# C2 LIONS NEWS

## New Lions year begins: Service through Unity a theme

Hello C2 Lions.

As we move into August, I want to begin with something simple and sincere: **thank you**. Since becoming District Governor, I have been overwhelmed by the positive energy, encouragement, and genuine kindness shown by Lions across District C-2.

The messages, the hugs, the smiles, the offers of help — every bit of it has meant more than I can express. I am forever grateful and deeply humbled by the outpouring of support and love as I step into this role. It reminds me every day why I am proud to be a Lion.

At the International Convention in Hong Kong, International President Mark Lyon introduced his theme, **Rooted in Service**. I was immediately inspired. Long before the convention, I had chosen **Service Through Unity** as our District theme — and I was amazed by how naturally and beautifully the two themes fit together.

*Rooted in Service* reminds us why we became Lions in the first place. Service is the foundation of everything we do. *Service Through Unity* reminds us how we accomplish that service best: by working together, supporting one another, and building strong partnerships in our communities.

This year, I encourage every club to look beyond its regular projects. There are so many opportunities around us—needs waiting to be met, people waiting to be helped, and partnerships waiting to be formed. When we work in unity with other service organizations, community groups, and local leaders, we can accomplish far more than we ever could on our own.

I also encourage every Lion to invite **one person** to experience Lionism. One person. One conversation. One invitation. Every new member brings new ideas, new energy, and another pair of hands ready to serve. Growing our membership strengthens our ability to make meaningful, lasting impact.

To me, the heart of the District Governor role is straightforward: **inspire Lions and clubs to serve boldly and support their communities with purpose.** It means supporting our clubs, encouraging our members, connecting them with the tools they need, developing leaders, building strong relationships, making Lions visible, and bringing people together around a shared purpose.



DG Danielle Hamelin and International President Mark Lyon

And I know one thing for certain—I cannot do my year alone. We have dedicated Lions across our district who share the same values and the same commitment to serving our communities. When you have that kind of support team behind you, anything is possible.

That's the work. That's the calling. That's the job.

Thank you for your service, your unity, and your Lion heart. August is here—let's make it a month rooted in service and strengthened through unity.

**Yours in Service,**
**Danielle Hamelin**
**District Governor 2026-2027**

# CALL TO ACTION:
## British Columbia fires

Clubs and individuals are being called on to make a difference because "where there's a need, there's a Lion".

Lions of Alberta Foundation is accepting financial donations from clubs and individual Lions for the British Columbia Fires.

Cheques can be made payable to Lions of Alberta Foundation, with '**BC Fires 2026**' in the memo line.
Lions of Alberta Foundation will coordinate the donations, and they will be sent to District 19I in British Columbia.

If individuals require a tax receipt, please indicate that one is required. Clearly identify the individual's name and mailing address.

Lions of Alberta Foundation deducts $2.50 per receipt for administration costs. Donations from businesses/ corporations will receive a thank you letter which can be used to substantiate their donation/business expense if they qualify under CRA guidelines.
WE SERVE.
Please make cheques payable to:
**Lions of Alberta Foundation** (memo line – BC Fires 2026)
**PO Box 65069 RPO North Hill**
**Calgary AB T2N 4T6**

Yours in Lionism,
**District C1 Governor Dr. Thomas Varghese**
**District C2 Governor Danielle Hamelin**
**PDG Suzanne Leshchyshyn, Chairperson, Lions of Alberta Foundation**




## New C2 cabinet starts strong

The first C-2 Cabinet Meeting of the year was held July 18 at Lions Village in Calgary, and what an energizing start it was. The room was filled with optimism, purpose, laughter, and the shared commitment that defines Lions.

We were honoured to welcome PID Marvin Chambers, who installed our cabinet members. His presence set a tone of dignity and momentum, and he carried out the installations with the skill and warmth we have long admired.

With our team officially in place, we got down to business. Cabinet members reviewed the district budget, discussed upcoming LCIF grant applications, and shared updates from the GAT Team, Zone Chairs, and District Committees. The collaboration and clarity in these early conversations set a strong foundation for the year ahead.

A highlight of the afternoon was PID Marvin's presentation of the President's Medal from International President A.P. Singh to PDG Kevin Gibbons, recognizing Kevin's outstanding service and leadership. It was a proud moment for our district and a reminder of the impact Lions make when we lead with heart.
Here's to a year of service, growth, and working together —stronger than ever.

# Lyon takes Lions helm at international convention

International president Mark Lyon was officially installed during the 108th Lions International Convention in Hong Kong. After taking the oath of office, he shared an inspiring message that set the direction for the coming Lions year.

