

Around The District

News from Lions International District C-2

December 2017



It is a Time to Reflect



DG Cathy Anderson

“Dear Fellow Lions:

That time of year has come again – the time to celebrate and reflect on the year gone by, and embrace the Joy of the holiday season. May you and your family enjoy and cherish those moments together and may your home be filled with laughter, joy, love and friendship.

It is also a time to reflect on those less fortunate, those without a home, whose lives are not filled with laughter, joy, love and friendship. Consider those who need our help – whether it’s helping at a local food bank; serving meals at your local soup kitchen; donating gently used clothing; driving others to an appointment; shoveling snow for your neighbour or opening up your wallet.

It all starts with you. Do that little extra this season to bring the laughter, joy, love and friendship to all. Thank you for your dedication and your Service. Season’s greetings and all the best in 2018.”

“What if Christmas, he thought,
doesn’t come from a store.

What if
Christmas ...perhaps...means
a little bit more!”

How the Grinch Stole Christmas!
By Dr. Seuss

Chair of MDC Global Service Team Appointed

Earlier this year, Lions Clubs International’s Global Action Team added the Global Service Team (GST) to provide support to clubs and districts in addition to the existing Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Membership Team (GMT). District C-2’s Lion Diane Bray, Foothills Lions Club, has been appointed MDC’s Chair for the Service Team. PDG Don Edy, Chestermere Lions Club, has joined the team accepting the position of District C-2 GST Chair. Welcome aboard PDG Don.

“The Service Team will champion the service framework of LCI and LCIF and empower Lions and Leos around the world to maximize impactful service in action and growth. LCI has five service ini-

tiatives this year—Diabetes, Hunger, Vision, Pediatric Cancer, and the Environment. I am looking forward to meeting as many Lions and Leos in the MDC the near future.

Together we will make a difference. I would like to sincerely thank each and every Lion member in MDC for your outstanding contributions in service for your community, county, and the world.”

GST MDC Chair, Lion Diane Bray
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Service—It Is What We Do District C-2 Convention 2017



It was a balmy, autumn weekend when over 220 Lions gathered in Medicine Hat, Alberta for the 3rd annual District C-2 convention. Fifty-eight clubs were represented over the weekend of October 20th including one from Sudbury Ontario, two from Saskatchewan, one from Montana, and nine from District C-1. Six clubs sent ten Lions or more to the convention—Calgary Filipino, Calgary North East Eyeopener, Calgary North Hill, Lethbridge West Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and the Nanton Leos Club. Well done Lions!

Friday evening was filled with meeting old friends and making new connections as Lions arrived ready to tackle the business of the convention. The elections on Saturday morning were the main business conducted with the results announced later in the afternoon.

The program for Saturday afternoon was innovative. It consisted of participation in 4 service sessions – CLERC where 5,000 pairs of eyeglasses were collected and processed; a YOUTH project of packing candy for distribution by police, fire and ambulances; sorting and packing of food for the Medicine Hat Food Bank; and an environment project that included highway clean-up and recycling. It was a busy afternoon reminding all that Service is what we do best.



The two keynote speakers of the convention were inspiring, educational, and entertaining. PCC Gordon Ziegler (on right), using the inspiration of Dr. Seuss, gave insightful ways to stimulate and enliven clubs and their activities as well as increase membership. Having fun, celebrating achievements, constantly connecting, recognizing opportunities, and giving support were just a few of the ideas presented to build clubs and engage members in striving for more.

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller.



PID Marvin Chambers (on left) focused on Lionism in the next century. Goals that Lions should be aiming for are strengthening clubs, building membership, increasing service, and including diabetes initiatives. Using the team approach—namely the governor’s team—and connecting that team both at the individual member level as well as the Global Action Team level can be a positive step in stimulating participation in the service initiatives of LCIF.



Congratulations to all those Lions who let their names stand for election. Here are the results:

2018–2019 District C–2 Cabinet

- District Governor, Lion Tyler Bray, Foothills Lions Club
- 1st Vice DG, Lion Brent Johnson, Lethbridge West Lions Club
- 2nd Vice DG, Lion Dustin Southgate, Nanton & District Lions Club (left picture on left)

MDC Vice Council Chair

- PDG Pauline Cooper, Lethbridge West Lions Club (middle picture on left)

C–2 Hall of Fame

- Lion James Lee, Foothills Lions Club (right picture on left)
- Lion Bill Hunchak, Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club (right picture on right)

“Congratulations to three deserving Lions who were recognized at the District C–2 convention for their dedication and service to others.

