

District C-2 Convention October 20 & 21, 2017 Medicine Hat Alberta

Meet the Candidates



For the Position of District Governor 2018 - 2019: Lion Tyler Bray

Lion Tyler was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec. In 1975 he joined the RCMP and completed his training in Regina, Saskatchewan. In 2007 he retired after 32 years of service. His last post was that of Detachment Commander, Sergeant, in Turner Valley, Alberta. In 2007-2010 Lion Tyler was elected as a Town Councilor for the Town of Black Diamond, Alberta. Along the way he met and married, Diane, his wife of Forty Two Years. They have three children and Six Grand Children. Lion Tyler first joined Lions in 1986-89 in Mannville, Alberta. He held several positions including that of Club Treasurer .In 2004, Lion Tyler joined the Foothills Lions Club, and held several positions in the club executive including club president 2007-2008 and again in 2013-2014. He was also the club trail twister in 2009.Lion Tyler was the Zone Chairperson for Zone 2a in MD 37-0 for 2014-2015 and he was the Zone Chairperson for Zone 3a in District C-2 for 2015-2016. Lion Tyler is also the Chairperson for the Lions Youth Camp (2015-2017). Lion Tyler is also the current District C-2 ALERT Chairperson and was presented with a President's Leadership Medal at the 2017 MD Convention for his outstanding work and dedication on the ALERT program. Lion Tyler attended and completed the Lions advanced Leadership Training Course held in Calgary, Alberta in 2015. He also completed the Guiding Lions Training in February 2015. In recognition of Lion Tyler's service he has received a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Lion Lionel Bird Youth Camp Award, a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship and Several International Lions President awards, along with many club and District recognition certificates. In recognition of Lion Tyler's accomplishments, he was awarded Citizen of the Year in Slave Lake, Alberta in 2000. Also in 2000 he received from the Government of Alberta, an award in recognition for twenty five years of policing in Alberta. In 2002 Lion Tyler received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his many years of volunteering in Alberta. In 2005, Lion Tyler was awarded the Government of Alberta Centennial medal honouring Outstanding Albertans.

“ I enjoy meeting people and want to help bring the FUN back into being a LION. “



FOR The Position of 1st Vice District Governor 2018 - 2019: Lion Brent Johnson

Born in Lethbridge AB. Raised in Cowley AB. I attended Livingstone School, following that by attending the University of Lethbridge. During the summer months I worked for my father in the family business Johnson Bros. Sawmills. In May of 1990 I married Luciana Paladino, who also attended the University of Lethbridge graduating with a Degree in Education. Lion Lucy has recently retired from teaching high school, but is giving back to her profession by supervising education students at the University of Lethbridge. I have worked for 31 year as a Financial Advisor for Sun Life Financial, it is a great career. I enjoy going to work every day. My career has also allowed me the time to do many other volunteer and leisure activities, such as Curling and Golf.

I joined Lions in January of 1990, and have served in many positions as Club Officers and District Officers. Most recently I was the LCIF MD Coordinator for MD C. To quote our Lions Pledge, "I am Proud to be a Lion dedicated to the service of others."

For the Position of 2nd Vice District Governor 2018 - 2019: 2 nominees



Lion Anthony (Tony) Pretteggiani

Lion Tony is a proud member of the Calgary North Hill Lions Club and is grateful for the opportunity to stand for 2nd Vice District Governor Elect. Lion Tony has been a Lion for 25 years. He is married to Lion Fran Pretteggiani and they have 1 daughter (Bernadette). Lion Tony works as a Chief Financial Officer for DMA Global Ltd, which is a professional recruiting company which also provides business coaching through its "Dream Reach Achieve" program and coaching certification through its "Hall of Fame" program. Lion Tony has served as the President of the Calgary North Hill Lions Club twice, been the Chairman of the Lions Pot of Gold Project, Chairman of the annual "Tournament of Dreams" as well as many other club projects. Lion Tony currently serves as the club Treasurer as well as the Director of the Lions Waterton Leadership Camp since 2005 (attended the camp from 2000 to 2004 as a leader and instructor). Lion Tony has received an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation in 2016 for his work with Youth, is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion Bill Webber Fellow, Lion Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, Lion Jack & Denise Isaman Fellow, Lion Dr Gregory Powell Stars Fellow, Lion Lionel Bird Youth Camp Award, Lion of the Year and numerous certificates of appreciation. In 2002 Lion Tony attended the Senior Lions Leadership Institute in Oakbrook at the Lions Club International Headquarters, where he was

