

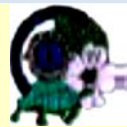
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Next Newsletter Submission

Deadline: April 28

From the desk of DG Terry Kozma

My Fellow Lions, it is hard to believe how much has changed in our lives since my last message to you. Our country is in virtual lockdown as we try to minimize the spread of the Covid-19 virus in our communities, country and the world. Changes are happening so quickly that it is hard to keep up.

I have been having so many conversations with Lions throughout the District seeking help in figuring out the way forward in these turbulent times. But what is most encouraging is that you are all concerned about your members and how to keep them safe; your clubs and how to keep them running; and your communities and how to continue serving.

We are Lions. We Serve. And we adapt to change. We belong to the most responsive service organization in the world. We have served through two World Wars, the 1918 epidemic, the Great Depression, natural disasters, humanitarian disasters and everything in between. We will continue to do so with pride and enthusiasm.

How we operate and how we serve will change. Change is inevitable and it is necessary. How we meet that change says much about us and our organization. I know from conversations with many of you over the last few weeks that you are concerned about service, your clubs, how to keep going if you can't meet, how to hold elections and so forth. There are mini articles in this newsletter to help you get started.

Going forward, communication is going to be crucial. Please make sure that we have at least one email address on file for your club where information can be sent. And please ensure that if information is sent out, whether it is a notice or a newsletter or other communication, that you share it with your club members.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / DATES to REMEMBER

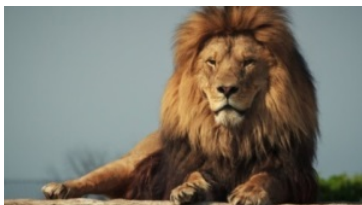
2020	Sept 17-19	USA/Canada Forum	Louisville Kentucky	lionsforum.org
	Oct 24	C1 Convention	Redwater, AB	
2021	Jun 25-29	International Convention	Montreal PQ	lionsclubs.org
	Sep 09 11	USA/Canada Forum	Des Moines Iowa	lionsforum.org
	Nov 06	C1 Convention	St. Albert, AB	
2022	Jul 01-05	International Convention	New Delhi, India	lionsclubs.org
	Sep ? ?	USA/Canada Forum	Calgary AB	lionsforum.org
2023	Jul 07-11	International Convention	Boston, Mass	lionsclubs.org

As you go through your club election process, please make sure that you report your officers for the next year.

The prompt will come up on MyLCI soon. This contact is crucial as our newsletter editor and LCI need to update their records. If you do not do so, on June 30 LCI will cut off your access to MyLion and MyLCI. This is necessary even if your officers do not change. LCI doesn't know that. They only work with the current officers in the Lionistic year. I know it is a pain to do this if there are no changes but that is how the system has to be set up when you are dealing with an organization with over 47,000 clubs and 142 million members!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not be afraid to reach out to us. Your contact information is available to you in this newsletter, on the District website and on MyLion. There are also many other District leaders available to help you by phone email or even in some cases video conference. If we don't know the answer, we will do our best to find it for you or point you in the right direction.

Please stay well, stay safe and stay positive. We will make it through this. We are Lions.



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LIONS IN ACTION

TUMBLER RIDGE LIONS CLUB



Lions Frank Walsh, Janeth Barker, Marian Schoenknecht, Linda Matthews, Lloyd Frank, Evelyn Sankovic, Grace Walsh, Geeske Miller and Glenn Miller.

The Lions Club of Tumbler Ridge present \$5,000 worth of Home Care Support Supplies to the Tumbler Ridge Health Centre Foundation.

Submitted by Lion Frank Walsh – President

WAINWRIGHT LIONS CLUB



President Allan Black presented the scholarship cheques

At their February meeting the Wainwright Lions Club presented two \$1,000 scholarships to Amy Bond and Brandon Leroy. The recipients are selected by our club based on their letters to the club outlining their post-secondary studies, proof of enrolment, and their meaningful volunteer work performed in our community.