Known by many as "The Lion of the People," Lyon is respected for his humility, authenticity, and lifelong commitment to service. The son of a pastor, he remains active in his church, and his faith continues to guide his leadership. He is also known for his signature smile, reminding us that service is a privilege, not a burden.

Lyon introduced his theme, Rooted in Service. Using the example of a tree, he said roots give strength and stability to the tree. In the same way, Lions are strengthened by our purpose, shared values and commitment to serving others.

If we want our clubs to grow and thrive, we must remain rooted in service as the foundation of everything we do.

Lyon also shared four priorities for the coming year.

**Service** remains the heart of Lionism. Whether we are building a clinic or serving a meal, every act of service makes a difference.

**Membership** is the key to growing our impact. Lyon encouraged every Lion to support Mission 1.5 by inviting new members into our clubs. More members mean more service and stronger clubs.

**Lions Clubs International Foundation** enables Lions to extend their service worldwide. By supporting LCIF, we increased our ability to help people during disasters, to enable health initiatives and contribute to humanitarian projects.

**Advocacy** means making Lions visible in our communities, working with partners and sharing the story of Lionism to others are inspired to serve.



Lyon also noted that challenges are part of every journey. Instead of avoiding them, we should use them as opportunities to grow. Just as rain strengthens the roots of a tree, challenges help us become stronger leaders and stronger Lions.

He concluded by reminding us that every act of kindness creates a ripple effect. One act of service can inspire many others and make a lasting difference. As Lions, we are called to remain rooted in service and continue making our communities and our world a better place.

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING AS A CLUB OFFICER? OF COURSE YOU DO! BUT MORE TRAINING COULDN'T HURT, RIGHT?**

**Michelle Harris advises that the following on-line training sessions are planned:**

Secretary - Aug. 31 and Sept. 21
Lion Portal Training - Sept. 17
Treasurer - Sept. 9 and Sept. 30
President - Sept. 15 and Oct. 6
New member orientation - TBD

**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*




Students volunteer at the Strathmore food bank.

# C2 youth exchange marks successful program year

Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange (YCE) celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, recognizing six decades of building global understanding, leadership, and cultural connection among young people around the world.

Since its beginning, YCE has helped thousands of youth form friendships across borders, experience service through international exchange, and discover the value of global citizenship.

This summer, District C2 welcomed 37 students from 19 countries for a memorable three-week Canadian cultural experience. The program included two weeks with host families followed by one week of immersive camp programming focused on leadership, service, friendship, and cultural learning.

District-sponsored group activities to Banff and Canmore, Drumheller, a behind-the-scenes Calgary Stampeders game and the Rockyford Rodeo were supported by Cheadle & Rockyford Lions, Logan & Tracy Cornett, and Koester Accounting Services.

Students and host families also participated in several district service activities, including the Bearspaw Farmers Market, CLERC, the Cheadle Lions food booth at the Strathmore Rodeo, the Strathmore Food Bank, the Open Wings Parrot Museum, and the Lions Club of Calgary collaboration with the City of Calgary for volunteer tree planting.

Students took part in two sponsored camp experiences: Lions Leadership Camp, hosted by the Calgary North Hill Lions Club, and Woodcreek Lions Adventure Camp, hosted by Woodcreek Virtual Lions. These camps gave students opportunities to participate in service projects, cultural activities, outdoor adventures, and leadership development sessions that reflected the Lions' commitment to humanitarian service.

