

MEET THE Speakers



TOBY & BERNADINE BOULET



PHOTO: Calgary Herald

Bernadine and Toby Boulet met while attending the University of Lethbridge in 1985, both earning education degrees, which led to teaching careers spanning over 30 years. In 1988, they married and have continued to reside in Lethbridge ever since. Together, they have nurtured their two children into adulthood with Mariko born in 1994 and Logan born in 1997.

Bernie and Toby raised Mariko and Logan to understand that “service is the rent you pay to live your life” and that “being a giver

and not a taker” are both essential to being a community-minded person.

The Boulet household was always (and remains today) a hub of volunteering and donating time and resources to the community of Lethbridge and beyond. Logan was always determined to give what he could in life to those around him. He made the life-changing decision to donate his organs and tissues after he was inspired by his coach and mentor, Ric Suggitt. This was Logan – thinking of others before himself.

The Boulet family is committed to honouring the decision that Logan made and to be strong advocates for organ and tissue donor registration and organ/tissue transplantation across Canada. They firmly believe that having the “kitchen table talk” with family members is the KEY factor in increasing organ donor registrations and, ultimately, in families offering organ and tissue transplants at the darkest time of their lives.

Logan’s gift of life inspired 100,000 Canadians within the month of April 2018 to become registered organ donors. This remarkable surge in organ donor registrations is a Canadian record from inspiration from a single person and is now known across Canada as the “Logan Boulet Effect”, and in the USA as the “Logan Effect”. Since the birth of the “Logan Boulet Effect”, another 50,000 registrations occurred in 2018. In 2019, the build-up to Green Shirt Day and the day itself saw yet another 100,000 registrations occur. Canadian Blood Services stated in October of 2019 that approximately 300,000 organ donor registrations in Canada have been directly attributed to the “Logan Boulet Effect” and the Humboldt Bronco Tragedy. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there are no recent numbers of new organ and tissue registrations in Canada.

We are ever thankful for the recent decision by the Saskatchewan Government to move forward with their online organ and tissue donation registry, which opened on September 3 of this year. The Honourable Health Minister Jim Reiter acknowledged at the press conference Logan’s legacy as an influence to bring public attention to organ donation and the formation of the online registry. “I want to acknowledge that young – but very mature and selfless – people like Logan have influenced many others to make the same important decision,” Reiter said.

Please take the time to register at the Saskatchewan Health Authority new online registry at www.givelifesask.ca – your registration gives hope to those waiting for organs and tissue. Your registration can make a difference.

JEANNE EWERT



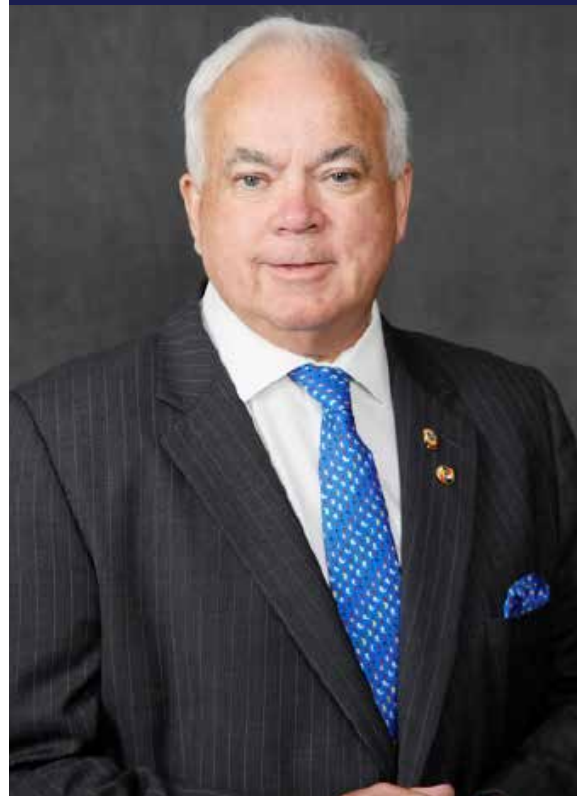
Jeanne Ewert began her adventure at Lions Clubs International in October of 2008 in the Membership Development Division – shortly after the launch of the new Global Membership Team, as the Global Membership Team Staff Coordinator. Over time, this role transitioned to a Global Action Team Coordinator.

