

From the desk of Council Chair Cathy

Multiple District C Newsletter

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Happy Valentine's Day to a group of Awesome Lions!!

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, I wish to thank all of you for your commitment of continued service thru challenging times. I commend the members of your clubs on how they have adjusted and continue to serve, while keeping the lines of communication open and remaining positive that we will be able to return to normal soon.

As of late there is a glimpse that yes, we will get back to face to face meetings, visiting and socializing.

We are not only members of a Service Club, but we are also a group of like-minded individuals who engage in fellowship but thrive on serving.

Keep positive, keep serving and:

When you are waiting for Spring!!!



Every year, the end of winter brings us into a season of beauty and metamorphosis we know as spring. There are many reasons why we look forward to spring with enthusiasm. A time of the year when nature promises new life and new hope, spring is a favorite season for many. After the long and dark winter months, spring brings new feelings and emotions. This gorgeous season symbolizes renewal. It also represents love, joy, hope, and growth.

Use this time as a chance to create positive outcomes in all aspects of your life.

Council Chair Cathy

Attention all Lions of MD C

The position of Multiple District C Secretary will be available as of July 1, 2022, the job posting and requirements for the position will be on the MD C website shortly.

PEACE POSTER

Lions Clubs International peace poster winner at the Multiple District C level is from St Albert, Alberta. Click the following link to view an article Page 5 in District C-1 January Lions Link Newsletter.

Peace poster winner https://lionsc1.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022Jan_C1_LionsLink_v2.pdf

CALGARY WESTWIND

Even though the current pandemic has interfered with many Lions activities some just persevered and forged forward. Congratulations to the Calgary Westwind Lions club for getting a 14. + % increase in membership.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT C CONVENTION


Here is the poster about the MD C Convention the registration is on <https://www.mdclions.org/general-4> and at end of this newsletter.

Multiple District C Convention

April 29-30, 2022

Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre, Red Deer

Hosted by the Red Deer Central and Calgary Eastport Lions Clubs



Lions, Lions heed this plea
Red Deer, Alberta will be the place to be
The planning, the decisions are almost done
Mosey on Down to Where the West Is Fun

The **Multiple District C Convention** will be taking place
The **Cambridge Red Deer Hotel** will be your base
April 29th and 30th will be the days
You'll be entertained in so many ways

Fellowship, fellowship will be our just
Seeing old friends, come out, you must
Friday night will be a thing of beauty
You may even depart with a bit of loot

Games and races and photos too
Even the Sherriff may be looking for you
Western attire to wear is the thing
You may even get a prize for what you bring

Service, learning, speakers, elections
Are Saturdays events each in sections
The evening will come with the Council of Governors meal
To your tastebuds the menu will surely appeal

[Registration form](#) is being sent
Check your in-box, to all Lions it's meant
Mosey on Down to Where the West Is Fun
Once you're among us, regrets you'll have none

Get ready for Fellowship and ***Mosey on Down to Where the West Is Fun*** and see what "Fun" is in store Friday night! Dress up in your western duds, try your hand at games of chance, marksmanship, a race or two, 50/50, silent auction and so much more. Meet LCI 3rd International Vice President Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil who will be joining us. Exercise your right to vote during business sessions on Saturday, hear from speakers engaging Lions in Service, and help with the Convention Service Projects. Reserve your display table by contacting 1st VDG Darryl Rawleigh, liondarrylrawleigh@gmail.com. For the **registration form** go to <https://www.mdclions.org/conventions>, click on MD C Convention registration form.

For more information or questions, email Convention Chair, 1st VDG Suzanne Leshchyshyn, sleshchy@gmail.com.

Attend Lions Events and never leave Canada this year

We are in a great position to be able to attend 2 significant Lions events without leaving Canada check out the following links for further information

Lions Clubs International Convention <https://www.lionsclubs.org/lcicon>

Dues Adjustment Resolution Will Be Voted on at 2022 International Convention

Dear Lion Leader,

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 convention and the move to a virtual convention in 2021 as we adapted to the pandemic. *The new dues adjustment model will be voted on at the 2022 International Convention.*

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions.

After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues \$7 over a three-year period. Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

Why is an international dues adjustment needed?

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the

support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, hybrid convention, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed

Essentially, we must decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an [international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT](#) to help you present it to your Lions. If you have any questions on the due's adjustment resolution, please contact LCI Executive Administrator Sanjeev Ahuja.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President

MDC Convention call:

In Compliance with By-Law Article V Section 1 of the Multiple District C Constitution and By-Laws THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS hereby ISSUE the official call for the 2021-2022 Convention of Multiple District C of the International Association of Lions Clubs. This will be an in-person Convention being held at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre 3310-50th Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta beginning April 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and ending April 30, 2022

Thank You

Cathy Anderson, Council Chair

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2022

**September 15-17
Calgary, Alberta**

Volunteers are needed.

