to use a screening device. This has resulted in providing vision screening to more communities, through local schools, day-care centers or other venues. THANKS to the Lions that have been leading the charge in this project. Now is the time for other Clubs to check out the vision screening devices and see how they work and how quickly the screening can be accomplished.

At present there are 26 vision screening devices located in Clubs around the State. These scattered devices help Lions cover the State and provide vision screening services, especially for young children. In addition, a number of Lions Clubs around the State have stepped up to provide funding so as to allow the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, as well as other Clubs take advantage of these "matching" funds. Those devices that are "owned" by the MTL&HF are then placed with Clubs in more rural areas, thus increasing the coverage of this project. This provides for a win-win situation for the Clubs and the communities that they serve."



**Speaking of Vision Screening...** An optical mission, organized by MD36 (Oregon) travelled to Las Varas, Mexico (a village a couple of hours North of Puerto Vallarta) in late November to fit and distribute some 1800 pairs of recycled eyeglasses during a 5 day clinic. First Vice District Governor (37N) Pauline Cooper, and other Lions from MD37 and MD19 sacrificed themselves (a couple of days on the beach didn't hurt...) to help out the Oregon Lions. **Photo by Lion Sharon Hoekstra, who threatened your editor's life if he didn't credit her...**

Another development was to have Lion Doctor Murdoch, from the Missoula Southside Lions, along with Lions Jayne and Bill Pfeifer provide information to the County Nurses at their State Convention in Belgrade this past month. Doctor Murdoch, an optometrist, provided the Lion's share of the information and answered numerous questions regarding the vision screening. As a result of this effort do not be surprised if your Club is contacted regarding the Lions ability to help with vision screening for the schools. The demonstration and discussions after the meeting showed how quickly the vision screenings can be accomplished with the Plusoptix, either the 509 or the 512 and I'm guessing that the schools will be checking to see if they can get help with this important issue.

I have been working with Lion Jerry Leggate, from the Billings Lions, on

getting more information posted to the website regarding Plusoptix vision screening. That website is [www.montanalions.org](http://www.montanalions.org) and once there it is a simple click of the mouse to get to the site having Plusoptix information. In the near future a contact list for each of the vision screening devices will be loaded and available for all to view. There is presently some information located there regarding the program.

Contact Lion Bill Pfeifer, 218 Dogwood Drive, PO Box 831, Bozeman, MT 59771, e-mail [ogeez@optimum.net](mailto:ogeez@optimum.net) or 406-580-6442 or 406-209-2083. If your Club would be interested in having a demonstration or practice session with the vision screening devices, please contact me and I will make arrangements to do a presentation at a Club meeting or at another time that works for a number of the Lions within your Club.

## Lion-hearted

Nick Kuhl Lethbridge Herald  
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On his 100th birthday more than a year ago, Theodore "Ted" Allen, born at 11:55 p.m. on Feb. 28, 1912, remarked that if he arrived five minutes later he would have only been turning 25.

It was a leap year.

And the now 101-year-old Allen, the longest-serving Lions Club member in the world, still has his sense of humour; say current Taber club president Wayne Baker and member Jerry Farrage.

The pair were at Allen's current residence at St. Therese Villa in Lethbridge Monday afternoon to give the life member the club's new official shirt for 2013.

"He always came to the meeting and he always had a joke; he has a tremendous sense of humour," said Baker, who has known Allen for 35 years.

"He's been a Lions member longer than anyone else in the world. Of course, he was that 10 years ago, too. That is something. It's so special."

Allen was asked last year if he wanted to keep his membership - Baker said he got mad at him for even asking.

"I've been a member of the Lions Club since 1935," said Allen, the former Taberite who has lived in Lethbridge for the past five years.

Allen is the only one of the Taber Lions Club's 26 charter members from 78 years ago who is still alive. The club's next longest-serving member has been there for 46 years.

Baker said Allen, who was a generational farmer and also raised competition race horses, was instrumental in having Taber's first arena built.

The Lions Club bought two old Sec-

ond World War-era airport hangars from Claresholm in the early 1950s, dismantled and moved them to Taber and re-assembled them as the first indoor arena. When it burnt down in 1970, the Lions Club gave the insurance money to the town to build the current Civic Centre.

Baker said Allen's long-term involvement is also even more applaudable

because of how hard it is to recruit and retain new club members. The Taber Lions Club has 16 current members.

"You can't get young people interested," Baker said.

"Young people these days don't have any community emotions at all. A lot of stuff isn't done by the government. It's

been done by service clubs over the years."

