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Women and Families in Lions

My name is Ellen Tieman and I have been asked to represent the clubs in our district with regard to women and families membership in your lions clubs. First of all, I would like to tell you a little about our club. The Community View Lions Club became a chartered club in the fall of 2009. As we were discussing the direction of our club, we came to the conclusion that we wanted to become family orientated.

We spent the last year trying to find a family friendly meeting place; so that we could have a casual dinner meeting as well as have a place for the children to play. To this end, two of our lion's women have volunteered to help look after our children during our dinner meetings.

We also decided to have a business meeting on the first Wednesday of the month so that our family club meetings would be dealing with club voting and discussion on motions deemed necessary during the business meetings. This has allowed our dinner meetings to be a social outing for our club families. We have also arranged for family inclusive club barbeques, golf tournaments and Christmas parties.

To date, we have three families that have joined our club with children who are preschool age and three couples as well. I am in the unique position to have three of my adult sons and myself as members of our club. There is another family who has the grand parents, adult children with their wives, and their small children attend our meetings. As you can see our club is definitely becoming a family affair.

I find that our members enjoy working along side their spouses and children at a volunteer event or helping out at our fundraisers. It does not matter if they are older children or the younger preschool age, they can all do a job which allows them to feel like they are helping out and an important member of our lion's club

As chair for our District 37N, with regard to women and families in the club, I hope to facilitate with all of your clubs growth in this area. I will be attending the convention in October in Lethbridge and would love to meet with any of you then.

Sincerely,

Lion Ellen Tieman

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Columbia Falls Lions Club

Lion Troy Ypma is our vice president of the club. He purchased Lion Will Loveall's optometrist office in Columbia Falls. Could not resist this as a District news note. Unusual news for a Lions Club comes from Columbia Falls. New little cub for the club arrived August 22, son of Lion Troy and Hillary Ypma. He weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

. -gladys shay, past president, C.F. Lions

TABER AIDS CHILE

In 2009 Ricardo Berner a member of the Taber Lions Club vacationed in his home country of Chile and came back with the idea of sending bicycles to Chile. This was to help children in remote areas get to school and parents get to work. The members of the Taber club endorsed the project and started to collect used bikes. In a month they had collected about 600 used bikes many of which were in like new condition.



They proceeded and arranged a shipping container to transport the bikes. A private donor came forward and covered the shipping costs aiding the club tremendously. The Club loaded the container with approximately 486 bikes along with 27 used hospital beds. After 3 months of travel the container arrived in Chile. Ricardo traveled to Chile and with the help of many local Lions they distributed the bikes and beds, all of which were greatly appreciated.

A year later in 2010 Chile was struck by an earthquake so the Taber club decided to help out once again. They conducted a drive for donations to aid those who had lost everything. Once again they filled a container with used clothing, fire hoses, Jaws of Life, breathing apparatus, and food along with more bikes. This time the shipping cost was paid for by local Lions clubs who generously supported the idea.

On the 30th of July this year the club decided to repeat the bike project and filled another container with an additional 526 bikes along with used walkers and wheelchairs. Once again we were fortunate to find a private sponsor who covered the shipping costs. The local club in Chile was more than happy to receive and help distribute the items.

This project not only helped the people of Chile, it showed both the Taber Lions and the Chilean Lions what can start out as a dream can become a miracle for others by aiding those less fortunate than ourselves.

Respectfully submitted by PDG Wayne Baker – Taber Lions Club

PID Gary Tschache



With Heartfelt Sympathy the Lions of District 37N bid farewell to a great Lion and Humanitarian,

Past International Director Gary Tschache who passed away Saturday September 3, 2011.

He will forever live in our hearts and memories.

Our prayers go out to Lion Candy and family.

MEMBERSHIP – WHAT CAN I DO?

Anyone, including you, can sponsor a new Lion simply by asking.

1. **Asking** – “Would you be interested in becoming a member of the greatest service organization in the world, the Lions club”? We have all heard no before but if you don’t ask think of the opportunity we have lost.
2. **Who to ask** – Consider prospective members who are willing to be contributing Members in our organization. This person must be willing to assist with service activities, projects and fund-raising.
3. **Knowledgeable** – Be prepared to answer questions about your Club and Lions Clubs International as a whole.
4. **Invitation** - Invite a prospective member to come to a Club meeting to see what we are all about. Remember to introduce your guest to the membership of your Club and make them feel welcome.
5. **Follow Up** – Follow up with the prospective member thanking them for their time and attendance, get their feedback and determine their interest level.
6. **Orientation** – Remember that proper orientation is essential to new members so they can be all that they aspire to be. Do not overwhelm them but make sure they realize their importance and involvement in our organization.
6. **Induction** – A special ceremony is a nice welcome aboard. Make sure that it is a memorable ceremony and give the inductee an opportunity to speak if they so wish. Have the Lions pin, Certificate of Membership completed to be presented to them.
7. **Mentoring** – Partner this new member up with a mentor they can relate to and are comfortable asking questions of so they may better understand what LIONS are all about and lead them to be a great Lion.