Submitted by Brenda Cook - Secretary

CANCELATIONS



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SINGAPORE

Dear Lion,

The Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 Lions International Convention due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the next International Convention will be held in 2021 in Montreal, Canada.

After evaluating a variety of different options including moving the convention to a different venue or postponing the convention to a later date, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 convention. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind.

Canceling the International Convention for 2020 impacts international officer continuity and candidate elections. After review of the International Constitution and By-Laws, this impact is outlined below:

- Executive officers and international directors will continue in their respective positions until the 2021 convention in Montreal. All candidate elections for these positions shall comply with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws for election at the convention in Montreal.
- An international director from the areas of Africa and Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific is permitted only in even-numbered years. As a result, no director from Africa or Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific would be eligible for election until the 2022 convention.
- Barring any district election complaints, district governors, first vice district governors and second vice district governors elected during a convention of their respective districts will be accepted by Lions International. The International Board of Directors intends to authorize commencement of the DG terms beginning July 1, 2020.

We are disappointed that we will not be able to move forward with this international event, but we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions we will continue to find new ways to put our kindness in action while safely serving our communities.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

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 April 11
George Madryk gmadryk@gmail.com 780 868 1000
Irene Lettman lettman@csnet.ca 780 499 6826
Joanne Fedun jfedun@csnet.ca 780 307 2727

\$30.00 per person
Please make cheques payable to the
Thorhild Lions Club
111 & 781 Thorhild AB T0A 3J0

We look forward to seeing you there!




Save the Date

May 1-2, 2020

Lions
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

THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS FOR MULTIPLE DISTRICT C have made a difficult but practical and sensible decision to cancel the convention that had been planned for May 1 & 2 here in Lethbridge. There is still some of the business of a convention that is **required - voting & elections - and more** info will forthcoming. Stay safe & know that we have your best interests at heart. Together We Serve.

Council Chairperson Pauline:

DISTRICT C-1 LIONS TRAINING

Saturday, May 23, 2020 in Edmonton&

Saturday, May 30, 2020 in &Redwater

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

RESCHEDULED – SEE BELOW

DISTRICT C1 LIONS TRAINING

The Lions Training planned for **Saturday, May 23, 2020** in Edmonton, AB; and **Saturday, May 30, 2020** in Redwater, AB are cancelled due to Covid-19.

It is unfortunate, but this is necessary. We are being proactive and want to ensure everyone's safety during these times of uncertainty. We are working on other forms of delivering the training to you, the members of our district. Stay tuned for details.

In the meantime, you may want to take free online courses. While you are housebound and observing social distancing, I encourage you to work on your personal growth and make the most of your Lions learning.

These are the steps:

- Go to [Lions Club International: \(www.lionsclubs.org\)](http://www.lionsclubs.org).
- Click on the [Member Login](#) on the top of the page.
- Once on the [“Welcome to Your Lion Account”](#) page; You will either need to [Register](#) if this is your first time on this page; or [Sign in](#). You only need to have a cell phone or email address to register!
- On the LCI Digital Ecosystem page: Go to the 5th Tab on the page called [“Learn”](#).
- Then click on the [Lions Learning Center](#) and start taking online courses.

I look forward to hearing all about your learning, and have fun!

Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn
District C1 Leadership Coordinator

WE SERVE, NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER.

It's amazing what a difference a month can make. Last month, we were visiting with family, friends, fellow Lions. Serving in our communities, holding our regular meetings, preparing for our next fundraiser. Then Covid-19 happened. Now, we self isolate. Separated from our family, friends, fellow Lions, service projects, our community. But are we? Is there still a way we can serve? I had the pleasure of viewing a webinar from the Global Action Team. Our Leaders and fellow Lions giving advise and suggestions on how to serve during this pandemic, how to meet virtually instead of face to face, and how to engage our new Leaders that may have new ideas to help us through this new reality. I've included a link to the webinar so you can see and hear for yourself, what other clubs are doing during this unique situation, and maybe adapt their ideas to suit your club. Watch the video at [Covid-19 How do we Serve? How do we meet? How do we engage new leaders?](#)

