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**Team work is important;  
it helps to put the blame  
on someone else.**

## Fort McMurray

The wildfires in northeastern Alberta have disrupted the lives of many people - not just the evacuees. All the volunteers and donors, both individual and corporate that stepped up to help the evacuees are to be congratulated. Whether they are Lions or not makes no difference. As the evacuees begin to return home, they will begin to assess what Fort McMurray needs, and within a few weeks or months we will be able to start planning how Lions can help make things better. LCIF has provided a grant of USD 100,000, to be managed by a committee headed by incoming MD C Council Chair Tim Haight. The Lions of Alberta Foundation has also received about \$200,000 in donations intended for Fort McMurray so far.

**Any Clubs that aided the evacuees and spent money on emergency relief supplies (recalling that eligible supplies are for immediate assistance only, and is extremely limited as to what the money can be spent on) can apply to have that money refunded. Submit your requests for reimbursement to Tim Haight: [cst.tim@mvpinc.ca](mailto:cst.tim@mvpinc.ca) or at 147 Rocky Ridge Bay NW Calgary T3G 4E7.**

The above mentioned committee will include incoming District C-1 Governor Ron Wackenhut and incoming District C-2 Governor Gail Haight, PID Jack Isaman, plus other Lions as selected by the committee. The committee meets online this coming weekend.

To the Fort McMurray Lions we say: get home safely, do what you need to do, and give some thought as to how the relief funds we will have available can serve your community. Also consider that any of us in the wider Lions family are prepared to help with any physical, emotional or organizational assistance any of us can provide. We will be in touch in the coming weeks.

**- DG Hank**

### DG Hank's Notes

It feels strange to be so close to a "disaster" and to be limited as to what we can usefully do. There is so much in support and resources available and being used that I stand in awe. Also, the extent of volunteerism shown these last few weeks is truly astounding. However, this outpouring of support seems to be slowing down - many of the volunteers don't appear to have

staying power - they are "volunteers for the occasion" and will not make long term commitments. This is where Lions are different. We take the longer view, and that is what makes us important and relevant.

Our first MD C convention in St Albert was a roaring success - well planned, well executed, and interesting. Well done, PDGs Leo Bruseker and Claude Carignan,

and our thanks to all of your committee members! District C-1's last Cabinet meeting was also held in St Albert that weekend, and I express my thanks to all those Lions who are trying to make this insanely large District work.

One of my more pleasant duties is the induction of new members, and doing that for Thorsby and Edmonton Inner City was most gratifying. Now, if we could only stop losing members, life would be perfect.

*He wears the pants in his house  
- underneath the apron!*

## Edmonton Southgate's Centennial Project

consists of the provision of 80 "Buddy Benches" intended to be placed at all Edmonton Catholic Schools, so that children who feel left out, lonely, or bullied can sit on one of these as a signal that he or she is looking for a friend and someone to talk to. The benches were assembled by students at a construction party on May 27 at St Joseph High School.

The venture was featured on a Global Edmonton news item that ran several times over the weekend. Sadly, although the project was initiated and carried out by Edmonton Southgate in cooperation with Edmonton Catholic Schools, mention in the news item of Lions' involvement and leadership was minimal. It leaves one to wonder what the urban media have against rewarding good service with some publicity. Other charitable groups do not seem to be this poorly rewarded for their efforts, and this is not the first time that Lions' involvement in significant projects have been minimized.

The pictures to the right show a bench, with Southgate Lion Patti Liogier (sister of 2VDG Kris Kozoriz) shown wearing a Lions emblmed shirt, and which was on-screen for less than 2 seconds. The bottom picture is the only visual or mention of Southgate Lions, and it was on-screen for less than 2 seconds. What does it take to get noticed? See the full item at <http://globalnews.ca/?s=buddy+bench>

## Year End Reporting

Now that you have all arranged for next year's Club officers, please make sure that you are reporting this to LCI as soon as possible. Not only does the District directory depend on the accuracy of this information, the events in Fort McMurray proved how critical accurate information is. We can understand why Fort McMurray Lions were hard to find, but trying to communicate with Lions around the area was made difficult and sometimes impossible due to the lack of accurate contact information for Club officers.