As GMT/GAT staff coordinator, Jeanne worked with members of this team globally for nearly 10 years.

In April of 2018, Jeanne transitioned to Staff Specialist for the Specialty Clubs Program and she continues to support membership development globally in collaboration with the Specialty Clubs Program International Coordinator.

Jeanne also supports the Veterans Program.

INT’L DIRECTOR ALLAN HUNT



Allan J. Hunt, is from Chilliwack, B.C., Canada and was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, on July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Director Hunt is retired after 34 years working with NAV CANADA. He was part of the team that saw NAV CANADA through a transition from government entity to not-for-profit corporation in 1996. During his career he was a manager at various levels of the Canadian air navigation system, at one

point managing two air traffic control towers – one of them being the tallest in the world.

A member of the Chilliwack Mount Cheam Lions Club since 1988, he first became a Lion in 1979 as part of the Sandspit Lions Club. He has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson, GLT constitutional area leader and every club level office with the exception of Tail Twister. Director Hunt has also presented and moderated at several USA/Canada Lions Leadership forums.

In recognition of his service, Director Hunt has received several International President’s Awards, an International President’s Leadership Award and the Life Membership Award.

Always one to prioritize fellowship and community service, Director Hunt has held offices in a number of community organizations, including president and chairperson of the board for his local YMCA as well as president and board chairperson of the Chilliwack & District Seniors Resources Society.

Director Hunt is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and his wife, Sonja M. Hunt, is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

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MD5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS CHAIR, PDG LION JOHN EMMETT



Lion John Emmett was born in Wyoming, graduating from the University of Wyoming with both a BS and MS degree. He moved to Aberdeen, SD in 1987 after teaching in West Central Wyoming for 10 years. While in Aberdeen, he was the Director and Business Manager for the Hub Area Multi District Technical School. He retired in 2010 after more than 33 years in the education field.

John was a high school and college football official for 41 years following a four-year playing career at the University of Wyoming. In his career, he has officiated eight state championship games and three NCAA national playoff games, and the Mineral Water Bowl. John is also an avid ham radio operator and woodworker.

Lion John has been very active in his community as well. He has served on numerous boards and commissions ranging from the United Way and Chamber of Commerce to the Salvation Army. He has held leadership positions in each board that he served on.

In Lions, since joining the Lander, WY Club in 1981, CC John has held a club office all but three years. He has been voted the Lion of the Year seven times by his fellow members. On the District level, John has been Zone Chairman several times, Region Chairman twice, Cabinet Secretary and District Governor. Lion John has served on both the District 5SE and District 15B cabinets. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a Guiding Lion and has received the Howard Hanson Memorial Award from the SD Lions Foundation, as well as, two International Lions President's awards.

John and his wife Cathy have been married for 43 years. They have three adult children and six grandchildren.

BEV BERGER



Hailing from Nobleton, Ontario this amazing woman is the #1 Ambassador for the Lions Foundation of Canada. Bev Berger (pronounced 'burr-zhay') is totally blind, and with her 4th dog from LFC – with whom she travels the country for your Foundation – she has made two tours in Saskatchewan, appearing in schools, at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Saskatoon, as well as at Lions Clubs, and was planning a third trip this year – but that was BC ('Before Covid').

Bev was the first non-Lion to receive the LFC Patron Award. Previous winners included a Past International President, seven Past International Directors, and a Past District Governor. However, Bev has chosen not to become a Lion, believing that her message of support for LFC is stronger when coming from "an outsider".

She takes part in Walks for Dog Guides and promotes the Foundation wherever she goes, but perhaps Bev's greatest attribute lies in her ability to make you forget her blindness when you see and hear her share her dog guide stories. Her presentations are full of information, wit and compassion, and are suitable for all audiences, including non-Lions.

Tell all of your Lions and non-Lion friends to watch. She will be worth it!

-submitted by Lion Gordon Ziegler

LION CHRISTY KARNATZ



Lion Christy Karnatz is a former elementary school teacher, who transitioned to LCI staff in 2013. She has worked in various area of the association, including Membership, Service, LCIF, and now as a Global Action Team Specialist for Constitutional Area 2, Canada. She considers it an honour to partner with Lions as they serve their communities and seek to create the best experience for new, veteran, and yet-to-be Lions members.



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