

# Li ns Link

## Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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### USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum — September 18–20, 2025

What an incredible experience the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was this year! Held September 18–20, the Forum proved to be one of the most fun and informative gatherings I've attended in recent memory. The atmosphere was electric — hundreds of Lions from across North America learning, sharing, laughing, and recharging their passion for service.

Our District C1 was well represented. Attending were:

Past International President Dr. Patti Hill and her husband Greg;  
1st Vice District Governor Thomas Varghese and his wife Angela;  
2nd Vice District Governor Zella Gardiner;  
Cabinet Treasurer & Vice Council Chair Melodie Franco;  
Cabinet Administrator & Past Council Chair Frances Sawiak;  
and of course, I had the honor of representing District C1 as well.

Workshops covered everything from innovative membership growth ideas to practical club leadership tools, while keynote speakers inspired us to continue making a difference in our communities. And yes — there was plenty of fellowship, laughter, and networking too!

One sign of how successful this year's Forum was: about one-third of attendees have already registered — and paid — for next year's event (I'm one of them!). That speaks volumes about the value Lions find in this weekend of learning and fun.

What stood out for me this year is that the world is changing — and Lions will need to change as well. Extensive surveys show that the younger generation is deeply interested in service and giving back to society (which is exactly what we do). The challenge? They're not interested in long, routine meetings — especially when those meetings become dominated by one or two well-meaning senior members.

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25<sup>th</sup> of current month

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The old saying comes to mind: “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” Our core mission hasn’t changed — but how we connect, serve, and have fun together must evolve. Let’s get back to hands-on, FUN service projects, interclub visits, and fellowship — whether it’s meeting outside the clubhouse, enjoying a park or bowling night, going camping, or touring other clubs. And don’t forget: post your fun events on the Lion Link — whether they’re work parties, fundraisers, or social gatherings. Sharing what we’re doing can inspire others and keep our Lions spirit alive!

On behalf of our District Global Action Team, I would like to thank the clubs who reported new members — your efforts helped our district achieve something special! Because of your commitment to growth, I was honored to receive an award on stage from International President AP Singh for new member development. Only two districts in Canada and seventeen in all of North America qualified for this recognition — and C1 was one of them. Well done, Lions!

Future Fun & Learning Opportunities:

- District C2 Convention — November 14–15, 2025 (register online: Lions District C2 – We Serve, click “Events”)
- District C1 Convention — November 21–22, 2025 (registration link in this issue of Lions Link)
- International Convention — Hong Kong, China, July 3–7, 2026
- USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum — Memphis, Tennessee, September 3–5, 2026 (Y’all come — it’s worth the trip!)

*Lion Ted Mikkelsen- DG C1*

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## Amplify your club's impact during Weeks of Service

This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment. By participating, you’ll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together. So get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!

**Mental health  
and well-being**

October 4-12, 2025

**Hunger**

January 3-11, 2026

**Environment**

April 18-26, 2026



## NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

UPDATED

October 18, 2025, at 10:00 am

**NOTICE CHANGE OF VENUE**

**Sylvan Lake Lions Hall, 5119 50A Ave, Sylvan Lake**

Lunch will be served, \$10 per person

Please notify PCC Betty Ann Robson by October 10, if you are attending for lunch numbers and allergies

to [lionbettyann100@gmail](mailto:lionbettyann100@gmail.com)

**LOAF is the Foundation of our Alberta Lions Clubs and supports:**

Bill Webber Fellowship

Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship

Lions Legacy Scholarship

STARS/Dr. Greg Powell Fellowship

Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship

Disaster Relief Fund

LOAF Sight Fund

Lions Project Maple Leaf

The issuance of tax receipts

Sight Bursaries for blind students attending college or university

**YOU are invited to Attend the AGM:**

To help direct the future of our Foundation.

To ensure the financial's of the Foundation are approved by the Board and transparent to all Clubs of the Foundation, and to learn how your club can benefit from the activities of the Foundation.

**Every Lions Club in Multiple District C has 1 vote/club at the AGM providing they are in good standing with LCI, the District, and MDC.**

Every Lions member of the Clubs in Alberta is invited to attend and can be nominated as a Director.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Vice Chairperson Lion Carey Hamelin at [hamelin.carey@gmail.com](mailto:hamelin.carey@gmail.com).

