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Inspirational Speaker and Quadraplegic Kris Koch with South Edmonton President Chanpriet Baweja making a point about how challenging the lack of limbs can be, at the C-1 annual convention in Sylvan Lake on October 31.

From DG Hank: Sylvan Lake Lions treated (pun intended) us to an absolutely fabulous convention on October 30 and 31. 193 Lions and guests enjoyed a great Friday night mixer, some excellent speakers, great food, fellowship, even a little business... International Director Kembra Smith, Kris Koch, and Nikita Smith (blind, but has proven that need not be a disability) were inspirational and informative. Great work, Sylvan Lake Lions - Convention Chair Fred Schmaltz, the Convention committees - all of you!

I want to welcome District Secretary Frances Sawiak to her new position as 2nd Vice District Governor Elect (noting that Lion Frances will have to serve out her sentence as District secretary this year). Your leadership team is getting stronger and will work to make it possible, as Lions, and as Clubs, to be as good as you can be. If your Club wants to increase membership, learn more about running an effective Club, and generally strengthen the amount and quality of your service, please let us know. We can help, with a tremendous team of dedicated Lions at your service.

Thank you, Lions of District C-1, for approving our new Constitution and By-laws. This will make it easier to conduct business - especially as we can now all find the same pages to be working with... Besides, PCC Donna Coulter (many thanks!) and her committee are probably relieved. However, there is no rest for volunteers - District policies are now on Donna's agenda.

**Go,
Esks,
Go!**

Club secretaries, please get in the habit of completing all your reports on MyLCI - it is so much easier than doing it by mail. Also, very few Clubs are reporting their activities, which makes it difficult to get a sense of what Lions do for their communities and around the world. International is trying hard to promote our service - hence the motto: "100 million served" for our Centennial celebrations, and if you don't report, no one will know about the good works we do. Note that when you complete a project, you should take a wider view: for example, Edson has contributed \$27,000 for equipment at the hospital there. This will serve many more people than those who actually use or benefit from the equipment. Families, co-

workers, hospital staff - the entire community served by the hospital benefits. If you need help with using MyLCI, please let us know, and we will get you up and running.

I have been pleased to visit some Clubs in my official capacity as District Governor, and the two Vice District Governors and I will be pleased to visit you if you invite us.

Work is underway on our District WEBSITE - we hope to have it up early in the new year. It should be a valuable resource for you to access everything the District can offer to help you in your Club operations - news - resources - contacts - information on the wider world of Lionism.

District C-1 Citizen of Distinction

This year marks the fourth year that the Citizen of Distinction Award has been presented. Previous recipients have been Jack Little of Edmonton Heritage Days, Philanthropist Frank Flaman and Child Advocate and educator, Sandra Woitas. Nominated by a Lion or a Lions Club, and presented to a non-Lion, this award recognizes those who live their lives through service to others. **This year our award is being presented to Kathleen Jean Raines.** In the community of Spruce View/Markerville and beyond, many have learned to love hearing these words from Kathleen Raines ... "I've been thinking and I have this idea ... ". It means Kathleen has put her creativity and talents in motion and something good is about to happen.

Always someone with a keen interest in agriculture and rural life, since graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1980, Kathleen has worked and volunteered in areas including [but not limited to] Alberta Agriculture, 4-H, country-driven promotions of agriculture and rural diversity, and writing for rural magazines and papers. Throughout much of this time she has also operated her own purebred sheep operation. Her priorities always relate to building strong families and community networks. She has a talent for engaging community members in projects that benefit such groups.

She creates projects highlighting worthy organizations and bringing people together to learn more about the issues they represent. An excellent example includes several years of hosting an "International Women's Day" event, each time with a different group highlighted and bringing women from different backgrounds together to share and learn from each other. A spin off from a recent such event has led to groups of friends regularly signing up as volunteers to prepare and serve meals at Ronald McDonald House several times a year. Her work and volunteerism in Markerville, with the Historic Creamery, and the community as a whole has resulted in the amazing Taste of Markerville events for the past three years. Her ability to see an opportunity or need, devise a plan to meet it and then engage volunteers of all ages to see it through to completion is her hallmark. Her project designs are built in ways to share unique and positive things that the community or organization has to



offer and encourage others to be part of it.

Kathleen Raines leads with ideas, and backs it up with hands-on action that make good things happen in her community.

Like Lions, Kathleen Jean Raines follows the motto - WE SERVE!
- PDG Donna Wozney



Caroline Lions Christmas Party

Sunday December 13th - Lions Clubhouse

You are invited to our annual Christmas Supper to celebrate the Christmas season with your fellow Lions and their families!



