



Multiple District C News

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MD C WEBSITE

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Council Chairperson Bill Baux Report

I would like to welcome all the Lions of Alberta, North East British Columbia and the North West Territories to our new Multiple District C. As you know we have created two large districts called C-1 and C-2, each headed by a strong District Governor team. You will hear from them in your district newsletter and in this MD newsletter.

This year will be a year of change and transition. We will need to replace many of the documents that we took for granted when we were a part of MD 37. We need a new constitution, dues structure, policy manuals, budget and the list goes on. Let assure you that your Council has been working diligently to have these and other documents created for your review and approval. You will see the draft MD C constitution at each of your District Conventions and will be given plenty of opportunity to comment and make suggestions.

Last night the Council agreed on a new MD crest and MD parade dress, for which information will be forth coming.

I have included in this newsletter an executive summary of our first Council meeting held in Calgary on July 24th and 25th. Future summaries will be prepared and be on the MD website as the minutes are approved.

I and the rest of your Council are looking forward to making MD C one of the strongest MD's in Canada.

Bill Baux

Council Chairperson 2015-2016

2015-2016

Executive Summary of the Council of Governors meeting July 25th and 26th, 2015

The first Council meeting of the 2015-2016 Lionistic year was held in Calgary at the Lions Village.

Approved allowing the 1st and 2nd VDG's to make and second motions during Council meetings.

The minutes of 1st Council meeting of MD 37 were approved for information purposes only.

Approved the capping the daily meal allowance at \$75.00 CDN with receipts.

Approved the setting up of a \$10,000 convention reserve fund to be used to offset any loses in future MD conventions.

Approved the budget for 2015-2016.

Approved the expenditures made prior to the start of 2015-2016 Lionistic year that this year's Council needed to expend to allow a smooth transition from MD 37 to MD C.

Approved the keeping of the Multiple District dues at the same level (\$US11) as previously used in MD 37, by using a Canadian/USA exchange rate as of July 1, 2015 which was 1.2728 or \$14.00 Canadian and the notification of the clubs of this decision.

Approved the elimination of an extra US saving and Canadian chequing bank accounts.

Approved the use of the MD C expense form for all Council expenses.
Approved, for a one year trial basis, to allow the clubs and districts to make use of the MD printing facilities.

Committee reports were accepted for information purposes only.
Approved PDG Sharron West and PDG Les Storch as the MD C – GLT liaisons.

Approved the methodology needed to transfer the monies from the Lions Eye Bank (Alberta) funds to the Lions of Alberta Foundation.

Approved the continuation of the fellowships for Judge Brian Stevenson, Bill Webber, Jack and Denise Isaman, Dr Patti Hill, Jack Dobush and Dr Greg Powell.

Endorsed PID Dr Patti Hill for the position of International Vice President.

Approved the use of a banner patch by STARS.

Approved the creation of a MD C hall of fame and master and senior awards.

Approved PDG Bob Hunter to apply for a Centennial grant.

Next Council meeting will be an on-line meeting on August 16, 2015

Bill Baux, CC

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Thank You

The Lions of Alberta Foundation would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in our casino on August 21-22, 2015 at Yellowhead Casino Edmonton.

The funds raised from this event is well dispersed on behalf of Lions in Alberta. We support the Lions Legacy Scholarships, Bursaries for the blind, Sight Fund, Camp He Ho Ha, Lions Sight Centre-Calgary, Lions Eye Research Fund and Youth Camp.

Thanks to all Lions who support us.

Lion Tom Hodgson Past President
Lions of Alberta Foundation

MD C COMMITTEES 2015-2016

The following list shows all council members and MD Committee chairperson, however due to Canadian privacy laws we are not able to provide the individuals telephon numbers or email address's. I you need to contact any of them please contact the MD Office and ask for their contact information.

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAIR - Bill Baux
VICE COUNCIL CHAIR -
SECRETARY TREASURER -
Tim Haight, PDG

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

DISTRICT C-1: Hank Hoekstra
DISTRICT C-2: Hazel Hiebert,

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS

DISTRICT C-1: Ron Wackenhut
DISTRICT C-2: Gail Haight

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS

DISTRICT C-1: Kris Kozoriz
DISTRICT C-2: Cathy Anderson

FINANCE COMMITTEE 2015-2016

VCC/Fin
CC Bill Baux
CST Tim Haight, PDG
DG Hazel Hiebert,
1st VDG Ron Wackenhut,

MD CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

MD CHAIR PDG Bob Hunter
DISTRICT C-1 - VDG Kris Kozoriz
DISTRICT C-2 - VDG Cathy
Anderson

MD GMT COORDINATOR, 2015-2016

PDG Joan Lubbers

MD GLT COORDINATOR, 2015-2016

PCC Betty Ann Robson,

MD CLERC (EYEGLASS RECYCLING)

