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Next Newsletter Submission

Deadline: July 28

From the desk of DG Chanprit (Prince) Baweja

2020 has been an extremely challenging year for everyone. Being under a “do not leave your house” and no gatherings order has meant that we have not been able to get together physically to do service. As lions, we have all found different ways to contribute and do meaningful service. For the upcoming year I would ask for your help in achieving these goals.

Many of us lost our steam and felt demotivated after the onset of COVID19 and the ensuing lock-down. Through all of this our resilience has been tested and we have persevered. There is no going back to our comfortable ways and we must move forward and embrace change. Many clubs have resisted using technology in the past and have been forced to evolve.

It is not our gatherings or our colours that make us Lions. It is our dedication and service to our communities. With the goals listed below it is my intent to promote our service activities and encourage new ones. By doing so we will hopefully engage and encourage new members to join and existing Lions to step up in new leadership roles. Life has shown that we cannot continue doing things “the way they have always been done”. We must evolve and grow. I encourage you to leverage your District team in these efforts in a positive way.

John Maxwell wrote “Change is inevitable. Growth is optional”. We cannot be complacent and fail to grow and further evolve. Injecting new people and ideas into the zones and ultimately the district will encourage more people to step up and take leadership roles. I respect tradition and its intrinsic value to leadership. Yet it is this same view, in my opinion, that stifles growth and evolution. What use is all of this knowledge we have if we cannot pass it on to newer and younger people? Let them grow, take chances, and make mistakes. We did in our pasts. Let's afford them the same opportunity.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / DATES to REMEMBER

Year	Dates	Event	Location	Website
2020	Sept 17-19 Oct 24	USA/Canada Forum C1 Virtual Convention	CANCELED Redwater, AB	lionsforum.org
2021	April 30, M1 Jun 25-29 Sep 09 11 Nov 06	MDC Convention International Convention USA/Canada Forum C1 Convention	Grande Prairie Montreal PQ Des Moines Iowa St. Albert, AB	lionsclubs.org lionsforum.org
2022	Jul 01-05 Sep ? ?	International Convention USA/Canada Forum	New Delhi, India Calgary AB	lionsclubs.org lionsforum.org
2023	Jul 07-11	International Convention	Boston, Mass	lionsclubs.org

I am confident that we can collectively achieve these goals. This upcoming year will represent a completely new set of challenges. We face a pivot in our entire way of doing things. As Lions we will embrace this opportunity to change and implement new ideas and processes. We will bloody our noses and get back up to do it better. We do not quit.

"To change the past is a big order, but you can change the future."- Lion King



DG PRINCE BIO UPDATED

I came to Canada in 1972 and lived in Vancouver until 1976. We moved to Edmonton at that time and have lived there since. In 1991 I managed to charm Mandeep and convinced her to marry me. We have 2 sons, who are also Lions.

Throughout my career have been involved customer and client interacting roles. I have served in a variety of industries from insurance, travel, restaurant's , and retail to finally my current role in banking. Over the years I have served on many boards and clubs. In 2003 I became a full time member of the South Edmonton Lions Club.

Over the years I have served in various capacities within the club, district, and multiple district. I have been blessed to be mentored by many past District Governors who have stoked my fire and passion for Lionism. Empowering people to share in the vision that service and community are not just words, but rather the thread that binds us.

DG Chanprit (Prince) Baweja

SMART GOALS FOR LIONS DISTRICT C1 2020-2021

SERVICE

- a) During fiscal year 2020-2021, 100% of Lions Clubs in District C1 will report on MyLion.
- b) 100% of all clubs will participate in online training for their club Secretary and President on how to use the online reporting tools available. Report to me that it is done by Q1 and there will be something for those clubs too!
- c) Each zone to report on a collaborative new service project.
- d) We currently have 16 zones. Due to the vast geographic size of C1 we will continue this structure.

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CAMPAIGN 100

- a) At least 50 of our clubs to make a contribution through Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF for Campaign 100
- Of these 50 clubs, 25 should be Maple Leaf or Model Clubs as outlined in <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/>
 - Up to the end of May 2020 we have had 19 clubs make donations and I know that a few more have as well.
 - We have a total of 98 clubs in C1 and achieving this target is something our Leadership team will all have a part in.
 - Educating our member clubs and raising awareness in dispelling myths and misgivings is one element that needs to be addressed.
- b) Measurement is by online reporting and detailed reports from Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.
- There will be a special District Governor certificate for every single club in the district that gets 100% participation by members
 - Want another reason to contribute? You can apply for the District and Club level [Community Impact Grants](#) !
- c) Timeline to complete is June 30, 2021

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GOOD NEWS

I just presented a bank draft for over \$84,000 representing the LCIF Grant money from our District to a representative of the Royal Alex Foundation. The other half from district clubs and LOAF has already been done. A special thanks to DG Terry for all of her support and assistance.

We hope to have a formal presentation ceremony (without masks!) some time this fall.

Thanks fellow Lions and have a good (and safe) summer.

Neil Gourley

MEMBERSHIP

- a) For 2020 our goal is to be at a net 0 and to reduce our controllable losses while continuing the trend of adding new members.
- b) Membership has been a continuous theme for all Lions all over the world. In C1 we have seen membership levels change for many reasons including:
- Passing of members
 - Relocation of members
- c) Over the past 2 years we have gone from a total of 1978 members to 1875 as of May 2020. This is not a doom and gloom scenario as we brought in many new members (112 in the 2019-2020 Lionistic year – about one new Lion per club). Yet we still suffered a net loss. If the clubs commit to a net gain of just one new member (replacing drops and adding just one additional member), we will erase this deficit and come close to a census of 2000 members. Just think how that will strengthen our service opportunities -- and make our district shine as our own Dr. Patti Hill prepares to step up to the Presidency of our great association!
- d) Timeline to complete is June 30, 2021

You might want to make mention of how you will use your GAT to achieve these goals (especially retention). If your MD leaders are insisting on a positive growth number, get buy-in from your FVDG and present it as a two-year plan for positive growth – net zero in your year followed by positive growth in the second year.

