

March
2024

News from District C-2



Lions District C-2 Alberta, Canada Around the District

The new Lion Portal Is On Its Way!

Dear Lions and Leos,

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

Phased rollout for Lion Account Users

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal**. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remains the same.
- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.

**If you don't see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders for it first before contacting Member Support. Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

Information and resources

Be sure to visit lionsclubs.org/portal-updates for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion Portal – together.

Sincerely,
Sue Ben, Chief of Technology
Lions International



District C-2 Convention 2024

A special Supplement will be distributed to all Clubs in April recounting the activities, awards and hi-jinks from the February convention.
Don't miss it!

MD C Convention April 26/27 2024

To find out more about events at the Convention go to pages 19, 20, 21.





Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Calgary North Hill Lions Club

Lion Jack Green Elected to MDC Hall of Fame

It was with great pleasure that the North Hill club put forward Lion Jack 's name in nomination to the Hall of Fame.

With his election to the Hall of Fame at the District 's February 2024 Convention, Lion Jack 's 65 year contribution to Lions will be honoured.

Lion Jack 's journey into Lionism began in 1960 after being invited to participate in a Lions ' Christmas project delivering hampers to needy families. Jack became dedicated to Lionism and joined the Brandon MB Lions Club in 1960. He quickly took on the Secretary position and from 1961 to 1967 maintained that position until his move to Moose Jaw in 1967.

For the next three years, after transferring to the Moose Jaw Lions Club, Jack became immersed in Lions activities including club secretary, cabinet secretary, and club Bulletin editor. And there was no internet for the distribution of newsletters then - only the trusty, messy and noisy Gestetner machines used to print out copies!

Jack 's job continued to keep him on the move. However it never stopped him from transferring to the nearest Lions Club and continuing with his dedication to service in each community. In 1970 the move to Morden MB resulted in Jack and another Lion to form a Lions Club and he became the Charter President. A short two years later he transferred to the Dauphin Club where he, once again, took the position of president. Finally, in 1974, Jack and Shirley landed in Calgary where they have lived, worked and served in Lionism ever since.

Lion Jack will be inducted into the MDC Hall of Fame at the MDC Convention, April 27th, 2024 in Lethbridge.



The North Hill Club had a very busy and exciting meeting on February 29th, 2024. Not only was the District Governor making his official visit as well as a presentation to the club, there was a new member induction along with the welcoming of a very special visitor.

(Picture left) DG Kevin presents club president David with a Model Club award for the club 's support financially of LCIF and Campaign 100.

(Picture centre) The club welcomed Lion Umesh Thanawala from Mumbai, India who is past president of his Lions Club. Lion Umesh was in Calgary visiting family and we were very fortunate that he joined our club for a meeting.

(Picture right) Newly inducted Lion Jody (on left) pinning her sponsor Lion Grant Baker.



Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Olds Lions Club



Olds Club President Henry Czarnota presents a \$3,000 cheque to Charlene Wilson, representing the Olds & District Hospice Society. The cheque covers the cost of a bed for one month.

The Hospice Mission is to “provide quality, compassionate care in a home like setting for those facing chronic and terminal illness by offering physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual and educational support to individuals, their families and community at the end of life and during bereavement.”



Cardston Lions Club



On March 4th, 2024 PDG Michelle Harris was asked to do what most Lion Officers could only imagine - to induct 10 Lions into a club at one meeting!

Front Row - Michelle Harris, **Cynthia Melanson**, **Val Jensen**, Zenith Gaynor

Second Row - **Terri Demers**, **Kris MacDonnell**, **Dave Walburger**, **Jen Jensen**, **Ada Burbank**

Third Row - **Jason Demers**, **Kendall MacDonnell**, **Joan Walburger**, Robert Smith, Joe Burbank, **Duncan Thompson**, Tobias Terrill

New Lions are highlighted in blue.



The District Governor Kevin has chosen Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation as his charity of choice. Lions Clubs are being encouraged to consider donating to either the Pediatric Critical Care Transport Team or the Rotary Flames House. To date, Lions Clubs of Alberta are being recognized on the rotating sign at the hospital. However to have our Lions name permanently etched into the donors wall, only \$13,000 more needs to be contributed from Lions. For more information, contact DG Kevin.



Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Madden Lions Club



The Madden Lions held their annual Valentine's Dinner on February 15. Members' wives were invited and also representatives from the Local Charities we sponsor. The evening started with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7pm. Dinner was catered by Red Seal Catering. The smoked brisket dinner was spectacular and the deserts were very decadent.

The Lions Club gave out a total of \$16,500 to local charities. At the end of the evening all the ladies in attendance were given a potted plant that was in full bloom.

The Lions club next event is a catering for the local curling bonspiel banquet.

Bowness Lions Club

YOU'RE INVITED
to our 75th Annual Charter Night

The Bowness Lions Club has been a beacon of service, community, and compassion for three-quarters of a century. We invite you to be a part of this special evening as we reflect on our shared commitment to making a positive impact.