given the opportunity to develop his leadership skills. After an exhausting week, Lion Tony was selected by his peers to give a speech at the windup banquet. Since that opportunity he has made every effort to give back to his club, the district and to Lions in general. With his daughter in her final year of university he will have the time to dedicate to the service of the District, should he become 2nd Vice District Governor Elect. Lion Tony currently serves the MD as Youth Chairman and District C2 as Youth Exchange Chairman-Inbound.



Lion Dustin Southgate

My name is Lion Dustin Southgate and I would like to give you a brief description of why I am running for 2nd VDG at the C2 District convention on October 20-21, 2017. I have been a Lion in Nanton Alberta for 17 years and served as zone chairperson four times, Leo chairperson, and numerous other executive roles.

As a Lion, our motto is “We Serve” and that is exactly what we need to do. Developing collaboration and networking between clubs would encourage diversity while maintaining unity. Inclusion and support for the clubs at the club and individual member level is fundamental in serving our rural communities, cities, and towns. I envision Lions that can change and embrace change. If all clubs and members are focused and have an end goal in mind, whether the goal is local, District, Multiple District, National or International, amazing results can be achieved.

The energy of our youth is harnessed through the Leo platform, ensuring future community leaders and volunteers. District C-2 must embrace the values of our past, while integrating the methods of our youth to guide us into the next century of Lionism.

For the Position of Vice Council Chair C-2 Nominee: 2 nominees



Lion Pauline Cooper

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 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 never really aspired to the leadership roles in Lions but sometimes you can't just sit back – you have to get more involved. And so when I retired from the military and moved back to Alberta, I got involved in Multiple District 37 first as Vice District Governor in District 37D, then as District Governor in the newly formed District 37N. I continued with my passion for service and Lions at the Club and District level and as a strong supporter of the MD 37 projects. I served a second term as District Governor of District 37N and then our new Multiple District was created. I believe I still have much to offer the Lions of MD C and would like 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 am currently the Treasurer of my Club and have their endorsement in my bid for Vice Council Chairperson. For all the recognition and honours I have received throughout my careers, I would be even more proud and honoured to have your support as Vice Council Chairperson candidate. Together WE SERVE – and I will do my very best to SERVE by supporting and promoting the interests and well-being of the Lions in MD C.



Lion Peter Wallis

Lion Peter joined the Musquodoboit Harbour & District Lions Club April 9, 1984. Moving to the Annapolis Valley in November of the same year and transferring to the Coldbrook & District Lions Club in March 1985 then to the New Minas & District Lions in February 2001. He joined the Calgary Heritage Lions Club in January of 2014 upon moving to Calgary. Lion Peter has held numerous Club Officers positions including Club President - 7 terms, Club Secretary - 4 terms and Club Treasurer - 5 terms and has chaired/co-chaired numerous committees with all clubs. District Officers Positions: Zone Chairman-4 terms, Regional Chairman -5 terms, Journey for Sight Chairman - 2 terms, Lions Foundation of Canada, Dist. Chair -3 years, Lions Foundation of Canada, NS Director -3 years, Lions Foundation of Canada Chair of Board - 2004 – 05, Lions Foundation of Canada Past Chair of Board -2005 – 06 District 41-N2 District Speak-out Chairperson -2 terms, Vice District Governor -2007-2008, District Governor -2008 – 2009, District Leadership Orientation Chair -2009 – 2010, MERL Team Chair -2009 – 2011, Chair Leadership - 2009 -2011, Co-Chair N2 Lions History -2011 – 2013. Lion Peter has attended numerous District Cabinet Meetings, District Conventions and Multiple District Conferences & Conventions. International:

