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From the desk of DG Terry Kozma

Thank you. Two little words we do not use often enough. And sometimes we use them when we do not really mean them. But today, I want to say them to each and every Lion I have had the privilege of working with over the last few months as we try to work through the challenges we are facing.

I know from talking to many of you that you are very frustrated. You want to be out and about. You want to meet with your members, your friends, your family. You want to socialize. And, as Lions, you want to serve your communities. But instead, you are staying home as much as possible; you keep your distance when outside; you wear your stylish face mask in stores. Thank you. You are in fact doing society a service when you do all those things, no matter how frustrated you get.

I have been visiting with clubs via Zoom the last month or so. It has been frustrating, funny and rewarding as we all learn what is, to many of us, scary new technology. Can we have work parties? No. Or can we? How about a Make Our Face Mask meeting? This could be a fun event with everyone providing their own materials and modeling their creations in a mini fashion show at the end. There are dozens of how-to videos and instructions on the Web. And many do not require sewing machines or even sewing for that matter.

Or maybe you have a club online brainstorming session. We are approaching the point where we will slowly be released from our restrictions. What can your club do in the meantime? What service can you perform for your community while self-isolating? And what can you do as we slowly start to socialize once again? Now is the time to start planning. If you want to do a community event, plan it now allowing for different possibilities (restrictions on attendance, social distancing, safety concerns going forward).

We are Lions. As members of the world's largest and most responsive service organization, we are uniquely positioned to help lead our communities into the future and expand our service in new directions and reach even more people than we ever have before.

So I ask you to keep your eyes and ear open. Watch for those new opportunities. And know that you do matter. Your service matters. And you and your service will matter even more in the future. So I thank you for what you have done, what you are doing and what I know you will do in the future. It has been a real honour and a privilege to serve as you District Governor this year.

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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

LIONS IN THE NEWS

Page R2. THE REVIEW. Redwater, Alberta, 760-942-2023. email: redwater@shaw.ca, www.co

Redwater Lions faced with delaying, cancelling planned activities

COVID-19 is affecting a local Lions Club. Although not as drastically affected as those whose employment or livelihood has been changed the local Lions Club's plans for the upcoming year has been curtailed. Recently the club decided to suspend their regular monthly meeting for April. The club has also decided to at least postpone the Town Wide Garage Sale slated for May 9th and will revisit the project for fall. This was done to coincide with the Provincial Government's 1 S person maximum gathering requirement and the club felt the added crowds would be irresponsible to local residents who have been diligent with the self-isolation, social distancing and self-quarantine measures of the virus containment

The club has also had to cancel a Lion's training seminar slated for Pembina Place on May 30th_ The training course was slated for as many as sixty Lions from throughout the region to attend for training on club protocols and executive position duties_ Also cancelled for the end of May was a service activity to coincide with the seasonal opening of the Redwater swimming pool. This event was to have included free swimming, community fair events, the collecting of used eye glasses and hearing aids and a free BBQ. This event was planned to coincide with the Lion's Club celebration of "Helen Keller Day" and the local club's 70th anniversary. The club will also be communicating electronically with club members to elect a new executive and to make decisions on annual grants usually given out by the club in June.

The Club will be moving forward in May to plant 100 white spruce seedlings in a nursery on the golf course. These trees were obtained by the club. helped by a generous donation by a golf club member, to assist Canadian Lions Clubs to plant 100,000 trees in 2020 to celebrate 100 years of Lionism in Canada. This project will not interfere with any of the COVID-19 guidelines and will only involve a few club members but hopefully will provide suitable trees for transplanting onto the course in the future. The club is also moving forward with plans to co-sponsor a District Convention in late October here in Redwater. It is hoped that by then there will be a relaxation of restrictions so that the anticipated 160 delegates can attend the two day event. This would certainly be an economic benefit to the area.

