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Thorsby and District Lions Club held a 50/50 draw during "Christmas in the Village" in Thorsby on December 4, 2015. Total funds raised was \$2680.00. Of this amount, one local resident took home \$1340 and the second half (\$1340) went to the Thorsby Elementary School Breakfast Program. Pictured are Lion Rick Hart, Lion President Andre McAllister, Thorsby Elementary School rep Kim Brightman, Lion Fred Purdie (- the dog is unidentified...)

- Bev Alcorn

DG Hank's Notes:

As we take a bit of a break at Christmas, Sharon and I wish everyone in our extended Lions family all the best for the New Year and a productive year in Lionism and all your endeavours.

My special thanks to **Hinton, Waskatenau, Edmonton Chinese, Edmonton Northgate, St Albert Host, Ryley, and Caroline** for their hospitality in Official Visits and Christmas celebrations. I am also grateful to those Clubs that donated to my charity of choice this year - the Lions Eye Research Fund at Alberta Eye Institute, the Royal Alexandra hospital in Edmonton.

As we move into the new year, I expect that our zone chairs will be moving to organize zone meetings. These

meetings will be more extensive than you are used to, and all Lions in the zones will be invited. Your zone chairs will also be asking you what topics should be on the agendas for your zone meetings.

In my wanderings, the topic of inter Club visitations and the lack thereof keeps popping up. Many of us remember when 5 or more Lions visited another Club, and claimed that Club's gong. This gong would be ransomed either by a return visit of at least three Lions, or the payment of a \$25 fine in the form of a donation to LCIF. The fellowship at these Club visitations, as well as the opportunity to see how others run meetings, and the chance to take on cooperative ventures were and still should be important to Lionism.

Until next year...



Wetaskiwin Lions presented the cheque for three thousand dollars to Victim Services on Saturday, December 5. We presented the cheque to Victim Services Executive Director Petra Pfeiffer and Chairperson Cyrus Dastouri. The Lions present were Lion Corrinne Denham (in the black coat), Treasurer Sharon Dakin, and myself, Secretary James Letourneau.

Victim Services bought that HUGE candy cane especially for us. I guess that we were the biggest donators they were expecting that day because I didn't see any other huge canes there. I even got to take that huge candy cane home with me. Corrinne didn't seem interested in it and Sharon can't have that much sugar so I got it by default. I might take it in for the X-mass party and break it up to share around with everyone else. (Talk about sacrificing oneself...)

Wetaskiwin has also donated \$1250 to Scouts, \$1300 to Girl Guides, and \$1000 to STARS Air Ambulance this fall.

- James Letourneau



Grande Prairie Lions President Rick Robson presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to James Holton, Area Foreman, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. for providing the backpacks which were presented by the Grande Prairie Lions to local foster children. The backpacks contained toiletries, a Lions colouring book and other personal items

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house. Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care. They'd been worn all week and needed the air.

Bawlf and District Lions Club
35th Charter Anniversary
February 6, 2016
Community Centre , Bawlf
Cocktails 6:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm
Guest Speaker: PID Jack Isaman
Bring your Club and personal LCIF donation cheques (Tax receipts will be available so personal donations can be claimed as tax deductions)
 Eating order will be determined by donation amounts per table/Club
 RSVP by January 16, 2016 to:
 Darryl Reinke (H) 780 373 3775
 (Cell) 780 608 9884 dwreinke@syban.net

Lions Colouring Books

Deadline for orders will be March 1

The price will depend on the amount in the total order. Should range between \$.48 and \$.80 per copy. Use in conjunction with your Project Pride flags. I will be available to take orders at either my e-mail address or my home phone gmawoz@shaw.ca or 780-998-3865

These colouring books will list the names of the clubs who ordered them so it's good advertising and the kids and teachers love them. The story line in the colouring books is about Lions so it's A great way to promote Lionism.

Minimum order is 250 books (one case). Payment due on delivery.

Lion Dr. Patti Hill for Vice President



For those of us in Multiple District C the words above are very familiar. Both our districts and the multiple have enthusiastically endorsed our very own outstanding candidate for this high office. Patti continues to be in great demand as a convention speaker and in addition she and Lion Greg have attended 6 International Forums. These have taken them across the world from Europe, Asia, New Zealand with several stops in North America.