Moderator, USA/Canada Leadership Forum -Sept. 2001, 7 International Conventions: Montreal 1996, Boston 2006, Chicago 2007, Bangkok 2008, Minneapolis 2009, Toronto 2013 and Honolulu in 2015. Club Awards: 100% President Awards – 2, 100% Secretary Award – 3, Lion of the Year Award: 1994 – 1995. District/International Awards: District Runner-up Best Secretary, Int. Pres. Certificate of Appreciation, Int. Pres. Leadership Medal, LCI District Family Growth Award, LCI District Governors Extension Award, Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, Membership Key Award, LCI 30 Year Service Chevron, Numerous District Governor/District Certificates of Appreciation, Jack & Denise Isaman CNIB Fellowship, USA/Canada Certificate of Appreciation, LFC Patron Award, Progressive Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, LFC Fellowship Award, Progressive LFC Life Membership, LFC Life Membership, Life Membership Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia and has made over 1500 Visitations to other clubs. Since 2001, Lion Peter has organized and completed 6 “Dollar’s for Doggies” projects raising over 63,000.00 to sponsor 7 Dog Guides for those individuals with medical needs. Lion Peter has been married to Lion Flo for 47 years. They have a son, Peter of High River and a daughter Kathy Dawn, son-in law Franzis as well as 2 granddaughters, Shelby and Addison, all of Calgary. Currently serving as Club President of the Calgary Heritage Lions Club, Zone Chair for Zone 6, District C2, Chair of the Calgary and area Walk for Dog Guides and sitting as the Alberta representative on the Diabetes Canada Board of Directors.

C-2 Nominee for MDC Hall of Fame recognition: 5 nominees



Lion Bruce Bishop

Bruce Bishop was born and raised in Chipman, New Brunswick. After graduating from high school in 1964, Bruce joined the R.C.M.P. His first posting was in Banff, where he met and married Betty. They have just celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Bruce and Betty have a daughter Belinda of Calgary, and a son Farley of Gleichen, as well as 5 precious grandchildren. As the Bishops moved from post to post, Bruce was active in each community. He spent 5 years as a Brooks Kinsman, joined Elk Point Lions in 1975 as well as serving on the volunteer Fire Department and as Secretary of the Curling Club. Another move took him to the Red Deer Central Lions Club where he was President, Secretary, and Director. The family’s final move in 1984 brought them to Strathmore and to the Strathmore Lions Club, where Bruce has held every office and been on the Board of Directors almost every year. After 25 years with the force, Bruce decided to work in a field he enjoyed. He went to SAIT in 1990 where he trained as a carpenter and worked in that trade for another 23 years.

The Strathmore Lions Club has been the beneficiary of Bruce’s experience and his desire to take on challenges. There is no job Bruce hasn’t or wouldn’t do. He is active with every project as well as excelling at each position he has held, both

in the club and in District C-2. He has received countless and well deserved awards for service to the Lions and to the community. We can think of no better candidate for 2017 District C-2 Hall of Fame.



Lion Robert (Bob) Evans

Robert William (Bob) Evans, was born April 1928 at Bracken, a rural farming community in south west Saskatchewan. After graduating with a grade 12 diploma from the local school, he began farming the family's mixed grain farm, expanding the homestead to a total of 17 quarters.

Bob, very involved in the Bracken community, was a municipal councilor for the Rural Municipality of Lone Tree for 17 years and a director of the Bracken Savings and Credit Union. He volunteered as a projection operator for the local community theatre, secretary for the local school board and a Coop board member. In 1958 he achieved his private pilot's license bought his own airplane and became an active member of the Saskatchewan Flying Farmers, filling two terms as director. It was through this flying connection he met his wife Carol. They married in 1968.

After selling the farm in 1974, the family moved to Nanton, Alberta, settling on acreage on the edge of town. One of the many things Bob brought to Alberta was his volunteering spirit. Under the sponsorship of the Champion Lions Club the Nanton Lions Club started in the fall of 1975. This was an excellent opportunity for a newcomer to the community. Being an eager charter member Bob soon felt right at home with this active community group, holding the positions of secretary, tail twister numerous times, director, 1st and 2nd vice president. He sat on numerous committees, for many years he took charge of the supplies for the summer pancake breakfasts and was on the organizational committee for the local Lions Park. A high light was the committee to help a local girl who had lost her sight in an MVA. Through the Lions Leader Dog program and the local Lion's Club assistance, this young lady was able to attend University and later hold a full time job. A "feel good" moment for Bob was to attend her university grad celebration.

