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Welcome to Fall, Lions!

October marks a season of transition. As autumn settles in and the trees shed what they no longer need, we too are invited to reflect—what might we release to grow stronger in service?

As we wrap up the first quarter of our Lionistic year, it's time to pause and ask:

What service have we provided to our community?

Did you take part in our first initiative for **Mental Health and Wellness**?

Mental health awareness isn't a one-day, one-week, or even one-month effort. October may be the national spotlight, but our commitment must be ongoing. Let's keep promoting the importance of mental wellness—for our communities and for ourselves.

Start with yourself. Let go of negativity. A healthy, positive mind and body are essential to sustaining our impact. And don't forget to check in with fellow members—has someone missed a few meetings? A simple outreach can make a world of difference.

Many of our members have just celebrated **Diwali**, the Festival of Lights—a beautiful reminder of the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. What a powerful celebration to carry forward in spirit.

Looking Ahead to November

We're excited to gather at our **District Conventions!** Whether you're from District C1 or C2, take advantage of this opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate with fellow Lions.

Meet our International Guests:

ID Mark and Deb Mansell at C2

ID Debbie Dawson and her partner Don Bridge at C1

They're incredible resources—ask them about their recent Board meeting and Service Projects in India!

Let's also welcome some of our newest Lions from our NEW Lions Clubs

From C1: Edmonton Malayali Lions Club

From C2: Calgary Khalsa Lions

From C2: Calgary Heart Lions Club

From C2: Calgary Hong Kongers Lions Club

Keep the Momentum Going

Let's celebrate and share our successes—within our communities, across our Districts, and on the Lions International Portal. We are the **Best at Service**—let's keep reminding the world!

In Lionism,
Council Chair Christine

[MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes](#)

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Dear Lions,

As we approach Diabetes Awareness Month this November, we're excited to invite your clubs to participate in our annual Tag Day initiative.

Tag Day is a great opportunity to raise awareness, engage communities, and support those affected by diabetes. It's a simple yet impactful way for Lions Clubs to spark conversations about diabetes and show support for ongoing research, education, and care.

How Your Clubs Can Get Involved:

Choose a date in November that works best for your club; select high-traffic locations such as malls, transit stations, or community centers.

Engage volunteers to distribute tags and share key messages about diabetes and share your impact.

We'll provide Tag Day materials (tags, posters, and diabetes information materials)

Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those living with diabetes.

Please encourage your clubs to take part and let us know how we can support their efforts.

Please see the following poster for information about getting your Tag Days kit.



IN SUPPORT OF

DIABETES CANADA

JOIN US FOR TAG DAY

November is Diabetes Awareness Month, and it's the perfect time to make a powerful impact by joining us for Tag Day. This initiative calls on community champions to immerse themselves in raising awareness and funds to support those living with diabetes.

What is Tag Day?

Tag Day is a community outreach event where service clubs come together to fund raise for Diabetes Canada. The goal is to support education, support services, advocacy, and diabetes research. By participating, you can show your support in a tangible way and contribute to the fight against diabetes.

How to Participate

Schedule a Date: Find a suitable date for your club and gather 4-6 volunteers during November.

Choose a Location: Pick a busy spot in your community where you can hold your Tag Day event for 4-6 hours.

Engage the Community: In exchange for donations, provide community members with key information about diabetes, a bookmark, and/or a sticker.

Please Contact:
Franca Lattanzio
franca.lattanzio@diabetes.ca

604-732-2313
to get your TAG DAY KIT!

✦ DISTRICT C1 ✦ CONVENTION



NOVEMBER 21–22

Join us for a weekend of connection,
learning, and inspiration!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Education Seminars:
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Engage with industry leaders, expand your
knowledge, and network with colleagues
from across the district.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and grow together!

■ **Get Ready for the 2025 Lions District C1 Convention!**

Baymont by Wyndham Hotel – Red Deer | November 21 & 22, 2025

It's time to mark your calendars for the most anticipated weekend of the Lions year! The 2025 District C1 Convention promises inspiration, training, fellowship, and fun — all under one roof at the Baymont by Wyndham Hotel in the heart of Red Deer.

■ **Friday Highlights – Learn & Lead**

The convention opens Friday with a full slate of training opportunities:

- Certified Guiding Lion Training – Perfect for those mentoring new clubs.
- Club Officer Training – Strengthen your leadership skills for the year ahead.
- Membership Growth Program (Just Ask!) – Fresh ideas to build strong, vibrant clubs.

