



Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre Newsletter

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www.clerc.com December 14th was the launch of our new website. We've been working hard to have a fresher and more informative site. Take some time and view it and have a look at our new video that you can download.

Bishop's Falls, NL Correctional Centre is our newest sorting centre. Two of our Board Members, Anne Kennedy and Darryl Rawleigh, delivered training at the beginning of September. We would like to give a big thank you to Lion Brad Moss for all his help in getting them up and running.

PEI is also planning to start a sorting centre at Sleepy Hollow Correctional Centre. Anne and Darryl took some time while in Atlantic Canada to provide training and information sessions in Charlottetown. This was made possible by all the hard work of the Atlantic Lions and a special thanks to PCC Scott MacKenzie for all the work he has and is giving to get it started.

Brandon, MB We are expecting to receive our first shipment from the Brandon Correctional Centre soon.

CLERC in Calgary has many Lions who volunteer on a regular basis and one such dedicated Lion, Dan McKinnon of the Airdrie Lions Club, has broken his own record of reading glasses recently. He had read 660 glasses in just over 6 hours and is now at 770.

Thanks goes to all our Volunteers and those who are at work parties on a regular basis, be it Wednesday's or Saturdays.

Thanks also to all the Lions who collect glasses for us in their areas. You make Lions able to meet the needs of so many needy people throughout the world.

Shipping Glasses - No Cases & Extra Wrapping Required

We are unable to sanitize the cases and therefore cannot use them. Loose lens can all be unwrapped and placed in one plastic bag. There is no need to wrap the glasses in bags or layer bags between them. Less is better and keeps more out of the land-fills and recycling needs for CLERC.

Collections Please take time and send an email to Bill's attention (info@clerc.com) advising the name, address and phone number of each site where glasses are collected. We would like to have each and every location on our website. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Chair's Message

Huge Thanks to all the District Clubs that have provided glasses, attended Eyeglass Work Party's, and supported CLERC with Financial Donations. This is the single largest program within our district, and we have YOUR support to Thank for creating that distinction. Please play the 3 minute CLERC video about the Eyeglass process, for your Club (available on YouTube, type in Canadian Lions Recycled Eyeglasses). It will provide answers to a lot of questions and is a good introduction to show prospective new members our World of Service. We implore you to include a donation to CLERC in your yearly Lions Club budget. We are in great need of several more lens mappers to speed up the process of reading glasses. They cost \$8,000. each.

On behalf of the Board of CLERC, enjoy a Safe, Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, and Happy New Years!

Eyeglass Missions Lions if you are getting glasses from CLERC for missions, please provide a report and pictures that we can add to the website.

CLERC Shirts Many of you have asked and we now have a polo shirt for purchase. They are navy blue with a red logo and are \$35.00 each. Ladies: Small to 3X

Mens: Medium to 3 X

Stats

Hours Vounteered in Nov: 750

Glasses Collected Jul 1-Sep30: 180,767

Pairs of Glasses Shipped July 1-Nov 30th:

600	Nicaragua
4,350	Honduras
4,000	Haiti
88	Guatemala
6,200	Dominican Republic
14,589	Mexico
2,000	Jamaica
6,000	Colombia
11,600	Peru
300	Kenya
600	Ghana
40,800	Sierra Leone, Ghana & Liberia
11,000	Malawi
600	Fiji
300	Bali
10,300	Philippines
150	China
1,500	Myanmar
1,500	Thailand
300	Nepal
115,277	TOTAL

*Best Wishes for a
Happy Holiday Season*



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