

December
2021

News from District C-2



Have a Safe & Merry Christmas!



Well it has been a good first half of the year. The team has been able to visit a few clubs in person, and we have had a few zoom meetings as well.

Hopefully you are all able to get back to somewhat normalcy.

Having meetings and

being able to serve your community. If you need anything from me or my team please call or email any-one of us. We are here to work for you.

My wish for you is to have a safe and Merry Christmas, and have a prosperous New Year. Looking forward to seeing the rest of the clubs in the New Year.

District C-2 District Governor
Michelle Harris



The District C-2 Convention is still coming!

It has been moved to February 25-26, 2022
Drumheller, Alberta

Past International President
Chancellor Bob Corlew is the special guest.

As well - there will be elections including
2022-2023 2nd Vice District Governor.

Register now at lionsofdistrictc2.com



Lions Multiple District C Convention

Mosey on Down to Where the West is Fun

Hosted by Red Deer Central Lions & Calgary Eastport Lions Clubs

Red Deer, Alberta April 29th & 30th, 2022

Dust off your boots and hat, polish up your spurs and get ready for
lots of fun, festivities and learning.

Can't let the cat out of the bag any more than that right now, suffice to say an International Guest,
3rd International Vice President Fabricio Oliviera from Brazil will be joining us. Come on down so we
can show VP Fabricio our western hospitality and a good 'ol time! See ya'll there.



LIONS DISTRICT C-2 CALGARY ALBERTA, CANADA

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Vulcan Lions Club - Lion Wayne Ericksen Memorial Field

Submitted by Lion Peter Wallis, Secretary



Five years ago the Lions Club of Vulcan began fundraising for a new pool facility in the community. There were many ideas for fundraisers thrown around and one that stuck was for the Lions to farm some land. The idea was talked about, and we were very fortunate to have a local family step up and donate a 160 acre field for our club to farm for four years. We paid an agreed upon rental price for the land and we were off to the races.

The first year was a tough year but a great start. One of our members is a seed grower and he donated the yellow pea seed for the field. We then were very fortunate with the help of local ag retailers, large agriculture companies and fellow farmers to secure all of the inputs required for the field. We were even able to find a company to insure the field against hail for free. Other than our rent for the land, every single input was donated for the field. It was not hard to find help to seed, spray and harvest the field. The local farmers stepped up and helped to make sure all the jobs were taken care of. That year was not the best year for growing conditions, there was not the best crop out there, however we did get hit with hail right before the field was harvested and were able to collect some insurance

money on top of what we received for the crop.

In the following three years we were able to continue to farm the field. We grew wheat, then canola, then wheat again. Again everything was donated, the time, labour and inputs into the fields were all donated by generous companies and farmers. All the money the field made over the four years was put into the new \$5.2 million dollar pool in the Town of Vulcan.

After four years, the family that allowed us to farm their field decided to start farming it again. Unfortunately, one of our members who was very involved with our fundraising efforts for the pool and helped a great deal in securing the pieces of land needed to farm the field each year passed away. Shortly after passing, Lion Wayne Ericksen's family came to our club and offered a 1/4 section of land for the club to continue farming. We jumped at this chance and planted Canola on this field and changed the name of the project to the Wayne Ericksen Memorial Field. Mother nature did not deal us a good hand this year with the drought, however we were insured and will still profit from the field thanks again to our generous supporters. All the money from this years field was used to pay for over 500 kids to get swimming lessons for free in the new Vulcan Lions Community Pool. I am happy to say that we will be farming the field again next year and look forward to it.



This field has been a great way for our club to continue to have funds that we can put back into the community, especially during the pandemic while we were not able to fund-raise in some of our more traditional manners. We are looking at many different ways now to engage the community in this project and to thank our wonderful supporters. We are hoping that this project can become

more than just a fundraiser. We feel we have an opportunity to educate, thank those involved past and present, and celebrate this project.

Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Clubs Making A Difference



Champion Lions Club - 75th Charter Night

Submitted by Lion Byron Matlock, Secretary

The Champion Lions Club celebrated its 75th Charter Night on November 27th attended by sixty-five Lions and guests. We were fortunate to go ahead with this event, using the guidelines of the Alberta Covid Restrictions Exemption Program.

The evening started off at 5pm with an hour of visiting. A wonderful roast beef dinner was served at 6pm by a local caterer.

Our program began after dinner, with Club Past President Corey Groves being the master of ceremonies. The 14 visiting clubs were introduced as well as International Vice President Dr. Patti Hill, Council Chair Cathy Anderson, District Governor Michelle Harris and Second Vice District Kevin Gibbons. Greetings were delivered from the Village of Champion and the Vulcan Lions Club, our sponsoring club.

Past Council Chair Tyler Bray gave a presentation on the USA/Canada Leadership Forum taking place in Calgary from September 15th to the 17th, 2022.

