

Lion Dustin Southgate

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MDC LEO Coordinator

Lion Dustin was born in Calgary, Alberta. He spent his early childhood in Okotoks until his family moved to Nanton in 1978. He still resides in Nanton with his wife, Brenda, and their three sons, Morgan, Trey and Dallon. After working as a Journeyman Automotive Technician for a few years, he hired on with Canadian Pacific Railway in 1994 as a Trainman, and later became a Conductor and an Engineer.

Lion Dustin has been involved with many local organizations for many years in Nanton, both as a participant and a volunteer. These include the Nanton Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service, J.T. Foster School Queen's Ball Program, Nanton Night Rodeo, Pine Coulee Bow Benders, Willow Creek Junior Dancers, Nanton Minor Hockey, Nanton Minor Ball and Nanton Minor Lacrosse. Lion Dustin is also a certified instructor of the Canadian Firearms Safety Course as well as the Alberta Hunter Education Program.

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father and uncle, Lion Dustin joined the Nanton and District Lions Club in December of 2001. He has held many club officer positions including serving as President a total five times between 2005 and 2014, has been Club Membership Chairperson since 2011 and Skatepark Chairperson from 2010 to 2015. Lion Dustin, at the District Level, has served as Zone Chairperson for Multiple District 37-0 and Multiple District C-2.

In 2010, with the goal of engaging the youth, Lion Dustin organized the charter of the Nanton & District LEO Club. The club grew very quickly, increasing from eight members to twenty-two in just over two years. Lion Dustin was key in establishing the LEO Clubs status as a society in 2017.

Lion Dustin has attended the Club Officer Training in Strathmore multiple times. In March of 2017, he became a certified Guiding Lion. In April 2017, Lion Dustin completed the MDC Regional Lions Leadership Institute program.

In recognition of Lion Dustin's distinguished achievements, he received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation at the MDC Convention in May of 2017. At the MDC convention in May of 2018, he received the International President's recognition of Distinguished Leadership medal. The Nanton JT Foster High school presented Dustin and his wife the Volunteer Of The Year award in both 2017 and 2018.

"Having fun is a fantastic way to motivate and inspire confidence and sustainability within our LION/LEO Clubs."