

5CW LIONS NEWS & VIEWS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DARE TO CHANGE:

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer, are well rested and ready to work for the Lions .

The international president has chosen the slogan: **DARE TO CHANGE**: as his choice for this Lionistic year.

You and your club may want to look at programs, projects and other ways to enhance membership enjoyment in the Lions organization. Maybe "same old, same old" is part of the reason it is no longer as much fun as it used to be, to go to your local Lions meeting.

Change for no reason is probably not good. Each of our clubs know what is good for and what works for our own particular club: however we all have projects that no longer are as successful or have as much impact as they used to. Those are the ones that we should consider changing.

And by the way, do not just talk to your local membership when considering what should be changed, talk to the community as well. Someone else other than you might just have a good idea as to what is needed or could be useful in your local area.

If your club, decides in its wisdom to act on that idea, then the individual who started it is a prime target as a new member.

It is, in most cases, the only way you might look at to increase your membership. With declining community population, closing of schools, leading to the decline of a community itself, it is essential that all remaining member work towards keeping what you have left.

Please remember that if your club does not appear to be interested in "out reach" to the community we have a "Merl Team" in place who have some new ideas that just might work. In the past we have witnessed the "losing" of clubs without any request coming from that area for help.

You can believe it or not, but there is at times, a better way of doing things. All you have to do is admit that a "little help" might not hurt.

The Lions organization, right now, has a number of programs running both at the club level and at the International level that, that are really important.

Sight First II is the most important. At this time we in the southwest have had a limited participation in this worldwide effort.

Since this is the last year of the program is certainly must go on your club agenda if you have not already participated. On page two are some suggestions that might be helpful to your club, in meeting it's commitment to this project.

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 & Sept REPORTS. GET USED TO IT.**

UPCOMING EVENTS	VISITS
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.	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. Nov 19: Gravelbourg Lions Nov. 28: Richmond Lions Book your favourite date now.....
CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II TO end of June; \$111,154,644.00 Raised. 5CW donations to same date: \$31,044.90. Breakdown next month	



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We regret the passing of Charter member Lion Peter Butala of the Claydon Lions club.

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.

We replace the Question Box with these stats this month
Campaign Sight First Donations to date:
 M Jaw: \$2000.00} M Jaw Early: \$128.21} Glen Bain: \$86.21}
 Gravelbourg: \$431.04} Gravelbourg PP: \$301.72} Mankota: \$357.13}
 Ponteix: \$1000.00} S Current: \$2100.00} Alsask: \$267.86}
 Burstall: \$2466.07} Eaton: \$357.14} Eston: \$4687.50}
 Eston 95: \$174.11} Leader: \$375.61} Leader R Hills: \$168.87}
 Mantario: \$361.61} Richmond: \$15,600.00} Elrose: \$181.82}
Pledged: \$31,044.90>>>>Actual cash in: \$17,994.30
That is only 18 clubs in our district that have done anything the first two years of the campaign.
If your club is not listed above then this had better be a "WAKEUP" call to you.
This is the last year of the drive for funds unless you have made a pledge to contribute over the next three years.
 Come on 5CW, there are funds available, earmark them now and make your club a contributor to this worldwide campaign....

The North Dakota Lions have issued a challenge to all clubs in the Multi-District, in regards to Campaign Sightfirst II.
 Sometime this year each club is challenged to put on some form of a "fund Raising" function, be it a meal, games night or whatever in order to make the profits available to Campaign Sightfirst II.
 North Dakota is calling theirs "the Great Spaghetti Challenge". This is a ideal way for clubs who have not yet made a contribution to make a few bucks.
 Lets all get on board, do something that has not been done before in your community, be it a fish fry, pancake breakfast, Texas Hold-em night, sponsor a live show, the list goes on and on.
 Let us not fall into the old trap of saying: Oh we tried that 27 years ago and it did not work.
Make it work this time..DARE TO CHANGE...

From the Desk:
HEY: SECRETARIES: Remember reports for July & August to Gov Howard & Int.
 Looking at the box above one has to wonder where have all the Lions gone? Campaign Sight First II is the largest and most ambitious campaign that Lions have ever tried, worldwide. After two years we have only 18 clubs that have made the effort to contribute or pledge. There are so many ways to support this effort. The club can cut a check: the club can put on a special nite or program, the club can solicit from the community at large or you can make a personal donation. Its is a **tax writeoff** because a receipt will be issued by the Alberta Lions Foundation for money donated through them. The amount is still credited to your club. For details contact your local CSFII Coordinator.
 Don't any club try to tell this district that they can't participate. By January 2008, I want to see this list with 43 names on it.
 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" @ 51 members.