



Light up the Beacon



District Governor John Goodrich

Fellow Lions

Here we are in November; the start of the winter season, and the beginning of the second third of my year. The first four months went by fast but it has been exciting and enjoyable visiting all of the clubs. In October, the month of conventions, I have succeeded in attending three of the four. This has helped with my personal growth by participating and interacting with my fellow District Governors and Fellow Lions. We started the month in Pincher Creek 37N's convention, then on to Hanna 37I's which was also the MD Council Meeting. The final stop along the journey was in Drayton Valley 37L's convention.

Our President's initiative starting for the upcoming months is relieving the hunger. This is a project that can be done all year round. Many relief organizations are finding it difficult to keep up with the demand and this is where our Beacon of Hope can fill the need for so many people. Let us alleviate the hunger by giving the gift of food and time to serve the people who need it most. It is a very simple act that can have the greatest impact on another person's life.

Our Official Visits started out with Nanton and the installation of the Leo Club. These 11 young people will be part of our future leaders. Then we were off to Cochrane and then to Milo. Our last two visits in October were to Cremona where all of the men cooked the meal which was excellent. Our next visit was to Standard and the guys down there showed off their culinary skills with an excellent meal of cooked ham. The meals were excellent, not all roast beef, and the fellowship was great. It is interesting going to visit the clubs as you never know who you might run into that you knew a long time ago.

The month of November has 14 official visits and at the end of the month this will bring our total of visits to the half way mark. I am looking forward to seeing you all.

In the Council meeting there are some changes to the MERL Team. The new name for this team will be GMT-GLT which stands for Global Membership Team-Global Leadership team. There will be more information coming in the next few months on this team.

The other item that was discussed was the MD's deficit. The MD has been running at a deficit for the last few years. The delegates will be asked to vote on a \$3.00 dollar increase in dues at the MD Convention in Medicine Hat in May. This increase will be used to bring the 2nd Vice District Governors under the Rule of Audit. As we have elected these officials we should support them in order for them to attend the council meetings to further their knowledge. The MD has not had an increase in dues in the last 15 years. In order for the MD to keep up the high standard of training and the running of our district we will need an increase in the dues. There will be further information on this item.

Thanks

DG John and Sandra

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2010~2011
Presidents Theme
A Beacon of Hope, expresses the thought that there are 1.35 million lighthouses in 206 countries – Lions members who will continue to light the way, and serve as beacons of hope. The key to our success is through service and impactful projects.



We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship.

The Convention Surplus

The time has come to deal with the convention surplus. For most of us this district account is not something we watch closely, if at all. The convention surplus consists of funds left over from all previous conventions after the expenses have been paid. The district convention rarely makes a loss so over the years, thanks to good work by the Lions on the convention committee, the surplus has grown such that today it exceeds \$25,000. There is clearly no need to hold that much in reserve for future conventions and an unallocated amount of this size can create tensions. Our constitution stipulates a maximum of \$3,000 to be held in the convention surplus account so district Lions need to resolve this situation.

There are many ways that we could deal with this. A few suggestions are: the convention committee could budget for losses until the total surplus is reduced to \$3,000; the district cabinet could rebate \$25,000 to the clubs on a per capita basis; or the cabinet could develop programs to spend the excess.

Each of these has good points and bad: budgeting the convention for losses might attract more conventioners but it would take time to resolve the difficulty and not all Lions would benefit; rebating funds to the clubs would put every club's administration account in better shape but there are many clubs that do not attend convention and would therefore be receiving an unearned windfall; and spending the excess on programs would be, for example, a great opportunity to develop a new membership program tailored to the districts needs but this alternative would involve challenging operational issues.

There is one way that the convention surplus should not be used. It should not be used to fund a Lions activity or humanitarian initiative. The surplus belongs to the members and must be used in a way that will directly benefit the membership in a general way. It would be nice to refund it to those who have overpaid through the years but this is not practical and no doubt these Lions would be happy to have the money used in a worthwhile way.

How can we resolve this issue? The funds were collected by the convention committee from attendees at the convention. Therefore the attendees should decide how they should be spent. District Lions should discuss this matter at the club level and use this newsletter, say, to express their views on the three choices outlined above as well as put forward additional alternatives and suggestions. Governor John Goodrich, district cabinet and the convention committee should then determine a process for making the decision at the annual convention by way of vote.

If it is too late to determine the fate of the excess convention surplus at the coming convention, it should certainly be done at convention 2012. The solution should include guidelines and process to maintain the surplus near the level suggested in the constitution.

