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From the desk of DG Chanpriti (Prince) Baweja

Hello fellow Lions. As we roll into Spring and look forward to brighter days, we must remain vigilant of our circumstances. We have not just persevered and survived the challenges facing us through this pandemic, we have grown and adapted. Our clubs continue to innovate and accept the new reality we are faced with. That is the strength of our Lions community. Please keep up the great work and keep on serving.

At our Multiple District C convention that was held we had the opportunity to recognize quite a few Lions. As there was no convention last year, we took the opportunity to acknowledge these individuals for their contributions.

2019-2020 & 2020-2021 C1 Awards

Hall of Fame 2019-2020

Lion Greg Holmes

PCC Tom Hodgson

Senior Leadership Medals

2019-2020

PCC Tom Hodgson

PDG Dave Dalby

Master Leadership Medals

2020-2021

President's Certificate of Appreciation

PCC Lynne Coulter

International Leadership Medals

ZC Brian Barnes

Lion Judy Evans

2nd VDG Suzanne Leshchyshyn

Hall Fame 2020-2021

Lion Carol Moeller

2020-2021

PDG Betty Ann Robson

PCC Donna Coulter

International President's Medal

PDG Claude Carignan

Lion Carol Henson

My sincerest congratulations to all the recipients. Thank you for your service and leadership.

Yours in Lionism. Lion Chanpriti S. Baweja (Prince) District Governor (2020 – 2021)

Correction – PCC Tom (Hal of Fame) was previously omitted and "Carol" was typed incorrectly on the awards list – corrected in this reprint - My apologies DG Prince

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / DATES to REMEMBER

2021	Jun 25-29 Sep 09 11 Sept ??-?? Nov 06	International Convention USA/Canada Forum Emerging Lions Learning C1 Convention	Virtual Des Moines Iowa Red Deer ?? St. Albert, AB	lionsclubs.org
2022	Jul 01-05 Sep 15-17	International Convention USA/Canada Forum	New Delhi, India Calgary AB	lionsclubs.org lionsforum.org
2023	Jul 07-11	International Convention	Boston, Mass	lionsclubs.org

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THE CLUB DIGEST

A MONTHLY SUMMARY OF THE
LATEST LION NEWS

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CLUB SECRETARIES

Please remember to update your club's
2021/22 Executive Information registry on-
line in **My Lion** by **May 15, 2021**.

The information must be updated for
2021/22 even if did not change.

DOES YOUR CLUB

publish a monthly NEWS letter?

Share the news

Send in a link to your news letter
and have it highlighted here.

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YOUR CLUB COULD BE HERE!!!!

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July 7 thru 11, 2023*

Tickets:
\$10.00 each
or
3 for \$25.00

Maximum Tickets to be sold:
500 tickets @ \$10 each
5000 tickets @ \$5 each (Total 2500 tickets)
2500 Total Tickets available
Sales are online only
Please use the following link for your purchase:
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/usa/edmonton2023>
Lottery License: AB-172486

First Prize
For 2 Lions:
• Registration for LCI Con Boston 2023
• 5 nights Hotel accommodations during
Convention
• Lowest Refundable Airfare
Maximum Value of Prize \$7500.00 CAD

Second Prize
\$1000.00 CAD prepaid Visa card
Winners are required to provide Membership Number &
Club Affiliation to claim prize

Draw Date: June 12, 2021



Available to Lions Members only

Proceeds to support Lions Leadership Education & Development in BDC
Draw Hosted by Calgary Eastport Lions Club

Enter to win a Doggie Gift Basket
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Send your Dog Walk photo by May 30, 2021 to:
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Winner will be notified via email and
arrangements made for prize pickup.



SHIPPING GLASSES to CALGARY?

Day and Ross is the new shipper for clubs sending the used glasses to Calgary for recycling.

Please coordinate your drop-off of glasses with other clubs for faster and more efficient shipment to Calgary.

thanks

LIONS PROJECT PRIDE

Clubs and members are reminded that Lions Project Pride is able to provide flags and certificates to be presented to Grade 1 students(or anyone else)if schools allow access. We have flags in stock and we print certificates as ordered. All proceeds support Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide programs.

The brochure & order form are available using Explorer or Chrome. Simply type in [Lions Project Pride](#), print and complete the order form; attach your club or personal cheque made payable to the Lions Foundation of Canada, and mail to:

Lion Lynne Coulter,
11305-103 Street,
Grande Prairie
AB T8V 2Y6.

Materials will be shipped via Canada Post at no extra cost.

Thanks for supporting our Foundation

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Ldcgp@telusplanet.net

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

Lions Environmental Awareness Month

EDITOR'S NOTE – due to delayed publication, some outdated information has been deleted from this article.

I hope you are staying well while you continue to Serve your community. There certainly is renewed optimism that our current pandemic restrictions are coming to an end and we'll have more freedom to enjoy the fellowship of our families, friends and fellow members. Will you be ready to Serve?

One environmental activity I came across is Staples Canada Writing Instrument Recycle Program - <https://www.terracycle.com/en-CA/brigades/staples-en-ca>. I had not heard of it in the past, and after some phone calls, found it to be a great way to keep pens and markers out of the landfills and to be put to good use as recycled products. What a great project for Lions! I talked to the General Manager of Staples in Red Deer, who in turn talked to her Head Office, and they have no objection to Lions Clubs promoting this project in local schools. Some urban schools may already be familiar with the program, but rural schools may not. What a great way to get our foot in the door of local schools and promote Lionism. I realize there aren't Staples in the rural communities (well there are, but they're holding up the fence just outside of town!) but if you have a member that heads to the city once in awhile, they could drop off the recyclables at that time. After talking to four schools in our area, the Blindman Valley Lions Club will be partnering with them to implement the program. The schools were very excited about getting their students involved in this recycling endeavour. Don't hesitate to contact me if you are interested in getting started with the Staples recycling program.

