

5CW LIONS NEWS & VIEWS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Well since the last newsletter, quite a bit has happened. A very pleasant visit to the Riverhurst club, a visit to the Leader Dog school in Rochester Michigan and my first Cabinet meeting.

The Leader Dog school stresses the point that they produce a « total package » for the visually impaired. It should be noted that the US school is pretty well totally committed to dogs for the blind.

Unlike our Canadian Dog guide school that produces dogs for three different categories of impairment.

The Leader Dog School does an impressive job of training both dogs and customers in the basic needs of a visually impaired person.

They then progress to the « Trekker » program which uses a « GPS » device coupled with a speech module to inform the wearer precisely where they are and then gives directions on where they want to go. Certainly this system offers an almost limitless area of travel to the visually impaired.

The third segment of training offers Computer training so that the individual becomes a much better candidate when he enters the work force and tries to get gainful employment.

While most of the dogs from this school go to clients in the US, there are dogs that come to Canada.

Like the Canadian school, the US counterpart offers dogs at no cost to the visually impaired client.

Donations to this school may be made through the District Governor or directly to the school in Rochester.

Of note in the information department, we hope that the new directories will be out soon. It would appear that some of the Districts were late in getting their information to the printer.

I will be looking to my Zone chairmen when they do get here to distribute the Directries to the clubs.

Now is the time for your visitation chairs to start planning your club visits for the upcoming year. Lets see if all clubs can do at least a couple of visits during this Lions year.

SPECIAL ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES & PRESIDENTS:

During the week of JUNE 18th you each received a letter from LIONS INTERNATIONAL. In the letter were your **member # and password** to get online to do reports. Look for it now. POST ON COMPUTER FACE. **DO NOT SAY YOU DID NOT GET IT.** USE IT NOW TO DO YOUR JULY & AUG REPORTS. GET USED TO IT.

Starting with the September newsletter we will be showing pictures highlighting this Lions Year.

Lion Howard

UPCOMING EVENTS

VISITS



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2007:
Sept: 6/8th: USA/CAN Leadership Forum: Grand Rapids, Mich.
Nov: 2/3/4: 5CW Fall Conference: Moose Jaw, Sk.
 5CW Curling: Elrose: Jan 26/27/08
 Prov Curling:Eston: Dates to come.

August 1: 5CW Cabinet: Swift Current: 5:00 PM
 Aug. 17/19: MD5 Council of Governors: Minot.
 Aug. 28/29: CNIB Golf Tournament: Moose Jaw
 Sept 2: USA/CAN Leadership: Grand Rapids Mic
 Sept. 13: Convention Meeting: Moose Jaw.
 Sept. 30: Eyebank meeting: Saskatoon.
 Oct. 19/20: 5CE Convention: Estevan
 Oct. 23: Central Butte Lions meeting.
 Nov 2/3/4: 5CW Convention: Moose Jaw.
 A lot more to come next newsletter.

CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II
 TO end of May: \$110,154,644.00
 Raised.
 5CW donations to same date:
 \$31,044.90. Breakdown next month

We regret the passing of Lion Trevor Pick: M.J. E Bird Club this spring.

Got a question that's been bugging you. Email or phone it to the Gov. or Lion Ron. We will try to answer it for you.

NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR: THE QUESTION BOX.

Question: 5CW sends a lot of money to LFC. How many dog guides have come back to Sask?

In checking with LFC we find that over the past 5 years Sask. has sent in about \$430,000.00 to LFC. (figures from before that time are unavailable.)

Since 1990 a total of 45 guide dogs has come to Sask. At approximately \$20,000.00 as a general rule, to train and field a dog, we find that we are not much more than paying half price for our guide dogs.

It would sure appear that money donated to LFC by Saskatchewan Lions, is probably the best dollars that we find ourselves spending.

A breakdown of dogs coming here shows the following: 6 dogs for the hearing impaired, 19 dogs for the visually impaired and 20 dogs went to those with special needs,ie: mobility impairment.

Donations sent with no conditions or direction is used by the Foundation wherever there is the greatest need, so budget all you can for this very worthwhile cause.



Picture above: District Governor Howard and his wife Adeline along with the new Lions International president, Mahendra Amarasuriya and his wife Kushlani at the International Convention in Chicago.

From the Desk:

Well, have had my first visit, Riverhurst, been to all the schools, Dog Guides and just finished my first Cabinet meeting. Have you ever tried to manage a meeting where most of the people are Past District Governors, past or future something else? Well I found out it is like trying to run a herd of milk cows into a new barn, with a different floor plan. Surprisingly, just like you would do with the cows, you just let them run and things all work out in the end. 17 members were present and we know the rest are either harvesting or away. Seriously, we accomplished all that was required along with a few extra things that needed to be done. Next Cabinet meeting is in Moose Jaw at the Fall Conference. There will be some voting issues this year so lets all plan to attend. By the way there will be a "deal" for "first time" Conference goers.

Ask the club secretary to watch for those "special" registration forms.....

HEY: SECRETARIES: Remember reports for July & August to Gov Howard & Int.

Don't forget the Fall Conference in Moose Jaw, November 2/3/4. Plan now.

THAT'S A "WRAP" Bye for now.

Special note to all Presidents and secretaries:

As soon as you can, use your password to go on the Lions "website" and check your club "roster". Make sure your membership is current and has no dead or transferred members on it.

MEMBERSHIP. END OF June 2007

WORLD: 1,297,821

SASK: 3926

5CW: 1,057 LARGEST 5CW

CLUB: ESTON "95" @ 53 members.