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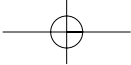
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## *Our Passion to Promote International Good Will*

Natural catastrophes such as the tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, earthquakes, floods and other disasters that tear apart homes, villages, cities and lives call for the ultimate in humanitarian response. I am proud to say that Lions, through their districts, clubs and individually respond magnificently. The commitment of Lions to assist people in need is witnessed in their support of LCIF, resulting in its capacity to provide grants to help answer crucial human and community needs and to proceed resolutely in the monumental SightFirst program to attack preventable and reversible blindness. All these and countless more activities

do our histories and languages, but in essence, we speak one language, that of voluntary service, of a dedication to bettering the human condition across the earth. We have been doing so now for nearly nine decades and it is a passion we must continue to put into practice if we are to provide firm evidence of our dedication to the ideals of "We Serve."

I have personally witnessed the spirit of international cooperation in programs that involved Lions of different countries, whether in bringing a child from one land to another for a live-saving operation, in missions that provide sight-restoring operations and eyeglasses to those in need or in so very many other instances that give solid evidence to the word "international" in our title. I have also met with numerous heads of state and other governmental dignitaries and they have nothing but the highest praise for the manner in which the local Lions are serving their communities.

The desire of Lions to promote good will and harmony among people the world over is demonstrated at our area forums and, of course, at international conventions. Have no doubt whatever that, today, giving impetus to our passion for global peace and good will is not a luxury, but a dire necessity. The ethical standards which have guided Lions over the years simply must be given further direction throughout the world by disseminating the seeds of concord and mutual respect. Let us never hesitate to extend our hands of friendship across borders, oceans and seas to help ensure a world in which people can live without fear, but with the assurance that help will always be forthcoming to answer immediate and long-term needs and those which occur in times of natural disasters. How better may we, as Lions, by word and example, inspire the citizens of the world to establish



international care and understanding as common human values.

Lions, our Passion To Excel is evident in so many areas, not the least of which is a passion to bring into clear focus the indivisible need to create and nourish a feeling of harmony among men, women and young people around the world. In recognizing this, I ask that you keep in mind the words of Kahlil Gibran: "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

In this do we exercise our passion to promote global good will and cooperation.

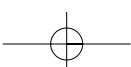
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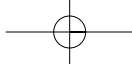
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are not only positive responses to global needs, they also help to promote international good will, a foundation stone of the mission of this association.

The very first Object of Lions Clubs International challenges us "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world." This is a clear statement that our membership, now active in 196 nations and geographical areas, need to join their hands and hearts with a passion to promote international understanding and cooperation. Our cultures vary, as





# Potential Insurance Coverage Issue

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Lions and Lioness of Multiple District "A" of an important issue that has been brought to the attention of the Council of Governors which requires their prompt attention and action.

## **Background**

It has recently been confirmed by both the Multiple District "A" (MD"A") insurance carrier and the MD"A" Legal Counsel that MD"A" Lions are in a potentially unprotected liability position relating to insurance coverage because of the reference in our Constitution and By-Laws (C&BL) to the MD"A" Lioness Structure. A copy of this reference is attached.

The issue arises due to the fact that Lions Clubs International (LCI) does not recognize the Lioness structure beyond the Club level and therefore liability insurance over and above the general insurance coverage provided by LCI through the sponsoring Lions Clubs is not available at the Multiple District Lioness level. Upon contacting other Multiple Districts within Canada to determine how they protect themselves on this issue it has been determined that it is only MD"A" that "officially" recognizes the Multiple Lioness organization. Therefore for other Multiples the problem does not exist and a potential solution to MD"A" could not be identified. Many other options by both the Lions and the Lioness have also been explored but these too have been found to be unworkable.

In plain terms MD"A", by acknowledging the Multiple District Lioness through their C&BL is exposed to a potential liability situation. In the event the MD"A" Lioness were ever sued, regardless that each Lioness brings with him/her the coverage their sponsoring Lions Club has, this will not stop anyone from suing the individual officers of the MD"A" Lioness structure and then of course the MD"A" Lions. As liability history proves, the entity with the funds is the one that ultimately pays.

As a result, MD"A" Lions have been advised by our Legal Counsel to remove the reference to the MD"A" Lioness

from the C&BL to minimize liability exposure for the MD"A" Lions.

## **Impact on the Multiple District Lioness Organization**

The actual impact on the Multiple District Lioness organization if the C&BL reference is removed is considered minimal. This statement is made in recognition that the Lioness already control their own finances and this process will simply mean that an "official" reporting structure on Lioness activities will no longer be necessary through to the MD"A" Lions level.

While it is fully realized that the proposed actions may well be construed by many as an attempt by Lions to lessen the viability of the Lioness organization, nothing could be further from the truth. The Council of Governors stress that in no manner would this undermine the continued support that the Lions share with the Lioness and would not impact on participation at any Multiple District level events (conventions being a case in point). It is purely a liability issue with no negative ulterior motives involved.

It is recognized that the Lioness Clubs of Multiple District "A" do most certainly benefit from the interaction, guidance and leadership provided them by the MD"A" Lioness structure. It is hoped that this will be maintained and that our Lioness clubs will continue to thrive, serve and grow under their Leadership.

## **Current Situation**

A meeting was held with the MD"A" Lioness Executive and while obviously a number of concerns were raised ultimately the basis of the issue was recognized. As a result of this meeting the MD"A" Lioness officers intend to fully apprise their Lioness Clubs on the insurance liability issues they face and stress that they ensure they have ample coverage through their sponsoring Lions Club for whatever events or programs they participate in. In a like manner the MD"A" Council of Governors strongly urge all our Lions Clubs who sponsor a Lioness Club to work together with them to ensure they are both adequately covered for liability.

## **Conclusion**

While the issue has been identified and will be addressed by the Lions of MD"A", it is again stressed that this should not be taken as anything other than a means to rectify a liability problem and there is no intention to diminish in any form the respect and acknowledgment of the MD"A" Council of Governors to the outstanding contributions made by the Lioness.

It is certainly the hope of the MD"A" Council of Governors that the relationship between the MD"A" Lioness and the individual Lioness Clubs will continue as in the past. It is the hope, also, that the leadership, support and guidance they provide will continue to strengthen the Lioness Clubs throughout Multiple District "A" and they will continue to grow and flourish. Should you have any questions please address these to the MD"A" Secretary Wayne Hoey. His address is:

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Lion Wayne Hoey  
88 Albert Avenue  
Toronto, ON M8V 2L7  
Email: secretary@mdalions.org

Yours in Service,  
David Voisey  
Chairperson of the Council of Governors.

Section from the MD"A" Constitution & By-Laws proposed for deletion

*By\_Law X - District "A" Lioness Program*

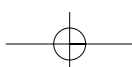
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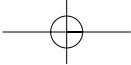
*a) The purpose of the District "A" Lioness Activity is to provide the framework to hold together the various Lioness Members and Clubs.*

*b) That the position of the Lioness Liaison be established and that the position be filled by the elected representative of the Lioness of MD "A".*

### **Section II**

*The Lioness Activity will be self supporting.*





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**The International Association of Lions Clubs  
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – GENERAL FUND  
 June 30, 2005  
 All Figures Shown in U.S. Dollars  
 (thousands)**

**ASSETS**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$17,688
Accounts Receivables	728
Other Current Assets	939
Marketable Securities	26,692
Property and Equipment, Net	<u>11,467</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,514</b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

Accounts Payable	\$2,839
Accrued Expenses	4,024
Non-current Liabilities	17,797

**NET ASSETS:**

Beginning of Year	\$32,544
Revenue over Expenditures	4,366
Minimum Pension Liability Adjustment	<u>(4,056)</u>
End of Year*	<u>\$32,854</u>

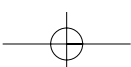
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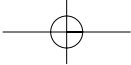
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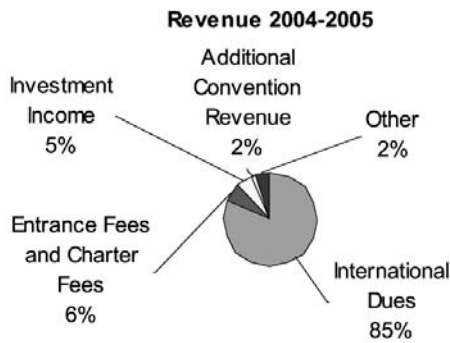


**The International Association of Lions Clubs  
Revenue and Expenditures – General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2005  
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Revenues were US\$5.8 million more than the prior year; primarily due to the 2004 dues increase and improved investment results.

**Revenue 2004-2005**

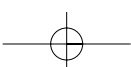
International Dues	\$ 45,936
Entrance Fees and Charter Fee	3,400
Investment Income	2,559
Additional Convention Revenue	1,278
Other	<u>911</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,084</b>

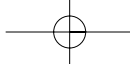


Expenses were US\$4.6 million more than prior year due to reinstatement of programs resulting from the adoption of the dues increase amendment.

**Expenditures 2004-2005**

International Convention and Meetings	\$ 4,083
The Lion Magazine	8,287
District Governors and District Governors-Elect	7,342
International Officers and Board of Directors	4,062
Liability Insurance	2,500
Club and District Program Support	16,602
International Headquarters	5,242
Uncollected Dues	<u>1,600</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,718</b>





# From the Desk of I.D. Terry Graham

Lion Jean and I have been very busy. We have made visits to New York, Quebec, Minneapolis, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, Tennessee and at this time of writing have a very full schedule for the balance of the year. Everywhere we go the Lions are wonderful. They are just like the Lions of MDA, only some talk with a bit of a drawl. Their conventions are filled with seminars, fun and fellowship. I have had the pleasure of presenting many awards for deserving Lions. I have not had an opportunity of being the guest at multiple convention but we have a couple in the spring.

When I was in Quebec, I visited with our Past International President Tris Coffin and his wife Gil. PIP Tris has many friends in MDA as this was his multiple when he ran for President. He was President in 1973-74. I have heard many stories of the campaigning for PIP Tris when he was elected as our 3rd Vice-President. I found Lion Tris and Gil to be in good health. He told me he was 93 years young. I had the pleasure of meeting him at the MDA Convention in Niagara Falls in 1992. He still enjoys reading our Lion Magazine. Thank you PID Tris for your hospitality and sharing your thoughts on being President.

By the time this article goes to print, we will have attended another board meeting. The meeting will be in Slovenia, which is the western part of the old Yugoslavia. The Lions in the country where the board meeting is held treat the board members very well. We usually get to see some of the sights of the country. I will have an update on board actions in the next Lion.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lions of MDA and Canada. It is a great to wave the Canadian flag as we travel to Lions functions.