Thank you for your continued service and involvement in your community.

Yours in Service, Lion Dave Leshchyshyn
MDC & C1 Service Coordinator
Email: davensuzie@shaw.ca

MAY SERVICE REPORT

Hello fellow Lion. Hope you've enjoyed the Spring, Winter, Spring, Winter month of April! To go from sitting in the sun outside one day, to telling Alexa to turn up the heat in the house the next day. You have to love Alberta in Spring. No, really.....you have to love Alberta or you'd probably move for better weather! I'm sure May will be much better. Ah, the month of May. May we be allowed to gather in groups again. May we be allowed to bring our clubs together in person. May we rekindle that Lion urge to Serve. May our communities continue to benefit from our efforts. May we find that need because, where there's a need, there's a Lion.

Spring is here so time for some spring cleaning. I've noticed on MyLion that some clubs are trying to report their service, but are missing one step in the process, thus your activity shows up as "Unreported". If there is a "Report Now" banner under your listed activity, you still have work to do. Please check your clubs activities list on MyLion and delete those that are no longer relevant. Thank you to the clubs that are reporting their Service. For the clubs that are behind in the process, you'll have until July 15th, 2021 to get caught up for this Lionistic year. Thanks for your efforts. Still need help with MyLion, please email me with your challenges and I'll be happy to help. davensuzie@shaw.ca

I was recently checking out some club Facebook pages and found a very interesting service project posted by the Legal Lions. Cheerios Canada has a "Bring Back the Bees" promotion until August 2021, or while supplies last, where they're offering packets of free sunflower seeds to plant to help the bees. With bees being on the decline, what a great way to introduce the communities we Serve, to a great project to help the environment. There are a lots of great fun facts about bees and how they help us. Now, we can help them

<https://www.cheerios.ca/bringbackthebees/> is the link to place your order for the sunflower seeds. Wouldn't this be a great project for Lions to introduce to elementary school children every spring? Thank you, Legal Lions for your Service.

Multiple District C has the great honor of being chosen to host the 2022 USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary. In my opinion, one of the best Lions learning experiences offered. This may be the first full face to face Forum in 3 years because of the pandemic, so I'm sure many Lions will be ready for travel, fellowship and learning. Of course, with hosting, comes expenses. To help offset those expenses, the host committee has set up a fundraiser that will send two Lions to the International Convention in Boston, MA. July 7 – 11, 2023, where Dr. Patti Hill will be sworn in as International President. Tickets are \$10 ea. or 3 for \$25.00. More details are available under MDC Lions Leadership Education & Development Raffle at www.lionsc1.org An event this big will also need many volunteers before and during the Forum. Some very unique volunteer opportunities are available. Go to the Forum website www.2022lionsleadershipforum.com and get registered as a volunteer. Lions helping Lions.

How about Lions helping puppies? If your club is looking for an easy fundraiser, check out www.greencapesforlions.com. Your club can help raise funds for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, as well as fill your club coffers, by selling puppy calendars.....and who doesn't want a calendar full of puppies? Calendars would sell for \$18 - \$20 each. \$10 would go to Green Capes in support of puppies in the Dog Guide program, the remainder would go to the selling club. Calendars make great gifts, especially at Christmas. For those clubs who have been on hiatus due to the pandemic, this would be a great way to get in front of your community again.

*Lion Dave Leshchyshyn MD C Service Co-ordinator
District C-1 Service Co-ordinator*

LIONS DISTRICT C-1 AND LCIF MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Lions clubs throughout Northern Alberta (Lions District C-1) and Lions Clubs International Foundation join forces in providing the latest technology to the Eye Institute of Alberta.



Donna Bong, Clinical Ophthalmic Educator at the Eye Institute of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton gives a thumbs up to the Clarus 700 ultra wide imaging camera. This is the first fundus imaging system that provides an ultra-wide, extremely detailed image of the retina in true colour.

Cost of this camera was \$157,285 cdn. The Lions of District C-1 successfully applied for a grant of \$60, 000 US which the District C-1 Lions matched to acquire this state-of-the-art equipment. The camera will bring sight saving diagnosis to 10 to 30 patients per month.

*Bill Webber
Past International Director*

LIONS EYE RESEARCH FUND, ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL, AND LCIF

A partnership in action

Since 2001 the Lions clubs throughout Northern Alberta (Lions District C-1) have partnered with Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation and the Department of Ophthalmology. The Lions Eye Research Fund (LERF), a committee of Lions with a representative from the hospital foundation review requests made by the Dept. of Ophthalmology (now the Eye Institute of Alberta). The committee adopts one of the requests as a goal for the Lions clubs to acquire. LERF is then responsible to communicate to all District C-1 clubs of the need and benefit of the funding objective.

Examples of successful acquisitions, several of which were made possible through **LCIF grants**, include:

- Research funding for gene therapy for treatment of genetic eye disease.
- Fundus camera to support Tele-ophthalmology
- Purchase of ultra-sound equipment including an Ultrasound Biomicroscope used in the detection and treatment of eye lesions and tumors.
- Provide a suite of slit lamps used in conjunction with the Ultrasound Biomicroscope.
- Purchase of RetCam for NICU to screen for Retinopathy in prematurity (**ROP**).

These are greatly appreciated by all concerned.

