

# Li ns Link



## Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter



**Suzanne Leshchyshyn**

District Governor

403-872-2622 [EMAIL](#)

**Dave Leshchyshyn**

Vice District Governor

403-872-0115 [EMAIL](#)

**Lyle Gustafson**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

780-719-5336 [EMAIL](#)

### IN THIS ISSUE page

DG Travels	2
Welcome New Lions	8
Lions in Action	9
The Difference	
DogGuides	11
New Lions Portal	12
Motivating Volunteers	13
Membership Growth	14
Leo Club Program	15
Save the Date	16
Fundraising	17
In Memoriam	18
Club Excelance	19
International Dues	21
Life Membership	22

#### **Next Newsletter**

Submission Deadline:  
25<sup>th</sup> of current month

Michael Clulow

Lions Link Editor

780-263-6674 [EMAIL](#)



I am so pleased to see the great progress of our members and clubs throughout our district. I have been hearing so many new great service projects and now so many clubs are reporting which means you are sharing your great successes and stories with other Lions! Of course, we need so many more great volunteers and hands to achieve the goals we have in our communities. Where there's a need there's a Lion!

April is Family and Friends Month, and YOU are challenged to invite your family and friends to join you as you serve in your community to assist those who are less fortunate. Or, consider raising funds to sponsor a dog guide for someone who needs our Lions support, or one of many, many other fun projects your club could do!

April is also Leo Club Awareness Month and I personally know there are many Lions members and clubs who are forming a Leo Club. Please contact our District Leo Chairperson – Lion Brett Symington [Symsix2@aol.com](mailto:Symsix2@aol.com) with your Leo Club inquiries.

'We Serve' the Lions motto – can be through hands-on service in our clubs and communities but can also be by serving in a leadership role/capacity at your club and/or district level. I would encourage all Lions to strongly consider future leadership positions. Lions has great leadership opportunities for members in so many ways – district training, virtual training, on-line courses, leadership institutes, forums, and International Conventions. There are also many resource and training links via the Lions social media and YouTube channels. I hope you have considered approaching your club to support you or that your club has volunteered to support newer Lions to attend the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) this May 2023 in Red Deer. Multiple District C only offers RLLI every 3 years.

With Spring in the air, we are all noticing what's been left behind after the snow has melted. Our yards, roadways, ditches, parks, rivers, and lakeshores, all could use some attention. Consider planning a service activity this Spring for Environmental Awareness Month. Your results will be appreciated by so many. Don't forget to report your clubs service activity.

As Lions, we often serve those who are less fortunate. Take time to be grateful for everything you have. Helping people overcome challenges is why 'We Serve'!

Thank you for your service.

*Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn, District Governor*

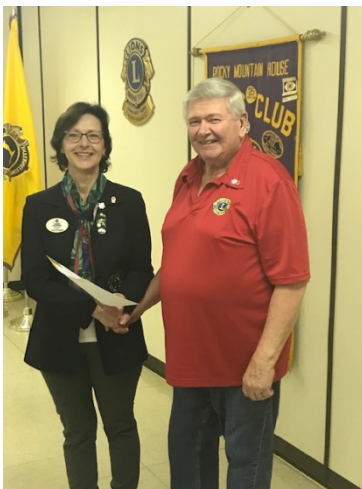
## DG TRAVELS

February 1, 2023

### - Rocky Mountain House Lions Club

I enjoyed a wonderful evening with the Rocky Mountain House Lions and inducted two new members into their Lions family. I also

presented well deserved long service awards to several of their members. It was great to hear of the many service projects and collaborations the club has in the community. Great service Rocky Mountain House Lions. Thank you to Zone Chair Lion Ted and DGE Lion Dave for participating.



February 13, 2023

### Beaumont Lions Club



It was an informative evening with the Beaumont Lions Club. It was great to hear of their many service projects and upcoming events. A Milestone Chevron Award was presented to Zone Chair Lion Andy Brickner for his years of service in Lions. Congratulations!



February 15, 2023 - Drayton Valley Lions Club

It was a pleasure to join the Drayton Valley Lions Club for a great meeting and dinner. I presented some of the members with Milestone Chevron Awards.