**YOU must attend the meeting in person to be nominated as a Director .**

[CLICK to email hamelin.carey@gmail.com.](mailto:hamelin.carey@gmail.com)



# Lions District C1 Convention

**Baymont by Wyndham**  
**4311 49 Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta**

**Friday,  
November 21, 2025**

- Officer Training & Certified Guiding Lion Course
- Membership (Just Ask) Training

**Friday,  
November 21, 2025  
Evening**

- Opening Ceremony & Flag Ceremony
- Candidate Speeches
- Evening Hospitality Room

**Saturday,  
November 22, 2025**

- Voting & Silent Auction - Proceeds to Lions Quest & Bridge Healing
- Presentations, Service Project, Speed Learning - Forum Style
- Questions - International Director Debbie Dawson

**Saturday,  
November 22, 2025  
Evening**

- Governor's Banquet & Address by ID Debbie Dawson
- Entertainment by Cayla Brooke in Hospitality Room

**See registration form for details**

*Join us for Fellowship, Inspiration, and Lions Spirit*

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# 2025 DISTRICT C1 NOMINATIONS



## District C-1 Nominating Committee

I have appointed PDG Claude Carignan, St. Albert Host Lions Club as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the District C-1 Convention to be held on November 21-22, 2025 at Red Deer, Alberta.

All voting will take place in person at the District C-1 Convention.

District Governor Ted Mikkelsen.

**UPDATED**



## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

District C-1 Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the following positions:

- District Governor Elect
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor
- Vice Council Chair Candidate

DEADLINE: October 21, 2025

Refer to: District C-1 Constitution and By-Laws

Bylaws: Article II; Section 2 & 3

Bylaws: Article VI; Section 10

Please send your nominations or questions to PDG Claude Carignan at [carignan@shaw.ca](mailto:carignan@shaw.ca).

# DISTRICT C-1 AWARDS

## District C-1 Club Contests and Awards

### 1. LCIF Donations Award

To be awarded to the club that donated the greatest per capita donations to L.C.I.F., for the Lions year July 1 to June 30. Information will be obtained from quarterly reports from International to the current District Governor.

### 2. District C-1 Convention Attendance Award

To be awarded to the club that had the largest percentage of their membership in attendance at the District C1 Convention. It will be the responsibility of the Convention Host Club to forward this information to the District Awards Chairperson before the end of November. This award will be presented at the subsequent District C-1 Convention.

### 3. PDG Robert J. (Bob) Gibb Club Membership Growth Award

To be awarded at the District C-1 Convention to the Lions club with the largest net increase in members per Lions year. A trophy will be presented to the winning club by Lion Vi Gibb and said trophy shall be held by that winning club until the next District C-1 Convention. The information as to what club had the largest net increase in membership will be obtained from the District Governor.

### 4. District C-1 Youth Activities Award

The District Governor will make the decision on the club that is to be presented with the award based upon the following criteria. To be eligible for this award, a Club must have done at least six of the following in the Lions year:

1. Participated in Lions Youth Exchange through their club member or members personally hosting a youth exchange student
2. Provided a financial contribution to the District C-1 Youth Exchange Program or the Multiple District C Youth Exchange Program
3. Sponsored youth(s) to travel on a Lions Youth Exchange or attend a Lions Youth Camp.
4. Participated in or financially supported Lions Quest Canada
5. Participated in or financially supported at least two local youth organizations such as Scouts, Girl Guides, minor hockey, minor ball, minor soccer or other organized and recognized non-profit youth groups
6. Provided financial support to the District C-1-and District 306A1 Sri Lanka Foster Child Program
7. Made a financial contribution to Camp He Ho Ha
8. Made a financial contribution to Camp Tamarack
9. Sponsored a new LEO club in their community
10. Provided funds to purchase equipment for children who have special medical needs
11. Participated in the Peace Poster Contest
12. Participated and/or financially supported Project Pride. (*now Project Maple Leaf*)

# Club Excellence Award criteria

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs and is the foundation for excellence awards presented to Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons and District Governors.

- Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). Eligibility is determined based on the club's membership count on June 30th of the previous Lion year.
- Or sponsor a new Lions club.
- Report a minimum of four service activities to Lions International. Three of these activities must show participation in each of the three International [Weeks of Service](#).
- Report newly elected club officers in Lion Portal by May 15 of the current Lion year.
- A minimum of 10% of the club's members complete any three courses in the [Lions Learning Center](#).
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.
- A minimum of two or more club officers (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. Of which, one must be the club president) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between July 1 – December 31 of the current Lion year.
- [Contributed to LCIF](#) a minimum of the club's membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year, multiplied by US\$20.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/excellence-awards>

## Fund Raising Challenge supporting the New Home for



The **Millwoods Breakfast Lions Club** Makes a Challenge to District C-1 Lions Clubs:

The fifteen members of the Millwoods Breakfast Lions Club are proud to announce their support of the ongoing work of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and the training school at Oakville, Ontario. This school has a long history of providing service dogs to Canadians with disabilities, giving them safety, independence and partnership as only a Dog Guide can. However, the future of their new training school and the life changing work they do is in jeopardy. They have suffered a serious setback in the construction of the new school due to a funding shortfall. The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has launched an urgent fundraising campaign to raise \$20 million to resume construction and continue operating. For more information, see the article in the September issue of the Lions Link (page 12).

**We have contributed \$1000** to this effort and we extend a **challenge to all Lions Clubs in District C-1 to either meet or beat our contribution.** All donations should be sent to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, 152 Wilson Street, Oakville, Ontario L6K 0G6. Together, as Lions, we have the power to make a significant impact and meet the growing demand from Canadians waiting for a life changing Dog Guide. Hey Lions – Let’s get ‘er done!

The Millwoods Breakfast Lions Club

*The St. Albert Host Lions Club has contributed \$1,500 to meet this challenge.*

*?YOUR? Lions Club has contributed \$?,??? to meet this challenge.*

*?YOUR? Lions Club has contributed \$?,??? to meet this challenge.*

**Editor’s note:**

**Donations:** Please avoid mailing cheques at this time. Instead, we encourage you to donate online at [www.dogguides.com/donate/online-donations](http://www.dogguides.com/donate/online-donations). You will receive your tax receipt directly by email.

**“Lead to Serve”**

**“Serve to Lead”**



# You Are Welcome to Attend Lions Youth Camp Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 21st, 2025

7:00pm via Zoom

Contact: [chassell@shaw.ca](mailto:chassell@shaw.ca) for link.

### Special Resolution

A Special Resolution will be presented making changes in the LYC Society's By-Laws. Documents will be emailed to registrants.

### Directors

New Board members are always appreciated. Contact LYC Chair Dennis Stevenson at [pdg37e@sunraybase.ca](mailto:pdg37e@sunraybase.ca).

Serving the Youth of our communities.

## LIONS IN ACTION

### ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB

What does "Helping Newcomers learn English" look like in St. Albert.



Just sharing a service project of St. Albert Host Lion Club - Lion Barb Riley, who facilitated an English Conversation Circle every Wednesday for the past 3 years through the partnership with St. Albert Further Education, Newcomers, and the St. Albert Seniors Centre.

In this August 27, 2025 photo there are 8 senior volunteers (finding purpose and meaning as volunteers), and 9 Newcomer learners (mostly from Ukraine) along with guest - Executive Director Muna of St. Albert Further Education.

## SPRUCE VIEW & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



In July, members of the Spruce View and District Lions Club drove to Camp Kindle to help out at the Friday BBQ for Kids with Cancer and their families. This is a gratifying project that the Club has been doing for the last several years.



We helped setup, flip burgers and hot dogs, make and serve salad, put on condiments and give out drinks for 160 kids and adults. What a wonderful way to interact with the campers and the amazing camp staff.

One little girl about 8 will remain in my memory forever. She came down the line and had something nice to say to everyone helping out.



She liked Ted's cowboy hat, she liked Sharon's earrings and she liked my hair. What a wonderful way to

spend your life: noticing good things about everyone you meet even if you are ill and could not be faulted for focusing on yourself. A good lesson to us all.



Not only do the Spruce View and District Lions Club help at the camp, we also provide money to send a child with cancer to camp for a week

and to send a family dealing with cancer to a weekend retreat.



We also team up with students from the Spruce View School and make fidgets to put in the sick children's care packages.

Childhood Cancer is near to the heart of our Clubs members.