The Club would like to remind everyone to be safe and if there is anything that the club can help out with please either send an email to MrDbm@shaw.ca or call 780 222 6608 Dave .McRae, President, Lions Club of Redwater

retrieved from www.reviewnews.com, Wednesday, April 8, 2020



Brian Barnes plays his bagpipes as part of an international Bagpipes for COVID-19 event April 2. Held at 20:00 hours Greenwich time, the time in Alberta was 1:00 p.m. when bagpipers throughout the world played Scotland The Brave as a tribute to all the world's front line workers dealing with sick folks in hospitals and care homes. Barnes played his tribute from the front deck of his home in Thorhild County with his wife, Carolyn, and border collie, Blackie, for an audience. "Besides Carolyn and Blackie, I do not know if anybody heard," he said "I played the tune twice, then my fingers started getting cold." It was a cool minus 10 degrees Celsius. The sound of bagpipes carries a long way, so maybe some neighbors heard.

Thanks to the Redwater Review for permission to reprint the above article.



HOT TOPICS

Elections are coming!!!

Voting on the resolutions sent out to clubs previously will take place starting at 9am May 25 2020 and ending at 8pm May 26 2020.

An email will be sent to each club outlining the process for secured online voting and the delegate selection process. Expect this over the next few days.

What a great opportunity for clubs that cannot attend a convention to actually participate in the process.

NOTE:

The resolutions to be voted on are reprinted on pages 10 & 11

EDITOR'S NOTE TO CLUB SECRETARIES

Please update your club executive contact info in MyLion before June 30 even if there are no changes. Failure to do so will result in loss of contact for your club

THANK YOU

NEITHER WIND, RAIN, SNOW NOR COVID-19 SHALL STOP THE MAIL.

THANK YOU LETTER CARRIERS AND CANADA POST EMPLOYEES.



LIONS IN ACTION

Beaverlodge Lions Club

Social Distancing Birthday party for Lion Noreen Weiss



Beaverlodge resident Noreen Weiss turned 90 this weekend and her family planned to celebrate the momentous occasion with a gathering at the seniors centre, said daughter Marilyn Bowers. When social distancing and the centre's closure quashed those plans, Noreen was dismayed but the family decided to show their love with a special parade. About a dozen vehicles were driven by the large family, said granddaughter Gerri Kinisky. Noreen said she was surprised and amazed by the display.

(Photos by Brad Quarin)

Thanks to the Town & Country News, Grande Prairie, for permission to reprint the above article.

Tumbler Ridge Lions Club



Lions Glenn Miller, Geeska Miller, Frank Walsh, Lloyd Frank and Sherry Berringer, of the Lions Club of Tumbler Ridge, presenting a cheque for \$500.00 to the 2020 Tumbler Ridge Junior Girls Curling Team, on their way to the BC Provincial playdowns



During this time of limited gatherings and social distancing,

KEEP IN CONTACT WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS

ZOOM

FOR YOUR CLUB MEETINGS?

Editor's Note: Zoom has recently been updated to resolve security issues. Please ensure that you have the latest updates before your next ZOOM meeting.

Although the world seems to have stopped, all across Canada our 1,600 puppies and Dog Guides have not stopped making an amazing difference.

It is a challenging time, yet newborn puppies, future Dog Guide puppies, dogs in training and working Dog Guide teams are being cared for by Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides staff. We look forward to the day when classes can resume and we can bring more working Dog Guide teams together.

Thank you to the incredible community of graduates, puppy raisers, volunteers, donors, staff and of course, puppies and Dog Guides.

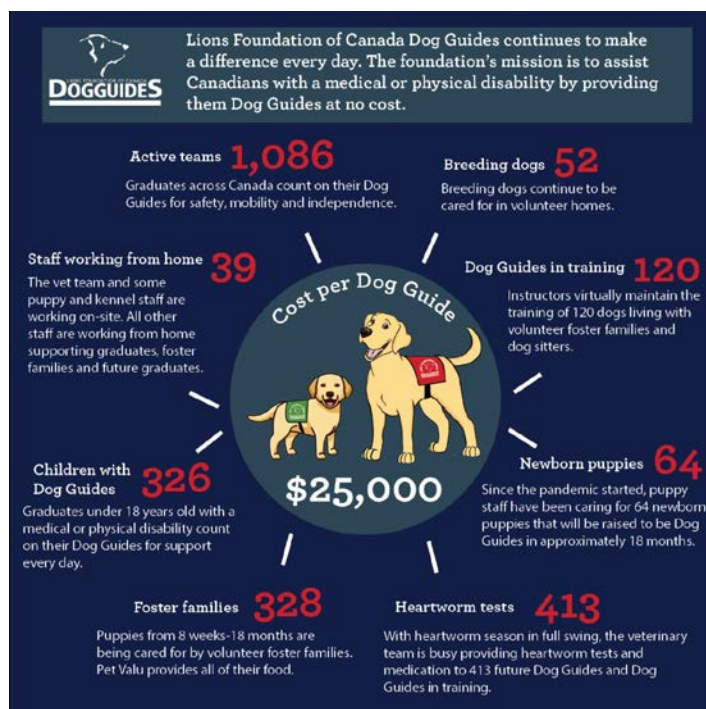
NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Email your action pictures, comments, etc. to:

jmclulow@shaw.ca

others know about your service.

Deadline for the June Link is May 28Let



This your space
to fill with
Lions Activities

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		=	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

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Hang in there, Lions!

Just a few notes from LCIF and Campaign 100 following a leadership conference call on Wednesday.

- LCIF continues to act. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, LCIF has awarded a total of US\$925 000 for Emergency Grants to Lions around the globe. As of March 30, New York has received US\$200 000 where Lions plan to aid food banks, pantries, and movement of purchased medications by providing labor to gather from sources, load/unload, sort and stage for delivery of all contributed food and medication.
- LCIF is giving **priority consideration** to support regions with extreme rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases. The focus will be on addressing those needs that exist within local medical and emergency management systems that are coordinating efforts with the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. For inquiries on Emergency Grants please contact lcifemergencygrants@lionsclubs.org
- Updates on Lions response to COVID-19 can be found on <https://lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-response> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LCIFLions/>
- Applications must:
 - **Have at least 100+ people infected (confirmed cases) in the immediate area/district.**
 - Keep to a **US\$10 000 maximum** request amount.
 - Funds available only to **address active and immediate cases; not future outbreaks.**
 - Funds should be used for **Lions to work with local medical and emergency management services that are addressing the outbreak.** This could be used for sourcing medical supplies, quarantine-related expenses, etc. (i.e. transportation, food) for those infected.
 - Funds **may not cover personal expenses** for those infected or quarantined (i.e. personal bills, medical insurance, lost wages, etc.).
 - Funds are accessed through the **current District Governor.**
- While LCI and LCIF Headquarters is closed, many staff members continue to operate from home. Please be patient when requesting service as access to HQ information may not be readily available—for example, records of donations, recognition (Melvin Jones Fellowships), etc.
- **Please continue your regular support of LCIF.**
 - **Personal giving to OUR charity.**
 - **Club donations.** Please consider the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship, or participation as a Model Club (US\$500) per member or a Maple Leaf Club (CN\$360) per member.
 - **Please send Canadian contributions to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF, c/o PDG Stan Durward, Box 38, SUNDERLAND, ON L0C 1H0**
- **Thank you to PID Yves Leveille for providing a French translation for use in parts of MD A and MD U.**



Dr. Patti Hill

International 3rd Vice President
Lions Clubs International
2019-2020

March 28, 2020

Dear Lions

Firstly, I hope you are healthy and well. If you, your family or friends have been touched by Covid-19 you have my sympathies and prayers. We are living in a time of unprecedented global challenge, and here in Canada we are not exempt. As Lions, it is written into our DNA to want to help, to serve, and to make the world a better place. Even now, when we are quarantined, self-isolating, or engaged in social distancing, we want to serve.

Our local, provincial, and our federal governments have been working overtime to respond to Covid-19 crisis, to plan, and to deliver options to keep our society safe and moving forward. At the same time, Lions have been responding, planning and delivering service, as well.