Have you asked someone to become a Lion?

IF NOT – WHY NOT

Helpful Hints to Consider:

In seeing a prospective member always make eye contact with them and tell them about Lions after determining that they are of good moral character and would like to help those less fortunate.

Talk about something related to that person’s current situation. Be sure to make them know you are genuinely interested in them.

Ask them if they belong, or have belonged, to a civic or service organization. This will open the door for them to talk about themselves and to consider their humanitarian contributions.

BE A GOOD LISTENER.

Let them know that the Lions clubs are the largest service organization in the world with over 1.3 million members in 206 countries or geographic areas. Tell them briefly about the founding, motto slogan “We Serve”, our objectives and your Lions Club.

Inform them of membership cost to join and yearly dues.

Consider picking up your guest and bringing them to your meeting.

Nomination Form MD37 Hall of Fame

Date: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Candidate's Next of Kin: _____

Candidate's Address: _____

Candidate's Phone #: _____

Candidate's Immediate Family: _____

Sponsor: _____

Sponsor Contact: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Phone #: _____

CRITERIA:

Date Candidate joined Lions: _____

Candidate's current Club: _____

List of all clubs in which Candidate has held membership: _____

List Past Club Offices held: _____

List Current Club Offices: _____

List District and MD37 positions held: _____



List all Lion's awards and honors received: _____

Is candidate a Life Member of MD37 or LCI? _____ If so, how long? _____

How many new members has candidate sponsored? _____

State reasons why you think this members is a worthy candidate for the MD37 Hall of Fame:

List any other information that you feel may be applicable: _____

Please feel free to include any news articles.

Note: This form/application must be filed with the District Governor at least 30 days before The District Convention.

Lions Clubs International
District 37 N CONVENTION
 October 7 & 8, 2011
 Lethbridge, 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 Sept. 2, 2011) _____ X \$90.00 = _____

Late Registration (received after Sept. 2, 2011) _____ X \$110.00 = _____

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

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

Meals: all meals will be served buffet style: special meals – be specific (it may not be possible to accommodate all requests)

Payment : please circle Cash, Cheque (payable to 2011 District 37N Convention), Money Order, Visa, Master Card,

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Verification Number _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Mail to:

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You are responsible for your own Hotel/Motel Reservations

Convention Headquarters : Coast Lethbridge Hotel and Conference Centre – 526 Mayor Magrath Drive South , 403-327-5701
 rates: \$109.00/Comfort room with 2 doubles/1 queen/Night based on single/double, \$119.00/Superior room with 1 king/2
 queens/Night based on single/double, and \$129.00/Premium room with 2 queens plus sofa bed/Night based on single/double.
 Rates quoted are in Canadian dollars and subject to appropriate taxes at the time of check in. **When making reservations please
 ask for the Lion's Club Convention Group. The room block will be held until September 8, 2011.**

Other Accommodations : Sandman Hotel (within walking distance) 421 Mayor Magrath Drive South 403-328-1111

Holiday Inn Express Suites 120 Stafford Drive South 1-866-494-9292 or 403-394-9292

Quality Inn and Suites (near Casino) 4070 2nd Avenue South 1-888-331-6440 or 403-331-6440

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton (near Casino) 4073 2nd Avenue South 1-800-426-7866

REFUND POLICY: If possible, have another Lion take your place. Full refund if written request is received prior to August 27, 2011. 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.

SHARING IDEAS

MEMORY BOX PROGRAM – Courtesy of the Lambeth Lions Club



Goal:

To assist families in creating memories at the time of the loss of their child.

Objectives:

- To give each family a memory box in which they may place any of the keepsakes at the bedside at the time of the death of their child.***
- To add any other memorabilia that may be of significance to the family such as a cross, candle, picture frame, or teddy bear.***

To maintain privacy and confidentiality while creating lasting memories for families.

For more information see their website <http://memoryboxes.lambethlions.org/>

[The Importance of Extension](#)

As a Lion, you understand the difference your club makes in your community, and that's why it's important to help start new Lions Clubs. But there may be more reasons than you can think of. Starting new clubs is important for the following reasons:

[1. To Rejuvenate and Grow Membership](#)

Starting new clubs grows active volunteers. Through extension, you:

- Cultivate new resources.
- Boost enthusiasm
- Generate new and innovative ideas for service and fundraising projects.
- Build leadership skills and new leaders
- Increase district funds for activities and projects.

