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Well to say many Lions have been busy is to understate the activity of collecting used and new eyeglasses. Every time I go out to my front porch I find a mysterious pile of boxes full of glasses, lenses hearing aids. One Friday night three weeks ago I took the boss out to dinner and there were 5 boxes of glasses on my porch when we came home there were ten more boxes, on Saturday 15 more boxes arrived, without a knock on the door, total 30 boxes were shipped Monday morning. Six separate Lions Clubs collected and packaged/boxed and dropped off over P8,000 pairs of glasses. Now that may sound like a lot of glasses but since the end of June we Lions have shipped SIX tons of glasses to CLERC in Calgary. All done by the great Lions volunteers in Clubs all over Canada.

CLERC Secretary Lion Gord Prusky reports that of all the glasses collected from across Canada the Lions of British Columbia account for fourty percent of that total. We can be very proud of all the service we provide to those in need of the glasses we collect. As a matter of fact just so the Lions who collect glasses know where the glasses go, if they are actually put to the work we are told they do a shipment last week went to Malawi in Africa-----100,000 pairs of glasses were shipped there and will bring vision to those in need ,,,,all free of charge. Thanks to Lions volunteering their time, thanks to our shippers that ship all these glasses to CLERC free of charge. CLERC has told me that our response to the Covid delay has not stopped Lions from this worthy service project, in fact our Lions have increased our collection activities and volume by more than 40%.

We have also had great corporate help all the shops selling and collecting glasses and in particular two large companies have donated 5 pallets of glasses and lenses, over the last few months, a total of 186,000 pairs of lenses and 100,000 pairs of new glasses.

I can only thank all Lions who collect and send glasses to CLERC we are the very best at what we do Serving the sight challenged , While much appreciated I can only urge my Lions friends to continue to increase our collections, there are so many more places we can collect.

Many thanks to you ,your clubs, you Lions are the best.

Submitted respectfully

Yours in Lions

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