

# Northeast Eyeopener News

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*"We Serve"*



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## SERVING TOGETHER

Helen Keller, who had all the reasons in the world to lack a positive outlook once said, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence". Lions, every instance of our service is a shining moment of optimism and faith. We believe we can uplift lives and improve our communities. Indeed, that's what Lions have done for 93 years.

We need to keep sharing that optimism without fellow club members and keep them in the fold. Let me emphasize that membership worldwide is up thanks to strong recruiting efforts. But it could be even better if clubs made a greater commitment to retention.

Lions, we need a double membership strategy. We need to extend clubs and we need to improve retention. This really can be done only at the club level. The lions who are leaving are your club members, your friends. You know their hearts and minds and what keep them happy and satisfied. Certainly, a large organization such as ours will lose many members every year because of non-payment of dues, club cancellations, death and other reasons. But nearly 40 percent of members who left us last year resigned in good standing. They simply decided their club was not meeting their needs.

Retention starts with induction. We need to recruit qualified members: people who want to serve, who can pay their dues, who have some stature in the community. Then we must nurture them as Lions. The first four years are critical. Make them feel welcome and important. Listen to them. Heed their advice. A club can't cater to the wishes of the few but must respond to its entire membership. Make sure meetings are punctual, lively and interesting and that club activities are frequent and engaging. Most clubs do this most of the time. Let's be able to say all clubs do this all the time! Plant your Ginkgos and MOVE TO GROW.

Lions Clubs International has excellent tools to improve your club such as self-evaluation kits and pamphlets on improving club dynamics and meetings. A better club will lead to better retention.

Retention is critical for us to do even more service and to keep clubs strong and healthy. Our purpose is to serve society, but to do that well we have to serve our clubs too, by making them attractive for members. I know that Lions never fail when challenged. Take this as another challenge. Move to Grow this year and move deliberately and intelligently to hold on to our members.

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### NOTABLE QUOTE

*"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."*

*~ Mother Teresa*

# Club News

## MEMBERS NEWS

### Member Induction

On January 6th, 2010, Lion Lama Al-Yafi, was sponsored by Lion Paula Hagel and inducted into our Club by District Governor Lion Fred Walters.



WELCOME Lama! You are a great addition to our club and we are so happy to have you.

### Ride to Conquer Cancer

Lion Allan Fay and Lion Tracey Devine will be participating in the Ride to Conquer Cancer 2010. They will be travelling 200 KM over a two-day bike trek through the mountains in support of Cancer. The club will be sponsoring \$200 each for their efforts. If you would like to make individual donations in support, please contact Allan or Tracey.

### Educational Pursuits

A special congratulations to Lion Deven Singhal and Lion Om Sam! Lion Deven Singhal is currently pursuing a Master of Laws in Italy. Lion Om Sam has been accepted into the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Antinqua.

### Membership Contest

In January 2009, Rebecca Snukal challenged Matt Dalidowicz to a contest of who could bring in the most new members during 2009. During the January 21st regular meeting, our Membership Chair Lion John Watson declared Matt Dalidowicz the winner for sponsoring Lion Christy Dalidowicz and Deven Singhal. Congratulations, Matt!

### Awards of Excellence

Congratulations for a job well done! During the January 20th regular meeting, Immediate Past President Lion Paula Hagel was awarded the 2008-2009 100% President Excellence Award. Lion Treasurer Fred Schmaltz received the 2008-2009 100% Treasurer's Award. Lion Secretary Denise Isaman was awarded the 2008-2009 100% Secretary's Award.

### Olympic Torch

This month Canada is buzzing with Olympic excitement. Our very own Lion Robert Herritt made us all proud as he ran with the Olympic Torch on Day 83, January 20, 2010 in Canmore.



# Member Spotlight

## CARMELITA MONROY

### When and where were you born?

January 4th, 1945 in Manila, Philippines.

### Do you have any children? Names? Ages?

Victor (now deceased) and Desiree

### Do you have any pets?

I have one Bichon, one Shih Tzu and three little Bichon-Shih Tzus.

### What is your favourite food?

I love trying food from different ethnic groups. As they say, variety is the spice of life.

### If you were an animal, what would you want to be? Why?

A beautifully coloured bird that can soar and glide gracefully, high up in the blue sky.

### Which historical figure do you most admire?

Dr. Mikao Usui, who in the Traditional Reiki story started his quest in the mid-1800's to learn the ancient healing touch methods which are currently and extensively practiced all over the world.

### What was your first job?

I was secretary to a District Manager at Procter & Gamble Philippines. And I always sat-in for the secretary of the top Sales Manager, who was a Torontonion; my first Canadian contact.

### If time, talent, and money were no obstacle, what would be your dream job?

I am currently doing my dream job by offering my services as a Feng Shui Consultant and also offering healing touch services as a Reiki Practitioner/Master. I'm doing what I love.

### What accomplishments are you most proud of?

As District 37-O Peace Poster Contest Chairman, for 4 years, with the support of the different Lions Clubs. I was instrumental in setting up a Display Week at City Hall where our school children were able to show off their individual talents and interpretations of Peace, through their posters. This in turn brought much needed PR attention to the Calgary Lions Clubs. We also now have Lions Day at City Council, where District 37-O Peace Poster Winners are given special Certificates by the City Mayor. Most importantly, I believe this contest has brought joy and pride not only to the children who were able to display their posters, but also joy and pride to their parents and school communities as well.

### What brought you to Lions? What keeps you here?

Seeing the Lions selling the Pot O'Gold tickets and giving away money at the money booths, at the Stampede Grounds, made me decide that I wanted to be a Lion and be able to donate to Charities. What has kept me in the Lions is the opportunity I was given to Chair the Peace Poster Contest project, for the last 4 years. Working with the children and the school made me realize that these are the future Lions and that maybe and hopefully, in the future they will remember and pass on and share their joyful experience to others in the community.



# Important Dates and Information

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

*February 4th*  
*February 11th*  
*February 18th*  
*February 22nd*  
*February 22nd*  
*February 26th*

Rose Desjardins  
Lorraine Sinclair  
Bob Hawkesworth  
Allan Fay  
Om Sam  
Bill Baux

*March 4th*  
*March 4th*  
*March 8th*  
*March 14th*  
*March 17th*  
*March 24th*  
*March 25th*

Sandra Goodrich  
Lorraine Sinclair  
Christina Pond  
Ray Van Schaick  
Paula Hagel  
Christy Dalidowicz  
Joan Haley

### ANNIVERSARIES

*February 7th* Doreen and Ed Knopp

*March 8th*  
*March 13th*  
*March 29th*

Denise and Peter Braithwaite  
Harold and Jeanette Stringer  
Sandra and John Goodrich

## FANNING CENTRE SCHEDULES

### BINGOS

*February 6th*  
*February 13th*  
*February 20th*  
*February 27th*

Team Two  
Team Three  
Team Four  
Team One

*March 6th*  
*March 13th*  
*March 20th*  
*March 27th*

Team Two  
Team Three  
Team Four  
Team One

### BAR

*February 13th*  
*February 27th*

Tracey Devine  
Om Sam and Kieran Kettlys

*March 13th*  
*March 27th*

Allan Fay and Adam May  
Tracey Devine

### DISTRICT 37-O CABINET

District Governor	Fred Walters
1st Vice DG	John Goodrich
2nd Vice DG	Sonny Warrack
Secretary	Bruce Bishop
Treasurer	Dexter Bragas
PDG	Christina Pond

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