



EDMONTON (HOST) LIONS Club Newsletter

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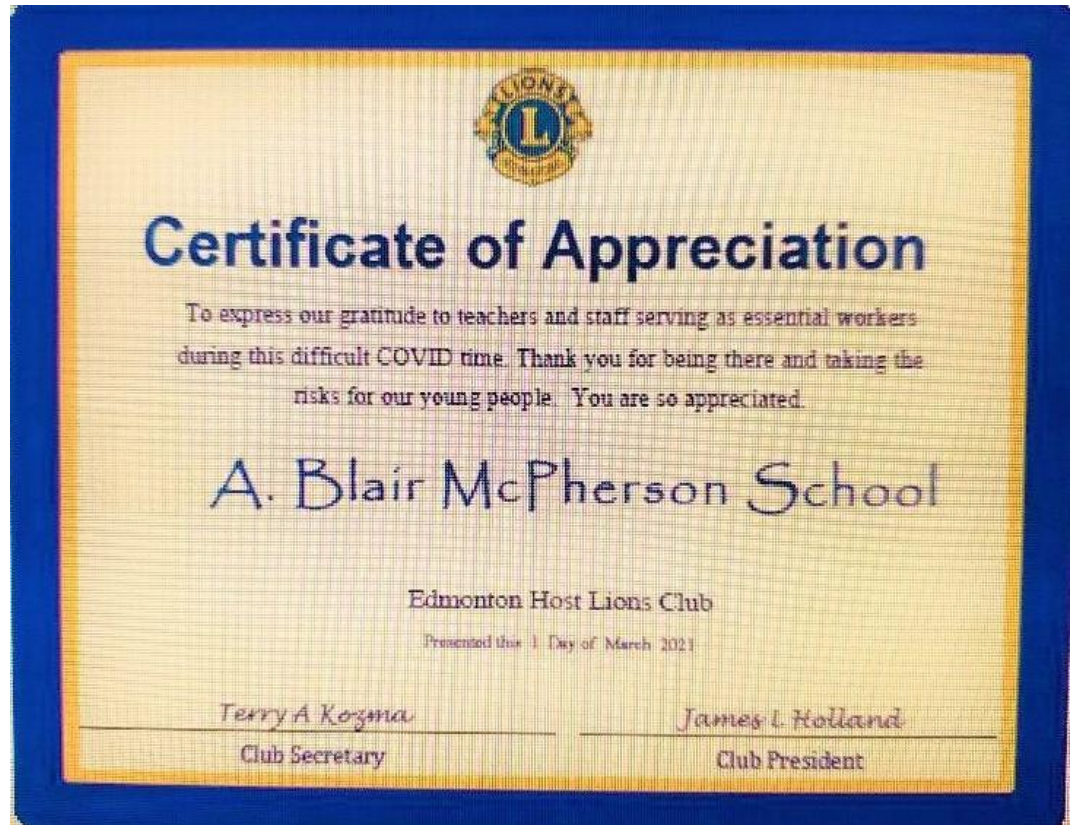
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Our Gratitude Expressed!



Lion Donna has been working hard and putting in some really long hours emailing “Pandemic Appreciation Certificates” to all of the 326 public and catholic schools in Edmonton. Of the emails that were sent, 66 responses were received from the school principals, a few of which are copied below:



*On behalf of my staff, I would like to thank you for your kind words. I am so happy that great organizations like yours recognizes and acknowledges the hard work my staff is doing. It is greatly appreciated.
All the best!*

-Daryl Chichak, St. Richard Catholic Elementary School

Thank you so much for your lovely gesture. I have forwarded this to our staff, and I know that they will appreciate your recognition of their efforts during this difficult time.

-Heidi Maas, St. Angela School

Thank you so kindly! I will be sure to share this with staff at our next staff meeting. I am incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience demonstrated by our staff and students during the past year. Despite the challenges, there is also a lot to celebrate!

