

MD 19 CLERC Report.

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In this time of Carona virus CLERC eyeglass collections continue along, there is no stopping of shipping our shipper is a necessary service. Lions are of course still collecting but unsure if they can send them to Calgary. Well we can! Some of our main problem is the businesses are using reduced hours and distancing rules and not as many customers are coming through the door.

Last week 26 boxes of lenses and glasses (2000 lbs) were sent off to CLERC Calgary. Lions are collecting but need to be informed to call Barry at 604-594-6579 or Paul at 604-380-1898 and or John at 604-230-4244 we'll pick them up and get them shipped.

I feel that there are glasses and Lions are waiting for the all clear to send them off to CLERC. The backup will mean large numbers needing to be shipped all at the same time.

Paul Hand of Barnet Lions will be taking over the MD 19 CLERC Chair and he has been collecting and shipping for years so knows the system and will serve Lions very well.

Our issues with shipping have been fixed and I see nothing to change this necessary community partnership. We are very fortunate to have the two big companies and all the other small shippers especially in the north of BC that ship glasses for free because we are the Lions Clubs.

I have enjoyed my time serving as MD 19 CLERC chair the last 5 years but it's time for someone else to take over, new person new vision. I am very grateful to all the Lions that spent their time collecting and sorting and shipping all the glasses, helping make this project a success. Lion Gord at CLERC says we the Lions of BC are the largest contributors of glasses in Canada to CLERC. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, there is a great deal of proof that this free eyeglass Service is the most effective project Lions do. 11,000,000 million glasses over the last 10 years given free to those in need and we do it for free. The glasses we collect actually go to those in need all over the world, as witnessed by my Dr. Parsons he gets his glasses from CLERC and gave them out free at his last mission in Nepal.

Respectfully submitted

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