Our guest speaker International VP Dr. Patti Hill spoke about how a strong and vibrant Lions Club helps lay the foundation for young people to succeed in life. We were honoured to have International VP Patti at our event. She made the Charter Night one to remember!

Next Council Chair Cathy presented our club with a certificate honoring our 75 years as a Lions Club. There were several other presentations.



District Governor Michelle Harris presented Service Chevrons to eight of our members, including one to Lion Alfred Little for 50 years.

We finished the evening with the drawing of the winners of our Loonie Raffle and then followed with more fellowship.



CAMPAIGN | 100



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This is the final year to donate and pledge your club support to reach Campaign 100's vision to raise \$300M globally to support humanitarian causes.

Campaign 100's District C -1's coordinator is Lion Terry Kozma and District C-2's is Lion Tony Prettegiani. MDC's coordinator is Lion Sharon West.

These are the Lions to contact with any questions or further information on how your club can participate.

District C-2 is the top district in Canada for total contributions from 2017-2021 with \$224,230.

Congratulations District C-2!

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Stories of Lions Clubs Making A Difference



Cheadle Lions Club

Submitted by 2nd Vice President Lion Kevin Gibbons

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- Each steer costs \$5,000
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 - purchase
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- Processed steer will be cut and wrapped to specifications of the sponsor.
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Cheadle Lions Club



WHEATLAND & AREA
Hospice Society

After a year's break due to COVID, the Cheadle Lions Feed-A-Steer program is back with a few changes. We are hoping to have many Lions clubs purchase steers for this worthy project. Sadly, we have all had someone close to us that could have or did use the services of the Hospice.

For more information go to:
www.wheatlandhospice.ca

Cheadle Lions Club
e-clubhouse.org/sites/cheadleab



"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

by Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel



The character of The Grinch first appeared in a 33-line illustrated poem in 1955 called "The Hoobub and the Grinch". A couple of years later, in 1957, "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" appeared.

Theodor Geisel states that he was the inspiration for the character mainly over his dissatisfaction with the commercialization of Christmas. He wrote the book within a few weeks and the only part of the story that seemed to be a problem was how to end it.

"I got hung up getting the Grinch out of the mess. I got into a situation where I sounded like a second-rate preacher or some biblical truism. Finally in desperation ...without making any statement whatever, I showed the Grinch and the Whos together at the table and made a pun of the Grinch carving the 'roast beast'. I had gone through thousands of religious choices, and then after three months it came out like that."

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Stories of Lions Clubs Making A Difference



Bears paw Lions Club - Annual Charter Night

Submitted by President Ken Kalynchuk



On a recent beautiful fall evening, the Bears paw Lions Club installed two newly recruited members to the club during its annual Charter Night dinner held October 21st.

District 2 Vice Governor Kevin Gibbons was present at the event to swear in the new members as well as to enjoy a wonderful catered supper from a local restaurant.

The celebration was held with proper considerations of the current AHS COVID guidelines and was certainly an entertaining evening to all that attended.

Welcome Dale Letourneau and Brad Bechtold to the Bears paw Lions Club.



Rosebud Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Bonita Hudson, Treasurer

The Rosebud Lions Club donated \$1000 to the Rosebud Community Enhancement Society to help further its tree beautification of the little hamlet of Rosebud Alberta.

"The Rosebud Community Enhancement Society (RCES) is a non-profit society acting as a liaison between the Rosebud hamlet and Wheatland County and serving as a legal entity for individuals who wish to accomplish something of value in the community of Rosebud."

Covid meant that our fundraising activities during the past while have been limited we serve where we can. We are a tiny club and raise money locally for local projects and support of our local communities. However we are looking forward to some new younger members to carry on the work.



The ancient Aztecs used the poinsettia for medicines and dyes as well as sacred rituals. In the late 1820s, the then US Minister to Mexico, John Poinsett, obtained the seeds of the plant, took them back to his greenhouses in South Carolina and began cultivating varieties. Horticulturalist William Prescott received seeds from Poinsett and named the resulting plants "Poinsettias" after his good friend.

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Stories of Lions Clubs Making A Difference



Cochrane Lioness Lions Club

Submitted by Lions Eileen Stone & Bonnie Garner

Limited by COVID 19 restrictions, President Lion Melanie Southam has led our meetings via zoom.

Our club recently sponsored an event at the Cochrane Lions Club Rodeo and volunteered helping monitor the gates. Our members also catered a Celebration of Life for a local family.



We donated four sets of children's outfits consisting of winter jackets, snow-pants, toques, and mitts to the Family Community Support Services (FCSS) for their "Jacket Racket" program. These will be distributed to local children in need.

For the whole month of December we are "Sharing the Magic" with

our Festival of Trees set up at the Spray Lakes Sawmill

Sports Centre in Cochrane. Local business or groups can sponsor a tree which they then decorate, however they wish, for advertising or just for fun. All proceeds go towards our seasonal donations including our local Food Bank for their Christmas Hampers.