Many of you know that she will be on the ballot for election as 3rd Vice President at the Lions International Convention in Chicago in 2017. Many of you know that campaigning for this position, for this length of time, is expensive. Many of you are willing to support PID Patti in her quest to serve as President of our organization during our Canadian Lions Centennial Year of 2020, the first Canadian President since Judge Brian Stevenson in 1987-88. Many of you – we hope – are interested in supporting Lion Patti financially. Our committee is pleased to recognize your support with an attractive Campaign Lapel Pin. These come in a series of identical pins except for the stone inset. Values go from \$20 (Topaz), \$40 (Sapphire), \$60 (Ruby), \$80 Emerald to \$100 (Diamond). Also available are boxed sets for \$250.00 containing one of each pin in a framed setting. A great buy for a Club to use for a raffle or recognition. Larger cash donations are also welcome and being accepted from clubs, individuals and other groups. For more information call:

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Boxed Set

For more news visit our website at drpattihill.com

Lion Olaf "Skip" Sandaker
Wabamun Lions Club
January 16, 1948 – November 27, 2015

Last month's newsletter included information about the new MD C crest and International Parade wear. After the initial shock of the price of the crests, these matters are being re-thought, and will be updated soon, with a substantial reduction in costs.

An Enchanted Evening

Dancing Through the Decades

The Edmonton Host Lions Club is an organization that has been active and serving the community since 1929. We are a club that raises money for the many programs and organizations that we support. The Edmonton Host Lions Club is all volunteers and 100% of the net funds raised will go for Lions Youth Projects and Community Services.

On March 5, 2016 the Edmonton Host Lions Club will be hosting an Enchanted Evening of Dining and Dancing Through the Decades at the St. John's Cultural Centre at 10611 110th Avenue Edmonton. The Elegant Buffet Dinner will be catered by St. John's and you will be dancing to:

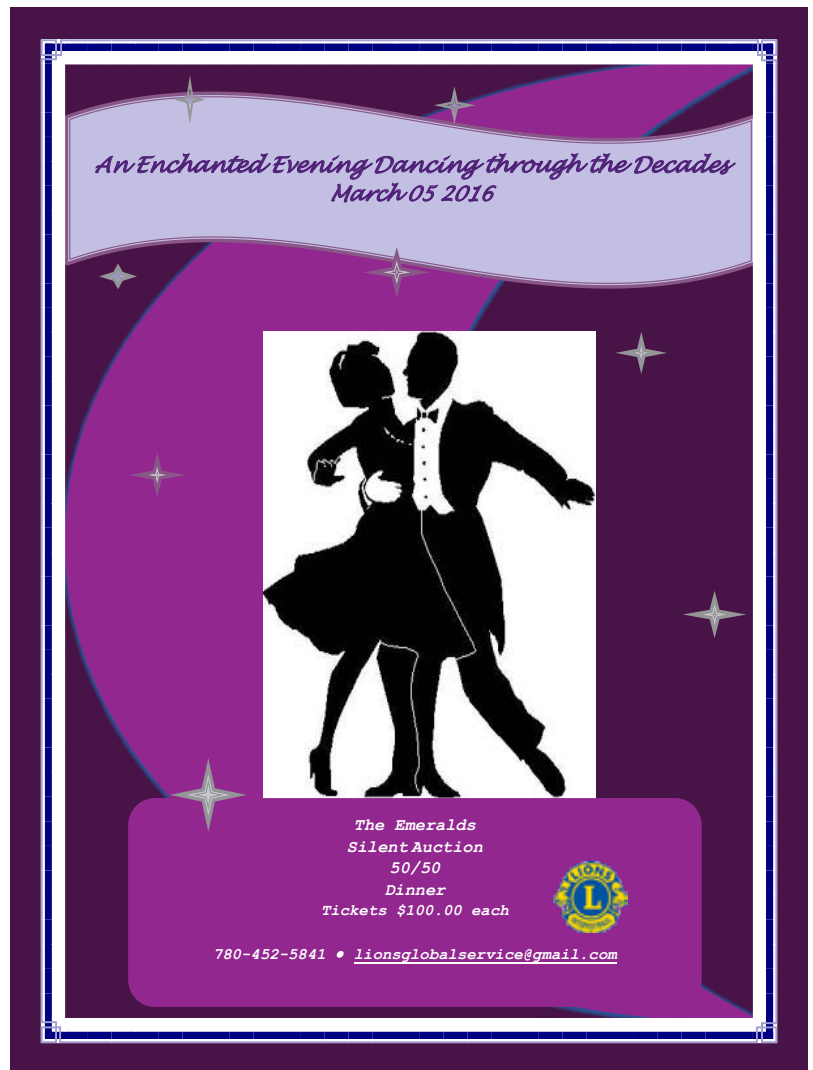
The Emeralds

The evening will be providing different fundraising events such as 50/50 cash draw, silent auction and door prizes.

