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## Youth Activities: Our Stake in Tomorrow

**H**ow often have you heard it said that the young people of today represent tomorrow's future? This, I assure you, is not fiction. The words ring true, for the manner in which our youth grow, learn and mature will eventually enable them to occupy strong and effective leadership positions. Lions have had, and I am positive will continue to have, a positive impact in this area of service. Their commitment to involvement in activities on behalf of young people is solid because they know they are all working together for a better world.

Consider Leo clubs, for example, which, since 1957, have helped secure a brighter, more optimistic future for young people in every community where a club is active. Hundreds of thousands of young men and women have been afforded the opportunity for leadership growth and for understanding the crucial need for voluntary service in their communities. For Lions, the chartering of Leo clubs has resulted in the best ways possible to impress upon youngsters the service mission of Lions clubs and inspire them to maintain their involvement in voluntary service after their Leo days end. Does your club sponsor a Leo club? If it does, you understand its value and the positive effect it has on your community and fellow Lions. If you do not sponsor a Leo club, I urge you to consider sponsoring one this year. Your community, your own club and, of course, the young people themselves will treasure its far-reaching benefits.

Three of our association's youth programs have a direct impact on promoting global good will and harmony. International Youth Exchange and Youth Camps help young participants appreciate the values of others and the wisdom of practicing mutual respect and understanding when meeting and working with people of different historical, political, religious and cultural backgrounds. The Lions

International Peace Poster Contest has been one of the most popular of all our youth activities. In the past few years, more than 350,000 young people, 11 to 13-years-of-age, have participated annually by giving artistic renderings to their feelings for peace and in giving visual substance to the very first Object of Lions Clubs International: To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. Both Youth Exchange and the Peace Poster contest signal a Lions club's dedication to a better, more humane world.

Lions Quest is still another highly acclaimed youth program. Since its introduction in 1984, it has expanded to classrooms in 25 countries, helping young people develop strong character and social aptitudes through its three curricula — Skills for Growing in elementary schools, Skills for Adolescence in middle schools and Skills for Action in high school grades. Now totally conducted by LCIF, Lions Quest makes it possible for Lions to work with the educational community and young people in an activity that has

a proven track record of success and a vision for the future.

As you know, one of our newest activities for youth is Lions Services for Children. It is designed to help meet the needs of children and young adolescents who have been forced to live in extremely adverse circumstances by providing health and educational services. This is being accomplished on both a local and international basis, and every Lions club in this association is invited to participate in some way.

If your club is not involved in youth activities to the extent you believe it should be, then exercise your own Paradigm Shift in this area. Join with young people to help them recognize the absolute need for community service and for reaching out to others to ensure a safer, healthier, more peaceful tomorrow.

## Lions Convention Update

**July 3 - 7, 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

## Jimmy M. Ross International President



**J**immy M. Ross of Quitaque, Texas, is the president of Lions Clubs International. He is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club and served as a district governor, council chairperson, council secretary and, in 1996-1998, as an international director. Among the many posts he has occupied as a Lion, President Ross has been a member of the Multiple District 2 Long-Range Planning Committee and chairperson of his state's Membership and Extension and Convention committees. He has served as his district's McGruff chairperson, director of the Texas Leadership Institute and seminar presenter at seven international

conventions and seven USA/Canada Forums. President Ross has helped to organize more than 400 Lions clubs.

He has received a number of recognitions for his contributions to the association, including numerous District Governor's Appreciation awards, nine International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. President Ross is a life member of the District 2-T1 Eye Bank, the Texas Lions Camp and Girls Town. He is a Jack Weich Fellow, James T. Coffey Fellow, Helen Keller Fellow and Texas Lions Fellow. He is also a member of the Texas Lions Hall of Fame and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

President Ross is a retired businessman and judge. His community involvement has included his chamber of commerce, the Boy Scouts and organizer and chairperson of a county-wide task force for industrial and tourism development. President Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters, two sons-in-law and a granddaughter.