You need to report even if there are no changes to your Club executive. In July, LCI purges this year's records, and officers must be re-entered, or the positions will appear unoccupied. Accurate phone numbers and email addresses are critical.

Clubs also need to pay their invoices from LCI and the District in a timely manner. Failure to do so can and will lead to financial suspension, with cancellation of a Club's charter if payment is more than 150 days past due.

Every time he opens his mouth, he puts his feats in!



## PID Bill Webber on Fort McMurray:

As people begin to return to Fort McMurray I suggest that we, as Lions, should give thought to the special responsibility we have in investing the considerable contributions we have received from across the country and beyond. In conversation with LOAF treasurer PDG Margaret Young, the fund is nearing \$200,000 and donations continue to be received.

I believe we should communicate with authorities (perhaps Melissa Blake the Mayor of Wood Buffalo and/or the MLAs of the region) to advise them of the commitment of help expressed by Lions across the country - a commitment supported by a significant dollar contribution.

While we don't know of the needs we should seek advice from people on the ground. One suggestion at a recent cabinet meeting focused on playground needs. That may be rebuilding or new development to serve the youth of the community. Another area may be replacement of destroyed trees with mature replacements. We might use the Slave Lake library as an example. I expect there is a long list of needs and it will take time to turn any decision into action.

We have a responsibility to a great many donors to begin the process that will make a difference in the lives of those affected by this disaster.

### Lost:

Beaumont and District Lions Club will celebrate its 40th Charter Anniversary this fall, but no one there can remember what Club sponsored them. If your memory is better than theirs' please help them out and let them know: Peggy Leslie [pegleslie@shaw.ca](mailto:pegleslie@shaw.ca)

**Child's experience: if a mother is laughing at the father's jokes, it means they have guests.**

**Eyes on Fort McMurray** is a project initiated by **Canadian Vision Care**, a registered Canadian charity that organizes eye care professionals, optical suppliers, and other interested parties to provide eye care services, eyeglasses, contact lenses, and education on a volunteer and donated goods and services basis around the world. One of their current projects is **Eyes on Fort McMurray** which offers free optical, dispensing, and related services to evacuees. More information at: <http://www.canadianvisioncare.com/> (Click on the Eyes on Fort McMurray tab.) If your Club thinks it can use their services, or if you want to help, please let them know.

One of the founders of this charity is Lion (and optometrist) Gerry Leinweber of the Red Deer Central Lions Club.

# CENTRAL LIONS SENIORS ASSOCIATION 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary OPEN HOUSE & Family Fun Day!

Saturday, June 11 • 9 am - 4pm

11113-113 STREET • RAIN OR SHINE!  
EVERYONE WELCOME! • BRING THE KIDS! • BRING THE GRANDKIDS! • FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

JOIN OUR GIANT INDOOR TREASURE HUNT!

MonkeeHaus Art School CHILDREN'S ART STATIONS  
SPONSORED BY THE PAINT SPOT

## Schedule of Events

- 9 am - 11 am \$5 Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Edmonton Host Lions Club
- 9 am - 12 noon Vintage cars on display courtesy of The Edmonton Antique Car Club
- 10 am - 12 noon Special appearance by *Pharley the Dog* compliments of Safeway Pharmacy
- 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Free Balloon Animals for the kids by *Russ the Balloon Guy*
- 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm BBQ Lunch hosted by the Edmonton Host Lions Club (\$5+up)
- 12:30 pm to 4 pm Beer Garden hosted by Prince Rupert and Queen Mary Park Community Leagues
- 1 pm - 3 pm Meet a Real Fireman! Explore a Real Fire Truck! Courtesy of Station 5, Fire Rescue Edmonton

ENJOY MUSIC & DANCE PERFORMANCES ON OUR BIG STAGE!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES BY EDMONTON VALLEY ZOO MUTTART CONSERVATORY RIVER VALLEY PROGRAMS

CLSA 50th Anniversary Raffle & 50/50 Draws WIN CASH & AMAZING PRIZES!