Lest we Forget



For more than forty years, I have worn a poppy each November 11th. It helps me remember and reflect on the great sacrifices by so many that we might be free.



Art Hironaka and his wife at the 25th



Lest We Forget.



*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.
— John McCrae (May 3, 1915)*

**WATCH OUT FOR INFORMATION
IN THE NEXT ISSUE RE-**

**District 37-O Constitution changes.
To be voted on at the
Upcoming Convention**

OFFICAL NOTIFICATION NOVEMBER 1, 2010

This is to notify all Clubs of District 37-O that the District Convention will be held January 14 and 15, 2011, at the Radisson Hotel in Canmore, Alberta. Therefore the last date for nominates for candidates for District Offices or Hall of Fame, bids for future conventions and constitutional changes is December 15, 2010 (30 days prior to the District convention). As of this date I, as Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer have received the following nominations, bids and changes:

District Governor Lion Rose Geonzon, Calgary Filipino Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor Lion Bruce Bishop, Strathmore Lions Club

2nd Vice District Governor Lion Bill Baux, Calgary North East Eyeopener Lions Club

Vice Council Chairman No nominations

Hall of Fame No nominations

2011-2012 Convention No bids

2012-2013 Convention Strathmore Lions Club

Constitutional Changes None

All of these nominations, bids and changes, if any, will need to be voted upon at the District Convention.

Voice of The Lions Pin

Don't overlook me Lions and Lioness.

I'm the Lions pin.

Right up in front here, put the spotlight on me because I'm proud to play a part in the lives of the men and women who wear me as their symbol of service to the community.

I've witnessed excitement, sadness and happiness. I've been with my wearer as eyes of deceased Lions and Lionesses for deposit in the Eye Bank. I was there too, when I watched as the hungry were fed, and the destitute cared for.

I've seen the guide dogs instill in a blind person a new kind of confidence as they move about their sightless world.

I've heard the heart of the handicapped pounding with joy when Lions and Lionesses visited them, I've seen and heard the laughter of children in playgrounds enjoying recreational facilities and leadership provided by Lions and Lionesses.

Yes, I've traveled all over the world and can recall thousands of incidents diverted from sadness to gladness because those who wear me, made it so.

I am a symbol of service to the world.

If I could really talk, I'd be too filled with emotional pride to say more than thank you and may God bless you and protect you.

Taken from District L Web Site

**LION BRUCE BISHOP
YOUR CANDIDATE FOR
2011/2011
FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**



**PROUDLY SPONSORED BY
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VOTE FOR
DYNAMIC DISTRICT LEADERSHIP!**

**VOTE BRUCE BISHOP
FOR
FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR!**



MT Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Raffle for ATV

As most of you know, we are both active members of Lions. We'd like to offer you the opportunity to help our Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation again this year. We are raffling a 2011 Polaris Sportsman 500 ATV or \$4,000, a \$700 2nd prize and \$350 3rd prize, to help raise money to purchase hearing aids, eye operations and speech therapy for many Montanans' who can't afford to get these services on their own. The drawing will be in July 2011.

The Foundation is a 501 c.3 Organization, Tax ID #MLS&HF 810428637, so your contributions are tax deductible. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. We'll deliver the ATV anywhere in Montana and if you're from out of state we'll make some kind of suitable arrangements.

Our foundation, like many others at this time, is not seeing as much in the way of donations and yet the need for our services is increasing as folks are having a tougher time making ends meet. Checks can be made out to: Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation and mailed to us at 1045 Anglers Bend Way, Missoula, MT 59802. We'll fill out the tickets and mail the stubs back to you. If you can help us out in any way, we'd sure appreciate it.

Thanks, Tom and Judy

Lions Fundraiser for the Flood Relief Effort in Pakistan

In July and August, torrential monsoon rains caused massive flooding in Pakistan. Over 1600 people were killed and 20 million men, women, and children lost their homes and everything that they had. International agencies went in immediately to provide food, drinking water, and shelter. Lions International provided \$120,000 immediately and over the next weeks, various Lions clubs around the world brought this total up to \$450,000 by the middle of October; it will be much more by now. This Lions money went mainly to Lions Clubs in Pakistan close to the flood area, and these Lions bought food and water and distributed it to those in need. The flood waters are receding, and many people are returning to their homes. Money is still required for food and water, as their entire supplies have been lost. It will be 18 months before farmers can start to harvest crops again. Money is now needed to rebuild the houses – these people must rely on government and international aid.