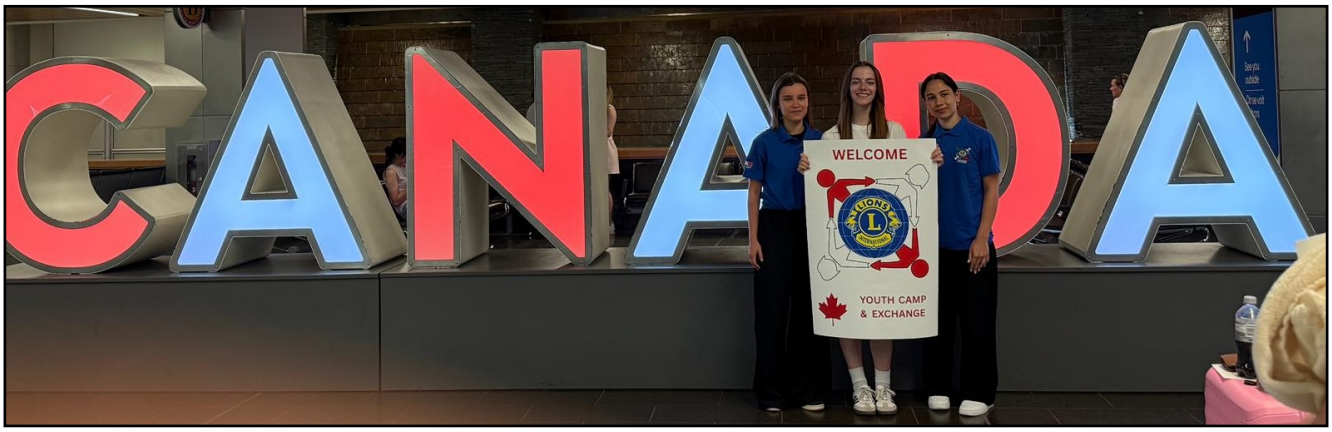


Camp experience was a highlight for participants.



Tree planting was undertaken in a Lions and City of Calgary collaboration.

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A welcome was extended at the Calgary International Airport. Hospitality was extended by many.

Across District C2, host families opened their homes and shared Canadian hospitality with visiting students. Their generosity gave students an authentic glimpse into Canadian life and helped create meaningful connections, lasting memories, and friendships that will continue well beyond the exchange experience.

"As we celebrate 60 years of YCE, District C2 is honoured to continue this legacy of cultural exchange and youth empowerment," said program leadership. "Our host families, Lions clubs, and volunteers make it possible for young people to experience the world in a way that builds understanding, compassion, and global citizenship."

The outbound side of the program was equally inspiring. Thirteen Alberta youth were sponsored to participate in Lions Youth Exchange experiences in Australia, Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, and the Netherlands. These young ambassadors represented their communities while gaining confidence, cultural awareness, and a broader understanding of the world.

Sponsoring clubs included Bearspaw, Calgary North Hill, Canmore, Cheadle, Rockyford, Spruce View (C1), Strathmore, and Woodcreek Lions. Their support made it possible for Alberta youth to take part in the life-changing experience of international exchange.

Through both inbound and outbound exchange, District C2 continues to strengthen global relationships with Lions around the world while contributing to conversations about the future of Youth Exchange programming.

The District Youth Exchange Committee is also working to improve communication and promotion across the district, including new information for 2026–27 related to program support, funding, hosting international students, and sponsoring youth for international exchange opportunities.

Zone chairs and clubs are encouraged to watch for upcoming updates and help share the latest information throughout the district. With continued support from Lions members, clubs, host families, and volunteers, even more Alberta youth can benefit from the Lions Youth Exchange experience.

**HEARTFELT THANKS**

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who organized, supported, sponsored, hosted, and participated in making the 2026 Youth Exchange program a success. Special recognition is extended to Calgary North Hill Lions for hosting the Leadership Camp and to Woodcreek Lions for hosting the Woodcreek Mountain Adventure Camp leadership programs for international students.

Thank you as well to Bearspaw, Calgary North Hill, Canmore, Cheadle, Eastport, Lions Club of Calgary, Rockyford, Spruce View, Strathmore, and Woodcreek Lions for sponsoring Alberta youth, and to Youth Exchange Committee members Lion June Pirie, Lion Shylene Koester of Woodcreek Lions for their dedicated planning and leadership.

A special shout-out is extended to Lion Logan and his partner, Tracy, for volunteering their time as student hosts and program tour guides.

Most importantly, thank you to the wonderful host families who opened their homes and shared Canadian hospitality with incoming exchange students. Your kindness, generosity, and commitment are at the heart of this program's success.

As District C2 looks ahead, the Youth Exchange program remains a powerful example of what Lions can accomplish together. By opening doors, sharing cultures, and supporting young leaders, Lions continue to build bridges of friendship and understanding that reach far beyond local communities and strengthen our shared commitment to service around the world.

# Opening Eyes: Lions support Special Olympics athletes

Medicine Hat Lions and Lions from other clubs in Alberta and Manitoba were proud to volunteer with the **Special Olympics Opening Eyes program**, a partnership between Special Olympics and the Lions Clubs International Foundation that helps provide vision care to Special Olympics athletes.

Opening Eyes provides athletes with vision and eye-health screenings, and those who need vision correction can receive prescription eyewear, sports goggles, or sunglasses at no cost.

Our Lions helped support the event and created a welcoming experience for the athletes as they moved through the different stations. It was a great opportunity to put **"We Serve"** into action while supporting inclusion, health, and the incredible athletes of Special Olympics.

