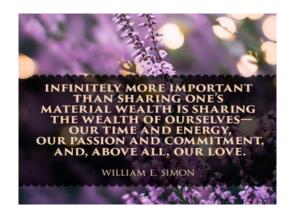
MDC LIONS



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GREETINGS FROM COUNCIL



As we turn the corner on this Lion Year let us reflect as individuals and clubs on all that we have accomplished this year to improve and change the lives of others. Our lion's initiatives feeding the hungry, taking care of our environment, vision care, diabetes, childhood cancer, engaging our youth are monumental and so is the impact the lions are making around the world. LCIF has helped so many people where disaster has hit; our measles initiative has saved the lives of many children. We should all be so proud of the work we are doing and will continue to do as we go forward with the rest of this year.

I thank you all for your dedication and service. I know life can be demanding at times but what a reward it is to be able to put a smile on someone's face through simple acts of kindness.

Our Motto says it all "We Serve" and I encourage all of you to continue with your path of service

Council Chair Sharon West

Multiple District C Job Postings

Multiple District C: Posting for Council Secretary 2018-2019

The purpose of this posting is due to our declining membership numbers and rising operational costs it was decided that this position will no longer be a salaried position but rather that of a voluntary position.

The council is taking steps in being financially accountable to our membership by reducing our operating budget next year. To that end this position will still be covered under rules of audit for the three face to face meetings. In addition, a \$3,000.00 honorarium will be paid with 50% paid at the end of December (\$1,500.00) and the balance paid the end of June (\$1,500.00).

See Qualifications, Function and Responsibilities of this positioned as outlined in the MDC Policy Manual Section 6 items 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 attached.

Interested parties are asked to please submit your letter of interest to Council Chair Sharon West at the e-mail shown at the bottom of this letter.

It is our hope all suitable candidates will submit their application letter by April 30, 2018 so that interviews may take place at the MDC Convention in Leduc, AB Friday afternoon May 4.

Should you have any other questions or concerns please direct them to CC Sharon and I will be happy to clarify them on behalf of our MD C.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your service.

Yours in Lionism,

Sharon West

Lion Sharon West, Council Chairperson Multiple District C, **E-Mail:** <u>lionsharonw@gmail.com</u>

6 MULTIPLE DISTRICT SECRETARY

6.1 <u>QUALIFICATIONS</u>

6.1.1 Education/experience - should have past experience as a professional and responsible nature in business administration, public relations, and management;

6.1.2 Abilities/knowledge - considerable knowledge of the organization structure, policies, activities, and programs of Lions Clubs International as well as that of MDC;

6.1.3 Ability to plan, lay out, and direct the administrative services as they relate to MDC;

6.1.4 Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing;

6.1.5 Ability to motivate; and

6.1.6 Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationship.

6.2 FUNCTION

The primary purpose of the Secretary is to direct and coordinate the administrative services at the Multiple District level by carrying out directives as issued by the Council and performing such other functions as required by both the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws and the MDC Policy Manual.

6.3 <u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

6.3.1 Carry out all assignments under the direction of the Council as are required in the performance of duties that pertain to such office;

6.3.2 Carry out the efficient administration of MDC Headquarters, including:

- i. Employment and supervision of secretarial personnel;
- ii. Location and organization of suitable accommodations of all MDC merchandise;
- iii. Keeping of all necessary records, minutes, etc.; and
- iv. Complete responsibilities for ordering and keeping accurate inventory of merchandise where applicable.
- 6.3.3 Schedule and program Council meetings in cooperation with the Host District Governor;
- 6.3.4 Assist the Council in the organization and administration of MDC Conventions and meetings;

- 6.3.5 In cooperation with the Council Chairperson, plan and prepare the agenda for Council meetings. The Agenda should be in the hands of the Council of Governors no less than 10 days prior to the scheduled Council meeting;
- 6.3.6 In cooperation with the Vice Council Chairperson, plan and prepare the agenda for Finance meetings. The Agenda should be in the hands of the Council of Governors no less than 10 days prior to the scheduled Finance meeting;
- 6.3.7 Record and distribute, within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the meeting, to the Council Chairperson, the District Governors, the Vice District Governors and/or District Governors Elect, and the Council Advisors (on request) minutes of all Council meetings, and record minutes of the MDC Convention business proceedings;
- 6.3.8 Maintain in an up-to-date fashion the MDC Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual. Annotate amendments and arrange for reprinting of such documents or chapters as required;
- 6.3.9 Under the direction of the Council, work with standing committees as a source of information. Reports when received from Committee Chairpersons should be available to District Officers. In this regard, maintain records indicating progress of programs and arrange that such information be given to District Officers;
- 6.3.10 Work closely, as an advisor, with each District Governor when requested, as a consultant on matters dealing with public relations and publicity, fund-raising, program and promotional planning, protocol, etc.;
- 6.3.11 Work as the liaison between Lions International and the Lions of MDC;
- 6.3.12 Maintain and make available to all Governors and recognized committees and projects an up-to-date mailing list service. It includes all Club presidents, secretaries (by District), all Past District Governors, and all Multiple District Committee Chairpersons in MDC;
- 6.3.13 Purchase and sell certain parts of the official MDC convention dress uniform and accessories when directed by Council. This shall include carrying an inventory and keeping proper records of the vendors;

