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LIONS DISTRICT C-2 ALBERTA, CANADA

Around the District

News from District C-2



A New Year—A New Team

Message from 2022-2023 District Governor Darryl Rawleigh

Welcome to another Lionistic year.

International President Brian Sheehan's motto is "Together we Can". I want our clubs to build on this and add "Together we Will". Smaller Clubs are struggling to get enough members to do meaningful projects in their communities. As Lions, we are one big family. No individual club is better than another, let's eliminate the politics. Help one another for the good of your communities and Lions overall.

COVID still hangs over our heads, but things are getting back to a new normal. Please respect individuals' personal beliefs and use acceptable COVID protocol.

The District Governor Team has established very conservative goals for this year:

Service Reporting – We hope to have 64 % of clubs reporting service on "MyLCI". Any member can report service, but it must be approved by the Club President or Secretary to show up on the club matrix.

Membership Growth – We ask each club to have a net growth of one member. But don't stop at one. There is strength in numbers, more Lions allows the workload to be shared.

New Clubs – We aim to get 2 new clubs or Branch clubs in District C-2.

Monthly Membership Reports (MMR) – This is vital for us to prepare budgets etc. It is important to Report all new Members, Drop deceased members and members who are no longer active or have been dropped for various reasons. We ask

that clubs review the information for each member to ensure accuracy. Lions Clubs International (LCI) and your district need this information. Email addresses for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers is absolutely necessary.

To assist your club with the reporting, you can appoint a Club Administrator, who has access to "My LCI" to make the required changes and do monthly reporting. Many Clubs are breaking down the Secretary's position into 2 positions. One is the recording and correspondence and the other does all computer and reporting work.

We can't forget our International Foundation and causes-Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, and Environment. Your continued club and individual support is required to carry on these important activities.

Each year the District Governor chooses a district or national charity to have clubs support. Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC) recently announced a program to raise 25 million dollars to build a much needed new training facility. For this reason, I have chosen Lions Foundation of Canada "Dog Guides-Building Fund" as my designated charity/project.

Your District Governor (DG) team is always here for you. Do not hesitate to contact any one of us for assistance, training, or just to chat. Darryl (DG) 403 852 6547, Kevin (1st VDG) 403 650 8691, or Glenn (2nd VDG) 403 702 8065.

Individual District Governor team members will contact your club to book the annual DG visit.



DG Darryl Rawleigh



1st VDG Kelvin Gibbons



2nd VDG Glenn Garalde

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Beiseker Lions Club

On August 11th, Beiseker had its **Annual STARS Golf Classic**. There were 31 teams and were supported by the Lions Clubs from Rockyford, Okotoks and Cochrane who put teams in or sponsored holes. Thanks to their local MP, Martin Shields, for playing "Beat The MP" and raising \$650 whacking a tennis ball with his clubs 124 times, while the contestants tried to hit further!

In total, \$28,000 was raised to be donated to STARS—the best tournament so far. This brings the total raised by Beiseker Lions for STARS to around \$170,000 over the last 7 tournaments.

On July 26th, Beiseker Lions donated \$2,000 to Community Links for the **Backpacks for Kids Program** (picture below). This funding stayed local and purchased 21 Backpacks and supplies for local students in need.

Submitted by Lion Alan Balson



**Beiseker Lions club
75th Anniversary**

**November 19th
Beiseker Community Hall**

**Keynote Speaker
PIP Judge Brian Stevenson**

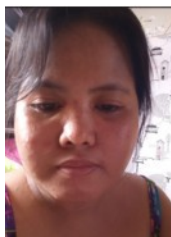
**Due to COVID, our 75th
Anniversary Celebration was
postponed to this year. Come
and help us Celebrate!**

**5:30 pm Cocktails
6:30 pm Dinner
\$40 per person**

**Tickets:
alan@aboilfield.com**



Okotoks Lions Club



Lions generosity stretches all the way to the Philippines

The Okotoks Lions Club has stepped up to help a young woman in the Philippines regain her lost sight. The local service club, at the urging of member Bill Stell (below right), has pledged up to \$1,500 to cover the cost of cataract surgery for Theresa, a 29 year-old who was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa when she was a teenager (left).

With one eye virtually blind and a cataract impairing the other, the 29 year-old now requires surgery to preserve what vision she has left.

Theresa was scheduled to make the two hour trek to see the surgeon this month (June), and, if all goes well, schedule a date for the operation. Stell said that the cataract surgery and lens implant will prevent further deterioration of sight in her stronger eye and provide improved vision for years to come but added that it is difficult to say how long that improvement will last.

Text and pictures taken directly from the Okotoks Western Wheel community newspaper, June 15, 2022. Written by editor Ted Murphy and pictures by Brent Calver.



Lion Bill Stell is a recently retired vision scientist from the University of Calgary.

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Blackie Lions Club

The Blackie Lions Club participated in a fundraiser for the Blackie Volunteer Fire Department during the Blackie Canada Day celebrations. This fundraiser was in the form of a Community Breakfast during the Canada Day festivities. Normally this breakfast is put on by the Fire Department for 250 to 300 people, but this year the Fire Department asked the Lions Club for assistance.



The Blackie Lions Club bought the food and supplies for the breakfast for approximately 300 to 350 people. We had 15 Lions members helping the Fire Department prepare and serve breakfast. The breakfast was served from 7:00am to 9:30am and there was such a tremendous turnout of community members that **we ran out of food!**

There was no charge for the breakfast, but there was a fireman's boot for donations. A total of \$3,700.00 was raised for equipment (winterized Fireman's boots) for the Fire



Department. After the Breakfast, several of the Blackie Lions Club members participated in the Blackie Canada Day Parade with the Lions CLERC van. During the parade, the Blackie Lions members gave out candy and small stuffed teddy bears to the children in the parade audience.

Submitted by Lion Glenn Robertson



Lions Club of Medicine Hat



Students helping out are:
Ethan, Kamryn, Dacee, Ami and Tabby.



From the left: Mike Steiner (Mike's Meats), Lion Gerald Gaede, and District Governor Darryl Rawleigh.

Medicine Hat's annual Stampede took place July 27-30, 2022. The Lions Club of Medicine Hat have a booth each year of the Stampede and it is a major fundraiser for the club.

"We were busier than usual this year and it was HOT, HOT, HOT inside and out with temperatures over 35 degrees. Behind the grill it was over 65 degrees. Our menu included burgers with bacon and our traditional onions. Lots of fairgoers come out just for our burgers. Lion Roy Gale, 102 years of age, was out again this year helping to keep things going. He is our onion King! A lot of hard work goes into this fundraiser but we have a lot of fun. We know we can make a big difference with the funds we raise."

Submitted by Lion Kim Simpson

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Lions Club of Calgary

It was a warm, late summer afternoon on August 21st when Lions and friends had the opportunity to partake in tasty peach desserts provided by the Calgary Lions Club. Crafted by Lion Otto Silzer and his team, patrons could choose from peach pie, peach crepes, peach sorbet, or peach crumble. A difficult choice, no doubt! Two hundred pounds of fresh peaches from the Okanagan were gently peeled and sliced in preparation.

The event was a fundraiser for the club with profits going to

one of their supported charities. As well, prepared food left over was donated to Calgary Native Women's Shelter.

1st VDG Kevin Gibbons (picture bottom right) represented the District - partaking in his 2nd peach sorbet!

In the past, the club has held a Strawberry Festival—so whether it is peaches in August or strawberries in May next year—we will have to wait and see. One thing is for certain, whatever it is, it will be a culinary delight!



Nanton Lions Club



For over 25 years, the Nanton Lions Club, along with local sponsors, has been holding this breakfast for their community. The breakfast is free, but donations, used for activities in the community, are encouraged.

The breakfast is during Nanton Days which is held annually on July 30th and August 1st. This year, over 800 breakfasts were served over the two days.

Thanks to the Raffin Transit Mix Ltd. and South Central Welding for sponsoring, and the Nanton Marlins Swim Club for helping with the clean up!

Submitted by Lion Amanda Bustard, Treasurer



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Calgary Heritage Lions Club



Tabbee Project

The Heritage Club continues to collect can tabs throughout the year. Recently they picked up several boxes of tabs from the Centennial Legion on Horton Road. It takes about two years to collect a trailer full of tabs. The tabs are sold as scrap metal. They are taken to a metal yard where the tabbees are weighed and the club receives the going rate for aluminium.