Friday evening features the Opening Ceremony and Flag Presentation, candidate speeches, and a chance to relax and enjoy true Lions fellowship as we kick off the weekend.

■ **Saturday Spotlight – Service, Learning & Leadership**

Start the morning with a presentation from Olds College, one of the world's leading agricultural institutions — sharing innovation and insight from Alberta's own backyard. Then cast your ballot as we vote for next year's District leaders, followed by presentations, awards, and fellowship over lunch.

The afternoon brings something new: a Speed-Learning Forum with practical take-aways and a hands-on service project. You'll also have a chance to bring your questions directly to our International Director and Past International Directors for open Q & A.

Throughout the day, try your luck in the 50/50 draw and bid at the Silent

Auction — all proceeds supporting two vital causes: **Lions Quest Canada** and **The Bridge Healing Villages Project**. (Clubs wishing to donate items are most appreciated!)

■ **Saturday Evening Gala – Celebrate and Enjoy**

Saturday night culminates in the Governor's Banquet, featuring keynote remarks from our own Canadian International Director Lion Debbie Dawson, who will also help present special awards. Then retire to the hospitality room for an evening of entertainment by recording artist Cayla Brooke — a fitting finale of music, laughter, and fellowship.

■ **Don't Miss It!**

The District C1 Convention is more than meetings — it's where friendships are renewed, new ideas take root, and the future of service is shaped. Join us in Red Deer this November 21–22 and be part of the pride!

Ted Mikkelsen, District Governor C1



2025
 District C-1 Convention Registration
 Baymont by Wyndham
 4311 49 Avenue
 Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 5Y7
 November 21 & 22, 2025

1: NAME: _____ NAME ON BADGE: _____
 (Last) (First)

Lion: Leo-Lion: Leo: Non-Member: 1st Convention: Official Title: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

2: NAME: _____ NAME ON BADGE: _____
 (Last) (First)

Lion: Leo-Lion: Leo: Non-Member: 1st Convention: Official Title: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Contact Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

Please advise of any special dietary request: Vegetarian: Diabetic: Food Allergy: _____

1. Convention Registration

Payment on or before October 15, 2025

_____ X \$150.00 per person = \$ _____ 0

Payment after October 15, 2025

_____ X \$170.00 per person = \$ _____ 0

2. Leo Convention Registration

_____ X \$100.00 per person = \$ _____

3. Additional meal tickets available for purchase by registered delegates:

Convention Banquet Ticket:

_____ X \$ 60.00 per person = \$ _____

(Dress: Smart business attire) Whites for PDGs

Total Due: \$ _____

CANCELLATION POLICY: Full refund if received in writing by the Registration Committee at least 30 days prior to the convention:
 Refund may be granted with less than 30 days' notice by written application to the Registration Committee

Method of Payment: (All money in Canadian Funds)

E-transfer to: lionsc1convention2025@gmail.com

E-transfer preferred

Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard): Card # _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____ CVV# _____

Name on card _____ Postal Code _____

Cheque Amount: \$ _____ (payable to Spruce View & District Lions Club)

FULL PAYMENT must accompany this form to be registered.

**Email or Mail
 completed registration
 form to:**

Lion Phil Burkinshaw
4260 Twp Rd 354
Red Deer County
T4G0L7
Email: lophi.phil@gmail.com

Hotel Information:

Baymont by Wyndham
 4311 49 Avenue
 Red Deer, Alberta T4N5Y7
 Phone 403 346 8841
 Email-gm@baymont.ca

Note: 100 Rooms have been reserved at \$109.99 Plus Tax
 (Including a Hot Breakfast) **Booking Code: 122125LIO**

Booking deadline for the preferred rate is October 1st, 2025

Deadline for cancellation of booking is 72 Hours prior to check-in

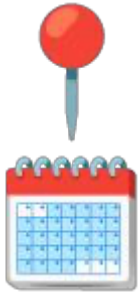


Hello Lions,

We're excited to share the **District C2 Convention**



Program for November 14-15, 2025!



Location: Strathmore Civic Centre 120 Brent Blvd, Strathmore

Dates: Friday & Saturday, November 14-15, 2025

Our convention is packed with meaningful sessions, inspiring speakers, and



opportunities to connect with fellow Lions.
Here's a sneak peek at what's planned:



Friday, November 14



Registration opens at 2:00 PM



Evening session led by PID Marvin Chambers ,including Land Acknowledgement, Flag Ceremony, Business Meeting, and Speeches



Saturday, November 15



Morning sessions featuring Strides Walk, Vision Screening, and LCIF Presentation



Voting, Memorial Service, and Lunch



Afternoon presentations from ID Dr. Mark Mansell & Debbie Mansell



Evening Banquet, Awards, and Entertainment by Popovich



Productions

Let's come together to learn, serve, and celebrate the spirit of



Lionism!



