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Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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Greetings Lions

District C1 Convention 2021-2022 Results Official Results of the 2021-2022 District C1 Elections

Sunday, March 6, 2022

The results have been tabulated and certified by the election firm Simply Voting and PDG Brent Johnson. There were 37 certified and eligible kiosk voters and 15 eligible email voters, 12 of which cast votes.

I would like to congratulate all of our candidates who have all been successfully elected:

- District Governor Elect – Suzanne Leshchyshyn
- 1st Vice District Governor Elect – Dave Leshchyshyn
- 2nd Vice District Governor Elect – Lyle Gustafson
- Hall of Fame – Dorothy Harris

Resolution #1 – Passed

Resolution #2 – Passed

Yours In Lionism

Melodie Franko

District Governor C1 – 2021 - 2022

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / DATES to REMEMBER

2022	Mar 19-20 Mar 26-28 Jun 24-28 April 29-30 Sep 15-17	GAT Weekend Advanced Leadership (ALLI) International Convention MDC Convention USA/Canada Forum	St. Albert AB Calgary, AB Montreal, PQ Red Deer AB Calgary, AB	lionsclubs.org lionsforum.org
2023	Jul 07-11	International Convention	Boston, Mass	lionsclubs.org

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vacant

2nd Vice District Governor

Next Newsletter

Submission Deadline:
28th of current month

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Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leader,

The conflict in Ukraine is posing substantial challenges to the Ukrainian people and our Ukrainian Lions clubs. Lions stand for peace and understanding, and we unite through kindness to serve our communities and people in need.

Lions International is in contact with our Ukrainian clubs to determine how to best support them and the humanitarian crisis that is unfolding there. Here are some of the steps we're taking:

- **LCIF support** – Lions Clubs International Foundation is encouraging donations to the new [Refugees and Displaced Persons fund](#). Contributions to this fund will help ensure that Lions are there to help families find the safety and security they desperately need. LCIF is also in the process of awarding grants to help provide immediate relief in the area. A grant has been approved for Poland, and we expect to award additional grants to other countries receiving Ukrainian refugees.
- **Social media** – We are sharing messages of peace and encouraging LCIF donations on our LCI and LCIF social media channels.
- **[lionsclubs.org](#) home page** – We are developing a homepage banner for both LCI and LCIF homepages to promote LCIF donations for refugees and displaced persons.
- **Responding to questions** – If you receive questions about Ukraine, we encourage you to direct inquiries to our Public Relations team at PR@lionsclubs.org.

We will continue to monitor the situation and evaluate other steps and communication needs in this rapidly changing environment.

Please let us know if you have any questions. I appreciate your cooperation and support during this challenging time for the world.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander
International President

New Episodic donation link on Lions of Canada fund for LCIF donation page

English [DONATE TO - LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF](#)

French <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/fr/humanitarianresettlement>

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Lions Clubs International

DUES ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION

To be voted on at 2022 International Convention

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 convention and the move to a virtual convention in 2021 as we adapted to the pandemic. *The new dues adjustment model will be voted on at the 2022 International Convention.*

Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

Why an international dues adjustment is needed?

[VIEW DETAILS ON-LINE](#)

[LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER](#)

THE CLUB DIGEST

**A MONTHLY SUMMARY OF THE
LATEST LION NEWS**

[VIEW ON-LINE](#)

**MARCH IS ELECTION MONTH FOR
CLUB EXECUTIVE**

CAMPAIGN | 100



LCIF • EMPOWERING SERVICESM

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[DONATE TODAY](#)



**Lions of Canada
Lions du Canada**

[LIONS OF CANADA E-NEWS 2022](#)

[Please share this message with other Lions!](#)

SAVE THE DATE

DISTRICT C1 GLOBAL ACTION TRAINING WEEKEND

Date / Location

Saturday-Sunday March 19-20, 2022

St. Albert Community Hall

[VIEW PROGRAM DETAILS
AND REGISTRATION ON-LINE](#)



Multiple District C 2022 Convention Red Deer, Alberta

Mosey on Down to Where the West is Fun!

