



EDMONTON (HOST) LIONS Club Newsletter

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Alberta Avenue Thanksgiving Take-Out Meal

Edmonton Host Lions Club in cooperation with Alberta Avenue Community Centre, prepared and distributed 182 Thanksgiving take-out meals. With the additional groceries supplied by Alberta Avenue, we made far more meals than originally anticipated. The hearty, nutritious Thanksgiving meal consisted of turkey with dressing and cranberry sauce, ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots and bean salad. Dessert included pumpkin and cherry tarts, mini cheesecakes and cookies.



Thanks very much to **Lions Bernie, Carol, Donna, Lois, Sadia, Anthony,** and friends, Rick, Catharina, Maureen, Sharon and Eugene for their work and time involved in the two day preparation. Kudos to **Lion Bernie** for her hard work and cooking skills in putting together a very delicious meal. I wasn't able to put in as much time as I had originally planned, so I really appreciate the extra effort made by others.

Lion Janet





Lions Kensington Court



Lions Kensington Court opened on November 10, 1959.

Lions Kensington Court is rather unique in

that for over 60 years it has offered subsidized housing to Edmonton senior citizens without any government support at any level.

The project was initiated by the Edmonton Host Lions Club who created the North Saskatchewan Valley Foundation to develop, own and operate it.





Lions Clubs International Joint Service Project

Lions and Rotary Club members came together on **October 17th** during the 2021 Joint Service Activity Week to conduct an environmental project. Lions and Rotarians together cleaned

litter from Highway 16X on the west side of Edmonton. Special thanks to **Lions Carole Henson, Jessica Bresler and Patti Hill** for representing our Club at this Joint Service Activity.

New and Not-So-New Lions Club Member Information Session

Join us on **November 7th @ 7 PM** online to learn more about our Edmonton Host Lions Club, and Lions Clubs International.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAof-iuqDkiGNBnKwKXrOxns2igOoDx5LMw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Patti Hill, PhD

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Creating Brighter Futures

Going to the Dentist?

If you phone ahead, prior to your appointment, ask your dentist for a donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste for use in the Lions Personal Care Kits. Most are happy to help given enough notice.

Alberta Avenue Christmas Dinner

The Alberta Avenue Community League has asked the Edmonton Host Lions Club if they would do another turkey dinner for residents on Saturday, December 18. If you can help out that day or with prep the day before, please contact **Lion Blair**.



Lions Photo Contest



This year, we will celebrate what it means to be a Lion or Leo during historic Campaign 100, through a LCIF Week Melvin Jones Photo Contest. Fellow Lions leader, I am excited to share this first look at the contest, which will launch with all Lions and Leos in the next two days.

Contest runs from October 22-December 31, 2021

Submission and voting run through December 31, 2021, 11:59 p.m.
(Central Standard Time)

Winners will be announced on January 13, 2022

[Enter Contest](#)

Limit one entry per person. No purchase or donation is required to enter. Eight winners, one from each constitutional area, will receive complimentary individual registration* and a ticket for the Melvin Jones luncheon at the 104th Lions International Convention in Montréal, Canada. Family, friends, and fellow Lions and Leos can vote for their favorite photo submission.

To quote Melvin Jones, “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.” Thank you for your support, my fellow Lion.

Our Newest Badge

Lions Club International Foundation recognized the Edmonton Host Club members' generosity by awarding the club the Club Giving \$250 badge to affix to our current banner. The badge recognizes that on average, members of the club donated on average \$250 to Lions International. That represents a total of approximately \$13,000.

Lions Personal Care Kits

Another 90 kits were given to St Faith Church and iHuman so far this month. The cost of some of the supplies we use like shampoo and soap have increased quite a bit so we are making and giving out somewhat less than last year.