Forty two years later Bob is still eager to attend the regular monthly meetings and help out flipping pancakes at the summer breakfasts or where ever there is a need that he can fulfill that promotes Lionism and its benefit to the community.

While raising a family; daughters Stephanie and Wanda, and son Jason, Bob found other places to volunteer in Nanton. He sat on the board of the Silver Willow Lodge, a community senior's residence during its formative years. Being a pilot with interests in aviation, the Nanton Lancaster Society has benefitted from Bob's hours of volunteering. As part of a reckoning force of this all volunteer organization, which operates the world renowned Bomber Command Museum of Canada Bob has held the positions of curator and editor of the biannual Newsletter since its inception in 1986. As one of this like minded group he has been happy to "step up to the plate" to promote the interests and preserve the historical collections of the museum. Why did Bob want to volunteer? His response, "It was something I could do to make the community a better place, doing something you enjoy for the benefit of others gives one a good feeling, a sense of accomplishment!"

Looking back his actions have contributed much to the communities he lived in, he is grateful for what he has received in return. He has acquired lifelong friendships, developed interests, been places and done things that he never would have experienced had it not been for the time he spent volunteering. He truly hopes he has given as much as he has received and thus he still volunteers! Robert William (Bob) Evans, was born April 1928 at Bracken, a rural farming community in south west Saskatchewan. After graduating with a grade 12 diploma from the local school, he began farming the family's mixed grain farm, expanding the homestead to a total of 17 quarters.

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Lion James Lee

James Lee was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1952 and was raised in the Peterborough area. James studied in Cultural Studies at Trent University.

James followed his hockey aspirations in the USA for three years. He played Junior and then in the IHL.

James came West in 1974 and settled in Canmore, Alberta. He started his Lionistic career in 1991 with the Canmore Lions Club. While in Canmore, James was the Co-Chair of the Lions Ski Program. He was Vice President of minor hockey, coached hockey, and coached children in the local baseball league. James was also the Chair for the Canmore Town Planning commission and Hospitality Chair for the prestigious Canmore Folk Festival, a position he held for 15 years.

In 2000, James moved to the Black Diamond area and in 2004 he rejoined Lions with the Foothills Lions Club. James is very active in the club holding the club's president position twice, along with Tail Twister, Lion Tamer, and Media Liaison. James was a Zone Chairperson for 2 terms in District 37-0. He is further involved as the Lions clubs Campground Chair for both campgrounds in Black Diamond and Turner Valley. After the devastating floods of 2013, James also held the position of Reconstruction Chair. James has been an instructor in the District's annual Officer training school in Strathmore, teaching the new president's sessions.

Lion William "Bill" Hunchak



Lion Bill Hunchak was born in Hafford, Saskatchewan in January 1928, the seventh of twelve children to struggling pioneer farmers, and survived the 30's depression. Lion Bill attended Saskatoon Normal School, then went on to attend the University of Saskatchewan where he obtained a B.A., and B.Ed., He then went on to earn his M.Ed., at the University of Oregon. Lion Bill was a career teacher and Principal, then went on to become Superintendent of Schools in Wetaskiwin County, a position he held for fourteen years. Lion Bill retired in 1983. Lion Bill became a resident of Alberta in 1954 and has lived in Edmonton, Calmar, Stettler, St. Paul, Wetaskiwin (35 years) and Calgary since 2005. Lion Bill married Edna Tomaszkeski in 1955 in Calmar, and has five children, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Since joining the Calmar Lions Club in 1954, Lion Bill has maintained 100% attendance in the following Clubs - Calmar, Stettler, St. Paul & District, Wetaskiwin and Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club, for the past sixty-three years. He has been a Club President three times and held most Club officer positions. At the District level he served as a Zone Chairperson three times, and Deputy District Governor in 1965-66, and has sponsored eight new Lions members.

