



LIONS *Lifeline*

District 37-O Newsletter



LION DR. ROSE GEONZON - DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT 37-O - 2011-2012

*Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year 2012*



*to District 37-O
Lions Clubs & Families*

District Governor Lion Dr. Rose Geonzon

The Airdrie Lions Club recently made a donation of \$1000.00 to Medical Ministry International to assist local volunteers Beverly & Lawrence Lundgren with their upcoming Eye Project trip to Leticia, Colombia. The Lundgren's have been volunteering with eye projects in various developing countries for many years, helping to provide eye care to improve the quality of life in these communities where the situation is desperate. The Airdrie Lions Club has a keen interest to support eyesight projects to those in need, both in our Community, as well as Internationally.

In the photo are: MMI volunteers Beverly & Lawrence Lundgren in the centre with Airdrie Lions Club members Ben Hoogstraten, Richard Bailey, Dan McKinnon & Steve Harris.



Major Constitution Changes Proposed

The delegates at the District 37-0 Convention in Strathmore January 13- 14, 2012 will be voting on some major changes. It is the plan of the cabinet that we streamline the constitution and by-laws. If passed by the voting delegates it will mean that the cabinet will make the regulations into policies.

The convention attendees will still be the only people that can make changes to the constitution and by-laws. The cabinet can make and amend any policies. Right now any change, regardless how small or large, has to be approved by the delegates at the convention. By now your club was sent copies of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws by email in the booklet format. Each club was also sent a copy by email of the changes in a standard document form.

At the convention the delegates will be asked to vote on the following ballot:

Ballot # 5- District 37- O Lions 34th. Convention Strathmore, Alberta Jan.14, 2012

Are you in favour of the new Constitution and By-Laws that were circulated to each club.

Mark your ballot with an "X" _____ Yes _____ No

Submitted by Constitution Chair Gordon Prusky

Your Support is the Gift of Independence

By making a donation to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, you can provide Canadians with disabilities greater independence, safety, and mobility. With your help more people can benefit from the use of a Dog Guide. Give a gift that will change someone's life this holiday season, donate now. Please visit www.dogguides.com for more information or click to [donate now](#).



Lions Foundation of Canada/Dog Guides

Canada Board of Directors 2011-12

Back Row; L-R, PDG Gary Hutchison, Manitoba, NW Ontario & Nunavut, PDG George Hostick, Ontario, Vice-chairperson

Middle Row; L-R, PDG Bob Robinson, Manitoba, Past Board Chairperson, PCC Lynne Coulter, Alberta & NWT, Chairperson, PDG Dave Dalby, Alberta & NWT, PDG Daniel Poulin, Quebec,

Front Row; L-R, PDG Sharon Dykman, Nova Scotia, Lion Doreen Burton, Newfoundland and Labrador,

PZC Rosemary Small, B.C. & Yukon, PCC Bev Semple, P.E.I., PCC Sonny Bonnell, New Brunswick



To Fellow Lions

As we all know many groups come to us (Lions) for help with funding.

With the economy many of us can feel the strain on funds.

Here is a website to let groups know they can do some online fundraising in a safe area.

This is a charity site and not for individual gain.

Our local high school is trying this right now.

Look under Oilfields

High School Grad 2012

www.gobid.ca

Lion Tim Beer Foothills Lions Club

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



The **Lion's Festival of Lights** is the largest free drive-by Christmas Lights showcase in Calgary. It is comprised of almost 100,000 lights along 14 th St NW.

Each winter, from late November to early January, Calgarians come together to enjoy Christmas themed light displays at Confederation Park.

What many don't know is that when the Lions Festival of Lights needed a new key sponsor back in 1987, **Sunshine Village** and the **Scurfield** family donated \$100,000 to ensure the festival was and continues to be a huge success.

"Sunshine stepped in to help save this Christmas light display for Calgary many years ago because we felt it was a wonderful way to bring joy to families during the holiday season," noted Sunshine Village Vice President **John Scurfield**.

The Festival is organized by the Lions Festival of Lights Society and Lions from Calgary and area donate their time to construct the displays.

The **Lions Club** maintains that aside from bringing Christmas cheer to the city, the Festival is their way of saying thanks to the community for "helping Lions help others."

Sunshine Village remains a key sponsor and has donated well over \$200,000 to keep the festival going annually.

