

Highlights of the July Council of Governors Meeting

- CC Bob Hunter called the meeting to order.
- The budget for 2018-2019 was approved by council after much discussion and tweaking.
- IPCC gave her report on the updates and changes that are needed to the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy manuals.
- Council is looking for someone to help with the development of a Convention Manual.
- The MDC convention will be held in Rimbey, AB April 26-27, 2019
- PID Bill Webber spoke on the Canadian Centennial – they would like to see 100,000 trees planted across Canada. A pin will be designed for our centennial.
- Council is also looking for a Media Chairman to help with promotion of our centennial and other items happening in our MD.
- The Global Action Team is gearing up for a busy year of training Lions and reaching out to clubs to learn of their service projects and ways they can help clubs increase their membership.
- The council will be meeting with the USA/Canada forum host committee at the end of August, to help secure a bid for the 2022 USA/Canada Forum to be held in Calgary.
- The MDC office has been moved to Beaverlodge. Lions can contact PCC Betty Ann Robson at Box 8 Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0 or by email mdccouncilsecretary@gmail.com Or by phone 780-402-1375 cell 780-354-2918 home

Highlights from the Committee Reports

- **Lions Foundation of Canada** – Mel Foat - I would like to meet as many clubs in combined zone meetings to speak to them about their part in LFC.
melvinfoat@gmail.com 403-819-7665 (cell)
- **MDC Youth Chairman Report** - Throughout the spring and summer have established a working relationship with “Empowering Minds” program which provides leadership retreat weekends to youth 15-19 years old. Have forwarded this information to the C-2 Leo Chair for distribution to all Leo Clubs. The Executive director will be attending the Lions Waterton Leadership Camp this summer to offer all Alberta students at camp the opportunity to attend an “Empowering Minds” weekend in the fall.
- Also through May and June have established a relationship with the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Leadership Award program. The course material of the Lions Waterton Leadership Camp has been forwarded and reviewed and will be recognized as elements to attaining the gold level of the award. The local Executive Director of the program will be meeting with ALL participants of the Lions Waterton Leadership Camp at the CNIB on Sunday July 29th before the bus departs for camp to provide information

to all camp participants. This is an international award program so all the international YE students may also be eligible for this award program in their native country.

- **Long Range Planning Committee** – Looking for additional members for this committee. With that in mind I attended LCIcon 101 with the thought of attending sessions that may be most relevant at this time. I viewed sessions on My Lion App., My LCI, and upcoming changes to the website. I also viewed membership with a bit of extension thrown in and saw some material on the GAT.
- **MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness** - The annual MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Campout, Parade and BBQ event was held in Millet AB, hosted by the Millet Lions Club on June 15-17, 2018, who did an exceptional job hosting the event, Thank you Millet Lions. Donations to MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness committee, the total donations as of this weekend is \$28,615.00 (\$20,860.00 were mail in and \$7,755.00 received this weekend), as well PDG Peter Wallis presented a donation to Scott MacCrae from a club in Calgary for the DCamp. The Chairpersons Lions Edna and Arnold Nelson of the 2019 MDC Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness that will be held in Cowley, Alberta on May 31 – June 2, 2019 and invited everyone to attend.
- **DCamp report** - As of June 30th, 2018 we have received 7025.00 from 7 clubs within the Multiple District.
Clothesline Fill-A-Truck Program:
- MD “C” Convention, Leduc: A collection was held at this event and we were able to collect 76 bags of clothing at 1.50 per bag totaling 114.00 for the DCamp. Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes: PCC Dennis had a collection organized at the Cavalcade held in Millet on Saturday, June 16th and they collected 178 bags. 150 bags @ 1.50 = 225.00 and 28 bags @ 2.00 = 56.00 bringing in a total of 281.00. The 2 collections brought in a total of 395.00 for the DCamp. Lions, this is easy money for the camp and all you have to do is do a cleanup of your drawers and closets and save it for a Clothesline Fill-A-Truck program within the Multiple District area.
- **Lions of Alberta Foundation** – The Lions Clubs of Canada and the State of Maine have donated \$428,000.00 to the Fort MacMurray rebuild fund. To date \$342,400 has been dispersed to the Fort MacMurray area groups.
- **ALERT** - During April of this year, we have purchased trailers, tents, Power generators, tables and chairs. There is a complete set for each District. The District C-2 convention in October will contain a service project in assembling the 72 hours emergency bags for use within our MD.

- **Peace Poster 2018-2019** - Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2018. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "Kindness Matters". Please contact PDG Claude Carignan to order kits and paper. carignan@shaw.ca or 780-478-3935
- **Patti Hill for 3rd Vice President** - The Lions of Canada are pleased and proud to confirm the candidacy of Lion Dr. Patti Hill for the office of International 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. Lion Dr. Hill will be on the ballot at the 102nd International Convention in Milan, Italy July 5 - 9, 2019. We also look to the next hoped-for step in this journey, success in 2019 Milan will mean MD C and Canada will be the home of an International Officer. This will be a great source of pride but also a major responsibility. There will be hosting and financial responsibilities for the multiple district and for the Lions of Canada. We have a strong cross Canada committee sharing this responsibility and it is important that the Lions of MD C lead the way. Now is the time for clubs to consider a fund-raising activity. Now is the time for individual Lions to consider a personal commitment. It truly is a "crowd funding" effort. If we all give a little we will succeed. VDG Brent Johnson has launched a raffle for a swiss watch. If each club in the MD would sell one book of 25 tickets we would be sold out. Does your club have a book? VCC Pauline Cooper is looking at pre and post convention trips connected to the Milan convention. Now is the time to start making plans. A trip of a lifetime and a vote for Patti, what a memorable event!
- **New Voices – a)** As LCI welcomes its first International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir, it has also introduced The New Voices Initiative which will celebrate women's contributions to Lions Club International. **b)** This new initiative promotes gender parity by focusing on increasing the number of women in Lions Clubs, as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions. **c)** There are awards for Women of Influence and the District Governor can nominate one Lion in each of the New Voices categories of Service, Membership, Leadership, and Marketing. The names must be submitted by October 31, 2018 and they will be automatically forwarded to the Constitutional Area for their District and Lions Club International. The constitutional team will then narrow down the submissions to four. The final group of New Voices will be shared with the International President. From there a final four names will be chosen to represent the entire Lions organization. **d)** These finalists will be invited to the 2019 International Convention at LCI's expense for recognition. Grants are also available for a Women's Workshop or Women's Symposium. There is a total of \$8,000 available for each grant for each constitutional area. So early submission for the funds is recommended and must be submitted 90 days prior to the event.

- **LCIF** - LCIF is celebrating its 50th anniversary and to celebrate LCIF has started “Campaign 100”. Its goal is to raise \$300 million by June 30, 2021. This campaign is to support existing Core competencies and to support new Global Causes.

Goal 1: Support ongoing Mission which is Vision, Youth, Disaster, Humanitarian

Goal 2: Introduce Diabetes in response to modern health crisis

Goal 3: Identify and develop new ways LCIF can make an impact on our world and its most vulnerable inhabitants: environment, childhood cancer, and hunger.

One of the key aspects that LCIF is looking at is personal giving, monthly contributions, club fundraising. **For Canada payments** will go thru Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF. If clubs are going to send funds straight to LCIF they must send the cheques to the same address that dues are sent to in Toronto. If they do not, LCIF will just send the funds there for deposit. The donation will not be recorded until the cheques are deposited. It makes no difference whether the cheques are USD or CAD it must go thru the Canadian bank accounts that LCI set up in Toronto. The actual forms can be sent to LCIF but the funds must go thru the bank accounts in Toronto.

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