The Cochrane Lioness Lions Club wish to all a Very Merry Christmas.



Olds Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Jessica Lee, President

Old Lions Club teamed up with the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Olds in a very novel initiative. Club members wrote thank-you cards and letters and delivered them to healthcare team members in their community. Along with the "thank-you"s, treat bags were also delivered. "It's a small, but huge gesture with so much gratitude. Eight club members wrote 147 cards. We made a monetary contribution to the cause and helped with stuffing the bags."



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Calgary North Hill Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Carol Hassell, Secretary

Members and supporters of the North Hill Club have been adding extra service during this holiday season. For many years, members have been assisting the Salvation Army collect donations for their many programs through their Christmas Kettle Program. Although the Kettles were not allowed due to Mall COVID restrictions, donations were accepted through electronic means. Club members kept those bells ringing.

The club's Christmas Hamper program was also in full swing this season. Working with the EvenStart Foundation, members volunteered to buy and wrap gifts for families which were distributed by EvenStart closer to Christmas. The Foundation provided

lists of gifts for each family member and the club provided \$500 for each hamper for the buying of gifts. This year 6 hampers were filled with everything from toys, books, gift cards, food, and household necessities. Great job!



During this year of COVID restrictions, the club is continuing to perform many service and fund raising programs safely and effectively - Meals on Wheels, BowWest Egg Program, Bingo, Casino to name a few.



Let's Help Our Neighbours

Message from International Director Lion Allan Hunt

Hello Lions from what some people refer to as the Wet Coast.

We have more than lived up to that name in the past week. In forty-eight hours, the immediate area I live in (Chilliwack BC) received around 300mm of rain. A city and a town have been flooded and vast tracts of farming area have been flooded displacing thousands of cattle. Everything you may have seen on the news is real.

What is also real is the resiliency and ingenuity of people. The night before last a major pump system was in danger of being flooded, which would have resulted in another four to five metres of water added to the mess. The word went out and sometime after midnight three hundred volunteers showed up, individually, and helped build a sandbag wall more

than two metres high to protect the building, in less than three hours.

I have been asked many times "What can we do?" Right now, situations are



being assessed. As the water recedes the needs will become clearer. We know that the major issue is drinking water. That is what caused the city of Merritt to be evacuated. Their domestic water system and their waste treatment plant compromised each other. Similar situations exist in large areas.

At this moment in time the very best

thing that our Lions can do to help as these areas recover, is to contribute to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF. www.lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca We know that absolutely every cent donated goes to those in need. **Feel free to share this information with your Lions Clubs and everyone else who is not a Lion yet.**

VP Dr. Patti Hill and Rebecca Daou, Executive Director LCIF, are following this challenging situation closely. Rebecca's team are fully engaged and standby to assist wherever possible.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly via email (allansiphone4s@gmail.com) or 604-316-1368.

Regards
ID Allan

A Lions Year to Remember



One of the great benefits of being a Lion is the regular opportunity to get together with other Lions – at the Club level, the Zone level, the District level, the Multiple District level, and at the International level. COVID changed all that, beginning in the spring of 2020 until very recently.

And yet we did manage to stay in touch – and we did manage to continue to SERVE.

In each of our Clubs – Lions, Lioness, and Leos – our members found new and exciting ways to help their communities continue to be terrific places in which to live and work and play.

We also took time from our busy schedules to address social issues – issues made more prevalent due to the Covid - 19 pandemic - the great increase in domestic violence, rapidly rising suicide rates across our nation, particularly by our young people, economic pressures brought on by job losses, small business owners struggling to survive, and the list of challenges goes on and on.

Over the past 18 months we have seen the destructive power of nature, with firestorms, and floods, and drought worldwide, but also here in Canada.

Our Lion brothers and sisters have responded physically and financially with food collection and distribution, eyeglass collection and recycling, donations to help fellow citizens in disaster areas, helping the homeless, our elderly, assisting those with diabetic conditions, contributing to Lions-Quest, and providing dog guides trained at our Lions Foundation of Canada.

Our “WE SERVE” philosophy continues to be our strong and guiding light. As we approach the annual celebration of one of the largest faiths in the world, I am reminded of the wise words of a senior Lion many years ago:

“Lions volunteer activity is often clearly the practical application of a person’s faith” – in the Christian faith, it is to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (Matthew 7:12).

That same concept is found in all other major religions, and is put into practice by other brothers and sisters who adhere to those religions through their Lion activities all over the world.

I extend best wishes to the close to 2,000 Lions and their families in District C-2 for a happy holiday season, and for continued SERVICE in the coming year.

Judge Brian Stevenson,
Past International President



The last 2 years have been difficult on all of us. We have had to postpone in person meetings and sadly some of us have contracted Covid and we have lost some of our Lion Members to this horrible virus. Despite all of these challenges, Lions have continued to do what we have done for 100 years - We continue to serve our communities the best way we know.

