

MDC LIONS



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GREETINGS FROM COUNCIL CHAIR

To all Lions, Lioness and Leos of Multiple District C as this 2017-2018 year draw to a close I wish to thank each of you for your service and commitment.

Mahatma Gandhi said, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
Isn't that what lions are all about and why it's our motto “We Serve”



I came across these quotes which I would like to share with you and hope you too will be inspired.

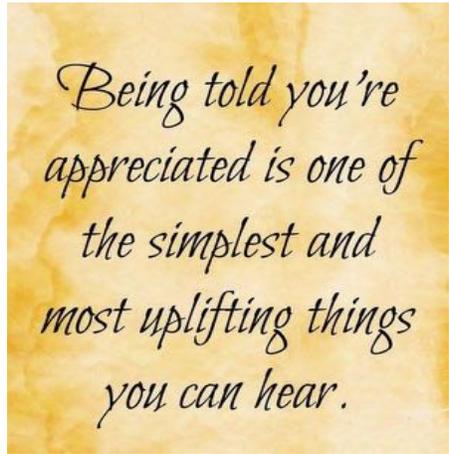
Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness. Seneca
Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Mark Twain

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention. Oscar Wilde

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service.

I acted and behold, service was joy.” Rabindranath Tagore

So often your acts of kindness go without thanks but at this time I leave you with this heartfelt message:



For all your caring, all your care giving: Thank You. Thank You.

It has been my honor to serve as your Multiple District Chairperson.

PDG Lion Sharon West

Hello Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos of MDC

As you are aware from the previous issue of the MDC newsletter the positions of Multiple District Secretary and Treasurer had been posted and it is my pleasure to report the following results:

The MDC Secretary for Lions year 2018-19 will be PCC Betty Ann Robson from Beaverlodge, Alberta.



The MDC Treasurer for Lions year 2018-19 will continue to be Lion Sandra Goodrich from Cremona, Alberta.



Club Officer Online Training

Hello to all Club Presidents, Vice President, Secretaries and Treasurers you will find a link in the Training Portal Page on www.mdclions.or for your online training sessions for your position. I encourage you to take the time to take the session relating to your position to help you have a successful year in 2018-2019

Letter from The Editor

I would like to thank the MDC Council and all Lions, Lioness and Leos of MDC for the opportunity over the last several years to be the MDC Newsletter Editor.

The incoming Council has chosen another very qualified Lion to take on the role of MDC Newsletter Editor for the coming year.

That person is PDG Hank Hoekstra from Edmonton, Alberta and his email is hankh@telus.net for those who have articles to submit to the MDC Newsletter.

Thank you,
Yours in Lionism,

PCC Dennis Stevenson

The MDC PDG Association now has a web presence

This new website is accessible via a link on the Contact page on mdclions.org website or at the following URL <http://e-district.org/sites/mdcpdga/index.php>

Highlights of the Multiple District C Convention

Our Multiple District C Convention was held May 4th and 5th in Leduc, Alberta at the Executive Royal Hotel. The Leduc Lions Club were our hosts for the weekend and held a 50/50 draw with the proceeds going to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.

There were 202 registered Lions, Leos and guests. A total of 680 meals were prepared.

Our International Guest for the weekend was Past International Director Carl Young and his wife Lion Elizabeth from Omemee, Ontario.

We had one voting item at the convention for our incoming Vice Council Chair and that election was won by Past District Governor Pauline Cooper of the West Lethbridge Lions Club in District C-2 Friday evening, we kicked it off with the opening ceremonies, Friday night buffet, introduction of the incoming District Governors for 2018-2019 from District C-1 Frances Sawiak and from District C-2 Tyler Bray and incoming Council Chair Bob Hunter along with our first plenary session. We concluded the night with entertainment by Mentalist Jeff Newman.

Saturday was a day of sessions and a CLERC workshop. At the Saturday lunch buffet, we remembered the lions we have lost in our Multiple District over the past year with our Celebration of Life service.

Major highlights at the noon meal included inducting the recipients from District C-1 and C-2 into the Hall of Fame. The worthy lions honored included Past Council Chair Betty Ann Robson from District C-1 and Lions Bill Hunchak and James Lee from District C-2.