Lion Lorna Luckyk 35 years

Lion John Luchyk 25 years

Lion President Trevor Luchyk 15 years

Lion Kelly Forster 10 years

Lion Dylan Fulks 10 years.

I also presented the new members with their new member certificates, followed by presentation of sponsorship certificates. Congratulations to all!



February 18, 2023 - **Edmonton Korean Lions Club**

It was a pleasure to spend an afternoon with the Edmonton Korean Lions Club and induct members into their Lions family. Congratulations to the members and their sponsor. Thank you for the delicious dinner.



March 6, 2023 - **Eckville Lions Club**

It was a pleasure to induct and welcome one new Lion into the Eckville Lions Club. Thank you for the wonderful evening with your club. I look forward to the exciting things your club had planned! Thank you to Zone Chair Lion Ted and DGE Lion Dave for participating.



March 7, 2023 - **Radway Lions Club**

I visited with the Radway Lions Club and had an opportunity to hear all the great projects the club is involved with and planning in their community. I also presented a Monarch Chevron Award to a long serving member. Thank you for Zone Chair Lion Derwin and DGE Lion Dave for participating. I look forward to hearing about your successes in the community!





March 9, 2023

**Lamont Lions Club**

We had a great evening of fellowship at the Lamont Lions Club. I inducted a new member and recognized deserving Lions with Milestone Chevron awards for their many years of service in their community. Thank you to Zone Chair Lion Derwin and DGE Lion Dave for your participation. Congratulations to all!



March 13, 2023

**-Red Deer Central Lions Club**

We visited with the Red Deer Central Lions this week to meet their members. It was great to learn about their many service projects, some local and others with an international focus. Great job! Members were recognized with Milestone Chevron Awards for their many years of service.

**Congratulations**

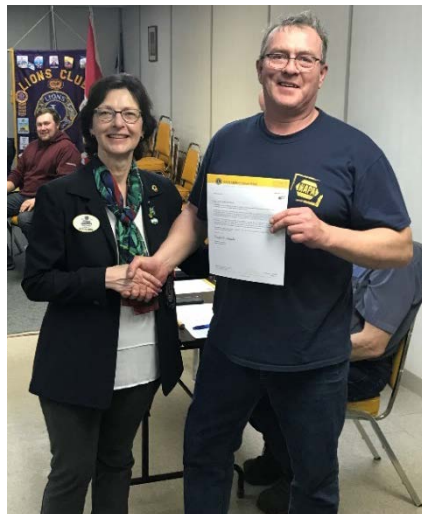




March 16, 2023

**Ryley, Viking, Tofield and Vegreville Lions Club**

It was great to meet with members of the Ryley, Tofield, Viking and Vegreville Lions for fellowship, member inductions, Milestone Chevron service recognition awards and an amazing dinner. Great to see clubs spending time together again. Congratulations to all! It was a great evening – did you notice the smiles 😊





March 15, 2023      **Alix Lions Club**

It was a great evening of food and fellowship with the Alix Lions Club. Congratulations on your many projects in the community. I had the pleasure of inducting a new member and to recognize members for their many years of service with Milestone Chevron awards. Keep up the great work!



March 20, 2023      **K.A.C. Lions Club**

Another great evening! We visited with the K.A.C. (Kirriemuir, Altario & Compeer) Lions Club, with the Consort and Veteran Lions members supporting their neighbouring club. These Lions are an active group serving in rural eastern Alberta. Milestone Chevron awards were presented, and four members were inducted. Congratulations to all!




District Governor Suzanne will have these items on hand when she completes her Governor Visitation with your club. If she's already been to your club, please contact her at [lionsuzanne2223@gmail.com](mailto:lionsuzanne2223@gmail.com) to arrange getting these.

