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Next Newsletter Submission

Deadline: JUNE 28

From the desk of DG Terry Kozma

Greetings my fellow Lions,

A year ago, I was in Milan taking my oath as your incoming District Governor. I was looking forward to my year leading our District forward. I knew it was going to be a great year as I knew so many of you and your dedication to Lions and Lions service.

I asked for your help and you stepped up to the plate big time. We were off to a great start! And then that old adage came true: Life is what happens when you are making other plans.

Can any of us say that this year turned out as we expected? We lost one of our great Lions in PDG Hank Hoekstra. And over the year, we lost so many more. Just this week I was informed of the passing of Lion Francis Sheptycki, a Lion who served with us for over 68 years. We had clubs struggling to rebuild. Shout out to Edmonton Jolly Fellows as they forge new and exciting paths. We have two clubs merging into one. More on that in the future once it is approved formally. But another shout out. Instead of walking away, they found a new path as well that allows them to continue on in service to their communities.

And then came the shot out of the blue: Covid 19. And our society discovered that normal was not so normal anymore. We discovered the wonders of Zoom and virtual meetings. And we learned that we can still serve our communities despite social distancing, face mask, gloves, and the like. And now we are exploring ways to raise funds as our society gradually reopens forging a new path that may resemble what we used to have but is different.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / DATES to REMEMBER

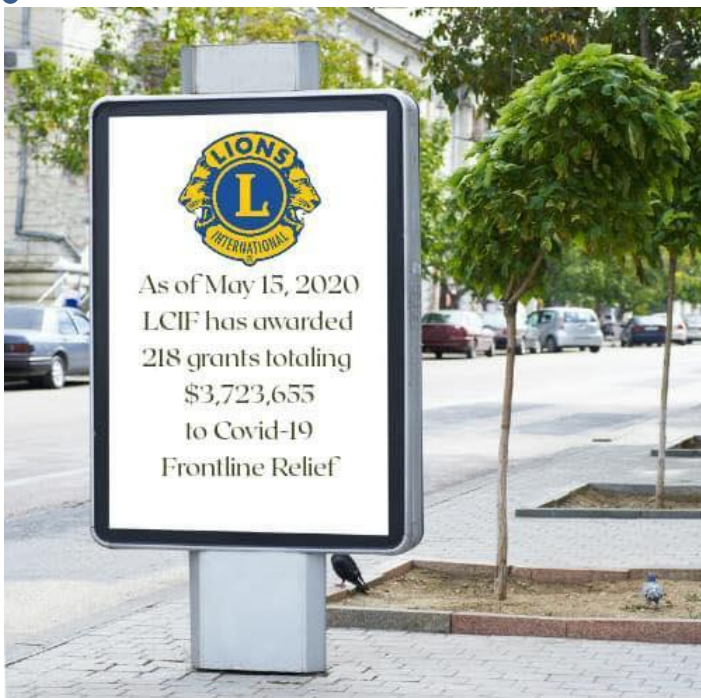
2020	Sept 17-19	USA/Canada Forum	Louisville Kentucky	lionsforum.org
	Oct 24	C1 Convention	Redwater, AB	
2021	Jun 25-29	International Convention	Montreal PQ	lionsclubs.org
	Sep 09 11	USA/Canada Forum	Des Moines Iowa	lionsforum.org
	Nov 06	C1 Convention	St. Albert, AB	
2022	Jul 01-05	International Convention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

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But through it all, the Lions of our District have held strong. We have functioned as a service organization for over 100 years. I believe that is due to two important things. Lions are adaptable. We can pivot very quickly when circumstances require us to do so. And secondly, and this is the most important reason: we never lose our focus on community service at all levels. That focus has allowed us to move forward, to find new ways to continue those service projects we believe are important, and to find new ways to serve our communities during this time.