- Lion Russell Peters—Medicine Hat Community View Lions Club,
- Lion Carol Hassell—Calgary Mountainview Lions Club
- Lion Ardith Leggatt—Lethbridge Host Lions Club.

Each were presented with an International President’s Certificate of Appreciation ‘In Recognition of Distinguished Achievements in Fulfilling the Mission of Lions Clubs International’.

Thank you for serving and thank you for all that you do for your club, your communities and your district. You are all true Lions at heart.” DG Cathy Anderson



Eleven members of the Nanton Leos club attended and enthusiastically participated in all the activities. The club was presented with a Centennial Service Certificate of Recognition for meeting all four service challenges.



Nanton Leo, Dylan Todd (right) had the great honour of presenting PIP Judge Brian Stevenson with his 50–year chevron.





Join the North Hill Lions Club Christmas Interclub Celebration

Monday, December 11th, 2017

Lions Village
2528 Bowness Road NW, Calgary

6:00 pm—Meet and Greet

7:00 pm—Dinner

Tickets \$25

RSVP to Lion Blaine Robinson
barobins@telusplanet.net or 403-228-0793

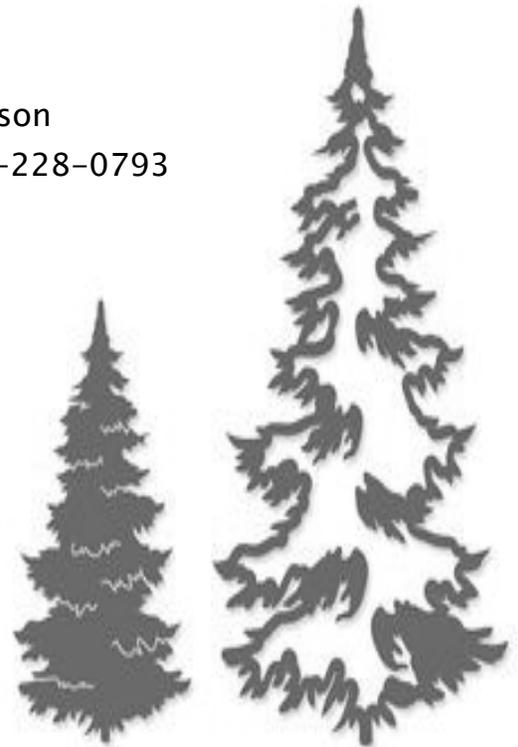
Help fill a new crib by bringing

Blankets, clothes, diapers, formula.

(no toys or books)



Door Prizes Silent Auction
and
Performance from the Calgary
Boys Choir at 7:00 pm



Did You Know



...that Charles Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol* as a commentary on social conditions of the day. He originally thought of his commentary as a pamphlet which he would call "An Appeal to the People of England on behalf of the Poor Man's Child". However, after some thought he decided

that putting his concerns in a story would have more impact.

Thus Scrooge, Marley, and the rest of the characters and events were born.

Dickens' commentary centres on child labour as well as the attitude of all employers towards their employees as mere resources not as individual humans with needs and wants similar to their own.

A Christmas Carol was first published in 1843 and has never been out of print.



Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Calgary Mountainview Lions Provide for Families



Members of the Mountainview Lions are active participants in assisting the Bowwest Community Resource Centre in providing for families in the northwest area of Calgary. In October, the club provided the Resource Centre with six-packs of eggs to be distributed to those families using the resources of the Calgary Food Bank. There is often not a ready supply of protein foods at the Food Bank so the club found that eggs are a good way of providing the protein not available. Members sourced out cost-efficient eggs and re-packaged them for easy distribution. Shown are Lions Irene (left) and Sandra packaging the eggs which they delivered to the Resource Centre on October 11th.

“Bowwest Community Resource Centre empowers people by connecting them to resources. It is a not-for-profit organization working with the residents of 26 communities in northwest Calgary. It is led by a board of directors and supported by a team of volunteers and staff”.

