

December  
2022

## News from District C-2



### Have a Safe & Merry Christmas!



Greetings for this holiday  
season from the DG Team.



This year promises to be an exciting year with our own Dr. Patti Hill being sworn in as our International President at the convention in Boston July 2023. I encourage all of you to attend this convention and show our support of this charismatic leader from our Multiple District.

The District Governor Team club visits have been scheduled or completed in many cases. It has been encouraging to hear about the many success stories from your clubs and we look

forward to hearing many more. Remember our International Presidential theme is "Together We Can and Together We Will". Together we are. No one Lion or club stands alone and we have a responsibility to help those in need where ever possible.

The District Convention is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> in Drumheller. It promises to be both a fun and informative time. The District C-2 Forum (formerly Training School ) is scheduled for Strathmore in mid April. We hope to hold a smaller version in southern Alberta at a later date.

And don 't forget to have a look at our new District C-2 webpage. It is now up and operating with ongoing updates. You can find it at [www.lionsofdistrictc2.com](http://www.lionsofdistrictc2.com). The 2022-2023 Directories were distributed in late September. If your club hasn 't received yours, please reach out to your Zone chairperson.

Our best to everyone for the coming year.

Lion Darryl Rawleigh, District Governor  
Lion Kevin Gibbons, 1st Vice District Governor  
Lion Glenn Garalde, 2nd Vice District Governor



### Why Red and Green?

The colours red and green at this time of the year were first linked to the holidays around the winter solstice. The origins of the Christmas Tree also has its roots in the celebrations associated with the winter solstice.

Centuries ago, ancient Celts believe that holly plants brought beauty and good fortune during the dark days of winter. The holly never lost its bright shiny green leaves nor did the red berries loose their lustre. So the plants would be brought into their homes in hopes of bearing prosperity.

Over time, this tradition transformed into hanging red and green decorations made from synthetic materials or, if possible, evergreen boughs where holly can 't be found. The boughs also signify good luck in the coming year.



LIONS DISTRICT C-2 CALGARY ALBERTA, CANADA

# Around the District

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### Cheadle Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Kevin Gibbons*

The Cheadle Lions club has been busy supporting organizations in their community. Club member Lion Kevin had the honour of presenting the cheques on behalf of the club.



Five \$200 gift cards presented to the Principle of Brentwood Elementary in Strathmore for their Adopt A Family program.



\$1,000 presented to the Wheatland Food Bank program. The Food Bank has been helping people since 1990.



Members of the Strathmore Christmas Hamper Society accept a \$1,000 cheque for their greatly needed hamper program.



### Bowness Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion April Vyas*



The Bowness Lions are always busy with their griddles and volunteer Lions at many events in their community. Last June, after 2 long years on hiatus, the Stampede Parade & Breakfast returned. (photo left). The club was behind their griddles again in September taking part in a Fun Night at the Bowness Seniors Centre with a Bowness Lions Cowboy Supper. (photo right) They served up pancakes, sausages and beans as well as toe tapping entertainment. The event helped raise spirits of the residents as well as funds for the Bowness Seniors Centre.

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### Beiseker Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Alan Balson*

#### A "busy" Club is an understatement.

On November 19th, 2022 the Beiseker Lions Club celebrated its 77th anniversary. Two hundred and thirty Lions, community members, and dignitaries packed the Beiseker Community Centre to acknowledge the service the Lions club has given to their community. Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson was the keynote speaker.

Beiseker Lions Fred Bell, Bob Carley and Dave Fegan received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of IP Brian Sheehan by PIP Judge Brian Stevenson.

Many district clubs were represented—Airdrie, Calgary, Calgary Eastport, Calgary NE Eyeopener, Calgary Westwind, Irricana, Keoma, Carbon, Cheadle, Didsbury, Carstairs and Medicine Hat.



Head Table dignitaries included (from the left): MDC Treasurer Raqual Garalde, 2nd VDG Glenn Garalde, Lion Leslie Gaqui, 1st VDG Kevin Gibbons, Lion Anne Kennedy, DG Darryl Rawleigh, Club President Donald Schissel, Club Secretary Alan Balson, Wendy Metzger, and Club Treasurer Ron Metzger.



Recently, club President Donald Schissel presented 2 cheques to Meagin Huisman from STARS—from the annual Beiseker Lions STARS Classic \$28,000 held at Muirfield Lakes Golf Club on August 2nd (far left) and \$3,150 raised from the Annual Beiseker Country Fair held last June. The STARS Golf Classic has raised over \$140,000 for STARS since 2015.



Beiseker Lions also took part in the town's Christmas Parade including Lion Fred Bell (far left). As well, they set up the tent for the breakfast—not a small feat at minus 24 degrees. Speaking of parades, Lions led the annual Lions Country Fair that was put on for the village along with help from many organizations (picture right).

In addition to many Service activities, the Lions club also supports many local groups and organization through funding. In 2021-2022 the club contributed to LFC Dog Guides, BC Flood through LOAF, Beiseker School Council, Ronald McDonald House, Lions Sight Program, Lions Dog Park, Community Links, Christmas Hampers, Laser Engraver School, Beiseker Minor Hockey, Beiseker Fire Department, Tae-Kwon-Do, Beiseker Community Hall, Lions Scholarship, Lions Youth Camp, Beiseker Bounty Benefit, and the Quilters Guild.

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### Calgary Eastport Lions

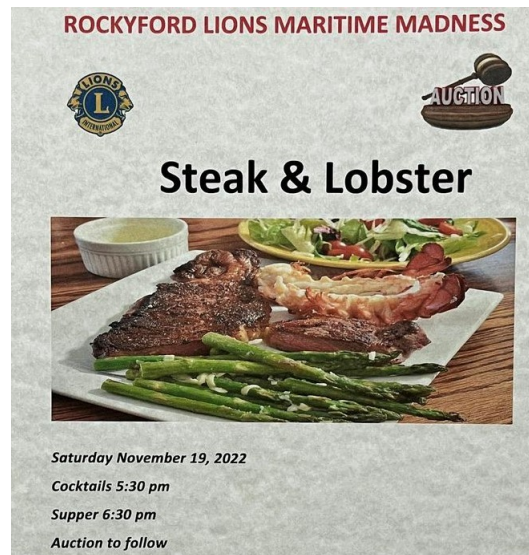


Eastport Lions present Lions Youth Camp Chair Glenn Robertson with a cheque for \$2,500 for repairs to buildings at the camp. Shown are club secretary Lion Kathy on far right and club treasurer Lion Patricia in the middle. Youth Camp information including on-line booking and donations can be found at [www.lionsyc.ca](http://www.lionsyc.ca).



### Rockyford Lions Club

On November 19th, the Rockyford Club put on a Steak & Lobster Dinner—Maritime Madness. It was an unprecedented success with proceeds going to the Rockyford Ag Society to pay off the debt for a new ice plant that was recently installed in the arena.



