

# The River

## October 2024



Newsletter Editor: September Stokes

### Poinsettias!

It's time to order your Poinsettias! These are top quality, and all the funds raised go to support Lions Club projects. There's three sizes to choose from, and orders can be picked up on November 29th, just in time for the holiday season. See inside for more details, and email [coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com](mailto:coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com) for more information. Check it out on our Social Media, too!



Order by  
November 15th!

### Environment Corner

### Gone Visiting....

### LFC Dog Guides

## Feature: Vision



**Coquitlam River Lions Club Monthly Newsletter**  
Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada  
District /Zone O-3, Multiple District 19

**Club President:** Rosalie Kunic  
**Zone Chair:** Gerry Becker  
Home Club: Coquitlam River Lions  
**District Governor:** Beth James  
Home Club: Renton Lions





## Holiday Poinsettia Fundraiser

The **Coquitlam River Lions Club** is selling three styles of beautiful poinsettias for the holiday season, with all proceeds going to support Lions charities.

Orders are being accepted now, with prepayment in cash or by e-transfer to [riverlionsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:riverlionsfundraising@gmail.com).

If sending an e-transfer, please indicate your name and phone number in the memo, along with the number and style of poinsettias you want. We'll contact you to let you know the date for pick up, expected by end of Nov/early Dec.

Thank you for your support!



6 inch fancy: \$15.00



6 inch foil: \$10.00



14 inch large: \$35.00



**COQUITLAM RIVER**  
LIONS CLUB



## Monthly Spotlight: VISION



Did you know that more than **1 billion** people around the world would be able to see if they could just get a pair of glasses! It was 1925, just about 100 years ago, when Helen Keller spoke to the Lions attending the International Convention. She became both blind and deaf at 19 months of age due to an unknown illness. She asked the Lions to be the Knights of the Blind, and since that time, Lions around the world have stayed committed to helping people with vision loss. From collecting used eyeglasses, to providing seeing-eye dogs, to teaching people how to use their White Canes, and even travelling to third world countries to administer a single dose of medicine that prevents river blindness, Lions have been heeding the call to serve the blind and those with vision impairment. It's something to be very proud of, and next we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of our commitment. Learn more by visiting [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

It's been almost 30 years since the first pairs of used eyeglasses were shipped to Calgary to the newly formed Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre, and there's no stopping us now. Just ask Barry Shiles from the Surrey Central Lions Club; his front porch is a regular drop off site from clubs who've been collecting used eyeglasses. He noted that he has even had a box of glasses shipped to him from Haida G'wai. All these boxes of used eyeglasses, and all the assorted parts, are shipped free of charge to our recycling centre in Calgary. The glasses are sorted, catalogued and then shipped to third world countries in need. They receive donated eyeglasses from Lions Clubs all across Canada, with 40% of them coming from British Columbia!

It's a fantastic, ongoing service project that makes a huge difference in the lives of those who need it.



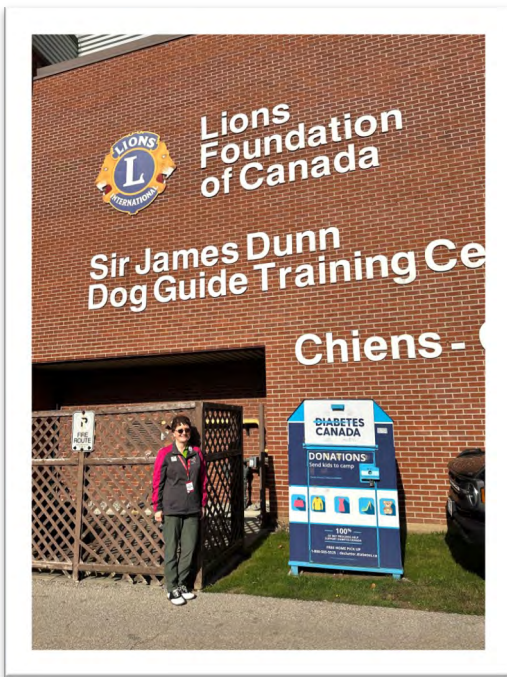
The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has seven programs including vision, hearing, autism and facility support dogs.

**Canine Vision Dog Guides** assist Canadians (14 years or older), who are blind or visually impaired. These Dog Guides are trained to safely navigate obstacles typically found on daily routes. These Dog Guides can assist individuals with the following:

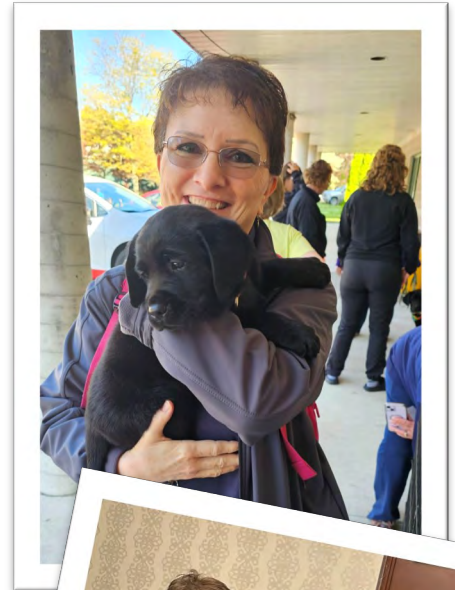
- Stairs and crowds
- Reduce stress by providing a sense of safety
- Find doors, seats and crosswalk buttons
- Provide companionship
- Assist in using public transportation

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is the largest of its kind in Canada, and the only one in the world with seven programs.

