

49 B LIONS

Exploring our Roots,
Branching into the Future....
Open Possibilities



My Club My Family

From the Desk of District Governor Juanita Webb:

Fellow Lions, I would like to begin by telling everyone how excited I am about being able to be a part of the 49B Leadership for 2011-12. In July, I had the opportunity to attend the 94th International Lions Convention, and meet the incoming President, Wing-Kun Tam. I, and many others, were so inspired by this message and spirit. It was also wonderful to have the kinship of other MD49 Lions in attendance. The USA/Canada Forum, in Anchorage, was also a great experience and I was, again, so happy to see fellow Lions from 49B who were able to attend.

During the next year, we will see some changes with Lions. As a whole, we will need to come together and move toward the new technology that is available, to enhance our ability to communicate and draw New Lions to our Family.

Working together as a TEAM... **I BELIEVE** we can accomplish the planting of one tree for each member of our 49B Lions; add at least 2 Cyber Lion's Clubs, 1 new Leo's Club and, a net of 3 new members in each existing club. I would also like to encourage a focus on Diabetes, this year. Many members of our Lions Family struggle, on a daily basis, with this medical condition. **I BELIEVE**, through education, exercise and nutrition, we can help all of our Lions become more knowledgeable about Diabetes and improve our health along the way. A win-win for all! There will be heavy emphasis on the GMT (Global Membership Team) during this next year, which will strengthen our "Family", members, clubs and district.

Our International President Tam's theme is "I Believe". I would like to expand my theme to "Open Possibilities". With all of us working together as a **FAMILY, I BELIEVE WE HAVE OPEN POSSIBILITIES** – with no end in sight. The only thing that can stop us is – ourselves. **DO YOU BELIEVE?**



Submitted by PDG Bill Baker

May 2011 Delta Lions, George Pursey and Dana Mock serve pancakes and ham to one of Delta's supporters at the American Cancer Relay For Life walk in Delta Junction. Delta Lions participate every year in this annual event that typically raises \$60-75,000 toward cancer detection and eradication.



Submitted by PDG Bill Baker

49B, 1st VDG, Dodie Rixie, PCC Howard Rixie, Lion Ann Dibbs, Tok Lions President Bob Gingue and Youth Exchange Student from Belgium, Jean-Nicolas Ziane, admire the swimming pool that the Tok Lions will open to the public in July, 2011. "We have really worked hard to bring this forward in our community and it was a major priority of our community", said Lion President Bob. Congratulations to everyone who brought this to completion! Lions Serve!

A Wedding Made in 49-B



Submitted by PDG Bill Baker

Past District Governor, Lisa Conrad and Al Johnson, exchange vows at the Tok Lions Club House on July 16, 2011. Happiness was the name of the game as friends and family attended the ceremony. As Al got a little choked up, Lisa continued to smile and we were all proud to see our good friends tie the knot, after 14 years! Congratulations Lisa and Al! Your Lions' family wishes you many years of blessings.

49-B, MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Mid-Winter Conference is only days away! Don't miss your opportunity to spend some time in Whitehorse with your fellow Lions. The Conference is October 27, 28 and 29th. It is not too late to register by contacting the Lake Laberge Lions Club in Whitehorse. (vgrant@navigonet.com)

Room reservations can be made at the Westmark Whitehorse (800-544-0970, or 867-393-9700). Don't miss this event!!!

SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Submitted by PDG Bill Baker

49B Governor-Elect receives her official Elect ribbon from Immediate PDG, Ed Casey, at the swearing-in ceremony at the International Convention in Seattle (July 2011). As is tradition, PDG Ed (Fox Lions Club), pulls the official ribbon from Governor-Elect Juanita, as Fox Lions President and proud husband, Rick Webb, stands in support. This is the first time in 49B that the same club has had successive governors. Congratulations Governor Juanita!



Submitted by PDG Bill Baker

WOW! Our first MD49 parade float the Seattle Lions Clubs International Convention on July 5th 2011. What an event...PDG Dennis Cummings used his connections in Seattle to make us shine, with help from CC Mike Barber and other District 49 Lions. It was a grand float with Club banners from the April 2010 MD Convention in Anchorage. The banners were used on a march through Anchorage to show our support of many communities in Alaska and Canada. (Thanks to PCC Finis Sheldon for that great idea!)

**McCarthy Youth Camp and Youth Exchange,
July 2011.**



Submitted by PDG Bill Baker

Lions Diana and Keith Nichols, and Lion Jim Dunlap at the "after-the-Golden-Days-Parade-BBQ." Lion Jim provided 20 pounds of moose meat and everyone had a great time. Youth Exchange campers were in attendance, getting a taste of Alaska staples. Thanks, also, to Lions Beck Cummings, Cora Hamilton and Nouyak Hamilton for their assistance. It was a terrific 49B Lions affair!



Submitted by PDG Bill Baker

DG Juanita Webb leads the line to taste all the great traditional foods cooked by the 17 Exchange Campers. The Youth Camp Jamboree continued with a night of games and competitions. Activities included a piano recital, guided "tours" of represented countries, singing, and many laughs! Countries include Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Israel, Italy, Mongolia, Poland, Turkey and USA/Alaska. Lions' Jim and Janice Roderiques are the backbone of this event – please express your appreciation and let them know what a valuable couple they are to 49B Lions. Thanks also to members of the 49B Foundation for hosting our Youth Campers at the Mac McCarthy International Youth Camp Facility.

Delta Lions at Work



Submitted by Lion Totsie Pursey

Delta Lions serve community members pancakes and ham during the Deltana Fair in Delta Junction. This annual fundraiser helps keep the Club "afloat" for the many contributions they make to the Delta area. They also serve a steak dinner during the weekend, which has been a huge success. Keep up the good work – Delta Lions!

US/Canada Forum-September 2011



Submitted by George Pursey

DG Juanita and Lion Totsie at the Forum in Anchorage. Several 49B members were present to volunteer. Those on the Host Committee received the Presidential Pin and a Certificate from International Director Tam. It was a great Forum, leaving everyone with memories not soon forgotten. A special thanks to 49A Lions' Buster and Cheryl Hall for all their hard work.