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25TH OF CURRENT MONTH

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District Governor's Message

As we enter September, many of our clubs will be returning to their regular meetings after the summer break. Plans will be made, service activities will get underway, and Lions will once again come together in fellowship and service.

July and August have also been busy months for the District Cabinet. We held our first Cabinet meeting in Millet, which I mentioned in the last issue of *Lions Link*. In this issue, you will also read about some of the motions passed regarding District administration and the proper handover and management of financial records and documents. We hope these decisions will help set a clear course for the smooth functioning of our District in the years ahead.

We also held a Special Cabinet Meeting by Zoom to approve the Convention budget and registration form. I am grateful to our Convention Co-Chairs, PDG Henry Lung and Lion Stacey Chan, and to the members of the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club who are working hard to make this year's Convention a meaningful and enjoyable experience. You will read more about the Convention elsewhere in this issue.

During the summer, I have also been working on the District Directory. This year, the Directory will come in a new format, with updated content and information that I hope will be useful to our clubs. Each club will receive four copies for its officers.

Another important upcoming event is our **District Training on September 13**. I am grateful to District Leadership Coordinator PDG Claude and his Team for arranging another training event. I encourage our Lions to take advantage of this opportunity. Training is not only for those who hold leadership positions or are considering becoming District leaders. It is for every Lion who wants to learn more, become more confident in their role, and help make their club stronger. No matter how many years we have been Lions, there is always something new we can learn from one another. I hope to see many of you there. We are also planning an **in-person Zone Chair Training** on **September 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Millet**. More information to follow.

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September also brings the **2026 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis, Tennessee**. Several Lions from our Multiple District will be attending. We are proud that at least two of District C1 Lions will receive their Bachelor's or Master's degrees from Lions University, and at least one Lion from our Multiple District will be presenting at the Forum. The Forum is another great opportunity for Lions to learn, share ideas, and bring new ideas back to their clubs and communities.

Another highlight of the summer was our District Cabinet visit to Camp He Ho Ha. It was a wonderful opportunity to see firsthand the important work being done there and to learn more about the difference Camp He Ho Ha continues to make in the lives of children and adults with disabilities. Visits like this remind us why partnerships and community service remain such an important part of Lions.

On August 17th, we had a Multiple District Finance Budget Committee meeting on Zoom, and on August 29th, we had the Multiple District Council meeting in Calgary. I will share more about these meetings in the next newsletter.

As our clubs begin planning for the months ahead, service should be at the heart of what we do. International President Mark Lyon reminds us that meaningful service is how clubs thrive, become visible in their communities, and ultimately grow. This is also at the heart of *MISSION 1.5*. One act of service can create a ripple that reaches far beyond what we may ever see. In the same way, one invitation to a new member can create another ripple, increasing the number of people we can serve.

So, as you plan for the months ahead, think about the needs in your community and how your club can respond. Invite others to join you. Share your projects and stories. Let people see what Lions are doing.

One important upcoming opportunity is the Week of Service for Vision, October 8–18. Clubs can plan a vision-related service project, recognize World Sight Day on October 8, observe International White Cane Day on October 15, organize an eyeglass collection, or find another way to support vision in your community.

Recently, in one of my conversations with our District Treasurer and Zone Chair, Lion Rehann, she brought up an awesome idea — giving our clubs an opportunity to share their stories, similar to the bios we have been featuring about our Lions leaders. I thought this was a great way for all of us to learn more about the clubs in our District. Hence, I encourage club officers / Lions to send us a short write-up about your club. Tell us about your club's history, signature projects, community involvement, partnerships, and other activities. Please include a few pictures as well. I hope our club officers will take up this opportunity to feature their clubs and let the rest of the District know about the great work they are doing.

No matter how big or small your activity may be, please remember to report it. Every service activity we report helps show the difference Lions are making in our communities and around the world.

As we begin this next part of our Lions year, let us continue to **Lead, Include, and Serve**. One project, one invitation, and one act of service can start a ripple.

Let us be the ripple that our International President is asking us to create.

Yours in Service,
Dr. Thomas Varghese
District Governor 2026-27
Lead with courage and vision.
Include with kindness and respect.
Serve with compassion and commitment.

ROOTED IN SERVICE

Come Together at Our District C1 Convention

The Lions Pledge

"I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Code of Ethics, and will embody these principles by serving my community and supporting our global foundation. I am proud to be a Lion supporting our global foundation. I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others".

Thomas Varghese DG- District C1

SAVE THE DATE

	C1 NOMINATIONS CLOSE	OCTOBER 01, 2026			SEE PAGE **37**
	WEEK OF SERVICE VISION	OCTOBER 08-18, 2026	**Amplify your club's impact**		SEE PAGE **36**
	St Albert Brekfast Lions Champagne Brunch	10am October 18, 2026	St. Albert Inn	RESERVATION	SEE PAGE **30**
	LIONS YOUTH CAMP Annual General Meeting	7:00pm October 20, 2026	Via ZOOM	For Zoom link Contact chassell@shaw.ca	See Page **35**
	**C2 CONVNTION**	October 23-24 2026	Cochrane Alberta	**CLICK TO REGISTER ON-LINE**	See Page **31**
	**C1 CONVENTION 2026/27**	November 06-07..2026	Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre, Alberta	**CLICK TO REGISTER ON-LINE**	SEE PAGE **5**
	**St. Albert Host Lions 75th Anniversary**	February 12, 2027	St. Albert Alberta	Details to follow	
	WEEK OF SERVICE YOUTH	**FEBRUARY 13-21, 2027**	**Amplify your club's impact**		SEE PAGE **36**
	WEEK OF SERVICE ENVIRONMENT	**MAY 29 – June 06 2027**	**Amplify your club's impact**		SEE PAGE **36**
	Washington DC 109TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	July 2-6 2027	Washington DC, USA	Details to follow	

RESERVED FOR YOUR CLUB'S SPECIAL EVENT

Read It. Share It. Be Part of Lions Link!

Sometime in June, before the July issue of *Lions Link* was released, I had a conversation with Lion Mike about our newsletter. One of the things we discussed was how to get more people to read it and how we can make it more interesting and useful to our members. Some of the changes you may have noticed in the last two issues came from that conversation.

At our District Cabinet Meeting, Lion Mike also spoke about the importance of telling our stories. He encouraged clubs to share their stories and include good action pictures. There is a lot of good work happening in our clubs. We need to tell people about it.

One thing I wanted to try was to have more articles written by our own Lions. I would like *Lions Link* to be a newsletter written **not only for Lions, but also by Lions**. We have so much knowledge and experience among our members, and *Lions Link* gives us an opportunity to share it.

Write about something you are passionate about. Share your Lions journey or an experience that meant something to you. Write about the history of your club and how it has served the community over the years. Tell us about a project that worked well or an idea that another club could use. Share your stories and include some good action pictures.

I encourage more Lions to write about your club's successes, just share your experience, your knowledge, and your passion for Lions.



I also ask every club to promote *Lions Link*. Please share it with all your club members and encourage them to read it. But don't stop there. Send it to your friends and relatives. Share it with people in your community. Send it to Lions outside our District as well. Let people see what our Lions and our clubs are doing.

And please don't hesitate to send us something because you think only professional writers can write articles. You don't have to be a professional writer. Share your story and send us some pictures. If any editing is needed, the editorial team can help. What is important is that we tell our stories.

Lions Link gives us a wonderful opportunity to share what we do and promote the spirit of Lionism. Let us make good use of it.

Read Lions Link. Share Lions Link. Write for Lions Link. Let us tell our stories and promote Lionism.

Thomas Varghese DG- District C1

Program

12th DISTRICT C1 CONVENTION

November 6 and 7, 2026

Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre
11834 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB

THEME:

LEAD. INCLUDE. SERVE

Building Stronger Lions, Stronger Clubs, Stronger Communities





International Director
Gary Steele

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

REGISTRATION

FRIDAY EVENING

Cultural Evening
with Multiple Cultural Dances

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

INSPIRING SESSIONS ON:

- Health and Wellness
- Environment
- Camp He Ho Ha
- Veterans House
- Diabetes Awareness
- and Many More!

OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SERVICE ACTIVITIES
Join hands. Make a difference. Strengthen our communities together.

HOSPITALITY ROOM
Hosted on both Friday and Saturday
by the PDG Association

PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
Collecting for Veterans Food Bank

Dear Lions and Leos,

Our District Convention is coming up in November, and I hope many of you will make plans to attend.

Our Convention Co-Chairs, **PDG Henry Lung and Lion Stacey Chan**, along with the **Edmonton Chinese Lions Club** and the Convention Committee, have been working hard to put together a good Convention for us.

The Convention starts Friday evening with a cultural night. This will be a good opportunity to meet Lions from different parts of our District, renew friendships, and enjoy some fellowship together.

The Past District Governors Association will host a hospitality room on Friday and Saturday. Those who are planning to run for District positions, including SVDG and VCC, will also have an opportunity to meet Lions and introduce themselves.

We are also planning some good sessions during the Convention. You will hear about Camp He Ho Ha, the University of Alberta Lions Legacy Project, Veterans House, Lions of Alberta Foundation and other initiatives and projects. There will be opportunities to learn something new and take some ideas back to your clubs.

Of course, we cannot have a Lions Convention without service. The Convention Committee is planning some service activities during the weekend. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Veterans Food Bank of Alberta. Please bring a few items with you if you can. If everyone brings something, together we can make a good contribution.

I also want to especially invite our Leos. Please come and be part of the Convention. This is an opportunity to meet other Lions and Leos, participate in service, attend the sessions, and see more of what Lions is all about. Lions Clubs that sponsor or work with Leo Clubs, please encourage your Leos to attend and bring them with you.

The Host Club and the Convention Committee have worked hard to keep the cost as low as possible. The early registration fee is only $150. We have also negotiated a special room rate with the Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre. There are only a limited number of rooms available at this rate, so please book your room early.