Lion James Lee,

INTERNATIONAL CONV. & PROMOTION

Council Officers

INTERNATIONAL PARADE MARSHALL

PDG Tim Haight

MD LCIF 2015-2018

DG Team Report

MD LONG RANGE PLANNING (3 YR ROTATION)

Chairperson

PIP Judge Brian Stevenson

District C-1

District C-2

MD CONVENTION CHAIR

2016 PDG Claude Carignan

PDG Leo Bruseker

2017

2018

CONVENTION ADVISORY

Chairperson PID Bill Webber

MD POLITICAL ADVISOR

PIP Judge Brian Stevenson

MD ADVISORS 2015-2016

PIP Judge Brian Stevenson,

PID Patti Hill,

PID Bill Webber

PEACE POSTER CONTEST - ENVIROMENTAL CONTEST

CC Bill Baux

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA,

2014-2017 PCC Andre Nimchuk,

MD C LIONS CAVALCADE FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

PCC Dennis Stevenson

LIONS OF ALBERTA FOUNDATION

PDG Fred Walters

MD HISTORIAN & ARCHIVIST

PDG Tim Haight, CST, MD Office

MD C FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

PCC Dennis Stevenson,

CC Bill Baux

VCC

PDG Tim Haight, CST, MD Office

MD CONST., BYLAWS, POLICY & CONV. MANUAL

Chairperson:

PDG Margaret Young,

DG Hazel Hiebert

1st VDG Ron Wackenhut

MD YOUTH COMMITTEE/LIONS QUEST LIONS QUEST

DG Team Report

MD WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

PCC Dennis Stevenson,

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster



Dear Lions,

I recently attended the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, California, USA. I learned the power of giving all athletes the opportunity to compete and the importance of inclusion. Watching them in action showed me that these athletes really blossom when given encouragement and opportunity.

I am so proud of the Lions of California for all of their volunteer efforts for the Healthy Athletes screenings, just like all of the other Lions around the world who have been instrumental in games and screening events over the last 14 years. I am also very thankful for the hospitality of our partners at Special Olympics.



Partnerships like this extend the reach of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), serving more people than any one Lions club could serve alone. That is why it is so important that we continue to grow and expand LCIF.

I promoted Ask One for membership last year, but that idea also applies to LCIF. This is OUR foundation. Every one of us is responsible for its growth and success. We need to make sure every Lion knows about our foundation.

I challenge each of you to ask one Lion to [make a gift to LCIF](#) this year. We are our own biggest advocates! Speak to your fellow Lions about what LCIF means to you and the impact it makes on millions of lives around the world every year.

Sincerely,

Joe Preston
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

A Message from Bill Gates

LCIF has committed to raising US\$30 million by 2017 to improve access to vaccines through Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance. The funds raised will be matched by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. Bill Gates, co-chair and trustee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has [an encouraging video message for Lions](#).





LCIF Receives Another 4-Star Rating

LCIF has earned its **fourth consecutive 4-star rating** from Charity Navigator for its effective fiscal management and its commitment to accountability and transparency. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that LCIF adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. This means you can be confident your [donations](#) to LCIF are being used in support of the programs for which they are intended.



Changes to Grant Application Deadlines

Due to the restructuring of the LCIF [Board of Trustees](#), boardmeeting times and some grant application deadlines have changed. After January 2016, applications for Standard grants are due no later than 90 days prior to the start of board meetings. Applications will now be reviewed in January, May and August.



[Start a New Club](#) | [Invite Members](#) | [Strengthen Membership](#) | [Membership Reports](#)

Become a Diamond Centennial Lion!



Be a part of the Celebration! From now until June 2018 all Lions have the chance to join the Centennial Celebration! The Centennial Membership Awards recognize Lions who invite a new member or help organize a new club. Those Lions will automatically earn Centennial Sponsor pins and certificates, but the recognition doesn't stop there. The longer the new member or new Lions club you sponsored stays active, the more you can earn through our progressive level awards.

Lion clubs have the opportunity to earn awards too and it starts by inducting at least three new members this fiscal year!

Check out the awards you can earn on the [Centennial Membership Awards website](#). Start today!

Save the Date!

5 Ways to Boost Member Satisfaction

Tuesday, October 27, 2015
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. (CST)

Join the Membership Development Division and special panelist, District GMT Coordinator Jane Jarrow as we discuss 5 ways to boost membership satisfaction! Hear how Lion Jane's membership growth plan has increased her club membership by almost 50%.

Webinars are conducted in English.

Branching Out – Grow Membership and Keep Members Satisfied

A Lions club branch is a great way to increase your club membership and help keep your members satisfied. At least five members are needed to form a club branch. The members are part of the "parent" club and have the flexibility to hold independent meetings and select their own service projects.