[2. Because Community is What We Make It.](#)

At the end of the day, it's what Lions do that matters. Starting new clubs:

- Gives communities currently without a Lions Club the opportunity to respond to local needs.
- Provides an avenue for community and service-minded individuals to be involved in projects they care about.
- Readies more hands for service.

[3. To Engage New Member Types](#)

No two Lions clubs are alike, because no two people are alike. A new club:

- Allows members to establish a unique club culture.
- Persuades younger members to get involved, particularly when the club has a focus on community service projects and utilizes modern communication methods.
- Encourages family and women membership.
- Removes the uncomfortable issue of seniority and leadership felt by long-time members.
- Enables members with shared interests to form a Special Interest Lions Club.

[4. Because the Future of Lions Depends On It](#)

We matter, because people know they can count on Lions to pitch in. With new Lions clubs we continue to:

- Enable more Lions to continue making a difference.
- Support the humanitarian work of Lions clubs through LCIF.
- Ensure our members remain as our most sustainable resource.

[It's impossible to imagine that some communities are still without a Lions club. We became the world's largest service organization one club at a time, so begin your extension efforts today.](#)

The 10 Commandments of Leadership

1. **Make What Matters Really Matter:** *Hold yourself and others accountable for bringing your mission to life.*
2. **Practice What You Preach:** *Be a role model for honesty, integrity, and walking the talk.*
3. **Communicate with Care and Conviction:** *Share what you know, be considerate and confident, and listen respectfully.*
4. **Create the Involvement You Seek:** *Provide team members with meaningful opportunities to participate.*
5. **Do Right by Those Who Do Right:** *Acknowledge and thank team members who meet or exceed your expectations.*
6. **Provide What They Need to Succeed:** *Make sure team members have the tools, training, and support necessary to do their best work.*
7. **Confront Challenges with Courage:** *Face difficult situations directly. Make the tough calls. Do what you know needs to be done.*
8. **Let Differences Become Your Direction:** *Appreciate the uniqueness of all of your team members. Use it to move you beyond the status quo.*
9. **Strive to Serve Others:** *Use your knowledge and skills for the betterment of all “lions.”*
10. **Go Forth and Prosper:** *Build a lasting legacy. Accept that your ultimate purpose is to help everyone become successful.*

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA (LFC)

The Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC) is Lions number one service project across Canada. This program provides a tremendous support to disabled individuals by providing blind persons with guide dogs, deaf persons with hearing ear dogs, special skills dogs for persons in wheelchairs or with other disabling conditions, seizure dogs for persons with epilepsy and autism dogs for children with autism.

Three cheers for Lions Clubs in South Alberta!! Lions with your participation and the support of the Dog Walk Committees in Claresholm, Lethbridge, Pincher Creek and Taber, The South Alberta Lions Purina Walk for Dog Guides just celebrated its tenth annual Walk and they raised a combined total of \$53,800.00 for LFC. In the ten years of running these Walks the Lethbridge Walks have raised a total of \$256,700.00. Our Walk has been in the top ten Walks in Canada for those nine years and for the past two years the Lethbridge Walk has been the number one Walk in Canada. This year we dropped back to the number two walk in Canada raising \$51,700 which was only \$300.00 less than the Walk in Toronto. What a great accomplishment for the Lions of South Alberta and especially for the Walk Committees. These



Walks across Canada are LFC's primary way of raising funds for the five programs they operate.

The publicity from these Walks has been very positive in promoting the activities of Lions. This publicity has also made blind and disabled individuals aware of LFC's Service Dog programs. Ten years ago there were two service dogs in South Alberta and today there are ten service dogs: 5 dog guides, 3 special skills dogs and 2 autism dogs. We Lions should be proud of this accomplishment.

If you know of any individuals who would benefit from any of the LFC Programs then let me know and I will advise them where to get an applica-

tion. Keep up the great work Lions.

For any additional information I can be contacted at 403-327-3099 or by

EMAIL- brownwj@shaw.ca

Club Life Made Easier

Club secretaries are you aware of the changes Lions Clubs International has made to simplify filing WMMR's and your club service activities reports?

Now you can

View your club statements online from January, 2011 through the present time for a 3 year period.

Pay invoices online with credit cards for timely payments.

View your Semi-Annual Per-Capita invoices online for a 3 year period.

Review your monthly statements for payment and membership updates.

We trust that you will use this feature to ensure your balances and membership status is accurate.

Should you have any questions on how to use this service please contact; accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org.