Also recognized during this time was Past International Director Jack Isaman with his 25-year Master Award Medal and Lion John Watson although he was unable to be with us will receive his 10-year Senior Award Medal at an appropriate time.

Congratulations to everyone.

The Saturday night District Governor Banquet was a great way to finish off the convention. PID Carl delivered a very inspirational message followed by recognitions from the Multiple District, Districts C-1 and C-2 to some deserving lions.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support this convention and to the many people working behind the scenes to ensure its success.

We will be looking forward to seeing everyone again next year. Have a good summer and a good year and thank you everyone for your commitment to service.

Report respectfully submitted by CC Sharon West

MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness

The annual MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Campout, Parade and BBQ event was held in Millet AB, hosted by the Millet Lions Club on June 15-17, 2018, who did an exceptional job hosting the event, Thank you Millet Lions.

The event started with an annual meeting of the MDC Lions Cavalcade Committee at 7:00 PM on June 15 at Millet Lions Hall. The meeting was well attended by the committee, Millet Lions members and those who had arrived on Friday.

The silent auction ran from Friday evening until 4:30 pm on Saturday, as well we had the Diabetes Canada Fill-A-Truck program from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and we collected 178 bags of gently used clothing in support of the D-Camp in Alberta.

The silent auction was setup and Lions Cavalcade display as well, after the meeting the Millet Lions held a social evening for their members as well as others in attendance that evening.

Saturday started off with a presentation by Scott MacCrae Provincial Director for Diabetes Canada at 10:30, lunch provided by host club at 12:00 noon, at 1:00 pm we went to the Lions Campground to decorate our vehicles for the parade, at 2:00 pm the parade started and followed a route in Millet back to the Lions Hall, at 3:00 pm we had some speech's from Host club President, the Deputy Mayor of Millet, Teresa from Diabetes Canada in Edmonton, VCC Bob Hunter and 1VDG Francis Sawiak and then we held the Parade of Green where clubs in attendance presented their donations to MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness committee, the total donations as of this weekend is \$28,615.00 (\$20, 860.00 were mail in and \$7,755.00 received this weekend), as well PDG Peter Wallis presented a donation to Scott MacCrae from a club in Calgary for the D-Camp.

The Chairpersons Lions Edna and Arnold Nelson of the 2019 MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness that will be held in Cowley Alberta on May 31 – June 2, 2019 and invited everyone to attend.

Supper was served at approximately 5:00 pm and fellowship followed.

On Sunday morning, the host club put on a pancake breakfast.

Thanks to all who attended this year's event to make it a success.

Yours in Lionism,
PCC Dennis Stevenson

2022 USA/Canada Leadership Forum

On behalf of our MDC, we have submitted a bid to host the 2022 USA/Canada Leadership forum to be held in Calgary, Alberta.

Three Lions communities that have submitted bids for the 2022 Forum are York, Pennsylvania, Long Beach, California, and Calgary, Alberta.

The USA/Canada Forum site inspection team will be here in Calgary on August 29 to September 01, 2018. It is important that we greet this team and show our pride, not only for our Multiple District but for all of Canada.

Our plan is to have T-shirts made for our Lions members who are available to greet the site Inspection team on their arrival at the Calgary Airport. There will be social event sometime during the site inspection team's visit.

If you are interested in being a part of our welcoming committee, we are looking for Lions, LEOS, and Lionesses. Team leader is Lion Tyler Bray at liontyler14@gmail.com

Our very own Lion Dr. Patti Hill will be going to Milan, Italy in 2019 as our 3rd International Lions Vice President candidate. In 2022, she will be our Lions International President. 2022 will be a significant year for Lions of MDC.



Our MDC ALERT program is still in its infancy stages but we are making huge strides in being able to respond to the next Environment disaster that occurs within our MD. We have obtained funding from LOAF that was earmarked for Disaster relief. With that funding we have purchased two Trailers and equipment for each District, both C-1 and C-2.



Each trailer will contain a power generator, folding tables, chairs, power lights on stands, and a 10 x 10 tent. The tents have Lions Logos on them.