As you continue to serve in your communities, don't forget to report those service activities on MyLion. Whether it's your current or past fundraiser, service project, donation, sponsorship, committee planning meeting, training, etc., all are reportable on MyLion

and the reporting has never been easier. One-page reporting! I've had several secretaries comment on how simple the new MyLion is, if you just give it a try. That's the key, give it another try and see the difference. I thank the clubs that continue to report their activities, the clubs that have restarted reporting after an absence, and I'll thank in advance, the clubs that will resume reporting activities again. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by myself, District C1, and Lions Clubs International.

Where there's a need, there's a Lion. Even more so in this current Covid-19 situation. I hope your club can find new ways to serve those in need. Please be safe and stay healthy.

Lion Dave Leshchyshyn District C-1 Service Co-ordinator



June 12-14, 2020

MDC LIONS CAVALCADE COMMITTEE

It is with much disappointment that the MDC Lions Cavalcade Committee for Diabetes Awareness and Host Club Chairperson from Spruceview and District Lions club have made the decision to cancel the Lions Cavalcade Campout/BBQ event scheduled to be held in Spruceview Alberta this year on June 12-14, 2020.

We felt that this was the best decision to make to protect everyone given the current Covid-19 situation, as well as the restrictions being made by all levels government and Health care systems.

We thank all those clubs and individuals who made donations so far this Lions year to support the Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness project to support the Diabetes Canada Travelling Diabetes Resource Program.

For those clubs and individuals who budgeted to support our project, please send your donations to our **Treasurer at Lion Bryant Ducheminsky, 2 Chilcotin Way West, Lethbridge, Alberta, T1K 7L8.**

Again, we thank you for supporting Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness project and for all you do in your community and look forward to holding this event next year.

Yours in Lionism, Dennis Stevenson, Chairperson, MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness

Check the following websites for new information.

[Multiple District C website](#)

[MDC Lions Cavalcade website](#)

[PDG Association website](#)

If any club wants to advertise and event you are planning to have in your community please send the information to the [Webmaster](#) for these sites.

Yours in Lionism,

Dennis Stevenson

LIONS OF ALBERTA FOUNDATION

(LOAF)

2020 Spring Meeting

CANCELLED

Originally scheduled following MDC Convention, also cancelled.

Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn
Interim Secretary, LOAF

MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB



Photo by Lucie Roy

Deborah Robillard, Joe Jacob, Kelvin Kuzyk, Cindy Parker, Wanda Quinn, President Tina Gougeon, District C-1 Governor Terry Kozma, Simone Alain-Lussier and her Mother Bev Lussier.

Lions Club of Morinville inducted seven members and recognized long-serving members at their March meeting held at the Rendez-Vous Centre.

In attendance for the event was District C-1 Governor Terry Kozma. Six new members were inducted along with a mother and daughter team joining together plus one serving member who had yet to be inducted.

To commemorate and recognize years of service Lions President Tina Gougeon was presented with a Milestone 15-year Monarch Chevron Award.

Also recognized but unable to attend was Francis Fryters with 35 years, Wayne Willis with 20 years and Neil McDougall with 10 years.

LIONS SERVICE IN OUR NEW NORMAL.

Many Lions are concerned about how we continue to serve when we can no longer go out to the people we serve. How do we host the Spring Tea, Project Pride, Pancake Breakfast, and so forth? The list of things we can no longer do to serve our communities is long and growing longer by the day. In addition, many of our clubs do much of their annual fundraising in the spring and that too has been cancelled.

So how do we continue to serve? Firstly, we will have to be creative. If we cannot fundraise, we may not be able to write that check to the food bank, or the Boy Scouts. We may have to revisit our donation list and make some hard choices.