Thanks very much to **Lions Carol and Donna** for their help with shopping and assembling and thanks also to **Lion Greg** for the use of the activities room and storage space at Lions Village Riverside. Welcome to Lion Emille who has agreed to join our assembly team. **Lion Donna** delivered the last batch of kits to iHuman and she reports that they are very appreciative! Also thank you to **Lions Harry and Sadia** for accompanying me to distribute kits at St. Faith's. Church- Submitted by **Lion Janet**.





Comforting Canine Companion to Become the Newest Saffron Staffer

After three years of waiting, the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide recently approved Sherwood Park's Saffron Sexual Assault Centre application for a justice facility dog. Photo courtesy Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides/Facebook

For the full article from the Sherwood Park News [Click Here](#).

Convention Notes

C-1 CONVENTION POSTPONED to MARCH 05, 2022

St. Albert Host Lions 70th Charter Anniversary postponed to MARCH 04, 2022

Recycling Eyeglasses

Lion Harry reports that we received 600 eyeglasses from the Cold Lake Lions. As well, a member of the public donated another 600 pairs from a business they were shutting down.

Prize Winners

At the October 21, club meeting **Lion Marshall** organized a draw. Among the prize winners were:

Lion Robin - a purse

Lion Fr. Jim - a \$10 gift certificate to Superstore

Lion John Rudyk - a black BBQ apron



“Not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do is the secret of happiness.” —J.M. Barrie (August 1933)



Lions Wine



And Rescheduled to Feb. 12 Cheese Tasting

*Enjoy 5 Courses
of Superb Wines
Accompanied By
A Tasting of
Gourmet Cheeses*

When: February 12 2022
7 to 9:30 PM Saturday

Where: The Solarium
St. John's Cultural Centre
10611-110 Ave
Edmonton, Alberta

What: To Raise Funds For The
Edmonton Host Lions Club

Tickets: \$65.00 each

Dress: Casual / Hawaiian

Tickets Available Online at
lionswineandcheese.com



From
**Edmonton Host Lions
Club Members**
(780-447-4484)
Or
At Eventbrite.com

Evening Events

Wine & Food Education
Music
Poker Contest
Prize Draws
Blind Wine Auction

Silent Auction
50/50 Draw
Wine Survivor:
Bring A Bottle of Wine and \$20
Win Up To Two Cases of Wine



Help Wanted - Lions Care Kits

The Lions Personal Care Kit Committee is looking for another volunteer to help with kit assembly bi-weekly on Monday mornings from 10 am to about noon. Please call, text or email **Lion Janet** at 780-292-0872 or janetandken55@yahoo.com.



Updated- Club Membership List

Lion Larry has taken over and updated our club membership booklet. He has done a fantastic job. Copies can be downloaded from the club membership page. The password can be obtained from **Lion Secretary Terry** or **Lion President Blair** (or any board member). [Link to Club Members Page](#)



Donations Needed

Ihuman Youth Society posted a list on Facebook of items requested for donation in preparation for fall and winter. Since this is one of the locations for the expansion of our Lions Personal Care Kits, it would be really helpful if anyone would like to donate any of the smaller items on the list that we can add to our kits.

-Baby to adult sizes glove, toques, scarfs and winter wear

-Diapers sizes 4-5 and pull up's sizes 4-5, wipes

- Underwear & socks size adult s-xl

-Jackets and Winter coats size adult s-xl

-Toiletries of all types, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, brushes, combs,, deodorant,

-Season appropriate clothing sizes adult s-xl

-laundry soap, towels

-All food items with some exceptions, snacks, easy carrying items.

-Blankets

-Backpacks

-Take out containers, paper plates, cutlery, napkins

Lion Janet

“When you are actually powerful, you don’t need to be petty.” —Jon Stewart (February 2014)

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But, like the seafaring men on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them reach your destiny.” —Carl Schurz (April 1941)





TRUTH, RUMOURS & FAKE NEWS!

In this time when people are talking so much about fake news we thought we would take the time to clear up some of the rumours and stories that have circulated about EHLC members. We have put together some of our own lies, half-truths and out and out whoppers.



Lion Stan - Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."



