



Around the District



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another year.

My wish going into December is that we at least have a little snow

to make it a White Christmas.

In our family, we will have our big family Christmas dinner with close to 70 people attending. With my pending marriage to Leslie, I'm also blessed to spend Christmas with her family and partake in two Christmas dinners.

For our Lions family, the past few years have been difficult as we came out of the Covid restrictions and tried to get back into our normal meeting routines. We do great things when we work together and during my many club visits it is clear that our Lions clubs are doing what we always do - serving the community with pride and distinction. "Where there is a need, there is a Lion" is not simply an empty motto but it is our promise to the world.

Despite all of the challenges of the past few years 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.

We have some big challenges coming up in the New Year. Membership continues to be an issue and we hope that the many programs associated with Mission 1.5 will help us reach the goal of 1.5 million members by the end of 2027.

The DG team said good-bye to Lion Darryl in July and we are proud to welcome Lion Leslie Cunningham 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.

The upcoming convention in Medicine Hat in February should be a blast - and not a wintery one. Our theme this year is a Hawaiian theme in honour of our guest speaker Lion Bob Lee from Hawaii. We will have a funny money casino and live auction, along with Hula lessons and dancing. Registration is open now at the district website (lionsofdistrictc2.com).

We will continue to hope for the health and happiness of all the citizens of the district and the world. We are very proud of all the work that you do in your clubs and in the district.

On behalf of the District Cabinet and my fiancé, Lion Leslie Gaqui, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Lion Kevin Gibbons
District Governor, C-2
2023 - 2024



Mistletoe



Holly



*"Oh, by gosh, by golly it's time for mistletoe and holly.
Tasty pheasants, Christmas presents, countrysides
covered with snow."*

This 1957 ballad, sung and co-written by Frank Sinatra, was used as the theme song for the 1960 Christmas Seals campaign. So why the association of mistletoe and holly with Christmas, you may ask. Both evergreen plants have their roots (my apologies) in many pre-Christian traditions. In addition to keeping their green foliage all year, signifying hope of the warmth and crop fertility sure to return, both plants were used not only in sacred rites but also as a medicine. From ancient Celtic and Roman to Christian cultures, the significance of these two berry-laden plants have held their own place in folklore and tradition.



Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Blairmore Lions Club



Blairmore Lions recognized as best volunteer group

NICHOLAS L. M. ALLEN

Pass Herald Reporter

The Blairmore Lions, a dedicated group of volunteers, have shared they are honoured to have been named the Best Volunteer Group in the Crowsnest Pass. Their commitment to serving the community and their unwavering dedication to making a positive impact have earned them this prestigious recognition.

When asked about their feelings regarding this accolade, the Blairmore Lions responded with a mix of pride and humility. They expressed their excitement and pride in their members who contributed to this achievement, emphasizing that the recognition is a testament to the hard work and selflessness of their team. However, they were quick to point out that their primary motivation for volunteering is not for recognition.

"We think it's awesome to be recognized, however, we don't volunteer to be recognized, we volunteer to serve the community for personal gratification," they noted. The Blairmore Lions

extended their gratitude to the local community for honouring them with this recognition, sharing that it meant a lot to their members. They also high-lighted the importance of recognizing other volunteer groups in the Crowsnest Pass, saying that each of them plays a vital role in making the community great.

Regarding why people voted for the Blairmore Lions, they explained that their active involvement in various community activities and their unwavering commitment to helping people and organizations have made them well recognized and appreciated in the Crowsnest Pass.

Community members interested in joining the Blairmore Lions were encouraged to do so for the satisfaction that comes from helping the Crowsnest Pass. They described the Lions as a great group that is dedicated to serving the community. Membership is open to those who are 18 years and older and have a genuine interest in actively contributing to the betterment of the community. To join, individuals can contact Mary Anna Missengers at 403-563-6367.

The group expressed their ongoing need for new members, particularly younger volunteers, as some of their present members are aging. They highlighted their commitment to continuing their service to the community for years to come.

The Blairmore Lions also shared their upcoming activities, which include participation in the Christmas Toy Drive, selling cookies and hot chocolate during Christmas in the Mountains, delivering Meals on Wheels for Christmas and New Year's, running a con- cession at the Crowsnest market and hosting several BBQ events.

The best aspects of being part of the Blairmore Lions, as described by the group, include the sense of family and unity they experience as they work together to serve the community. They find personal gratification in helping the community and take pride in being part of an organization dedicated to assisting those in need.

The Blairmore Lions expressed their gratitude to the Crowsnest Pass for their support, emphasizing that without this, they would not be able to fulfill their mission of serving and making a positive impact in the Crowsnest Pass. Visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/Blairmore for more information and contact information.



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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Cremona Lions Club



We had our year end as usual with a steak supper at the youth camp .This is when our change over happens. We have our yearly Rodeo functions where we take our catering trailer to the rodeo areas and provide food for the people watching along with the people taking part in the rodeo. We also provided the same service for Canada day during the softball tournament. In November we had our yearly Garage Sale and Auction which is always very successful.

The funds raised from these activities is used for scholarships for students plus other activities for the betterment of our community. We donate thousands of dollars to the Youth Camp Canine Vision Canada, our local Food Bank and the Vet Food Bank. Should local families have emergencies. ie fires etc.

we assist them as much as possible . We are presently, like other clubs, looking for new members. Our club is presently assisting our local associations with food hampers and a group called Santas Anonymous.

Vulcan Lions Club



Donation to Vulcan County Food Bank

The Vulcan Lions are helping the local food bank in their goal to raise \$20,000 which will be going directly to feeding families.



Picture top left: Lions Max Clemment, Peter Wallis, Claire Kuchel-Klassen (Food Bank Manager), and Club President Rick Ludwig.

Connect First 1st annual Pumpkin Walk

Connect First in Vulcan invited businesses and organizations to give out their information as well as provide goodies for the kids. Vulcan Lions Club had a table inviting new members and explaining their club's role in the community. Lions John Cameron and Richard Debolt staffing the table in picture top right.

Melvin Jones Fellowship Presented

Lion Tom Wylie received the Melvin Jones Fellowship in memory of his brother Lion Jerry Wylie. Lion Jerry was a member of the Vulcan Lions club since 1966 until his passing in 2022.



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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Calgary Eastport Lions Club



Kathy Wiggins (centre), Secretary of the Eastport Club, presenting a cheque for \$6,000 to CLERC. Accepting it are Lions Gordon Prusky (left) and CLERC Board Chair James Lee (right).

Lions Youth Camp Board Chair, Lion Glenn Robertson, accepting a cheque from the Eastport Lions Club.

Olds Lions Club



Two new club members were inducted into the Olds Lions on November 21st, 2023. Lions Joe Berrett (2nd from right) and Amie Scheers (4th from right) were welcomed into the club now at 38 members. The club was honoured to have 2ndVDG Leslie Cunningham (right) and Zone Chair Danielle Richir (left) lead the induction.

2023 is the 41st year of the Henry Sonnenberg Christmas Dinner in Olds on Dec. 25th. In conjunction with the Legion, the Olds Lions Club hosts a Christmas Dinner to anyone in the community that might be alone or unable to provide their own Christmas dinner. Most of the vegetables are grown at Club member Fay Haggerty's farm (pictures right). The club also accepts donations from businesses and individuals for many of the other items needed. In the days leading up to Christmas, members organize to prep for the meal and then meet Christmas Day at the Legion for serving the meal, including some deliveries to people shut in.





