



Miracle Workers



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Where did time go? It seems that I just came back from Bangkok Convention all pumped up with President Al Brandel's enthusiasm and his vision of possibilities, then I notice half this Lionistic year has gone.

The executive members of the Cabinet had a mid-year meeting just before the New Year. We had a very candid discussion of how the year had been so far: what problems we had encountered, the many encouraging achievements of many clubs and what should be our game plan for the rest of the year. May be as a club, you can do the same kind of mid-year inventory too. Many of you had club retreats in the past. They do not have to be as formal and as structured as they used to be but you'll be amazed how some kind of open discussions can improve the effectiveness and general health of your club.

On Saturday, we said good bye to a good friend, Lion Lionel Bird of Cremona left us at an age of 92. We have many icons in our District, many legendary leaders but Lion Lionel was one who led by how he lived, without fanfare. We all knew Lion Lionel for his generous donation of the land where our Youth Camp stands but his contribution to Lionism is more intrinsic. He showed us how to live Lion, how to care as a Lion, everyday. He was a true everyday hero.

I am getting very excited about our District Convention, At print time, we may have more than 300 registered. Our International guests are ID Larry Johnson and his wife Lion Rachel from West Virginia. I had prepared them for our winter, but it seems that we will be rolling out our welcome mat with a typical Alberta Chinook. At this Convention, as your club's delegates, you have a lot of decisions to make. Whatever decision you make, no matter which candidate you and your club endorse, I trust you will do your homework and make a decision that is good for the District, good for Lionism.

So, fellow Lions, we'll see each other in Canmore and we'll have a great time

District 37-O Cabinet 2008-2009

Executive Cabinet:

District Governor	Christina Pond
IPDG/LCIF	John Watson
Vice District Governor	Fred Walters
Secretary / No child Without	Carmelita Monroy
Treasurer	Dexter Bragas
Zone Chairpersons 1A.	Alan Kenyon
1B.	Ken Guzda
1C.	John Goodrich
2A.	Glen Leyden
2B.	
2C.	Christina Clarke
3A.	Bruce Bishop
3B.	Arthur Hudson
3C.	Manny Lumapas

Administration:

Convention	Bill Baux
Convention Advisory	Mary Digweed, Glen De Boer, Alma Mingo
Convention Participation	Greg Clarke
Constitution & By-Law	Gordon Prusky
Environmental	Sonny Warrack
Finance	Jack Isaman, Fred Walters, Roger Pilkington
Information & Technology	Jim McPherson
Newsletter	Bernie Gribben
Public Relations	Brian Grier

Impact / MERL Team:

Chairperson	Gordon Prusky
Membership	Marty Moulaison
Extension	Jack Isaman
Retention	Malcolm MacLeod
Leadership	Bill Busst

Service Initiatives:

Diabetes & Cavalcade	Dennis Stevenson
Lions Quest	Fred Moore
Organ & Tissue Donor	Fred Moore
Peace Poster	Rachel Hill
Project Pride	Melanie Dueck
Sight Conservation / CNIB	Doug Porter
Youth Camp	Roger Pilkington
Youth Exchange.	Debbie MacRae
Leo Clubs	Roger Geonzon

Projects:

Lions Eyeglass Recycling	Kevin Gibbons
Festival of Lights	Elver Olsen
LFC- Dog Guides	Edy Ongpin
Lions EyeBank	Fred Schmaltz
Lions Sight Center	Al Heater
Lions of Alberta Foundation	Don Edy

Rodeo dates 2009

Please forward the dates of your Rodeo for 2009
Rockyford
Cochrane
Calgary Stampede
Strathmore
Nanton

Charter Anniversary

Please forward your Charter nights dates for
2009

Golf Tournaments 2009

Having a Golf fundraising day submit your dates for
free advertising in future issues of this newsletter

MD 37 Camp Grounds

I would like to consolidate a list of Campgrounds available
that are run by Lions Clubs.

Please forward the following information.

Name of Camp
Location
Contact person
Phone number
Email address.

