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Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

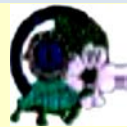
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Next Newsletter Submission

Deadline: February 26

From the desk of DG Terry Kozma

Greetings and a Belated Happy New Year to all the Lions in District C1!

The monthly District Governor's message is usually a time for the DG to review what has been happening over the previous few weeks, reflect on successes and challenges, and look forward to the next month's activities. This year, I planned to focus on our International President Choi's theme of Service Through Diversity and how it is being applied in our District. I wanted to focus on our successes in this area and there are many.

But life catches up to us sometimes.

You may have noticed we have not had a newsletter for some time. The end of October to be precise. Sadly, just after our District Convention in November, and after being chosen by delegates at that convention as our candidate for Vice Council Chair, PDG Hank Hoekstra passed away suddenly. I know many of you counted Hank as a friend, as did I, and we will miss his knowledge, his aid, his advice and his friendship dearly. I know also that you join me in sending our sympathies to Cabinet Secretary Lion Sharon Hoekstra and her family.

PDG Hank's passing left us with a huge gap in our communication network as he maintained and operated our email list for the district, our newsletter and our website. My thanks go out to 2VDG Melodie Franko for her efforts in finding a new editor for the newsletter. Lion Mike Clulow has kindly agreed to take over for the next while. And you can help him in his job.

1. Send him material for the newsletter. He cannot print what he does not have. Make it short and to the point. Spellcheck as much as you can. He is going to have a lot to do.
2. If you know of someone who is not getting the newsletter and wants to get it, please have them email Lion Mike so he can ensure they are on the list. Sometimes people get missed because they have changed their email and their club secretary has not updated their membership information in MyLCI.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / DATES to remember

2020	Mar 12-15	Lions Regional Learning	Edmonton AB	lionsclubs.org
	May 01-02	MDC Convention	Lethbridge AB	
	Jun 26-30	International Convention	Singapore	
	Sep 17-19	USA/Canada Forum	Louisville Kentucky	
2021	Jun 25-29	International Convention	Montreal	lionsclubs.org
	Sep 09 11	USA/Canada Forum	Des Moines Iowa	lionsforum.org
2022	Jul 01-05	International Convention	New Delhi, India	lionsclubs.org
	Sep ? ?	USA/Canada Forum	Calgary	lionsforum.org
2023	Jul 07-11	International Convention	Boston, Mass	lionsclubs.org

3. Be patient. Lion Mike has some ideas for the newsletter going forward. For now, he is going to use the current format, tweaking it just a bit while he gets the information and contacts updated. Stay tuned.
4. If there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter (or not see, for that matter) please let us know. We will certainly consider all suggestions and let you know what is happening.

On a happier note, in my visits around the District, I am seeing so much enthusiasm in our clubs as they go about our core business of “We Serve”. Big projects, little projects, fund raising projects of all types keep our clubs vigorous and active. I am learning so much about Lions from all of you and I thank you for that.

Over the next couple of months, I will be continuing my visits, hopefully seeing many of you soon. If you have not heard from me and would like me to visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at terry.kozma@gmail.com or through our website. In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy and stay warm!

Regional Lions Learning Institute

has been rescheduled for March 12 - 15 2020 at the Executive Royal Hotel in Edmonton.

Multiple District C will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of CDN \$175.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes

Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

Note that the cost of the Institute and accommodations is paid by MD C. Your Club or District C-1 may help with travel costs and the participation fee. Check with PCC Betty Ann Robson, Multiple District Global Leadership Team chair: lionbettyann100@gmail.com

Full information and application at: <http://lionsc1.org/2019/05/20/mdc-regional-lions-leadership-institute/>

Save the Date

May 1-2, 2020



Multiple District C Convention

100 years of Service in Canada
Lethbridge, AB

Coast Hotel and Convention Centre
Registration Form is attached
Also available on **District C1, District C2** websites
And **Multiple District C** website

*Please join the Thorhild Lions Club
as we celebrate our 70th Charter Night*

Saturday, April 25, 2020
Thorhild Legion Hall
5 St & 5 Ave, Thorhild



Cocktails	5:30
Dinner	6:30
Program	7:30

RSVP by April 11

George Mudryk	gcmudryk@gmail.com	780 868 1000
Irene Rettman	irettman@mcsmet.ca	780 499 6826
Joanne Fedun	fedunj@yahoo.ca	780 307 2727

\$30.00 per person
*Please make cheques payable to the
Thorhild Lions Club
Box 781 Thorhild AB T0A 3J0*

We look forward to seeing you there!



