

September  
2023

## News from District C-2



### “Be The Change!”



I want to personally thank-you, our great Lions and their families, for the service that you provide to your community, our district and by extension our world. Because of your hard

work, the world is a better place. Where there is a need...there is a Lion!!

International President Patty Hill 's theme is “Changing the World”

In order to *Be The Change*, we first must believe change is possible. Other Lions are here to support you at the club and district levels. Collaborate. We do our best work as a team. Work with community leaders and other service organizations to address the biggest problems facing our communities. Collaboration makes change happen faster. Lead the way. Lions and Leos lead by example. We show the world what is possible when people care about their communities and when kindness is the goal. Lead the way and others will join you.

Every year membership is an issue. This year *Mission 1.5* is the program being promoted by President Hill. The goal is 1.5 million members by the end of 2027. I have no doubt this district and your club will *be the change* to reach this goal.



President Hill has challenged us to *be the change* in keeping with her theme “Changing the World”. Year after year we hear from our International President that we have to increase our membership numbers. This is true, but how we get there is up to you. Over one million members is a lofty goal and one that sounds very ominous. One member at a time is the way to go. Don't stress out about adding many members at one time.... let's concentrate on one at a time.

With that goal in mind, I'm proposing Initiative One plus One. Let's make our goal that by the end of the Lion year your club has a net gain of one member. I have long believed that if you are a good person, you will attract good people. Good people equal good members. Take a look around and ask the people in your lives to join our great organization.

The other part of the initiative is that by the end of the year your club completes one more service activity than they did last year. Many of our clubs, due partly to the casino funds we receive, have become more of a cheque writing club than a service club. Service activities attract public attention and hopefully public attention will attract additional members. We are as strong as our weakest link so please be the strong link in your club's chain.

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#### December 2023 Newsletter

Deadline for submissions is  
Sunday, December 10th, 2023.

#### WANTED!

The Lion that won the Early Bird Draw at the 2023 C-2 Convention in Drumheller for a free Registration at the 2024 convention - - please contact

PDG Dennis Stevenson  
stevensonddennis19@gmail.com

#### Convention Dates 2023-2024

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

February 23/24, 2024  
District C-1 Drayton Valley

April 26/27, 2024  
MD C Lethbridge



## “Be The Change!” cont.



Every year the sitting DG is able to select a charity that is close to their heart and then asks the clubs in the District to support it with a cash contribution of the club’s choice. This year I have selected the Alberta Children’s Hospital, specifically the Hospice Unit better known as the Rotary Flames House. The other area of support is the Pediatric Critical Care Transport Team. The Hospice provides support for patients and families as the young child enters the final stages of their life. It also provides support programs and assistance well before the final stages of life. The Pediatric Critical Care Transport Team basically operates like a “mini STARS” They provide transportation of critical patients to the Children’s Hospital for patients that require more intense supervision than would be provided from a normal paramedic team. Donations for either area can be taken directly from your casino account. You can send your donations directly to myself or the ACH. Please indicate in the memo section what area you would like to support. If we reach a certain donation goal, we will have our name put on their Wall of Fame at the time of the official cheque presentation.

Lions is the best kept secret in the world. In order to drag us out of the shadows, our cabinet will now have the best

one-two punch in an attempt to shine a light onto our good works. In our district, we have access to a district newsletter which not only provides information from the district, but also from the Multiple District and LCI. The quarterly newsletter also focuses on individual Lions clubs and how they are serving their communities. The newsletter editor can provide assistance to clubs in developing posters and announcements that will be circulated to all clubs in our district. In addition, the district now has a social media chairperson who will post club activities as well as event information to district social media accounts. Have a look at district C-2 Lions on Facebook and add your club’s events and services.

Please feel free to call on myself or any member of cabinet if we can assist you in any way. Lions helping Lions.

Thank you again for all that you do and for the friendship and kindness you have shown Leslie and I over the past year. It’s an honour to serve next to you and I look forward to celebrating our many successes with you.

*District Governor 2023-2024  
Kevin Gibbons*



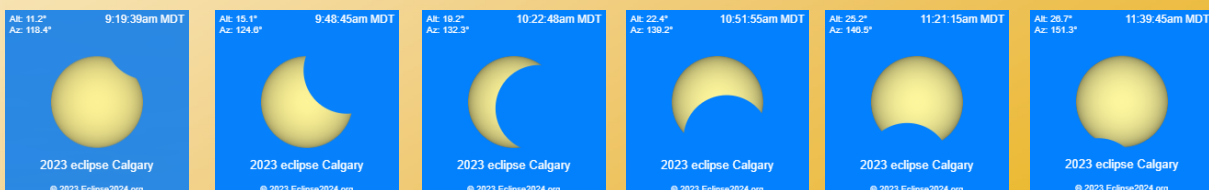
## An Eclipse is Coming to Calgary! Saturday, October 14th 9:19am to 11:39am.

An Annular Solar Eclipse will cross North, Central and South America on this date.

There are four types of solar eclipses—total, annular, partial, and hybrid. The one on October 14th is an annular solar eclipse. This happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth and when it is at or near its farthest point from Earth. Because the Moon is farther away from Earth, it appears smaller than the Sun and does not completely cover the Sun. As a result, the Moon appears as a dark disk on top of a larger, bright disk, creating what looks like a ring around the Moon. In Calgary, only 60-70% of the eclipse will be seen because of its path across north America. The closest place to see the annular eclipse in its entirety is Southern Oregon. Below illustrates how the Moon will pass across the Sun in Calgary.

For more information than you will ever need on solar eclipses, go to [solarsystem.nasa.gov](http://solarsystem.nasa.gov)

Fascinating is an understatement!





## Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

### Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

#### Lions Leadership Camp Takes Action



The Lions Leadership Camp is a program of the Calgary North Hill Lions Club. Lion Tony Prettegiani is the camp registrar & chairman and has been the igniting force behind the yearly camp since 2013. This camp was held in 2023 at the Lions Youth Camp near Cremona Alberta. Until this year, the Camp was held in Waterton Valley. However the Camp facility was continuing to undergo rebuilding since the fires a few years ago in the Waterton area.