Please e-mail wicklns07@yahoo.ca
to RSVP—by December 6th—or
for any questions!



Please wear your uniforms if
you are a lions member!



Traditional Turkey Meal
\$15.00 / plate
\$5.00 for ages 12 and under

Event Plan

12:30 p.m.— Doors Open

12:30 to 1:30—Entertainment
by Louis Mascotte

1:30—Oh Canada, pledge,
toasts, prayer, meal

2:30 - 3:00—Presentations

3:00—Gift exchange (bring a
gift that has around a \$10.00
value to participate)

Memories of a Special Friend

Ollie Borgedahl

December 13, 1939 - November 6, 2015

Ollie is lovingly remembered by Vern and their sons Robert and Brian and family. I have had the privilege of Ollie's friendship for over thirty years. Our friendship was centred on Ollie's life as an important member of our Lion's family. And Ollie's commitment to service through the Lions club was second to none. What made her commitment so special was her unflappable and caring approach to all that she did.... and she did so much.

When I served as district governor (1982) Ollie was a member of the Edmonton Prairie Gold Lioness Club. While she was committed to her Lioness club she was also an integral part of service activities that Lion Vern was involved in. This was one of the blessings in having Ollie or Vern on your team; you always got two for one. My first memory of their exceptional service followed a successful district fund raising effort and the establishment of Lions Make a Dream Come True. Lion Vern was asked to coordinate this undertaking. Make a Dream Come True was a Lions program that assisted terminally ill individuals to enjoy an event/activity that would not be possible without the Lions assistance. Ollie was Vern's assistant as they arranged some incredible experiences for terminally ill individuals. This included flying an elderly mother from Eastern Europe to be with a dying daughter in her final days. Another family, father, mother and young daughter enjoyed a special week in the mountains of Jasper short weeks before the father succumbed to his cancer. All arranged, thanks to the effort of the Borgedahls and the Lions Make a Dream Come True, a program that touched the lives of many whose final days were given special meaning.

This team approach to service continued as Vern served as the Multiple District 37 Secretary Treasurer with Ollie at his side. This was a role they would continue for sixteen years. Their responsibility not only

served the Council of Governors but they were at every convention offering a helping hand to any and all attendees. Their hotel room was looked upon as a gathering place for all MD 37 delegates. Ollie made certain that it was well stocked with cookies and soft drinks for all to enjoy.

They chose to retire from the Secretary Treasurer position in 1998. They were not idle for long but they did reverse their roles. It was Ollie who assumed the position of Treasurer for the Lions of Alberta Foundation with Vern assisting and always at her side. Ollie provided an incredible service to the Foundation in this position. The Foundation manages a large number of trust accounts for Lions clubs using the charitable tax benefits offered through LOAF. In addition to those, the Foundation provided this tax service to Canadian donors to Campaign SightFirst II. This was a significant additional work load to an already onerous responsibility ensuring that personal contributions were properly assigned and receipted for tax purposes. Ollie never complained and without fail maintained the financial activities of the Foundation in an exemplary manner.

Service to the Foundation was not limited to book-keeping. LOAF also has a casino licence which provides operating dollars every couple of years. For these events we gather volunteers to assist with this important source of funding. These are conducted in Edmonton and often our first volunteers have been the Borgedahls. Ollie always volunteered to serve as count room supervisor where Vern would assist. They would travel from Calgary, at their expense, and work for two nights. As treasurer of the Foundation it was Ollie who served as our representative in dealing with Alberta Gaming in the distribution of these funds.

Lion Ollie served as a member of the Calgary North-east Eyeopener Lions Club for the past twenty three years with over all service in excess of fifty years. Over fifty years of dedicated, committed, untiring, very efficient and caring service to our community both local and global. She is a friend and a Lion who shall not be forgotten.