- 6.3.14 The MDC Secretary shall as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee of the Council, together with the Council Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, handle emergency business arising between the Council meetings, subject to approval of the Council at its next meeting; and
- 6.3.15 The MDC Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of Council and of all MDC Committees.
- 6.3.16 Attend, when requested by and compensated by the Council, the Lions Clubs International Convention and maintain an MDC office at said convention. Reasonable daily office hours shall be maintained and a daily newsletter shall be published and distributed to all attendees for the duration of the convention. The office shall assist any political campaigns and all attendees in order that their convention experience is maximized.
- 6.3.17 The MDC Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of Council and of all MDC Committees.
- 6.3.18 In the event of the MDC Secretary being temporarily unable or incapacitated so as to limit his/her ability to fully discharge his/her obligations to the Multiple District, temporary assistance shall be provided. The need for such action shall be determined by:
 - i. A letter from the MDC Secretary the MDC Council of Governors requesting assistance and stating the limitations and expected time frame for such assistance.
 - ii. A decision by the Council of Governors that the MDC Secretary's obligations to the Council are not being met and reasons for this are temporary and beyond the control of the Secretary.

When either or both of the above are presented to and accepted by the Council of Governors (Council may choose to terminate the contract) the Council may appoint an interim secretary, and/or an interim secretary-treasurer to assist with the administrative business of the Council.

The MDC Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, interim assistant(s) and, if available, the MDC Secretary shall meet to negotiate a fair compensation for the level of service to be provided by the MDC Secretary and the interim assistant(s). Said compensation shall be considered to be part of the contract fee paid to the MDC Secretary had he/she performed these duties. The total of these costs may be less than but not greater than the contract fee. An agreement providing the details of this compensation package shall be signed by the negotiators, including the MDC Secretary if he/she is able. This action shall replace the contract accepted by the MDC Secretary and the Council of Governors until such time as the MDC Secretary and the Council of Governors deem the MDC Secretary to be available and fit to assume full responsibilities for his/her duties. The MDC Council Chairperson shall conduct a monthly review of the status of the MDC Secretary to determine if he/she is fit and available to assume full responsibility of his/her duties. The Council Chairperson shall report to Council as to what further action may be required.

Multiple District C: Posting for Council Treasurer 2018-2019

Due to our declining membership numbers and rising operational costs it has been decided that this position will no longer be a salaried position but rather that of a voluntary position.

The council is taking steps in being financially accountable to our membership by reducing our operating budget next year. To that end this position will still be covered under rules of audit for the three face to face meetings. In addition, a \$2,000.00 honorarium will be paid with 50% paid at the end of December (\$1,000.00) and the balance paid the end of June (\$1,000.00).

At the present time, the financials are being recorded on an early version of Sage Accounting. Starting in the new Lions Year (July 1 st, 2018) we will be upgrading the accounting program to the latest version of Sage Pro. Applicants should have an understanding of this program.

Lions interested in this position should have their applications forwarded to Council Chair Sharon West by April 30th, 2018. Applications may be made via email or post to the addresses listed below.

The responsibilities and functions for this position are attached or may be found in the MDC Policy Manual Article 7.

Interviews will be held during the MD Convention in Leduc, Alberta on the afternoon of Friday May 4th, 2018.

All questions or concerns should be directed to Council Chair Sharon West.

Yours in Lionism R.W.Hunt

Lion Robert Hunter Vice Council Chair Multiple District C E-Mail: <u>vccmdc-2017-</u> <u>18@shaw.ca</u>

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7 MULTIPLE DISTRICT TREASURER

7.1 QUALIFICATIONS

- 7.1.1 Education/experience should have past experience as an accountant/bookkeeper and have experience in using electronic accounting programs; have professional and responsible skills in business administration, public relations, and management;
- 7.1.2 Abilities/knowledge considerable knowledge of the organization structure, policies, activities, and programs of Lions Clubs International as well as that of MDC;

7.1.3Ability to plan, lay out, and direct the financial services as they relate to MDC;

- 7.1.4Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing;
- 7.1.5Ability to motivate; and
- 7.1.6Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationship.