*Bill Webber
Past International Director*

THINGS TO DO IN MAY

According to the Lions Calendar, May is "Strengthen Membership Month." That likely means not only finding new members for your club, but also strengthening the commitment to Service from the members you already have. Always remember the last line of our Lions Pledge, "Proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the Service of others".

Other dates to have fun with in May

- May 4 – International Firefighters Day
National Teachers Day
- May 5 – National Bike to School Day
- May 9 – Mothers Day
- May 12 – International Nurses Day
National Nutty Fudge Day
- May 15 – National Chocolate Chip Day
World Fiddle Day
- May 19 – EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Day
- May 20 – World Bee Day
- May 21 – National Bike to Work Day
- May 25 – National Wine Day
- May 28 – National Hamburger Day

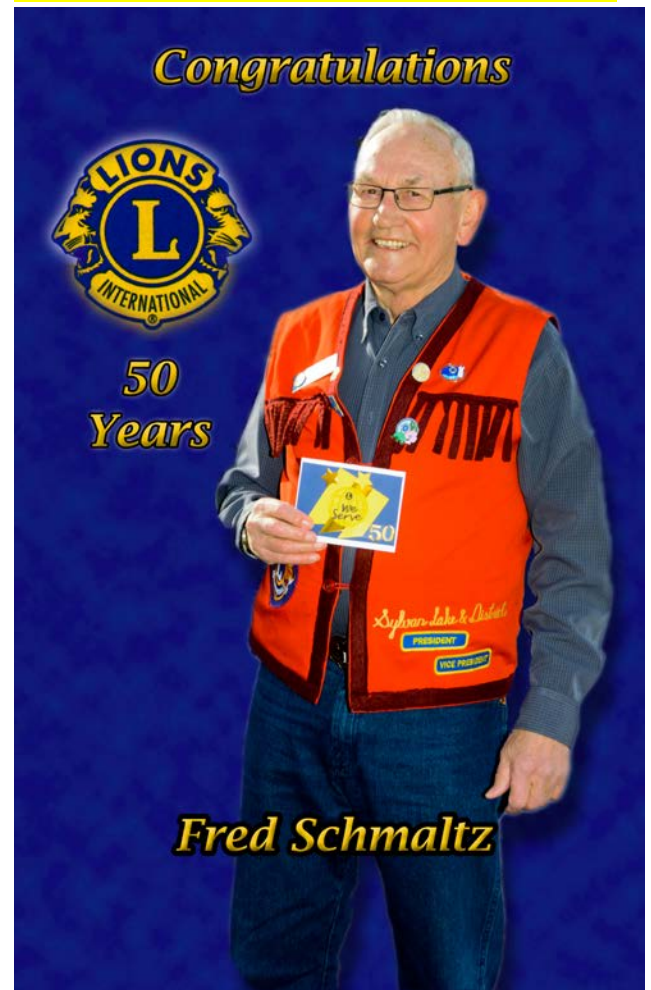
May is also: National Barbeque Month
National Hamburger Month
National Salad Month
National Egg Month
National Salsa Month (the sauce)
National Water Safety Month
Womens Health Care Month
National Bike Month
National Photo Month

Some dates to build an activity around and have fun with your club or community. May the fun return to our clubs this month of May.

In Service
Lion Dave **Leshchyshyn**
MD C Service Co-ordinator
District C1 Service Co-ordinator

LIONS IN ACTION

SYLVAN LAKE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



We would like to Congratulate Lion Fred Schmaltz on achieving 50years as a dedicated Lion and let him know how valued he is to our club in all of the work he is doing. Congratulations from all of us at The Sylvan Lake Lions Club.

From all of us

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SYLVAN LAKE a DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

"LAP THE LAKE FOR THE FOOD BANK"



The Sylvan Lake and District Lions club members participated in the Towns Lap the Lake challenge between Jan. 18th and Feb 16th 2021, encouraging participants to walk at least 37 km., the equivalent distance around Sylvan Lake. Pledges raised amounted to \$1000 for the local food bank. We continue to be as active as we can in these Covid times, with many of our members walking regularly and we got moving for a great cause !.

Lion President Jim Watson

ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB



We want a better life for them.

Lions reach out to touch the lives of those less fortunate.

Lion Judy Evans, the Chair of the Community Refugee Committee of St Albert, and serving Greater Edmonton, and several members of the St Albert Host Lions Club are proud to serve on this committee. This group of dedicated volunteers came together in 2016 and, along with generous and compassionate citizens, organizations, businesses, and service clubs that donated funds, sponsored a young Syrian family who came to Canada in July 2018. Our official one-year sponsorship ended with the successful settlement of this family in July 2019. St Albert Host Lions and St Albert Breakfast Lions were some of those donors.

Currently, the Committee is sponsoring two more Syrian refugee families, each consisting of a mother, father and four children who range in age from 10 months to 10 years. They left their war-torn country and are currently living as refugees in Beirut. They have been vetted by the UNHCR and are currently waiting for interviews with a Canadian Visa Officer

The Committee has raised 62% of the funds needed to support these two families for one year after they arrive in Canada in late 2021.

The St Albert Host Lions members who serve on this committee are pleased to be able to share in changing the life trajectory of these 12 refugees from a life with little hope to becoming contributing members of Canadian society.

For more information, see the Facebook page at

[Community Refugee Committee of St Albert](#) or call Lion Judy at 587-599-5176.