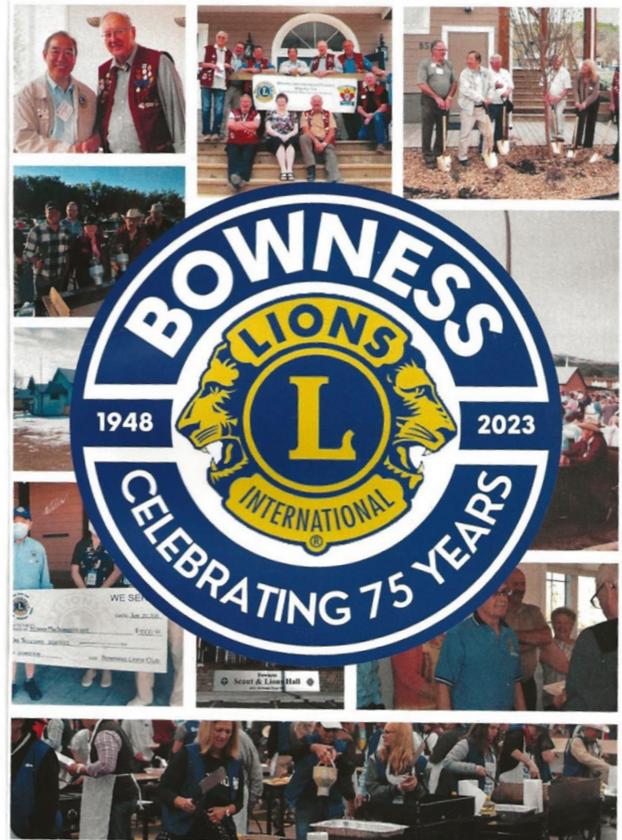
APRIL 20 1948 **2023** **5:00PM**

Tickets \$50

5:00PM Cocktails | 6:00PM Dinner
Bow Commons 8551 Bowness Road NW

Please make cheques payable to "Bowness Lions Club" and mail to 28 Signature Villas SW Calgary, AB T3H 3P6 or by Interac e-transfer to tysow@shaw.ca

For more information:
Ed Tysowski (403) 547 3226



You are invited to a lively evening of memories and music to help celebrate Bowness Lions 75th charter anniversary. Enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner and the toe-tapping humour of The Shredders band as we share a special evening of reconnecting, remembering and renewing,

The guest speaker is PID Marvin Chambers.

Buy a single ticket for \$50 or a table of eight for \$400.

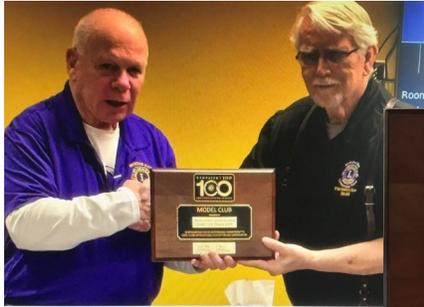
Mail cheques to 28 Signature Villas SW Calgary, T3H 3P6 or e-transfer to tysow@shaw.ca.



Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Community View Lions Club



Zone Chair Lion Gerald (left) presented a Model 100 plaque to Club President Bob Booth (right) of Community View Lions at their monthly meeting February 20th, 2024.



The Lions of Alberta Foundation in partnership with the Medicine Hat Community View Lions recognize the youth of our community who share our desire to contribute something, on a volunteer basis, to the communities in which we live.

We were proud to present Cade Harrison with a \$1000 scholarship, we hope our contribution helps support Cade with his post secondary education and efforts to make our community a better place. (picture below)



What an amazing way to help get our Christmas Hamper Campaign rolling for this year: The club delivered a \$1,000 donation of toys to Davis Buick GMC yesterday! Each year our Christmas Hamper program aims to ensure those fleeing family violence don't go without for the holidays, something that is possible thanks to the amazing generosity of our community.



Where in History did the Easter Bunny Come From?

As with many traditions, the most common theory is that it is rooted in ancient pre-Christian customs. The Festival of Eostre, held in the spring, honoured the Goddess of Fertility and Rebirth with its symbol being the rabbit. Sounds reasonable. But how did “eggs” get into the picture? Again, eggs, like the rabbit, are an ancient symbol of fertility, rebirth, and new life, all being associated with the springtime celebration of Easter. There really isn't any suggestion that the rabbit lays the eggs. On the contrary. Rabbit's role is as the delivery agent, leaving the manufacturing to the chickens. Over time the celebration of Easter took on many forms most with some inclusion of the original players. Regardless of how it is done, the celebration of pending Springtime is always good for one's soul!



Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference

Cowley Lions Club

We welcomed Lion Stuart Schramm as a member of our Club, he has also been appointed Club Treasurer.

Donations made by Cowley Lions :

A donation of \$500 was made to St. Michael 's School in Pincher Creek to support recognition & awards to students who participate in a school clean up program called the Golden Garbage Can Award. We sponsored the Crowsnest Pass Dance Festival Club, donating a prize of a free 2 night stay at the Cowley Lions Castle River Campground. We continue to support the VIP Bowlers in Lethbridge with a recent donation of \$250.

Thank you to the Blairmore Lions Club for hosting a zone meeting on Feb. 28th. Despite the wintery weather, we had a delicious supper and enjoyed an evening of fellowship and information sharing.

Volunteer Hours:

Our club members continue to spend many hours volunteering and getting ready for the upcoming season at the Cowley Lions Castle River Campground.

Cowley Lions Club has reported approx. **440 volunteer hours** for all club events, meetings, fundraisers and activities for the period January to mid March.

Upcoming Activities:

Cowley Lions Club will be celebrating 60 years and we will be holding a Charter Night Celebration which will be held on May 4th, 2024 at the Cowley Hall.

Dog Walk in support of the Dog Guide program in Oakville, June 1st we are coordinating with Pincher Creek Lions Clubs for this event.

On June 8 we are participating in another CLERC workshop in Calgary.



An automated external defibrillator, also known as an AED, was donated to the Cowley Club by Pincher Creek Fire Brigade Lieutenant Jason Carney (right). Club President Lion Diane Bowen-Oczkowski receives the donation.



Cowley Lions donated to St. Michael 's School Golden Garbage Can Award Program. Trevor Clinton (left) Lion Barb Schramm (right)



Members bundling firewood on January 27th at Cowley Lions Castle River Campground.