### Redcliff Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Kevin Gibbons*

The Redcliff Lions Club held their Charter night on October 12, 2022 with clubs from Medicine Hat and Irvine attending. This was a celebration of the Club's 57th anniversary. District Governor Darryl Rawleigh attended and presented Chevron Awards to: Alastair Lowry -10 years (picture on right), Phil Monteith -15 years, and Harvey Grose- 40 years. Absent were: Ryan McNeil- 10 years, Michael Fleck -10 years, Teresa Fleck-10 years, Brian Lowery- 20 years. A Life Time Membership was presented to Lion Phil Monteith and Redcliff Lion of the Year was presented to Alastair Lowry.

Redcliff Lions Club presented Deni Watson with Redcliff's Citizen of the Year award. Her family joined her as she was presented with flowers and a plaque.

For the holiday season, the Redcliff Lions with support from Redcliff Broadway Dental, made over 30 bags for the Mustard Seed (homeless shelter). The bags were personal hygiene bags consisting of razors, shaving cream, deodorant, toothbrushes and paste, tissues, hand cream and sanitizer, facecloths, shampoo and conditioner. Made up for the Women's Shelter were Christmas bags of hand lotion and sanitizer and nail kits.

Together We Can.

Picture: Left to Right – Lion Alastair Lowry, DG Darryl Rawleigh, Lion Shawna Gale (Club President).



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### Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions

Submitted by Lion Barbara Tomik



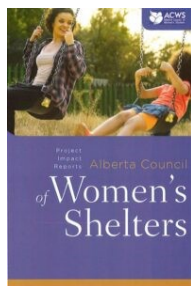
Lions Club members donate necessary items to the Women 's Emergency Shelter in Pincher Creek. The Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions donate items twice a year as they recognize the shelter 's important and necessary role in the community providing women and their families a safe place when needed.

The Pincher Creek Women 's Emergency Shelter (PCWESA) is an organization that provides a safe place for women and children who are experiencing family violence and/or crisis situations. It was officially registered as a non-profit organization in 1992 with the official opening of the building in 1997.

There are three programs available: Residential, Outreach, and a Child Support program. Their crisis line is available 24/7.

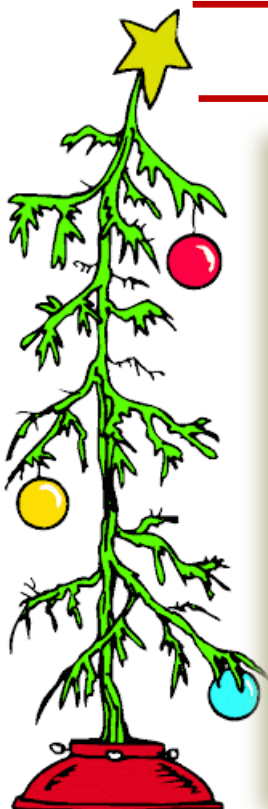
In 2020 PCWESA collected data from past and current clients to better understand service gaps within the organization. This was a province wide initiative undertaken by 21

women 's shelters. The Alberta Council of Women 's Shelters accumulated this information- called Project Impact—and published a book containing the development of an evaluation tool that would help improve programming in the shelters. Each of the 21 shelters ' evaluation tool was specific to their needs.



The book can be purchased on [amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca).

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. Where did eggnog originate?
2. What popular Christmas song was written for Thanksgiving?
3. Who invented electric Christmas lights?
4. Which American city receives a large Christmas tree from Nova Scotia every year?
5. How many points does a snowflake usually have?
6. In what year was Dickens *A Christmas Carol* published?
7. In what country is Stollen the traditional fruit cake?
8. In what country does the poinsettia grow wild?
9. Which Hollywood actor played 6 different roles in *The Polar Express*?
10. What was the 1st name of Scrooge?
11. Which company made the concept of Santa Claus popular worldwide?
12. What colour are mistletoe berries?
13. What country started the tradition of hanging stockings?
14. How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?
15. How many gifts were given in total in *The Twelve Days of Christmas* song?

Answers are somewhere in this newsletter. I just can 't remember where!

And—good luck with #15.

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### Magrath Lions Club



#### Operation Christmas Child

For the 18th consecutive year, the Magrath Lions Club is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. Those who wished to participate, both Lions and members of the community, picked up boxes at the Magrath Pharmacy. These boxes were then filled with items such as school supplies, small gifts, facecloths, toothbrushes etc. and returned to the Magrath Pharmacy collection area. The last day of collection was November 18th.



Operation Christmas Child is a project of the international relief organization, Samaritan's Purse. The boxes are shipped to children in the developing world and countries affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease. Since 1993, more than 198 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.



### Morrin Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Marilyn Trentham*



In picture on the left, Club President Marilyn Trentham (left) and Scholarship Chair Lion Terri-Lynn Dodd (right) presented a Lions Legacy Scholarship to Evan Montgomery (middle). Thanks to LOAF (Lions of Alberta Foundation) and the Morrin Lions Club, Evan received \$1,000.

On October 25th, 2022 the club held a Halloween/After Harvest Breakfast. Visitors to the breakfast were encouraged to dress in their Halloween scariest—as did the young fellow on the right. The funds raised from the Breakfast went to support District Governor Darryl Rawleigh's preferred project—the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Building Fund. The cheque was presented to the DG at his official visit on November 1st.



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### Calgary Wildrose Leos Club

*Submitted by Lion Estrella delos Reyes*

#### A Warm Welcome to the Wildrose Leos



Another great achievement was conferred to the Calgary Wildrose Lions Club when last September, the request to have their LEO Club revived was granted. Though a new registration was required, it was such an honor to finally receive the Certificate of Registration from Lions International. They have 10 originating members to finally complete an Omega Leo. Omega Leos ages ranging from 18-39.

Sponsoring a Leo Club within a Lions Club is a noble accomplishment and a very rewarding offering for our communities. The activities and projects of a Leo Club enhances the civic-service spirit of our citizenry and help our young people grow, develop, and practice the value of leadership, organization, and communal skills. Leo club connection can

impart in young people a lifetime pledge of volunteerism and serving others. As community helpers, Leos develop self-confidence and organization skills through this practical involvement. Experiencing teamwork is enhanced that develops great camaraderie and solidarity. The Club strongly chains promotion and principles of good government direction and good citizenship and social responsibility.



Although the Calgary Wildrose Leo Club cares for all the five global cause areas that Lions Club

International endorses, they have adopted to

focus on one cause project, and that is the Environment. Their plans move ahead focusing on a variety of projects including tree planting in coordination and consultation with the City of Calgary and/ or Provincial authorities, adopting a park or road space to do clean-up projects, and becoming snow-angels to help physically challenged community members with their sidewalks, to name a few.



Becoming a member of a Leo club benefits your community and

you. It endeavors to fill it with people who've decided to take action and serve others. Collectively, Lions & Leos make a global impact through their community service.

