District C-1 1st VDG Zella Gardiner

Lion Zella was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, the oldest of 6 children. She has been volunteering since she was 5 yrs old helping refurnish toys with her parents for the fire dept Christmas baskets.
During her school years, she volunteered for school patrols, high school fund raisers and the Moose Lodge Teen Club. After marriage, and moving to Millet, she continued her volunteer service with Block Parents, kindergarten, school programs, two terms on Town Council, president of Battle River Tourist Association, Communities in Bloom National Symposium Committee, and continues with Citisens on Patrol and tourism initiatives when needed.

Zella joined the Millet Lioness as a charter member in 1980, disbanding in 1992, and immediately joined the Lions Club of Millet and istrict. She has held executive positions numerous times over the years as well as Zone Chairman 2015 through to 2019 and again 2024/25. Zella is a graduate of LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute.

HER late husband, Jim, was a lion, daughters Cheryle and Leslie were both Leo Members and Grand Daughter, Bree has been an active Lion for 10 years.

She has been honoured by her community with the Pioneer Women Award for Leadership, Mayors Merit Award for Community Service, and the Queen Elizabeth II Medal.

Lion Zella has been awarded the following by the Lions Club of Millet for her dedication to Lions and their principals:
Life Member, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, Bill Webber Fellowship Melvin Jones Fellowship, and Lion of the Year. Plus, President Appreciation Certificates from other Lions Clubs, thanking her for volunteering for a number of years with their clubs.

Lion Zella believes, together, we can make a difference locally, nationally and internationally. **It starts with you**