**VP**  
Dr Patti Hill  
Pins  
\$5.00



**District C-1**  
**Directory**  
\$5.00



La Parole Lionne à colorier  
des Clubs Lions



**Lions Coloring Books**  
French Language ONLY  
\$1.00/book

## CONGRATULATIONS to the following Lions who have sponsored 2+ Lions since July 1, 2022.

Sponsors Name	Lions Club	Members Sponsored
Mark Neaves	Athabasca	2
Darby Dunn	Bruderheim	2
Dave Calder	Bruderheim	2
Diane Ruediger	Devon	2
Cloyd Lowie	Devon	2
Linda Kind	Eckville	2
Thomas Varghese	Edmonton Millwoods	3
Fred Malott	Legal	2
Bruce Morton	Smoky Lake	5
Ted Mikkelsen	Spruce View & District	5
Barb Riley	St. Albert Host	5
Glenn Miller	Tumbler Ridge	3
Lloyd Frank	Tumber Ridge	2
Ian Shank	Vimy & District	3
Clifford Ufersky	Vimy & District	2
Inez Dryer	Wetaskiwin	3
Albert Brandl	Winfield	2

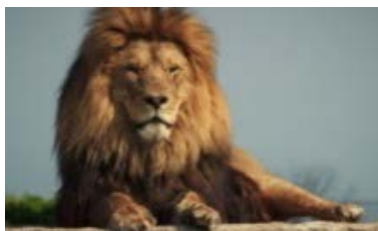
## WELCOME NEW LIONS

Member Name	Lions Club
David Hodgkinson	Devon
Keith Roy	Leduc
Jenni Grant	Eckville
Kevin Kellar	Morinville
Nantie van Staden	K.A.C.
Janet Winsnes	Ryley
Galia Alexander	Smoky Lake
Christopher Wolanski	Smoky Lake
Larry Saunders	Smoky Lake
Irene MacPherson	Thorsby & District
Debbie Robb	Thorsby & District
Sam Kobeluck	Thorsby & District
Kyle Newby	Viking
Earl Finch	Wetaskiwin
Edna Marshall	Wetaskiwin
Darcy Wicklund	Wetaskiwin
Mark Wicklund	Wetaskiwin

## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

### MEMBER DUES INCREASE

Please note that effective July 1, 2023 all Lions Clubs International member dues will Increase by \$3.00/member. This increase will appear on your club's July 1, 2023 semi-annual dues statement. Please read the full **article on pg. 21**





## LIONS IN ACTION

### ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB

March 11, 2023

St. Albert Interfaith Connections  
International Women's Day Program  
Embrace Equity.



Congratulations to our recipients: (L-R)  
Celina Loyer: Indigenous/Metis Initiatives & Education;  
Lion Judy Reeson Evans: Unsung Heroine & Community Service;  
Lion Helen Agbonison: Youth Empowerment & Multicultural;  
Muna Abdulhussain: Multicultural & Unsung Heroine; welcomed by:  
Mayor Cathy Heron; and  
Mary O'Neill: Education & Community Service.  
These are exceptional women who have done and continue to do so much for the community.

*Lion Mickey Carignan*

### LINKS TO OTHER NEWSLETTERS

[EDMONTON HOST NEWSLETTER](#)

[ST ALBERT HOST NEWSLETTER](#)

[THE CLUB DIGEST](#)

### REDWATER LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club of Redwater partnered with B & R Eckel's to deliver 1750 pairs of used eye glasses to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Calgary. This facility provides recycled eyeglasses free of charge to developing countries. Eyeglasses and hearing aids are collected by local lions clubs and forwarded to the CLERC center who then refurbishes them through a partnership with the Calgary Correctional Center. This provides meaningful skill development for individuals through the program. Once refurbished the center supplies the product to locations around the globe.



Lions (L-R) Henry, Les, Angel, Larry Gerald, Zone Chairman Derwin and Charles help sort the glasses in preparation for delivery.



Boxed and Ready to ship

*Photos by Lion Ron Rusinko*

The 7 boxes, each filled with 250 pairs of glasses, are accepted by B & R Eckel's who have donated the shipping to the local Lions Clubs for more than 15 years. Donation boxes are located around town to collect the recycled glasses and hearing aids.

*Lion Dave McRae*

## ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB



March 21, 2023 Cultural Gathering.

Showcase of Cultures & Achievements. Welcome and thank you to our presenters.

This evening featured Trinidad & Tobago Culture by Dr. Vonda Bobart. Nepal Outreach Service by Lions Sharada and Parajwal Chapagain.

Nano Environments & Preventable Communicable Diseases-John a. Mejjias author of 'Bridging the Hygiene Gap Nano Technology to the Rescue at Work, Home, and Play'.

Bridge Healing Project update-PID William Webber and PDG Melodie Franko.

Thank you again PDG Melodie for our group picture.

