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Campaign SightFirst II: Your Support Will Spell Success

It's not hard to notice two things when I travel and meet Lions in their hometowns and at their club or district gatherings. Lions are immersed in worthy projects, whether it is a vision screening, an eyeglass collection or assisting children, and Lions are immensely proud and satisfied to be part of these projects. Nothing fires up our energies and brings us joy as helping others. The writer Willa Cather nailed it completely when she wrote in one of her novels: "That is happiness: to be dissolved into something complete and great." We find true satisfaction in performing great deeds that help others.

It's easy to feel that sense of pride and contentment through hands-on projects. It's not so easy to take the same amount of pride in projects made possible through our financial support. But pause for just a moment and consider the great accomplishments of SightFirst, made possible through the gifts of many Lions such as yourself. You may not be one of the Lions directly involved in a SightFirst project. But your support has made all the difference in the world. We've directly helped millions of people. We've prevented vision loss for 27 million and restored the sight of more than seven million through SightFirst-funded cataract surgeries. Lions and SightFirst have done what few would have believed possible before 1990 (controlling and, in many areas, eliminating needless blindness on a grand scale. Thanks to Lions, there are less blind people today despite a rapid rise in the world's population. That should instill a whole lot of pride in each and every Lion.

It also ought to instill a rock-solid commitment to support Campaign SightFirst II. Yes, we Lions have accomplished a tremendous amount of good through SightFirst. But we've only just begun. Through Campaign SightFirst II, Lions will continue to bring the gift of vision to untold millions. That gift could be for someone

you know and love. Blindness plays no favorites, and because of the surge in diabetes and the aging of our population, loss of sight is a real threat even in developed nations such as the United States and Canada.

Lions have been Knights of the Blind since 1925 when Helen Keller urged us to embrace that mission. We've filled that role magnificently since then. But never has the need to protect and preserve sight been greater. The world's population is growing and people are living longer. As a consequence, more people are at risk of blindness. Diabetic eye disease also looms as a much more serious and pervasive threat because of changes in lifestyle worldwide. Unless action is taken now, the number of blind people could double to 75 million by 2020. We can't let that happen and we won't let that happen.

When Lions began SightFirst more than 15 years ago, we took a chance. We had never ventured on such a huge undertaking. We were confident Lions would support the first campaign and we had the same trust in ourselves to efficiently and effectively carry out the projects made possible by the donated funds. But we were entering uncharted

waters. We had no blueprint for such an ambitious initiative. We were successful, of course, far beyond what was imagined. Our success has been a wonderful testament to the can-do spirit of Lions, to our great spirit of service.

We now have a track record of carrying out a worldwide endeavor to save and restore sight. We know with a certainty that as we replenish the funds raised by the first campaign we will continue to develop and implement sight-saving projects that reach into the far corners of the globe. We must be successful with this campaign. If Lions don't reach out to save sight, no one else will be there to prevent vision loss. We Lions are the world's best hope for those threatened with life without sight.

So please support Campaign SightFirst II. Your support, however small or large, will help preserve or restore vision. It also will bring you that joy made possible only by helping others.

Lions Convention Update

July 2 - 6, 2007

Chicago, Illinois, USA

June 23 - 27, 2008

Bangkok, Thailand

July 6 - 10, 2009

Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

June 28 - July 2, 2010

Sydney, Australia

July 4 - 8, 2011

Seattle Washington, USA

For the Record, as of February 28, 2006, Lions Clubs International had 1,317,674 members in 45,168 clubs and 753 districts in 196 countries and geographic areas. Senior Master Key (25 Members) Lion Keith Cook, Brantford North Lions Club, Ontario, Canada

Highlights of the September Governor's Council Meeting

The first meeting of the 2006-2007 Council of Governors was held in Markham on Saturday September 23, 2006. The following represents the highlight topics discussed during the meeting:

Appointment of new MDA Secretary - Upon the recommendation of the Administration Committee, Council approved the appointment of PCC Dave Voisey as the new MDA Secretary, effective September 22nd 2006. The Council of Governors commended outgoing Secretary, Wayne Hoey, for his service to MDA during the past two years.

Correspondence - LCI acknowledged MDA's endorsement of the bid from the City of Toronto to host the 2012 International Convention.

Treasurer - Council approved adjustments to the Rules of Audit covering the Promotion Chair's attendance at Conventions to reflect the responsibilities contained in the job description. An increase in the MDA rules of audit for mileage was also approved increasing the rate from 22 cents per kilometre to 24 cents per kilometre (District A5 was proportionally increased from 23 cents to 25 cents to recognize higher northern costs). The MDA budget for 2006-2007 was presented and approved which included the guaranteed prize structure for the Effective Speaking contest. The Auditors Report for 2005/2006 was presented and approved.

International Director - ID Terry Graham advised that the second Canadian Faculty Development Institute is planned for February 14 to 19, 2007. Resulting from the highly successful USA/Canada Forum, ID Terry reminded Council that next year's forum is planned in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 6 to 8, 2007. Also that clubs wishing to take advantage of the family membership rebates must have their requests in to LCI by November 30, 2006. Governors asked that the MDA Leadership coordinator under the MERL Team explore the possibility of holding a faculty forum just for MDA.

Research & Long Range Planning Committee - Council approved the

Terms of Reference for a new Ad Hoc Committee established to conduct an overall review of the MDA Constitution and By Laws (C&BL) to ensure compliance with the current International C&BLs and its consistency with the MDA Policy manual and the MDA Council Motion Book.

Promotion Committee - The MDA delegate hotel in Chicago will be the Sheraton located approx 2.7 miles from the main convention centre. The approved band representing MDA in Chicago is the Brockville Lions Steel Band from District A4. Approval was received to replenish the MDA stock of Safari Shirts and to purchase 400 MDA 2006-2007 pins (Cardinal Bird). Authority was also given for existing non-or slow selling merchandise to be disposed at cost. At the request of the governors, the Promotion Committee is tasked to research the potential for organizing a Canada wide hospitality event at the International Convention (similar to those hosted by other international contingents).

Youth Outreach - the MDA Effective Speaking Contest for 2006-2007 will be hosted by District A711 and held at the Holiday Inn Select, Toronto on May 5th. The Youth Committee was asked to research the feasibility of applying for a \$2000 LCI Grant for conducting a Leo conference either sometime during this year or the next. Finally governor's approved the payment of rules of audit for the Peace Poster contest winner and family to attend the MDA convention and for the committee to approach MDA clubs for donations towards the MDA Peace Poster contest expenses. The contest theme for this year is "Celebrate Peace".

International Advisory Committee - confirmation was received that the criteria for International Presidential and Leadership medals would revert back to District Governor recommendations rather than being linked to the membership program as per last year. PID Art Woods also updated the Council on MDA donations to Sightfirst II, which, according to LCI presently stand at \$154,904 (although actual donations are anticipated to be almost twice that amount).

Environment - This committee's objective will be to promote district environmental awareness and also MDA's participation in the annual International Environmental Photo contest.

Convention Committee - It was reported that all pre registrations made in Boston to attend the International Convention in Chicago were inadvertently destroyed and therefore re registration will be required. Plans for the upcoming convention in London (scheduled for May 25th - 27th) are well underway and the International Guest will be MDA's own International Director Lions Terry and Jean. The 2008 MDA Convention is scheduled for May 28 - June 1, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select in Toronto.

Website - the new MDA website is hosted on servers in Boca Raton in Florida (the change being necessitated due to the repeated difficulties experienced with the former provider.).

MERL - An Extension Workshop aimed at District MERL and Extension Chairs is planned by the MERL Committee for November 2 - 4, 2006 to be held at the Tiverton Lions Hall. The MERL Committee is also looking into the possibility of conducting another MERL Symposium sometime early in the New Year.

Committee Changes - Council approved PDG Dave Hansen as the new Promotion Chair, replacing PCC Dave Voisey who has taken over as MDA Secretary. Lion Lynn Mathewson has been approved as the Peace Poster coordinator assuming the duties from Lion Janice Murray who resigned due to family illness and PCC Judy Grant resigned as the Constitution and By Laws Chair also due to family illness related problems. Council Chair David Cole will recommend a replacement for PCC Judy and also appointing the membership of the new MDA Ad Hoc Committee shortly.