*PID Gilles Melancon, PID Tris Coffin, ID Terry Graham*

## LCIF's Success Does Not Come Easily

by Dr. Clement F. Kusiak, Immediate Past President  
Chairperson, LCIF Executive Committee

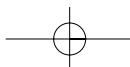
**H**enry David Thoreau, the great American writer, once wrote, "Success usually comes to those who are too busy to look for it." Those words remind me of Lions and LCIF. The foundation has been active for a little more than 30 years. Our first grant was US\$5,000 for Lions in South Dakota to help flood victims. We've been quite busy since then. In the past year alone we mobilized US\$15 million for tsunami relief and nearly US\$5 million for Katrina relief. That's a whole lot of busy.

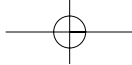
Did I say 30 years? Edward Butler, a celebrated Irishman in the 19th century, once said, "One man has enthusiasm for 30 minutes, another for 30 days, but it is the man who has it for 30 years who makes a success of his life." For more than three decades, the steadfast commitment of Lions to our foundation has enabled us to achieve success in our humanitarian efforts.

Successful people know that talent and genius are overrated. It's hard work that gets the job done. Anna Pavlova, a brilliant Russian ballerina, once remarked, "To follow, without halt,

one aim, that's the secret of success." LCIF and Lions have one aim: service. The foundation does it on a global scale and does it very well. Through LCIF, Lions preserve vision, give youths the tools to succeed and bring healthcare to the underserved.

Lions and LCIF are on a journey of service together. LCIF needs your continued service as well as your support through Melvin Jones Fellowships and Contributing Memberships. The road is not easy, especially because as a foundation we have set our aim so high. As Anne Sullivan, Helen Keller's beloved teacher, once said, "People seldom see the halting and painful steps by which the most insignificant success is achieved." There is nothing insignificant about LCIF's success. That success does not come easily. It takes a whole lot of generosity and service from Lions. Please accompany LCIF on its journey of service as Lions working together help society's most needy.





# Message from the Council Chair

To the Lions family of Multiple District "A"

Well convention time is almost upon us and they are something that many Lions look forward to, mostly because of all the 'opportunities' they provide. Its where the prospective new District Officers have the opportunity to address us in their quest for election; there is the opportunity to meet and greet the International Guest, the opportunity to learn a little more on Lionism and the many challenges and projects that the different clubs are taking on; the opportunity to meet old friends; the opportunity to make new ones; and, the opportunity to enjoy fun and fellowship.

Contained in last month's edition of the *LION* Magazine the Host Committee provided a brief overview of the convention program and I just wanted this opportunity to speak on some of the changes we are making in the MD"A" program for this year. I have heard it said so often that there is little at the MD"A" convention for many Lions so we are attempting to address some of the concerns that have been raised.

In certain Zones or Regions there appears to be a reluctance for Lions to run for District Office, much of which is due to the limited knowledge on what the job entails so we are working on organizing a learning session towards just what is involved in taking up the challenge (all you wanted to know but were afraid to ask!). At the Convention Luncheon you will have the opportunity to sit at a table with our International Director, one of the Past International Directors, District Governors, and Vice District Governors and their partners and meet and get to know them in a relaxed atmosphere. The Opening Ceremonies will take up the whole of Friday afternoon, with a focus on our youth programs. There will be the opportunity to hear a Lions-Quest Children's Choir, to enjoy listening to the Effective Speaking Contest winners

from across the multiple as well a meeting the Peace Poster winner and viewing all entries for the ten Districts. Following which will be an opportunity to meet the Lions-Quest Q-Bear and receive an update on the magnificent work that we Lions are accomplishing through this program.

Saturday morning is totally devoted to learning sessions focused on a "Passion for Laughter". The International Guest, Richard Chaffin from Virginia will speak on "PR as an Essential Element" then Jeff Bowman will be talking on "Humour in Lionism" and finally Dr. Kenneth Shonk will speak on "There's a Lot of Medicine in Fun". These are aimed and providing some useful and meaningful information yet all with that 'twist of humour'. They will take place in the same room and will follow one after the other so you will have the opportunity to attend all three sessions. The afternoon will kick off with a Lion's Open Forum where the guest International Director, our own International Director, and some of our own PIDs will be providing brief updates on several of the International programs and then the session will be opened up to any and all questions from the floor. This is where Lions are provided the opportunity to ask



questions, to raise concerns and to make suggestions.

Of course there will be the Council Meeting, International Banquet, Memorial Service and other Lions Business Sessions with many other ongoing activities being planned. While the overall agenda is still subject to minor adjustment, I hope that you will agree that we are heading in the right direction to bring to you an involved and enjoyable program. So plan to attend, become involved, meet with us, and above all give us your own views on what makes for a 'good' convention. I look forward to meeting you there.

Yours in Lions Service  
Dave Voisey  
Council Chair

## Lions Convention Update

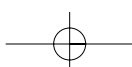
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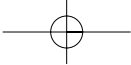
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Sydney, Australia





# Lions Respond to Humanitarian Needs

## Monthly/Yearly Activity Report Reflects Service Initiatives

by Sue Crosson-Knutson

**L**ions are both caring and generous. When Lions learn about humanitarian needs, they respond.

An example of the generosity of Lions occurred after the devastating December 26, 2004 tsunami in South Asia. Many Lions clubs in Africa, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand provided immediate “hands-on” assistance.

Around the world, Lions clubs provided tsunami aid in the form of supplies and financial assistance. Thousands of clubs donated funds to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) South Asia Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund. The generosity of Lions clubs enabled LCIF to mobilize US\$15 million for emergency assistance as well as for the construction of homes, schools, and orphanages.

### Lions Respond

Forty-one percent of the world’s 45,358 Lions clubs (as of June 30, 2004) provided disaster relief in 2004-05, according to the Annual Lions Club Activities Report (A-1 Form). This was an 18% increase from the previous year.

The Wonder Lake, Illinois, Lions Club was among the thousands of clubs that provided assistance to the tsunami victims. “We made a monetary donation to the LCIF Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund,” said Past President Lynn Raske. “As members of an international organization, we wanted to provide a helping hand for our ‘neighbors’ after a horrific natural disaster.”

Lions clubs continued to provide humanitarian aid throughout 2005. On August 29, 2005, the Category 5 (out of 5) Hurricane Katrina reached the Gulf Coast of the USA. On October 8, 2005, the 7.6 earthquake (on an eight-point Richter scale) affected residents of



*Most Lions clubs (76%) in the US and its affiliates, Bermuda, and the Bahamas, recycle eyeglasses.*

Pakistan and India. In both instances, Lions clubs and LCIF reached out and provided disaster relief.

### Lions Activities

Club secretaries reported a wide-range of completed service projects, volunteer service hours, and financial donations on their 2004-05 Monthly/Yearly Activity Report. Global totals from the report resulted in the following laudable statistics.

The average Lions club donated US\$9,900 to charitable causes. This represents an estimated worldwide total of US\$449 million (based on 45,358 clubs as of 6/30/05) in contributions.

The average Lions club donated 1,694 volunteer service hours to the community. This represents an estimated 76 million volunteer service hours (based on 45,358 clubs as of 6/30/05).

The most commonly implemented activities by Lions clubs in 2004-05 were:

- aid to the elderly (49% of clubs reporting)
- disaster relief (41% of clubs reporting)
- eyeglass collection (37% of clubs reported collecting eyeglasses which averaged 600 eyeglasses per club. This can reflect a worldwide collection of 29.9 million pairs of eyeglasses.)
- youth recreation (37% of clubs reporting)

- scholarships (36% of clubs reporting)
- community clean-ups (35% of clubs reporting)
- blood donation (30% of clubs reporting)
- vision screening (28% of clubs reporting)
- physical disabilities (25% of clubs reporting)
- dog guides (24% of clubs reporting)

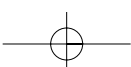
### Regional Activities

Data from the 2004-05 Monthly/Yearly Activity Report revealed regional trends.

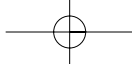
In the US and its affiliates, Bermuda, and the Bahamas, recycling eyeglasses was the most implemented activity (76% of clubs participated).



*Of the 45,358 Lions clubs in the world (as of June 30, 2005), 28% participated in vision screenings.*







Aid to the elderly was the most implemented service project among Lions clubs in Canada (62%); Latin America (64%); Europe (51%); and Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and the South Pacific (67%).

Seventy-one percent of clubs in the Orient and Southeast Asia participated in blood donation efforts.

In India, South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, 59% of Lions clubs participated in vision screenings.

### Proudly Publicize the Facts

Lions clubs can proudly publicize the service accomplishments of the association's nearly 1.35 million members in 196 countries. Lions public relations chairpersons can inform the public about Lions' global statistics through:

- club, district, and multiple district Web sites,
- club, district, and multiple district newsletters,
- press releases submitted to local government and media outlets.

For information about the Activity Report, contact the International Activities and Program Planning Division at:  
executiveservices@lionsclubs.org.



*Lions in South Asia provided "hands-on" assistance to victims of the December 26, 2004 tsunami.*

### Simple steps for club secretaries

To report Lions club activities to international headquarters, secretaries simply:

- Go online: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)
- Click into: To Transmit Membership and Officer Reports.
- Follow the links to the NEW WMMR SITE.
- Then, enter the Monthly/Yearly Activity Report.
- Complete report.


Convenient online reporting provides:

- Information entry 24 hours a day / 365 days a year
- A record of volunteer service hours and funds donated
- Written highlights of club activities
- Easy district access to club information
- Postage savings
- Automatic year-end summary.

Club secretaries without Internet access may seek the assistance of other club members, business associates, or family members. The district information technology chairperson may be able to provide assistance.

After July 15, all submitted club Activity Reports will be tabulated automatically to produce an annual report that will publish Lions club achievements for the year.



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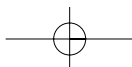
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# Highlights of the February Council Meeting, Feb 11, 2006

Lions Clubs International Board approved two entrance-fee-rebates for (1) spouses of current members and (2) former Lions. These entrance fee rebates are available from December 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

There were 11 club cancellations in MDA since July 1st, 2005. New member kits are being distributed with no charge to clubs.

The new job description for the Magazine Committee to be adopted for inclusion in the MDA Policy Manual replacing the existing job description.

The MD“A” Convention this June will have a Saturday session called “Passion For Laughter”. We have already confirmed two outstanding presenters.

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*So it's time to ... meet  
with your local School  
District people.  
Make sure that they  
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Canadian Hearing Society advises that the Lions will be recognized in many ways for their contributions in the various offices of the C.H.S. In addition Lions will be asked to participate at the various ribbon-cutting ceremonies, which will commemorate the opening of each of the display areas in their many offices. There will be a special celebration in October 2006 recognizing Rev. Bob Rumball's 50 years of service to the Deaf.