From the left:
Lions Sandy Milne & Bill Stecewicz, Legion Branch Manager Rick Kaye, Lion Greg Clarke, Legion Branch President Rob Dan-berger, and Legion member.



Sensory Backpack Project

Calgary Heritage Lions Club in collaboration with Variety – the Children's Charity of Alberta put together 35 sensory backpacks which have been distributed within the community.

Sensory backpacks support children who live with sensory processing disabilities to help them experience the external world in a safe and positive way. Giving a child with sensory processing disabilities the right tools to reduce stimuli and decrease sensory overload will create a more positive experience for both the child and their family.



the following library locations:

Bowness – Central – Crowfoot -- Fish Creek -- Giuffre Family -- Louise Riley -
- Nose Hill – Saddletowne – Seton – Shawnessy – and Southwood.

Picture below from left:
Lions Bill Stecewicz, Ron Sinkinson, & Pres.Reg Earle, Jana Hands (CEO Variety-Alberta), Lions Charles Echlin & Bob Weller, Kristen Duke (Service Design Lead- Calgary Public Library), Lion Neil Richardson.

Calgary Heritage Lions received a federal Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Youth Innovation Component grant. Our "Champion of Inclusion" was Emily Richardson, the daughter of Lion Neil Richardson of the Calgary Heritage Lions Club. She selected the "sensory backpacks" and nominated the project to receive the \$10,000 federal grant. The Enabling Accessibility Fund Youth Innovation Component provides an opportunity for youth to have a direct impact in the lives of persons with disabilities. They do this by addressing accessibility barriers in public spaces or workplaces within their community. The Calgary Public Library saw the benefit of the backpacks and has them available for patrons at



Submitted by Lion Bill Stecewicz

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Bowness Lions Club

Bowness Lions Club Awards and Induction Dinner

Bowness Lions Club held its first Awards and Induction Dinner since June 24, 2019 on June 29, 2022. The Awards and Induction Dinner was postponed due to Covid restrictions. New members joining the Club during this period of time had to wait for the Induction ceremonies until such time when Covid restrictions were lifted. Induction ceremonies were conducted by now 1st Vice District Governor Kevin Gibbons.



Back row: Lions Kenneth Rose, Glen MacKinnon, Mike Savage. Missing: Harold Graham. Front row: New Lions Laureen McGregor, David McGregor, Kayla MacKinnon, Nina Verinumbe. Missing: Kathleen Pearen.

Members new to Bowness Lions Club but not to Lionism were acknowledged. New members are Christine Ford (Trumpeter Lions Club, Grande Prairie), Daryl Reinke (Bawlf and District Lions Club) and Ken Rose (Bears paw Lions Club).

Awards

100% attendance pins for years 2019 – 2020, 2020 – 2021 and 2021 – 2022 were presented.

President's Appreciation Awards. Past President Lion Dennis Makowichuk presented Lion April Vyas the award in recognition of for her excellent

work as Club Publicity Director, and the award to Lion Luciana Makowichuk (absent) was in recognition for her work in setting up the Zoom meetings.

President Lion Glen MacKinnon presented his Appreciation Awards to Lions Elaine and Harold Graham in recognition of their dedication and untiring work in the Club.

Special Presentation. A Community Service Award was presented to Loraine Barton (non-Lion) for her work in organizing seniors to attend the annual Bowness Lions Club Stampede Pancake Breakfast during the past 30 years. Presentation was made by Elaine and Harold Graham, members of the Stampede Pancake Breakfast Committee.



Club Appreciation Award. A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Lion Harold Graham in recognition of his outstanding exemplary service to community and Bowness Lions Club. Presentation was made by Club Secretary Ed Tysowski.

Fellowship Awards. VDG Kevin Gibbons presented the Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship to Lion April Vyas in recognition of her dedicated service as Club Publicity Director.

The Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship will be presented to Lion Kathleen Pearen (absent) at a later date. Kathleen is a dedicated member of the Stampede Pancake Breakfast Committee in charge of the project's finances.

As a note of interest, the dinner was catered by Lion Otto Silzer and his group from the Lions Club of Calgary.

In closing Past President's pins were presented to Dennis Makowichuk and Glen MacKinnon. President Glen MacKinnon presented in-coming President Harold Graham his President's pin and the Gavel.

Submitted by Lion Ed Tysowski, Secretary



"Growing up in small-town Bird Island, Minnesota, working together is something you learned early. Any time anyone needed help, everybody rolled up their sleeves and got to work. That's why I love being a Lion. Because our home is wherever we serve. And we know that "Together We Can" make our homes, our communities and our world a better place for everyone. And best of all? We get to do it every day."

Brian Sheehan, LCI President 2022-2023

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Vulcan Lions Club



First Annual Plunger Toss

PROCEEDS TO COMMUNITY BETTERMENT PROJECTS

September 24, 2022
At the Lions Den
 (next to Wolfe's Home Hardware)
At 11:00 AM

Teams of 2 Skilled Plunger Tossers

1st Place 20% of Registration
 2nd Place 15% of Registration
 3rd Place 10% of Registration

\$50 TEAM Registration
 with Club Treasurer Peter Wallis
587-433-1247



The Vulcan Club donated \$3,000 to the Get A Way Youth Centre to refurbish their kitchen facility to bring it up to AHS code standards. (top picture). This Centre is a drop-in facility for youth age 10-18. It strives to aid youth in developing life skills through activities and programs. The Centre is run by Vulcan and Region Family and Community Support Services.

The Vulcan Club donated \$1,200 to the community to cover the last six week's Friday Evening Public Swim from 6:00pm to 8:30pm (picture at bottom).



"I'm excited to be addressing you for the first time as your new International President. If you know me, you know I like making everything just a *little* bit fun. And if you don't know me, well, I hope you will come to know and love my approach to service—which is to do everything with a whole lot of energy and a smile. I know Lions have a lot of energy, too, and I know that together we can make big changes."

Brian Sheehan, LCI President 2022-2023

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WATERTON
LEADERSHIP CAMP

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT



Woodcreek Lions Club Needs You for Summer 2023!

Are you interested in learning about other cultures and ways of life while sharing your own customs and experiences?

Do you have a desire to contribute toward peace, international understanding and the creation of global citizenship in youth? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may enjoy being a host family!

For one week in July or early August, you could host a Lions International Exchange Youth and change their life, and yours in the process!

Email Watertonlionslc@gmail.com for more information!

Virtual Info Night: September 27th at 7:00PM
Visit our Website for more info!

<http://www.watertonlionsleadershipcamp.com/>

INFO NIGHT



JOIN US VIRTUALLY

ON SEPTEMBER 27TH, FROM 7:00-8:00PM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WATERTON LIONS LEADERSHIP CAMP, LIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE, HOSTING, APPLYING TO CAMP & MUCH MORE

ZOOM LINK BELOW

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The Woodcreek Lions Club is excited to be making our newsletter debut! We are a fully virtual club that meets on the second Tuesday of every month and our main purpose is the Waterton Lions Leadership Camp and Exchange program! We formed as a fully virtual club in winter of 2020 and have been working very hard these past two years on updating and modernizing the Waterton Lions Leadership Camp! We have a new website (<http://www.watertonlionsleadershipcamp.com/>) Social Media Accounts (Instagram - @watertonlionslc & Facebook - @watertonlionslc) and email address (watertonlionslc@gmail.com).

We have been working hard the past two years to get things ready for Summer 2023, our first summer back! We are starting a very large marketing campaign to gather 20 Alberta Youth to participate in this life changing camp experience, with our revamped application process. As well as more host families than ever before! We are reaching out to everyone for help with this huge task, if you know any Alberta youths aged 15-18 who are leaders in their schools or communities we want them to apply for camp! We are also looking for outstanding families to host an international exchange youth for a one week period in July and Early August 2023! We are also hoping to find some Lions Clubs that would be interested in sponsoring an Alberta Youth Camper for summer 2023 if your club would like more information about this please email us!

We also want to give the North Hill Lions Club a huge THANK-YOU for all their help and support with our 2022 Casino! Without their incredible support we would not have been able to run our casino, so again thank you so much!!!

Submitted by Lion Shayla Kopp

IMPORTANT

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LEADERSHIP CAMP
SUMMER 2023 OPEN
SEPTEMBER 1ST 2022!**

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Blairmore Lions Club



Lions Train Ride & BBQ

On June 30th, in celebration of Canada Day, the Blairmore Lions hosted a Train Ride & BBQ.