For more information, questions or concerns relating to these highlights please contact MDA Secretary Dave Voisey at dvoisey@rogers.com or 613-843-1687

AUDITOR'S REPORT

**International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District A Statement of Financial Position
June 30**

	2006	2005
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$5,979	\$39,182
Short term investments, at market value	286,046	231,529
Receivables - dues	2,748	246
- other	33,505	27,825
Inventory (Note 4)	11,700	14,450
Prepaid expenses	2,880	3,533
	<u>\$342,858</u>	<u>\$316,765</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Payables and accruals	\$7,400	\$11,008
Fund balances		
Internally restricted funds	34,321	54,895
Unrestricted general fund	301,137	250,862
	<u>335,458</u>	<u>305,757</u>
	<u>\$342,858</u>	<u>\$316,765</u>

**International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District A
Statement of Operations and Changes in
General Fund Balance**

Year Ended June 30	2006	2005
Revenue		
Club dues	\$209,549	\$209,053
The Lion magazine (Note 5)	114,332	117,162
Miscellaneous revenue (Note 6)	5,241	2,490
Interest earned	7,612	5,127
	<u>336,734</u>	<u>333,832</u>
Expenditures		
Office expenses	42,380	45,499
Region officers	36,803	37,547
The Lion magazine (Note 5)	122,740	127,039
Council expenses	11,173	15,168
Vice District Governor	15,480	18,226
Promotion	7,285	5,865
District convention	7,400	7,400
Council Chairman elect	2,095	2,843
Council Chairman	8,326	5,540
Convention advisory	2,586	2,701
Research and Planning	5,407	4,290
ID Candidate	102	26,766
Constitution and by-laws	2,403	1,907
Administration committee	775	747
Lions Foundation of Canada	855	-
MERL	11,960	17,500
Opportunities for Youth	4,887	4,176
International Advisory	1,721	3,312
Hearing Conservation	835	511
Sight conservation	668	370
IT & Web	341	411
Lion Tamer	-	606
Historian	661	363
Faculty Development Institute	- 424	-
LCI convention 2004	-	192
	<u>286,459</u>	<u>328,979</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures	50,275	4,853
General Fund balance, beginning of year	250,862	246,009
General Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$301,137</u>	<u>\$250,862</u>

**International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District A
Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2005**

1. Purpose of the organization

The International Association of Lions Club Multiple District A provides administrative support to Lions Clubs in Ontario and Quebec. The Lions Clubs are service organizations providing support and assistance to less fortunate members in the community.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Fund accounting

The International Association of Lions Clubs follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

General fund

The General Fund accounts for the organization's program delivery and administrative activities.

Restricted funds

Internally Restricted Funds report restricted resources that are to be used for specific programs as determined by the members of the Association.

Capital assets

Capital asset acquisitions are generally incidental and are written off in the year of acquisition.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Revenue recognition

Club dues are recognized as revenue in the year to which the related membership applies. Dues are billed based on the membership information provided by the Clubs.

3. Statement of changes in cash flow

A statement of changes in cash flow is not presented as it would not provide meaningful additional information.

4. Inventory

	2006	2005
Safari shirts	\$ 904	\$ 1,178
MD "A" pins	368	1,206
Umbrellas	247	438
MD "A" caps	249	306
Material	9,443	10,686
Windshirts	249	339
Fanny packs	240	297
	<u>\$ 11,700</u>	<u>\$ 14,450</u>

5. The Lion magazine	2006	2005
Revenues		
Reimbursement from Lions Clubs International	\$ 103,146	\$ 109,668
Subscriptions & advertising	<u>11,186</u>	<u>7,494</u>
	\$ 114,332	\$ 117,162
Expenses		
Printing & translation costs	\$ 119,660	\$ 123,846
Expense reports	<u>2,278</u>	<u>2,777</u>
Miscellaneous	<u>802</u>	<u>416</u>
	\$ 122,740	\$ 127,039

6. Miscellaneous revenue	2006	2005
Equipment Sales	\$ -	\$ -
Inventory difference & Intl Dir	<u>886</u>	<u>(411)</u>
LCI Membership refunds/ Leadership Grant	<u>1,359</u>	<u>1,789</u>
Other	<u>2,996</u>	<u>1,112</u>
	\$ 5,241	\$ 2,490

7. Comparative Figures

Certain of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the financial statements presentation adopted for the current year.

8. Subsequent Event

The internally restricted fund balance of \$25,514 in Lake Joe 50/50 fund was donated to the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre in August, 2006.

International Association of Lions Clubs Multiple District A

Schedule of Office Expenses

Year Ended June 30	2006	2005
Secretary- Honorarium	10,600	10,600
Stationery - supplies/Postage	5,353	5,662
Audit and legal	3,738	3,157
Telephone	1,265	1,976
Secretary expenses	1,964	1,418
Treasurer expenses	2,719	2,616
Treasurer - Honorarium	10,600	10,600
Insurance	3,898	4,145
Storage	990	990
Bank charges	636	803
Training & office equipment	<u>617</u>	<u>3,532</u>
	\$ 42,380	\$ 45,499

Lion's International Peace Poster MD 'A' Update

By Mid-December we will know which Club and District sponsored the MD 'A' Winner for 2006-07. That person will receive \$1000 at the MD 'A' Convention in London, provided there are sufficient funds. At the September Council Meeting, the Governors Council approved the MD 'A' Peace Poster Coordinator to approach clubs and districts for financial contributions to the Peace Poster Contest. At the same meeting, they approved to pay one night accommodation and Friday Luncheon for the winner and the parents if required. Again this is based on sufficient funds being available in the Account. The only way we have of ensuring there are sufficient funds in the Peace Poster Account is the generous financial support from the clubs and districts. You can also purchase an autographed picture of the MD 'A' Winning Poster for \$10 while supplies last. I encourage all clubs and districts to get involved with this excellent youth program and because MD 'A' will cover the Friday Luncheon and 1 Night Accommodation, if you are the sponsoring Club you will not be asked to cover these expenses. You may contact your respective District Chairs or myself Lynn Mathewson at (613)687-0191 or email mathlynn@sympatico.ca



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International Association of Lions Clubs - Multiple District A
Statement of Operations and Changes in Internally Restricted Fund Balances

Year Ended June 30

	Peace Poster		Lake Joe 50/50		Friendship		Lioness Fund		Effective Speaking Activities		L.C.I.F.		Windsor / Detroit Con.		Total	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenue																
Sale of tickets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,176	\$ -	\$ 14,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,226
Donation	-	-	28,390	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	369	-	168	519	1,025	-	-	-	-	-	28,909	1,562
Net contributions																
from Clubs	890	1,620	-	-	10,800	-	-	16,029	13,775	49	194	-	23,681	-	16,968	50,070
	<u>890</u>	<u>1,620</u>	<u>28,390</u>	<u>34,176</u>	<u>25,219</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>16,548</u>	<u>14,800</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>23,681</u>	<u>45,877</u>	<u>23,681</u>	<u>45,877</u>	<u>99,858</u>
Expenditures																
Administration	-	-	-	-	1,608	-	-	4,499	6,177	-	-	-	5,799	-	5,799	7,804
Cost	-	1000	-	-	11,506	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	500	-	500	13,006
Distribution	-	-	-	-	15,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,808	-	15,808	-
Lake Joe gift	-	-	17,647	16,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,647	-	17,647	16,000
Printing forms	-	-	-	535	291	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	826
Prizes	1,000	-	16,447	16,000	1,750	-	-	9,250	9,950	-	-	49,022	26,697	-	26,697	76,722
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>34,094</u>	<u>32,535</u>	<u>17,108</u>	<u>13,547</u>	<u>13,749</u>	<u>16,127</u>	<u>16,127</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>49,522</u>	<u>66,451</u>	<u>114,358</u>	<u>66,451</u>	<u>114,358</u>	<u>114,358</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	620	(5,704)	1,641	(17,108)	11,672	(1,459)	2,799	(1,327)	49	194	(500)	(25,841)	(20,574)	(14,500)	(14,500)	
Fund balances, beginning of year	3,530	2,910	31,218	29,577	17,108	5,436	1,502	2,829	792	598	745	26,586	54,895	69,395	69,395	
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 3,420</u>	<u>\$ 3,530</u>	<u>\$ 25,514</u>	<u>\$ 31,218</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 17,108</u>	<u>\$ 4,301</u>	<u>\$ 1,502</u>	<u>\$ 841</u>	<u>\$ 792</u>	<u>\$ 245</u>	<u>\$ 745</u>	<u>\$ 34,321</u>	<u>\$ 34,321</u>	<u>\$ 54,895</u>	<u>\$ 54,895</u>