Have a great week,

-Shannon Mah, M.Ed.,Principal, Sifton School

Thank you for kind words and lovely wishes. It has brought a smile to all of those around and we currently have the certificate hanging in our staff room for all to see and share. We appreciate you thinking of us and sending us this thoughtful message.

-Shaunie Klein, Brander Gardens School

*The staff at St. Dominic are definitely going above and beyond this year.
We appreciate all the work that the Lion's club does for schools as well!
Take Care,*

-Mark Sylvestre, Principal St. Dominic Elementary School

Thank you for your certificate and recognition for our staff as essential workers. It has been a challenging year but we are proud of the efforts that we have taken on. We look forward to healthier times so that we can operate a school like it normally should be. I look forward to posting this certificate in our school bulletin. On behalf of the Ross Sheppard community, we appreciate your words and have much gratitude for you.

-Rick Stanley, Principal Ross Sheppard High School

Thanks for this. My dad was a long time member and president of the Fultonvale and district Lions club. I was also a member for a period of time. I have many great memories of the Lions club.

Your dedication to community service is much appreciated and I will share this with my staff.

-Darrin Degrande, A Blair McPherson School

Thank you so much for this recognition for our staff! I'll be sharing it with them today as we begin March – about 1 year since all of the restrictions started coming into effect. I appreciate the community building work and support that the Lions Club brings to Edmonton. Great start to the week – thank you!

- Patrick Lema ,Principal Our Lady of mount Carmel School



Thank you so very much for the certificate! It is such a morale booster to know that members of our community are recognizing the hard work of all our staff at St. Vladimir. We are blessed to take so many children into our care and prepare them for the present day circumstances and the future. I will share your appreciation with everyone and please know that we are thankful for the recognition.

Have a wonderful day!

- Kristy Desmarais, Principal, St. Vladimir

Thank you so much for the certificate! I just hung it up in our staff room for everyone to see. Support from community members like you and the Lions Club means a lot as we navigate through this unpredictable time. Thanks again and I hope you and your members are doing well!

-Craig Hughson, Principal, Brightview School

Thanks so much for this certificate of appreciation! It lifted my spirits to receive this in my inbox today. I will be attaching it to our Faculty Update at the end of this week - I know that our faculty members will appreciate receiving this too!

Thanks for putting a smile on my face today!

Have a wonderful week,

-Tamie Beattie, Acting Principal McNally High School

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

Lions Takeout Dinner

Lions Bernie, Janet and Company have been busy. They are starting to organize a “Takeout Dinner” for those in need. It is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 22 from 6 to 8 at the Alberta Community Center. The plans so far are to create meals that can be served in containers. Stay tuned for more information coming up.



Lions Legacy Scholarship Update

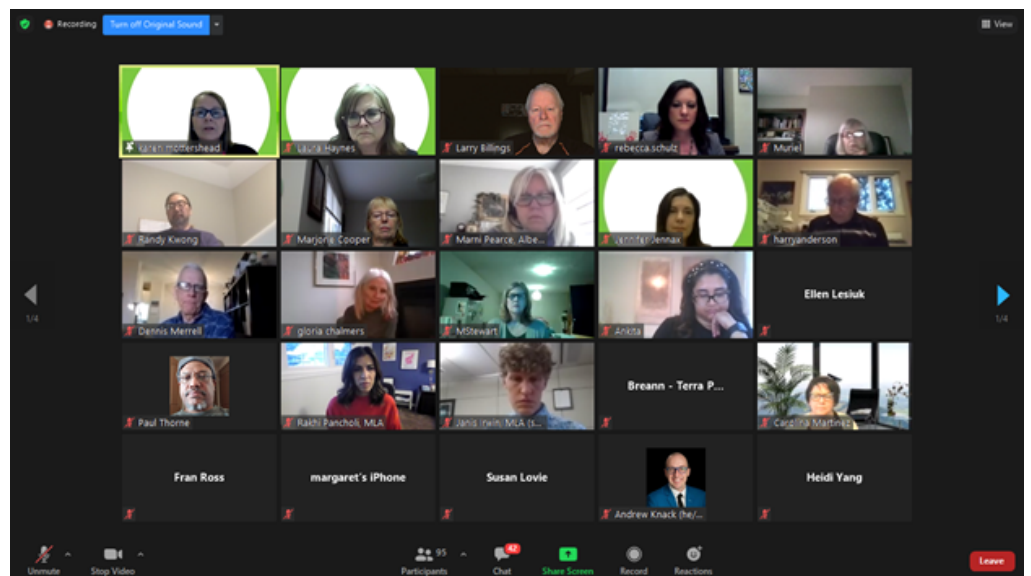
The club is offering two \$500.00 Lions Legacy Scholarships for this fall. We have contacted both Edmonton Public and Edmonton Catholic School Boards for the names of 2 to 3 schools in their district with students that have the most financial need. Anyone interested in helping out with this committee should contact **Lion Blair**.