District C1 is a very large District. We don't get many opportunities to have Lions from different parts of the District together in one place. The Convention gives us that opportunity. We can meet each other, learn what other clubs are doing, share ideas, and simply spend some time together.

If you have never attended a District Convention, come this year and see what it is all about. If you have attended before, bring another Lion or Leo with you. Better yet, come together as a club.

So please mark November 6-7 on your calendar and plan to join us in Edmonton.

Come for the sessions. Come for the service. Come for the fellowship.

Most importantly, come and be part of your District.

I look forward to seeing you in November. The Online Registration for Lions District C1 Convention

https://edmontonchineselionsclub.com/

Thomas Varghese
District Governor, District C1

District C-1 Lions Convention Registration Form
Date: November 6–7, 2026
Location: Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, Alberta
Hosted by the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club

Delegate Information

Name: _____ Name on the Badge:_____

Club: _____ District: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration

☐ Full Lion Convention Registration
Fee: $150 (register by September 15), after September 15: $170
☐ Full Leos Convention Registration
Fee: $100
☐ Banquet only
Fee: $65

Registration deadline: October 1, 2026. Registrations received after this date cannot be guaranteed

Payment

☐ E-Transfer to C1Convention2026@gmail.com
☐ Cheque – make payable to the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club (mailing address: 200, 12204 – 106 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T5N 3Z1)

Full payment must accompany the registration form to be registered as an attendee

Meals & Dietary Requirements

☐ No dietary restrictions
☐ Dietary restrictions/allergies: _____

We will make every effort to meet dietary requirements. However, accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

Hotel Reservation

Please book your room directly at the Edmonton Inn by phone 1-888-747-4114 by Friday, October 2, 2026, mention the "Lions 2026 Convention" to receive the special group rate single $124/night or double $134/night

Cancellation

Written cancellations received on or before October 1, 2026, will receive a 90% refund. After October 1, registrations can only be transferred to another Lion by notifying the Convention Committee by email to C1Convention2026@gmail.com. Otherwise, the full registration fee will be forfeited.

Please email completed registration form to C1Convention2026@gmail.com

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT C1

Let's come together

TO SERVE & SUPPORT

AT OUR DISTRICT CONVENTION

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting non-perishable food items at the District Convention to support the **Veterans Food Bank of Alberta.**

Please bring your donations and help us support those who served our country.



50/50 CASH RAFFLE

Take a chance and help support our District!

- Winner receives 50% of the total ticket sales.
- The other 50% supports District C1 projects and charitable initiatives.

Thank you for your support!



SILENT AUCTION – WE NEED ITEMS!

We are looking for donated items for our Silent Auction.

- Interested parties place bids on items using a bid sheet – that's how a "Silent Auction" works!
- Your donations help make our Convention a success and support District projects.

If your club or business can donate an item, please contact the Convention Committee.



SPONSOR A MEAL OR SNACK

We are looking for clubs who would like to sponsor Friday night dinner and/or afternoon snacks during the District Convention.

Your support will help us provide great hospitality for all our Lions, Leos and guests.



Thank you!

Your generosity helps us make a difference in the lives of others and build stronger communities together.

LEAD. INCLUDE. SERVE. | *Building Stronger Lions, Stronger Clubs, Stronger Communities* | **DISTRICT CONVENTION NOVEMBER 6 & 7, 2026**

2026 DISTRICT C1 NOMINATIONS

District C-1 Nominating Committee

Lion Ron Wackenhut and Lion Paul Benson have been appointed as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the District C-1 Convention to be held on November 06-07, 2026 at Edmonton, Alberta.

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

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

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

- District Governor Elect
- 1st Vice District Governor
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- Vice Council Chair Candidate

DEADLINE: **October 01, 2026**

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

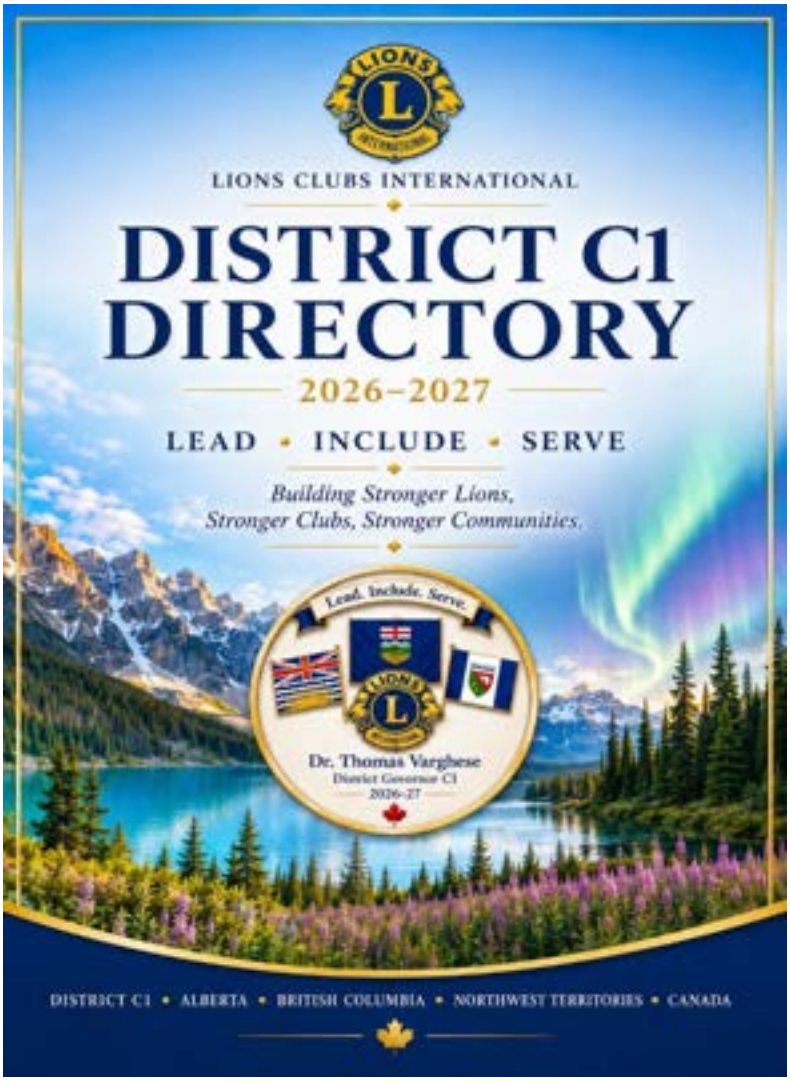
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Bylaws: Article VI; Section 10

Please send your nominations or questions to:

Lion Ron Wackenhut email r0lyn@telus.net
Lion Paul Benson email pbspare1@shaw.ca

Stay Tuned for Your New District Directory!



The District Directory has been revamped this year. With a colourful cover page, updated content, and more useful information, the Directory has a fresh new look and much more to offer.

There is a lot more information included this year. You will find the revised Lions Pledge, information about the Lions Learning Center and Lions University, Lions Leadership Institutes, our GAT Team, bios of our District Advisors, a revised Glossary of Lions Acronyms, information on dues and payment dates, and much more.

One concern we heard in the past was that some clubs were not receiving their Directories on time. This year, we are trying something different. Four copies of the Directory will be mailed directly to each club, addressed to the Club President or Secretary.

If your club needs additional copies, please reach out. Once all clubs have received their copies, if we have extras available, we will be happy to provide them.

When you receive your Directory, please keep it handy and make use of it. We have tried to make it more than just a list of names and contact information. Use it as a quick reference guide throughout the Lions year.

Lions and Good Citizenship — Alberta Referendum 2026

Dear Fellow Lions

As one of our International Purposes is To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship, I believe we should each participate in the upcoming Alberta Referendum. As there will be ten ballots to consider, I anticipate a long lineup at the polling stations. This can be avoided with the use of a mail-in ballot. These are available online at Elections Alberta, look for Special Ballot Request. The ballots will be mailed to you for completion at your leisure. This option is available until October 9. Return postage is provided by Elections Alberta and you will have served as a responsible citizen. For further information: https://www.elections.ab.ca/request-a-special-ballot/

Past International Director
Bill Webb

Know Your District LEADERS

Strong leadership is the foundation of strong clubs and a strong District. Our District leaders bring a wealth of experience, diverse professional backgrounds, and a deep commitment to service. In the coming issues of this newsletter, we will introduce the dedicated Lions who serve on our District Team. By getting to know these leaders, we can better appreciate the individuals working behind the scenes to support our clubs, strengthen Lionism, and advance our mission of service.

In this issue, we are pleased to introduce our Convention Chairs, Zone Chairs and some Cause Chairs. We hope you enjoy learning about their Lions journey, professional achievements, and vision for District C1's future.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT TREASURER

Congratulations, Lion Jonathan Whaley!

Congratulations to Lion Jonathan Whaley on his appointment as Treasurer of the Multiple District Council (MDC)!



Jonathan brings more than 25 years of professional experience in accounting and bookkeeping to this important position. Combined with more than 30 years of connection to Lions, his financial knowledge, experience, and commitment to service will make him an asset to the Multiple District Council.

He has been appointed by the District Governor to serve on the District C-1 Financial Review Committee. Jonathan also serves as Zone 16 Chair in the District.

Jonathan brings together two important strengths for his new role as MDC Treasurer: a strong financial background and a genuine passion for Lions service. We are confident that his experience, attention to financial matters, and commitment to our organization will serve the Multiple District well.

Congratulations, Lion Jonathan, on your appointment as Multiple District Council Treasurer! We wish you every success in this important role.

PDG Ron Wackenhut
Nominations Committee Chair

Lion Ron was raised and educated in Mayerthorpe, Alberta. He joined the Stony Plain Lions Club in January 1982 and has maintained an impressive 44 years of perfect attendance. Since becoming Club Secretary in July 1984, he has served in every club office, many of them multiple times.