One of the best decision a prospective Leo can make is to have an active interest in the civic, cultural, and social wellbeing of the community.



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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North Pole Lions Club, Alaska, USA

“Where the Spirit of Christmas Lives Year Round”

### I kid you not!

Although a community had been established since 1944, it wasn't until 1953 when the city of the North Pole was incorporated. It lies 14 miles southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. Today the permanent population of the North Pole is just over 2,000 and is governed by an elected Mayor and city council.

“The North Pole Lions Club have a long standing legacy dating back to our chartering by the International Association of Lions Clubs in 1958.

From conception, our club has had a reputation for community service. **We Are North Pole!** We are patriotic families and community partners with vision in our hearts, time, labor & means. These key values translate to a selfless commitment to being the go-to-guys when there is a need in our community. To that end we expended 3,415 volunteer hours.

While we are involved in a multitude of community service projects, our signature projects are: Supporting the Aurora Borealis Lions Eyeglass Recycling & Vision Center; Helping complete the Trooper Gabe Rich and Trooper Scott Johnson Memorial Park; Conducting the dog mushing North Pole

Championships and Junior North American Championship races; and as of late, Renovating the Terry Miller Memorial Community Park.”

*North Pole Lions website.*

The North Pole Club has also established a Leo club—Alaska Adventure Leos. This club focuses on adventure in Alaska while encouraging youth in service.



North Pole Lions making food hampers for the families of their community for the American Thanksgiving.



November 26, 2022  
to  
January 7, 2023

### An Annual Tradition Not to be Missed

The 36th annual Festival of Lights runs nightly from 5:30 until midnight until January 7, 2023. It is constructed each year by Lions from the area, members of the IBEW #254 and members of the community at large. Sponsors also participate with financial support. It is located on Confederation Park Golf Course and can be seen from 14th St. NW north of 24th Avenue.

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### West Lethbridge Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Holly Bandelow*

West Lethbridge Lions have been busy using their volunteer power for the benefit of their community. Three of their latest initiatives are shown below. Under the leadership of President Lion Holly Bandelow, club Lions can be seen frequently serving meals and washing up at the local food kitchen; are enthusiastic organizers of the Strides Walk for Diabetes; and offer their services of Vision Screening to school aged children in the area.

#### Lethbridge Soup Kitchen



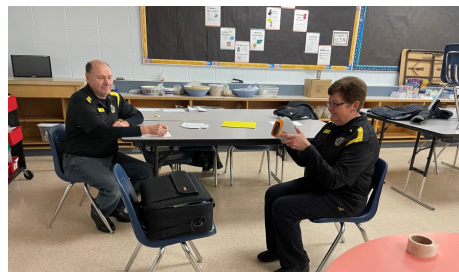
#### Strides Walk for Diabetes



On November 13th the Lethbridge West Lions held their Strides Walk at the University of Lethbridge. The Walk celebrated world Diabetes Day and encouraged Lions to "get out and get active". The Walk raised over \$3,600 towards Diabetes.

#### Vision Screening

On November 17th, Lions Bonnie, Dan and Holly were out to the Taber schools with the Lethbridge West Lions Club Vision Screening camera. The club does free vision Screening for Elementary aged children.



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### LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS CAKE

#### Lions Clubs New Zealand

In 1971, Ernest Adams, a Master baker living in New Zealand, created a special Christmas cake recipe exclusive to Lions. The profits from the sale of these cakes go entirely to local charities in a club's community—identified by each

club. Or, if preferred, the proceeds go to the Lions Clubs New Zealand Child Mobility Foundation which supports children who suffer from Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida or similar disabilities. And here's a little more of the history:

"Ernest Adams was born in England in 1892, the son of a Master baker. In 1912 he emigrated to Melbourne and then to Christchurch. In 1921 he partnered up with an elderly baker named Hugh Bruce and in 1930 their bakeries adopted the name Ernest Adams Ltd. For decades cakes from Ernest Adams bakeries have been the go-to sweet for many social gatherings. However, in 2000 the Bakery was sold to a Hong Kong/Singapore bread company. Because of poor product reviews, cakes under the name Ernest Adams have disappeared from the marketplace."

However—the Lions Clubs of New Zealand continue to own this original recipe developed in 1971. Sales of the Lions Christmas Cakes are eagerly awaited with community charities the recipients of much needed funds.



#### Billericay Lions, United Kingdom

##### "Ordinary People Doing Amazing Things"

From December 10th to 23rd, the Billericay Lions Christmas Sleigh will be making their Christmas collection runs to residents door to door. During this time, Santa and his elves will visit around the community on 10 nights. A website is set up containing all the routes with the dates and approximate times the sleigh will arrive.

Many local organizations provide assistance to make this Christmas Sleigh happen—a tow car, batteries to light the sleigh, candies for the children, to name a few. Funds collected are distributed by the Lions club to local charities.

#### Lions Club Nuuk, Greenland

# BINGO



**03. December 2022**  
**Godthåbhallen Julebingo**  
**AGGIAARIT/VÆR MED FRA START**

Annually, this Lions Club holds a Bingo night to raise funds for local charities. The gifts for winners are extensive, all donated by communi-

ty companies and organizations.

Nuuk is the Capital of Greenland with a population of approximately 20,000. Greenlandic is the official language spoken by 70% of the population with the remaining speaking Danish.



# Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

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### Cowley Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Millie Loeffler*

#### September



10 Club members attended a Clerc workshop in Calgary 147 volunteer hours.

Cowley Lions Castle River Rodeo Campground kept our members busy with operations, meetings, campground maintenance and upgrades 880 volunteer hours.

Our Club gave a donation to a local Food Bank to distribute milk and eggs to needy families in our area.

A few members attended the Lions Forum in Calgary and participated in the Strides Walk.

#### October

Cowley Lions Castle River Rodeo Campground – our members held meetings and a Fall work party to do seasonal cleanup and maintenance 290 volunteer hours.

Our Club is nearing the completion of our new campground website which should be launched in the next few months, featuring a map and online booking options.

Our Club pledged donations to support 2 special needs students with weekly transportation to a local swimming pool, and donation to a local family who experienced losses due to a fire in their home.

Four new members were inducted and 2 Chevron Pins were presented, one 10 year and one 30 year achievement.

#### November

A Service project for Remembrance Day, inviting our members to assist our local Legion with placement and collection of Poppy Boxes. Our club also participated in laying a wreath and made a donation to the local Pincher Creek Legion Branch in honor of Remembrance Day.

Our club is collecting food, clothing, personal items and toys for the Food Bank for also for our local Women's Shelter.

For our first Club meeting in December we are planning a Christmas supper meeting to show appreciation to our members and to gather in fellowship and the spirit of Lionism.



