



# **Welcome!**

**to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual  
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum  
September 15-17, 2022  
Calgary, Alberta**

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To the approximately 210 registered First Timers to the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary, we welcome you to this virtual Introduction and Orientation.

We compliment you on investing in your Lions journey in developing your leadership and Lions knowledge and experience through the Lions Leadership Forum. The annual Forum is in its 46<sup>th</sup> year. We hope that the Calgary Forum will be the start of many Forums for you.



## **Forum First Timers – What to Expect Part 1**

### **Presenter**

**Polly Voon PCC  
District 19-A British Columbia**



### **Moderator**

**Jeff Loudermilk IPDG  
District 19-N Western Pennsylvania**



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I'd like to acknowledge and thank IPDG Jeff Loudermilk from District 19-N Western Pennsylvania for volunteering to be Moderator of the Forum First Timers Session.



## Mission Statement



To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

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Ever since the Forum started 46 years ago, the Mission of the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum is

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PROVIDE AN OPEN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, AND SUPPORT THE  
PROGRAMS AND GOALS OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

The LIONS UNIVERSITY was established in 2014 to support the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum objective of providing year round leadership development opportunities for our Lions Club members.

The program has three educational levels (Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate) to support Lions leaders in enhancing their knowledge and skills to better serve their community.

Check it out on the Forum website.



## 2022 Forum Theme



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Calgary is a city in the western Canadian province of Alberta. As of 2021, the city had a population of 1,306,784 and a metropolitan population of 1,481,806, making it the third-largest city and fifth-largest metropolitan area in Canada.

From its bustling downtown to character-filled neighborhoods, Calgary is full of secrets, surprises, and stories — and Calgarians are eager to share those experiences with the world. Renowned for its warm western hospitality, Calgary prides itself on being the Ultimate Host City.

With one of the world's most modern, welcoming airports, world-class accommodations and venues, an exploding culinary, arts and culture scene, and an impressive list of attractions and activities to suit every type of visitor, Calgary is a city that delivers a remarkable experience from arrival to departure.



# USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



## GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

**Randy Heitmann**  
Past International Director



## HONORARY CHAIRPERSON

**Brian Sheehan**  
President - Lions Clubs International



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The 2022 Forum is headed by our General Chairperson PID Randy Heitmann with LCI's President Brian Sheehan as the Honorary Chairperson.

President Brian Sheehan is from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA. PID Randy Heitmann is from Cambridge, Nebraska, USA



## Lions Clubs International Vice Presidents



**1st Vice President**  
**Dr Patti Hill**  
Canada



**2nd Vice President**  
**Fabricio Oliveira**  
Brazil



**3rd Vice President**  
**Avinder Pal "A P" Singh**  
India



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We would also like to acknowledge LCI's Vice Presidents. 1st Vice President Dr Patti Hill of Canada, 2nd Vice President Fabricio Oliveira of Brazil, and 3rd Vice President A P Singh of India.



## Forum Planning Committee



IP Brian Sheehan, PID Randy Heitmann, PDG Wendy Cain, PID Bud Wahl, PID Steven Sherer, Lion Jama Wahl, PID Ardie Klemish, PCC David Wentworth, PCS Cheryl Anderson, PDG Corky Carlson, Lion Jordan Glass-Williams, ID Allen Snider, PCC Tyler Bray, PID Ardie Klemish, PID Anne Smarsh, PCC Mark Mansell, PCC Dave Wentworth, PCC Randy Ritterbush, PDG Steve Somerset, PDG Bert Nelson, PDG Chris Carlone, PID Cindy Gregg, Larry Johnson, PCC Polly Voon, and Lion Geri Drabek

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The General Chairperson appointed to lead the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum works with a Forum Planning Committee which is made up of a team of Lions leaders from CA1 USA and the Affiliates and CA2 Canada.

The team is specially selected and appointed by the General Chairperson and endorsed by the Honorary Chairperson.



## Calgary Host Committee



PCC Tyler Bray, PCC Cathy Anderson, Lion Anne Kennedy, CC Frances Sawiak, Lion Diane Bray, DG Darryl Rawleigh, DG Suzanne Leshchyshyn, MDC GST Lin Dave Leschysyn, PCC Lynne Coulter, Lion James Lee, PDG Christine Lanky, PDG Chanprit (Prince) Baweja, PDG Michelle Harris, PDG Brent Johnson, PDG Christine Lank, Lion Tim Beer, Lion Kiri Beer, Lion Morgan Southgate, Lion Carol Hassel, PIP Judge Brain Stevenson, PID Randy Heitmann, and IP Brain Sheehan

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The Forum Planning Committee relies on and works closely with a Host Committee in the city hosting the Forum.

This year in Calgary we have an excellent, dedicated, committed and hardworking host committee under the leadership of PCC Tyler Bray. Here is a photo of the Calgary Host Committee Team. With the committee is a team of volunteers who will be assisting with the registration packet distribution in the hotels. They will be in the convention center to help make the Forum an enjoyable experience for attendees. You will see them throughout the convention center providing directions and assistance and helping in seating during for the meals.