From the Desk of I.D. Terry Graham

The summer months just seem to fly by. I attended a USA/CANADA Executive meeting in Columbus, Ohio in July. The final plans were in place and the Host Lions of Ohio, welcomed 2700 Lions to the 30th annual USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum. 68 seminars and many outstanding speakers entertained and motivated the Lions. President Ross inspired everyone to return to his or her club and reinvent their clubs to help serve their communities with more projects. The pre-registrations for next years Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan reached a record level of 1600 Lions. I would encourage all Lions in MDA to register for this forum. Next years Forum is only a short drive from most areas in MDA. So let's be the multiple with the most Lions attending the Forum.

At the Forum, the 5 star District Governors were announced. There were 30 awards in all of Canada, United States and Mexico. Two Governors from MDA received this prestigious award. They were A711's DG Rollando Dela Cruz and A9's DG Ferne Osborne. Congratulations to Lions of both Districts for their efforts in making 2005-2006 a very successful year. As both Governors said, "It was a District effort".

On September 30, we travelled to Lucknow to help charter the Dungannon & District Lions Club. The guests of honour were the 29 new enthusiastic Lions. IPDG Ferne Osborne was the governor when this club was officially chartered. 140 Lions from 4 Districts were in attendance to show the new Lions we are truly a caring and sharing Multiple. All the best to the new club.

We had the pleasure of travelling to Beijing to attend our fall International

Board meeting. The board meeting in Beijing was a new experience for Lion Jean and myself. The Lions of China were excellent hosts. With a population of 1.3 billion people and only having been allowed to form clubs in the last few years, we look for amazing growth in that part of the world. To date there are only 2500 Lions in China and you have to have the government's approval to join Lions. When I travel in the US or Canada, the age of the Lions is up in years. The Lions of China are very young and I believe our major growth over the next generation will be in this area of the world.

We visited the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, and the Great Wall. When we arrived in Beijing, we could see the Great Wall from the plane. But to stand on the wall was really something special. I couldn't imagine how many man-hours went into building something this size. It is definitely one of the great wonders of the world.

Of course, we went to China for the board meeting. Some of the resolutions passed by the board are as follows.

Each board meeting we have to approve the cancellation of Lions Clubs. With regret the board cancelled 172 Clubs for a total of 1,857 members.

Seven Multiple Districts applied for redistricting. All were approved. MD 41 in eastern Canada was approved for redistricting. The new number for the Maritime Provinces will be MDN. This means east of North Western Ontario, all Multiple Districts do not have Districts in the United States.

A request came to the board to review the Mileage allowance, which is currently US 0.26 cents per mile (US 0.16 per Kilometre). This will be



increased to US 0.28 per mile (US 0.173 per kilometre) effective January 1, 2007.

Approved 75 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totalling US\$2,999,396.00.

Approved an award for clubs that recruit 10 new family members before June 30, 2007, to be recognized with a Family Banner Patch and Districts that either recruit 30 new family members or charter a new family club receive a small diamond pin.

Consolidated the Lions Youth Exchange and International Youth Camp programs as a single "Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program" and change title of "Youth Exchange Chairperson" to "Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson", Effective July 6, 2007.

As we approach this festive season, let us remember that the need for our service keeps growing and we are sometimes the only light that shines for families in our communities. Lion Jean and I wish extend to you and your family all the best over the holiday season and hope your goals are met in the New Year.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Terry Graham ID

Lions Quest



MDA Lions Quest Chair Lion Bruce Colwell talking with and thanking MPP Frank Klees for addressing the Education Minister across the floor at Queen's Park re Lions Quest. Lion Bruce was visiting with the Oak Ridges Lions at the Richmond Hill Home Show when Frank dropped into the Lions Quest display.

New Programs, New Opportunities, New Members

By Sue Crosson-Knutson

Three new programs will help Lions serve their communities better (and increase membership). “People want to be a part of what we’re doing as Lions,” said International President Jimmy M. Ross of Texas, United States. “So I’m asking you to offer Lionism to others. The more people we have in each Lions club, the more people we’ll have to serve our communities. I’m asking you to bring in more new members in order to have more best friends.”

Lions ALERT

When man-made and natural disasters occur, victims need food, shelter and other basic necessities. A community-wide plan of action can aid in providing assistance to disaster victims. The new Lions ALERT program encourages Lions club to create pro-active emergency plans for three levels of emergencies.

* A Level One emergency such as a house fire or a localized flood affects a few people. A single Lions club can aid those affected by providing basic necessities such as drinking water, food, shelter or clothing.

* A Level Two emergency affects a larger geographical area. A coordinated district response may be necessary to aid the victims of a tornado, hurricane, cyclone or mudslide. Government and other relief agencies may appear as first responders in a Level Two emergency. Lions districts may be eligible to request a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Emergency Grant for a Level Two emergency.

* A Level Three emergency affects hundreds or thousands of people. A multiple district or several multiple districts may be involved in the relief efforts when a major catastrophic event such as a tsunami or an earthquake affects a region. Lions can work alongside government and other relief agencies such as the Red Cross to help victims of a Level Three emergency.

District governors and council chairpersons have been asked to encourage Lions to serve as community leaders in the organization of a local Lions ALERT team to develop a community-wide emergency response plan.

The chairperson of the Lions ALERT committee can meet with local government officials and emergency response professionals (firefighters, healthcare professionals, law enforcement personnel, transportation specialists, media representatives) to create a customized emergency response plan. In areas where an emergency response plan already exists, the ALERT chairperson can inform local officials of the availability of Lions volunteers in the event of a disaster. The names of Lions ALERT chairpersons can be submitted to Lions International Headquarters for posting on the Lions Web site.

Every emergency situation has four separate phases: mitigation or disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. After identification of the four phases, consider the volunteer opportunities that exist for your Lions club. For example, after the World Trade Center disaster, New York Lions mobilized their efforts and provided food and temporary shelter for relief workers at Ground Zero. Four years later, Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center volunteers provided free replacement eyeglasses to Hurricane Katrina victims.

After development of a Lions ALERT plan, your Lions club can decide how to best serve the needs of your community in the event of an emergency. Examples of possible forms of Lions aid include: providing food for relief workers, arranging shelter for disaster victims and collecting basic supplies for disaster victims/transporting the supplies to the disaster-affected area.

To review the Lions ALERT Program handbook, visit the Lions Web site at www.lionsclubs.org, click into Other Programs, International Relations and then Assistance Programs.

Lions Serving Humanity

Lions are generous with their time, talents, and resources. The new online Lions Serving Humanity program features a searchable database through which Lions (and non-Lions, too) can request and/or offer to provide services or material/supplies for Lions projects. These offers and requests can aid in an emergency or a long-term non-emergency Lions project.



Hurricane Katrina devastated Biloxi, Mississippi. A pro-active ALERT plan can help Lions aid victims of emergencies.

The Lions Serving Humanity database is a 24-hour tool for access to international Lions contacts. To access the database on the Lions Web site (www.lionsclubs.org), click into Other Programs, International Relations, then Assistance Programs.

Lions' Projects List

The Lions Web site also now includes the Lions List of Projects and Fundraisers. Reviewing the list can inspire clubs to begin new service projects, which, in turn, can lead to new members or even reinvigorate the passions of a current Lion.