- Bill Webber PID



Lions Roar November 2015

The Lions Club of Leduc recently made the last installment of \$50,000 on the \$300,000 donation we made to the City of Leduc for a new outdoor skating rink. The Rink gets full usage in both winter and summer. As a result of this donation the Lions Club will finally be getting a park named in their honor. While the club has selected the location they would prefer the final say will be up to the city's naming committee

- Bill Tingey

CLERC will collect recycled eyeglasses at the MD C Convention in St Albert next May

Edmonton Chinese Lions Club

14th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tuesday, December 8th, 2015
5:30pm - 9:00pm

Century Dynasty Palace Restaurant
9700 105 Avenue, Edmonton

**Enjoy an Authentic Chinese Banquet for
only \$35 per person or \$350 for a table of
ten seats**

TO ENSURE YOUR SEATS ARE GUARANTEED,
PLEASE RSVP AND PAY BY
WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 2nd, 2015

Pay By Cheque:

Payable To: Edmonton Chinese Lions Club
Suite 200, 12204 106 Ave NW
Edmonton, AB, T5N 3Z1

For tickets and more information, please
contact:

Bob Hiew (780)456-6384 bhiew@telus.net
Darcy Knoll (780)483-6989 drknoll33@hotmail.com

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING:
**"PLEASE BRING TOY DONATIONS FOR SAN-
TA'S ANONYMOUS"**

SILENT AUCTION - DOOR PRIZES - 50/50

DAN MANDRYK

May 10, 1930 - September 28, 2015

It is with heavy hearts that we say good-
bye to a loving, thoughtful, generous man
who greatly touched everyone he met.

- **Edmonton Northgate Lions Club**



District Peace Poster Winner Elijah Rothwell
(Muriel Martin Elementary School, St Albert) with Dis-
trict organizer PDG Claude Carignan. 32 posters from
around the District were entered, challenging the judg-
es on November 23 to pick a winner. This poster is now
forwarded to MD C for judging and possible forwarding
to Lions Clubs International for entry into the interna-
tional competition.

Bawlf and District Lions Club

35th Charter Anniversary

February 6, 2016

Community Centre , Bawlf

Cocktails 6:00^{pm} - Dinner 7:00^{pm}

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 dona-
tion amounts per table/Club

RSVP by January 16, 2016 to:
Darryl Reinke (H) 780 373 3775
(Cell) 780 608 9884 dwreinke@syban.net

Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre (CLERC)

At our recent Board Meeting, CLERC decided that we would like to bring our Traveling Eyeglass Road Show to a C-1 Lions Club. We bring everything necessary to process Eyeglasses to a Facility. Usually we like to have anywhere from 35 to 60 Volunteers from several Clubs.

The facility should have running water and sinks for the Eyeglass Sterilizing units. We require a lunch for the Valued Volunteers, and 1 nights accommodation for 4 (2 rooms). We feel that it is important to educate Lions about the process, as there often is a disconnect between dropping off used glasses, and the journey that they take before they reach the end user. We were so pleased to receive the 25,000 pairs at the C-1 Convention. Please extend BIG Thanks to the C-1 Clubs for their efforts, and relate to them that those glasses have now been processed and are in the system. We will be in attendance at the Multiple District Convention in St. Albert and will once again have the 3 Ton CLERC Truck to pick up glasses (no cases please). For those Clubs that wish, if you go to YouTube and type in Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling you can download our Operations Video (3 minutes long) and show it at a Club Meeting. If you have an interested Club in doing an Eyeglass Work Party they can contact me personally at (403)-852-2407 or email me at jamio@telus.net and I will answer all questions in regard to this opportunity.

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

- In Lionism, James Lee CLERC Chair

The local Viking and Ryley Lions clubs should once again be congratulated for their generosity, team work, and swift action. It was brought to their attention that a family in the Beaver county required assistance in funding a personal FM system, and they quickly got to work to provide support and resolved the concern. Their tremendous act of kindness literally makes a world of difference in this child's life. Being able to hear is something many of us take for granted. Most of us can easily identify the difference between the words pin, thin, fin, sin, chin, and bin, but for a child with hearing loss, this may not be possible without properly fitted hearing aids. Hearing aids are wonderful pieces of technology, but they do not work as efficiently or as precisely as a typical hearing person's system does. Although they are becoming more accurate with technological discoveries, hearing aids still generally augment unwanted sounds in a person's environment. Consequently, hearing aids do not always enhance the message or sounds a child needs for that particular context. Many hearing aid users will tell you that when they are in a restaurant, busy banquet, mall, or family gathering, the hearing aids can cause stress and frustration. What a personal FM system does, is ensure the important words a child needs to hear, go directly to the child's hearing aid, and into the ear, so he can tell if the teacher is talking about fins or tins. Personal FM systems override background noise, and send the key message from the speaker (the person wearing the FM mic) directly to the hearing aid wearer. This is crucial for daily functioning, learning, and interacting with friends at school. It also makes a difference for life out of school. When a parent needs to tell the child something in a busy grocery store, or when he is in the back seat of the car while on route to school, he can easily hear what it is she needs to say. These two Lions clubs have ensured that a local child is able to

make the most of his hearing aid devices. This particular young man is very hard working, friendly, and someone his classmates look to for leadership and answers. He takes pride in his work and realizes the expense and sacrifice his family has to make in order that he can participate in something so many of us do for free and without a thought.