Ron served as District Governor for District C-1 during the 2016–2017 Lions year. Over the years, he has received numerous President's Appreciation Awards and has been recognized with many Lions honours, including the Melvin Jones Fellowship, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, Bill Webber Award, Judge Brian Stevenson Award, Jack Dobush Award, Quest Award, Dr. Patti Hill Award, Dr. Greg Powell Award, and Life Membership.

He is a graduate of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) and has attended numerous District and Multiple District conventions, as well as the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Beyond Lions, Ron has given back to his community by volunteering during the Alberta Summer and Winter Games hosted by the Town of Stony Plain and by serving for several years as a Cub Leader with Scouts Canada.

Ron is retired after a 44-year career, including 28 years with the Alberta Liquor Control Board (ALCB) before privatization and 16 years with Barcol Doors & Windows. He currently enjoys working part-time, transporting vehicles for Mitchener Allen Auctions as needed.

In his spare time, Ron enjoys camping, reading, gardening, and playing computer games. He and his wife, Lynda, have been married for 54 years. Together they have a daughter, a son, one granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren. They also cherish the many fond memories of their late son, James.

Lion Ron serves as the Nomination Committee Chair.

Lion Brian Barnes
Awards Committee Chair

Lion Brian Barnes has been a proud Lion since 1976, when he joined the Lions Club of Roodepoort in Transvaal, South Africa. In an



environment where fundraising opportunities such as casinos and bingo were not permitted, service to the community became the primary focus, shaping Brian's lifelong commitment to Lionism. After immigrating to Canada in 1981, Brian transferred to the South Edmonton Lions Club. His banking career took him to various communities across Alberta and British Columbia, allowing him to serve in several Lions clubs and gain a broad perspective on the impact of Lions service. Throughout his Lions journey, Brian has served in numerous leadership roles, including Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Zone Chair, and Club President. He has also attended several USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, taking advantage of opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with fellow Lions. Known for his gentle and caring nature, Brian is always willing to lend a helping hand and support those around him. His kindness, humility, and dedication to service have earned him the respect and friendship of many Lions. In addition to his leadership contributions, Brian is a talented piper who regularly shares his musical gifts at District and Multiple District Conventions, helping make these events memorable and meaningful for attendees.

Lion Brian serves as the Awards Committee Chair, where his attention to detail and appreciation for fellow Lions' contributions help ensure that deserving members are recognized and celebrated for their service.

Lion Brian is also appointed to the three-member District Finance Review Committee by the District Governor

Lion Anoop Menon
LFC Dog Guides Chair

Lion Anoop Menon is a member of the Edmonton Malayali Lions Club and serves as the District C-1 Dog Guides Chair. Although he is a relatively new Lion, Anoop has already stepped forward to take on a District leadership role.



Anoop immigrated to Canada and now lives in Edmonton with his wife and two children. He works at ATB Financial as a Director in Banking Technology.

Service is also becoming a family affair for Anoop. His daughter was featured in the April issue of *Lions Link* for collecting used eyeglasses at her school. It was a great example of how children can also get involved in Lions service and make a difference in their own way.

As Dog Guides Chair, Anoop wants to create more awareness about Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and the services they provide. He hopes more clubs will learn about Dog Guides, promote the program in their communities, and support this important Lions project.

Anoop is already leading by example. His employer recognizes the time he spends volunteering with Lions and provides $20 for every volunteer hour, which can then be donated to a charity. Anoop recorded the hours he spent at our Leadership Training Day and District Cabinet Meeting and donated the funds to Dog Guides.

This is also a good reminder for other Lions. Some employers have programs that support their employees' volunteer work. Anoop encourages Lions to check whether their employers have a similar program, record their volunteer hours, and use the opportunity to support an organization of their choice.

Anoop looks forward to working with the District Governor, Cabinet members, and clubs to promote Dog Guides throughout District C-1.

PDG Henry Lung-

District Convention Co- Chair

Past District Governor Henry Lung has been a dedicated Lion for 50 years.



Lion Henry began his Lions journey in District 303, Hong Kong and Macao, where he served as a Charter President. Since then, he has taken on many leadership roles, including Zone Chair, District Deputy Governor, District Governor (1986–1987), and OSEAL Forum Co-Chair.

Henry has also played an important role in the growth of Lions. Over the years, he sponsored a Lioness Club, a Lions Club, and a Leo District in Hong Kong.

His service has included many fundraising and community projects. He was involved with the Lions Walk and a project with the Hong Kong Government's Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). He has also supported the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, Lions Eye Bank Foundation, as well as Lions programs related to diabetes and drug awareness.

Those who work with Henry know him as a calm, thoughtful and considerate person. He does not rush into things. He listens, thinks things through and pays attention to the details. When Henry takes on a responsibility, he takes it seriously and makes sure it is done properly. He is also very willing to share his many years of Lions experience with others.

After 50 years, Henry is still very active in Lions. He currently serves as President of the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club. He is also Co-Chair of the District C-1 Convention, together with Lion Stacey Chan, also from the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club. Taking on these responsibilities after so many years of service says a great deal about Lion Henry and his commitment to Lionism.

Henry has received many recognitions for his service, including the International President's Award, Certificates of Appreciation, Twin Club Certificate, and Guiding Lion Award. He is also a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, Dr. Patti Hill Fellow, and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

For 50 years, Henry has given his time, experience and energy to Lions. He continues to serve today, quietly and faithfully, always keeping our simple motto in mind:

"We Serve."

Shae-Lynn Schumacher- Zone 1 Chair



Lion Shae-Lynn Schumacher began her Lions journey at the age of 18, following a family tradition of service through Lionism. Since then, she has served her club in a variety of leadership roles, including two terms as Club President, as a Director, and as Service Chair.

At the district level, Shae-Lynn served for two years as the Lions of Alberta Foundation (LOAF) Representative and is now serving her second year as Zone Chair for Zone 1. In this role, she supports the Fairview District, Grande Prairie, Hudson Hope, Rycroft and District, and Tumbler Ridge Lions Clubs.

Shae-Lynn is committed to leadership development and lifelong learning. She has attended the RLL Institute, the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI), numerous District and Multiple District conventions, and is a Certified Guiding Lion.

As Zone Chair, her goal is to strengthen communication and fellowship among the clubs in Zone 1 and to encourage collaboration and mutual support.

Outside of Lions, Shae-Lynn enjoys hiking, camping, and spending time outdoors. Through her work, she also manages the Home Depot Orange Door Project, with all funds raised supporting the Youth Shelter in Grande Prairie.



Arden Lohner– Zone 3 Chair

Lion Arden Lohner serves as the Chair of Zone 3. He is a member of the Edson Lions Club and has been a Lion since 2013. During his years of service, he has held several leadership roles within his club, including Treasurer, Vice President, and President. He is now serving his third term as Zone Chair.



Arden was born and raised in Daysland, Alberta. After graduating from high school, he entered the Millwright apprenticeship program and attended NAIT. He earned his Journeyman Millwright Certificate in 1995. In 2000, he joined Weyerhaeuser Edson OSB, where he continues to work today.

Arden joined the Edson Lions Club in 2013 after being introduced to Lions by a co-worker. Since then, Lions has given him many opportunities to serve his community and take on leadership roles.

As Zone 3 Chair, Arden supports the Lions Clubs of Edson, Fox Creek, Jasper, and Whitecourt.

Arden's vision is to build a strong and growing zone through meaningful service. He wants Lions to respect one another, work together, and enjoy being part of the organization.

One of his priorities is to help clubs better understand the Lions organization. He also wants to encourage clubs in the zone to work together, share ideas, and support one another.

Arden hopes to build a stronger connection between the clubs and the District. He is committed to supporting the District Governor and helping achieve the goals of District C-1.

Dylan Fulks– Zone 4 Chair

Lion Dylan Fulks serves as the Chair of Zone 4. He is a member of the Drayton Valley Lions Club and has been a Lion for 14 years. During that time, he has held several leadership roles within his club, including serving multiple terms as Club President.



Dylan has lived in Drayton Valley his entire life. He and his wife are the proud parents of two daughters. Service and volunteering have always been an important part of his life. While some people enjoy hobbies such as woodworking or hockey, Dylan says that volunteering and organizing community events are what he enjoys most. His involvement with Lions has given him many opportunities to do just that.

As Zone 4 Chair, Dylan supports the Lions Clubs of Alberta Beach & District, Drayton Valley, Pembina Valley and District, Spruce Grove & District, Stony Plain, and Wabamun & District.

This is Dylan's first term as Zone Chair. He looks forward to visiting each club, meeting the members, and learning about their projects. He also wants to celebrate their successes and better understand the challenges they face.

Dylan believes clubs can accomplish more when they work together and build partnerships with other organizations in their communities. By sharing their time, knowledge, and resources, they can take on projects that may be difficult for one group to accomplish alone.

As Zone Chair, Dylan hopes to encourage cooperation, build stronger relationships, and support clubs as they continue to serve their communities.

Selwyne Kanengoni - Zone 5 & 6 Chair

Lion Selwyne Kanengoni is originally from Zimbabwe and has been involved with Lions for many years. His journey began as a Leo, continued as a Leo-Lion, and today he proudly serves as a Lion.



Over the years, Selwyne has held several leadership positions, including Club Secretary, Treasurer, Leo Advisor, Director, Club President, and LCIF District Chairperson. He now serves as a Zone Chair, supporting all of the Lions Clubs in the Edmonton area.

Selwyne believes that having the clubs within the city provides a great opportunity to stay connected, communicate regularly, and encourage clubs to work together. He hopes to strengthen relationships among the clubs, learn more about their activities and challenges, and encourage greater collaboration and fellowship.

Service is very important to Selwyne. He finds joy in making a positive difference in the lives of others and believes that meaningful change often begins by helping one person at a time.

His philosophy is simple: **“Transforming the community and the world, one life at a time.”**

Evelyn Henke - Zone 8 Chair

Lion Evelyn serves as the Chair of Zone 8. She is a member of the Chipman Lions Club and has been a Lion since December 9, 2011. During her years of service, she has held several leadership roles within her club, including Vice President and President. She is also a graduate



of the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI), which she completed in March 2025.

