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Our District was honoured with a visit from Lions Clubs International's First Vice President Bob Corlew, and his wife Lion Dianne, on July 20 and 21. The Corlews are shown here, receiving Honorary citizenship in the Edmonton Metropolitan Capital Region by the Board's chair, Nolan Crouse who is also mayor of St. Albert. A few minutes later, VP Corlew returned the favour by awarding Mayor Crouse with honorary membership in St. Albert (Host) Lions Club. While here, the Corlews visited several projects including Railtown Lions Village, and the Central Lions Recreation Centre, where the District hosted a barbecue lunch. Some 75 Lions attended.

DG Hank's Notes

Welcome to our new District. It has been and will continue to be, interesting, challenging, and in the end, rewarding. I have been meeting so many great Lions, and look forward to meeting many more of you.

We regret that this issue is late. Our editor has been called out of town for work...

If I missed anything, my apologies, and if there is anything urgent for distribution let me know.

-DG Hank

Now that I have survived Hawaii in June and finally gotten LCI on side, we can proceed. A District directory has already been sent out as a PDF file, the District Cabinet is largely in place (our first meeting will be at Devon Lions Campground on August 15), and plans are well in hand for our first District Convention in Sylvan Lake, October 30 and 31.

We are now some 119 Clubs, with about 2500 Lions, spread from Oyen to Yellowknife, Lloydminster to Hudson's Hope, so time and distance are challenging. I will not be scheduling "official visits", but one of the vice District Governors or I will make every effort to attend any event you invite us to, whether it be a charter celebration, a request for help with Club health, recruiting, training, or whenever you think our presence will help your clubs be better.

Regarding the distance problem, in many areas Clubs are far apart, so while I have created 9 LARGE zones, I am asking your zone chairs to plan only one zone meeting a year (while keeping in touch with all the clubs in their zones). I hope these meeting can be half or full day affairs to which all Lions in the zone will be invited, and which will be programmed to be of interest to Lions in the area. Information, training, guest speakers, fellowship (and lunch, I hope), and anything you think will be interesting and relevant we will try to get to you.

The best news is that the District has a new Club, chartered in June: Edmonton Inner City Lions Club. Their name suggests their primary area of interest, and we wish their 25 members every success. You can support them by attending their charter night on September 19 – please check the poster on the right.

The Grande Prairie Lions Club would to thank Walmart Canada and Superstore Optical for recent donations of used eyeglasses.

- PCC Donna Coulter

Edmonton Inner City Lions Club CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION

You are invited to join the Edmonton Inner City Lions Club, their officers, Charter members and guests

September 19th, 2015

**St. Faith/St. Stephen Parish Hall
11723 – 92 Street, Edmonton, Alberta**

**Enjoy our Pig Roast Dinner
Cocktails – 5:00pm Dinner – 6:00pm
Tickets \$25.00 per person.**

RSVP by September 11, 2015

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An Interview with Lions International First Vice-President Bob Corlew and his wife Dianne

On July 21st Chancellor Bob Corlew and his wife Dianne visited The Central Lions Recreation Centre in Edmonton to meet with Lions from MD C-1 and enjoy a lunch barbeque. After addressing the assembled Lions, Chancellor Bob and Lion Dianne were asked some questions by PDG Lion Leo Bruseker of the St. Albert Breakfast Lions Club.

PDG Leo – Welcome to Edmonton Lions Bob and Dianne. I see from your resume that you are also addressed as Chancellor Bob. In Canada we have Chancellors who head up our Universities. Is this the kind of chancellor you were?

Chancellor Bob No it is not the same kind of Chancellor. There are three states in the USA that use the position of Chancellor, my home state of Tennessee is one of them. Chancellors in Tennessee are a part of the court system. As a Chancellor



The Corlews speaking with Lion Greg Holmes at the Central Lions Recreation Centre

I sat in a judicial court of law and my job was to administer equity. The position is an elected one and is based on old English law. I continue to hold the title of Chancellor even though I have now retired.

PDG Leo – Do you have a favourite service activity?

Chancellor Bob – Lion Dianne and I love service projects that

involve children and vision. Our favourite activity is vision screening for children. We are proud that we have been able to help many children acquire eye glasses so that they can see properly.

PDG Leo Are you and Dianne in the same Lions club?

Chancellor Bob No we are not. I joined Lions many years ago after I had just begun my law practice. I was invited by a friend to join his noon club. Lion Dianne joined a different Lions Club years later.

PDG Leo Your community participation includes much more than the Lions club. Can you expand on one of these activities?