"Train whistles echoed through Blairmore Lions Park as the miniature train provided free rides around its loop. Guests could ride as many times as they like between noon and 4:00 pm. In addition the Lions provided burgers, hot dogs and fries for purchase with all proceeds going to the Lions Club's charities."

"Thank you so much to everyone who came out to our Blairmore Lions Train Ride. It was a huge success. Thanks to all our fantastic members who came out and worked. A special thank you to Bruce & Art for being our engineers and driving the train making so many happy kids and big kids too."

Lion Anita Dorigatti Ferguson



Lions Clubs International - Calendar of Events

Additional information on how clubs can focus on each of these awareness months is found on the LCI web site. Also, deadlines for training events are listed along with their dates and locations. The Virtual Events Centre allows registration to a variety of learning modules.

October

Vision Awareness Month
Lions membership Growth Month
Leo membership Growth Month

November

Diabetes Awareness Month

January

Hunger Awareness Month

www.lionsclubs.org

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Bearspaw Lions Club



Bearspaw Lions 2nd Annual Classic Car Show Saturday, July 23, 2022

On a gorgeous summer day, Saturday July 23rd the Bearspaw Lions Club of NW Rockyview County held its second annual Classic Car Show event at its property.

The show was in memory of Orest Kitzul (one of last year's show participants) who unfortunately passed away in late 2021 and was again organized by Lion Grant Kitzul, Orest's son.

Somewhere in the neighbourhood of 65 vintage, retro re-built and pretty cool newer vehicles of all makes and models were displayed within the Lions property for viewing by the general public.

This year the Lions again hosted some food trucks and a beer garden so somewhere in the range of 500 + people, young and old, could enjoy the outing for the day.

One of the hi-lights of this year's show was a small mobile trailer with a John Deere engine and wooden churn to make ice cream (pictured below). This unit was custom built by Orest Kitzul some years ago and even though it ran for hours attempting to make the ice cream this day, the end result from the churn was a delicious smoothie rather than solid ice cream. Of course, this was still enjoyed by the younger car buffs that were able to sample the product.

As in last year's event, registration fees from the vehicle owners (show was free admission for the viewing public) of over \$775 was raised and will be donated to the Lions Youth Camp Society.

Once again, a big thanks to Lion Grant Kitzul as the organizing force behind the event and further kudos to the other Lions members that volunteered their time that Saturday to make this all happen.



Bearspaw Lions New member Installation Event June 21, 2022

At their meeting on June 21st, the Bearspaw Lions welcomed four new members to the club during a wonderful dinner evening.

Joining the club to formally install the new individuals was Kevin Gibbons 2nd Vice District Governor who performed the swearing in ceremony.

Welcome to the club, Karen Anderson, Helen Tomicic, Corin MacDougall and her husband Anthony MacDougall.

A unique twist to the installation ceremony as Anthony was on shift in Los Angeles, USA and was sworn in as a Lion through a virtual process. Anthony and Corin reside in NW Calgary but he commutes to LA for his work where he is a fire fighter at the LAX airport.

The Bearspaw Lions welcome all four new members to its club.



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Bearspaw Lions Club cont.



Bearspaw Lions Paper Shredding Event Saturday, August 20, 2022

On another beautiful Saturday, July 10th, the Bearspaw Lions Club of NW Rockyview County held its annual “drop off” paper shredding event with the firm Pulp Shred, an environmentally advanced paper recycling company.

Pulp Shred doesn't run their shredding activity with large truck units generating emissions and “paper shredded” dust on site but rather goes about collecting and securing documents for further shredding management at a “state of the art” facility.

Additionally, Pulp Shred was accepting e-recycling items (lap tops, cell phones, iPads, etc.) this year which were then directed by them to properly licensed recyclers for disposal.

As with last year's effort, approximately 50 individuals dropped off boxes, containers and bags of paper to be shredded as well

as any e-recycling electronics.

Overall, our little event recycled/collected over ONE TON of paper, cardboard and electronics which equates to saving of 17 new trees and diverting 4.3 cubic yards of landfill space!

2022's shredding was a free event for our community participants but we asked for consideration to make a donation towards the Lions Youth Camp and as such were very fortunate to collect over \$1,750 including donations from Pulp Shred and a generous donation from one of the Bearspaw Lions members, the owner of Pulp Shred.

A special thanks to the Bearspaw Lions members that came out to help host this and the on-site employees making this small but important contribution to our environment.

Great job everyone!



Submitted by Lion Kenneth Kalynchuk



Event Venue for Rent

The Bearspaw Hall can be rented for weddings, celebrations, meetings reunions etc. It is 1,800 square feet with capacity of 190 guests or 120 for a seated dinner. It also has a full kitchen.

Rental information can be found at bearspawlions.com/hall-rental.



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Milo Lions Club

Working with the Village of Milo, the Milo Lions undertook a momentous project creating a Gazebo on Milo's Main Street where the old village office used to be. Under the direction of Lion Mike Collins, beautiful cedar power poles were custom milled to create all of the lumber for the gazebo and fence. Several work parties were organized to cut and mill the wood to specific dimensions. With the wood cut and ready, several more work parties were created to erect the Gazebo and build the fence. Today Milo's Main street has a beautiful Gazebo with landscaping underway as we speak!



On August the 7th the Milo Lions hosted their Annual BBQ and Car Show. This long held event has been long anticipated due to the quiet days of COVID. Over 350 people attended the event enjoying BBQ and Taber corn. The car show was a real hit with many classic cars, new and old, lining both sides of Milo's Main Street.

*Submitted by Lion Colin Monner
Pictures courtesy of The Vulcan Advocate.*



Calgary North Hill Lions Club

Registrations Are Now Open!

The Tournament of Dreams will be at the Hamptons Golf Club on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022. The format is Texas Scramble with registration from 11:00 am with a 2:00 pm shotgun start.

Tournament fees are \$200 which includes golf cart and dinner as well as a live and silent auction. You can sign up as an individual or as a team.

Register at dreamsgolf.ca/register.

Sponsorship opportunities include—sponsor a team, provide auction items, sponsor a hole, or a tee gift.

Sponsor at dreamsgolf.ca/sponsorship.

Funds from the Tournament are used to brighten the lives of children whose health prognosis is uncertain and whose quality of life is poor because of illness. Our club also supports numerous other youth oriented charities with the funds we raise. There are volunteer opportunities—just contact us.

For more information visit www.dreamsgolf.ca or call 403-262-4533.

Tournament of Dreams

SEPT 13TH 2022

The Hamptons Golf Club • 69 Hamptons Drive NW, Calgary

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Canmore Lions Club

In March 2019 the Lions Club of Canmore held an eye clinic in Guatemala with the Hearts and Hands Foundation, also of Canmore. The project was a partnership between Hearts and Hands Foundation, the municipality of San Andres Sajacabaja, Guatemala, and the Lions Clubs of Canmore and Santa Cruz del Quiche, Guatemala.

The eyeglasses were donated to the Canmore Club from the CLERC program. Two ophthalmologists of the Santa Cruz Club donated their time and equipment for testing patients' eyesight. Both adults and children were seen over a two-day clinic. For those that needed prescription glasses, the two ophthalmologists saw them later in their clinics at no cost. The clinic was managed by Dave Williams and Jan Townsend, two members of the Canmore Club, and Rebeca Galindo a staff member of Hearts and Hands.

Hearts and Hands Foundation has worked in Guatemala since 2004. The Foundation has held a medical clinic, 12 dental clinics, and an eye clinic. The Foundation works in very rural and remote towns where families are very poor, are subsistence farmers, and have an income of less than two dollars a day. The area is remote and at a high altitude. The sun is hot and eyes suffer from the bright sun light. Many have glaucoma and women suffer from poor eyesight or blindness from making handicrafts to sell at the market. The response to the clinic was fantastic.

The patients began lining up very early in the morning and sat patiently waiting their turn. The project also had the assistance of volunteers from the local Women's Centre who acted as translators and supervising the patient process.



The joy for us was when patients were fitted with glasses and they could see better. Especially for the children who had never seen well. All loved choosing a specific pair of glasses they liked amongst all the selection we had on display. It was like ten Christmases rolled into one when they selected a pair. My eyes filled many times when a very senior person with new glasses could see. Many had never had their eyes tested or had been seen by an eye doctor. Many were getting their first pair of glasses.

