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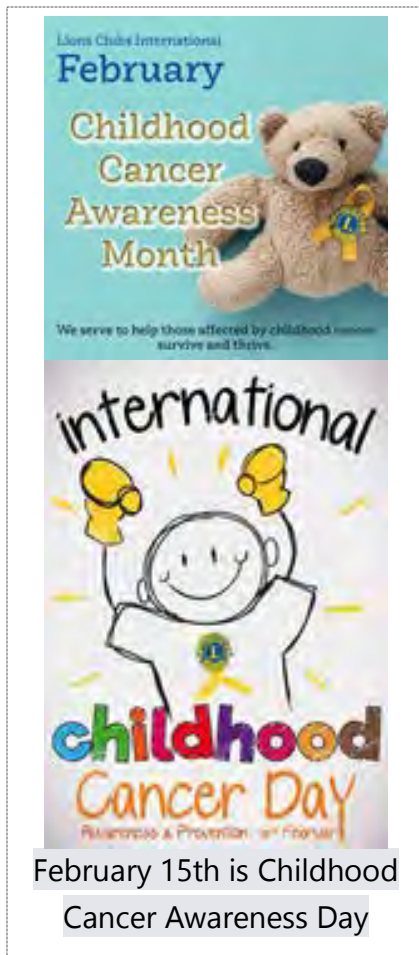
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Submission Deadline:

28th day of current month

From the desk of DG Chanprit (Prince) Baweja



February 15th is Childhood Cancer Awareness Day

Congratulations Edmonton The City of Champions Lion for your rebirth and your rejuvenation. Five reinstated members and 14 new members. January 2021 was a busy month with your first regular meeting and the elections of your Executive and Board of Directors. Well done!!!!

Yours in Lionism DG Prince

Calling all Club Presidents!! - - - March is election month. Have you appointed your Nominations Committee Chair?



A not so subtle reminder from

DGE Melodie.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / DATES to REMEMBER

2021	Mar 13-15 April 30,M1 Jun 25-29 Sep 09 11 Sept ??-?? Nov 06	Lions Leadership (ALLI) MDC Convention International Convention USA/Canada Forum Emerging Lions Learning C1 Convention	Toronto Grande Prairie Virtual (Mtl PQ) Des Moines Iowa Red Deer ?? 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

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

2021 Lions Clubs International Convention moving to virtual event

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Here are some important details about the 2021 convention we would like to share with you now:

- Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates and details will be posted here at lcon.lionsclubs.org as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.



See life through Lion lenses in Montréal!

The 2021 Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal is moving to virtual event.

Registration is officially open for LCICON 2021, where Lions and Leos from around the world will come together virtually to celebrate a life of service. Find out what's in store for you at this year's international convention!

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THE CLUB DIGEST

A MONTHLY SUMMARY OF THE LATEST LION NEWS

[View online](#)

Time to Think Outside the Box

Sorry, still trying to get all the icing out of my moustache from Melvin Jones birthday cake. Hope you had a chance to enjoy the activity last month as well. Any new Melvin Jones Fellows in the District, or in your club? I know there are so many deserving Lions out there.

I also thought we'd have a club from our Multiple District deserving of a Kindness Matters Service Award. This award was introduced by Lions Clubs International this past July to award a club for their exceptional service in one of our 5 Pillars of Global Service areas; Hunger, Vision, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes and Environment. However, the submission from the Multiple District was not chosen for an award this year. I'm sure you'll have another chance to shine with your Global Service activity when submissions are again accepted in July.

Speaking of activities, how has your club been serving your community during Covid. Finding it hard to do what you've always done? Maybe, it's time to think outside the box of your "usual" activities. Something "new" creates excitement among your members and in your community. Give it a try....your club might like it!

The Spruce View Lions Club is doing something new. They are making fleece blankets and knitted hats to donate to the Cancer Clinic at the Red Deer Regional Hospital. Just prior to Christmas, they dropped off their first load of 50 blankets and 52 knitted hats. What a wonderful success from club and community members. But, they're not done! The club is currently working on the next batch and wondered in any other clubs in C-1 or C-2 would like to take part in this activity. It's not only to benefit Red Deer, but also the Cancer Clinics closest to your club, in Calgary, Edmonton, etc. Providing comfort and support is the main goal. Blankets are to be 60" X 50". Knitted hats are for children to adults. If you would like more information on getting involved, please contact Spruce View Lions President, Lion Lois Burkinshaw, 403-728-0008. This activity is quite timely as February is "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month", and February 15th is "International Childhood Cancer Day". I hope your club will help support one of our Global Pillars of Service.