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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Cowley Lions Club

Cowley Lions Club – Highlights and Activities October to December 2023



On Sept. 28th PDG Christine Lank came to our supper meeting and presentations. Charter members Earl Johnson (right) and Russel Rowledge (left) were presented with the International President’s Appreciation Award for their past 60 years of service – Congratulations to Earl and Russel ! A new member was also inducted into our Club – welcome Judi Snowdon !

October was a busy month for our club with lots of meetings and activities. Our Club was nominated for a Community Organization Impact Award and attended the Pincher Creek Chamber of Commerce Awards of Excellence evening on Oct. 20. A certificate was presented to recognize our efforts.



We welcomed Lion Glen Barry as a member of our Club, Glen was transferred from the Elkford Lions Club and has been a Lion for many years, including the title of District Governor as well as other executive positions.



On Nov. 1st our club volunteered to sort clothing & toys for the Pincher Creek Family Center. Approximately 600 people were helped through this event.

Donations made by Cowley Lions :

A donation of \$1,000 was made to the Cowley & District Community Hall to support their fundraising for repairs and upgrades to the Hall. The Community Hall is holding a Christmas Market Fundraiser event on Dec. 16th .

Volunteer Hours:

Our club members spend many hours volunteering at events and also at the Cowley Lions Castle River Campground (right). Cowley Lions Club has reported approx. **450 volunteer hours** for all club events, meetings, fundraisers and activities for the period mid September to end of November.

Upcoming Activities:

Our Lions Club Christmas Supper gathering at the Pincher Creek Legion Dec. 13th, an evening of fellowship and games. A donation will be made to support the Pincher Creek Legion Food Hamper program.

Cowley Lions Club will be celebrating 60 years and we are planning a Charter Night Celebration which will be held on May 4th, 2024 at the Cowley Hall. Plans are under way, invitations will go out on March 1, 2024.





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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Calgary Heritage Lions Club



On November 23, the members of Calgary Heritage Lions Club took part in the Samaritan's Purse 's Operation Christmas Shoebox. Donations such as quality toys, school supplies or personal care items are placed in a shoebox. Members shown helped sort items which had been removed from the shoebox donations because they can't be shipped overseas. (They didn't meet the standards.) These are then donated to several local charity organizations such as the Drop Inn Centre or FearsNot-Love Shelter. Other members helped make items that could be put into the shoeboxes.

Pictured above are (left to right) Lion Charles Echlin, Lion Cathy Hardman, Lion Bob Weller, a member of Samaritan's Purse, Lion Greg Clarke, Lion Ron Sinkinson, Lion Ivan Hardman and Lion Bill Stecewicz. A donation of \$500 was also given to Samaritan's Purse.

Two Men Who Changed Christmas Forever.



The mid 1800s Britain saw two men, a Prince and a novelist, unknowingly bring ideas into the Christmas celebrations that would become integral parts of those traditions to this day.

Imagine if the two had met! What else might we be incorporating into present day Christmas! However, even though they lived during the same era and the same locality, there is no indication their paths ever crossed.

Of course, I am speaking of Charles Dickens (top picture) and Prince Albert (bottom). As the Prince Consort to Queen Victoria,



Prince Albert brought many traditions from his German homeland. The Christmas tree is the most notable. Though cultures around the world had been decorating with evergreen boughs during the time of the winter solstice, it is not until Prince Albert's introduction to Britain that the Christmas tree soon became part of a family's holiday tradition.

As for Mr. Dickens, his novel, *A Christmas Carol*, reflected on some of the most negative social practices of the day. It changed the emphasis of Christmas to that of compassion, forgiveness, and service. This ghost story also contains a very strong message concerning the recognition of redemption and how one's actions dedicate the future and quality of one's life.

An awesome duo who have influenced the celebrations during the winter solstice and Christmas ever since.



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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Calgary Heritage Lions Club cont.



Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids

On September 19, 2023, the Calgary Heritage Lions Club (CHLC) participated in the Brown Bagging For Calgary's Kids (BB4CK) preparation of energy balls for their meal packages. BB4CK is a community funded group that has a school lunch and snack program for about 6500 kids out of a school population of about 200,000 identified by school personnel as coming from families that experience food insecurity. The need is identified by school teachers since the families typically are reluctant to ask for such aid. BB4CK has morning sessions in which volunteers assist in meal preparation but now also has an afternoon program to prepare additional, nourishing treats to be included in the lunches displacing

some that would otherwise be purchased. The CHLC participated in one of these afternoon programs where 689 energy balls were prepared. The energy balls consisted of oatmeal, honey, peanut butter, ground flaxseed and chocolate chips. Attending club members included Lions Charles Echlin, Ivan Hardman, George Loewen, Sandy Milne, Ravinder Sierra, Ron Sinkinson, Bill Stecewicz and Bob Weller. Additionally, Otto Silzer of the Lions Club of Calgary and his wife Clara participated. Their assistance in our club's initiative allowed us to expand BB4CK's minimum size team and was greatly appreciated. The CHLC has made previous contributions of time and money to this worthy cause.



New Freezer

Recently, the Heritage Lions Club contributed \$4500 for a second reach-in freezer to accommodate BB4CK's growing need. Club members in attendance for the presentation were, from the left, Ron Sinkinson, Greg Clarke (Club President), Bob Weller (Club Secretary) and Bill Stecewicz. The young lady receiving the cheque on behalf of BB4CK was Laurie Jacob-Towes, Major Gift Associate.

The Calgary Heritage Lions Club had donated a freezer in 2017, but the need has been growing.



Tab Program Still Going Strong

The Heritage club continues to collect tabs for recycling. On October 10th members packed up 50 boxes of tabs and delivered them to Federal Metals. The result was \$1,620 which the club is donating to Camp Jean Nelson.



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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Beiseker Lions Club

Beiseker Lions Club had an excellent year, we added two new members and donated \$60,480 to various causes. With STARS Golf raising \$25,500 and the Oyster Fry raising \$14,230 that went to the Preschool in Beiseker. \$5000 also went to the Fire Department in Beiseker to help pay for a new WaterTender.



Beiseker Lions Club visited Bearspaw Lions Club 70th Anniversary Charter Night Dinner Oct 14. It was a very good time, and a very informative speech on Artificial Intelligence.

Beiseker Lions President, Ron Schwengler, his wife Mary Anne, Alan and Iris Balson attended. It was so good to meet all the Lions that were present, including some old friends.



On Nov 11th, Beiseker Lions President Ron Schwengler and Alan Balson attended the Remembrance Day service in Acme Alberta and laid a wreath.



An excellent Dinner and Dance was held by Beiseker Lions and we had attendees from quite a few clubs including Bearspaw. 2nd VDG Leslie Cunningham was there also.



A \$500 scholarship was presented to Mikayla Harms, from Beiseker School to help pay for her University.



Beiseker Lions were in the Christmas Parade in Beiseker this year, Lion Fred Bell and Lion John Richter.

The "Yule" Log Has a Very Long History



As with many ancient traditions the beginnings of the Yule Log custom lay covered in the shadows of time. However, it is known that the ancient Vikings used a "Yule" log in their celebrations of the winter solstice. It was thought that burning the log on the shortest and darkest day of the year would drive away any evil spirits that were lurking, bring good luck to the people of the area, and welcome the sun back to the skies. No doubt, the Vikings adapted this custom from earlier civilizations.