1 7.2 FUNCTION

The primary purpose of the MDC Treasurer is to direct and coordinate the financial services at the Multiple District level by carrying out directives as issued by the Council and performing such other functions as required by both the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws and the MDC Policy Manual.

7.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

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- 7.3.1 Carry out all assignments under the direction of the Council as are required in the performance of duties that pertain to such office;
- 7.3-2 Carry out the efficient financial administration of MDC Headquarters, including: keeping of all necessary financial records.
- 7.3.3 Responsible for twice yearly invoicing, crediting the MD Life members from the former MD37 and collecting MDC dues;
- 7.3.4 Pays all bills; (any one of the three, approved MDC signing authorities, signing the cheque.) The three signing authorities are the MDC Treasurer, the MDC Council Chairperson, and the MDC Vice Council Chairperson.
- 7.3.5 Maintains a proper and accurate set of books on all MDC accounts;

7.3.6 Sees that the MDC Chairpersons operate on a budget and keep within their budgets;

- 7.3.7 With assistance from the Vice Council Chairperson, prepare a budget, for Council approval and maintain the month to month expenditure budget;
- 7.3.8 Prepare and distribute the financial reports, to Council, one week prior to each Council Finance meeting for review;
- 7.3.9 Must receive a budget from all MDC committees and approval for said proposed budget by the Council before issuing any monies;
- 7.3.10 Shall receive and account for all funds and expenditures of the MDC Convention and Regional Lions Leadership Institute;

7.3.11 Shall receive and account for all funds and expenditures of any LCI or LCIF Grants;

7.3.12 Summarize the total financial picture with MDC Committee Chairperson after their function is over;

- 7.3.13 Receive funds from the sale of pins, accessories, etc., properly recorded, report profits, and pay taxes, if applicable;
- 7.3.14 Make recommendations for improving control of expenditures and income for a more efficient operation;
- 7.3.15 Make sure all bank deposits for all accounts are properly accounted for. Transfer of funds to proper accounts as required, so money will earn as much interest as prudently as possible;
- 7.3.16 Is the custodian of all MDC funds, LCI and LCIF grant funds;

7.3.17 Prepare and distribute the financial reports, to Council by the 10th of each month;

7.3.18 Arrange for the banking and disbursement of funds;

7.3.19 The MDC Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of Council and of all MDC Committees.

7.3.20 In the event of the MDC Treasurer being temporarily unable or incapacitated so as to limit his/her ability to fully discharge his/her obligations to the Multiple District, temporary assistance shall be provided. The need for such action shall be determined by:

i. A letter from the MDC Treasurer to the MDC Council of Governors requesting assistance and stating the limitations and expected time frame for such assistance. ii. A decision by the Council of Governors that the MDC Treasurer's obligations to the Council are not being met and reasons for this are temporary and beyond the control of the Treasurer.

When either or both of the above are presented to and accepted by the Council of Governors (Council may choose to terminate the contract) the Council may appoint an interim treasurer to assist with the financial business of the Council.

The MDC Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, interim assistant(s) and, if available, the MDC Treasurer shall meet to negotiate a fair compensation for the level of service to be provided by the MDC Treasurer and the interim assistant(s). Said compensation shall be considered to be part of the contract fee paid to the MDC Treasurer had he/she performed these duties. The total of these costs may be less than but not greater than the contract fee. An agreement providing the details of this compensation package shall be signed by the negotiators, including the MDC Treasurer if he/she is able. This action shall replace the contract accepted by the MDC Treasurer and the Council of Governors until such time as the Treasurer and the Council of Governors deem the MDC Treasurer to be available and fit to assume full responsibilities for his/her duties. The MDC Council Chairperson shall conduct a monthly review of the status of the MDC Treasurer to determine if he/she is fit and available to assume full responsibility of his/her duties. The Council Chairperson shall report to Council as to what further action may be required.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT C CONVENTION

WHERE: The Executive Royal Hotel & Conference Centre 8450 Sparrow Drive, Leduc, AB

WHEN: MAY 4 & 5, 2018

REMINDER: Advance Registration of \$145.00 till April 1st, 2018

See Attached Registration Form and Invitation

Special Guest Past International Director J Carl Young and his wife Lion Elizabeth.