## Dr. Ashok Mehta Immediate Past President

**D**r. Ashok Mehta, of Mumbai, India, is the immediate past president and chairperson of the LCIF Executive Committee. He is the second Indian to be president of the world's largest service club organization.

Immediate Past President Mehta is the chairperson and managing director of a company in India and is actively associated in various capacities with more than a dozen major medical, educational, welfare, social and cultural institutions.

He joined the association in 1963. A visionary with unflinching focus, he organized more than 30 eye camps throughout India and Africa and has presented papers on sight conservation and other topical issues at Lions international forums and conventions. He served on the Campaign SightFirst International Committee from 1990 to 1994, which witnessed the campaign

exceeding its goal and raising US\$143 million for SightFirst projects.

Immediate Past President Mehta's contributions and leadership qualities have been outstanding. He has earned distinction by having presidents of Lions Clubs International confer the coveted President's Medallion upon him for the past 22 years, was declared 1986 "Man of the Year" by the Jaycees in Mumbai, was nominated by the government of Maharashtra to the senate of Mumbai University for a five-year term in 2000, has been appointed by the government to several committees for Awareness and Prevention, and appointed by the Maharashtra government as Sheriff of Mumbai in 2001 for a one-year term.

Lion Mehta has participated in 29 international conventions, 20 USA/Canada Forums, 30 India, South Asia, Africa & Middle East Forums, along with eight Lions conferences in Far Eastern countries. Ten international presidents chose to appoint him as a member of the faculty at District Governors-elect seminars. He was also appointed chairperson of the District Governors Orientation Program at the 75th International Convention in Hong Kong and, since 1990, has been chosen

12 times as a group leader.

As international president, his theme, "Passion to Excel," motivated Lions around the world for greater impact on humanitarian services and fellowship. A Doctoral Degree in Humanities was bestowed on him from World University and he has also been serving for a number of years as the Managing Trustee of Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust. In addition, Lion Mehta has been instrumental in mobilizing international support in times of major catastrophes, including earthquakes and cyclones in various parts of the country. His name is synonymous with sympathy and support for those who need it the most during times of illness and serious health problems. He has played a pivotal role for more than 15 years in coordinating cardiac care treatment for "Blue Babies" from Africa at hospitals in India. His Peace Mission to Pakistan promoted by Lions of the two nations added to the spirit of building bridges between people of both countries.

Immediate Past President Mehta, along with his wife, Kokila, and daughter, Shital, are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

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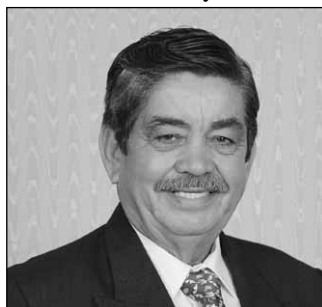
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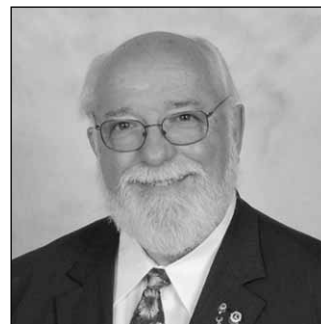
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# From the Desk of I.D. Terry Graham

The 89th International Convention in Boston is now history. The host committee did an excellent job in hosting the Lions from around the world. This convention was organized in a short 9 months because of the devastation in New Orleans by hurricane Katrina. We had an exciting campaign for 2nd Vice President and our new 2nd VP is Lion Al Brandel. I know Lion Al will represent us well. The International parade was a fantastic site. Four and a half hours of marchers, bands, floats, and Lions from every corner of the world. It is truly an example of our international scope. The International Director's parade float was a World War II Duck Boat. These boats are used as tour guide vehicles for the Boston area. They do some of the tour on land and some on the water. As you can see by the pictures they are not the most luxurious however they are the most fun.