This is my last message to you as your District Governor. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve you. I have learned so much from each of you that I have met this year. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

LIONS IN THE NEWS



facebook post



I SEE YOU

HOT TOPICS

MD C Council Secretary

TIME SENSITIVE:

There will be a vacancy in the position of MD C Council Secretary effective June 30, 2020. In accordance with MD C Bylaw, Article II Section 6, a selection committee has been struck to receive and review the applications and make the recommendation to the Council of Governors.

Duties and responsibilities for the MD Secretary are outlined in the Policy Manual - Section 6. A copy of which is attached on pages 7-9.

There will be a honorarium for this position.

Interested Lions are to submit a maximum of two pages of their qualifications, current Lions club, and a separate page containing their photograph (head and Shoulder type).

Any questions may be addressed to VCC Tyler Bray as the chairperson of the selection committee:
liontyler14@gmail.com (NO phone calls will be accepted)

Submissions must be sent to VCC Tyler Bray at the same email.

Deadline for applications is 12 noon, Tuesday June 23, 2020.

LCIF CAMPAIGN 100

At its recent meeting, the LCIF Board of Trustees decided to extend Campaign 100 for one more year due to the disruptions caused by the pandemic. So, clubs can continue to contribute to Campaign 100 until June 20 2022.

All contributions made since July 1 2017 to June 30 2022 will be credited to your club's contributions record. This includes personal donations that are made by club members etc. The only exception is donations made to a restricted account such as Disaster Relief to a specific event (Australian fires for example). More information is available on the LCIF website.

Now is the time for clubs to consider becoming a Model Club (\$675.00 CAD) or a Maple Leaf Club (\$360.00 CAD). These are per member contributions over the full Campaign period. This does not mean that each member must contribute that amount! Contributions from every source are included. So, your club could put money towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Individual members could make a one-time contribution or a continuing contribution. Your club could hold a fundraiser (or 2). A local business could contribute and it would show for them and for your club. The limit is only your imagination.

If you would like to know what, if anything your club has on record for a Melvin Jones Fellowship what is on record for your contributions to Campaign 100, or any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me. If I do not have the answer at hand, I can certainly go looking for it.

A number of clubs in our District have not registered as Model Clubs or Maple Leaf Clubs but have actually qualified due to their donations or are close to qualifying. I will be contacting you over the next couple of months to help you get the recognition you deserve for all your hard work.

Thank you all so much for all you have done over the last few years to help our own charitable foundation grow and prosper. With the new reality we face, your help is not only needed more than ever, it is appreciated more than ever.

DG Terry Kozma

LCIF Coordinator C1

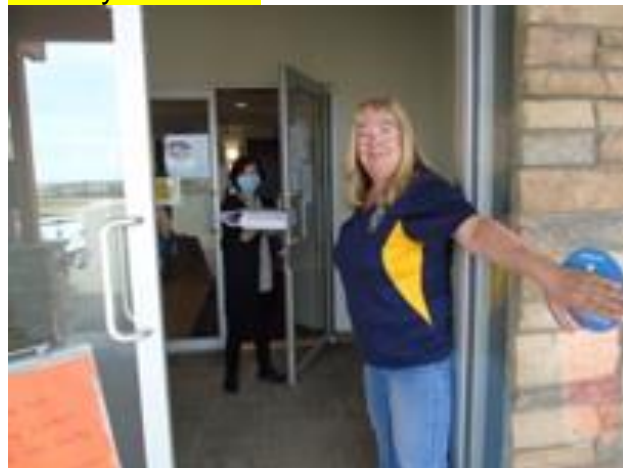
LIONS IN ACTION

Redwater Lions Club



Planting 100 trees last night to honour our pledge for 2020. *Lion President Dave*

Rimbey Lion Club



On behalf of the Rimbey Lion Club, 2nd Vice President Trudy Rangen, presents an iPad to a staff member at Valleyview Manor in Rimbey. The iPad is for the senior residents to use to both hear, and see their family members while in isolation during the pandemic. With the help of the staff getting the seniors "on-line", the iPad has been used on a regular basis. Where there's a need, there's a Lion!