Do you remember how Easter is determined?
It is the first Sunday after the Full Moon after the Spring Equinox!



Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Clubs Making a Difference



Veteran and District Lion's Club

50th Anniversary

Chartered on May 23, 1974

Celebration May 25, 2024

Veteran Community Hall

Doors open 4:30 pm

Cocktails 5:30 pm

Supper 6:30 pm

50th Anniversary Presentation 7:30

Music/Dance 9 pm with Vic Nichols w/Plaiders

Contact Danny Gorcak @ 403-854-1233

Or Michelle Brousseau @ 403-575-0087

Tickets are \$50 each



Contact Keith Garner 403-932-2813 or
Jim Thorne 587-578-2187

1. Which Calgary club is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on April 20th, 2024?
2. International Director Bob Lee is from which state in the USA?
3. How many Lions will be inducted into the MDC Hall of Fame in 2024?
 4. What celestial event occurs on April 8th, 2024?
 5. Which Lion will be 2nd VDG in 2024-2025?
6. Which iconic market in Calgary is to be demolished in July 2024?
 7. Who is the 2024 MDC Convention Chair?
8. Which Alberta college is the #4 Research college in Canada?
9. Who will be District C-1 's District Governor in 2024-2025?
10. Where is the LCI convention being held in 2025?
11. Which city is the smallest city in Alberta?
12. What new award was announced at the C-2 2024 Convention?

THE SPRING QUIZ #2

ANSWERS
ARE DOWN
SIDE UP
SOMEWHERE.

2024 Walk for Dog Guides

Sunday, May 26, 2024

For community contacts and additional information:

www.walkfordogguides.com



Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Making a Difference

Beiseker Lions Club

Since December, the Beiseker Lions club have added a further two new members—Lions David Ledoyen and Chase Uffelmann. The club has also pledged \$6,000 to various causes, including Kathryn Aggie Days, Diabetes, CLERC, a bench on the Meadowlark Trail and also donated to the Chamber of Commerce in Beiseker to set up a Beiseker Village Residential and Business Growth Strategy to attract people and put Beiseker on the map.

We have two of our Lions who celebrated their 80th Birthdays, Lions Ken Steel, Lion Monty Metzger.

Beiseker Lions had a great Lions Club Christmas Party this year and fun was had by all, with an excellent games night afterwards.

On January 22nd Beiseker attended the Irricana Lions Fish night along with Keoma Lions. This was an excellent evening and the clam chowder was so thick that the person making it said the ladle had to stand. That is the kind of chowder that sticks to the ribs!

In February a contingent of Beiseker Lions went to the District C2 Convention in Medicine Hat. (pictures below)



Beiseker Lion President Ron Schwengler and his wife Mary Anne, 1st Vice Len Priestman, 2nd Vice Larry Martin and his wife Grace and Secretary Alan Balson and Iris Balson. Alan Balson as the District C2 Global Causes Diabetes Chairperson also gave a short talk on Diabetes with Diabetes Canada Rep. Tawnia Butler. (picture above right)

Alan Balson also received a 100% Secretary award from Lion Gordon Prusky (picture right).



On February 15 Lions Alan Balson, Ron Schwengler and Bob Carley went to the Didsbury Lions Interclub. There was a good meal and quite a representation from surrounding Clubs, it was a great event.

Lions Len Priestman, Garry Lang and Alan Balson did a shift at the CLERC in Calgary. It was very educational. (picture left)



Finally there was a DG meeting at Keoma Lions Club and five Beiseker Lions attended: Lions Len Priestman, Ron Schwengler, John Richter, Fred Bell and Victor Lemky. It was an excellent event, the food was great and very well done by Keoma Lions. There were many Long service awards given out.

Future Events - Beiseker Lions Fair Days and Parade is on June 8th



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Stories of Lions Making a Difference

Blairmore Lions Club



What Is Skijoring Anyway?

Ask any Blairmore Lion and they would be able to tell you. On March 9th, members provided a BBQ for The Crowsnest Pass Skijoring competition. (pictures left). It was a bit chilly and very windy which was a problem for their tent.

The term is derived from the Norwegian word kjøring, meaning to “drive.” If you combine that with the term “ski”, Skijoring roughly translates to “Ski driving”, which is a competitive sport where a skier or snowboarder is pulled by a person riding a horse through an obstacle course filled with jumps, bumps, and turns.

Blairmore Lions Facebook page contains great information on these and other Lions Club activities.



Managing local parks.

“ The Blairmore Lions manages and cares for two parks in Blairmore, the Blairmore Lions Pride Park located at 12130 20 Ave and the Crowsnest Commemorative Plaza Park known to the Lions club as the ‘ Train Park ’ located at 13442-21 Ave.

The Blairmore Lions Park consists of 3 playground structures, swings, a climbing rock, basketball court, and two tennis courts. The Blairmore Lions maintains this park ensuring regular maintenance is done on equipment as recommended by municipal inspectors, and insures the grounds are maintained.

The Blairmore Lions also sets up a Christmas display in the Lions Pride Park yearly (pictures below left & centre) and gives free rides on the miniature train 3 times a year in the ‘Train Park ’ .”

Did You Know February 24 is the Coldest Night so far in 2024?

That didn 't stop Blairmore Lions from providing a BBQ on that night for the benefit of the Crowsnest Food Bank. (picture below right)





Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Making a Difference

Lethbridge West Lions Club

SOLES4 SOULS CANADA | 

Lethbridge West Lions care about the Environment and in recognition of Earth Day we are collecting 25,000 Pairs of Shoes 



March 15, 2024 - Ongoing
 (Till we reach 25,000 pairs of Shoes)
 Contact Holly for your Nearest Location!