Quite often, a new project or fundraiser will spark the interest of a particular Lion. For example, a Lion who likes to run marathons may delight in the opportunity to serve as chairperson for a Lions 5K run. To organize the project, the Lion seeks assistance from non-Lion friends who are runners. At the end of the 5K event, potential new Lions may be waiting at the finish line.

Clubs that implement good service projects and fundraisers naturally attract new members.

An entry in a local parade is an easy method of raising community awareness of a club. Well-publicized projects include:

- * the Geneva Lions Club, New York, United States, routinely organize hair donations for the creation of wigs for cancer patients

- * the 20/20 Columbia Lions, Missouri, United States, organize a diabetes camp in the country of Georgia

- * 18 Minnesota, United States, Lions clubs participate in a fishing trip for local seniors

- * the First Flight Lions Club, North Carolina, United States, organized their 23rd Annual Outer Banks VIP Fishing Tournament for 500 visually impaired persons.

Financing service projects provides another opportunity to showcase the ingenuity of Lions. The Lions of District 31-J, North Carolina, sell 2,500 numbered golf balls to finance the cost of the district-wide three-day fishing tournament. A helicopter drops the golf balls, sold for \$25, over a golf course. The golf ball that comes closest to the hole reaps a US\$10,000 prize for its owner. The local newspapers and television stations willingly cover the event.

The Lions List of Projects and Fundraisers appears on the Lions Web site at: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/projects_ideas.pdf

For more information on these three programs, visit www.lionsclubs.org or contact the Program Development Department at Lions International Headquarters at: 630-571-5466, ext. 315.



North Carolina Lions organized a three-day fishing tournament for VIPs (visually impaired persons) on the Outer Banks. A list of Lions' projects is now on the Lions' Web site.

New Secretary for MD "A"

At the Council Meeting on September 23rd, 2006 the Council of Governors approved the selection of PCC Dave Voisey as the new Secretary of MD "A". The following will provide a brief overview of Lion Dave's history in Lionism.

Lion Dave joined Lions Clubs International in 1983 as a member of the Barrhaven Lions Club. Since then he has held virtually every position on the club's Board of Directors, including two terms as Secretary and two terms as President. At the district level he has been involved continuously since 1985, again chairing many district committees and including five terms as either Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer or Cabinet Secretary. He was the district convention advisor for 2001 to 2003 before taking on the Vice District Governor responsibilities in 2003, then as District

Governor A4 for 2004-2005. Last year he was elected the Council Chair of MD "A".

In private life he worked at Public Works Canada for over 20-years undertaking the overall responsibility for accommodation and services on Parliament Hill and for the Official Residencies. He then moved to the Treasury Board of Canada for nine years and upon retirement in 1995, he joined National Defence as a consultant and is currently concluding a short-term consultancy position with Foreign Affairs.

In his 23 years as a Lion, Lion Dave has received numerous recognitions at the club and district levels, including Helen Keller, Judge Brian Stevenson and, Melvin Jones Fellowships, two International Presidential Certificates and an International President's Medal.

He is a Life Member of LFC and a Knight of the Blind for Sight First II.

Lion Dave has always enjoyed the full support of his wife Vivien while taking on his various Lionistic responsibilities. They have been married for 43 years and have three children and seven grandchildren.

As the Secretary for MD "A", Lion Dave eagerly awaits the challenges that go along with the responsibilities and is looking forward to providing support and assistance to the Council of Governors, MD "A" Committees and all members of the MD "A" family in any way possible..

He can be reached by telephone at: 613-843-1687, fax: 613-825-1930, or email: secretary@mdalions.org

First SightFirst Grants in Niger

The Lions Clubs International Foundation has recently added another country to its growing list of nations to receive funding through SightFirst grants. With the approval of two grants for Niger, SightFirst has given grants to assist 90 countries throughout the world. During an August meeting, the SightFirst Advisory Committee approved 25 grants for a total of \$2.9 million. Since SightFirst began giving grants in 1990, it has awarded over \$193 million.

The land-locked nation of Niger in West Africa is roughly double the size of Texas with a population of 12.5 million. It is one of the poorest countries in the world and ranks last on the United Nations Development Fund index of human development.

With one of the highest blindness rates in the world, it is estimated that 85 percent of blindness in Niger can be avoided or cured through the proper treatment. Despite the country's size and high levels of blindness, primarily due to cataract and trachoma, there are only eight ophthalmologists and 27 ophthalmic nurses in the entire country. The number of trained eye care professionals in the country are far too few to care for the entire population, and the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates an additional 77 ophthalmic nurses need to be trained to meet the eye care needs of the country.

To address the ophthalmic nurse shortage in Niger, a SightFirst grant for \$127,551 has been approved to develop a three-year training program at the Lamorde National Hospital in Niamey, Niger. The curriculum is being developed by doctors with the Organization for the Prevention of Blindness in collaboration with WHO. SightFirst funds will provide for some academic materials for teaching the courses, upgrading rooms into suitable classrooms and providing the nurses with basic equipment upon graduation, in addition to other items. Upon graduating from the program, nurses will work at rural hospitals or health centers.



A boy in Niger has his vision checked.

Country	Project	US\$ Grant Amount
Brazil	Cataract surgery campaign (500 surgeries)	\$55,300
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Ethiopia	Renovation for ophthalmic nurses training	\$29,818
India	Cataract surgery campaign (35,000 surgeries)	\$583,333
India	LAICO training for Lions Eye Hospital, Gurgaon	\$7,500
India	LAICO training for Lions Eye Hospital, Kathua	\$7,500
India	LAICO training for Lions Eye Hospital, Amritsar	\$7,500
India	Cataract surgery campaign (5,000 surgeries)	\$83,333
India	Cataract surgery campaign (40,000 surgeries)	\$666,666
India	Cataract surgery campaign (7,500 surgeries)	\$125,000
India	Upgrade Reddy Lions Eye Hospital, Hyderabad	\$63,461
India	Upgrade Lions Charitable Hospital, Calicut	\$137,499
Mali	World Sight Day 2006, Bamako	\$25,000
Nepal	Cataract surgery campaign (10,000 surgeries)	\$210,000
Nepal	Cataract surgery campaign (9,000 surgeries)	\$189,000
Niger	Ophthalmic nurses training course	\$127,551
Niger	Renovation of ophthalmic unit, Maradi	\$180,599
Nigeria	Cataract surgery campaign (500 surgeries)	\$30,000
Norway	Eye care program in Malawi	\$
Pakistan	Cataract surgery campaign (3,400 surgeries)	\$90,274
Rep. of Congo	Onchocerciasis project	\$50,376
Sri Lanka	Cataract surgery campaign (1,000 surgeries)	\$30,000
Sri Lanka	Cataract program at Lions Eye Hospital, Hendala	\$37,500
Tanzania	Comprehensive eye care program	\$86,709
Undist.	Renewal of SF support for Chinese edition of JCEH	\$27,960
Total: 25 grants for		\$2,907,179



Conventions

You might be asking yourself why at this time we feel it's important to bring up the subject of conventions, with the next convention still six months away. The answer is very simple. Each Club President looks forward to having a great year, and just maybe receive some recognition at the Annual Convention. To bring this about the groundwork must be laid by the President at the very beginning of his year. No really successful Club would fail to include in its planning the necessity of participating in District Conventions with its allowable quota of delegates. Everyone who attends the business sessions at a Convention and hears the address of an international officer, will realize what a powerful influence Lionism is around the world. The significance of our voting strength, properly exercised, therefore is quite obvious in the interest of all of our Lions, Lionesses, Leos and of our Clubs. The educational value to a Lion attending a Convention cannot be overemphasized. It's at Conventions that a Lion learns what Lionism really means and receives the inspiration to return to his Club with new ideas and a strong desire to contribute something more to his community.