“After 3 years, it was great to be able to offer this camp program again to a combination of International Youth Exchange students ( 8 ) and local youth ( 7 ) from

Turner Valley ( 2 Leos ) in the south, Calgary ( 4 ) and Spruce View ( 1 ). It was a smaller group than pre covid but it was a start! The format stayed the same as years past with lessons in the morning, community and team building activities in the afternoon and presentations, roundtable discussions and camp fires in the evening. I would like to thank the leaders who volunteered their time to be at camp or come up for the day to do presentations: Lion David Saxby, Ali Skalk ( alumni from 2013 ) Wally Kozac ( Olympic Hockey Coach ), Lion Adam Kolozetti, Cheryl Neufeld and Fran Prettegiani. I would also like to thank the Springbank Lions Club for providing their bus for the week 's activities. ”

*Lion Tony Prettegiani*



Lions Leadership Camp participants took part in a community service project. This year, with the assistance of 2nd VDG Leslie Cunningham, they travelled to Carstairs Alberta and assisted in the recovery cleanup after the tornados that damaged many homes in the area. VDG Leslie reported that the community was extremely grateful for the enthusiasm the young leaders displayed in such difficult circumstances—30 degree temperature with no shade or nearby conveniences.

Information on the 2024 Lions Leadership Camp can be found at  
[lionsleadershipcamp.ca](https://lionsleadershipcamp.ca)





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#### Magrath Lions Club



For the 19th consecutive year the Magrath Lions Club is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. Boxes and packing information can be picked up at the Magrath Pharmacy any time during regular business hours starting 19th Oct and must be turned in by **6pm Friday 17th Nov 2023** (the last day we accept collections here in Magrath).

Typical items for the boxes include simple things like a toothbrush, facecloth, school supplies and a few small toys and gifts. Completed boxes can be dropped off at the Magrath Pharmasave collection area and the Magrath Lions Club arranges the delivery to the Lethbridge drop off site.

Thank you for your participation and Merry Christmas to all!



#### Cowley Lions Club

Cowley Lions were busy curing the summer with service and fundraising activities.

- July 15th - a garage sale was held at the Cowley Lions
- Castle River Campground for local members and campers, always enjoyed by all.
- August 9<sup>th</sup> – our club served a pancake breakfast at the Pincher Creek Hospital parking lot to approx. 100 people. The event was held in partnership with the Pincher Creek Rural Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Society
- August 19<sup>th</sup> - our club served a pancake breakfast after the Pincher Creek Parade to approx. 390 people
- August 19<sup>th</sup> evening – our club did bartending for a beautiful wedding reception held at the Cowley Lions Castle River Campground Stockade. Wonderful event, enjoyed by family and friends.



In September, the club made 2 donations—\$1,000 to LCIF earmarked for the Morocco earthquake disaster, and \$1,000 to Lions Quest towards Education & Learning.

Our club members spend many hours volunteering at the Cowley Lions Castle River Campground with development of new sites, clean up and upgrades. Currently there are approx. 100 camping sites. Cowley Lions Club has reported approx. **1065 volunteer hours** for all club events, meetings, fundraisers and activities for the months of July and August and up to September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Cowley Lions Club will be celebrating 60 years and we are planning a Charter Night Celebration which will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Cowley Hall. We will keep everyone informed as the date gets closer, we look forward to inviting the Southern C2 District Clubs to help us celebrate !





# Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

## Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

### Beiseker Lions Club

**Beiseker Lions Club**  
**Country Fair**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** **PARADE SHOW & SHINE**  
**KIDS ZONE** **Taijgate Market** **CONCESSION**  
**TAE KWON DO** **4-H** **SLO-PITCH TOURNY**  
**SENIOR'S PIE & COFFEE SHOW** **Beer Gardens**  
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & Sale** **BBQ Beef Supper**  
**GRAND BOARD DEDICATION** **FAMILY DANCE**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**  
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 \* Richardson Pioneer \* Larry Martin of Maxwell Capital Realty



## BEISEKER LIONS **STARS** Foundation

### 8th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Thursday, August 10, 2023

**Muirfield Lakes GOLF CLUB**  
 Lyalta, 20 minutes east of Calgary

MISSIONS 2020/1 - 1436  
 Average 8 missions per day  
 Over 45,000 since 1985



**STARS**  
 SHOCK TRAUMA AIR RESCUE SERVICE  
 FOUNDATION

Gold Sponsor  
  
 ProPlan Financial Group

Registration Fee \$190.00  
 Charitable Receipt \$80.00-\$90.00  
 Roast Beef Dinner Buffet  
 Registration from 11:00 AM  
 Texas Scramble Starts 12:30 PM

18 Holes of Great Golf  
 Power Cart  
 Prizes  
 Texas Mickey Raffle  
 50/50 Raffle  
 Auction (Cash/Chq/Credit Card)

All Proceeds to STARS  
 Gross Proceeds to Date \$160,000

The Beiseker Lions Club, besides being involved in the organization of very successful community events, has also supported a number of organizations with funding. The August 10th STARS Golf resulted in a \$25,000 donation to STARS; the local Fire Department received \$5,000 for new equipment; the Beiseker Dog Park received \$1,000; and the Irricana Beiseker soccer league received \$1,000.

### Medicine Hat Community View Lions Club



The Medicine Hat Community View Lions Club held its final barbecue of the summer at Rattlesnake Lake on Sept. 3 from noon to 6 p.m.

The club holds these events throughout the summer to raise funds, which are donated back to the community.

The barbecue was held at the Lakeview Site in Golden Sheaf Park, near the dock and playground by the lake. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, fries, poutine, soft drinks and bottled water were available for purchase. Square payment system was available so patrons can use debit or credit cards.

“ Our club members have enjoyed hosting fundraising barbecues at Golden Sheaf Park again this summer, ” stated Nancy Crowley.

“ The turnout has been excellent and we very much appreciate the warm welcome and support we have received from the park patrons and staff. Sunday Sept 3 will be our final barbecue of the season and we are already looking forward to returning next year. ”

*Taken from the Medicine Hat News.*



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## Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

### Calgary North Hill Lions Club



Every Spring, the North Hill Lions club hosts an evening for the organizations that the club donates support to that assist our community to thrive.

2023 was no exception. On May 29th, the tables were set, the dinner was simmering, and the guests were arriving to enjoy good company, good food, and needed support.