SAMPLE

Blackie Lions Camp Ground
Blackie Alberta
Ron ?
403 684-3762
Open May 1 to September 30

Please forward to Editor

February Official Visits

5th Didsbury
9th Bowness
16th Carstairs
17th Foothills
19th Crossfield
23rd Irricana
24th Mossleigh

Santa bringing smiles to people of all ages by donating eyeglasses to Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycle Centre (CLERC)



This year Santa upgraded his spectacles to reflect a more current look, but like so many of us he didn't know what to do with his old ones. So, Santa decided in the spirit of giving to donate his old glasses to the Lions Recycle for Sight program.

High River Times

The following article was published in the local newspaper .



Did you know?

Travel Alberta suggest \$20.00 per head, per Night spent at George Lane Park.

May 721 sites used 44%
 June 1, 190 sites used 76%
 July 1, 494 sites used 92%
 Aug. 1 674 sites used 103%
 Sep. 891 sites used 57%

The comments from park users are remarkable. Now some wish to turn this beautiful Park into parking lots.

Submitted by Lion Audrey Brien



**DISTRICT 37-O ZONE 3A
 2009 Curling "Fun" Spiel
 Hosted by Irricana Lions Club**

Games consist of 4 Ends "on-ice" and 4 Ends "off-ice"

Location: Irricana Curling Club
 March 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Breakfast & lunch concession **\$40 per Team**



Leo Club Membership

Why Become a Member

Serving others, making new friends, and viewing the world through another's perspective are some of the rewards that come for young people who join a Leo club.

Leos have access to opportunities to learn and practice leadership skills and participate in community service projects,

A Leo being presented with an Award by International Director Dr. Patti Hill



Send inquiries or entries to irricanalions@efirehose.net

AL BRANDEL, president of LIONS CLUBS

INTERNATIONAL: Even before the current economic challenge, we were working on plans to make volunteering as part of a Lions Club easier to do. For example, the fastest-growing type of new Lion Club members are families that join as a group. In 2007, we were the first service club organization to offer a family membership plan and to provide hands-on service programs that involve the entire family. We not only made it easier for families to join by offering a reduced membership fee, but many local Lions Clubs -- some 45,000 worldwide -- are changing when they meet and what projects they run to accommodate today's busier families. We are really excited about this approach because volunteering often becomes a lifetime commitment for a person when they are exposed to it as children. And in these uncertain times, we obviously need more people to give back to their communities and to help others need.

LIONS CLUB: Give your time. If you can't afford to buy a gift for a loved one, make a point to do something special for that person or persons in your life that doesn't involve spending money. If possible, encourage your children to spend an hour doing something special for their grandparents. Give your spouse an hour of your undivided attention. You can even print up your own "gift certificates" redeemable for one hour of your time. Be creative. Nothing dictates that a gift has to be of a material nature. It's important to remember that simple acts of kindness are heroic.

Lions Clubs International

Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. Our 1.3 million members in 205 countries and geographic areas conduct vision, hearing and diabetes screenings, support eye hospitals, award scholarships, build parks, help youth, and provide help in time of disaster.

"Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together." Goethe

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

Boring Lecture is a common problem of Lions Training

Many Lions dread to attend Lions training programs because of the boring and seeming lengthy lectures.

Other weaknesses of many Lions training programs are:

- 1) Some Lion trainers seem to be talking to himself/herself. He/she doesn't seem to be concerned with the audience. He/she frequently looks at his/her notes. He/she does not have eye contact with the entire audience.
- 2) Some Lion trainers seem to be reading from the Powerpoint or the Course Notes. The training participants would be thinking: "Hey. I can read the notes myself."
- 3) Some trainers like to talk about his/her glorious past, his/her experiences...but not really relevant to the topic he is delivering.
- 4) Some trainers insist on keeping all his/her training participants for long stretch of time (e.g. more than 2 hours). He/she reproach trainees who need to go to the restroom.
- 5) Some training material is so badly prepared. Beautiful Powerpoint presentation but the font size is so small that it could be clearly seen by those at the back.

All these common factors are discouraging Lions from attending the seminars and so-called workshops.

Hence, there is a need for Lions training to be interesting.

The training session must be:

- 1) INTERESTING
- 2) INTERACTIVE
- 3) LEARNER-centered.

The visual aids must be VISIBLE.

