

Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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District Governor Ron and his minder, Lion Linda, holding up the banner that LCI asked all of this year's District Governors to have signed by as many Lions as possible in their year. Presumably, more than 750 of these banners will make their way to Chicago for Lions 100th anniversary celebrations in June... There are signatures on both sides of the banner.

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/>

DG Ron's Ramblings

March has been another busy month with Club visits and on line meetings etc. It is truly amazing how many worthwhile and impressive projects are going on or completed by Clubs in our District, but not reported. I have learned about an indoor soccer field with Lions logo at the center, Flag Poles for the Village, Gazebo and floating docks at fish ponds, Electronic Community signs, but I have not seen any reports in the Roar or at LCI. PLEASE, PLEASE report these to LCI and to VDG Kris Kozoriz as our Centennial Co-ordinator, so that she can

complete her report. Presidents, you can help your Secretary with reporting, and let's brag about our accomplishments. I am proud of the work being done by all the Clubs and you should be too, and tell the World.

I mentioned last month that it is time for elections of new officers and I would remind you that it is crucial that your new executives are reported to Lions International. Effective June 30, the previous executive is cleared and the new is entered. Those Clubs who do not report will be unable to access Lions International until those reports are filed.

Since I wrote last I have visited with Trochu, Torrington, and Innisfail and VDG Frances had a joint meeting with Hanna, Oyen, Drumheller, Morrin, and Veteran Clubs. By the end of March I will also have visited Hinton, Wetaskiwin and Ponoka. April 5 I will begin my first visit north, starting with Fairview, Hudson Hope, Tumbler Ridge, Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge. The year is starting to wind down, and I wish all Clubs continued success and look forward to meeting you in Canmore May 5.

Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides!

Pet Valu has taken on the role of National Sponsor for LFC's Walk for Dog Guides. The former long-time sponsor has changed their focus but will continue to provide dog food and other supplies. There are many Pet Valu stores in Alberta and in the past most have supported LFC by selling calendars and they proudly proclaim that monies raised from these sales have been enough to sponsor at least 31 Dog-Client Teams at LFC. Pet Valu have been very supportive of LFC and their programs. Their sponsorship of the Walk for Dog Guides is great news and Lions in Alberta are encouraged to support Pet Valu.

Why not sponsor a Dog Walk in your community? They are easy to do. They are fun. They are no risk (can't lose money). They raise funds for LFC. They raise awareness for other Lions events. They may even help us gain members. For more information on the Walk contact myself, District Reps.; Terry Kozma in C-1 or Margaret Young in C-2 or go to the LFC website at dogguides.com.

The Walk is the Foundation's largest annual fundraiser bringing in over \$1.3 million last year. Official Walk for Dog Guides Day in 2017 is May 28. Clubs across Alberta raised nearly \$125 000 last year. Let's try and beat that total this year. Best of luck to all clubs holding a Walk and there is still time to organize a walk in your community. Thank you from all at LFC.

We're Goin' to the Dogs!

**Your Alberta LFOC Director
- PCC Andre Nimchuk**



Leduc Lions recently made a \$10,000 donation to be a Gold sponsor for the National Ringette Tournament to be held in Leduc in Late March or early April.

The photo is of their \$3,500 donation to STARS. This is their usual donation and those making the presentation are President Craig Sleen, Treasurer Lion Ted Fletcher, Lion Lloyd Sleen and Lion Nigel Russell. There were also two future unnamed Lions in the photo...

- **Lion Bill Tingey**

Lions can't roar until they are two years old.