Together, we can help every athlete see their potential, embrace their abilities, and move forward with confidence. Pictured below are the starting shifts of Lions who served to make the program a success.









## C2 SEEKING NOMINATIONS

There is an opportunity available to serve on district council.

C2 is in need of nominations for Second Vice District Governor and also for the Judge Brian Stevenson Emerging Lion award.

A formal Notice of Convention will come in September but candidates for 2nd VDG should start getting their paperwork together now.

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## International Pledge

The following pledge is recommended for Lions use during new member induction ceremonies:

**I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world.**

**I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics and will embody these principles by serving my community and supporting our global foundation.**

**I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others.**

*-Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIII International Relations, Paragraph D*

**Registration is NOW OPEN** for the **District C2 Convention!**

Join us on **October 23–24** at the **Cochrane Lions Club & Event Centre**, 109 5th Avenue, Cochrane, for a weekend of fellowship, learning, service, and celebration as we come together under the theme **United in Service**.

## Convention Registration Fees

🦁 **Lions & Guests: $125.00** per person
✔️ Includes all convention sessions, meals, and the District Governor's Banquet.

🦁 **Leos: $50.00** per person
✔️ Includes all convention sessions, meals, and the District Governor's Banquet.

🍽️ **District Governor's Banquet Only: $70.00** per person

🥪 **Lunch Only: $25.00** per person.




🎁 **Register before Sept. 15,** and you'll be entered into a draw to **WIN an iPad Mini!**

Please complete the registration form on the next page and return it with your payment by email to:

📧 districtc2lions@gmail.com

Payment may be made by **credit card, cheque (payable to District C2 Lions), or e-transfer**. Full payment must accompany your registration to confirm your attendance. See page 9 for hotel information.

We are looking forward to welcoming Lions, Leos, guests, and first-time convention attendees from across the district for an unforgettable weekend of service, learning, and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at districtc2lions@gmail.com.

**DISTRICT C2 CONVENTION REGISTRATION**
**OCTOBER 23-24, 2026**
**COCHRANE LIONS CLUB & EVENT CENTRE**
**109 5TH AVENUE, COCHRANE, ALBERTA**

1. Name (First, Last) _____
   □ Lion □ Leo □ Non-member □ First Convention □ Guest
   Official Title: _____Name on Badge: _____
   Club: _____ District: _____

2. Name (First, Last) _____
   □ Lion □ Leo □ Non-member □ First Convention □ Guest
   Official Title: _____Name on Badge: _____
   Club: _____ District: _____

Email Address:
Phone Number:

1. **Lions/Guest Registration.** **#__ x $125.00/person = $**
   All Meals, Sessions & DG Banquet
2. **Leo Registration** **#___ x $50.00/person = $**
   All Meals, Sessions & DG Banquet
3. **Separate District Governor's Banquet Ticket:** **#____x $70.00/person = $**
4. **Lunch Only** **#____x $25.00/person = $**

** **Register before Sept 15, 2026, to be entered to win an iPad Mini!** **Total = $**

Do you have any Special Dietary requests? Yes No
Please specify dietary details: □ Diabetic □ Gluten Free □ Vegetarian □ Allergies □ Other
Please Describe _____

Method of payment: □ Credit Card □ Cheque – make payable to: **District C2 Lions**
□ e-transfer - to e-transfer, send to districtc2lions@gmail.com

**Note: FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM TO BE REGISTERED AS AN ATTENDEE.**

Credit Card #: _____ EXP Date: _____ CVC: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

Send **Completed** registration form with payment to: Lion Holly Bandelow, 3016-23 St Coaldale, AB T1M-0B5 or email to: districtc2lions@gmail.com

**Hotel Reservations** – Hotel reservations **are not** included with your registration fee and are the responsibility of the delegate/attendee. See reverse for hotel information.

Cancellation Policy: Attempt to transfer your registration to another Lion. Written cancelation request must be received by midnight, October 16, 2026. No refund after October 16, 2026. Email to: michharris@gmail.com

**C2 Convention Hotel Information:**

Host Hotel: *Canalta Cochrane* – 10 Westside Drive, Cochrane – Ph: 403.932.6355
Rates from: $220/night + Tax–
Block Code: LIONS 22 Group 2 – Guest
Cut off for booking: September 23, 2026

*Days Inn & Suites* – 5 Westside Drive, Cochrane – Ph: 403.932.5588
Rates from: $154/night + Tax –
Block Code: 3735 – Cut off for booking: September 23, 2026
Book Online: https://groups.wyndhamhotels.com/housing/lion-clubs-international-pt67ohem

*Super 8* – 11 Westside Drive, Cochrane – Ph: 403.932.1410
Rates from: $150/night + Tax –
Block Code: 102326DCL
Cut off for booking: September 23, 2026
Book Online: https://groups.wyndhamhotels.com/housing/district-2-lions-hnbeq7mt

# Last Chance – Labour Day Game!

This is the l**ast month in which to get your tickets and join us for an afternoon of football, fun, and Lions fellowship!** Join fellow Lions, family, and friends on **Monday, Sept. 7 at 4 p.m.**for the Labour Day Game.