As we get close to the end of the year, the DG team lead by Michelle Harris wants to encourage each of your clubs to continue doing the good works that you have always done and to stay safe. We will continue to pray for the health and happiness of all the citizens of the district and for that matter the world.

Please feel free to contact DG Michelle, 1st VDG Darryl and 2nd VDG Kevin if there is anything you need from us or if you just need to reach out to talk.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
2nd Vice District Governor, C-2
Lion Kevin Gibbons

Let's Reflect Upon the Good Things



Greetings fellow Lions,

In the past 20 months we have had many challenges. Not only because of the pandemic, but also the disasters here in Canada. Our families, club members and our way of doing things have been impacted. As Lions we continue to persevere. Where there's a need - there's a Lion.

Through my collaboration with the C2 District Governor team, I am excited and encouraged at the prospects of uniting the clubs in the multiple district in a common focus of working together in fellowship and service for the benefit of our members and the communities we serve in.

I encourage all members to attend the Multiple District C Convention April 29-30, 2022 in Red Deer. Also, consider registering for the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum hosted by Multiple District C Lions in September 2022. This is an amazing learning and fellowship opportunity and we'd like it if you could also volunteer during the event to help welcome our guests from across Canada and the USA.

On behalf of my husband Lion Dave and myself, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and all the best in 2022.

United in Service,
Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn
1st Vice District Governor, C1



It has been another unprecedented year for all of us.

During this season, let's take time to reflect upon the good things we have.

For me, the holidays are filled with my grandfather's wisdom, my grandmother's holiday cakes, my parent's endless love, my sibling's infectious laughter and

the joy on the faces of my grandchildren. These are my most precious treasures in the world.

Always remember that family and friends are the most valuable of all gifts so take this time to remember and spend time with your loved ones.

It is also a time to reflect on those less fortunate, those without a home, whose lives are not filled with family, laughter, joy, love and friendship. Consider those who need our help - whether it's helping at a local food bank, serving meals at your local soup kitchen, donating gently used clothing, driving

others to an appointment, shoveling snow for your neighbor, or opening up your wallet.

It all starts with you. Do that little extra this season to bring the laughter, joy, love, friendship, sincerity and generosity to all. I Thank You for your dedication and your Service.

Quoting International President Douglas X. Alexander- "Lions are a family like no other. And with our hearts united in service, we will lift up our communities all over the world. Because in times of great need, only a greater passion for service can make the world a better place for all people."

May you and your family enjoy and cherish those moments together and may your home be full of love, laughter and friendship. Season's greetings and all the best in 2022.

Cathy Anderson

Lion Cathy Anderson
Multiple District Council Chair 2021-2022





So it is year two, or is it three, into the pandemic, it is hard to remember. The one thing about 2021 is it will be a year we should celebrate. Lions clubs are starting to meet in person again and those that are not are meeting via Zoom or other electronic means and that is a good thing. District C2 held a virtual convention and people were elected to lead the district. Members of cabinet are working hard to complete the mandates given to them. Nationally, Lions have come together to meet and discuss items of concern for all Lions in our country. There have been lots of great ideas explored and information shared that will benefit Lionism for years ahead.

Some of the great things that have happened or about to happen:

- ◆ District Governor Michelle Harris was elected virtually.
- ◆ Dr Patti Hill from District C1 (Edmonton Host Lions Club) was elected to 2nd International Vice President virtually.
- ◆ Lions in C2 are doing great service in creative ways.
- ◆ Lions Quest is again training teachers in C2. The District has some grant funds to help clubs who are interested in training teachers in their area. There is a program being worked on to introduce Lions Quest to Student Teachers at the Universities of Victoria, Lethbridge, Regina, and Brandon. The perfect place to start with Social Emotional Learning. (SEL).
- ◆ The USA/Canada Leadership forum is coming back to Calgary September 15-17 2022. VOLUNTEERS are needed (300 to 400 required) copy the link into your browser and get started.
<https://www.2022lionsleadershipforum.com>.
The Forum Committee and the Host Committee met in Calgary in October and we are off to a great start for the Forum.
- ◆ 104th Lions Clubs International Convention. Due to concerns about Covid19 the International Convention will be held in Montreal Quebec. Register now for a great convention in our own country.
<https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/>

◆ A Lions day on Parliament Hill is being organized. Stay tuned and look for info on this new event. It will be a great way to let the people who govern our country know what Lions do for Canada and why we do it.

◆ LCIF Campaign 100 District C2 is the leading district in Canada for donations to Campaign 100. This is great news, but we can still do more.

Has your club recently donated to LCIF?

Did you know individuals can make donation to the Foundation and receive Tax Slips? Just click on the link to make your donation before Christmas.

<https://www.lionscanada.ca/our-foundations>

Are you aware that donations made for disaster relief can be directed to help our neighbours in BC with flood relief, or those still recovering from last summer's fires?