As time passed, variations and modifications of the "Yule" log's inclusion in December celebrations took place. The custom spread to the Americas mainly from Britain where the log was brought into the house on Christmas Eve and burned for 12 days. This burning time gradually decreased to a much shorter period. Today, guests arriving at a Christmas Eve dinner often bring a "Yule" log as an offering of good luck and prosperity to the presenters of the feast.



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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Calgary North Hill Lions Club



Adopt a Family

Each year, the CNHL club puts \$5,000 toward creating Christmas hampers for 4-6 families. The recipients are selected through the EvenStart Foundation - a local charity helping families and children navigate through poverty and trauma.

Lion Jack Green (picture left)

showing his wrapping skills on gifts for the family children.



Calgary Drop-In Centre

Giving up their traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners is not an issue for members of the club. On these celebrations, up to 10 members serve dinner to the clients of the Drop-In Centre. Picture on left shown Lions after serving dinner on October 9th. On December 25th, members will once again don their aprons as they assist the DI clients in their celebrations. North Hill Lions not only provide their serving skills for these dinners, but the club also funds these two events.

From left : Lions Shirley, Pris, Garry, Jamie, Tony, Fran, and Candida.

Champion Lions Club

Champion Lions Interclub

Monday, January 8th, 2024
Champion Community Hall
 106 2nd Street

Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm
Draws & Door Prizes

RSVP by January 2nd, 2024
 to
Byron Matlock, Club Secretary
 403-485-8501
 bhmatlock@hotmail.com

Lomond Lions Club

Lomond Lions and Lomond Community Club

Steak Fry/Prize Night
January 18th, 2024

Multi Purpose Facility/School Gym
Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:00
Raffle & Prizes

Contact Lion Doug Stanko
 doug.s5farms@gmail.com

Over 18 only.



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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Carstairs Lions Club



For approximately the past forty years, Carstairs Lions have been providing Hampers to families in their area who would most benefit from a little extra help. There are established guidelines for the Lions to choose which families are the recipients. Families apply for the Hampers and some scrutiny is done.

The Hampers consist of new clothes, toys and gifts along with a grocery gift card. Each Hamper is tailored to each family—especially to the ages and interests of the children.

Organizations and groups in Carstairs assist with the collection of the Hamper contents. The Silver Willow Sporting Club is a major donor of toys to the Hamper program. 2nd VDG Leslie Cunningham (on right) is shown accepting toys and a donation from Gwen Day, owner of the Silver Willow Club.

Madden Lions Club

Fill the fire truck!



Support the Madden Fire Dept. food drive

Madden Lions have been busy supporting their community through donations to various initiatives:

\$500 to the Crossfield Fire Dept. Christmas Hamper program
 \$500 to the Madden Fire Department Christmas Hamper program

\$2,500 in total to 3 outstanding students from their community
 \$500 to the Wesbrook Playschool
 \$100 to the Crossfield Legion

Guess Who Came For Breakfast!



The Sooke Lions Club located in southern Vancouver Island, BC annually puts on a Santa Breakfast for its community. The breakfast is free but donations taken for the Sooke Christmas Bureau.

At the breakfast on December 2nd, to everyone's surprise, International President Dr. Patti Hill popped in for some morning sustenance. Dr. Hill quickly rolled up her sleeves and demonstrated her pancake flipping skills. Of course, the Grinch had to make his presence known.



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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Clubs From Far Away.

LIONS CLUB OF LAND O'LAKES
Christmas Market Extravaganza
 Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
 10am to 2pm
 Lions Community Hall, Northbrook

Christmas Market

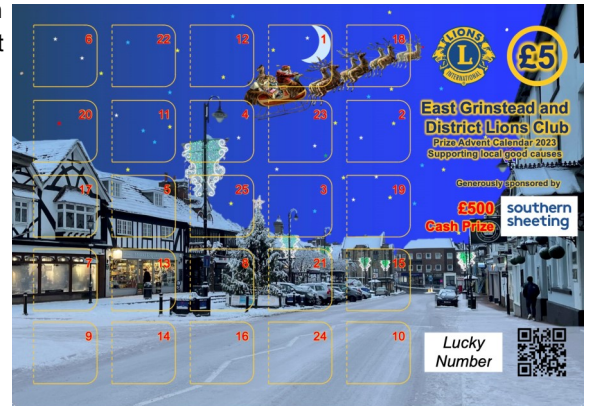
Lions Club of Land O ' Lakes, Northbrook, Ontario

The market is held for small home-based businesses in the area to sell their wares prior to Christmas giving. The club also runs a canteen, 50/50 raffle, and Christmas Bags draw at the event. It is a project that home-based business look forward to each season. Entrance to the market is free. The club also held a Christmas Parade on November 25th. The clubs 71 members are very active in their community organizing fund-raising to provide financial assistance to many of the local services.

Christmas Cards & Advent Calendar, East Grinstead Lions, United Kingdom



A local artist has designed both Christmas cards and an Advent Calendar scene for the Lions Club of East Grinstead. There are six different card designs which are sold in the club's various Fall and Christmas events. Proceeds from both initiatives go towards their "Warm Over Winter" campaign helping those families in fuel poverty.



Live Christmas Trees for Sale

Acton Lions Club, Massachusetts

For the Acton Lions club , Acton Massachusetts, it is a very busy time of the year. Each December they hold a Christmas Tree sale which provides substantial funding for their area projects. The club has been selling Christmas trees for over 40 years. The event profits are donated to local charities, town or school needs and to fight diseases affecting sight.

Lions Christmas Cakes

Gisborne Wainui Lions Club, Gisborne, New Zealand

Lions Christmas Cakes are a seasonal favourites in new Zealand and have been for many years. This is the 52nd year they are for sale. The caveat for the sale of these cakes is that 100% of all raised funds go back into the communities of the Lions clubs selling them.

In 1971, Ernest Adam, a Master baker living in New Zealand, created a special Christmas cake recipe exclusive to Lions. The Lions Clubs of New Zealand own this original recipe.

The cakes sell for \$30 NZ and many businesses as well as individuals wait anxiously for



the cake's availability to give as gifts.



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Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club

HONOLULU CHINATOWN LIONS CLUB PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

Scotch Soiree and Auction

NATSUNOYA TEA HOUSE
1935 Makanani Drive
Honolulu, HI 96817

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 2024
5:30 Cocktails
6:30 Dinner

\$125 Early Bird (by 12/31)
\$150 Regular (1/01/24 - 1/24/24)
\$175 Late (1/25/24 - 2/1/24)
\$75 Non-Drinkers/Designated Drivers

NET PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO ORGANIZATIONS IN NEED




Now here is something a little different as a fund-raiser.

The Honolulu Chinatown Lions annually hold this Soiree. The evening includes all-you-can eat Japanese food and the finest scotches. And in the latest planned soiree, liquid refreshments include sake and soju. A silent auction made up of scotch, liquors and gift baskets will be held throughout the event.

All proceeds are donated to organizations in need such as the Hi'opono Centre for the Blind, Palolo Chinese Home and Kids Hurt Too Foundation.



The Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club is the home club of International Director Robert "Bob" Lee.

ID Lee is District C-2's Guest at the 2023-2024 Convention in Medicine Hat February 9/10, 2024. Register for the convention on the C-2's website at www.lionsofdistrictc2.com

December 1st, 7pm On Main Street



At The Seal Beach 2023 Parade

Chick-fil-a Shops at Rossmoor
Rotary Club of Los Alamitos, Cypress & Seal Beach
Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach
Republic Services Marni's Restaurant

Seal Beach Lions Club Seal Beach, California, USA

Did You Know that the Seal Beach Lions Club is the largest Lions club in North America?

