



## Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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Newsletter Submission

Deadline: March 28

**If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?**

February 2018



**One of these fine Lions is a murderer...** The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre in St Albert on February 24 was a great success! Lions and guests tried to solve the murder by following the clues and interviewing the role players. Shown are PID Patti Hill, with Lions Mickey Carignan, Greg Holmes, and Melodie Franko.

### From the District Governor

Hello Lions

I thought this month I would provide an update to what has been happening in February from Lions International. On the Centennial Project front, Lions around the world leading through service, 215,168,451 people have been served world wide. This has surpassed the goal of 100 million people by July 2018. Within our own district we have so far served 275,965 over the past four years. That is a good number for a district with 2179 Lions members. Keep entering your activity reports so that our number can grow before July 2018. LCI wants us to continue to serve so that by 2020 we will be serving 200 million people a year.

The Dr. Patti Hill for 3rd Vice International President campaign contin-

ues to move forward. Dr. Hill is looking forward to continuing to travel the world to meet more Lions and campaign for a successful election in Milan, Italy. She has been endorsed by the current Executive Officers of Lions Clubs International. It will now go to the Board of Directors in April for their endorsement. Let's get out there to support PID Patti on her journey. The campaign committee is looking for ways to raise funds and would like for clubs to think how they can support this campaign. Let's plan to see if we can get Lions to go to Milan to support PID Patti.

Over the next couple of months, I will be visiting clubs in the district and if you wish for me or my District Governor team to visit please let me know.

— DG Kris  
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# Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre Report

Feb. 15/2018

Although CLERC has been experiencing Eyeglass Inventory shortages, we continue to provide solid numbers of glasses to our clients. In this quarter we processed 260,00 pairs and shipped 132,450 pairs. To date CLERC has placed 4,886,550 pairs on faces in 92 countries. We will hit 5 million pairs this year, as we will ship out the remaining 113,450 pairs. The 5 millionth pair of glasses are already selected and will be photographed going through the entire process right up to being placed on a face at a Lions Eyeglass Outreach. There will be a short window to celebrate and then we start back on processing the next million pairs.

We are happy to report that Lion Jack Busst from the Southridge Lions has joined our Board of Directors. Jack was our CLERC Volunteer of the year last year.

CLERC continues to promote Lions Eyeglass Recycling in a number of ways. We post articles on both the CLERC Facebook page, Our Website and also on the Lions of Canada Facebook page. We posted a call out for the need to replenish our eyeglass inventory on the Lions of Canada Website. That post had over 170 shares to various Lions Clubs across the country. Slowly but surely the glasses are starting to arrive from places that we haven't ever received them from, or locations that haven't sent them in a long time. Please continue to have Lions clubs send us glasses as WE REALLY NEED GLASSES to replenish the inventory. Box Location, Lions Pick up Contacts and store contacts are also important information to send us at [www.clerc.ca](http://www.clerc.ca) as we need that for our data base. This information can also be sent directly to CLERC Vice Chair Darryl Axenty at [daxenty@shaw.ca](mailto:daxenty@shaw.ca), as this is part of his portfolio of duties. Of note, if you go to [DavidSuzuki.org/recycle\\_glasses](http://DavidSuzuki.org/recycle_glasses), you will see that CLERC is listed there as well.



**As part of Lions Club International Week of Service to Fight Hunger**, the Rimbey Lions partnered with Evergreen Co-op to hold a "Restock The Shelves" event for the Rimbey Food Bank. Over a two day period, Lions collected 1357 lbs of food and \$1200.00 in cash donations to help the Food Bank continue their service to residents of Rimbey and area.

Pictured: Lion Lindell Ryan, Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn,(Chair) Lion Pat Ryan and Lion Dave Leshchyshyn (Chair).

Locally in Calgary, we are promoting Lions/Leos and CLERC by offering 1/2 day sessions where we have Grade 8 students from Menno Simons School, Heritage Academy and Calgary Christian Academy are being taught the process and hopefully welcomed in to our World of Service. We continue to have Grade 12 students from Notre Dame come in and process glasses, as well as Young Offenders that get Community Service sentences.

We applied to the courts for this opportunity, and the volunteers come with a Supervisor to process glasses. CLERC will be attending the MDC in Leduc in May and have been asked to do a participatory workshop. Details to follow, as it remains a discussion at this point.

CLERC has had an awful time with theft and break ins. Our 3 ton truck has been broken into twice with over \$300 worth of tools stolen, the gas filler tube punched out of it and

the gas siphoned off at least twice. We will have spent almost \$2000.00 repairing it. The Tommy Gate (rear pallet lift) control was also stolen. Also 25 plastic totes of glasses that were sorted, sanitized, hand dried and ready to be read, have been stolen. What ever the thieves will do with them is unimaginable. Our 20' Sea Can at the CNIB has been broken into by homeless individuals and glasses were also stolen. There was an arrest and it will go before the courts.....LOL hopefully Judge Brian Stevenson will hear the case! We have installed cameras indoors and out, but these are professional thieves who wear hoodies and never expose their faces or their vehicles.