Lethbridge West Lions have a goal to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes! In countries like Haiti and Honduras, your gently used shoes can provide a means to get food, shelter, and education for families.

To see how your shoes make an impact, visit:
www.soles4soulsCanada.org/give-shoes/

Have questions?
 You can reach me at
lionhollyb@gmail.com

Lethbridge West Lions care about the environment and in recognition of Earth Day (April 22) we are having a Shoe Drive and have partnered with soles4souls Canada. We have a goal to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes and keep them out of the landfill. (poster left)



Lethbridge West Lions had their 250 Club Dinner and Dance on January 20th, 2024. (picture above) Our Leos Club were the drivers and there was a great turn out again this year. All had a great time enjoying dinner, silent auction, dancing, prizes and draws. We are planning to do it all over again in January 2025.



Lion Norris Hironaka (left) was presented his Melvin Jones Fellowship by Club President Holly Bandelow on January 20th.



LW Lions walked on the Coldest Night of the Year. Lions walked for Wood's Homes. Lions International sent out a challenge and we accepted.

The Lethbridge Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides is on Sunday, May 25th at Henderson Park (Gunnery Picnic Shelter). Registration is 11:00am and the Walk is at noon.

Register to walk or donate at:
www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/Lethbridge

Silent Auction items are being accepted.

Contact:
lionhollyb@gmail.com



Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Making a Difference

Airdrie Lions Club

From July 1st, 2023 to February 29th, 2024, members of the Airdrie Lions Club took part in the following fund raising and service events:

July 1st: AIRDRIE LIONS CANADA DAY BBQ is held during the Canada Day Parade that winds its way through Airdrie 's residential streets and downtown. Lion members and volunteers from the YVC Airdrie Youth Volunteers Program worked together to cook and serve the hamburgers and hotdogs, which were for sale along with a bag of potato chips and lemonade. (picture centre)

September 9th: AIRDRIE FEST: The Club had their vendor tent on Main Street, so we had a lot of foot traffic that stopped by our table to enter our raffle draws, and to purchase Pet Valu Walk For Dog Guides 50/50 tickets. (picture top row left)

September 16th: INAUGURAL PET VALU WALK FOR DOG GUIDES was held on a lovely sunny day in Airdrie Nose Creek Regional Park. Airdrie and Calgary West Wind Lions members, Tower Lane Pet Valu Store staff, and volunteers worked together on this event. Considering this was our first walk the turnout was good. It was a nice event enjoyed by

all, including the dogs and the mascots! We are looking forward to our next walk taking place on June 1st, 2024. (pictures bottom row, top row right)

September & March: Club Members volunteered at THREE BLOOD DONOR CLINICS in Airdrie.

November 23rd the Club welcomed DG Kevin Gibbons and Zone 1 Chair Alan Goodbrand for the DG 's annual visit.

November & January the Club held VISION SCREENING SESSIONS at the Airdrie Public Library Preschool and Play-school Programs, Community Links Day Home and Drop-In Programs, and Fuzzy Pickles Preschool. A total of 103 children were screened with 64 passing and 39 failing the eye test. The results from these sessions prove this is a worthwhile program to provide to our Communities.

The Airdrie Club has welcomed Lion Kevin Zucht back to the Club and his wife Teri Zucht has joined him in and is now a member.





Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Stories of Lions Making a Difference

DOLLAR\$ FOR DOGGIES

My project this year:

To raise awareness of the need for funds to provide Dog Guides to individuals living with disabilities and organizations supporting people going through traumatic situations within our province.

My goal this year is:

To raise \$35,000.00 for a Full Scholarship – Lifetime partnership. This will ensure support and follow-up for the entire duration of the Dog Guide team's working relationship.

What will I do to support this project?

If you have ever seen me, you will know about my fairly long hair and beard. I will have it shaved off at the MDC Convention in Lethbridge on April 27, 2024.



To donate, make cheques payable to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and in the memo line "Dollars for Doggies 2024".

Send to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides,
152 Wilson Street, Oakville, ON L6K 0G6.

You may also donate online at www.dogguides.com/donate in the comments section put "Dollars for Doggies 2024"

*Individuals will receive tax receipts for donations over \$20



For more information you can contact
Peter Wallis at 587-433-1247





Lions Youth Camp District C-2

OPEN HOUSE

You are invited!

**Saturday, May 11th, 2024
1:00pm to 5:00pm**

**Tour the Camp &
its facilities.**

**Enjoy an
appetizing BBQ
at your leisure.**

**Join the District
in honouring the
Hall of Fame
members.**

**This event is open to all Lions in the District
at no charge. For directions go to
www.lionsyc.ca/contact-us.**

**RSVP by May 5th, 2024 to
chassell@shaw.ca**



Experience the beauty of our District's Youth Camp.

April 8th, 2024

Total Solar Eclipse in North America

37% Eclipse in Calgary

Unfortunately the eclipse will be only a partial one in Calgary as our location is out of the direct path across North America. It will still be exciting!

There are many detailed and informative websites about the upcoming eclipse. Just google "2024 Solar Eclipse".

There is a simulation on how the eclipse will look in Calgary so if you do happen to miss it-you really won't. You can see it prior to the event or a video of the actual eclipse how it occurred in Calgary and elsewhere.



There's a New Leader in Town!

Lion Danielle Richir, 2nd Vice District Governor Elect

"Wow – what a genuinely exciting weekend in Medicine Hat!

I wish to acknowledge my fellow candidates and extend utmost respect to Estrella, Rex, and Tim for their hard work and commitment to the election process. To be in the same election with you, I am truly honoured.