With a whopping 420 members in 2022, this club has been serving the community of Seal Beach since 1939. Seal Beach is on the coast of California, approximately 28 miles south of Los Angeles between the cities of Long Beach and Huntington Beach.

The Christmas parade began in 1979, under local businesses' supervision, with a few civic entries and one marching band. The parade has now expanded to 110 entries and 3,000 participants.

In 2013 the Seal Beach Lions Club took over the production of the parade which led to the massive increase in interest and participants.

More than 200 Lions and Leos volunteer each year to ensure that the parade is a continuing success.

Season's Greetings and A Prayer For Peace



As 2023 draws to a close on a troubled world, we all hope for a cessation of hostilities wherever they exist anywhere on our planet. We who are members of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world, all pray that PEACE will become a reality for all people

in the coming year.

On March 14, 1988, when I was honored to serve as International President, I was privileged to address delegates at the United Nations at their headquarters in New York on our annual "Lion's Day at the U.N."

My closing remarks reflect one of our organization's most important objectives - "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world". I shared with the delegates some words from Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau, who was able to widen his horizon far beyond the dreams of most of us - to view our planet in its entirety from the awesome perspective of outer space.

He was asked to write an essay for a book called "What Peace Means To Me", published to help celebrate the United Nations International Year of Peace in 1986. Here are some of his thoughts on seeing earth from the vantage point of an orbiting space shuttle:

"Distinctions such as race, religion and nationality are lost on you as you glide smoothly over the earth's surface with no visible boundaries to remind you that any of us are different, or that we want to segregate ourselves from each other. It just isn't important anymore. Down below is earth, home, and every human being walking upon that earth is your fellow human being. Every spot below you is equally inviting from your perspective high above it. Here is a perspective which makes

you want to cry out for peace. Here is a perspective which makes you realize just how precious human life really is. Is peace achievable? I really don't know. Should we go for it? Harder than ever!"

As Dr. Patti Hill, our International President states, for good reason, that for 106 years we Lions have been "Changing the World" - one person at a time - one community at a time - one relationship at a time.

We believe that Peace means much more than just the absence of war, or the silencing of the sounds of conflict.

We know that over those 106 years we Lions have vigorously attacked the enormous problems of inadequacy throughout the world - inadequacy of shelter, inadequacy of water, inadequacy of education, inadequacy of literacy, inadequacy of medical treatment and facilities, inadequacy of family life, inadequacy of social conscience.

By doing that, we strengthen our international resolve that the pursuit of true peace must include a recognition of the common dignity of all people in our global society.

As you know, Lions are not, as a world organization, champions of any ideology or political philosophy. We do not carry any brief for any particular religious faith. By our Objects, by our Ethics, by our traditions, by our service activities for more than a century, we are simply Champions of Mankind.

I am so proud to be a Lion, and I know you all join me in continuing to do our very best, individually and with our fellow Lions, to foster PEACE as we Change the World.

*Justice Brian Stevenson
Past International President*

How did the "Christmas Truce" Happen?

An extraordinary event took place on Christmas Eve 1914. This event remains one of the most written about and strangest events of any war before and since. It took place on the Western Front during WWI.

According to British accounts, it started when the British could hear the Germans in the distance, located in their dank, muddy trenches opposite, singing Christmas Carols. A faint, German voice encouraged the British to join them out of their trenches into the area known as the "No Man's Land". The result was an evening of kind words, songs, and the trading of wine and tobacco.

Apparently there are accounts of similar truces that took place on other battlefields along the Western Front. As one soldier remarked "there was not an atom of hate on either side".



Greetings of the Season



As we gather around the warmth of the holiday season and the joy of Christmas, we find ourselves at a significant juncture in our Lions journey. We are now half-way through our Lions year, and it's the perfect time to reflect on our progress, reevaluate our goals, and reaffirm our commitment to making a positive impact

on the world.

Are We On Track for Our Goals?

Reflecting on the past six months, we can be proud of the incredible work we've achieved. We've continued to serve our communities, support those in need, and spread the message of compassion and service. However, let's not rest on our laurels. The second half of our Lions year presents us with fresh opportunities to reach even higher and accomplish even more. Now is the time to review our goals, identify areas where we can improve, and set our sights on new milestones to accomplish together.

Have We Accepted the Mission 1.5 Challenge?

In the spirit of embracing global challenges, it's essential to ask ourselves whether we've accepted the Mission 1.5 challenge. This initiative, driven by Lions Clubs International, is our commitment to grow our global membership to 1.5 million members by July 1, 2027. This ambitious goal is a testament to our dedication to expanding our reach and making a significant impact on the world.

As Lions, we've always been at the forefront of addressing the most pressing issues facing society. The Mission 1.5 challenge aligns perfectly with our mission of service and making a positive difference. By growing our membership, we not only increase our ability to serve but also strengthen our global network of compassionate individuals.

If we haven't already, now is the time to pledge our commitment to this mission and take concrete steps within our clubs and communities to achieve this membership growth. Let us embrace the challenge with open hearts and unwavering dedication.

This Christmas, let's remember that the holiday season is not only a time for giving but also a time for reflection. As we gather with our loved ones and celebrate the joy of the season, let's carry this spirit into the second half of our Lions year. Together, we can continue to impact lives, work toward our goals, and accept the Mission 1.5 challenge by expanding our membership to 1.5 million strong by July 1, 2027.

May your Christmas be filled with love, joy, and a renewed sense of purpose as Lions. Let us embrace the challenges ahead and continue to serve our communities and the world with the same enthusiasm and commitment that have defined our organization for over a century.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Brent Johnson.
Council Chair Multiple District C

The Christmas season and the New Year means changes to all of us, this makes us look back at the past year and be excited to the next. My year is just the same as yours always on the go, hectic and all.

Being festive is a requirement of the season but let us NOT forget our fellow neighbors who have nothing in this world, we can actually help by having a food hamper drive, gift wrapping sessions within our community or just by simply smiling and offer some kindness to each and everyone you meet.

Always keep in mind that we are not alone and we can be service to others.
Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year!

Lion Glenn Garalde
1st Vice District Governor



Greetings of the Season

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!



Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Pam and I wish you all the very best of the holidays and a prosperous and joyous New Year! As we enjoy God's bounty and grace with family and friends, let us remember the true spirit of the Holidays, and remember those "WE SERVE" throughout the year.

We look forward to being with you, the Lions of District C2, Alberta, at Medicine Hat this February. PIP Judge Brian Stevenson promised us a balmy -32°. Pam and I are praying for a "chinook"! Until then, take care and stay safe. May peace and joy be with you, now and forever.

Aloha,
Lions Bob & Pam Lee

From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another, may the warmth and joy of the season bring us closer to each other and may our journey in service continue to bring joy and fulfillment.

Lion Anne Kennedy
GLT Coordinator



Helen Keller's "First" Christmas

In 1891, when Helen Keller was 19 months old, she contracted a high fever that left her deaf, blind, and unable to learn to speak. Her first six Christmases had been dark silent days, like all days were for her. In her seventh year, light arrived in the form of her teacher, Anne Sullivan, whom Helen called Teacher. So did words, tapped onto hands.