Go to [dogguides.com](http://dogguides.com) to learn more.



The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides invited all the 1st Vice District Governors from across Canada to visit their facility in Oakville, Ontario for two days in October. Richard was also there, as he was finishing up his term on their Board of Directors. They referred to the LFCDG as the “Crown Jewel for Canadian Lions” and it’s true! From meeting the puppies, to learning about the Client Journey, seeing how they train the dogs, and visiting the huge Memorial Forest, it was a fulfilling weekend. You’ll be hearing more about the Lions Foundation of Canada. They are also at \$42 million dollars of their \$50 million target for the new facility, as they’ve outgrown the current one. You can learn more at [dogguides.com](http://dogguides.com).



The day before the Council of Governors meeting, on October 18th, the Multiple District Global Action Team got together for a workshop to set goals and strategies to grow our Lions family. 1st VDG September attended (in the middle) with Lions from all over Washington State, British Columbia and Northern Idaho. Our District Governor Beth is in the front row, blue shirt. The meeting was at the Chilliwack Lions Main Hall on Main Street, where they hold their weekly online bingo, and it’s the same room where September was inducted into Lions 32 years ago! Look for plans and initiatives from this GAT team coming soon!





# Club Visits and Events in October

October has been a busy month for getting out and visiting!

**October 7th:** Rosalie and Richard joined 1st VDG September on her official visit to the Surrey Central Lions.

**October 8th:** Rosalie, Richard, and Ryan attended the Maple Ridge Lions Club with 1st VDG September.

**October 19th:** 1st VDG September attended the Council of Governors meeting in Chilliwack, and then she joined Ryan and Richard at the 80th Anniversary dinner of the Langley, Abbotsford and Maple Ridge Lions

**October 23rd:** Richard, Rosalie and Gerry travelled with 1st VDG September to visit the Agassiz Harrison Lions Club.

**October 26th:** Rosalie, Richard, Ryan and September had a great time at the North Surrey Lions Burger and Brew.

**October 28th:** Ryan accompanied 1st VDG September on her visit to the North Delta Lions Club.



It was pleasure to induct Dakota and Tanner into the Maple Ridge Lions Club. Welcome to our Lions family!



September, Ryan and Richard at the 80th Anniversary for Langley, Abbotsford and Maple Ridge Lions



Rosalie, Richard and ZC Gerry at the Agassiz Harrison Lions meeting with 1st VDG September






Rosalie and Richard had fun with Ryan and September at the North Surrey Lions Burger & Brew



North Delta Lions President Doug with Ryan, September and O-4 Zone Chair Chris Qiu



# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 19-O Cabinet Meeting
3	4	5	6 Club Meeting 7:00pm	7	8	9
10	11 	12	13 Board Meeting 7:00pm @ Library	14	15 Poinsettia order deadline	16
17	18	19	20 Club Meeting 7:00pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Poinsettia Delivery	29	30

## Environment Corner

Recycling isn't all about newspapers and cans....here are 20 things you can recycle that you may not have thought of:

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Crayons                 | Computers and phones |
| Shingles                | Sneakers             |
| Prescription drugs      | Videos               |
| Wine corks              | Ink Toner/Cartridges |
| Sports equipment        | Foam Packaging       |
| Toothbrushes            | Plastic bags         |
| CDs and DVDs            | Glass bottles        |
| Fluorescent light bulbs | Clothing             |
| Christmas lights        | Carpet               |
| Toilets                 | Batteries            |



## LIONS INTERNATIONAL

SOCIAL MEDIA MEMBERSHIP ADVOCACY



### KEY BENEFITS

- Increases Reach & Exposure  
Each share, like and comment amplifies the reach of our content, exposing it to a wider audience and attracting new followers.
- Creates Authenticity & Builds Trust  
Member Interactions add a personal touch, making our organization feel more reliable and trustworthy to prospective new members.
- Strengthens our Culture  
Engaging with posts encourages a sense of community and collaboration among colleagues thus strengthening our culture.
- Enhances our Reputation  
High levels of engagement reflect positively on an organization making what we do more attractive to prospective membership.

### POTENTIAL REACH

100 Member advocates  
 $\times$  500 Followers  
 $\times$  10 Shares a month  
 = 500K Touchpoints per month

### HOW SOCIAL MEDIA MEMBERSHIP ADVOCACY HELPS CLUB GROWTH AND THE STEPS TO BE ONE!

92%

Studies show 92% of people trust recommendations from their peers over any other form of advertising

- 1 Follow International on your Social Media platforms
- 2 Like every International Post & Story you see
- 3 Comment & Engage with Lions International
- 4 Share International posts to your Page & Stories



# Membership Roster 2024-25

## Board of Directors:

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We have two new members! Be sure to be at our meeting on November 6th as we induct **Nicole Byth and Kim Macey!!!**



Bring your change to our club meetings for our new:

**Let's Make A Deal 50/50 draw.**

Each meeting, purchase your draw tickets, 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. If your ticket is drawn you can keep the cash prize, OR.....you can trade it for what's in the surprise package? You never know, it could be something fabulously unique and interesting, could be a TUG (totally useless gift) in the spirit of Let's Make a Deal. It's fun, entertaining, and the money raised goes to help our club.



## Coquitlam River Lions Club

Chartered March 2022

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm  
River Springs Recreation Centre  
1950 Lodge Drive, Coquitlam, BC  
www.coquitlamriverlions.club  
Email: coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com



November is Diabetes Awareness Month, so look for more info about Diabetes in our November newsletter.