### Chestermere Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Jeremy Stinson*

October 15th was the Chestermere Lions Annual Pumpkin Patch. Nearly 200 pumpkins were claimed by children that came out to enjoy the hotdogs, popcorn, hot chocolate, balloon animals and storytime. There was even a visit from Community Therapy Dogs (an organization originated by the late Lion Steve King) who handed out stuffed animals to the kids and accepted doggie hugs. This was our major fundraiser of the year. We had great weather and an even better group of volunteers!



On Sept 25th the Chestermere Lions held the Pet Valu walk for dog guides. Funds were raised and a good walk was had!



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### Calgary North Hill Lions Club



North Hill Lions Doug (left) and Bill (right) man the kettle in Market Mall. Salvation Army representative, Jody, is visiting to make sure the Tip Tap is working properly and address any other questions of the Lion volunteers.

Members of the North Hill club have been taking part in the Salvation Army's Kettle Program for a number of years. It is one of the club's main activities during the Christmas season.

On Saturday, November 26th, members were at Market Mall in Calgary ringing the bells reminding busy shoppers of the increasing need of many families to obtain assistance with food, clothing and other necessities. The Salvation Army also adds gifts for the family so that no one goes without some small present at Christmas.

Kettles that have volunteers beside them bring in an average of \$220 per 2-hour shift. This \$220 allows the Salvation Army to provide 20 emergency food hampers; complete tax returns of 8 clients; provide 4 children with toy hampers; feed 20 individuals at the shelter; provide 3 children with backpacks & school supplies; give 15 pairs of thermal socks to clients; send 2 children to Pine Lake camp; build 15 hygiene packs; and provide 20 adults with transit tickets to attend ESL classes.

Thanks to this year's Kettle Campaign volunteers Lions Blaine (organizer), Darryl, Denise, Bill, Doug, Cindy, Jack and Shirley.

#### Christmas Hampers

Each year the club provides \$5,000 to the program under the guidance of Committee Chair Lion Denise. Through the EvenStart for Children's Foundation, 5 families of children who have come through a background of trauma are provided with a Christmas Hamper. Lion Denise organizes shoppers for each of the hampers and with \$1,000, they scour for the best deals on items listed on a gift list provided by each family to EvenStart. The hampers will contain necessities as well as a grocery gift card. In total, around 200 families receive hampers through EvenStart.



1st Vice District Governor Kevin visited the North Hill Club on November 28th. Chevrons were presented—Lion Marg received her 25 year Chevron (Lion Doug accepting for Lion Marg picture on left). VDG Kevin also had the honour of inducting two new club members—Lion Cindy Ngo (second from left) and Andrew Berselli (second from right). VDG Kevin also presented Lions Fran & Tony a Melvin Jones Fellowship for their contributions to LCIF.

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### Bearspaw Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Mike Blackwell*

Our Bearspaw Lions Club hosted a Lobster East Coast dinner and dance on November 26th. Seventy-five persons were treated to a tasty dinner prepared on site, which included scallops, mussels, clam chowder soup and tasty lobster. The band, Scarecrows, which include some of the cities best musical talent delivered tunes, everything from Bryan Adams to Brooks and Dunn, the Eagles to Def Leppard to Luke Combs and the dance floor rocked and rolled. This charity event was enjoyed by Lions members and friends and will go down in the history books for the Club. Proceeds go to the Cochrane Activettes Food Bank.



### Enderby, Lumby & Vernon Lions Clubs, BC



#### Glasses Are Coming!

We are pleased to report that 20 boxes of used glasses are on their way to CLERC via Day & Ross from Kelowna.

These represent approximately 3,850 pairs.

They were collected by:

Lumby Lions Club—946

Enderby Lions Club—1,100

Vernon Lions Club—1,800

Picture left: Lion Mike Takashi (left) the Lumby Lions and Lion Mike Smith of Vernon Lions Club (right) get boxes ready for shipment in Kelowna.

Picture right:

Lion Sharon Cochran, Enderby Lions Club with their donated glasses.



*Submitted by Lion Mike Smith*

# The Best Gift of All



As Lions, we give not just at Christmas, but throughout the year  
in so many ways:

We give personal time to attend meetings and work on projects and programs – we collect and recycle eyeglasses so others can see – we donate blood so others will survive – we prepare the rinks in our communities – we tidy up our cemetery – we help the local Food Bank – we ring bells for the Salvation Army – we maintain our Lions Park and Tennis Courts – we fundraise for STARS and HALO – we support our seniors – we provide scholarships and bursaries – we support diabetes education and research – we support and provide Dog Guides – we support our District Youth Camp and Scouts and Guides – we support our veterans and the Canadian Legion – we support community gardens – we adopt many families at Christmas and provide food hampers – we support terminally ill children – we support Meals on Wheels – we support Youth Exchange and youth leadership skills development – we support Special Olympics – we support Brown Bagging for Kids – we provide Christmas Lights Displays in several communities – we supply bread to the Calgary Drop-in Centre – we stage annual rodeos and community fairs – we clean up highways – we build playgrounds, community halls and arenas – we own and manage numerous campgrounds – we support 4-H – we support Ronald McDonald Houses – we support the Alberta Children's Hospital – we support eye research – we support organ donation – we support childhood cancer – we support golfing, curling and bowling for the blind – we support music festivals – we build splash parks – we support minor baseball – we support Project Pride – we support vision screening – we support women's shelters – we support Air Cadets – we support fire departments – we supply hearing aids – we support community libraries – we visit residents in hospices, extended care centres, and retirement centres – and we build and maintain swimming pools for the community.

in short, we care for our communities and our fellow residents, and continually strive to make our communities better places in which to live, work, and play.

My Christmas wish for all Lions in our District is this:

**WHY NOT GIVE THE BEST GIFT OF ALL-  
the opportunity to become a member of your Lions Club.**

How to do that is simple – **JUST ASK!** Just ask a relative – a friend – a neighbour – a community leader a person you do business with. Obviously, with more hands we can perform **MORE SERVICE.**

Best Wishes for a Joyous Festive Season, and for a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

*Judge Brian Stevenson  
Past International President  
Lions Clubs International*



# What Lions Is All About

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This recent cold snap made me think about the Christmas season the past few years.

In our family, we said good bye to the big family Christmas dinner. For our Lions family, the past few years have been difficult at best. We had to postpone in person meetings and sadly we have lost some of our Lions Members to this horrible virus.

Despite all of these challenges, we as Lions have continued to be the shining beacon in our respective communities. We continue to serve the people and communities in an attempt to make their lives a little better.

As we get close to December, I 'm looking forward to hopefully spending Christmas with my family and now with Leslie 's family over the Christmas season.

The District Governor team sadly said good-bye to Lion Michelle and we are now led by DG Darryl Rawleigh and we welcome Lion Glenn Garalde to the team. Our new team would like 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 the world.

Please feel free to contact DG Darryl, 1st VDG Kevin and 2nd VDG Glenn 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.

