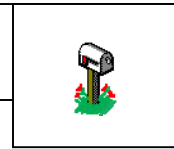
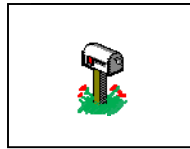

MD 37 PDG ASSOCIATION

Fall, 2004



Well, it has been some time since I was last in contact with all of you, and I wish at this time to thank everyone who sent cards and donations in Don's memory. Your prayers and kindness were much appreciated by myself and my family. To those of you who took time from your busy schedules and drove some distances to attend his memorial service, thanks from the bottom of my heart. It has been a long and hard six months, but with the love of my family and all of my friends, I am coping fairly well, and am now looking forward to seeing all of my Lions family in January at the Mid Winter Conference.

Dues, Dues, Dues !!! Seems like there is always someone asking for dues, be it at the club level, MD or International. We are no different - PLEASE check your membership card and if it has expired, your voluntary donation of \$25.00 US for a five year membership will be much appreciated.

As per the minutes of the last General Meeting, a cheque in the amount of \$150.00 was sent to Lions Foundation of Canada to purchase a tree in memory of those PDG's who passed away this last Lionistic year. I have received a Certificate from the Foundation, which I will present to the Association at our next general meeting in May. Perhaps we may find a permanent home for it next to the Hall of Fame Plaque in Grande Prairie???? We also sent a cheque for \$150.00 to Leader Dog for the Blind, which, if memory serves me correctly, was to purchase a brick in memory of those PDG's who passed away this past Lionistic year. To date, I have not heard anything from Leader Dog, but am sure that I will soon. I have just returned from my own District I annual Convention which was held in Sherwood Park. It was hosted by four clubs, Ryley, Tofield, South Cooking Lake, and Fultonvale. I can honestly say it was the best Convention that I have attended, the speakers were fantastic, the meals superb, and everything started and ended on time. Congratulations to the committee for a job very well done. To you and yours, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. **See you all in Red Deer.**

Multiple District 37
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July 1/03 to June 30/05

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MD 37 Midwinter Conference
January 28 & 29, 2005
"Bringing Light into a World of Darkness"
Red Deer Alberta
Registration form enclosed.

MD 37 Convention
May 19-21, 2005
"Discover the Roar of the Falls"
Great Falls Montana
Registration Form enclosed

You are Responsible for your own Hotel
Reservations. Come early stay late.



Have you made your Contribution?
Please check your membership
card .If you are not up to date,
please send your contribution to
our Treasurer PDG Margaret.
Please make payable to MD 37
PDG Association. To those
members that have misplaced
your card. Contact us for a
replacement and an update on
your contribution.

Thank You

Check out the MD 37 Web page at www.md37.org

Thanks to all you PDG's in Detroit who helped with our campaign to keep a board meeting in Oak Brook. With just 60 more votes we would have defeated the motion and saved our association about \$500,000 a year. We had a super campaign and had the big boys scared 'til the end. Once again, MD37 did what was right for Lions.

We Remember ...Our Condolences

1917-2004 Burge Larsen Standard
1932-2004 Bill Bishop Carstairs & District
1934-2004 Don Young Cold Lake N Lights
We most sincerely apologize if we have missed anyone, Please contact the Secretary.

It is time to begin planning our annual Banquet and general meeting to be held in May in Great Falls Montana. The Banquet will be held Thursday, May 19, and if anyone has suggestions for a guest speaker, PLEASE contact PDG Margaret Young. The annual General Meeting will be held Friday morning, and as both the Chairperson and the Secretary two year terms expire, these positions will be open.

Sympathy to PDG Noel Eddy who lost his home and belongings to a house fire recently.

Get well wishes to

PDG Ken Straughan,
PDG Merlin Leibel and PDG Orval Collyer who are on the sick list, and to others that we are not aware of who are ill. Please get well soon.



Conference 2005
This year the MD37 Conference is being held in Red Deer, Alberta. Conference will take place on January 28-29. Visiting International Director is Richard Chaffin from Virginia

How many districts and Lions Clubs are there in Multiple District 37?

As of July 9th, MD37 consists of 5 districts. Three are totally in Alberta/British Columbia/NWT, 1 is split by the border and contains clubs both in Alberta and Montana, and 1 is totally within the Montana. Total clubs at this time is 320 clubs and growing.

Farewell.

PDG Chandra Gajjar 37-O DG 1994-95 37-E
Joined the Calgary Heritage Lions Club in 1977. Chandra became Charter President of the Calgary Fish Creek Lions Club in 1981. During his year as Governor he had a net increase in membership of 51. Chandra is leaving MD 37 and moving to MD "A" London Ontario. He informs me that he will cherish this memory for the rest of his life. Chandra was given a farewell party by the Calgary Fish Creek Lions club on October 31. He intends to join a Lions Club in London. He will be attending 37-O convention and leaving on November 15 for the East. Good Luck.

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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.
In 1918 Moira Michael, an American, wrote a poem in reply, We shall keep the faith, in which she promised to wear a poppy 'in honour of our dead' and so began the tradition of wearing a poppy in remembrance.

ID Garry and Candy visits MD 41-N1

The following are excerpts from Gary's address and I thought you would like to here what our International Director is saying.

Lionism is My Field of Dreams.