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Maximum Tickets to be sold:
500 tickets @ \$10 each
400 packs @ 3 for \$25 (equals 1800 tickets)
2300 Total Tickets available

Sales are online only
Please use the following link for your purchase:
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First Prize
For 2 Lions:
◆ Registration for LCI Con Boston 2023
◆ 5 nights Hotel accommodations during Convention
◆ Lowest Refundable Airfare
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Draw Date: June 12, 2021

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Draw Hosted by Calgary Eastport Lions Club

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LEGAL LIONS CLUB



Marisa Hemmes from Kids with Cancer Society graciously accepts a donation cheque for \$1,100.00 from Legal Lions Club member Fred Malott.

Recently the Legal Lions Club conducted a Ham & Turkey raffle as a fundraiser with proceeds being donated to the Kids with Cancer Society. The Legal Lions regularly donate to group initiatives in the local area that have a significant impact on our communities. The Kids with Cancer Society has proven to be one of the leading edge groups who have developed programs to support the unique needs of children and their families from the time of diagnosis, throughout treatment, survivorship and beyond.

While previously Easter meat draws were in person, due to the pandemic the club had to adapt to e-transfers, and other means to collect payment and drop off tickets. The Club advertised the raffle on Facebook and local means, and Club members sold 300 tickets on 6 hams and 6 turkeys during the months of February & March 2021. The draw was held the weekend prior to Easter on Facebook live and all winners had their prizes in time for Easter dinner! The community has embraced this new way and this has given the Club the opportunity to sell to a wider audience.

The raffle was a success resulting in \$1,100 being donated to Kids With Cancer Society in Edmonton. This effort supported LCI's awareness campaign for Childhood Cancer in the month of February.

Lion Danielle Richir, President, Legal Lions Club

EDMONTON HOST LIONS CLUB



Members of the Edmonton Host Lions Club spent Earth Day preparing and distributing a nutritious take-out meal for an inner city community.

Thanks very much to Alberta Avenue Community League for inviting us to participate in their community hub night event! Pictured below are Lions Lois, President Jim, Bernie, Janet, Harry, Clint, Carol, Donna, Anthony. Thank you also to Lion friends, Deborah Horn for her kind donation of compostable containers and Rick Letourneau for all his help!

Janet & Ken Robinson

REDWATER LIONS CLUB.



The Lions Club of Redwater recently honored Lion Jack Dennett with a Melvin Jones Foundation award commemorating almost 50 years of service to Lions. Lion Jack has served in all executive positions and is a Past Zone Chairman. Lion Jack has travelled thousands of miles on visitations, committed to all service activities of the club, every other not for profit organization in the community. Lion Jack also served on the Municipal Council for almost 40 years and that included a term as Mayor. Lion Jack has always been an active member of the Redwater community and was surprised by the presentation that fittingly took place in the Arboretum, another one of the many projects supported by Lion Jack.

Lion Dave McRae, Secretary

ST ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB.



Lions Collecting food donations at the Inglewood Safeway in St. Albert.

It was a lot of good fun to be able to get out and do something for the community.

We also enjoyed spending some time getting to know our newest Lion, Helen, who was inducted on April 24, 2021.

Lions Judy Evans

ST. ALBERT BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

2021 SPRING FOOD BANK DRIVE



Who was that Masked Person?

St Albert's May 1st spring food drive turned in to a guessing contest of "*Who was that Masked Person*". With Lions spearheading a food drive and multiple local service clubs providing volunteers at six local grocery stores enabling the drop off locations for our local Food Bank trying to restock its shelves.

With only three emails, four local service clubs responded positively to the call to work with the two St. Albert Lions Clubs. These may be unprecedented times but worthwhile causes find generous support. I am still awaiting the results but all indications are very positive.



I would have enjoyed spending more time with the various groups involved and look forward to finding out the impact our collective efforts have had for the Food Bank. Hopefully all volunteers had an enjoyable time, and next year we will have the same response from all the organizations contacted this year.

Lion Paul Benson

ST ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB.



Lions Klaus Kyrityz and Dave Hiatt getting ready for food drive outside the Inglewood Safeway.

Photo by Lion Judy Evans

On May 01 the St. Albert Host Lions Club teamed up with other community groups and service clubs to assist in a city-wide food drive supporting the St. Albert Food Bank

Food donations at the Inglewood Safeway location filled almost three tri-walls of food. A fair amount of cash was also donated.

The city-wide total amount of food and cash donated on May 01 was unavailable at press time.

Thank you to Lions Judy, Helen, Dave, and Klaus who were able to assist with the collection today, and to Peggy from the Fraternal Order of Eagles who filled in on our last shift of the day and helped with the take-down / cleanup.

Thank you to Chris Riley who helped with the set-up in the morning and to Lion Pres. Barb for coordinating our club's participation in the event with Lion Paul Benson from the St. Albert Breakfast Lions Club

Lions Jack Riley



In Memoriam

PDG Robert Gingera

passed away March 8th. Below is the link to the Edmonton Journal

[Robert Gingera | Obituary | Edmonton Journal \(remembering.ca\)](https://www.edmontonjournal.com/Robert-Gingera-Obituary-Edmonton-Journal-remembering.ca)

Rob was a Governor 2012-2013, District I with Wanda Coates District L, Bruce Bishop District O, Laura Dickerson District N and Lary Garrison District S

PDG Byron Guenther

was a long time member of the Laurel Lions Club and served as District 37A Governor during the Lionistic year 1996-1997. His fellow Governors on the Multiple District 37 Council were Fernand "Fern" Bilodeau, 37B, Ruben Gebhardt, 37C, Ardith Tjorelund, 37D, Ben Pond, 37E, James "Jim" Taylor, 37F and Basil "Ted" Webster, 37G.

Lion Margaret Eeles,

wife of PCC Art Eeles, of Strathmore.