The Lions Festival of Lights Society are celebrating 25 years for Calgary families, the Christmas season would not be complete without the annual light display.

TREES

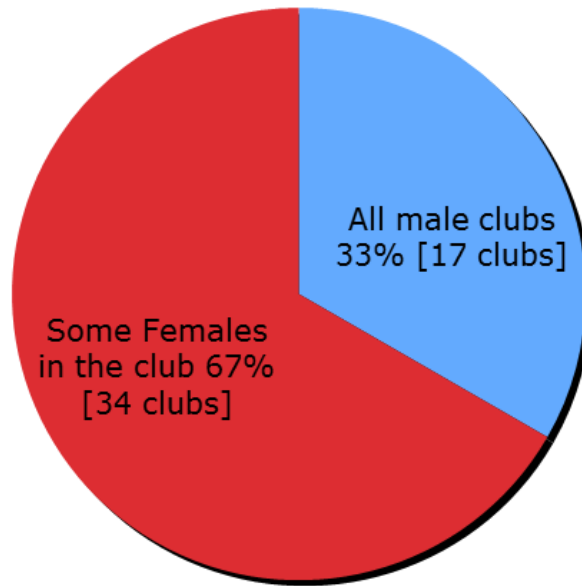
A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony in Nairobi, Kenya, where more than 2,000 trees were planted by Lions and representatives of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). These trees are just the beginning of a new partnership between Lions and the AKDN that will result in the planting of at least one million trees in Kenya by December 2012. Think of it -- our entire worldwide goal for tree planting equaled in one nation alone! This is certainly cause for celebration, not only because it will provide great environmental benefits, but also because growing and nurturing those trees will provide employment opportunities for young Kenyans.

Wing-Kun Tam
International President

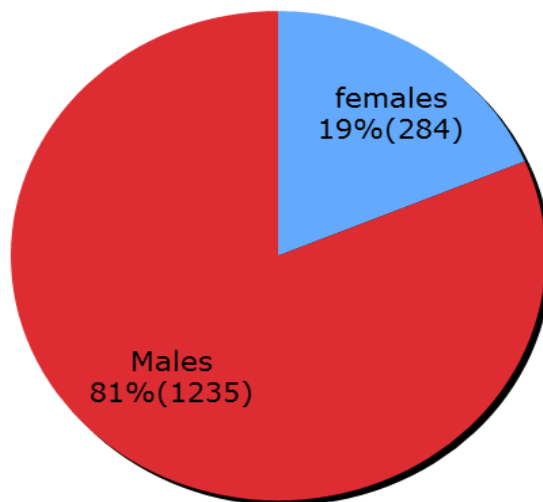
Trees
Update as of print time
6,119,139 planted.



**District 37-0 51 Clubs by Gender By G. Prusky
as of Nov 18, 2011
(Slowly improving)**



**District 37-O Club Membership by Gender
By G. Prusky Nov 18, 2011**



You are cordially invited to attend the unveiling of Gary Tschache's life size tribute bronze statue.



Tschache, who died Sept. 3, 2011 was a member of Gallatin Empire Lions Club for over 35 years and also served as an International Director.

His wife, Pandy, along with several other family members, will be joined by many lion and community members.

The bronze statue named "The Heart of a Lion" depicts Tschache sitting next to a majestic African lion in his Empire Lions Vest. It includes a spot where friends can sit next to Tschache for a picture.

The bronze was designed by Montana natives Harvey Rattey and Pamela Carr.

This special event will take place December 18, 2011, 12:00 PM at the corner of Kagy Blvd and South Tracy Avenue (in front of the Kagy Corner Store).

Any questions call Jeff Potterell at 570-5900

Convention Surplus by Gordon Prusky

At the Nov. 20, 2011 cabinet meeting we addressed the surplus in the convention account. The amount in surplus is about \$29,000. Only one convention has ever lost money that was held many years ago at the Marlborough Inn(Coast Plaza now I think)

There are 2 main ways we have made the surplus:

1. we charge extra for late registrations since 2003
2. we charge extra for people who only want one meal.