As we move forward, I would like to challenge each District Governor and Club President to leave their district and club stronger and better than it was when you stepped into your leadership roll. New members aren't the only tools to measure success. Having new clubs, younger members, more women, and providing new community service will bring Lionism to the forefront and will

bring in new members. President Ross's theme this year is "We Serve". Through service, communities will see the benefit of belonging to our clubs. We still need to ask our friends and neighbours to join. However, they need to join a vibrant, community-oriented club.

The first year of Campaign Sight First is now complete. All clubs should have been contacted by your CSFII Zone representative to record pledges and forwarded the numbers to the District representative. In the 2nd year of CSFII, your club will raise the funds to meet your pledge. At the International Convention it was reported the CSFII has a total of US\$43 million. That is almost a third of the way to our goal of US\$150 Million. It's a great start. Thank you for your support and keep up the good work.

The International Board approved 50 resolutions at the board meeting. Following is a summary of some of the actions approved in Boston:

1. Amended the Standard Form Club By-Laws to provide that former Lioness members, who are now Active members of their Lions club or who become Active members of a Lions club on or before June 30, 2007, may apply all of their prior Lioness service toward Life membership eligibility. *This means that any Lioness who becomes a Lion after June 30, 2007 will not be given any service towards a Life Membership.*

2. Revised the convention date pattern beginning with the 2012 convention bids to Friday to Tuesday inclusive. *This will start in 2012 because conventions are bid 5 years out.*

3. As I have said many times before one of the hardest things to do as Director is to approve the charter cancellation of 391 clubs with regret.

4. Revised the rule about the size of a Lions club in the Standard Club Constitution to encourage clubs to maintain 20 members. The constitution had 10 members and the board wanted to recommend that the clubs maintain 20 members the same as a chartered club.



5. The board approved a revision to board policy regarding cancellation of clubs that fail to pay their balances.

Effective July 1, 2007, a club which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club, whichever is less, outstanding past 150 days will be suspended including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligations of the Lions club for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Any club that has been approved for a payment plan by the Finance Division will not be suspended. In the event the club does not reach good standing within the 90-day suspension period their charter would be automatically cancelled.

6. Approved 58 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totalling US\$2,941,648.

7. Approved continuation of the current Spouse Entrance Fee Rebate until December 31, 2006, as an interim measure until the Family Membership Dues Rate is in operation on January 1, 2007, if approved by delegates at the 89th International Convention in Boston.

Approved continuation of the Former Member Charter and Entrance Fee Rebate for one additional year through June 30, 2007.

8. Approved a policy provision for the proposed Family Membership Dues Rate that would require clubs to recertify existing, qualifying members under the new rate by November 30th and May 31st of each per capita billing cycle in order to be assessed at the reduced rate for the subsequent per capita cycle. *This will be explained on how this will be implemented in the September issue of the International Lion magazine.*

9. Extended the grace period from 90 to 180 days for a Leo club, whose sponsoring Lions club has been cancelled, to find a new sponsoring Lions club?

10. Approved expense reimbursement for district governors to visit Leo clubs in the district.

Again I will be serving on the Service Activities Committee. This year President Ross has given me the opportunity to Chair this committee. The President is very conscious of the

financial obligation to our members and has requested all committees to do more telephone conferencing. This will enable the committee to communicate and lay the groundwork for discussion at the board meeting. With this in place, the President has shortened the board meetings by a couple of days therefore saving money for our association. With your help, President Ross's vision of a better and stronger organization will become a reality at the end of his term.

Lion Jean and I had a fairly light summer for Lions activities however September brings the start of a full year

of Lions visits. We have 22 District and Multiple District Conventions, the USA/CANADA Forum, and 3 board meetings to attend. It's amazing how many times you can be frisked by airport security and still keep smiling. It is a wonderful experience to visit district projects and see the great work the Lions in different parts of the world are doing for their communities.