Chipman, Alberta, has always been home for Evelyn. Born in nearby Lamont, she continues to live in Chipman, where her family roots remain strong.

For most of her adult life, Evelyn worked with Parks Canada at Elk Island National Park. With the support of Parks Canada, she earned a degree in Physical Education and Recreation, graduating with distinction. Elk Island National Park is also where she met her husband, Karsten. They have been married for 33 years.

Today, Evelyn works as a Library Manager in Mundare. She enjoys her work and, as an avid reader, is always happy to recommend a good book.

Evelyn also loves to travel, especially by train. She has travelled by rail in Vietnam and Egypt and took the Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to China. She has also travelled across Canada by train and to Churchill, Manitoba, to see the polar bears. Her most recent train trip was in the spring of 2026.

As Zone 8 Chair, Evelyn supports the Lions Clubs of Andrew, Bruderheim, Chipman, Fort Saskatchewan, and Lamont. Evelyn sees her role as Zone Chair as an opportunity to learn, listen, and get to know the Lions in her zone. She plans to visit each club, meet the members, and learn more about their activities and needs. Communication is one of her main priorities. She wants to encourage open, two-way communication between the clubs and the District. She also wants Lions to know that she is approachable and available to help.

Evelyn also wants people in the community to better understand Lions. Many people know there is a Lions Club in their community, but they may not know who Lions are or what they do. She hopes to help clubs share the Lions mission and core values and show the difference Lions make through service.

Rehann Onyschuk – Zone 9 Chair



Rehann Onyschuk has been a proud Lion for the past six years and is a third-generation Lion. She grew up seeing firsthand the positive impact Lions have in their communities and was inspired by her family's tradition of service. Her father has been a Lion for 27 years, and her late grandfather was also dedicated to serving his community.

Rehann has served as her club's Treasurer for the past five years and has been involved at the District level for the past three years, including serving as District Service Coordinator (GST). She also currently serves as District C-1 Treasurer.

As Zone 9 Chair, Rehann supports the Lions Clubs of Radway, Redwater, Smoky Lake, Thorhild, and Waskatenau. Her priority is to support and strengthen these clubs while building positive relationships among them. She believes that while individual clubs may be small, they can accomplish much more when they share ideas, support one another, and work together.

Rehann looks forward to getting to know each club more closely and identifying opportunities for collaboration. Whether through supporting one another's events, sharing service projects, or developing stronger networks for future initiatives, she hopes to encourage communication, teamwork, and mutual support throughout Zone 9.

She is committed to being a strong link between the clubs and the District and to helping each club succeed. Through collaboration and a shared commitment to service, Rehann believes the clubs of Zone 9 can continue to grow stronger while making an even greater difference in the communities they serve.

Lion Trish Sullivan – Zone 12 Chair



Lion Patricia "Trish" Sullivan serves as the Chair of Zone 12. She is a member of the Millet & District Lions Club and has been a Lion since 2015. During her years of service, she has held several leadership roles, including Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Club President, and Zone Chair. She is now serving her fourth year as a Zone Chair.

Originally from Windsor, Newfoundland, Trish moved to Alberta in 1997 and settled in Millet in 2005. She is the proud mother of two daughters, Jenelle and Tammy, and grandmother to Parker, Jonathan, and Raina.

Trish joined the Millet & District Lions Club in 2015 along with her partner, Gary. Since then, Lions has become an important part of her life. She enjoys organizing 50/50 and Grey Cup fundraisers, helping with Lions Christmas Hampers, visiting other clubs, and welcoming new members. Over the past ten years, Trish has sponsored five new Lions. One of her proudest moments came on her 10th anniversary as a Lion when her daughter Jenelle became a Lion, giving them the opportunity to serve together.

Trish has received several recognitions for her service, including the Lions International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, Lion of the Year, and President's Appreciation Awards from neighbouring clubs. She is also a Guiding Lion and a graduate of the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI).

As Zone 12 Chair, Trish supports the Lions Clubs of Beaumont & District, Leduc, Millet & District, and Wetaskiwin. Trish enjoys visiting clubs, meeting Lions, and helping clubs and members wherever she can. She believes in welcoming new people, building friendships, and working together to serve the community.

She is proud to be a Lion and looks forward to continuing to serve alongside fellow Lions. Her motto reflects her enthusiasm for service: **"It's a Lion thing—serving our community with pride, serving with a smile, and being part of something great."**

Jonathan Whaley. Zone 16 Chair



Lion Jonathan Whaley brings more than 30 years of Lions experience and over 25 years of experience in accounting and bookkeeping to his leadership roles.

His connection to Lions began long before he became a member. As a young man, he helped his dad with the Peace River Lions Club. If he counts those years, he has been part of the Lions family for well over 30 years. Lions has always been an important part of his life, and he has enjoyed serving in many different ways over the years.

Jonathan is a proud member of the Sylvan Lake Lions Club. He is completing his third year as Club President and will be serving as Club Treasurer this year. He is also entering his third year as Zone Chair for Zone 16. In this role, he supports the Alix, Ponoka, Red Deer Central, and Sylvan Lake Lions Clubs. He looks forward to continuing to support the clubs of Zone 16 and District C-1 in any way he can.

In Jonathan's words, **"Let's make this a terrific year!"**

LIONS IN ACTION

Edmonton Host Lions Club

On Tuesday, Aug 4th, volunteers from **Edmonton Host Lions Club** got together at Millie Calder Hall located in Lions Kensington Court. Kensington Court is a low-income seniors housing complex run by the North Saskatchewan Valley Foundation board, a branch of Edmonton Host Lions Club.



Eleven people gathered to sort through 10 boxes and 5 large bags of mixed and jumbled up eyeglasses. “Stations” were set up for volunteers to dump the glasses on tables for sorting. They then went through the piles to separate broken glasses, good eyeglasses and sunglasses separately. It was a great success! The senior residents really enjoyed the feeling of accomplishment and finished sorting through all the boxes even though it took much longer than the scheduled time of the volunteer event. No one wanted to quit until all the work was done! There was lots of laughter as we came across various costume sunglasses, so we got together and took a picture to show off some of the crazy glasses.



Above - Lions Robin, Bernie, Lois and Carol Constant (missing from the photo), along with the residents.



Left - Lions Harry and Robin modelling some very stylish eyewear when sorting previously.

Submitted by Lion Robin Sample

NOTICE

C-1 District
Awards and Nominations
are now open

Please direct Awards questions and submissions to:

Awards Committee Chair

Lion Brian Barnes
Phone: 780-307-6582
Email:
brianlionszonechair@gmail.com

Please direct Nomination submissions to:

Nominations Committee

Lion Ron Wackenhut
email r0lyn@telus.net

Lion Paul Benson
email pbspare1@shaw.ca

Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club

The Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club has had a very busy spring and summer thus far.

May 1st Lion's Campground opened for the season. Since opening day the camp has been running at 90 – 100% capacity.

July 1st, we participated in the City's Canada Day Parade.



July 2nd Lions Wading pool opened



The pool saw 3382 visitors in July (24 days)

We held two "Lunch with the Lions" events at the wading pool and another one on August 24th at the No Frills Market.



July 24th, we held our year end BBQ and were privileged to induct four new members.





We also honoured Lion Robert Fillman with a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award presented by Lion Derwin Bartlett, Lion Robert and and President Dave Baron.

We are excited to continue to grow and serve our community.

Lion Donna House

NEW PROJECTS

An Invitation to Join Hands and Build a Lasting Legacy

Opening Doors of Opportunity for Future Generations

Fellow Lions,

The University of Alberta recently reached out to the Edmonton Chinese Lions Club and made a presentation to our Club about the new Kenneth and Sandra Wong Gallery and the educational opportunities it will provide. After hearing the presentation and learning more about the project, our Club decided this was something worth supporting. We pledged $50,000, and the first $25,000 has already been presented to the University.

But we did not want to stop there. We continued our discussions with the University to explore whether there might be an opportunity for Lions to make a greater impact and leave something behind that would last for many years. Over several meetings, we explored different possibilities. We wanted something that would give the Lions name good visibility, but more importantly, something that would continue to benefit our communities long into the future.

That is how the idea of a $250,000 endowment fund came about. The goal is to raise $250,000 over three years, by December 31, 2029. Hence, we are now reaching out to our fellow Lions Clubs in District C-1 and asking you to join us in raising the remaining amount. The $250,000 will be placed in an endowment fund at the University of Alberta. The money will remain invested, and the income earned each year will be used to support educational programs and activities for schoolchildren, community organizations and other groups. This means the benefit of our contribution will continue well beyond the three years it takes us to raise the funds.

The University of Alberta has more than 10 million artifacts in its collections. Some of these will be featured through rotating exhibitions and displays at the new Kenneth and Sandra Wong Gallery in the University of Alberta TELUS Centre. The Gallery is expected to open in March 2027, and admission to its programs, events and exhibitions will be free.

We Need the Help of Our Fellow Lions Clubs

There are about 80 Lions Clubs in District C-1. If our clubs come together, we believe this is something we can achieve. We wish each club to consider what it can do. The Edmonton Chinese Lions Club has already received approval from the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission (AGLC) to use casino funds for our contribution.

A Lasting Lions Legacy

One of the options we discussed with the University was how the Lions contribution could be recognized in a lasting way.

The University of Alberta has agreed that once the pledges reach $250,000 and one-third of the pledged amount has been received, the Community Room in the Kenneth and Sandra Wong Gallery will be named **“District C1 Lions Clubs Community Room.”**

A plaque at the entrance will recognize the Lions Clubs that contributed to the fund. This means the Lions name will have a permanent presence at the University of Alberta. But the real legacy is what the endowment will continue to do. Year after year, it will help support educational programs and provide opportunities for people in our communities. This is something we can leave behind together.

Opening Doors for Young People

We are particularly excited about what this could mean for young people in our communities. Children and community groups will have an opportunity to visit the Gallery, learn from the University's collections and experience the University of Alberta campus. There will also be opportunities for campus tours through the University's Ambassadors Program.