Redwater Lions Club



Pictured (Rt to Lt) Lions Angel Richards, 1st VP Lion Les Dorosh, Director Lion Henry Goeckel and President Lion Dave McRae.

Despite the Covid-19 restrictions members of the Redwater Lions were active in the Community Services lead Town Wide Clean Up Challenge. On May 7th members of the club outfitted themselves in PPE and maintained social distancing as they headed into the industrial park to collect roadside trash and litter. The club members collected more than 10 bags of trash in the bright yellow bags supplied by Tim Hortons.

Submitted by Sue McRae

Redwater Lions Club

visits Diamond Springs Lodge Residents!



Even though it rained Thursday was a great day for members of the local Lions Club to spread some cheer to the residents of Diamond Springs Lodge. Led by the club's mascot members attended to the deck of the Lodge to wave and let the residents know that they were missed. Pictured left to right are 1st Vice President Les Dorosh, President Elect Gerald Whaley, Lion Angel Richards and Lion Ron Rusinko.

Photo By Outgoing President Dave McRae

Redwater Lions Celebrate 70 Years of Volunteering!



Pictured from Left to Right, Lion Angel Richards, President Elect Gerald Whaley, Lion's Club Mascot, Mayor Smith, 1st Vice President Lion Les Dorosh. Photo by outgoing President Dave McRae

Members of the Lions Club of Redwater met with Mayor Mel Smith to celebrate their 70th Anniversary of community service. To mark the occasion the club had a new pin struck specifically for the anniversary and presented Mayor Smith with the first one to commemorate the event. The pin was designed by club members Angel & Karen Richards, Jack Dennett and Gerald Whaley. The pin is a circular design representing the global achievements of Lions International. The International logo is centrally set in a circle of Platinum, a rare and precious metal, that represents the value of the volunteer work done each year by Lion Clubs worldwide. The stylized 70 celebrates the 70 years of volunteer activity completed by the local club. Brown Topaz soil, an Old Testament representation, represents the energy given to angels. The Sapphire Blue sky depicts hardness and durability, qualities of the gem stone that identify with the ongoing work of Lions. The tree references the 100,000 trees that will be planted in Canada by Lions this year to mark the 100th anniversary of Lions International in Canada and the Alberta Rose identifies our home. The reef knot is a symbol of the binding together of the more than 1.4 million members of Lions Clubs International in common goals. The Lions Club International motto "WE SERVE" is prominently displayed on the top of the white 0 which also serves as the platform for the club's identification and historical reference of 1950 to 2020.

Redwater Lions Club Visits Local Businesses!



Several of the local businesses were visited on Thursday by members of the local Lions Club and their mascot who wanted to say Thank You for being such strong members of our community. Despite the current situation around the globe Lions Clubs are still active in serving their communities and this was one way for the local club to let all local business know that their efforts and support is greatly appreciated. Visitors included the Lion's Mascot, Lion Ron Rusinko, Lion Angel Richards, Lioness Karen Richards, President Elect Gerald Whaley and Lion Les Dorosh.

Photo by Lion President David McRae.

In Memoriam

Barry Lee LAZORUK, PDG 37-G & PCC for MD 37



Barry Lee Lazoruk, resident of Grande Prairie, AB, formerly of Rycroft, AB, passed away on Friday, March 13, 2020, at the QEII Hospital in Grande Prairie, at the age of 69 years.

Barry was born March 30, 1950 in Spirit River, AB, to his loving parents Mike and Rose Lazoruk. He grew up in Rycroft and, after high school, ventured to Edmonton, AB, to pursue his accounting and business administration designation at NAIT..

Barry was a huge sports enthusiast and volunteered for many different charitable organizations. Some that were very near and dear to his heart included: Lions Club International, Royal Canadian Legion, and Sorrentino's Compassion House.