The first Christmas Helen could comprehend took place in her seventh year, though she could not see it or hear it, of course. Through tapping, she discovered that trees "grew" in parlors in December. On Christmas Eve, she was invited to a party and was happy children played with her. Her mother wept and gave thanks. Helen woke her family the next morning, frantically spelling, "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!"

Helen learned, too, the concept of gifts. She was invited to several more parties with other children. Anne Sullivan wrote, "At a party at the local school, Helen was given the honor of distributing gifts. After handing them out, she noticed that one little girl, Nellie, received fewer gifts than the others. She signed to Teacher: "I will give Nellie mug."

Anne later wrote, "She had chosen to give the gift which pleased her most to a girl she barely knew. Years later, Helen recalled, though she was "blind, deaf and speechless" (her description), she loved collecting and preparing "orange and lemon peel, citron, nuts, apples, currants and raisins" to make fruitcakes with the family at Christmas-time. To her, these cakes were "miracles."

Helen wrote, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart." We might all remember that on holy days — and every day — of the year.

Written by Judith Hannah Weiss, Pandemic Diaries, 2017





Lions International News

Are you ready for the Lion Portal?

LCI is updating the tools Lions use. They are taking the functionality present today with MyLion, MyLCI and other tools and combining them into one cohesive and consistent experience-the Lion Portal.

“The current situation is LCI hopes to have the new Portal out by the first quarter in 2024. The beta testing found some issues and Salesforce is working on correcting those before the rollout. This is a very big rollout and everyone’s patience will be required and ultimately rewarded. I fully expect the new program to be a huge improvement over the old.” *CC Brent Johnson*

Clubs can prepare by ensuring all members have a current, unique email address and it is listed in MyLCI.

Some information can be found at www.lionsclub.org



“Mission 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million Lion members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.”



Membership focused

Mission 1.5 is a dedicated effort. We have committed the next four years to reaching this historic Lions Clubs membership goal.



Teamwork ready

Every Lion has an important part to play. Together we can grow Lions clubs to extraordinary new heights, serving an untold number of people in need.



Proven Process

Our Global Membership Approach is designed to revitalize existing clubs, charter new ones and inspire all Lions through fellowship and exciting service.

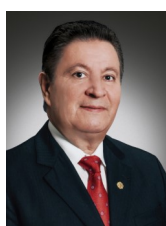
Lions International Calendar

November 2023	Diabetes Awareness Month
December 5, 2023	International Leo Day
January 2024	2024-2025 Peace Poster Kits Available
February 15, 2024	Int. Childhood Cancer Day
March 1, 2024	Lions Day with the United Nations
April 2024	Environmental Awareness Month
	Family & Friends Month
	Leo Club Awareness Month
April 27, 2024	World Wide Induction Day
May 2024	Membership Month
June 2024	LCI Convention, Australia

Lions International Leaders



Dr. Patti Hill
Int. President



Fabricio Oliveira
Int. 1st VP



A.P. Singh
Int. 2nd VP



Mark S. Lyon
Int. 3rd VP



The New Voices initiative was launched by 2018-2019 Lions International President Gudrun Yngvadottir of Iceland. Its mandate was to promote gender parity and diversity, and to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations within the Lions community.

In 2019, International President Dr. Yung-Yul Choi expanded the mandate of the program. It now includes a broader focus on diversity - to become more inclusive of gender identities and inclusiveness.

Districts are encouraged to select Lions as New Voices representatives who have proven their effectiveness in one of four categories—service, membership, leadership and marketing. Each of these representatives will focus on encouraging clubs to be more diverse in their members so that the new voices with innovative ideas can be heard.

New Voices representatives should: lead projects in their district that diverse populations can relate to; encourage and mentor others to take up leadership roles; promote stronger membership that is inclusive; and share their stories of successes in these endeavors on social media.



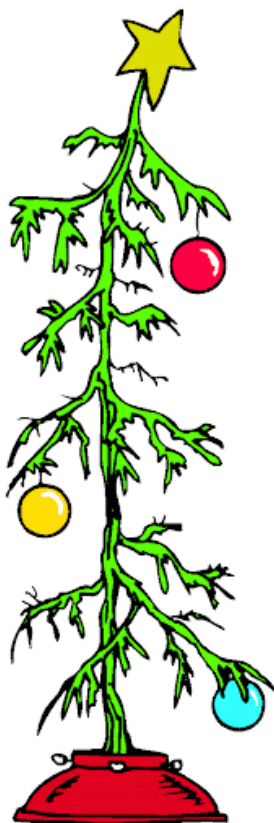


Three Winning Peace Posters Chosen



On December 1st, the first place winning poster was sent to the multiple district where it will be judged with the first place poster from District C-1. The final winner will be sent to LCI for judging to determine the overall winner for 2023-2024. The theme for this year is "Dare to Dream". All posters were submitted by Strathmore Lions Club.

- 1st Place Winner Piper Cooling, 11 yrs. old
George Freeman School, Grade 6
- 2nd Place Winner Jasmine Andrea, 11 yrs. old
George Freeman School, Grade 6
- 3rd Place Winner Bronwyn Roy, 11 yrs. old
Wheatland Elementary, Grade 6



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Which city is officially known as "The Christmas Capital of Canada"?
2. In 1905 which company sponsored the first Santa Claus Parade in Canada?
3. In which Christmas movie does Hugh Grant star as the British Prime Minister?
4. Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean is a territory of which country?
5. In what country do Poinsettias originate?
6. Each year, Canada exports over 2 million of these to 20 countries.
7. What is the first name of Scrooge in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*?
8. Who played George Bailey in *It's A Wonderful Life*?
9. What company started featuring Santa in their ads in 1931?
10. Which country was the first to use the tradition of Christmas Trees?
11. Which was the first country to issue a Christmas postage stamp?
12. Which of Santa's reindeer is named after another animal?
13. In *A Christmas Carol* which carol is sung outside Scrooge's office?
14. What is the name of the Grinch's dog?
15. How many gifts were given in total in the *Twelve Days of Christmas* song?

(I know you were waiting for #15.)

Answers are in this newsletter-somewhere! I just can't remember where. I'll give you a clue-down! up side They are



Voting at the C-2 Convention February 9/10

There will be voting on the following:

District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor for 2024-2025
 Multiple District C Vice Council Chair for 2024-2025
 Hall of Fame - 2 recipients

Electronic voting will take place at the Convention on Saturday, February 10th, 2024.

Who votes?

Each club has a predetermined number of voting delegates.
 The number of voting delegates is based on the number of club members as of January 1st, 2024.
 The members counted must be a member for at least 1 year and a day.
 Club must have paid its dues to the District, Multiple District and LCI.

Here are the rules from the Constitution.

"Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district (single or sub and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. **All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district and must be in possession of a valid Lions Clubs International membership card, showing they are in good standing.** Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to 15 days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention."

Past District Governors

All past and present District Governors are voting delegates over and above the club's quota.
 Their clubs must be in good standing with the District C-2.
 The past and present District Governors must be in possession of a current, valid LCI membership card.

December 26th, 2023

The deadline for any candidates running for office and Hall of Fame.

January 15th, 2024

Names and emails of your clubs' voting delegates must be received by PDG Gordon Prusky
 gprusky@shaw.ca

LATEST NEWS FROM LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Change on how voting delegate number is determined.

As you may be aware, a vote of the delegates during the 2023 international convention resulted in a new "Discounted Member" category.