Marg is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Art Eeles. She is also survived by her children, Steve (Rita), Kevin (Donna), Pat (Carol), and Christine Nichols (Basil); 10 grandchildren, Justin, Amanda, Rebecca, Dena, Sheldon, Melissa, Kalie, Chelsea, Jennifer, and Laura; and 14 great grandchildren who were the light of her life.

PCC Art was a Governor 1998-1999

Yours in Lionism, PDG Christine

PID Lion Tom Lehman

With heavy heart I regretfully inform you that Past International Director Lion Tom Lehman passed away peacefully at his home in Missoula, Montana on Saturday, April 3, 2021.



Lion Tom was a Charter member of the Bozeman Gallatin Empire Lions Club and a senior statesman to the world of Lions. Knowledgeable in all aspects of Lions, Tom was a respected mentor, advisor and friend to all around him. Lion Tom tirelessly gave of himself at the Club, District, Multiple District and International level to the very end. Beginning in 1961, Lion Tom served at all Club positions and on the District 37A Cabinet. During the Lionistic year 1971-1972 he served as District 37 A Governor. During the Lionistic year 1979-1980, Lion Tom rose to the occasion referring to himself as a retread and again served as District 37A Governor. During the 75th International Convention held in Hong Kong, June 23-26, 1992, Lion Tom was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs. Committee assignments on the International Board included Finance, Nominations and Elections and International Parade of Nations. Lion Tom also served one year as an International Board appointee and two years as a member of the USA/Canada Leadership Forum Planning Committee.

It was rare for Lion Tom to miss a Club meeting, Cabinet meetings, District and Multiple District conventions, USA/Canada Leadership Forms or International Conventions. His attendance and participation was an inspiration to all. He loved being a Lion and being with his fellow Lions. In addition to his many accomplishments as a Lion, he was especially proud of his involvement in the formation of the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation and the Gallatin Empire Lions Foundation. He is already missed but will remain in the hearts and souls of all who had the privilege of being a part of his legacy.

The Celebration of Toms life will be held Friday, June 11, 2021 at 3:00pm at Garden City Funeral Home, 1705 West Broadway Street, Missoula, Montana

In lieu of flowers please consider sending a memorial to Gallatin Empire Lions Foundation, Box 504, Bozeman, MT 59771 or Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, Box 1925, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. .

Cards of sympathy and condolence may be set to Lion Judy Lehman, 1045 Anglers Bend Way, Missoula, MT 59802.

Lion Judy's email is tjlehman@q.com

Toms obituary may be found at the Garden City Funeral Home web page www.gardencityfh.com

Lion Ben Apeland, Montana District 37, PDG Association

PCC Donna Coulter

I received a note from PCC Lynne Coulter this morning (April 01), sadly with the news that PCC Donna passed away in her sleep during the early hours of this morning. .

There will not be a service at this time.

PCC Donna was a Governor 1995-1996 with Leonard Mapston (A), Stan Kozoriz (B), Jim Spate (C), Ed Malesich, (D), Jack Rooksbyj (E), Gordon Topps (F). She then was a Council Chair in 2009-2010.

Donna was a Mentor to many of us, especially the Council of Governors of 2010-2011.

Below is PCC Lynne's email and mailing address.

PCC Lynne Coulter
11305 103rd Street
Grande Prairie, AB
T8V 2Y6

ldcgp@telusplanet.net

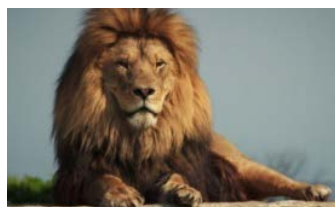
Yours in Lionism, PDG Christine DG 2010-2011

Special Note:

Due to circumstances beyond my control I was unable to produce the April Lions Link.

For those clubs that submitted photos and other information for the April edition, all have been included in the combine April/May edition.

The reports and other articles that were submitted for the April edition have also been included in this combined edition, however, in some cases information regarding "upcoming" April events that have now passed has been deleted.



My apologies for any information that may have been lost or missed during my absence.

Your friendly editor

Election of Club Officers

Editor's note: As the Lions Link was not published in April, some of the information in this article may be historical in nature.

Now that your club nominations meeting was held in March, your club members will vote on the **new officers in April**.

If your club cannot meet, how can you conduct annual election of club officers? Unless prohibited under a club's constitution and by-laws, the Standard Club By-Laws permits all Lions clubs to conduct meetings via alternative meeting formats. This allows each Lions club to choose a method of conducting elections that is suitable for those members. This can be via phone, teleconferencing platform, email, or any other method that is acceptable to the Lions club members. If the election is not contested, then it's not required that the club members actually vote. If the position is contested (more than one candidate), then a format mentioned above can be considered.

Designate Officers in MyLCI. After the election, your Secretary should then enter **all officers** for the next term (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) in MyLCI prior to May 15, 2021. All officers, whether remaining in a position or newly elected, need to be entered into MyLCI. This ensures that the new or existing club officers will start receiving information valuable to their position or their club on July 1, 2021 – the start of the new Lions year. Without this step your club will show that it hasn't designated officers for the upcoming year. If you do not have access to MyLCI, you can complete the PU101 form and mail or email the completed form to Lions Clubs International.

Clubs are encouraged to review the [LCI Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws 20-21](#). This document provides your Lions Club guidance on the **Nominations and Elections, Duties of Officers** and your **Board of Directors**.

Prepare for your role as an officer

There is a special webpage created for each of the positions below to make it easier to get to the resources that will help you be successful in your unique club leadership position. Share these webpages with your club officers.