Things we need to improve.

◆ Membership.

It may seem that we are always talking about membership, but that simple fact remains the more members we have the more service to our communities we can do.

Currently in C2 we have an average of 21 members per club. If we could get that to 25 members it would equate to 400 new members in C2. Think of the service that could be done. Go out and ask neighbors, friends, family to join. Think of the good feeling we all get when we do a great service to our community. Why not share that feeling.

◆ Reporting Service

This is not a big ask, but it is important. By reporting it allows International to attract other organization, governments, or corporations who would like to partner with us.

It allows other clubs to follow your activity and maybe they would like to try your successes in their community.

As you can see, we have been successful, and we should celebrate. With that being said let us take some time during the holiday season to reflect on our successes and plan to improve our weaknesses.

Let us have the best 2022 ever!

PDG Brent Johnson

Make A Difference - Kindness Matters.



**Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy
New Year**

I have the privilege of being your MDC

Host Committee Chairperson for the 2022 USA/Canada Leadership Forum scheduled to be held in Calgary, Alberta September 15-17th, 2022.

On behalf of my wife, Diane, and I and all our Host Committee members we would like to wish our Lions family from both District C1 and District C2 a Very Merry Christmas. May the Joy and Peace and every Happiness bless you and your families this holiday season.

During this holiday season, we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We are thankful for our blessings, where we live in the world, and our families and friends. We are blessed to have a second family called Lions.

Together we unite to Serve others, bring joy to those less fortunate, and make a difference within our home communities. Kindness matters.

Many of our local Food Banks need our help, especially at this time of the year. I would ask all Lions and Leos to consider ways to collect food or donate dollars to your community Food Banks. Reach out to neighbours who may need help obtaining food, be a Snow Angel and shovel someone's walkway, and keep in contact with your fellow Lions and Leos. Our mental health is very important. Ensure we all stay safe and continue to make a difference.

It is important that we all remain strong and positive. I ask you all to remember why you agreed to be a Lion - to make a difference and to serve. You are a proud Lion. 2022 is fast approaching. This will be an important year for all of us with positive change coming through out the world.

I would like to thank all of you for all that you do and all that we have accomplished together as Lions. May you and your fami-

lies have a festive and safe Holiday Season.

If you would like to help, be a volunteer for the Leadership forum coming to Calgary, visit our Host web site at: www.2022lionsleadershipforum.com

We are proud to have as one of our keynote speakers, Canadian Olympian, Catrina La May Doan.

During the upcoming forum we will be holding a Strides Walk to raise funds for diabetes. We will be sponsoring diabetic children to attend the Jean Nelson Children's Diabetic Camp here in Alberta. We will also be conducting a service project to help the Mustard Seed. During 2022 we will be collecting socks, jackets, clothing, and personal hygiene products to be distributed to the three Mustard Seed facilities in Calgary and the seven other facilities through out Alberta.

Make a difference. Kindness Matters.

Merry Christmas,
Lion Tyler Bray Host Chairperson 2022 USA/Canada Leadership Forum



I would like to extend the warmest of greetings to all my fellow Lions in MDC.

This year has been very unique to say the least. Making plans and having to postpone them due to the fourth wave of COVID. Zoom meetings are still a reality for many clubs as their members are older and need to be very cautious. The health and safety of our members is our top priority as without you, we do not serve very well.

More fundraising activities are becoming available which helps many of our clubs to complete service activities. The standard ones such as casinos and bingos are going very strong and bringing in great rewards for our Lions.

Many clubs continue to serve and accomplish awesome projects and Lions Clubs International continues to be very proud of every single one. Many times, our service activities may not seem to be much, but affect the most inconspicuous person behind the scenes. Many lives have changed because of the Lions "We Serve". The impact of one hug or one handshake can be lifesaving.

During this holiday season, I ask that everyone go a little further with kindness and compassion and continue to Serve From The Heart. If you find you can spare a dollar or two, consider giving to Lions of Canada's Fund for LCIF.

Merry Christmas and All The Best in 2022.
District Governor C-1 Melodie Franko



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022

October 20 - 24 saw members of the Forum Planning Committee (green shirts) and MDC's Host Committee (red shirts) meet in Calgary to discuss and update plans for the September 2022 Forum.

Incoming Planning Committee members were met at the Calgary Airport and transported safely to the Westin Hotel where all the meetings took place. PDG Tyler Bray led the Host Committee members into discussions and brain storming sessions throughout the four days.

PIP Judge Brian Stevenson joined the sessions with 2nd Vice President Dr. Patti Hill joined in on Friday evening's dinner. 1st International Vice President Brian Sheehan (picture right first row centre) took an active part in the four day's activities, never failing to call on his vast knowledge and quick wit.



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022
September 15-17 in Calgary



Join your fellow Lions for 3 days of exciting speakers & special events!