Lion Bill, together with PDG Lloyd Gillespie, was instrumental in establishing the Lions-Quest program in Alberta. Lion Bill and PDG Gillespie (deceased) organized the first Lions-Quest contract workshop in Western Canada, and established Wetaskiwin as the Lions-Quest training center for Western Canada. Twenty-two workshops were hosted in Wetaskiwin for educators from all Western Provinces and Territories. Lion Bill took on the task of distributing Lions-Quest books and materials before Lions-Quest Canada was formed, dealing directly with the Columbus, Ohio Headquarters, and supplying the material and thousands of books. Due to the efforts of Lion Bill and PDG Lloyd in establishing Lions-Quest in Western Canada, the Wetaskiwin Lions Club was nominated and awarded the Canadian Governments "Citation for Citizenship" Award, and Lion Bill and PDG Lloyd travelled to Ottawa to receive the award in 1991.

While not holding any office beyond Deputy District Governor, Lion Bill has nonetheless received the following recognitions for his service: several International President's Awards, Lions Foundation of Canada Life Member, LCI Life Member, Melvin Jones (Progressive) Fellowship, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship, Jack & Denise Isaman CNIB Fellowship, Lions Quest Fellowship, PID Bill Webber Fellowship, Lionel Bird Youth Camp Award, Dr. Greg Powell Stars Air Ambulance Fellowship, and many Club honours. He has also been recognized by Rotary International with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

In public life, Lion Bill served for six years as an Alderman for the City of Wetaskiwin from 1981-1987.

At present Lion Bill, at 89 years of age, continues to be very active, chairing his Club's Peace Poster Contest Committee for several years and the Lions Project Pride Committee. He is the Club's Membership Chairperson for 2017-18. He is also a willing volunteer for many of the Club's other service activities, including volunteering at the Dr. Vernon Fanning CareWest Centre helping residents play Saturday morning Bingo.

Lion Bill would like to thank the Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club for welcoming him and providing support, and for this nomination. Lion Bill, we are more than proud to have you as a member of our Club, and to nominate you as one of our District's representatives to the MD C Lions Hall of Fame.

Lion Bill added that he wants to truly, and above all say thanks to his dear wife Edna and his family for their generous support these past sixty-three years.



Lion Herman Wahl

Herman was born September 22, 1934 in Medicine Hat, Alberta. In 1937 Herman's family relocated to Redcliff where his family started a greenhouse business. Herman attended elementary school in Redcliff, High School in Medicine Hat, graduating in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alberta in 1957. He obtained his private pilot license and subsequently his instrument license. He was employed by the Department of Transportation in Ottawa in Radio Aids to Navigation. Herman moved back to Redcliff in 1960 to run the family greenhouse business.

He joined the Redcliff Lions Club on Sept. 13, 1965, and is the only surviving Charter Member. He has served as president 3 times from 1980 to 2009, and has held every other office numerous times, presently serving as the Historian and Web Page Editor. Lion Herman was part of the committee that drove to B.C. to get Christmas Trees for the Club Sales for a number of years, and drove his own truck to Lacombe to obtain trees and subsequently headed the committee to plant them at the Redcliff Ball Park. In 2005 his Club chose to name one of the parks they developed – "The Herman Wahl Lions Park" in his name. His club has awarded him the Melvin Jones Award, a Life Membership, a 50 Year Devoted Lions Award, and the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.

Herman has served on many Boards for the Town of Redcliff, including the Redcliff Chamber of Commerce, the library board, town council, and school board for 17 years, most of them as chair. He has been on the Executive and Chairman of Flowers Canada (Alberta), Flowers Canada National Board, Roses Inc. Board, Advisory Board of the Brooks Horticultural Station, and Advisory Board of the Olds Horticultural School. As a pilot Herman has managed to fly his private plane to every state in the United States, Mexico and to parts of South America.

He enjoys volunteering and has always made a difference in the communities where he has lived. He is always willing to step up and is an example of what a Lion should be.