Tickets are **$56.69 per person, including all taxes and fees.** Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get together, cheer on the home team, and enjoy some fun and fellowship outside of our regular Lions activities!

🎟️ **Get your tickets here:**
https://stampeders.spinzo.com/?group=didsbury-lions-club-gc5j

**Come out, bring your family and friends, and let's have some fun together!** 🦁🏈

**Celebration of Life**



A gentle reminder as we prepare for our Fall Convention: if your club has members who have passed this year, please consider submitting a photo so they may be honoured during our Memorial Service. These tributes help us celebrate their legacy of service and ensure their impact is remembered across District C-2. Please send the name, dates of birth and passing, club name, number of years in service and photo of each departed member to DG Danielle liondanielle1@outlook.com
Please send photos as soon as possible so we can include them in this meaningful tribute.



You Are Welcome to Attend
Lions Youth Camp
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026
7:00pm via Zoom
Contact: lhassell@shaw.ca for link.

Hear how the Lions Youth Camp is providing a safe and inspiring space for the Youth of our communities.
All Lions & non-Lions of MD C are welcome.

New Board members are always appreciated. Contact LYC Chair Dennis Stevenson at pdg37e@sunraybase.ca.

Serving the Youth of our communities.

# Calgary Chinatown street festival a cultural celebration






The Calgary Chinatown Street Festival, held Aug. 15, was another opportunity to celebrate culture, food, community and everything that makes Calgary's Chinatown so special!

It was a phenomenal cultural experience in the heart of Calgary Chinatown. Hosted by the Calgary Chinatown Business Improvement Association, and working with the Calgary Chinatown Lions, the one-day event featured cultural performances, merchants, food, family fun, and the hidden gems of Chinatown.

Dignitaries included District Governor Danielle, local MLAs, representatives from the mayor's office, and leaders from the Chinatown business community.

The festival combined multicultural performances on stage and off stage, cultural food and retail booths, and cultural family fun activities and entertainment.

People of all ages found something to love about this festival, with plenty of food, entertainment, and shopping. The Chinatown eateries and malls were also open to welcome all visitors.

**Who is YOUR club's LCIF Coordinator?**

Appointing your Immediate Past President as your club's LCIF Coordinator is more than a tradition – it's a strategic advantage. LCIF is your foundation for service, empowering clubs through grants and programs that make larger, more impactful projects possible. The LCIF Coordinator plays a vital role by promoting LCIF within the club, encouraging member donations, sharing stories of LCIF-funded service, and helping the club stay informed about grant opportunities. This leadership position ensures your club remains connected to the global work of Lions and the life-changing support LCIF provides. Be sure to make that appointment and enter it in the portal.

## THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER THING

Fellow Lions, we will be conducting a Silent Auction at this years District C2 convention in Cochrane, Alta., on Oct. 23 and 24.

If you have any items that you would like to donate for the silent auction, please let Lion Bill S. know by email at lionbills1@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL BELL

The Lions International Bell is more than a piece of metal. It is a symbol of unity, leadership, tradition, and our commitment to service.



### CALLS MEMBERS TO ORDER
The bell marks the beginning and end of meetings, helping maintain order and focus.

### PROMOTES UNITY
Its sound brings members together with a shared purpose and spirit of fellowship.

### REPRESENTS TRADITION
The bell reflects the rich history and heritage of Lions Clubs International.

### ENCOURAGES SERVICE
Each ring reminds Lions of their mission:
**"We Serve."**

### SYMBOLIZES LEADERSHIP AND RESPECT
The bell helps create a professional and respectful meeting environment.



Lions Clubs International Motto

## "WE SERVE"

Through dedication, compassion, and community service, Lions make a positive difference in the lives of people around the world.



**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**

SERVING COMMUNITIES | CHANGING LIVES | BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

# Join Us for the District C1 Convention!

Hosted by the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club, the convention committee, under the leadership of convention chairs PDG Henry Lung and Lion Stacy Chan has planned an exciting lineup of sessions, inspiring service activities, and amazing food. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, celebrate achievements, and enjoy great fellowship with fellow Lions.

