



# Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts.



Would you trust your District with one of these Lions? Freshly anointed and roarin' to go... DG Frances Sawiak being kept in place by Lion John, and C-2 DG Tyler Bray supported by Lion Diane...



# **DG** Frances' Notes

Las Vegas Convention went really well, as always Imet lots of new Lions, and learned more. The weather was extremely hot and the hotels cold, so the usual saying "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas", did not happen to a number of us, as we came back sick, ourselves with viral pneumonia, the worst symptoms are over and we are on an upward health trend, ready to tackle the upcoming year.

2018-2019 Lionistic Year has now begun and the District Governor Team is ready

to implement our goals. Of course as always retention and growth of Members is always a priority, without content Members and new Members,

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Lions Clubs would not exist. Club planning for retention and to attract new members is our agenda.

District Membership Chair - Lion Butch Bouchard bbouchard@ mcsnet.ca

Another area we plan to help Clubs \$ improve is Promoting Lions (public 5 relations), we encourage all Lions ? Clubs to use social media to post § upcoming and completed events to get the word out or what/why we do Community and International 3 fundraising. We are encouraging all Clubs to have their own Service Chair to co-ordinate promoting of their Club's activities and also report 5 could also use co-chairs, Members to LCI.

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Last but not least, the District Sovernor Team is undertaking a g long overdue step that we need to Leshchyshyn infinitelite@shaw.ca your Club's help on. It is --- TRAINING  $\frac{E}{\Phi}$  NOTE: - Club Visits or Special Events for Leadership, Officer's Duties  $\frac{E}{\Phi}$  - please contact me directly for Responsibilities, and Lionism & availability knowledge.

Why we need the Clubs' help we need to know what training your clubs require - Can you host a training session & when (Wi-Fi required), we need to get training done throughout this Lionistic year,

remember it benefits your Clubs as well, it will identify prospective executive for your Clubs. These training sessions are open to ALL members - that is where the knowledge comes in.

We have already planned a Zone training Session in conjunction with our Cabinet Meeting on August 12th in Vegreville at the Sunshine Senior Centre, 4630 - 49 Street, 10

We still are short of Zone Chairs - if you want to know more you are welcome to attend, even if we already have a Zone Chair, we gare also welcome at Cabinet meeting as quests

Please advise me if you are attending. jfsawiak@telus.net

Training - please contact: District Leadership Chair - Susanne

(Remember inter club meetings are a great resource for a DG Visit)

Wishing you all a fantastic Lionistic. gear, as I intend to do meeting with ge Clubs and Members. And of course  $\stackrel{\Phi}{\approx}$ have fun.



The attendance was down almost 50%, undoubtedly due to the great success of our Centennial Convention in Chicago year. Comparison: Chicago had 28,684 registrations and 9,550 hotel rooms; Las Vegas had 15, 268 registrations and 4,743 hotel rooms. However, it is to be noted that a total of 2,500 Lions cancelled their registration, with approximately 1,500 due to denial of visas.

It is expected that about 25,000 will attend the 102nd International Convention in Milan, Italy where, hopefully, our own Lion Dr. Patti Hill will be elected to the office of International Third Vice-President. I have heard that many Lions from Canada chose to skip Las Vegas in favour of going to Milan. In Milan the delegates will be staying in 46 different hotels, but most of the Canadian Lions will be housed in two - the Blaise & Francis Hotel and the Radisson Blu Hotel Milano. The delegations from Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, and our own MD C will be in those two, along with the Lions delegations from Eastern

Europe.
Several travel agencies in Canada and the USA are preparing materials for pre and post-Convention tours for delegates, and those materials should be available in the very near future. The dates of the Milan International Convention are July

5-9, 2019.

Back to the Las Vegas Convention.

The weather was quite warm - the § temperature seldom went below 80 degrees (F) during the night, and on most days was usually well over 100 degrees (F). On the day of the International Parade, I believe it got close to 115 degrees (F). However, almost everything took place in the gigantic MGM complex, so there was limited requirement (outside of the Parade) to go outside.

A highlight of the Convention was a decision by the International Board



The Rimbey Lions recently entered the Lions Float in the Rimbey Rodeo Parade, garnering the Club the "Best Service Organization Award 2018". A great time was had by all the Club members riding the float and the walkers handing out candy to the kids. We even had Barney Rubble (aka Lion Tom) accompany Lion Howard in the Flintstone mobile. - Dave Leschysyn

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Patti Hill as their choice for Third VP 6 election in Milan.