The Blindman Valley Lions Club is thinking outside the fundraising box and trying something new. Of course, everything is new in a newly chartered Lions Club! They are holding their first Facebook on-line auction. Lots of items have been donated by local businesses and club members,

including some "one of a kind" birdhouses, built by club members. Bids will be taken from February 1st to February 17th. Check out the "Blindman Valley Lions Club Fundraiser Auction" Facebook page to see all the goodies. The Club hopes you'll bid often and bid high so they can get the proceeds back into the communities they serve.

New ideas for new Service. How easy it can be!

Now if you really want to think outside the box "HEADING To 2022", the organization raising funds for research to find a CURE for diabetes, has started the "Snow Angel Challenge". All you have to do is pledge a minimum \$22.00, get in your swim suit, then jump in the snow and make a Snow Angel. Seriously! Then you can challenge your family, friends, fellow members, the community, to do the same. Get all the info on becoming involved at <https://www.headingto2022.com/>. More support for one of our Global Pillars of Service, diabetes.

District Governor Lion Prince Baweja shared a link to grant information available from the Provincial Government. This is for non-profit organizations that saw a 30% drop in revenue in April and May 2020 due to Covid. It is certainly worth the time to check out the qualifications and see if your club qualifies. This could certainly help your club with upcoming donations, activities, Campaign 100 contributions, etc. to continue your service locally and around the world. Check the website, <https://www.alberta.ca/sme-relaunch-grant.aspx>

Earlier I mentioned Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. The annual "Walk for Dog Guides" is usually held in person the last Saturday in May. Has your club organized a walk before? Why not start planning a virtual walk. I know there are clubs asking about new ideas for service, and Dog Guides could sure use the fundraising help. With 7 different specialties offered by Dog Guides, the demand for matching is huge. Whether the walk is virtual, or in person, if we're allowed, your club can get a walk organized. Check their webpage to find out how to get started www.dogguides.com. Oh, by the way, the Spruce View Lions have sent out a challenge to all clubs in C-1 and C-2 to match their donation of \$1000 to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Any takers??

The ways to SERVE are endless, the need for Lions service is endless. Do what you do best, find that need because **Where There's a Need, There's a Lion.**

*Yours in Service
Lion Dave Leshchyshyn
Multiple District C Service Co-ordinator
District C-1 Service Co-ordinator*

ELLI UPDATE

The faculty for the upcoming ELLI has met and have decided to postpone the institute until September 2021. I am waiting to hear from LCI with approval of the dates. Please send this information out to your clubs. Once I receive approval I will forward a new registration information. Thanks.

PCC Betty Ann Robson

LIONS IN ACTION

FORT SASKATCHEWAN LIONS CLUB



The club had to change the 12th "Annual Steve Sumka Food Drive" because of the Covid-19 restrictions. In its place the club donated \$20 per member for a total of \$580.

The club continues to serve the community wherever possible.

We are happy to make this presentation

*Rod Lindemann president with
I ions Rob Fillman & Bob Sinclair*

Be Kind and Stay Safe

TUMBLER RIDGE LIONS CLUB



Lions Glenn Miller, Janeth Strang, and Frank Walsh presenting a cheque for ten thousand dollars to the South Peace Health Services Society - for interior renovations to Boultrys House in Dawson Creek.

Lion Frank Walsh

MDC PEACE POSTER WINNER



Congratulations to Elena Begovic shown with her cheques for winning at the District C-1 level and the Multiple District C level.

She is a Grade 8 student at Richard S. Fowler Catholic Junior High School in St. Albert. Good Luck Elena at the Lions International level of judging.

PDG Claude CariananPeace Poster Chair District C-1

RYLEY LIONS CLUB



Logan Oslund a recent student of the final graduating class of Ryley High School received the Ryley Lions Club scholarship and an additional scholarship from the Lions of Alberta Foundation Legacy Scholarship program totalling \$1000 to assist him with his studies at the University of Alberta Augustana Campus.