That evening, the club donated \$59,000 to 17 organizations. It was a very active, energetic evening with those present learning more about the events and service projects of the North Hill Club, and club members learning even more about the organizations they have chosen to support.



President David Saxby, Lion Evan Hamilton and Nana.



Lion David, Lions Linda Powell and Dr. Greg Powell.

Groups that received donations from the North Hill Lions Club: Arthritis Society of Alberta, STARS (picture above right), Lions Festival of Lights, Calgary Lions Village Society, Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, Calgary Boys Choir Society, CLERC, Disabled Sailing Assoc. of Alberta, Lions Youth Camp, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Walk (picture above left), Ride for Dad, Veterans Assoc. Food Bank, Two Wheel View, the Kirby Centre, Rise Calgary, I Can For Kids and In From The Cold. Earlier in the year, donations were also made to Meals On Wheels, Lions Cavalcade, and the Salvation Army totaling \$12,500.



**A N N O U N C E M E N T**

Calgary North Hill Lions Club is pleased to announce the commitment to  
**Lions Foundation of Canada Building Fund**  
 in the amount of \$50,000 over the next 5 years.  
 The first \$10,000 was forwarded in the Spring of this year with the remaining commitment forwarded in the amount of  
**\$10,000 for each of the next 4 years.**  
 As a consequence of our donation, the **Veterinary Clinic** in the new building will bear our club name.  
**We are honoured and excited!**





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### Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

#### Chestermere Lions Club

#### Rockyford Lions Club

**ROCKYFORD RODEO**  
64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL - JULY 28 & 29

**Friday**  
Slack 12:30pm  
Mutton Bustin & Mini Wild Pony 6pm  
Rodeo 7pm

**Saturday**  
Free Pancake Breakfast 7:00am  
Parade 10:00am  
Rodeo 12:30pm  
Local events following rodeo  
BBQ Beef Supper 5:30pm  
Cabaret (all ages) 9:00pm

**Admission**  
Friday:  
Adults \$25  
12yrs & under free  
Saturday:  
Adults \$30  
12yrs & under free  
Weekend Family Pass \$200

**Stampede Wrestling Saturday 7pm**

Information: 403-901-6650 • 403-901-6408  
or go to [www.rockyford.ca/residents/rodeo](http://www.rockyford.ca/residents/rodeo)  
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Under the guidance of Lions Club President Dan Munro and enthusiastic support of members of the Lions Club, the Rockyford Rodeo had another awesome rodeo.

"The goal is to get a lot of local kids involved with the mutton busting, their parents get to have fun watching their kids do the event and then they get to enjoy the professional show as well. All the people that helped put on the event are all locals, we're all there and we enjoy seeing the kids in our community have some fun as well."

There were activities for everyone: free pancake breakfast, parade, cabaret, featuring live music from Drew Gregory, and a wrestling performance to name a few.

"It's been so professionally done for so many years and it's the dedication of not just past Lions members organizing it and the current members, but also the community that steps up to help us put it on for all those years."

*Quotes from Club President Dan Munro  
Strathmore NOW article.*



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#### Nanton & District Lions Club

NANTON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB  
**50/50 RAFFLE**  
 HELP US BUILD THE CAMPGROUND  
 PLAYGROUND

**DRAW SAT. SEPT 30, 2023**  
 PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

[HTTPS://WWW.RAFFLEBOX.CA/RAFFLE/NANTONLIONSCLUB](https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nantonlionsclub)

You could be the winner!!

Players must reside in Alberta, be 18 years or older, and use a major credit card, Visa Debit or MasterCard Debit.

Credit cards used for payment must have an Alberta address.

Tickets will be available online and sold at a rate of:

- 1 for \$5 – 200 tickets available
- 5 for \$20 – 300 packages available
- 20 for \$50 – 100 packages available
- 100 for \$100 – 80 packages available

Ticket sales will end on Friday, September 29th at 11:59AM with the draw taking place at the Nanton Memorial Community Hall on September 30. The winner will receive a cash prize of 50% of ticket sales up to a maximum of \$10,000.

All ticket numbers will be emailed to ticket purchasers by the registered Electronic Raffle Supplier (ERS) (Rafflebox).

A physical ticket will not be mailed out for this draw.

The winner will be determined by a random draw utilizing an Alberta Gaming Liquor Commission (AGLC) registered Electronic Raffle Supplier (ERS) Random Number Generator (RNG).

The winner will be contacted by phone and email. The winner has 90 days to claim their prize, a second draw from the same numbers will occur after 90 days if the prize goes unclaimed.

Draw results will appear under the "Winners" tab found on the main raffle page.

By playing you consent to having your name and winning numbers published.

*Submitted by Lion Morgan Southgate*





# Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

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### Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions Club

#### Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions support Vista Village Resident Council

Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions were at the Good Samaritan Society 's Vista Village in Pincher Creek on September 6<sup>th</sup> to serve ice-cream sundaes, cookies, tea and coffee to the residents. This is a monthly service activity. While we were there, we presented a cheque for \$200 to the Resident Council Fund for their "Santa 's Helpers " fund. This donation will go towards purchasing Christmas gifts for approximately 85 residents. The gifts are very meaningful because the staff members purchase gifts knowing the needs and wants of the residents.

Picture below:  
Treasurer Nancy Schatz presents cheque to Good Samaritan Society Vista Village Council Fund.



Picture Below:  
Lions Bonnie Conrad, Nancy Schatz, Alice Cook and Barb Tomik getting the ice cream sundaes ready to serve to the residents of Vista Village.



### October 31st, 2023

One of the least understood of traditions, the last evening in October, has its roots in the Celtic culture of thousands of years ago. It was

a celebration of the end of harvest and the beginning of a new year.

The belief was that at that time, the veil between the worlds of the living and dead was unusually thin resulting in an ease of connecting with those who have passed. Bonfires and lanterns were kept lit in order to ward off any untoward spirits and ghosts that may transverse the veil.

As centuries passed, the original tradition morphed into an assortment of added characteristics. "Mumming " developed in Old England which was the precursor of Trick or Treat. The use of carved pumpkins originated with Irish immigrants in the US. In Ireland, demonic faces were carved out of turnips to frighten away spirits. Pumpkins were more plentiful in the US so they were used instead.

On and on it goes. Much can be found on how all the other aspects of today 's celebration have their roots in cultures of long ago.