The International Convention our Canadian breakfast will be held at the Radisson Hotel Cambridge. Address is 777 Memorial Dr. Cambridge MA

02139, in Ballroom A at a cost \$30.00 Canadian. I will be handing envelopes for the breakfast to each Vice District Governor, so that they can sell them to people in their District. The band that will be representing us will be the York Lions Steel Band.

Peace Poster Contest winner was from A-15 sponsored by the St. Mary's Lions Club. Her name is Kirsten Snoek.

The 2006 Effective Speaking Competition at the Barrhaven Lions Club will be on May 5 & 6, 2006 at the Travelodge Hotel on Carling Avenue in Ottawa.

Important news regarding Lions Quest: Dr Avis Glaze from the Province said that the Ministry would not be mandating one program or endorsing one right approach. The Ministry will say here are the elements of an effective initiative, but it will not provide the solution – they firmly believe that the local School District and local community have to build what's right for them.

So it's time to move our provincial advocacy efforts to the local level - meet with your local School District people. Make sure that they know about Lions-Quest and how it connects with the goals of character education. All programming will be decided at that level, it will not be coming from the top down.

International Director Richard P. Chaffin from Virginia will be the International Guest and Speaker at our M.D.“A” Convention in Niagara Falls.

The following changes to the Constitution and By-laws, which will be voted on at the MDA Convention in June in Niagara Falls.

## ITEM #1

A resolution to allow the Council Chairperson to receive Actual Expenses for Accommodation as opposed to the Rules of Audit.

Be it resolved that By-Law VI section 9 be amended by adding the following:

In addition to the rules of Audit, the Chairperson of the Governor's Council shall be reimbursed Actual Expenses for Accommodation.

## ITEM #2

A resolution to remove any reference to the Lioness Program from the Constitution and By-Laws of M.D.“A”.

Be it resolved that By-Law X District “A” Lioness Program be deleted from the Constitution and By-Laws of M.D.“A”.

RATIONAL: It has been confirmed by both the M.D.“A” insurance carrier and the M.D.“A” Legal Counsel that M.D.“A” Lions are in a potentially unprotected Liability position relating to insurance coverage because of the reference in our Constitution and By-Laws to the M.D.“A” Lioness structure. The issue arises due to the fact that Lions Clubs International does not recognize The Lioness Structure beyond the Club level and therefore Liability insurance over and above the General Insurance coverage provided by Lions Clubs International through the Sponsoring Lions Clubs is not available at the Multiple District Lioness level.

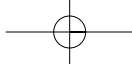
As a result, M.D.“A” Lions have been advised by our Legal Counsel to remove the reference to the M.D.“A” Lioness from the M.D.“A” Constitution and By-Laws.

## ITEM #3

A resolution to change the responsibility of dividing Regions and Zones from the Governor's Council to the District Governor.

Be it Resolved that Article 111 District “A” Organization, sections 1 and 2 be deleted and replaced with the following:

Section 1: The District Governor shall divide the district into regions of no more than sixteen (16) and no less than ten (10) Lions clubs, and each such region into zones of no more than eight (8) and no less than four (4) Lions clubs, giving due regard to the



geographical locations of the clubs. All such regions and zones shall be subject to change by the District Governor, when in his/her sole discretion, he/she shall deem the same necessary to the best interests of the association.

Rational: To conform to Lions International .

**ITEM #4**

A resolution to remove the requirement for a Candidate for the position of Region Chairman to have previously been a Zone Chairman.

Be it resolved that Article VI be amended by removing the words "Zone Chairperson or" from section 7 c 2. Section 7 c 2 would then read, As Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

Rational: To conform to Lions International requirements for the position of Region Chairperson.

**ITEM #5**

A resolution to amend the M.D."A" Constitution in regard to the appointment of a replacement for a vacancy to the positions of Vice District Governor, Region and Zone Chairpersons.

Be it resolved that Article VI section 8 of the M.D."A" Constitution and By-Laws be deleted and replaced with the following.

Section 8. Any vacancy in office except that of District Governor and Vice District Governor shall be filled by appointment from the District Governor for the unexpired term. Provided however, each respective District Governor shall have the authority to determine whether the position of Region Chairperson will be utilized during his/her term. In event of a vacancy

Arising in the office of Vice District Governor, the District Governor shall convene a meeting of the members of the existing Cabinet as provided for in the International Constitution and By-Laws and all Past International Officers who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified club member as Vice District Governor for the remainder of the term. In filling said vacancy, it shall be the duty of the District Governor, or if not available,

the most recent Past District Governor who is available, to send out invitations to attend said meeting and it shall also be his/her responsibility to preside as Chairperson of the meeting. The chairperson shall convey the results to the International office within seven (7) days together with evidence of invitations sent and meeting attendance. Each Lion who is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at said meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote for the Lion of his/her choice.

Rational: To conform to Lions International.

**ITEM #6**

A resolution to add Council Meeting expenses for Vice District Governor to the Rules of Audit.

Be it resolved that Article VI section 7 be amended by adding subsection 8 to read as follows.

A Vice District Governor may claim Rules of Audit for attendance at four (4) M.D. "A" Council meetings held in Multiple District "A" during the current Lions year.

**ITEM #7**

A resolution to remove the mandated three (3) zone meetings in a year.

Be it resolved that By-Law II section 9 be amended by deleting in the third paragraph the following: three (3) times in each year. And replaced with: during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the Zone Chairperson.

It would now read: Its function shall be to meet, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the welfare of Lionism in the Zone, and these meetings shall be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the Zone Chairperson. Reports of the meetings shall be made to the District Governor and his/her Cabinet through the Zone Chairperson.

Be it resolved that Article III section 4 be amended by deleting the following: three (3).

It would now read: A meeting of all the Clubs in a Zone shall be designated as a Zone Meeting (District Governor's Advisory Committee) and each Zone Chairperson will hold meetings during his/her term of office, the date and place to be fixed by himself/herself. He/she shall be in active charge of the

meeting under the supervision of the Region Chairperson. The Zone meeting (District Governor's Advisory Committee) shall be arranged to make it possible and convenient for all members of the Clubs in the Zone to attend this meeting.

Be it resolved that Article VIII section 2 be amended by deleting the following: three (3).

It would now read: The Zone Chairperson of each Zone shall convene meetings of the Zone during the Zone Chairpersons term of his/her Office, and the Zone Chairperson shall be Chairperson of these meeting.

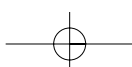
**Speakers at District Conventions**

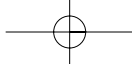
The following International Guests/Speakers as requested by each D.G. have been approved by LCI for each District:

- "A"-1 Lion Ben Ward, P.I.D., Manitoba
- "A"-2 Lion Art Woods, P.I.D.
- "A"-3 Lion Ed McCormick, P.I.D., Kansas
- "A"-4 Lion Judge Brian Stevenson, P.I.P., Alberta
- "A"-5 Lion Art Woods, P.I.D.
- "A"-711 Lion Gary Tschache, I.D., Montana
- "A"-9 Lion Mick Barrus, P.I.D., Wyoming
- "A"-12 Lion Richard Chaffin, I.D., Virginia
- "A"-15 Lion Kay K. Fukushima, P.I.P., California
- "A"-16 Lion Ross Thorfinnson, P.I.D., Minnesota (future President of LCI)

The Peace Poster winners from the sub-Districts of MD"A" are now on the "Peace Poster Gallery" portion of the MD"A" website, reached from the "Activities and Events" page. A link to the PDG Association web information is now on the MD"A" web site.

An election for a Council Chair Elect was held and DG Voisey was elected be the next Council Chair for 2005-2006.





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**Lions Homes for Deaf People and The Canadian Hearing Society working in partnership once more . . .**

The Canadian Hearing Society (CHS) is pleased to have the opportunity to work once again with the Lions Homes for Deaf People. On December 12, 2005, CHS was awarded a grant of \$175,302 over two years by the Lions Homes for Deaf People. This grant will enable CHS to purchase communication devices such as: assistive listening devices, watches/clocks/timers, amplified phones/ringers and TTYs (Teletypewriters) & Voice Carry Over phones. Funds will also cover the cost of display cases and renovations.



*Kelly Duffin,  
President and CEO*

On behalf of deaf, deafened and hard of hearing consumers and CHS's Board and staff, I would like to personally thank the Lions Homes for Deaf People Board for such a significant gift to CHS.

This funding will permit CHS to provide demonstration, sales and educational seminars on various devices to consumers, their families, hospitals, churches and other interested community groups. This is a crucial opportunity to reach out to the community in light of the passing of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).



*Storefront demonstration of a TTY.*

**Coming to a community near you**

The centres will provide a walk-in storefront for consumers, their family members and the general community. Staff will demonstrate devices, make recommendations based on individual needs and situations, and consumers will have a trial period to ensure the device is meeting their needs.

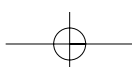
**Communities slotted for future service centres:** Barrie, Brantford, Brockville, Chatham, Dryden, Durham (Oshawa), Elliot Lake, Fort Frances, Guelph, Kenora, Niagara, North Bay, Peel/Halton/Dufferin, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Simcoe York, Thunder Bay, Timmins.

Working in partnership with Lions Homes for Deaf People, Lions and Lionesses across Ontario, CHS will now be ready to respond to and meet the incredible demand for information and services related to communication devices. Stay tuned to The Lion and CHS's website for ongoing project updates and recognition events.

CHS would like to thank the Lions Homes for Deaf People for the construction of the Lions Resource Centre in Sudbury, where CHS Sudbury Regional office has an ongoing lease agreement.



For more information about the CHS office nearest you or communication devices, visit our website at [www.chs.ca](http://www.chs.ca), call toll-free at 1-877-347 3427 (Phone), 1-877-347-3429 (TTY), or call Katherine Hesson-Bolton, CHS Lions Liaison at 416-928-2500 ext.252 or e-mail: [khessonbolton@chs.ca](mailto:khessonbolton@chs.ca).



# Convention 2006: Boston Awaits an Opportunity to Excel

**B**oston, Massachusetts, among the most historic and visited cities in the United States, prepares to welcome Lions, Leos, Lionesses and their families from around the world to the 89th International Convention. This year, the scheduled days differ from the past in that the convention will open on Friday, June 30, and conclude on Tuesday, July 4. During the week, registrants will enjoy all this vibrant city has to offer, from sites that made it a cradle of liberty and the U.S.S. Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship, to outstanding shopping and dining ... and much beloved Fenway Park, home of baseball's Red Sox.