WHERE: The Executive Royal Hotel & Conference Centre 8450 Sparrow Drive, Leduc, AB WHEN: MAY 4 & 5, 2018

Once a year members of Multiple District C have an opportunity to rekindle friendships, share ideas, take part in informational sessions and just enjoy some good food and fellowship. This all happens at our Multiple District Convention.

Friday night kicks off with a banquet, welcoming our incoming District Governors for 2018-2019 Frances Sawiak and Tyler Bray as well as your incoming council chair Bob Hunter. You will meet our candidates for Vice Council Chair PDG Pauline Cooper and PDG Walt Skrepnyk.

We will also get an update on our candidate for 3rd International Vice President Past International Director Lion Dr Patti Hill who will be on the ballot in Milan, Italy in 2019.

We have notch some top entertainment Friday evening for your pleasure mentalist viewing Jeff Newman. Please go to this link at http://newmanmentalism.com and watch his some of amazing performances.

Saturday's program has an array of sessions including <u>Childhood Cancer</u>. Where is research in this field taking us and hear firsthand from a survivor of childhood cancer.

<u>Diabetes</u> with a dietician educating us on proper portion sizes and content. Diabetes is one disease with a rising number of people being diagnosed yearly. This was one of the new initiatives Lions Clubs International rolled out this year.

How to relate and assist a Blind Person be a sighted guide for a blind person.

Lions Quest how this program helps our youth and future lions.

Information technology: My Lions App what is it? Is your Club using an E-Clubhouse website? General LCI Website (Links). What can the Lions Learning Center help you with? Disaster Preparedness - Do you have a Go Bag ready if you had to vacate your residence on short notice? Would you and your family be able to survive 72 hours?

Also we have a hands on working party for CLERC sorting, cleaning, screening for correction and bagging up glasses to ship.

This year we are asking everyone attending to do one of the following: Bring a non perishable item to donate to the food bank (feeding the hungry). Bring a bag of gently used clothing to donate to the Diabetes Clothesline program to send a child to a Diabetic Camp. Bring used eyeglasses and hearing aids which can give the gift of sight and hearing to another.

Saturday night we will conclude with our District Governor Banquet where we say goodbye to our current District Governors and hello to our incoming ones.

WON'T YOU COME JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Submitted by your Council Chair Sharon West on behalf of the MD C





Candidate for VCC From District C-1

PDG Walt Skrepnyk

Joined Grande Cache Lions Club in 1982.

Held most if not all Club Offices. President of three different clubs as he moved through the district. Currently with Beaumont and District Lions Club.

Served as District Governor 1987-88. Served as District Membership Chairman, Multiple District Membership Chairman, and as Multiple District Extension consultant. Served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for three District Governors.

Has been recognized for his work with the following awards:

- International Presidents
 Certificate of Appreciation
- 2 International Presidents Leadership Awards
- International Presidents Award.

Is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (2 Diamond Pin)

and a Brian Stevenson Fellow.

A dentist for 37 Years. Currently maintain a practice in Edmonton. President of the Northern Alberta Society for Periodontal Studies. Married to Shauna. We have no children but do have two rather spoiled Dachshunds.

Candidate for VCC From District C-2



What do I want people to know about me and why I believe I should be the next Vice Council Chairperson for Multiple District C:

I've been a Lion for more than 20 years, starting in the Cardston Lions Club, and am currently a member of the Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions Club. My life of service began officially with 27 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and I am proud to continue to serve as a member of Lions Clubs International. I never really aspired to the leadership roles in Lions but sometimes you can't just sit back you have to get more involved. And so when I retired from the military and moved back to Alberta, I became part of the leadership in Multiple District 37 first as Vice District Governor in District 37D, then as District Governor in the newly formed District 37N. I continued with my passion for service and Lions at the Club and District level and as a strong supporter of the MD 37 projects. I served a second term as District Governor of District 37N and then our new Multiple District was created.

I read a quote the other day that strikes a chord with me: Ask yourself, "Can I give more?" The answer is usually "Yes". I asked that question - I believe I still have much to offer the Lions of MD C and would like to prove my worth to you as Vice Council Chairperson for MD C for the Lionistic Year 2018-2019. I have been honoured in recognition with Presidential Medals and Certificates, various Fellowships including the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. I was also given the great honour to have been elected as the District C-2 candidate for Vice Council Chairperson.

