



Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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Multiple District C Convention

Rimbey
April 26 and 27, 2019

SAWIAK, John Andrew

October 23, 1934 - November 30, 2018

On Friday, November 30, 2018, John Sawiak of Vegreville, Alberta passed away at the age of 84 years.

John was a member of Vegreville Lions Club since 2009 and the District's LCIF Chairperson. He was the husband and partner in service of District Governor Frances Sawiak.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church (5437 - 43 St) in Vegreville, Alberta with Father Luan Vu as the



Celebrant. Interment in Riverside Cemetery, followed by hot lunch @ Vegreville Social Centre 4802 - 47 Street. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the "Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides."

The full obituary can be found at: <https://autumnrosefuneralhome.com/tribute/details/506/John-Sawiak/obituary.html#content-start>

306A-1/ C-1 Foster Child Program

DG Frances and Cabinet have approved the program again this year. It was initiated in 1993 at the LCI Convention in Minneapolis as part of the District Twinning Program between 306A (Sri Lanka) and 37-G. Our District committed to providing financial assistance to needy students through the 306A Cabinet and then PCC Dayantha Fernando as their representative.

Last year we were privileged to participate in the visit to Edmonton by PDG Gunawardena from Sri Lanka. While in Edmonton, the

District Twinning agreement was signed by PDG Gunawardena and then DG Kris Kozoriz.

The agreement is still in effect. Clubs and individuals who wish to support this program are encouraged to send your club or personal cheques to Lion Treasurer Lion Stacey Chan, 15118-130 Street, Edmonton, T6V 1H2. Please make the cheque payable to District C-1, and mark the tag line "Foster Child Program". Please note that tax receipts are not available for this project.

**- PCC Lynne Coulter
C-1 Chairperson**

From Lion Diane Bray, MDC Global Service Team Coordinator

Hi, Follow Lions from MDC,

It was of great happiness to us on the success of the two Conventions C1 and C2. The five initiatives of LCIF were met with the joint accomplishments of you fellow Lions, to your commitment to service. Childhood Diabetes, Hunger, The Environment, Diabetes and Sight. All these initiatives were met at the two conventions. I am so proud of you Lions and Leos by your kindness to others less fortunate than us.

Christmas is the time to give and not necessarily a time to receive, it the time to be with our families and Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of Christ, if you are of the Christian faith.

I have a challenge for all Lions Clubs in MDC. My thought is to raise 100,000 pounds of food or items to give to Food Banks, or individuals or families that could need food or items that they may not be able to afford. Our goal would be to do this across our province by January 1, 2019. We already know of 12,550 pounds of food and personnel items collected from just four clubs. If you have already donated to food banks in your area, or personnel items, just give me an approximate average of what you think the weight of these donations would be. If you haven't already donated to a food bank in your community, most food banks can weigh the food for you. All you have to do then, is email me at dianebray5@gmail.com with the weight of your donations and your clubs name please. In January, I will give you the total weight of food and items collected. I feel if all Lions Clubs in the MDC buy into this endeavor, think of all the people we can feed and help for a very long time. This



District Peace Poster winners on the theme "Kindness Matters".

Far right is 1st place winner Kenzie Bliss from Sir George Simpson Jr. High School, St. Albert.

2nd place winner (held by VDG Terry Kozma) Elena Begovic from Neil M. Ross Catholic Elementary School, St. Albert.

3rd place winner on far left is Nathan Mageau from Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Jr. High School, St. Albert.

-PDG Claude Carignan

will feed many hungry people in our MDC. Christmas time can be a very lonely sad time for so many. Let us all put a smile on the faces of the less fortunate than us. What a wonderful gift for them, that we take for granted. We Serve is our motto, I know we all can meet this goal of 100,000 pounds of food or items by January 1st, 2019, if we all work jointly together.

I would like to now wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and safe travels if you are travelling during this holiday time. I have met so many caring beautiful people since I joined Lions and it is my privilege and honor to be your GST coordinator for MDC. Thank you, MDC Lions and Leos, for all your dedication and kindness you give to those in need. Bravo Everyone! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2019 Multiple District C Convention April 26-27, 2019

Planning has begun for the 2019 MDC Convention at the Peter Lougheed Community Centre in Rimbey, on April 26-27, 2019.

The host club - Rimbey Lions is thrilled to invite you to share the weekend with them! The Friday social and mixer theme is 'The Roaring 20's' in celebration of Canada's upcoming Lions Centennial. Come dressed in period attire for a fun filled, won't want to miss evening! Stay tuned... more convention details to follow. Send in your registration and book your room/RV/camping spot asap. Registration form attached.

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Multiple District C Convention Registration form at:
[http://e-district.org/userfiles/1045/file/2019%20MDC%20registration%20form%20\(fillable\).pdf](http://e-district.org/userfiles/1045/file/2019%20MDC%20registration%20form%20(fillable).pdf)



The Rimbey Lions hosted A successful Oktoberfest

November 8. Many Lions members and guests came in their finest Oktoberfest attire. Proceeds from the Traeger BBQ ticket sales, and a matching amount from the Rimbey Lions, were donated to the Rimbey Auxiliary Hospital to help with the purchase of patient lift chairs. Pictured is Rimbey Lions President Roy Keessar presenting the cheque for \$5000 to Rimbey Auxiliary Hospital member Sharla Hull.