Please find the full program attached.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Service,



District C2 Convention



Program

Friday, November 14, 2025

2:00-7:00 PM-Registration

Session #1 Presiding:PID Marvin Chambers

**7 PM-Land Acknowledgement-1st VDG Danielle Hamelin
Protocol-DG Leslie Cunningham**

Welcome-DG Leslie Cunningham

Flag Ceremony-2mu VDG Gerald Gaede-Strathmore Cadets

Business Meeting-PID Marvin Chambers

Nominations & Speeches- PIP Justice Brian Stevenson

Host Club &Convention Bids-1st VDG Danielle Hamelin

Voting Procedure-PID Marvin Chambers

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Session #2 Presiding:1st Vice DG Danielle Hamelin

9:00-9:30 AM-Narcon Kits-Ballroom A-Brian Morrissey

Strides Walk-Ballroom B-Fort Macleod Lions Club

Vision Screening-Ballroom C-Airdrie Lions Club

9:35-10:05 AM:Lions Quest &Child ID Kits Ballroom A-Bill Stecewicz

LFC Dog Guides-Ballroom B-PDG Peter Wallis

Nutrition/Blood Testing/Diabetes-Ballroom C-Alan Balson

10:05 AM:Coffee Break

10:25 AM:LCIF Presentation-PID Marvin Chambers &Sherrisa Celis

10:40-11:40 AM:Voting-Chuck Mercer Room

11:40 AM:Memorial Service-DG Leslie Cunningham

12:00-1:00 PM:Lunch

Session #3 Presiding:DG Leslie Cunningham

1:30-2:15 PM:ID Dr.Mark Mansell

2:15-3:00 PM:Debbie Mansell

3:15-3:45 PM: Bearpit session with Dr.Mark Mansell

3:45 PM:Reports and Voting results

5:30 PM:Cocktails

6:30 PM:Banquet &Awards

8:00-10:00 PM:Entertainment by Popovich Productions.





DISTRICT C-2 CONVENTION REGISTRATION
 Strathmore Civic Centre, 120 Brent Blvd. Strathmore, AB
 November 14 - 15, 2025



First Name _____ Last Name _____

Name On Badge _____ Lion Type _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Name On Badge _____ Lion Type _____

Club _____ (Choose Type) Lion, DG, PDG, PIP, PID, VDG, Leo)

Email _____ Phone # _____

Registration & Full Meal Package (Lions) Payment on or before Sept 30, 2025 # _____ \$125.00/person _____

Payment after Sept 30, 2025 # _____ \$150.00/person _____

Registration & Full Meal Package (Leos) Payment on or before Sept 30, 2025 # _____ \$60.00/person _____

Payment after Sept 30, 2025 # _____ \$85.00/person _____

Saturday Lunch Only Payment on or before Sept 30, 2025 # _____ \$15.00/person _____

Payment after Sept 30, 2025 # _____ \$20.00/person _____

Separate DG Banquet Ticket # _____ \$60.00/person _____

Saturday Program Only (No meals) # _____ \$50.00/person _____

Total _____

Do you have any Special Dietary Request? YES NO
 Please specify conditions a such as diabetic, & allergies such as gluten etc.)

Method of Payment Cash Cheque VISA MasterCard E-Transfer

Name on Card _____

Number _____ Expiry _____ / _____ CCV _____

FULL PAYMENT must accompany this form to be accepted as a registered delegate.

Make Cheques payable to:
 District C 2 Convention

Email registration to:
 Holly Bandelow: districtc2lions@gmail.com
 E-Transfer: districtc2lions@gmail.com



Mail to: C2 Convention
 3016-23 St. Coaldale, AB, T1M 0B5

Hotel Reservations are NOT INCLUDED with the registration fee they are responsibility of delegate.

Days Inn-by Wyndham 400 Ranch Market PH: 403-934-1134
 Cost per room per night \$142.00

Travel Lodge by Wyndham 350 Ridge Road PH: 403-901-0000
 Cost per room per night \$130.00.

Westlake Inn-450 Westlake Road PH: 403-934-1808;
 Cost per room per night \$98.10