ENJOY A LITTLE SLO-PITCH? Alberta Senior Slo-Pitch Association tournament will be on the fields!

TRY LAWN BOWLING OR BOCCE hosted by the Edmonton Marigolds Recreation Association

GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY! Bring your non-perishable food donation or click the logo to support EDMONTON'S FOODBANK

CLSA WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARTNERS & SPONSORS:



For more information on our 50th Anniversary Open House + Family Fun day, CLSA membership, or the many exciting classes, clubs and programs we offer, please visit [www.clsaedmonton.ca](http://www.clsaedmonton.ca) or call 780-496-7369



CLSA Central Lions Seniors Association

Free parking available: North and south ends of the building, with overflow parking available at Valour Place and The Edmonton Petroleum Club. Or take the bus: BTS Bus Access on Routes #125 or #127

# The Man behind the Red Vest

By Lucie Roy

Lionism is based on loyalty and tireless dedication and Morinville Lions Club President Francis Fryters has done just that. Fryters said he was sponsored to be a club member by Charter member Peter (Pete) Gibeault in 1984. Before Gibeault passed in 2003 he made Fryters promise to keep the Lions club going. He said ok I will try.

As the Morinville Lions Club celebrates its 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of receiving their charter on 6 June 1949 Fryters celebrates having served for 32 of those years and continues to serve with the Club. Fryters has received numerous Lions Club International (LCI) and Multiple District Awards; the LCI Foundation Honour Roll, Melvin Jones Fellowship, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, 100% President Award, Dr. Jack Dobush (Diabetes research) Award and the Bill Webber fellowship Award. He received the Morinville Citizen of the Year Award in 2013.

He has held numerous positions including Vests, Mints, meat draw, Peace Poster, Project Pride, can tabs, eye glass collection, and President in 1989-90, 1996-97, 2006 to 2010, and 2014 to the present.

For the welfare of the community the Lions had two projects which need mention said Fryters. One is the Heritage place, six self-contained units for seniors, built at a cost of \$155,473 in 1979. The other, the Morinville Lions Manor, which contains eight one-bedroom units, cost \$378,295 which was officially opened in 1983. Although both projects were financed by the Alberta Housing Corporation, both the residences were managed and maintained by members of the Morinville Lions Club. Fryters was Chairperson on the Board of Management for the Lions Manor and Board member of the 6-plex by Heritage Lodge that Lions managed and offered alternate housing for seniors. The Lions built the patio at the back of the Manor.

Fryters remembers when the Lions Club of Morinville was one of the driving forces behind the Morinville ambulance. In 1983/84 Lion President Ron Hansel and the club got a commitment from the town to buy a replacement ambulance if its members raised enough funds for the first ambulance. The club raised \$12,500 in six weeks by canvassing every resident and farm house in Morinville and vicinity. The funds were raised

by holding such functions as a street dance and a slave auction. Fryters said they also donated over 50 teddy bears to the RCMP and ambulance.

Since then the club has donated special breathing equipment and sight testing machinery which was donated to the Sturgeon Health Unit in conjunction with the Legal Lions.

Fryters said he was a two year member when he got involved in the Blood Donor Clinic. "It was different from now. We put the name on, did registration, set the time clock, and did everything, now nurses do it." At the time they also had a kid's corner with coloring sheets to keep



them busy while adults donated blood. Fryters said one of the activities in which the club put great emphasis was in the area of recreation. The club helped organize and finance several recreation projects, which included the Poplar Park, east of the arena and the Morinville Figure Skating Club and annual show. The members also cooked in the kitchen for a few years for the hockey games. For baseball the Lions had three outdoor washrooms built and the town agreed to clean and maintain them.

Fryters said where the Lions Park is today used to be a big hole with lots of water. The Lions got a grant and with over 20 truckloads of sand and then seeding the area with grass and adding a few BBQ's they turned the swamp area into the Lions Park. In 1998 the official opening took place as part of the Frontier Daze activities.

Fryters said the Lions had a float during the Frontier Daze and he was the Frontier Daze parade organizer for three years.