*Lion Mickey Carignan*



Lions of Canada  
Lions du Canada

**LIONS OF CANADA E-NEWS 2022**

**Dr. Patti Hill newsletter**



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA  
**DOGGUIDES**

<https://www.dogguides.com/>

## Club Excellence Award



The **Club Excellence Award** is the ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success. The qualifications include specific requirements in four categories: Membership, Service, Leadership and Marketing, and are outlined in the Club Excellence Award

Application. It is your blueprint to excellence as you grow in fun, membership and service. That's what we are all about!

Go to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards> and download the application and learn more about it.

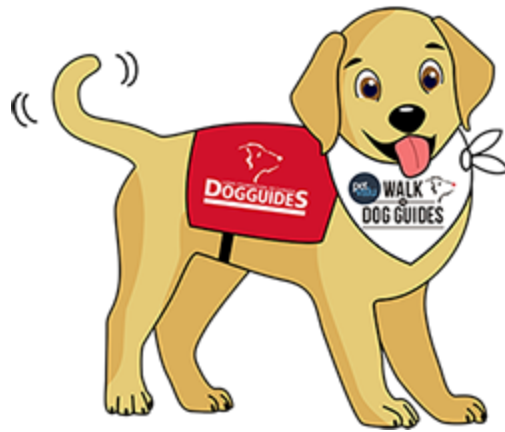
**See Application Page 19**





April 2023

Spring is here, trails are thawing out.....time to start thinking about getting some much needed exercise after hibernating all winter. Sounds like you need a walk, and so does your dog. How about getting your Club together and organizing a **Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides**? Official walk day across Canada is **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Although this is the National Walk Day, your Club could organize a different walk day that may be more convenient for you and your community. Whether it's Spring, Summer or Fall, organizing a **Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides** to raise funds for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide program would be greatly appreciated. These funds ensure the raising, feeding, training and well being of the future Dog Guides continues so we can SERVE more Canadians with physical or medical challenges, with the help of a Dog Guide. Get all the information you need about organizing a Walk in your community at [www.walkfordogguides.com](http://www.walkfordogguides.com). Your Club was looking for a new activity anyway! See you on the trails!



It was a busy month on the road in March, promoting **The Difference Campaign** to so many wonderful Lions Clubs. Your generosity to the Capital Campaign raising funds for a new training facility in Oakville, ON has been overwhelming! Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides realizes your Club has it's obligations and financial commitments to your community, yet you still find a way to make contributions to **The Difference Campaign** building fund. All I can say is thank you, thank you so much! Contributions from Lions across Canada has almost made it possible to get shovels in the ground this spring or summer, and have a new training facility in operation in 2025. The new, larger training centre could see as many as 250 Dog Guide matches per year. You are, and will be, changing the lives of so many people with your financial commitments. Again, thank you so much! [thedifferencecampaign@dogguides.com](mailto:thedifferencecampaign@dogguides.com).

In Service to Others  
DGE Dave Leshchyshyn  
The Difference Campaign Ambassador, Alberta  
403-872-0115  
[davensuzie@shaw.ca](mailto:davensuzie@shaw.ca)

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides' mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing Dog Guides at no cost to them and supporting each pair in their journey together.

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides  
152 Wilson Street, Oakville, ON L6K 0G6  
905-842-2891 • 1-800-768-3030 • Fax: 905-842-3373 • TTY: 905-842-1585 • [www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)  
Charitable Tax Number: 13024 5129 RR0001





# You'll Love the New LIONS PORTAL



But, we have some important dates & club actions first – 6/15/23 is the date to remember!