Support for Local Youth Games

The morning of Saturday, October 7th found members and friends of the Mountainview Club starting preparations at 7:00 am to provide a hot breakfast for the participants of the Crowchild Challenge Hockey Tournament. Pancakes and sausages were the order of the day and provided free of charge to all attendees. The evening of October 6th also found members BBQing hamburgers for the start of the tournament. The club received many appreciative comments on their participation and support of youth involved in sports.



The Crowchild Challenge, Western Canada’s invitational hockey tournament, celebrated its 35th year of inviting 16 teams at the Pee Wee and Atom levels. The aim of the Crowchild Challenge is to provide a high level of hockey competition that offers enjoyment for all involved and encourages teamwork, good sportsmanship and fair play.





Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

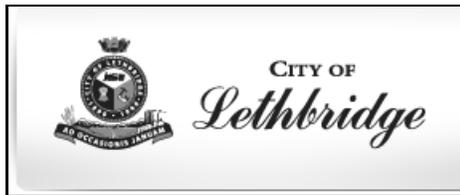
Beisiker Lions Golf for STARS

“In August we held the 4th annual Beisiker Lions STARS Golf Classic at Lakes of Muirfield Golf Course, Lyalta, a short distance east of Calgary. We had a terrific day, perfect weather and a great crowd of golfers. In addition to the golf tournament, we held a raffle, enjoyed a steak supper and live auction. We were privileged to have a STARS VIP (Very Important Patient) tell of how STARS saved her life. In rural areas, STARS is even more important in reducing the time taken to obtain specialist medical assistance for serious injuries or illnesses. A total of \$21,000 was raised for STARS from this event.”

Submitted by Lion Ivan Cook on behalf of Beisiker Lions Club.



Lion Ivan Cook (3rd from left) presenting cheque to members of STARS



The Lethbridge Host Lions Club participated in Project Connect with the city of Lethbridge and other partners on the 3rd and 4th of November 2017. The City opened the Lethbridge Senior Centre to the homeless so they can have a shower, haircut, emergency dental work, get registered with Social Services and have a hot meal. The Host Lions helped prepare the meal, served it, and cleaned up afterwards. Preparation for the meal took place on

November 3rd and the lunch of hot chili was service on November 4th. In excess of 400 people were served. It was a snowy, cold weekend and the recipients were very happy to get a hot meal in them. Three Lions assisted with food preparation on Friday night and six Lions helped serve the meal.

For more information on the activities of the Lethbridge Host Lions Club go to their facebook page.

The next issue of *Around The District* will come out in February/March 2018. Deadline for submissions is February 15. Don't miss out on getting your club's stories told!

Send your pictures, stories, and event information to:
chassell@shaw.ca





Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Dog Guide Program Promoted at Redcliff Fall Festival



At this year’s Fall Festival in Redcliff, a Family Dog Walk was held in support of Canada’s Dog Guide program. Lion Mel Foat of Chestermere Lions (picture at left) with his guide dog Walker, were the Redcliff Lions guest for the weekend. Lion Mel with Walker and Lion president Bob Wickens and Lion Phil Monteith attended local schools and introduced the Dog Guide program to students. The students were very interested and asked a lot of good questions.

The trailer in the background belongs to Lion Phil Monteith. The banners on the sides have been purchased by the Redcliff club for use in parades or whenever there is an event that is worthy to display them. They do an excellent job of telling what Lions is all about.



For more information about the activities of the Redcliff Lions club go to their website at www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/redcliffab or their facebook page.

Lethbridge Host Club Supports Local Breakfast Program

The Lethbridge Host Lions held their 11th annual Pig & Pumpkin Festival at the Broxburn Greenhouses just outside Lethbridge on September 16, 2017. The weather was perfect and the turnout was fantastic. From the event the club donated \$7,000 to the Wilson Middle School Breakfast Program. Shown in photo—Lion President Richard Huculiak presenting the cheque on October 6th to Dean Hawkins, the Principal of Wilson Middle School.





Lions Leaving Lasting Legacies

Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions Supporting CNIB



Denise Duchak and her driver with her travelling store.

The visually impaired in the Pincher Creek community have continued support from the Lions of the Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions club.

