

Lions Foundation of Canada Report

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It has been a very busy, but rewarding couple of month as the Foundation has been represented at all District Conferences involving Canadian clubs. I have been to interact with Lions on both sides of the border providing information and pamphlets about the Lions Foundation of Canada. Many US Lions are unaware that they could donate towards a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship or Life membership thus recognizing their clubs at their awards night ceremonies. The sale of shirts, hats and the dogs was also very successful. Thank you to all the Lions who purchased an item on behalf of the Foundation.

Thank you to all the Districts that allowed me to speak at panel sessions and luncheons. Another thank you goes out to the District Chairpersons and Past Zone Chairperson, Irene Stokes who volunteered at the table when I was at the aforementioned events.

This year there are 29 planned Purina Dog Walks, with the majority happening on May 29th versus the 16 walks the previous year. A thank you goes out to Pet Valu, who for the first time is organizing a number of walks.

The following is the donations received over the last nine month to march 31st from all Districts. We are improving since the last report. One exciting aspect is the upcoming District A Purina Dog Walk, which will generate over \$30,000. An all-time high for B.C.

				Variance (15/16 compared to 14/15)
British Columbia	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	
19-A	7,000.00	32,120.00	14,680.00	
19-D	13,678.90	16,417.93	20,476.40	
19-E	8,434.80	1,475.00	2,850.00	
19-H	19,052.10	22,516.66	5,833.33	
19-I	10,850.00	10,050.00	6,225.00	
Totals	59,015.80	82,579.59	50,064.73	-28.53%

Overall, the Foundation fundraising is down this year as a result of much lower investment income due to the ? received. We need your help. Please ask all clubs to consider additional financial support.

The following are a few of the ways to donate and some are for ways a member can be recognized.

- Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship and progressive - \$500
- LFC Fellowship - \$250
- Life membership and progressive - \$100
- Adopt a Puppy - \$100
- Memorial Forest - \$200
- Dog Guide Sponsor from \$4,000 to \$12,000 (can be done over a number of years)
- Leave a Legacy through a bequest
- Planned Giving, whether a lump sum or periodic payments
- Organize a Purina Walk for Dogs Guides
- Donate your reward points: Aeroplan, Airmiles, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Optimum
- Open donation to the Foundation