- 🍁 Strides Walk for Diabetes
- 🍁 Collecting clothing for the Mustard Seed
- 🍁 Sponsoring Jean Nelson Children's Diabetic Camp
- 🍁 Keynote speaker Catrina La May Doan, Canadian Olympian

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Peace Posters Selected for 2021

Sometimes it is difficult to keep track of all the 'dates' we have in our lives – due dates are some that can be challenging – some have different consequences. If you MISS one - Yikes! But others – well the consequences might not be as severe. Peace Poster submissions from the clubs have reached DG Michelle and the winning peace poster from our District has been submitted to Council Chair Cathy. I'm not sure which school/club has the winning peace poster but the few submissions I did see are pretty amazing! CC Cathy will have a tough job!

So, I don't know which club submitted the poster chosen by DG Michelle, nor do I know which poster CC Cathy will be submitting to LCI to represent the youth in our MD. I know that we have some amazingly talented and thoughtful young people in our District! And thank you all for supporting their efforts!

The Peace Poster theme for next year will be announced in January – and there is an exciting event that I would encourage everyone to watch – Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN). I understand that it will virtual again next year and the theme is 'NGO Impact on Global Health'. This event will

take place on March 11, 2022. Do you know why Lions have their own special recognition by the United Nations? We were asked 44 years ago to help develop the charter of rights. Pretty amazing eh? Earlier this year I watched and listened to the winners of the Peace Poster and Essay contest - describing what Peace meant to them. I am still in awe. I don't know if I will every get to attend the Lions Day with the United Nations, but if there is another virtual event - I'll be there! And I encourage all of you to attend.

The Peace Poster theme for the new Lionistic year will be announced and the Peace Poster kits for 2022-2023 will be available in January/February 2022. Show your support for the youth. Get your clubs involved – and you will be the better for it – and we will all be living in a richer world.

Respectfully submitted – with Service from the Heart
Lion Pauline Cooper



District C-2 Poster Winners

- 1st Franude Sofia Dela Cruz
Sponsored by
Calgary Heritage Lions Club (above)
- 2nd Jasmine Hickman
Sponsored by
Srathmore Lions Club (top left)
- 3rd Zackery Moss
Sponsored by
Srathmore Lions Club (left)

Multiple District C Service Coordinator

A Time of Giving and Sharing

Submitted by MDC Service Coordinator Lion Dave Leshchyshyn



WE SERVE.

I know many Clubs have been busy getting ready for the festive season collecting food and funds for their food banks, collecting toys for Santas Anonymous, collecting items to fill hundreds of hampers to be delivered for Christmas, and taking care of the less fortunate with distribution of warm clothes for the winter ahead. Many Lions members will be busy filling plates at the many community meals in the future. I hope you will continue that Service of feeding the less fortunate next month as January is Hunger Awareness Month. Plan now for an activity to help restock your local food bank, or perhaps a community dinner to feed the less fortunate. Don't forget about the school programs that help give nutrition to the students who may not get a breakfast before school, or even a lunch during school. It's hard to believe this is a necessity in this day and age, but it certainly is.

Our friends out west, and now the eastern provinces, continue to recover from the devastating flooding and landslides that affected BC, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Newfoundland and Labrador recently. I've heard of Clubs asking how they can help if we can't get anything into the affected areas because of the damaged roads. A sure way is to make a contribution to the Lions of Canada Fund For LCIF. Disaster assistance grants have already been applied for and the financial help is on the way. However, the road to recovery will be a long and arduous journey and more funds may be needed down the road. Your personal or Club contribution to Lions of Canada Fund For LCIF, <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/#donate>, will make sure the money stays in Canada to help with these natural disaster emergencies. I hope you'll put this item on the agenda at your next Club meeting.

Hard to believe we're almost half way through our Lionistic year, another year of challenges, victories, a brief spell of "normalcy", then more restrictions. Yet, through it all, Lions continue to find ways to Serve their communities, their Clubs and the world around us. My appreciation and thanks goes out to each and every one of you who continues to fulfill our motto of

"I hope you all will continue the service of feeding the less fortunate next month as January is Hunger Awareness Month."

Keep in mind the month of February is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Looking at some statistics in Canada (2017), approximately 1000 children ages 0 – 14, are diagnosed with cancer each year. How can we, as Lions, make things even a little better for kids and their families affected by childhood cancer? Many Clubs have held fundraisers, some have donated knitted and other hand made items like hats, slippers, blankets, etc. to be used in the Cancer wards or Ronald McDonald houses. Whether your Club is in the city or rural community, you can always call the nearest Cancer Centre and I'm sure they will give you information on where the greatest need is, and, where there's a need, there's a Lion. Please make this a part of your giving program in February.

