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Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter



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25th of current month

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Now that our typical January cold spell is over, I hope you have thawed out and are ready to get back to Serving your community. Thanks to everyone who helped make life a little better in the cold for those who may not be so lucky as to have a warm comfortable home, hot food on the table, or warm clothing to fight the cold. You truly are helping to CHANGE THE WORLD, one life, one community at a time. Where there's a need, there's a Lion.

It's Convention time! This year's host Clubs, the Drayton Valley Lions and Pembina Valley Lions have been working hard to put together a great Convention February 23rd & 24th in Drayton Valley. Everything starts Friday evening with the Call to Order and Plenary Session One. Friday night's theme is "One Project at a Time." Get ready to share your Club's project ideas with other Lions, and you are encouraged to dress as your favorite project. I can't wait to see the creativity!! You are also encouraged to bring warm socks, mitts and toques for the service project Saturday afternoon. There is still time to register, enjoy the fellowship with your fellow Lions, and vote for the future leadership of our District and Multiple District.

REMINDER.....all Club dues must be received by Lions International and District C-1 by February 8th, 2024 to be considered in good standing so your delegates can vote. More convention details will be in this newsletter.

It's exciting to see more and more Lions taking part in the District and Multiple District Zoom training sessions that have been offered lately. So much changes within Lions on a regular basis so it's great to take advantage of these training opportunities from the comfort of your own home. My thanks to the GAT Co-ordinators, Global Leadership, Lion Thomas Varghese, and Global Extension and Multiple District Global Leadership, Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn for all their hard work putting together and facilitating these sessions. Watch the newsletter or check out the District C-1 website, www.lionsc1.org for future training sessions.

Service is the backbone of what we do as Lions....WE SERVE. What new projects, fundraisers, Global Cause support will your Club be involved with? The Convention in Drayton Valley will have a big focus on Diabetes and Vision. Come and get some ideas for Service in your community. The theme for Convention is WE SERVE WE SHARE. Get ready to take some great ideas back to your Club. February is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and February 15th is International Childhood Cancer Day. At your Club's upcoming meeting, see if you can develop an activity to help the children and their families as they battle this disease. Thank you for your Service.

Looking forward to seeing you at Convention!

DG Dave

Presenting 2nd place District Peace Poster winner Stephanie Walsh from Spruce View with her certificate and prizes.



Presenting 1st Place District Peace Poster winner Dakota Harris, St. Albert with her certificate and prizes. Unfortunately, Dakota's picture wasn't chosen to go on to the International judging



Presenting 3rd Place District Peace Poster winner Brielle Siffledeen, St. Albert with her certificate and prizes.



A quick trip to Tumbler Ridge, B.C. to meet with a very active Club. It was an honour handing out Monarch Chevrons and IPDG Suzanne also assisted with the induction of a new member.



After enjoying a community Christmas banquet and singing Christmas carols, it was great to meet with the busy Redwater Lions, hear about the many community organizations they support, and hand out some long-serving Chevrons.



Encouraging Clubs to achieve Excellence was a goal of IPDG Suzanne last year. Here she presents Redwater Lions President Larry with the Club Excellence Award banner patch.

Mission 1.5, is to increase Lions membership to 1.5 million around the world.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow>

Congratulations to these Clubs and new members making it happen

Member Name	Lions Club
Debbie Gordon	Alberta Beach & District
April St. Laurent	Alberta Beach & District
Colleen Kiefer	Alberta Beach & District
Linda Baert	Athabasca
Casey Mickelson	Athabasca
Mark Suddaby	Camrose Swans & Roses
Sharon Martin	Chipman
Glen Edwards	Consort
Tracey Saniger	Consort
Gail Wiest	Consort
John Wiest	Consort
Roger Humbke	Edmonton Host
Elsie Radzick	Fairview District
Keith Lockett	Grand Centre
Brian Robson	Grande Prairie
Derril Skaley	Grande Prairie
Carman Moen	Grande Prairie
Devon Froland	Hughenden
Shelton Southoff	Hughenden
Dayton Roworth	Hughenden
Nick Waring	Hughenden
Debbie Coates	Pigeon Lake
Delphine Hillier Saxinger	Pigeon Lake
Shelly Hazen	Pigeon Lake
Vonda Bobart	St. Albert Host
Aida Mustapic	St. Albert Host
Antun Mustapic	St. Albert Host
Greg Gale	Tumbler Ridge
Chris Norbury	Tumbler Ridge
Jessica Jackman	Vimy & District
Suzanne Sabourin	Vimy & District
Wesley Doorman	Wetaskiwin
Bernita Hegedus	Wetaskiwin
Lynda Ott	Wetaskiwin
Charles Wood	Wetaskiwin



