

C2 LIONS NEWS

New Lions boost C2 numbers

By Leslie Cunningham
District Governor

Here we are, three-quarters of the way through the Lionistic year and with one quarter left to work toward our goals. With spring here (I hope) and a time of renewal with Easter and crocuses coming up, we can be proud that we have achieved more new members than any other district in Constitutional Area 2.

Through club visits I am so energized and revitalized after seeing the many Lions serving in so many different ways and adding new members to their clubs. I will soon be welcoming two new Leo Clubs – one Alpha and one Omega to our wonderful organization.

I continue to take my DG message to clubs: Mental Health and Addiction and my charity of choice, Canadian Mental Health (Alberta). I have been giving out and training Lions on naloxone kits that save lives, with one Lion having done just that.

This has opened heartfelt discussions and Lions have shared their personal or family issues about addictions. They are so open and happy to have a tool to help drug overdoses if needed.

Many have asked for extras for their halls or other facilities to be kept alongside the first aid kit and defibrillator. I have learned and been so moved by the sharing that has occurred.

I attended the Wellness Fair and Workshop put on by Mosaic Health Clinic and Calgary Filipino Lions Club. They had screenings, displays and presentations by professionals. I did the Narcan kits as an adjunct to the mental health presentation. This fair was held at no cost to the community and was open to all Lions and community members, especially seniors. I attended a Psychological First Aid course put on by FCSS.

I am so grateful to see clubs applying for and accepting LCIF grants, Quest grants and government



grants. Thank you to our vision chair for arranging a visit to the University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine.

I attended the MDC convention, council and finance meetings. I am looking forward to the Calgary Filipino Charter Night as their speaker, as well as Calgary Connect Charter night as their speaker, and will install officers and induct new members.

I will attend an evening with the Korean Lions Club and visit the other clubs on my list.

Our last cabinet meeting will include a thank you to all cabinet members with lunch and awards, and plan for a fun time. I welcome any ideas about what you would like to see at this event.

Thanks to all for your service, hospitality and assistance. You overwhelm me.



CALGARY CONNECT THIRD CHARTER NIGHT A CELEBRATION

About 250 guests attended the Calgary Connect Lions charter night and it was truly a celebratory event with dancers, music, great food and fellowship. The highlight was the induction of 15 new members during a candlelight ceremony, and the formation of an Omega and an Alpha Leo Club. One received its charter a day before the celebration and the other during the following week. What a wonderful group of young people, enthusiastic about becoming part of Lionism service throughout the world. This is our future! Above, Second Vice District Governor Bill Stecewicz assisted District Governor Leslie Cunningham to install the officers for the Lions and Leos clubs.



LIONS ALERT TRAILER

A committee was struck to centralize location of this trailer, re-equip it and dedicate it to a past district governor. Alert has its own account and may be eligible for a matching grant from LCIF to bring equipment up to date. We have a new generator, attachable tent, industrial lighting and a barbecue.

Hello May! 

from DG-Elect Danielle Hamelin

May 28 is World Hunger Day. Our Hunger webpage provides ideas on how your club can help and LCIF grant opportunities to magnify your service.



ANNOUNCING!!! **“Shaping Our Future Together”**

This training series is brought to you by GLT PDG Michelle Harris.

The sessions will be offered multiple times via Zoom.

Watch your emails for more information and
sign up dates to be released soon!

Training to be offered:

President

Secretary

Treasurer

LCIF

New Member Orientation



Set yourself up for a great year by completing your training.

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-Service Through Unity-

Shared Purpose, Shared Values, and Shared Commitment.



CASTING CALL!!!

We are still building the team for **C2 District Cabinet**.

Looking for energetic people with exciting new ideas to fill the roles of

Zone Chairs & Global Causes Chairs

Interested? Contact any of my team: Gerry Gaede ggaede@shaw.ca,

Bill Stecewicz lionbills1@gmail.com

or me liondanielle1@outlook.com

‘On the road again’

By Lion Gerald Gaede
Vice District Governor
Elect

The last six weeks have been very busy, and my new theme song is “On the Road Again.” In April, club visitations included the Lomond Lions Club, accompanied by my copilot, Lion Richard Buck, president of the Lions Club of Medicine Hat.

My partner in service and wife, Susan, and I visited the Calgary North Hill Lions Club and journeyed to Grande Prairie for the Multiple District Convention. On our way home, we attended the memorial service for Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson in Calgary.

So far in May, Susan and I visited the Vauxhall Lions Club where I installed one new member, Murray Bexte, and two members who had not had an official installation previously, Lion Brandon Lowen and Lion Blaise Unruh.

On a sad note, we attended a celebration of life for Lion James Higgins, a member of my club, the Lions Club of Medicine Hat. Lion James had been a Lion since 1986.

