



## District 49A Informer



### Governor's Corner

Greetings from your District Governor!

I would like to thank each of you for the trust and confidence you have shown me by electing me District Governor of 49 A for 2011/12 year. This is an honor and I promise to do the best I can do.

Having just returned from the International Convention in Seattle, I begin this year with enthusiasm, new visions and believing that International President Tam's theme of "I Believe" is one that we each can embrace.

President Tam's vision is based on three special goals:

- Strengthening and retaining our membership by taking care of fellow Lions as if they were family
- Expanding our service to new heights, propelled by a special campaign to plant one million trees
- And nurturing our future by involving more young people and Leos in all that we do

My Goals for District 49A support President Tam's goals with an emphasis on the needs of Alaskan Lions. When considering Lions as members of a family, the goals become much easier to internalize and personalize. Within families we provide for the needs of others, use their strengths, contributions, and intergenerational knowledge to provide a solid and wide base of knowledge to draw from. Families work to keep the "family in tact" and when a member must leave the family it is with great sadness. Families communication often and frequently with each other, share in joys and provide assistance when needed. Within our families we grow, expand and change occurs. Listening and understanding the concerns/needs of each family member is important. If action such as additional training or support is needed this support/training should be provided. As in all families we plan for the future. It is through the "Plant a Tree" project, we are not only ensuring our local communities but world a healthier environment.

Communication among our clubs is a key element and I am encouraging all clubs to send in a monthly article to the newsletter. Let's be proud as Lions and let others know the great things you're doing.

With each member we strengthen the positive affect Lions have on people. From these premises came my motto "Making a difference around the world". "I Believe" we can make a difference not only in our communities but around the world.

Yours in Lionism

Dottie Vasquez, District Governor 49 A



#### District Governor

Dottie Vasquez

#### Immediate Past District Governor

Phyllis Starks-Swarner

#### Vice District Governor

Esther West

#### 2nd Vice District Governor

Lewis Quinn

#### Cabinet Secretary

Karan Hupperten

#### Cabinet Treasurer

Karan Hupperten

#### Zone 1

Carol Ann Willard

#### Zone 2

Cindy Beardsley

#### Zone 3

Patricia "Lynn" Valeu

#### Zone 4

Alden S. Cramer

#### Zone 5

Lawrence Yang Lawson

#### Zone 6

Karen Burns

#### Zone 7

Edmund "Ted" Burke

#### Zone 8

Cathy Tilton

District 49A Website:

<http://49a-lions.org>

## Calendar of Events

September 22-24, 2011	2011 USA/Canada Forum Anchorage, Alaska
October 20-22,2011	49B Midwinter Whitehorse
November 17-19,2011	49A Midwinter 2nd Council Meeting Moose Lodge, Palmer
February 18, 2012 Center North	49B 3rd Cabinet Meeting 3rd Council Meeting Aurora Borealis Vision Pole
February 4, 2012	49A 3rd Cabinet Meeting Eagle River
April 26 – 29, 2012	MD49 Convention 4th Cabinet Meeting 4th Council Meeting Valdez
June 22 – 26, 2012	Lions International Convention Busan Korea

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE USA/CANADA FORUM SEPTEMBER 22-24 PRE AND POST FORUM 20,21, 25

If you haven't signed up to volunteer at the Forum HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!!!

There are two ways you can volunteer.

- Pay the Forum Registration so you are registered. Then you can work inside or outside the forum. There are many different things you can do – ticket takers at meals, crowd control, seminar monitors, registration and much more
- You do not have to be registered at the Forum to help outside the Forum area such as – hotel registration, airport greeters, hospitality such as goody bag stuffers, pedestrian traffic, takedown and much more

PLEASE CONTACT ME AT [liondottie@hotmail.com](mailto:liondottie@hotmail.com)

Provide the following information:

Registered or Not

Dates and Times Available

Preference of volunteer duty

Phone numbers (preferable cell then home)

Email address

This is going to be a great Forum. It's time for MD 49 to show the world we are great clubs that work together. Looking forward to hearing from you.

DG Dottie Vasquez

## An Invitation to the Anchorage Lions Forum

Dear Lion Leader,

As General Chairperson of the 2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, I want to personally invite you to this great learning event. Anchorage Alaska will be the site for this fall's top North American Lions educational experience. September 22-24, Lions from all across the United States and Canada will converge on the "Land of the Midnight Sun" to sharpen their leadership skills, renew old friendships and make new friends. And, as a leader in your area, this would be a great opportunity to learn more from accomplished presenters and visit with our International leaders.