The three plenary sessions will be held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and host the installation of the new international president, guest speakers, the colorful flag ceremony, presentation of the 2006 Humanitarian Awards (there will be two this year), band concerts and other attractions. The big parade will step off on Saturday, July 1, and once again bring together thousands of marchers in the spirit of good will and fellowship. Voting for officers and directors and consideration of amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will take place on Tuesday July 4. The third International Academy Awards will be presented on Sunday, July 2, when Lions who demonstrated a special Passion To Excel during the year will be honored. A number of seminars and forums are being prepared and a description of each appears on the following pages.

Here now is information that will enable every participant to comply enjoy and benefit from Convention 2006.

## Duties of the Host Committee

The Lions of Multiple District 33 International Host Committee has a number of responsibilities to ensure that Lions and their families enjoy their visit. These include processing requests from delegations wishing to rent a float, hire a band or secure band housing for their entry in the international parade. Official rules and regulations for the Saturday morning, July 1, parade were mailed to all districts in February.

Host committee Lions will be involved in a number of support duties during convention week, among them serving as parade marshals and sergeants-at-arms during the plenary sessions at the convention center.

## Convention Sessions/Voting

A special effort should be made by all Lions to attend the three plenary sessions at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) Hall A on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, July 2-4. Voting will take place Tuesday, July 4, 7-10 a.m. at the BCEC. It is important that each delegate casts a ballot for selection of candidates and in consideration of the proposed constitutional amendments.

## Convention Registration and Special Events

Your convention name badge, International Show ticket and purchased banquet tickets will be mailed to you on May 1. You must bring these with you to Boston. All you need to do is exchange a ticket for your badge holder and convention program. Exchange desks will be located at the BCEC and several hotels, starting Thursday, June 29.



Detailed instructions will be included with the mailing. The convention program will include discounts for various local attractions and services.

The convention shuttle bus service is available from Friday, June 30, through Tuesday, July 4. Schedules will be available at all official hotels and at the BCEC.



## Certification of Credentials

Credentials certificates for delegates and alternates have been mailed to all club secretaries. Certificates must be filled out completely and signed by each delegate and the club officer whose authorization is on file at International Headquarters. It should be returned to: Manager, Club Records and Billing Department at International Headquarters by May 1, 2006.

Delegates and alternates should retain one copy of the certificate and present it to the credentials section at the BCEC. If no club officer is present at the convention, the district governor may sign the certificate. Delegates and alternates must be registered before they can be certified.

## Tickets for 2006 Special Events

Tickets are now available for purchase when you register for the convention and will also be sold on site at the BCEC.

**Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon,**  
Monday, July 3, 1 p.m., BCEC. Ticket cost: US\$35.

**Key Awards Breakfast,**  
Sunday, July 2, 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m., BCEC. Ticket cost: US\$25.

**Academy Awards Banquet,**  
Sunday, July 2, 7-10 p.m., BCEC. Ticket cost: US\$100.

# 2004-05 LCIF Annual Report

## Message from the 2004-2005 LCIF Chairperson

The 2004-2005 fiscal year was a year of achievement for LCIF and Lions. As always, we helped people all over the world through our humanitarian grants. LCIF issued 522 grants totaling US\$31.9 million. We Lions prevented serious vision loss, restored sight, provided relief to disaster victims, nurtured the potential of youth, empowered those with disabilities through vocational programs, improved healthcare for the underserved and otherwise addressed vital humanitarian needs.

This past year also was notable for two other reasons. LCIF launched Campaign SightFirst II at the International Convention in Hong Kong. The US\$150 million campaign will allow Lions to continue and expand the efforts of SightFirst against avoidable blindness. An additional US\$50 million challenge goal will enable Lions to extend their leadership in research and rehabilitation, while reaching out to those most vulnerable to vision loss.

Secondly, LCIF and Lions responded to the tsunami in South Asia with an unprecedented generosity and an equally impressive rebuilding plan. LCIF mobilized US\$15 million from Lions worldwide for tsunami relief, and Lions in South Asia are constructing homes, schools and orphanages.

It has not and will not be easy to rebuild in South Asia. Some of the most battered regions are rife with political instability and poor infrastructure. But Lions have the advantage of serving as community leaders and knowing how to get things done. We are making great progress in rebuilding. In some instances, we were the first group to build homes in a region, just as we were the first to bring relief to an area.

Lions were extraordinarily generous to LCIF in 2004-2005. Total contributions to LCIF were US\$36 million, an astonishing 85 percent increase from the prior fiscal year, and this does not include the US\$12 million donated by Lions to LCIF for tsunami relief. Lions far surpassed their normal support of LCIF. That support reflects Lions' remarkable spirit of service.

Please read through these pages to fully appreciate LCIF's accomplishments in 2004-2005. Your pride in being a Lion can't help but grow.

Please remember that LCIF needs the continued support of Lions and our partners. Do your best both to rally behind Campaign SightFirst II and to continue to make regular contributions to LCIF. This annual report is a testament to the ability of LCIF to turn donations into remarkable humanitarian service. The good we can achieve depends on your steady support.

Yours in service,

Dr. Tae-Sup Lee  
2004-2005 LCIF Chairperson  
International Chairperson of Campaign SightFirst II

## A Year of Achievement for LCIF

LCIF mobilized US\$15 million for tsunami relief (US\$12 million donated by Lions to LCIF and US\$3 million from LCIF's own funds). LCIF and Lions are building hundreds of homes - soon to be thousands - as well as schools and orphanages in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and India. The relief and rebuilding saved lives, restored dignity and provided hope for the future. Said a 12-year-old girl in Indonesia whose family received a Lions' home, "For me, this is my palace."

LCIF and Lions launched Campaign SightFirst II. The US\$150 million campaign (with a "stretch" goal of US\$200 million) will enable Lions to continue and expand the very successful work of SightFirst. Lions will continue to be the world's foremost champions of sight as they preserve the vision of millions.

LCIF/SightFirst's partnership with The Carter Center against river blindness is poised for an unprecedented success. Experts predict the end of the disease in Latin America by 2010. Very few cases of vision loss are being reported in areas of Africa with ongoing treatment.

A US\$3.85 million grant for the Opening Eyes program will fund 270 screening events for Special Olympics athletes. To date, LCIF's partnership with Special Olympics has screened 88,000 mentally disabled individuals and provided 36,000 with free eyeglasses.

In fiscal year 2004-2005, the SightFirst program awarded 61 grants for US\$11.8 million; LCIF approved 65 other sight-related grants for US\$8.6 million. LCIF also awarded 62 youth-related grants for US\$2.4 million, 60 disability-related grants (exclusive of grants related mostly to sight) for US\$1.9 million, 188 emergency or disaster-related grants for US\$2.4 million and 79 grants for US\$2.9 million that benefited the underserved by improving healthcare, sanitation, access to clean water and other projects.

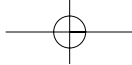
## Patrons of Humanity

LCIF's highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, recognizes commitment to humanitarian work. The fellowship is an honor given to a person who donates the equivalent of US\$1,000 to LCIF or a person for whom such a donation was made by others.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Progressive program recognizes people who donate US\$1,000 or more or in whose name a donation had been made, beyond the initial Melvin Jones Fellowship donation of US\$1,000.

Created in 1973, the fellowship is named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones. The fellowship is the cornerstone on which LCIF's grant-giving is built. Almost 70 percent of all donations that LCIF receives each year are from the fellowships.

- Melvin Jones Fellows (MJF) in 2004-2005: 11,060
- Progressive MJF in 2004-2005 (additional donations in increments of US\$1,000): 2,097
- Donations from MJF/Progressive MJF in 2004-2005: US\$25,015,100



## LCIF's Legacy Program

LCIF's Legacy Program offers gift annuities. Individuals also may continue to support LCIF through bequests and gifts of stock and appreciated assets.

## Contributing Members

The LCIF Contributing Membership program allows Lions to make an annual contribution to LCIF. The contributions support the foundation's grant programs. For US\$20, donors receive a lapel pin. For US\$50, donors receive a pin with a silver ribbon. For US\$100, donors receive a pin with a gold ribbon. To encourage Lions to make an annual contribution, the color of the pin changes every year.

- Contributing Members in 2004-2005 (at least US\$20 donation): 77,944
- Donations from Contributing Members: US\$1,719,834

LCIF does not receive any part of club dues.

Fund balances and grant funds approved but not yet disbursed are conservatively invested in United States government and agency obligations, corporate bonds and corporate equity securities.

All administrative and promotional costs are paid from earnings on investments. These costs were 12.4 percent in 2004-2005.

Administrative and promotional costs include all worldwide donor recognition such as Melvin Jones Fellowship plaques and pins, money management and expenses of managing the foundation. Fees for services provided by International Headquarters are also included.

The market value of LCIF investments as of June 30, 2005, was US\$251,292,440.

Copies of the official 2004-2005 audit report are available in English upon request from LCIF Communications, (630) 571-5466, ext. 386.

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## Lambeth Toy Drive



## Wear Pin with Pride

Despite being a patient in my optometry practice for twenty years, Reverend Stephen Tilley was unaware that I was a Petrolia Lions club member until his annual visit in January 2005. Spying my Lions pin on my jacket he said "I have a story to tell you about how the Lions helped me".

"My father died in 1930, when I was ten years old. Shortly afterward, my mother was informed by the school that my vision was poor, and that I should be tested for glasses. It was the Chatham Lions Club that paid for my first glasses, and probably my eye examination. I still have those glasses to this day. My wife has them displayed on one of her teddy bears!

When I got older, my brother and I went to sign up to go to war. The doctor wouldn't pass my medical because I had a lazy eye. My brother went into the air force, and was shot down in Germany and died a month before the war ended. I went to college instead in 1944 and studied to enter the ministry."

At 85 years, Rev. Tilley still does pulpit supply at local Baptist churches (Sarnia and Petrolia), and reads voraciously. His memory is good, too.



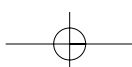
*Left to right is Lion Dr. Gail Turner, Reverend Tilley, and his wife Pat.*

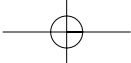
At this year's exam, he said "Do you remember the story about the Chatham Lions? I brought the glasses to show them to you". And there they were: round black "Harry Potter" styled frames with gold trim and cable temples, in the original case engraved "C. H. Smith Co., Windsor". I asked him if he would mind if I passed his story on to our District A-1 Lions so that they would know how one life was impacted by a donation 75 years ago. He was delighted, and even offered to lend the glasses to me to show them around. All because I was wearing my Lions pin that day.