Both the ALERT trailers and the tents have been used by both Districts for Parades and other Lion events.

If you wish to borrow the ALERT trailer or tent(s) please contact your District Governor to make arrangements.

We plan on further equipping each trailer with much needed equipment once we receive further funding. Lions clubs are encourage considering making donations to our MDC ALERT program. For the MDC for 2018-2019, Lion Tyler Bray is the ALERT coordinator. His Email is liontyler14@gmail.com or 403-933-7746.

For District C-2, Lion Darryl Rawleigh will be the ALERT coordinator. His Email is drrawleigh@live.ca

Currently we are seeking someone from District C-1 to step up and assist us with the ALERT program.

It is important to remember that we as Lions are not first responders. We will assist communities as soon as practicable after an event takes place. We will obtain grants from LCIF if the situation is warranted. We will gather food stuff, emergency supplies, water, and whatever materials are necessary to assist those communities in need. We are Lions, We Serve.

MDC Alert Chairperson, Lion Tyler Bray

Hi Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos of MDC,

The District convention registration forms are the last 2 pages of this newsletter. You can print these off and fill in manually and mail them in or you can go to the MDC website and find fillable version of these forms and use your Adobe Reader tool to fill out form and email them in to the appropriate person per the form.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you at the District Conventions in October this year.

The Editor



District C-2 Convention

Registration October 19 & 20, 2018

Hosted by Foothills Lions Club



NAME: _____ NAME ON BADGE: _____

Lion: ___ Lioness: ___ Leo: ___ New Member: ___ First convention: ___ Club: _____

NAME: _____ NAME ON BADGE: _____

Lion: ___ Lioness: ___ Leo: ___ New Member: ___ First convention: ___ Club: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Registration; Saturday Lunch & DG Banquet Package:

(Includes Friday, Saturday, DG Banquet) Payment on or before September 15, 2018 # _____ x \$140.00 per person = \$ _____

Payment after September 15, 2018 # _____ x \$160.00 per person = \$ _____

Registration & Saturday Lunch: Payment after September 15, 2018 # _____ x \$70.00 per person = \$ _____

Separate DG Banquet Ticket: (A registered delegate may purchase an extra DG Banquet) # _____ x \$70.00 per person = \$ _____

Leo Member (12-18 years old) Registration, Saturday lunch, DG Banquet # _____ x \$80.00 per person = \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

NOTE: YOUR COST Hotel serving Breakfast Buffet Saturday 6:30am – 8:00am

SPECIAL DIET/ALLERGIES Please specify: Diabetic ___ Vegetarian ___ Allergies ___ Advise _____

IMPORTANT: (All Monies are in Canadian Funds) Cash _____ Cheque _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____

Name on Credit Card _____ # _____ Expiry Date: M/D/Y / / / Security Code: _____

Cheque _____ Please make cheque payable to the "Foothills Lions Club 2018 Convention"

Electronic Bank Transfer Accepted. Use email flcfoothills@gmail.com

FULL PAYMENT must accompany this form to qualify as registered delegate. Official receipts will be issued via email only.

Designate Voting Certification closed promptly at 9:00 am Saturday. If you aren't certified, you can't vote.

Mail to: _____ **Contact: Lion Carol Gibson** flcfoothills@gmail.com 403.612.4566

Foothills Lions C-2 2018 Convention
PO Box 811, Black Diamond, AB T0L 0H0

Convention Hotel: Deerfoot Inn & Casino **1000, 11500-35 St SE, Calgary, AB T2Z 3W4**

Hotel Reservations: Contact the Hotel directly at 403.236.7529 or 1.888.875.INNS using code **TJFLC18** for special convention rate of \$133.60 single/double including taxes. Individual rooms must be guaranteed by a valid credit card for late arrival at the time of making the reservations.

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Lions Memorial Forest

The Lions Memorial Forest Committee has been working with the Town of Olds and the Olds Lions Club in planning a Lions Memorial Forest for this region. The following is a report by Committee Chair, Lion Henry Czarnota, on the progress of this project.