Childhood Cancer



Hunger



Environment



Vision



Diabetes



Disaster Relief



Humanitarian
Efforts



Youth

C-1 Convention 2024 Information

Go to the C-1 website at lionsC1.org
for all 2024 Convention information.

DG Dave Leshchyshyn

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW TO GET NEW MEMBERS INTO YOUR CLUB?



Just Ask!

Quick tips for effectively
recruiting new members

1 Build a team

Get started by building a team of people who are dedicated to increasing your club's membership.

- » Decide who will help your club recruit.
- » Use the membership development team form in the Just Ask! guide to organize your team.

2 Build a vision

Take time to assess your club and your community to find out what you need for successful recruitment.

- » Determine what you want your club to be.
- » Choose what you want your club to support.
- » Establish your goals.
- » Decide who you will recruit.

3 Build a plan

Map out your club's action plan and completion dates, then assign tasks to help you reach your goals.

- » Decide where and when will you recruit.
- » Determine your recruitment materials.
- » Review your growth plan.
- » Reach out to your target members.
- » Promote your informational meeting and activities.
- » Follow up with participants.

4 Build success

- » Conduct an induction ceremony.
- » Ensure that new members are properly on-boarded.
- » Find ways to involve new members in your club's activities.



Repeat the process

People join Lions International to serve—make sure that your new members are involved in ways that align with the reasons they joined your club.

For details on these steps, as well as additional tools and resources your club can use for successful member recruitment, download the complete Just Ask! Fostering a Culture of Recruitment guide from the Resource Center at www.lionsclubs.org.



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2024 District C-1 Convention Registration & Program Information

There is still time to get registered for the affordable and informative Convention. The registration fee is \$135.00, and the deadline is February 9th, 2024.

This year's theme, **WE SERVE WE SHARE** will have a significant emphasis on Diabetes and Vision, two of our Global Causes. Come hear about the exciting developments in finding the CURE for Diabetes, get your blood glucose tested and take away ideas on how your Club can help with this Global Cause. As Knights of the Blind, find out how your Club can do vision screening in your community and learn about the vision screener we now have in the District. Also, learn about a new piece of equipment your Club can support for the Eye Institute of Alberta at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Please bring items like mitts, gloves, toques and socks for adults as part of the Service Project you can lend a helping hand with. Speed Learning and other training sessions will be offered during the afternoon and CLERC will be there to collect your used eyeglasses. Information is on the District C-1 website, www.lionsc1.org.

Friday, January 23, 2024

- Registration Check-in, Voting Delegate Certification, Display setup opens at 3:00 PM
- Supper on your own

Plenary Session 1 – starts at 7:00 PM *(Dress as your favorite project or business casual)*

- Opening session; nominations & candidate speeches
- Social Evening - Fun & Fellowship; Theme – One Project at a Time – Dress as your favorite Project and share in the fun planned for the evening

Saturday, February 24, 2024

- Registration Check-in, Voting Delegate Certification, Display opens at 7:30 AM
- Breakfast on your own

Plenary Sessions 2 to 4 - starts at 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM *(Business Casual until Dinner)*

- Speakers on Vision & Diabetes; Voting; Celebration of Life; Awards Luncheon; Training; Service Project; Speed Learning and much more.

District Governor's Banquet – 6:30 PM *(Business /Formal Attire; PDG whites not necessary as our International Guest won't be wearing whites)*

- Cash Bar – 5:30 PM Grand March – 6:30 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM
- Special Guest – International Director Lion Jay Moughon

We look forward to seeing you in Drayton Valley on February 23-24, 2024.