Lions Doug Dickson, Adriaan Van Dongen, Dale Taylor and Gary Martins from Lambeth Lions' Club had been busy for many months working in Santa's (Lion Gary Martins) workshop making toys. All the toys are made of solid cherry, oak, ash, mahogany, maple and walnut and have a non-toxic finish. Using wooden cams and offsets, the trains, trucks, steam rollers and pull toys wiggle and wobble in realistic motion. This year the toys were donated to the children's playroom at Children's Hospital of Southwestern Ontario in London where the doctors work with the children and are never allowed to refer to medical issues. Santa's elves are already working on next year's collection including a huge dollhouse, spotted giraffes and a ride'em fire engine!



*Left to right: Lion Dale Taylor and Lion Adriaan Van Dongen of the Lambeth Lions are shown presenting wooden toys to Heather Hoare of The Children's Hospital of Southwestern Ontario in London.*





**Canadian National Institute for the Blind  
& Multiple District "A" or "M-10" Lions  
Edwin A. Baker Founder Award  
Nomination Form**

This Award was established in 1998 by the Knights of the Blind / CNIB Partnership Program. Each year it is presented to an individual Lion who demonstrates outstanding service and dedication on behalf of the visually impaired, blind and deafblind.

The following individual is being nominated to receive the 2006 Edwin A. Baker Founder Award.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly summarize the relationship this nominee has with CNIB that warrants receiving the E.A. Baker Foundation Award. Please ensure that your nomination form is signed by either your Club President or a CNIB Regional Manager.

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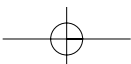
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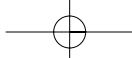
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Lion Club President / CNIB Regional Manager

All nominations must be submitted by Monday, May 1, 2006

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# Lion Eugene Graham



Petrolia Lions Club member Lion Eugene Graham was honoured by his fellow members by becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Eugene joined the Club on March 1, 1971 and has held perfect attendance since. He has served District A1 as Region Chair twice, and also as Zone Chairperson.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

# Great Tricycle Race



The Fisherville Lions recently presented funds raised at the Fisherville Great Tricycle Race held at Haldimand Motors to Brian Postma, left, of Haldimand County EMS Bike Medic Team. Making the presentation are Lion Gene Otterman and Lion Dave Mitchell of the Tricycle Race Committee.

The Fisherville Club also donated further proceeds of \$2000 raised at the event to Haldimand Fire Prevention Committee for the Smoke House.

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## Walking Tall



Steven Cronk, left, manager, Walk for Dog Guides, visited the Fonthill Lions Club recently to recognize Ryan Bath, who raised more than \$500 on his own for Fonthill's annual Walk for Dog Guides, organized by Fonthill Lion Tom Boyce, right.

## New Emergency Unit



Lion Rex Smith, President of the Chippawa Lions Club, presents a cheque for \$10,000 to Joyce Morocco, Chair of the Greater Niagara General Hospital Foundation. The money will be used for the new emergency unit at the hospital.

# Memory Tree



Townsend Lions Club planted a tree in memory of Beverly McKeen, spouse of Lion Jack (with shovel), who passed away with cancer.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

# Salvation Army Gets Donation

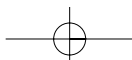


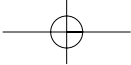
The Tillsonburg Lions Club made recent donations: \$500 to Youth Exchange Chairman John Harvey; and \$2000 was presented by Club President John Newton to Ron, a representative of the Salvation Army in Tillsonburg.

# Meat Pie Sale



Fonthill Lioness Club held their annual Meat Pie Sale before Christmas. This year the ladies made and sold 1,344 beef and turkey pies, and this was all accomplished with only 16 active members.





## Howden Awarded Jones



*Caledonia Lions Club President Dennis Howden, centre right, received a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Joining him, left to right: ZC 38-E Al Beamer, ZC 38-W Bill MacKenzie, and PDG Dennis Craddock. The Caledonia Lions Club also recently inducted two new members - Scott Brownell and Dave Kennedy.*

## Major Draw



Recently the Niagara Falls Lions Club held their "Annual Major Draw Dinner." Proceeds support local charities and projects. Pictured left to right are: Lion Brian Olsen (chairman); Lion Mike Havinga (co-chairman); Lilly Olsen (\$5000. major draw winner); and Mayor Ted Salci, who drew the winning ticket.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

## \$25,000 Pledge



Long Point Lions pledged \$25,000 over five years to the Year of the Cat campaign at their November 24th meeting. The club paid the final \$5,000 installment of their \$25,000 pledge to the Emergency Room Family Fund that same evening. "The contribution of this club to Norfolk General Hospital is outstanding. They have contributed a total of \$50,000, it's fantastic," said Jerry Lawlor, Director of Development at N.G.H. Pictured above, from left to right, are Bill Mitchell, Richard Denn, Jerry Lawlor, Peter Brenner and Bob Stanley.

The Long Point Lions Club also were awarded the A2 Efficiency Banner, presented by PDG Fred Broughton, for the 2004-05 Lions year.

## Car Rally



Last June the St. Davids & District Lioness, assisted by the St. Davids & District Lions Club held a successful Car Rally. 105 cars were displayed along with numerous crafters. 11 trophies were presented, and there were numerous door prizes, a 50/50 draw, basket raffles and a live DJ from CKTB radio station. The Lions cooked burgers and hot dogs. The proceeds went to the Ontario Special Olympics, which were held in Niagara in July and sponsored by the Niagara Regional Police. Police Officer Randy Bleich presented a plaque to Lioness Club President Barbara Lawson in appreciation of the Club's \$3,550.00 donation to the Ontario Special Olympics. The 2006 Car Rally will be held on June 25.

## Thank You Night



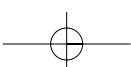
In December the Cayuga Lions Club held its annual volunteer appreciation night where for one night out of the year the roles are reversed and the club serves the volunteers. Nearly forty volunteers were able to attend this year's event enjoying music by Autumn Road and a delicious dinner. Many were lucky enough to win one of the many donated gifts.

The Cayuga Lions Club also inducted five new members in December, pictured here after the induction ceremony.

## Visitation Winners



PDG Cathy Bock presented Tillsonburg Club President John Newton with the Visitation Award Banner for Clubs with 49 and Under Members.



# Wishing Well



Lion John Newton presented PDG and the Tillsonburg Lions Club with a Wishing Well that he built for the collection of coins. The club will find a home for it and the money for Hearing/Seeing dogs.

## Santa's Greatest believer



Tillsonburg Lions Club President John Newton gets Lion Keith Somers situated on the club's Santa Parade float. Lion Keith has been a lion for over 66 years, joining at the age of twenty-nine. And he is still a dedicated Lion at the age of ninety-five!

# Graduates have Lots to Celebrate



*Pictured from left to right: Lions Bradd Anderson (Sr. '00), Bill Brouwer (Em. '05), Pavel Varadinek (Em. '03), Ray Bretzloff (Em. '03), and Edd Typer (Em. '05)*

Five members of the St. Davids & District Lions Club posed for a photo during the recent celebration of the launch of [www.stdavidslions.ca](http://www.stdavidslions.ca) internet domain and website. The St. Davids website was the vision of Lion Bill Brouwer. Initially the site will have a small welcome page and photo album; however, future plans include a member's only section, more photos and video clips from club fundraising and fellowship events. Lion Bill reported that: "Our goal is to have an attractive, continuously updated and interactive web site that is developed and maintained by volunteers. Our website is an inexpensive opportunity to inform our members and community of our volunteer efforts."

In addition to celebrating the website, the Lions pictured in the photo celebrated the fact that St. Davids now has five graduates of the Senior or Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes that are conducted by LCI several times a year.

# Helping Guide Dogs



*Fisherville Lions 04-05 President Sheldon Booker, left, presents a cheque for \$20,000 to Lion Margaret Dawson, LCF Chairman District A2, Lion Walt Schaeffer of the Journey for Sight Committee, and Lion George Hostick of District A2 Charities. The money was raised for the purchase of Guide Dogs in A2.*

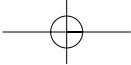
*Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick*

# Bunk Beds



Tillsonburg lions Greg D'Hulster, left, PDG Bob Davis, centre, and Peter Dinsmore have a trailer full of bunk beds ready to head for Lake Joe. The beds were bought by and donated by the club to the CNIB Camp at Lake Joe last summer.

Submitted by Don Dedrick



# Good People Recognized

The Cayuga & District Lions Club were well represented at the County's Volunteer Recognition Event in Hagersville last month. Lion Blair King received the Distinction Award for ten years of volunteer service to Haldimand County. Lions Clayt and Helen Spears and Lion Stephen Bobo were also on hand as representatives of CayugaFest which was nominated as community event of the year. Of course Lion Clayt was the driving force behind the beginnings of CayugaFest, and he and Helen have worked tirelessly with a dedicated group of volunteers to make the event the success it is today. Lion Stephen was also honoured with the Business Leadership Award for his role as a founding member of the Haldimand Business Network in cooperation with the Economic Development Department. The Cayuga & District Lions can be very proud of the work that its members are doing in the community above and beyond that within the club.

# Breakfast With Santa

The Cayuga Lions Club held a very successful Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd. The community came out and filled the hall as they enjoyed a delicious breakfast and the children had their photos taken with Santa. Afterwards Santa climbed aboard his sleigh and rode in the Santa Claus parade.



# Holiday Exchange

*Gerlinde Oprel, an exchange student from Holland in 2004, came back to visit her host family in Tillsonburg this past Christmas, and had the opportunity to tell Santa how good she was and what she wanted for Christmas.*

# Grantham Team



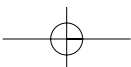
*St. Catharines held their 3rd Annual Santa Claus Parade in November. The Grantham Lions teamed up with Community Care of St. Catharines and put their shopping carts to the streets for a parade food drive. A total of 30 Lionesses and their kids along with the club mascot walked the parade route collecting canned goods and cash donations, and passed out candy canes to the kids. The Grantham Lions and Lionesses collected 398 lbs of food and over \$93 in cash donations. Even though the weather was cold the group had a good time and a lot of fun.*

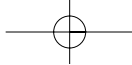
# Rodeo



*On the August Long Weekend the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club helped setup and run a very successful rodeo in Norwich.*

*Submitted by Lion Shirley Debus*





## LIONS ONTARIO LICENCE PLATES



An Information Sheet

What do they look like?

What do they cost? \$132.35

What does this cover? Everything: the plates, the registration, the plate sticker and the taxes.

Where can I get them? At your local Ontario licence bureau. If they don't have a supply, they will order a set for you. If they don't know the graphic code for the Lions crest it is 0044.

Do I have to wait until my birthday to put them on? No. The licence bureau will put a date sticker on your new plate identical to the one you now have. There is no charge for this. It is included in the \$132.35.

Can I put them on any vehicle? Yes! As long as you have registered them for that vehicle. They can go onto trucks or cars or pickups or wagons or vans.