Lion Selwynne - One way to speed up the school pickup line is to shout, "This is the line for the school fundraiser?"



Lion Bernie - My husband just voluntarily took out the trash and I think this might be how every harlequin romance story begins.

Lion Patti - Morning routines are super important that's why I always start the day 5 minutes before my first meeting.

Lion John Goulet - Last night my wife was watching Marie Kondo, this morning I woke up on the curb.

Lion Terry - You know you are getting old when "Friends with Benefits" means having someone who can drive at night.



Lion Blair - Muscle soreness is your body mocking you for thinking you could exercise.



Lion Ray - The most expensive vehicle to operate by far is the Costco shopping cart.

Lion Linda - I just heard my neighbor crying which means unfortunately she could probably hear me singing Monster Mash in different voices.

Lion Olu - been searching for my 4 year old dog who is lost somewhere in this house. her... imaginary dog. we still haven't found him. She's crying.

Lion Donna - My life is 50% wondering if it's too late to drink coffee and 50% wondering if it's too early to drink alcohol.

Lion Greg - Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.



Lion Jessica - Last night a burglar broke into our house. I didn't shoot him, I just put the red laser dot on his forehead. The cats did the rest.

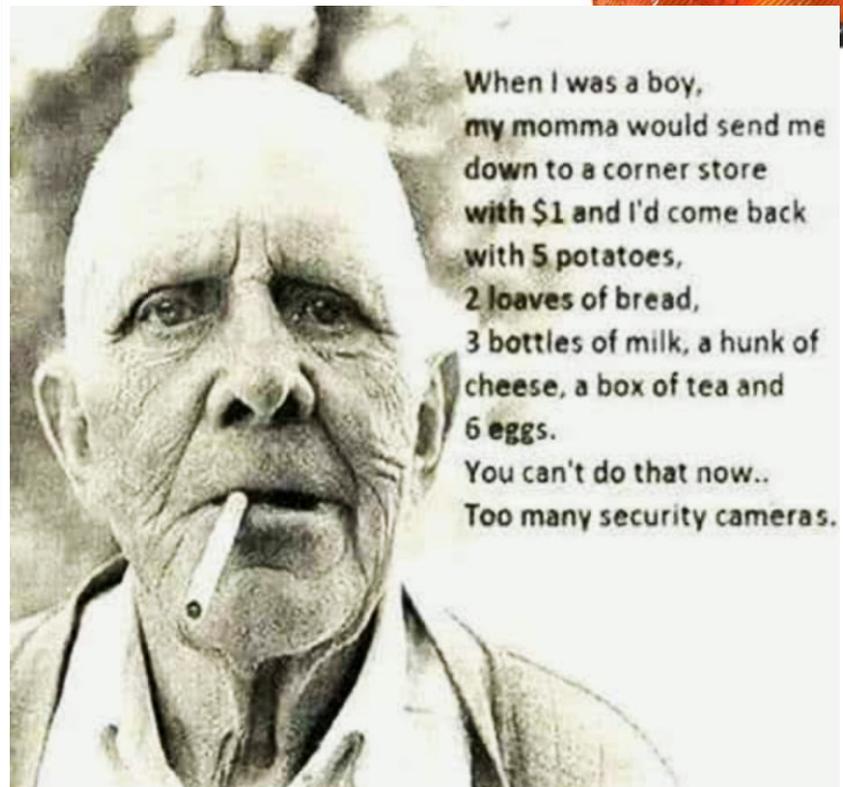
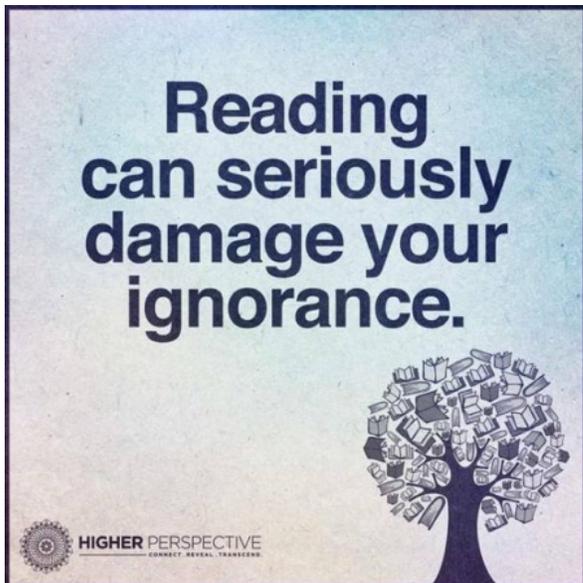
**"My father used to say, 'Don't raise your voice. Improve your argument.'"
—Archbishop Desmond Tutu (January 2008)**