We are honoured to welcome International Director Gary Steele as our special guest.

All are invited to the District C1 Convention on Nov. 6 and 7 at the Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre.

Mark your calendars, plan ahead, and don't miss this incredible gathering!

**District C-1 Lions Convention Registration Form**
**Date: November 6–7, 2026**
**Location: Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, Alberta**
**Hosted by the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club**

**Delegate Information**

Name: _____ Name on the Badge: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Registration**

☐ Full Lion Convention Registration
Fee: $150 (register by September 15), after September 15: $170
☐ Full Leos Convention Registration
Fee: $100
☐ Banquet only
Fee: $65

***Registration deadline: October 1, 2026. Registrations received after this date cannot be guaranteed***

**Payment**

☐ E-Transfer to C1Convention2026@gmail.com
☐ Cheque – make payable to the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club (mailing address: 200, 12204 – 106 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T5N 3Z1)

***Full payment must accompany the registration form to be registered as an attendee***

**Meals & Dietary Requirements**

☐ No dietary restrictions
☐ Dietary restrictions/allergies: _____

***We will make every effort to meet dietary requirements. However, accommodation cannot be guaranteed.***

**Hotel Reservation**

Please book your room directly at the Edmonton Inn by phone 1-888-747-4114 by Friday, October 2, 2026, mention the "Lions 2026 Convention" to receive the special group rate single $124/night or double $134/night

**Cancellation**

Written cancellations received on or before October 1, 2026, will receive a 90% refund. After October 1, registrations can only be transferred to another Lion by notifying the Convention Committee by email to C1Convention2026@gmail.com. Otherwise, the full registration fee will be forfeited.

**Please email completed registration form to C1Convention2026@gmail.com**

# Program

## 12th DISTRICT C1 CONVENTION

**November 6 and 7, 2026**

Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre
11834 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB

**THEME:**

## LEAD. INCLUDE. SERVE

Building Stronger Lions, Stronger Clubs, Stronger Communities





FEATURING SPEAKER



International Director
**Gary Steele**

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

REGISTRATION

**FRIDAY EVENING**

Cultural Evening
with Multiple Cultural Dances

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**INSPIRING SESSIONS ON:**

- Health and Wellness
- Environment
- Camp He Ho Ha
- Veterans House
- Diabetes Awareness
- and Many More!

### OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Join hands. Make a difference. Strengthen our communities together.

### HOSPITALITY ROOM

Hosted on both Friday and Saturday
by the PDG Association

### PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

Collecting for Veterans Food Bank

Lead. Include. Serve.
Dr. Thomas Varghese
District Governor C1
2026-27

# A partnership that saves sight




The **Rockyview General Hospital (RGH) Eye Clinic and the members of the District C-2 Vision Committee** would like to thank you for your continued support of the RGH Eye Clinic in Calgary. Together with the Calgary Health Foundation, Lions in District C-2 have helped establish the RGH Eye Clinic as a world class eye institute for clinical care, education and training, and research and innovation. This also makes the RGH Eye Clinic the leading ophthalmology centre in Southern Alberta.

Because of the generosity of donors like you, the RGH Eye Clinic is equipped with vision and life-saving state-of-the-art diagnostic tools that promise ease and comfort for many patients. Specialized technology helps our ophthalmologists to provide the highest level of compassionate care for patients who struggle with their vision health. Such advancement would not be possible without your support!

**Your support is needed!** The District C-2 Vision committee's newest fundraising cause, in partnership with the Calgary Health Foundation, is an LCIF Vision Grant Application for an Ellis Tango Reflex Laser for the Rockyview General Hospital Eye Clinic. This remarkable instrument provides treatment for glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness , for cataracts and for related conditions.

The cost of this instrument is $150,000. We have prepared an LCIF Vision Grant Application for half, but the District C-2 clubs must raise their share, $75,000.

We are asking you to consider supporting this project through written commitment to the vision committee, or immediate contribution to the project through the Lions of Alberta Foundation.

The Foundation can hold both gaming and non-gaming funds for District C-2 during these fundraising efforts. The Foundation can also maintain a record of these contributions to satisfy reporting requirements of the LCIF grant trustees.

Clubs can also contribute by applying for a Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight for $500 through the Lions of Alberta Foundation. Funds received from clubs during this project will go directly to the matching amount required to support the grant.

The next deadline for an LCIF Vision Grant Application is Oct. 1. With your support, we hope to meet that deadline.