After I buy them can I put them on my vehicle immediately? No. They must be registered and have a date sticker on them.

Do I have to pay more when I renew them the following year? No. They are the same as any other plates. You pay the regular renewal fee.

How do I get special numbers or letters on a set of plates? Again, these are ordered through the Ontario licence bureaus. The cost is \$319.60. However, there is only room for six characters on a Lions Licence Plate.

If I already have a special plate can I have the Lions crest included on a new plate? Yes. If you don't have more than six (6) characters. You pay only \$132.25 for these plates.

If I still have questions, who do I contact? Lion Don Daley, R.R. # 4, Simcoe, Ont., N3Y 4K3  
519-428-1178 (H) 519-428-3205 (F) daley@simcom.on.ca

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## Shopping Spree

Chris Adams, centre, of Campbellford won the Campbellford Lions Club Shopping Spree at Sharpe's IGA. Lion Peter Danielsen and Cindy Levesque from Sharpe's presented Chris with \$500 in grocery vouchers. The Lions thanked Sharpe's for co-sponsoring the prize. The funds will be used for Lions Club projects in the Campbellford community.



## \$10,000 from East Pete



The Peterborough East Lions Club donated \$10,000 to the Peterborough Regional Hospital Charity Foundation. Peterborough East Lions Club President PZC Winston Burford, left, with Greg Mather of the PRHC Foundation accepting the cheque from Lion Wayne Halstead, chair of the Bingo Committee. The club celebrates 30 years of service this coming October.

Submitted by Lion Esther Shaw

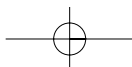
## Redevelopment Project



In October the Tamworth and District Lions Club donated \$4,000 to the L & A County General Hospital 'Redevelopment Project' in Napanee. Funds were raised through annual

Yard Sale, Golf Tournament and Fish Fry projects supported by great community involvement. Standing left to right Club President Clarence Kennedy, Hospital Foundation Chair John Alkenbrack, Representative Ed Buck, Lion Gary Bradshaw, Lion Bill Readman, Lion Phil Foley.

Submitted by Lion Debbie Howell



## Bowmanville



Left to right: Bowmanville Lions Club President Lion Jim Coombes welcomes new lions Peter Luckhardt and Steve Coles into the club, along with PDG Lion Don Marsden.

Submitted by Lion Doug Rutherford

## H.A. Newman Diabetes Award

The first Harry A. Newman Diabetes Award was presented to ZC Lion Evelyn Fisher on behalf of the Courtice Lions Club by ID Terry Graham. Since she joined the Courtice Lions Club, Evelyn has been the Diabetes Awareness Chair. For the past two years, she was the Diabetes Awareness Chair for District A3.

## East Pete Toy Drive



The members of the East Peterborough Lions Club gathered at Lansdown Place where they donated \$900 worth of toys to the Salvation Army & CKPT Christmas Toy Drive. Pictured are club members after the donation to the Christmas Toy Drive.

Among the other recent Club donations: the largest being \$4000 to the Peterborough Festival of Trees, sponsoring the Heritage Breakfast \$4000; Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Fund \$2000; Lions Clubs International Foundation \$1200 in support of the Asian Tsunami Disaster Fund; Kawartha Food Share \$1000; Community Police Drug Awareness Program \$726.25; and many other worthwhile local cash donations.

Submitted by Lion Esther Shaw

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## Almonte Lions Pledge

Almonte Lions Club recently increased their goal to \$100,000 in support of the redevelopment of the Almonte General Hospital/Fairview Manor. To date the club has contributed \$50,000 and will provide the balance over the next three years. The development, which is the largest construction project ever undertaken in the community, will create a community health centre to serve the growing population of Mississippi Mills and the surrounding area.

The Club also gave out their annual Lions Christmas Baskets for the needy. For more than 40 years the program has ensured that needy families have a good Christmas dinner. Distribution of the baskets took place again from Lion Reg Gamble's garage in Almonte. In 2004 there were nearly 100 baskets distributed.

Submitted by Lion Herb Pragnell

## Palliative Care Telethon



For fifteen years the palliative care services in Brockville have raised funds with a thirty-hour telethon. The local Lions and Lioness Clubs have always responded. This year cheques for \$1000 came from each Club. A total exceeding \$125,000 was pledged to the telethon, with both clubs assisting on the phones during the event. Telethon Chair Bruce Wylie, left, meets with A4 District Governor Ted Hughes, centre, and Brockville President Fred Wilson.

Submitted by Lion Ian Inniss

# Westport Lion to Guyana

Lion Jim McGlade of the Westport Lions Club became involved with the South America Eye Care Project in 2000, when he went to Guyana with Kemptville Lion Paul Mahabir and his team of opticians, optometrists and volunteers. The teams usually consist of 12 persons and the clinics last about two weeks.

Jim's first trip was to Linden, a small town about 120 km southwest of Georgetown, the capital of Guyana. In 2002, Jim went with the team to Trinidad and Tobago where clinics were held on each island. In 2004, Jim went with a new team to Anna Regina, Guyana, situated about 100 km up the coast from Georgetown. In 2005, Jim and the team again returned to Guyana, this time to the district of Moruca, situated in the rain forest area in the

eastern part of the country close to the border with Venezuela. This trip was unique in that the team had to travel by water taxi due to the lack of passable roads or vehicles to reach the isolated settlement.

Jim's jobs on the clinic teams vary from operating an auto refractor to checking eyes using a standard eye chart. The auto refractor is an instrument that takes pictures of the eye and automatically suggests an eye prescription to guide the optometrists when they check the patient's eyes for glasses.

Over the course of these clinics, the team has seen close to 5000 patients and issued close to 4500 pairs of eyeglasses. They have also performed a number of cataract surgeries. The patients seen by the team cannot afford

glasses or eye surgeries and the clinics are their only means of support to ensure treatment of their vision problems.

In order to be able to devote his time and energy to this cause, Jim receives the full support of his family and his many friends. The Westport Lions Club is very proud to be able to provide both moral support and financial assistance to this worthwhile endeavour.

The Westport Lions Club has also had a busy year in other areas, finishing an addition to the Club House, completing the purchase of a new Mobility Van and paying off a \$50,000 commitment in support of the Westport Community Centre.

Submitted by Lion Kevin Northcott

## Lee Rickey Clinic

The dedication of a Lions Low Vision Clinic in the CNIB Ottawa office in February drew approximately 25 friends of the late Lion Lee Rickey of the Ottawa West Lions Club.

The event, hosted by the CNIB on Valentine's Day, was in recognition of Lion Lee's many years of support to CNIB. He was deeply dedicated to the cause of low vision and blindness and, through his many volunteer involvements, helped bring hope and independence to countless people living with vision loss.

Lion Lee was a charter member of the club, serving as its first president in November 1950. Lion Lee, who owned and operated a local butcher shop, meat market and Frozen Food Locker in Ottawa, passed away in 1990. His latest gift to the CNIB came posthumously with the dedication of a \$16,657 fund in his name to the Lions Low Vision Clinic initiative. Lions Low Vision Clinics are held in communities all across the province and are led by CNIB Low Vision Specialists (formerly called Vision Rehabilitation Workers). These specialists perform



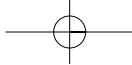
*Left to right: Lion Ted Hughes, District A-4 Governor (Brockville Lions Club); Jane Hanley, Regional Manager, CNIB East Region; Lion Gary Cummings, President of Ottawa West Lions Club.*

vision assessments to determine an individual's level of remaining functional vision and teach adaptations for how to use this residual vision. The decision to dedicate this money to Lions Low Vision Clinics was met with great enthusiasm among Lion Lee's colleagues. "I believe strongly in low vision training," said Lion Ted Hughes, District A-4 Governor and member of

the Brockville Lions Club. "I know there is a great need for (these clinics), that they are a necessity."

The plaque commemorating Lion Lee's remarkable gift hangs outside the low vision assessment room in the CNIB Ottawa office where it will serve as a daily reminder of the important role Lions play within the CNIB family.





# Meet Frank Fairhurst

- Inducted into Lionism May 1948 with the Verdun Lions Club.
- As of May 2005 he has 57 years of perfect attendance.
- Has served in every office at the Club level, plus
- Zone Chairman in 1968.
- Deputy District Governor in 1969.
- District Governor of A-8: 1974 - 75
- Received 100% Governor's Award 1975
- Lions Clubs International Life Membership 1975
- International President's Certificate of Appreciation 1979
- Melvin Jones Fellowship 2001
- International President's Certificate of Appreciation 2005

**Clubs Served:**

- Verdun L.C. 1948 - 1959
- Lachine Lakeshore L.C. 1959 - 1970
- Pointe Claire L.C. 1970 - 1997
- Barrhaven L.C. 1997 - to date



**War Experience:**

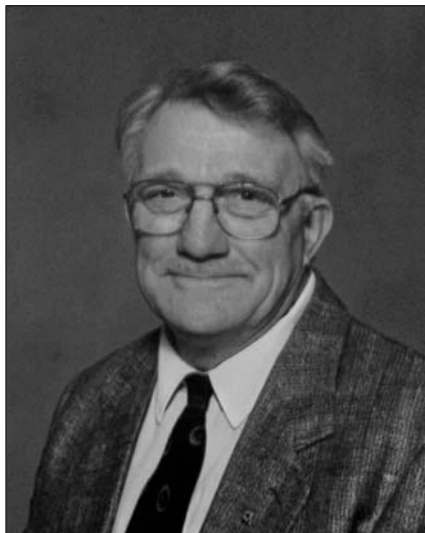
- 1940 R.M.R. (Royal Montreal Regiment)
- 1942 Black Watch
- 1943 Went overseas with Black Watch, Corporal
- 1943 Attached to the Cameron Highlanders, became an instructor. While serving as an instructor he was sent on a

commando course. While on the course he witnessed the D-Day invasion as his barracks were on a cliff in England, in the town of Folkstone, which overlooked the English Channel

1945 After the course was sent back to the Camerons and almost made it to France but was recalled at the last minute and was attached to military district No. 4 as a Sergeant instructor. He was then sent to Otley in Yorkshire where he continued teaching the basics of the 4.2 inch mortar. After V-E Day Frank was approached to join up with the Canadian force being recruited to fight against Japan and was sent home from Scotland on the Queen Mary, July 10, 1945 and went by train from New York City arriving in Montreal two days later.