For some children, especially those from rural and smaller communities, this may be their first visit to a university campus. For some, it may simply be an enjoyable and educational field trip. For others, it may open their eyes to possibilities they had never considered before.

We Are Asking Lions Clubs to Join Us

The Edmonton Chinese Lions Club has taken the first step by committing $50,000. Now we need the help of our fellow Lions Clubs in District C-1. Please take this request to your club meeting. Talk about it with your members and consider what your club can contribute over the next three years. If many of our clubs join hands, the $250,000 goal is within our reach.

Clubs that would like to be part of this team effort can contact Lion Eugene Chow at eqchow@gmail.com for a pledge form. Lion Eugene can also answer questions about using AGLC-approved funds for this contribution and help clubs that may wish to explore that option.

Years from now, when Lions and members of our communities walk into the **District C1 Lions Clubs Community Room** at the University of Alberta, we hope your club's name will be among those recognized for helping to make it happen.

Come and Hear More at the Convention

The University of Alberta will make a presentation about this initiative at the District C-1 Convention, November 6–7, 2026, at the Edmonton Inn & Conference Centre. They will also have a booth at the Convention. Please stop by, talk with them, ask questions and learn more about the project.

We have made our commitment. We are asking you to join hands with us. Lions can accomplish more when we work together.

By PDG Henry Lung, President, Edmonton Chinese Lions Club



Serving Those Who Served

Veteran Support and Service — A New District C-1 Cause

Greetings, Fellow Lions of District C-1,

As many of you know, District Governor Thomas has created a new cause within our district. This new cause is called “Veteran Support and Service” and I have had the great privilege of being asked to chair this cause. Some people may wonder why this cause is important and why we are looking for and supporting Veterans? Why would veterans need our support and who is a Veteran?



First, who is a Veteran? In this case, we are looking at the Canadians who have served within the Canadian Armed Forces. You may ask, isn't that just another government department, with people being hired to do a particular job? Yes, that is correct; however, there is much more to this particular department than in any of the other government departments.

A member of the Canadian Armed Forces has volunteered to serve and protect the government of Canada, the citizens of Canada, Allies of Canada, and Canada as a country. A veteran is one that has signed his or her life to the contents of the Canadian oath to defend and uphold the protection of all of above-mentioned areas, with full knowledge that it could mean defending to the ultimate sacrifice of giving of life; and that there that there is no expiry date to that oath. Veterans often are allocated to the protection of other countries that are allies to Canada; in the same way most people would stand up and protect a good friend. These conflicts in other countries take a great toll on the physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing of each and every Veteran.

Some of the measurements of the tolls that these veterans experience is hard to explain or comprehend for anyone that has not had the experience of seeing or going through what these veterans have seen and experienced.

Many of the mission areas that veterans were sent into have a lasting effect where they never come home the same as they were before they left. Whether that be due to extreme wear-and-tear on the body or injuries applied to the body or the ultimate sacrifice to the body or the Comrades that they depended upon every minute of that mission or conflict.

There is also the mental side that the Veteran comes home with. A lot of the mental affects come from what they've seen, what happened around them, the comrades that were injured or killed next to them, or the results of what happened to the innocent civilians in those areas. During a war or conflict there are no reliefs from the dangers, the weapons, bombs, drones, or the enemy themselves. But one of the big factors for mental distress is the constant and never-ending noise that is there 24 hours per day with no way of turning it off during their six to eight month assignment to mission or conflict.

When the veteran comes home from these missions or conflicts, they are not the same as they were before they left. All the things they've seen, heard or experienced will haunt them for the rest of their lives. Plus, there is always a very strong guilt complex {why am I still here} as well as, whether real or imagined, a stigma that you feel about the things your job has asked you to do.

In some cases a Veteran will leave the military and turn to alcohol and/or drugs to try and forget the life they just served, however, from the training they received in order to do the jobs they've done, forgetting in most cases is not possible without proper treatment and counselling. With that in mind these veterans end up with addictions that will eventually put them on track to a homeless life of suffering.

In 2012 and 2013 we organized a group of veterans who were fortunate enough to get proper help for their mental disorders. This group proceeded and was mandated to find the veterans that had fallen through the cracks and were located somewhere on skid row. At that time there was no assistance where we could house these veterans once found. That created a problem that we could not overcome. That problem was we needed a place where we could help these veterans through the 3 to 4 months that they needed to control their addictions and address their health conditions. A place where they could be successfully interviewed and maybe accepted for a new job position. The 3 to 4 months was also time to help them put pride back in their existence so they could realize a better life.

Things have changed since that time, and a building is being erected that has 40 one room apartments where these veterans can be housed, counselled, treated and individually welcomed back into society. The opening date is set for November 9th this year. It is estimated that there are 150 such veterans in the city of Edmonton, homeless with addictions, and they need our help.

This apartment building will also provide spaces where veterans can learn new skills and become involved in small projects and activities such as gardening, cooking and other hands-on programs. These activities can help veterans rebuild their confidence, regain a sense of pride and purpose, and begin looking toward the future with renewed hope.

The team from Veterans' House Canada has agreed to have an information table at our District Convention and will also give a presentation about Veterans' House in Edmonton. This will be a great opportunity for Lions to learn more about the project and how we can support our veterans.

During the Convention, we will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Veterans Food Bank. Please bring what you can and help us make this a meaningful District service project.

With Remembrance Day only four days after our Convention, this is a fitting time for us to remember and honour the service and sacrifices of our veterans. Let us show our appreciation in the way Lions know best — through service.

It is our hope that Lions clubs throughout District C-1 and beyond will consider making an annual commitment to support Veterans House. Even a modest contribution from each club can help fund these programs and assist with other ongoing needs.



If your club would like to learn more about Veterans House and how you can help, please contact me. I would be very happy to visit your club and share more information about this important project

Lion Art Brochu
Chair, Veteran Support and Service, District C1
Alberta Beach and District Lions Club
780-975-3541, abrochu@telusplanet.net

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



District C-1 Training Program

Sun. Sept. 13, 2026 – St. Albert Community Hall
17 Perron Street, St. Albert, AB

11:30 am	Welcome & Land Acknowledgment – PDG Claude Carignan *Global* Leadership Coordinator
11:35 am	Introductions and DG remarks
11:45 am	Session – Global Service (Lion Aida Mustapic)
12:45 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Session – Global Membership (Lion Walter Calahaisn)
1:30 pm	Session – Global Extension (PCC Lynne Coulter)
1:45 pm	Session – Global Leadership (PDG Claude Carignan)
2:00 pm	Session – Lions Clubs International Foundation
2:30 pm	Session – Lions of Alberta Foundation
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Breakout Training Sessions – – Presidents at Hall (PCC Betty Ann Robson) – Secretaries at Hall (PDG Claude Carignan) – Treasurers at Hall (Lion Eugene Chow)
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Closing remarks at Hall

REPORTS

Strengthening Financial Governance in District C1

The District Cabinet meeting on July 26th, at Millet Lions Hall, approved several important measures to strengthen financial governance, improve accountability, and ensure a smooth transition of financial responsibilities from one Lions year to the next.

Finance Review Committee

A three-member **Finance Review Committee**, consisting of **Lion Jonathan Whaley, PCC Frances Sawiak, and Lion Brian Barnes**, was appointed by the District Governor. The committee is independent of the District's signing authorities and will conduct quarterly reviews of the District's financial records. The District Treasurer will provide the committee with all financial records, including bank reconciliations, supporting documents, income and expense reports, and any additional information requested by the committee. The committee will verify that expenditures are consistent with the approved budget or have been authorized by Cabinet and will report its findings and recommendations after each quarterly review.

In addition to these quarterly reviews, an annual financial review will be completed before the District's year-end financial statements are presented to Cabinet for approval. This provides an additional level of oversight and accountability.

Treasurer Transition Policy

The Cabinet also approved a motion on **Treasurer Transition Policy**. The policy will establish a standardized transition process to ensure that incoming District Governors and Treasurers receive all financial records, banking information, passwords, budgets, reports, ongoing obligations, and other essential information through a structured transition meeting. This will preserve continuity, reduce the risk of lost information, and make future leadership transitions much smoother.

Financial Review Policy

Another important change is the development of a **Financial Review Policy**, which will establish clear procedures for financial reviews, define responsibilities, and set reporting requirements.

District Financial Records

The Cabinet also approved a new policy for the management of District financial records. Rather than maintaining records on personal computers or individual accounts, District financial records will now be stored on a District-approved shared platform. This will ensure that authorized District leaders have secure access to District records, preserve important information through leadership transitions, and improve continuity, transparency, and accountability while respecting privacy and confidentiality.

Review of Previous Financial Records

As an immediate step, the Cabinet appointed **PCC Frances Sawiak** and **Lion Rehann Onyschuk, Cabinet Treasurer,** to review the District's financial records for the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 Lions years and prepare a review report. They were also tasked with verifying the completeness of the District's financial and administrative records by preparing an inventory of all documents, records, and other materials transferred to the District. This inventory will help ensure a complete and orderly transition of District records for future administrations.

Looking Ahead

During the transition to the new Lions year, Cabinet also recognized the challenges of locating and transferring certain administrative records. As a result, the Cabinet agreed that similar governance measures will be developed for District administrative records to ensure they are maintained on District-approved platforms, accessible to future leadership, and transferable in an orderly and transparent manner. These motions will be presented at the next Cabinet meeting.

Together, these initiatives establish a stronger governance framework for District C1 and demonstrate our commitment to transparency, accountability, continuity, and good stewardship of District resources.

Thomas Varghese DG- District C1

IN MEMORIAM



I am saddened to share the news of the passing of Lion Bo Hall.

Lion Bo had a long history with Lions, going back to 1989 when she joined the Edmonton Jasper Place Lions Club. She was also a member of the Edmonton Autism Lions Club and, most recently, the Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club.