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## Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

### Calgary Wildrose Leos Club

#### Calgary Wildrose Leos on the Go at the 6<sup>th</sup> Forum



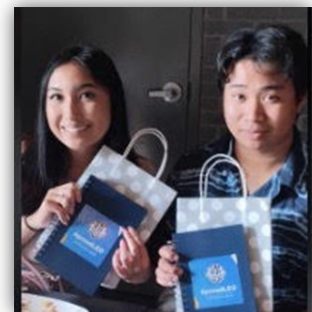
The 6<sup>th</sup> USA-Canada Leo Leadership Forum held in Rockford, Illinois USA last August 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> was another successful event that led hundreds of young American and Canadian Leos to gain valuable experience and knowledge on the true spirit of volunteerism and humanitarian service.

The forum created an ambience of new-found friendships and strong bond amongst the youth of America and Canada to which our very own Leos of the Calgary Wildrose Lions Club experienced.

We are very thankful that our Club was able to send off two of our Leos to join alongside with the Li 'l Legendary Leos of the Foothills Lions Club of Black

Diamond, Alberta. Together with these fellow Albertans, the Lions from Wildrose and Foothills were both represented.

The participants of the Wildrose Leo Club Miss Rica Delos Reyes and Mr. Sean Gascon were both thrilled and super excited as they were sent off by their fellow Leo Club members led by their President Leo Nikki Baltan and the current Leo-Lion Board Liaison Alicia Kiri Beer from a simple get-together and celebration at Rec Room last July 29<sup>th</sup>.



The experience according to them is something they would both have in their hearts forever. Not only that they have created great memories, they also have learned the value of sincere leadership and service. Volunteerism is now something they would like to further develop and adopt in their lifetime. Kudos to these youngsters for embracing the positive effect of all the core values that Lions International promotes.

May this be a constant reminder for all Leos and Lions the essence of what we pursue as effective members of our Society. Let our vision resound...

“To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding. To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.”







# Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

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### Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions Club



The West Lethbridge Lions serve monthly at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen. Picture at left show their latest soup kitchen service getting up early the morning of September 12th to deliver 106 hearty breakfasts to the Soup Kitchen's guests. The Kitchen serves hot meals three times a day every day.



On September 5th, Adam Parker was the club's guest speaker at the club's membership meeting and spoke about his experience with Ride of a Lifetime this past June. Our club supported Adam on his ride which supports Kids Cancer Care. This year the club is working on new projects to support childhood cancer.

1. Who was elected as 3rd Vice President at the 2023 International Convention in Boston?
2. When is the District C-2 Convention in 2024?
3. What is IP Dr. Patti Hill's motto for this year?
4. What celestial event occurs on October 14th, 2023?
5. Where was C-2's Lions Leadership Camp held this past July?
6. Which two towns in our district received the brunt of tornados this spring?
7. Which Lion was the driving force behind the establishment of the Olds Memorial Forest?
8. Who is the 2023-2024 Council Chair?
9. Which city in Canada has the most volunteers per capita?
10. Which international Lions event in 2030 is the MD C bidding for?
11. What are the 3 official Lions colours as established by LCI?
12. When is the next District C-2 newsletter?

**THE  
QUIZ  
IS  
BACK!  
ANSWERS  
ARE DOWN  
SIDE UP  
SOMEWHERE.**





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**Diabetes** 14th Annual  
**Awareness** 2023  
**Strides WALK**  
**November 12th**

Join West Lethbridge Lions  
in a Walk for Diabetes and learn about  
living with diabetes

Being held at the  
University oval track in the Wellness Centre  
Starting 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Download Pledge Forms Here  
[www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/lethbridgewest](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/lethbridgewest)  
[facebook.com/pages/Lethbridge-West-Lions-Club/1004639719550523](https://facebook.com/pages/Lethbridge-West-Lions-Club/1004639719550523)  
Diabetes Partnerships and Resources

**DIABETES CANADA**

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](mailto:lionpauline@gmail.com)**

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

**GREEN CAPES**  
2024 DOG GUIDE PUPPY CALENDAR  
CALENDRIER DES FUTURS CHIENS-GUIDES

In support of  
**DOGGUIDES**  
au soutien de

INCLUDES SEPT. TO DEC. 2023 AT A GLANCE  
COMPREND SEPT. À DEC. 2023 EN UN COUP D'ŒIL

To order calendars for your club to sell and for information on the initiative, go to: [greencapesforlions.com](http://greencapesforlions.com)



## Lions International News Global Causes Update

In addition to the many ways Lions serve locally, we also work together to support global causes. This year, Lions Clubs International will be aligning their global causes with the focus areas of Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCI's global causes will increase from five to eight.

### Childhood Cancer



Globally, 400,00 have been diagnosed with cancer. Nine in ten diagnosed children live in low to middle income countries.

30% of children with cancer in low and middle income countries survive compared to greater than 80% in high income countries.

### Disaster Relief



90% of all disasters are water related.

25.3 million people are displaced each year by sudden disasters.

Annual economic losses are estimated at over \$250 billion.

### Diabetes



An estimated 463 million adults across the world are living with diabetes, and it is increasing rapidly. By 2045, the number is expected to reach 700 million.

### Humanitarian



15% of the world's population experience disability, the prevalence being higher for developing countries. More than 190 million experience significant disability. 20 million people need hospice care annually—3 million receive it.

### Hunger



815 million people affected by hunger in 2016 which is 11% of the global population. 155 million children under age five are stunted due to chronic malnutrition.

One third of annual food production is lost or wasted throughout the supply chain.

### Youth



Focus is to improve access to quality education, vital health services, and positive youth development for young people around the world.

One in three students reports being cyberbullied. 20% report skipping school because of it or violence. Reading scores and bullying are directly correlated.

### Vision



253 million people are blind or have moderate to severe distance vision impairment. 1.1 billion have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses. 89% of people with visual impairment live in developing countries.

### Environment



12 million hectares of forest are destroyed each year. 6-7 million premature deaths annually caused by air pollution. 17 million metric tons of plastic entered the ocean in 2021. Projected to double or triple by 2040. On third amount of generated waste is not safely managed.

Additional information on these eight Global Causes can be found on the Lions website at [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org).