Service to your fellow Lion will be in demand September 15th to 17th, 2022 as Multiple District C hosts the USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary at the BMO Centre. There are lots of volunteer positions to fill at the BMO Centre, host hotels, drivers, etc. Guests will be coming from across Canada, the US, and US affiliates. What a great opportunity for meeting new Lions, fellowship, and of course learning. Get registered to attend the Leadership Forum, fill out your volunteer form, and get ready for THE best Lions learning experience. Find all the info at <https://www.2022lionsleadershipforum.com/>.

With the festive season almost upon us, I have asked for only one thing this Christmas.....that every Club reports their Service on MyLion! Being of Ukrainian decent, I'll even extend that to Ukrainian Christmas on January 6th! I know your Clubs are busy Serving your community this time of year and I would love to see the activities and projects you completed listed on MyLion. I hope you will help make my one Christmas wish a reality.

This is a time of giving, sharing, caring, laughing, thankfulness, and fellowship. I hope each will lift your heart this Christmas season and your New Year is filled with happiness, good health and Service.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of my wife, 1VDG C-1 Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn and myself.

Yours in Service,
Lion Dave Leshchyshyn,
MDC Service Co-ordinator



Club Leadership Chairperson

An Important Resource for All Clubs

Submitted by GLT Chair Lion Anne Kennedy



Lion Anne Kennedy
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**Do you want to learn more about Lions?
Does your club need some assistance?**

This team is here for you!

There are many learning opportunities on the Lions International website under the **Learning Centre**. Take the opportunity to browse through there. If you don't see what you are looking for, contact me and I'll assist you with your needs.

www.lionsclubs.org/learn

Lions University under the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum has many online courses that you can take and obtain your Bachelors, Masters & PhD in Lions.

www.lionsuniversity.org

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI)

Calgary will be hosting the next ALLI March 26-28, 2022.

Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels.

Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor.

Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute.

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. Applications will be available four months prior to the event. If you are interested in applying, please download the application from below or obtain a copy of the application from your Global Leadership

Team District Coordinator. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

Cost of the Institute

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$125.00** will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the Institute site.

www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/advanced-lions-leadership-institute



A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens was released during the Christmas season of 1843. Although its high production cost and low selling price did not bring in a lot of profits, it was an immediate success and it made a permanent mark on how Christmas is viewed and celebrated in modern times.

The vocabulary has crept into today's conversations, with a "Scrooge" being someone who refuses to get in the holiday spirit, and "Tiny Tim" being any innocent in a vulnerable situation. Most importantly, every time this piece of literature is read or displayed on the silver screen, it reminds us of a vision of Christmas that has little to do with displays of wealth, and instead focuses on loved ones and the joy in an act of charity.

Dickens wrote this ghostly tale for the most part as a commentary on the social injustices of the time - low wages, poor working conditions and child labour. He felt that a story would have more impact on spotlighting these issues than merely statements and editorials.

Club Membership Chairperson

An Important Resource for All Clubs

Submitted by GMT Chair Lion Brent Johnson



There's nothing like being a Lion. We make a difference in our communities and in the lives of the people we serve. And even though Lions spend most of their time giving, they also get so much in return. Here's a look at some of the great benefits of being a Lion.

Fun and fellowship – Service isn't just meaningful. It's fun. We build new friendships in our clubs and new connections in our communities. We laugh. We bond. We serve. And we do it with a smile and an open heart.

Opportunities to lead – Lions are leaders in their community, organizing projects that meet real needs. And you have opportunities to become a club officer so you can put your leadership skills to work for your club. Lions International offers online and in-person training that can take your leadership to the next level so you can learn, lead and grow.

Tools to put your kindness in action – A great project takes great planning. Service Project Planners give you the tools to serve global causes right in your local community.

A global Foundation that magnifies your service impact – Lions are supported by a world-class global foundation—Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF provides grant funding that helps Lions take on bigger projects that can bring lasting change. And when you contribute to LCIF and Campaign 100, you help ensure LCIF can continue supporting our efforts to serve a world in need.

Being a part of something big – Lions are a big family. A *really* big family. We are 1.4 million men and women in 48,000 clubs in nearly every country on earth. We are changing our communities, club by club. And together we are changing the world.

Tech made just for Lions – Lions are always on the go. That's why we developed Lions digital tools like MyLion, MyLCI and Connect to make it easier to be a Lion and manage your club. Your Lion Account gives you access to it all, so get signed up today.

You get when you give – Did you know that helping others actually helps you? A recent article in *Psychology Today* states that, "Research has found many examples of how doing good, in ways big or small, not only feels good, but also does us good." Volunteering improves our happiness, health and sense of well-being, and decreases symptoms of depression. Giving is a win-win!

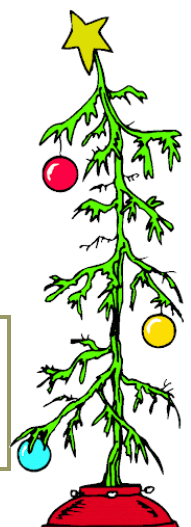
All the great Lions gear – Everyone loves to show their Lion's pride, and there's no better way than wearing a Lions International-branded hat, shirt or vest while serving your community. Start shopping!