1st Vice District Governor, District C-2

Lion Kevin Gibbons



Greetings Fellow Lions,

I am excited to hear of the teamwork of Lions clubs within our Multiple District C. Members and clubs are excited about new members and new service opportunities. I commend the clubs in C-1 and C-2 meeting together for fellowship and projects. Many clubs are working with community partners to achieve our mission of 'We Serve'.

That is what Lions is all about, and it supports and follows what International President Brian Sheehan has said "Together We Can, And Together We Will". Your Club and District will benefit!

The District C-1 and C-2 Governor Teams continue to collaborate, and work with Lions across our Multiple District in a common focus of fellowship and service for the benefit of our members and the communities we serve in.

I hope to see many of you at either the District C-1 Convention January 27-28, 2023 in Camrose, the District C-2 Convention February 3-4, 2023 in Drumheller, and/or the Multiple District C Convention April 28-29, 2023 in Vegreville.

On behalf of my companion in service Lion Dave and myself, we wish you, your clubs and families a very Merry Christmas. Best wishes for a prosperous 2023!

Together We Can,  
Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn  
Governor District C-1, 2022-2023

# Lots of Great Things Happening



## Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays.

With 2022 coming quickly to an end it may be a great time to think and start planning for everything that is coming up in 2023. Membership is a big concern for all Lions. The last year that we saw membership growth was 2014/15. I hate being the grinch with this news, but it can be reversed. Did you know that over 40% of Lions in MD C are over 70?

On Dec 4th we held our first Central Alberta Lions Membership Summit in Olds AB. It involved members from both C1 and C2. We introduced the Global Membership Approach to these Lions. We discussed holding a membership recruitment event on how to introduce new memberships to Lions through mentoring. We also talked about retaining our current members. It is hard to grow our membership if we are losing just as many out the back door. We hope to improve membership to all areas in MD C. If you would like more information, please reach out to me. I am confident that if many of our Lions in this great Multiple District work together we can increase membership recruitment and grow the MD. With membership growth we will have service growth, which is why we are Lions. We Serve. We need more hands to do the work that is required in our MD and around the globe.

There are lots of great things happening next year. Probably the most exciting event that is coming is that our Lion Dr. Patti Hill of the Edmonton Host Lions will be our new International President. If you want a great time, plan on going to Boston July 7th to the 11th 2023. It promises to be very exciting.

District C2 convention is coming in Drumheller February 3rd and 4th, 2023. At only \$100.00 to register it is very affordable. Let 's get some great attendance.

The MDC Convention is April 28-29, 2023, in Vegreville AB and, as mentioned, the 105<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention is in Boston July 7th-11th 2023.

If that is not enough, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is in Reno Nevada September 21st to 24th. Sure to be a blast! The Convention Centre is attached to three hotels so no driving, parking or getting on and off buses. Anything that happens in Nevada is always a fun time.

As Always Yours in Lionism.

Lion Brent Johnson PDG

Vice Council Chair MDC

Area Leader Global Action Team for MDC



The Christmas season and the New Year offers each one of us some free time to be festive and enjoy each others company be it a simple Lion 's party or the grander office get-together. Truly, the season brings out some of the traditions we had had back in our countries of origin as many of us came from afar. I always remember the stockings that I had prepared for my little ones, the sweet smell of homemade goodies prepared beautifully by mom, the ugly sweater that we love to wear during this wintry season. No matter how we celebrate, let us not forget that *it's not how much we give, but*

*how much love we put into giving* – that is the true essence of season.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year!

Lion Glenn Garalde

C-2 2nd Vice District Governor, 2022-2023

# The Gift That Keeps on Giving



I'd like to send out the warmest of Christmas wishes to all the Lions of District C-2. It has been such a pleasure meeting you whether at your Club or a training school, and hearing of the Service you extend to your communities. Each one of you is truly the gift that keeps on giving! May this Holiday Season bring you as many blessings as you offer those you SERVE.

On behalf of my partner in Service, District Governor Suzanne, have an awesome Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Lion Dave Leshchyshyn  
1st Vice District Governor C-1  
LFCDG "Difference Campaign" Member/Alberta



It's hard to believe we are nearly half way through the 2022-2023 Lions year and well into the holiday season.

Congratulations to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Host committee for an incredible time this past September in Calgary. The motivational presentations during the general sessions were inspiring as was meeting up with Lions from every corner of North America. During the breakout sessions we learned about thinking big by stepping out of our comfort zone with Club projects that serve our communities. Take a chance, maintain a positive attitude, spread the joy of service and be a local advocate for the health and needs for your community.

The International Board meeting in Minneapolis was an amazing adventure for PDG Christine and me. While I attended the Audit and Constitution By-laws Committee meetings, Lion Christine participated in service projects and toured the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank. Since that time there have been online meetings with fellow IDs and members of the LCI staff at Headquarters in Oakbrook as we make preparations for convention visits and the next International Board meeting in Ireland.

Lion Christine and I extend seasons greetings to each of you our Lions family. May you experience joy and comfort during the holiday season and our very best to you for the coming New Year.

It is indeed a pleasure to serve on the International Board and we are grateful for the opportunity. We Serve and Together We Can.

Lion Ben Apeland  
International Director, Montana USA



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# RLLI Holds the Key



Are you interested in moving into a leadership position in the club you are in?

Are you the 1st Vice President or President of a new club?

Do you just want to learn about Lions and how to encourage others to take on Leadership roles?

We have just the program for you.

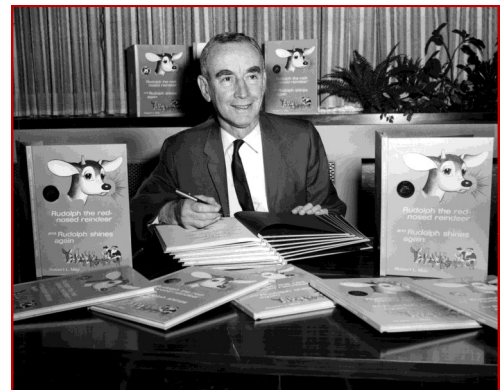
We are holding a regional Lions Leadership Institute in Red Deer, AB on  
March 9-12, 2023.

For Information & Registration go to the MDC Website at [www.mdclions.org](http://www.mdclions.org)  
and click on "Main Menu".

## The Creation of Rudolf

Robert L. May created Rudolph in 1939, when his company, the Montgomery Ward department stores, asked him to write a Christmas story that they could give away to customers. Drawing on the tale of "The Ugly Duckling," Mr. May penned the story of a sweet, homely reindeer shunned because of his glowing red nose. Little did he know his creation was destined to become a Christmas holiday classic. Over the next few years, the company distributed millions of copies of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. The book's copyright was transferred to Mr. May in 1947, and under his ownership, Rudolph's popularity soared. Commercial printings and cartoons quickly followed, and then, of course, came the song, which secured Rudolph's place in Christmas history, and in our hearts, forever. Robert L. May died in 1976.