You might ask, what does the registration fee cover? It covers: pin if any, entertainment, postage, printing, companion's program if any, AV rentals, memorial service, VIP rooms and meals for ID, DG, Reg. Chair, Cab. Sec., Convention chair, 2-VDGs, PIP; ID extra meals, banquet wine, graces for ID room, flowers, credit card charges, name tags, awards, coffee, decorations, room rental and guest speaker. What does all this cost ?

1997-\$25.03 per attendees out of /\$20; 1998-\$18.78/\$20; 1999-\$17.43/\$20; 2000-\$19.65/\$20; 2001-\$18.34/\$20; 2002-\$36.55/\$20; 2003-\$23.38/\$25; 2004-\$21.19/\$25; 2005-\$19.97/\$25; 2006 -\$22.77/\$25; 2008-\$36.17/\$25; 2009-\$27.78/\$25, 2010 -\$24.18/\$25 and last year 2011 -\$27.24/\$25. I think the registration charge us reasonable in regards to our expenses.

Why did the cabinet want to hold \$15,000 in surplus. To be able to pay the hotel bill we need quite a bit of money. A lot of people pay by credit card and the hotel bills are high. For meals only we have paid the following: 2001-02-\$11,281; 2002-03-\$11,417; 2003-4-\$15,442 ; 2004-05-\$13,479; 2005-06 \$10,445; 2006-07-\$ 22,050; 2007-08-\$15,062; 2008-09-\$24,011; 2009-10-\$23,034 and last year 2010-11- \$ 25,299. So instead of transferring money from one account to other we are holding the \$15,000 in surplus. Why was the price so low for meals in 2005-6? It was in Strathmore. No exorbitant hotel cost for meals.

The convention in Strathmore on January 14, 2012 will be asked to choose two of the four following options to use the remaining \$14,000. Only one option will be used. Be prepared to discuss this at your club to get their feelings before you vote.

Ballot # 6- District 37- O Lions 34th. Convention Strathmore, Alberta Jan.14,2012

\$14,000 of convention surplus can be spent. \$15,000 would be kept to operate with.

Mark your first choice with an "1" and second choice with a "2".

1. Use the amount for training purposes decided by the cabinet.
2. Reduce or eliminate the convention registration fee as decided by cabinet.
3. Improve the quality of the convention speakers and entertainment.
4. Give a set amount to each club to encourage convention participation.

Just a note about the first option, That is not really going to help the convention per se. The administration account has at least \$20,000 surplus that should be used first for that idea. In the past we have used the convention surplus for speakers at the convention(about \$1000 each convention), for the big screen(\$750), for 3 laptops and 3 projectors(\$12,000), plus an FM microphone set up that was stolen(\$3600), TV, club banners and PDG banners and other decorations (\$3000 plus).



Did You Know...


Clinking glasses: Touching wine glasses dates back to a custom when medieval host were worried their drinks might have been poisoned. They not only touched glasses, but a small amount of wine was exchanged and everyone took their drink simultaneously.

Vote for me as District Governor in January

I wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

From Bruce & Betty

Lion Bruce Bishop
1st Vice District Governor
District 37-0



103 Tuffy's Haven
Strathmore, AB T1P 1C6
Cell- 403-888-9914 Res- 403-934-6630
e-mail – b.b.bishop@shaw.ca

Candidates for the Lions MD 37 Hall of Fame.

The following Lions will be on the ballot at the District 37-O convention to be held in Strathmore January 14th.

Lion Ken Willis Lions Club of Calgary.

Lion Fred Moore Calgary Northeast Eyeopener

Lion Don Ward Foothills Lions Club

One of these Lions will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in May at the MD Convention in Westlock.

The Lions Calendar on page 158 has the month of November starting one day too early. The first should be on a Thursday, 30th on Friday.

Lion Les Aasen

Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

Happy New Year

Lets welcome the year which is fresh and new,

Lets cherish each moment it beholds,

Let's celebrate this blissful New year.

May you be reminded of all the most important things in your life this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

Bernie & Esther.



Come & Join your fellow LIONS in our District

- GOOD FELLOWSHIP
- GOOD FOOD
- INTERESTING SEMINARS
- LEARN MORE ABOUT **GMT & GLT**
- INTERCULTURAL PRESENTATIONS
- SONGS & DANCES
- LIONS CHOIR DEBUT
- and **MORE!!!**



Special Guest Speaker:
Lion MARK HINTZMAN
International Director
from Wisconsin, USA

DIST. 37-0 CONVENTION

LOTS OF FUN, & FUN

January 13 -14, 2012 in

STRATHMORE, AB.



