

EDMONTON (HOST) LIONS Club Newsletter

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Newsletter

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Lions Personal Care Kits

On Saturday, September 18, ninety Lions Personal Care Kits were handed out between two locations, St. Faith's Church and the iHuman Youth Society. Many thanks to **Lion Harry** and **Lion Sadia** for your help! - **Lion Janet**



Lion Janet presents a box of Lions Care Kits to handout at Ihuman.



Lions Sadia (L) and Harry (R) --> inspect a box of Lions Care Kits before handing them out.









Photo of the partial donation made by Sock Rocket to the Edmonton Host Lions Club for use in the Lions Personal Care Kits

Lions Dog Guides

Dear Lions,

Welcome back to a new Lions' year! On behalf of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, I wish your club all the best with the year ahead - anticipating a year where we can move beyond some of the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Just as we have all had to overcome things and learn how to do things differently, imagine how difficult it might have been for someone like Julie.

Julie graduated in 2020 with Canine Vision Dog Guide Peanut. "Since Peanut has been with me other people have seen a great change in me. People finally see me as a person that can do anything and overcome just about anything."

Thanks to the generosity of Lions, Dog Guides are given at no cost to Julie and others like Julie who are blind or visually impaired. A Dog Guide is a special gift of freedom to

someone living with a medical or physical disability and Lions Foundation of Canada relies on the support of our Lions to continue to give this gift at no cost to eligible Canadians.

"I would like to thank all those who had a hand in Peanut's care and training and thank you to the donors for the wondrous gift of independence and deep love that only a Dog Guide can give to someone with a disability."

Your club's generosity will ensure that others like Julie experience this deep love and independence.







Nate with Dog Guide Titus Sponsored by the Fergus Lions Club & the Ancaster Lions Club

As an essential business. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides continued to operate through the COVID-19 pandemic. Dog Guides' instructors supported the 1100 active Dog Guide teams across the country and are now providing virtual and modified training for new Dog Guide recipients. Puppy staff provided training and support for the over 400 volunteers who foster future Dog Guide puppies. Although suspended briefly in 2020, the Dog Guides breeding program welcomed its first litter of future Dog Guide puppies in January and hasn't looked back. Our veterinarians are busier than ever caring for the dogs in



training and future Dog Guide puppies.

As Lions clubs know well, fundraising since COVID began has been challenging and we are more humbled and grateful than ever to our Lions clubs for their donations and sponsorships!

The Lions Foundation remains committed to providing Dog Guides at no cost, despite the expense of over \$35,000 to raise, train and place each one. With no government funding, the foundation relies on donations to provide these special Dog Guides in its seven distinct programs: Canine Vision, Hearing. Diabetic Alert, Seizure Response, Service, Facility Support, and Autism Assistance.

Dog Guides change lives and our graduates regularly tell us about the impact of their Dog Guide.

"I don't think there is anything that one could say or do to truly capture the level of gratitude a person has after receiving a Dog Guide. As a parent, imagining a person donating their money towards a dog for someone like our son Nate, a person they don't even know...it is simply magical." Daniel, father of Nate with Autism Assistance Dog Guide, Titus. Graduated October 2020

Please donate to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and help us continue to serve those like Nate and his family who live with a medical or physical disability by providing Dog Guides at no cost.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Dave Hollyoake, Board Chair Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

P.S. Your Lions club or district can sponsor a Dog Guide team for as little as \$4,000 which can be paid over three years. Sponsorships offset the full \$35,000 it costs to provide each Dog Guide. There are sponsorship

levels for each Dog Guide program. Become a Dog Guide sponsor today!





October 9th CLERC Demonstration

Fellow Lions: Due to the recent new guidelines in Alberta for Covid the CLERC Executive has determined that we will cease hosting Eyeglass Work Parties until further notice. As much as this is disruptive to you and your clubs, the CLERC board values our volunteers and wants everyone safe. We will send out a notice when it is safer to resume this part of our process. We will still accept glasses but that is the extent of it. We can be reached at 403-640-1056 for any inquiries. When the time comes that we can safely open up we will continue with the schedule that your club is booked into. I can be reached at 403-852-2407 to answer any questions as well.

