



Lion Kevin Gibbons

Lion Kevin was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta. In 2000 he moved with his new family to Strathmore, Alberta to seek the small town lifestyle that he experienced during visits with his parents to southern Alberta to visit family and friends. Kevin is very proud of his Southern Alberta roots and his ties to both rural and urban communities. His parents were raised in the Taber and the Butte Montana region; many of his extended family still reside in the Lethbridge area.

Lion Kevin's involvement in charity began when he became Philanthropy Chairman for the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta at the University of Calgary while obtaining his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Early involvement with fundraising for the Children's Cottage and various other charities lit a fire in his heart

for "giving-back" that burns to this day.

In July of 2002, "future Lion" John was born and Lion Kevin's life would never be the same. While helping to raise his new bundle of Joy, Lion Kevin joined the Cheadle Lions club after attending their annual Family Day breakfast in Strathmore. With the encouragement of his Uncle, Lion Art Hironaka of the former Chinook Lions Club and the support of the Cheadle Lions Club, Kevin took on roles at the club level that have included an ongoing and long term as Club Secretary as well as a term as Club President. Kevin has been active in participating in the planning and execution of many of the club events including the Lions Foodgrains Project, Annual Christmas Adopt-A-family, Strathmore Stampede food booth, Family Day Pancake Breakfast, and recently the Centennial project and work with the formation of the local hospice project now known as the Wheatland Hospice society.

During the District Governor visit of Lion John Watson, Kevin asked Lion John how he could get involved in the District Cabinet. Lion John responded with "What do you want to do?" and with that Lion Kevin started as a member of the convention committee that would eventually see him take on the positions of CLERC Chairman, LCIF Chairman, Zone chairman, Certified Guiding Lion and most recently a long tenure as Convention Registration Chairman at both the District and Multiple district level. Lion Kevin continues to support the events and projects of several clubs within our district.

Kevin is proud of all the events and committees he has participated in but enjoys a special pride watching the South Asian Lions Club thrive. Lion Kevin is honored to have served as their Certified Guiding Lion along with Lion Glenn de Boer.

"Friendship is the sweetest influence" ...this is a motto that has long been close to Kevin's heart; and his service to the Lion's Club is a testament to great, sweet friendships that are born of service to others.