

Bio for Pauline Cooper - MD C Vice Council Chairperson 2018-2019

My deepest thanks and appreciation to the Lions of MD C for the confidence extended to me with my election as the MD C Vice Council Chairperson for the Lionistic year 2018-2019.

I've been a Lion for more than 20 years, starting in the Cardston Lions Club, and am currently a member of the Lethbridge West Lethbridge Lions Club. My life of service began officially with 27 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and I am proud to continue to serve as a member of Lions Clubs International.

I read a quote the other day that strikes a chord with me: ***Ask yourself, "Can I give more?" The answer is usually "Yes"***. I asked that question - I believe I still have much to offer the Lions of MD C and appreciate the opportunity to prove my worth to you as Vice Council Chairperson for MD C for the Lionistic Year 2018-2019.

I have been honoured in recognition with Presidential Medals and Certificates, various Fellowships including the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. I was also given the great honour to have been elected as the District C-2 candidate for Vice Council Chairperson.

Ours is an association of service and the manner in which the service is rendered is fully as important as the service itself. We should expect honest and ethical conduct from everyone – and this conduct is defined by the 4 core values that serve as the foundation for our Ethical Standards. – Integrity, Accountability, Teamwork and Excellence.

The VCC has a different set of goals from those of the District Governors – they are more personal because part of the job of the Vice Council Chairperson is to facilitate the business of the Multiple District so that the District Governors can concentrate on achieving their goals and serving their Districts.

In terms of visibility, the VCC may be seen to be in the front of the room- at the head table – but the reality is that the most important work is in the background.

It would be MY job as VCC to safeguard the interests and financial well-being of all the Lions in our Multiple District – and to do it to the best of my ability in accordance with our Association's Ethical Standards. Another favourite quote is something that I will think about every day in my role as Vice Council Chair: ***"Am I doing justice to the position I hold?"*** If you don't think I am – TELL ME!!

Together WE SERVE – and as your Vice Council Chairperson, I will do my very best to SERVE by supporting and promoting the interests and well-being of the Lions in MD C.

Respectfully submitted

Pauline Cooper, PDG