Recently the Ryley Lions Club made a monetary and food donation of \$977 to the Tofield-Ryley Foodbank. Receiving the donation from Lion Darcy Romaniuk is Foodbank representative Greg Litwin.

Andre Nimchuk-Club Secretary



REDWATER LIONS CLUB.

Despite some cold weather the Lions Club of Redwater invited Zone Chairman Brian Barnes to visit and to present four awards to Redwater members. While observing Covid-19 protocols the four club members met Z/C Brian to receive their awards at the entrance to the Redwater Arboretum, a not for profit project that has been supported by the local Lions.



PZC Lion Jack Dennet & 1st VP Lion Les Dorosh received their Diamond membership pins for promoting new lions during the 100th Anniversary of Lions in Canada.



Lion President Gerald Whaley received his membership growth pin for sponsoring two new members into Lions.



Lion Secretary Dave McRae received his International President's Appreciation award for his coordination of the members from Radway and Redwater Clubs to present the first virtual convention for District C-1.

Despite restrictions from Covid – 19 the Lions Club of Redwater has been active within their community. The Club members recently finalized their Community Christmas Card campaign which netted the Club approximately \$1,200.00 in revenue and club members are working towards final plans for the annual Town Wide Garage Sale in May. Meetings are currently being held virtually so if you are interested in a virtual visitation call Lion Dave at 780 222 6608 for log in credentials.

David McRae

ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB

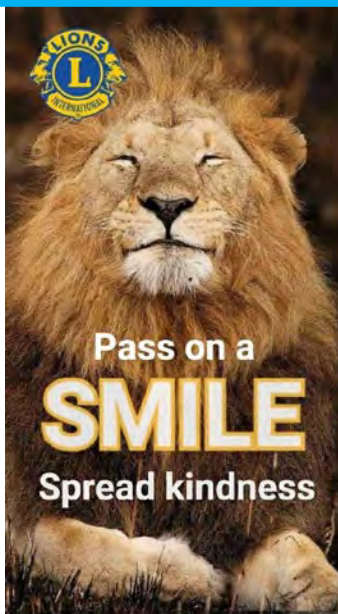
A Simple Act of Kindness goes a long way.



To show our Appreciation and Gratitude to the Teachers and Staff for being essential workers during Covid 19, the St. Albert Host Lions Club emailed a similar certificate to the principal of each of the 33 schools in St. Albert. The email note read:

“Please forward the attached Certificate of Appreciation to all your teachers and staff. Normally we would deliver these certificates in person but in keeping with the guidelines of minimizing contacts, we are sending it by email”.

*President Barb Riley
Past International Director Bill Webber*



The Spruce View & District Lions Club & The Innisfail Lions Club Challenge District C1 & C2 Lions Clubs to meet or beat Our \$1000 Donations to:



The St. Albert Host Lions Club has met the challenge with a \$1,000 donation.

PDG Claude Carignan

Has your club ???

In Memoriam

BLINDMAN VALLEY LIONS CLUB



It is with broken hearts that we say goodbye to one of the good guys, Nick Portiek. He was a warm, kind-hearted, and fun loving soul. He was a treasured member of our Lions club. He will be remembered and missed by us all. Although we are not able to do this in person, we hope his family feels our hugs, our support and our love.

Trudy Rannen



The Blindman Valley Lions club is looking at a different way to do some fundraising for future community projects. Trying to think of creative, Covid safe ideas hasn't been easy. While we can't do the usual things like pancake breakfasts, or barbeques or any type of function that is a gathering of people this Lions club has come up with an innovative idea. An online Facebook silent auction. Gathering items from supportive individuals in our area and our local businesses, which have been incredibly generous, this auction is sure to have something unique and valuable to all. Please check it out on Facebook. [The Blindman Valley Lions Club Fundraiser Auction](#). Dates run starting February 01 to close on February 17th. As we are a new club we could really use your support. Thank you



Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness



Hello all Lions, Lioness and Leo's of Multiple District C,

I am writing to your members today to update you on what has been happening with the Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness fund raising.

As you know the Lions Cavalcade committee has been raising funds through donations from clubs like yours, and others who support diabetes awareness via the traveling diabetes resource program operated by Diabetes Canada. We have been doing this since 1987.

We thank you for your continued support for this very important and worthwhile project.

As you are all aware Covid-19 has impacted the way we as Lions serve our communities.