Easter Preparations At Lions Village Castledowns



Terra Centre for Teen Parents Annual General Meeting



The Annual General Meeting for the Terra Centre for Teen Parents which was held virtually on March 24, 2021 with **Lions Harry and Larry** attending. The Terra Centre is celebrating their 50th anniversary and the Edmonton Host Lions Club has supported them financially for a number of years.



The Lions of Canada March E-News

The Lions of Canada / Lions du Canada March e-news has been published. Click the link to view it.

[Lions of Canada e-News](#)

- Lion Patti

Lions Care Kit Donations

Anawim Food Bank and Care Kit Donations Received for December, January, February and March.

Thanks so much to all of you for your time and effort with shopping, assembling and obtaining donations for the Lions Personal Care Kits.

December 2020

Lion President Jim – 2 cases of soap

Lion Bernie – from Sr. Dora Durand – bag of ski mitts

Lion President Jim – large bag of yarn

Lion Janet – from Crystal Shultz – artificial tree

Lion Bernie – from Sr. Dora Durand – 200.00 cash, bag of mitts, bag of pillows, blanket

Lion Janet – from North Central Dental - toothpaste and toothbrushes

Lions Greg – from Lions Villages - 2 Boxes of winter accessories, bag of toiletries

January 2021

Lion Janet – from Dr. Klassen & Dr. Ritch Dental Clinic – Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss

Lion Greg – from Lions Villages - Boxes of winter wear, socks, toiletries, etc.

Lion John – socks, toques, bags of clothing

Lion Janet – from Hollick Kenyon Dental – toothpaste and dental floss

Lion President Jim – box of soap

Lion Donna – 4 boxes face masks

February 2021

Lion Carol – 2 dozen toothpaste

Lion Janet – from Procter & Gamble via Global Medic – 200 ready-made hygiene kits

Lion Blair – from Sock Rocket – 400 pairs of men's crew socks



March 2021

Lion Al – from Lions Villages – 171 Ensure bottles

Lion President Jim – 2 cases of soap

Note: Currently the club is handing out about **200** kits a month.

Will You Serve?

The hunt is closing for the next club president and other board positions. If you are interested in either position contact **Lion Jim** for an idea of what each job entails and the wonderful perks that come with the job.



Charter and Enrolment Fees Waived

Lion Harry reported that Lions International has waved charter and enrolment fees for all new members until June 2021.

LCIC Convention In Montreal

The LCIC Convention In Montreal will be virtual. That means any Lion around the world can attend. Enrolment fees will be \$50.00 for early bird registration (**March 31**) and \$75.00 for regular registration. Due to the convention being digital, the dates may be adjusted slightly. [LCIC Convention Registration](#)

Grande Prairie Convention

The Grande Prairie Lions Convention will be held April 30 to May 1. It will be a hybrid (online and in person) if it is safe to travel. Register at [Lions MD C Convention](#).



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](#).

MDC Lions Leadership Education & Development Raffle*

Draw date: June 12, 2021

Win the chance to observe our own Dr. Patti Hill being sworn in as International President at LCIC in Boston in July 2023.