Darcy's Gourmet Selections

Back by popular demand, **Lion Darcy** has rounded up three of his three favourite fall gourmet treats to share

with club members. **Lion Darcy** likes to start off his top fall meal, with an entree of Pumpkin Spice Mac & Cheese with a Pumpkin Spice Twinkie for desert washed down with a Pumpkin Spice Bud Light Seltzer.



**“The older you get the more you realize that kindness is synonymous with happiness.”
—Lionel Barrymore (April 1953)**



Lion Patti 2nd International Vice President Lions Clubs International

Dr. Patti Hill was elected to serve as International 2nd Vice President for the International Association of Lions Clubs in 2021. Follow this page to learn more. [Dr. Patti Hill 2nd International Vice President](#)



October has been another busy ‘travel’ month for Lions Patti and Lion Greg.

Locally, Lion Greg traveled to his usual pickup points to collect donated Recycled Eyeglasses and Patti traveled to the west end to participate in the annual Joint Service Activity with the Westmount Rotary Club.

Within our Multiple District C, Lions Greg and Patti traveled to Calgary to meet with the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee and the Host Committee. Unfortunately, the Lions Clubs of St Paul and Elk Point had to cancel their charter anniversary events, as did Newmarket Lions Club in Ontario.

Internationally, Patti and Greg will be participating in the LCI Board Meeting in San Diego, USA, at the end of the month. This will mark the first time they have been able to participate in board meetings in person in more than 2 years. Participation in the event requires all on-site to be Covid-negative, double vaccinated, and masked.

In between events, both Greg and Patti continue to be engaged in online Virtual and/or Hybrid events here and around the world. Check out one of these virtual events that celebrated Lions effort to embrace diversity and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world - Lions Clubs’ third Purpose.

<https://youtu.be/WtnY3mEuuv4>



Harry's Corner From the Archives

Lion Harry has dug down in the Host Lions Archives and has come up with an interesting item or two from the past of the Edmonton Host Lions Club.

Check It Out!



← Lion Terry at the Lions Turkey drive in 2013.



Lions at the 2019 Wine and Cheese Event.-->



Video: Lions Dream Home 2009 <https://vimeo.com/5377476>



A Note From CLERC

October 29 , 2021

Dear Edmonton Host Lions,

Thanks for sending us the donation of \$2,000. We really appreciate receiving money during these difficult times with Covid and all. Any money will come handy as we have bills each month of \$4,500.

We are off to a galloping start. We received ten pallets of glasses from a company in BC. We shipped 126,000 pairs to Africa through an African Lion in Edmonton. The remaining have been spoken for by Canadian Vision Care to go the Philippines .I just got an order yesterday for 3 pallets about 15,000 pairs for Malawi in Africa.

I assure you your donation of money is appreciated. Thanks for shipping glasses when you can. The last time you donated to our cause was in 2010-11 for \$500.