LION DR. ROSE GEONZON - DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 2011-2012

Hosted by: **CALGARY FILIPINO LIONS CLUB**

Submitted by PDG Roger Geonzon

SOUTHERN RALLY
DISTRICT 37-O & 37-N (Alberta Clubs)
March 16-18, 2012
Brooks, Alberta

Name: _____ Title: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Companion: _____ Title: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Contact Number: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Early Registration (received by January 6, 2012) _____ X \$110.00 = _____

Late Registration (received after January 6, 2012) _____ X \$120.00 = _____

Non Registered Companion Saturday Luncheon Only _____ X \$20.00 = _____

Non Registered Companion Saturday Evening Banquet Only _____ X \$35.00 = _____

Registration Includes: Friday Evening Social, Saturday Lunch, and Saturday Banquet

Payment: please circle Cash or Cheque ONLY

Mail to:

Contact: (Rally Chair)

Brooks Lions Club

Lion Diane Colbens

Box 283

(403) 377-2493

Brooks, AB T1R 1B3

(403) 362-1066 cell

(403) 377-2949 fax

Email: mdcolbens@eidnet.org

You are responsible for your own Hotel/Motel Reservations

Convention Headquarters: Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre 1217 2nd Street West Brooks, Alberta \$97 + taxes
Phone # 403-362-6666

Heritage Inn & Suites (NEXT DOOR to Heritage Inn) – \$115 + taxes (includes Deluxe Continental Breakfast)