DG Chanprit (Prince) Baweja

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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 July 28

LEADERSHIP

- a) 100 percent of the incoming Zone Chairpersons will complete Zone Chairperson training by end of first quarter of 2020-2021 (Q1)
- b) Prior to end of the Q1, 90 percent of incoming Club Officers that have not taken training for their position within the past 3 years will complete Club Officer training.
- c) Prior to the end of the Q2 develop a printed succession plan for future District Leadership
- d) Every zone to have representation with a zone chairperson. Where one is not immediately available, a VDG will assist with these zones and oversee them.
- e) During the 2020-2021, the district will host and train 20 new up and coming leaders through RLLI.

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In Memoriam

PDG Bob Sandy passed away June 22 at the U of A hospital. A private memorial service and internment was held at St. David's United Church in Leduc on June 26.

Susanne Sandy.

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PDG Bob was a Governor 2005-2006

He served with:

CC Malcolm McLeod

DG Andre Nimchuk

DG Brian Greir

DG John Witherspoon

DG Bill Mercer

Our condolences to Suzanne and family.

PDG Christine Treasurer PDG Association

LIONS IN ACTION

Edmonton Chinese Lions adjust to Covid-19



ECLC President Sara Chow and Edmonton Food Bank representative Tamisan Bencz-Knight observing social distancing.

The Edmonton Chinese Lions Club had planned to do a big work bee at Edmonton's Food Bank to pack 200 "starter" hampers in celebration of Lionism in 2020. Our club had donated a significant amount of funding to contribute to the cost of this project and with that funding the Food Bank was able to purchase enough food for 200 hampers in preparation for our service project at the end of May. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, our work bee was cancelled. Additionally, many club members reported hearing stories of the Food Bank struggling to meet a surge in demand for food hampers due to many people losing work or being otherwise unable to purchase groceries due to the pandemic.

Upon hearing of the cancellation of the work bee and the struggles of our fellow Edmontonians, the club voted to top up our donation for a total of \$20,200 and release the pre-purchased food for immediate use by the community. A representative from Edmonton's Food Bank shared the impact our donation will have on our community during this increased time of need:

"The re-purposed food provided by ECLC is ideally suited for the creation of our emergency packs that we are providing to our most vulnerable community members who should not or cannot leave their homes."

"We will have long road ahead. We are confident that we will be able to keep feeding people thanks to the generosity, spirit, and living the motto "We Serve" with the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club."

We encourage our fellow Lions to join us in donating to or volunteering at their local food banks to help keep their food hamper programs operational through these difficult times.

Submitted by Sara Chow

SERVICE UPDATE

It's hard to believe the end of another Lionistic year is upon us. I would like to personally thank all the clubs in District C-1 who continued to serve your community this past year. WE SERVE is our motto, where there's a need there's a Lion, is our truth. That became even more evident over the past couple of months when you continued to SERVE when there was a need, the need to help those affected by Covid-19. From assisting our seniors forced to self-isolate, collecting food for our food banks and distributing hampers to those in need, acknowledging the extra demands on our first responders and offering meals, coffee and snacks, being the voice of assurance to our fellow members, you truly have made a difference and should be proud to call yourself a Lion.

Over the next couple of months, I hope you will take the time to find new and different ways to SERVE those in your community. Our finances may be stretched thin due to lack of fundraising abilities since February, but "hands on" service doesn't take a lot of money. Many Lions hands from your club can complete many smaller projects to improve your community. Spruce up a local park, offer to paint a shabby fence in a high traffic location, assist in a community garden, clean up along roadways or walkways. If nothing else, put your heads together over the summer and come up with those "things" that will make your return to service in the fall that much more exciting.

2020 is the 100th year of service for Lions in Canada. It's still not too late to come up with a Centennial Project for your community if you haven't already. What can your club do or offer to make a lasting impression of your service? One way would be to help reach the Centennial goal of planting 100,000 trees across Canada. Many clubs have already done their part, planting trees in parks, playgrounds, golf courses, Memorial Gardens, etc. It's still not too late to make your clubs commitment. Trees can be ordered through Tree Time, which carry a variety of trees and shrubs hardy to our area. The next order will be placed in November with delivery in time for planting in May 2021. Look for all the information from PID Bill Webber in this edition of the Link.

Now that we've reached the end of another Lions year, please don't forget to catch up on reporting your clubs activities and volunteer hours on MyLion. You have until July 15th to complete the reporting for the 2019/2020 Lions year. My thanks go out to the Secretaries, Presidents, Club Admins and Service Chairs who have continued to do their reporting throughout the year. The challenges with MyLion have been many, but things are much smoother now. I think it's the easiest service reporting platform I have ever used. I've heard from a couple of clubs that are still having "error" messages come up when they try to log into MyLion. If that's the case, email the Global Action Team at mylion@lionsclubs.org, explain your challenge and they'll likely have you up and reporting again in a couple of days. Have a safe and super summer. I look forward to seeing and hearing about your new service projects this coming year.

Lion Dave Leshchyshyn District C-1 Service Co-ordinator

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