Diabetes Canada and Lions cavalcade are also impacted by this as well in the way we provide service.

The traveling diabetes resource program is no longer being operated in Multiple Districts C due in part to the health restrictions currently in place re Covid-19.

Going forward however it is imperative that the population of Multiple District C has available to them the information on diabetes awareness and education so that they can maintain a healthy lifestyle.

To this end Diabetes Canada will be providing diabetes awareness and education information to all who need it in a virtual manner using digital technology.

Over the course of 2021 there will be online sessions called Peer Connect which will provide diabetes awareness and education information to all Lions, Lioness and Leo's as well as the general public. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

The Lions of Multiple District C will be recognized as the sponsoring organization of these Peer Connect sessions in Alberta, NWT and NE BC.

As well as sponsoring these sessions Lions cavalcade is providing some sponsorship towards the diabetic camps which are called D-Camps in Alberta which are being run in a virtual manner as well, throughout the year.

Again, thank you all for your continued support of Lions cavalcade for diabetes awareness project.



Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness



More information on the Peer Connect and the D-Camp projects will be available via our Lions cavalcade website which is being updated.

2020 was a year of many changes, in the way we provide service to our communities and to those with diabetes.

Remember with *teamwork* “*Coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is progress, Working together is a success*”.

“Where there is a need there is a lion, We Serve”.

Please ensure that this information is communicated to your club members via email, club web site or printed copy.

On behalf of the MDC Lions Cavalcade Committee,

Thank you, Yours in Service,

Lion Vi Gibb
District C-1 Lions Cavalcade Chairperson

Lion Dennis Stevenson, PCC
District C-2 Lions Cavalcade Chairperson
MDC Lions Cavalcade Chairperson

CC: Lions Cavalcade Secretary files

LIONS OF CANADA HAVE COME TOGETHER. LES LIONS DU CANADA SE SONT RÉUNIS.



AN INTERVIEW WITH CANADIAN LION LEADERS

UNE ENTREVUE AVEC DES RESPONSABLES LIONS CANADIENS

During this challenging pandemic, Lions from across Canada have come together, virtually, to build a Better and Stronger Force for Good in this great country of ours.

These dedicated Lion Volunteers have a vision for a Lions STRONG CANADIAN IDENTITY in order to:

- Create a stronger communication network among and between our districts and multiple districts.
- Develop a way that we can better partner in a coordinated way with corporations, other NGO's and government agencies.
- Establish our digital presence for Lions and non lions alike with the launch of our Lions of Canada / Lions du Canada website.
- Support the work of our Global Action Team by providing marketing material such as the Lions Marketing and Awareness Posters (see website for more information on resource page or our Facebook page).

Lions from every District in Canada have had input into developing this Coordinated approach to strengthening our Lions Identity.

As Vice President Dr. Patti Hill said, "Lions and Leos all across this great nation have continued to serve, even during this pandemic."

"Every village, town, and city is made better and stronger by the volunteer services offered by our Canadian Lions. Every Child with health needs, every youth struggling with social emotional skill development, every young adult seeking a mentor, every senior benefiting from assistance knows first hand the impact of a simple act of kindness from a Lion or Leo."

"I am proud to wear the same membership pin as all the Lions across this great country. Sharing our Stories and Strengthening our Identity is critical to ensuring that those most in need know we are here and that WE SERVE."

Au cours de cette pandémie difficile, les Lions de partout au Canada se sont réunis, virtuellement, pour construire une force meilleure et plus forte pour le bien dans ce grand pays.

Ces volontaires Lions dévoués ont une vision pour une FORTE IDENTITÉ CANADIENNE Lions afin de:

- Créer un réseau de communication plus solide entre nos districts et districts multiples.
- Développer un moyen de mieux collaborer en partenariat avec les entreprises, autres ONG et agences gouvernementales.
- Établissez notre présence numérique pour les Lions et non lions avec le lancement du site web Lions of Canada/Lions du Canada.
- Soutenez le travail de notre équipe d'action mondiale en fournissant le matériel de marketing tel que nos affiches de marketing Lions et la sensibilisation (voir notre site web pour plus d'informations ou notre page Facebook).

Les Lions de tous les districts du Canada ont eu leur mot à dire en développant cette approche coordonnée pour renforcer notre identité Lions.