# Jack DeGraff

Harry A Newman Award was presented in memory of Lion Jack DeGraaf, a member of the Seeley's Bay and District Lions Club. Lion Jack passed away peacefully at home with his family in December 2005. Lion Jack was an inspiration to all who knew him. As a farmer from Holland, he came to Canada and always showed how proud he was to be a Canadian, which in turn attributed the many qualities of Lionism. Lion Jack was a founding member of the Seeley's Bay and District Lions Club, Chartered March 1981. Receiving the Helen Keller Award(2003), and Melvin Jones Award, Lion Jack's boisterous singing of O' Canada would echo in the Bay. During the Winter Frost Fest activities you would see Lion Jack pulling the hay wagons through the village and also cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs for fund raising. The Award was announced at the A4 Governors Dinner in January.



Submitted by Lion David Bardwell

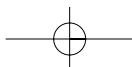
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## Schumaker Awards

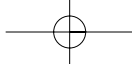


Schumacher Lions Club President John Duclos, left, presents Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to Lion Bill Carrol, seated centre, and Lion Oliver Laurila.

Submitted by Lion Mark West







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February 10, 2006

Dear Teachers' Lions:

On behalf of Laurentian University and its students I thank you from the bottom of my heart for creating and organizing the Teachers' Lions Club Auction. Together, we have raised over \$3139.00 for the Laurentian University Teachers' Lions Club Bursary.

Although government support and tuition fees lay the foundation upon which the University can operate, it is private support like yours that enables Laurentian students, faculty and staff to excel. Your gift of time and energy has resulted in a wonderful endowed bursary that will enhance the quality of life that students experience at Laurentian.

The recipients of this bursary will soon become teachers themselves and will no doubt inspire their own students to enter the field of education. Your hard work and continued dedication to the field of education will yield dividends that will echo through several generations of teachers. Perhaps, one day, they too will join the Teachers' Lions Club.

Please know that your commitment to Laurentian is making a positive impact on our future decision makers. On behalf of our students, thank you once again for your gift.

Sincerely,

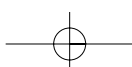
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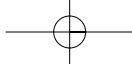
## *Callander Girl Guides*



The Callander Lions Club donated \$3000 toward Callander Girl Guides who will attend the Guide Jamboree to be held in Guelph, ON. There will be Girl Guides from all over the world at this occasion. Back row, left to right: Lion Maurice Turgeon, Michelle Kain, Girl Guides District Commissioner, and Lion Sue McMartin, Club President. Front row: Callander Guides who will attend the Jamboree.

Submitted by: Lion Roy McMartin





## Sudbury Melvin Jones



*A very deserving Melvin Jones Fellow Award was presented to Lions Life Member and Past District Governor Roland (Rolly) Albert by Sudbury Lions Club President Bill Beaton in September 2005. A great honor to such a Lion.*

*Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard*

## Busy Sudbury



The Sudbury Lions Club was busy ringing bells in December for the Salvation Army at various malls in the city. Club President Bill Beaton presented the people's generous donations along with the Club's donation to Major Craig Rowe of The Salvation Army.

The Sudbury Lions Club has been very active in other events as: Guide Dog Walk in, Lions Elimination Night Dinner, Casino & Draw in November, the 57th Lions Christmas Telethon, 57th annual Lions C.N.I.B. Christmas Dinner served by Lions to 180 plus visually impaired persons, Lions Children's Breakfast with Santa with 200 lively children. For all these events the number of volunteers was amazing ...WE SERVE. The Sudbury Lions Club has also welcomed three new Lions Members this year: Gloria S.Packard, Ed Nevala, Allan Aube.

Submitted by Lion Gloria S. Packard

# A711

## Community Leadership

District A711 decided that it was time to introduce a leadership training program. After many hours of work, by the MERL team over the past few months, the first of two forums took place in Scarborough in October.

This is the first leadership forum of its kind in many years for this District, so nerves were a little tense as to how successful it would be. Well it was all in vain because the event was a sellout. It was a full day forum, covering subjects such as, "Conflict Management" (PDG Tom Colton), "Effective Meetings" (VDG Paul Baker), "Protocol" (PDG Teddy Boyce) and a terrific session on "Identifying Personalities" (Lion Chantal Burt).

However, we decided to start the forum with an open symposium (thanks MD"A" MERL team for letting us know what a symposium is!) hosted by PID Gil Constantini. Lion Gil did an excellent job in leading a discussion on issues that affect our membership and retention. In the final evaluation reports, there wasn't a single negative comment on this symposium and most

admitted that they picked up several very useful suggestions that they will take back to their clubs. With this in mind, I strongly recommend other Districts do something similar – by allowing members to talk freely about various issues is an invaluable tool that we need to use more often. I would like to publicly "thank" all those Lions that helped put this event together – your hard work paid off.

The overall grade of the forum was a 4.5 out of a maximum of 5. There is no doubt that we will continue with future forums. Our next one is at the Maitre D' Banquet Centre in Burlington on November 6th. Cost is only \$16 (due to a District subsidy) and this includes a lunch and coffee/tea at breaks. Anyone wanting to attend may contact VDG Paul Baker either by email [paul.baker@sympatico.ca](mailto:paul.baker@sympatico.ca) or by telephone (Office) 416-657 2024 Ext 230 (home) 905-721-9484. Lions from other Districts are more than welcome. See you there.

Reported by VDG Lion Paul Baker

## Churchill Meadows Lions

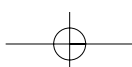
An addition to Region 6 in District A711 came into being on March 28th, 2006 with an Induction Ceremony held at the Pine Valley Banquet Hall in Woodbridge.

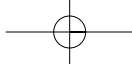
Lions PID Art Woods and Carole Woods were on hand to conduct the candle light ceremony. The 38 new members were inducted, many of them being husband and wife, in an evening featuring an excellent Indian Food buffet.

Lion DG Rollie dela Cruz presented the charter document to the Lion Charter Club President, Pammi Walia. Please welcome Lions Pammi and Kalpana Walia, Sanjay and Monika

Makkar, Atul and Shalini Gera, Pradeep and Ashu Puri, Anil and Seema Bhasin, Jay and Mala Gandhi, Harbinder and Navpreet Badhwar, Vinodh and Vinaya Koshihemy, Sundip and Chani Makani, Sanjay and Seema Khanna, Satish and Rimple Thakkar, Deepak and Meena Nayak, Anil and Sunita Chopra, Kapil and Ruby Behl, Manmohan and Leelam Kundra, Rajeev and Seema Bakshi, Manjeet and Trish Bakhshi, Pankaj and Swati Gupta, Vibushan Singh Paul and Annu Kapur.

Submitted by ZC Ray Charbonneau





## New Cubs



*The Stoney Creek Lions are proud to announce the induction of three new cubs into the club. Lions Ilona, Eve, and Alvina joined the Lion ranks in December.*

## Float is a Winner



*The Stoney Creek Lions inherited this float from Stelco Steel, and the club now pulls the Dickens Float in local parades. The club has been awarded 1st place in many parades. It is a working float that also plays Christmas carols and has many moving mechanisms on it.*

*Submitted by Lion Wendy C. Mans-Keddie*

## Mount Hope Recognizes

Mount Hope Lions Club held their annual appreciation Night in January. The Club, now in its 56th year, honoured businesses and individuals for their help throughout the past year. In all, eleven certificates were presented. As well, the club presented cheques to four local causes.

Reported by Ray Yurkowski, The Glanbrook Gazette

# Vision Program

This is Lion Slava from the Scarborough Cedarbrae Golden Mile Lion's Club sending a few words of thanks to all fellow club members who donated whole heartedly to the LCI Vision Program with their time, and effort, making it possible for so many people in the world to see better what is under their nose.

My primary interest in joining the Lions Club was to assist with the collection of used glasses and their international distribution. Through no fault of my own, it seems, at 2005 year end I ended up your Eye Glass Coordinator, or some such entity. I would like to spend a few minutes, and reflect on that with you.

Prior to joining the Lion's Club I was involved with the reading glasses donation informally. I used to purchase used glasses from local Good Will, Salvation Army, or Thrift Stores, and drop them at participating Optometrists. I thought that was a good way to do your tithing, and I still do.

From time to time I inquired what happens to these glasses, and I was told they were given away to the needy by the Sisters of Charity. That should tell you how far back old glasses, and I go. Later I was informed that the Lions Club took over that charity mission, and soon I became a curious cat. I wanted to meet those Lions who take care of so many people in the world. And I did!

After joining the Lions Club I found out there are so many other ways to collect the used glasses, and to my surprise for free. I have also discovered that there are so many International relief agencies who are involved in the used reading glass distribution, and this particular relief work is much more competitive than I imagined. Unicef, SHARE, Canadian Christian Association, Church of God, Catalyst Foundation, Beth Tzedek Synagogue, Heart for Rumania to name but a few. It is a jungle out there.

## Toronto Paragon Lions

One of the greatest things to happen in our volunteer efforts is when we can welcome a whole new group who want to share the experience with us; who believe in the ideals for which all Lions serve to support.

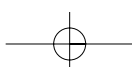
On January 14th 2006 we had the pleasure of receiving the Toronto Paragon Lions Club into our fold. This new addition to Region 58 in District A711 will be a real benefit to the community of North Scarborough and beyond.

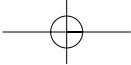
Lions PID Bruce Murray and Janice Murray officiated the evening. Lion Bruce participated in the Phoenix Dance Eye Dotting Ceremony that followed the opening Dragon Dance and had the first dance with the new Club President. A711 District Governor Rollie dela Cruz presented the charter document to the newly sworn in Lion Charter Club President, Esther Wong who made a very fine acceptance speech. This Lion of some 10 years was able to form a new group of women under the guidance of Lions

PDG's Glenda and Len Coupland and support of Lion VDG Paul Baker.

This event was held at the Hilton Suites in Markham with some 500 guests including political celebrities, professional performance equipment, dual multilingual Emcee's, ball room dancing from preteen and teen children, folk dancing, pledge dancing, a live band and an exquisite meal. The silent auction items were first rate at the reception and the ballroom was decorated in a celebration theme. Lion Vice President Norm Wolter of the sponsoring club of Scarborough Cedarbrae Golden Mile was able to make the presentation of a gong and gavel to the club president along with the best wishes for success. The Paragon Lions concluded the evening with a cheque presentation of \$30,000 to the Hospital for Sick Kids and \$10,000 to the St Johns Ambulance.

Submitted by ZC Lion Ray Charbonneau





# West Hill Melvins

Recognition of Lions' efforts and dedication is an important incentive to those being presented with awards, and serves as an example to the rest of us. The Melvin Jones Fellowship was bestowed upon two well deserving, distinguished and always hard-working individuals. Last year Lion Johnnie McBrearty and Lion Vivian Reid received their award for their diligence, hard work and achievements during their long career with the Lions of West Hill-Highland Creek.

The entire club was the recipient of the Long Term Service Award by the City of Toronto earlier in the year for outstanding achievement and service to the community.

