

Let's Embrace Change As We Serve

District I Bulletin

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DG MIKE'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Lions,

March: In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

March, a month of transition, often enters our lives with a fierce roar, much like a lion, and bids farewell with the gentleness of a lamb. This delightful saying, "In like a lion, out like a lamb," has woven its way into our cultural fabric, capturing the essence of seasonal change. The origins of this weather folklore trace back to ancestral beliefs. Our forebears held that maintaining balance was crucial—whether in weather patterns or life itself. Thus, if March commenced with tempestuous weather (akin to a roaring lion), it should conclude with tranquility (resembling a docile lamb). Given March's capricious nature—swinging between spring-like warmth and late-season snowstorms—it's no wonder this saying resonates.

Lions Clubs of District I we are still receiving donations for the rebuilding of the Scotch creek fire hall. We are working with the regional district to see what we can do for the rebuild.

Convention preparations are well underway. The Lions speaker for the District I convention at the Ramada in Kelowna is Edwin Guy Hollander from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, USA, he was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023. Lion Guy is a member of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club since first joining in 1995. His work with 4-H has earned him a Volunteer of the Year Award. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society and certified single engine private pilot. Director Hollander and his wife of 38 years, Carol, who is also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children who are both members of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club. Director Hollander prefers to be called 'Guy' by his friends and fellow Lions.



ID Guy and DG Michael at International Brd Mtg



L2 ZC Mike, DG Michael, MD19 Ex. Dir. Peter, MD19 Env. Chair Nancy, PZC Sharon volunteering at Int. Brd Mtg in Vancouver

PHASED ROLL OUT OF THE NEW PORTAL

Lions International is targeting April 15 – May 13 for our launch. During this window, Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal. We're implementing a phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer a positive introductory experience.

Key dates

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal are sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remain the same.

- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal. Lions International requests that all secretaries ensure that their member information is correct before the change over starts.

New Lions Portal instructional videos are now available on YouTube with more to come.

<https://www.youtube.com/@lionportaltraining>

DISTRICT I CONVENTION

So the final day for sending in registrations is April 12th. Our Service Project will be bringing non perishable food items for the Kelowna Food Bank. We will accept donations at the registration table.

If you can help with a raffle/silent auction item please let Lion Connie Robson know if you are bringing it to the convention or if you wish to donate money to have her purchase something. Her email is connierobson131@gmail.com. Cheques can be made out to Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club and mailed to Box 1304 Kamloops BC V2C 6H3

Hope to see a lot of you there.

100% ATTENDANCE PINS WANTED

Wanted By: Creston, BC Lions Club

For our 85th Anniversary Project

Email: crestonbclionsclub@gmail.com

100% Attendance Pins for the following years still trying to find

Year:

1950-51 1965-66 2016-17 2020-21

1951-52 2017-18 2021-22

1952-53 2019-20 2022-23

1953-54

CRESTON LIONS CLUB 85TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY SEPT 21ST WEEKEND

We will be celebrating our 85th on the September 21st weekend. and I want to advise any Lions in other Clubs who may want to come to get a hold of me, Ken Sommerfeld at crestonbclionsclub@gmail.com so we can ensure we chose a venue large enough. At present we have 2 on hold until we decide which one we will need.

The complete events schedule has not yet been finalized, however, we do know that we will be doing a Thank You cookout at one of our Parks from 10 am -2 pm on Saturday the 21st. Basically we want to say thanks to our community for supporting the Lions since 1939.

The Lions and Guests dinner will be that evening with Happy Hour starting about 5 pm, a catered dinner, some speechifying and live music /dance after.

We do not plan to have this be a "formal" event. We do not yet have a ticket price.

For any who will be coming on Friday or overnight Saturday we will have some special rates at a couple of our hotels.

We are trying to arrange a pancake breakfast for Sunday morning for those who stay over.

That takes care of what we have planned to date. More will come.

New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common. (John Locke)

GOLDEN LIONS & LEOS



Golden Lion Orlando Pecora was Santa at the local Craft Fair. Leo Sierra is Orlando's granddaughter. Tegan and Ava are her friends and they stopped by to make their requests from Santa as they have been very good girls!!!

*Left to right
Leo Sierra Pecora, Lion Santa (aka
Orlando Pecora) Tegan Morrison,
Ava Ratzlaff*

2024 PEACHLAND LIONS CLUB CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hi Fellow golfers,

The Peachland Lions Club invites you to join us in our **23rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament** to support Camp Winfield, a Summer Camp for Children and Adolescents with disabilities.

Join us at the Summerland Golf and Country Club, April 28th. Check in at noon and tee off at 1:30 pm. The fee includes golf, cart, dinner and prizes. The tournament is a fun scramble format for golfers of all abilities. If you sign up as a single, we will put you on a team.

Attached are the signup sheets with all the details about Camp Winfield.

If you are coming to our District Convention in Kelowna, why not come out on the Sunday after the convention is over and have a fun round of golf.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Dave Tarry Co-chairperson Golf Committee

Peachland Lions Club

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VOTE FOR ENDERBY HOCKEYVILLE

Enderby made the final four in the Kraft Hockeyville competition. Our only arena, used for hockey, skating and curling had to shut down last January due to problems with the refrigeration system. We sorely need to win the \$250,000 grand prize to help pay for repairs so that it can be up and running next winter. So we need all the votes we can get. Any Canadian over the age of 18 is eligible to vote, and there is no limit to the number of votes a person can cast.

Vote Enderby on March 29th starting at 6:00 am to March 30 at 2:00 pm.

Cast your vote to help Enderby be crowned the Kraft Hockeyville 2024 winner. Log on to www.krafthockeyville.ca to get your vote in.

Thank you in advance for your support. Try to encourage schools, community groups, and your community to VOTE for ENDERBY!

Voting is unlimited and every vote makes a difference!

Let's make this happen – GO TEAM ENDERBY!!!!!!!

So tomorrow morning when you get up and say to yourself, "I have nothing to do today", you can assist Enderby in getting their arena up and running by spending the day voting for them

EPOXY TABLES

My name is Denis Gauthier, My Father Fred Gauthier was a proud member of the Gravelbourg Saskatchewan Lions Club, When he past in 2010, I was left with a large amount of Lions pins, in which this year I made Lions club epoxy tables with them. My question to you is do you know of any clubs that would want to Purchase at my cost and use the tables in a raffle to collect money for any cause that is suitable for the organization.

I am sending a bit of a commemoration of his value to the club. Also photos of the 3 different tables that I made.

He was a lifetime member of the Royal Canadian Legion and Lions Club. Fred's biggest contribution was his work as a member of the Gravelbourg Lions Club. He joined the Lions in 1967 and served on every position including president (1970-71), zone chairman of zone 2 (1970-71), deputy district governor of region 2 (1972-73), deputy district governor of region 1 (1973-74), as well as district governor of district 5CW (1976-77). He helped charter most of the clubs in the southern Saskatchewan. During his years he became a life member of the Lion International, a life member of the Saskatchewan Lion Heart Foundation, life member of Saskatchewan Foundation of Canada and life member of the Saskatchewan Lion Eye Bank. He also received one of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award one of the highest awards given by Lions International. He was honoured with the Saskatchewan Centennial medal.

Thanks

Denis Gauthier

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26-27, 2024 – District 'I' Conference in Kelowna BC at the Ramada.

May 23rd – North Pend Oreille Valley Lions Club 50th Charter Night

May 23rd – 25th, 2024 – MD19 Convention in Ferndale, WA at Silver Reef Casino Resort

May 26 29, 2024–Northwest Lions Leadership Institute in North Vancouver at Lynn Valley Lions Club House

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