The Teen Centre building came from the old town hall when it was broken down and the Lions could have it but had no place for it. At first it was moved to the

man-made lake at a cost of \$1500. It was moved back to town for the same cost and with an additional \$4000. cost to fix it and add power it was placed in its current location at Lions Park for the teens to use.

When the Lions celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1999 the Cavalcade for Diabetes was center stage and first time it was in Morinville. Fryters said the first roast was for Pete Gibeault and held at the Frontiersman Restaurant upstairs and the second roast was in celebration of the clubs' 65 th anniversary and featured Ron Cust.

Fryters said he organized the first Lions Club Golf tournament nine years ago and it is ongoing to this day with the next tournament to be held 20 August.

For the future Fryters said the Lions need new members and new ideas. The current need is for everyone to work together with Midstream and other organizations to find it a home. It is a work in progress.

## Family Life

Francis Fryters was born November 1941 in Zundert Holland to Jos and Marie Fryters. He had four sisters and one brother. In August 1967 he ventured on his own and came to Canada to settle in PEI. Fryters said he came to Canada because he wanted something else.

Anna Puyman, born August 1948, came to Canada alone from Velp, Holland when she was 20 and settled in PEI. She was one side of PEI and him on the other. They met through mutual friends. Laughing Fryters said, "You have to fly thousands and thousands of kilometres to get married." They got married in 1970 and have two children, John and Sandra.

In 1981 they came to Alberta because the kids started growing up and there was more of a future here. They settled just outside of town and worked for Ku-Ku Farms before moving in town in 1982 during the Christmas holidays. Fryters also worked at Walmart, Villeneuve and at McDonalds for 23 years before he retired.

When they moved here he was looking for something to do and at the Frontier Daze the Lions were there and he met Pete Gibeault and it went from there. Anna has always been behind the scenes doing her share for the Lions she said, from helping with the parade floats, sewing the vests, selling tickets, organizing the appreciation night, all the nitty gritty stuff.

How do I disable the autocorrect function on my wife's

He speaks straight from the shoulder - too bad he didn't start higher up...

# Sylvan Lake Purina Dog Walk May 29

Representative of the many Purina Dog Walks for Lions Foundation of Canada in Sylvan Lake saw a smaller than usual turnout, but still managed to raise some \$2930. District LFC chair Terry Kozma and 3 members of South Edmonton Lions joined in to help, and to observe how its done. Donations were down, likely due to the current outpouring of donations in support of Fort McMurray.

Some 20 Alberta Lions Clubs held walks this past weekend, or will hold one in the coming weeks.

The excellent weather was courtesy of DG Hank...



## District C-1 Calendar

### 2016

6	1	DG to Wabasca	Wabasca
6	7	DG To Jasper	Jasper
6	16	DG to Edmonton Host	Edmonton
6	13	PID Patti Hill at South Edmonton	Edmonton
6	15	DG to Andrew	Andrew
6	16	DG to Edmonton Host	Edmonton
6	24-28	International Convention	Fukuoku, Japan
7	22-23	MD C Council Meeting	?
9	15-17	USA/Canada Forum	Omaha, Nebraska
10	21-22	District C-2 Convention	Calgary
10	29	Beaumont 40th Charter	Beaumont
11	3-4	MD C Council Meeting	?
11	4-5	C-1 Convention	Vegreville

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### 2017

5	4-5	MD C Council	?
5	5-7	MD C Convention	?
6-30	7-4	International Convention (100 years of Lionism)	Chicago
9	21-23	USA/Canada Forum	Portland, Oregon

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Lions International	<a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
	<a href="http://lionsforum.org">lionsforum.org</a>

## CITIZEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Do you know of an outstanding citizen? Someone whose mandate is caring for others and making our world a better place.

The Citizen of Distinction Award is in its fifth year. Previous recipients have been Jack Little from Heritage Days, Philanthropist Frank Flaman and Sandra Woitas of Edmonton Public Schools. All three are outstanding citizens. In 2015 the recipient was Kathleen Raines from Spruce View, Alberta, whose dedication to helping her community was inspiring.

District C-1 is accepting nominations for the Citizen of Distinction, 2016, from Lions and Lions Clubs.

