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## Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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### ★ Get Ready for the 2025 Lions District C-1 Convention!

Baymont by Wyndham Hotel – Red Deer | November 21 & 22, 2025

It's time to mark your calendars for the most anticipated weekend of the Lions year! The 2025 District C-1 Convention promises inspiration, training, fellowship, and fun — all under one roof at the Baymont by Wyndham Hotel in the heart of Red Deer.

### ◆ Friday Highlights – Learn & Lead

The convention opens Friday with a full slate of training opportunities:

- Certified Guiding Lion Training – Perfect for those mentoring new clubs.
- Club Officer Training – Strengthen your leadership skills for the year ahead.
- Membership Growth Program (Just Ask!) – Fresh ideas to build strong, vibrant clubs.

Friday evening features the Opening Ceremony and Flag Presentation, candidate speeches, and a chance to relax and enjoy true Lions fellowship as we kick off the weekend.

### 🌿 Saturday Spotlight – Service, Learning & Leadership

Start the morning with a presentation from Olds College, one of the world's leading agricultural institutions — sharing innovation and insight from Alberta's own backyard. Then cast your ballot as we vote for next year's District leaders, followed by presentations, awards, and fellowship over lunch.

The afternoon brings something new: a Speed-Learning Forum with practical take-aways and a hands-on service project. You'll also have a chance to bring your questions directly to our International Director and Past International Directors for open Q & A.

Throughout the day, try your luck in the 50/50 Draw and bid at the Silent Auction — all proceeds supporting two vital causes: Lions Quest Canada and The Bridge Healing Villages Project. (Clubs wishing to donate items are most appreciated!)

### 🎵 Saturday Evening Gala – Celebrate and Enjoy

Saturday night culminates in the Governor's Banquet, featuring keynote remarks from our own Canadian International Director Lion Debbie Dawson, who will also help present special awards. Then retire to the hospitality room for an evening of entertainment by recording artist Cayla Brooke — a fitting finale of music, laughter, and fellowship.

### ♥ Don't Miss It!

The District C-1 Convention is more than meetings — it's where friendships are renewed, new ideas take root, and the future of service is shaped. Join us in Red Deer this November 21–22, 2025 and be part of the pride!

Ted Mikkelsen, District Governor C1

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

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# Lions District C1 Convention

Baymont by Wyndham  
4311 49 Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta

<p>Friday, November 21, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Officer Training &amp; Certified Guiding Lion Course</li><li>• Membership (Just Ask) Training</li></ul>
<p>Friday, November 21, 2025 Evening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening Ceremony &amp; Flag Ceremony</li><li>• Candidate Speeches</li><li>• Evening Hospitality Room</li></ul>
<p>Saturday, November 22, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Voting &amp; Silent Auction -Proceeds to Lions Quest &amp; Bridge Healing</li><li>• Presentations, Service Project, Speed Learning -Forum Style</li><li>• Questions -International Director Debbie Dawson</li></ul>
<p>Saturday, November 22, 2025 Evening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Governor's Banquet &amp; Address by ID Debbie Dawson</li><li>• Entertainment by Cayla Brooke in Hospitality Room</li></ul>

See registration form for details

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

Registration Form below

**PLEASE ENTER YOUR EMAIL AND PHONE # ON THE REGISTRATION FORM**

**(just below the 2nd registrant on the C1 form).**



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:** \_\_\_\_\_ <<--

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  
 T4G 0L7  
 Email: [lophi.phil@gmail.com](mailto:lophi.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**



# Vote Lyle Gustafson

## MDC Vice Council Chair



My name is Lyle Gustafson. I am blessed  
With my lovely wife, Jill, our 2 children,  
Chad and Jason, and our 7 grandchildren.

I would like to acquire the position of  
MDC Vice Council Chair;  
I believe I would make a great candidate  
For the many diverse reasons I have listed  
to the right.

If you have additional questions, and would  
Like to contact me to discuss my candidacy,  
My information is below:

### Lyle Gustafson Contact Information:

Phone: (780) 987-4407  
Cell: (780) 719-5336  
E-mail: [scouting@telus.net](mailto:scouting@telus.net)

*I would be Honored to Serve as District Governor, C1*

### Skills & Abilities

- . Currently Immediate Past District Governor for District C1
- . Director of the Northern Lights Scout Foundation for the past 10 years
- . Member of the Devon Lions Club for the past 14 years
- . Lions Zone Chair for District C1 in 2021
- . Lions Club LCIF Coordinator in 2020
- . Devon Lions Club President 2019
- . Devon Lions Club First Vice President 2018
- . Member of Scouts Canada in various rolls, from Cub Leader to District Commissioner, and Honors and Awards President from 1983 to 2011
- . Ran my own company for 17 years, Swed-ee Water Hauling, delivering potable water.
- . Served on the Alberta Youth Justice Committee for 3 years

### Awards Received

- . Scouts Canada, Bar to the Silver Acorn, for Outstanding service
- . Melvin Jones Fellowship – Lions
- . Citizen of the Year in Devon
- . Queen's Jubilation Award
- . Diamond Centennial – Lions
- . 10 Year Monarch Chevron - Lions

### Additional Education & Training

- . EMT (SAIT Trained) for Devon Ambulance
- . Trainer 3 for Scouts Canada
- . Conflict Resolution for Scouts Canada
- . ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institute)
- . Lions District Governor's training

# LIONS IN ACTION

## ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB

Mental Health Week Oct. 4-12, 2025

What did St. Albert Host Lions do that week?