Please acknowledge and thank the volunteers when you see them during the Forum event.





## Major Forum Sponsors 2022



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PlusOptix!  
Vision Screening



**Hillrom**

**Baxter**

**SCHOOL HEALTH**  
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**PlusOptix** - PlusOptix gives Lions the ability to conduct vision screening in their community. As an easy-to-use device with fast, objective results immediately available to provide parents, daycares, or school nurses you will be able to meet the vision screening needs in your community.

**Hillrom/Baxter School Health** has partnered with Lions using the Spot Vision Screener to detect vision issues in people as young as 6 months. Learn more about Hillrom in the Exhibit Hall and dedicated seminar at the Forum.



## Friends of the Forum

Be a Friend of the Forum – to help the Forum fulfill its' mission. An opportunity for a Lion, Lions Couple, Lions Club, Lions District or Lions Multiple District to support this fantastic event whether you are attending or cannot attend but believe in the event enough to still be a part of it.

For a donation of \$250.00, benefits include –

- If attending the Forum, you will receive a special ribbon to attach to your name badge
- Name of donor will appear on a special "Friends of the Forum" page in the official event program
- "Friends of the Forum" will have their names shown on a slideshow during one of the four general meal sessions
- "Friends of the Forum" will be recognized on the Forum website and in a special show promotion sent to over 60,000 Lions in Constitutional Areas 1 and 2

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## Forum Registrar



- ❖ Administration of Forum registrations
- ❖ Hotel assignments
- ❖ Enquiries, concerns from attendees
- ❖ Forum Office, Quarter Horse A



*Lion Geri Drabek*

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Forum Registrar Geri Drabek

Supports the work of the Executive and Planning Committees.  
Responsible for all phases of registrations, such as making hotel room assignments, handling cancellations, working closely with hotels

Handling enquiries and concerns relating to registrations and hotel assignments from attendees

Forum/Operations/Planning Office is located in Room Quarter Horse A in the BMO Convention Centre for the duration of the Forum



## Registration Distribution



*Registration packet pickup is at your assigned Forum hotel. If not staying at a Forum hotel or not picked up by Thursday, your registration packet will be at the Convention Center (BMO Centre at Stampede Park)*

*Included in the packet is your name tag and a Forum Program of Events booklet.*

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Registration packet includes

Name tag with a color lanyard. The color of the lanyard determines the section of the dining room for the four Forum meals. We shall talk more about how the meal seating in a later slide



## Program of Events



- Rules of Procedure
- Major Forum Sponsors
- Officers & Board of Directors
- Forum Planning Committee
- Calgary Host Committee
- Map of BMO Centre at Stampede Park
- Meet US/CA International Director Schedule
- Featured Speakers in General Meal Sessions



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Suggest that after you pick up your registration packet, take time to organize your name tag and review the Program of Events. With so much going on each day of the Forum, you will want to note and plan the activities, events and seminars you are interested in taking part in.

Your registration includes 4 meals starting with the Thursday Opening Dinner, Friday Lunch, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Dinner each meal has an interesting program so don't miss any of them.



## Program of Events



- Forum/Operations/Planning Office – Quarter Horse A
- Host Committee Office – Quarter Horse C
- Seminars Office – Across from Palomino Rooms
- Daily Seminar Matrix
- List of Seminars by Number (description, room assignment, presenter, moderator)
- Schedule of Events (time, activity, location)
- Meal Seating Explanation

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## THURSDAY EVENING OPENING DINNER



features .....

- ❖ a parade of flags for all areas represented by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum (including MD-60)
- ❖ Keynote speaker Jake Olson from Huntington Beach, California.
- ❖ Fun filled evening to start off the Forum weekend

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**THURSDAY EVENING  
OPENING BANQUET**  
**JAKE OLSON**  
Author, Speaker  
Huntington Beach, California



**FRIDAY LUNCH**  
**CATRIONA LE MAY DOAN**  
Olympic Speed skater  
Calgary



**SATURDAY LUNCH**  
**BRIAN E. SHEEHAN**  
LCI International President  
Bird Island, Minnesota



**SATURDAY EVENING**  
**STEVE FARBER**  
Author, Speaker

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## Forum Store



Location: Hall F

Hours of Operation:

Thursday 8:30am-9:00am

(Special Needs Only)

Thursday 9:00AM-5:00pm (Open for All)

Friday 8am-11:15am, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday 8am-11:15am, 1:00pm-3:30pm



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## Exhibits



Location: Hall F

Hours of Operation:

Thursday 2:00pm-5:00pm

Friday 8:00am-11:15am

1:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday 8:00am-11:15am

1:00pm-5:00pm



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## Exhibitors



- ❖ Reno 2023 Forum Pre-registration
- ❖ Meet the International Directors
- ❖ LCI Support
- ❖ Foundations/Fundraisers
- ❖ Clothing
- ❖ Lions paraphernalia
- ❖ 2022 Peace Posters



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## Meals



- ❖ Each attendee is assigned a colored nametag lanyard
- ❖ Color sections rotate around the room
- ❖ Look for your color outside banquet room for entry
- ❖ Special Needs – seated first
- ❖ Special Meals/Allergies – pre-registered
- ❖ Table host - sitting with & meeting new people encouraged



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Each attendee is assigned a color section for the meals.