- [Club President / First Vice President](#)
- [Club Secretary](#)
- [Club Treasurer](#)
- [Club Membership Chairperson](#)
- [Club Service Chairperson](#)
- [Club Marketing Communications Chairperson](#)
- [Club LCIF Coordinator](#)

The **Lions Learning Center (LLC)** offers all Lions and Leos, including club officers the opportunity to learn and sharpen their knowledge of Lions fundamentals and leadership skills through online interactive courses. Access the LLC from the "Learn" application using your Lion account login and password. Click here for Lions Learning Center: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/learn>

*Yours in Service,
2VDG Lion Suzanne Leshchysyn*



The Des Moines Times

The latest news and information for the Des Moines 2021 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

A Message from Our General Chair



I am excited to announce that the Executive Committee for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum approved meeting **IN PERSON** in Des Moines this September!

As we pass the one-year mark of COVID-19, there is still some uncertainty, but we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

The Iowa Events Center has been hosting events for several months and they have a busy upcoming schedule. They will be a terrific partner in sharing experiences to help us provide a meaningful and safe Forum.

The Forum will follow the public guidelines and requirements in place in September. These protocols are likely to change over the next several months, but short summaries of current information can be found here:

- [State of Iowa, City of Des Moines, and Polk County COVID Public Mandates](#)
- [Iowa Events Center, Marriott, and Hilton COVID updates](#)

There are no current plans for the Forum to be virtual. The Executive Committee discussed potential contingency plans due to the border restrictions for Canada and Multiple District 60. However, it was deemed too premature at this time and will be considered later in the Summer.

The Forum Planning Committee and the Iowa Lions are looking forward to hosting you in Des Moines for #LionsForum2021, so if you're ready to gather with amazing Lions again, reserve your spot now!

Together in Service, **Wendy Cain**

[Register Here](#)



The Forum Store Wants Your Input!

The Forum Store aims to provide a variety of Lions and Forum-branded items, including items from the LCI store. If there is a particular item or size of something that you would like, please contact the Forum Store Chair, Lion Cheryl Anderson ([email](#)).

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MDC Lions Leadership Education & Development Raffle*

The Host Committee for the 2022 USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum has set-up a raffle for your chance to win two fabulous prizes!

1st Prize: The opportunity to observe our own Dr. Patti Hill being sworn in as International President at LCI Convention in Boston in July 2023.
Maximum value of prize \$7500.00

2nd Prize: \$1000.00 CAD Prepaid VISA Card

Draw date: June 12, 2021

- * The raffle is only open to Lions Members
- * Tickets are only available on-line at: <https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/eastportlionsclub>
- * Proceeds to support Lions Leadership Education & Development in MDC
- * The raffle is hosted by the Calgary Eastport Lions Club

Please distribute and promote among Lions, however, we ask that you refrain from putting any information on social media, due to the restricted purchase audience.

For more information refer to the poster below.

Mark your Calendar: **2022 USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum**
September 15-17, 2022
Calgary, Alberta



Submitted by:
2VDG Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn
2022 USA Canada Forum Host Committee

[CLICK HERE FOR RAFFLEBOX](https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/eastportlionsclub)

*Win the Chance to observe our own
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July 7 thru 11, 2023*

Tickets:

**\$10.00 each
or
3 for \$25.00**

Maximum Tickets to be Sold:
500 tickets @ \$10 each
600 packs @ 3 for \$25 (equals 1800 tickets)
2300 Total Tickets available

Sales are online only
Please use the following link for your purchase:

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First Prize

For 2 Lions:

- ❖ Registration for LCI Con Boston 2023
- ❖ 5 nights Hotel accommodations during Convention
- ❖ Lowest Refundable Airfare

Maximum Value of Prize \$7500.00 CAD

Second Prize

\$1000.00 CAD prepaid Visa card

Winners are required to provide Membership Number & Club affiliation to claim a prize

Draw Date: June 12, 2021



**Proceeds to support Lions Leadership Education & Development in MDC
Draw Hosted by Calgary Eastport Lions Club**

Available to Lions Members only

**Enter to win a Doggie Gift Basket
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**Send your Dog Walk photo by May 30, 2021 to:
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**SOUTH EDMONTON LIONS CLUB
DOGGIE PHOTO DRAW
PET VALU WALK FOR DOG GUIDES**

**Winner will be notified via email and
arrangements made for prize pickup.**



Report for Lions Link for April, 2021

Global Membership Approach (GMA) - (North American Membership Initiative – NoAMI) Zone 7 Pilot Project Report

Our District C1 opted to embrace the Global Membership Approach (GMA) formerly known as the **(North American Membership Initiative (NoAMI) in 2020-2021)**. At the end of August 2020 3IVP Dr. Patti Hill asked our District Zone 7 to be a zone pilot project for GMA. This meant that as a zone we would take on the task of piloting the process **Build a Team; Build a Vision; Build a Plan; and Build Success**.

1. **We BUILT a TEAM** under the leadership team of **3IVP Dr. Patti Hill, GMA Champion / GMT Walt Skrepnyk, DGE Melodie Franko, and ZC Barb Riley** and have grown our GMA Team to include **Legal Lion Pres. Danielle Richir, Legal Lion Secretary Jess Chapman, and St. Albert Breakfast Lion Secretary Paul Benson and more recently Busby Lion Secretary Vickie Vervynck**; We still need Lion reps from Morinville Lions and Vimy & District Lions.

2. October/November 2020 - **We BUILT THE VISION** with a SWOT analysis by 3 clubs and then with a Zone SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats).