In Service,

DG Dave Leshchyshyn

2024 District C-1 Convention Speaker Biography's



Lion Jay Moughon, International Director, Lions International

Director Moughon is a retired Army colonel and government civil servant. During his 42 years of service in the Army, his assignments included the command of a rocket and missile battalion comprised of 500 soldiers. He also served as an assistant professor of systems engineering at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY.

He is a distinguished military graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He holds a Master of Science in operations research from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, and a Master of Science in national security affairs from the National War College in Washington, DC.

As a member of the Clifton Lions since 2001, he has held many offices at all levels within our association.



Caroline Thompson, Director, Philanthropy, University Hospital Foundation

Caroline is truly amazed with the advancements in healthcare, research, and technology that can only happen because of the support of our communities.

Caroline believes that the future of health rests on passionate people like you – donors, partners and supporters – who know that their generosity is what allows the University Hospital Foundation to redefine health care in not only Alberta, but around the world so everyone can live a longer, healthier life.

2024 District C-1 Convention Speaker Biography's - continued



Melanie Hibbard, Executive Director, DRIFCan

After both of her sons were diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, Melanie saw the impact of the disease on her boys first-hand and became involved with volunteering with the diabetes community. She has participated in many community initiatives, including a kids' walk program aimed at raising awareness for T1D in schools and various other fundraisers.

Her involvement within diabetes organizations has ranged from board member, chair of outreach to mentorship for newly diagnosed families and community walks.

After many years in the banking industry, Melanie made the transition to put her efforts fully into the diabetes community.



Dr. Edsel Ing, Chief of Ophthalmology Edmonton Zone. Professor & Chair UoA DOVS, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry - Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Science

Dr. Ing sees patients who require eyelid plastic & reconstructive surgery (Oculoplastics), orbit surgery, and eye muscle realignment surgery (Strabismus). He is also a surgical Neuro-ophthalmologist. He hopes to provide some "wisdom" and shed "light" (sapientia et lux) on your ophthalmic problem. His office is located at the Eye Institute of Alberta.

Dr. Ing has more than 155 published works and has delivered hundreds of lectures. He has been a visiting speaker at the University of British Columbia, University of Manitoba, McMaster University, Western University and Dalhousie University.

Join us at the 2024 District C-1 Convention to hear these and other interesting speakers throughout the day.



District C1 Convention

February 23rd and 24th, 2024



Mackenzie Conference Centre
5737 45 Avenue, Drayton Valley

Hosted By the Drayton Valley Lions and Pembina Valley Lions

**Registrant
#1**

Last Name:

First Name:

Name on Badge

Club:

☐ Lion

☐ Leo

☐ Non-Member

**Contact
Information**

Phone:

Email:

Special Dietary Needs:

(Please Specify - diabetic, gluten-free,
vegetarian, allergies)

**Registrant
#2**

Last Name:

First Name:

Name on Badge

Club:

☐ Lion

☐ Leo

☐ Non-Member

**Contact
Information**

Phone:

Email:

Special Dietary Needs:

(Please Specify - diabetic, gluten-free,
vegetarian, allergies)

Hotel Reservations:

Are the responsibility of the attendee(s)/registrant(s) and are NOT INCLUDED in
the Registration fee. Use booking Code: **Lions C1**

Ramada Inn

2051-50 Street
Drayton Valley
780-514-7861
\$139.00 + Tax

Holiday Inn Express Suites

5001 Brougham Drive
Drayton Valley
780-515-9888
\$134.00 + Tax

Service Plus Inns and Suites

5704 Power Centre Boulevard
Drayton Valley
780-542-4348
\$115.00 + Tax

Shuttle Transportation between Hotels and the Mackenzie Centre will be provided free of charge