Volunteers can choose the day, the hours, and the job. There are some jobs where you can be seated.

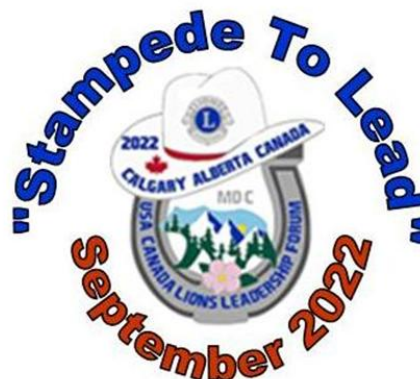
A few of the jobs are:

Greeter Bag Stuffing Office
Registration Display Setup
Forum Store Data Entry
Drivers Booth Staffing

- volunteers are needed from Monday to Saturday
- you can do more than 1 job
- some jobs require Forum registration.

For Information and to
Register to be a Volunteer go to:

2022lionsleadershipforum.com



It is easy to Register at

lionsforum.org

Read about the seminars, displays, and activities. Canadian Olympian Catrina La May Doan will be one of the motivational speakers.

- over 70 seminars
- 4 motivational meal sessions
- service projects
- many networking opportunities
- Lions University graduation
- meet Lion leaders

Why not volunteer for a few hours?

You can do both!

Register before May 31st for the early bird fee.



See Ya'll There!

MD C Council Report for February 6, 2022, Meeting

Lions of Alberta Foundation Report to MDC of Governors Feb 2022

Good morning, Council,
LOAF held the AGM and special meetings on November 20, 2022, via ZOOM.
Both Districts were well represented at the meeting.
LOAF is still waiting for the government to approve our new Bylaws.
The new executive was elected:
Chair: PCC Betty Ann Robson
Past Chair: PCC Tom Hodgson
Vice Chair: PCC Tyler Bray
Secretary: Lion Bob Booth
Treasurer: Lion Peter Braithwaite
Finance Chair: PCC Dennis Stevenson
Our next meeting will be in May 2022

Submitted by
PCC Betty Ann Robson
LOAF Chairperson

Political Advisor Report

Nothing has changed since my last Report to Council, other than our endorsed candidate for International Third Vice President, PID A.P. Singh, may not be able to attend the Montreal Convention if he cannot get a visa, due to the tremendous backlog and delay at Canada Immigration - see today's Calgary Herald.

He may have to be elected "in absentia", which, as far as I know, has never happened before in our 104-year history.

Judge Brian Stevenson, PIP, Political Advisor, MD C - 2021-2022

CLERC

Like all of us Covid has had a negative effect on CLERC activities. This quarter CLERC hosted 4 eyeglass work parties. A small group of volunteers continues to process glasses every Wednesday. We have cancelled many volunteer sessions for Lions Clubs. Hopefully conditions will improve and we can continue on with Lions Clubs volunteering virtually every second Saturday once Covid starts to ease off. Financially we have received donations from 14 District C-2 Clubs, from one Lions Club from Saskatchewan and 5 from District C-1 clubs or individuals.

186,350 pairs of glasses were shipped to Ghana, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Guatemala, Malawi, Mexico, Cuba, Philippines, and the Ukraine.

Recently we did a huge warehouse clean up and reorganization to facilitate more storage space, better product access, and a more efficient process. The Calgary correction Centre is back up and running after being shut down for covid reasons and safety concerns. That is a big help in aiding the process and bumping up the numbers for our inventory moving forward. We recently shipped 26 pallets of broken glasses to Respects in California and will receive a cheque in 6+ months if we are lucky.

The CLERC executive would like to thank all clubs donating to our eyesight initiative. We always require contributions to offset operating costs. CLERC will have representation at the C-1 convention, will be doing a live presentation and will be bringing 2 trucks up for transporting eyeglasses from District C-1 to the warehouse. In Lionism James Lee CLERC Chair

CLERC-An Out of sight Opportunity to Aid the Vision Impaired of the World.

MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness Report to MD C Council meeting on February 6, 2022

Diabetes Canada provided diabetes awareness and education information to all who need it in a virtual manner using digital technology during 2021 calendar year.