3. November - Our 1st monthly (1 1/2 hr.) zoom meeting with **LCI GMA Steering Committee/Zone Clubs** the Steering Committee consists of **3 International Vice Presidents, Doug Alexander, Brian Sheehan, Dr. Patti Hill, GMA Advisors and other LCI staff**. 13 Pilot Zones have assignments to do between every meeting. Attendees from our zone are **DGE Melodie, GMA Champion Walt, ZC Barb and Liaison Dr. Patti**. The 13 Pilot Project Zones consist of 11 Zones from USA and 2 from Canada (one from Ontario and our Zone 7). Each Zone Chair has a two-minute verbal report at these meetings.

4. November/December- **We BUILT THE PLAN** by a zone club survey (six club officers from six clubs where asked to respond to 6 questions based on **Club service, recruitment, member engagement, club marketing, available resources, Club operations & ideas for improvement**. We had a 50% response and we thank the Lions that did the survey. Your input and ideas are so essential. LCI wants to hear from the clubs in order to help Lions move forward. Grassroots – club level ideas are being heard and listened to by our top Lion Leaders.

5. January/February – We set- **Zone Club Goals** based on our District Goals set in July.

6. February/March - We worked on our **Zone Clubs Action Plans** for our six Goals.

7. March/April – Zone and Club Resources, pilot survey & last month –Zone Team engagement.

Our District and Zone 7 are very fortunate to have 3VIP Dr. Patti as our liaison assisting us in this process as our Zone and District **BUILD SUCCESS** by sponsoring NEW clubs, rejuvenating clubs by retaining and keeping members happy, recruiting NEW members, embracing leadership training support, **so that more Lions can to do more service to help more people in community and beyond**. This end result is all worth the effort of the GMA process. Since our District embraces the GMA plan, we encourage other Zones to learn about this initiative and grow in forming new clubs and getting more members as we pilot into the next Lion year. Check **LCI - GMA (North American Membership Initiative) for more resources**.

Submitted by ZC Barb on behalf of our Zone 7 GMA Team.

One Hundred Service Ideas



Diabetes

1. Organize a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event.
2. Organize a community support group for parents of children with diabetes.
3. Volunteer to serve at a children's diabetes camp.
4. Invite a healthcare professional to speak about diabetes at your club or district meeting.
5. Partner with local healthcare providers to organize diabetes & vision screenings.
6. Distribute educational resources to increase diabetes awareness at a community health fair.
7. Organize a walking club for seniors with diabetes.
8. Provide a diabetes magazine subscription to your local library.
9. Sponsor a child in need to attend diabetes camp.
10. Donate diabetes books to your library with a bookplate to identify your club's donation.
11. Work with your local school to invite a health care professional to speak about diabetes.
12. Post monthly articles about diabetes on your club or district website.
13. Promote diabetes prevention through a radio public service announcement.
14. Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes.
15. Organize a school or community vegetable garden to encourage healthy eating.
16. Work with a community podiatrist or foot care specialist to provide foot screenings.
17. Partner with your local diabetes organization to offer programs & materials.
18. Promote community resources and online materials from LCI partners NDEP, DECA & IDF.
19. Promote the importance of an annual dilated eye exam to detect diabetic eye disease.
20. Provide educational materials to schools & physician offices.
21. Recognize a local organization or community leader for environmental conservation work.
22. Volunteer with your local park service to maintain trails. Help more people access and enjoy nature!
23. Commit to "Meatless Mondays" or not eating meat one day each week.
24. Collect used cellphones and donate them to individuals in need.
25. Lead an after-school nature walk.
26. Survey homes and community areas for leaks in sinks, communal spigots or water fountains. Contact relevant officials for repairs.
27. Work with city officials to paint "no dumping" signs near road drainage areas.
28. Identify where to recycle toxic items and share the collection schedule.
29. Organize a mural competition to promote environmental awareness. Paint the mural in a prominent community location.
30. Implement a recycling drive where people donate gently-used items to charity organizations.
31. Develop a demonstration garden or landscaping plot using native plant species to restore the habitat and conserve water.
32. Sponsor a training program for farmers on how to make and use organic fertilizers and pesticides.
33. Produce a monthly nature program on a local public radio station.
34. Partner with a local carpenter to build rain barrels. Hold a training session with community members to promote using them for watering and irrigation.
35. Organize an alternative transportation incentive program to encourage walking, biking, public transportation and carpooling.
36. Establish a school garden and composting program to improve school meals & reduce waste.



Environment

21. Plant trees with the advice of a local environment organization on the best locations and varieties.
22. Clean up a beach, community space or roadside area monthly as a club.
23. Hold an environment-themed photo contest at a school. Plant a tree or another green form of recognition to honor the winner.
24. Challenge all Lions in your club or district to add one green habit to their daily lives.
41. Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to those who are elderly or visually impaired.
42. Organize a program at a local school to provide healthy, nutritious meals.
43. Prepare food baskets for families in need.
44. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
45. Take families in need shopping for fruits and vegetables.
46. Organize an event to benefit a food bank in your community, use cans of food as admission.
47. Hold a hunger walk and use proceeds to buy food for a children's center or a homeless shelter.
48. Create a cookbook of inexpensive, easy recipes.



Hunger



49. Create healthy snack packages to be distributed to children in need.
50. Partner with local restaurants or food markets to deliver donations to a shelter.
51. Start a food co-operative to serve as a resource for healthy food at a more affordable price.
52. Collect infant formula and baby food for an organization serving young mothers at risk.
53. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free classes on nutrition & food preparation.
54. Provide fruits and vegetables as a healthy snack for children in childcare facilities.
55. Provide transportation for those who are elderly or visually impaired so they can shop for food.
56. Teach children to bake a loaf of bread they can take home to their family.
57. Invite a local food bank representative to speak at a club or district meeting.
58. Provide needy children with backpacks supplied with food for when school is not in session.
59. Host a picnic or BBQ at a park for the community.
60. Establish a community vegetable garden where local residents can grow their own food.