"People are going to depend a lot on the charity from service clubs now because of the cuts in the budgets (provincial and federal)," Farrage added. "They'll be knocking on our doors."

The Lions Club International was founded in 1917 as an organization aiming to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale. There are more than 1.35 million members between 45,000 clubs in 205 countries worldwide.

The Taber Lions Club has contributed to the town by sponsoring guide dogs, donating to the handibus and STARS, furnishing a room in palliative care at the Taber Hospital and supporting sports teams. It also runs the concessions at Cornfest and sells Christmas trees and sandbags in the wintertime.

Its most recent project involves the installation of a walk-in cooler for the Taber Food Bank Society.

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Why was Santitas little helper depressed? Because he had low self esteem

**LIONS OF ALBERTA FOUNDATION**

**APPLICATION FOR USE OF TAX REGISTRATION NUMBER**

CLUB NAME; \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS; \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT MEMBER; \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB SOCIETY ACT. # \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INCORPORATION; \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE BEING USED;  
(USE SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

DESCRIPTION OF METHOD OF FUND RAISING;  
(USE SEPARATE IF NECESSARY)

PROPOSED DATE OF FUND RAISING; \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSING DATE OF FUNDRAISING; \_\_\_\_\_

<u>BUDGET OF PROJECT;</u>	REVENUE	S
(USE SEPARATE SHEET	COST	S
ATTACH A COST SCHEDULE)	NET TO PROFIT	S

We here by agree the fund-raising and project will be operated without purpose of gain for our members and any profits or accretions will be used for the purposed of the project.

- The project cannot benefit an individual.
- The project must be for the benefit of the Canadian community as a whole.
- No receipts will be issued for donations "in kind".
- All monies to be forwarded to the Foundation's Treasurer, for deposit to a designated Trust Account.


SIGNED      DATE; \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY; \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT; \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER; \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT CHAIR; \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL; Date; \_\_\_\_\_

Lions of Alberta Foundation, Finance Chair; \_\_\_\_\_



## January 2014 Environmental News Letter

Hello fellow Lions as we enter the New Year I have compiled some articles that pertain to our clubs efforts to work in our communities for the environment.

Our International President Barry Palmer is encouraging us to continue with our tree planting efforts worldwide.

## Make Tree Planting and the Environment Your Responsibility

As a part of the 2013-14 Presidential Theme "Follow Your Dream," International President Barry Palmer is encouraging all Lions to focus on the three R's: Responsibility, Reach and Recognition. Take responsibility for your environment by planting trees in your area. Tree planting projects are a great way to get the entire community involved in service that makes a real impact. Visit the [Tree Planting Projects page](#) for more resources, and see our [Flickr set](#) for the 2011-12 Tree Planting Campaign, during which Lions reported planting over 15 million trees. Please report any trees that your club or members planted to our District Governor.

In our own district the Bow Island Lions Club has been recycling for the community for the past number of years and just this past year opened a new recycling facility. Below is an article from the Bow Island Commentator.

By Jamie Rieger For the past 60 years, the Bow Island Lions Club has been dedicated to serving the people of the community and raising funds to help with a wide range of projects. From playground equipment and local sports teams to equipment at that Bow Island Health Centre, other health facilities, and recently, for service dog for a boy who suffers from seizures. On Saturday, the club celebrated not only its 60th anniversary, but also the opening of its new recycling facility. In October, 2011, the Bow Island Lions club members began discussing what to do with their building; whether to do necessary repair work or replace it altogether. "At that point, I was in my first year as president and I asked the club to give me a couple months to see how economical a new, environmentally-friendly building would be," said Bouw. Bouw soon learned that grant funding was available for energy efficient facilities, so he began applying for grants and along with donations from contractors, local businesses, and individuals, soon was able to raise the capital needed for a new recycling facility. "All the donations and a big dose of good luck made it all happen," he said. That dose of good luck came in the form of a generous unnamed inheritance fund that came from a spouse of a past member. The new recycling centre is now able to handle a lot more product than just paper, cardboard, and specific plastics. With a recently installed plastic chipper and tin crusher, they can now accept all plastic containers, tin cans, and other recyclable that get shipped to Calgary or Edmonton for further processing. Past International president, Judge Brian Stevenson, was in attendance for the grand opening and said, "This facility is a representation of all the efforts the Lions Club members have put into the community and have for the past 60 years." Club members were honoured for their years of service to the club, including Dave Robertson, who has been involved with the Lions Club for the past 60 years and was made a charter member of the organization. Besides Stevenson, other dignitaries to attend the event were Bow Island mayor, Gordon Reynolds, MLA Drew Barnes, and district governor, Monte Weisser. "To me, the Lions Club are the epitome of volunteerism," said Reynolds. "Our community is made better, made stronger because of them. The hours they have put in at the recycling facility has been an absolute asset. "The banquet also saw other members receive pins and plaques for their years of service to the club. –

Also in the Lions Quarterly there are a number of articles each month on the environment.