But service itself. This is the time to get creative. Here are a couple of suggestions I have seen in action lately. In B.C. a group put two pieces of paper in the mailboxes of houses in their neighbourhood. One was green, the other red. The instructions on the sheets told the residents to put the green one in their window if everything was ok and the red one in their window if they needed help of any kind. Less than 24 hours later, every home in that neighbourhood was sporting green sheets. Imagine if those sheets had the local Lions club name and emblem on it. What if there was also a contact name and number or email address?

Or maybe your club puts a flyer in the mailboxes or on the door of every home you can easily reach with a brief message:

We are here to help. If you need assistance, call: Lion _____ at _____. And again, your club name, the emblem and club contact information.

Does your local Food Bank need help delivering packages to people who are now home bound? Yes, it can be done safely.

In smaller communities, can your club reach out and just phone people who are alone and lonely? With our Seniors Centres and programs shut

down, you may be the only human contact someone may have.

When you are out on your daily socially distant walk, take a trash bag and gloves. Pick up litter along the way. It is good exercise, good environmental stewardship and great service!

Your service is only as limited as your imagination. If you see someone else doing something and think "What a great idea" bring it to your club, share it with the District, or just do it yourself.

But whatever you do, please report it on MyLion. That way others can see it and maybe use it themselves. Reporting and communication are more important than ever. I look forward to hearing your success stories

DG Terry Kozma.

CLUB MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

I have received many calls from club Presidents and ordinary Lions worried about how to continue meeting and hold their elections if they cannot meet in person.

The following is a quote from David Kingsbury, Senior Corporate Counsel at LCI:

"All Lions clubs are permitted to conduct meetings via alternative meeting format.

Therefore, they can conduct elections via phone, email, or any other method that will permit the Lions club to move forward.

Practically speaking, s each Lions club is an independent legal entity, it can conduct elections (or choose not to conduct elections) at the discretion of the club. Provided the decision is supported by the membership, and no complaint is filed, the actions of the club will be accepted in good faith."

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HISTORY of LIONS IN CANADA



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TO ALL CANADIAN LIONS,

Please take note that the book called – **History of Lionism in Canada** the 100 year history of the existence of the Lions clubs organisation in Canada and its territories is now available on the following web site as of March 23, 2020. Web site: <http://quebeclions.ca/canada100/>.

This book is a summary of the 100-year history of Lionism in Canada and its territories and not a complete story of the wonderful work done by our Lions over the past 100 years.

This publication was made possible because a great number of our Canadian Lions contributed their time, efforts and knowledge to this cause, and we offered our most sincere appreciation to all of them.

PID Gilles Melançon on behalf the publishing committee

À TOUS LES LIONS CANADIENS,

Veillez noter que le livre intitulé - L'histoire de 100 ans d'existence de l'organisation des clubs Lions au Canada et ses territoires est maintenant disponible sur le site Web suivant à compter du 23 mars 2020. Site Web : <http://quebeclions.ca/canada100/>

Ce livre est un résumé de l'histoire du centenaire du lionisme au Canada et non une histoire complète du merveilleux travail accompli par nos membres Lions au cours des 100 dernières années.

Cette publication a été rendue possible grâce à un grand nombre de Lions canadiens qui ont consacré leur temps, leurs efforts et leurs connaissances à cette cause, et nous leur exprimons notre plus sincère reconnaissance.

PID Gilles Melançon au nom du comité de publication

What is most important is that your members agree to whatever process you decide to follow, even if it is to keep the current executive on for another year as some clubs are choosing to do. It is also very important that that decision is recorded in approved club minutes.

But how, you may ask, can we have a club meeting without actually meeting? Well as David said, you can have conference calls. Or you can start with an email from your executive asking to hold elections by email, requiring an email response to that first question. Or... you can hold a video conference. I know, scary stuff and it doesn't replace the fellowship of a Lions meeting. But it will let you get your business done!

There are a number of programs you can use to hold video meetings that either do not charge or have a low monthly fee. The most popular among Lions I have spoken to is Zoom. It is easy to install and easy to use. I also have an extensive list of low fee programs that I can send you if you wish to check them out. The list gives a basic outline of what each offer for the price. It is quite long and detailed and may not be for everyone.