Dear Lion Leader,

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Past International Director Douglas X. Alexander to the office of International First Vice President. The International Board of Directors appointed Past Director Alexander to fulfill the responsibilities of the office due to the passing of our beloved friend, Vice President Judge Haynes H. Townsend.

Vice President Alexander served as international director from 2010-2012, and he is a former vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. He has been an active member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Vice President Alexander is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Please join us in congratulating Vice President Douglas X. Alexander!

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

In 2003, Lions Club members in Edmonton and across northern Alberta established the Lions Eye Research Fund (LERF) with the goal to support the Eye Institute of Alberta and the Department of Ophthalmology at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Since then, the progressive collaboration between the Lions Clubs of Alberta and the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation has been successful in soliciting funding for priority equipment, education, and innovative programs. On November 3rd last year, Lion Neil Gourley presented the latest LERF fundraising project at the District C-1 Lions Clubs convention in Devon.

The current project of LERF is to fundraise for the CLARUS 700 from Zeiss, the most advanced ultra-wide imaging camera currently available. The cost of this camera is approximately \$160,000.00. It produces extremely clear, sharp, high-resolution pictures in true colour, which enables physicians to detect subtle changes of the retina, including tumors, retinal tears, and other diseases or infections without causing stress or discomfort to patients. Previous editions of the District C-1 newsletter have featured this fundraising campaign, as well as an introduction to the camera, and the goal of submitting a matching grant application to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in support of the CLARUS 700.

Together, members of the LERF committee and staff of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation (RAHF) prepared the matching grant application of \$80,000.00, and Lion Neil presented it to the District C-1 Cabinet at the Devon Convention. The Cabinet approved the submission of this grant application, and District Governor Terry Kozma signed and endorsed it. The members of LERF and RAHF officially submitted the grant application to the LCIF at the end of November 2019. District Governor Terry recently received confirmation of the approval of the matching grant application. Terrific news indeed!

With the support of many donors, including several Lions Clubs Chapters, LERF and the RAHF have exceeded 50% of their fundraising goal of \$80,000.00 to match the LCIF grant. A special Thank-You goes to the Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club for their generous donation of \$25,000.00 in support of this important piece of equipment. To tip the scales, further support from the District C-1 Lions Clubs would be greatly appreciated. With your direct involvement, the Eye Institute of Alberta could soon have the CLARUS 700 on site to provide more advanced and faster treatment to those who suffer from retinal infections and diseases in Alberta and beyond.

Neil Gourley, South Edmonton Lions Club
Nina Muster, Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation

LERF Update – LCIF Matching Grant



Donna Bong and her team of technicians at the Eye Institute of Alberta are currently testing the most-advanced ultra-wide imaging camera – the CLARUS 700. This leading-edge equipment takes clear, sharp, high-resolution pictures without causing discomfort to patients. It is also easy to use. Both staff and patients are excited to soon have the CLARUS 700 on site at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.



Lion friends on a frigid day got together to sort 3 1/2 tri-walls of cereal and 1 tri-wall of Safeway food packages-total of around 2,000 lbs. (that's one imperial ton).

St. Albert Host Lions

This space really needs to be filled with Lions information. We know that your Clubs are doing things, so please tell the rest of us. Only about 10% of Clubs in the District report their service and fund raising activities to MyLCI, and fewer than that report to the Lions Link.

Club Secretaries, please report your club activities to LCI regularly and tell the world about your accomplishments.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

To all MDC-1 Lions

This blank space is yours to fill up with Lions activities. A picture is worth a thousand words. Show other clubs what service activities you are doing locally. It may inspire others to follow in your footsteps.

Email your pictures, etc. to:

jmclulow@shaw.ca

Lions in Action

are better than cheques or group hugs.

