

## Lions Foundation of Canada-Dog Guides

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

A thank you to all the Districts that allowed me to speak at panel sessions and/or Opening Session. Another thank you goes out to the District Chairperson's and PZC Irene Stokes who volunteered at the table when I was at the aforementioned. I also had the opportunity to speak at the New Westminster Lions Club.

This year there are 32 planned Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides with the majority happening on May 28<sup>th</sup> vs. 16 two years ago. A thank you to Pet Valu who are the major sponsor and organizing several walks.

The Following are the donations received over the last nine months to March 31<sup>st</sup> from all Districts. A special thank you goes out to District A for their significant increase.

<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2014-2013</b>	<b>% Change</b>
19-A	71,000.00	7,000.00	32,120.00	
19-D	12,904.30	13,678.90	16,417.93	
19-E	7,023.35	8,434.80	1,475.00	
19-H	5,300.00	19,052.10	22,516.66	
19-I	<u>15,678.40</u>	<u>10,850.00</u>	<u>10,050.00</u>	
	111,906.05	59,015.80	82,579.55	89.62%

Each Guide Dog costs \$25,000 from birth to being placed with a recipient, giving a person with a disability an ability. We need your help. Please ask all clubs to consider additional financial support.

As of October 2017, my year as your Lions Foundation of Canada Director comes to an end. Joanne Phillips, from the Sooke Harbourside Lions Club, will be taking over. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

The following are a few of the ways to donate and some of which members 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 over a number of years)
  - Leave a Legacy through a bequest
- Planned Giving whether a lump sum or periodic payments
- Organize a Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides
- Donate your reward points – Aeroplan, Airmiles, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Optimum
  - Open donation to the Foundation