The CLERC Executive is brainstorming to find new ways to promote the Eyeglass program. Our next Cabinet meeting is Feb. 21, and our AGM is June 23 at the CLERC Warehouse. Details to follow.



Many thanks to Council and to the CLERC Executive for their dedication and perseverance. Special thanks to Secretary Gordon Prusky who keeps all the stats, works tirelessly, Darryl Rawleigh who does so much for all aspects of the program, and Myrna McMullen our competent Treasurer. Darryl and Denise Axenty are invaluable in keeping our eyeglass sorting process organized. HUGE THANKS to ALL Lions Clubs for your willingness to Volunteer and financially support CLERC. You are the backbone of this Canadian Lions Initiative.

**- James Lee CLERC Chair**

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

## Vision Mission, Mexico 2018

Lions from Oregon and Alberta are planning to head to Mexico in November, 2018 to again distribute those eyeglasses that Lions Clubs collect year round. This year is the 16<sup>th</sup> year that this mission is operating. Organized by the Oak Bottom Lions from Portland, OR, specifically headed up by PDG Lion Sharon Elder, this years' trip (Oct 31-Nov 10) will see approximately 40 Lions, friends and family, work a five-day clinic to assess and distribute 2500 pairs of glasses to Mexicans in Los Varas, Nayarit, MX.

The glasses (we will take 8000 pairs from a Lions warehouse) were collected by volunteers, cleaned and stored by prescription number and will be boxed and transported along with supplies for assessing high blood pressure and diabetes, and even white canes to share with the clinic attenders.

Interested? For more information, contact Lion Sharon Hoekstra, South Edmonton Lions who is planning to return for her fifth trip. [Sharon.hoekstra@gmail.com](mailto:Sharon.hoekstra@gmail.com)

**Acupuncture is a job well done.**



# SYLVAN LAKE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB presents FLIGHT NIGHT 2018



*What happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas*



*Join the Party  
Prize for best Vegas costume*



*Saturday, March 3, 2018*

*Sylvan Lake Community Center  
4725 – 43 Street*

*Cocktails 6:00pm Supper 7:00pm*

*Bob Ronnie Catering*

*Dance with Suzie Q Dance Band & Eric Allison*

*Grand Prize  
\$1,000.00 travel voucher*

*Silent Auction & door prizes donated by local businesses*

*Tickets: \$ 65.00 per person  
Available from  
Klaas Vanveller 403-887-3776  
Phil Norris 403-348-1453  
Ticket sale deadline – February 24*

*Proceeds used to sponsor local physically or mentally challenged residents to attend CampHeHoHa summer camps*

*Lottery Registration # 479470*

## Support for Fort McMurray

On February 22, the online newspaper Fort McMurray Today published an item detailing Lions' donation of \$80,000 to support

schools in the area: <http://www.fortmcmurraytoday.com/2018/02/22/lions-of-alberta-donate-80000-to-fort-mcmurray-schools> These funds are only part of what the Lions of Alberta Foundation is holding in trust for fire rehabilitation and community support.

*District C2 Convention*

# CU@C2


**October 19 & 20, 2018**  
*Mark Your Calendar*

*One World* 

*One Goal* 

*Your Host*  
*Foothills*  
*Lions Club* 

*Deerfoot Inn*  
*& Casino,*  
*Calgary*  
 11500 35 St SE,  
 Calgary, AB



**J. P. (Joe) Yurkiw**  
 January 1, 1931 – February 12, 2018. A member of South Edmonton Lions



**Nick Runka**  
 1924 – January 20, 2018. A member of South Edmonton Lions since 1986.

I hate Russian dolls, they're so full of themselves.

**Registration Form at:**

[http://e-district.org/userfiles/712/file/2018%20Convention%20Registration\(1\).pdf](http://e-district.org/userfiles/712/file/2018%20Convention%20Registration(1).pdf)

***Police were called to a daycare centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.***

**District C-1 Calendar**

**2018**

3	3	Flight Night	Sylvan Lake	Klaas Vanvlellor 403 887 3776
5	4-5	MDC Convention	Leduc	<a href="http://mdclions.org">mdclions.org</a>
6-29:	7-03	International Convention	Las Vegas	<a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
9	20-22	USA/Canada Forum	Columbus Ohio	<a href="http://lionsforum.org">lionsforum.org</a>
10	19-20	C-2 Convention	Calgary	
10	26-27	C-1 Convention	Vermillion	

**2019**

7	5-29	International Convention	Milan Italy	<a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
9	19-21	USA/Canada Forum	Spokane Washington	<a href="http://lionsforum.org">lionsforum.org</a>

**2020**

6	26-30	International Convention	Singapore	<a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
9	17-19	USA/Canada Forum	Louisville Kentucky	<a href="http://lionsforum.org">lionsforum.org</a>

**2021**

6	25-29	International Convention	Montreal	<a href="http://lionsclubs.org">lionsclubs.org</a>
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## UPCOMING MULTIPLE DISTRICT C CONVENTION

Lions please mark your calendars and plan on attending our MDC convention in Leduc, AB May 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.