**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

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Donna Coulter

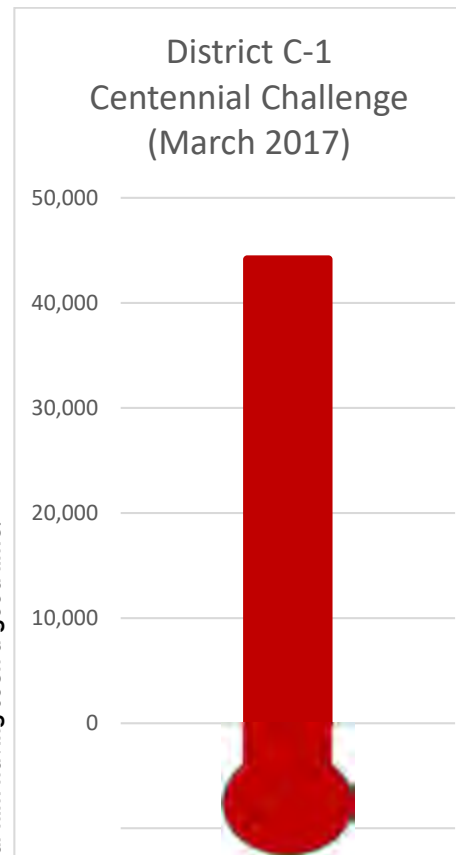
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Centennial Challenge

Hello Lions, we are now at the home stretch for this Lionistic year. We have now served 44,142 people in our district with only 26% (29/113) of the district clubs reporting. Club Secretaries need to submit their monthly activities report and it is not difficult to enter in the monthly activities and I know that you are out there in the community providing service to others. If you are unsure of how to enter your activities for your club, you can contact me through the email address below. It only takes a few minutes to fill out your activity report monthly.

The Camrose Swans & Roses Lions Club has embarked on three Centennial Projects

1. The construction and installation of a bench at the memorial cenotaph for Camrose Fallen men and women of past wars. The Lions emblem will be placed on the bench for all to see.
2. Development of a Pocket Park in downtown Camrose in conjunction with the city. They have secured naming rights for the park and it will be name Lions Centennial Park est. 2017.



3. Manufacturing a monument for the Lions Centennial Park and for the Lion's Memorial Grove. As tree space is becoming limited there will be the opportunity to attach names to the monuments.

The legacy projects have 3 levels of participation:

Level 1 – Raise your Community Visibility:

- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local Park

Level 2 – Provide a Community Gift

- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Fund resources for the visually impaired
- Donate a vehicle to a community organization

Level 3 – Make a Community Impact

- Build a clinic
- Expand a library or school
- Develop a training centre
- Equip an area hospital

The Centennial website has several resources that can assist you with your club's centennial project. I am providing a link to the [toolbox](#) that contains these resources.

**-Centennial Chair
DGE Kris Kozoriz**

The only chance he has of her listening to him is to talk in his sleep.



From the "Department of Did You Know?"...that new Calgary Court of Queen's Bench Judge Willie De Witt was once an Honorary Member of the Grande Prairie Lions Club? He was also the subject of a portrait by renowned sports artist Steven (Stephan) Csorba commissioned by the club and used as a fund-raiser. Willie's Lion's vest resides here in the city, and should be now a very treasured item.

- PCC Lynne Coulter

She left him once, then I came back to him - she couldn't bear him having such a good time.

\$5,000
covers the cost of breeding, whelping and care of one litter.

\$1,500
will pay for the accommodation and meals for one client in training.

The Eye Institute of Alberta and Lions: A Proud Partnership

Created in 2012, the Lions Eye Research Foundation (LERF) Committee has overseen the completion of several successful fundraising projects at the Eye Institute of Alberta. Projects completed with funding from Lions Clubs include:

Research funding for gene therapy trials for genetic eye diseases and prevention and treatment of glaucoma in third world countries.

- A Fundus Camera used to record color images of the condition of the interior surface of the eye and to document the presence of disorders and monitor their change over time. The Fundus Camera at the Eye Institute of Alberta plays an important role in the Tele-Ophthalmology Program, a “made at the Alex” solution to help our ophthalmologists provide the very best care to communities in Northern Alberta and other rural areas, while minimizing patient travel and disruption.
- New ultrasound equipment now used in the early detection and treatment of eye lesions and tumors, and an Ultrasound Biomicroscope (which allows for the creation of highly detailed ultrasound images of the eye), B-Scan Ocular Ultrasound Equipment (used to create a two-dimensional cross-section view of the eye), and a specialty chair (to provide greater comfort to patients as they undergo ultrasound testing). The \$120,000 required to fund the equipment was raised in just nine months thanks to the generosity of local Lions Members and the Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- Slit Lamps that are used in conjunction with a biomicroscope to provide physicians with a stereoscopic, magnified view of eye structures in detail, enabling diagnoses for a variety of eye conditions. The funding allowed for the purchase of several new exam room slit lamps and a handheld portable slit lamp used for non-ambulatory patients, the elderly, and children.

