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WE LIVE, WE GIVE AND SERVE AS ONE.
Because we know that together we are more.
Together there are no limits
~International President Brian Sheehan~

FUNDRAISERS

It is the beginning of a new Lions Year and time once again to consider the fundraisers we might engage in. Right now, the two that come to mind are our annual Purdy's Chocolates for Christmas campaign and new last year, the Green Capes Puppy Calendars.

From the August meeting we decided to go ahead with both programs. I know it's a bit early but summer will be over before we know it. Lion Richard has agreed to head up the calendar project and the calendars have already been ordered. As yet, we do not have the information from Purdy's Chocolates regarding this year's program but it will be coming soon. Time to dust off our contact lists and get ready to raise some funds!



**NEXT MONTH'S
EVENTS**

September 5th, 2022
Labour Day

September 12th, 2022
7:00PM
Boston Pizza
District Governor's
Visit
Family & Friends Night

**August
Birthday Club**

Fran Watson – August 9th
*Everyone is the age of their
heart.*

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**Building the Future of Lions Foundation of Canada
Dog Guides**

The time has come to expand into a proper facility to allow us to provide the very best experience for Canadians with disabilities who can benefit from a Dog Guide. As demand for Dog Guides grows, we need a new facility that can help us grow as well. Our current facility has reached its capacity for both dogs and people, and is not fully accessible. We require a building that takes into account client needs and incorporates leading-edge design to be not just fully accessible but goes beyond AODA compliance, which is why we have plans to build a new, state of the art training school, which will be the first of its kind in Canada. Building completion is targeted for early 2025 and will help us serve more people, raise and train more dogs, and do so in a comfortable and accessible manner.

To do so, we are embarking on a mission to raise \$25 million, the largest fundraising campaign the Lions Foundation of Canada has ever taken on. Working together as a community, we can raise the funds necessary to make sure Canadians with disabilities have access to this one-of-a-kind training facility in Canada.

Building highlights include:

- 89,000 sq. ft. new training school that is designed and built specifically for Dog Guide training.
- fully accessible for people with disabilities to experience the best learning environment possible.
- A larger and improved kennel, with indoor and outdoor spaces to learn, play and relax.
- An expanded veterinary clinic for all puppies and dogs in training.
- 36 accessible and comfortable client bedrooms for people in training with their Dog Guide.
- Dedicated training spaces and classrooms for each of the 7 Dog Guide programs.

Please stay tuned for details in September as LFCDG will embark on 'The Difference' Campaign. Together we can build the largest service dog school in Canada, increasing our impact by matching more Dog Guides with recipients. Because when a dog's potential is unleashed, so is a person's.



Contact us • www.dogguides.com



PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

100th Anniversary

Bellingham Central Lions
Bellingham Golf Club
October 22 2022

Conferences Conventions and Forums

MD19 Annual Convention
October 13-16, 2022
Penticton BC

LCI Convention
July 7-11, 2023
Melbourne, Australia

Zone Meetings & Official Visits 2022-23

Zone Meetings TBA
District Governor's Visit
September 12th, 2022



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August 2022

My Fellow Lions/Luce:

We urgently need your financial support!

According to the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, the pandemic has had a greater impact on young people living in Canada than other age groups. Only 1 in 4 youth report excellent or very good mental health, with 42% reporting moderate to severe anxiety and 17% contemplating suicide. Substance use has increased with 37% reporting increased alcohol use and 45% reporting increased cannabis use.

The need for Lions Quest programs has never been greater. We recognize last two years were difficult, and our donations were less than 50% of our goal which makes it extremely challenging to fulfill our mission. In the 2021-22 Lions year, less than 12% of clubs contributed. We can do better, we need to do better, our young people deserve better.

Every donation from \$25 to \$5,000 is appreciated and makes a difference. The power of the Lions family joining together to invest in our young people is what counts and we are confident we will reach our goal this year. In most municipalities, funds raised from gaming/totterias/bingo can be donated to Lions Quest Canada as we are a charitable organization.

Our new Board Chair, VDG Michael Stanford, has issued a challenge to all clubs. Present a [Q Bear Fan Club](#) membership right now to a deserving person in your club or community by investing \$100 in Lions Quest Canada.

To learn more about our work, we invite all Lions and Luce to join us at the "Lions Quest 101" webinar on Monday September 12 at 2 pm EDT. To register, check the "Latest News" section on the front page of our website at www.lionsquest.ca or [click here \(https://www.lionsquest.ca/webinars\)](https://www.lionsquest.ca/webinars).

It's often said that "it takes a village to raise a child" – our role at Lions Quest Canada is to help raise the "village". Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our request to support this award-winning initiative, one of Lions Clubs International's signature youth programs.

Thank you for your consideration!

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