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September 2014

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From DG Pauline for September, 2014:

Well, I must admit that I am a little bit frazzled these days – and it is all my fault! In the past two and a half months I have been to the International Convention in Toronto and visited with an old friend, had a couple of great club visits to the Polson Lions Club and the Plains Lions Club, then had a couple of days to get ready for a family wedding in Nova Scotia at the end of August, came home just in time to drive through a little snow storm to fly to Puerto Rico for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and here I am wondering where to start with my list of things to do!

Obviously I decided that the September newsletter is number 1 on the list! VDG Cathy Anderson and I had a great time at the Forum in San Juan. It isn't the easiest place to get to, but it is a lovely island – the Island of Enchantment. We did do a little sightseeing, but it was very, very hot and humid so that limited our activities. The Forum had some amazing sessions – Thursday usually isn't a busy day – but this year it was a full day - so much so, that the Forum format will be changed for next year when it will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. There are specific sessions that are geared to the benefit of Club Presidents and Zone Chairpersons – and the number of sessions available will increase to 120! Each and every Lion can benefit from the information that is available at the Forum and I think that each club should take a look at their budgets and work things so at least the club president could go. There really is tremendous benefit in attending a Forum. If you want more information about the Forum and what goes on, please do not hesitate to ask!

Only about 7 weeks to our District Convention which will be held in Butte, MT – hope you have registered – if not, why not? The Butte Mile-Hi Lions have been hard at work in planning what will be a wonderful convention I am sure. (For PDGs – whites are not required for the Banquet Saturday night! One less thing to pack!) There will be some voting required – we still need a 2VDG for 2014-2015 and one for 2015-2016. The International Board will be meeting in early October to consider our application for re-districting but until we are told of their decision, we must proceed with 'business as usual' and that means we will still vote for a MD Hall of Fame candidate (submit names as soon as possible) and also for a Vice Council Chairperson for the MD37. There are no resolutions regarding changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Our International Guest is International Director Robert Littlefield and his wife Lion Kathy from North Dakota. He will be available to answer questions regarding the Board meeting, as well as the plans for the Centennial. The new logo for the Centennial is wonderful: “**Where there is a need, there is a Lion**”. How great is that?!

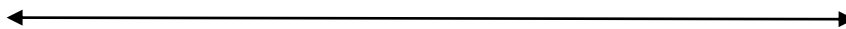
Don't forget that October is Membership Month and Share the Vision. There is always lots of room to include any of your clubs special events or just to let us know what you are doing. This newsletter is a place for you and your comments and events – not just mine! Please help!

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District Governor Calendar: September - December 2014

September	26-27	District 37S Convention – Ennis, MT	
	28	Official Visit – Kalispell Sunrisers Lions Club	
	29	Official Visit – Kalispell Lions Club	
October	14	Lethbridge Host – New Member Evening	
	24-25	District 37I Convention – Camrose, AB	
	31	District 37L Convention – Edmonton, AB	
November	1	District 37L Convention – Edmonton, AB	
	7-8	District 37N Convention – Butte, MT	All Welcome!
	9	District 37N Cabinet Meeting – Butte, MT	All Welcome!
	11	Official Visit – Warner Lions Club	
	14-15	MD 37 Council Meeting – Calgary, AB	
	16	District 37O Cabinet Meeting – Calgary, AB	
	22	Fort Macleod Lions – 75 th Charter Anniversary Celebration	
December	2	Official Visit - Lethbridge West Lions	



District Governor's Goals for 2014-2015:

Membership, Membership Growth & Retention

Promote formation of ONE ethnic club – by April 30, 2015

Increase number of women by 36 – 18 each in AB and MT – approximately 3% increase – by May 30, 2015

Encourage each club to promote and implement one community service project that includes the participation of non-Lions by May 2015

Reduce number of dropped members by active use of 'Exit' Interviews

Active involvement in promoting club growth with clubs having less than 10 members

Leadership

Increase Participation in Leadership Training By 20% over the 2013-2014 attendance

Increase district participation in online LCI leadership courses

Identify future district leaders

Hold specific Zone Chair training

For each of the Goals listed above, I have corresponding 'Action Plans', the step-by-step actions required to achieve these goals. I will put all the information on our District Website, and both PDG Laura Dickerson as the District Coordinator for GMT (Global Membership Team) and PDG Sharon West as the District Coordinator for GLT (Global Leadership Team) will have all the plans and will be able to assist you. (Projected date for the information to be on the website and with the District GMT/GLT Coordinators is September 2014).