This last project has just been finalized. But is LERF finished? No! Next, we are moving on to help premature babies with potential eye problems. A NICU RetCam will allow efficient and timely assessments of vision of newborns. This unit will cost \$140,000, half of which will be submitted by the RAHF. Committing to raising \$70,000, Lions are tackling this new project in the next few months. More details will be announced in the next newsletter

- Sharon Hoekstra
LERF Committee member

District C-1 Convention November 3 & 4 Edmonton

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

**It's the end of March.
Do you know who your
next Club executives
will be? And, will you
tell anyone?**



St. Albert Lions Clubs proudly presents
**The 26th Annual Beer
& Beans Bash**

Saturday, April 29, 2017
St. Albert Community Hall
17 Peron St.

Doors open at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Silent & Live Auction
Dancing until 12:00 am (Live Band)
Tickets \$25.00 each

Auctioneer
“Mayor Nolan Crouse”

For tickets please call:

Gerry Gorgichuk: 780-459-7751
Paul Benson: 780-459-5509
Jeff Stoneham: 780-458-7561
Fred Johnsen: 780-406-2286

Or purchase on-line at:

<https://squareup.com/store/lions-bbb-committee>

For on-line assistance call

Michael Clulow: 780-458-6611





President Perry Story presents Christine Suchy of the Holden Agricultural Society with a cheque for \$2400.00 to assist with the renovation of the Holden Recreation Complex.

- PCC Andre Nimchuk



\$25
buys dog toys essential to the development of a future Dog Guide



Let's play horse. I'll be the front end and you just be yourself.

Camrose Swans and Roses Centennial Offer

We wish to advise that the Monument similar to the ones we are making for our Park and Memorial Grove will be available to other clubs. We will manufacture the Monuments and sell same for \$2,000.00 each, \$500.00 of each sale will be donated to Camp He Ho Ha.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000.00

- Jim Taylor Secretary



It's a beef stew marriage - she's disway beefing and he's always stewed.

Edmonton Jolly Fellows Lions advises with regret, the passing of their member, PDG Peter Thomas, late of Nanaimo BC. on February 28, 2017.

These Lions Clubs in District C-1 are sponsoring Dog Walks this Spring:

- Alix
- Bruderheim
- Camrose
- Cold Lake
- Edmonton
- Grande Prairie
- Lacombe
- Morinville
- Peace River
- Ponoka
- Smoky Lake
- Spruce View
- Stony Plain
- Sylvan Lake
- Vegreville
- Vermilion

Consider helping with one of these dog walks with a view to your Club sponsoring a dog walk. More information, including specifics of each dog walk can be found at at: <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/>

245 WALKS TOOK PLACE ACROSS CANADA LAST YEAR

March 2017

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



\$50
will vaccinate
one puppy.



\$500
will cover the average
flight for a client to
attend training in
Oakville.



\$200
provides harnesses
for four Dog Guides.

What's a piddlin'? A baby Beluga whale.

For more than 30 years, the **Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides** has been a vital national fundraiser in support of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Taking place in more than 240 communities across Canada, the Walk raises funds to provide life-changing Dog Guides to Canadi-

ans with physical and medical disabilities at no cost to them.

A family and dog-friendly event that welcomes participants of all ages and abilities, The Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides relies on the generous support of volunteers, donors, and partners to meet its goal of giving

Canadians a new leash on life.

Providing specially trained Dog Guides through six distinct programs meeting a wide range of needs, Dog Guides increase the independence, mobility, and safety of their handlers.

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	3-4	District C-1 Convention	Edmonton	Details TBA
11	5	District C-1 Cabinet meeting	Edmonton	Suzanne Leshchyshyn infinitelite@shaw.ca

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
9	19-21	USA/Canada Forum	Spokane Washington	lionsforum.org