Please stay safe, be well and continue to do the community work that Lions do so well. In Lionism. Lion James Lee. CLERC Chair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALBERTA AVE THANKSGIVING TAKE-OUT MEAL

Our next meal at Alberta Avenue is just a week away! We would like to have 6 volunteers on Wednesday, Oct 6 at 12:00 noon and 6 volunteers on Thursday, Oct 7 at 1:30 pm or as early as 10 am if you are available. Since it will be take-out again, we will need to have the meal packaged and ready to go by 4:00 to 5:00 pm on Thursday. Please contact **Lions Janet or Bernie** if you are able to sign up and for which day/s and time. **Lion Bernie** - yorkiie52@gmail.com, or phone/text 780-919-5933 or **Lion Janet** - janetandken55@yahoo.com, or phone/text 780-292-0872

The address is 9210 - 118 Ave. There is plenty of parking on the west side of the building and you can enter the kitchen from the smaller red door also on the west side.



Announcement

District Governor Melodie Franko has appointed **Lion Carole Hansen** as the District Lions Quest Chair and **Lion Darcy Knoll** as the District Award Chair.



Membership Chair Needed

Lion Harry has had to resign his position as membership chair for health reasons. Lion Harry has served as the club membership chair for a number of years and based on the number of recent new members, very successfully. We would like to thank **Lion Harry** for all the work he had done in this position.

If you would like to serve on the membership committee or become chair of the committee, please contact **Lion Blair** (**bd.ching@shaw.ca**).

After all the drama, you just want to be with people who make you laugh.





Tree Planting Frenzy

Congratulations to all the Lions who took part in the tree planting at the end of September. Your efforts for beatification of this area over time will be richly rewarded with green, leafy green. In a burst of energy, Lions planted over 200 trees, shrubs and bushes. In doing so Lions helped to beautify a part of our city, and contribute to our environmental responsibilities.

Hats off to **Lion Harry** who persevered through many delays and other problems to make this project a great success.











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

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

When: November 13 2021 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



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





Our Newest Club Member



Lion Raymond - Raymond Lemay is a trade person that has his own small appliance and refrigeration business for 38 years in this service sector. He is 63 years old and will be retiring in the next couple of years. He has had extensive experience in this service sector & managing a small business. Some of his hobbies include automotive repair and restoration as well as traveling and hiking.

When he does retire he will be closing this business and wants to look at expanding his outlook for something new. He thinks the Lions Club would allow me to learn a different type of service to help others.

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.



Donation Thanks

Our thanks to Dr. V. Deved who generously donated \$200 towards the Lions Wine and Cheese Event. Dr. Deved's generosity is much appreciated. This is not the first time Dr. Deved has made a donation to our club in recognition of the members' volunteer efforts to serve.



Lions Legacy Scholarship Recipient

Jordan Spreadbury of Eastglen High School has been awarded a 2021 Lions Legacy Scholarship worth \$500.00. She is currently enrolled in Herkimer University.

Lion Blair would like to thank Lions Linda and John for their willingness to help out with this project again.

Service Chair Needed

Our club is also in need of a Service Chair to coordinate our service activities. If you would like to serve as Service Chair, please contact Lion Blair (bd.ching@shaw.ca)

"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

— Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart





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 on August 23, 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

Last Call - Club Dues

Club membership dues are due. Edmonton Host Club members can pay the \$125.00 yearly membership via two methods. By cheque payable to the Edmonton Host Lions Club mailed to our incoming treasurer **Lion John (Santa) Rudyk:**

John Rudyk 16112 86 Ave NW Edmonton, Alberta T5R 4C7



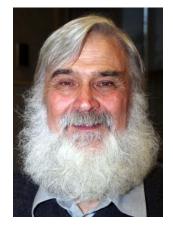




or via Square by clicking on the link below. Pay EHLC 2021 Dues

Square accepts Visa, Mastercard, American Express and debit cards. If you have any questions you can contact Lion John at:

email: <u>jrsr@chukchi.ca</u> Phone: 780-686-443**8**



"Success is not how high you have climbed, but how you make a positive difference to the world."

— Roy T. Bennett





Tech Support Assistance Needed

Technical support is needed to connect St. John's computer to Zoom for our inperson club meetings. If you are able to help, contact **Lion Greg**.

Club News

A new printer will be installed in the club office in Central Lions. The new printer will allow the club to save money on ink costs going forward.





INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS IN MULTIPLE DISTRICT C

Our 2021-2022 Lion Year is a very important year for Campaign 100. This is our final year to donate and pledge your club support to reach our targeted vision to raise \$300 million (US) globally. We are currently short of this amount by around \$75 million (US).