Hosted by Red Deer Central Lions & Calgary
Eastport Lions Clubs

**Red Deer, Alberta
April 29th & 30th, 2022**

Dust off your boots and hat, polish up your spurs, and get ready for lots of fun, festivities and learning. Can't let the cat out of the bag any more than that right now; suffice it to say an international guest, **3rd International Vice President Fabricio Oliveira** from Brazil, will be joining us.

Come on down so we can show VP Fabricio our western hospitality and a good ol' time! See ya'all there!

Stay tuned for Registration Information

[View on-line for the latest update](#)



[View online](#)

And Follow us on:



**Celebrate service with Lions
from around the world in
Montréal.**

[June 24-28 | lclcon.lionsclubs.org](https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org)

In 2022, you can unite once again with Lions and Leos in historic, yet modern Montréal, Canada — with stunning architecture and a buzzing art scene — to celebrate all that we've achieved over the last year. Join us as we come together, look back at our experiences and accomplishments from the last year, celebrate the final year of Campaign 100, and much more!

**Early Bird registration pricing
extended until March 31**

[Register now](#)

What makes Lions excited about LCIcon?

Even though we all come from different places, different backgrounds, different perspectives and different faiths, we all understand the universal language of service. And that's what the convention is about.

Lion Daniel Marney Elkins, from Bellefonte Lions Club



**Calling all Club
Presidents!! - -**

- March is
election month.

Have you

appointed your Nominations Committee Chair?

A not so subtle reminder from DG Melodie



**USA/CANADA LIONS
LEADERSHIP FORUM
IS
GOING TO CANADA
LOOK OUT CALGARY
SEPTEMBER 15 – 17, 2022**

<https://lionsforum.org/>

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NEWSLETTER](#)

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NEWSLETTER](#)

LIONS IN ACTION

BUSBY AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

“Sometimes all we need is a new perspective “.



The Busby and District Lions brought in an abundant harvest of used eyewear, along with brand new glass cases to be sent to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre (CLERC).

In doing so, this service supports the following Lions causes:

1. VISION
2. ENVIRONMENT (otherwise the unused eyewear would succumb to disposal at a landfill).

Vicki Vvervynck



CLERC 4th Quarter Report.

Like all of us Covid has had a negative effect on CLERC activities. This quarter CLERC hosted 4 eyeglass work parties. A small group of volunteers continues to process glasses every Wednesday. We have cancelled many volunteer sessions for Lions Clubs. Hopefully conditions will improve and we can continue on with Lions Clubs volunteering virtually every second Saturday once Covid starts to ease off. Financially we have received donations from 14 District C-2 Clubs, from one Lions Club from Saskatchewan and 5 from District C-1 clubs or individuals.

186,350 pairs of glasses were shipped to Ghana, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Guatemala, Malawi, Mexico, Cuba, Philippines and the Ukraine.

Recently we did a huge warehouse clean up and reorganization to facilitate more storage space, better product access, and a more efficient process. The Calgary correction Centre is back up and running after being shut down for covid reasons and safety concerns. That is a big help in aiding the process and bumping up the numbers for our inventory moving forward. We recently shipped 26 pallets

of broken glasses to Respects in California and will receive a cheque in 6+ months if we are lucky.

The CLERC executive would like to thank all clubs donating to our eyesight initiative. We always require contributions to offset operating costs. CLERC will have representation at the C-1 convention, will be doing a live presentation and will be bringing 2 trucks up for transporting eyeglasses from District C-1 to the warehouse.

In Lionism James Lee CLERC Chair

CLERC-An Out of sight Opportunity to Aid the Vision Impaired of the World.



Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Raffle



Sales End
Mon Apr 18 2022
Ticket Prices

10 for \$20

6 for \$15

3 for \$10

1 for \$5

Purchase Tickets

[LFC 50/50 raffle](#)



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[Make A Donation](#)



SYLVAN LAKE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Red Deer Hospice Society Donation



February was the gift matching month at the Red Deer Hospice Society with every donation matched by the Red Deer Twilight Homes Foundation. Lions Terry Juuti and Ted Fitzgerald presented a cheque for \$ 2,000.00 to Executive Director Jerri Taylor for this community matching initiative which will go towards the purchase of new resident beds.



Double the Impact!

February Gift Matching





ANNA BOROWIECKI/St. Albert Gazette Bill Webber of the St. Albert Host Lions Club is pictured at the multigenerational recreational Lions Park, an enduring project the club built in the 1970s.

Lions across Alberta unite to celebrate 70 years of service

Club transforms kindness into action

BY ANNA BOROWIECKI
Staff Writer

The St. Albert Host Lions Club does a heck of a lot more than cook pancakes on a griddle.

It rallies to provide disaster relief support, blood donor clinics, refugee sponsorship, and legacy scholarships for high school students, just to name a few projects. But that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Throughout its existence, the local chapter has supported projects related to vision, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes, and other pressing humanitarian needs across the nation and the world.

This weekend, the Lions Club celebrates its 70th Charter Anniversary Banquet on Friday, March 4, followed by the District C-1 convention on Saturday, March 5, at St. Albert Inn. The district convention promises to attract province-wide delegates from Red Deer north to Yellowknife.

The Friday festivities launch with cock-tails and dinner, entertainment from hypnotist Wayne Lee and country music entertainer Zach Willier, and Judge Brian Stevenson of Calgary as the keynote speaker.

A Lion since 1966, Stevenson is also a multiple-award-winner who served as president of the International Association of Lions Club and as its Good Will Ambassador.

"He will be speaking about commitment to service. He's a long-time friend, a good speaker, and a good entertainer, as well as providing meaningful insights," said Bill Webber, 88. The senior Lion joined in 1964 and served as past president in 1967-68 and 1980-81.

At the Saturday district convention, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Louis Hugo Francescutti, a major driver of the Bridge Healing Program. Based on the Tiny Villages project, this novel approach would combat homelessness using hospital emergency departments as a gateway to temporary housing.

The Edmonton pilot project's estimated costs are \$1.5 million, which includes the construction of two buildings for the homeless, said Webber.

"The district would supply kitchen equipment and furnishings. We're looking to fundraise \$150,000," Webber said. "It's a fascinating program. The convention is an opportunity to inform the district what is being planned and encourage them to contribute."

This is not the first major project where Lions have put kindness into action. The club is perhaps best known for Lions Park, a much-attended, multi-generational recreational park on Sir Winston Churchill Avenue in St. Albert.

"It was one of the first things in the service club I was involved in. We spent many weekends in the park. It was primarily in the 70s we did the grunt work. It's been an extremely well-used park. It doesn't matter when you go, families are always there," Webber said.

Another long-standing signature project is support for the 533 Air Cadets — 100 young people who meet once a week at St. Albert Community Hall. The club provides financing to assist cadets taking various programs, including marksmanship, music in marching band, and flying courses.

"The big attraction, of course, is getting a glider's licence. Once you have a glider's licence you can get up to a powered licence."

One of the club's most recent projects was pitching in to sort supplies and clothing donated to the Citadel Fire disaster relief.

"Citadel received an amazing response in donated clothing, but they had difficult sorting and distributing. Our members assisted with that," said Webber.

Whether it's planting fruit trees at Lacombe Park Community Gardens, fundraising for seeing-eye dogs, or donating to the St. Albert Food Bank, the St. Albert Host Lions Club is always ready to contribute.

Tickets for the charter anniversary are \$50 per person while convention tickets are \$130 per person. To purchase, visit www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/stalberthost/.

aborowiecki@stalbert.greatwest.ca



VIMY AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB **URGENTLY** NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are in need of community support.
Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we have been unable to generate any
income over the last two years. Our funds are depleted. 😞
In order to keep our Vimy Hall open we are reaching out to you
and our surrounding communities for help.