Have you considered Messenger? It can be just a chat, or it can be video meetings and phone calls as well. And again, it is free. You just need to be on Facebook.

I encourage each of you to find a way to stay in contact with each other. Whether by phone, email, or otherwise, keep in touch. Check up on members you haven't heard from lately. Keep that Lions spirit alive and well in our District and in your lives.

DG Terry Kozma.

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SPRUCE VIEW & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Leaders of Tomorrow Chili Dinner & Auction
April 4th, 2020 Cost: \$10
Spruce View Community Hall, Spruce View, AB
Fellowship: 5:30 p.m.
Supper: 6:30 p.m.
Auction: 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds designated to sending students to
2020 Leadership Camp

For information contact Event Chairperson:

Lion Lois Burkinshaw

Home phone 403 728 0008

Burkinshaw "chickadee.springs@gmail.com

Submitted by Suzanne Levac

WHERE ARE THE LIONS ?

Have you lost contact with a fellow Lion?
Do you know where these Lions are?
Let's help find them

Lost Contact:

Lion Joe Taylor and his wife Loretta Taylor
Life Members, Edmonton (Mill Woods) Lions
Not heard from or of for years.

Their email seems to be active but is not
answered.

If you have heard from them, or know where they
are please contact:

Wilma Raman-Nair, Secretary

wrnair@shaw.ca

IN THESE TRYING TIMES LET'S STAY
CONNECTED.

LET'S ALL HAVE

ZOOM

CLUB MEETINGS.

IN MEMORIAM

Lion Hazel Parsons



The Wainwright Lions Club is
saddened to announce the loss of
a member. Hazel Parsons was
one of the newest members, but
definitely very active. Hazel
showed compassion, leadership
and community spirit and was a
friend to all. We will miss you Dear Hazel!

Submitted by Brenda Cook, Secretary

MAKE YOUR CLUB A MAPLE LEAF CLUB



MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT TODAY

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Let others know about your service.

Email your action pictures, comments, etc. to:

jmclulow@shaw.ca

Deadline for the May Link is April 28

Campaign 100 Maple Leaf Club Commitment Form

The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is a registered Canadian charity.



Our club is proud to support the mission of Lions Clubs International Foundation and the goals of **Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service**. We enthusiastically commit to participate as a **Campaign 100 Maple Leaf Club**. In so doing, we agree we will:

- Lead** the way and inspire other clubs to do the same.
- Raise** funds through various strategies, including, but not limited to:
 - asking** individual members to make a gift or pledge.
 - dedicating** a fundraising event to the campaign.
 - making** a gift from the club treasury.
 - asking** members of the community to make a gift.
- Conduct** our Maple Leaf Club fundraising efforts and strive to raise a minimum per-member average of **CAD\$10** per month for 36 months. *The full amount of documented individual pledges counts toward achievement of a club's per-member average, regardless of the payment period.*
- Promote** Campaign 100 causes and dedicate ourselves to LCIF as part of our service as Lions.

Club Name _____ Club Number _____

District _____ Multiple District _____

Please provide the following information:	Total Club Membership as of Today	X	Per-Member Average Goal (CAD\$)	=	Total Club Goal (CAD\$)

Please complete all fields above and below and email it to s.durward@sympatico.ca.

We certify our club's commitment to lead the way into a new era of service as a Maple Leaf Club. Our members have voted, and we intend to support LCIF with a per-member average fundraising goal of at least CAD\$360.

Club President Name (please print)

Club LCIF Coordinator, or Other Club Officer, Name (please print)

Club President Signature

Club LCIF Coordinator, or Other Club Officer, Signature

Month/Day/Year

Month/Day/Year

Visit LionsOfCanadaFundForLCIF.ca for information on donating electronically, via wire transfer and via other methods. Donations can also be sent to: Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF | C/O Stan Durward | Box 38 Sunderland, Ontario L0C 1H0 Canada | s.durward@sympatico.ca