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Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE – MAY



In early April, I had the pleasure of bringing welcome greetings to our new—and currently the only—Leo Club in our District at their inauguration on April 4th. The officers were installed by Past International President Lion Dr. Patti Hill, who will serve as the club advisor, along with Lion Carole Henson, our Lions Quest Chairperson.

I was truly impressed by this outstanding group of young people—pioneer leaders not only of tomorrow, but very much of today. Their enthusiasm, organization, and commitment to service are inspiring, and I am confident they will lead the way for future Leo Clubs in our District.

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

MDC Gala – June 20, 2026

The Multiple District C Gala in support of LCIF will take place on June 20, 2026, in Spruce View. Why not make it a full weekend and discover what this little-known gem has to offer? It promises fellowship, fun, and the opportunity to support a very worthy cause.

Lions International Convention – July 3–7, 2026 (Hong Kong)

We wish all those attending a safe journey and return. I am certain it will be a tremendous experience, offering a rich blend of learning, cultural exchange, and fellowship.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – September 3–5, 2026

(Memphis). The Forum is always a highlight, featuring engaging seminars and practical learning that can be applied not only in your Lions activities, but also in your personal and professional life.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Now is an excellent time to take advantage of the free online courses offered through Lions University. These courses are one of the many benefits of being a Lion, helping you grow as a leader while strengthening your club and community impact.

As we move into the final months of our Lions year, let us continue to build momentum—supporting one another, growing our membership, and making a meaningful difference in the communities we serve.

Yours in Service,
Lion Ted Mikkelsen
District Governor C1

LIONS CLUBS USE OF AGLC PROCEEDS

Across our MD, Lions Clubs often engage in fundraising activities such as raffles, bingos, and casinos. All this activity in Alberta is governed by AGLC, while clubs in British Columbia or Northwest Territories are governed by their local provincial or territorial regulations.

However, it seems that there continues to be a misunderstanding about the policies that govern the use of funds raised by casinos, bingos or raffles.

LCI POLICY: *The official policy of LCI is that all funds raised from the public must be used to benefit the public.*

The logic of the LCI policy is clearly understandable - if the public hears that the funds raised by Lions are being spent to benefit the Lions, then our reputation as a charitable group suffers. Finally, the eighth purpose of our "Lions International Purposes" is binding on all Lions:

"To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours."

AGLC POLICY: The policy of AGLC is that a percentage of some funds raised by casinos (or other fundraising charitable projects) may be used to defray the costs of the fundraising effort (buying bingo cards, printing raffle tickets, etc.) The AGLC policy is designed to cover the actual costs of staging the fundraising.

AGLC funds ***may not*** be used by Lions to pay dues, attend conferences or conventions (local or International). Our MD C Council has taken extensive efforts to review this with AGLC, and we confirm that member dues are not eligible for payment or subsidy from any AGLC funds.

Council is anxious that all Clubs be aware of and adhere to the policy of LCI, and the guidelines of AGLC. We would be very hampered in meeting service needs in our communities should we lose our status with AGLC.

Yours in service and friendship,

PIP Dr Patti Hill

A Tribute to Judge Brain Stevenson

Pam and I send our condolences to Brian's family, members of the Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club, the Lions of Alberta, and the Lions of the World. His legacy is everywhere – The Lions Foundation of Canada as evidenced by the many recipients of the Brian Stevenson Fellowship winners, the Lions Foundation of Alberta,.....

I had the honour to serve on the MD37 Council of Governors for 4 years in the early 2000's and during our many meetings we could always rely on the Judge for his wisdom, insight, leadership, and humour.

The last time we saw Brian was at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Boston. He was on the stage to install Lion Patti Hill as our International President. In her acceptance speech, President Patti acknowledged that his leadership and mentorship played a major role in her success.