At International Conventions, every Lions Club, in good standing with LCI, is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for every 25 members or major factor thereof. At MDA or District Conventions, every Lions Club in good standing is entitled to send one delegate or alternate for every ten members or major factor thereof. Sometimes we wonder, do we stress the importance of Conventions enough? How often have you heard "Oh, our club is not convention-minded". Maybe, at some time or other this club sent delegates who failed to give proper reports when they returned. You, as the President, should insist that such a report be properly given. Too frequently a delegate's report puts greater emphasis on the happenings of the traveling to and from the convention and the social aspects, rather than on the important business sessions affecting your Club and the District.

This brings us to a very important point - the choice of Official Delegates to represent your Club. Your Club is entitled to full value for every dollar it raises and spends to send Delegates to Conventions. If a Club is paying all or any part of the Delegates expenses it would seem logical to choose members who would have the interest and enthusiasm to bring back an intelligent report to the Club. Every District in MDA was created by action taken by delegates to a District Convention, and who will deny the fact that this is an important reason for having representation at a District Convention.

Today, relatively speaking, we do not have to take a backseat to any other Sub-District, but we cannot allow ourselves to become a poor relative. We must uphold our pride and dignity and match the other Sub-Districts, stride for stride. It is regrettable that attendance at Conventions is not one of the strong points but it is never too late to begin. This is a good time to start making plans. Let's face it Lions, it will cost money to send delegates. With the majority of our Clubs the problem is the lack of funds. There is six months left to build a Convention fund and planning must begin at once to provide your needs.

Lion President - this is your year and this is your Convention. Let's all resolve to prove our worthiness to wear this Lions Emblem by getting behind our District Governor, his Cabinet and his District Convention Committee.

Remember:

- ➔ Your Constitutional obligations to send Delegates to Conventions.
- ➔ The immediate appointment of a Convention Committee Chair.
- ➔ Start planning to raise Convention funds at once.
- ➔ Choose your Official Club Delegates very carefully.
- ➔ Make sure a complete official report is made to your Club immediately following the Convention.
- ➔ Have a Great Year.

PCC Lion Gerry Albert

New Clock Chimes

The Municipality of Trent Hills happily accepted the Campbellford Lions Club's recent donation of \$18,000 for the installation of new chimes in the Campbellford Clock Tower.

In January, the Lions Club approached Trent Hills Council with the generous offer to donate funds for the chimes as a gift to the community for the Campbellford Centennial celebrations. In 2005, the town clock itself was refurbished by the Municipality and began keeping time again after a number of years of not functioning.

"The chimes have added an old fashioned charm to the downtown and enhanced the year long Centennial celebrations for Campbellford", noted Trent Hills Mayor, Hector Macmillan.

Submitted by Lion Marg Wilkes



The Knights of the Blind

Lions/CNIB Partnership Program



The Canadian
National
Institute
for the Blind
Ontario Division

Lions Help the CNIB Eye Van Bring Vision Health to Northern Communities

The Ontario Medical Mobile Eye Care Unit, commonly known as the CNIB Eye Van, has been bringing essential eye care services to northern Ontario communities since 1972. The Eye Van is a mobile, state-of-the-art ophthalmology clinic-on-wheels, with a rotating team of one volunteer ophthalmologist and two CNIB ophthalmic assistants. This team carries out vision-screening, treatment of eye conditions, minor eye surgery and raises awareness on eye disease and blindness prevention. Each year they reach approximately 5,000 people in 30 communities.

The CNIB Eye Van is often the only opportunity for Northerners to be seen by an ophthalmologist. Of the patients screened, 90% are identified with eye conditions that could lead to blindness if left untreated. Therefore, this service has literally saved the eye sight of thousands of residents in northern Ontario.

This would not have been possible without the ongoing commitment and support of Lions and Lioness Clubs across northern Ontario. The Lions' generous support enables CNIB to bring essential medical eye care services to thousands of residents living in remote communities. On behalf of the people served, the Eye Van volunteer physicians, staff members and community volunteers, CNIB extends a BIG thank you to the Lions for their dedication and commitment to this program.



The Lions' support of the Eye Van goes well beyond any financial contributions the clubs make to this important initiative. Lions Clubs are like the Eye Van's "life line" in a community. From helping to coordinate the location of the Eye Van, arranging for advertising, distributing posters to pre-registering patients for appointments or jumping in to assist with problems that arise while the unit is in their community, Lions are ready and willing to help out in any way they can. Most importantly, Lions extend their hospitality, to welcome the staff and doctors in communities visited by the Eye Van. In fact, many of our Lions contacts have become like an extended family to our team. Life on the road can be isolating at times and our staff very much appreciate all efforts to make them feel at home. Lions arrange fishing trips, tours of the local mill, boat tours, and much more! Some clubs even organize special meetings and celebrations in honour of the Eye Van visit. These wonderful opportunities to experience the local communities first hand enrich the work of our staff, doctors and volunteers.

Lions also often use their business or personal connections to support CNIB. Lions have helped to endorse funding proposals, even making presentations on behalf of the Eye Van. In a recent fundraising campaign, Lions worked hard behind the scenes in the corporate world and in municipal politics to help secure donations, ensuring CNIB reached its goal to purchase a new truck for the Eye Van.

Lions and Lionesses are exceptional partners in the delivery of this essential vision health service, helping to keep the Eye Van "on the road" to prevent vision loss in northern Ontario. CNIB is extremely fortunate to have the dedication and support of Lions. On behalf of all those who benefit from the Eye Van program, we wish to thank the Lions for recognizing our efforts with your ongoing support and commitment. We just couldn't do it without you!

Advertisement

Canada's 2005 – 2006 Five Star District Governors

Part of International President Mehta's program last year was the Passion to Grow. There were five levels and awards were available at all five levels. Two M.D. "A" Governors were the only Governors in Canada to earn the highest award – The 5 Star District Award.

To accomplish this goal, there had to be a positive growth throughout the year, a net gain in the number of clubs and a plus one on the year in the majority of clubs.

IPDG Rolando Dela Cruz from A711 and IPDG Ferne Osborne from A9 were able to accept the awards on behalf of their districts recently in Columbus, Ohio, at the MERL workshop offered there immediately following the USA/Canada Forum.

Needless to say, PDG Rollie and PDG Ferne are very proud of their Districts in helping them to achieve the awards. Without the support of their districts, it would have been impossible.

As well as the Gold Plaque, two Presidential medals, two Leadership medals and five Presidential Star Diamond Pins were awarded to both District A711 and District A9.



Lions Clubs Who Support the CNIB Eye Van



Atikokan Lions Club
 Central Manitoulin Lions Club
 Charlton-Englehart Lions Club
 Cochrane Lions Club
 Dryden Lions Club
 Ear Falls Lions Club
 Dubreuilville Lions Club
 Elliot Lake Lions Club
 Fort Frances Lions Club
 Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Lions Club
 Ignace Lions Club
 Iroquois Falls Lions Club
 Kapuskasing Lions Club
 Kenora Lions Club
 Little Current Lions Club
 Mantiouwadge Lions Club
 Pickle Lake Lions Club
 Red Lake Lions Club
 Schreiber Terrace Bay Lions Club
 Sioux Lookout Lions Club
 Smooth Rock Falls Lions Club
 Wawa Lions Club
 White River Lions Club

Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation

50/50 Draw Report July 9, 2006

Tickets sold...2646@ \$10.00 \$26,460.00

Expenses	postage	\$701.12
	tickets	\$452.53
	envelopes	\$127.50
	Mailing labels MDALions/Lioness	\$ 60.00
	Photocopying	\$ 50.00
	Return mailing labels	\$ 25.00
	Early bird draw	\$500.00
	Promotion	\$ 35.00
	Total Expenses (rounded to \$1950.00)	\$1951.15

Net proceeds	\$24,510.00 divided by 2
Prize	\$12,255.00
Camp Kirk	\$12,255.00

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation, I want to thank all the individual lions and lioness, and clubs that purchased tickets for the draw. I also want to thank the clubs that made a straight donation, rather than purchasing tickets (\$850). I am pleased to announce the winning ticket was ticket #5652, purchased by the Ajax Lions Club. Congratulation! Look for our tickets for the next draw.