The experience was so rewarding and it was such a privilege to be

able to improve the quality of lives of so many people of all ages. The gratitude expressed by the patients and the smiles on their faces was all the reward we needed. We knew we had to provide another clinic in the future.



Unfortunately, COVID-19 intervened. Finally two and one-half years later, Hearts and Hands and the Canmore and Santa Cruz Lions Clubs will be holding another eye clinic in San Andres Sajacabaja from November 9 to 22, 2022. Volunteers from Canmore, Calgary, Ottawa, Turner Valley, and Sidney B.C. will be working in a dental clinic, an eye clinic, building stoves in Mayan homes, and installing solar lights in homes without electricity.

There are a few spots available for anyone interested in participating in the trip. Please contact Jan Townsend if interested.

*Submitted by Lion Janet Townsend, President
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USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022

September 15-17 Calgary, Alberta



46th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
BMO Centre, Stampede Park, Calgary Alberta
Thursday, September 15th to
Saturday, September 17th, 2022

We Are Waiting For You!

It is time for you to **Register**
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Join your fellow Lions in making this Forum
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Seminars—Forum Store—Pin Trading
Service Projects—Exhibitors

See Ya'll There!



CMH

Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre CLERC



The 1st week of August, CLERC awarded Myrna McMullen for her years of excellence in the pursuit of helping others and in particular, the vision impaired of the world. For years Myrna was CLERC Executive Treasurer and fed many District C-2 Lions an awesome lunch while processing eyeglasses. So much gratitude and well wishes for your years of service and dedication... from the entire CLERC Executive.

The Westwind Lions Club spent a hot and productive day processing eyeglasses at CLERC. Besides bringing lunch for all, this inclusive Lions Club surprised CLERC with a cheque for \$10,500 to buy a new Lens Meter for reading eyeglass prescriptions. Westwind Lions Club have continued to support CLERC from day one, through processing, financial donations and collecting eyeglasses. We are filled with gratitude and always enjoy a productive, fun, laughter filled day working with a compassionate Lions Club like Westwind Lions.

Thanks also once again to all Lions Volunteers across Canada for supporting this Canadian Lions initiative through your work ethic. Please keep in mind that CLERC can also use your Lions Club's financial support. Processing eyeglasses costs money.



Lion James Lee, Chair

A Message to Lions of District C-2

Here is the CLERC Eyeglass Work Party Schedule for the coming year. We book it on a first come basis. Some considerations to keep in mind. We can only have 20 Volunteers in the facility at any given time, so please remember that 20 Volunteers is the maximum number according to the Calgary Fire Department mandate. We can accommodate smaller groups and will pair you with another club up to the magic number of 20. Please remember to apprise us of the number of Volunteers that you can provide. Coffee, tea, and water are available and pop is \$1 per can. Please bring a lunch. Start time 8:30-9am till 2:30. Book early to get the date that works for your Lions Club.

Thanks for your support.

James Lee, CLERC Chair



CLERC Work Party Schedule

October 1—North Hill Lions
October 22
November 5
November 19—Foothills Lions
December 10
January 7, 28
February 11, 25
March 11—North Hill Lions
March 25
April 1, 15
May 13, 27
June 10, 24

To book a date contact James Lee at
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Dog Guides Also Serve Those In Need.

"Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

Submitted by C1 1st VDG Dave Leshchyshyn, MDC & C1 LFCDG Co-ordinator



The Green Capes Are Here! The Green Capes Are Here!

Or at least they will be if your Club has put in an order for the latest Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide (LFCDG) calendars (front of calendar shown

right). This is a great fundraising opportunity for your Club to put a few dollars in the activity account. Participating Clubs sell the calendars for \$20 each, half the money goes back to support LFCDG for their puppy and training program. The other half, the Club keeps for your efforts to use in your community. Minimum order is 25 so, that's a quick \$250.00 or more for your activity account. And seriously, who doesn't want a calendar full of adorable puppies? If you'd like more information on getting involved in selling the puppy calendars, email lions@greencapes.com Order soon so you can get them sold before the Christmas stocking stuffer rush!

I had the opportunity to be around the puppies with my spouse, District Governor Suzanne, at the training facility in Oakville and Breslau, Ontario this past June. What an amazing experience to witness the trainers working with the prospective Dog Guides in the seven different programs offered by Lions Foundation of Canada. The first Dog Guide you think of is vision, but Lions Foundation of Canada also offers Dog Guides for hearing, service, diabetic alert, seizure response, autism assistance and facility support. Even with the trainers back at it full time after Covid, the waiting list for any one of the Dog Guides continues to grow. If you don't already receive the "Paws For Thought" newsletter, look up the Lions Foundation of Canada webpage, www.dogguides.com, and you'll read all about the need for these wonderful dogs, the change they have made in people's lives, and the many programs your Club could help support to make this program possible.

Very soon, you'll be hearing about a Capital Campaign for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides- "The Difference Campaign". The need for a new and much larger training facility has become a reality. While at the training facility in June, I witnessed dogs being trained in meeting rooms, hall-

ways, parking lots, etc., because the existing facility is too small to meet the demands of the program. I saw dogs being taken out to play and get exercise, in an area no bigger than a two car

garage because there is just no more room.

The other reason for the expansion, is to increase the breeding program which will increase the number of trained Dog Guides, which will increase the number of matches for people with medical or physical disabilities, which will change the lives of more people all across Canada, because the Lions across Canada stepped up and supported The Difference Campaign. The goal is to raise \$25 million dollars and have a new facility up and running by 2025. A huge goal, but I know we can all make it happen because Where There's a Need, There's a Lion!

Another way to support the program and honour a Club or Community member, is by donating towards a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, meant to recognize outstanding Lions and other deserving recipients. This recognition for community involvement or great achievement, is one of the greatest honours that can be bestowed in Lionism. The recipient will receive a Judge Brian Stevenson medallion, lapel pin and signed certificate. I know I wear my Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship lapel pin with pride and so will the Club or Community member you honour. For every \$500 donated, you can honour one

deserving person.

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C-1 1VDG Dave Leshchyshyn



C-1 DG Suzanne Leshchyshyn

Why Did I Become a Lion?

Becoming & Staying a Lion

Submitted by District C-2 GMT Coordinator Lion Brent Johnson



Since I come from a family of Lions, I always knew I would become one when I settled down and found a career. That is exactly what happened on January 3rd, 1990. I joined the West Lethbridge Lions Club. I have now been a member for 32 years. Why did I stay?

The main reason is I love the service. As I said I was raised in a Lions Family and service in our community is what we did. It becomes part of us. There are many other reasons I have stayed a Lion and I would like to share these now.

I found this brochure in the Lions web page, and it struck a chord with me. You can find it in the resources section of the LCI main page. Go to *Global Membership Approach* and look for the *Revitalize Clubs With New Members* link under resources.

The Benefits of Being a Lion

Becoming a member of your local Lions Club benefits your community and you.

- **Make A Difference**

There are over 48,000 Lions Clubs around the world. Each one is filled with people like you who have decided to take action and serve others. Collectively, Lions make a global impact through their community service.

- **Serve With Pride**

Lions feel a great sense of satisfaction from doing what is at the heart of all Lions clubs – serving others. You will have the opportunity to give your time, share your talents, help your community, and feel proud knowing you change lives.

- **Build Your Network**

As a Lion, you develop relationships with the people in your club as well as the local leaders you collaborate with in service. You can also network with Lions in your district and around the world who are serving their communities, just like you!

- **Gain Lion Credibility**

There are Lions in over 200 countries and geographic areas who share your passion for service. Gain the respect that comes with being part of a global organization known for its contributions to humanity for over 100 years.

- **Develop New Friendships**

Feel a sense of belonging with the other members of your club, as well as the over 1.4 million Lions around the world. Through the MyLion App, you can connect with other service-minded men and women locally, regionally and internationally.

- **Show Your Leadership**

As a Lion, you gain access to our online learning management system, where you can sharpen your leadership skills. You will also have the opportunity to lead within your club and gain valuable, practical experience for use in your personal and professional life.

- **Receive Global Support**

Every Lion and every club is supported by a global network of volunteers, the Lions Clubs International staff, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which provides grant funding to support the compassionate work of Lions, empowering their service and addressing the needs of their communities both locally and globally.

Each of these benefits raises excellent reasons why people should become Lions and why our Lions should stay Lions.