Chancellor Bob As a youth I was a member of The Boy Scouts of America. In the BSA I became an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. As an adult I

served as a Scout Master and as a District Chairman.

PDG Leo I understand that you have some antique cars. Is that a hobby that you pursue?

Chancellor Bob Indeed it is, although none of my cars have been restored. I am the proud owner of a Rolls Royce, Jaguar, Camaro, Mustang and a Delorean. The Delorean is my pride and joy. I've owned it for three years. Only 1800 of the cars were made and I have one made near the end production. This car has "gull wing" doors and a Delorean was featured in the "Back to the Future" movies.

PDG Leo Have you set goals for your term as an international officer?

Chancellor Bob I am doing everything I can to get out President Yamada's message of bringing dignity to others through

humanitarian service. Dianne and I plan to meet as many Lions as we can so we will be travelling extensively. Following our visit to Edmonton we plan to go to Calgary and meet Lions from MD C2.

PDG Leo Thank you Chancellor Bob and Lion Dianne for agreeing to this interview. I have one last question. As International President for our 100th anniversary are there specific activities that you would encourage clubs to accomplish?

Chancellor Bob Dianne and I would ask each club to engage in a specific centennial project. Projects that involve bricks and mortar are our favourite since they leave a lasting legacy, like the Central Lions Recreational Centre. It has been a pleasure to meet with so many fine Lions from MD C1 and we hope that your clubs have a wonderful year.

Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission

has approved our application for the 2015 version of this annual raffle in support of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide programs. Towards the end of August, each Lions Club in Alberta will receive 2 books of tickets (50 tickets, value \$100). Tickets may be sold within Alberta to anyone 18 years of age or older. Lions Clubs and Lions members are eligible to participate. The Grand Prize is a trip for two to Toronto, tickets to a Maple Leaf hockey game, two nights accommodation and a visit to the Foundation headquarters in Oakville. The secondary prize is jewelry. This province-wide raffle is sponsored by the Grande Prairie Lions Club who holds the raffle license on behalf of our Foundation. ALL PROCEEDS accrue to the Foundation. In 2014, this amounted to \$11,000. The draw will be held Tuesday, Dec. 15. Thanks for your past support. - Grande Prairie Lions Club.

- PCC Lynne Coulter



Vegreville Lions Club proudly inducts three new members

Vegreville Lions Club is an exciting service club to join for anyone who desires to contribute to the betterment of their community and the world.

On June 23, their wind-up party for the season was tossed in with a delightful steak supper which was cooked to perfection by Dwayne Hlady's wife, Shirley. Frances Sawiak supplied the steaks and members supplemented the meal with pot-luck dishes.

Going forward, PCC Andre Nimchuk inducted new members-Lynn Spencer, Peter Kotelko and Neil Soldan into Vegreville's Lions Club.

IMG_3685, IMG_3688 (left to right) John Sawiak, Zone Chair, Frances Sawiak, President and District Secretary, Toni Rosvold, Lynn Spencer, new member, Dwayne Hlady, Treasurer, Randon Stark, 2nd Vice-President, Peter Kotelko, new member, Sean Chilibecki, Neil Soldan, new member, Percy Stark, 1st Vice-President. (Rosanne Fortier/Photo)

- Rosanne Fortier

WANTED

Casino workers for the Lions of Alberta Foundation casino to be held at the Edmonton Yellowhead Casino,

August 21 – 22, Friday & Saturday.

Funds raised will provide:

- Bursaries for visually handicapped students
- Club subsidies for Sight Fund
- Lions Legacy Scholarships
- Calgary Lions Sight Centre
- Lions Eye Research Fund (Edmonton)
- and much more

If you are available please call Lion Bill Webber:

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Hey Edmonton Lions! Are you looking for a great legacy project??

Keep on reading....

Edmonton Southgate has received approval for \$20,000.00 in casino funding to support our 2017 Legacy Project. We have proposed that we are going to build a Buddy/Friendship bench for each of the elementary and K-9 schools in Edmonton. We have approval from Edmonton Catholic School District to accept the benches as a gift and are awaiting a letter from Edmonton Public Schools.

We have partnered with the St. Joseph Construction and Welding teachers and students to build the benches. We have agreed to pay for the materials and deliver the benches.

All Edmonton clubs are invited to join in this great project that will support schools and children for many years. Each bench has a cost of approximately \$100 and will include a sign plate of the donating club with a Lions logo in brass.

If your club is interested, please contact Lion Patti Liogier or Lion Kris Kozoriz at the following emails:

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Please specify the number of benches your club would like to sponsor.