Ours is an association of service and the manner in which the service is rendered is fully as important as the service itself. We should expect honest and ethical conduct from everyone – and this conduct is defined by the 4 core values that serve as the foundation for our Ethical Standards. – Integrity, Accountability, Teamwork and Excellence.

The VCC has a different set of goals from those of the District Governors – they are more personal because part of the job of the Vice Council Chairperson is to facilitate the business of the Multiple District so that the District Governors can concentrate on achieving their goals and serving their Districts.

In terms of visibility, the VCC may be seen to be in the front of the roomat the head table – but the reality is that the most important work is in the background.

It would be MY job as VCC to safeguard the interests and financial well-being of all the Lions in our Multiple District – and to do it to the best of my ability in accordance with our Association's Ethical Standards. Together WE SERVE – and if I am elected as your Vice Council Chairperson, I will do my very best to SERVE by supporting and promoting the interests and well-being of the Lions in MD C.

Respectfully submitted Pauline Cooper, PDG



"KINDNESS MATTERS" IS THE THEME OF THE 2018-2019 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

We encourage clubs to engage our youth by getting involved with this contest.

What you need to know. PEACE POSTER KIT 2018-2019

Peace Poster Contest kit. Each kit contains all the materials needed to sponsor the contest in a school or group, including complete vouth rules. promotional material and recognition certificates for participants. One kit is needed for each entry sponsored. Kits are sold from January 15th through October 1st. The cost of the kit is \$11.95 US plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes.

- October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- November15:Postmarkdeadline for a club to send onewinningposter(per contest)

sponsored) to the district governor.

- **December 1**: Postmark deadline for a Governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1**: Postmark deadline for a Governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1**: Postmark deadline for a Club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15**: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1**: International winners notified on or before this date.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership

Future Forums include the next one in Columbus, Ohio, September 20-22, 2018 followed by Spokane, Washington, September 19-21, 2019 & Louisville, Kentucky, September 17-19, 2020.

The purpose of a forum is:

- Promoting the principles and objectives of Lions Clubs International
- Training, educating and motivating district and club officers
- Providing for exchange of information and discussion of service activities, including opportunities for cooperative service projects
- Advancing the interests of the Lions Clubs International Foundation

MD C has submitted a bid to the Forum Committee to Host the 2022 Forum in Calgary at this time there are two other bids from the USA for this

101st International Convention Las Vegas



Plenary Sessions - You must wear your convention badge for admittance.

Official Schedule of Events (subject to change) Friday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 3, 2018

FRIDAY, JUNE 29		
10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall Open	MGM Grand Resort
19:30 – 22:30	District Governors- elect Celebration Banquet	ТВА
SATURDAY, JUNE 30		
08:30 Step-off	International Parade	Parade Assembly Area, TBA
10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall Open	MGM Grand Resort
15:00 – 16:00	Business Session Nominations for International Director	MGM Grand Resort
19:00 – 20.15	International Show	MGM Grand Garden Arena
SUNDAY, JULY 1		
10:00 – 13:00	Opening Plenary Session Presidential Address, Keynote Speaker, Flag Ceremony, International Parade Results, Nominations for Third Vice President	MGM Grand Garden Arena

10:00 – 17.00	Exhibit Hall Open	MGM Grand Resort
13:00 – 17:00	Certification and Voting	MGM Grand Resort
14:00 – 17:00	Seminars	MGM Grand Resort
MONDAY, JULY 2		
10:00 – 12:30	Second Plenary Session Memorial Service, LCIF Session	MGM Grand Garden Arena
10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall Open Certification and Voting	MGM Grand Resort
13:00 – 14:30	Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	MGM Grand Resort
13:30 – 17:00	Seminars	MGM Grand Resort
20:00 - 22:00	Past International Presidents / Past International Directors Banquet & District Governors / Past District Governors Combined Banquet	MGM Grand Resort
TUESDAY, JULY 3 07:30 – 10:30	Exhibit Hall Open Certification and	MGM Grand Resort
10:00 – 13:30	Voting Final Plenary Session Installation of 2018- 2019 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2018-2019 District Governors	MGM Grand Garden Arena
19:00 – 21:00	International Officers Reception	MGM Grand Resort

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee:

• From January 13 through March 31, 2018 the regular registration fee is US\$200

April 1, 2018 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$225

Leo Registration Fee:

Omega Leo - (18 years and over) US\$100 Alpha Leo - (17 years and under) US\$20

For the fillable **pdf** registration form see: <u>http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lcicon/lcicon-registration-form.pdf</u>

MDC Delegate Hotel is the Luxor.

"Where there is a need There is a Lion"

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