

2019 SASKATCHEWAN LIONS CONVENTION HELD IN SASKATOON, SK

The theme was 'A New Beginning', and what a beginning it was! The 2019 convention held on October 25 through 27 in Saskatoon was a winner on many fronts; great speakers, great

food, record attendance, wonderful fellowship and camaraderie – this convention had it all.

It also goes without saying that the convention wouldn't have been the

success it was without the help of many Lions, starting with the Nipawin Lions Club who ran the 50/50, and helped out in a big way at the Memorial Service. A heartfelt thanks to them.

The Convention Committee also deserves recognition for their dedication and hard work that it took to make this convention a success.

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT to the following Lions:

John Boersma
Marvin Chambers
Bernie Rutko
Jim Vermeersch

Lisa Emisch
Jack Hopper
Wayne Chophonis
Norman Swinnerton

Wayne McGregor
Barbara McAleese
George Pretti
Tom Armstrong

Gordon Ziegler
Garnet Davis
Al Sullivan
Paul Danis



Keynote Presenter Brian Keating, Calgary Zoo, practicing his "Lions" roar upon being met at the Saskatoon Airport by an unidentified Lion from Richmond.



Lions Marvin Chambers and Lynne Chambers were recognized.



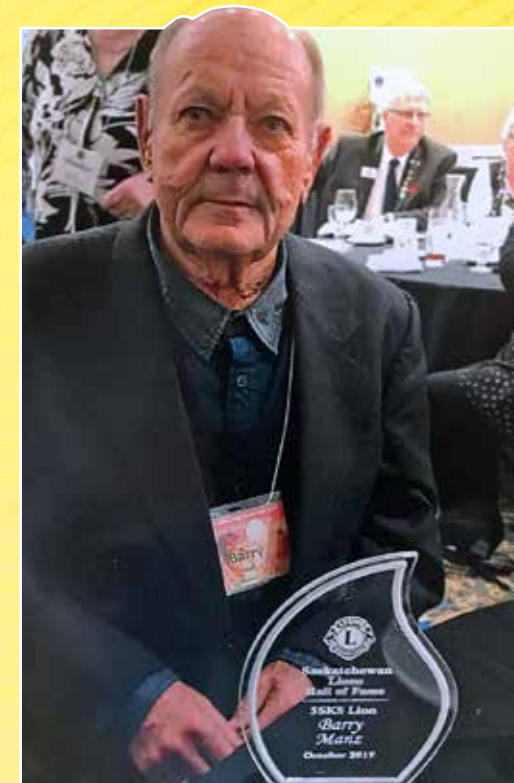
Lookin' great in their red shirts honouring 3rd International Vice President Patti Hill, of Edmonton: PID and Patti Hill World Campaign Chairperson Marvin Chambers, of Fillmore; PCC and Patti Hill Campaign Team member Gordon Ziegler, of Richmond; and 3rd IVP Patti Hill herself.



Lions from Zone 2, District 5-SKS talkin' Lions talk (l to r): Past Council Chairperson Gordon Ziegler, Richmond; Past District Governor and Friday night Hall of Fame inductee Karen Holmes, Eston 95; Zone Chairperson Ron Tessier, Eston 95; and Past District Governor Calvin Bachmeier, Leader.



At left: As thanks for her two yoga presentations, guest presenter from Calgary, Jennifer Ziegler, received a yoga mat from Convention Co-Chairperson John Boersma (Saskatoon Nutana) designed by Teri Degenstien of the Lion's Pride and created in Richmond by Live Media Ink.



Richmond Lion Barry Manz was part of the Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Convention, recognized for starting the Richmond Lions Club in 1984, serving as Charter President for their first 3 years, Club Treasurer 13 times, and as their current Treasurer and Vice President. Barry and his new bride Editha were married just a month before the Convention, so he has had a few life highlights recently!