Extract from **The Fairview Post**

Lion Francis Sheptycki

The family of Francis Sheptycki announce the passing of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather on May 21, 2020 at the age of 92.

Lion Francis was a member of the Lions in both Chipman and Lamont for over 68 years! He still looked forward to being kept in the loop right up until the time of his death. His dedication to Lions and his community will be missed."

Francis leaves a legacy of leadership, camaraderie, kindness and gentleness towards humankind and nature. He has been forefront in organizations such as the Lions Club international, The Chipman Rural Electrification Association, St. Bonaventure's Roman Catholic Church, Ducks Unlimited and 4-H Clubs just to name a few. He is now on his journey and reward to be with his God.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the St. Bonaventure's Cemetery Fund. Park Memorial, Lamont, in charge of Arrangements. 780-895-2157

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Attention Pin Collectors

Over the years I've accumulated a lot of Lions pins from Alberta and a few States. I'd like to get rid of them. If there are any collectors in our District I can be contacted at dwreinke@me.com or text 780 608 9884.

Daryl Reinke
Bawlf and District Lions

PARADE OF GREEN

RIMBY LIONS CLUB



(L-R) Rimbey
Lion President
Suzanne
Leshchyshyn,
Service Chair
Dave
Leshchyshyn,
Lion Jim Mulek,

and 1st Vice President Pat Ryan, present a cheque for \$2500 to Jamie Costen with the Rimbey Food Bank.

To continue
their
sponsorship of
"Movie Night"
at the Library,
Lion President
Suzanne
Leshchyshyn
presents a



cheque for \$1100 to Casey Cole from the Rimbey Municipal Library. Back row, Lion Service Chair Dave Leshchyshyn, Lion 1st Vice President Pat Ryan and Lion Jim Mulek.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Rimbey got a helping hand to continue their services in Rimbey and area. The Rimbey Lions Club presented the organization with a cheque for \$1000. Receiving the cheque are Annette Peck and Brittany Levinsky, presented by Rimbey Lion President Suzanne Leshchyshyn, Lion Dave Leshchyshyn, Lion Pat Ryan and Lion Jim Mulek.



Rimbey Lion President
Suzanne Leshchyshyn
presents a \$1000
cheque to Brittany
Levinsky for the Boys
and Girls Club of
Rimbey. Back row,
Service Chair Dave
Leshchyshyn and 1st

Vice President Pat Ryan

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.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This looks like the Redwater / Rimbey Link
What ACTIVITIES is your club involved in?
What news do you have?

Help us share information about your club.

Email your action pictures, comments, etc. to:

jmclulow@shaw.ca

Deadline for the July Link is June 28



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6 MULTIPLE DISTRICT SECRETARY

6.1 QUALIFICATIONS

6.1.1 Education/experience - should have past experience as a professional and responsible nature in business administration, public relations, and management.

6.1.2 Abilities/knowledge - considerable knowledge of the organization structure, policies, activities, and programs of Lions Clubs International as well as that of MD C

6.1.3 Ability to plan, lay out, and direct the administrative services as they relate to MD C

6.1.4 Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing

6.1.5 Ability to motivate; and

6.1.6 Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationship.

6.2 FUNCTION

The primary purpose of the Secretary is to direct and coordinate the administrative services at the Multiple District level by carrying out directives as issued by the Council and performing such other functions as required by both the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws and the MDC Policy Manual.

6.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

6.3.1 Carry out all assignments under the direction of the Council as are required in the performance of duties that pertain to such office.

6.3.2 Carry out the efficient administration of MDC Headquarters, including:

- i. Employment and supervision of secretarial personnel.
- ii. Location and organization of suitable accommodations of all MDC merchandise.
- iii. Keeping of all necessary records, minutes, etc.; and
- iv. Complete responsibilities for ordering and keeping accurate inventory of merchandise where applicable.