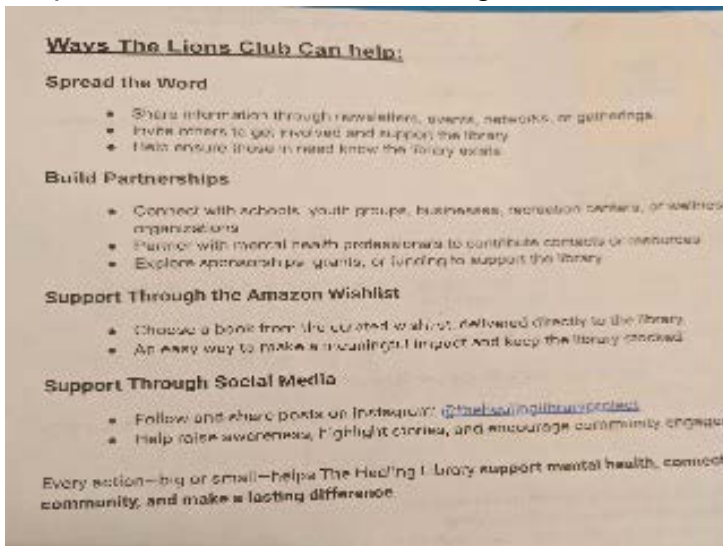
On Oct. 7, we partnered with Healing Library creator Savannah Stueme, a young advocate for Mental Health and Wellness that is making a difference in people by promoting awareness, education and resources.



Connecting with Savannah was easy – she did a presentation for St. Albert Host Lions, on the Little Free Library dedicated to mental health, wellness, and healing. ❤️ Because as Savannah says, “This is a community project—and it needs your help to grow and thrive.”



Savannah was presented with a Lions Certificate of Appreciation and a donation for her humanitarian project. She even came with a handout “How Can Lions Help?” We continue to share her good works.



Savannah says she stocked her little library with the following in promoting awareness and education and resources:

✦ *Memoirs, poetry, and non-fiction*

✦ *Fiction exploring mental health themes*

*Children’s books about emotions and resilience*

✦ *Journals, workbooks, and more*

*Each book includes a heartfelt note and a list of local mental health resources.*

*Coming soon: brochures and cards from psychologists, counselors, and wellness providers in the area.*

*To keep the shelves full and this space sustainable, I’m asking for donations of any mental health-related materials, including:*

- *Books (memoirs, fiction, non-fiction, children’s);*
- *Poetry, journals, or guided workbooks*
- *Affirmation cards, prompt decks, or other wellness tools;*

*If it supports healing, reflection, or hope—it belongs here.*

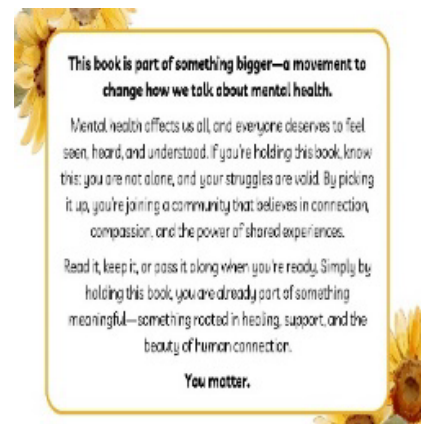
*Let’s continue building a more connected, compassionate St. Albert—one book at a time. ❤️”*

She has been in local social media, CBC Radio, and TV News. Follow and share posts on

Instagram and facebook. We

can all continue to advocate for Mental Health & Wellness.

[The Healing Library \(@thehealinglibraryproject\)](https://www.instagram.com/thehealinglibraryproject)



## MORINVILLE LIONS CLUB



Lion Thomas Varghese, 1st Vice District Governor 2025-26, was the guest speaker at the Lions Club of Morinville General Meeting held 27 October. *Photos by Lucie Roy*



Zone meeting held at Vimy Re Centre on 8 October.

*Photo by Lucie Roy*



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*

**“Lead to Serve”  
“Serve to Lead”**



**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>C-1 Convention</b>	Nov 21-22 2025	Red Deer, AB Baymont by Wyndham 4811 49 Avenue	403-346 8841 1-800-661 1657	Registration pg 15 <a href="#">EMAIL Phil</a>
	<b>C-2 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>				



Your club's activities, fundraisers, memorials, special events, etc.

Please send the information to the editor before November 25

to have it included in the next Lions Link edition.