On the fund raising front, a Fall Fashion Show was an experiment that

paid off. As a result, this fund raiser will become an annual affair. The proceeds were presented to the Scarborough Emily Stowe Women's Shelter.

Besides the many services to the local community, WHHC was a contributor to the LCIF efforts in disaster relief. The year 2005 saw a series of major natural disasters, and the club felt that it had to do its part to in the LCIF programs, and contributed to the Tsunami relief, the Hurricane Katrina and the South-East Asia Earthquake relief efforts.

Submitted by Lion Marius Ois



*West Hill Highland Creek Lions President Terry Fontana presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Vivian Reid.*



*The late West Hill Highland Creek Lion Jim Scarnati presented Lion Johnnie McBrearty her Melvin Jones Fellowship Award*

# A9

## Five New Ones



In December the Mount Forest Lions Club added 5 new members to their club. PDG Lion Andy Klonikowski officiated in the ceremony. From left to right are Dave Wenger, Tony Rawlings, Marilyn Rawlings, PDG Andy, Marty Young, and Jim Gibson

Submitted by Lion Ron Hunter

## Start the New Year



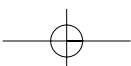
Lion Roy Bryan, President of the Orangeville Lions Club, started off the New Year with the induction of new members Ken Filsinger and Rod Sutherland. Left to right: Frank Gray, Ken Filsinger, Roy Bryan, Rod Sutherland, Doug Schild.

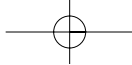
## Formosa Grows



Six new members have joined the ranks of the Formosa District Lions Club already this year. This brings the Club total membership to 67 members. Pictured are: Front Row (left to right) Robert Jarvis, Joy Codner, Florence Fischer; Back Row (left to right) Jim Batte, Marianne Batte, Greg McLean & President Todd Konecny

Reported by Lion Paula Weiler





# Friendly Guide



*Chico and Demo are from Calgary. In the fall of 2004, the Mount Forest Lions Club sponsored a Canine Vision Dog. In response to this sponsorship, Chico and Demo were paired up and now Chico, guided by Demo, make their way along the streets of Calgary.*

*Submitted by Lion Ron Hunter*

# Broomhead a Winner



Mayor Mike Broomhead of the Township of Wellington North, won the Shediac Lions Club Calendar Lottery, thereby taking the \$500 prize out of New Brunswick. Pictured, left to right, are Mike Broomhead, Noreen Broomhead, PDG Lion Vern Job

Submitted by Lion Ron Hunter

# Lions Donation



This is the final donation from the Goderich Lions Club towards the building of a beautiful new YMCA building in Goderich. Pictured from left to right: Lion Bill Stanbury, Lion Ken Hunter, Club President Terry Worsell, Lion Ernie Tafeit and Lion Les McKnight. Seated is Bruce Sully, Honorary Chairman of the building committee.

The Goderich Lions committed themselves to payments of \$45,000 each year for 5 years. This final payment brings the total donated in the 5 years to \$225,000.

# Clubs Pay Out

Lion representatives from seven clubs presented cheques in support of their local hospitals at the CKNX Wingham Health Care Heroes Radiothon in October. Cheques totalling \$5600 were given by Wingham, Mildmay & District, Tiverton & District, Ripley & District, Kincardine & District, Seaforth, and the Mount Forest Lions Clubs at the Radiothon.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Meldrum

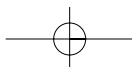
# Shelburne Awards

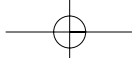
The Shelburne & District Lions Club recently celebrated 30 years of service to the community. Lions and friends gathered in Shelburne for an evening of fellowship and dinner. PID Art Woods and Lion Carole were the special guests. PID Art presented Lion Jean Cheyne and Lion Bruce Lyon with International President's Certificates of Appreciation for their dedication to the Shelburne Lions and to community projects.



*PDG Bob Osborne, left, and Governor Ferne Osborne, centre, also received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation from PID Art Woods.*

*PID Art Woods presented charter members, left to right, Bob Osborne, Bob Grime, Bill Hanna, Ken Topping and Don Stewart 30 year Monarch Chevrons. PID Art also presented each one with his personal banner.*





# A12

## 60 Years Attendance



A12 District Governor Leonard Day presents Lion Noel Stephenson with his 60 year Chevron as a member of the Barrie Lions Club. Lion Noel also has a 60 year "Perfect Attendance" record. Lion Noel joined the club in 1946 and has filled virtually every position in the club, some many times over.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

## Thank You Kevin



The Innisfil Lions Club recently presented Sobey's, Alcona owner Kevin Aygustin with a plaque in appreciation for all the sponsorship support that his store has provided the club.

Submitted by Lion Sharon Hunt

## Effective Speakers



This group of students took part in the Barrie Lions Club effective speaking competition in February. The club was fortunate to get judges from the Barrie toastmasters #1603. The speaking winners will go on to compete in Victoria Harbour in March.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

## Eight New Lions



Some Lions meetings are better than others. Tottenham and District Lions will savor their December 7th meeting. Region Chair Lion Larry Vine, on his official visit, inducted eight new Lions. He was assisted by VDG Jim Hilt and ZC John Myers.

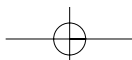
At the same meeting, Tottenham Lions were able to surprise Lion Les Stevens with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, even more surprising is that Lion Stevens is the Treasurer! PDDG Lion George Stamper, a long-time friend and co-traveller, presented the award, which recognized 16 years in Lionism, many positions in the Club and District cabinet, with particular emphasis on the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides programs.

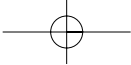
## Parry Sound Gives



Parry Sound Lions Club President Joan Walton presented Joe Patterson of the Salvation Army with a cheque for \$500. the money was used to help purchase food for Christmas hampers.

Submitted by Lion Fern Morley





# A15

## Sight Screening

Woolwich Community Lions Club and Elmira Lions Club worked together to screen approximately 150 students in December from three area public schools, which resulted in 38% of those tested being referred to optometrists. During the month of January members from Woolwich Community Lions Club also conducted sight screening at several public schools in the District, as arranged by Lions Sight Chair for District A15 Lion David Whitehead. Lion Deanna Zenger, along with several Club members, and Lions from member clubs where the schools are located assisted in the screening.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Booth

# Lions Santa



*Santa (aka Lion Lloyd Huffman of the Bayfield Lions Club) with Lillian Penhale, 104 years old, one of the 52 'shut-in' seniors that were visited just before Christmas. Santa was assisted by Lions Paul Larmour, Tom Dawe, Dave Bechard, Tim Blackburn, Jerry Stirling, Charlie Kalbfleisch and Penny Overboe, who divided up the Poinsettias and chocolates that were given out as gifts. Prior to setting out on his journey to local nursing homes and private residences, Santa made a surprise visit to the children who attend the day nursery in the Lion's Community Centre building. The Lion's Santa visitations is a long time tradition with the Bayfield Lions Club and its not certain who enjoys it more, the seniors or the members of the Lions Club who claim that this activity is one of the most rewarding of the whole year.*

Submitted by Dave Gillians

# A16

## Ajax Collections



*Lion Frank Facciolo, left, Chairman of the used eyeglasses recycle program with co-chair, Lion Bill Pinder, provided the second delivery for 2005 to LensCrafters. This delivery brings the total collection to over 3,000 pairs of glasses. Lion Frank wants to thank the team in Calgary for their help in sorting and distribution of the glasses. Many thanks to the whole Ajax Lions Club and LensCrafters for their support.*

## Ajax Lions Help Hope



*The Ajax Lions Club donated a large number of toys, along with giving \$2000 to the Salvation Army in December. Club President Deborah Wilmot, right, presented the gifts to Rita and Bill Marshall of the Salvation Army's Hope Community Family Services Branch.*

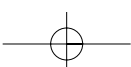
Submitted by Lion Bob Rowland

## Fergus Toy Drive



The Fergus Lions Club, along with the local Ford dealership, conducted their 7th annual Toy Drive in support of the Community Pantry's Christmas Hamper program. As in past years, the toys donated satisfied all the needs in Centre Wellington with the surplus toys sent to other nearby centres who were short of toys. In addition a cash donation of \$400 was made to Community Pantry from the Lion's Mints program.

Reported by Lion Joe Brooks



# Club Helps Diabetics

On Tuesday, November 15 the Pickering Lions Club sponsored the Annual Diabetes Health Fair. This was an event to provide information and education to people living with diabetes in Durham Region, their families and friends. Diabetes Support Group, organized and financially supported by the Lions Club, has been running for 5 years. Close to 200 people showed up at the event to listen to 3 prominent speakers and to talk with 13 diabetes experts.

The Pickering Lions Club and Dr. Ian Blumer have supported this event since its beginning. Lion Jan Burton was there as a member of the Club and as a sponsor on behalf of Stiefel Canada Inc. - her employer. The emcee for the evening was Rita Nave, host of daily entertainment show "Durham Today", as seen on Channel 12 CHEX TV Durham.

This sinister disease can cause blindness, kidney failure, amputations, strokes and heart attacks. The goal of the health fair was to promote quality of life despite the consequences of the disease. The sheer numbers of participants deemed the event a great success.

Submitted by Barbara M. Lome, Co-ordinator Ajax/Pickering Diabetes Support Group



Left to right- Lion Jan Burton; Dr. Sandra Miranda, Naturopath; Dr. Ian Blumer, Author of "Diabetes for Canadians for Dummies"; event emcee Rita Nave; Dr. Kevin Tyber; and Lion Susan Maturine.

# Big Cheque from Markham



The Markham Lions Club presented a \$60,000 cheque to the Markham Stouffville Hospital. These funds will be used for the much needed refurbishing of the Intensive Care Unit quiet room, as well as the relocation and furnishing of the Palliative Care quiet room in the hospital. The project will be completed by April 1, 2006.

Standing, from left: Club President Ken Harris, Chad Hanna, President, Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation, and Ken Tranter, Chairman, Health Services, Markham Lions Club.

# Scooter Presentation



The Newmarket Lions Club helped to purchase a scooter for Robin Ward, seated (Lion Chuck Toplis, left & Lion Louis Dill, right.) Robin is a retired harness maker in Newmarket who now spends part of his time making toy soldiers & replicas of subjects, and has been assisting the Salvation Army with their food & toy drive. The scooter will enable him to continue to help others and himself. On March 13th, the Club presented the South Lake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket with \$20,000 for their Ambulatory Care Centre. Donations to this project now total \$100,000. At Christmas the Club was able to help over 45 families with food vouchers. And for the Club's 75th Anniversary year, we have committed \$75,000 to the Hospital in Newmarket for the Whipper Watson Therapeutic Swimming Pool for which we will be raffling off a new car.

Submitted by Lion Chuck Toplis

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