Site

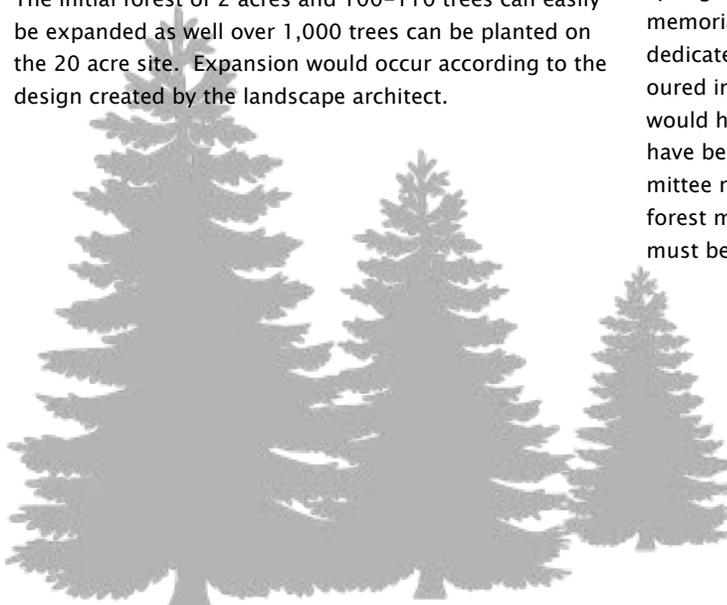
The Town of Olds is expanding its cemetery with a 20-acre addition designed by a landscape engineer. The cemetery will be developed in 5 phases. The town is providing the Lions clubs exclusive access to the 110-110 trees that will be planted in a 2-acre portion of Phase 1 dedicated for such use. The forest will consist of 15 varieties of trees. A nearby gazebo will be constructed that can be used as a gathering place and a place for dedications and memorial services.

Gazebo

On behalf of the committee, I have negotiated with the town the opportunity to sponsor the gazebo at their cost of approx. \$70,000. The gazebo will be designed with input from the Olds Lions club. It will be covered and electrified. Sponsorship would include some recognition of the contributions made by the Lions clubs. Since this element of Phase 1 is outside the ability of the Olds Lions club, the committee sees the sponsorship of the gazebo and forest as a Lions Canada millennial project for the district or possibly both districts in Alberta. If such becomes the case, then the costs could be covered with a donation of approx. \$500 by each club in the province. LOAF and the Olds Lions club would become involved in the collection of monies and payment to the town.

Expansion

The initial forest of 2 acres and 100-110 trees can easily be expanded as well over 1,000 trees can be planted on the 20 acre site. Expansion would occur according to the design created by the landscape architect.



Olds Lions Club Commitment

The Olds club has confirmed with the town that the club will ensure that the cost of the 100-110 trees will be paid over a 2-year period. This allows the town to tender the trees and ready for planting all the trees by the town Recreation Department in the fall. The cost of the trees is estimated to be \$175-\$200 per tree. Aluminum 'pedestals' will be placed in front of each tree allowing a 6" X 9" plaque to be attached. The bottom of the plaque will be one ft. above the ground. A local welding shop is donating the labour to fabricate the pedestals reducing the total cost of pedestal and plaque to about \$30 each.

Communication

The concept has been presented to the cabinet of C-2 and was received favourably. A presentation will be made to MDC council at the MDC convention in Leduc on May 4. It will be up to each cabinet to consider the project and assist communication in the sponsorship of the gazebo. Other funding mechanisms may also be available to the cabinets. Without district support, Lions would not sponsor the gazebo unless individual clubs make the donations.

Use of Gazebo

In consultation with the town as recently as April 23, 2018, we envision the purchase of trees, placing of plaques and completion of the gazebo to be ready in the spring of 2019 (millennial year). A commemorative and memorial service would be held by the town and clubs to dedicate the forest and recognize Lions that are honoured in the forest. Each subsequent year, Lions clubs would hold a memorial service to honour members that have been added to the forest in the last year. The committee recommends that Lions commemorated in the forest must have been an active member at one time and must be deceased.

Members of the Memorial Forest Committee

Zone Chair Lion Henry Czarnota
Chairperson
PDG Lion Gail Haight
2nd VDG Lion Brent Johnson
Zone Chair Lion Anne Kennedy