



Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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Newsletter Submission
Deadline: March 24

MD C Convention May 5 & 6 Canmore

See January Lions Roar for more information and a registration form or go to: <http://mdclions.org/conventions-2/>



On December 9, 2016 2nd VDG and Lion John travelled to Provost and met with Lion Mary Readman, Sight, Hearing, Speech Chairperson to present a District cheque in the amount of \$850 to Wendy Parker to defray the cost of her son Memphis' specially made glasses. 10 year old Memphis' eye condition, Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome, means he must have special tinted prescription lenses which help avoid or alleviate the stomach aches and headaches, also enables him to read the print on paper, and see outside in the daylight Memphis will never grow out of this condition, his Mother Wendy told us, he will require upgrades on these lenses every year at cost of over \$1000.

DG Ron's Ramblings

Time is really flying by, and in 4 months I will be a has been. It has been an enlightening and enjoyable experience so far. The Lionistic year has now reached the stage where Clubs should be planning their elections for new

officers. The people should be encouraged to go online and take the LCI Learning Center courses relative to your position. These courses are easy to follow and can be done in stages if time is an issue. There are Clubs who are not reporting activities and or

membership changes, and we still have the Activity Challenge of now 200,000 million by June 2018. Lions, we can do this.

VDG Kris Kozoriz who is doubling as our Centennial co-ordinator is getting no information about any Legacy Projects that are happening, so please email her details about your Clubs project, and also PDG Lion Hank for publication in the Roar. You may have noticed the Roar is getting smaller; it is because Clubs are not sending in articles or photos about your events. We know that you are busy so please brag a little and tell the rest of the District. All of you should have received a notice of a March membership drive. Please take this to heart and conduct some sort of Activity. It can be as simple as being in your local grocery store or coffee shop talking to people about your Club and handing out a list of your accomplishments. The need for Lions and our Service has never been greater here at home and around the world.

Finally I encourage all Clubs to consider the MD Convention in Canmore, as I believe it will be an interesting and history making convention, and it would be greatly appreciated to have a strong C-1 presence in Canmore.

In the next 2 weeks I will be visiting Wetaskiwin, Smoky Lake, Redwater, Inner City, Lacombe jointly with Sylvan Lake and Eckville, as well as Red Deer, which are confirmed. I will ramble again in a month.

Lions Foundation of Canada Alberta Director Report February/2017

Following the October meeting, the District C-1 convention of Northern Alberta was held in Vegreville, AB. LFC was represented well at the convention with both PCC Lynne Coulter and myself in attendance promoting the programs of Dogguides and Project Pride. Sales of merchandise was very good and several clubs expressed

interest in perhaps hosting a Dog Walk this year.

Once again clubs are encouraged to order their Project Pride flags and certificates very soon to ensure receiving them before their scheduled presentation dates. More information on ordering flag sets can be obtained by Googling Project Pride and locating the order form. PCC Lynne Coulter awaits your order. All proceeds from this project are forwarded to LFC.

Once again the Maple Leaf Weekend Raffle for the Lions Foundation of Canada was very successful. All draws have been completed and LFC will receive the proceeds as soon as the necessary gaming requirements are completed.

Interest in the upcoming Dog Walks is beginning to build as I have received several requests from clubs in Alberta that would like to host a Dog Walk. Hopefully we will come up with many new Walks.

Recently Sharon and I attended the 70th Charter Anniversary of the Andrew Lions Club of District C-1. It was here that former Premier of Alberta the Honorable Ed Stelmach received a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship from his club. The actual presentation was made by PID's Patti Hill and Bill Webber.

Respectfully submitted,

André Nimchuk

Alberta Director

Why are canned herrings called sardines? The canning process was developed in Sardinia.

**Grande Prairie Lions Club
60TH Anniversary on
April 8th, 2017
Lions Learning Center
6:00-10:00 pm**

**Theme is Jerserys and Jeans or casual wear
Guest speaker: Dr Patti Hill**

**RSVP by Feb 28th, 2017
to Betty Ann Robson
bettyann.robson@gmail.com
Donna Coulter
ldcgp@telusplanet.net**

**District C-1 Convention
November 3 & 4 Edmonton**

The organizing committee is negotiating with potential venues and details will be forthcoming.

Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre

2nd Quarter 2016/17 Report:

CLERC has experienced a heavy volume of requests this quarter. We have shipped 143,075 pairs of processed glasses to 20 countries, over the last 3 months. We collected 97,855 glasses during this quarter, with 80% of them being sent by Lions Clubs, while public donations totaled out at 19,571 pair. In that time period, we have had members from 41 District Lions Clubs, Leo Clubs participate in CLERC initiatives. We also have strong bi weekly commitments from BP and Imperial Oil retirees, that has assisted greatly in reaching larger totals. Last year CLERC sent almost 1/6th of the 2.9 million pairs of glasses that the 19 LERS put on faces around the world. This year, there is a good chance that we will break the 500,000 pair mark. The Calgary Correctional Center continues to process glasses, but certainly not at the pace that we are doing them

at the CLERC warehouse. We have a meeting scheduled for later on in the month with the Warden. He is very happy and supportive of the program there. All Lions Clubs can host a short meeting at CLERC and then do glasses, provided we can have enough staff there for your scheduled meeting (The Lions Club of Calgary just signed up for one). The Bishop Falls CLERC subsidiary in NFLD has furnished glasses to two missions this quarter, with one being in Haiti, and the other in Nicaragua. They are shipping CLERC 30,000 pair of finished glasses to distribute to our clients. CLERC is currently in the process of filling an order for 100,000 pair of glasses that are going to Africa. We have several other smaller orders to fill that we are also working on. CLERC has 2 Traveling Roadshows coming up. One is April 8th in Grande Prairie (Grand Prairies 60th Charter Anniversary), and another on June 8th in Redcliffe, hosted by the Redcliffe Lions and the Middle School. Weather caused us to miss a scheduled Traveling Work Party in Hanna, which we will be reschedul-

ing. CLERC WILL be in attendance at the Multiple District Convention in Canmore. Please remind all Lions Clubs in Both C-1 and C-2 that we will have our 3 Ton Truck there, so please bring glasses, Hearing Aids and Can Tabs! Just a reminder that the CLERC AGM will be held at the CLERC Warehouse June 24th at 3 pm, followed by a Volunteer Appreciation Gala featuring finger foods and cocktails! It would be nice if Cabinet Members, Zone Chairs and Volunteers planned on attending! More on the deals that we have been working on with Luxoticca, and Hakim optical, in the next report, as they are almost completed. This will be exciting news as it means that Lions in Canada will have a vehicle for giving glasses to needy Canadian Children!

In Lionism James Lee
CLERC Chair

***CLERC*- An Out of Sight Opportunity to Aid the Vision Impaired of the World!**

LOUGHEED LIONS

40th ANNIVERSARY

@ Lougheed Community Hall

May 6th, 2017

Cocktails @ 5:00pm

Supper @ 6:00pm

Entertainment:

Magic Marty

&

Ralph Storbakken and Friends

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

Available from Lion Members

Volunteers Needed

Your Lions of Alberta Foundation needs your help at a casino on April 15-16, 2017 at Yellowhead Casino Edmonton.

All positions are open. Please express your interest to Lion Tom Hodgson at papa.count@hotmail.com.

The funds raised from this event is well dispersed on behalf of Lions in Alberta. We support the Lions Legacy Scholarships, Bursaries for the blind, Sight Fund, Camp He Ho Ha, Lions Sight Centre-Calgary, Lions Eye Research Fund and Youth Camp.



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Dear Lions, Leos, and Friends of Lions,

In our centennial year, we are investing into the future of Lions Clubs—our Leos. Our Leo Club Program started here in the United States almost sixty years ago and today continues to flourish with more than 1,600 clubs. These clubs have served almost 800,000 people with over 6,300 service activities, and they are not stopping anytime soon.

Our Lions family calls us to reach for the impossible as part of our centennial celebration. With this in mind, we have united to encourage and inspire our Leos to be the great change we need for Lions' continued success. Our vision is a USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum that will convene annually every August, starting in 2017.

From all over the U.S. and its territories, our Leos share a common set of values. They serve with enthusiasm, constantly striving to make positive, sustainable change to our communities. They inspire their peers and share their talents with those in need. They make an impact on our Lions and reinvigorate our lifetime commitment to serve in this organization. These values give our Leos the power to make profound impact, and with us on their side there can be no limit.

Our forum will provide Leos with leadership training and seminars about the Leo Lion transition. Moreover, we will offer fun activities so Leos can inspire and learn from each other and later bring home their newfound knowledge and share it with their clubs. This forum aims to make a demonstrated commitment to our Leos that we believe they are the future of Lions.

As a supporter of the Leo Movement, we hope you may consider donating any amount, from \$50 to \$1,000, to the USA Leo Leadership Foundation. Your generous donation will help our foundation forward our mission of better supporting our Leos through our annual leadership forum. As a sign of our appreciation, all donors will be recognized as a Founding Member of the 1st USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum on our social media, webpage, and during the forum.



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These are samples of the many promotional and informational resources available to download at

lions100.org



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Lions ALERT Program

Lions are continually involved in disaster relief around the world. The Lions ALERT program strives to provide specific direction to the 46,000 Lions clubs and help them to be more efficient in providing short and long term support to disaster victims.

The objective of the Lions **ALERT** Program is to develop a plan of action in case of a **Level One** (affecting a few people), **Level Two** (affecting a community) or **Level Three** emergency (affecting hundreds or thousands of people in a region).

The emergency may be a natural disaster, a man-made disaster or a public healthcare crisis such as a large-scale (pandemic) influenza (flu) outbreak.