Over the years, Bo took on many responsibilities in Lions. She served several terms as President of the Edmonton Jasper Place Lions Club and was President of the Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club in 2024–2025. She had taken on the responsibility of serving as President again for 2026–2027 before her passing. I had the opportunity to serve alongside Bo during her time as President of the Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club and got to know her then. Bo gave many years of her life to Lions and to serving the community. We are thankful for all that she did. On behalf of District C-1, and personally, I have extended my condolences to Bo's family and loved ones and to the members of Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club.

Please keep Bo's family, friends, and the members of the Edmonton Millwoods Lions Club in your thoughts and prayers.

May she rest in peace.
Yours in Lionism,

Thomas

Dr. Thomas VargheseDistrict Governor 2026–2027
Lions Clubs International District C1

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2026-2027

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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.

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

Contact PDG Claude Carignan for any questions.

Email: carignan@shaw.ca



57th Charter Anniversary

Champagne Brunch

10:00 am Sunday Oct 18th at the St Albert Inn

- Speaker DG Thomas Varghese
- reservations required
- $40.00 per person

Please **contact Lion Paul Benson @ 780 459 5509**

Email **SABLions@shaw.ca**



Registration is NOW OPEN for the

District C2 Convention!

Join us on **October 23–24, 2026** at the
Cochrane Lions Club & Event Centre,
109 5th Avenue, Cochrane, Alberta,
for a weekend of fellowship, learning, service, and celebration as we come together under the theme **United in Service**.

Convention Registration Fees

- **Lions & Guests: $125.00** per person
  - ✔ Includes all convention sessions, meals, and the District Governor's Banquet.
- **Leos: $50.00** per person
  - ✔ Includes all convention sessions, meals, and the District Governor's Banquet.
- **District Governor's Banquet Only: $70.00** per person
- **Lunch Only: $25.00** per person.
- **Register before September 15, 2026** and you'll be entered into a draw to **WIN an iPad Mini!**

Please complete the attached registration form and return it with your payment by email to:

✉ **districtc2lions@gmail.com**

Payment may be made by **credit card, cheque (payable to District C2 Lions), or e-transfer**. Full payment must accompany your registration to confirm your attendance.

You can also register online at **https://lionsofdistrictc2.com/events/**

🏨 Hotel information and booking details are included on the second page of the registration form. Please note that hotel accommodations are the responsibility of each attendee.

We are looking forward to welcoming Lions, Leos, guests, and first-time convention attendees from across the district for an unforgettable weekend of service, learning, and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at **districtc2lions@gmail.com**.

We can't wait to see you in Cochrane this October!

Please share with all your Club Members so they can register too!

Thank you!

Holly Bandelow
Convention Registration Chairperson
District C2 Lions

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   Club: _____ District: _____

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   Official Title: _____Name on Badge: _____
   Club: _____ District: _____

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Phone Number:

1. **Lions/Guest Registration.** **#__ x $125.00/person = $**
   All Meals, Sessions & DG Banquet
2. **Leo Registration** **#___ x $50.00/person = $**
   All Meals, Sessions & DG Banquet
3. **Separate District Governor's Banquet Ticket:** **#____x $70.00/person = $**
4. **Lunch Only** **#____x $25.00/person = $**

** **Register before Sept 15, 2026, to be entered to win an iPad Mini!** **Total = $**

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Please specify dietary details: □ Diabetic □ Gluten Free □ Vegetarian □ Allergies □ Other
Please Describe _____

Method of payment: □ Credit Card □ Cheque – make payable to: **District C2 Lions**
□ e-transfer - to e-transfer, send to districtc2lions@gmail.com

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

Credit Card #: _____ EXP Date: _____ CVC: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

Send **Completed** registration form with payment to: Lion Holly Bandelow, 3016-23 St Coaldale, AB T1M-0B5 or email to: districtc2lions@gmail.com

Hotel Reservations – Hotel reservations **are not** included with your registration fee and are the responsibility of the delegate/attendee. See reverse for hotel information.

Cancellation Policy: Attempt to transfer your registration to another Lion. Written cancelation request must be received by midnight, October 16, 2026. No refund after October 16, 2026. Email to: michharris@gmail.com

Convention Hotel Information:

Host Hotel: ***Canalta Cochrane*** – 10 Westside Drive, Cochrane – Ph: 403.932.6355
Rates from: $220/night + Tax– Block Code: LIONS 22 Group 2 – Guest
Cut off for booking: September 23, 2026

Days Inn & Suites – 5 Westside Drive, Cochrane – Ph: 403.932.5588
Rates from: $154/night + Tax – Block Code: 3735 – Cut off for booking: September 23, 2026
Book Online: https://groups.wyndhamhotels.com/housing/lion-clubs-international-pt67ohem

Super 8 – 11 Westside Drive, Cochrane – Ph: 403.932.1410
Rates from: $150/night + Tax – Block Code: 102326DCL
Cut off for booking: September 23, 2026
Book Online: https://groups.wyndhamhotels.com/housing/district-2-lions-hnbeq7mt

Canadian Lions Eyeglass RECYCLING Centre
Centre canadien de recyclage des lunettes Lions
CLERC, an out of sight opportunity to aid the vision impaired of the world

Bay #2, 1216 – 34th Ave. NE
Calgary, Alberta, T2E 6L9

eMail: info@clerc.ca

Phone: 403-640-1056
or 1-888-200-5779

Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre

Wednesday Work Parties
9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

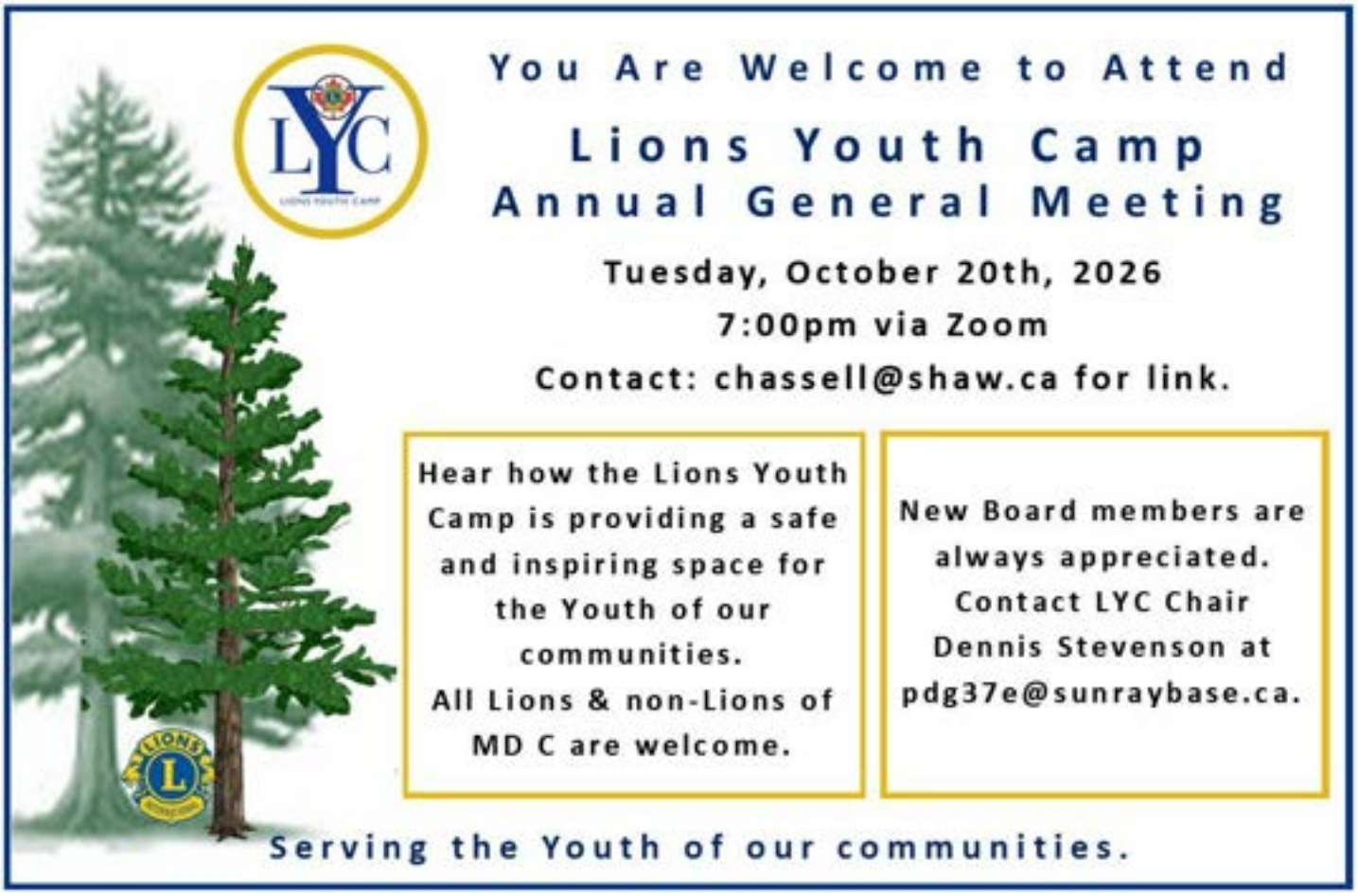
Saturday Work Party Bookings: On a first come first served basis. Schedule on www.clerc.ca on Events tab.

Please when sending glasses **do not** include hard glass cases or loose lenses.

We also accept Hearing Aids

Glasses Distributed to Countries:
7,062,566
as of December 2025

Financial Donations from Lions Clubs, private sector & individuals are necessary and welcomed


You Are Welcome to Attend
Lions Youth Camp
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026
7:00pm via Zoom
Contact: chassell@shaw.ca for link.
Hear how the Lions Youth Camp is providing a safe and inspiring space for the Youth of our communities.
All Lions & non-Lions of MD C are welcome.
New Board members are always appreciated.
Contact LYC Chair Dennis Stevenson at pdg37e@sunraybase.ca.
Serving the Youth of our communities.