Ten years ago when my club, the Nanaimo Lions Club, was celebrating its 70th Charter, I approached Brian to be our guest speaker knowing full well that he did not always speak at 70th charter nights but he accepted without hesitation. Of course, he was his usual self - entertaining us with his wisdom and humour. As an expression of my personal appreciation, I presented Brian with one of my watercolour paintings - a painting of a cluster of abandoned small wood frame granaries in various stages of disrepair in a field near Camrose. Because of the image I titled the painting **Forgotten but Not Gone**. When I picked Brian up the next morning at the hotel, he was in the lobby and he had the painting under his arm. He was explaining to those in the lobby he really liked this painting which had been on the wall in his room but he couldn't fit it in his suitcase. **Well Brian you may be gone but you will never be forgotten.**

Lions Pam and Larrie Taylor
Nanaimo Lions Club

PEACE

2026-2027

39TH ANNUAL
LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER CONTEST



ORDER NOW

Harmony in Humanity

International Peace Poster Contest and join clubs worldwide in sharing children's visions of peace with your community.

How the Contest Works

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2026. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "The Future of Peace."

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district governor for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected to go on to the multiple district competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

Awards

Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to an award ceremony where he/she will receive a cash award of US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

How to Enter

Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Available in all 11 official languages, it costs US\$11.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one* school or organized, sponsored youth group:

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

*Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.

The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is also included in this kit and on the LCI website.

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Kits are available January 15 - October 1, 2026.

Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

To order Peace Poster Contest kits (PPK 1), submit this form to the Club Supplies Sales Department at Lions Clubs International at clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org; call (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only) or fax this form to (630) 571-0964. Note: All credit card orders must be placed online. Visit www.lionsclubs.org [search: Peace Poster]. For more contest information, deadlines, to download a video and view past finalists' posters.

NOTE: Kits can also be downloaded on line to save on postage & handling.

Language Required _____ (Avaliable in all official languages.) Tax \$ _____
Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) _____ Qty. @ US\$11.95/each \$ _____
Postage & Handling \$ _____

Method of payment

Total \$ _____

Club/District Acct. # _____

Lions Club Name _____

Officer's Signature (Required) _____

The protection of your payment data is important to us. Your credit card* purchases of Lions merchandise must be made directly online at www.lcistore.org. Please do not include your credit card number in any written communication or correspondence. *Visa, MasterCard, Discover.

Ship order to:

Name _____

Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone # (Required) _____

E-mail Address _____

Postage/handling Charges:

United States/Canada - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. An additional charge will be added if second day service is required.

Overseas - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. Duty/taxes may be required upon receipt of your order. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for payment of these duties or taxes.

Sales Tax:

We are obligated to charge sales tax in Illinois and Canada.

Contact PDG Claude Carignan for any questions.

Email: carignan@shaw.ca

A Message to Our Lion Family and Communities

Our planet is our home, and its future is in our hands.

This Environment Week, let us renew our commitment to protect the Earth through simple, meaningful actions.

Whether we plant a tree, conserve water, reduce waste, protect wildlife, or inspire others, every effort counts.

Together, as Lions, we can create a healthier, greener, and more sustainable world for generations to come.

TOGETHER, WE CAN. TOGETHER, WE WILL.

Aida Mustapic

District C-1 Environment Chair



The poster features the Lions International logo at the top left, with the text "DISTRICT C-1 LIONS" and "TOGETHER FOR A GREENER TOMORROW" below it. The main title "LIONS ENVIRONMENT WEEK" is prominently displayed in large, bold letters, with a green leaf icon integrated into the letter 'O' of "LIONS". Below the title is the slogan "Protect Today. Preserve Tomorrow." and the phrase "SMALL ACTIONS. LASTING IMPACT." followed by five icons representing environmental actions: Plant, Conserve, Reduce, Protect, and Inspire. A central message box contains a quote from Aida Mustapic, District C-1 Environment Chair, and a call to action: "LET'S MAKE DISTRICT C-1 A LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE!". The bottom of the poster features the Lions logo and the motto "ONE DISTRICT. ONE MISSION. A BETTER PLANET." with icons for "WE SERVE", "WE CARE", and "WE PROTECT".

LIONS
INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT C-1 LIONS
— TOGETHER FOR A GREENER TOMORROW —

LIONS
ENVIRONMENT
WEEK

Protect Today. Preserve Tomorrow.