May 14 saw Susan and I visit the Cowley Lions Club. The Pincher-Roaring Lions and Pincher Creek Lions clubs joined us for the DG Team visit and dessert. I had the



Pictured with sponsor Lion Savi Yaworsky are new Lions Sue Johnson and Craig Haines and myself. Lion Sue and Lion Craig are the sixth and seventh Lions that Lion Savi has sponsored. Good for you Lion Savi. Council Chair Lion Christine Lank is sponsor to Lion Mary-Ann Hintz and yours truly. Congratulations to all.

privilege of inducting three new members, Mary-Ann Hintz, Sue Johnson and Craig Haines. It was exciting to hear that Sue and Craig got engaged that day.

As the Lions year ends, congratulations to District Governor Lion Leslie Cunningham on her year of service. Looking forward, the DG team of District Governor Elect Lion Danielle Hamelin, Second Vice District Governor Elect Lion Bill Stecewicz and I look forward to working for you next year.

If you haven't already done so, please send me your new club executive for the district directory.

Liongeraldgaede1980@gmail



Didsbury Lions ATV/Cash Raffle

Draw date Nov 7, 2026



Ticket Prices
6 for \$100
1 for \$20

5399 tickets available

Licence # AGLC-749821
www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/dls

Open to residents of Alberta 18 years of age or older



MADDEN LIONS

The Madden Lions held their annual Mother's Day brunch. We served 222 people.

A great day was had by all.





FOOTHILLS LIONS CLUB

We Serve. We Support. We Strengthen Our Community.

SPRING & SUMMER at a GLANCE

Recreation & Community Projects

The Foothills Lions Club is heading into a busy spring and summer season, with community events, recreation projects, campground operations, and fundraising in full swing.

The Club is proud to share that the Diamond Valley Disc Golf Course, supported by the Foothills Lions Club, has been named one of the **Top 100 Disc Golf Courses in Canada**. This recognition helps bring more visitors to the community and highlights the value of local recreation projects supported by Lions.




DUCK DERBY

Tickets \$10

\$ 500 for the First Duck
\$ 500 for the Second Duck
\$ 1,000 for the Last Duck
All Proceeds Donated to Our Community

Draw to be held on June 6
Diamond Valley Festival & Market 2:30 PM



We Serve



www.foothillslionsclub.ca/annualevents

Parade, Festival & Duck Derby

On Saturday, June 6, the club will be part of the annual Diamond Valley Parade and Festival, participating in the parade with the Griffiths Centre Ukulele Players.

The club invites Lions from outside the community to come visit, enjoy the festival and market, explore local businesses, and experience everything Diamond Valley has to offer.

During the Festival and Market, Foothills Lions will host a community BBQ, serving residents, visitors, and fellow Lions members.

The Foothills Lions Duck Derby is also returning, with the draw taking place at 2:30 pm from the Turner Valley campground next to the Festival and Market.

Campgrounds & Community Impact

Campground season is underway. Foothills Lions members have been busy preparing to welcome campers to Diamond Valley. In addition to operating the Bob Lochhead Memorial Campground in the Black Diamond community, the club has now taken over operations of the Diamond Valley Municipal Campground in Turner Valley. www.foothillslionsclub.ca/campground

Staying at a Foothills Lions campground directly supports local community events throughout Diamond Valley.

The club will also be part of the Diamond Valley Show and Shine on July 26, hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser. It will be another great opportunity to welcome visitors, serve the community, and support the club's local impact.





COWBOY TRAIL'S LIONS CLUB
INVITES YOU TO
44TH ANNUAL
YOUTH AT RISK
GOLF TOURNAMENT

VENUE
TURNER VALLEY
GOLF COURSE

PRICE
\$160.00
PER PLAYER

DATE
FRIDAY,
JUNE 19TH, 2026

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PLAY A ROUND. ★ SUPPORT OUR YOUTH. ★ MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Lions Of Alberta Foundation

PO Box 65069, RPO North Hill, Calgary AB T2N 4T6

Dear Fellow Lions,

As we approach the end of the Lions year and clubs begin considering their end of year donations, I write to invite you to give thoughtful consideration to supporting the Lions of Alberta Foundation (the Foundation).

For over 45 years, the Foundation has stood as a strong partner with Lions Clubs in action – student scholarships and sight bursaries; funding for diabetes and vision research; vital vision equipment in major centres across Alberta; as well as strong community betterment projects to support the community as a whole. Contributions from your Lions Club plays a critical role in enabling this important work to continue.

As your club finalizes its donation priorities for the year, I respectfully ask that you consider allocating a donation to the Lions of Alberta Foundation in support of one of our programs. By supporting the Foundation, your club supports the efforts that extend well beyond our local communities and clubs. Foundation Programs follow.