Submitted by PDG Paul Brand, Chair Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation.

A1

Bike Draw



Lion Tony Beaulieu, Draw Chairperson and MP Pat Davidson announce the winning ticket.



The Lions Club of Petrolia held their first Harley Davidson Draw at their Annual Car Show on July 1, 2006, both being a huge success. This was a big undertaking for the club and with all members getting on board and selling tickets, they not only purchased the Harley but are now the owners of an enclosed trailer also, that can be converted into a cooler. Two thousand one hundred and fifty-four tickets (2154) were sold at \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00 giving the club a profit to date of \$7,880.65, plus the trailer \$7,325.36 totaling \$15,205.99. MP Pat Davidson drew the winning ticket with the winner being Frank Zawalsky and Marianne Benson of Exeter, Ontario. There was also a draw for \$2000.00 plus twenty draws for \$100.00. An Early Bird draw for \$2000.00 had been held at the District A-1 Convention in April. Members were kept busy cooking up hot dogs and hamburgs and serving cold refreshments to the crowd that attended to view the cars and watch the local fire departments and their games. Eighty-four vehicles were entered in the show and those who entered vehicles were also fed a hearty brunch by the members.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

London Central



London Central Lions presented \$5000 to Parkwood Hospital to purchase a specialized bed in the veteran's ward. Pictured left to right: Lion Henry Feenstra, Lion Brian Nicholds, Michelle Campbell - President of St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation, Lion Ron Lindsay, Lion Gerry Dove & PDG Fred Jenkins.

Reported by Lion Ed Busko

Lighthouse Playground



The Lighthouse Cove Lions Club has upgraded a local park playground with over \$60,000 in new equipment. Lions Vic Vogler and Arnold Nussey assist three children with an inaugural slide on one piece of the new equipment.

A2

Parade



The Tillsonburg Lioness Club Banner being presented by Lioness Marilyn Davis, left, and Lioness Mary Lou Krestel at the A2 Friendship Convention.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

A Real Collector



Fort Erie Lion, Jeff Eggleton, poses with some of the 2,000 pairs of eyeglasses he has ready for shipment to the recycling centre. Kudos to Lion Jeff who has been collecting glasses for the Fort Erie Club for the past twenty years.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

Harry Newman Award



Tillsonburg Lions Club member Paul LaPlante, right, receives his Harry Newman Award from Club President John Newton. In other club news - Lion Roy Saxby received his 50 Year Pin, and new member Phil Learn was recently welcomed into the club.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

Dino Hits Big



Merriton Lions Club President Bob Flynn congratulates Dino Girotti, of St. Catharines, winner of the 2006 Pontiac Pursuit in this year's Merriton Lions Car Raffle. Dino, brother of Lion Scotty and Lion Mario Girotti, stated that he has been buying Lion raffle tickets for 45 years, without any success. That unlucky streak changed on September 4 when Mayor Tim Rigby picked his ticket from the 15000+ sold this year. Also pictured is Lion Keith Brown, Raffle Chairman and Frank Hauck, New Car Manager at John Bear Pontiac Buick of St. Catharines.

A3

Diabetes Donors

Thanks to the very generous support of Lions and Lioness Clubs, along with many individual donors from District A3 and in fact from across MDA, over \$8,000 was raised for Diabetes research and awareness.

Team Diabetes Canada took part in the Reykjavik, Iceland Marathon this past August. The team of 180 individuals from all parts of Canada, ranging in age from 13 to 83, raised over \$1,000,000 for the Canadian Diabetes Association.

The friendships made and the great support of Team Diabetes Canada will never be forgotten. The weather was perfect and the friendly Icelanders, along with the unique scenery, combined to make this a trip of a lifetime.

I would encourage any Lion, Lioness or Leo to consider becoming a member of Team Diabetes Canada, a

very worthwhile and exciting project of the Canadian Diabetes Association. We all know the desperate need to further the work of Diabetes Research and Awareness and this provides a great opportunity to participate and you do not have to be an Olympic athlete.

Reported by PRC Lion John Grose, participant in photo



Yellow Lab



This purebred Yellow Labrador named Maggie was donated to Lions Foundation of Canada in April. She was donated by Glen Burton, a breeder in Newcastle, Ontario and is currently with a Foster Family in Acton. Pictured is Newcastle Lion Jean Graham, receiving Maggie from the breeder. By all reports Maggie is doing well and will be going to her "puppy session" on December 13th.

Submitted by Lion Secretary Ron Locke

Kiosk Dedication



Pictured from left to right: Lion Jim Hilborn, Club President Charles Stevens and Lion Jim Coombes. Lion Jim Hilborn was the Club President when this project started then Lion Jim Coombes and it was finally completed under our current president Lion Charles Stevens. Almost two years and three presidents.

The Lions Club of Bowmanville donated an information Kiosk to the Valleys 2000 lands. The kiosk consists of six panels three feet wide and four feet high that include information on trees, shrubs, flowers, fish habitat in the creek, trails, history of the valley along with other information on the valley. The kiosk has received nothing but compliments from the public with up to 1000 people a day visiting the valley. The ribbon cutting was held on Saturday, September 23 with members of council, the mayor and members of the community who use the valley trails.

Photo by Lion Bill Heuther
Submitted by Lion Doug Rutherford

Chemung Lake Scholar



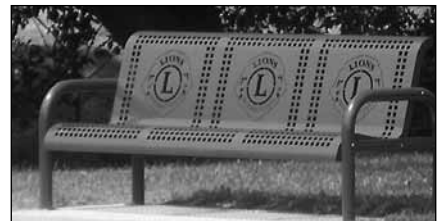
Each year the members of the Chemung Lake District Lions Club present a Memorial Scholarship Fund of \$1000 to a lucky student in the area. This scholarship is in memory of the Chemung Lake Lions who freely and unselfishly donate their time for the betterment of those less fortunate. The criteria by which the club evaluates the applications is their involvement in community leadership, special projects, and/or volunteer services. This year the lucky recipient is Jena Marie Taylor of Peterborough. Jena is pictured here receiving her scholarship from Lion Bob Herr, left, and Club President Lion Paul English.

A4

Purple Benches



Kingston Lakeshore West Lions Club members, along with some volunteers, stand in front of the Kingston City police RIDE program vehicle. This small club raised the \$5000 needed to sponsor five evenings of RIDE operations.



Two purple benches bearing the Lions Clubs International logo were recently added to Victoria Park in Metcalfe, Ontario. The Metcalfe & District Lions Club purchased the benches and with the help of the city of Ottawa they were installed.

Bell Gives

In concert with recent telecommunication equipment upgrades, Bell Canada decided to enhance the parks in 13 Ontario Communities. In an internet-based competition, voters were asked to express their preference between 3 different parks within the City of Belleville. Belleville Lions, determined to win the contest, came out on top with 49% of the vote. Recently, volunteers, including 10 Belleville Lions and a similar number of Bell employees gathered to grade a new trail through the park.

Submitted by Lions Doug & Maxine Thompson

ATV Draw



ZC Lion Helen Porteous handed over the keys to a brand new ATV to Rosy Hooper on October 5. Rosy won the ATV from the Metcalfe & District Lions Club draw at the Metcalfe Fair. Thanks to Al Johnston Arctic Cat, the dealer in Metcalfe for supplying and backing the club.

Peace Winner



The Pembroke Petawawa Lions and McDonald's Restaurant sponsored the International Lions Peace Poster Contest for the seventh year. Six schools participated and submitted a total of 345 posters to be judged. Tuesday October 24 the Club held a Presentation Night with all winners, participants, school reps, parents and friends invited to attend. The Club presented each winner \$50 and McDonalds presented a Certificate for each participant for a total value of \$1759.50. McDonald's has agreed to co-sponsor again next year. Pictured are the six winners (l) to (r) Micah Gilchrist, Martina Witt, Mallory Brooks, Lion Lynn Mathewson, Terry Tracey, Marie Ann Tremblay-Gagnon, and Greg Murphy.