SMALL ACTIONS. LASTING IMPACT.

- PLANT**
More Trees
- CONSERVE**
Water
- REDUCE**
Waste & Plastic
- PROTECT**
Wildlife & Habitats
- INSPIRE**
Change in Our Communities

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TOGETHER, WE CAN. TOGETHER, WE WILL.

Aida Mustapic
District C-1 Environment Chair

“ The Earth does not belong to us; we belong to the Earth. ”

LET'S MAKE DISTRICT C-1 A LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE!

LIONS
INTERNATIONAL

WE SERVE | **WE CARE** | **WE PROTECT**

ONE DISTRICT. ONE MISSION. A BETTER PLANET.

District C1 Dan & Dorothy Claypool Volunteer Award

Award Criteria

The Dan & Dorothy Claypool Volunteer Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional commitment to volunteerism, community service, and the spirit of giving. Nominees should exemplify the values of dedication, compassion, and leadership in strengthening their community.

Eligibility

- Open to individuals of all ages who volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of their community.
- Nominee must reside in, and have made a significant impact on, the community served by the award.
- Current members of the award selection committee are not eligible.

Criteria for Selection

Nominees will be evaluated on the following:

1. **Commitment to Volunteerism**
 - Demonstrated long-term dedication and consistency in volunteer service.
 - Willingness to contribute time, skills, and energy without expectation of personal gain.
2. **Impact on Community**
 - Significant, measurable difference made in the lives of individuals, groups, or the broader community.
 - Initiatives or contributions that improve quality of life, promote inclusion, or strengthen community connections.
3. **Leadership and Inspiration**
 - Ability to motivate, mentor, and inspire others to engage in volunteerism.
 - Shows initiative in identifying needs and developing solutions.
4. **Embodiment of Values**
 - Reflects the spirit of compassion, service, and generosity exemplified by Dan & Dorothy Claypool.
 - Demonstrates integrity, kindness, and a collaborative spirit.
5. **Legacy of Service**
 - Contributions with lasting impact, sustainability, or long-term benefit for the community.
 - Volunteerism that serves as a model for future generations.

Nomination Process

- Nominations may be submitted by individuals, organizations, or community groups.
- A completed nomination form must include:
 - Nominee's name and contact information
 - A description of the nominee's volunteer activities
 - Specific examples of contributions and their impact
 - Letters of support (optional but encouraged)

PCC Betty Ann Robson
MDC Convention Chairperson
MDC GLT Coordinator
GPLC LCIF Chairperson



Reporting Club Officers

Club Officers **MUST** be reported by **15th of May** to ensure details are correct for the Lions Directory and for International transition into the new Lions year.

From LCI Main page (www.lionsclubs.org) click on **LION PORTAL**

Select **MY CLUB**

Select **OFFICERS**

Click on **MANAGE OFFICERS**

A pop-up box will appear. Click on **CREATE NEW ASSIGNMENT** then **NEXT**

A pop-up box will ask "When should this assignment begin?"
select **THE UPCOMING YEAR**

A pop-up will ask "What is the Officer and Title type for this title?"
Click on the small arrows and choose either **OFFICER** or **ADMINISTRATOR**, do the same for the next item **OFFICIAL** or **LOCAL** and click on **NEXT**

Officer options are Officer or Administrator
All appointments are Officer, you only use Administrator if you have a member strictly assigned to update portal details for your club.

Title Type is Official or Local
Official titles are President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Marketing, LCIF, Service, Club Director.
Local titles are positions like Bulletin Editor, Social, Health & Safety.

A list of your Club members will be shown, at the top you select the **OFFICER TITLE** Then select the **CLUB MEMBER** to fill this position, click **NEXT**

Always select **YES** for adding officer address and check to see details are correct and update if required.

You will follow the same procedure for each of your elected officers

WHAT DOES THE PRESIDENT DO?

Great Clubs
Don't Just Happen...
They're Led!