Our 2011 Forum Theme "[I Believe in Lions Leadership](#)" will be the backdrop for dozens of seminars and workshops held over the three day event. In addition, four featured main speakers will grab your attention with their dynamic and motivational topics during each of the four meals. I promise you will not only learn something new, but you will also be moved, entertained, motivated, and will experience a renewed sense of pride in being a Lion!

You are encouraged to visit our website at [www.usacanadalionsforum.org](http://www.usacanadalionsforum.org) and check out the November Newsletter which is loaded with information on the speakers, seminars and hotels, along with articles on Alaska. Also on the home page is a printable registration form. You can also register online with the online registration form. Our January Newsletter will be added by mid-January.

Please accept my invitation to join me in Anchorage, September 22-24 this year for the most memorable Forum ever, our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. I look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,  
Bud Wahl  
PID Bud Wahl, General Chairperson  
2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

# 35th Annual



**USA/CANADA**  
 **LIONS**  
**LEADERSHIP FORUM**

Anchorage, Alaska  
September 22 - 24, 2011



# Planning Committee

Volunteer Sign-Up  
2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

The Host Committee needs 250 to 300 volunteers. We need you to make this the best Forum ever!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

HM PH \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ **NEEDED FOR COMMUNICATION AT FORUM**

NOTE: \* = Seated Job # = Must be registered for Forum

Please Check Volunteer Preferences – You can do more than one activity.

# = PROMOTION (Information table at Convention/Forum) =#  
District (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_ State (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_ International \_\_\_\_\_

PRE-FORUM (Some Jobs May Be Until 5:00 P.M. Thursday)  
Availability: \_\_\_\_\_ Mon. Sept. 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Tues. Sept. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Wed. Sept. 21

**JOBS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Airport Greeter      \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Driver      \_\_\_\_\_ Welcome Center Greeter

\_\_\_\_\_ RV Park Greeter (Should this be necessary)      \_\_\_\_\_ Prepare Hospitality Baskets

\_\_\_\_\_ Host Committee Office Set Up      \_\_\_\_\_ Goody Bag Stuffing

\_\_\_\_\_ #Forum Store Set Up#      \_\_\_\_\_ \*Registration (Hotel)\*

\_\_\_\_\_ #\*Registration (Convention Center)#\*      \_\_\_\_\_ #Pin Trader Greeter#

\_\_\_\_\_ Peace Poster Display Set Up      \_\_\_\_\_ #Anywhere/As Needed#

FORUM

Availability: \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs. Sept. 22 \_\_\_\_\_ Fri. Sept. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. Sept. 24

JOBS:

\_\_\_\_\_ On-Call Drivers for VIPs

\_\_\_\_\_ #Host Committee Office Workers#

\_\_\_\_\_ #\*Registration (Convention Center)#\*

\_\_\_\_\_ #Host Comm. Booth (Sell pins,etc.)#

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus Greeter (Arrive/Leave)

\_\_\_\_\_ #Hallway Greeter/Traffic Control#

\_\_\_\_\_ #Forum Store Worker#

\_\_\_\_\_ #\* Announcements/Lost and Found#\*

FORUM, CONT:

\_\_\_\_\_ #Meal – Display Table Signs #

\_\_\_\_\_ #Update Seminar Signs#

\_\_\_\_\_ #Meal – Ticket Takers #

\_\_\_\_\_ #Seminar Greeter and Runner#

\_\_\_\_\_ #Meal – Seat Availability #

\_\_\_\_\_ #Seminar Evaluation Data Entry#

\_\_\_\_\_ #Hotel Transportation Liaison (at Hotel)# \_\_\_\_\_ #Forum Store Take Down#

\_\_\_\_\_ #Host Committee Office Take Down#

\_\_\_\_\_ #Anywhere/As Needed#

POST FORUM \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. Sept. 27

\_\_\_\_\_ Airport Drivers Needed w/SUV  
Or Van

Please return this form to:

Lion Cheryl Hall/Secretary  
4822 West 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99502-4175  
[busterandcheryl@aol.com](mailto:busterandcheryl@aol.com)  
fax number: 907-276-8462  
phone: 907-243-4949



*Direct from Anchorage, Alaska*

**Win**

this gorgeous

**David Green Master Furrier  
Black Mink and Sheared Beaver  
Fur Coat**

**Valued at**

**\$4,200.00**

**Only 1,000 Tickets will be Sold!**

**\$20 each**

**Drawing September 23rd., 2011**

**You don't have to be present  
to win!**

**Tickets will be sold at the Host Committee  
Office during the Forum.**

**Winner responsible for all taxes and any other fees.**

**No cash exchange.**

**Lions District 49A, Tax ID #51-0188867**

**Permit #1306**



**USA/CANADA  
LIONS  
LEADERSHIP FORUM  
September 22-24, 2011  
Anchorage, Alaska**

## Mt. McKinley Lions Assist the African Nation of Burundi

(Anchorage, Alaska, March 10, 2011) Jolie Glaser of Seward, Alaska receives 560 pairs of reconditioned adult and children's glasses from Lyn Valeu, President of the Anchorage Mt. McKinley Lions Club. The glasses were supplied by the Aurora Borealis Lions Eyeglass Recycling & Vision Center (ABLERVC) in North Pole, Alaska and were collected by Lions Clubs from Districts 49A & B in Alaska and Canada.