The Vimy Hall regularly hosts:

- Vimy DunRobin 4H 🍀
- Vimy Wado Kai Karate
- Fall Suppers
- Electoral Stations
- Christmas Light Up
- Weddings
- Funerals

And many other private functions

PLEASE DONATE TODAY



Every dollar helps.



*Donations can be made by mail to:
Vimy and District Lions Club
P.O. Box 89
Vimy, AB T0G 2J0*

or

*Donations can be dropped off at:
Glen's Auto in Vimy or
Carl's Auto in Westlock.*

For more information, please call:
Ian Shank at 780-961-3538





**...Together
We SERVE
Better**

Join A Lions Club Today

Pembina Valley & District Lions Club 50/50

Launched
Tue Feb 01 2022

Sales End
March 31, 2022

Draw Date
April 1, 2022

**Draw Location
Entwistle Community Hall**

Ticket Prices

100 for \$100

20 for \$50

4 for \$20

1 for \$10

Purchase Tickets on Line at
<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/pembinavalleylions>
Proceeds go to Community Service and Events

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022

**September 15-17
Calgary, Alberta**

Volunteers are needed.

Volunteers can choose the day, the hours, and the job. There are some jobs where you can be seated.

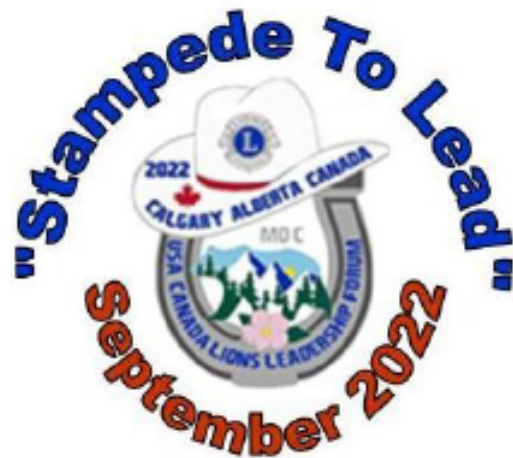
A few of the jobs are:

Greeter Bag Stuffing Office
Registration Display Setup
Forum Store Data Entry
Drivers Booth Staffing

- volunteers are needed from Monday to Saturday
- you can do more than 1 job
- some jobs require Forum registration.

For Information and to
Register to be a Volunteer go to:

2022lionsleadershipforum.com



**It is easy to Register at
lionsforum.org**

Read about the seminars, displays, and activities. Canadian Olympian Catrina La May Doan will be one of the motivational speakers.

- over 70 seminars
- 4 motivational meal sessions
- service projects
- many networking opportunities
- Lions University graduation
- meet Lion leaders

Why not volunteer for a few hours?
You can do both!

Register before May 31st for the
early bird fee.

See Ya'll There!





Bridge Healing addresses the inequitable challenges facing the most vulnerable members of our communities. Today, individuals experiencing homelessness are currently being released from emergency departments with no permanent home to go to. The Bridge Healing Program seeks to not only obtain food and housing, but also to connect these people with a variety of health and social services.

A key partner of Bridge Healing is Jasper Place Wellness Centre (JPWC), an Edmonton based non-profit community development organization. For the past 14 years, the work JPWC has accomplished in the community has been ground-breaking. From being the first agency to implement Housing First (1,100+ previously homeless individuals housed) in a quick, less costly, and effective manner, to running an employment program (\$1M of payroll goes back into the community annually), to operating a primary care health clinic and hosting food security programs across Edmonton.

Through Bridge Healing, homeless individuals discharged from the emergency department will be transported to one of JPWC's two Bridge Healing buildings consisting of 12 units each and immediately housed in one of these small units. At JPWC, residents will be provided with wraparound services that they require immediately and in the long term, to address their needs. The ultimate goal is to have Bridge Healing facilities across Edmonton providing services addressing complex social, health and mental needs for these individuals. Bridge Healing is scalable and transferable to other communities across the province and the country.