Just as children outgrow shoes, children outgrow hearing aids and FM systems. The cost of new hearing aids is generally covered by ADL, or Aids to Daily Living, however there is always a portion left. Both the Viking and Ryley Lions clubs help with many important and meaningful projects, but supporting this family made the difference of whether or not they would

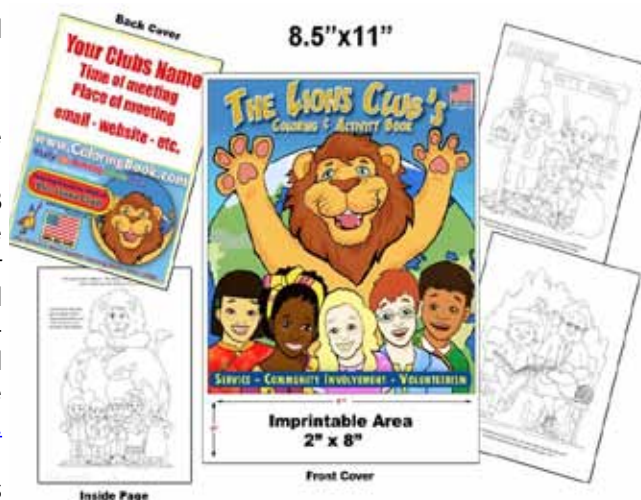
Lions Colouring Books

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. **PDG Donna Wozney**

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



have to forego basic needs in their lives. This was not just "something nice they did". For the cost of less than two hockey sticks, or a pair of average hockey skates, the Lions clubs have removed this financial burden from this family's back. While for many of us this is just part of the cost of having kids, this amount is considerably more than what they can manage at this time in their lives. Again, thank you to Dale Mizera, Clint Nearing, and Lawrence Newby of the Viking Lions Club, and Andre Nimchuk and the Ryley Lions club. Once again they demonstrate true community spirit, kindness, and collaboration. Please support and thank your Lions club members next time you see them. They truly make a difference!

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 Speech Language Pathologist
 Viking Health Care Centre
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This is the new Multiple District C Crest, which will be produced as a ten inch patch suitable for use on Lions vests. The cost will be approximately \$50 - details on ordering this item, as well as International Convention parade dress and other items will be forthcoming.

Recycled glasses can be shipped to Calgary from Edmonton and surrounding areas

through Matco Transport - 18151 107 Ave. NW Edmonton. Your boxes should be addressed to Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre, Unit 2, 1216 - 34th Avenue NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 6L9

Multiple District C Parade Dress



With:

Navy Pants

Blue Hat

Dark shoes

Cotton shirt has Collar, front button closure and two pockets

**May 13 & 14, 2016
 Multiple District C Convention
 St Albert**



Thorsby's Kitchen Party

On October 24th the Thorsby & District Lions Club held their 1st Annual 'Kitchen Party' (as it is known in Newfoundland) to raise funds for Wounded Warriors Canada. Wounded Warriors assists former soldiers such as providing guide dogs for soldiers suffering from PTSD. Steak, lobster as well as several salads and buns, etc. were on the menu. Cabot's Crossing provided the authentic Maritime music. Our special guest was Steve Bradet who is suffering with PTSD. His life is



Lion Rick Hart, Lion Bev Alcorn, Tim Syer from Wounded Warriors & Lion President Andre McAllister.



Steve Bradet & Jag

made much easier with the help of a guide dog called Jag. With the event ticket sales, silent auction plus raffle proceeds, our cheque donation to Wounded Warriors was \$3087.45.

- Bev Alcorn

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

District C-1 Calendar

2015

- 12 8 Edmonton Chinese Christmas Party
- 12 9 DG Hank to Edmonton Northgate Christmas
- 12 13 DG Hank to Caroline Christmas party

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Amy Wickins Amy.Wickins@cnrl.com

2016

- 1 26 DG Hank to Devon multi Club dinner
- 1 30 Zone 9 meeting TBA
- 2 20 C-1 Cabinet meeting Vegreville
- 3 19 Edmonton Northgate & Southgate 50th Charter
- 5 13-14 MD C Convention St Albert
- 6 24-28 International Convention Fukuoku, Japan

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- 6-30 - 7- 4 International Convention Chicago
(100 years of Lionism)

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