I would like all Lions in District C-2 to print off a couple of those brochures and just ask a couple of people to read it and consider becoming a Lion. Club Presidents-if you have a Lion who is considering leaving our organization, ask them to read this brochure and consider what they are giving up. Just type the title into the search bar for a shortcut to finding this brochure.

Yours in Lionism

Make a Day

Lion Brent Johnson VCC, GAT, MDC



THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX!

"This expression usually denotes innovation and big change-but it's really about problem-solving. It's a willingness to reassess and set aside old ways, to get creative and try new things. And when you embrace it, you just may find that the impossible is, in fact, possible."

LCI President Brian Sheehan

The Beginning of the Lions Youth Camp Cremona

*Submitted by PDG Eric Buttle
District C-2 Historian*



District Governor Dave Deitz (1979-1980) had an idea to create a camp to be used by scouts, families, and Lions Clubs. His camp idea came into reality in the early eighties when



Lion Lionel Bird, Cremona Lions Club, donated the land from his farm near Cremona, Alberta, to make this dream a reality.

From a previous Lions Telethon, \$50,000 was put in trust with LOAF (Lions of Alberta Foundation) for the development of the project. Only the interest can be used annually—the capital cannot be withdrawn. It took 3 years to install new roads, pathways, water and sewage, recreation areas and buildings. With the help of countless Lions who worked many hours and donations from the Lions Clubs of then District 37E, the Lions Youth Camp opened in the spring of 1985.

When opened, the camp consisted of 8 cabins each with 8 bunk beds, an Atco washroom and shower unit, and Atco industrial kitchen trailer, an indoor recreation Sprung structure, a Quonset for supplies, and a baseball diamond.

In 1989 the Lions Youth Camp committee decided to build a new kitchen and indoor recreation area. The Sprung structure was sold and the trailer, without the kitchen, was donated to a



local family whose house was destroyed by fire. In 1990 the new kitchen and indoor recreation building were opened. In the late 1990s, the Atco washroom and shower outgrew its needs. The Calgary North Hill Lions donated funds to build a new washroom and shower building which continues in use today. Funding for a new cabin was also donated. In the 2000s, the roads and pathways were paved for handicapped campers and a new paved pad for recreation was also developed. In 2008 a Bunk House with 24 beds was constructed.

The Youth Camp Committee decided to honour Lion Lionel Bird for his outstanding service with an Award named after him. Lions Clubs, districts, individuals and multiple districts that donate \$500 have access to this award. Detailed information on this and all information on the Camp can be found on the Youth Camp website (see below).

As the Camp's funding comes only from the Lionel Bird Award, interest from the trust account, rentals, and Casinos, there is always a need for donations. Lions Clubs are encouraged to donate funds annually to the camp for maintenance and improvements. A Camp clean-up is scheduled each spring and is heartily accomplished by Lion volunteers.

Lions Youth Camp Cremona
www.lionsyc.ca

Lions of Southern Alberta Memorial Forest



The purpose of the Forest is for family members of deceased Lions from District C-2 to purchase a memorial tree with the name of the Lions member placed at the base of the tree. It is an initiative of Lion Henry Czarnota with the support of both the Olds Lions Club and District C-2.

The Forest surrounds a courtyard with a central globe and seating. As well, a gazebo has been built at the edge of the park with seating for use for services and visits.

Originally the Memorial Forest was hoped to be supported by District C-1 as well. However as that has not happened, Lion Henry is proposing that the name of the Forest contain the words "Lions of Southern Alberta".

Information on the Forest and application forms can be obtained by contacting Lion Henry (czarnota@telus.net) or from the Olds Lions Club webpage at www.oldsionsclub.ca.



Lions Camp Hosts Cabinet Meeting

July 24th was one of those pleasantly warm, breezeless summer days that we all look forward to. It was on this day, at the Lions of Alberta Youth Camp, that District Governor Darryl Rawleigh held his first Cabinet meeting of the 2022-2023 year.

It was a hybrid meeting-that is - members could attend either in person or via zoom link. The Youth Camp has just recently installed a working internet connection.

The main task of the meeting was to install the 2022-2023 cabinet. PIP Judge Brian Stevenson did the honours.

Among other items, Lion Henry Czarnota gave a comprehensive presentation of the status of the Alberta Lions Memorial Forest located in Olds. Lion Anne Kennedy reported that the 2022-2023 Directory is scheduled to be ready early September. It will be sent to the Zone

Chairs for distribution to the clubs in their zones.

After the business was concluded, hamburgers were BBQed for lunch-almost to perfection-accompanied by a tasty variety of salads and side dishes.

The next Cabinet meeting is on October 30th, a location yet to be determined.



PIP Judge Brian presented Leo-Lion Kiri Beer with a International President 's Certificate of Appreciation from 2020-2021.



Zone Training Covers the District

Everything you ever wanted to know about becoming an effective zone chair was discussed at both this year 's Zone Chairs training sessions.

On August 8th in Fort Macleod and August 14th in Cheadle, training sessions were held giving increased opportunity for Zone Chairs to attend. GLT Coordinator Anne Kennedy and PDG Michelle Harris led the sessions with Vice Council Chair

Brent Johnson joining in with information on LCI 's *Global Membership Approach*. A Zone Chair Workbook was sent out ahead of the sessions with attendees encouraged to complete prior to their session.

Picture bottom left back row—ZCs Gerald Gaede (2nd from left), Douglas Elliott, Estrella delos Reyes, Francis Liu and Greg Erikson. Picture bottom right— ZCs Daryl Reinke (2nd from left) and Holly Brandelow (3rd from left).



Zone Chairs for 2022-2023

Zone 1



Greg Erikson
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Clubs in Zone

Olds, Bowden,
Didsbury, Innisfail,
Sundre, Torrington,
Trochu

Zone 2

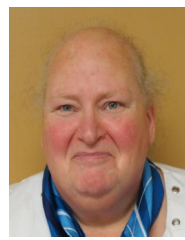


Leslie Cunningham
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Clubs in Zone

Carstairs, Airdrie,
Beiseker, Cremona,
Irricana, Keoma,
Madden

Zone 3



Jessie Irion
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Clubs in Zone

Morrin, Carbon,
Castor, Drumheller,
Oyen, Veteran &
District

Zone 4



Wayne Herdman
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Clubs in Zone

Strathmore, Cheadle,
Cluny, Gleichen,
Hussar, Rockford,
Rosebud, Standard

Zone 5



Janet Townsend
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Clubs in Zone

Canmore, Bearspaw,
Cochrane,
Cochrane Lioness,
Springbank

Zone 6



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Clubs in Zone

Chinatown, Heritage,
Korean, Southridge,
Woodcreek

Zone 7



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Clubs in Zone

Bowness, Calgary,
North Hill,
NE Eyeopener,
Sarcee, South Asian

Zone 8



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Clubs in Zone

Wildrose, Eastport,
Properties,
Filipino, Westwind,
Chestermere

Zone 9

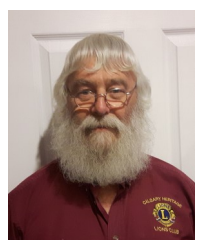


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Clubs in Zone

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Claresholm, Foothills,
Nanton, Okotoks

Zone 10



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Clubs in Zone

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Carmangay,
Caresland, Champion
Lomond, Milo,
Mossleigh, Picture
Butte

Zone 11



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Clubs in Zone

Cowley, Blairmore,
Cardson, Coleman,
Ft. Macleod, Pincher
Creek, Pincher-
Cowley Roaring

Zone 12



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Clubs in Zone

West Lethbridge,
Enchant, Lethbridge,
Magrath, Raymond,
Stirling, Taber,
Vauxhall, Warner

Zone 14



Gerald Gaede
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Clubs in Zone

Bow Island, Brooks,
Irvine, Medicine Hat
Medicine Hat CV,
Redcliff

District Governor 's Advisory Committee

The Zone Chairs make up the DG 's Advisory Committee.

Zone Chairs are the conduit between Clubs, the District, and Lions Clubs International. Clubs in each Zone are to meet at least 3 times per year. At these meetings, Clubs not only receive information from the Zone Chair, but they also discuss common problems arising in the individual clubs. Now, with the increased use of technology, Zone Chairs can connect with their clubs via email as well as Zoom in order to fulfill their duties.

Our District Global Action Team 2022-2023



The Global Action Team (GAT) structure is a “bottoms up” approach to support clubs.