Nominees are to be **NON LIONS** who are committed to helping others. Deadline for nominations is September 30, 2016. The successful candidate will be introduced at the District C-1 convention and presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Forward a letter of nomination, describing your nominee and telling why you think this person should be the 2016 Citizen of Distinction to C-1 Awards Chairman:

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## MD C HALL OF FAME NOMINATION AND DISTRICT C-I AWARDS

The District C-I Awards Chairman is requesting nominations for the following awards. The deadline for nominations is September 30, 2016

### DISTRICT C-I YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARD

The District Governor will make the decision on the club that will be presented with the award based on the following criteria. To be eligible for this award, the Club must have completed at least six of the following in the Lionistic Year:

1. Participated in Lions Youth Exchange through their club members personally hosting a youth exchange student.
2. Provided a financial contribution to the District C-I Youth Exchange Program or to the MD C Youth Exchange Program.
3. Sponsored youth(s) to travel on the Lions Youth Exchange or to attend a Lions Youth Camp.
4. Participated in or financially supported Lions Quest.
5. Participated in or financially supported at least two local youth organizations such as Scouts, Girl Guides, minor hockey, minor ball or other organized and recognized nonprofit youth groups.
6. Provided financial support to the District C-I and Sri Lanka Foster Child Program.
7. Made a financial contribution to Camp He Ho Ha ..
8. Sponsored a new Leo Club in their community.
9. Provided funds to purchase equipment for children with special medical needs or for children who are blind or deaf.
10. Participated in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest.
11. Participated in and/or financially supported Project Pride.

A letter of nomination must be received by the District Awards Chairperson no later than September 30, 2016

**Hall of Fame is a Multiple District award, nominations must be sent to the District for a vote at the district convention.**

Any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, or Zone may nominate a candidate from District C-I to the Multiple District C Hall of Fame.

1. There is no nomination fee.
2. There may be a maximum of one (1) candidate per district, inducted into the Hall of Fame each year.

3. The Awards Chairman must receive nominations at least 30 days prior to the District's Annual Convention. Each individual District will hold an election to determine the successful candidate.
4. The award may be presented to either a Lion or Lioness and only one recipient per District may be elected annually.
5. The award may be presented posthumously.
6. Each candidate must have 15 years of service and be two years removed from Council (if they have served as a member of the Council of Governors).
7. Each candidate should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavours. He/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community.
8. All sponsors will use the standard form, No other will be accepted.
9. The sponsors will ensure the candidate, or representative, will be in attendance at the Multiple District Convention.
10. All successful candidates will be inducted to the Hall of Fame at the next MD C convention.
11. A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to the delegates attending the annual MD C convention, and published in the subsequent MD C newsletter.

The application for this award may be found on the MD C website.

The application must be received by the DISTRICT A WARDS CHAIRPERSON no later than September 30, 2016.

## **DR. LYNN G. HALL LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN LIONISM**

This Award was established in 1997 in recognition of the outstanding Leadership qualities in Lionism displayed by the late Lion Dr. Lynn G. Hall. Lion Lynn was a member of various clubs for over 50 years, serving two terms as District Governor: 1952-53 and 1976-77. Always quick to step forward, no matter what the project, Lion Lynn was a leader by example. He exemplified what Lionism is all about. His professional life included teaching and school administration as well as serving as the Mayor of Lac La Biche and Councilor of Wainwright.

### **AWARDS CRITERIA**

1. A Lion Member in good standing with a Lions Club for a MINIMUM OF TEN YEARS.
2. A Lion who has demonstrated continuous leadership for a MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS.
3. A Lion whose leadership may be at the community, club, district or International level or a combination thereof.

### **APPLICATION CRITERIA**

1. Application may be made by any Lion in good standing within District C-1
2. The nomination to be in the form of a letter which includes the following:
  - Name of Award applied for
  - Name of the nominated Lion
  - Name of that Lions Club
  - When the Lion became a member
  - Their commitment to Lions
  - Biography of Nominee

The letter/application must be received by the DISTRICT AWARDS CHAIRPERSON by September 30, 2016

Please forward to:

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