**7/15/23-7/24/23:** Target Conversion Date

**Before 6/15/23:** Enter all club officers for 2023-2024

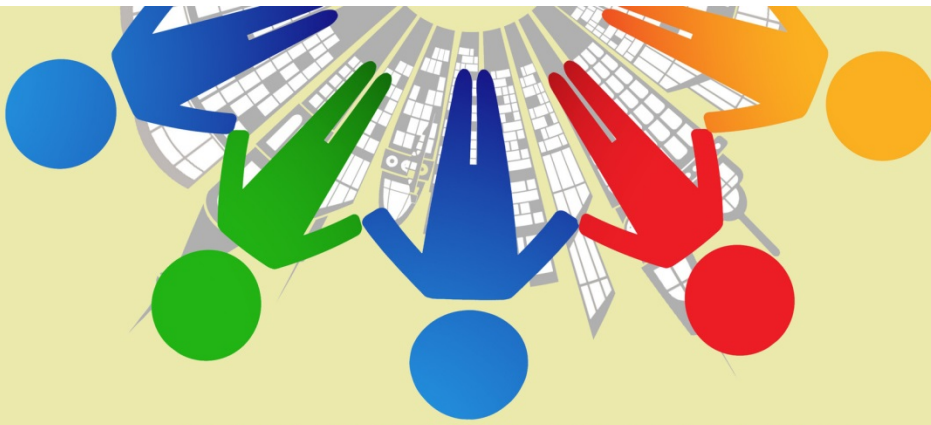
**Before 6/15/23:** Enter service activity for events prior to 6/1/23. Reporting for 6/1/23 going forward will be in the new system after conversion

**Before 6/15/23:** Record any club or donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognition.

**Before 6/15/23:** Make sure club data is accurate for this year (2022-2023). For Example, new members, sponsors, new clubs formed, transfers and other end of year activities specific to clubs are correct and recorded in MyLion/MyLCI

- Make sure every member has an email listed and no shared emails can be used in the new LIONS PORTAL.
- Make sure member birthdays are entered since birth dates in MyLCI will be converted - even the old conversion 1/1/1900 date! Hint: in MyLCI under reports run "Member Information Update Report" and have your members update their info!
- Training is slated to begin in late April 2023 - Stay tuned!





**BRENDA ROBINSON PRESENTS**  
**MANAGING MAINTAINING & MOTIVATING**  
**VOLUNTEERS POST COVID**

Our communities have gone through a challenging time. Our sense of community is different. What are some of the strategies needed to address the changing needs in communities? Let's look at ways to move ahead positively, proactively and productively. What can we do to get more and keep more motivated volunteers?

**SUNDAY APRIL 23**  
**2:00 PM**

**RADWAY AGRI-CENTRE**

**Tickets \$15/Person**  
**\$100/Group of 10**

**Includes Refreshments & Snacks**

**Scan Here  
to Reserve  
Your Ticket**



**All attendees are invited to stay following the session  
to connect and network with other community groups.**

**Hosted and Sponsored by the Lions Club of Radway**

Call/text (780) 974 1923 for more info



<https://forms.gle/mEvUmdVsEnTLE6My5>

# Club Membership Growth Ideas

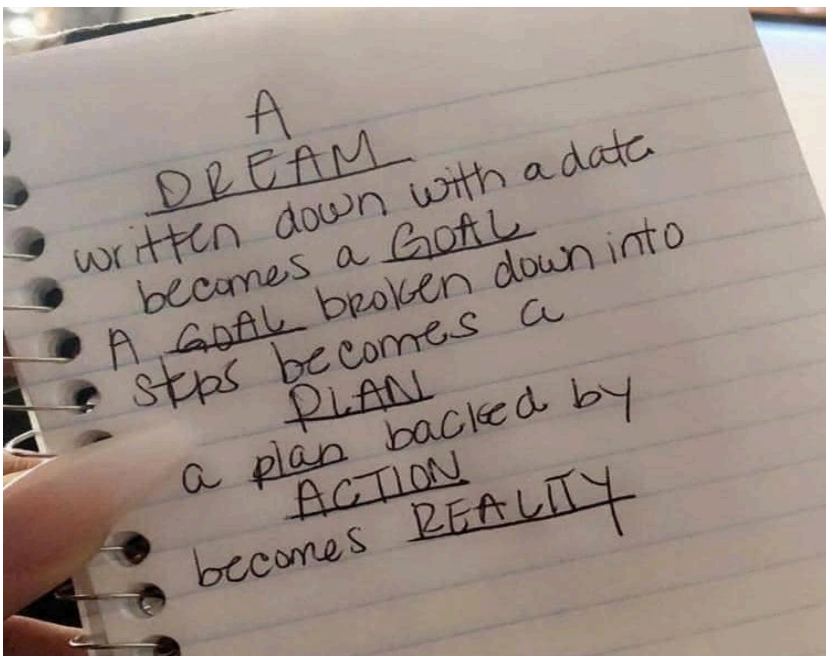
Dear Clubs Presidents, Secretaries, Membership Chairs and Members,