Watch [LQ](#) to learn how Lions restored their environment.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### [President's Service Blog](#)

Read about International President Barry Palmer's service activities around the world.

### [Digital LION Magazine](#)


The LION Magazine (Headquarters Edition) is available online with added content, videos and links.

## CONTESTS

### [2013-14 Peace Poster Contest](#)

Purchase a kit for next year's theme, "Our World, Our Future."

## EVENTS



Starting this month Lions International is doing their Environmental Photo contest again.

## **Environmental Photo Contest**

The 2013-14 Environmental Photo Contest (EPC) is a wonderful opportunity for Lions from around the world to showcase the beauty of their natural environment. All multiple districts are encouraged to submit one photograph for the international contest that will be held during the 2014 International Convention in Toronto. Many of the EPC photos are featured in the annual LCI wall calendar. To learn more about the contest and to purchase the 2014 calendar, please visit the [Environmental Photo Contest webpage](#).

Again I encourage all clubs to get involved in their communities with the environment. In Alberta you can obtain more information from [www.alberta.recycling.ca](http://www.alberta.recycling.ca) regarding recycling of paint, tires, electronics as well as newspapers and containers. In Montana for more information about recycling go to [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov) › [Recycle](#).

*Lion Rob*





**2014  
MD 37 CONVENTION REGISTRATION  
Executive Royal Inn, Calgary, AB  
May 2 & 3, 2014**



*Hosted by the Calgary Southridge Lions Club*

1. NAME   NAME ON BADGE:

Lion  Lioness  <sup>Last</sup> Leo  Non-Member  <sup>First</sup> New Member  First Convention  Club:

2. NAME   NAME ON BADGE:

Lion  Lioness  <sup>Last</sup> Leo  Non-Member  <sup>First</sup> New Member  First Convention  Club:

Address City Province Postal Code

Contact Phone # E-mail Address

**1. Registration & Full Meal Package:**  
(incl. all Meals and Convention registration)

Payment on or before April 1, 2014 #  x \$135.00 per person: = \$

Payment after April 1, 2014 #  x \$145.00 per person: = \$

**2. Companion (non Lions Program):**  
(incl. all Meals and Program registration)  
A Companion Program will be run if there is enough interest, otherwise they will be with the regular Convention.

Payment on or before April 1, 2014 #  x \$135.00 per person: = \$

Payment after April 1, 2014 #  x \$145.00 per person: = \$

**3. Registration Only (No Meals Included):**

Payment on or before April 1, 2014 #  x \$25.00 per person: = \$

Payment after April 1, 2014 #  x \$35.00 per person: = \$

**4. Separate DG Banquet Ticket:**  
(a registered delegate may purchase an extra DG Banquet ticket if their companion is not registered in the non-Lions Program)

#  x \$50.00 per person: = \$

**TOTAL PAYMENT: \$**

**Plan to arrive early, as some special events are planned for Thursday May 1st, 2014**

Do you have any Special Dietary Requests? YES NO  
(Please advise)

**IMPORTANT: Delegate (Voter) Certification closes promptly at 10:00am, Saturday. If you aren't certified, you can't vote**

Do you require an official receipt? YES NO  
(Official receipts will be sent via e-mail only)

**Cancellation Policy:** Full refund if received in writing by the Registration Committee at least 30 days prior to the Convention Refund **MAY** be granted with less than 30 days by written application to the Convention Committee via your District Governor

Method of Payment:

Credit Card:  Card #  Expiry Date:   
(Visa/MC)

Cheque:  Please make Cheques payable to the "MD37 Lions Convention"

**FULL PAYMENT** must accompany this form to qualify as a registered delegate.

Send Completed Registration to:

**Lion Kevin Gibbons**  
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Strathmore, AB  
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Hotel Reservations are **NOT INCLUDED** with the registration fee and are the responsibility of the delegate.

**Executive Royal Inn**  
2828 - 23rd St. N.E., Calgary  
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Direct line : 1-403-291-2003

Registration form updated: November 10, 2013

**Ask for the MD37 Lions Convention Room Rate**