To my family, friends, and team of loyal supporters, your unwavering support and words of encouragement have been my driving force. I am truly grateful. I will strive to promote membership growth through Mission 1.5, leadership development and humanitarian service to clubs throughout the district. I will promote harmony amongst the Clubs within our District, and across our MDC, by encouraging our clubs to pool resources and work together in service. I will encourage contributions to LCIF, because even the smallest amount can make a difference. I am truly dedicated.

It will be a great pleasure to serve you and the Clubs in our District, and I look forward to seeing your projects, and hearing your ideas, challenges, and concerns. We, as an organization, have the opportunity to change many lives; each life touched, each heart uplifted makes a difference. Together we will overcome challenges, celebrate victories, and make our communities stronger.

Thank you for this privilege. Let us move forward, united, toward a brighter tomorrow."

Lion Danielle Richir



Looking Forward to Next Year!

Lion Leslie Cunningham, 1st Vice District Governor Elect

"Once again I am truly overjoyed and very humbled that so many of you have given me the opportunity to serve in this position for the 2024-25 Lionistic year.

I feel very enthusiastic and energized to begin working with the new addition to the team: 2nd Vice District Governor Danielle Richir, who brings experience and fresh ideas to the team. I know the combination of her knowledge and work ethic will be a help to the District on its way to becoming the best District ever, or at least the very best District we can be.

In the last year I have had the great opportunity to benefit from the superb training available through the MDC for Vice District Governors as well as the last A.L.L.I. course offered by the Leadership Development Division of L.C.I., the United States/Canada Forum in Reno, as well as the Lions University Doctoral Program. But the most rewarding has been to meet more Lions and learning from each of you. Thank you for the mentorship, your time, patience and for welcoming me to your clubs.

I continue to look forward to the next year of new experiences, growth, and relationships. We have all heard 'your club your way'. Well I want to serve each and every Lion and perspective Lion 'your way' so do not hesitate to contact me and let me know what you need what you would like to see happen, and we will build it together."

Lion Leslie Cunningham





Information to Get You Ready!!

District C-2 Lions Training School

Where: *Strathmore High School*
100 Brent Blvd. Strathmore

When: *Saturday, April 20, 2024*

Time: *8:50am to 4:00pm*

Cost: *\$30 per person*

Registration Deadline:
April 15, 2024

Please note, no late registrations can be accepted. Please insure that you provide sufficient mailing time for your registrations.

Lunch is provided by Strathmore Lions Club

Sessions for All

Orientation

Worldwide Induction (all Lions joined as of July 1, 2023 to April 14, 2024)

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Sessions

Leader of the Pack – President

Manage Meetings

Money Keeper – Treasurer

You are the Glue - Secretary

Property Keeper & Jester – Lion Tamer & Tail Twister

Social Media & Cyber Attacks – AGHHHHHHH!

Communicator – Zone Chair Introduction

So You Want to be a District Governor

LCIF Grants Available to Clubs

Directors Responsibilities

Leos

Youth Exchange

Awards & Fellowship Information

Membership – Just Ask

Ideas – Projects etc.

My LCI & My Lion

You must have a laptop and member log-in and sign in ready to use (sorry, you cannot be assisted during the session).

Please note that these are planned sessions, however, there may be changes made as we are still finalizing our plans.

Registration Instructions:

Complete Registration form and email to lionbills1@gmail.com

Make cheque payable to District C 2 Lions

Mail cheque to: District C 2 Lions Training School
2, 1216 – 34th Avenue NE
Calgary AB T2E 6L9

Club: _____

Registrations accepted until
April 15th, 2024

No late registrations accepted. Please make sure to provide enough time for our receipt of payment by mail.

	Membership #	Name	Club Position Held
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
#		Registrations X \$30.00 = \$	



Lions International News



Melbourne 2024

106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Connect with
Fellow Lions

Explore Melbourne

Get Inspired

Celebrate Service

For everything you need to
know about the 2024
Convention go to:
lionscon.lionsclubs.org

Did you know that Lions International has a:

Website	lionsclubs.org
Blog	lionsclubs.org/blog
Facebook	facebook.com/lionsclubs
YouTube	youtube.com/lionsclubs



Calling all Lions, Leos, Partners, & Community Members!
We need your help!!!

Lions International has 1.4 million members worldwide, but only 37,900 subscribers to our YouTube channel.

There are currently 2.5 BILLION active users on YouTube... all of which could learn about Lionism if we were able to get more subscribers and engagement on the absolutely incredible videos that Lions Clubs International creates.

The more engagement a YouTube channel gets - the more its videos are shown to other users. If every one of us subscribed to the Lions International YouTube channel (it's FREE) and took the time to watch the videos there, leave a like and a comment - Lionism and our passion for service would go VIRAL!

How do you subscribe?

It's easy! Just click here:

https://youtube.com/@lionsclubs?sub_confirmation=1

Do your part and help raise awareness about the world's BEST service organization.

Lion Daniel Marney Elkins
2VDG District 22-D, Delaware, USA



Lions International News

**International President Dr. Patti Hill
Edmonton Host Lions Club**

**“With every act of kindness,
we change a life.”**



As Clubs Ready for 2024-2025

Suggestions from Lions International

As your club prepares for annual elections and to welcome a new leadership team, use these helpful resources to get your incoming officers ready to take the lead.

Standard Club Constitution & By-Laws – This outlines the election process and describes key positions within the club structure as outlined in the Standard Club Structure. Immediately after your club completes its elections (and no later than May 15), your club secretary should report the incoming officers and directors.

Standard Club Structure – The sample structure includes the officers, board of directors and standing committees. It also provides an overview of a club’s layout.