# Lions International News LCICon 2023 Boston

As our Multiple District 's two 2023-2024 District Governors begin their year of leadership and guidance, they first attend the LCI Convention in Boston to be officially sworn in.

From July 7th to 11th, DGEs Kevin Gibbons and David Leshchyshyn attended the many sessions that would enable them to perform their responsibilities with the greatest success. Of course, accompanying the two DGs to keep them focused and on track, PDG Suzanne Leshchyshyn and Lion Leslie also attended the Convention.



The Parade of Nations Saturday morning is always an awe inspiring event. Taking part in the Alberta contingent are (from left ) Dr. Patti Hill, C-1 District Governor Dave Leshchyshyn and C-1 PDG Suzanne Leshchyshyn.



Picture on right:  
Lion Leslie, District Governor Kevin, Lion Pamela Lee, International Director Bob Lee.  
ID Bob Lee is the international guest at District C-2 's Convention on February 9/10, 2024.







# Lions International News



There 's an old saying - It 's the journey, not the destination. Changing the world is a journey. There 's no middle and no end. There is, however, a beginning.

With every small act of service, you contribute one step towards change. It 's up to each of us to simply begin. Like rain filling a bucket, we can change the world one drop at a time.

In fact, we are all changing the world with every decision we make. Truly meaningful changes will occur when we are intentional about the *kind* of changes we want to make. When we strive to make positive changes—in our lives and in the lives of others—we put *good* into the world.

Lions have been doing our part to change the world for more than 100 years. In every project we do, with every donation we make, we contribute to positive change in our communities. As we fill our own buckets, our communities rise with us. We are all connected. When we see that connection,

boundaries and barriers disappear. We realize that while global challenges may seem daunting, there is always a place where we can begin. The place is here. The time is now.

Our world is a beautiful place. Let the rain fall. Drop by drop, fill your bucket. Help those around you fill theirs. Every day, in big ways and in small, let 's serve to make our world an even better place for all.

**International President Dr. Patti Hill**

## Lions International Executive Team



**International President**  
Dr. Patti Hill  
Edmonton,  
Alberta, Canada



**Immediate Past International President**  
Brian Sheehan  
Bird Island, MN,  
USA



**International First Vice President**  
Fabricio Oliveira  
Catole do Rocha  
PB, Brazil



**International Second Vice President**  
A.P. Singh  
Kolkata, WB  
India



**International Third Vice President**  
Mark S. Lyon  
Brookfield, CT  
USA

“We change the world by enriching lives through our service.  
We change the world by transforming our communities” *Dr. Patti Hill*



## Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Disaster Grant Programs

Lions worldwide continue to prioritize disaster relief as one of their most important local service activities. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) now offers a wide variety of funding options designed to support Lions-led relief efforts during the various stages of disaster relief operations. Lions are key figures in their communities and play a vital role in this process.



Lions are responsible for assessing the needs in their district to maximize their relief efforts. Depending on the needs within the community and the Lions' plan of action, expanded funding options from LCIF enable the Lions to have a greater impact in the communities where they live and serve.

### A Grant for every phase of disaster



#### Disaster & Emergency Preparedness

The **Disaster Preparedness Grant** is for Lions districts interested in partnering with local authorities and other community organizations to plan and prepare for *future* relief efforts. The goal is to determine the Lions' role in the community before the disaster strikes.

- Grants available in amounts of US\$5,000 – US\$10,000
- Districts may apply once in a three year period; clubs may not apply
- Local funds must account for 10% of the grant request
- Must be applied for in advance of a disaster
- Priority will be given to districts susceptible to regular and repeated natural disasters and those that appoint ALERT Chairpersons (or equivalent position).
- Funds must be spent within 6 months of receipt
- The request must detail how the Lions' project supports the community's overall local emergency and disaster preparedness plan

#### What types of activities are eligible?

Lions participation in local emergency response and ALERT training programs; stockpiling of key materials and supplies for future response including assembly of ALERT kits; advance support for first responders, food banks, medical facilities and shelters; outreach activities to community preparedness, education and awareness.

#### Immediate Needs

The **Emergency Grant** is for Lions districts interested in addressing the immediate needs of disaster victims in the wake of a natural disaster.

- Grants available in amounts of US\$5,000 – US\$10,000
- District Governor must apply **within 30 days** of the disaster's occurrence; clubs may not apply
- At least 100 people need to be impacted and/or displaced by the disaster
- Funds must be spent within 30 days of receipt
- The request must detail the Lions' plan of action for their active involvement in providing immediate relief aid to disaster victims.

**What types of activities are eligible?** The purchase and distribution of basic necessities, such as food, water, clothing, blankets, first-aid items, and cleaning supplies.





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## Short-Term Relief Services

The **Community Recovery Grant** is for Lions districts interested in supporting short-term clean-up and repair efforts when other organizations have already met immediate needs. The relief effort will focus on a smaller or specific population among those impacted by the disaster.

- Grants available in amounts up to US\$20,000
- District Governor must apply **within 60 days** of the disaster's occurrence; clubs may not apply
- Districts may apply once in a 6 month period
- At least 100 people need to be impacted and/or displaced by the disaster
- Construction projects are not eligible
- Funds must be spent within 60 days of receipt.

The request must detail the Lions' plan of action based on their assessment of short-term needs; including a budget and timeline.

### What types of activities are eligible?

The purchase of equipment and supplies for debris removal; equipment and materials for minor repair and refurbishment of groups of homes, medical facilities, schools and other public institutions; coordination of blood drives; and temporary/mobile eye care clinics for disaster victims to replace lost glasses.

## Long-term Construction/Equipment

The **Standard Grant** is for Lions districts interested in rebuilding or equipping vital public facilities, such as schools, medical facilities, and centers for the elderly and disabled that were damaged by a natural disaster. This is a matching grant opportunity requiring local funding from the Lions. The grant range is US\$10,000 - US\$100,000. Additional criteria apply. Please refer to the Standard Grant Criteria and Application.

## Important Points

There is a separate grant application and criteria for each type of grant. Other criteria apply.

Districts may apply for either an Emergency Grant or Community Recovery Grant, but not both.

Disaster funds may not be handed over to another agency, group or organization. The Lions must lead the projects or relief efforts..

A final report is required upon the completion of the grant project. Failure to submit the report in a timely manner may impact the district's eligibility to obtain future grants.