*The Chicago Tribune, December 2021*



# Two More Conventions Coming Up!

## District C-1 Convention—January 27/28, 2023, Camrose AB

**District C-1 2022-2023 Convention**  
**January 27/28, 2023**  
**Camrose, Alberta**



**It is time to re-connect!**  
Come and re-energize yourself and re-invest in your Club's mission. There will be many Lions to rekindle old friendships and the opportunity to begin new relationships.

**Don't wait!**  
Come be where the Lions district members come to re-connect, collaborate and communicate our clubs' missions and initiatives.

**And it all starts Friday night!**  
Join us as we kick off the convention with an evening of re-connecting, cocktail hour, snacks, and local entertainment. There will be a 50/50 draw and prizes drawn randomly for registered guests.

**Re-connecting**  
**Collaborating**  
**Communicating**



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### Welcome to Camrose

#### How to Get There

City of Camrose is in East-Central Alberta along Highway 13, 7.5 km east of the junction with Highway 21. Highway 26 meets Camrose on the east and Highway 833 on the north. Camrose is 88.5 km Southeast of Edmonton.



#### Where To Stay



The convention will be held at the Norsemen Inn. We have blocked rooms at this hotel and all activities will be held here. Please call to book your own stay. Ask for C-1 Lions Convention.

6505 48 Ave. Camrose, Alberta 780-672-9171.

Below is a list of secondary accommodations nearby:

Canalta Camrose 780-672-7303; Ramada 780-672-5220; R & R Inn & Suites 780-672-2292; Camrose Resort & Casino 780-679-2376 (East end of Camrose); Le Chateau Hotel 780-678-4007 (East end of Camrose).

#### Nearby Restaurants

Mr. Mikes Casual, East Side Mario's, Norsemen Inn, Overtime Taphouse, Brown's Social House, The Borough, Hart House, Monte Carlos, Smitty's, Boston Pizza, Humpty's.

#### Nearby Attractions

Mirror Lake Park, Camrose Railway Museum & Park, Beautiful Downtown Camrose.

### Nominations Now Open!

C-1 Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the following:

- ★ District Governor
- ★ 1st VDG
- ★ 2nd VDG
- ★ Vice Council Chair
- ★ Hall of Fame

Send your nominations or questions to Lion Paul Benson  
SABLions@shaw.ca  
or mail to

PO Box 125  
St. Albert, AB T8N 1X8

**Deadline: December 18, 2022**

#### Nominating Committee

District Governor Lion Suzanne Leshchysyn has appointed the following as the Nominating Committee for the District C-1 Convention to be held on January 27/28, 2023:

PDG Lion Joan Lubbers, Stony Plain Lions Club Lion Zella Gardiner, Millet & District Lions Club  
Lion Paul Benson, St. Albert Breakfast Lions Club

## Multiple District C Convention—April 28/29, 2023



If you haven't heard or met our Lions International President — you can't miss this opportunity. IP Brian Sheehan and Patty are the International guests at the MDC Convention in Vegreville. More information will be coming as available.

Vegreville is a small town of approximately 6,000 residents, 100 km east of Edmonton.



# "Grateful For All That You Do"



Greetings to all of you Invested in Service Lions! I extend greetings from the CLERC executive and a boatload of gratitude for all that you personally do for CLERC and for all the efforts on our behalf that your Lions Club does.

I would like to start out by laying out a few statistics for you.

- \* WHO states that there 320 million visually impaired people in the world who require eyewear
- \* 45 Million people suffer from blindness
- \* 1 person goes blind every 5 seconds
- \* 1.4 Million children under the age of 15 are blind
- \* Cataracts are the #1 cause of blindness
- \* Lions have enabled 3.5 million cataract surgeries world wide
- \* Lions have financed the building of over 150 eye hospitals
- \* Today there are nearly 1.5 million Lions engaged in a global campaign to eliminate preventable blindness

By now many of you are familiar with the processing journey that a pair of glasses take before they land on a face of a recipient. Sorted in to type, sterilized, hand dried, read on a Lens meter, packaged and sent off to an Outreach group.

A brief history of CLERC operations in the last 10 years: We had no warehouse, every eyeglass work party was held at various locations and we had to manually move every box, piece of equipment in to a building bi weekly. In year one we processed 58,800 glasses. With an operational warehouse, In pre-covid times that number has swollen to 400,000+ several years in a row. During the last 2 pandemic years, CLERC managed to process close to 300,000 pair a year. To date, your efforts as Lions have allowed over 6.5 million people in 103 countries to enjoy the benefits of clear vision from our Canadian LERS. Besides Lions, other contributors have gotten involved in the process. BP & Imperial Oil annuities, Boy Scouts, Church Groups and Leo Clubs have all stepped up for the cause. CLERC continues to support an eyeglass workshop at the CCC where inmates perform all aspects of the operation and have 4 lens meters to read prescriptions. CLERC also opened a subsidiary in Bishop Falls Correctional Centre, Nfld that is accountable to CLERC and run by the Lions of District N-3 & 4.

There are 19 LERS worldwide. Twelve are located in the USA and one in Spain, France, Italy, Australia, Israel and South Africa. Together LERS place over 4.5 Million pairs a year on faces in 3rd World countries globally. CLERC is renowned for exporting quality, clean and accurately read eyewear by the Outreach Groups that source glasses.

In the past 10 years CLERC has prioritized updating all aspects of the program, from purchasing new age lens meters that hasten the process and are easier to operate, to updating our logo. We have also been building a Canada-wide database that lists drop off sites and Lions Club pick up contacts. If you are picking up glasses please send us your locations and contacts at [www.CLERC.ca](http://www.CLERC.ca). CLERC has also added a Homepage, a FB account and we regularly contribute to Lions of Canada FB page and also to District C-1 's own Dr. Patt Hill 's International FB site. Another new concept is that CLERC now holds quarterly Zoom meetings with the Collection Chairs from each province to find out their needs, communicate and deliver program updates and find out where we can streamline the process to make it easier for them.

A lot has changed in part thanks to the computer age. What hasn 't changed is that YOUR efforts on our behalf are the backbone of CLERC 's success as a Canadian Lions Initiative.

CLERC is funded through the donations received from Lions Clubs, and a Casino that we get every 2 years . Our balance sheet tells us that it costs \$4500 per month before we even open the doors. That figure only pays the rent, vehicle maintenance and licensing, internet and utilities. Packaging, equipment maintenance are an additional expense. A breakdown of donations received from Lions Clubs tells a story that needs a new ending. As a multi district, Canada wide program, our income is sourced by the following :

- \* RESPECS 18.4%
- \* Casino 49.3%
- \* District C-2 Club donations 27.2%
- \* The rest of Canada 5.1%

At CLERC we compliment all Lions Clubs for being accommodating partners for all that you do in collecting and shipping glasses to the warehouse in Calgary. Believe me when I state we are we are grateful for all that you do.