It is a bridge between Lions and the international association. It is especially designed to connect clubs, districts and leaders to resources which will improve their service impact.

Developing Service Impact are the key goals in this program.

The GAT began as a series of separate teams - the Global Membership Team

(GMT) established in 2008; the Global Leadership Team (GLT) established in 2010; and, the Global Service Team (GST) established in 2017. These three teams were united in 2017 to form the Global Action Team.

The goal of the GAT is to create a unified approach to action in Service, Membership, Leadership, and LCIF.

Each club president is automatically the club 's Global Action Team club chairperson. This chairperson reports directly to the GAT district chairperson - the district governor.

At the district level, the district governor is automatically the GAT district chairperson. Under the district governor are the GLT, GST, and GMT coordinators appointed by the district governor. Depending on the constitution and bylaws of the district, the appointments can be from one to three years.

The Multiple District Council Chair is automatically the GAT MD chairperson and appoints the MDC GLT, GST, and GMT chairpersons.



**Global Action Team
Chairperson**

District Governor
Darryl Rawleigh
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**Global Membership
Coordinator**

PDG Brent Johnson
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**Global Service
Coordinator**

Lion Henry Czarnota
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**Global Leadership
Coordinator**

Lion Anne Kennedy
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Global Leadership Team Coordinator



Serves as a conduit between clubs and multiple district coordinators to ensure the distinct needs of each district and club are being met. Collaborates with our Global Membership and Global Service district coordinators and Global Action Team chairperson (district governor) to further initiatives focused on leadership development.

Some of the duties are:

- Develop and execute the annual district leadership development plan and report training.
- Communicates regularly with region/zone chairpersons.
- Ensure Zone Chairs and clubs are aware of leadership development programs and resources available.
- Promote leadership development opportunities that encourages participation at all levels of the association.

- Identify potential and new leaders to participate in leadership development opportunities.
- Organizes and facilitates instructor-led and web-based training in coordination with LCI.
- Confirms new members are provided an effective member orientation at the club level, in collaboration with the GMT district coordinator.

Training being planned for our District:

Guiding Lion – November – in the South and North TBA
Developing Orientation Modules that clubs can download from the District Website

Leos - Working with Leo Liaison, Lion Tim Beer, to develop some training

Training School – April at Strathmore High School & another location TBA

Contact: Anne Kennedy at dcglt@gmail.com

Meet District C-2 Cabinet for 2022-2023

Administrator	Brent Johnson	brentjohnson@me.com
Constitution/Bylaws	Gordon Prusky	gprusky@shaw.ca
Convention Chair	Glenn deBoer	glenndeboer@shaw.ca
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Facebook	Brent Johnson	brentjohnson@me.com
GLT Coordinator	Anne Kennedy	dcglt@gmail.com
GMT Coordinator	Brent Johnson	brentjohnson@me.com
GST Coordinator	Henry Czarnota	czarnota@telus.net
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Leo Club Representative	Leo Ryan Samshujzen	lillegendaryryan@gmail.com
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Lions of Alberta Found.	Tyler Bray	liontyler14@gmail.com
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Youth Exchange Out	Janet Townsend	janettownsend47@gmail.com
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Advisor	PIP Judge Brian Stevenson	brian.stevenson@albertacourts.ca
Secretary	Gordon Prusky	gprusky@shaw.ca
Treasurer	Kim Simpson	kim.simpson@shaw.ca

Each member of the District Governor 's Team is responsible for visiting clubs in the district. Below are the clubs assigned to each member of the team.

DG Darryl Rawleigh

Airdrie, Arrowwood, Bears paw, Beiseker, Blackie, Blairmore, Bowden, C.Chinatown, C.Heritage, C.North East Eyeopener, C.Westwinds, Canmore, Caresland, Claresholm, Cluny, Cochrane, Cochrane Lioness, Coleman, Cowley, Cremona, Didsbury, Foothills, Fort Macleod, Gleichen, Irricana, Keoma, Lethbridge West, Lomond, Madden, Medicine Hat, Medicine Hat CV, Milo, Okotoks, Oyen, Redcliff, Rockyford, Rosebud, Standard, Strathmore, Sundre, Torrington, Trochu, Veteran & District, Vulcan.

1st VDG Kevin Gibbons

Bow Island, Calgary, C.Korean, C.North Hill, C.South Asian, C.Woodcreek, Carbon, Carman-gay, Champion, Chestermere, Drumheller, Enchant, Hussar, Morrin, Mossleigh, Nanton, Pincher-Cowley Roaring, Pincher Creek, Raymond, Springbank, Taber, Vauxhall, Warner.

2nd VDG Glenn Garalde

Bowness, Brooks, C. Eastport, C. Filipino, C. Properties, C. Sarcee, C. Southridge, C. Wildrose, Cardston, Carstairs, Cheadle, Highwood, Innisfail, Irvine, Lethbridge, Magrath, Olds, Picture Butte, Stirling.

There may be some changes as the year progresses. Each member of the DG Team will contact their assigned clubs to arrange a visit date.



"I want you to know that throughout my year as your president-and beyond-I will always be on your team. I will always be there to cheer you on. So I say, let 's be each other 's biggest fans. Let 's make it clear that when Lions put their energy into a project, they do it with a world of support behind them. We are one team—Team Lions. "

LCI President Brian Sheehan

We Serve & Together We Can



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From the Desk of Ben Apeland
International Director, 2022-2024

Summer is drawing to an end with shorter days of sunlight and cooler nights. Clubs are moving into Fall projects and activities that bring service to our communities thus making our world a better place.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Lions of Canada and especially Alberta Districts C-2 and C-1 for your support during my candidacy for International Director. While the pandemic lengthened the road you remained loyal to the cause. Your dedication leading up to and during the Montreal Convention leaves me humbled and proud. We couldn't have made it happen without your involvement. I became an International Director from Montana USA but will always be attentive to the interests of the Lions of Canada.

Ben Apeland from Bozeman, Montana, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the Association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

In 1974, after seeing the Bozeman Gallatin Empire Lions Club actively serving within his community, he asked one of the members about Lions. He liked what he heard and has been serving with them ever since.

I'd like to reflect on one of the great accomplishments in Lions history. Campaign 100 came to an end during the International Convention in Montreal this past June. Your individual and club contributions during the campaign resulted in an excess of USD 325 million being raised. As Lions we can be proud of this accomplishment as it allows us to continue our acts of kindness and service in our communities and throughout the world.

I am pleased to announce my participation in a special International Board of Directors meeting called by President Brian Sheehan. With a unanimous vote of approval, PD Mark Lyon of Bridgeport, Connecticut USA is the International Board's endorsed candidate for 3rd Vice President during the 2023 convention in Boston.

As membership continues to be a challenge I want to bring your attention to the Global Membership Approach Orientation recently added to the Learning Center in the LCI web site. Go to MyLCI, sign on, pick the Learning tab, choose Content Library, and scroll to Global membership Approach Orientation. Lots of great ideas to be considered.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is just days away, specifically September 15-17. If you're registered, great will see you there. If not, registration is still open. Every Forum is a special event and Calgary is shaping up to be another opportunity to expand your Lions knowledge while having a wonderful socializing experience.

We Serve & Together We Can.

We Are Here to Help. Just Ask.

Do you need a bit of help?
do you have a question you just
can't find the answer to?
The District Governor's Team
(left) and the Global Action
Team (right) are here to answer
those questions and give you the
assistance you or your club
needs.

DG Darryl Rawleigh

1st VDG Kevin Gibbons

2nd VDG Glenn Garaide



WE SERVE

GMT Brent Johnson

GST Henry Czamota

GLT Anne Kennedy



LCICon 2022

June 23-28

Montreal, Quebec

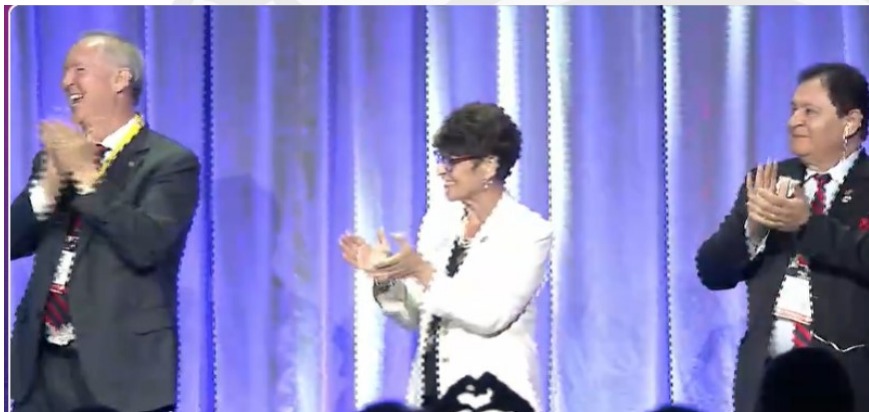
For those Lions who attended, the Convention was filled with enthusiasm, energy and informative seminars and special presentations. For those who were not able to be there in person, \$36 US provided real time highlights as well as access to On Demand replays. Here are a few highlights of each day.