This category includes all members paying discounted dues, such as a discounted family member, Leo-Lion member, student member or young adult member. Discounted members have all of the same rights as an active member paying full dues, but do not count towards their club's delegate entitlement for district, multiple district or international conventions.

In addition, during the October board meeting, a resolution was passed to update the interpretation of what constitutes "one year and one day." This constitutional interpretation adjustment now requires members to be full dues-paying members of a single club for a continuous period of one year and one day before they count towards their club's total delegate entitlement.

For members to count toward the delegate entitlement for conventions during the 2024 calendar year, convert discounted members to a full dues-paying membership by December 15, 2023.



It's Hall of Fame Time Once Again

Here are the qualifications for a Lion to be nominated to the Hall of Fame.

- Any Lion, Lions Club, Zone or Region may nominate a candidate from their District to the MDC Hall of Fame.
- There is no nomination fee.
- The awards will be presented to up to four (4) candidates, a maximum of two (2) per District, inducted into the Hall of Fame each year.
- The District Governor must receive nominations at least 45 days prior to the District's Annual Convention.
- Each individual District will hold an election to determine the successful candidate(s).
- The award may be presented posthumously.
- Each candidate must have 15 years of service and not be a member of the current Council of Governors.
- Each candidate should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors.
He/She should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community.
- All sponsors shall use the standard [MDC nomination form](#). No other application formats will be accepted.
- The sponsor(s) will ensure the candidate, or a representative, will attend the Multiple District Convention.
- All successful candidates will be inducted to the Hall of Fame at the next MDC Convention.
- The presentation of the MDC Hall of Fame Awards is the responsibility of the MDC Council Chairperson.
- A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to the delegates attending the Annual MDC Convention, and published in the subsequent MDC Newsletter.

The District Governor of each District will be responsible to ensure that the MDC Hall of Fame Application Form, Candidate's bio and photograph are supplied to the MDC office at least one month prior to the MDC convention.

News From Your Global Service Team



A healthy club functions well when every executive member performs his/her tasks that are assigned by LCI, your District or your own club. Congratulations to the 50 clubs that submitted their membership report to LCI by the end of November.

That is a 60% response rate and the best so far this year. Thanks to District C2 secretary, Gordon Prusky, who monitors the reports and sends us the information. Zone chairs are encouraged to contact the remaining 33 clubs to determine why reports are not reported. If training is necessary, the District through our GST team can arrange for on site training. Secretaries also submit club projects on MY LION. If burdened with the task, a club president or club administrator can also place club activities on MY LION.

We hope that club presidents are encouraging inter-club visits among clubs in the zone and surrounding area. Fellowship is a big part of Lionism and sharing of ideas is the best way to consider a new project for your club. If any of your club executive struggle with the tasks expected of the

position, please reach out to your zone chair for assistance. Club presidents, along with the executive should schedule a Governor visit ASAP and follow the Governor Visit protocol outlined in the Directory.

The best way for the club treasurer to monitor payment of dues is to print out membership cards at the beginning of the year and issue the cards as membership fees are paid. The cards are accessed by the treasurer on the LCI site. Membership cards are required to vote at conventions.

The zone chairs have possibly the most difficult of tasks. We ask that you continue to contact club secretaries who are reluctant or unable to complete reports. Many travel to zone meetings and Governor visits at your own expense. All zone chairs should know when Governor visits are scheduled for clubs in your zone. If the visits are not yet scheduled, contact the club presidents to do so as your calendar is also important.

Henry Czarnota
GST Coordinator – Lion District C2



Meet the Contenders

There are, to date, four Lions running for 2nd Vice District Governor. However more could put their names forward as the nominations don't close until December 26th.
So - here are the four Lions in the running.



Lion Rex Elimur
Calgary Filipino Lions Club

PERSONAL:

Born in Negros Oriental, Philippines and moved to Canada in 1979 and stayed in Calgary ever since. Married to Lion Norisa in 1986 and have 3 children (3 boys).

Studied Bachelor of Science in Architecture at the University of San Carlos in the Philippines.

Work as an Architectural Technologist and Designer for various Architects Offices and by 1981 worked for Cedar Log Homes Company, first as Drafting Manager and later on into Design, Production, Sales and Construction and eventually owning the company by 2008. Lately working on basement development and now doing part time as a school bus driver.

Main interests are fishing, golf, ping-pong, martial arts, softball, drawing, designing and running/walking.

Member of several community associations and been involved in various fundraising for the benefit of the calamity victims in the Philippines.

AS A LION:

Joined the Calgary Filipino Lions Club since Sept. 2011

Club President (2013-2014)

Club Tail Twister

Currently as 3rd Vice President of the Club

Positions in District C2

Zone 5 Chair of District C2 (3 Years – 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2019-2020)

Hunger Chairperson (2019-2020)

Cabinet Member (4 Years)

GMT Coordinator Chair for District C2 (2020-2021)

Awards

Lion Pride In Community

Rookie of the Year

Melvin Jones Fellow

Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow

Most Distinguished Lion of the Year

Lion of the Year

International President's Certificate Of Appreciation

Leadership Completion Certificates

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Certified Guiding Lions

Have attended the 2021-2022 US/CANADA Leadership Forum in Calgary.

My Fellow Lions

I have ideas that I believe can support our District Governor to enhance and supplement the programs in our District in order to keep up with the ever changing needs, demands and challenges in our Association. The most concern is in the membership growth through Extension, Retention and Leadership, and I'm ready to help our District Governor to come up with some solutions to improve the membership.

If successful, my advocacy is to create an atmosphere in which the new and younger members can be integrated and thrive in the club with the existing club members. It is also important to me that the club meetings should be fun and full of energy and this I know I can be of help. Above all, I can, I am and I will offer my full commitment to Lions and the spirit of Lionism in general for the advancement of the goals and objectives of our great Association.

I am Ready To Serve. Your support for my candidacy as 2nd Vice District Governor for the year 2024-2025 means the world to me and I will do my part, my best to not let you down.



Meet the Contenders



Lion Danielle Richir
Didsbury Lions Club

Dear District C2 Lions,

My name is Danielle Richir, and I am a proud member of the Didsbury Lions Club. Thank you so much for welcoming me into the fold in District C-2.

Having worked in both corporate head office as well as field-based construction roles, I understand the importance of communication, collaboration, and building rapport to create strong teams. After a career that spanned over 20+ years working alongside company Presidents and CEOs in both private and public sectors, I am now very happily experimenting with retirement. My husband and I bought our forever home in rural Kneehill county in May 2023. Our kids are grown, and we are embracing our new roles as active grandparents.

My calling as a Lion began in C-1 in Legal Alberta, where I quickly became involved in many rewarding Lions projects. Everything from fundraising, ravine and highway cleanups, pancake breakfasts, dog walks, food and clothing drives, to Christmas tree sales and deliveries, just to name a few. It was during this time that I championed the Lions presence in the community by actively promoting the pillars of Lionism through community involvement and developing a marketing strategy that included Facebook and Instagram, e-Clubhouse, an interactive Club website, newspaper ads, direct mail, and Club brochures. I have held many positions throughout my Lions career at Club and District levels; having served as Club Secretary, Club President for 3 terms, Service Chair, Marketing

Chair, and participated in zone level meetings. I attended District training and completed courses on our Lions Learning Centre. During 2021-2022 I served on C-1 cabinet as Environment Chair. I am also honoured to be a Melvin Jones Fellow. I am currently active in service as Zone Chair for C-2 Zone 1 and a proud member of the Didsbury Lions Club. My demonstrated leadership skills, past Club and District positions, as well as being a member in good standing, have been met with approval from our District C-2 Nominations Committee, and my endorsement from the Didsbury Lions Club.