Amplify your club's impact during Weeks of Service Vision, Youth, Environment

This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of of vision, youth 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!

-Mark your calendars

Vision | October 8–18, 2026 Plan a service activity for World Sight Day on October 8 or International White Cane Day on October 15! The new Vision Service Project Ideas resource can help you get started with popular service activities such as vision screening and eyeglass recycling as well as some new ideas. Join Lions and Leos around the world as they improve the lives of the visually impaired and help prevent avoidable blindness. Learn more about vision programs and service ideas on the vision global cause webpage.

Youth | February 13–21, 2027 Join in a Week of Service focused on serving children and youth across all of Lions International's global causes! Plan a service project in honor of International Childhood Cancer Day on February 15, conduct a Lions KidSight vision screening, plan a hunger project for children, or learn more about Lions Diabetes Camps and Youth Camps & Exchange.

Visit the youth global cause webpage to learn more about serving and partnering with youth.

Environment | May 29–June 6, 2027 Take part in a week of service focused on protecting the environment and creating a more sustainable world. Celebrate World Environment Day on June 5 with a service project that creates a healthier community and mobilizes for global action. The Environmental Awareness, Education and Advocacy resource will help you raise awareness, educate your community and create positive change.

Explore additional service ideas on the environment global cause webpage.

2026 DISTRICT C1 NOMINATIONS

District C-1 Nominating Committee

Lion Ron Wackenhut and Lion Paul Benson have been appointed as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the District C-1 Convention to be held on November 06-07, 2026 at Edmonton, Alberta.

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

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

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

- District Governor Elect
- 1st Vice District Governor
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- Vice Council Chair Candidate

DEADLINE: **October 01, 2026**

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:

Lion Ron Wackenhut email r0lyn@telus.net

Lion Paul Benson email pbspare1@shaw.ca

Do You Know a Lion Who Deserves Recognition?

District C-1 Awards will be presented at the District Convention for the following categories:

Lions Club International Foundation (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 International's quarterly reports to the current District Governor.

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 **October 1, 2026**. This award will be presented at the subsequent District C-1 Convention.

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.

District C-1 Youth Activities Award – Submission deadline is October 1, 2026

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

Please direct questions and awards submission to:
Lion Brian Barnes, District C-1 Award Chairperson Phone: 780-307-6582 ,

Email: brianlionszonechair@gmail.com

Dr. Lynn G. Hall Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership in Lionism – Submission deadline is October 1, 2026

This award was established in 1997 in recognition of the outstanding Leadership qualities as were displayed by the late Lion Dr. Lynn G. Hall. Lion Lynn was a member of various clubs for over 50 years and also served as District Governor 1952-53 and 1975-76. Always quick to step forward, no matter what the project, he was a leader by example. He was an active participant in many a fundraiser and a great Lion. Lion Lynn exemplified what Lions is all about. His professional life including teaching, school superintendent, school inspector, provincial director of school administration as well as serving as Mayor of Lac La Biche and Councilor of Wainwright.

Award Criteria

1. A Lions member in good standing with a Lions club for a minimum of 10 years
2. A Lion who has demonstrated continuous leadership for a minimum of three (3) years
3. A Lion whose leadership may be at the community, club, district or International level or a combination thereof

Application Criteria

1. Application may be made by a Lions member in good standing within District C-1.
2. A letter is to be written which includes the following

- Name of award applied for
- Name of the Lion
- Name of the club
- When the Lion became a member
- Commitment to Lions based on the above criteria
- Biography of applicant, (marital status, family, interests, etc.)

Please direct questions and awards submission to:
Lion Brian Barnes, District C-1 Award Chairperson Phone: 780-307-6582 ,
Email: brianlionszonechair@gmail.com

District C-1 Citizen Of Distinction –
Submission deadline is October 1, 2026

Purpose

To bring recognition to a deserving citizen living within the boundaries of Lions District C-1. The program will also raise the profile of Lions Clubs International.

Who will be recognized?

The Lions District C-1 Citizen of Distinction will be selected from those persons who demonstrate a personal commitment to service. Service shall be broadly defined and may include, but not be limited to, work with youth, seniors, handicapped, the needy, support for global initiatives, or humanitarian service through governments or other agencies. ***Lions are ineligible to be considered for this award.***

How will he/she be selected?

- All Lions clubs within District C-1 shall be encouraged to submit a resume of a deserving individual to the selection committee. (*Clubs may wish to conduct a local program within their community*). Individuals and agencies may submit resumes for those they consider deserving of this prestigious recognition.
- Submissions from Lions clubs, individuals, and agencies may be made in memory of someone who is deceased.
- *The* deadline *for submissions to be received is November 25. Submissions shall be valid only for the year in which they have been submitted.*

Selection Committee

The *committee* shall be made up of: District C-1 District Governor (chair), a Past International Director, and the District C-1 Awards Chairperson.

What is the recognition

Public recognition of the individual and their cause will be emphasized. A biography will be provided and the recipient will be named a Melvin Jones Fellow. Every effort should be made to have press/TV coverage. If that should not be practical, the District C-1 Public Relations chairperson shall ensure that news outlets are notified.

Funding requirements

Funds to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellowship to come from District C-1 and will be a budgeted item.

Where and When

The presentation will be made annually at the District C-1 Convention.

Please direct questions and awards submission to:
Lion Brian Barnes, District C-1 Award Chairperson Phone: 780-307-6582 ,
Email: brianlionszonechair@gmail.com

MDC Hall Of Fame – Submission deadline **is October 1, 2026**

Criteria

- Any Lion, Lions Club, Zone or Region may nominate a candidate from their District to the MDC Hall of Fame.
- There is no nomination fee.
- The awards will be presented to up to four (4) candidates, a maximum of two (2) per District, inducted into the Hall of Fame each year.
- The District Governor must receive nominations at least 45 days prior to the District's Annual Convention.
- Each individual District will hold an election to determine the successful candidate(s).
- The award may be presented posthumously.
- Each candidate must have 15 years of service and not be a member of the current Council of Governors.
- Each candidate should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors. He/She should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community.
- All sponsors shall use the standard MDC nomination form. No other application formats will be accepted.
- The sponsor(s) will ensure the candidate, or a representative, will attend the Multiple District Convention.
- All successful candidates will be inducted to the Hall of Fame at the next MDC Convention.
- The presentation of the MDC Hall of Fame Awards is the responsibility of the MDC Council Chairperson.
- A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to the delegates attending the Annual MDC Convention, and published in the subsequent MDC Newsletter.
- The District Governor of each District will be responsible to ensure that the MDC Hall of Fame Application Form, Candidate's bio and photograph are supplied to the MDC office at least one month prior to the MDC convention.

Please direct questions and awards submission to:
Lion Brian Barnes, District C-1 Award Chairperson Phone: 780-307-6582 ,
Email: brianlionszonechair@gmail.com

District C-1 Dan & Dorothy Claypool Volunteer Award. Submission deadline is October 1, 2026

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, arid 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)

Nomination Form

Presented by District CI

Nominee Information

- Full Name: _____
- Address: _____
- Phone: _____Email: _____

Nominator Information

- Full Name: _____
- Organization (if applicable):_____
- Phone: _____Email: _____

Volunteer Service Information

1. Please describe the nominee's volunteer activities (organizations, roles, years of service):

   _____
   _____
   _____

2. How has the nominee made a significant impact on the community? (please provide examples):

   _____
   _____
   _____

3. Describe how the nominee demonstrates leadership, inspires others, or goes above and beyond in service:

   _____
   _____
   _____

4. How does the nominee embody the values of compassion, integrity, and generosity?

   _____
   _____
   _____

Supporting Materials

- Optional: Please attach letters of support, testimonials, or news clippings highlighting the nominee's volunteer service.

Declaration

I herby nominate the above individuat for the Dan & Dorothy Claypool Volunteer Award'

Signature on Nominator _____ Date _____

Please direct questions and awards submission to:
Lion Brian Barnes, District C-1 Award Chairperson Phone: 780-307-6582 ,
Email: brianlionszonechair@gmail.com

Lions Of Alberta Foundation

Empowering Alberta Lions to
Build Stronger Communities

For over 45 years, the Foundation has stood as a strong partner with Lions Clubs in action – student scholarships and sight bursaries; funding for diabetes and vision research; vital vision equipment in major centres across Alberta; as well as strong community betterment projects to support the community as a whole. Contributions from your Lions Club plays a critical role in enabling this important work to continue.

As your club finalizes its donation priorities for the year, I respectfully ask that you consider allocating a donation to the Lions of Alberta Foundation in support of one of our programs. By supporting the Foundation, your club supports the efforts that extend well beyond our local communities and clubs.

Our programs include:

Lions Legacy Scholarship Program

The Foundation matches Club contributions up to $500 for Alberta high school students pursuing post-secondary education, and includes trades, colleges, university and other programs. There are requirements for both club and student applications found on our website. Clubs can be awarded two scholarships per year July 1 to June 30.

The Foundation has appointed **Lion Jeque Aldon – Lions Legacy Scholarship Co-Coordinator**. She will be working alongside PID Bill Webber who will mentor her in this new role. Welcome & Congratulations Lion Jeque.

NOTE: There are numerous Lions Legacy Scholarship Program updates (Program Information; Matching Grant Application and Student Application). Please check the District C1 or C2 Newsletters or the Lions of Alberta Foundation website for details.

Community Betterment Program

As a Charitable Foundation we are authorized to issue Tax Deductible Receipts for personal donations towards Lions Clubs charitable projects. The Foundation also works with Lions Clubs for other community charitable projects not requiring tax deductible receipts. These projects must support the community. The Foundation is currently working with a few District C-2 Lions Clubs on new projects that will benefit their communities.

Sight Bursary Program

We provide $1000 bursaries to sight impaired Alberta students attending their 1st or 2nd term at an Alberta post-secondary institution. New initiatives are in discussion with NAIT to support students.