**Donations can be made directly to:**
**Lions of Alberta Foundation**
PO Box 65069 RPO North Hill
Calgary, Alberta T2N 4T6

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**FOR SALE: Beaumont Lions Club Pancake Trailer**

The trailer is 16 ft long with a tandem 7000 lb. axle. (2- 3500 lb. axles). It has inside storage with cupboards and drawers. The back door folds down and acts as a ramp to off or on load any BBQ's. The big BBQ shown is a Double Grill, 8 ft long and is sold separately. (on wheels) There is a small one also.Manufactured April 2008

Your contact is:

- Andrew Brickner – President Beaumont Lions Club
- Ph: 780-312-6556
- Email: andrew.brickner@gmail.com





Your District C2 cabinet is ready for action. Meet some of them in the biographies on the following pages.



**ADVISOR**
**PID Marvin Chambers**

Marvin Chambers of Fillmore, Sask. was elected as international Director for Canada in 2011-13. He joined the Fillmore and District Lions Club in 1971.

In 2024 Lion Marvin and wife Lion Lynne moved to Alberta and joined the Lions Club of Medicine Hat. PID Marvin served as District Governor in 2005-06, Council Chairperson for MD5 in 2026-07, and Chairperson for the Long Range Planning committee in 2007-08. He was very active in MD5 redistricting efforts.

PID Marvin has received many awards during his Lions life and holds the highest award given to a Lions, the Ambassador of Good Will. He served as Co-chairperson for Campaign 100 for Canada. He was the Global Chairperson for the Campaign to elect Dr. Patti Hill as President for Lions Clubs International.

Lion Marvin is now the LCIF Trustee for Canada. He started his second three-year term July 1.

PID Marvin and his wife, Lion Lynne, have three daughters and two sons and are proud grandparents of seven.



**ADVISOR**
**PID Bill Webber**

Bill Webber of Calgary was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the 72nd annual convention, held in Miami/Miami Beach, Florida in June 1989.

A Lion and member of the St. Albert Lions Club since 1964, and Associate member of the Calgary North Hill Lions since 2026, PID Webber has held the positions of club president, district governor, and council chair. He served as a director and past chair of Lions Quest Canada, coordinator of Lions Project Pride, and director and past chair of his multiple district eye bank. In 1995 he served as an appointee to the International Board. He also served as a national coordinator for Campaign Sight First.

For his contributions to the association, PID Webber received the 100% District Governor Award, six International Certificates of Appreciation, nine International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honour granted by the association of its members. He is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Active in the community, Webber has served on the Edmonton Emergency Planning Committee, the Canadian Gas Association and a member and Chair of the St. Albert Board of Education. He and his late wife Joan have two daughters, two sons, and eight grandchildren.



**GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM COORDINATOR**
**C2 SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARKETING COORDINATOR**
Holly Bandelow

Hello, fellow Lions and Leos! I am Lion Holly Bandelow, a proud member of the Lethbridge West Lions Club and your District C2 Global Service Team Coordinator.

I became a Lion because I was fascinated and inspired by the work of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. I decided that if I could serve others by helping people with disabilities in our communities, then I was all in...with both feet, or should I say, paws!

One of my favourite service activities is organizing the annual Lethbridge Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. It is incredibly rewarding to bring our community together while raising awareness and funds to help provide Dog Guides to Canadians with disabilities at no cost.

As the GST Coordinator on the District C2 Global Action Team, I am often asked whether I help save the District money on its taxes! While GST may commonly stand for Goods and Services Tax, in Lions it stands for the Global Service Team.

My role is to assist District clubs in promoting Lions Clubs International's global causes, provide Lions and Leo clubs with helpful service resources, support the implementation of meaningful service projects and assist clubs with reporting their service.

One of my goals for this Lion and Leo year is to connect with our Leo clubs and Leo club advisors, support their incredible service efforts and help ensure their projects are entered and celebrated.

Please feel free to reach out at any time. I am always happy to help clubs and members find new ways to serve, report their impact and share the amazing work happening throughout District C2.

I am also pleased to serve as the District C2 Social Media and Marketing Coordinator. In this role, I will focus on sharing club events, service projects, fundraisers and important District C2 news.

Social media is a great way to highlight the amazing work being done throughout our district, spread awareness and connect Lions and Leos across our communities. You never know...another Lion, Leo or club may see your event and decide to attend, volunteer or support your project!

If your club has an upcoming event, fundraiser or service project, please email the details, graphics and photos to lionhollyb@gmail.com so they can be shared on the District C2 social media pages.