6.3.3 Schedule and program Council meetings in cooperation with the Host District Governor.

6.3.4 Assist the Council in the organization and administration of MDC Conventions and meetings.

6.3.5 In cooperation with the Council Chairperson, plan and prepare the agenda for Council meetings. The Agenda should be in the hands of the Council of Governors no less than 10 days prior to the scheduled Council meeting

6.3.6 In cooperation with the Vice Council Chairperson, plan and prepare the agenda for Finance meetings. The Agenda should be in the hands of the Council of Governors no less than 10 days prior to the scheduled Finance meeting

6.3.7 Record and distribute, within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the meeting, to the Council Chairperson, the District Governors, the Vice District Governors and/or District Governors Elect, and the Council Advisors (on request) minutes of all Council meetings, and record minutes of the MDC Convention business proceedings;

6.3.8 Maintain in an up-to-date fashion the MDC Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual. Annotate amendments and arrange for reprinting of such documents or chapters as required

6.3.9 Under the direction of the Council, work with standing committees as a source of information. Reports when received from Committee Chairpersons, should be available to District Officers. In this regard, maintain records indicating progress of programs and arrange that such information be given to District Officers

6.3.10 Work closely, as an advisor, with each District Governor when requested, as a consultant on matters dealing with public relations and publicity, fund-raising, program and promotional planning, protocol, etc.

6.3.11 Work as the liaison between Lions International and the Lions of MDC

6.3.12 Maintain and make available to all Governors and recognized committees and projects an up-to-date mailing list service. It includes all Club presidents, secretaries (by District), all Past District Governors, and all Multiple District Committee Chairpersons in MDC

6.3.13 Purchase and sell certain parts of the official MDC convention dress uniform and accessories when directed by Council. This shall include carrying an inventory and keeping proper records of the vendors

6.3.14 The MDC Secretary shall as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee of the Council, together with the Council Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, handle emergency business arising between the Council meetings, subject to approval of the Council at its next meeting; and

6.3.15 The MDC Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of Council and of all MDC Committees.

6.3.16 Attend, when requested by and compensated by the Council, the Lions Clubs International Convention and maintain an MDC office at said convention. Reasonable daily office hours shall be maintained, and a daily newsletter shall be published and distributed to all attendees for the duration of the convention. The office shall assist any political campaigns and all attendees in order that their convention experience be maximized.

6.3.17 In the event of the MDC Secretary being temporarily unable or incapacitated so as to limit his/her ability to fully discharge his/her obligations to the Multiple District, temporary assistance shall be provided. The need for such action shall be determined by:

- i. A letter from the MDC Secretary the MDC Council of Governors requesting assistance and stating the limitations and expected time frame for such assistance.
- ii. A decision by the Council of Governors that the MDC Secretary's obligations to the Council are not being met and reasons for this are temporary and beyond the control of the Secretary.

When either or both of the above are presented to and accepted by the Council of Governors (Council may choose to terminate the contract) the Council may appoint an interim secretary, and/or an interim secretary-treasurer to assist with the administrative business of the Council.

The MDC Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, interim assistant(s) and, if available, the MDC Secretary shall meet to negotiate a fair compensation for the level of service to be provided by the MDC Secretary and the interim assistant(s). Said compensation shall be considered to be part of the contract fee paid to the MDC Secretary had he/she performed these duties. The total of these costs may be less than but not greater than the contract fee. An agreement providing the details of this compensation package shall be signed by the negotiators, including the MDC Secretary if he/she is able. This action shall replace the contract accepted by the MDC Secretary and the Council of Governors until such time as the MDC Secretary and the Council of Governors deem the MDC Secretary to be available and fit to assume full responsibilities for his/her duties.

The MDC Council Chairperson shall conduct a monthly review of the status of the MDC Secretary to determine if he/she is fit and available to assume full responsibility of his/her duties. The Council Chairperson shall report to Council as to what further action may be required.