Sight Grant Program

The Foundation assists clubs with 25% of the cost for specialized equipment for visually impaired individuals identified by Lions Clubs, such as a computer program for the vision impaired, specialized eyeglasses, braille reader, etc.

Project Maple Leaf

Now is the time to order your Canada flags and certificates through the Lions of Alberta Foundation to present to Grade 1 students in May or June 2027. What a fun project working with students and honoring our heritage.

Fellowships

A $500 donation establishes a Fellowship, supporting critical provincial initiatives while recognizing a dedicated Lion or community member.

- **Dr. Greg Powell Fellowship:** Donations support the training of students at the STARS Critical Care &

Transport Medicine Academy by providing bursaries for students enrolled in their program.

- **Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship:** Donations support Diabetes Research at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary; and supplies for the underprivileged diabetic children's programs in Edmonton and Calgary.
- **Bill Webber Fellowship:** Donations support the Sight Fund, which includes the Sight Bursary, Sight Grant, and provides the ability to purchase vision equipment at major centres in southern Alberta, with new projects being considered.
    - Clubs in District C-2 can consider applying for a Bill Webber Fellowship with funds going towards the Ellex Tango Reflex Laser for the Rockyview General Hospital Eye Clinic. Make cheque payable to Lions of Alberta Foundation with ***District C2 Vision*** in the memo line and accompany the fellowship application.
- The Foundation has appointed **Lion Glenn deBoer – Bill Webber Fellowship Coordinator**. He will be issuing the Fellowships to our deserving Lions. Welcome & Congratulations Lion Glenn.
- **Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship:** Donations support the purchase of vision equipment at the Eye Institute of Alberta at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton.
    - Clubs in District C1 can consider applying for a Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship with funds going towards the Retcam equipment at the Eye Institute of Alberta. Make cheque payable to Lions of Alberta Foundation with Retcam in the memo line and accompany the fellowship application

Application forms and further information on our programs are available on our website.
https://www.e-district.org/sites/albertafoundation/

*Please make ALL Fellowship cheques payable to **Lions of Alberta Foundation** with the Fellowship name in the memo line and accompany the fellowship application. Mail the cheque and application to our Calgary address.*

Lions of Alberta Foundation,
PO Box 65069, RPO North Hill,
Calgary Alberta T2N 4T6

As a charitable, non-profit foundation, we are dedicated to supporting the efforts of Alberta's Lions Clubs. The Foundation is authorized to issue Tax Deductible Receipts for monetary donations. We work with Alberta Lions Club undertaking a major project that benefits the community. The Foundation can issue official tax receipts at a nominal cost for donations made toward that specific project. Your district, multiple district and Lions International dues do not go to the Foundation, and we do not have paid volunteers. We rely on your undesignated donations and the minimal administrative fees we charge on large projects the Foundation manages.

The Foundation Board of Directors meets regularly to ensure transparency of the finances, and to discuss the business of the Foundation, develop goals, strategic plans and policies to ensure the future of its programs and resources.

As we work to share the programs of the Lions of Alberta Foundations and how we work with Lions Clubs in Alberta, please consider inviting me to your club. I am available to share information about the Foundation, its work, or how your contributions will be utilized, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Suzanne Leshchyshyn, PDG
Chairperson, Lions of Alberta Foundation
Email: sleshchy@gmail.com
Website: https://www.e-district.org/sites/albertafoundation/index.php

Lions Of Alberta Foundation

Lions Call to Action for British Columbia Fires

Clubs and individuals are being called on to make a difference because “where there’s a need, there’s a Lion”.

Lions of Alberta Foundation is accepting financial donations from clubs and individual Lions for the British Columbia Fires. Cheques can be made payable to Lions of Alberta Foundation, with ‘**BC Fires 2026**’ in the memo line.

Lions of Alberta Foundation will coordinate the donations, and they will be sent to District 19I in British Columbia.

If individuals require a tax receipt, please indicate that one is required. Clearly identify the individual’s name and mailing address. Lions of Alberta Foundation deducts $2.50 per receipt for administration costs. Donations from businesses/corporations will receive a thank you letter which can be used to substantiate their donation/business expense if they qualify under CRA guidelines.

WE SERVE.

Please make cheques payable to:

Lions of Alberta Foundation (memo line – BC Fires 2026)

PO Box 65069 RPO North Hill

Calgary AB T2N 4T6

Yours in Lionism,

District C1 Governor Dr. Thomas Varghese

District C2 Governor Danielle Hamelin

PDG Suzanne Leshchyshyn, Chairperson, Lions of Alberta Foundation

Lions Of Alberta Foundation

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Lions Legacy Scholarship Program Information

The Lions of Alberta Foundation operates the Lions Legacy Scholarship Program and invites Alberta Lions Clubs to seek students who meet the Lions Legacy Scholarship criteria.

The Lions of Alberta Foundation matches a grant of up to $500.00 for two (2) scholarships per Lions club per year, July 1 to June 30. This is only available to Alberta Lions Clubs, and applicants must apply through an Alberta Lions Club to be considered.

Clubs can grant any amount to the student; however, the Lions of Alberta Foundation will only match up to $500.00 for two student scholarships per Alberta Lions Club per year.

NEW: Alberta Lions Club funds to be matched for the student scholarship are required to be enclosed with the club application, student application and documentation. The Lions Club cheque must be issued to and mailed to the Lions of Alberta Foundation. This is a Lions of Alberta Foundation requirement to comply with AGLC.

The Lions of Alberta Foundation can complete an AGLC recipient agreement for Lions Clubs who do not have ‘youth scholarship’ as one of their approved use of proceeds.

NEW: Lions Clubs must include as the student confirmation of registration the student’s official tuition receipt or proof of enrolment. This includes the time period of enrolment and must accompany the student application. This is a Lions of Alberta Foundation requirement to comply with AGLC.

NEW: The Lions of Alberta Foundation has expanded the ‘post-secondary institution’ category to include trade schools, colleges, polytechnical, universities, other.

Alberta Lions Clubs are encouraged to promote the Lions Legacy Scholarship in their local communities and High Schools. It is awarded to students who:

- Live in Alberta
- Have or will have graduated from Grade 12 at the time of presentation and have acceptance at a post-secondary institution of one or more years of study leading to a certificate or degree.
- Those who have received the Lions Legacy Scholarship in the past will not qualify for future grants from the Lions of Alberta Foundation Legacy Scholarship.
- Demonstrate a commitment to humanitarian causes and exhibit the Lions' service-oriented philosophy by actively volunteering in their communities.
- Able to supply all required documentation as indicated on the student application.

NOTE: Matching Grant application, Club Grant Funds and Student application forms and documentation must all be submitted together and mailed to the Lions of Alberta Foundation.

NOTE: Following approval of the application(s) a cheque for the Lions of Alberta Foundation Matching Grant plus the Club Grant will be issued in the student's name and mailed to the Lions Club for presentation.

Questions about the Lions of Alberta Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program, application forms or required documentation can be directed to the **Lions Legacy Scholarship Co-Coordinators**.

- PID Bill Webber
  Email: wandjwebber@gmail.com
- Lion Jeque Aldon
  Email: jhaldon@hotmail.com

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Lions Legacy Scholarship Matching Grant Application

Lions Club Requesting Grant:

Club name: _____

*Mailing address: _____

Contact name: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Date submitted: _____

Date of student cheque presentation (if known): _____

Club Funds to be Matched:

Club funds to be matched for each student must be enclosed $ _____
Cheque payable to the Lions of Alberta Foundation

Recipient names: (limit 2 annually - July 1 to June 30)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please attach the following for each student:

- Completed student Application Form
- Transcript of most recent Grade 12 marks
- Confirmation of registration at post-secondary institution (official tuition receipt or proof of enrolment)
- Letter of reference (**maximum** four)
- Student self-written letter

Certification of Lions Club President:

This is to certify that I have reviewed the scholarship application. To the best of my knowledge the information submitted is accurate and the student is a worthy recipient of the Lions Legacy Scholarship.

Club President Name: _____Signed: _____

Club Contact Name: _____ Signed: _____

Matching Grant application, Club Grant Funds and Student application forms and documentation must all be submitted together and mailed to the Lions of Alberta Foundation. Address at top of page.

Following approval of the applications a cheque for the Lions of Alberta Foundation Matching Grant plus the Club Grant will be issued in the student's name and mailed to the Lions Club* for presentation.

Lions Legacy Scholarship Co-Coordinators:

PID Bill Webber
Email: wandjwebber@gmail.com

Lion Jeque Aldon
Email: jhaldon@hotmail.com

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NEW August 2026

Lions Legacy Scholarship Student Application Form

Information provided with this application is confidential. The Lions Club selection committee shall use the information solely for the purposes of awarding scholarships.

To qualify, applicants must:

- satisfy entrance requirements at a post-secondary institution;
- demonstrate leadership qualities;
- be recognized as an individual of honesty and integrity; and,
- display a commitment to his/her community through service work for youth groups, senior citizens, or non-profit organizations.

Applications and other required information MUST be submitted to the Local Lions Club.

Application Deadline Date:
(Lions Club inserts date)

Lions Club Information
(Lions Club inserts information)

THE DECISION OF THE LIONS CLUB SELECTION COMMITTEE IS FINAL.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Educational institution last attended:

Name: _____

City: _____ Year: _____

If you have previously received a scholarship from any Lions Club, please indicate the following:

Amount Received: _____ Date Received: _____

Applicants: Please submit the following materials with this application

1. A transcript of most recent Grade 12 marks from the educational institution last attended.
2. Confirmation of acceptance from a post-secondary institution (e.g. official tuition receipt or proof of enrolment) and indicate the specific field, school or faculty into which you are enrolling
3. Letters of reference (maximum four) with a detailed summary of your (a) character; (b) leadership roles within the school; (c) involvement in extra-curricular activities at school; (d) involvement in organizations in the community at large; (e) work experience; and, (f) special interests and hobbies.
4. A one-page, self written letter expressing why you should receive the award.