A most rewarding experience was my direct involvement and participation in the Global Membership Approach (GMA) pilot project led by our now International President, Dr. Patti Hill in 2020-2021. That experience gave me insight into the GMA process and just how beneficial it can be to grow membership and clubs.

Our world needs more compassionate, humble, faithful, committed Lion volunteers now more than ever. Every act of kindness will multiply exponentially as it spreads from heart to heart. As Lions, we advocate serving with kindness in our communities and actively work to improve the lives of all people. We have the opportunity as an organization to change many lives, but nothing is more meaningful when we are directly involved in making a difference in even one life.

I LOVE being a Lion, and I want that for you as well. It will be a great pleasure to serve you and your Clubs as a future District Governor, and I look forward to seeing your projects, and hearing your ideas, challenges, and concerns. I am submitting my name for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor at the upcoming District C-2 convention in Medicine Hat.

With gratitude and passion for Lionism,
Danielle Richir

Deadlines YouNeed to Know.

January 9th, 2024

Deadline for Early Bird Convention Registration

January 26th, 2024

Cut-off for Convention Registration

Vote at the C-2 Convention

Voting for the 2024-2025 2nd Vice District Governor will take place on February 10th in Medicine Hat at the District C-2 Convention. **Register on line at www.lionsofdistrictc2.com.**



Meet the Contenders



Lion Estrella Delos Reyes
Calgary Wildrose Lions Club

LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

(Pre-Lion period):

- A community Leader.
- Loves to promote civic harmony.
- Experienced Treasurer, Secretary, and President.
- Youth Leadership awardee.
- Graduated with Honors & Distinction from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines
- Member and/or Officer of various non-profit organizations in Calgary.
- Former writer for community-based newspapers.
- Loves to volunteer and serve the public.
- A true believer of Servant Leadership.
- Adopts the mantra of Mahatma Gandhi's famous quote:

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

HIGHLIGHTS (as a LION):

- Joined the Calgary Wildrose Lions Club in 2017
- Club Secretary for Lion Year 2018-2019
- Awarded Excellence as Club Secretary
- Club President for Lion Year 2019 thru 2021
- Club Treasurer for Lionistic year 2021-2022
- LCIF Coordinator for Lionistic year 2022-2024
- Elevated her Club with an unprecedented number of community volunteering activities from 2019 up to present.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

- 2021-2023 District C-2 Zone Chairperson
- 2023-2024 District C-2 Childhood Cancer Chairperson



Lion Tim Beer
Foothills Lions Club

Lion Tim Beer MJF

for 2nd Vice District Governor

As a District Governor...

I strive to empower our younger generation to join us in service.

I will unite the traditional and modern values of our Lions.

Together we will rejuvenate our Districts passion to serve.



Positions Held

- Club President
- Club Membership Chair
- Lil Legendary Leo Club Advisor
- District C2 Leo Chair
- District C2 Zone Chair
- MDC Leo Chair
- International Leo Advisory Panelist



The Winter Solstice is Near.

It is literally a magic moment in time. On Thursday, December 21st, 2023 at 8:27pm Mountain time the sun is exactly over the Tropic of Capricorn. It is over almost as soon as it has begun.

Like many other astronomical terms, the word solstice comes from Latin. Owing to the Sun appearing to 'standstill' in the sky when it reaches the Tropic of Capricorn, the word *solstitium* was used which in turn is composed of the words *sol* (meaning 'sun') and *sistere* (meaning 'standstill'). As well as marking the shortest day of the year, the winter solstice marks the first day of winter in the astronomical calendar, while in the meteorological calendar, we are already three weeks into winter.



Leos and Cubs

The Nanton & District Leo Club Presents

FOOD 'N' A FLICK!

\$50.00/person

Prime Rib Dinner and a movie!

Door Prizes, meat raffle, auction for full service for a table for the evening

Movie: TBD

For tickets Contact: nantonleos@gmail.com Brenda: 403-336-0707 Sandra: 403-652-6133

Date: March 16th, 2024

Doors open 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Movie to follow
Nanton Community Memorial Centre

The Lil Legendary Leos and Foothills Lions Club have taken on a new project! Introducing the Legendary Cubs. The Cub Program was started by Lions International to promote service with the younger generations, as well as to open Lions Clubs to become more family friendly. After seeing a great success with the Lil Legendary Leos Club, the Foothills Lions decided to continue their efforts to include the youth of their community. The purpose of this initiative is to encourage all generations to serve. We welcome Cubs ages 5-11 to join this program and get introduced to service and their community. Whether they are related to a Lion, Leo or not, everyone is welcome.

Our first event took place at the Okotoks Cinema to introduce the new Cubs to Leos, through movies, snacks, and fellowship.

Our first service project, the Legendary Cubs made handmade Christmas cards for seniors with intellectual disabilities (pictures below).

The Legendary Cubs will be meeting once a month to participate in a different service project each month. Each meeting will include educating the Cubs on what being a Lion is. The Lil Legendary Leos and Foothills Lions Club will be working together to support this new program.

Changing The World

Leo-Lion Alicia Kiri Beer U.E.
Leo-Lion Board Liaison 2023-2024

Vice President
Foothills Lions Club



Save
the Date



MD C CONVENTION

APRIL 26-27 2024 LETHBRIDGE, AB

**SPECIAL GUEST:
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. PATTI HILL**

**Convention Chair:
Lion Pauline Cooper: lionpauline@gmail.com**

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024



It is the mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

September 5-7, 2024

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Phone: 605-723-4007



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**Escape the chilly Alberta winter for a few days
of imagined island warmth.**

**Join Lions and Leos for
fellowship, fun, and inspiration.**

**District C-2 Convention
February 9/10, 2024
Medicine Hat Lodge**

Meet

International Director Bob Lee
from Hawaii.

Enjoy

entertainment of the islands
and an opportunity to acquaint
yourself with new Lions.