* This raffle is only open to Lions Members.

* Proceeds to support Lions Leadership Education & Development in MD C

*Draw hosted by the Calgary Eastport Lions Club

Tickets: \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00

[More Information](#)

[Buy raffle tickets online](#)



Lions of Canada Website

Lion Patti reported that the Lions of Canada website is now live at lionscanada.ca. It has lots of information.

Website Changes and Additions

The website for the Edmonton Host Lions Club has made the following changes and additions:

<https://www.edmontonhostlions.com/>

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

— Winston S. Churchill



Submitting Hours

Remember to submit the hours on Lions related activities you worked each month to **Lion Janet or Lion Shirley**. **Lion Janet** 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 Janet reports that these are the total of service hours that she has recorded for our club since the New Year.

January 2020 - 305 hours
February 2020 - 613 hours
May 2020 - 369 hours
July 2020 - 554 hours
September 2020 - 484 hours
November - 472 hours
January - 632 hours

March 2020 - 256 hours
April 2020 - 112 hours
June 2020 - 517 hours
August 2020 - 454 hours
October 2020 - 746 hours
December 2020 - 496
February - 857





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

“Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.”

— Neil Gaiman

Club Membership List

Rather than publishing a membership booklet each year, those who wish to access the list of club members will soon be able to do so on a password protected page on our club website. Not only will this save on printing costs, but it will allow the club membership to be kept up to date in a timely fashion. The password can be obtained from **Lion Secretary Terry** or **Lion President Jim**. [Link to Club Members Page](#)



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 Blair - My mind still thinks I'm 25. My body thinks my mind is an idiot.

Lion Darcy - My goal for 2020 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.

Lion Bernie- Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce, and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza...OK, I ate a pizza! Are you happy now?

Lion Rachel - I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

Lion Olu - Nobody learns to parkour faster than a parent chasing a toddler with a sharpie.



Lion Al - It takes a lot of courage for a man to admit his wife is wrong.



Lion Ben - Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Lion Ben Fehst - Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside have they closed school? Yeah, Me neither.

Lion Clint - I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.



Lion Bill Wyatt - I love getting older, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.

Lion Lois - Lead me not into temptation. Oh, who am I kidding! Follow me I know a shortcut.

Lion Terry - I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.



Lion Harry - Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.



Lion Jessica - Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Lion Greg - The last thing I want to do is hurt you.... but it's still on my list.

Lion Shirley - Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Lion Patti - If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Lion Carol Constant - I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.



Lion Marshall - You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Lion Jim - Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Lion Anthony - You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Lion Walter - I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder & harder for me to find one now.



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.





Lion Patti 3rd International Vice President Lions Clubs International



Dr. Patti Hill was elected to serve as International 3rd Vice President for the International Association of Lions Clubs on July 9th, 2019. Follow this page to learn more. [Dr. Patti Hill 3rd International Vice President](#)



From Lion Jodi Burmester -One of the best sessions I've seen in some time!

CONGRATULATIONS Leo-Lion Board Liaisons Aayush Bagla and Juan "Pollo" Manuel Cáceres, 2VP Brian Sheehan and **3VP Dr. Patti Hill** on such an amazing presentation!

The recording should be available soon on the Lions Clubs International Virtual Events Page @ <https://www.lionsclubs.org/.../virtual-events.../events...>





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 Emiliano attended Edmonton Oil Kings vs. Calgary Hitmen at Rogers Place with friends supporting the Edmonton Host Lions Club fundraiser for Kids With Cancer Society



Check It Out -> Club Links



[EHLCL Photo Album](#)

Links of Note:

Our Club Website at:

[Edmonton Host Lions Club Website](#)

Our Club Instagram:

[EHLCL Instagram](#)

Lions District C1

<https://lionsc1.org/>

Lions Village of Greater Edmonton
Society Website at:

<http://lionsvillage.com/>

Our Club Facebook Page at:

[EHLCL Facebook Page](#)