There are many benefits to forming a club branch:

- Club branches have been successful in areas around the world to help increase family, women, and young adult membership.
- Forming a club branch can help keep your members satisfied by providing an opportunity for a small group of individuals to focus on special interests and make decisions about meeting times and service projects.
- Districts often use club branches as a way to provide service to a community prior to chartering a new Lions club.

Form a club branch to help earn the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards. If you sponsor a new member in your branch club, or the branch club grows and becomes its own club, you're on your way to earning various awards!

Download the club branch guide to see how easy it is to get started! Start [branching out](#) today.

How do you ensure member satisfaction?

Asking one member to join your club is just the beginning, in order to maintain a healthy club it is vital that your members enjoy their experience as a Lion. The [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) is a tool that can help you take steps to understand how to maintain a successful club. At the end of the guide there is a Member Questionnaire. Hand this out at your next club meeting to learn how your members feel with their experience. Take time to review the results and use the information to create a plan that will keep your members satisfied so you can continue to provide the best Lions experience.

Share your sponsor stories.

We want to hear from you! With our Centennial Celebration just around the corner, the Membership Development department wants to know about your sponsor stories and to see your sponsor selfies. Did you recently ask a member to join? Tell us all about it and send a picture of you and your new member! You could end up on the Lions Club social media or blog pages. All entries can be submitted to CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org

Questions? Email us at membershippulse@lionsclubs.org

Note from Editor:

As I had not received a lot from the Districts for this first edition, I have used a couple of articles from my email, some of you may have seen them however others may not. One is an article from IPIP Joe Preston LCIF Chairperson and the other is the Oct Membership Pulse.

For those who want a bit of light reading check the MD C website where you will find a draft copy of MD C Constitution and Bylaws.

Thank you,

PCC Dennis J Stevenson,
Editor

2015 District C-1 District Governor's Convention

Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st, 2015



Hank Hoekstra, District Governor

Friday, October 30th

- 4:00 pm – Display Setup
- 5:00 pm – Registration and Certification open
- 7:00 pm – Social Evening & Entertainment
Halloween Theme – dress in your favorite costume
No Host Bar, Silent Auction open

Saturday, October 31st

- 7:30 – 10:00 am – Registration and Certification open
- 8:00 am – Opening Ceremonies
Join us for a full day of presentations, including Lions Eye Research Institute, elections, Global Membership and Global Leadership, luncheon speaker, motivational speaker, awards and much, much more!
- District Governor Banquet with our International Guest – International Director Lion Kembra Smith and her husband.

District C-1 Convention

Sylvan Lake Family & Community Centre
4725 43 Street, Sylvan Lake, Alberta
Hosted by the Sylvan Lake & District Lions Club

Join us for a weekend of fun, learning and Lions fellowship.



October 30 – 31, 2015

**Hosted by the Sylvan Lake & District Lions Club
Sylvan Lake Family & Community Centre
4725 43 Street, Sylvan Lake, Alberta**

Name:	Name on Badge:	
Club:	Position:	District:
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Club:	Position:	District:
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box: Street: City: Province Postal Code:	
Telephone:	Alternate Telephone:	Email/Fax:
First Time Attendee at any Lions District Convention: yes no		

PLEASE FILL IN ALL BOXES ABOVE AS WE NEED THIS DATA. Thank you.

Registration * _____ X \$100.00 = \$_____

Late and On-Site Registration * (received after Oct, 1, 2015) _____ X \$120.00 = \$_____

* Registration includes Friday Social, Saturday Lunch and Saturday DG Banquet

Separate District Governor (DG) Banquet Ticket – Saturday evening _____ X \$ 35.00 = \$_____

Total = \$_____

Full Payment must be received at time of Registration.

Cheque ☐ (Make Cheque payable to Sylvan Lake Lions Club) . Mail to address below.

Credit Card - (Can be mailed, faxed or emailed to contacts below to be processed.) VISA ☐ MC ☐

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: (Month / Year) _____

Name on Card _____ 3 digit CVR _____

Signature (only if mailed or faxed)_____

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Special Dietary Requirements: Please specify _____

Allergies: Please specify _____

Hotel Accommodations: Hotel/Motel Reservations are the responsibility of the delegate.

Room rates are reserved until Oct 1, 2015 Ask for Lions District Convention rates at these Hotels.

Best Western Plus Chateau Inn 5027 Lakeshore Dr. Sylvan Lake 1-800-780-7234 / 403-887-7788	Comfort Inn and Suites 13 Beju Industrial Dr. Sylvan Lake 1-866-531-0902 / 403-887-7884
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Other Accommodations in Sylvan Lake include: Edgewater Inn (403-887-3535); Lost Harbour Inn (403-887-0228); Raccoon Lodge Motel (403-887-5423); Beachfront Resort (403-887-2407).

Looking forward to welcoming you to beautiful Sylvan Lake, Alberta