

CLERC REPORT

Glasses keep flowing in. Last week we shipped 32 apple boxes of glasses to CLERC in Calgary, AB and there are more to be picked up from Lions Clubs and shipped. We continue to meet our commitment to the sight challenged and people that can't afford glasses. The great work of all the Lions who quietly go about the business of putting out collection boxes then picking up the glasses when the boxes are full is the best kept secret of Lions service. Keep going Lions you are making a difference in the world.

Once again, I am asking you to collect more glasses, ask at every eyeglass shop you go by they may surprise you and say yes, or if they have a box ask if it has been picked up lately and is the Lion coming by regularly, we have had some calls from several shops that have had pickups missed lately.

If any of you need collection boxes call or email me, Barry at: 604-594-6579 or barryshiles@dccnet.com .

CLERC Calgary operates on a budget of around \$200,000 per year if the clubs that collect glasses could all send ,say \$100 each that would help pay for boxes and operating expenses. Lions Clubs that don't collect glasses could maybe think about donating as a service to the Blind and sight challenged.

It has come to my attention that some clubs collect glasses but do not use our Lions CLERC system instead shipping on their own private or church missions. While the work is commendable the question is "Why aren't we as Lions using the CLERC system we have worked so hard to build". CLERC takes every kind of glasses, sunglasses, prescription glasses, readers, broken glasses, loose lenses, swim goggles, safety glasses. The most important thing about this is they can get the glasses they need from CLERC and we can have them shipped to the lower mainland FREE, all they need to do is order what they need and pick them up. If there are Lions Clubs out there that are sorting and throwing glasses away everything but readers, why aren't they at least giving the throwaways to CLERC, we can put them to good use.

Keep up the good work Lions we are making a difference in the world.

Submitted Respectfully

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