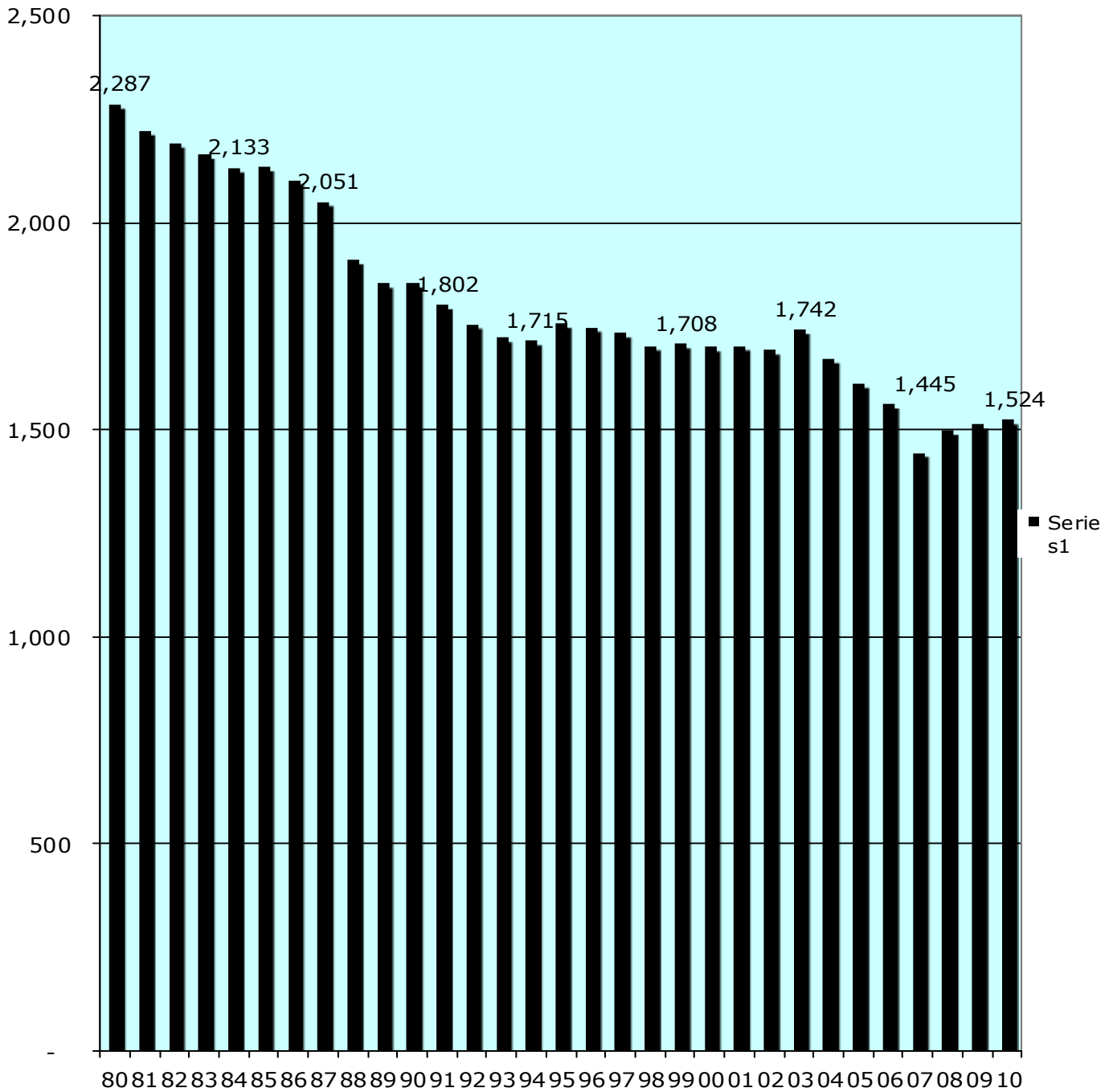
Phone# 403-362-8688

Rates quoted are in Canadian dollars and subject to appropriate taxes at the time of check in.

When making reservations please ask for the LIONS Rally Rate

REFUND POLICY: If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund if written request is received prior to February 16, 2012. 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.

**District 37-O Membership 1980-June 2011
31 Years By G. Prusky**



Convention Time

Those of you that require a display table during the annual convention please submit your request to District Governor Dr. Rose.

Submit your request either by email

liondrose@shaw.ca or to 54 Whitlow Crescent N.E. Calgary, AB T1Y 6L3

Note first come first served



**34th Annual
DISTRICT 37-O CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Strathmore Civic Centre, Strathmore, AB
January 13 - 14, 2012**



Hosted by the Calgary Filipino Lions Club

1. NAME _____ NAME ON BADGE: _____
Last First
 Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-Member _____ **New Membe** _____ **First** Convention _____ Club: _____

2. NAME _____ NAME ON BADGE: _____
Last First
 Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-Member _____ **New Membe** _____ **First** Convention _____ Club: _____

_____ Address _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

_____ Contact Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

1. Registration & Full Meal Package:
 (incl.Sat. (Lunch, DG Banquet) Payment on or before December 15, 2011 # _____ x \$60.00 per person: = \$ _____
 Payment after December 15, 2011 # _____ x \$70.00 per person: = \$ _____

2. Companion (non Lions Program):
 (incl.Sat. (Lunch & Activity, and DG Banquet) Payment on or before December 15, 2011 # _____ x \$60.00 per person: = \$ _____
 Payment after December 15, 2011 # _____ x \$70.00 per person: = \$ _____

3. Registration Only (No Meals Included):
 Payment on or before December 15, 2011 # _____ x \$25.00 per person: = \$ _____
 Payment after December 15, 2011 # _____ 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 \$30.00 per person: = \$ _____

5. Registration Credit:
 (For 37-0 Lions, Lioness, Leos and their spouses, who have joined since January 15, 2010, take a \$25.00 credit if completed registration form is received by December 15, 2011) # _____ x (\$25.00) per person= \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

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)

Method of Payment:

Credit Card: _____ Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____
 (Visa/MC) Credit Card payment will appear as "Lions Charity Classic" on your statement

Cheque: _____ Please make Cheques payable to the "District 37-0 Lions"

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

Send Completed Registration to:
Lion Kevin Gibbons Home Telephone: 403-934-9460
837 Westmount Drive Fax Number: 403-934-5685
Strathmore, AB E-mail: lionkev@telus.net
T1P 1P9

Note: No refunds after December 15, 2011
 Registration form updated: Aug 3, 2011

Hotel Reservations are **NOT INCLUDED** with the registration fee and are the responsibility of the delegate. Rates good till Dec.15
Includes Taxes
Travelodge HQ \$119.52 1-866-901-0099
Days Inn \$119.89 1-403-934-1134
Best Western \$112.08 1-403-934-5777
Super 8 \$90.25 1-403-934-1808