The Edmonton Host Lions Club has also been selling raffle tickets with the first prize being The Gift of Flight by WestJet, the draw for the raffle will take place during the night of our Enchanted Evening.

The price of An Enchanted Evening is \$100.00 per ticket.

We would be absolutely delighted and thrilled if you would consider joining us for the evening.



Date _____

Name _____

Phone () _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Mail payment and form to Mavis Lambert
1412 10770 Winterburn Road
Edmonton AB T5S 1T6

780-452-5841 lionsglobalservice@gmail.com

Payment for _____ Tickets @ \$100

Payment Options (please check one)

1. () Visa () MasterCard

Card # _____

Expiry Date _____ CVS # _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

2. () Cheque cheque \$ _____

Payable to Edmonton Host Lions Club

Multiple District C plans for First Annual Convention



Multiple District C's Council of Governors is planning for the 1st ever MD C Convention to be held in S Albert May 13 & 14th. This is a great opportunity for all of our Lions to experience the information sharing, fellowship and fun of convention without having to travel far to do so.

- Dr. Yamada's theme of Dignity Harmony Humanity
- Japanese style theme for convention
- Friday evening social with Japanese entertainment
- Saturday business session including elections and endorsement of Dr. Patti Hill for VP
- Banquet with Keynote Speaker PID Yves Leveille

Online Registration is now available at: <http://mdclions.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/MDC-Registration-Form-Fillable.pdf>

District C-1 Calendar

2016

1	4	DG Official Visit	Sylvan Lake	Dave Leshchyshyn davensuzie@shaw.ca
1	22	DG to Eckville Christmas ! Party	Eckville	Linda Kind lmkind377@gmail.com
1	26	DG to Devon multi Club dinner	PDG Ian Sinclair	ia.sinclair@hotmail.com
2	6	Zone 9 meeting	Red Deer	ZC Suzanne Leshchyshyn infinitelite@shaw.ca
2	20	C-1 Cabinet meeting	Vegreville	Secretary Frances Sawiak jfsawiak@telus.net
3	19	Edmonton Northgate & Southgate	50th Charter	Carol Moeller cmmoeller@shaw.ca
4	23	Eckville 70th Charter	Eckville	Linda Kind lmkind377@gmail.com
5	13-14	MD C Convention	St Albert	PDG Claude Carignan carignan@shaw.ca
6	24-28	International Convention	Fukuoku, Japan	Lions International lionsclubs.org
11	4-5	C-1 Convention	Vegreville	Frances Sawiak jfsawiak@telus.net

2017

6-30 - 7- 4	International Convention (100 years of Lionism)	Chicago	Lions International lionsclubs.org
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The winners of the Annual Maple Leaf Weekend Raffle hosted by the Grande Prairie Lions Club on behalf of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide programs are:

- Grande Prize...Martin Jones, Fort McMurray, AB
- 2nd Prize.....Lions Club of Calgary
- 3rd prize.....Sandy Robinson, Airdrie, AB

The winners have been notified by the Foundation.

The Grande Prairie Lions Club would like to thank all participants and Lions Foundation of Canada staff for their support. Watch for it again next year.

Joint 50th Charter Celebration!

Edmonton Northgate March 21, 1966, and Edmonton Southgate, March 30, 1966!

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Northgate Lions Seniors Centre, 7524-139 Ave

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m., dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Attire: Elegant Business.

Tickets are only \$40 each.

From day one, the Northgate and Southgate Clubs have had a special bond – note the similarities in names – so this will truly be a Lions community event. The evening promises to be full of laughter, good food, drinks, entertainment and a time to renew or make new acquaintances with Lions throughout the new District C-1.

Allan Greenwood – a Red Skelton impersonator will entertain the gathering. Comedy skits and bits from Red's brilliant career will unfold before your eyes, you will be laughing uncontrollably. His tribute performance is reminiscent of that simpler time, when comedy was suitable for all members of the family to enjoy together. He uses his unique talent to warm hearts, relive fond memories and like Red, laugh at himself.

Please confirm your attendance by February 17, 2016, to facilitate our planning.

Kindly email Lion Carol Moeller: cmmoeller@shaw.ca or Lion Linda Burt: lindab99@shaw.ca

Helen Keller's Speech at 1925 International Convention Cedar Point, Ohio, USA June 30, 1925

Transcript:

Dear Lions and Ladies:

I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to go out and grab 'em.

I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service.

The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind, and was called into existence by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and in importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our subject that has been reached so far. Its object is to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by increasing their economic value and giving them the joy of normal activity.

Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and

groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see?" That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation is going to be to all the blind in this country if seeing people will give it the support it must have.

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

I thank you

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?

Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!