Lahaina  
Island of Maui



# Meet Your District Zone Chairs 2023-2024

## Zone 1



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## Zone 3



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## Zone 4



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## Zone 6



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#### Clubs in Zone

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## Zone 7



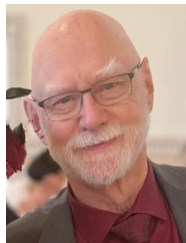
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## Zone 8



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## Zone 9



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## Zone 10



### Raquel Garalde

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## Zone 11



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## Zone 12



### Holly Bandelow

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## Zone 14



### Gerald Gaede

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

### 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.





# Your District Cabinet 2023-2024

## Executive Team



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**District Secretary**—Melanie Dueck

## Committee Chairs

**Alberta Grants**—Leela Aheer  
**Constitution & Bylaws**—Gordon Prusky  
**Convention Chair**—Dennis Stevenson  
**Dist. Administrator**—Brent Johnson  
**Historian**—Eric Buttle  
**LCIF**—Jessie Irion  
**Leo Clubs**—Ivy Gregoire  
**Lions of AB Foundation**—Les Storch  
**Newsletter**—Carol Hassell  
**Social Media**—Jade Unrau  
**Youth Exchange**—Brad Walls

**Advisor**—Justice Brian Stevenson  
**Convention Advisor**—Cathy Anderson  
**Convention Reg.**—Holly Bandelow  
**Environment**—Jason Isaman  
**Hunger**—Romani Lalani  
**Leo Advisor**—Syed Hasnain  
**LFC Dog Guides**—Catherine Heberle  
**Lions of AB Foundation**—Tyler Bray  
**Past District Governor**—Darryl Rawleigh  
**Vision**—James Lee

**Childhood Cancer**—Estrella Delos Reyes  
**Convention Advisory**—Kim Simpson  
**Diabetes**—Alan Balson  
**Health/Mental Wellness**—Regina Holdenried  
**Information Technology**—Trent Leinenweber  
**Leo Chair**—Kiri Beer  
**Lions Quest**—Bill Stecewicz  
**New Voices**—Amy Tesfai  
**Peace Poster**—Cheryle Posadas  
**Youth Camp**—Glenn Robertson

## Global Action Team



**Global Extension Team (GET)**  
PDG Don Edy



**Global Leadership Team (GLT)**  
Anne Kennedy



**Global Membership Team (GMT)**  
PDG Darryl Rawleigh



**Global Service Team (GST)**  
Henry Czarnota



Where the Warm Breezes Blow . . .

**aloha**

**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.

**Receive**

special recognition of your club through sponsoring one of many aspects of convention activities.

Sponsorships range from \$200 to \$1,000.

**Participate**

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

**a 'ike iā 'oe ma laila**

Watch for the Registration Form coming soon!





# Great Opportunity for Clubs!

## Shine a Light on your Lions Club. Become a Convention Sponsor.



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

All sponsors will be acknowledged by the Convention Chair during the convention. As well, some sponsorships have additional recognition as shown below.

### Sponsorship Categories

- \$50 Individual Sponsorships**  
For Convention support.
- \$200 Friday Night Prizes**  
Sponsor recognized at time of presentation.
- \$250 Table Sweets**
- \$400 Registration Bags**  
Sponsor name on every bag.
- \$400 Centrepieces for DG's Banquet**  
Card on table acknowledging sponsor.
- \$500 3 Programs (Convention, Cel. of Life, DG Banquet)**  
Sponsor's name will appear on each program.
- \$500 Morning Coffee Break - 2 sponsorships**  
Sign on table naming the sponsors.
- \$500 Afternoon coffee Break - 2 sponsorships**  
Sign on table naming the sponsors.
- \$1,000 Friday Night Refreshments - 2 sponsorships**  
Sign on table naming the sponsors.

**If you wish to be a sponsor of one of the categories, contact:**

Lion Carol Hassell, [chassell@shaw.ca](mailto:chassell@shaw.ca)

If you or your club are considering sponsorship - don't wait. Sponsorships are accepted on a first come basis. A Club may sponsor in more than one category.



## Emerging Leader Award

### October 9th, 2023 Thanksgiving Day

Throughout human existence evidence of “thanks ” in a variety of forms is not difficult to find. Depending on the culture and location, the celebration can vary in the time of the year—but always centered around the source of sustenance.

Fast forward to relatively recent history. The first Canadian Thanksgiving was reportedly held in 1578 by the English explorer Martin Frobisher in what is now Newfoundland. His expedition was attempting to travel through the northwest passage when they landed on the shores of the New World. They gave thanks for their safe passage and the abundance of available food that the land offered.

It wasn't until 1957 that the Canadian government finally chose the second Monday in October as the official date for a nation-wide celebration of thanks. The day was chosen as it was generally the end of Canadian harvesting and prior to the cold of winter.

Our neighbours to the south base their Thanksgiving date mainly around the arrival of pilgrims on the Mayflower in 1621. However, as in Canada, the actual day of celebration changed a number of times before, in 1941, the fourth Thursday in November was settled in the United States as their federal holiday.

Many Lions clubs globally provide free Thanksgiving meals in their communities. It is an ideal time for Lions to remember those who are less fortunate and without the means to enjoy not only the meal but the company of others.



This award was brand new in 2023. Justice Brian does not have a District award named after him. Last year's cabinet wanted to locally recognize his many Lionistic achievements that are legendary.

Many times in our clubs, potential leaders are not recognized at the District level for their early accomplishments. With an award such as the Emerging Leader Award we felt we would urge the district to honour present and future Lion leaders. The criteria was suggested to PIP Brian and he agreed.

Early proven leadership skills, good club attendance, and high moral character are stressed. There is no cost to the Lion or club for this award. The main focus was emerging leaders with less than 5 years in Lions. It was well received the first year.

The award is presented in front of your fellow Lions at our C 2 Convention.

Now is the time to nominate a Lion.

See the Registration form on the next page.

*Contributed by  
Gordon Prusky PDG*

### Sunday November 5th

#### “ Spring forward, Fall back ”

Daylight savings lasts for a total of 34 weeks ( 238 days ) every year, or about 65 % of the entire year. It always begins on the 2nd Sunday in March and ends on the 1st Sunday in November.