Your nametag lanyard indicates the color that you have been assigned. The color sections will rotate around the room so that everyone has a chance to sit in all areas of the room. It is very important for you to sit within your color section so that we can seat all attendees quickly and all attendees can find a seat in the hall and be served their meal.

We encourage you to take the time to mix and meet new Lions friends from around the world. While it may be more comfortable to sit with people you know, it is a great opportunity to meet and get to know people you are meeting for the first time.

Also watch for your color when you line up outside the banquet hall. Be sure you are in the correct colored section to enter at the proper time.

No need to rush as everyone will have a seat in their designated color section.

Each table will have a table host (a PIP, a sitting or past LCI Director, a Forum Past Chairperson, a Forum present/past Planning Committee member).



### **"Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy Lion" Symposium** **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022** **8:00am – 10:40am**

Four dynamic facilitators will inspire you with 30-minute segments on health topics.  
Lions Clubs International Vice President Dr. Patti Hill will lead off, followed by Lion Lori Sheehan, PDG Debbie Doty, and Leigh Anna Hilbert.

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**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 11:00am**

Strides Stampede is Calgary's version of the Strides Walk



**Registration Fee** : \$25.00

(if not already registered, contact Forum Registrar (605)723-4007 or email registrar@lionsforum.org)

**Beneficiary** : Camp Jean Nelson (Camping program for children with diabetes)

Box lunch served at end of Walk for participants

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## Service Related Activity



**The Mustard Seed** is a safe, supportive haven for individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness within the Calgary area.

Forum participants will assemble winter kits for the Mustard Seed. If you are able to, bring some supplies such as new socks, scarves, head warmers, gloves etc.

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Service Project in Calgary = assemble winter kits for Mustard Seed to distribute to individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness within the Calgary area.

Day = Saturday, Sept 17 from 2:00pm – 3:10pm

Hall C in the BMO Convention Centre

If you are able to, bring some supplies such as new socks, scarves, head warmers, gloves etc.





# Forum Tips



## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE FORUM

- ✓ Plan your day in advance (which seminars you want to attend, when to visit the Forum Store, Exhibitors, etc.)
- ✓ Be flexible based on comments from others
- ✓ Wear comfortable shoes and clothing – Lions attire
- ✓ Network with Lions from all across North America
- ✓ Friday evening – no Forum program, open for enjoying Calgary

**Have Fun, But Most of All.....**

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Wear comfortable shoes and clothing – Lions attire

- As the weather may fluctuate and the temperature in the seminar rooms may get a bit cool, bring a sweater.
- Lions attire. No formal event so leave your white formals at home. Lions attire include golf shirts and Lions casual wear. No loppers, slippers, preferably no shorts or jeans especially tattered. Comfortable shoes can be sneakers, or flats. Saturday night banquet – business casual or Lions club blazer.
- Friday evening – no forum program so that attendees may plan to get together with their friends and on enjoying the local restaurants and the city of Calgary.

As all Forum program – seminars, meals, store, exhibitors, peace posters display, events such as service project and Strides Walk – will be at the BMO Center, we suggest that you plan to be at the Center for the duration of the day. There will be a concession stand and places to sit and relax.



## Forum Tips



As of April 1, 2022, pre-entry COVID tests are no longer required for fully vaccinated travelers entering Canada by land, air, or water. You may be selected for mandatory random testing on arrival. If selected, you will receive an email notification with information on how to contact a test provider. You must still register on ArriveCan within 72 hours before your arrival in Canada.

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If you are coming from outside Canada, remember to register on the ArriveCan app within 72 hours before your arrival in Canada.

ArriveCan will randomly selected vaccinated travelers for testing.

Travelers will be notified via email within 15 minutes of submitting customs declaration.

Selected travellers must make an appointment with a designated test provider or pharmacy or set up a virtual appointment for a self-swab test.

Travellers can use public transit and not required to quarantine awaiting results.

Travelers who test positive must isolate for 10 days.

Travelers at land borders are also subject to random testing.

Unvaccinated travellers must submit pre-arrival, day 2 and day 8 tests and quarantine for 10 days.

Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated children (12 and under) are not required to provide a valid pre-entry test when accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult.

**Embrace “kindness matters” and respect fellow Lions’ personal comfort and precautions of wearing face coverings and social distancing**



*Days are busy, so get lots of rest!*

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Questions???



or email Lion Polly Voon at [polly\\_voon@telus.net](mailto:polly_voon@telus.net)

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Thank you!



**for attending this virtual seminar and  
the USA/Canada Lions Leadership  
Forum**

See you on Thursday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, in Calgary at  
the "Forum First Timers – What to Expect"  
Session in Palomino E Room, BMO  
Centre, from 2:00 -3:10pm

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