Vision

61. Organize a braille, large print and audio book collection to benefit a library or senior center.
62. Volunteer to create audio recordings of books & periodicals.
63. Work with local eye care professionals to provide community vision screenings.
64. Sponsor a World Sight Day event.
65. Sponsor visually impaired students through camps, contests or other activities.
66. Create a community arts program for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.
67. Collaborate with an eye bank to promote the importance of corneal donations.
68. Develop a directory of community resources and services for those who are visually impaired.
69. Volunteer at a visual rehabilitation or vocational training center.
70. Organize an inclusive sporting event for children with and without visual impairment.
71. Host a fundraiser to purchase and donate white canes for those who are blind.
72. Work with local employers to develop an employee vision screening program.
73. Develop a discount voucher program with optical shops for underserved populations.
74. Design a transportation program for those who are blind or have low vision.
75. Host a "Beep Baseball" game or tournament.
76. Support a guide dog training program through fundraising or voluntary labor.
77. Develop an assistive technology library so people can access resources as their needs change.
78. Create a sensory garden that engages the senses of touch, smell, hearing & taste. Provide braille or audio recordings of signage.
79. Partner with a school for the blind to support assistive technology & maintenance needs.
80. Partner with an orientation and mobility specialist to provide ongoing support to teachers and employers of inclusive classrooms/workplaces.



Childhood Cancer

81. Provide craft materials, puzzles, books & games to children receiving treatment.
82. Prepare meals for families with children undergoing treatment.
83. Donate gas, parking & food gift cards to families in need or a childhood cancer center.
84. Provide cancer support books and magazines to your local school.
85. Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
86. Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to children's cancer centers.
87. Coordinate travel arrangements to and from treatments for a family of a child with cancer.
88. Provide tutoring services to children with cancer and their siblings.
89. Organize a childhood cancer camp or sponsor a child to attend one.
90. Volunteer to assist a family in sharing their story through photography.
91. Sponsor an activity day for children with cancer.
92. Raise awareness through radio public service announcements or social media campaigns.
93. Provide children's entertainment at a hospital or treatment center for children with cancer.
94. Organize a weekend retreat for families with children in remission.
95. Remodel a children's cancer center.
96. Form a support group for those affected by childhood cancer.
97. Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry.
98. Volunteer at a housing facility serving children with cancer.
99. Assist at camps for children with special needs.
100. Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for young people.



Hello fellow Lions,

I am writing to you today to make your club aware of some changes that have taken place with the Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness program over the last year. This is just a follow up to the notice that was sent to all clubs in 2020.

Over the last year there have been changes at Diabetes Canada and one of them was that the Traveling Diabetes Resource Program has been discontinued.

MDC Lions Cavalcade For Diabetes Awareness program has been promoting Diabetes Awareness and raising funds in Multiple District C to support Diabetes Awareness programs provided by Diabetes Canada since 1987.

When the T.D.R.P program was discontinued the Lions Cavalcade committee contacted Diabetes Canada to see what they had available as a program to promote Diabetes Awareness and the following is the program that we decided to support re Diabetes Awareness in Multiple District C.

Peer Connect Program (Alberta, Northwest Territories & Northeast BC)

This program is a quarterly series of Diabetes Awareness sessions for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics sponsored by Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness for all the residents of MDC both Lions and Non-Lions. Below is a link to the Diabetes Canada website for the Alberta Peer Connect sessions as well as the dates each will be presented on. Please register and put dates on your calendar.

Type 1 Peer Connect Sessions for each quarter of 2021.

April 14, 2021, June 17, 2021, Sept 22, 2021, Dec 8, 2021

Type 2 Peer Connect Sessions for each quarter of 2021.

April 15, 2021, June 16, 2021, Sept 23, 2021, Dec 9, 2021

Please use the attached posters to post in places in your community for others to see.

Please forward this email to all your club members and family members.

For further information about Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness or to register to attend the Diabetes Canada Peer Connect Programs see the following websites:

[Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness](#)

[Diabetes Canada Peer Connect Program](#)

Thank you,

Lion Dennis Stevenson, MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Chairperson

Click Link Below

[Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness](#)

[Diabetes Canada Peer Connect Program](#)



SUPPORT

This virtual support group is for anyone affected by type 1 diabetes including family, friends, and caregivers.



LEARN

Hear from expert speakers as they present on a variety of topics and answer your questions on diabetes management.



CONNECT

Each session offers breakout discussions giving you the opportunity to share experiences with others in the diabetes community.

SESSION TOPICS & TIMES:

April 14, 2021
7:00 - 8:45 PM (MT)

**Nutrition & Exercise:
My Management
Toolkit**

June 16, 2021
7:00 - 8:45 PM (MT)

**My Diabetes Care:
Not Just About
Blood Glucose**

September 22, 2021
7:00 - 8:45 PM (MT)

**Know Your Team &
Support Network**

December 8, 2021
7:00 - 8:45 PM (MT)

Healthy Mindset



**For more details or to REGISTER for this FREE program, visit
diabetes.ca/ABPeerConnect or call 1-800-BANTING (226-8464)**

You can participate from the comfort of your own home by using your laptop, tablet or smartphone. Toll-free call-in option is also available!

Click Link Below

diabetes.ca/ABPeerConnect