# Emerging Leader Award Registration



District C-2  
Past International President  
Justice Brian Stevenson  
EMERGING LEADER AWARD



## APPLICATION FORM

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

### Candidate's Qualifications:

1. Been a Lion for a maximum of 5 years
2. Good attendance for 3 of the last 5 years
3. Is in good financial standing in your club that is also in good financial standing
4. Is a Lion of high moral character
5. Lion can win once only and only one candidate per club.

### Offices and chairs held in the club:

President \_\_\_\_\_ (list yrs.) Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ (list yrs.)

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ (list yrs.) Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ (list yrs.)

Director \_\_\_\_\_ (list yrs.)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club projects participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments of service to the community: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments to the service of Lionism: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Club President \_\_\_\_\_ (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Club Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

**Deadline - December 26, 2023**  
Email to: Cabinet Secretary Melanie Dueck, [md403@telus.net](mailto:md403@telus.net)



## CLERC Serves the World



Dear CLERC

Our medical mission just returned from a successful trip - being able to treat over 3000 patients as a group that includes GP, ObGyn, dentistry, and optometry. We were able to bring eyecare services to 1200 of these patients. We were able to see students from the orphanage as well as the surrounding village of Ndlani but also extend to villagers that came from even 5 hrs away from the facility as there was a large need for free medical care as well as pharmaceuticals and glasses.

The majority of patients had complaints of photosensitivity as well as the need for distance and reading glasses. We were able to distribute sunglasses to 400 high school children in the MCF orphanage as well as patients who came in from the neighbouring villages. It was a gift to be able to bring sight to those in need. We were able to help a motorbiker who was a -7.00 myope and a security guard who was a -4.00 but didn't have glasses. We helped many students with glasses for school and a large portion of very grateful farmers who needed reading glasses to be able to reconnect with the bible.

The contributions from the Lions Club and the community who have donated their glasses were so very much appreciated. I have enclosed a PDF with some photos and a Thank you to you and the Lions Club that made our trip a success.

With much appreciation

Fiona Soong and the MCF Medical team.



EYESONSHEPPARD  
OPTOMETRISTS

### Don't Wait Too Long!

CLERC has released its Work Party schedule for 2023-2024 ( see below ). Clubs can book a date for their club volunteers to attend. Dates are considered on a first come, first serve basis. A maximum of 20 volunteers are allowed at one Saturday including CLERC staff. If your club numbers are small, we will have 2 clubs together which promotes fellowship within our Lions community. You will be contacted approx. one week prior to your date to confirm numbers and attendance. Please pack a lunch. We offer coffee, tea, and water. Pop is available at \$1 each.

**To book your club in for a Saturday Work Party date contact:**

**Lion James Lee, [jamio@telus.net](mailto:jamio@telus.net)**

September 23

October 14

October 28

November 4

November 25 –Filipino Lions

December 9

January 6

January 20

February 3

March 2 –Didsbury Lions &

March 16

April 6

April 20-Cochrane & Filipino Lions

May 4-Wildrose Lions

May 25

June 8

June 25





## CLERC Celebrates



CLERC held its 25th Anniversary Celebration at the CLERC Warehouse on September 9th, 2023. Those that attended represented Lion and non-Lion volunteers, clubs, and both districts as well as special guests. PIP Justice Brian Stevenson was the keynote speaker and a selection of his inspiring address is below.

“ On a hot and muggy July afternoon at the Lions International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, 1925, the International 1st Vice president, Harry Newman, a Toronto lawyer, escorted the speaker, a woman, to the podium. Her name was Helen Keller and she was accompanied by her friend Anne Sullivan.

Over the next fourteen minutes, with the assistance of Miss Sullivan, Miss Keller issued a challenge to this young nine year old service organization. That challenge set the course for one of the Lions’ major service activities—one of their 98 years—assistance to the blind and vision impaired around the world.

*“I appeal to you Lions-you who are strong and brave and kind-will you not constitute yourselves as ‘Knights of the Blind’ in this crusade against darkness?”*  
*Helen Keller, 1925*

And the Lions accepted her challenge, and over the following years have changed the lives of hundreds of millions of fellow human beings on every continent on our planet.

This Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre is one outstanding example of fulfilling our motto “We Serve” and it complements the theme of our International President this year “ Changing The World ”.

This eyeglass recycling centre is one of 19 approved Lions

centres that process used eyeglasses in the world. Others are in Australia, France, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain and there are 12 in the United States.

Since our beginnings in 1997 through June of this year we have sent over 6,300,000 pairs. Over the last 5 years CLERC has averaged shipping over 300,000 pairs annually.

In addition to the many Lion volunteers in Calgary and Southern Alberta who do the recycling, we also get many non-Lion volunteers. We also receive great assistance from inmates at the Calgary Correctional Centre who volunteer. We would also be remiss if we did not express appreciation to the many corporations and others who have assisted us over the years. Without

the assistance of our corporate and institutional partners, and our Lion and non-Lion volunteers, CLERC could not have been able to survive.

There have been quite a few Lions who I regard as ‘Giants’ - driving forces that have resulted in our success in establishing eyeglass recycling in Canada-but I want to mention just two-the late Lion Bernie Gribben, who ran the CLERC operations from 2003-2012, and Lion Darryl Rawleigh, who has been behind 90% of the operations from 2012 to present. ”



Picture top left from the right:  
 C-1 District Governor Dave Leshchyshyn, C-2 District Governor Kevin Gibbons, Zone 1 Chair Danielle Richir, David Saxby, President, Calgary North Hill Lions Club.



Picture above: CLERC Board of Directors  
 From left: Lion Glenn Robertson, Carol Hassell, James Lee, Darryl Rawleigh, Dave Leshchyshyn, Bill Stecewicz, Bill Busst, Jack Busst, Darryl Rawleigh, Anne Kennedy (in front).



## “Just Ask” Give It a Try. Submitted by Council Chair Brent Johnson

Lions International is the largest humanitarian organization in the world thanks to its 1.4 million members serving their communities in over 200 countries. This impact would be impossible without the strength and fortitude of its members. To maintain and even grow this positive impact, bringing in new members and creating new clubs is essential. Fostering a culture of recruitment at the club level ensures that new clubs and new members are excited to join the service-driven communities of Lions International.