The registration form which the Leduc Lions Club will be happy to process, is available at: <http://e-district.org/userfiles/1045/file/MDC%20Convention%20Registration%20Jan%202018%20Fillable.pdf> or at [http://lionsc1.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/MDC\\_ConventionReg\\_2018May.pdf](http://lionsc1.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/MDC_ConventionReg_2018May.pdf)

A tentative draft outline of the convention format will be sent to the clubs by the district cabinet secretaries within Multiple District C within the next month.

Our guest speaker for this convention will be Past International Director Carl Young, from Omemee, Ontario, Canada. He served a two-year term on the International board from 2009-2011. Currently PID Carl serves as Constitutional Area Leader for the Global Membership Team in Canada.

We will be asking our registered lions to help support at least one of our Lions Initiatives by supporting and bringing along one of the following:

Donations of used eyeglasses for CLERC, gently used clothing to be donated to the Diabetes Clothesline to send children to diabetic camp or non perishable food items to be donated to the local food bank to feed the hungry will be greatly appreciated.

You the lions make the difference in the success of our organization and I thank you for your service and look forward to meeting you at the convention.



**Multiple District C Convention**  
Leduc, May 4 and 5, 2018

Registration Form at: [lionsc1.org](http://lionsc1.org)



January 1, 2018

Greetings all Lions Clubs,

I am writing to your club today as President of the Western Canadian Blind Golf Association (WCBGA) in addition being a fellow Lion and a Knight of the Blind. We hope that all Lions Clubs have had a great Centennial celebration during Canada 150. In the past we have had the support of all our valuable Lions clubs in Western Canada. Without the support of Lions Clubs, what we do would not be possible. In 2017, we hosted the Western Canadian Blind Golf Open Championships in Warman, Saskatchewan. We had 42 total participants and the event was a success.

In 2018, blind golf will be in full swing again!!! The Western Canadian Championships will be hosted in Winnipeg, Manitoba July 9<sup>th</sup>-July 11<sup>th</sup>. August 16<sup>th</sup>-August 17<sup>th</sup>, Truro, Nova Scotia will be the host of the Canadian Championships. Also, a highlight is the World Blind Golf Championships which occur every two years. 2018 happens to be the next World Championships which will be in Rome, Italy in early October. The players representing Canada at the World Championships are likely going to be all from our Western Provinces. The WCBGA hopes to assist our players in attending and achieving success there while representing Canada.

Our Western Provinces also continue to promote and encourage the growth of blind golf, both from a recreational and competitive stand-point. Our province's all host annual golf clinics and provincial events to promote and encourage all ages and abilities to participate in the game.

On behalf of Western Canada and all our blind golfers, I hope we can count on your continued support in 2018 to make all our blind golf events possible and successful. All Western Lions Clubs still have an opportunity to celebrate the Lions Centennial by coming together to support blind golf. The combined Western Lions Club support, great or small, would make a great **Western Lions Centennial Legacy Project**. Hopefully, all Lions clubs can also assist us in promoting the game to other blind or partially-sighted individuals that your Clubs may know would be interested in participating.

I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions your club may have. I can be contacted at: [thedoumas71@gmail.com](mailto:thedoumas71@gmail.com) or by phone: [250-428-8715](tel:250-428-8715) For Clubs wishing to make a donation to blind golf, please make cheques payable to: Western Canadian Blind Golfer's Association (WCBGA). Payments can be mailed to: WCBGA c/o Darren Douma 516-25<sup>th</sup> Ave. S Creston, B.C. V0B1G5. PLEASE Visit us at: [www.blindgolf.ca](http://www.blindgolf.ca) & LIKE us on **FACEBOOK** at: @blindgolf

Again, I thank all Lions and send out a "BIG" lions roar to all of you!

Kind Regards, Lion Darren Douma & WCBGA President





At Blind Golf Canada, it is our mission to develop and promote blind golf along with true sportsmanship among Canada's blind and partially-sighted golfers wishing to play at a national and/or international level.

For those of you who don't know, blind golf is played by golfers who are totally blind or partially sighted (with an acuity of 20/200 or less). The rules are the same; the only difference being that blind golfers may ground their club in a hazard. We use the aid of a sighted guide and its game on!



Canada is a member country within the International Blind Golf Association, and along with thirteen other member and five associate-member countries, we host and partake in tournaments held in Canada and around the world! Our own Canadian Open Blind Golf Championship has been hosted since 1997, is an annual event and is always a prominent stop on the IBGA tour. Canada has hosted two of the most successful World Championship events held to date; Winnipeg in 2002 and in Truro, Nova Scotia in 2012!

We would like to welcome you to Blind Golf Canada! Our motto is You Can Still Play! It is our hope that as someone who is blind or partially-sighted, you will come out and join us. If you are a sighted individual, get involved as a guide or a score keeper at a tournament in your local area, or just come out and watch us! You will be amazed!



BGC would like to recognize and thank the Lions Clubs of Canada for their patronage and continued support of blind golf! Without the Lions, what we do simply would not be possible!

VISIT US AT: [www.blindgolf.ca](http://www.blindgolf.ca)