James Lee, CLERC Chair

## Changes Are Coming!

Lions Clubs International are calling it “Evolving Our Digital Experience”. And the changes are designed to make entering clubs service and membership activities on the website more user friendly.

This will be the latest update on the platform where Lions clubs enter their Service and Membership information into MyLCI and MyLion. It is called the Lion Portal.

The Lion Portal is what will appear after a user signs in to their LCI account. The new arrangement is presently being tested throughout the Lions world in order to receive constructive feedback. Surveys and panels are also taking place to receive the most information about the new user experience. This new Portal is built on Salesforce, a commercially available platform used by over 150,000 organizations.

MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will be combined into the Lion Portal so that the process for entering service and membership works the same way regardless of what you wish to do. The plans are to introduce this new “experience” later in 2023.

International President Brian Sheehan has made a short video on these changes. It can be found on the LCI website under Resources For Members.

### In the meantime. . .

If you are having problems entering into MyLCI or MyLion, there are a number of resources you can access.

First-your Zone Chair should be able to assist or have a speaker at your next Zone meeting who will answer all questions.

Second - the Global Membership Team Leader for C-2 is Lion Henry Czarnoda. He will gladly help you make your entries and give you helpful tips on how to make your use of MyLion and MyLCI more successful. Lion Henry can be reached at [czarnoda@telus.net](mailto:czarnoda@telus.net).

Third, LCI has a contact number if you are having technical difficulties with your account. They generally either return your telephone call or email within a few days.

Don't struggle on your own. These Lion resources are for your benefit so that your club information is up to date.

## Time for Peace Posters

*“For over 30 years, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring an art contest in schools and youth groups. Children everywhere can express their vision of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.”*

*(LCI Website)*

The 2022-2023 contest is almost here. As of January 15th, 2023, the kits go on sale. They can be obtained from the Club Supplies Sales Department on LCI. Although the deadline to submit the entries is not until later in the Fall, clubs should be resourcing schools and youth groups in the earliest part of the year to give lots of time for the posters to be imagined and produced.

The 2022-2023 theme is: *Lead with Compassion*

Here are the deadlines for 2023:

January 15	Kits go on sale
October 1	Sale of kits closes
November 15	Posters sent to District Governor
December 1	DG sends 1 poster to MDC
December 15	MDC sends winning poster to LCI



The 2021-22 Grand Prize winner was Anja Rozen of Slovenia. Her winning poster expressed that “we are all members of the Earth community and we need each other to survive.”



### Upcoming Training Planned

January 15, 2023 - Guiding Lions, Calgary  
April 22, 2023 - C-2 Forum (Training School)  
Strathmore  
More information coming.

# Are You Going To Be There?

Drumheller, Alberta



February 3/4, 2023

## Hey! I'm Looking Forward to See You at the District C-2 Convention.

There are going to be lots of  
awards to:

- the club with the most attendees
  - the best dressed Miner couple
  - the club with the most member miles that attend
  - the Zone Chair with the highest percentage of members in their zone attending
- and
- a drawing for a free registration for 2 at next year's convention!

### Don't You Think It's Time for You to Register?

There is a Registration Form on the next page, or  
go to [www.mdclions.org](http://www.mdclions.org) (under District Conventions).

And here are a few more great things happening:

Meet International Director Dianne Pitts.

Take part in the fun filled Friday night activities.

Learn about Lion Projects and Programs.

Visit the many displays.

Bid in the silent auction.

**Com'on you Miners. Collect your hard hat, pick axe  
and boots and make your way to Drumheller.**

Registration Form can be found at: [www.mdclions.org](http://www.mdclions.org)

And here are the answers to the quiz.  
1. England 2. Jingle Bells 3. Edward Johnson 1882 4. Boston 5. Six 6. 1843 7. Germany 8. Mexico 9. Tom  
Hanks 10. Ebenezer 11. Coca Cola 12. white 13. Italy 14. Four (Christmas past, present, future, and Jacob  
Marley ) 15. 364

# PSST! Wanna Know a Secret?



Did you know that Lions are the best kept secret in the world? – Yup – but let me tell you another secret – we are not going to be a secret much longer!

Last week (mid November ) several members of Lions Clubs in Canada went to Ottawa and after some

intense training and brainstorming, we met with various Members of Parliament and told them about Lions. One of the first things we had to be aware of and respectful of, was the time and attention the MPs gave us for these meetings. What did we want? MPs always have people asking for something! But we had a slightly different angle.

This was our mandate: 1. Raise awareness of Lions Clubs of Canada among Parliamentarians and the federal government. 2. Demonstrate Lions Clubs' impact on their communities across Canada and 3. Ensure Lions are recognized as essential partner of the Government of Canada.

Some of the Members of Parliament we met had heard about Lions – many had not – but we had a message that was, overall very well received. Our message surprised them because we really weren't asking for much – we were asking for recognition of the fact that Lions Clubs provide essential services in our communities and around the world. Not only do we know what is going on in our communities, we know what 'our' community needs and that we are there to serve – you know the saying: Where there is a need, there is a Lion. – And here we are.

Many MPs were familiar with the community service that

Lions in their constituency provide – pancake breakfast, carnivals, supporting kids sports, eyeglass collection etc., but they didn't know the full scope of what we as Lions are capable of with the support of the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF. We explained that Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is a registered charity and that because of some wise investing when the Foundation was created to cover any administrative expenses, 100% of the funds received from the public, goes back to the public in the service provided. An important component in our meetings was explaining how we can do so much more through the Foundation – When a disaster hits an area, because Lions LIVE there, various grants are available for an emergency response – but more importantly, we are there for the rebuilding AFTER the disaster – and again, various grants are available. We weren't asking for direct government funding for the emergency relief or for the rebuilding – we are able to use the money from LCIF – received from the public. BUT what we are asking for is that when the Government offers to match dollars for donation made to other organisations – like they did for Hurricane Fiona most recently – **we are asking that the Government matches the dollars for donations made to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.**

If you have heard the term 'Global Advocacy' – that's no secret – we are trying to reveal the secret about Lions – and how we provide essential service to make our communities – and our country Canada – a better place for us to all live.

This visit to Ottawa was the first "Lions Day at Parliament" and it is hoped it will become an annual event.

Lion Pauline Cooper

## Christmas Eve 1914



German & British soldiers standing together in Belgium during the Christmas Truce.

The WW1 Christmas Truce was a spontaneous cease-fire that spread up and down the Western Front in the first year of WW1. Soldiers on both sides put down their guns to sing carols and drink wine together.

*"This has been the most wonderful Christmas I have ever struck. We were in the trenches on Christmas Eve, and about 8:30 the firing was almost at a standstill. Then the Germans started shouting across to us, 'a happy Christmas' and commenced putting up lots of trees with hundreds of candles on the parapets of their trenches."*

Cpl. Leon Harris, 13th Battalion, London Regiment.