Comme l'a déclaré la vice-présidente, le Dr Patti Hill, "les Lions et les Leos partout dans cette grande nation ont continué à servir, même pendant cette pandémie. "

"Chaque village, municipalité et ville est amélioré et renforcé par les services bénévoles offerts par nos Lions canadiens. Chaque enfant ayant des besoins de santé, tous les jeunes aux prises avec des développements de compétences émotionnelles sociales, chaque jeune adulte à la recherche d'un mentor, chaque senior bénéficiant d'une assistance sait d'abord remettre l'impact d'un simple acte de gentillesse d'un Lion ou Leo."

"Je suis fier de porter la même épinglette que tous les Lions de ce grand pays. Partager nos histoires et le renforcement de notre identité sont essentiels pour faire en sorte que les plus démunis sachent que nous sommes ici et que NOUS SERVONS."

LIONS OF CANADA HAVE COME TOGETHER.

Developing a strong force for good among the Lions Clubs across Canada has been facilitated by online meetings. We are proud to have the support of the Lions Leadership across Canada including our Councils of Governors, our District Governors, and our Past International Directors and Officers.

When asked, PIP Judge Brian said "I am delighted to offer my full support to this excellent initiative to strengthen our Canadian Lions Family. We are all brothers and sisters in serving our fellow Canadians and the world."

Our very own International Director, Allan Hunt noted "It is a great honour for me to be a part of this initiative to strengthen our Canadian Lions Identity and thus strengthen the ability of Canadian Lions to serve.

We Serve not only Canada, but the world."

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY MP JENEROUX

"Lions Clubs do incredible work in communities across our great country." Matt Jeneroux, MP

The full Transcript can be viewed at:

<https://www.lionscanada.ca/endorsements>

NOTE:

LCICon 2021 will be a **VIRTUAL CONVENTION**, protecting our members during this pandemic.

Visit: <https://lccicon.lionsclubs.org>

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Lions of Canada have Launched YOUR new CANADIAN Website! The Website promises to be a valuable resource of information for Lions and non-Lions across Canada - from coast to coast to coast.

The website address is www.lionscanada.ca and is available in both French and English. (Homepage picture below)

Please **Share** the Website Link. Please **Visit** the Website regularly! More information about Website Resources and Improvements will be featured in up-coming **Monthly Newsletters**.



LES LIONS DU CANADA SE SONT RÉUNIS

Développer une force forte pour le bien parmi les clubs Lions du Canada qui ont été facilités par des réunions en ligne. Nous sommes fiers d'avoir le soutien des dirigeants Lions à travers le Canada y compris nos conseils des gouverneurs, nos gouverneurs de district et nos anciens directeurs internationaux et officiers.

Quand nous avons interrogé le juge Brian PIP, il a déclaré: « Je suis ravi d'offrir mon plein soutien à cette excellente initiative afin de renforcer notre famille Lions canadienne. Nous sommes tous frères et sœurs au service de nos semblables les Canadiens et le monde. »

Notre directeur international canadien, Allan Hunt nous mentionne: " C'est un grand honneur pour moi de faire partie de cette initiative pour renforcer l'identité de nos Lions canadiens et ainsi renforcer la capacité au service les Lions canadiens.

Nous servons non seulement le Canada, mais le monde."

DÉCLARATION D'APPUI DU DÉPUTÉ JENEROUX

"Les clubs Lions font un travail incroyable dans les communautés à travers notre grand pays." Matt Jeneroux, député

La transcription complète peut être consultée à l'adresse:

<https://www.lionscanada.ca/endorsements?lang=fr>

NOTE:

LCICon 2021 sera un **CONGRÈS VIRTUEL**. Protéger nos membres pendant cette pandémie.

Visité : <https://lccicon.lionsclubs.org/fr/>

ANNONCE SPÉCIALE:

Les Lions du Canada ont lancé VOTRE nouveau Site internet CANADIEN! Le site Web promet d'être une ressource précieuse d'informations pour les Lions et les non-Lions à travers le Canada - d'un océan à l'autre.

L'adresse du site Web est www.lionscanada.ca/?lang=fr est disponible en français et anglais. (Image de la page d'accueil ci-dessous) Veuillez partager le lien du site Web. Veuillez visiter le site Web régulièrement! Plus d'informations sur les ressources et les améliorations du site Web à suivre dans les prochains bulletins mensuels.