Do you have an emergency kit?

Assemble one...

Basic emergency kit checklist:

- Water** — two litres of water per person per day (include small bottles)
- Food** that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace once a year)
- Manual can opener**
- Wind-up or battery-powered flashlight** (and extra batteries)
- Wind-up or battery-powered radio** (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit**
- Extra keys** for your car and house
- Cash, travellers' cheques** and change
- Important family documents** such as identification, insurance and bank records
- Emergency plan** — include a copy in your kit as well as contact information

Consider these additional emergency kit supplies:

- Two additional litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning
- Candles and matches or lighter (place in sturdy containers and do not burn unattended)
- Change of clothing and footwear for each household member
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each household member
- Toiletries and personal hygiene items
- Hand sanitizer, toilet paper and garbage bags
- Prepaid phone card, mobile phone charger
- Pet food and supplies
- Infant formula, baby food and supplies
- Activities for children like books, puzzles or toys
- Prescription medications, medical equipment
- Utensils, plates and cups
- Household chlorine bleach or water purifying tablets
- Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, work gloves, pocket knife)
- Small fuel-operated stove and fuel
- Whistle (to attract attention)
- Duct tape

The 26th Annual Lions Beer & Bean Bash April 29th 2017

The two St. Albert Lions Clubs are hosting the 26th Annual Lions Beer & Bean Bash, on April 29, 2017 at the St. Albert Community Hall, 17 Peron St. - a silent auction, dinner, and dancing to a live band to add to your enjoyment. Ticket sale information to follow:

You can have a great time and further assist the St. Albert Lions Clubs in service to the community, by joining us at the Beer and Bean Bash in the St. Albert Community Hall 17 Peron Street on April 29, 2017.

Majority of the event's profit will go to support St. Albert Victims Services (Supported by St. Albert Breakfast Lions Club) and Community Refugee Committee of St. Albert (Supported by the St. Albert Host Lions Club)

Tickets for the 26th Annual Lions Beer & Bean Bash, April 29, 2017 go quickly - ticket details to follow.

For pickup of auction items contact:

Lion Gerry - 780.459.7751

Lion Paul - 780.459.5509

Lion Jeff - 780.458.7561

Lion Fred - 780.406.2286

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Club Elections and Reporting

Your Club should already be planning for elections to Club Officer positions, and we strongly recommend you consider the importance of letting different Lions develop their leadership skills. It is convenient to let incumbents carry on, but the more Lions who get the opportunity to lead, the healthier the Club will be, and it makes retention of members easier to accomplish.

When you do hold elections, be sure to report the results to LCI by way of MyLCI. Also make certain that member (positions held, phone numbers, and email addresses) and Club information (meeting places and times, mailing address, email address, and web page) are updated.

You also need to re-enter Officer information even if the position holder has not changed.- MyLCI Officer records are deleted at the end of the Lionistic year.

Club Secretaries and Presidents are both authorized to make these changes to the MyLCI databases.

If you need help, contact your Zone Chair or District Governor Elect Kris Kozoriz kkozoris@telus.net



Turtles for!



Join us and take part in this year's online **STAY HOME & BID AUCTION**

You will not need to dress up or even leave your home! You will not need a dog sitter, a new outfit or to spend an hour styling your hair. All you need is an internet connection and your passion for providing greater safety, mobility and independence to Canadians with disabilities.

The online auction will launch **MONDAY, MARCH 6** and run through **SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

Every week, there will be new items up for bid

dogguides.com/auction

All proceeds from the auction help provide Dog Guides to Canadians with physical and medical disabilities.



For more information please call 1-800-768-3030 or email events@dogguides.com

District C-1 Calendar

2017

4	8	Grande Prairie 60th Charter	Grande Prairie	PCC Donna Coulter ldcgp@telusplanet.net
4	29	Beer and Beans Bash	St Albert	Fred Johnson hjohnsen@shaw.ca
5	4-5	MD C Council	Canmore	PDG Hazel Hiebert witch123@telus.net
5	6	Beaumont & Dist 40th Charter	Beaumont	Andy Brickner abrickner@monarchins.com
5	5-6	MD C Convention	Canmore	PDG Hazel Hiebert witch123@telus.net
6	2-4	Cavalcade for Diabetes	Pigeon Lake	PCC Dennis Stevenson pdg37e@sunraybase.ca
6-30	7-4	International Convention (100 years of Lionism)	Chicago	Lions International lionsclubs.org
9	21-23	USA/Canada Forum	Portland, Oregon	lionsforum.org
11	2-4	District C-1 Convention	Edmonton	Details TBA

2018

6-29:	7-03	International Convention	Las Vegas	lionsclubs.org
9	20-22	USA/Canada Forum	Columbus Ohio	lionsforum.org

2019

7	5-29	International Convention	Milan Italy	lionsclubs.org
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