Convention Sponsored by: Drayton Valley Hospitality and Tourism Authority

Lion/Leo Guest Registration & Full Meal Package: (Includes Friday evening, Saturday Program Lunch & District Governor's Banquet)	Payment <u>on/or</u> before: January 26, 2024	#	x	per person	=	\$
	Payment <u>after</u> : January 26, 2024	#	x	per person	=	\$
Convention Registration Only - (No Meals - Saturday Only): (Includes Saturday Programs, no meals, does not include District Governor's Banquet)	Payment <u>on/or</u> before: January 26, 2024	#	x	per person	=	\$
Separate Lunch Ticket: (a registrant may purchase a ticket for Lunch if their companion is not registered for the convention)		#	x	per person	=	\$
Separate District Governor's Banquet Ticket: (a registrant may purchase a ticket to the District Governor's Banquet if their companion is not registered for the convention)		#	x	per person	=	\$
Total Payment:						\$
<p><u>Drayton Valley Lions, Pembina Valley Lions, and DG Dave are asking everyone to participate in a Service Project with us during this year's Convention.</u></p> <p><u>Please bring at least one of each of the following if possible: Socks, Mitts, Toques</u></p> <p>Registration & Payment deadline is February 9th, 2024 (no late registrations will be accepted). Full Payment must accompany this form to be registered for the convention. Official receipts will be issued AFTER the convention.</p>						

Submit Registrations as Follows:

Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MC	Card #	Postal Code:	Expiry Date:	CVS#:
• Email completed Registration Form to dvplionsc1c@gmail.com				
E-Transfer	• Email completed Registration Form to dvplionsc1c@gmail.com			
	• Send E-Transfer Payment to: dvplionsc1c@gmail.com			
Cheque	• Cheques made payable to: Lions C1 2024 Convention C1 Lions Convention Registration c/o Lions Club of Drayton Valley			
	• Mail completed registration form and payment to (EMAIL PREFERRED): PO Box 5208 Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R4			
Cancellation Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt to transfer registration to another member of your club • Written cancellation request must be received by email no later than midnight February 16, 2024 • No refund after February 16, 2024 • Refund requests made after the convention are to be made in writing to District Governor Dave Leshchyshyn 				
For questions or inquiries contact Convention Chair Lorna Luchyk bar-dk@telusplanet.net				

DISTRICT C-1 LIONS INVENTORY

for Club use

Clubs in District C-1 can borrow for their club service projects from the list of items found in the document posted on the District C-1 website -

<https://lionsc1.org/club-resources/c1-documents/>

All guidelines and procedures to borrow items are listed in the document.

To reserve and borrow items, clubs can contact:

Lion Derwin Bartlett

Phone: 902-989-2805

Email: mytyke@yahoo.ca

LIONS IN ACTION

FORT SASKATCHEWAN LIONS CLUB

Fort Lions Club presented Steve \$1,000.00 as a December winner of the Club 400 fundraiser



The Club 400 is a fundraiser that the club runs all year for funds for scholarships and funds for outdoor pool in July and August. The year-long fundraiser gives out 110 cash prizes of \$52, \$100, \$500, and two for \$1,000. The fundraiser is now in its 21st year.

Lion Rod Linderman

FORT SASKATCHEWAN LIONS CLUB

The Lions each year hold a food drive at our regular meeting. The members each bring a donation which we deliver to the Fort Saskatchewan food bank.

The drive honours our past member Steve Sumka every year.



This year's team Lions are Wendy, Ron, Don, Robert, Dennis, Rod

Lion Rod Linderman

C-1 Convention 2024 Information

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DG Dave Leshchyshyn

REDWATER LIONS CLUB



On December 1st and 2nd the Lions Club of Redwater entered their purple Christmas Tree into the Town of Redwater Festival of Trees, and took second place in the community groups division. The tree is about 7' tall and is purple in color with pre-wired lights. The tree was decorated this year by Lion Karen Richards and her crafty hand made the tree stand out. The first picture is the tree and the second is Lion Karen receiving the certificate from the Mayor of Redwater David McRae. In recognition of the win, a \$50.00 donation was made by the Town on behalf of the Lions Club to the local Food Bank.



Once again the Lions Club of Redwater has launched their annual Community

Christmas Card project. This project allows local citizens to wish a Merry Christmas to others in the community for a \$10.00 donation. A local business, Wash Tub and Tailors, collects the donations for the club and the sign is updated by Wi-Fi signal as needed. Overall the club will realize nearly \$1,600.00 in profit as the local Post Office donates the location and the Town of Redwater allows the club to plug into one of the street lamps. The sign also serves as an advertisement to fundraisers held annually by the local club. Merry Christmas from the Redwater Lions.



