



Hello to my DG, and my fellow Cabinet Members

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Most clubs I know are doing EyeGlass collections, but I can no longer find the Metrics (Statistics) in the new Portal. This has been frustrating for me. I hope that Zone Chairs travelling around are still pushing the reporting of Service Projects, including eye glasses. Eye glasses get reported as 1 for 1 in a unified system I started in 2019, my first year on Cabinet, and 2018 with my home club.

While we know that not every pair can be recycled, It is our hope that they can, and this simplifies the Clubs reporting of their service collections.

I still have a few new collection boxes if anyone needs some.

I thought since I can't get statistics from the portal right now, I would give you some statistics from CLERC.

The Calgary Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center known as CLERC was founded in 1996.

Since inception in 1996, CLERC has supplied 6,788,089 (as of Oct 2024) to people in need around the world.

The glasses go to 6 key areas: 50% to Africa, 22% to Central America, 14% to South Asia, 10% to South America, 3% to Eastern Europe, and 1% to the Middle East. That's a lot of Lions helping a lot of people.

Most clubs have 1 dedicated person who looks after the eyeglass collections for their club.

Did you know there is a Gordon Prusky Award? If your club would like to honor a Member with long term service and dedication to the eyeglass collection project, then this would be a Great way to do so. It requires a \$500.00 donation to CLERC (a very worthy cause)

And your club can receive this award dedicated to the recipient.

Need more info? Go to Clerc.ca and look up " Gordon Prusky Award"



Eye glass shipments:

Many locations can still use Day & Ross as a free carrier. The Kamloops area although can not. If you were previously shipping through the Kamloops area, please now use Bandstra transport. They will deliver to a Day & Ross depot, and therefore get the glasses to CLERC as we always have. I have attached a mock up waybill, as you can go online to either Day & Ross or Bandstra and fill out the waybills online. Print 3

https://www.bandstra.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Bandstra_Bill_of_Lading_Fillable.pdf or

<https://dayross.com/Forms>

Remember to send it to L. Fitzherbert % Day & Ross Calgary.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New year.

Look forward to seeing everyone on the 11th.

Karen Bassett

LERC Canada Chair