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Lions Clubs International District C-1 Newsletter

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District Governor's June Message

As this is my final message, I would sincerely like to thank all the clubs for the hospitality and courtesy extended to me over the past three years as a member of the Governor's Team.

Most of all, thank you for the outstanding work you continue to do in your communities. From scholarships, playgrounds, children's eye screening, Peace Poster contests, youth leadership camps, school sports uniforms, seniors' housing, support for the homeless, medical equipment not funded by government, and much, much more — Lions continue to make a real difference.

As I travelled throughout the District, I passed many towns and villages where Lions are no longer represented. Many of these communities once had active Lions Clubs that were the hub of service, fellowship, and social activity. I cannot help but wonder: who will fill the void left behind?

Will we expect government to provide all these social needs? Will another community-minded group step forward? Or will new Lions leaders emerge — people who enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded friends and who are willing to share their Time, Talents, and Treasure for the good of their community and society at large?

That is the spirit found in the Lions Code of Ethics and Purposes: service without expectation of reward.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving. I leave this role with gratitude, pride, and great confidence in the future of Lionism in our District.

Lion Ted Mikkelsen
District Governor, District C-1



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER



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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>



So you have been elected as your Club's Executive - NOW WHAT?

WHAT DOES THE TAIL TWISTER DO?

Spoiler Alert:
They don't hand out fines... they hand out **FUN!** 😊

THE ROLE:
The Tail Twister brings energy, laughter, and engagement to our meetings!

WHAT THEY DO:
Lead fun and friendly activities, icebreakers, and challenges that get everyone involved and help our club feel like family.

THE GOAL:
Build camaraderie, boost participation, and create a welcoming and positive meeting experience.

REMEMBER:
It's all about fun, connection, and making memories – **NOT** fines!

LAUGHTER. FRIENDSHIP. ENGAGEMENT.
That's the Tail Twister Effect!



LIONS IN ACTION

BLINDMAN VALLEY LIONS CLUB



Keeping connected with our Community.

The Blindman Valley Lions club has been a very busy club. They have supported and hosted numerous community projects and had a great deal of fun along the way. They've helped with the BBQ at Bentley's popular Good neighbor event, bartended the



Rimbey Hospital huge Octoberfest fundraiser, held a diabetes awareness fundraiser, provided a full spread

Christmas Day dinner for a substantial crowd of folks, donated to our local outreach school's culinary class, provided



funds to a couple of our communities schools breakfast programs,

raised funds and needed supplies for our local foodbank, purchased needed track and field equipment for our small rural school in Bluffton, and purchased 2 new televisions for our seniors in long term care.

There are substantially more to add to this, but you are more than welcome to follow us on our [Facebook page](#) to see what we're doing; maybe even get some ideas for your club in your own communities. The biggest message in all of these projects is how great you feel as a human to help others. This world needs all the kindness we can provide. Every little project is rewarding. We're proud to be a Lion, we're proud to serve.



ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS CLUB

What does a Community Plant Swap look like?

A 3-hour event at which families and friends and gardeners help themselves to **free plants** as well as purchase from vendors and hear presentations on various environmental and gardening info.

For 5 years, St. Albert Host Lions have participated in this annual event organized by St. Albert Backyard Gardening Group (check them out on Facebook). Some 300 people attend - so an awesome impact.

On May 16, President Geoff & Lion Ceres & Lion Barb volunteer their time and gardening expertise.

ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS *sharing plants*
at the
MAY 16 • ST. ALBERT BACKYARD GARDENING GROUP
Plant Swap

Plants were shared, connections were made, and our local gardening community came together to kick off the 2026 outdoor gardening season!

Growing together, stronger together.

Proud to participate for
5 YEARS
in this ever-growing community event!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SHARED, DONATED, AND PARTICIPATED!

Plant today. Grow tomorrow. Thrive together.

Proudly serving our community
St. Albert Host Lions Club

Photo by Lion Aida Mustapic (Founder and Adm. of St. Albert Backyard Gardening Group)

Lion Aida is the DC1 Environmental Chair, Presenter at the District LCIF Gala on June 20, 2026



On May 23, 2026 the St. Albert Lions joined forces with 92 other groups, marching bands, dignitaries and cowboys for the annual "Rainmaker" Rodeo Parade through the streets of St. Albert.

Thousands of residents - young, old, and in between - lined the two-plus kilometer parade route.

The District C-1 Float (rented by the St. Albert lions for the parade) is currently being maintained and housed by the Leduc Lions Club. This award-winning float may be rented by any Lions club for their special events.

ST. ALBERT KINSMEN SINCE 1965

RAINMAKER

Feel the Thunder!

ST. ALBERT HOST LIONS ST. ALBERT BREAKFAST LIONS IN THE PARADE!

MAY 23 | ST. ALBERT

WE SERVE

THANK YOU, ST. ALBERT!
Your Support Makes Service Possible!

WHAT A GREAT PARADE!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO SUPPORT US!

St. Albert Host Lions Club
@stalberthostlions

Poster by Aida Mustapic

SAVE THE DATE

	MDC LCIF GALA	June 20 2026	Spruce View Alberta	<u>REQUEST INFORMATION</u>	See Page 10-12
	LCI CON 2026	July 3-7 2026	Hong Kong, China		<u>WEBSITE REGISTRA TION</u>
	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Sept 03-05 2026	Memphis USA	<u>REGISTRATION</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
	C2 CONVNTION	October 23-24 2026	Cochrane Alberta	Details to follow	See Page 13
	C1 CONVENTION 2026/27	November 06-07..2026	Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre, Alberta	Details to follow	SEE PAGE 14
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.



IN MEMORIAM

Lion Lynda Mills

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lynda Elaine Viola Mills of Wetaskiwin Alberta on May 02nd 2026 at the age of 81 yrs. She was predeceased by her husband Joe Bowler.

Lynda will be missed by her children James Letourneau, John Letourneau (Margie Gwinn), grandson Rylee Jesse James Letourneau, sisters Joan Andal (Dwight Andal), Lori Anderson (Rob Anderson), niece Cailin Mills, nephew Blaine Mills (Terresa Mills) and numerous cousins and friends.

Lynda was predeceased by her parents John and Dorthea Mills and her brother Brian Mills.

Lynda was a long-time member "in good standing" with the Wetaskiwin Lions Club and could be found volunteering for her favorite activity...BINGO!, until her health no longer allowed her to move about freely outside her home. She always enjoyed spending time with her Community of Christ Church family, particularly the many summers at the Hills of Peace Campground. Lynda was never shy and would always have a smile and a chat for whoever walked by.

A memorial service will occur later in the summer; date and location will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wetaskiwin Lions Club P.O. Box 6281 Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 2E9. All cheques should be made out to Lions of Alberta Foundation for tax purposes.



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

Method of payment

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



Multiple District C LCIF Gala

JUNE 20, 2026

SPRUCE VIEW COMMUNITY HALL

SPRUCEVIEW, AB

TICKETS: \$50.00

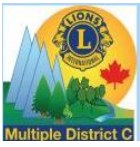
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MULTIPLE DISTRICT C LCIF GALA REGISTRATION



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 C-1 Convention!

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.

We are honoured to welcome International Director Gary Steele as our special guest.



All are invited to the District C-1 Convention on November 6 and 7, 2026 at the Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre.

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

Date: November 6 and 7, 2026

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

DGE Thomas Varghese