Club Quality Initiative (CQI) – This is a strategic planning tool to help clubs identify opportunities for improvement. Change is critical for each club. By understanding our current operation, identifying areas that may be improved

and taking measured steps to accomplish our goals, every club can be even better.

Review the incoming officers contact information in the **Member Portal**. As a club officer, you may need to help them update their information to ensure they have a unique, unshared email. Help us keep them in the loop by providing email addresses for future communications.

Review the service your club provided this year and discuss how your club can grow in service next year. Reviewing past service reports helps your club set realistic service goals and choose future service activities. Ensure your service is reported through the **Member Portal** to provide long-term service insight to future club officers.



Visit the **Service Reporting webpage** for more information and contact serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.



Earth Day 2024

The time for change is here, Lions and Leos! This Earth Day on April 22, 2024, let’s stand together to protect our beautiful planet. There’s no better time to plan an environmental service project and invite a prospective Lion to join you in service. Let’s capture all the enthusiasm around this important day to maximize our service impact and grow our club membership! Find resources to get started: <https://bit.ly/3SzOUn7>
[#LionsGoGreen](#) [#MissionToGrow](#)



Lions International News



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Peace Poster Contest Deadlines 2024

January 15– October 1	Kits on sale.
November 15	Clubs to send 1 winning poster to District Governor
December 1	DG send 1 winning poster to MDC Council Chair
December 15	MDC send 1 winning poster to International
February 1, 2025	International winners notified.

2024-2025 Contest

“Peace Without Limits”

“ For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we ’re asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world ’s infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits. ”

Lions International

Poster Kits

Order online at
lionsclubs.org/peace poster

by Telephone
1-800-710-7822

or contact
Lion Cheryle Postadas
C-2 Peace Poster Chair
cguinsatao@ccisab.ca

Past Grand Prize Winners



2022-2023
“ Lead With Compassion ”
Emma Andrea Paveliuc
Romania



2021-2022
“ We Are All Connected ”
Anja Rozen
Slovenia



2020-2021
“ We Are All Connected ”
Yue Zheng
China



Multiple District C Convention 2024



WELCOME
COME MEET
DR. PATTI HILL
 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
 LETHBRIDGE, AB
 APRIL 26/27 2024

**Early Registration Deadline is April 1, 2024
 WIN AN IPAD!!**

MD C Convention
 April 26/27, 2024
 Coast Hotel & Conference Centre
 Lethbridge, Alberta

Open to Lions, general public,
 friends, community members,
 and businesses.

Enjoy
 Friday Night's Ice Cream
 and
 Popcorn Social!
 A time for something a bit
 sweet, a bit salty and
 lots of good friends.

Hear
 Dr. Patti Hill
 International President
 Saturday Evening Banquet
 Speaker
 Dr. Digvar Jayas
 President, U. of Lethbridge
 Lunchtime Speaker

Learn
 from expert speakers on:
 Recycling Plastic
 Child Exploitation/
 Human Trafficking
 LFC New Dog Guide Facility
 Lions Quest
 Leadership
 STARS

Visit
 Display Tables
 Silent Auction
 and
 reconnect with Lions.

Vote For
 2024-2025 Vice Council
 Chair
 Alberta Director for LFC

Vote On
 Use of funds in MDC
 account.

Contribute to:
 CLERC - collection of
 used eyeglasses.
 Lethbridge Food Bank -
 non-perishable food items
 and disposable diapers.

Register at www.mdclions.org.
 Email registrations to: secretary.lethbridgewestlions@gmail.com





Multiple District C Votes

Voting Delegates

Lions who have been charged by their club to be a voting delegate can register as a delegate when they check-in at the Convention. They must show their club membership card which includes their club and membership numbers. The number of delegates from each club is the same as the number of voting delegates determined for the district conventions.



Candidate for Vice Council Chair Multiple District C Lion Christine Lank Past District Governor District C-2

Who?

Past District Governor Christine Lank, Partner in Service with International Director Ben Apeland properly and legally elected District C2 candidate for Vice Council Chair

in accordance with Lions International Legal Department.

What?

Elect a Vice Council Chair for Multiple District C from District C2

Why?

I have seen how our MD C Council of Governors have been struggling with areas in and around our Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manual. Our District Officers need leadership and guidance so they can perform their duties with skill and the knowledge necessary to still enjoy their term in office and the fellowship of their fellow members.

The Vice Council Chair's main duty is to be the Financial Chair/voice on Council to make sure your dues paid to the MD are used in accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws. To fulfill the sacred trust given to the elected leadership and for the good of the Lions of the MD, the funds need be used wisely:

- Assistance in Marketing making Lions a household name.
- Training to increase our Membership providing more hands for service in our communities.
- Increase training of Leadership to continue building bigger and better communities as well as the MD.

How?

I was previously a Personal Bank Manager until I decided to semi retire early and become a self-employed retail owner. I celebrated 25 years as the owner/operator of Pincher Office Products and Christine's Gift Shoppe in February of this year. It has not been an easy task operating a business that has outgrown its space twice. I would not have lasted this long if I did not enjoy my clients and the work we do for them and being able to draw on all the education I received before and while working in the banking industry.

Since and during that time I have continued with my education and have had the pleasure of taking on many leadership, roles within our Lions organization.

I have been rewarded in my career as a banker, a successful businesswoman and a proud Lion with professional recognitions, certificates and other awards. The real reward has been the continued appreciation received from fellow Lions for my assistance, guidance, and friendship. I am truly honored to be seen and recognized as a true mentor and take great satisfaction for those who have become great leaders in our MD.

I have had the privilege and honour for the last year and a half to travel the world with our International Board. I have met and volunteered with Lions, Clubs and Districts from around the world. I have been overwhelmed with all the new ideas and opportunities that I have seen and collected in our travels.