This could be used has suggestions to our district/
Multiple District trainers

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Calgary Chinatown Lions sponsored the winning poster for the 2008/09 Peace Poster Contest “Peace Begins With Me”. Artist Rachel Li, 13 year old grade 8 student from the Tom Baines Junior High School depicted the theme beautifully. Rachel’s poster progressed from an expecting mom, to mom holding new baby, to baby girl growing to help the homeless, helping a child study to elderly crossing the street and on to the boardroom & podium advocating peace- Peace Begins with Me.

Calgary Heritage Lions sponsored the second place winner – Karolina Halas student from the Cardinal Newman School.

Strathmore Lions sponsored the third place winner – Stephanie Limb student at the Westmount School. Congratulations to the sponsoring clubs and thank you to all Clubs who participated, to their Peace Poster Chairpersons who worked around their busy days and schedules to promote the project within the area schools. As Lions we can make a difference – one student at a time.

The posters are judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Please Note: new kits for the 2009/10 Peace Poster Contest will be available from Lions Clubs International starting January 15, 2009. Cost per kit is \$7.95 US. A Peace Poster Contest kit must be purchased for each school or youth group sponsored.

This is an opportunity to promote Lions & Peace in our communities starting with 11, 12, 13 year old students. Check with the art teachers they may want to start the contest as early as February or as late as the beginning of September.

Peace Poster Winner District 37-O



Remember the deadline for the contest is always November 15th or sooner if the Peace Poster Contest Chair of District 37-O has made special arrangements to have the posters on display within the city. The District Chairperson also has a deadline to meet – the winning poster is to be sent to the Multiple District Council Chairperson by December 1st who in turn submits that winning poster to LCI by December 15th. The winner at the LCI level of competition will be notified by or before February 1, 2009.

The International Grand Prize Winner receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York, a cash award of \$2,500.00 US or Canadian. equivalent and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner’s parent or guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony, which is planned for March 2009.

23 Merit Award Winners each receive a cash award of \$500.00 US or Canadian. equivalent and a certificate of achievement.

DISTRICT 37 – O PEACE POSTER CONTEST

WE HAVE A MULTIPLE DISTRICT WINNER!!

2008 theme “PEACE BEGINS WITH ME”

Peace Poster Contest entry by Rachel Li – sponsored by the Calgary Chinatown Lions has been forwarded by the Multiple District to Lions Clubs International for the next level of competition. Congratulations are extended to Rachel Li and the Chinatown Lions for participating in this Lions Project.

Will we have an International winner?

Rachel Li’s quote: “Peace isn’t something you can achieve in just a day, a month, a year or perhaps even longer, but it all starts with the individual, the children of our future.”

Peace Poster Contest kits are available from LCI effective January 15th. Order your kits early. The 2009/10 theme: **“The Power of Peace”**



November 2008 Opening ceremony of the Lions Festival of Lights with District Governor Lion Christina Pond addressing the many many people of all ages in attendance. The largest crowd to attend for many years. Congratulations to the Festival of Lights Committee and all of those that made this possible.

Sight Night

The Calgary North Hill Leos held their first eyeglass drive during the month of October and we were able to collect more than 1000 pairs of eyeglasses. Members set up collection boxes at local schools, medical clinics, and businesses, individually painting and tailoring the boxes to a Halloween theme. In addition, several members reached out to their immediate communities for participation, sending out memo notices to neighbours a week before Halloween and “trick-or-treating” for glasses on October 31. The Leos’ enthusiasm was on full display as many of our members even dressed up for the event! The glasses were presented to Lion Bernie Gribben PDG at a Leos meeting. All glasses collected will be cleaned, repaired, and classified at a local correction centre and then shipped to underprivileged people around the world. We would like to thank the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre for supporting our project and providing needed materials. One of the main goals of the North Hill Leos this year is to focus on sight-related causes within and beyond that community. Thanks to the hard work of our members and the support of the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center we were able to achieve our goal of helping others to see a brighter and clearer world.

Submitted by **Shannon Fong**



Members Creepers look at those Peepers collected by the Calgary North Hill Leo’s during Sight Night on Halloween October 31st, 2008
Congratulations to the 16 Leos that were involved in Bringing Sight to those in the greatest need.