It is a symbol of the peace and goodwill toward man so often lacking not just on the battlefield but in our everyday lives.

*Gillian Brockell, The Washington Post*

# Help Expand the Dog Guide Program



**The Difference**  
Campaign for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides



Yes, the Difference Campaign has officially launched to Lions Clubs across Canada! Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is asking for Club and member financial support to help expand the Dog Guide program with a new, and more spacious training facility in Oakville, Ontario. The new facility will offer more room for training, kennels, exercise areas, veterinary services, and client accommodation. The Dog Guide program can't grow, if there's no room to grow! With demand for Dog Guides growing, and a backlog of 450 requests already on the books, the program needs Lions help to expand, and where there's a need, there's a Lion!

In 2021-22 year at a glance, Lions members and Clubs helped:

74 Dog Guide teams graduate. 74 more physically or medically challenged individuals leading a more rewarding life because of their Dog Guide. That brings to 1018 active Dog Guide teams across Canada.

85 dogs go through training in the 7 different specialty areas offered by LFCDG  
215 foster families raise and introduce the pups into society until they're old enough to train.  
Raise over \$1 million dollars through the 200+ Pet Valu Walk For Dog Guide events across the country.

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is the only program offering Dog Guides in 7 specialty areas, Vision, Hearing, Autism Assistance, Seizure Response, Diabetic Alert, Service and Facility Support. Your financial support will ensure our program continues to benefit those WE SERVE. Help make the difference with your generous donation to the Difference Campaign. More information will be coming to your Club soon. Also, check the latest happenings with the new facility and videos available at [www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com). Thank you for your continued support of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

1VDG Lion Dave Leshchyshyn  
MD C & District C-1 LFCDG Co-ordinator  
Lions Campaign Leadership Committee Member, Alberta  
[davensuzie@shaw.ca](mailto:davensuzie@shaw.ca)



support The Difference Campaign in such a significant way.

**Green Capes Lions Club** recently presented a \$250,000 donation to LFCDG! Green Capes is a virtual special interest club dedicated to supporting the Dog Guide programs. Members include foster parents, graduates and supporters and collectively they have fostered close to 200 future Dog Guide puppies.

Thank you Brampton-Bramalea and Green Capes Lions for your generosity and leading the way in The Difference Campaign and believing in the importance and the future of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

To date, **\$1.1M** of the \$4.5M Lions fundraising goal has been raised from Lions clubs across Canada and donations are arriving every week. Thank you to the Lions clubs and members who have stepped forward to make a difference.

*Beverly Crandell, CEO, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides*

# We Welcome Those Lions Who Have Joined Us in September, October & November

**Airdrie Lions Club**  
Jade D. Unrau

**Bearsaw Lions Club**  
Stephen Norris  
Steven Patterson  
Stacey Savage  
Craig Sipila

**Blairmore Lions Club**  
Deb C. Cancade  
Katie L. Hopkins  
Shane J. Hopkins  
Dennis L. Klassen

**Bowness Lions Club**  
Joshua Mizera  
Nathan Mizera  
Nancy Savage

**Calgary Lions Club**  
Ferlyne Macarubbo

**Calgary Filipino Lions Club**  
Aimardo Catabian  
Marissa Catabian  
Antonia de Leon

**Calgary North Hill Lions Club**  
Andrew Berselli  
Cindy Ngo

**Calgary Westwind**  
Karamjeet K. Jassal

**Calgary Woodcreek Lions Club**  
Lane M. Anderson

**Cochrane Lions Club**  
Darryl Bezler  
Jim. W. Wood

**Coleman Lions Club**  
Ryan Shipowich

**Cowley Lions Club**  
Loren Janzen

**Foothills Lions Club**  
Scott A. Beer

Carol A. Gibson  
Lauren Pritchard

**Medicine Hat Lions Club**  
Kevin Kornelson  
Pat Kornelson  
David Reniak  
Diane Reniak  
Neil Windjack

**Redcliff Lions Club**  
Leanne Biem  
Sheldon Sept

**Strathmore Lions Club**  
Dirk J. Degegne

... and honour those who have left.



**Brooks Lions Club**  
Paul Vickers

**Calgary Eastport Lions Club**  
Michael M. Jamison

**Calgary Heritage Lions Club**  
Jill McNeil

**Calgary NE Eyeopener Lions Club**  
Patricia Anne Stevenson

**Calgary Westwind Lions Club**  
Angelito Viray

**Madden Lions Club**  
Dennis R. Shantz

**Medicine Hat Lions Club**  
Roy D. Gale  
Byron D. Martin

**Olds Lions Club**  
Brian Leatherdale

**Strathmore Lions Club**  
Eugene W. Helfrich

**Vulcan Lions Club**  
Peter Pickersgill



*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.

## 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, well, you know how that goes.  
A picture of warmth, love and caring, we all had or did know.  
In a world that 's in turmoil with drought, fire, and fighting  
Some moments of peace, love, goodwill sound inviting.

Our Leader from Bird Island with fierce vision and clear drive  
Together we should work and always should we strive  
"Think Out Of The Box" he reminds us so often  
Old ways put aside, new challenges to soften.

Our own District Governor is focused on sight  
That Knights of the Blind as reminder he might  
Rekindle the need for more dogs that can guide  
By generously giving, a new building provide.

In Limavady, Northern Ireland, Lions collecting donations  
Making baskets of goodies, left in many locations.  
Filled with cookies and cakes and wine—and more wine,  
All raffled with proceeds for good deeds during this time.

Christmas cakes in New Zealand, Howick Lions they are selling,  
Orphaned children in Taiwan, Lions Santa stories telling.  
North Pole Lions-I kid you not-Santa's car show and street fair  
Will serve to benefit vision, an eyeglass centre way up there.

Nearer home, North Hill Lions ringing bells for Sally Ann  
Filling green and red boxes is Magrath Lions game plan.  
Wondrous lights on 14th Calgary Lions have erected  
Lion Otto not sleeping until done - long suspected.

Regardless of beliefs, of club location, size or kind,  
Lion clubs around the globe have only one goal in mind,  
To Serve where they are needed, bringing warmth, and comfort and joy,  
With new resolve and purpose, every Lion to employ.

Judge Brian is always present, forever urging us on  
To reach our renewed potential, new projects to have drawn.  
Anything can be done if we put our minds to it,  
Let the world know we 're Lions, let them know we can do it.

So, this will always end as it has done before  
Reminding ever so gently . . . and just say a little more.  
That a candle in the window a needy stranger will perceive  
Where Lions are always ready-to Serve, to Believe.



*Merry Christmas, Happy Solstice and  
Happy New Year 2023  
Lion Carol Hassell  
Newsletter Editor*

