DG Joe, Fellow Lions

Our membership started the year with 153 Lions, currently we have 135. So we are down 18 members. The zone has lost some members due to clubs not doing anything due to covid and they joined to serve in the community.

This zone has been without a Zone Chair for several years, so as far as a zone project, there was none. But we have been very successful with the clubs attending the joint zone meetings, communicating with each other.

**Major Club Projects**

100 Mile House The club is active in trying to bring affordable seniors housing to 100 Mile House through a private public partnership. They are currently involved in getting funding for this project that will bring upwards of 42 units of seniors housing to the community in the near future.

108 Mile Covered a family’s transportation costs to & from Children’s Hospital, a 5 hour drive each way.

Forest Grove – Not reporting their service although I know they are active.

Prince George The club has started collecting eye glasses in the community. The members also volunteer at the Elder Citizens Recreational Assoc. and Missions Thrift Store.

Quesnel The club runs an indoor garage sale with donations from the community, all items are recycled responsibly, and items that are sold are cleaned and in working order.

Williams Lake For Valentine’s Day the club delivered to the senior residence in 280 bags of chocolate and 28 bags of jelly beans each with a classic kids ‘be my valentine’ note. They packaged each baggie and delivered them 3 days in advance to the main desk, (following Covid rules), so that these could be distributed on Valentine’s Day.

All clubs are active and doing things that are allowed during these challenging times. 2 of the clubs are not reporting their service on MyLion.

I am very pleased that 5 of the 6 clubs attended the zone meeting in March. It was my 2nd and I have a 3rd planned for May. I have had a lot of positive feedback from the members in attendance.

3 of the clubs have had some major issues over the past few months. We have worked with all 3 and I am happy to say we have managed to help them overcome those issues.

I have sent out a bulletin each month and tried to include articles that I hope help clubs with information.

This zone does need training, especially with the Treasurer, Secretary Positions, and I am pushing the clubs to have a club administrator and service chair.

At this time no one has stepped forward to fill the ZC position but I am hopeful that I can find someone to step up for the coming year. I am willing to help them in any way I can.

Respectfully submitted

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