Following the highlights, PIP Judge Brian Stevenson, who attended LCICon 2022, gives a detailed account of the events of each day.

After 2 days of District Governor Elect training, the Convention took off in downtown Montreal streets on Saturday morning with the Parade of Nations.



Day 1- Saturday



1st International Vice Present Brian Sheehan, 2nd VP Dr. Patti Hill, 3rd VP Fabrizio Oliveira.

Business Session

The main business at this session was to introduce the candidates for international positions—Vice Presidents Dr. Patti Hill, Fabricio Oliveira and International Directors. Rules of voting were detailed as well as voting times and locations. Each candidate for Director had 2 minutes to state their qualifications and platform. There was a very novel time keeping method—two very strapping Lions would move closer to the candidate as their time was running out with finally moving them away from the podium if they continued past their 2 minutes. Somewhat unnerving to some candidates. However all took it in good fun as was intended.

Day 2- Sunday



PIP Judge Brian Stevenson was honoured for his leadership, dedication, and service. as were all Past International Presidents who attended the convention.



The Flag Ceremony welcomed the 193 nations that make up Lions Clubs International. (There are 195 universally recognized countries in the world according to latest statistics.)



LCICon 2022

Day 2 - Sunday cont.

"We Are All Connected"



Each year, over 600,000 youth participate in the Peace Essay and Poster contests. It was established over 30 years ago for children ages 11 to 13. At this year's Convention, Shreya Zoy from India (top left), winner of the Peace Essay Contest, was not able to attend. However the winner of the Peace Poster Contest, Anja Rozen (above right), was introduced and



received a President's Certificate of Appreciation.

"I want people to think about how much we are connected to people we might not even know. The hands in my poster represent earth which holds us all together. We must take better care of the earth."



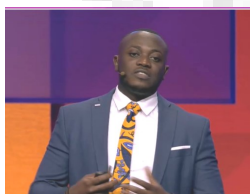
Nomination of 3rd International Vice President A.P. Singh

Lion A.P. Singh was the only certified candidate for the 3rd VP position. He is a member of the Calcutta Vikas Lions Club, India.

"I have learned about flexibility, diversity, empathy and teamwork and that we serve better together."

Lionism is about serving humanity with dignity and harmony. It is about people caring for people. Our association represents opportunity, and commitment. In a world of service, Lions are a beacon of hope."

Day 3 - Monday



Speaker Michelle Chikwanine

Coming from a small town in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Michelle described the influence of his human rights activist father and entrepreneurial mother. He explained the riches the country has and how they have been allowed to be exploited by large companies due to poor leadership.

So, Michelle focused on how one can overcome such adversity, war, and turmoil and become a contributing member of society. Using inspiration, resilience & courage and creation of a supportive community are principals that can guide us out of adversity. One of the examples of the use of these principles was the two Grade 12 boys in Halifax who started Pink Shirt Day Against Bullying.

**"When you let your own light shine,
you allow others to shine as well"**

Nelson Mandela



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, LCIF Chairperson, Past International President, acknowledged individual donors who gave \$100,000 and over in 2021-2022. Major partner organizations were also recognized.

Of course, everyone was waiting to see if Campaign 100 reached its goal of \$300,000 million. And the announcement didn't come too soon that the total raised through Campaign 100 was:

\$324.6 million!

"Campaign 100 will empower Lions to serve 200 million people each year. LCIF is now ensured that it can continue empowering those serving to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and protect the vulnerable in the decades to come."

"Lions Always Answer"



LCICon 2022

June 23-28

Montreal, Quebec

Welcome To Our 2022-2023 International President Brian Sheehan

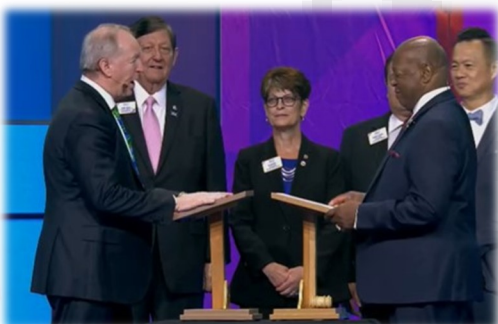
“Make A Difference & Make A Great Day”



International President Sheehan comes from the small community of Bird Island, Minnesota. He has been a member of the Bird Island Lions Club for over 30 years. He comes from generations of Lions and was taught from an early age the value of service. International President Sheehan brings enthusiasm, passion, humour and creativity to the highest position in the Lions family. “I grew up surrounded by the spirit of Lions.”

President Sheehan was administered the oath of office by Past International President Douglas K. Alexander. In his first official duty, President Sheehan presented Past President Alexander with a special plaque commemorating his presidency over 2021-2022.

President Sheehan's motto is an inspiring and energizing one to all Lions -
“Together We Can”.



“We bring together all of our spirit, our creativity, and our talent because we know that together we are more. Together we are better. It is a simple message. It is about who we are and what we believe. And it is a powerful message.

We need the contribution from every single Lion. We need the ideas from every single one of our members. And we need everyone to roll up their sleeves to get the job done right.

Together we can be the difference in our communities and that is the most important thing. Together we can make our world a better place. And together we can make the impossible possible.”



President Sheehan also reminded us of the tremendous job done by all Lions contributing to LCIF through Campaign 100 in raising over 300 million dollars. However, he asked Lions that just because that campaign has finished, that donations to LCIF shouldn't finish. Part of being a Lion is continually donating to LCIF.

Each Lions club celebrating their stories will increase the support to Lions, will increase memberships and will have more impact in our communities. “Raise our voices and tell the world that we are Lions”.



“Lions must embrace change. We must learn to think big—to think differently. We have to be willing to shake things up and think outside the box. Lions must also ride the wave of technology. Lions must change the way the world changes. Let's make this a year to remember”.



LCICon 2022

June 23-28

Montreal, Quebec

Past International President 's Perspicacious Perspective

The 104th International Convention was held in Montreal, Canada from June 24-28, 2022. It was the third time that Lions from around the world gathered in that great cosmopolitan city. The first time Montreal hosted this global gathering was in 1979 (62nd), and again in 1996 (79th).

As usual, the Lions of MD "U" (Quebec) did a superb job of welcoming members of our global family. The theme adopted by the Host Committee was "Rise Together", reflecting the hope that the Covid-19 pandemic was coming to an end, and the unified resumption of our service efforts was at hand.

The attendance was less than anticipated for a variety of reasons, the prime one being huge delays in obtaining visas for our members resident in nations where visas to enter Canada are required, and challenges recurring at the Canadian border. Our headquarters is aware that hundreds planning to attend were unable to obtain their visas, and the border issues – real or imagined – caused many to cancel their registrations.

Nonetheless, a warm welcome was extended to everyone by Valerie Plante, the Mayor. A portion of her welcome was:

" As you know, the Lions ' motto is "We Serve". From saving sight to reducing the prevalence of diabetes and responding when disaster strikes, Lions Clubs International continues to improve the lives of countless individuals around the globe. With the events of the past two years, the mission of service is more relevant than ever. So please keep going! "

" But whether you 're joining in person or virtually, we also

hope that you have plenty of opportunities to build new relationships and envision new projects, the type of projects that will ripple out in the world and promote kindness. "

The Convention venues primarily took place on levels 2, 5 and 7 of the "Palais des Congres de Montreal", with the International Show and the three Plenary Sessions in the "Bell Centre". Shuttle bus service was provided to take delegates from their hotels to those two locations.

On Friday, June 24, at the Palais, the Exhibit Hall opened, with LCI and LCIF HQ Division staff present to respond to any questions, as well as two stages for "Campfire Sessions" and "Lions Den" presentations on various service projects being conducted by Lions from around the world. There were specific presentations on social media, Special Olympics, and a welcoming of runners from Ukraine, Poland and Germany who completed a 1700 kilometer run from LCI Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois to Montreal.