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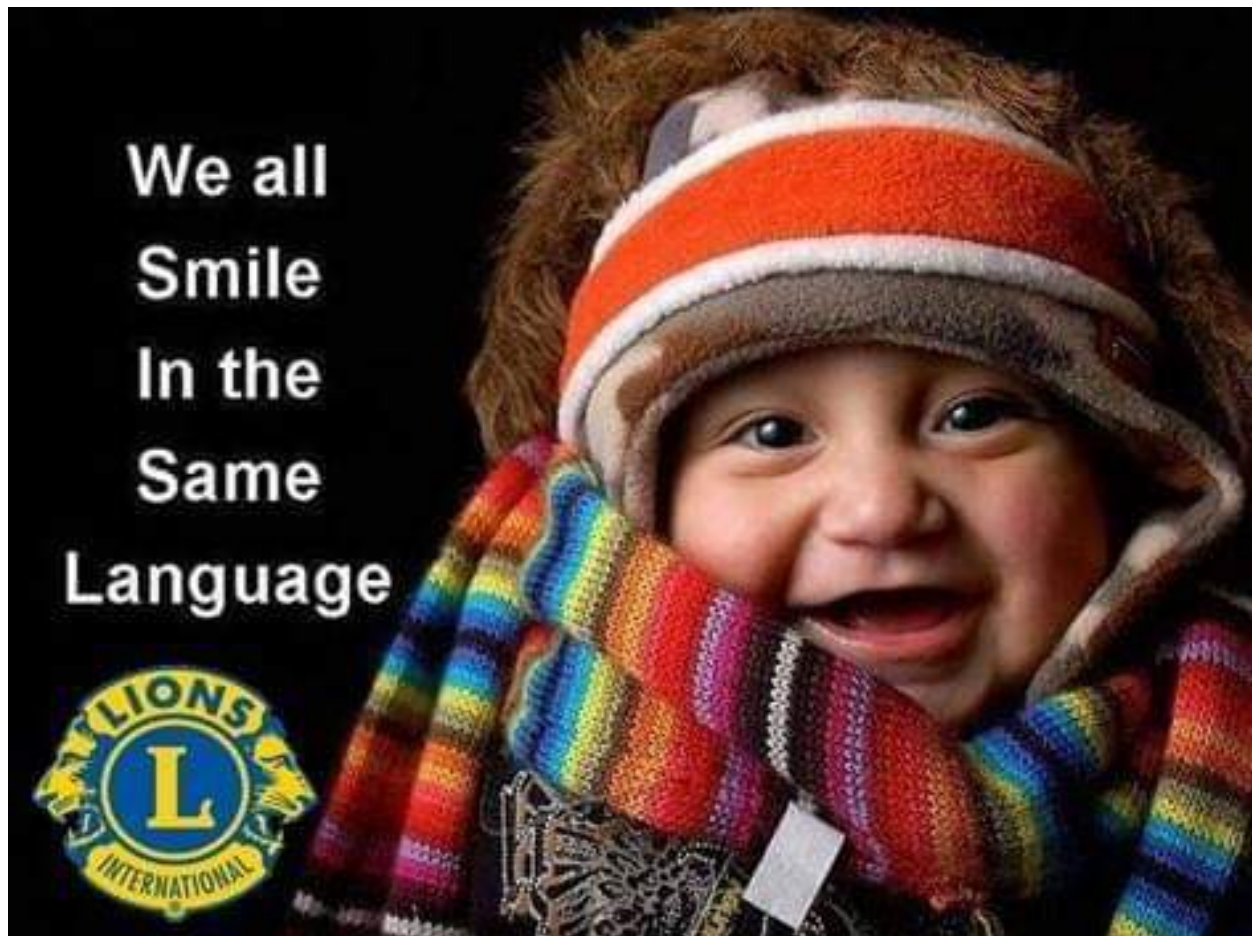
<https://www.mdclions.org/>



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
— Margaret Mead

The Five Pillars of Lionism

Diabetes - Vision - Hunger - Environment - Childhood Cancer



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