That ah-ha moment – Every Lion joins a club, but every member has a story about the moment they truly became a Lion. That day when you helped someone who had nowhere else to turn. The tears of joy. The heart-felt thanks. The hope you restored through your kindness. That's why we're Lions.

An international staff that's here to serve you – No one serves like a Lion, and Lions International is your team of dedicated professionals that's here to serve you. We're here when you need us, and be sure to explore lionsclubs.org for great info and resources to help you and your club.

These are just some of the great benefits of being a Lion. So be sure to take advantage of everything your club and your membership has to offer. And share the joy of being a Lion by inviting a friend or family member to join you in service.
So make the most of each day—and make the most of your membership!

If you need assistance, reach out to the District Governor Team or myself -
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PDG GMT District C-2.
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We Welcome Those Lions Who Have Joined Us in October & November

Bearspaw Lions Club

Bradley Bechtold
Dale Letourneau

Blairmore Lions Club

Evelyn M. Clarke
Gerald M. Clarke

Calgary Heritage Lions Club

Charles Echlin
Ivan Hardman
Cathy Hardman
Ron D. Sinkinson

Calgary Korean Lions Club

Su Jin Yoon

Calgary Westwind Lions Club

Regina Holdenried

Cluny Lions Club

Brad Gordon

Cochrane Lions Club

Stephen De Thomas
Jerry Peddle
Matthew Shannon

Coleman Lions Club

Nate Harrower

Foothills Lions Club

Bonita Joyce Felton
Claude Raymond Felton
Colin Douglas McCarthy-Butt
Joshua Wylie

Gleichen Lions Club

Steve Waymen

Highwood Lions Club

Louise Mock

Lethbridge West Lethbridge

Lions Club

Norris D. Hironaka

Olds Lions Club

Tony Lee

Stirling Lions Club

Bary Bikman
Douglas C. R. Cooper
John F. Gedrasik
Shelly Ann Gedrasik

Sundre & District Lions Club

Jack Goodall
Wendy Goodall

Welcome Lions!



... and honour those who have left.



Calgary Lions Club

Otto Strand

Champion Lions Club

Paul De Clercq

Keoma Lions Club

Brian Gabruck

Medicine Hat Lions Club

Jim Turner

Stirling Lions Club

Gary R. McClenaghan
Grant Nelson

Sundre & District Lions Club

Ryan Beck

CONGRATULATIONS LION TIM BEER

Lion Tim recently received notification from Lions Clubs International that he has been appointed as a member of the Leo Program Advisory Panel for our Constitutional Area II for the term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.



The Advisory Panel is a communication vehicle for both Leos and Lions to share their ideas about the Leo Club Program with Lions Clubs International. Leo-Lion Kiri is also on the Advisory Panel. Lion Tim remarks

that MDC now has two of its Lions on the Advisory Panel.



Picture above:
Lion Tim Beer
Foothills Lions Club

Picture below:
Leo-Lion Alicia Kiri Beer
Lil Legendary Leos
Club





'Twas A Few Weeks Before Christmas

'T was a few weeks before Christmas and all through C-2
Lions clubs keeping busy to see what they can do.
To fulfill their motto of "We Serve" to their best
Which means being vigilant with very little rest.

'Tis the time of the year when darkness prevails,
And the cold on the prairies prevents many to avail
Themselves of the warmth and good food most enjoy
With sadness and strife each day does employ.

Spured on by their leaders - keep safe, well and strong,
Lions work in their clubs striving not to prolong
The need for so many to be warm, fed, and clothed
Exploring new ways creative programs to disclose.

Hampers of toys, food and gifts North Hill Lions prepare
While the Heritage group collect woolies with due care.
The Chinatown folks are making sure with great pride
Their elders are looked after, no suffering abide.

Many clubs work together-Meals On Wheels to distribute
And lights up on 14th, cold hours to contribute.
Ringing bells for the Salvation Army's collection
Many more done together, these only a selection.

In Northern Ontario Lions answering the 'phones
In a telethon for children for presents of their own.
In Comox, Monarch Lions winter clothing are collecting
For the homeless in the valley, a colder winter they're projecting.

It is not just here, but all 'round our world
Lions united in Service, some plans yet unfurled.
From the selling of cakes, providing breakfasts galore
Lions never defeated but working even more,

Our Lions President encourages to Serve from the Heart
Even though this pandemic has forced us to depart
From our regular meetings and activities as normal
But technology has provided an effective zoom portal.

Lions - to you all, stop and listen to the sound
Of bells, joy, and cheer that will surely abound.
But forget not to set that place at the table
Or candle in the window, for one more - to enable
That stranger, neighbour, or elder alone
A place with all Lions - caring is how we are known.

*Merry Christmas, Happy Solstice and
Happy New Year 2022
Lion Carol Hassell
Newsletter Editor*