**Hopefully you have started your club membership growth early in the Lions year but if not, it is never too late: How you ask?**

Build a team, Build a vision, Build a plan of action and Celebrate

## Whom to Target for Recruitment- Some ideas

- Community members who approach you with project ideas.
- Invite friends, neighbors, doctors, dentists, teaches, and business people in your area to a Community open house (perhaps a spaghetti dinner -gift cards giveaways to get them in - be creative - make it a fun time).
- Participate in a community volunteer fair and give out Lions Club information.
- Recruit in subdivisions and surrounding country areas.
- Recruit computer tech (students, teachers etc. that can assist you with reporting membership & service reporting).
- Recently retired who have the time and are looking to giving back to the community.
- When you are doing a project invite others to volunteer (one time event)– they will experience the goodness and may want to join.



Submitted by District C-1 Membership Coordinator

Lion BARB RILEY.

Please email [riley.barb@gmail.com](mailto:riley.barb@gmail.com)





# Leo Club Program

The youth of a community are a valuable resource, but one that cannot be taken for granted. Many of today's young people have the capabilities and desire to make a difference in the world around them. Too often, however, they do not have the opportunity to do so. Leo Clubs provide this opportunity.

What are Leo Clubs,

Leo Clubs are groups of young people, worldwide who provide hundreds of valuable humanitarian services for their community and around the world.

Leos reflect the proud **We Serve** spirit of Lions Club International. Each Leo Club functions as an activity of a Lions Club.

A Leo Club has an Advisor who is a member of the sponsoring Lions Club. The Advisor encourages and guides the Leos, and acts as a liaison between the Leo Club and the Lions Club.

Leo Club membership is open to young people between the ages of 12 and 28. Membership is divided into two classifications: Alpha (ages 12-17) and omega (ages 18-28). A club may include either or both age classifications, depending on local preferences.

Leo Club activities include regular meetings, service projects and social functions. The Leo Motto - **L**eadership, **E**xperience, **O**pportunity - is fulfilled as members work together in response to the need of others.

If Lions Club members are interested in starting a Leo Club. please contact Lion Brett Symington, District C-1 Leo Club Chairman for more information.  
Email: [Symsix2@aol.com](mailto:Symsix2@aol.com)

Thanks  
Lion Brett Symington

## SAVE THE DATE

### District C1 Cabinet Meetings

April 2023 date TBD (ZOOM)

June 2023 date TBD

### LIONS MDC CONVENTION

April 28-29, 2023

Vegreville, Alberta

Early bird Registration extended to April 09

[DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM!](#)

### MDC REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**May 25-28, 2023**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE April 1

Baymont by Wyndham Hotel  
4311-49 Ave Red Deer AB, Alberta

[Registration Form and Information](#)



July 07-11, 2023

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)



**SEPT. 21-23, 2023**



## FUNDRAISING



South Edmonton Lions Club invites you to participate in the 2023 Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides! Join us on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at Terwillegar Park, 10 Rabbit Hill Rd. NW, Edmonton, AB, T6R 0R7.

The dog walk begins at 11:00 am and finishes at 1:00 pm

How the dog walks helps: You can help provide life-changing Dog Guides to Canadians with a medical or physical disability by participating to raise funds in one of over 200 + walks across Canada.



*SOUTH EDMONTON LIONS CLUB & FRIENDS  
AT TERWILLEGAR PARK 2022 PET VALU WALK FOR DOG GUIDES*

With support of the sponsor, Pet Valu and from walk organizers and participants, all proceeds from the walk go towards seven dog guide training programs. The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides provide trained dogs to Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence in the

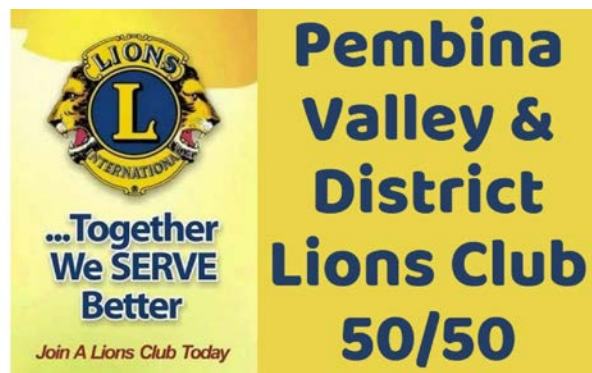
following areas: Canine Vision, Service, Seizure Response, Diabetic Alert, Autism Assistance and Facility Support.