On the evening of Saturday 30th October, the Bearspaw Lions and the South Asian Lion Clubs organized a function to raise money for the flood relief effort in Pakistan. 140 people attended the function, including over 70 Lions and spouses, over 40 people from various South Asian groups, and about 30 local people and friends. PIP Judge Brian Stevenson did a great job of MC'ing the event. First Vice District Governor Dr Rose Geonzon spoke in place of DG John Goodrich, who had to attend another Lions function. Judge Brian introduced a number of dignitaries – Presidents of Lions Clubs attending, and Presidents of the Canada Pakistan Associate, the Canada India Association, and the Bangladesh Association. We were pleased that Martha Birkett, the lady who rode from Ottawa to Calgary and raised over \$200,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation, was also there. One person drove all the way from Fort McMurray to attend the event. The Pakistani speakers thanked the Lions for showing that they cared, and for being so generous towards their people.

There were a number of presentations. Sadat Choudhry provided a presentation on the floods and photographs of how it affected the people. Over 20% of the country was flooded, and homes, bridges, roads, and electricity lines were washed away. A river that is usually 1km or less wide, swelled to over 40 km in places. One man had to stand for 8 hours in water to his waist holding his 2 children – he could not see high land in any direction! Following an excellent meal of South Asian food provided by the Pushpita restaurant, Lion Bill Baux made a presentation on the history and work of the Lions and what the Lions are doing in Pakistan. Burhan Khan spoke on the situation at this time in Pakistan followed by a short presentation by Steve Armstrong of the Red Cross. Steve indicated that Pakistan is going through a rough time right now, but they are a proud and resilient people and they will recover, although international help is required. Burhan Khan indicated that the local Lions are doing a lot for the people of Pakistan, even in areas dominated by the Taliban. The formal part of the evening was concluded with a short question and answer period.

The event raised \$14,000 for the cause. Thanks go to PIP Judge Brian Stevenson for doing such a good job of MC'ing the event, even though the program was changing by the minute. Thanks also go to the organizing committee; from the South Asian Lions Club Lions Vinay Dey, Cyrene Banerjee, Perminder Sandhu, and Romesh Anand, from the Bearspaw Lions Bob Dunn, Mike Hunchak, Dave Oberhoffer, and Roger Pilkington, and non-Lion Tahir Jamil. Thanks go to the major ticket sellers M. Yaseen, Kamran Choudhry, Sadat Choudhry, and the Mountainview Lions Club. Thanks are due to the Bearspaw Lifestyle Centre for donating the hall, and the Pushpita restaurant for providing the excellent food at cost. Finally we would like to thank the speakers Sadat Choudhry, Lion Bill Baux, Burhan Khan, and Steve Armstrong.

Submitted by

Lion Roger Pilkington

A visit with the International Board



I was in Edinburgh, Scotland as the guest of the City of Edinburgh Lions Club - The past District Governor 105NE, Lion Bill Frazer (In the picture with me) took very good care of me. Met the International President Sid Scruggs III and Lions Clubs International Board 2010-2011. Attended their Open Forum where I met most of the International Directors. Also attended the "Host Night" and the "open house". At the open house, saw the projects of the International Directors. I was humbled by the great work done by these individuals. Building Schools, Hospitals etc. I was also guest of Past District Governor, Lion Jim Carson and his wife Elizabeth of Oban, Scotland. They took time off to show me Isle of Mull. Visited the Duart Castle and the present owner, Sir Lachlan McLean, who gave me a grand tour of the Castle. The people of Scotland are such wonderful individuals. Great place to retire to.

Lion Violet Duclos, Calgary Northeast Eyeopener

District 37-O Directory Change.

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Okotoks Secretary

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District 37-O Convention

See back page of this issue.

Southern Alberta Lions Leadership Rally to be held March 18-20, 2011 in Canmore.

Topics are being reviewed for inclusion in the program

Lion Fundamentals

Meeting Management

Mentoring

Public Speaking and Making Presentations

Working in a Team

Communication

Setting and Reaching Goals

Sharing Best Practices

Motivating Club Members

LCIF

Writing Your Personal Mission Statement

Membership Programs

Club President - the Backbone of Success

Club Vice-President - the Countdown Begins

Increase Your Performance as Club Secretary

Club Treasurer - Show Me the Money

LCI Headquarters - The Hub of Support for Lions

It's Not Community Service - It's Serving Your

Community

Leadership - a Poker Run for Success

A World of Ideas for Fundraising

Lions and Social Networks

Effective Protocol Techniques for a Successful Lions Event

Membership AND Retention

Give Your Club a Facelift

Successful Club Dynamics

Problem Solving - the People Side

Why Are Lions Leaving Their Clubs

Lions - the Boom and Beyond

Lions Leadership Tools

Attracting AND KEEPING Younger Members Involved in Lionism

Get a Grip on LCIF Grants

Developing a Signature Project

How To Prepare for a Service Project

New Lion vs. Old Lion

Club PR Strategies and PR Grants for Districts

Obviously not all of the above will be included in the Rally program, but the Program Committee will choose those that they believe are most relevant to Club Officers and Members. I'm sure you will agree that these are subjects that will interest all Lions.