For over 50 years the Lions Club of Redwater has supported the local Hospital Auxiliary volunteers by donating \$100.00 to that organization every time a member of the local club passes away. In addition to the funds, the club maintains a plaque in the main entry area of the local



hospital with the names of those fallen members inscribed on the plaque.

Pictured in the photo (L-R) is Chair Lion Ron Rusinko; Auxiliary President Florence Ludwig; Treasurer Lorraine Belland, and Lions Club President Larry Bucholz. This money is used by the Auxiliary for their programs such as special treats and equipment. The monies presented were for Lions Bill Rozak and Gerald Reilly who had passed away when the club was meeting virtually due to COVID restrictions.

Dave McRae

ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB

St. Albert Host Lions Showcase of Cultural Gatherings continues into the new year. Our January 16th gathering had the greatest turnout yet – 34 in total. Featured countries were Japan by the lovely Ayako; Sri Lanka by Shivantha, and Sudeera, accompanied with Tharushi, performed a beautiful Sri Lankan dance. These cultural gatherings are in keeping with the stated purpose of Lions International: “To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.” Lions believe that peace begins with greater appreciation and understanding of our differences as individuals.

We started these gatherings three years ago in response to our current International President Dr. Patti Hill’s Conversation on Peace.

We also welcomed and recognized our club’s three newest members: Lions Aida and Antun Mustapic, and Dr. Vonda Bobart - thank you for joining Lions.

Past International Director Bill Webber spoke on “Why I became a Lion.”

We were pleased to have members from Edmonton. Host Lions and Edmonton South Edmonton Lions as well as guests from the community.

We thank Past District Governor Melodie Franko & crew for providing a tasty supper and the photo. Our next Cultural Gathering will be on Tuesday, February 20th and the featured countries will be Bulgaria and Brazil.



SPRUCE VIEW & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



December 6th, 2023 – Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre – Dillon and co-worker Scott were very appreciative when we delivered our annual contribution of gifts and a cheque to support the Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre. The holidays will be merrier and much brighter for children and youth this year thanks to the generosity of our members. We are humbled and proud to do what we do. Bringing the magic of Christmas doesn't get much better than this!



December 13th, 2023 – Thanks to our knitting and crochet ladies, we were able to provide 25 toques to individuals seeking shelter at The Mustard Seed in Red Deer.



Dec 13th, 2023
Sasha and her co-workers very gratefully accepted our annual donation of 101 toques for the patients of Central Alberta Cancer Centre. Included with our



gift giving were Sudoku, Logic Puzzles, Word Hunt booklets, and pencils. May these gifts bring comfort and joy to their recipients

A huge shout out of heartfelt appreciation to our local ladies that knit and crochet to provide these warm, wonderful works of art. Thank you Elsa, Debbie, Dorothy, Jean and Marg. Without volunteers such as these ladies, we could not do what we do.

*Submitted by Suzanne Levac, President
Spruce View & District Lions Club*

BLINDMAN VALLEY LIONS CLUB

As we come to the end of 2023 and look back at the service projects we took part of, it is always a surprise to see how much we have done. To share them all would take a few pages so we'll share some highlights.

We were proud to present a Melvin Jones fellowship award for our Lions Citizen of Distinction to a very well deserving local community member, Peggy Makofka. We worked hard over the winter months painting Barnquilt welcome signs as a fundraiser for our local Community museum, Paskapoo Park.

We took part in a community clean-up in our town of Rimbey and also cleaned 8 kilometers of ditches along the highway.

Members volunteered at Calgary's CLERC project, cleaning, grading and sorting some of the thousands of pairs of glasses they process. We encourage every club in our district to please spend a day giving this very worthy cause a helping hand.

Thanks to our Facebook fundraiser, we donated funds to purchase a new blanket warmer for the emergency department at the Rimbey Hospital.

We celebrated another member of our club, Dave Leshchyshyn becoming C1's District Governor.

We won the can tab weigh off this year with 323 lbs; in case you're wondering, that takes 364,344 can tabs.

We held a very successful Diabetes Awareness social and fundraiser.

Then we wrapped up our year with a community Christmas dinner for those needing Somewhere to go for Christmas.

Another year of service that we can all look back on with pride. Glad to be a Lion and to be a part of an organization that continues doing great service projects in our communities around the world.