My late Father, a Charter Lion, always said "You should try and learn something new every day". I have always followed his wise words.

When and Where?

At the MD C convention to be held April 26 & 27th, 2024 at the Coast Hotel in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Come to the convention, renew friendships, learn something new, have great food, and enjoy the opportunity to see and hear our own International President Dr. Patti Hill, visit with Lion Greg,

**AND TO VOTE.
Believe That Your Vote Counts !**

I Want To Be Your Vice Council Chair for 2024-2025



Multiple District C Votes



**Candidate for Vice Council
Chair
Multiple District C
Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn
Immediate Past District
Governor District C-1**

I have been a Lions member since 2011, and a charter member of the Blindman Valley Lions, District C-1's newest club. I have held many positions at the Club, District (Zone Chair, Cabinet Secretary, Global Leadership Coordinator, and Global Extension Coordinator) and at the Multiple District level (Convention Chair, Lions Quest Chair, long range planning committee member, constitution and bylaws committee member, and Global Leadership Coordinator).

I have been consistently involved at the District level for the past 10 years, and at the Multiple District level for the past 6 years. I was the Volunteer Coordinator for the 2022 USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Calgary.

I've received a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, and have numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, and in 2020-21 I received an International Presidents Leadership Medal. I have continually taken leadership development courses from Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI), Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI), Lions Facility Development Institute (FDI) instructor, and have earned my Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the Lions University. I have facilitated many training sessions at the District and Multiple District level. I was a faculty member for our Multiple District RLLI in 2019 and 2023, and most recently moderated at the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum and spoke at the International Convention in Boston.

I've been service minded since a young age. Born and raised in a rural Alberta farming community, I was involved in 4H as a youth. I went on to volunteer my time as a 4H leader for many years mentoring and working with youth. I was also involved for many years with the Alberta Ride for Sight motorcycle event raising awareness and funds for vision research and cures through Fighting Blindness Canada Foundation. My husband Lion Dave and I were avid motorcyclists until a few years ago when Dave lost his vision, now we have new hobbies. I operated my own home-based Home Décor business for many years, growing my team to over 10 members. Lion Dave and I live in Sylvan Lake and have two adult career-focused daughters. I have a Diploma from NAIT and a BSc in Human Ecology from the U of A. I have worked primarily in the agriculture industry as a public servant throughout my career. I worked as a District Home Economist, Business Development Specialist and Project Manager, and most recently as a Field Office Administrator. I've earned various accolades throughout my years of employment including an Alberta Premier's Award of Excellence as a team member and role in the development of legislation for confined feeding operations in Alberta.

I believe in engaging clubs and inspiring members to learn more about Lions, our causes and how we serve in our communities and globally. Teamwork and communication are necessary at all levels of lionism. In my role as Vice Council Chair, I will continue to encourage members to reach new and higher goals for themselves and empower more Lions to take on leadership roles. My passion has been to work with Lions at the Club, District, and Multiple District levels. I am eager to work with the Lions throughout Multiple District C.

I ask for your support and vote at the Multiple District Convention and election in Lethbridge, April 26-27, 2024.

Thank you,
Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn

Alberta Director for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

"The Board of Directors is instrumental in successfully leading the foundation in its efforts to provide Dog Guides at no cost to Canadians with disabilities. It is the legal authority of LFCDG.

Board Directors serve in partnership with the CEO to provide insight, oversight and foresight to LFCDG. Each member sits on the board for a three-year term, with the exception of the Chair." (www.dogguides.com)

There are four candidates running for this three-year position.

Greg Deitz, Milo Lions Club, District C-2

Tony Prettegiani, Calgary North Hill Lions Club, District C-2

Daryl Reinke, Bowness Lions Club, District C-2

Betty Ann Robson, Grande Prairie Lions Club, District C-1

More to Think About

Perhaps one of these two awards would be an effective way to support a club member who has been involved in one of these projects. It also assists each organization in reaching their goals.

Gordon Prusky Award (CLERC)

Announced at the C-2 2024 Convention in Medicine Hat, this award honours one of CLERC 's most ardent supporters. PDG Gordon also is the 1st recipient of the award



now open to all Lions in the Multiple District.

The award can be bought by any Lions club to present to a deserving Lion.

Contact:
James Lee
jamio@telus.net

Lionel Bird Award (Lions Youth Camp)

The Lion Lionel Bird Youth Camp Award is named for a true gentleman, Lionel Bird. We wish to honour an outstanding Lion from Cremona Lions Club who was the generous donor of the land upon which stands the District C – 2 Lions Youth Camp.

The purpose of the award is to acknowledge this gentleman 's contribution to youth and to enable clubs in the District to make donations to the Camp at the same time as they honour any of their members (or others) who have made significant contributions to the advancement and well-being of youth in their community.

Contact Lion Glenn Robertson
glenn48@telus.net

Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness

Friday, June 7, 2024 - 7:00 PM - Meeting
Activities Below will be Saturday, June 8 - 10 AM to 5 PM
Hosted by Spruce View & District Lions Club

Free Dry Camping



Activities

- Cards
- Crib Boards
- Horseshoes
- Swimming
- Lawn Bowling
- Mini Golf
- Nature Walk

BBQ 5:00 PM



Evening Jam Session
Sing along/fellowship
Bring Musical Instrument

Saturday 10:30 AM
Diabetes Awareness
Information



DIABETES CANADA

For More Info
Ted 403-728-3353
Suzanne 403-728-0138
Neil 403-728-3798



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 Quiz**
1. Bowness Lions Club
 2. Hawaii
 3. Two
 4. Total Solar Eclipse
 5. Lion Danielle Richir
 6. Eau Claire
 7. PDG Pauline Cooper
 8. Olds College of Agriculture & Technology
 9. Lion Lyle Gustafson
 10. Mexico City, Mexico
 11. Wetaskiwin
 12. Gordon Prusky Award

Lions are Knights of the Blind



" In January we shared information about our annual Western Lions appeal to you and all clubs. Like Lions, clubs do place a focus on local regional support while also with national and international focus.