The donations from the Lions Clubs and the grant that we receive from LCIF will be used to purchase kitchen equipment and dining room furniture in JPWC's 2 buildings. These rooms will bear Lions signages and logos. Lions will be able to host events in the dining room and common areas with topics such as financial literacy training, nutritious food preparation and other life skills.

The Lions Clubs have a long history of serving food and helping the vulnerable segments of our community. By supporting Bridge Healing, Lions clubs in District C-1 will be able to provide even more services to the vulnerable members in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness For Our Emergency Department Patients



BRIDGE HEALING

ASAMINA KOCHI

- To try again -



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"Housing First gave me an opportunity to start over. The support I had made me feel less alone in the process of making a home of 3 years."

- JPWC Client

OUR VISION



- Vision Statement -

Bridge Healing hopes to anticipate and meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness and interacting with hospital care by providing immediate housing and services to enable independent integration into society in a meaningful way.

Individuals find that there are barriers to accessing health support today due to addiction, literacy, income, and multiple other factors. Bridge Healing hopes to redirect patients experiencing homelessness from a continuous cycle of visits to emergency departments and provide housing using a proven Housing First (HF) strategy.

HELPING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PATIENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



"I never thought I would have my own place to call home. Housing First was a hand-up that opened many doors for me. I now work full time, pay my own rent, and have my own apartment."

- JPMC Client

WORKING TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED OF HOUSING AS THEY HEAL.

Offering *wraparound services* as individuals integrate back into the community, such as:



MEDICAL NEEDS & OVERALL WELLNESS

In addition to providing housing, Bridge Healing provides wrap-around services.



FOOD ACCESS

One of the classes provided is cooking classes that teach how to cook healthy meals. Food4Good, the Food Security division of Jasper Place Wellness Centre, hosts these classes.



EMPLOYMENT

The long-term goal is to create a path for patients to be able to find employment and permanent housing.



Notice To All Lions Clubs:

Many clubs were represented at District C1 Convention on Saturday, March 5th and heard Dr. Louis Francescutti speak about the Bridge Healing Pilot Project. Due to the change of the grant application, we find ourselves in need of \$20,600 more.

Many people approached Joan McCollum, Project Manager and myself on how they can help. If a club wishes to use Casino funds - **only if casino funds are used** - you will find attached "Gaming Proceeds - Recipient Agreement." Please fill it out and send it along with your cheque to:

Edmonton Chinese Lions Club
c/o Lion Eugene Chow
200, 12204 106 Avenue NW
Edmonton AB T5N 3Z1

Please include your email address.

Thank you

DG Melodie Franko

Click below to view the power point as presented at the March 05 C-1 Convention.

[**VIEW POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON-LINE**](#)

Please share the above presentation with your club members

GAMING PROCEEDS - RECIPIENT AGREEMENT

For Donations to AGLC-Licensed Groups

The donor group must retain this completed agreement.

- 1) Donations to a Maximum of \$50,000 Annually – prior approval and submission of this form is not required. By signature of this form, the recipient confirms it is in good standing with AGLC.
- 2) Donations Exceeding \$50,000 Annually – prior approval is required. The donor group must submit this form and Statutory Declaration 5503.

NOTE: AGLC Licensed Groups that only conduct Raffles with a Total Ticket Value \$20,000 or Less, must complete Gaming Proceeds – Recipient Agreement Form 5507- Non AGLC Licensed Group.

Date: _____

Donor Group: _____

AGLC ID#: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

THE RECIPIENT,

EDMONTON CHINESE LIONS CLUB 60931
(Organization Name) AGLC #
46 #200, 12204-106 AVE NW, WILL:
(Address, Town/City, Postal Code)
Edmonton, AB T5N 3Z1

- i) Deposit the proceeds into the recipient's gaming bank account.
- ii) Use the proceeds according to the recipient's currently approved use of proceeds.
- iii) Maintain a record of donations received showing the date, amount and source of donated proceeds as well as the date, amount and purpose of all disbursements of donated proceeds.
- iv) Allow AGLC access to all records, including those at any financial institution, and to make copies of such records and/or remove them for further examination.