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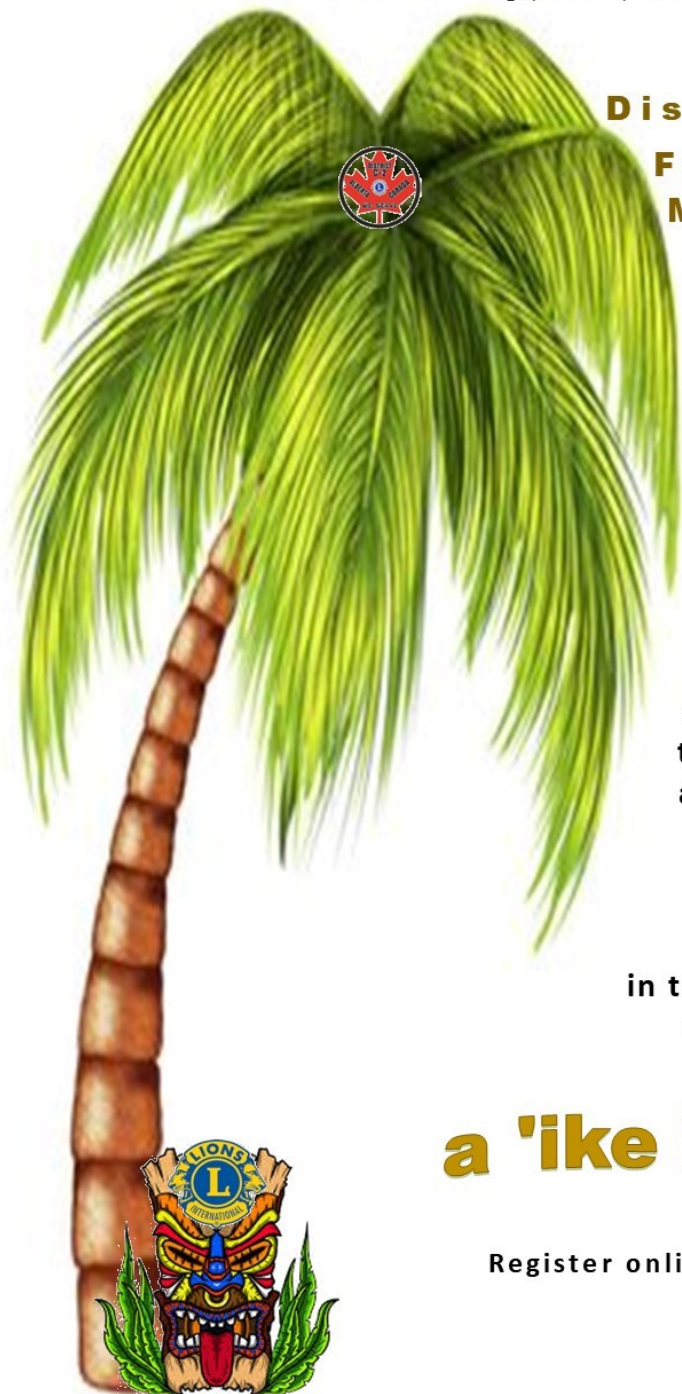
special recognition of your club
through sponsoring one of many
aspects of convention activities.
Sponsorships range from
\$50 to \$1,000.

Participate

in the new convention format that will
expose you to innovative ideas.

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Register online at www.lionsofdistrictc2.com.





A New Name for a Successful Project



Lions Project Maple Leaf A project of Lions of Alberta Foundation

Lions Project Maple Leaf is an activity for Canadian Lions Clubs.

It is an opportunity to demonstrate to your community how proud you are to be a Canadian and a Lion.

How to involve your club.

Clubs should contact local school officials requesting permission to visit schools in order to present a flag of Canada and a Lions Project Maple Leaf certificate, in English or French, to Grade 1 students.

Determine the number of flags and certificates that you need.

Complete the order form, attach payment and mail to the address indicated on the form (please remember to include an email address so that a Canada Post tracking number can be provided).

Prepare for your visit.

Tell the students: who you are; your Lions Club name; what Lions do; the importance of Canada Day and our flag; wear something that identifies you as a Lion.

Things to remember.

Be positive; present flags & certificates (include teacher); ask teacher to print student's name on certificate; encourage discussion.

"The Lions of Alberta Foundation was created to facilitate a body of individuals to unite the Lions Clubs of Alberta to better serve the communities of our province."



For additional information and an order form for certificates and flags contact Lion Lynne Coulter at ldcgp@telusplanet.net

Project Maple Leaf was formerly known as Project Lions Pride and supported by the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Answers to Christmas Quiz:
1. Winnipeg 2. Eaton's Department Store 3. Love Actually 4. Australia 5. Mexico 6. Evergreen trees 7. Ebenezer 8. Jimmy Stewart 9. Coca-Cola 10. Germany 11. Canada 12. Vixen 13. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen 14. Max 15. 364.



Yes - Training Really Does Matter

PDG Suzanne Leshchyshyn has organized a number of training sessions for Lions of the Multiple District. They are not just for Lions new to positions in their clubs but also those who are not so new to the many positions and initiatives open to members. This is an opportunity to refresh knowledge about club and district responsibilities and program details.

Below are the [Zoom](#) sessions in January 2024.

Club President/Vice President Responsibilities	January 11th, 2024
Club Secretary Reporting (Membership & Service)	January 17th, 2024
Membership Chair Responsibilities	January 29th, 2024

All Lions are encouraged to participate in the sessions.

Each session starts at 7:00pm MST.

All sessions are free of charge and are about one hour in length.

Let your District Coordinator know if you plan to attend and get the zoom link.

District C-1

Global Leadership Team
Lion Thomas Varghese
gltlionthomas@gmail.com

District C-2

Global Leadership Team
Lion Anne Kennedy
dc2glt@gmail.com

Additional topics coming soon:

Lions Portal
Cub Program
Starting a new club
Branch club



**Justice Brian Stevenson
EMERGING LEADER
AWARD**

**Deadline for Applications
December 26th, 2023**

Qualifications for Candidates

- * A Lion for at least 5 years
- * Good attendance for 3 of the last 5 yrs.
 - * Dues paid in club
- * Club in good financial standing
- * Lion of high moral character
 - * One candidate per club
- * Lion can receive award only once.

For applications go to:
lionsofdistrictc2.com



**Why do these
plants appear
every
December?**

It isn't a secret, but just a lost story. The Poinsettia was widely used in Aztec rituals and revered for its strength and beauty. It was also used in medicines and potents with many legends and stories associated with the plant's wondrous power. It wasn't until the late 1820s when seeds of the poinsettia were brought back into the US. The then US Ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsett, who was also a botanist, was so enamored with the beauty of the wildly growing plant that he brought the seeds back to his greenhouses for cultivation. William Prescott, a historian, horticulturalist and friend of Poinsett, received some of the seeds as a gift and in time named the resulting plants Poinsettias after his good friend. The rest is history.



'Twas Some Time Before Christmas



'Twas two weeks before Christmas and all through their dens
Lions working without pausing making certain that their ends
Are met before Christmas their communities to serve
Bringing warmth, food and pleasure, all lives to conserve.

Mother Nature 's not been easy our planet to preserve
Perhaps a message due to all that will more than unnerve.
But our Lions seem to " get it " and along with their clubs
Looking further than their dens searching want with their cubs.

Searching lonely and hungry and weak those to find
Bringing love, joy, and comfort to those souls of mankind.

" It is what we do " is the oft ' heard refrain
World wide and near by our efforts sustain.

Our leaders are urging - " You be the change! "
Not left to another, not left disarranged.
Be creative, be thoughtful, be aware of the plight
Of all living things those in hiding and plain sight.

Let ' s re-plant those trees, clean water create,
Bring back all those songbirds and creatures of late.
A balance created so our planet once again
Can flourish, can support all life to remain.

CLERC works among us world vision is their aim
With support of all Lions both hands-on and with gain.
Our Foundation heeds the call world disasters to attend
Our donations to both more good works will extend.

Around our own district, this darkest time of year
Dens are flooded with ideas a few of them here.
Carstairs Lions creating hampers with gifts to overflowing,
Calgary North Hill serving dinners at Drop-In Centre going.

Toys for women ' s shelter Community View Lions are collecting
While cooking skills for Calgary Kids, Heritage Lions are perfecting.
Olds harvesting potatoes for their Sonnenberg Christmas dinner
Bringing joy and peace and wonder the Festival of Lights
no doubt a winner.

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 ever ready - to Serve, to Believe.

*Safe & Joyous Celebrations
Happy New Year 2024
Lion Carol Hassell*