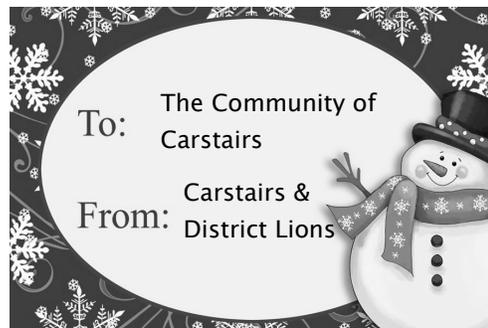
Started by Lion Alice Cook, the club initiative is to assist in setting up meetings for the visually impaired consisting of speakers and information on relevant topics as well as providing refreshments for a social interaction time. Club members also provide transportation to these meetings for the participants. The coordinator, Lion Sue Vogelaar, also assists with ordering audio books from the CELA library and contacting the CNIB with client questions.

“Giving” is Alive and Well In Carstairs!

Carstairs & District Lions Club have kicked off their annual Christmas Campaign. Last year, the club delivered 66 hampers consisting of food, gift cards and toys. They are expecting even more requests this year as the town has grown substantially and is experiencing an economic downturn.

This year the club will not be giving out food, but will give gift cards for groceries, along with toys, and gifts. This allows recipients to purchase what they want. It also gives them confidentiality and dignity. These days there are so many allergies, special dietary needs etc. The club feels they are best able to serve their community with cards rather than food chosen by the club or donated.

Even through an economic downturn, the club has added three new members to their ranks with a fourth in the wings. Congratulations Lions!



“Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, benevolence, were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!”

Spoken by Ebenezer Scrooge
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens





What's Coming Up . . .

North Hill Lions Christmas Interclub

Calgary, Alberta December 11, 2017
See poster on page 4.

Faculty Development Institute (FDI)

Atlanta, Georgia January 26-29, 2018
www.members.lionsclubs.org

Certified Guiding Lion Training

Lethbridge, Alberta January 27, 2018
Contact: Lion Pauline Cooper at lionpauline@gmail.com
Or GLT J.Goodrich at pdgjohngoodrich2011@gmail.com

Multiple District C Convention

Leduc, Alberta May 4-5, 2018
www.e-district.org/sites/md37

Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI)

Fredericton, New Brunswick May 5-7, 2018
www.members.lionsclubs.org

District C-2 Steer Auction

Cheadle, Alberta May 12, 2018
Contact: cheadlefeedasteer@gmail.com

Lions Cavalcade Campout, Parade & BBQ

Millet, Alberta June 1-3, 2018
Contact: Lion Dennis Stevenson
pdg37e@sunraybase.ca

Lions Clubs International 2018 Convention

Las Vegas, Nevada June 29-July 3, 2018
www.lcicon.lionsclubs.org



On October 23rd, President Peter Wallis, Calgary Heritage Lions Club, presented members with chevrons for membership and the years of service performed as an active Lion. From the right—President Peter, Lions Marion Aesen (35 years), Rocky Oishi (40 years), and Sandy Milne (55 years).



Nanton and District Lions are hosting a New Year's Eve Family Dance.

It will take place at the Nanton Community Centre
December 31st, 2017 starting at 8 pm
Adults \$20.00 Youth \$10.00 Children under 10 are free.
Contact Sandy Rhodes at 403-652-6133



Come ring in the New Year with us!



Lions Are Needed To Support Youth with Diabetes

Lions Clubs International has added Diabetes as its fifth Service Initiative. With over 300,000 Canadians living with diabetes, 35,000 are camp age kids. Diabetes Canada has established D-Camps to increase youth self esteem and independence, foster friendships, and build diabetes self management skills.

Since 1953, when the first diabetes camp, Camp Banting, was opened in Eastern Ontario, 12 diabetes camps have been established in this country. They are supported by a number of organizations including Lions clubs in Canada.

However out of 180 clubs in Multiple District C only 8 send donations annually to the sole diabetes camp in Alberta—Camp Jean Nelson. It is the goal of Diabetes Canada and specifically of Lion representatives who are part of the Diabetes Board, to have all 1,530 Lions clubs across Canada partner with Diabetes Canada as the primary sponsor of the D-Camp program for youth with type 1 diabetes.