Deadline for the March Link is February 26





Registration Form
 Multiple District C Lions Convention
 Coast Lethbridge Hotel & Conference Center,
 536 Mayor Magrath Dr S.
 Lethbridge AB, May 1st & 2nd, 2020



A	Lion _____	Leo _____	Lioness _____	Guest _____
Name:	_____		Name on Badge: _____	
Title/Office:	_____		Present: _____	Past _____
Club:	_____			
Address:	_____		City _____	:
Postal Code:	_____		Phone: _____	
Email	_____			

B	Lion _____	Leo _____	Lioness _____	Guest _____
Name:	_____		Name on Badge: _____	
Title/Office:	_____		Present: _____	Past _____
Club:	_____			
Address:	_____		City: _____	
Postal Code:	_____		Phone: _____	
Email	_____			

Please note:

- Full Registration Package includes: All meals & registration for Friday/ Saturday
- Every Lion, Lioness, Leo, and Guest must be registered



MDC Lions Convention May 1st & 2nd 2020

MDC Convention Pricing	Payment On or Before April/01/20	Payment After April/01/20	Total
Full Conference Registration Package	() X \$130.00 =	() X \$150.00 =	\$
Leo Registration Package	() X \$65.00 =	() X \$65.00 =	\$
Saturday – Program Only	() X \$40.00 =	() X \$50.00 =	\$
Saturday - Program & Lunch	() X \$60.00 =	() X \$80.00 =	\$
Friday - Guest Social Ticket	() X \$20.00 =	() X \$30.00 =	\$
Saturday - Guest Lunch Ticket	() X \$20.00 =	() X \$30.00 =	\$
Saturday – Guest Banquet Ticket	() X \$50.00 =	() X \$60.00 =	\$
Total Payment			\$

Please indicate any Food Allergies/special dietary needs: Vegetarian: _____ Diabetic: _____

Food Allergies/ Special Dietary Needs: _____

Payment in Canadian Funds Only: Cheque _____ VISA _____ MasterCard _____

Name on Credit Card: _____ Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Please: Make Cheques payable to Multiple District C

FULL PAYMENT must accompany this form to be accepted as a registered delegate.

Receipts will be issued via email or included in the Convention Package.

Contact: Lion Barry Simmonds (403) 331-0631 (403) 942-3354 -or by email -lionbarry2020@shaw.ca

Lion Neil Hansen (403) 924-3802 or by email - neilhansen@msn.com

Cancellation Policy: Full Refund - if request is received by the Registration

Committee a minimum of 30 days prior to the convention. (lionbarry2020@shaw.ca)

Please note: A Refund - may be granted with less than 30 days prior notice by written application to the Council of Governors.

<p>Room reservations must be made directly to the Hotel: Coast Lethbridge Hotel & Conference Center 526 Mayor Magrath Drive S. 403-327-5701 A block of rooms has been set aside for the convention Room Cost: \$109.00 + taxes.</p>	<p>Mail Completed Registration to: Lethbridge Host Lions PO Box 392 Lethbridge, AB T1J 3Z1 Email Direct to: lionbarry2020@shaw.ca</p>
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MDC REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE NOMINATION FORM

Application Submission Deadline Date: February 1st, 2020

Please Note: The District Governor and Global Leadership Team District Coordinator of the applicant's district must complete this form.
Please see Application Procedure Instructions. **Please type or print.**

1. Please complete this information about the candidate:

Name of Candidate: _____
First name Last Name

Why will this applicant benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute?



Yes, this Lion is capable of understanding and participating in the language of instruction (English) at this Institute.

2. To be Completed by the Applicant's Club President

I understand that in the event that the above named candidate is selected to attend and does not cancel his/her registration the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in writing 10 days prior to the Institute, or does not attend any portion of the Institute, the district will be billed for one night's meals and lodging according to the International Board policy.

I have read and agree to the above cancellation policy agreement.

Name of President: _____
First Name Last Name

Email: _____

Signature of Club President: _____



Yes, this application has been reviewed and supported by the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors prior to its submission.

3. To be completed by the District Governor or District GLT Coordinator

Name of DG or GLT Coordinator: _____

Email: _____

Signature of DG or GLT Coordinator: _____

Date: _____



**MDC REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
APPLICATION FORM
March 12-15th, 2020**

Application Submission Deadline Date: Feb 1st, 2020

District # _____ Membership # _____

Name: _____
First Name Last Name

Highest District or MD Position held: _____ Current Lions Title: _____

Contact Phone # _____

Email Address (used for all communication regarding the Institute) _____

Province: _____

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Club Name: _____ Club # _____

Month/Year joined Lions _____

Offices held within Lions Club(s) _____

Committee Positions held within Lions Club(s) _____

Comments: _____

Yes, I am capable of understanding and participating in the language of instruction (English) at this Institute.

MD C is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or personal events, lost or stolen property of participants. Participants are requested to carry medical insurance information in the event they require medical services.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date: _____