Lions Legacy Scholarship

Now is the time for clubs to consider awarding high school students with a Lions Legacy Scholarship. The Foundation matches Club contributions up to \$500 for Alberta high school students pursuing post-secondary education. There are requirements for both club and student applications found on our website. Clubs can be awarded two scholarships per year July 1 to June 30.

Community Betterment Program

As a Charitable Foundation we are authorized to issue Tax Deductible Receipts for personal donations towards Lions Clubs charitable projects. The Foundation also works with Lions Clubs for other community charitable projects not requiring tax deductible receipts. These projects must support the community as a whole. There are necessary application, approval and reporting requirements. The Foundation is currently updating the guidelines to comply with CRA charitable guidelines.

Sight Bursary Program

We provide \$1000 bursaries to sight impaired Alberta students attending their 1st or 2nd term at an Alberta post-secondary institution.

Sight Grant Program

The Foundation assists clubs with 25% of the cost for specialized equipment for visually impaired individuals identified by Lions Clubs, such as a computer program for the vision impaired, specialized eyeglasses, braille reader, etc.

Lions of Alberta Foundation, May 2026

Honor a Lion with a Fellowships

A \$500 donation establishes a Fellowship, supporting critical provincial initiatives while recognizing a dedicated Lion or community member.

*Please make ALL Fellowship cheques payable to **Lions of Alberta Foundation** with the Fellowship name in the memo line and accompany the fellowship application. Mail the cheque and application to our Calgary address.*

- **Bill Webber Fellowship:** Donations support the Sight Fund, which includes the Sight Bursary, Sight Grant, and provides the ability to purchase vision equipment at major centres in southern Alberta, with new projects being considered.
- **Dr. Greg Powell Fellowship:** Donations support the training of students at the STARS Critical Care & Transport Medicine Academy by providing bursaries for students enrolled in their program.
- **Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship:** Donations support Diabetes Research at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary; and supplies for the underprivileged diabetic children's programs in Edmonton and Calgary.
- **Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship:** Donations support the purchase of vision equipment at the Eye Institute of Alberta at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton.
 - Clubs in District C1 can consider applying for a Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship with funds going towards the Retcam equipment at Eye Institute of Alberta. Make cheque payable to Lions of Alberta Foundation with Retcam in the memo line and accompany the fellowship application

Project Maple Leaf

Now is the time to order your Canada flags and certificates through the Foundation to present to Grade 1 students to promote Canada's anniversary. What a fun project working with students and honoring our heritage.

As a charitable, non-profit foundation, we are dedicated to supporting the efforts of Alberta's Lions Clubs. Your district, multiple district and Lions International dues do not assist the Foundation with any administrative costs, and we do not have paid employees. The Foundation relies on your undesignated donations and minimal fees charged on large projects to assist with the expenses of the Foundation.

Should you require any further information about the Foundation, its work, or how your contributions will be utilized, please do not hesitate to get in touch or visit our website at <https://www.e-district.org/sites/albertafoundation/index.php>

All donations can be made payable to the **Lions of Alberta Foundation**.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn, PDG
Chairperson
Lions of Alberta Foundation
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Lions of Alberta Foundation, May 2026

Apply Today!




**ZONE CHAIRS WANTED:
THE LEGEND, THE MYTH, THE
MASTER OF ALL THINGS LION!**

To become a **Zone Chair**, you must be a Lion in good standing, have served as a club president, and be appointed by the District Governor. You also need the willingness to visit clubs, run zone meetings, and support district goals. You have a seat on District Cabinet too!

Step up, shine bright, and embrace your destiny as the Zone Chair the district never knew it desperately needed.

email: Liondanielle1@outlook.com

Sales Reps Wanted



SAVE THE DATE

**LETHBRIDGE WEST
LIONS CLUB**

40th

**ANNIVERSARY
CHARTER BBQ**

September 12, 2026
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Rotary Picnic Shelter
Giffen Rd N, Lethbridge, AB T1H 7A1



**Lions CLERC
FREE BARBECUE!**

1 PM, June 13, 2026

**303 5 Street SW
Black Diamond,
Diamond Valley,
Bob Lochhead Lions Memorial Park**

**Bring
Lawn Chairs!**

RSVP by June 1, 2026
Early RSVPs help us plan the BBQ!
Info@clerc.ca



Save the Date!

**C2 CONVENTION
October 23, 24 2026**

Special Guest
International Director
Liz Crooke




**Cochrane Lions Club
EVENTS CENTRE**

NEXT C2 NEWSLETTER

There will be one more C2 newsletter before a summer break. The deadline is June 15, with planned delivery before the end of June.

Please send information and photos about your club's recent and planned activities to barbj.glen@gmail.com. Thanks, Lions!