Recipient – Executive Member (print name) _____

Recipient – Executive Member (signature) _____

Title _____

Phone Number _____

Return this form to:

Regulatory Services, Use of Proceeds
50 Corriveton Avenue, St. Albert, Alberta T8N 3T5
Use of Proceeds Line: 780-651-7600 ext. 3
Toll-Free: 1-855-506-1066 ext. 3 / Fax: 780-447-8911
Email: gaming.useofproceeds@aglc.ca

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FORM RS/GAM 5627 (2020 Sep)

From the desk of Council Chair Cathy

Multiple District C Newsletter

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Multiple District C Council Secretary Position Posting

QUALIFICATIONS

- Education/experience - should have past experience as a professional and responsible nature in business administration, public relations, and management.
- Abilities/knowledge - considerable knowledge of the organization structure, policies, activities, and programs of Lions Clubs International as well as that of MD C
- Ability to plan, lay out, and direct the administrative services as they relate to MD C
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Ability to motivate; and
- Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationship.
- Ability to provide office space, internet and telephone as required to carry out the duties of the MDC Secretary as well as the use of in-house equipment and supplies ; including but not limited to computer, printers, shredder, office supplies (pens, paper, stapler, envelopes, stamps etc.)

Duties Under the supervision and direction of the council

- a) Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the council and shall within (30) days after each meeting forward copies of the minutes of the same to all members of the council.

(b) Assist the council in conducting the business of the multiple district and shall perform such duties as are specified or implied in this Constitution and Bylaws, or as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the council.

(c) The council secretary shall have a criminal check done by a police agency in his/her area each year or as required, with said report to be kept on file at multiple district office, the cost of the criminal check shall be an administrative expense of the multiple district.

Start Date: July 1, 2022

Renumeration – direction of Council – Semi-annual Honorarium and approved expenses

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.

RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

MD COUNCIL SECRETARY VACANCY

Position starts date July 1, 2022

Applications will be accepted until close of day on FRIDAY APRIL 8, 2022

Please include the following with your application:

- a cover letter outlining your qualifications and past experience
- Why the position interests you
- 3 references

E-mail application to: VCC Frances Sawiak at : jfsawiak@telus.net



The Canadian Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

58 Walter Copp Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2K 4H6

Phone: 204-330-3802, email: lionschildhoodcancer.ca@gmail.com

Fellow Lions:

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Mike Janssen and I am a Past District Governor in 5M11 a district in MD5M. I am located in the heart of Canada. My district is an international district with clubs on both sides of the U.S. Canada boarder. After 3 years of attempting to establish a cancer program within my district in 2014 with the blessing of our District Governor I started a Lions CancerCare Initiative in our District. I sat as chair of the Initiative for all of its years of operation until November of 2019. During those years the Initiative supported many endeavors including supporting individuals dealing with cancer, providing a portable infusion pump to a children's cancer clinic and providing a WIFI system and tablets to the blood borne cancer ward at the Health Sciences Center in Winnipeg, get me started and I will pull at your heart strings with that one. I would also go out and present at all of the clubs in our district as well as at conventions. I held several events to raise awareness and funds including head shaves, raffles and more.

Fast forward to 2019. After Lions International introduced it support of pediatric cancer, I began petitioning the MD5M council of Governors to allow a childhood cancer program in the multiple, offering myself as its first chair. After much presenting and lobbying and debate by the Council of Governors, this was achieved. Then the work began to garner district chairs from all twelve of our districts. This was quite a task but it did happen. Not being satisfied I felt that a foundation was needed and with the help of one of the chairs we began the process of petitioning to be come in fact 2 foundations, one in Minnesota which is known as The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the one in Canada being called The Canadian Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. This name was strategically chosen because we knew we wanted to grow this across the country. Our district chairs in 5M10, 5M11, and 5M13 went on to become directors. I myself sat on both foundations for 2 years until finding another person to take my place on the Minnesota foundation, allowing me to concentrate on the Canadian foundation. However, I do remain as a liaison between both foundations.