Over the course of 2021 there were a series of online sessions called Peer Connect which provided diabetes awareness and education information to all Lions, Lioness and Leo's as well as the public in MD C.

The Lions of Multiple District C were recognized as the sponsoring organization of these Peer Connect sessions in Alberta, NWT and NE BC.

Again, thank you all for your continued support of the Lions cavalcade for diabetes awareness project.

2020 and 2021 has been a year of many changes, in the way we provide service to our communities and to those with diabetes.

Due to the change in the way we are providing Diabetes Awareness we will be developing new methods of providing the needed diabetes awareness in conjunction with Diabetes Canada. More details coming soon.

Yours in Service,
Lion Dennis Stevenson,
MD C Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes Awareness chairperson

MD C Website

The website is being reviewed and updated/changed as required with new information as it is received from contributors.

The main page of the new site is the place for MD C news and activities to be placed, there are also pages for the various MD C Chairpersons and Coordinators to have information placed on.

If anyone has anything, they want on the website please send it to the Webmaster at pdg37e@sunraybase.ca

MD C Newsletter

At the request of the Council Chair I have setup a newsletter for the Multiple District which is sent out after each Council meeting to report all the committee reports and any other news from the council meeting of interest to all MD C Lions, also any information that is available at time of publication will be included. Once the newsletter is published it will be available on the MD C website.

MDC Friendship committee

The MDC Friendship committee will be meeting for the first time this Lions year. Meeting will be held via Zoom meeting at the end of the February 06 MDC Council meeting. Respectively submitted.
PCC Tyler Bray

MDC GLT

This year has been a challenge for all of us due to the Covid issues and not being able to meet face to face. There is a planned face to face training to take place in St. Albert on March 19/20, 2022. This will be for District C-1 Lions.

Respectively submitted,
PCC Tyler Bray / MDC GLT

MDC History Report

I have nothing to report at this time due to the District C-1 and District C-2 Conventions have not been held.

Report Submitted by
PDG Eric Buttle
PDG Dab Claypool

MD C Long Range Planning 2021-22 Communication & Technology

Action Plans

<u>Action</u>	<u>By</u>
*Provide training to improve/enhance use of “MyLion”	DG Teams
*Redistribute pertinent correspondence in a timely fashion	MD Secretary, District Secretaries, & Club Secretaries
*Appoint/elect “shadow” positions (Club Sec. & Treas.) to provide training enabling efficient succession	Club Presidents
*Post/circulate MD, District, Club meeting minutes (Note: In camera sessions should not be posted/circulated)	MD Secretary, District Secretaries, & Club Secretaries
*All cabinet positions (especially ZCs) filled prior to start of year	DG Teams
*Provide training for all positions prior to start of year	CC, DG Teams, Club Presidents
*Districts collaborate on International, National, & Provincial matters	CC, DG Teams
*Provide member access to MD & District directories	CC, DG Teams
*Ensure websites, newsletters are current	CC, DG Teams, Club Presidents

MD C Long Range Planning Report to Council Jan.30,2022

The committee (VDG Suzanne, VDG Darryl, VDG Kevin, PCC Lynne) last met via ZOOM on Nov.16.

Subject to Council’s acceptance, we have completed our objective. Also attached is our recommended Action Plan for Communication & Technology.

Respectfully submitted, Lion R. Lynne Coulter, PCC, Chair

LCIF/CAMPAIGN 100 REPORT SUBMITTED BY PCC LION SHARON WEST FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Going into the home stretch Internationally the campaign has raised \$252,854,086 million US which is 84.3% of our \$300 US million goal. With campaign 100 ending at the International Convention in Montreal we need to concentrate our every effort to raise the balance of our target meeting humanitarian needs around the world.

In June 2022 we will once again be holding a Tell -A-Thon which proved to be very successful last year. More information will follow as the plans proceed.

Also, in June we plan to recognize all the new Melvin Jones and Progressive Melvin Jones Recipients. We encourage all clubs to consider recognizing individuals to be honored at this event.

General overview of Multiple District C as of February 1, 2022:

Total Funds Raised \$428,737.18:

Cash & Pledge Balances \$426,575.47: Cash Received \$425,961.15

Model Clubs 15: % of Clubs Donated 60.34%: % of Members Donated 3.34%

LIONS LET'S KEEP OUR EYE ON THE PRIZE. TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT.



2022 USA/Canada Leadership Forum



February 06, 2022

Report to MD C Council

The USA/Canada lion's forum planning committee attended Calgary during October 2021. Planning, break out discussion with various committees took place. Also, site visitations were made, meal planning, and transportation issues were discussed. As well we had some great entertainment, and a large White Hat ceremony was conducted.