THE ROLE:

The President leads with vision, serves with heart, and empowers others to make a difference.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Lead meetings and set the tone
- Work with officers and members as a team
- Plan and guide service projects and events
- Make decisions and keep the club moving forward
- Represent the club in the community and Lions family
- Inspire, motivate, and recognize members



THE GOAL:

Build a strong, united club that serves boldly and grows in membership and impact.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Provides leadership and direction
- Creates a positive and engaged culture
- Turns ideas into action and impact



REMEMBER:

You don't have to do it all alone – you just have to lead, believe, and bring out the best in others!

LEADERSHIP. SERVICE. IMPACT.
That's the President Effect!



WHAT DOES THE SECRETARY DO?

Great Meetings Don't Just Happen... They're Recorded, Shared, and Remembered!



THE ROLE:

The Secretary keeps our club's records, communication, and information organized, accurate, and accessible.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Take accurate meeting minutes
- Manage club correspondence and communications
- Maintain attendance records
- Keep and update important club documents
- Prepare reports and share information with members
- Support the president and other officers



THE GOAL:

Create clear, reliable records and communication so our club stays informed, organized, and strong.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Decisions are based on accurate information
- Members stay informed and connected
- Our club runs smoothly and professionally



REMEMBER:

It's all about accuracy, communication, and attention to detail – you're the keeper of our club's story!

RECORDS. COMMUNICATION. RELIABILITY.
That's the Secretary Effect!



WHAT DOES THE TREASURER DO?

Strong Clubs
Don't Just Happen...
They're Planned,
Tracked, and Trusted!



THE ROLE:

The Treasurer manages our club's money with integrity, accuracy, and transparency.



WHAT THEY DO:

- Keep track of all club income and expenses
- Record deposits and pay bills
- Maintain accurate financial records
- Prepare financial reports for meetings
- Present the budget and monitor spending
- Work with officers on fundraising and planning
- Ensure proper financial procedures and reporting



THE GOAL:

Protect our club's funds and provide clear, responsible financial stewardship so we can serve more and grow stronger.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- Builds trust and accountability
- Helps us plan, give, and make a bigger impact
- Keeps our club strong and sustainable



REMEMBER:

It's not just about numbers – it's about responsibility, trust, and helping our club change lives!

ACCURACY. TRUST. IMPACT.
That's the Treasurer Effect!



WHAT DOES A PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR *Do?*

A Past District Governor (PDG) is a **GUIDE. MENTOR. AND RESOURCE** for today's and tomorrow's leaders.

**OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE:
SUPPORT THE LEADERS WHO SERVE.**



WE SUPPORT OUR FUTURE GOVERNORS BY:



Mentoring & Guiding

Sharing experience and insights to build confidence and strong leadership.



Offering Support

Providing encouragement, resources, and a listening ear every step of the way.



Providing Leadership Continuity

Helping ensure a smooth transition and strong future for our district.



Serving When Needed

Answering the call to assist in any way our governors and clubs need us.

“

*Leadership doesn't end
with a term.*
IT EVOLVES INTO LEGACY.

”

We are here to uplift, empower, and strengthen the leaders who will lead tomorrow—so together, we can

**KEEP SERVING AND
MAKE AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT.**



Past District Governors:
Leading Forward. Serving Always.



THANK YOU

for your continued dedication
to our Lions family!



With Gratitude,

The Governor

TOGETHER, WE SERVE.

Join the District C1 Cabinet – Lead, Serve, Make a Difference!

Do you want to help plan and shape District activities? Here is your opportunity! Join the District Cabinet for 2026–27 and be part of a team that leads, inspires, and serves.

If you are passionate about service, leadership, or helping the community, the Cabinet is where we can generate ideas, support clubs in their initiatives, and work together to make a real impact. Together, we can lead, include, and serve, making a difference for Lions and the communities we support.

There are a variety of roles available based on your interests and strengths. Positions such as Zone Chairs, Childhood Cancer Chair, Dog Guides Chair, and District Administrator are available to serve in. Whether you are experienced or stepping into leadership for the first time, there is a place for you to contribute and grow.