*Lois Barkinshaw*  
Service Chair

## GRAND CENTRE LIONS CLUB



We had the pleasure of having MLA Scott Cyr (3rd from right) attend our general meeting of September 16. He expressed his desire to know more about our Lions Club and the good we do in our community.

*Lion Karen Murray*  
Secretary, GCLC



## GRAND CENTRE LIONS CLUB



On behalf of Grand Centre Lions Club, Cold Lake, Lions Bob Bruce and Karen Murray present a cheque for \$5,000 to Abiola Owolabi, Executive Director of Cold Lake Food Bank.

*Lion Karen Murray*

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR

# YOUR CLUB

## Activities & projects

*Share your club's activities,*

*fundraising projects*

*and opportunities*

**TOGETHER WE ARE**

**STRONGER**

*your friendly editor*

## DEVON LIONS CLUB

The Devon Lions Club supports the Terry Fox Run as it continues to raise awareness of cancer and raises funds for research in search for a cure. The Devon Lions Club members washed 1,300 apples which were given to students from local schools along with granola bars when the schools held their own runs.



The Lions Club would like to thank its partners as the apples were supplied by Hardy's Independent, and the Devon Branch of the ATB supplied the granola bars. These were distributed by Lions members on Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Holy Spirit School, and on Friday, Sept. 26 at Robina Baker, Riverview, and Devon Christian School runs

*Robin Bittorf*





### MISSION 1.5

**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>



# SAVE THE DATE

	<b>Mental health and well-being</b>	Oct 4-12 2025	Amplify World Wide Service		
	<b>Wellnes Connection BRUNCH</b>	October 05 2005	Radway Agri-Centre 5108 – 51 Street		<b>See page 13</b>
	<b>Lions of Alberta foundation AGM</b>	October 18 2025	Sylvan Lake Lions Hall 5119 50A Avenue Sylvan Lake	<a href="mailto:lionbetyann100@gmail">lionbetyann100@gmail</a> <a href="mailto:hamelin.carey@gmail.com">hamelin.carey@gmail.com.</a>	<b>See page 3</b>
	<b>Lions Youth Camp AGM</b>	October 21 2025	7:00pm Via ZOOM	Contact <a href="mailto:chassell@shaw.ca">chassell@shaw.ca</a> for zoom link	<b>See page 9</b>
	<b>St. Albert Breakfast Lions Club Champagne Brunch Charter</b>	October 26 2025	St Albert Inn 156 St. Albert Trail St. Albert, AB	Paul Benson 780 459 5509 to register	<a href="#">EMAIL</a> <b>See page 14</b>
	<b>C-1 Convention</b>	Nov 21-22 2025	Red Deer, AB Baymont by Wyndham 4811 49 Avenue,	403-346 8841 1-800-661 1657	<b>Registration pg 15</b> <a href="#">EMAIL Phil</a>
	<b>C2 Convention</b>	Nov 14-15 2025	Strathmore Civic Centre, 120 Brent Blvd	Holly Bandelow:	<a href="#">EMAIL</a>
	<b>Hunger</b>	Jan 3-11 2026	Amplify World Wide Service		
	<b>MDC Convention</b>	April 10-11 2026	Grande Prairie, Alberta	TBD	TBD
	<b>Environment</b>	April 18-26 2026	Amplify World Wide Service		
	<b>LCI CON 2026</b>	July 3-7 2026	Hong Kong, China		<a href="#">WEBSITE</a>
	<b>USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum</b>	Sept 03-05 2026	Memphis USA		<a href="#">WEBSITE</a>
<b>RESERVED FOR YOUR CLUB SPECIAL EVENT OR ANNIVERSARY</b>					

LIONS CLUB OF RADWAY

# Wellness Connection BRUNCH

FEATURING  
**BRENDA ROBINSON**

**OCTOBER 5**



**10:00 A.M**

**Radway Agri-Centre  
5108 51 Street**

**9:30 am Doors Open  
10:00 am Power of Positive  
11:00 am Brunch  
12:00 pm Work to Live - Live to Work  
1:00 pm Chair Yoga**