It is a place where I can go and feel whole. It is a place where I can go and feel happy. So as you might suspect-I spend a lot of time there.

Is YOUR club and Lionism your Field of Dreams?

Or is it just another ball park where you can play a game or two every now and then? What would make YOUR CLUB Your "Field of Dreams" in Lionism? Let's think about that for a moment. Maybe sit back relax.. maybe even close your eyes and

IMAGINE the Lions Club of YOUR dreams!

IMAGINE A CLUB that would give you everything YOU always wanted as a Lion a club that evaluates itself regularly, a club that believes true greatness consist of being great in many little things, that the best things in life are NOT necessarily "Things"

IMAGINE A CLUB that believes what Albert Schweitzer said, I don't know what your destiny will be, but I do know the only ones among you, who will be truly happy, are those of you who have sought, and found, how TO SERVE.

IMAGINE A CLUB that REGULARLY invites prospective members because there are so many people that need our help and NEVER enough of us to give it! This club knows that if you don't ask, the answer is always NO They understand that you will always miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

IMAGINE A CLUB whose meetings are NOT centered around a meal or a social night out-but around PROJECTS that raise money, and PROJECTS that give aid, substance and comfort to those who need it. This is a club that believes "What You Do For Yourself will soon be forgotten" "What You Do For Others will live for ever"

IMAGINE A CLUB that has informational programs, good Tail-Twisting, proper protocol, falls an agenda and has an active membership committee. " You can get everything in life YOU want **IF** You help enough OTHER people to get what **THEY** want !"

IMAGINE A CLUB whose members are **NOT** satisfied with mediocrity but who have pride in all they do and **NEVER** turn down an opportunity to help. Again, they understand that you will always miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

IMAGINE A CLUB that mentors Leadership and Caring; by always building up and using it's members for positive actions and innovative thoughts, and mentors you by putting the opportunities in front of you and helping you take your first step.

IMAGINE A CLUB that always says "Thank you" This weekend you've had many of your fellow Lions give you incredible information. How many of you have thanked them? Where ever you go, or see people doing a good job – Do you tell them so? Go ahead, make someone's day!

IMAGINE A CLUB that has members who participate on the District level and above, because their club allows them to grow into great Leaders. They realize that serving in our organization includes serving each other. That means helping members financially – to attend Conferences, Conventions, Forums and Leadership Seminars... for they are the Learning Centers of Lionism, and any club who sends it's Officers to Zone meetings and Officer Training every year to learn how to be better; these too are the Learning Centers of Lionism.

IMAGINE A CLUB whose President and Secretary never repeat an office, because there is a flow of new young leaders waiting for their job.

IMAGINE A CLUB that has a monthly Newsletter and shares all the information that flows down from our Districts, Multiple Districts and from our International organization.

IMAGINE A CLUB that makes you so proud that when you see a person with good qualities - - your first impulse is to ask, "Would **YOU** like to be a **LION**? We could use your help."

IMAGINE A CLUB whose members

Listen to you – when you want to share or be heard.

Support you– when you need comfort and when you lead them in new directions.

Respect you – because you deserve to be respected.

Care for you – and call you when your not there to see if you need their help.

Encourage you – by allowing you to do the things you are comfortable with and rewarding you for doing them well.

Greet you – when you come in and help you grow while you're there!

If you build your club to do these things, you will own your Field of Dreams. But **YOU** must remember, only you can build it. It's not up to International, or anyone else – It's up to **YOU**. and **if** you build it, they will come. he responsibility is yours, and the time is now. hank you for being part of my Field of Dreams. hope I will be a small part of **YOURS**



MD37 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE
 27, 28, 29 January 2005
 Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer Alberta
REGISTRATION FORM

*"Bringing Light
 into a World
 of Darkness"*

Name: _____

Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-member _____ First Conference _____

Are you a new member as of January 2005? _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code/Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____ Email address: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Companion Name: _____ District: _____ Club: _____

Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Non-member _____ First Conference _____

Are you a member as of 1 February 2004? _____ (Free registration to 1st 20 new members that register)

Early Bird Draw Cut Off Date is November 30th, 2004

Special Meal Request: Diabetic Vegetarian (specify type) _____ Other _____

**Please note that it may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests.*

Registration	No.	Amount	Total
_____	_____	x \$75.00	\$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT <i>Please make cheques payable to: 2005 Midwinter Conference</i>

Note: Registration includes Breakfast, Lunch & Banquet

Extra Tickets

Governor's Banquet _____ x \$30.00 \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

ALL MONIES ARE IN CANADIAN FUNDS

Cheque Money Order

Visa Master Card

Card# _____

Expiry Date _____

Name _____

Signature: _____

Refund Policy

Before asking for a refund DID YOU TRY TO GET A LION TO TAKE YOUR PLACE. A full refund will be granted if a written request is received by the Conference Committee prior to 30 November 2004. A refund may be granted after 1 December 2004 through the District Governor and the Club President.

**MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION
 FORM AND PAYMENT TO:**
 2005 Midwinter Conference
 Lions Club of Alix
 Box 35, Alix, Alberta T0C 0B0

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<p>YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS</p> <p>The Conference Headquarters is the Red Deer Lodge Phone: 1-800-661-1657</p>
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