Step up. Get involved. Let's make 2026-27 a year of growth, learning, and meaningful service!

Want to join the team or learn more? Call District Governor – Elect Thomas Varghese at 1-780-893-6442 or email gltlionthomas@gmail.com **LEAD, INCLUDE, SERVE!**

Join Us for the District C1 Convention!

All are invited to the District C1 Convention on November 6 and 7 at the Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre. We are honoured to welcome International Director Gary Steele as our special guest.

Hosted by the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club, the Convention Committee, under the leadership of Convention Chair PCC Tom Hodgson, has planned an exciting lineup of sessions, inspiring service activities, and amazing food. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, celebrate achievements, and enjoy great fellowship with fellow Lions.

Mark your calendars, plan ahead, and don't miss this incredible gathering!

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Date: November 6 and 7

Venue: Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB T5G 3J5

LIONS IN ACTION

ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS

One of the Service Projects that our Lions Club has been doing for many years, is the collection of used eyeglasses. We currently have 32 locations that our Club picks up from - mostly located in St. Albert with a few in Edmonton.

Prior to packing the eyeglasses for shipping to the Canadian Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Centre (CLERC) located in Calgary, the eyeglasses are sorted with the removal of ones with: broken frames; missing lenses / nose pieces; chewed arm ends; badly scratched lenses; old / brittle frames, etc. - these are packed separately as CLERC sends these to a recycler in the USA who separate & recycles the different materials. Sunglasses, cloth wipes & clip-on sunglasses are packed separately. The packed boxes are shipped to CLERC "free of charge" via Day & Ross Trucking located on 156 Street in Edmonton.

Since the fall of 2020, our Club has shipped 66,393* pairs of potentially reusable eyeglasses to CLERC with 50,287 pairs collected by our Club with another 16,106 pairs coming from some of our neighbouring Lions Clubs (Morinville, Legal, Vimy, Busby, Ft. Sask., Chipman, Edm. Southgate, Edm. Malayali).

* *include sunglasses but not the glasses with broken frames, etc.*

- 2026 (Jan. to Mar.) - Shipped 6,756 pairs / 5,580 pairs collected by SAHLC
- 2025 (Jan. to Dec.) - Shipped 19,119 pairs / 12,901 pairs collected by SAHLC
- 2024 (Jan. to Dec.) - Shipped 11,310 pairs / 7,213 pairs collected by SAHLC
- 2023 (Jan. to Dec.) - Shipped 8,107 pairs collected by SAHLC
- 2022 (Jan. to Dec.) - Shipped 10,796 pairs / 7,996 pairs collected by SAHLC
- 2021 (Jan. to Dec.) - Shipped 6,595 pairs / 4,780 pairs collected by SAHLC
- 2020 (Oct. to Dec.) - Shipped 3,710 pairs collected by SAHLC

Lions Clubs throughout Canada (& some optical businesses) collect & ship used eyeglasses to CLERC (only located in Calgary) for processing (washed / sanitized, thoroughly inspected, prescriptions read, packed). CLERC supplies the eyeglasses to volunteer groups (including Lions Club members) who are going on eyeglass / sight missions to developing countries. **This past summer, CLERC hit the milestone of "7 million pairs" of eyeglasses that have been "processed, sent out & put on a face" in 103 (104?) developing countries - at no cost to the recipient. It only took CLERC 29 years to accomplish this.**

For more information regarding the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre (CLERC), refer to: <https://clerc.ca>

*Lion Jack
SAHLC Eyeglass Chair*



ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS

April 25, 2026 - Spring Food Bank Drive. Service Clubs of St. Albert (SCOSA) all participate in an annual Spring food bank drive for St. Albert by sitting in front of our 8 local grocery stores all day collecting food and donations for our St. Albert Food Bank to restock their shelves.