We wish all our fellow clubs a successful, serviceful and Happy New Year.

Dale / Trudy Rangen



ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

As 2023 has basically come to an end, we can look back and be proud of the way we served our community throughout the year. Plus, we have to be so thankful to have all those wonderful volunteers and members do the things that they do in order that our community will be the loving, hopeful and supporting community that it is. The biweekly meat draws have been very successful throughout the year, only because of the people that support the activities.

One of the greatest services that we and the community supply is the hamper campaign for Christmas and for the people that really need our help. This December is no different as the Alberta Beach and District Lions Club and community again packed and distributed over 100 hampers that were so welcomed by people that so needed them. Thank you to all the volunteers and the special members of the Lions Club for the work, time and effort that you put into making this happen. When you see people with tears in their eyes and smiles on their faces you know you're doing the right thing.

Now to look at the future; 2024 looks to be another very successful year. If the amount of work that has gone into the last three or four months is any indication, it certainly will be. The Sn' Mo days team has already spent about four months planning and preparing for what will be fantastic family day weekend in February. They have arranged for helicopter rides; monster trucks; car races on the ice; skidoo; quad races; pocker rallies; Saturday night music and dance, lots of food, and many activities throughout the village and on the lake for all ages. It is amazing the amount of work, organizing, preparing and scheduling that the team has done, and will continue to do; however, we are still looking and asking the man above for the ice and the snow that will be required to make it happen

successfully, so that many organizations and charities benefit from what takes place on February family day weekend in Alberta Beach and on Lac St Anne. And with that we hold an open invitation to anybody and everyone to visit and join in the activities.

Alberta Beach and District Lions Club has also been planning and organizing a celebration day that will mark 50 years of service to the district. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see as many as possible to help us celebrate. Attached on page 24 is an invitation outlining the events of that day, May 11, 2024.

First, the hotel in Alberta Beach and Onoway are dog friendly, so please if you can bring your dogs. We will start our celebrations with the dog walk at 10 o'clock on May 11th, to help raise money to train and develop guide dogs, as many are needed. For pledge sheets, please phone Lion Art at 780-975-3541. After the walk there will be hot dogs, and if we can get some corn, a corn boil.

At 1 o'clock the great people of the Alberta Beach Museum have agreed to conduct a tour for all interested in learning more of this beautiful area. At 5 o'clock the doors will open for cocktails and at 6 o'clock there will be a wonderful meal that will be cooked and prepared by the cadets and parents with music and dance to follow.

For tickets and more information please contact Lion Art 780-975-3541 or abrochu@telusplanet.net, send payments to PO Box 126 Alberta Beach, Alberta T0E 0A0 or etransfer to lionsab74@gmail.com

Alberta Beach and District Lions Club would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous 2024.

Arthur Brochu



The start of the new year has meant the start of new construction on the future home of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Groundwork is underway and building construction will soon begin thanks to the generosity of Lions Clubs across Canada. The fundraising goal for Lions was \$4.5 million dollars. To date, Lions have donated over \$3 million dollars! Unbelievable generosity and dedication to our Dog Guide program. Thanks to you, we'll be telling even more wonderful stories like this.....

Tammy & Kiwi - Service Program



On July 17, 1983, Tammy dove into a pool and broke her neck. In 2011, after 28 years of pushing herself around in her wheelchair, her shoulders and back were giving her trouble. If she dropped something she had trouble bending down and then getting back up. Opening a door was difficult and painful. A friend told her about Dog Guides. That's when Kiwi came into her life. Tammy immediately felt that their partnership was meant to be... Kiwi's birthday is July 17th... the date of her accident.

"I can't imagine my life without Kiwi. She helps me pick things up or get things I can't reach. She's a great companion. Every day with my disability is a new challenge. But with Kiwi, she takes that challenge away. She makes me feel safer. When I'm sick, she alerts my neighbours. When my chair got stuck on ice, she saved me from freezing to death by alerting a passerby. She has brought back my independence that I was losing. I'd be lost without her."

Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill says of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides,

"As @manitarians, we Lions, Leos and friends of Lions, can all be proud of the incredible service Lions Foundation of Canada provides to our fellow Canadians. Now, more than ever, your support is essential to making the new Dog Guide training school a reality. Please join me with your donation or pledge. Together we can make a difference. Together we can meet the needs of our neighbors and friends awaiting a service dog. Together we can ensure more Canadians in need of a Dog Guide will have the quality canine partner they deserve." Won't that CHANGE THE WORLD for someone with a medical or physical disability?

Thank you to the Clubs and Lions who have already donated to The Difference Campaign. You've brought us so close to our fundraising goal, but more is still needed. Please consider a donation, or another donation to The Difference Campaign. Thank you so much. thedifference@dogguides.com

Lion Dave Leshchyshyn
District Governor C-1 2023-24
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Leo Club Program

Leo Clubs have come a long way since 1957, when the first club was organized at a Pennsylvania, USA high school. Established solely as an activity of the Glenside Lions Club, the total membership of the Abington High School Leo Club was the school baseball team.

In 1967, the International Association of Lions Clubs board of directors adopted Leo Clubs as an official worldwide program. "to provide the youth of the world an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national, and international community"

Since then, Leo Clubs have flourished. They are now present in over 150+ countries and have estimated membership of 160,000+ in 7400+ clubs worldwide.

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**ppportunity - 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

Thanks
Lion Brett Symington

Specialty Clubs



Specialty clubs give Lions with common interests a great way to connect and serve what they're most passionate about. Clubs around the world can be formed around a hobby, profession, culture, cause, or anything else that brings a group together. There's no limit to what your specialty club can be.

Why start a new specialty club?

Specialty clubs are one of the fastest-growing ways in which Lions serve their communities. And joining or starting a specialty club allows you to turn your passion for service into successful community projects bringing together like-minded Lions under a

common interest — all while strengthening our organization of 1.4 million members and expanding our spirit of volunteerism. Check out the resources below to find out how to start a new specialty club of your own.

What are the requirements?

Specialty clubs are chartered in the same way as traditional Lions clubs. All new club approvals and policy-based organizational requirements must be met. During the application process, a club can choose a specialty category if they want to be identified as a specialty club.

What types of specialties can a club have?

A specialty club can focus its specialty on any common interest shared by club members. Some specialty examples include, but are not limited to:

- Cause-specific:
 - Childhood cancer
 - Diabetes
 - Disaster relief
 - Environment
 - Humanitarian
 - Hunger
 - Vision
 - Youth
- Cultural
- Life stage/experience such as:
 - Academic focus
 - Profession
 - Retiree
- Partnerships with organizations such as Special Olympics (Lions Champions Clubs)
- Sports or hobbies

More information on Specialty Clubs can be found at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/specialty-clubs-program>

If you or your club is interested in starting a new specialty club contact:

District C-1 Global Extension Coordinator

Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn

Lionsuzanne2223@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

District C-1 Convention

Feb 23 - 24, 2024

Drayton Valley

Hosted by Drayton Valley Lions Club
and Pembina Valley Lions Club

Information see **page 6 - 10**

District C-2 Convention

February 9/10, 2024

Medicine Hat

Join Charter Night

Radway, Thorhild, Redwater, Waskatenau
and Smoky Lake Lions Clubs

April 13, 2024.

Information see **page 21**

ALBERTA BEACH AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

50th charter anniversary

May 11, 2024

Information see **page 22**

Morinville Lions Club
75th Charter Anniversary

May 25, 2024

Information to follow

Lions International Convention 2024 Melbourne

The Lions International Convention is happening June 21-25, 2024. Celebrate service with your fellow Lions and Leos in one of the most unique and exciting travel destinations in the world - beautiful Melbourne, Australia!

[Register now](#)

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/registration-information/individual-registration/>



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USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum -
Louisville, Kentucky September 5 - 7, 2024

www.lionsforum.org

C-1 Convention 2024 Information

Go to the C-1 website at lionsC1.org
for all 2024 Convention information.