Camp Jean Nelson lies in the picturesque Rocky Mountain Foothills just outside of Water Valley. It was founded in 1957 by the camp's namesake who also opened the Calgary Branch of Diabetes Canada. Since 2014, Camp Jean Nelson has enjoyed a partnership with Kids Cancer Care Alberta's Camp Kindle.

How Can MDC Lions Clubs

Support Youth with Diabetes in Alberta?

For over 30 years Diabetes Canada has been collecting used clothing. The Clothesline Program diverts over 100 million pounds of textiles from landfills. More importantly, the funds from this program help send 2,500 kids to D-Camps across Canada, help to fund research, and help 11 million Canadians living with diabetes or pre-diabetes.

Lions clubs can host a clothing drive. Diabetes Canada will provide a truck at your club/

district/multiple district event. The Clothesline Program will pay \$1.50 per bag when they pick up 150 bags or less at one location or \$2.00 per bag when more than 150 bags are picked up. The funds raised will be used to support the D-Camps and specifically

Camp Jean Nelson in Alberta.

The average cost for one camper for one week at a D-camp is \$2,500. Camp registration fees cover about one third of the cost with fund raising activities covering the remainder. Over 600 medical and program staff are needed for these camps along with the use of 572,300 units of insulin and 105,470 blood glucose test strips and lancets.



For more information on how your club can be part of this service initiative and increase the number of youth in Alberta that can take part in Camp Jean Nelson, contact:

Lion Peter Wallis, p.wallis@shaw.ca
Alberta/NWT Liaison, Diabetes Canada.

DIABETES CANADA



Canadian Lions Eyeglass RECYCLING Centre

CLERC, an out of sight opportunity to aid the vision impaired of the world!



WANTED—GLASSES OF ALL SORTS!

Due to processing elevated numbers of glasses (900,000 pair in 92 countries) in the last two years, CLERC's supply of glasses is in need of an infusion.

The ratio is one pair of glasses are recycled for every pair of usable glasses which means we went through 1.8 million pair!

We are asking District C-1 and C-2 Lions clubs to collect and ship all the glasses they might have as well as provide us with locations and contacts.

Please drop off glasses at optometrists who have a drop off box. Lions clubs—please check out shipping boxes via Day and Ross Transport at www.clerc.ca or contact by email.

Thanks for all that you do.
Lion James Lee



Lion Jack Busst, Southridge Lions Club, shown with his granddaughter reading eyeglasses as CLERC. Lion Jack was CLERC's 2016/17 volunteer of the year.

Giving a little at this time of year.



“As we approach the Christmas season, it is a good time to reflect on those who are less fortunate than us. As Lions, our Motto is We Serve. I would ask all Lions to consider giving a little at this time of year.

Our community food banks are all in need of food stuffs and financial donations are greatly appreciated. The Salvation Army has people with their colourful kettles in many locations. Consider what your change can do to change someone's life during the Christmas season.

Random acts of kindness give the giver a great sense of giving and the receiver confirmation that someone cares. So hold open that door at the supermarket or post office. If you see a vehicle stopped along the road, do they need assistance? Help is always welcome at the food banks, local hospitals, animal shelters and hundreds of other places.

So, from our house to yours—stay safe and warm.
Have yourself a Very Merry Christmas.”

1st VDG Tyler Bray
District C-2





Celebrating the Success of the Youth Exchange Program

On the evening of Monday, October 23rd, 2017 members and friends of the North Hill Lions club came together to celebrate the accomplishments of the participants in the District C-2's Youth Exchange Program now in its 20th year.

The North Hill club has established a 2-year program to sponsor two youth to the Waterton Leadership Camp in year one and to attend a youth exchange camp in northern Italy in year two. Students stay with a host Lion family in Italy. In addition to the camp, students travel with the host family to many places in Italy as their stay could last from 4-6 weeks.

The commitment by the North Hill club is substantial. The club covers the entire cost of the Waterton Leadership Camp in year one and in year two covers all fees, travel and insurance costs to Italy as well as \$1,000 per youth for expenses while away.

Upon their return, students are required to give a presentation to the club on their experiences and how the program has expanded their knowledge and global friendships.



The delightful dinner was provided by members of the Lions Club of Calgary. Approximately 50 people attended including members of host families and youth exchange participants.