Something Special happening Contact the Editor of this newsletter

Canada, USA & Mexico

The following three Lions Clubs from three Countries put on a joint Children's Christmas party.

Calgary Southridge Calgary Alberta Canada
Quartermasters Yuma, Arozona USA
Los Algodones Algodonas, Mexico

The event was held on December 20, 2008
It was a resounding success, The \$2,000:00 US donated by Calgary Southridge Lions Club enabled gifts, food and candy to be distributed to 749 children ranging from infants to twelve year olds.

It was very heart warming and gratifying to all concerned. (Canadians ,Americans and Mexicans.). There were at least fifteen Canadians, two American lions Clubs and one Leo Club. A lot of Mexican lions from Algodones and Mexicali, Mexico were there with their families to help also.. We even had the Mayor of Algodones helping ... Together it was very worthwhile project ... **Lions Oscar LaRocque (Doreen) and Bob McKinstry (Betty) of the Calgary Southridge Lions Club** were very instrumental in supervising the Canadian participation. **Left to Right Lions Bob McKinstry Oscar LaRocque Presenting the cheque to Yuma Quartermasters Lions Club President Gary Chatham**



卡加利華埠獅子會
Calgary Chinatown Lions Club
30TH CHARTER NIGHT
Guest Speaker
His Honour, the Honourable Norman L. Kwong,
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta
February 7, 2009 (Saturday)
Reception 5:30PM
Dinner 6:30PM
Regency Palace Restaurant
(328 Centre Street SE, Calgary)
\$40.00 per person
10 Course Chinese Meal ☺ Entertainments ☺
Dancing ☺ Door Prize ☺
For tickets information, please contact:
Lion Jackson Szeto 403-295-2232 or szetojackson@yahoo.ca
Lion David Mak 403-614-8895 or david.mak@metronews.ca
Lion Joseph Lee 403-241-1946 or unique9@telus.net
Lion Ben Pond 403-280-6826 or benpond@shaw.ca
Lion Stella Ng 403-251-2797 or stellang@shaw.ca

Edmonton Host Lions Club 80th Charter

on October 17, 2009 Edmonton, Alberta
Invitation and itinerary to follow

ID Lion Dr. Patti Hill speaker
To be placed on the invitation list
please contact

LIONKAREN37L@shaw.ca



Calgary Northeast
Eyeopener Lions Club



CHARTER BRUNCH

Sunday, February 8, 2009

Executive Royal Inn, 2828 - 23 Street NE

10:00 AM - Noon

Brunch 10:30

Lion Eva Willett 403.366.6159
evacwillett@hotmail.com

\$25.00/person



Celebrating 80 years of service

The Lions Club of Calgary 80th Charter Night

April 18, 2009

Carriage House Inn, Calgary

Reception – 6:00 pm & Dinner – 7:00pm

Program – 8:00pm

- ❖ The Lions Club of Calgary was chartered on January 29,1929. Many other clubs were sponsored by the Lions Club of Calgary as it is the first Lions Club in Alberta. Come and celebrate with the original sponsoring club
- ❖ Vice President Sid Scruggs III, 2nd Vice President of Lions Club International will give the evening address: “ Celebrating miracles through service:!”
- ❖ Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson as emcee!
- ❖ A special three course dinner designed by the chefs at the Carriage House!
- ❖ Complete order form below and mail to address on form or Fax 403 277-1399 or go on line to www.district370.org to order tickets.

Ticket Order Form

Name: _____

Club or Organization Name if applicable _____

Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Tickets Deadline for all ticket orders – April 15,2009

Early Bird Ticket Price	(Deadline for Early Bird Ticket – March 31, 2009	\$60:00x	___ =	_____
Regular Ticket Price	(April 1 to April 15, 2009	\$75:00x	___ =	_____
Reserved Table of Eight	(Available until March 31,2009	\$450:00	___ =	_____

Method of Payment ___ Cheque enclosed ___ Visa/MasterCard/American Express ___

Card # _____ Expiry Date _____

Name of card Holder _____

Authorized Signature _____

Cheques made payable to Lions Club of Calgary. Mail to Lions Club of Calgary Charter Night
c/o Details Convention & Event Management Inc. 320, 1000 Centre Street N. Calgary, AB T2E 7W6