How to participate: Register to join the walk yourself / Support someone else who is walking / Make a donation (individual donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt). Draws for prizes and bandanas for our doggie friends are available.

For further information go to:  
[www.walkfordogguides.com](http://www.walkfordogguides.com)

Select: About the Walk / Walk Locations / Alberta / Edmonton / South Edmonton Lions Club / Contact: Prince Baweja,  
[lionprincebaweja@gmail.com](mailto:lionprincebaweja@gmail.com)

Please contact Lion Prince if you would like to volunteer to help with set up, registration or take down at the walk site.



Thanks for your support!  
Our 50/50 Jackpot's now more than

**\$590!**

WINNER GETS HALF  
Help us grow our Jackpot by  
sharing the draw with your family & friends.  
Again, thank you for your support

**CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS**

**CLOSES Dec 30, 2023**  
**MANAGED THROUGH**  
**rafflebox**

## In Memoriam



### Lion Allan Holt Sr

On Tuesday February 14th, our Club lost our longest standing and most integral member, Lion Allan Holt Sr. Lion Allan joined the Radway Lions Club in 1964. His list of accomplishments so long it would be impossible to

summarize them here. We can with certainty say that Lion Allan was passionate about community and his volunteer work. Lion Allan never shied away from an opportunity to make his community a better place.

He was an incredible mentor that welcomed countless new members into the Lions family. When the Club was at risk of dissolving in the late 1990's, he and a handful of others put flyers in mailboxes explaining the dire situation. Many believe that flyer was what saved the Club, and in part it did. What really saved the Club was Lion Allan and Lion Bill Claire's willingness to pass the reins.

Lion Allan is best known in our little Club for his admiration of the Christmas Street Lights. Every November he would come to our monthly meeting to make sure that we had not forgotten about the required maintenance and a report on how many red bulbs would be required to get them in shape for the season. He also made sure to reinforce that "we have the nicest Christmas lights around." In the days following the meeting, he would assemble his crew and spend hours upon hours getting them ready to be hung for the season.

We are also going to miss Allan's sharp wit. There have been many times that he has sat at meetings taking it all in, so quiet that some wondered if he was even listening. That is until he chimed in with some words of wisdom that always left the room roaring with laughter (no pun intended.) In one instance while discussing some current event Lion Allan interjected with something that all who were in attendance will never forget, "remember the bigger the business, the bigger the monkey business." He was not wrong.

Our members, current and past, wish to extend our deepest condolences to Lion Allan's family, especially his wife Cecilia, their children, grandchildren & great grandchildren. Thank you all for sharing him with our Lions family, for 59.5 years. Lion Allan is deeply loved and respected, his presence will be missed but his memory will live in our hearts. There are more photos on our Facebook Page "Radway Lions Club".

*Lion Tammy*



### Gerald "Gerry" Gorgichuk

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lion Gerald "Gerry" Gorgichuk on Monday, March 27, 2023, at the age of 73 years.

Gerry is survived by his wife, Val; children, Brad (Jen) and

Tara (Jason); grandchildren, Kalyna, Quinn, Adyson, Rylan and Easton; siblings, Nancy (Henry) Childers, Bob (Jo) Gorgichuk and Eugene (Sue) Gorgichuk; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, George and Belle; siblings, Melvin Gorgichuk, Elsie Lazaruk, Lillian Kraft and Dianne Yadowski; along with other close family members.

Gerry worked for the Royal Bank for 35 years as well as being a long-time service member for many community groups, especially the Lions Club. An avid outdoorsman, Gerry could often be found hunting, fishing or on some other outdoor adventure. Of course, we would be remiss if we did not mention his love of the Oilers and other sports. Above all, Gerry was a family man and was extremely active in his children's and grandchildren's many sports and activities.

A devoted husband, father and grandfather. Gerry, you will be forever missed.