The good news is that it can be as easy as *just asking*. The *Just Ask!* program has been designed to help clubs navigate membership growth while incorporating the Global Membership Approach. It also goes beyond recruitment. *Just Ask!* helps clubs effectively manage club growth through revitalizing membership and remotivating existing members.

### ***Just Ask!* and Global Membership Approach**

*Just Ask!* encompasses the four steps of the Global Membership Approach process. The first step is to build a team of people who are dedicated to increasing a club's membership. Once formed, the team should assess the status of their current club and the surrounding community to build a vision. It is important for your club to think about what the club wants to be and what goals the club wants to accomplish. It is important for the team to include input from all club members in the process whenever possible.

Once the vision has been set, the team needs to consider how they plan to accomplish these goals. This is about the who, what, where and when your club will begin. It is also important to consider how to approach new members in your community to learn about their interests and see how those interests can fit into your club. Once the plan is set, it is time to put it into motion. Whether this is through membership-focused events or inviting prospective members to an upcoming service event, the key to *Just Ask!* is simple: explore opportunities in your community and encourage club members to ask people they know to come and learn more about the club and how they can benefit by becoming a Lion.

### **Case Study: Multiple District C and Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions Club**

So how has this worked in action? How can Lions who are driven to grow their club and create new clubs take the first step to plan an event? Learn more? Or teach others about what *Just Ask!* has to offer?

These were some of the questions Lion leaders in Multiple District C in Canada asked themselves as they considered ways to revitalize the multiple district. As a first step, the 2022-23 district governors, Suzanne Leshchyshyn and Darryl Rawleigh, teamed up with Global



*District Governor Suzanne and Area Leader Brent facilitating the Just Ask! workshop in Olds, Alberta.*

Action Team Area Leader Brent Johnson to plan an event in central Alberta. They wanted the event to be an opportunity to actively engage with Lions.

The team of District Governor Suzanne, District Governor Darryl and GAT Area Leader Brent organized the event in Olds, Alberta so Lions in both districts had the opportunity to take part. When considering what resources would be the most effective at communicating the message of membership growth, the newly redeveloped *Just Ask!* materials were the perfect fit.

Twenty clubs were invited, 10 from each district. Invitations were sent to presidents, membership chairmen, GAT coordinators, and anyone who had an interest in equipping themselves with new skills for member recruitment. On the day of the workshop, 35 Lions took part from about a dozen different clubs in Alberta. The new *Just Ask!* resources provided opportunities for interactive conversation and brainstorming to strategize prospective member engagement. These materials facilitated worthwhile discussion and drove home the message that leadership in the multiple district is there to support clubs with growing their membership. Participants left feeling positive and motivated to reinvent recruitment and hold member events!





## “Just Ask” Give It a Try. Submitted by Council Chair Brent Johnson



The message continued to spread. In the weeks following the workshop, a fellow member in Area Leader Brent’s own club, Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions Club, brought the *Just Ask!* guide to a club meeting. This motivated the club to hold a successful membership event with seven new members being inducted, four of whom joined as a direct result of the event. Additionally, Area Leader Brent has been taking the guides to zone chair meetings around his district as well as writing pieces for his district’s quarterly newsletter to keep up the momentum. Feedback has been continually positive, and membership is now a regular part of many club agendas in the multiple district.

“I feel that the *Just Ask!* program and brochure are a couple of the best membership tools ever created by Lions International. Our members who are interested in membership growth find them easy to use and the results are proven,” said Brent Johnson, council chair elect and Constitutional Area II GAT area leader.

## Meet the Multiple District Team



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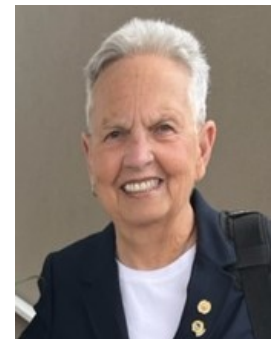
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## Welcome to Lions Who Have Joined Us in June, July, August 2023



**Beiseker Lions Club**

Richard Bischke  
Tom Schmidt

**Blackie Lions Club**

Lachlan Kliem

**Bowness Lions Club**

Kathi Farough  
Richard Welsh

**Calgary Lions Club**

Nelson A. Shepherd

**Calgary South Asian Lions Club**

Tatusha Hall  
Nicole Morrissey  
Chinelo Ogbue

**Calgary Westwind Lion Club**

Jasraj Singh Hallan

**Calgary Woodcreek Lions Club**

Corinna C. Hampson

**Carmangay Lions Club**

Rory Mcleod

**Carstairs Lions Club**

Tonya Lee Lowry

**Champion Lions Club**

Gord Dewhirst

**Cheadle Lions Club**

Kyle Panasiuk

**Chestermere Lions Club**

Lynn Giesler

**Cowley Lions Club**

Judith Snowdon

**Cremona Lions Club**

Larry Mizera

**Foothills Lions Club**

Alicia Freeman  
Bob Leslie  
Linda Leslie

**Gleichen Lions Club**

Amber Link  
Kevin Link  
Fahmi Mohamed

**Irricana Lions Club**

Maurice Dean  
Bradley Pay  
Brian Pay  
Todd Wren

**Lethbridge W. Lethbridge L.C.**

Elaine Anderson  
Ted Doucette  
Ann Neto

**Pincher-Cowley Roaring L. C.**

Sherry Akitt  
Jean Murray

**Redcliff Lions Club**

Ronald Coate

**Rockyford Lions Club**

Spencer Duhn

**Standard Lions Club**

Christopher Bergen  
Gordon Elder  
Cole McCallum  
Matthew Nielsen

### ... and honour those who have left.



**Calgary Korean Lions Club**

Paul Byungki Choi

**Calgary North Hill Lions Club**

Donald Mcleod

**Calgary Westwind Lions Club**

Carmelita Fuentes

**Irricana Lions Club**

Val Senger

**Answers to Quiz**  
1. Mark Lyon 2. February 9/10 3. Changing The World 4. Annual Solar Eclipse  
5. Lions Youth Camp, Cremona 6. Carstairs, Drumheller 7. Lion Henry Czarnota 8. PDG Brent Johnson  
9. Calgary 10. LCI Convention 11. blue, yellow, purple 12. December 2023



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