Announcements: Lions Clubs International has responded to the Covid-19 crisis in a number of ways, including:

- Cancellation of the 2020 LCI Convention to have been held in Singapore. Our next convention will be in 2021 in Montreal.
 - Because of this, no new officers at the International Level will be elected. The present officers and board of directors will all continue to serve you in their same positions until voting happens in Montreal.
 - DGEs will be able to assume their roles as District Governors for 2020-2021 starting on July 1st, as their respective elections are held locally, in their Districts.
 - Council Chairpersons or Council Chairpersons-elect, and other MD officers will be able to be elected locally, by whatever voting process your MDs adopt.
- The HQ office in Oak Brook is closed in compliance with Illinois requirements under their state COVID Response, but many of the LCI staff are working from home and responding to emails.
- LCI & LCIF have created dedicated web pages to keep you informed about our Global response to Covid-19:
 - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/coronavirus> for LCI
 - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-response> for LCIF

Club Operations: We encourage all of our Lions Clubs to continue to function - just not in face-to-face gatherings. This is the time of year to hold Club Officer Elections and our Legal Division has offered advice on this:

- *Re Lions Clubs Elections:*

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, as 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.

Clubs - Please contact your DG or MD to learn more about how to hold your meetings and elections.

Communication: While most of us are at home, "flattening" or "planking the curve", staying in touch is important. There are many ways to do this and you have proven yourselves very creative already. Through phone calls, emails, messaging, and social media, I have learned of many MD, District, and Club meetings and events that are happening online or via teleconference. Many clubs are staying engaged by:

- Phoning a fellow Lion to see how they are doing
- Hosting online social events (Trivia nights, Coffee meets, etc.)
- Helping a Lion who is not able to get groceries by being the shopper / delivery person.
- Having regular meetings, just not face-to-face.

I encourage every Club to stay connected. SELF-ISOLATION should not be SOCIAL ISOLATION.

Service: In communities where one or two people can still move about safely, our Lions have developed many ways to meet community Service Needs. While this is not the time to host a Fishing Derby, or group effort to sort eyeglasses, our communities have never been more in need of volunteers than we are at this time. Many clubs will even find that new potential Lions want to help as well. So, let's get creative and serve!

- Poll your members and determine who can help and what you are willing to do.
- Post on Facebook or other community message boards to let the community know of any services that your club can offer. Most Provincial Government sites also have a page you can use to volunteer your services.
- Support with ideas as well as money - one club posted the instructions for PEACE POSTER online, and encouraged parents looking for home-school projects to use Peace Poster as an art lesson.
- Lions are buying an extra item at the store to give to the local food bank.
- Lions are phoning non-Lions to see how they are and to brighten their day.
- Lions are volunteering in essential businesses whose staff are ill. For example, one club is sanitizing shopping carts.

Please use the Lions of Canada / Lions Du Canada FaceBook page to share your club service ideas. We know that when this current pandemic is behind us, Lions will be needed more than ever in our communities. We are also needed NOW. Let's show the world just how resourceful, effective, and relevant our Lion volunteers are.

Thank you for all the service you are providing during this time of need.

Yours in Friendship,

VP Dr. Patti Hill



March 1, 2020

Good day Lions,

This letter is to inform you and your club members of the upcoming Bylaw resolutions that will be voted on at the MDC Convention on May 1-2, 2020 in Lethbridge, AB. These resolutions must pass by a 2/3 vote of ballots cast.

If you have any questions; please contact your District Governor.

Resolution # 1

Article IV Receipts and ~~Disbursement~~ (Disbursements) Section 3 Allocation of Per Capita Tax

~~(a) Membership, Extension and Leadership Programs~~

Change to

(a) Global Action Team (Leadership, Membership, Service)

I support Resolution #1 _____ Yes _____ No

Resolution # 2

1) MD C By-Laws Article IV Receipts and ~~Disbursements~~ (Disbursements) Section 3
Allocation of Per Capita Tax

~~(m) Unbudgeted (current wording)~~

Change to

(m) Contingency Items (at the discretion of Council provided a balanced budget is met).

