



EDMONTON (HOST) LIONS Club Newsletter

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Winner Cashes In!



The winner of the Lions Roar 50/50 Raffle was Matthew De Man of Calgary. He is pictured here with the cheque he received from the Edmonton Host Lions Club. Rumour has it he will be able to put the money to good use soon as he is getting married soon. The winning ticket was sold by **Lion Emiliano** and with a prize value of \$4370.00. We thank everyone again who supported our club by buying a ticket.

The Giving Tree Followup

Lion Lois reported that she delivered a huge number of donations of clothing from the residents at Lions Village Castledowns that were placed under the Giving Tree. The clothing was distributed through the Anawim Food Bank. Thank you notes sent to the residents from recipients have been posted on the bulletin boards in Lions Village Castledowns.



Lions Legacy Scholarship

At the January 21, 2021 meeting, the club voted to offer two \$500.00 Lions Legacy Scholarships for this fall. **Lions Blair and John** are already on board. Anyone interested in helping out should contact **Lion Blair**.



Lions Care Kits

Lion Janet reported that the club has distributed 875 Lions Care Kits from August to December 2020. In total the club has spent \$1440.00. The club was able to keep the cost down to \$1.65 per kit due to many generous donations by businesses and club members. As part of the program, **Lion Janet** also reported that we gave out winter accessories for 100 clients of the Anawim Food Bank.



“While distributing our Lions Personal Care Kits at the Anawim Place food bank, we observed that many of the food hamper recipients were lacking proper winter clothing. For the weeks leading up to Christmas, our club has set up a “Giving Tree” to donate necessary winter wear to those who need it.

Thanks very much to all who helped with the tree setup, **Lion President Jim, Sr. Estela Andaya, Lion Carol Constant, Bernie Gruzin** and special thanks to Lion Bernie’s aunt, Sr. Dora Durand for her very generous donations.” - **Lion Janet**



Charter and Enrolment Fees Waived

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

"If you are not willing to risk the usual, you will have to settle for the ordinary." - Jim Rohn



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.

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 and \$75.00 for regular registration. Due to the convention being digital, the dates may be adjusted slightly.

Website Changes and Additions

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

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

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

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

<https://www.edmontonhostlions.com/what-we-do>



Lions Service Challenge

Dear Fellow Club Members,

I would like to challenge members of our club to take on additional service projects. While the pandemic has restricted our traditional service projects, there is no reason not to pivot and come up with some new ideas.

The challenge I have for members of the Edmonton Host Lions Club is to come up with one or more service projects that they can undertake, big or small, within the first half of this year.

For a project to be successful someone in the club has to grab hold of it and help lead the way. Below are some ideas. Maybe you have one or two of your own. Remember the saying, **"If it is to be, it is up to me!"** Nothing will happen unless you decide it will and take action.

I will be continuing my efforts to raise funds for the club to support service projects that the club undertakes. Let me know if you have any questions or just want to talk and kick around ideas for a service project you might be interested in.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Blair

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." Robert Collier



Lions Service Ideas

Contact Lonely Seniors or Isolated People

- Can be done by phone or mail

Cards and Letters to Canadian Forces Overseas

- Write letters of encouragement and send them to soldiers.

Theatre & Sound System

- Setup after the pandemic
- Donation of recreational or entertainment equipment to Lions Kensington Court & Lions Villages.
- 85 inch wall-mounted TV at each location w/ sound system and theatre seats to create an in-house theatre for residents and visiting families
- Electronic games that require physical activity

Donate used books and puzzles to Lions Kensington Court & Lions Villages as well as other senior residences.

- Put a sticker on each “Donated by Edmonton Host Lions Club”

Plant flowers in bare public areas

- When restrictions have been lifted
- For spring (plan now)

Create welcome kits for new Canadians

- Put a sticker on each “Donated by Edmonton Host Lions Club”
- For distribution by Social agency or NGO
- A kit would contain items those new to Canada might need
 - Toques, mitts, personal hygiene kits

Donate Funds Books to Inner City Schools for Kids

- Funds could be used through the Scholastic books program
- Books are low priced, shipped directly to schools, aimed and written for children
- Scholastic offers a discount policy of up to 50%
- <http://www.scholastic.ca/ourbooks.php>
- Put a sticker on each “Donated by Edmonton Host Lions Club”
- Scholastic Canada is one of Canada's leading publishers and distributors of children's books and educational materials in Canada's official languages, English and French.

Collect clean and nearly new stuffed animals and donate them to hospitals or homeless shelters

Lions Donate non-perishable items to a local food bank

- Lions collect non-perishable items they have at home and place them in a box or bag
- The bags of items are collected from garages or front steps w/o contact and by being socially distant

Birthday Boxes

- Create boxes with everything necessary for a birthday party to donate to a local homeless shelter. Include a cake mix that only requires the addition of water, candles, balloons, party hats, and other decorations.

