## District C-2 Convention 2015



On Friday and Saturday, October 16th and 17th, 2015, Lions from District C-2 gathered at the Lethbridge Lodge in Lethbridge Alberta for the first new district convention.





Lots of "connecting"
happening before the start of
the Convention with old
friends meeting again and
new friends being made.







Zone 3A Zone Chair, Tyler Bray (top left) and PDG Don Eddy (top right) share a moment while the District Governor, Hazel Heibert (left), 1st VDG Gail Haight (right) and 2nd VDG Cathy Anderson make last minute checks on the plans.



2nd VDG Cathy, 1st VDG Gail, and DG Hazel enjoying the Friday night gathering before all the business of Saturday commences. Entertainment provided a very social atmosphere to the Friday night affair (below).





International Director, Jack
Epperson, was the special
guest from LCI and was not
only an inspirational speaker
but avid communicator
(left). On the right
Convention Chair, Dennis
Stevenson, is kept busy
ensuring a smooth and
interesting two days.



Dr. Patti Hill, the luncheon speaker, wastes no time in connecting with Lions from around the District.





Of course, the visit of an International Director would not be complete without being subjected to the "White Hat" ceremony so famous in Calgary. This ceremony has been held for visiting dignitaries since the 1950s when then Calgary Mayor, Don MacKay, started the tradition. The white hat is a symbol of western hospitality and good cheer.





Among the delegates were two Lions who are recipients of the Dog Guide program. On the left, Lion Bill Brown of the Lethbridge Host Lions Club and his Dog Guide, Jax. Jax is Lion Bill's 3rd Dog Guide from Oakville. On the right, Lion Cal with his Dog Guide, Breyer. Breyer is named after Breyer Ice Cream Co. who partly sponsored his training.







The Opening
Ceremonies of the
Convention included a
Flag Ceremony presided
over by 1st VDG Gail
Haight.









And, of course, the lunch and dinner were so well received whether it was light salads and sweet desserts, or the beautifully laid-out tables for the District Governors Banquet.











The District Governor's Banquet was enjoyed by all with delicious food, amazing company, and an inspirational speaker in ID Jack Epperson. The young piper did an exemplary job of bringing in the head table with flair!





Many displays were set up around the Convention room including STARS, the Diabetes Calvacade, LFC Dog Guides Program, Lions Youth Camp, CLERC, Lions Quest, and LOAF. The displays provided detailed information on their programs and how the clubs and members can incorporate them into their activities and service projects.