I support Resolution # 2 _____ Yes _____ No

Resolution # 3

2) MD C By-Laws Article IV Receipts and ~~Disbursements~~ (Disbursements) Section 1
Allocation of Per Capita Tax

a) An annual per capita tax established each year at the annual multiple district convention shall be levied on each member of each club in the multiple district. Each sub-district shall be invoiced twice a year in accordance with Lions Clubs International billing policies. The first invoice, for one half of each member's multiple district per capita tax, shall be sent out not later than July 25th of each year and the invoice amount shall be based on the end of June multiple district healthy club report provided by Lions Clubs International. The second invoice, for one half of each member's multiple district per capita tax, shall be sent out not later than January 25th of each year and the invoice amount shall be based on the end of December multiple district healthy club report provided by Lions Clubs International.

~~Members added or dropped will be proportionately billed or credited for the period. (LCI no longer gives a credit for added or dropped members)~~

I support Resolution # 3 ☐ Yes ☐ No

Resolution # 4

3) MD C By-Laws Article IV Receipts and ~~Disbursements~~ (Disbursements) Section 4. Finance Committee

At its final meeting of the year, the council, in prior consultation with the incoming multiple district governors, shall,

determine if the finance committee will meet as the whole council or appoint a multiple district finance committee to serve in the ensuing year. If the multiple district finance committee is to be appointed, the members shall be:

- The incoming vice council chairperson (chair of the committee)
- The incoming council chairperson
- ~~• One incoming district governor (vice chair of the committee)~~
- ~~• One incoming 1st vice district governor~~

Changing the wording to:

Those members of Council appointed to the committee by Council.

I support Resolution # 4 ☐ Yes ☐ No

Resolution # 5

ARTICLE II - COUNCIL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Section 1. Appointment

The council may appoint a council secretary-treasurer or **council secretary and council treasurer** who will be a non-voting member of the council and shall fix the duties, terms of office and compensation by written contract or agreement. Approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the council shall be required to appoint or remove the **council secretary-treasurer or council secretary and/or council treasurer**.

Section 3. Compensation

Compensation, if any, shall be that agreed upon by the council and the council secretary-treasurer or **council secretary and council treasurer** at the time of contractual or agreement signing. It shall include, but not be limited to, just compensation for services and expenses when representing the multiple district when required by the council, at meetings, sub-district conventions, multiple district conventions and the International Lions convention. Expenses incurred at other meetings shall be the responsibility of the host organization.

Section 4. Evaluation

An annual evaluation shall be done by the council chairperson and the vice council chairperson and shall be based upon the job specifications agreed upon at the time of the council secretary-treasurer or **council secretary and council treasurer's** appointment.

A written evaluation shall be completed by the council chairperson and the vice council chairperson no later than ~~December 1st~~ **(December 31st)** of each year and shall be provided to the council and the council secretary-treasurer or **council secretary and council treasurer** on or before the 15th of January each year.

Section 5. Contract Renewal

During the first quarter of the calendar year, the council chairperson, the vice council chairperson and the district governors shall meet, in camera, to discuss the current contract **(or agreement)** covering the position of council secretary-treasurer or **council secretary and council treasurer**.

This discussion shall be the basis of a review and/or renegotiation of the contract **(or agreement)** to be conducted by council chairperson and the vice council chairperson with the council secretary-treasurer or **council secretary and council treasurer**.

Following the above discussion, the council chairperson and the vice council chairperson shall meet with the council secretary-treasurer or **council secretary and council treasurer** to review and/or renegotiate terms of the contract **(or agreement)** ~~for the year which follows.~~

Change the wording to
the next Lionistic year.

I support Resolution #5 Yes No

Resolution # 6

ARTICLE VI - MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION OPERATIONS

Section 2. Multiple District Convention Funds

The multiple district convention funds may be advanced to the convention committee for payment of deposits. ~~The advances shall be repaid to the Multiple District from the convention revenues.~~

Remove this line completely.

I support Resolution # 6 Yes No

Resolution # 7

Elect a Vice Council Chairperson for 2020-2021 / Council Chairperson 2021-2022

Select one of the following candidates to serve as MDC Vice Council Chairperson for the Lionistic year 2020-2021 and as MDC Council Chairperson for the Lionistic year 2021-2022.

_____ PDG Cathy Anderson

Submitted by the MDC Constitution & Bylaws Committee

PCC Betty Ann Robson

1st VDG Dustin Southgate C2

2nd VDG Melodie Franko C1