- Dave Leshchyshyn

Leduc Reports:

The Lions Club of Leduc has been busy. Donations for \$5000 (all are budgeted items) were to The Stollery, Ronald McDonald House and STARS. In addition we gave a \$1500 scholarship to a high school student and will be providing an additional 5 scholarships to more students in late November totaling \$7500. We also provided donations of \$2000 to Air Cadets and \$4000 to the local food bank. The campground closed on October 15 with another record year. We have added at least three new members and are now looking forward to our usual winter projects for the community as well as what we have just concluded. We will be providing free hot chocolate for the Santa Claus Parade on December 1 and also for the Christmas Train which makes it's stop here on December 9th. The photos is of an Autistic young man and his Service Dog our Club paid for.

- Bill Tingey

Lions of Alberta Foundation Casino is looking for volunteers:

Dear Lions,

The Lions of Alberta Foundation has been given a casino at Edmonton Yellowhead for Saturday/Sunday February 16 - 17, 2019. I would like to submit the licence as soon as possible and it requires the names of those volunteers for the following positions:

Alt. General Mgr.
Banker
Cashier
Chip Runners
Count Room Supvr.

Thanks,
Bill Webber

The volunteer application form is at: https://aglc.ca/sites/aglc.ca/files/aglc_files/Casino_Volunteer_Worker_Application_5400_.pdf





Lion Dustin Southgate, MDC Leo Chair, DG Frances Sawiak, Leo President Selby Bianic, Lion Bruce Thompson, District Leo Chair on the occasion of **Camrose Leos chartering in September.**



Wetaskiwin named a new Lifetime Member in September:

Lion Jan Brens from Millet Lions, already Lifetime Member Lion Isabel Peters, **Lifetime Member Glen Zahara holding the certificate**, and President

The Fall Lions Cavalcade newsletter is available

at: <http://e-district.org/user-files/1032/file/MDCLionsCavalcadeNewsletterV1.pdf>

The following Clubs have been transferred to District C-2, at their request, due to the geographic proximities and affinities of their Clubs:

Hanna Young	Morrin
Drumheller	Carbon
Trochu	Oyen
Torrington	Veteran
Castor	
Transfer of Consort and KAC are under consideration	

C-1 Convention Notes

★PID Patti Hill re-endorsed for consideration at the International Convention in Milan, Italy in July, for the position of Third International Vice President.

★Terry Kozma confirmed as District Governor Elect

★Prince Baweja confirmed as 1st VDG Elect

★PDG Dave Dalby and Scotty Duff elected to the MDC Hall of Fame

★Harry Anderson (Edmonton Host) was awarded the Dr Lynn G Hall Outstanding Leadership Award

★Lions Cavalcade presented Diabetes Canada with a cheque for \$21,500 as proceeds from this year's Cavalcade

★Lions John Sawiak and Bruce Thompson were awarded International President's Certificates of Appreciation

★124 Lions and guests registered for the convention; 130 attended the District Governor's Banquet

★The 2019 Convention will be held in Devon November 1 and 2, in conjunction with Devon Lions' 70th



Shirley Scott, the District's Citizen of Distinction for this year

Optical Mission in Mexico November 2018

52 Lions and friends from Oregon, Washington, Montana, British Columbia, and Alberta undertook an optical mission to Las Varas and San Blas Mexico, November 1 to 10. We took 12,000 pairs of recycled eyeglasses from a warehouse in Oregon, sunglasses, white canes, and small gifts for clients, as well as equipment and supplies to prescribe the lenses and fit the glasses.

The volunteers included an optometrist (plus a Mexican optometrist), several opticians who fitted the glasses to clients, and two nurses who tested clients for diabetes and high blood pressure (both of which conditions can affect eyesight.) More than 2000 clients were served. Most were fitted with eyeglasses, but 43 people were sent for cataract surgery, 24 white canes were distributed, and 24 special lenses were ordered.

This was the 18th mission organized by PDG Sharon Elder, and we celebrated the 30,000th client served over the years on the last day of the clinic by providing her with US\$300.

- PDG Hank Hoekstra



Multiple District C Lions in Las Varas Mexico on an optical mission. Joyce Budeau, George Takishima, Ardith Leggat, Val Wilson, VCC Pauline Cooper, Bill Charlton, Shelley Stevenson, Alan Bergan, Marie Bergan, 2VDG (C-1) Prince Baweja, Mandeep Baweja, Sharon Hoekstra, PDG Hank Hoekstra. Missing is Beth Campbell, who was busy helping a client.



The assembled masses in session at the convention



So many recycled eyeglasses, such a little van... (collected at the convention)



Harry Anderson receiving his Dr Lynn G Hall Outstanding Leadership Award from DG Frances and Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson



International Director Tom Gordon speaking at the DG's banquet

District C-1 Calendar

2019

4	26-27	MD C Convention	Rimbey
5-31	~6-02	Lions Cavalcade	Cowley
7	5-9	International Convention	Milan Italy
9	19-21	USA/Canada Forum	Spokane Washington
11	1-2	C-1 Convention	Devon

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2020

6	26-30	International Convention	Singapore
9	17-19	USA/Canada Forum	Louisville Kentucky

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2021

6	25-29	International Convention	Montreal
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2022

9		USA/Canada Forum	Calgary
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Multiple District C Merchandise For Sale



Parade Shirt with 2 crests 2 Flags \$90.00

Parade Shirt with 1 crest 2 Flags \$70.00



MDC Pins \$4.00 Each Danglers \$2.50 Each

**Japan, Chicago, Las Vegas, Milan, Singapore,
Montreal, New Delhi, Boston, & Melbourne**



MDC Crests Large \$20.00

MDC Small Crest \$6.00



Panama Parade Hats \$25.00

Hat Band Only \$2.00

LG Crest 24 Cm x 24.5 Cm for Vests & Jackets

SM Crest 11.5 cm x 11.5 cm for Shirts

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