A Funeral Service will be held Monday, April 3, 2023, at 11 a.m. at North Pointe Community Church, 14025 - 167 Avenue NW, Edmonton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University Hospital Foundation- The Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, Room 2A9.006, 8440 - 112 Street, Edmonton AB T6G 2B7 or St. Albert Breakfast Lions Club

(for further information, please email

[Paul.benson@shaw.ca](mailto:Paul.benson@shaw.ca)).

*Park Memorial Funeral Home*





2022-2023

## CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

2022-2023 Club President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

Maintained club membership count (closed the year with the same number of members as the start of the year or have a positive membership growth)

or Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch

Name of Lions Club, Leo Club or Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. SERVICE

Contributed to LCIF

Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Causes!*

List Three service activities your club participated in that were reported in MyLion or your regional reporting system:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LC greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

Reported Club Officers to LCI

Key Officers participate in club officer training

### 4. MARKETING

The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media.

2022-2023 District Governor Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Due by:** August 31, 2023

**Send to:** [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org)

**Awards Mailed to:** 2023-2024 District Governors

\*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.



**Lions Clubs International**

**District and Clubs Administration**

Lions Clubs International

300 W. 22nd St.

Oak Brook IL 60523-8842 USA

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

DA-CEA 5/2022 EN



## **Lions Clubs International Dues Adjustment**

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

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 was voted on at the 2022 International Convention in Montreal, and the vote passed.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. The board proposed to adjust dues \$7 over a three-year period.

International dues will 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

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

With this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, hybrid convention, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

This dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

This adjustment should be seen as an investment in the future of Lions.

## **Life Membership with Lions Clubs International**

A Lions Club may apply for a Life Membership for a Lions Club member with the full understanding of the following requirements for Life Membership.

- Any member of a club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for twenty (20) or more years;
- Or any member of a club who has maintained such Active membership for fifteen (15) or more years and is at least seventy (70) years of age;
- Or any member of a club who is critically ill
- And has rendered outstanding service to his/her club, his/her community, or this Association; may be granted Life Membership in the local club upon
  - i. Recommendation of his/her club,
  - ii. Payment to the Association of US\$650.00, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, by his/her club in lieu of all future dues to the Association.

Once life membership is paid by the club, the club no longer pays any future Lions Club International dues, however dues may be levied by the Multiple District/District and the Club.

Members awarded a Life Membership receive a personalized life membership certificate and life membership card from Lions Clubs International.

**There is no limit as to the number of life membership a club can award as long as individual member criteria is met.**

The application form follows. Please contact [memberservicecenter@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberservicecenter@lionsclubs.org) if you have further questions.





# Application for Life Membership

Office use only	
Batch	_____
Staff initials	_____
Club	<input type="checkbox"/>
District Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
India Office	<input type="checkbox"/>

*(Please fill out every field below.)*

Lions Club Name			
Club Number/ District Number			
Member Name (as it should appear on certificate)	(first)	(middle)	(last/ surname)
Member Number			
Member date of birth			
Year member became a Lion			
Number of years of active service			
Previous membership in another club? Name of club or clubs			
Member is critically ill	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		

Other Comments:			
Payment Information (select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$650 Check attached	<input type="checkbox"/> \$650 Pre-payment via MyLCI	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other payment (Describe):		

The above information is being submitted with the full understanding of the following requirements for Life Membership.

- Any member of a club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for twenty (20) or more years;
- Or any member of a club who has maintained such Active membership for fifteen (15) or more years and is at least seventy (70) years of age;
- Or any member of a club who is critically ill
- And has rendered outstanding service to his/her club, his/her community, or this Association; may be granted Life Membership in the local club upon
  - (1) Recommendation of his/her club,
  - (2) Payment to the Association of US\$650.00, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, by his/her club in lieu of all future dues to the Association.

**NOTE: ALLOW 8 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY OF PERSONALIZED LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD.**

Club Officer Name			
Club Officer Email			
Club Officer Signature			Date:
Signor's Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Club President	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Secretary	

Pre-payment for Life Membership may be made using MyLCI from the Statements/Dues page or payment may be made using a check or your normal payment method. Payment must be made prior to approval of the Life Member application. Send the completed application to Lions Clubs International, Member Service Center, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842  
[MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org](mailto:MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org) · Phone - 630-203-3830 · Fax 630-571-1687