Surplus Food Donations

- Bring surplus food donations from local restaurants and grocers to a nearby food bank.



Vaccine Support

- Volunteer to help set up chairs, hand out cookies, organize appointments etc. for organizations doing COVID vaccine injections. (**Lion Clint**)



Move Over Lion Darcy

Lion Darcy will now have to share Edmonton Host Lions Club duties as the resident gourmet with **Lion Emiliano**. **Lion Emiliano** has purchased a hi-tech Traeger grill. **Lion Emiliano** is occupying his pandemic time cooking brisket, ribs and beer can chicken.

EHLC Pandemic Food Contest

In keeping with **Lion Emiliano's** new found hobby, each **club member** is requested to send in a photo of them with the "pandemic" meal they enjoy the most. It can be any meal, it does not have to be barbecue related. The photo can include the club member or just the food itself. Each photo must have the name(s) of the entrees included. (Note: A glass of wine doesn't count as a meal.)

Tail Twister Fines

Lion Marshall, our esteemed Tail Twister, fined members for the following reasons:

- a) You have a new computer
- b) You couldn't get your computer and/or phone to work and take part in the January 21st meeting.
- c) You lost at **Lion Darcy's** trivia contest
- d) You phoned to ask for the meeting agenda, but never showed.
- e) You were **Lion Bernie** and you brought the cold weather.

You can pay **Lion Clint or Marshall** via e-transfer or use Square and your credit card with the link below.

[EHLC TailTwister Fines](#)

Fines will range from \$1.00 to \$25.00 - you get to fill in the amount.

Remember the funds paid benefits our club.

Our thanks to those who have already paid up.



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

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



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.

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Lion Greg Holmes
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A person who feels appreciated will always do more than expected!



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](#)

"There are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed." -Ray Goforth



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 Stan - Should I buy a Peloton bike or 832 more bags of Cheezies?

Lion Linda - I'm doing laundry and just whispered "It's almost our anniversary" to the pair of yoga pants I've been wearing since March.

Lion Al - Can someone fix bacon packaging? This has gone on long enough! Too hard to open, then you can't close it. I like bacon, but my wife refuses to cook it by the pound.

Lion Patti - Good morning to everyone except my partner who, at 2am, mid-dream, sat bolt upright in bed and terrifyingly shouted into the dark: "Will there be a buffet?"

Lion Michael - A shark could swim faster than me, but I could probably run faster than a shark. So in a triathlon, it would all come down to who is the better cyclist.

Lion Walter - If only I got tired of eating as much as I get tired of cooking.

Lion Bill Wyatt - Did you know you can eat 50% of a mermaid before you're considered a cannibal.

Lion Clint - When another door opens after another one closes, you are probably in prison.

Lion Lois - I signed up for a zoom workout class that was too advanced so when the instructor said "do a plank and bring your knee to the opposite elbow," I did a modified version where I turned off my computer and made pancakes.



Lion Rachel - When I was a little kid I asked to see Santa's naughty kid list. I wanted to see who I could have the most fun with.

Lion Harry - My wife just started measuring a wall in our house and I don't know what she's up to but it's probably going to be expensive.

Lion Donna - Pro tip: wake up in the morning and get right into your workout gear! That way you've got a much higher chance of spending your entire day in workout gear.

Lion Jessica - Good morning. Time to immediately pick up my phone lest I be alone with my own thoughts for any amount of time.



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](#)



A promotional poster for a webinar. The background is red and black with white geometric shapes. At the top left is the Lions International logo. Text includes 'DIVERSITY IN SERVICE', 'Episode 1', 'LIONS COMBATING DIABETES', 'Showcasing various projects from India, USA, Canada, Romania, Phillipines, Australia, Kenya', 'Wednesday 20th January 2021 7.30 pm IST', 'SPECIAL GUESTS', 'VP Dr Patti Hill' (with her photo), and 'GAT Global Leader PIP Kajit Habanananda' (with his photo). At the bottom, it says 'WEBINAR LOGIN', 'ZOOM WEBINAR ID: 890 3538 8022', 'PASSCODE: 1234', 'BROUGHT TO YOU BY EASTERN INDIA LIONS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY', and 'POWERED BY ROAR WITH RISHI'.



Check It Out!

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.



Check It Out -> Club Links



[EHLC Photo Album](#)

Links of Note:

Our Club Website at:

[Edmonton Host Lions Club Website](#)

Our Club Instagram:

[EHLC Instagram](#)

Lions Village of Greater Edmonton Society Website at:

<http://lionsvillage.com/>

Our Club Facebook Page at:

[EHLC Facebook Page](#)

"Do what you have always done and you'll get what you have always got." - Sue Knight

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