Jolie, a 2010 graduate of Stanford University with a major in earth systems, is working in the African nation of Burundi. She is an agronomist for Village Health Works, managing their Food Security Program. The placement is a year-long fellowship through Global Health Corps. Jolie will return to Burundi to complete her assignment through July of 2011. The eyeglasses will be distributed by health professionals through the Centre de Sante de Kiriri in just outside the capital of Burundi.

This a second tour in Africa for Jolie. As an undergraduate she worked as a project manager for FORGE in two Congolese refugee camps on the Zambian border (2006-07) where she developed a solar-powered computer center and managed health and education projects. In that setting she did the screening and coordinated the delivery of 41 PET mobility carts for the disabled people in the camps and also enabled the delivery of some 800 pairs of glasses from ABLERVC.

The Mt. McKinley Lions have been instrumental in securing Lions clubs and districts to be distribution partners for the sturdy hand-cranked PET carts in Africa, Asia and Central America. PET is an acronym for personal energy transportation.



## ONS Guidelines for Taking Meeting Minutes

Minutes should be taken using a standard format, using numbered sections and paragraphs coinciding with those of the meeting agenda. It may be helpful to prepare ahead of time a "minutes skeleton" from the agenda. This "skeleton" contains the actual outline of your finished minutes leaving space for the secretary to fill in the information that will be presented at the meeting. The agenda should be divided into two sections, one for information (discussion) items and one for action items. You may also wish to add a third section for consent items, if you use a consent agenda to accept written reports. Items on the consent section of the agenda should be informational and self-explanatory when read. They should not require any discussion or action, if they do, the items must be moved to the appropriate area (discussion or action) of the agenda. Consent agendas allow written reports to be reviewed before the meeting and accepted by consent at the beginning of the meeting so that meeting time does not need to be spent reviewing written reports.

Meeting minutes serve to record what was *done* (the actions) at a meeting, not what was *said* at the meeting. Minutes serve as the legal record of what was decided at a meeting. During a lawsuit they will be among the first documents that all parties will request and will be given more weight than what any particular individual recalls happening at a meeting. *Robert's Rules* recommends that minutes contain the following items:

- Type of meeting
- Name of organization
- Date, time and place of meeting
- Names of presiding officer and recorder of minutes
- Members present (members absent is optional)
- Establishment of a quorum
- Record of action taken on the minutes of the previous meeting
- *Exact* wording of each main motion as it was voted on with name of the maker of the motion and whether the motion passed or failed
- If the vote on the motion was counted, the count should be included.
- Dissenting votes should be included only if a member requests that they go on record with their dissenting vote.
- Any notices given at the meeting, especially for items that require that previous notice be given.
- Points of order and appeals
- Reports should include the name of the committee/team/panel/liaison and the reporting member. If written reports are provided, it should be attached to the minutes and the minute should note that it is attached.

Fellow Lions,

Lions Clubs International (LCI) had come up with four special service action campaigns for Lions to show their strength within their community, city, state, country and the World. The first of the Global Service Action Campaigns is in the month of August, Engaging our Youth. For more information about this go to the following link;

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/iad454.pdf>

One of District Governor Lion Dottie's goals for this year, her year as District Governor is for all clubs to complete a club member assessment by October 2011. This club assessment is one of the requirements for the Membership Growth Trophy at the end of the year. Once your club has completed it, please forward a copy of the results and maybe a brief description of your action plan to meet the needs of your club and its members, to myself (GMT DC, Lion Lawrence), your Zone Chair and the DG Team (DG Lion Dottie, VDGs Lions Esther & Lewis).

Another goal of DG Lion Dottie's is to reduce the percentages of the number of drops each club has during the year. Understanding that many clubs are cleaning up their records and dropping members that are no longer around or wish to be members. Let try not to drop any more members the rest of the year, unless absolutely necessary. Overall, I would say not a bad start to the new year. Now the action plan is to replace those members we dropped with new quality members (Quality meaning they are active, pay dues, and stay).

Club Secretaries, remember to make your Family Unit links because those links will save your club dues to LCI. There are a few clubs that I noticed in my review of the reports that a few clubs have not taken advantage of this program. I will email those Club Presidents and Secretaries, individually to let you know, after all some are new to their offices.