We have applied to LCI and received permission to have a booth for the LCI Convention slated for Montreal during June 2022.

We have plans in place to have tables and make presentations during District C1, District C2, and the MD Conventions.

I have been involved with the Monthly Across Canada Conversations and have received several requests from Lions to be either facilitators or moderators during the USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum in September.

Our Host committee is now twenty-four members strong from both Districts and PIP Judge Brian Stevenson has been an extremely knowledgeable advisor for our Host Committee.

Our Host forum pin and fridge magnets are now available for purchase. Please visit our Host web page at <http://www.2022lionsleadershipforum.com/> Volunteer registration is now on the web site as well.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership planning committee will be back in Calgary during May and July 2022.

This is an MDC event, and I would encourage Lions to be a part of our 2022 Leadership forum. We will be needing approximately 300-500 volunteers.

Submitted by, Lion Tyler Bray, Host Chairperson

Multiple District C Council Meeting Service Co-ordinator Report Sunday, February 6, 2022

It has been great to see more and more Clubs are engaging with their communities and finding a way to Serve during the pandemic. Christmas was obviously a very busy time with food collection, hamper deliveries, community light up events, etc. unfortunately, there are still many Clubs with members not willing to chance exposure to Covid, therefore less Service in their communities. Although I don't blame them for wanting to stay healthy, it has certainly impacted the number of people Served in our Multiple District.

Reporting is still a major concern in the Multiple District. Only 30% of Clubs are reporting on MyLion. It was awesome to see three Clubs get back to reporting in January, their first report in 10 or 12 months. I recently shared a comprehensive tutorial with all Presidents, Secretaries, Service Chairs and Zone Chairs in the MD on MyLion. It was compiled by PDG Jim Noll of Wisconsin. He did considerable work putting together this step-by-step guide, from setting up your Lion Account to planning activities, reporting activities, inviting other Lions to your activities, etc. etc. If a Club President, Secretary, Service Chair or Club Admin read this tutorial, there should be absolutely no excuse to not report on MyLion.

The District C-2 DG Team has been very active in promoting reporting to the various Clubs during their visitations. It has shown success as a few more C-2 Clubs have resumed reporting after a long absence. I'm looking forward to the new Club Health Assessments this month as they may show yet another increase in reporting after all the Christmas activities. I had asked for a report from the C-2 Service

Co-ordinator as to efforts encouraging Service and reporting to the Clubs. However, once again, no report was received. The District C-1 Service Co-ordinator has resigned from his position, therefore no report from C-1 as well.

February is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. I have sent a brief reminder to all Clubs in the MD hoping to encourage them to even a small activity around Childhood Cancer Awareness. Currently, there has been only one reported activity in the MD relating to Childhood or Pediatric Cancer so far this fiscal year. It is the least represented Pillar of Global Service in the MD.

Lion Dave Leshchyshyn

**NEW MEMBERS SINCE
DECEMBER 2021**

District C-1

Alberta Beach & District

Adam Seitz
Lori Seitz

Bruderheim

George Campbell

Edmonton Host

Safiya Esmail
Rayna Haythorne

Fort McMurray Tarsands

Momin Syed

District C 2

Beiseker

Trevor Snyder

Blairemore

Lori Stella

Calgary Korean

Nam Hoon Baek
Hee Young Choi
Moonsun Hwang

K.A.C.