Cabinet's First Meeting



77A4 recently held their first Cabinet meeting, hosted by the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club. In attendance were, left to right, Treasurer Sam Maddin; RC13 Gerry Langevin; Cabinet Secretary Eileen Burke; DG James Johnston; Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club President Bill MacDonald; VDG Jerome Andre; RC22 Lynn Mathewson; RC30 Tom Keates; and RC41 Al Page.

Submitted by Lion John Proulx

Expansion



In January of 2003 the Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club had pledged \$25,000 over five years to the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation for an expansion. In July 2006 the Club made their fourth donation for \$5000.

For more information on the Club check the website at <http://pempeton.lionwap.org>. Lion Lynn Mathewson, Bingo Chair, left, and Lion President Gerry Haley on the right presents a symbolic cheque of \$5000 to Carol Nevills, Executive Director of the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation.

Club Report Card

The Almonte Lions Club was established 60 years. At the Club's celebration ZC Allan Wilson of the Kemptonville Lions Club was the guest speaker, bringing congratulations for terrific community work over the years. Currently the Club is sponsoring blood donor clinics, running the club bingo every two weeks in the Carleton Place Bingo Hall (according to Chair Lion Gerry Coleman attendance continues to be excellent despite the abolition of smoking), and selling Nevada tickets at the Highway 44 Gas & Variety Store. The club is thankful for the support of the owner, Kevin McCormack. The biggest commitment presently is supporting the Almonte General Hospital/Fairview Manor development with a \$100,000 pledge. To date \$65,000 has been raised and the club is confident that the balance will be raised during the next year. Lion Claire Johnston reported at the last meeting on the Lions Booth at the Almonte Fair. And finally, the club is active selling their annual 350 Draw tickets. All in all the club is very active, much to the benefit of their community.

Van Donated



The Sudbury Lions Club Life Member and Past Regional Chairman, Lion Frank Arnold, co-owner of Dalron Construction, donated a van to the Canadian Hearing Society of Sudbury. The Society is situated in the Sudbury Lions Club Resource Center, where they conduct tests and have hearing aids. Standing left to right are: Lion Frank Packard, Lion Frank Arnold, Club President Al Marcon, and PDG Gerry Albert. The van will be a great asset to The Canadian Hearing Society.

Submitted by Lion Gloria S. Packard

Sudbury Golf



Lion Bill Beaton of the Lions Club of Sudbury presents Amanda Luoma, Development Coordinator for the Northeast Ontario Region of the Canadian Diabetes Association, a cheque for over \$2000. These were the proceeds of The Lions Club of Sudbury Golf Tournament and Club raffle. A set of golf clubs was won by Bev Harper of Sudbury.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

Tympanometre



Elliott Lake Lions Richard McCallum, left, and Club President Ron Cadotte presented \$4000 to Francine Bolduc of the North Star Family Resource Centre. These monies will be used to purchase an automatic tympanometre which will assist in diagnosing hearing problems in pre-school children. This is one of several community projects that the Elliot Lake Lions Club has undertaken this year.

Submitted by Lion Anne Brant

Elliot Lake Fire



The Elliot Lake Lions Club recently donated \$4,000 to the Elliot Lake Volunteer Fire Fighters. These monies will assist them with the purchase of 20 flashing green visor lights. The lights are used by volunteers during fire emergencies. They are also used when volunteers lend a hand with community security i.e. Halloween night. This is just another community initiative that the Club has donated to within the past few months.

Minnow Lake



The Minnow Lake Lions Club donated \$10,000 to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. This donation will be matched by the Province of Ontario. Left to right, Lion Walter Karen, Lion President Brian Closs, Dean of the school Dr. Roger Strasser.

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Suomi Promotions



Last spring the Toronto Suomi Lions began to market themselves better to Toronto's Finnish community by attending its large "Market Place" event, fondly called Finn power.

This club's intention was to create a better awareness of "What Lions are all about" and "What we do". At their table the club exhibited many accomplishments by Lions, internationally, in Ontario, Finland and, of course, locally their own. Available at the event were information packages, musical CD's produced by club member Lion Lars Forss, DVD's for exercises for women, Lions Mints etc. "Film About Lions" was shown on a laptop. Club members present talked to lots of visitors and answered lots of questions in the Agricola Lutheran Church's large hall.

Pictured are Club President Burt Rairamo, (left) and Secretary Risto Puhakka.

Just in case you don't know it, the "Suomi" in our club name means Finland in Finnish. We hold meetings in Finnish but in English if we have a non-Finnish visitor. We are all bilingual. Of course, all paperwork is done in English.

Walkathon cheque



Thistleton Lions Club President George Bonenfant, PDG Lion Treasurer Sonny Soehner, Walkathon Chairman ZC Lion Victor Yacoob presented the CNIB Representative Brian WikeSmith with a cheque in the amount of \$3,000 raised at the Club's Walkathon, which was held on May 27, 2006.

Submitted by Lion Astrid Simola

Appreciation Day



Thistleton Lions attending the "Lions Appreciation Day" at the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre, August 19, 2006. Left to right, back row: PRC Lion Chris; PZC Lion Victor, Lion President Gerry, middle row: ZC Lion Patti, front row: Lion June and Lion Rita.

Submitted by PRC Lion Astrid "Chris" Simola

Remembrance Dinner



Autumn Spring & Remembrance Dinner

The Forest Hill Lions Club hit a triple home run at their Remembrance Dinner. ID Terry Graham and his wife Jean, along with DG Paul Baker and his wife Estelle were on hand to celebrate the lives of and give tribute to Lions who have passed on to be with Lion founder Melvin Jones.

Canadian International Director Terry Graham, right, is shown with Club President Eric Villensky.

Reported by PDG Walter Roberts

365 Day Draw



Mount Hope Lions Club congratulates Ruth Simon of Hamilton. Ruth was one of the \$100 winners in the Club's Calendar Draw series. Funds raised from this project go to local Mount Hope Charities.

Submitted by Lion Suzanne Gunby

Triathlon



Lion Gerry Dupuis presents Alan (centre) and Derek (right) with the \$1,000 cheque.

The Burlington Aldershot Lions Club recently donated \$1,000 to local firefighters Alan Adcock and Derek Baranowski for their participation in the recent Lake Placid Ironman race. Alan and Derek raised over \$10,000 to send 5 physically disabled children to Camp Wooledden, located just outside London, Ontario."

Submitted by Lion Hugh Ramolla

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Get Together



Two families in the Teeswater area hosted two exchange youths this past summer. Among the activities these students enjoyed were many parties and gatherings, including one that Teeswater Lions Club President Hilda Wales organized at her farm. The many exchange students got together for Youth Exchange Camp, sharing a meals and generally exploring the Canadian way of life.

Submitted by Lion I.R. Patel

Pop Can Collection



The Teeswater Lions Club collected pop cans for the last few years as a fundraiser. This year so far they have realized more than \$330 for the pop cans. In the photo the Club is honoring dedicated helpers - two young can crushers with a official can crushers certificates

Picture from left: Julien and Kairen Wales, Lion Donna, Lion Doug Arnold, Lion Gerald Schuler, Lion Don McKague and Lion Murray Wales and his son Benny Wales in the wheel chair. Lion Ray Pennington and Murray Wales normally help take the collected pop cans to the recycler to cash in.

Submitted by Lion I.R. Patel

Teeswater Sponsors

Lions Community events - The All Candidate meeting/information night for the upcoming Ontario Municipal Elections was sponsored by the Teeswater Lions. Teeswater Lions sponsored this event for the benefit of all the community. More than 200 people attended a lively candidates meeting. Lion Charles of Teeswater Club was the M.C. and moderator. Candidates and all the members attending appreciated lion's efforts.

Submitted by Lion I.R. Patel

Pride



Every year the Teeswater Lions Club go to two local schools (Hillcrest Central Public school, and Sacred Heart School) and make presentation of Project Pride Citizenship certificates Canadian Flags as well as some donated goodies to Grade one students of both the schools. In the picture are the students of Grade One - Hillcrest Public School. In the back are Lion Don McKague, Grade One teacher Mrs. Willick, and Teeswater Lions President Hilda Wales.