St. Albert Host Lion (8 Members) dressed warm and did three different shifts - in -3 to zero, snowy weather. Smiling Faces and Warm Lion Hearts. Lion Barb Riley

Our booth was very successful taking in 500 - 600 lbs. of food items & \$764.45 in cash donations from 10 AM to 3:30 PM (we were the 1st location picked up by the Food Bank truck). Apparently SA Breakfast Lions had a very successful day at Sobey's and so did the SA African / African Decent Assoc. (Lion Helen's group) at Save-On Foods (north).

St. Albert Lions Clubs
PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

St. Albert Food Bank DONATIONS

Supporting the St. Albert Food Bank
Helping local families in need.
Every donation stays in our community.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- CANNED GOODS
- PASTA & RICE
- PEANUT BUTTER
- CEREAL
- SOUP
- TOILETRIES

DONATE TODAY. MAKE AN IMPACT.
Small acts of kindness. Big difference together.

Thank you for supporting our community!

Photo Ad by Lion Aida Mustapic, DC1 Environment Chair

FUNDRAISING

LCIF FUNDRAISING GALA

2nd Annual MDC Gala

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Spruce View, Alberta

Join fellow Lions for a FUN-FILLED WEEKEND of fellowship, fundraising, and community spirit!

Discover Spruce View — a true hidden gem — and enjoy a weekend experience with Lions from across the District.

IN SUPPORT OF:

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fellowship & social events
- Guided tours & local attractions
- Optional camping opportunities
- Nearby golf & recreation
- Visit the Danish Canadian National Museum

Make it more than an event —
MAKE IT A WEEKEND EXPERIENCE!

Come out, have fun, and support LCIF —
Changing Lives Worldwide!

SEE PAGES 21-23

**Bring a friend • Support a cause •
Celebrate Lionism**

WETASKIWIN LIONS CLUB

Hello, Lion James Letourneau from Wetaskiwin Lions Club here.

This email is to inform you about a Strides Walk event in Wetaskiwin on **May 30th 2026** 10:30am -1pm

This event is Hosted by both the Wetaskiwin and Millet Lions Clubs with proceeds going to the Pediatric Diabetes Education Center at the Stollery Children's hospital in Edmonton.. The local Shoppers Drug mart will be providing testing again this year. We already have \$940 in corporate donations to date. Also the Mayor of Wetaskiwin Joe Branco signed a proclamation for us.

We will provide photos after the event with more details like how many participated this year and how much was actually raised at this year's event.


You can contact myself or Trish Sullivan from Millet for more info

"James Letourneau"

<stinger92blue@gmail.com>;



SAVE THE DATE

	STRIDES WALK WETASKIWIN	May 30 10:30am 2026	By The Lake Park Wetaskiwin	Contact James Letourneau	See Page 18
	GATSBY MASQUERADE PARTY	May 30 2026	Cowboy Trail Lions Club	RSVP by April 30	See page 19
	LEDUC LIONS 80th Anniversary	June 13 2026	Leduc Alberta	RESERVATION	See Page 20
	MDC LCIF GALA	June 20 2026	Spruce View Alberta	REQUEST INFORMATION	See Page 21-23
	LCI CON 2026	July 3-7 2026	Hong Kong, China		WEBSITE REGISTRATION
	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Sept 03-05 2026	Memphis USA	REGISTRATION	WEBSITE
	C2 CONVNTION	October 23-24 2026	Cochrane Alberta	Details to follow	See Page 24
	C1 CONVENTION 2026/27	November 06-07..2026	Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre, Alberta	Details to follow	SEE PAGE 25
RESERVED FOR YOUR CLUB SPECIAL EVENT OR ANNIVERSARY					
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	St. Albert Host Lions 75th Anniversary	February 12, 2027	St. Albert Alberta	Details to follow	

Don't let the grass grow under your feet.





HELP LIONS DISTRICT C-1

Bring Sight

TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

Lions have always been champions of vision care—and now, we have an opportunity to make a profound difference right here at home.

We are raising funds to support the purchase of a **RETCAM ENVISION** for the **Royal Alexandra Eye Institute**, a vital piece of medical equipment that will directly impact the lives of our most vulnerable patients.



The RetCam Envision is a critical imaging tool used in the operating room when anesthesia is required to obtain diagnostic retinal images.