The Youth Exchange Program involves two co-ordinators—Lion Bruce Bishop as the Outbound Co-ordinator, and Lion Tony Prettegiani as the Inbound Co-ordinator. In addition, Lion Tony supervises the Waterton Leadership Camp.

For the 2018 outbound International Youth Exchange Program, applications must be submitted by February 28th, 2018. For those clubs considering sponsoring a youth, all the information on the process and expectations can be found on both the District C-2 website (www.lionsc2.org) as well as www.lionsclubs.org. For more information, contact Lion Bruce at b.b.bishop@shaw.ca.

For information on the Waterton Leadership Camp which takes place at the end of July, contact Lion Tony at tonyp@pretteg.com.



Celebrating the Success of the Youth Exchange Program



Kali Webb (left) and Victoria Bianchini (right) attended the Leadership Camp in 2017 sponsored by the North Hill club. They gave a vibrant presentation on the daily challenges they faced. Not only did they forge life-long friendships, but also gained valuable knowledge about the countries that the other participants were from.



Both Julie Bernier (left) and Benjamin MacKay, shown with Lion Tony, travelled to Italy in 2017 as part of the Exchange Program. Julie spent most of her time in northern Italy and attended Camp Emilia as well as visiting many cities with her host family. Benjamin attended Camp Oitalia with 40 other exchange students in southern Italy. "Every day was a mystery" commented Benjamin—"always to look forward to".

Host families are an integral part of the inbound program. Each year, up to 20 host families could be required. It is Lion Tony's task to arrange for these families to make contact with the incoming student as well as arrange their attendance at the Leadership Camp. Three weeks of hosting for each of the 20 Youth Exchange students accepted are needed. Coverage is also required for 2 weeks prior to camp and 1 week after camp. We encourage host families to take 2 students at a time.



Five of those host families were present at the dinner and each received not only the thanks of the club but also a framed picture of camp participants.

 **Calgary North Hill Lions** 

We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish.





We welcome those Lions who joined us in October and November.



Airdrie Lions Club

Martin Darknell
Evan Perkins

Blackie Lions Club

Warren Wilderman

Blairmore Lions Club

Gerald Dadson
Ken Easton
Mary Anna Misseggers

Calgary Filipino Lions Club

German Palaganas
Reyna Palaganas
Yolanda Rogacion

Calgary North Hill Lions Club

Gary E. Davies

Calgary Westwind Lions Club

Renalyn H. Bonifacio

Calgary Wildrose Lions Club

Evelyn Manzano Lopez

Carstairs & District Lions Club

Dennis G. Paulin

Cheadle Lions Club

Tom Ikert

Cochrane Lions Club

Scott M. Gibson-Graig
Lane R. Stevenson

Foothills Lions Club

Bruce Christensen
Peggy O'Neill Galant

Ft. Macleod Lions Club

Edit Rigaux
Robert J. Rigaux
Cora D. Steel

Keoma Lions Club

Keith Selvig
Rick Veen

Lethbridge West Lions Club

Ignez Couto
Udson Mendonca

Medicine Hat CV Lions Club

Katie Peloso
Albert Stark
Jarred P. Wenzel

Milo Lions Club

Dean L. Folk

Mossleigh Lions Club

Trevor Ronning

Okotoks Lions Club

Calvin B. Schmidt

Olds Lions Club

Fay Hagerty

Pincher-Cowley Roaring Lions Club

Nancy A. Schatz

Rockyford Lions Club

Jared Anderson
Reid Anderson
Dan Munroe
Trevor Onstine

Strathmore Lions Club

Dale Hauck
Violet Hauck
Betty Herdman
Wayne Herdman

Taber Lions Club

Kevin Brandics



... and honour those who left us.

Mossleigh Lions Club

Stewart Meadows

Did you know ?

Thursday, December 21 at 9:28 am is the winter solstice.

It is the shortest day of the year and astrologically marks the start of the winter period. Astronomers and scientists use the dates of the equinoxes and solstices to mark the beginning and end of seasons. Winter goes from the December Solstice to the March Equinox.

However, meteorologists divide the year into 4 meteorological seasons of 3 months each based on the annual temperature cycle. Winter starts December 1st and goes to February 28th.

Whichever date you choose for the start of winter, it will be cold in our part of the world—so bundle up and look to help those who need winter clothing and necessities to keep warm this winter season.



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