Yours in Lionism,

Gordon Prusky PDG
Secretary CLERC Since 2003



Information About CLERC

1. Is one of 19 Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers around the world.
2. Are officially sanctioned by a set of rules set out by Lions International. Lions Internationally made Recycle for Sight an official program in 1994.
3. CLERC has been an incorporated society since 2003 in Alberta. Our Alberta name is Lions Eyeglass Recycling Society or LERS. They are an approved District and Multiple District venture.
4. Operation Eyesight Universal started this program at the Calgary Correctional Center(CCC) (Spyhill Jail) in 1996. They asked the Lions to take it over in 2003. The CCC still is operational but not on a large scale. Once they did all the processing from 1996 to 2012. Since 2013 LERS has bought the equipment to do our complete processing augmenting the work of CCC.
5. In order to do that CLERC had to buy ultrasonic cleaners, lens meters and supplies like baggies, paper for the lens machines, boxes for storing 50 pairs of glasses, shipping boxes that hold 6 boxes of 50 pairs of glasses or 300 in total. CLERC has purchased bins and furniture like tables, chairs, filing cabinets, storage cabinets, fridge, microwave, commercial dish washing machine. Some furniture was donated by oil companies. For storage they bought a 40' secan stored privately for a cost and a 53' trailer located at Okotoks Lion Bob Airth's farm. CLEREC also bought collection boxes for the retail stores and collection bags.
6. From November 17, 2012 to Oct.19, 2014 CLERC out of the **Lions Village basement**. In lieu of rent we paid them \$3,200. CLERC also owns a Cube Van and a Nissan van to haul glasses.
7. On November 1, 2014 we rented a part of a warehouse. It is Bay 2, 1612 -34 Ave NE Calgary, AB, T2E 6L9. That is where we are presently working. We rent monthly from the The Bhura Investments for about \$2,600.





Alberta Diabetes
FOUNDATION

www.stopdiabetes.ca

Stop Diabetes.

Remove
the Needle

NOVEMBER CHALLENGE

November 1-30

National Diabetes Awareness Month

No more insulin. No more blood sugar regulation. NO MORE NEEDLES!



DID YOU KNOW?

- Long-term complications of diabetes include diabetic retinopathy leading to blindness, limb amputation, every day needles for life and many other factors that reduce quality of life.
- According to the Canadian Pediatric Society, 33,000 school age children (5–18 years old) in Canada have Type 1 Diabetes
- 1.18 million Albertans have diabetes and prediabetes with rates expected to rise 50% by 2026

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

Run, Walk or Roll as far as you can throughout Diabetes Month to STOP DIABETES FOR GOOD!

- Weekly prizes for fundraising. The more you raise, the better the rewards!
- Teams raising \$1,000 or more get entered into the Cumulative Distance Challenge for a chance at amazing prize packages
- Flash challenges each week and on World Diabetes Day

Living with diabetes is hard.

As you Run, Walk or Roll towards a CURE for diabetes, you will connect with families sharing real-life stories about life with diabetes.



AlbertaDiabetesFoundation.com



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Tax Receipts Available

Tax receipts are available for all donations to the Lions Canada Fund for LCIF. It should be noted our own **Lion Patti** is the secretary for the Lions of Canada Fund ([Incorporation Information](#)). For more information you can click on [LIONS OF CANADA FUND](#). To make a donation you can go to [Lions of Canada Fund](#)

[Donations](#).



Eyeglass Collection

One of Lions Clubs International
Service pillars is VISION.



Would all EHLC members keep collecting eyeglasses? Please **advise Lion Harry** of the Company(s) being served, a contact name(s) and number(s) if available.
Thank you.

Lion Harry Anderson
harryand@telus.net

Lion Greg Holmes
liongholmes@hotmail.com

Check It Out -> Club Links



[EHLC Photo Album](#)

Links of Note:

Our Club Website at:
[Edmonton Host Lions Club Website](#)

Our Club Facebook Page at:
[EHLC Facebook Page](#)

Our Club Instagram:
[EHLC Instagram](#)

Lions of Canada Website
lionscanada.ca.

**Lions Village of Greater Edmonton
Society Website at:**
<http://lionsvillage.com/>

The Five Pillars of Lionism

Diabetes - Vision - Hunger - Environment - Childhood Cancer