It is particularly valuable for:

- ✓ Pediatric patients
- ✓ Premature infants
- ✓ Vulnerable adults who are unable to tolerate standard examinations

The system delivers **HIGH RESOLUTION, 130 DEGREE WIDE FIELD IMAGING**, enabling detailed assessment of:



RETINAL DISEASE



THE OPTIC NERVE



THE ANTERIOR SEGMENT OF THE EYE

RetCam Envision is essential for screening premature infants in the NICU or operating room for Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)—a leading cause of preventable blindness in preterm infants.



By contributing to this service project, Lions in District C-1 can help ensure that patients receive **timely, accurate diagnoses and life-changing care.**



YOUR DONATION IS MORE THAN A GIFT—IT'S A CHANCE TO PRESERVE SIGHT, SUPPORT FAMILIES, AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY.

Join us in this mission.

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP MORE PEOPLE - SEE A BRIGHTER.

Please Donate

Every contribution brings us closer to a world where no one loses their sight needlessly.

Thank you!



DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO:

Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation
10240 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 3V9
Attn: Kelly Sysak, Senior Development Officer

PLEASE:

- ✓ Make cheque payable to "The Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation"
- ✓ On the memo line of the cheque, please write: "RetCam-LERF"

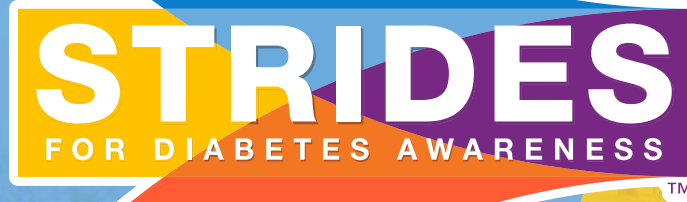
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**We're taking steps
to fight diabetes.
Join our community event.**

Strides For Diabetes Awareness

You can help make a big difference. Join us!

**By The Lake Park Wetaskiwin
May 30th 2026 10:30am - 1pm
Proceeds to the Pediatric Diabetes Education
Center Stollery Children's Hospital**

**James Letourneau 780-312-0676
stinger92blue@gmail.com
Trish Sullivan 780-312-0683
trishnewfie69@gmail.com**

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Lions Clubs International



*Cowboy Trail Lions Club
presents*

GATSBY MASQUERADE INTERCLUB PARTY

*Join us for another roaring night as we
celebrate our second annual Interclub Party.
Enjoy the 1920's prohibition-themed event
with a masquerade twist.*

MAY 30TH 2026 **5:30PM**

**123 SUNSET BLVD.
TURNER VALLEY, AB
TICKETS \$40.00
(TICKETS INCLUDE DINNER)
CASH BAR**

**BEST COSTUME PRIZE
GAMES, PRIZES
AND SURPRISES
CHARITY 50/ 50
BUCKET RAFFLE**

COSTUMES NOT MANDATORY BUT HIGHLY ENCOURAGED

*E-TRANSFER COWBOYTRAILTREASURER@GMAIL.COM
BY APRIL 30TH TO RSVP*



You are Cordially Invited To:

The 80th Charter Anniversary of the

Lions Club of Leduc

Date: June 13, 2026

Location: Leduc Telford House

4907 – 46 Street, Leduc, AB

Tickets: \$50 per person for dinner and activities.

(E-transfers can be made to Glenn Runzer at the email below.)

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Patti Hill, Past President, Lions International,

Cocktails at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM.

Join us for an evening of dinner, fellowship, door prizes and a silent auction

RSVP to G. Runzer by May 13, 2026, at grunzerleduclionscharternight@gmail.com



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Multiple District C LCIF Gala

JUNE 20, 2026

SPRUCE VIEW COMMUNITY HALL

SPRUCEVIEW, AB

TICKETS: \$50.00

CONTACT: LYLE GUSTAFSON PDG

SCOUTING@TELUS.NET

(780) 719-5336



MULTIPLE DISTRICT C LCIF GALA REGISTRATION



JUNE 20, 2026
Spruceview Community Hall
Spruceview, AB



1. Name (First, Last)

2. Name (First, Last)

Address: _____ City: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

1. Registration # ____ x \$50.00/person = \$ _____

Total = \$

Registration cut-off date: June 13, 2026

Method of payment:

Credit Card

Cheque – make payable to: Sylvan Lake Lions Club

E-Transfer: Payee: SLLTreasurer54@gmail.com

Email: jwhaley@shaw.ca

Note: FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM TO BE REGISTERED AS AN ATTENDEE.