On Saturday, June 25, the International Parade of Nations was held in the city center, and Montreal citizens were treated to Lions from 213 nations and geographic areas marching for just under a mile in their national dress proudly displaying their national flag and MD and District locations.

Following the International Parade, there were sessions for our District Governors-Elect on "Managing Your District". In the evening, the International Show featured legendary entertainer Smokey Robinson at the Bell Centre.

On Sunday, June 26, the First Plenary Session was held at the Bell Centre. International President Alexander reported on the 2021-2022 year.

In addition to live music from the LCICon2022 house band, Shine, and singer Floyd Smith of the 5th Dimension, the flags of all LCI nations were presented, and the delegates heard nominations for candidates for International Director and International Third Vice President.

Following the close of the first Plenary Session, LCIF held their annual Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon at the Palais, and for the balance of the day sessions were held for Leos and Leo-Lions, Increasing Your Service Impact, the use of Social Media to promote Lions and our service, Specialty Clubs, Liability Insurance, global membership, LCIF grants, Lions Quest, and an opportunity to meet the winner of this year 's International Peace Poster Contest.



**Past International President
Judge Brian Stevenson**



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Past International President 's Perspicacious Perspective cont.

On Monday, June 27, beginning at 9:30 AM, the Second Plenary Session was held at the Bell Centre.

Following music performances to start things off, delegates heard an inspiring address from Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first female President of Liberia. After her address, LCIF made a special presentation, and the delegates heard remarks from this year's Humanitarian Award recipient Namibian ophthalmologist Dr. Helena Ndume.



Following the adjournment of the Second Plenary Session, many of the previous day's seminars were repeated, plus sessions on Achieving Club Excellence, Marketing Matters: Take Your Promotions to the Next Level, the Vital Importance of Reporting Your Club Activities to LCI, the New Voices Initiative, Our Global Strategies for the Future of Lions and Leos, and a Zone Chairpersons Seminar.

On Tuesday, June 28, the Third and Final Plenary Session was held at the Bell Centre.

Following musical performances, the results of Campaign 100 were announced – US\$ 324.7 million – US\$ 24.7 million more than our goal! Our new International President Lion Brian Sheehan from the USA was formally installed, the election results were announced, and all District Governors-Elect gave their Oath of Office and were proclaimed to be now in office.

The 104th Lions Clubs International Convention was then adjourned by International President Sheehan.

Highlights for MDC

- * Dr. Patti Hill was elected to the office of International First Vice President;
- * Past District Governor Lion Frances Sawiak from the Vegreville Lions Club in District C-1 is now our Multiple District Council Chairperson for 2022-2023;
- * Past District Governor Lion Brent Johnson from the Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions Club in District C-2 is now our Multiple District Council Vice Chairperson for 2022-2023;

- * Lion Suzanne Leshchysyn from the Blindman Valley Lions Club is now the District Governor for District C-1 for 2022-2023;

- * Lion Darryl Rawleigh from the Calgary Eastport Lions Club is now the District Governor for District C-2 for 2022-2023;

- * International Director Allan Hunt from Chilliwack, B.C. completed a three-year term as one of our two International Directors from Canada serving on the International Board in 2021-2022;

- * (*) International Director Allen Snider from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, begins his second (and final) year representing Canada on the International Board;

- * A.P. Singh, of Kolkata, West Bengal, India was elected to the office of International Third Vice President;

- * Our good friend Past Council Chairperson and Past International Director Lion Ben Apeland from Bozeman, Montana, was elected as one of several International Directors from the USA;

- * The resolution for a US\$ 7.00 (seven dollars (U.S.) International Dues Increase was approved by the delegates. It will be gradually introduced over a three-year period, beginning on June 30, 2023.

PLAN AHEAD

Plan NOW to attend the 105th Lions Clubs International Convention to be held in Boston, Massachusetts July 7-11, 2023 to witness and support Dr. Patti Hill of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada become our International President!

(*) As you are all aware, the International Convention in 2021 was "virtual", and no elections were held, so all members of the International Board remained in their office for an additional year. The normal term for International Directors is two years.

2022

September 14, 2022	Diabetes Peer Connect Program diabetes.ca/t1peerconnect	Virtual
September 15-17, 2022	Lions Leadership Forum 2022 2022lionsleadershipforum.com	Calgary, AB, Canada
September 23-25, 2022	Faculty Development Institute (FDI) www.lionsclubs.org	Ottawa, ON, Canada
October 7-9, 2022	Advanced Lions Learning Inst. (ALLI) www.lionsclubs.org	Los Angeles, CA, USA
October 26, 2022	Diabetes Peer Connect Program diabetes.ca/t1peerconnect	Virtual



2023

January 27/28, 2023	District C-1 Convention www.lionsc1.org	Camrose, AB, Canada
February 3/4, 2023	District C-2 Convention www.lionsofdistrictc2.com	Drumheller, AB, Canada
April 28/29, 2023	Multiple District C Convention www.mdclions.org	Vegreville, AB, Canada
July 7-11, 2023	Lions International Convention lcon2023boston.com	Boston, MI, USA



2024

April 27/28, 2024	Multiple District C Convention www.mdclions.org	Calgary, Alberta
June 21-25, 2024	Lions International Convention lcon2024melbourne.com	Melbourne, Australia



2025

July 4-8, 2025	Lions International Convention lcon2025Mexicocity.com	Mexico City, Mexico
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PIP JUDGE BRIAN STEVENSON EMERGING LEADER AWARD

New to District C-2 this year, this award will be presented yearly at the district convention.

- * Been a member in good standing in a club of good standing in the district
- * A Lion of high moral character.

Nominations are made by a district club and sent to the cabinet secretary at least 45 days prior to the convention. A form can be obtained from the district secretary to be filled out and signed by the club president and/or secretary listing the qualifications of the candidate.

Judging will be based on the following:

- * Offices held and/or chairs held in the club
- * Lion projects participated in
- * Accomplishments in service to the community
- * Accomplishments in service to Lionism.

Qualifications are as follows:

- * Been a Lion for at least 5 years
- * Had good attendance for the past 3 years out of the last 5 years

The award is administered by a committee of 3 past district governors in their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years out of office. The immediate past district governor shall be the chair.

For more information contact District C-2 Secretary, PDG Gordon Prusky.
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Welcome to Lions Who Have Joined Us June, July, August 2022



Bears paw Lions Club

Karen Anderson
Anthony MacDougall
Coryn MacDougall
Helana Marie Tomicic

Beiseker Lions Club

Jason B. McNeill

Bowness Lions Club

Christine V. Ford
Laureen M. McGregor
William D. McGregor

Calgary Lions Club

Ronzl L. Valera

Calgary Chinatown Lions Club

Marcus Cheung
Stephanie Hei Lam Ho
Aileen Kwok

Calgary Heritage Lions Club

Christopher Remtulla

David Mein

Calgary North Hill Lions Club

Katelyn Bullock
Adam Kolozetti

Calgary Westwind Lions Club

Manjit Jaswal

Cheadle Lions Club

Braden Smith

Cochrane Lions Club

Ron Buschuk
Eugene J. Fox

Cowley Lions Club

Ron Clarke

Cremona Lions Club

Joanna Harvey

Irvine & District Lions Club

Craig Smith

Medicine Hat Lions Club

Ivan Cook
Darren Payne
Iris Payne

Nanton & District Lions Club

Lana Bulger
Doreen Hooker

Okotoks Lions Club

Crystal Bedier

Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions Club

Donna Louise Wick

Redcliff Lions Club

Frankie Harth
Perry Tough

Vulcan Lions Club

Delbert Olsen

... and Those Who Have Left Us



Calgary North Hill Lions Club

PDG Terri A. Hill

Cochrane Lions Club

James D. Copithorne

Cowley Lions Club

Wayne G. Elliott

Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions Club

Doris Rowledge

Strathmore Lions Club

Cliff Hermanson

Sundre & District Lions Club

Robert McEwen



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NEXT DISTRICT C-2 NEWSLETTER December, 2022 Submission Deadline – November 25, 2022

This is the Holiday edition, so let us hear about all those special service activities you have planned or have done. If your submission is 1 page or longer, please let the editor know sooner rather than later so that space is available.