Let's work together to get the word out, celebrate our service and show everyone how District C2 Lions and Leos make a difference!



**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM COORDINATOR**
**Michelle Harris**

Hello everyone, my name is Michelle Harris. I am your GLT chair. I live in Fort Macleod and belong to the Fort Macleod Lions.

My goal this year is to do training online with zoom meetings, thereby hoping to reach all those that prefer to be close to home. So please be on the lookout for the training schedules. (See page 3 of this newsletter for some of them.)



**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM COORDINATOR**
**Bradley Pay**

Bradley has always believed in contributing to his community as a way to strengthen connections and bring people together. He has been involved with Lions for eight years. This commitment is reflected in his extensive volunteer work, including an incredible 134 hours contributed in the past month alone.

Whether supporting Medicine Hat Musical Theatre, serving as an active member of the Lions Club of Medicine Hat, taking on the role of Global Membership Team (GMT) for the District, lending a hand to other Lions clubs in the area, assisting as an usher and ticket scanner at Co-op Place and the Esplanade, or helping with the local music festival, volunteering is truly at the heart of Bradley's character.

In the spring, Bradley took on the role of an Adult Raiser with Summit Service Dogs, helping train a future service dog and making a meaningful difference in someone's life. That service dog went on to become a facility dog at Percy Baxter Middle School in Whitecourt, where it now supports the entire school community and makes a positive impact on the lives of students and staff each day.

Bradley has also quietly supported the Redcliff Youth Centre behind the scenes for the past year, further demonstrating his dedication to the well-being of his community—especially its youth, who represent the future of that community.

Through his role with the District GMT, Bradley has developed an action plan focused on strengthening club-level onboarding and orientation, evaluating the membership experience, and adjusting strategies to better support clubs and their members. His goal is simple: to help clubs create stronger connections, provide new members with a welcoming and meaningful experience, and ultimately build stronger communities through Lions service.

Bradley is always happy to answer questions, share ideas, and lend a hand wherever he can. For him, volunteering is more than simply giving time. It is about creating connections, strengthening communities, and helping others find their own opportunity to contribute.



**GLOBAL ACTION TEAM LEADER**
**September Stokes**

District C-2 extends a warm welcome to Past District Governor September Stokes on her appointment as Area Global Action Team (GAT) Leader for Constitutional Area 2, Group A.

In this role, she will support the District and Multiple District GAT teams in Alberta (Districts C-1 and C-2) and the Canadian districts of British Columbia (Districts 19-I, 19-L, and 19-O). She will provide guidance, resources, and support to help strengthen membership, leadership, and service, and will work closely with Districts and Multiple Districts throughout the region.

PDG September is a member and current president of the Coquitlam River Lions Club and has been a Lion for 34 years. She has served in numerous leadership roles and brings a wealth of experience to her new position. We congratulate PDG September and look forward to working with her throughout the coming Lions year.

**Lions Of Alberta Foundation**
**Empowering Alberta Lions to**
**Build Stronger Communities**

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.

Our programs include:

**Lions Legacy Scholarship Program**

The Foundation matches Club contributions up to $500 for Alberta high school students pursuing post-secondary education, and includes trades, colleges, university and other programs. Requirements for both club and student applications are on our website. Clubs can be awarded two scholarships per year July 1 to June 30. Program Updates: Clubs must submit the student's official tuition receipt which provides proof of full acceptance into the program; and club funds to be matched MUST be enclosed with the club and student applications and documentation. The cheque funds must be issued to and mailed to the Foundation.

**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. The Foundation is working with a few District C-2 Lions Clubs on new projects that will benefit their communities.

**Sight Bursary Program**

We provide $1000 bursaries to sight impaired Alberta students attending their first or second 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 computer programs, specialized eyeglasses, braille reader, etc.

**Project Maple Leaf**

Now is the time to order your Canada flags and certificates through the Lions of Alberta Foundation to present to Grade 1 students in May or June 2027.

**Fellowships**

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

- **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. Clubs in District C-2 can consider applying for a Bill Webber Fellowship with funds going towards the Ellex Tango Reflex Laser for the Rockyview General Hospital Eye Clinic. Make cheque payable to Lions of Alberta Foundation with ***District C2 Vision*** in the memo line and accompany the fellowship application.
- **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.

Application forms and further information on our programs are available on our website. https://www.e-district.org/sites/albertafoundation/










## NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Lions, the deadline for the next C2 newsletter is Sept. 18. Please send stories, photos and other material to barbj.glen@gmail.com