1FELLOWSHIPS

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Melvin Jones Fellowship \$1000 US
Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship \$1000 US for each level
Send funds & applications to: Lions Clubs International 300 - 22 Street Oak Brook, Illinois USA 60523-8842

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship \$500CDN
Progressive Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship \$500CDN
Send funds & applications to: Lions Foundation of Canada P.O. Box 907 Oakville Ontario L6J 5E8

LIONS EYE BANK (ALBERTA) SOCIETY

Bill Webber Fellowship \$500CDN
Send funds & application to: PCC Malcolm Macleod Lions Eye Bank (Alberta) Society
c/o Rockyview General Hospital 7007 - 14 Street SW Calgary Alberta T2V 1P9

LIONS OF ALBERTA FOUNDATION

Dr. Jack DoBush Fellowship \$500CDN
Progressive Dr. Jack DoBush Fellowship \$500CDN
Send funds & applications to: Lion Lois Cadue 5011 - 55 Street Close Rocky Mountain House Alberta T4T 1E7
Make payment to Lions of Alberta Foundation

CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

Jack & Denise Isaman Fellowship \$500CDN
Send funds & application to: PCC Harold Grace 12010 Jasper Avenue Edmonton Alberta T5K 0P3

AWARDS

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Fellowship Award \$250CDN
Life Membership Award \$100CDN
Progressive Life Member \$100CDN
Send funds & application to: Lions Foundation of Canada P.O. Box 907 Oakville Ontario L6J 5E8

DISTRICT 37-0 LIONS YOUTH CAMP

Lionel Bird Award \$500CDN
Send funds & application to: Lion Dennis Stevenson 305 Sandstone Drive NW Calgary Alberta T3K 3R5

The various application forms are available on-line.

Submitted by Lion Vern Borgedahl

Multiple District Secretary-Treasurer

To All Lions: Please be aware that there is a vacancy in the position of MD Secretary Treasurer. At present Pauline Cooper is filling this position on an interim basis but we are calling for applications to fill the position on a permanent basis.

All Lions interested in this position should forward a copy of their resume and references to one of the following Lions:

PCC Dave Hajny (mail to: whodat@3rivers.net)

PDG John Watson (mail to: jawatson@shaw.ca)

DG Terry Dunn (mail to: gavintdunn@shaw.ca)

These Lions are the 3 member Selection Committee appointed by Council as required by the Bylaws of MD 37.

The duties of the MD 37 Secretary Treasurer are as defined in the MD 37 Bylaws and Policy Manual. These may be viewed/downloaded from the MD 37 Website: <http://Md37lions.org> under publications.

Under the supervision and direction of Council, the Multiple District Secretary Treasurer shall:

1. Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all the meetings of the council, and shall within 30 days after each meeting forward copies of the minutes of same to all the members of Council and the Office of Lions Clubs International.
2. Assist the Council in conducting the business of the Multiple District, and shall perform such duties as are specified or implied in the Constitution and Bylaws, or as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Council.
3. Have control of the disbursements and receipts subject to supervision by the Council. He/she shall deposit all monies received in the bank, or banks designated by the Council, and shall disburse same by order of said Council.
4. Allow Multiple District accounts, books, and records to be open to inspection by the Council or any auditors named by the Council.
5. Be required to secure a bond in the amount approved by the Council. The cost shall be regarded as a legitimate Multiple District Administrative Fund expense.

Further duties of the MD Secretary Treasurer are outlined in the Contract for Service that shall be entered into between the successful applicant and the MD 37 Council of Governors.

A working knowledge of the operation of the MD 37 Council of Governors or experience in similar positions would be a definite asset. Applicants should possess Knowledge, experience, and skills in business administration, management, public relations, communications, newsletter publishing, computer operation and software (Word processing, internet, spread sheets)

Deadline for postmark or e-mail dated resumes and applications shall be no later than [March 31, 2009](#).

Candidate list will be narrowed down to five or six during the month of April.

The committee will interview those candidates at the Multiple District Convention to be held in Havre, Montana on [May 15-16, 2009](#) choosing two or three to be interviewed by the full Council with a decision being made before the end of the Convention.