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:

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Yours in Lionism,

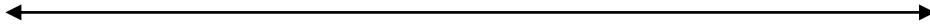


DISTRICT DIRECTORY ... This is a work in progress.

All the club information and that of the club executive is taken from the LCI website – so it is information that was provided by each club. Please ensure that the names, phone numbers, addresses – mailing and email, are all correct and up-to-date.

Advertising in terms of businesses, club events etc. help offset the cost of printing the directory, so please consider supporting your District in this way.

Each club will receive 2 copies of the directory (President & Secretary) at no cost. Each advertiser will receive one copy with payment for the ad. Additional copies may be purchased by individuals for \$5 each. (contact either Lion Ardith, District Secretary, or VDG Cathy)



BE NOTICED!



Advertise in the 37-N District Directory/Website and spread word of your business, club or special event!

- Cost:** \$25 – business card size
\$50 – half page (5½” x 4¼”)
\$75 – full page (5½” x 8½”)

Any questions, please contact:

District Governor Pauline Cooper at lionpauline@gmail.com phone #: 403-380-3116 (leave message) or
1st Vice District Governor Cathy Anderson at canderson53@shaw.ca phone #: 403-381-2895

Please send your artwork and payment to:

1st VDG Cathy Anderson
226 Sherwood Place West, Lethbridge, AB Canada T1K 6E6.

(Cheques/checks, money orders payable to “District 37-N”)

5th Annual



Strides



WALK 2014

Diabetes Awareness

November 16th

Join West Lethbridge Lions
in a Walk for Diabetes and learn about
living with diabetes

Being held at the
University oval track in the Wellness Centre

Starting 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Prizes by



Diabetes Partnerships and Resources





Leading the fight against diabetes



Strides Diabetes Walk

WALKER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

PHONE _____ E-Mail _____

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

SPONSOR'S NAME	ADDRESS/CITY <small>(Please provide clearly and in full or tax receipt may not be issued)</small>	POSTAL CODE	PHONE	Amount Pledged	Receipt Required	Donation Enclosed
Joanne Walker (example)	104 Sample St.,	T1H 2B7	403-320-1222	\$100	✓	✓
1						
2						
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14						

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

TOTAL Donations
\$

Release Statement

I, _____, release the Strides Walk sponsors and organizers from any claims or liability resulting from my participation in the Strides Walk.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

DISTRICT 37N CONVENTION



WOW! *District 37N Convention will be hosted by the Butte Mile-Hi Lion's Club November 7-8 in Historic uptown Butte, Mt. The new nine-story hotel, built for less than \$1 million, opened in 1924 which was modelled after the Astor Hotel in New York. The Finlen Hotel hosted the likes of Harry Truman, John F. Kennedy and Charles Lindberg. In 1948 it boasted 200 rooms for \$2.50 a night.*

*****Look for the following at the District 37N Convention*****

- ✓ **Low, low registration fee.**
- ✓ **Very reasonable hotel/motel rates.**
- ✓ **Attractive tours at no or minimal cost.**
- ✓ **Map and menu of eatery establishments within six blocks.**
- ✓ **Tremendous guest speakers.**
- ✓ **Fantastic meals to include traditional Butte specialities.**
- ✓ **Top notch tail twisters.**
- ✓ **Auction**
- ✓ **Raffle tickets.**
- ✓ **All in historic uptown Butte.**
- ✓ **Lots of FUN! FUN! FUN!**

**Be sure to look for
this logo at your
District 37N
Convention**





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



Name		Title	Name on Badge
Club		District	
Companion		Title	Name on Badge
Club		District	
Mailing Address			
Street			
City		Zip Code	
Telephone		E-Mail/Fax	

PLEASE FILL IN ALL boxes above as we would like the data. Thank you!