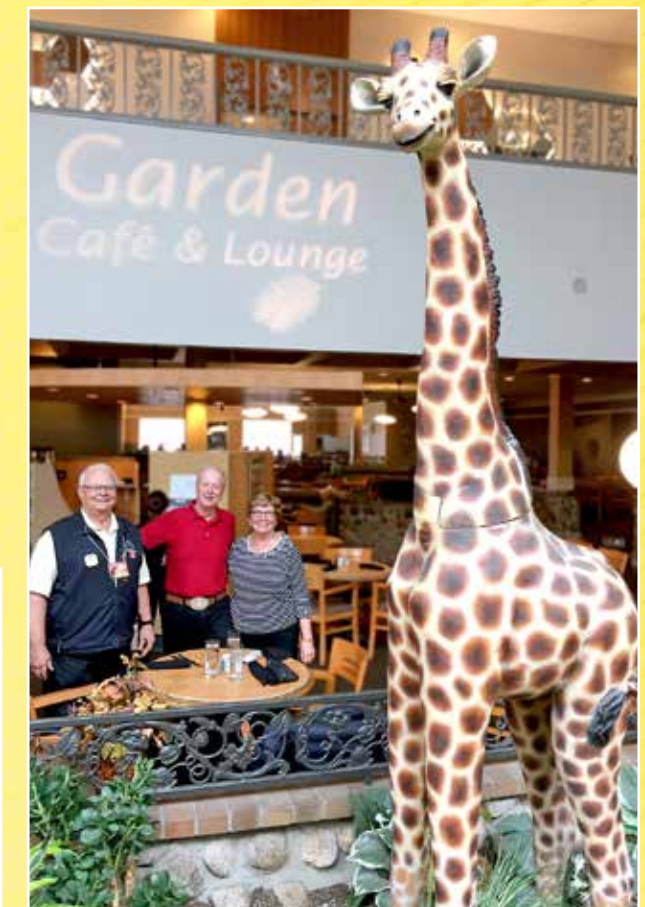
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (l to r): PCC Gordon Ziegler, Richmond at the mic; Hall of Fame Ceremony Co-Chairs PDG Al Sullivan, Bethune & PDG Paul Danis, Wakaw; Inductee Barry Manz & new bride, Editha, both Richmond Lions.



Past District Governor and GAT Chairperson for all of Canada Rob Hill and his wife Lion Freda, Maryfield with former GMT Leader for Western Canada Past Council Chairperson Gordon Ziegler and his wife Lion Bev.



Richmond Lions celebrating Lion Barry's induction: Gordon and Bev Ziegler, Inductee Barry Manz, Cindy Bosch, Editha Manz, Blair Bosch, and Debbie & Bill Gergely. Missing from the group photo was Richmond Club President, Petya Murray.



Presenter Brian Keating (centre) just cannot get away from wild animals – even within the Saskatoon Inn, pictured with Richmond Lions Gordon & Bev Ziegler.



During the Governors' Gala on Saturday evening, 3rd International Vice President Patti Hill spoke and inspired the crowd of Lions who attended.



Petya Murray, Richmond Lions Club President, shows off the 'New Voices' logo. The 2019-2020 'New Voices' Initiative – launched by IP Gudrun Yngvadottir – promotes gender parity and diversity, and seeks to increase the number of women, young adults and under-represented populations within our Lions association. It features a diverse group of Lions who strive for excellence in one of four areas: Service, Membership, Leadership & Marketing.

Convention info from Lion Ron Morris, and photos & captions from Lion Gordon Ziegler

Saskatchewan Lions Provincial Convention PRESENTER THOUGHT TO PONDER



Convention presenter Zayell Johnston faced many solitary challenges during his epic walk across Canada but he commented on the kindness of strangers and others, saying that, "Sometimes you think you're alone. You're not." Yes, Lions, let's continue to help those who feel alone and need our help. After all, we are so proud of saying, "WE SERVE".



If you were unable to attend the 2019 Saskatchewan Lions Convention in Saskatoon, make sure you commit to the 2020 Convention, to be held in Swift Current.

Watch for information in the months to come.