Submitted by Lion I.R. Patel



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Chrysalis Home



The Stephenson District Lions were very busy last summer. Here Lions Glen Shaw, Dean Smales, Stan Stillar and Scott Morrison present a cheque for \$1000 to the Chrysalis Home for Distressed Women, which is located in Huntsville.

Long & Short of It



Left to right: PDG Jean Hamilton, Lion Phil Apperley, PDG Kathy Daoust. The long and the short of it in A12 Lionism.

Lock It



On August 21st The Gravenhurst Lions Club in conjunction with the OPP conducted a "Lock it or Lose it" Campaign. With police presence club members checked on parked cars to see if they were locked, secure, and with no visible valuables. A report card was then placed on the windshield either commending the driver for their security or pointing out where it could be improved.

The campaign is undertaken to try and reduce theft of and from vehicles. By assisting the police in this the Club is helping to control insurance costs as well as freeing the police to perform other duties. The operation was extremely successful, well received by the public, the police, and the media.

Hospital Donation



The Gravenhurst Lions Club conducted a "Toll Road" fundraising event for the benefit of the South Muskoka Hospital. The photos attached are of the presentation of the cheque in the amount of \$3839.79

Pictured, left to right, is Collin Miller of the South Muskoka Hospital Foundation, Ian Gray project coordinator PCST, Club President Chris Lewis, and Sheila Bernstein, Community Service Chair.

RVH Presentation



A cheque for the Royal Victoria Hospital Cancer Centre in Barrie was presented to Campaign Director Gary Nadalin (1st) from left back row on October 27, 2006. The cheque is being held by tag day organizers Lion Estelle Ness and Lion Stan Corkum. The following Lions Clubs participated: Oro District, Barrie, Barrie South, Innisfil and Angus.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

Huntsville Lioness



The Huntsville Lioness recently donated \$1,000 to Lions Camp Dorset. Pictured is Lioness Mary McWhinnie presenting the cheque to Camp Dorset Director Lion Jim Coulson.

Gravenhurst Cruise



Aboard the Wenonah II on the Gravenhurst Lions 60th Charter Night Cruise Lion Fred Collins, left, received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, presented to him by PID Lion Art Woods, centre, and Club President Lion Chris Lewis. PDG Lion Kathy Daoust was also a Melvin Jones recipient that evening. IPP Irene Campbell received the 3 Diamond pin for positive membership growth during her term of office as Club President. Current Club President Chris Lewis received a congratulatory certificate for the Club's 60th celebration from the Parliament of Canada, presented by the Honorable Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

Pancakes



The Baysville Lions Club holds a pancake breakfast, with sausage too, every July. This year the Club raised in excess of \$1100.

Submitted by Lion Ron Hicks

Red Cross Swimming



The Dunchurch Lions Club have been providing free Red Cross swimming lessons for the area youth for the past thirty years. Pictured left to right are: PP Lion John Domerchie, swimming instructor Donna Comartin, Assistant Nicole Fraser, and Youth Chair Lion Ron Winger.

Tulip Planting



Everything is coming up pink. This fall, thousands of Avon Independent Sales Representatives are trading in their cosmetics bags for a garden trowel to plant more than 140,000 pink tulip bulbs in gardens across Canada. When the pink tulips blossom next spring, they will be a reminder of the belief, hope and caring behind Avon Canada's Breast Cancer Crusade.

The Wasaga Beach Lions Club joined with representatives of Avon in October to plant pink tulip bulbs at the Wasaga Beach Town Hall. Individuals who wanted to remember close ones were also invited to plant bulbs in tribute.

Efficiency



Dunchurch Lion Secretary Lion Ron Winger was presented with the Secretary Efficiency Award for Region 21, District A12 for 2005-06. RC Lion Nancy Watt Durant presented the award to Lion Ron in June.

Lions Week



Outside Barrie City Hall Councillor Lynn Strachan joins Lion Fred Brox, left, and Lion John Ellis to declare Lions Week from October 23-28th and to celebrate the Barrie Lions Club's 75th Anniversary.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

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Melvin Jones Award



Lion Peter MacDonald, centre, of the St. George Lions Club proudly holds the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award presented to him by Lion Harvey Wood, left, and Lion Jim Gambacort.

Submitted by Lion Kevin Hewitson

Woodstock Fun



The Lions Club of Woodstock operated a refreshment booth at Woodstock Business Improvement Association's first annual June Food-Fest with proceeds going toward the club's \$15,000 pledge to Lions International worldwide Campaign Sightfirst II. Lion George Hacock is Sightfirst Region 37 co-ordinator and Woodstock membership chair.

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Hoot Gibson Hockey



Left to right: Lion Dan Forsythe, Bonnie Porter and her dog Riley, President Deborah Wilmot, and Al Olsen of the Toronto Police Association.

At an Ajax Lions Club meeting in June, Al Olsen of the Toronto Police Association, along with Lion Dan Forsythe, donated the proceeds from the annual Hoot Gibson International Police Hockey Tournament to purchase a Guide Dog. The Durham Regional Police donated funds raised at their Battle of the Badges Ice Hockey Tournament to purchase a second guide dog. The Club was able to raise enough money so that a total of four dogs could be purchased.

Submitted by Lion Bob Rowland



Small Service Club

The eight members of the Stouffville Lioness Club, which celebrated its 26th anniversary in April, have had an impact on the lives of Stouffville residents from youngsters to seniors.

The group's most recent donation was \$200 to help three local residents enter the Weekend Walk to End Breast Cancer. They were among a team of six friends — Susanne Dent, Bernadette Marksamer, Candice Mirander, Kelly Renzoni, Kim Macaulay and Sherry Fockler Cavanagh — who had to raise a minimum of \$2,000 each to take part in the 60-km walk. The Parkview Home Building Fund received a total of \$2,500 from the club. After donating \$300 each of the past three years, the club recently made another donation of \$1,600.

One of the Lioness' largest fundraisers is the annual spring flower sale, the day before Mother's Day, which this year raised \$1,310. The sale was supported by L & M Gardens, Sicilia Gardens, Card's Appliances and students of Stouffville District Secondary School earning community service hours. Members have given 122 hours to the community this year, by working at the Lions food booth at Markham Fair, holding spaghetti dinners, catering to the Goodwood Lions and holding raffles, among others.

The club sponsors a girls softball team in Stouffville and donates to a number of projects and churches in Stouffville. Along with helping with the Christmas tour of lights, the club holds the popular bicycle decorating contest during the annual Strawberry Festival.

They're also the people who prepare thousands of strawberries for the strawberry shortcake served at the Stouffville Lions beef barbecue held in Memorial Park. For more club information, log on to www.stouffvilleon.lionwap.org; www.civccayouth.com; www.lions16family.org

Submitted by Lion Hannelore Volpe

Downtown Beaverton Gazebo Grand Opening



Many residents and dignitaries turned out for the grand opening ceremony held in downtown Beaverton on Saturday July 15. The Lions Club of Beaverton served up their BBQ hamburgers and refreshments while visitors enjoyed live entertainment. Lion member Gerry Hopkins dedicated a plaque to the citizens of Beaverton on behalf of the Beaverton Lions.

Reverend Barney Grace, followed by speeches given from Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor, Ward one Karen Windatt, Ward Two John Grant, Harold Lodwick and Mayor Keith Shier, gave a special blessing. Mayor Keith Shier along with Lions members Gerry Hopkins, Jim Smalley cut the ribbon signifying the official opening of the Gazebo.

The vision of a group of dedicated members of this community is once again realized. Like many projects that the Lions take on for the betterment of this community, they take the task and run with it until it is complete; the Gazebo is a beautiful symbol of workmanship, teamwork and a town with a unique beauty.

Submitted By Showcase-Something Worth Reading, Beaverton

Thornhill Lions



Thornhill District Lions Club had a booth at the 30th annual Thornhill Village Festival. A good time was had by all at the Lions booth, which served food and drinks to the festival crowd.

Submitted by Lion June O'Donnell

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