DG Dave Leshchyshyn

PLEASE JOIN THE LIONS CLUBS OF
RADWAY, REDWATER, SMOKY LAKE, THORHILD & WASKATENAU

---- IN HONOR OF A ----

Joint Charter Night

Celebrating 349 Years of Combined Lionism

Pembina Place, 4944 - 53 st
Redwater, AB

APRIL 13, 2024

TICKETS \$50

Cocktails 4:30

Rehann (780) 952-9426

Supper 5:30

Irene (780) 499-6826

Program 6:30

ronsychuk@gmail.com

Advance Tickets Only
Sales End April 1



Accommodations Available at the Paradise Inn & Suites Redwater

Alberta Beach & District Lions Club

Sponsored by: St Albert Lions Club; 1974

Celebrating 50 Years of Service!

To Lions International, Our Community, And Our Members

**You Are Invited To Celebrate
This Very Important Milestone!**

Alberta Beach Agliplex MAY 11, 2024

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| 1. 10:00 AM Dog Walk,
Donation Forms | 3. Doors Open At 5:00 PM
Seated At 6:00 PM For
Dinner |
| 2. 1:00 PM Tour of Alberta
Beach Museum | 4. Music & Dance |

Cost:

\$50

Send Payment to:

Box 126 Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0, or
ettransfer to Lionsab74@gmail.com

Contact:

Lion Art

780-975-3541

**Please RSVP by
April 20th, 2024**

abrochu@telusplanet.net



MULTIPLE DISTRICT C CONVENTION REGISTRATION
APRIL 26-27, 2024
COAST LETHBRIDGE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE
526 MAYOR MAGRATH DRIVE SOUTH, LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA



1. NAME _____					NAME ON BADGE: _____				
Last First									
Lion _____	Lioness _____	Leo _____	Non-Member _____	1st Conv _____	Official Title: _____	Club: _____	District: _____		
2. NAME _____					NAME ON BADGE: _____				
Last First									
Lion _____	Lioness _____	Leo _____	Non-Member _____	1st Conv _____	Official Title: _____	Club: _____	District: _____		
_____					_____				
Address					City	Prov./State	Postal/Zip Code		
_____					_____				
Contact Phone #					E-mail Address				

1. Lion/Guest Registration and Full Meal Package	# _____ x \$150.00 per person: = \$ _____
Friday-Ice Cream Social, Saturday-Breakfast, Lunch & DG Banquet	
2. Leo Registration and Full Meal Package	# _____ x \$150.00 per person: = \$ _____
Friday-Ice Cream Social, Saturday-Breakfast, Lunch & DG Banquet	
3. Separate District Governors Banquet Ticket	# _____ x \$75.00 per person: = \$ _____
TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____	
Do you have any Special Dietary Requests? YES NO PLEASE SPECIFY: DIABETIC, GLUTEN FREE, VEGETARIAN, ALLERGIES	

Hotel Reservations

Hotel Reservations are **NOT INCLUDED** with the registration fee and are the responsibility of Attendee.

Coast Hotel and Conference Centre	526 Mayor Magrath Drive S. Lethbridge, AB 403-330-7702
Room rate from \$100 + applicable taxes)	Block Code: MD C Lions Convention 2024 http://coa.st/LionsConvention2024
Sandman Hotel Lethbridge	421 Mayor Magrath Drive S. Lethbridge, AB 403-328-1111
Room rate \$109/\$111 (+ applicable taxes)	Block Code: #334311 https://reservations.sandmanhotels.com/113094?groupID=4123773
Holiday Inn Lethbridge	2375 Mayor Magrath Drive S. Lethbridge, AB 403-380-5050
Room rate \$159 (+ applicable taxes)	Group/Block Code: LWL https://rb.gv/c661cn

Method of Payment:

Credit Card: (Visa/MC): _____ Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____ CVV _____

Cheque: _____ Please make Cheques payable to: **Lethbridge West Lions**

FULL PAYMENT must accompany this form to qualify as a registered Attendee

We are asking everyone to participate in a service project during this years Convention. Please bring a Non-Perishable Food Item!

Send Completed Registration to:

Lethbridge West Lions
 Box 101 Station Main
 Lethbridge, AB
 T1J 3Y3
 Email: secretary.lethbridgewestlions@gmail.com

Cancellation Policy

Attempt to Transfer Registration to another member of your club.
 Written cancellation request must be received by email no later than **Midnight April 12, 2024**
 No refund after **April 12, 2024**

Refund requests made after the convention, are to be made in writing to: lionpauline@gmail.com