Blind golf is the same as our regional Western Canadian associations which still falls under the Blind Golf Canada umbrella. Our western event rotates through the western provinces and accommodates all participants from all western provinces. Most if not all our members due to blindness/ vision loss are on extremely fixed disability incomes. Attending our annual Western event, despite in which province it's hosted, they rely on Lions support to assist their attendance. For most, this is their one and only opportunity on an annual basis to attend a blind golf event. These events allow them to forget their disabilities, build their self-esteem and confidence, and assists their social well-being.

To date we are thankful for the generous support of 7 Alberta Lions clubs who have provided support for our events which are being hosted this July. We really want to not only ensure the success of these events, but continue to have the opportunity to grow future regional events and programming. Such programming would provide such opportunities to youth and women dealing with vision loss in BC, but do not know about blind golf or cannot afford to be involved.

Our hope is that all of you can share our message. Every little bit of support helps and all little bits add up to doing great things. So, more clubs, and even those clubs who can only afford a little support, is huge and appreciated. A very big collaborative effort would certainly meet a very big pillar for Lions Clubs in Western Canada.



We do not know how many Lions clubs make up Alberta but likely more than the 7 that have reached out with their club's valuable support of our worthwhile endeavors.

Personally, I stepped up to host these events back in 2019 and have stepped up to do so again. Also, I will personally be investing my time and money to visit all the local golf courses in the East Kootenays to bring awareness of the existence of blind golf and Blind Golf Canada. My goal is to shine a huge light of awareness and see many individuals in BC who are coping with vision loss and benefit greatly from having blind golf in their lives for the future. Blind golf saved me after a length of time dealing with depression when being diagnosed with a rare eye disease. I do not know where I would be today if it were not for blind

golf. So my vision, no pun intended, is to spread my story and the message of blind golf to all British Columbians dealing with vision loss.

On behalf of our existing and future members, I thank all of you for reading my message and hope you will share and promote the best you can. We thank you all for your past and continued support and all you do and your dedication to Lionism!



To provide support you can mail cheques payable to WCBGA to: #7-316 Canyon Street Creston, BC V0B1G3 or you can e-transfer to: wcbga24@gmail.com."

Kindest Regards,

Darren Douma
2024 Tournament Host Chair President
VP Administration, WCBGA Blind Golf BC
BGC Vision-Impaired competitive golfer and
vision advocate.
Email: thedoumas71@gmail.com

Did you know . . .

that Easter Lily bulbs must be cultivated in the fields for three and sometimes four years before they are ready to be shipped to commercial greenhouse growers? And the bulbs aren't dormant but require constant care and handling.

The Easter Lily is native to the Ryukyu Islands of southern Japan. The bulbs were exported to the US, Britain and Bermuda for growing. After 1941 large farms in the US and Bermuda took over the bulb production as well.

Easter Lilies embody a message of joy and hope and are a pleasant reminder that rejuvenation has arrived and nature's cycle has begun anew.

Welcome to Lions who have joined us in December 2023, January & February 2024.



Airdrie Lions Club

Kevin Allan Zucht
Teri A Zucht

Arrowood Lions Club

Austin K. Ashbacher
Blaine Cockwill
William Green
Devon Scott
Werner Voegelin

Beiseker Lions Club

David Ledoyen
Chase Lindsay Uffelman

Bowness Lions Club

Marilyn Bowler

Calgary Connect Lions Club

34 new members.

Calgary Filipino Lions Club

Milagros Rosete

Calgary Korean Lions Club

Rachel Brown
Byung-Wan (Francis) Kim

Calgary North Hill Lions Club

Jody Lewis

Calgary South Asian Lions Club

Shakia McCree

Canmore Lions Club

John Samms

Cardston Lions Club

Lynda Pauline Cooper
Cynthia Melanson

Caresland Lions Club

Crystal Lynn Beasley
Ken Beasley
Kevin Biko
Pat Clark

Cheadle Lions Club

Meg Panasiuk

Claresholm Lions Club

Barbara Collins
Peter Fournier
Norma McGuire
Maureen Shearer

Cluny Lions Club

Gavin Roen

Cochrane Lions Club

Najaf Bhimji
Rick Morand
Bradley Richardson
Bruce Somerville
Brent Stenson
Simon Wallis

Cowley Lions Club

Stuart Schramm

Didsbury Lions Club

Grant Hemming

Foothills Lions Club

Laur Burritt
Erin Dorman
Wayne Kish
Tom Pharis
Penny Rohatynsky

Ft. Macleod Lions Club

Jeffrey Murphy

Lethbridge Lions Club

Carol Kerr
Virginia McCormack

Medicine Hat Lions Club

Richard Knack
David Meehan

Medicine Hat CV Lions Club

Jocelyn Germedia

Milo Lions Club

Terry Legary
Patrick Wiens

Pincher Creek Lions Club

Savitree Yaworsky

Rosebud Lions Club

Logan Pratt

Veteran & District Lions Club

Kenneth Steward

...and Honour those who have left.



Caresland Lions Club

Terry Procyshen

Cremona Lions Club

Darrell Newsome

Medicine Hat Lions Club

Catherine Heberle

Milo Lions Club

David Deitz

Vulcan Lions Club

Ronald Barnes

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Deadline: June 16th, 2024