Note: receipts will be sent by email ONLY. No receipts will be available at registration.

Credit Card #:

EXP Date:

CVC:

Send Completed registration form with payment to: Sylvan Lake Lions Club, 5119 - 50A Ave, Sylvan Lake, AB T4S 1E1
or email to: jwhaley@shaw.ca

Letter to Multiple District C club re gala

On behalf of the organizing committee, you are invited to share the following invitation with the members of your club and encourage their participation in the upcoming **Multiple District C LCIF Gala**.

Multiple District C LCIF Gala

Date: **Saturday, June 20, 2026**

Time: **5:00 PM**

Location: **Spruce View Community Hall Spruce View, Alberta**

This special evening will bring Lions from across Multiple District C together in celebration of service and internationalism while supporting the work of LCIF. The program will include:

- Guest Speaker **Dr. Patti Hill**
- LCIF updates
- Melvin Jones Fellowship presentations. Please bring any MJF's for PIP Patti Hill to present.
- Membership inductions. PIP Patti Hill would be happy to install our new members. You need to bring appropriate Kits.
- Environmental presentation by **Ada Mustapic**
- Silent or live auction and raffle items in support of LCIF
- Fellowship with Lions from across the multiple district

The **theme of the evening is International**. Please come wearing some Cultural Dress representing your heritage. Otherwise please wear something that means International to you.

Tickets: \$50.00 per person

To order Tickets Contact Lion Jonathan Whaley at jwhaley@shaw.ca Cell: 587-201-6359. Tickets can be paid via Square or e-transfer SLLTreasurer54@gmail.com

Please register in advance.

Additional details:

- **Free camping** (a Donation to LCIF would be appreciated) is available in Spruce View for those who wish to stay overnight.
- Hotel options are available in **Innisfail, Alberta**, including:

- Joy's Inn – approximately \$79.99 + tax (no breakfast or pool)
- Days Inn – approximately \$169.99 + tax (includes breakfast and pool, group rate available until April 30)
- Accommodations are also available in **Red Deer, Alberta**.

For those wishing to make a weekend of the event, local activities include **golf** and a visit to the **Danish Canadian National Museum & Gardens** nearby.

<https://www.danishcanadianmuseum.com>

<https://glenifferlakegolf.com>

Also nearby in Sundre is the Open Wings Parrot Sanctuary

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Open-Wings-Parrot-Sanctuary-61558040165580/>

We encourage every club in Multiple District C to participate and support this important evening benefiting LCIF. Please share this invitation with your membership and help promote attendance within your club.

Tickets will also be available during the Multiple District C Convention in Grande Prairie.

Further information regarding auction and raffle items will be shared in the coming weeks.

Thank you for helping make this a successful and memorable event for all Lions across Multiple District C.

Sincerely,

PDG Lyle Gustafson
LCIF Gala Chairman.

PCC Brent Johnson
Multiple District C LCIF Chairman





Save the Date!

C2 CONVENTION
October 23, 24 2026



Cochrane Lions Club
EVENTS CENTRE

Join Us for the District C1 Convention!

All are invited to the District C1 Convention on November 6 and 7 at the Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre. We are honoured to welcome International Director Gary Steele as our special guest.

Hosted by the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club, the Convention Committee, under the leadership of Convention Chair PCC Tom Hodgson, has planned an exciting lineup of sessions, inspiring service activities, and amazing food. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, celebrate achievements, and enjoy great fellowship with fellow Lions.

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Venue: Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB T5G 3J5



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DGE Thomas Varghese