As alluded to, we did name our newest foundation The CANADIAN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation so it could grow across our great country, and that time has come. In November of 2019 we became incorporated with the Federal Government. Since then, we managed to raise in excess of \$40,000.00, presented at clubs and conventions, held several fundraisers, club inclusive projects, and financially supported children and their families dealing with cancer. We plan to continue supporting families and survivors as our main focus. We also plan to help childhood cancer centers as we can and spread Childhood Cancer awareness. Our plan is to work in unison with the LCIF Childhood Cancer program. We are embarking on our next project Mighty Meagan's Zipper Shirts for Children undergoing chemo, a very worthwhile project. As one nurse had said this is a real game changer in administering chemo.

I hope I've piqued your interest because much like the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides did in the early 1980's, It is Time to spread our wings and fly. It's time to grow our Childhood Cancer family across the country. We will be planning to hold a Zoom meeting in the near future and look forward to seeing you there. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at the number listed above or send an email to my personal email address at mjanssen@shaw.ca

Sincerely

PDG Mike Janssen

CLCCF Chairman



January 1st, 2022

Greetings to all Western Canadian Lions Clubs,

I am writing to your club today as President of the Western Canadian Blind Golf Association (WCBGA). In the last two years, COVID has challenged all of us in ways we could never have imagined. We have all done our very best to ensure and help each other through the challenging times it has caused. As a result, the WCBGA has been unable to have in-person competitions these past two years but have been able to host “virtual” championships. Prior to COVID, it was our intention to also provide more opportunities and more inclusiveness to the game. As such, we were looking forward to

offering junior golf clinics at all our events, and the long-term success of these clinics would be a strong junior blind golf program. Since then, we have had some more exciting things happen. The national blind golf umbrella we fall under, Blind Golf Canada (BGC) has officially partnered with the newly formed ParaGolf Canada. This organization is all about bringing “All Disabilities” together and provide more inclusiveness and opportunities to play golf. So not only will this partnership help us provide opportunities for blind and disabled youth, but also for so many other “persons with abilities” to embrace the game and continue playing despite their challenges. So, our hope in 2022 is to finally kick off our junior golf clinics and development programs at all our events, while also going a step further by working with ParaGolf Canada to provide even more great opportunities by offering these clinics to “all abilities, all ages, all genders”!

Our 2022 Western Canadian Championships will be the first event to kick start these great things, which will be in Calgary Alberta July 4th-July 6th. Following this clinic will be another hosted in Ontario at the Provincial and Canadian Championships in Simcoe, Ontario. A third event will take place in Nova Scotia in late August or September. In Calgary, following the Junior clinic will be the 2022 WCBGA Championships, which will host a full field of our Western Canadian members along with others from across Canada. So, everything starts with us out here in the West as we get to “tee up great things”.

In the past we have had the support of all our valuable Lions clubs in Western Canada. Without the support of Lions Clubs, what we do would not be possible. Our hope is you will share and embrace the Junior clinics and programs we are about to start in 2022. We hope to plant this seed in 2022, and work at growing it into the coming years to provide great growth and continued opportunities for all persons dealing with disabilities.

On behalf of the WCBGA and all our members, I thank you in advance for your constant consideration and support of our endeavors and hope you will join us in 2022 in “teeing up great things”.

I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions your club may have. I can be contacted at: thedoumas71@gmail.com or by phone: 250-428-1807 For Clubs wishing to support blind golf and all disabled golf, please make cheques payable to: Western Canadian Blind Golfer's Association (WCBGA). **Payments can be mailed to:**

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Again, I thank all Lions and send out a “BIG” lion's roar to all of you!

Kind Regards, Darren Douma, WCBGA President