Can your club help us reach this goal by donating to Campaign 100 - Empower Service Globally to help other?

You are invited to attend an informative online training session about Campaign 100 on Sunday October 24, 2021 starting at 11:00 am.

We are fortunate to have very knowledgeable presenters for this training, our Canadian Trustee on the board for LCIF, PID Garnet Davis, Western Canada Campaign 100 Leader PID Marvin Chambers and Western Canada Area Leader PCC Tim Haight.

To register please send your name, club, district and e-mail address to Lion Sharon West at lionsharonw@gmail.com so we can ensure your attendance by sending you the link to join. A copy of the agenda has also been attached to this invitation.

Thank you Lions for your interest and especially for your service in your clubs and community.

Yours in lion service,

Multiple District C Chairperson Lion Sharon West

"If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one." - Dolly Parton



Submitting Hours



Remember to submit the hours on Lions related activities you worked each month to **Lion Shirley**. **Lion Terry** will compile them and send them to Lions International.

In submitting hours, the following information is helpful for them to know:

- The activity you participated in
- Number of hours you volunteered
- The number of volunteers at the event
- If possible, the amount of funds /raised or donated
- If possible, the number of people served and/or outcome of the event
- The location of event and date and time of the event

Note: Administrative hours also count as volunteer hours

NSVF, LVGES, LCOEF attendance at those meetings count as time volunteered and can be recorded.



SERVICE HOURS REPORTED

Lion Anthony reports that these are the total of service hours that he has recorded for our club since the New Year.

January - 632 hours March - 634 May -615 **July TBA** February - 857 April - 669 June 713 August TBA



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 Linda - Some of my friends exercise everyday. Meanwhile I'm watching a show I don't like because the remote fell on the floor.

Lion Larry - I don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

Lion Al - If all the people who kept calling vaccinated people sheep would stop taking livestock medication, that would be great.

Lion Jessica - Cats are nature's sociopaths.

Lion Benaron - I know how it will end for me. One of my kids will unplug my life support to charge their phone.



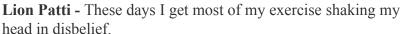




Lion Bernie - Rotisserie chicken wakes up the primal huntress in me.

Lion Marshall - Pro Tip: Save business cards of people you don't like. If you ever hit a parked car accidentally, just write "Sorry" on the back and leave it on the windshield.

Lion Darcy - Whisper those three little words in my ear - "All day breakfast."





Lion Michael - If at first you don't succeed, give up skydiving.

Lion Ben Fehst - You know what I need? A selfie stick. So whenever I see someone taking a selfie, I can hit them with the stick.

Lion Clint - Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.



Lion Donna - Don't you hate it when you try to make a protein shake and end up making a margarita?

Lion Greg -Every time I almost think humanity will be okay, I see someone struggle with the self-checkout for 20 minutes.

Lion Bill Wyatt - Life is not a fairytale. If you lose your shoe after midnight, you're drunk!



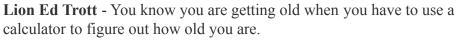
Lion Stan - I dream of a better tomorrow, where chickens can cross the road and not be questioned about their motives.

Lion Emiliano - If I knew ignoring people could be this easy, I would have started meditating ages ago!



Lion Rachel - I need to get my life together, but I'm waiting to see if the world will end before I put any real effort into it.

Lion John Goulet - After many years of marriage, I can always guess what is bothering my wife. I'm never right, but I can always guess.





Opportunity dances with those already on the dance floor.







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





From Lion Patti -

#gcpeace Our opportunities to create and foster understanding among the people of the world continue. Thank you for all you did on International Peace Day Sep 21, and for all you have planned in the days and weeks to come! #kindnessmatters



It was a pleasure to join the Quebec District U2 Lions for their District awards. Congratulations to all of the new Melvin Jones Companions, Progressives, and other award recipients. - Lion Patti





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.



← Lion Greg shares a laugh at a luncheon at Sacred Heart Church in 2013.



Lion Don samples a hot dog at a **Lions Inner** City luncheon in 2013.-->

← Lion Bernie wrangles turkey in 2013.



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

Lion Greg Holmes liongholmes@hotmail.com

harryand@telus.net

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: Lions of Canada Website EHLC Instagram lionscanada.ca.

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

> The Five Pillars of Lionism **Diabetes - Vision - Hunger -Environment - Childhood** Cancer