The program had something for R everyone. Following the Parade the so selling their wares. Canadian delegation (about 250-3 300) met to receive an update from our Canadian International Director Tom Gordon, some information about Campaign 100 (the new 5 LCIF fundraising campaign), some preliminary information about  $\frac{1}{8}$  celebrating the Lions of Canada  $\frac{1}{8}$  Centennial in 2020, and Patti Hill's  $\frac{1}{8}$ campaign.

On the Saturday evening the intraditional International Show was spectacular and featured Cirque de Soleil performing a Cirque 🖔 Dreams Jungle Fantasy.

The opening Plenary Session on  $\frac{7}{5}$ Sunday featured Dr. Sanjay Gupta, & a CNN celebrity, speaking about our need to live a more healthy § existence.

The Second Plenary Session featured former US President George W. Bush 9 being interviewed by Ari Fleischer, and former White House Press Secretary - the former President was most be engaging, and subtly critical of 3 some of the current US Presidents of policies. Wynonna Judd, western & country music star was also part 9 of the program leading up to the  $\frac{1}{0}$  introduction of former President  $\frac{1}{0}$ Bush.

The final Plenary Session on 5 Tuesday was opened by «Mr. Las 2) Vegas» Wayne Newton, and the your presentation of our Humanitarian Award to Dr. Prathap Reddy, founder and Chairman of Apollo Bassion concluded with the introduction of our new International Third Vice President & Brian Sheehan from Minnesota USA, our 2018-2019 International President Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland, and the newly - elected International Directors.

Beginning on Friday, June 29th and 6 continuing through to Monday, July 2nd, there were over 100 seminars about almost every aspect of Lions. A great learning experience was

of Directors to unanimously endorse  $\geq$  enjoyed by all. Also, throughout those days the Exhibit Hall had booths and displays about our global presence, as well as more than 40 commercial enterprises

One of the great positives about International Conventions is the opportunity to meet, make friends, and share information with other Lions from around the world - the 2018 Las Vegas Convention, in my opinion, met that objective.



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Enjoy 4 to 6
Courses of Fine Wines
Accompanied
By
A Tasting of
Gourmet Cheeses

Tickets Available From Eventbrite.com Or

**Edmonton Host Lions Club Members** 

When: 7 to 9 pm Saturday, September 29 2018

Where: The Solarium

St. John's Cultural Centre 10951 – 107 Street Edmonton, Alberta

What: To Raise Funds For

Diabetes Research

Tickets: \$75.00 each Table of 8: \$540.00

**Dress:** Casual

# Evening Events

Wine & Food Education

Prize Draws
Blind Wine Auction
Treasure Hunt
Live Auction
Silent Auction
Flight Contest
50/50 Draw
Wine Survivor:

Bring A Bottle of Wine and \$20 Win Up To Two Cases of Wine

Eventbrite site: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lions-wine-cheese-tasting-tickets-47700286842?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=cp&utm-term=destsearch</a>

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# District C-1 Calendar

### 2018

8	17	Golf For Sight Tournament	Red Deer	Marvin Seibel 403 304 4424
8	24-26	Rock'n Rimbey	Rimbey	rocknrimbey.com
9	20-22	USA/Canada Forum	Columbus Ohio	<u>lionsforum.org</u>
9	29	Edmonton Host		
		Wine & Cheese Tasting	Edmonton	
10	19-20	C-2 Convention	Calgary	
10	20	Oktoberfest	Rimbey	Trudy Rangen <u>dntj02@gmail.com</u>
10	26-27	C-1 Convention	Vermillion	

# 2019

7	5-9	International Convention	Milan Italy	lionsclubs.org
9	19-21	USA/Canada Forum	Spokane Washington	lionsforum.org

# 2020

6	26-30	International Convention	Singapore	lionsclubs.org
9	17-19	USA/Canada Forum	Louisville Kentucky	<u>lionsforum.org</u>

# 2021

6	25-29	International Convention	Montreal	<u>lionsclubs.org</u>
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# District C-1 Convention Vermillion Oct, 26 and 27. Entry Forms (fillable and printable) at lionsc1.org



This morning on the way to work I wasn't really paying attention and I drove into the back of a car at some traffic lights.

The driver got out and it turned out he was a dwarf.

He said, "I'm not happy."

I said, "Well, which one are you then?"

Do not worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older it will avoid you.

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