Corey Crann
Craig Ference
Austin Kosolofski

Leduc

Linda Melander-
Groff
Ron A Sklarenko

Legal

Gregory T Black
Amber MT Hopkins

Pigeon Lake

Fossen D Wayne
Michelle Zankl
Rene Zank

Red Deer Central

Ron Demchuk
Sheldon Lazorko
Jeff Pascoe

Spruceview & District LC

Curtis McKain

Tumbler Ridge

Albert Robert
Robert J Roy

Moonwol Hwang

Baek Jeonhee

Young In Kim

Kyungryul Lee

Calgary North Hill

Thomas Kelly

Bruno Lindia

Foothills LC

Carson James

Cassidy

Jacqueline Cassidy

Bradley William

Whaling

Gleichen

Mike Comstock

Wade Faryna

Marc Patterson

Milo

Colin M Monner

Rockyford

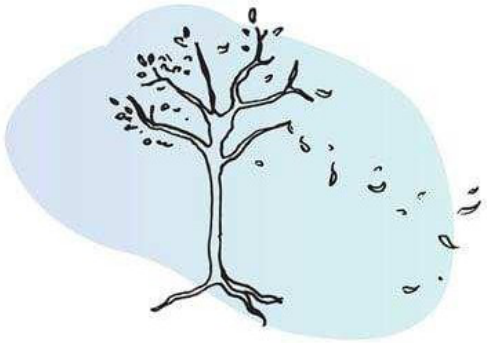
Jack Bombford

Grant Wallace

Taber

Tyson C Brandics

... and honor those who have left us



District C-1

Edmonton City of Champions

Lourine Jackman
Dee Self

Leduc

Bob Pederson

Red Deer Central

Ron Bower

Viking

Ralph Tiedemann

District C-2

Bow Island

Wayne Gilbertson

Bowden

Jim O Anderson
Robert W Wood

Cluny

Ken W Stewart

Irvine & District LC

David R Hausauer

Keoma

Brian Gabruck

Strathmore

Albert Herr

Veteran & District LC

Pat Gorcak



Multiple District C Convention

April 29-30, 2022



Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre, Red Deer
Hosted by the Red Deer Central and Calgary Eastport Lions Clubs

Registrant #1	Last Name:	
	First Name:	
	Name on Badge:	
	Club:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member		
Contact Information:	Phone:	
	Email:	
Special Dietary Needs: (Please specify - diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian, allergies)		
Registrant #2	Last Name:	
	First Name:	
	Name on Badge:	
	Club:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member		
Contact Information:	Phone:	
	Email:	
Special Dietary Needs: (Please specify - diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian, allergies)		
Hotel Reservations: Are the responsibility of the attendee/registrant and are <u>NOT INCLUDED</u> with the Registration fee. Traditional Room or One King Bed or Deluxe Room or Two Queens \$149.00 (Single & Double Occupancy) When booking ask for <u>MD C Lions Convention</u> Registration Link: https://reservations.travelclick.com/108483?groupID=3273592 Special Room Rate Deadline is March 29, 2022		
Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre 3310 – 50 th Avenue Red Deer AB T4N 3X9 Phone: 403-346-4790 1-800-662-7197		

Lion/Guest Registration & Full Meal Package: (includes Friday Evening, Saturday Program, Lunch & Council of Governors Banquet)	Payment <u>on/or</u> before March 31, 2022	#	X	\$150.00 per person	=	\$
	Payment <u>after</u> March 31, 2022	#	X	\$170.00 per person	=	\$
Leo Registration & Full Meal Package: (includes Friday Evening, Saturday Program, Lunch & Council of Governors Banquet)	Payment <u>on/or</u> before April 20, 2022	#	X	\$85.00 per person	=	\$
Registration & Saturday Lunch: (includes ONLY Saturday Program & Lunch)	Payment <u>on/or</u> before March 31, 2022	#	X	\$105.00 per person	=	\$
	Payment <u>after</u> March 31, 2022	#	X	\$125.00 per person	=	\$
Separate Friday Evening Social: (a registrant may purchase a ticket to the Friday Evening Social if their companion is not registered for the convention)		#	X	\$25.00 per person	=	\$
Separate Council of Governors Banquet Ticket: (a registrant may purchase a ticket to the Council of Governors Banquet if their companion is not registered for the convention)		#	X	\$75.00 per person	=	\$
Total Payment \$ 0						
<p><i>Registration & Payment Deadline is April 20, 2022 (no late registrations will be accepted).</i></p> <p><i>Full Payment must accompany this form to be registered for the convention.</i></p> <p><i>Official receipts will be issued by email <u>only</u>.</i></p>						
Submit Registrations as Follows:						
Credit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MC	Card #:	Expiry Date:	CVS #:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email completed Registration Form to registration.mdc-convention@reddeerlions.org 						
E-Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email completed Registration Form to registration.mdc-convention@reddeerlions.org Send e-Transfer payment to payments.mdc-convention@reddeerlions.org 					
Cheque	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheques made payable to Lions MD C 2022 Convention Mail completed registration form and payment to: MD C Lions Convention Registration c/o Red Deer Central Lions Club PO Box 292 Red Deer AB T4N 5E8 					
Cancellation Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempt to transfer registration to another member in your club. Written cancellation request must be received by email: registration.mdc-convention@reddeerlions.org no later than midnight <u>April 9, 2022</u>. No refund after <u>April 9, 2022</u>. Refund requests made after the convention are to be made in writing to Council Chair Cathy Anderson 						
For questions or inquiries contact Convention Chair 1st VDG Suzanne Leshchyshyn, sleshchy@gmail.com						
ALL AHS COVID-19 Protocols will be enforced & Proof of Vaccination may be required						