Registration (Received before September 16, 2014) _____ x \$75.00 = \$ _____
 Late Registration (Received after September 16, 2014) _____ x \$85.00 = \$ _____
 Non Registered Companion Friday evening social _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____
 Non Registered Companion Saturday lunch _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____
 Non Registered Companion Banquet Saturday evening _____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____

- Registration includes Friday social, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday Banquet

Cash Check Money Order Visa Master Card ALL MONIES ARE IN US FUNDS

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Sec Code _____

Name on Card _____

Signature: _____

*Please note: Canadian cards may be charged a \$12 (or greater) International transaction fee by your bank. If you pay by credit card it will show on your statement as Hadnagy's Frame Shop.

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Butte Mile-Hi Lions Club
PO Box 4562
Butte, Mt. 59702

Contact:
Lion Ed Malesich
Phone: 406.723.4689
edsich@bresnan.net

Contact:
Lion Steve Hadnagy
Phone: 406/490.7710
janandsteve2009@live.com

Make checks payable to District 37 N Convention

You are responsible for your own Hotel/Motel Reservation

Convention Headquarters at the Finlen Hotel 100 E. Broadway, Butte, Mt. *(In the heart of uptown Butte)*.
1-406.723.5461 Toll Free: 1.800.729.5461 Room rates in the Lions Block (Rates vary from \$68-\$90)

Rooms on hold until October 10, 2014

REFUND Policy: If possible, have another Lion take your place. A full refund will be allowed if a written request is received prior to September 1, 2014

PLEASE BRING an auction item to benefit the Lions of Alberta Foundation and the Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation.

We look forward to welcoming you in historic uptown Butte

MD 37 Pin for the International Convention in Toronto (July 2014) are available!

I have 120 MD 37 Pins available for sale. For ease of accounting (and to keep the treasurer relatively happy!) the pins cost \$3 each (Canadian \$) or \$2.50 each (US\$).



Please contact me, VDG Cathy or Cabinet Secretary Ardith.

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VDG Cathy: canderson53@shaw.ca

Secretary Ardith: 37n.secretary@gmail.com

Oregon Lions Earth Angels

The Lions Earth Angels program is beginning to move across the West. It provides free transportation to those with special needs. Volunteer pilots with Angel Flight West provide the air transportation and Lions provide the ground connections at both the departure and Arrival airports. The program operates as an official MD project in both Oregon and Washington.

About 85% of the flights are for medical care, usually from the more rural areas of an MD to medical facilities located in the larger towns and cities. In Oregon individuals have been flown to the sight, hearing and diabetes summer camps supported by Lions. Eye tissue for restorative sight surgeries has been flown from the Lions eye bank in Portland around the state. Service personnel have been given rides home as well.

Lion volunteer Earth Angel drivers do not provide any medical care. Recipients of service must be able to access 1 and 2 engine private airplanes.

The program had its beginnings in Oregon MD 36 in 2009 with the formation of a partnership between the Lions of MD 36 and Angel Flight West. It operates as an official MD project under the name "Oregon Lions Earth Angels." Lions Clubs International requires the use of the state in the title of the program. Sue Jagers, from the Portland area, is the MD 36 Chair. Since its beginning, the program has completed over 1100 missions, according to Jagers. "Oregon Lions Earth Angels serves a need for those who do not have the finances to get to specialized medical care," she said.

The program operates in MD 19 as the Washington Lions Earth Angels. It started in the Seattle area in 2012 in Districts 19B and 19C. Jagers has spoken about the program before the Lions of MD 37 at Medicine Hat, Alberta. She just completed a trip to present the program to Lions in Idaho MD 39 and Wyoming MD 15.

If any club is interested, please contact Lion Sue Jagers directly at her email: mat-thieu5775@comcast.net