The "Keynote" Speaker will be Past International Director Dennis Tichenor of Portland, Oregon, one of the most inspirational and motivational presenters in all of Lionism. PID Dennis will also conduct a workshop at the Rally.



Celebrate 25 Years with Lions Quest

At the 93rd Lions International Convention in Sydney, Lions Quest celebrated its 25th Year Anniversary. Since 1985, Lions have supported this teacher training and lesson based curriculum for children ages 5-18 that teaches young people the skills needed for success in school and life. The program provides for children's mental health needs by encompassing drug and violence prevention, character education and social and emotional skill building. Teaching these skills to children not only impacts their self confidence and relationship skills but also increases academic achievement. Lions Quest has been translated into 30 languages and is implemented in over 50 countries worldwide.

Lions Quest makes a difference. One of the administrators in Maryland, USA commented - "I made a decision to implement the Lions Quest curriculum as our exclusive After School intervention offering. The results have been overwhelmingly positive... Our young people have been able to read [Lions Quest materials] and understand that they are not alone in the challenges that they face as teenagers. I believe it is important to note that we have seen a marked decrease in student referrals and institutional violations among the students enrolled in the After School program."

James I. Scofield Principal Eager Street Academy
Baltimore City Public School System

Support today's youth by investing in their future. Make a designated gift to LCIF or contact your LCIF District Coordinator to learn how the Quest program can be implemented in your area.

To learn more details about the Quest program and its impact, visit the website at www.lions-quest.org.

For further information please call Lion Bill Baux at 403-238-0491 or e-mail at bill.baux@shaw.ca



Lions Eyeglass Program Recycles 3,000,000 pair

The Calgary Correctional Centre and the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Society recently celebrated the processing and distribution of its three millionth pair of eyewear to bring sight to those in the greatest need throughout the world.

It's a beautiful world. But only if you can see it.

The Lion's Recycle for Sight project has made clear vision possible for millions in the developing world. The donated glasses are processed so that mission groups can take ready to wear glasses to developing countries.

Free for You - Priceless to Them

Imagine if you could help a child read, an adult succeed in his job, a senior maintain her independence, and provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive.

Everyday our recycled eyeglass program do all of this and more.

The Lions would like to thank all of you who have donated your gentle used eyeglasses. We encourage everyone to recycle your used glasses to bring sight to those in need.

Bernie Gribben

Women are so much better at financial planning than men.

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business.

When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed to find a wife with whom to share his fortune.

One evening, at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away

"I may look like just an ordinary guy," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die and I will inherit \$200 million."

Impressed, the woman asked for his business card and three days later, she became his stepmother.



**33rd Annual
DISTRICT 37-O CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Radisson Hotel, Canmore, AB
January 14 - 15, 2011**



Hosted by the Bowness 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. (Breakfast, Lunch, DG Banquet) Payment on or before December 15, 2010 # _____ x \$145.00 per person: = \$ _____
 Payment after December 15, 2010 # _____ x \$160.00 per person: = \$ _____

2. Companion (non Lions Program):
 (incl.Sat. (Breakfast, Lunch & Activity, and DG Banquet) Payment on or before December 15, 2010 # _____ x \$145.00 per person: = \$ _____
 Payment after December 15, 2010 # _____ x \$160.00 per person: = \$ _____

3. Registration Only (No Meals Included):
 Payment on or before December 15, 2010 # _____ x \$25.00 per person: = \$ _____
 Payment after December 15, 2010 # _____ x \$40.00 per person: = \$ _____

4. Seperate 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 \$55.00 per person: = \$ _____

5. Registration Credit:
 (For 37-0 Lions, Lioness, Leos and their spouses, who have joined since January 20, 2010, take a \$25.00 credit if completed registration form is received by December 15, 2010) # _____ 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:

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Strathmore, AB E-mail: lionkev@telus.net
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Note: No refunds after December 15, 2010

Registration form updated: October 17, 2010

Hotel Reservations are **NOT INCLUDED** with the registration fee and are the responsibility of the delegate.

Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre
511 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore AB
 Toll free: **1-800-333-3333**
 Direct line : **1-403-678-3625**

Guest Rooms: \$116.00 per Night plus taxes