I am available to provide any presentations your club would like in regards to Membership, Retention and or Extension. If I am not available the date of your request, I will see if one of the GMT Team Members is available.

On Saturday, I misspoken / goofed, when I would listing the names of the GMT Team Members. Lion Nancy is not a part-timer. She is a Full-Timer! And an awesome one at that! (Apologies, Lion Nancy, Thank You!)

I will be sending out an email about GMT News and Information, trying to come up with a catchy subject line.

Paws,  
Lion Lawrence  
GMT District Coordinator (GMT DC)

Dear Global Leadership Team Multiple District Coordinators,

The Leadership Resource Center has a new streamlined look, and content has been re-organized for ease of use. Two new pages have been added to focus on Communication and on the Global Leadership Team. New features have been added, such as podcasts and success stories. As you contact your GLT district coordinators, we hope you will discover success stories. Please suggest they share their success stories and photos in the Leadership Resource Center. Use the link below to explore the new improved Leadership Resource Center.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php>

You may get this question from Lions. "Why did LCI change the Lions Learning Center online course login process?" With the previous simple login process, we did not know who had completed the courses. The users were anonymous. Several Lions asked for a record of courses they had completed. We were unable to provide any personal record of training completed.

The new login process uses the Lion's member ID number so that they now have a personal account which tracks their progress in completing the online courses. The first time you login to take a course, you create your account with your Lions Club ID number, your choice of password, name, group code (2011) and your email address. The next time you login; you simply use your ID number and password.

In addition to the online course completion information, a Lion can add local Lions district or multiple district training and other training to their personal training summary. This enables Lions to create an individualized Lions Profile report of the leadership development training they have completed. I have attached a sample Lions Profile training report. As you can see this information can be exported and shared with other Lions who may be making appointments to leadership positions. We hope it will be useful to the GLT in identifying new leaders as well to the District Governor Team. The DG or the GLT leader can request that any leadership candidate send his Lions Profile report to him or her.

I hope you can see that the initial time spent in setting up your account will provide worthwhile results in the near future. You can use this link to set up your own account.

<https://tms.beeline.com/lcitms/TMS/Security/Login.aspx?Url=%2flcitms%2fDefault.aspx&culture=en-US>

Please share this information with your Global Leadership Team District Coordinators. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours in Lionism,  
Elaine Fisher, Manager  
Electronic Learning Dept.  
Ph. 630 468-6780  
Leadership Division

**THE LIONS' ROAR**  
**THE NEWSLETTER OF YOUR SOLDOTNA LIONS CLUB**  
**Meeting the Second and Fourth Thursdays 6:30 P.M. Don Jose's Restaurant in Soldotna**  
**LION TIM MUSGROVE, PRESIDENT**

**June 6, 2011**

**HELLO EVERYONE!! Time for our first meeting of July tomorrow and time to organize for one last push on raffle tickets.**

We had our garage sale last Friday and Saturday and I think things went well. We netted **\$427.00** (not counting the coins) and sold over 50 raffle tickets. We had items from the CURVES garage sale and then Beta Sigma Phi Sorority brought their unsold items from their Friday garage sale so we had a lot of sales on Saturday. All of the unsold items were distributed as usual and we are "cleaned-up".

Many, many thanks go to **Lions Jan, Marlys, Sharen, Helen, and Daughn** who participated in sale, set-up and clean up. Without their help it could not be done!

The Raffle ticket sales, together with ticket stubs and \$\$\$ turned in by members resulted in a deposit to the gaming (scholarship) account of \$291.00. I believe that works out to 97 more tickets sold. Lion Jon McMichaels also turned in 20 tickets which brings our total sold to 1,443 with total deposits of \$4,331.00 (I hope) and leaves us with 357 tickets to sell. I have 225 tickets on hand, which leaves 132 tickets to sell in the hands of other members.

If you are holding tickets and/or money please bring them/it to tomorrows meeting or get it to me some way so we can plan for Progress Days sales. We have a booth for the Progress Days weekend July 23 and 24 at Soldotna Creek Park. I have the canopy, cash box, banner, table(s), guns and everything else we need. The only thing wanting is **manpower**. Start time on Saturday, July 23, follows completion of the parade which itself starts at 11:00 A.M. Sunday's start time at the park is also 11:00 A.M. Lion Sharen and myself will not be able to help with Saturday's set-up because we will have the honor of being **"King and Queen of Progress Days"**. Hope to see you at Don Jose's.

Lion Secretary Ed Sleater

**SPENARD LIONS TIDBIT**

A District 49A vision screening team supported by Lions Clubs from our District screened 241 children at the Kid's Day event on Saturday April 16, 2011. 189 passed with 52 referrals

Our “Lions” after a “hard day’s night”