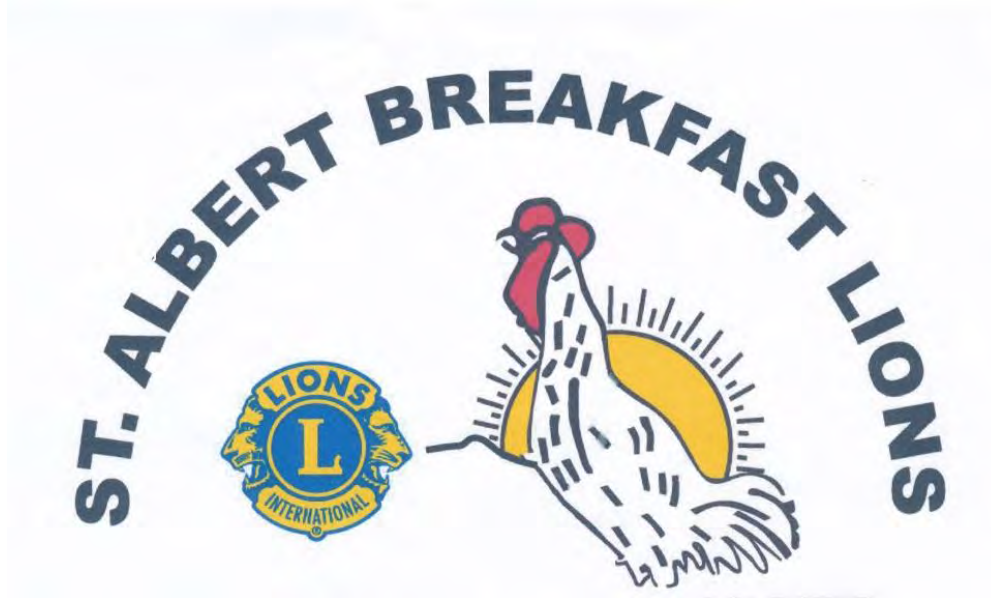
**Tickets \$30.00**

Available From  
Radway Lions Members  
Radway Library  
Thorhild ATB  
Or Scan QR code



More Info Call/Text  
780 974 1923





## 56<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary

### Champagne Brunch

11:00 am Sunday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at the St Albert Inn

- \$35.00 per person
- reservations required

Please contact Lion Paul Benson @ 780 459 5509

Email / E-transfer [SABLions@shaw.ca](mailto:SABLions@shaw.ca)



2025  
 District C-1 Convention Registration  
 Baymont by Wyndham  
 4311 49 Avenue  
 Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 5Y7  
 November 21 & 22, 2025

1: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME ON BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First)

Lion: Leo-Lion: Leo: Non-Member: 1st Convention: Official Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

2: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME ON BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First)

Lion: Leo-Lion: Leo: Non-Member: 1st Convention: Official Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

-->> **Contact Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ <- REQUIRED

Please advise of any special dietary request: Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic: \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergy: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Convention Registration**

Payment on or before October 15, 2025 # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$150.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment after October 15, 2025 # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$170.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Leo Convention Registration** # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Additional meal tickets available for purchase by registered delegates:**  
 Convention Banquet Ticket: # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 60.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Dress: Smart business attire) Whites for PDGs

**Total Due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Full refund if received in writing by the Registration Committee at least 30 days prior to the convention:  
 Refund may be granted with less than 30 days' notice by written application to the Registration Committee

**Method of Payment:** (All money in Canadian Funds)

E-transfer to: [lionsc1convention2025@gmail.com](mailto:lionsc1convention2025@gmail.com)

**E-transfer preferred**

Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard): Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Spruce View & District Lions Club)

FULL PAYMENT must accompany this form to be registered.

**Email or Mail  
 completed registration  
 form to:**

**Lion Phil Burkinshaw**  
**4260 Twp Rd 354**  
**Red Deer County**  
**T4G0L7**  
**Email: [lphi.phil@gmail.com](mailto:lphi.phil@gmail.com)**

**Hotel Information:**

Baymont by Wyndham  
 4311 49 Avenue  
 Red Deer, Alberta T4N5Y7  
 Phone 403 346 8841  
 Email- [gm@baymont.ca](mailto:gm@baymont.ca)

Note: 100 Rooms have been reserved at \$109.99 Plus Tax  
 (Including a Hot Breakfast) **Booking Code: 122125LIO**

Booking deadline for the preferred rate is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Deadline for cancellation of booking is 72 Hours prior to  
 check-in**