As I have said many times before, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lions of MDA and Canada.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Terry Graham



## Mahendra Amarasuriya First Vice President

International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Leadership Award, eight International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, First Vice President Mahendra has chaired and served on boards of many companies throughout his country. Currently, he is chairman of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Pelwatte Sugar Company and Serendib Flour Company, and a trustee of the Eye Donation Society of Sri Lanka. He is also a past chairman of United Motors

Sri Lanka, Employers Federation of Ceylon, International Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka, Planters Association of Ceylon and National Agribusiness Council of Sri Lanka and a past board member of the Employees Trust Fund.

First Vice President Mahendra resides with his wife, Kushlani, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, who coordinated programs for underprivileged children through the efforts of 15 Lions clubs in Sri Lanka, funded by Terres des Hommes of The Netherlands, for 28 years.

**M**ahendra Amarasuriya of Colombo, Sri Lanka, is the first vice president. A graduate of science, he is a member of the Lions Club of Galle, was a 100% District Governor and has recorded 15 years of perfect attendance. He served as an international director from 1991-1993.

First Vice President Mahendra has received the Master Key, eight

## Albert F. Brandel Second Vice President

**A**lbert F. Brandel of Melville, New York, is the second vice president. He is a member of the West Hempstead, New York, Lions Club and an associate member of the Melville Lions Club. He served as an international director in 1993-1995 and has held numerous offices at the club and district levels, including 100% District Governor. He has sponsored 42 new members, served as a presenter and panelist at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums and worked with the Long Island Lions Eye Bank as a cornea transporter. Second Vice President Brandel has been the association's

representative to UNICEF for 10 years and helped coordinate Lions' and LCIF relief efforts at the World Trade Center following September 11, 2001. He has also served as a group leader at numerous District Governors-elect Schools.

Among the many recognitions he has received from Lions Clubs International are the Supreme Extension Award, the 30 Member Key, 12 International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his activities as a Lion, Vice President Brandel has served as a Little



League volunteer and is a Eucharistic Minister in his church. He was also a member of the board of directors of the United Nations Association of the USA and is a retired police detective.

Second Vice President Brandel's wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, also a Lion, is an anesthesiologist and currently practicing at a community hospital.

# “We Want Excitement”

International President Jimmy M. Ross

For International President Jimmy M. Ross, reaching the US\$150 million goal of Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII) is not enough.

“I want to go way over the top – not only for the project, but for the organization,” he said in a recent interview. “We want to succeed, but we want to succeed quickly and enthusiastically. We want excitement!”

The recently inaugurated president’s resolve for success in this Lions’ effort stems in part from the urgent need for CSFII. Estimates of the world’s current blind population are 37 million. If nothing is done, that number could inflate to more than 74 million by the year 2020. Already, the future is much brighter because of what Lions have achieved through their SightFirst programs. Since 1990, more than 24 million have been saved from vision loss. Lions’ SightFirst programs, from its sight-saving surgeries and preventative treatments, to educational and research initiatives, improve lives.

Thus far, Lions throughout the world have echoed President Ross’ resounding enthusiasm for CSFII. It seems that many Lions are taking the opportunity through CSFII to answer Helen Keller’s call for Lions to serve as “Knights of the Blind.”

Lions year 2005-2006 focused on building and training the army of Lion leaders needed to implement the campaign around the world, generating leading support from Model Clubs, and seeking Lead and Major Gift donors. These efforts have been met with overwhelming success. Both individual Lions and Lions clubs have epitomized the “We Serve” spirit of Lions Clubs International through their generosity and fervor for the campaign. In less than one year, more than 7,000 Lions were recruited and trained as CSFII leaders, more than 1,200 Model Clubs stepped forward to show what each club is capable of doing, and more than US\$45 million has been raised to date, of which nearly US\$5 million is from Lead and Major Gift donors.

President Ross’ enthusiasm for CSFII will set the tone for Lions year 2006-2007, as Lions clubs enter the first of two years of intensive fundraising. In this new Lions year, all Lions clubs are encouraged to earmark funds from additional club fundraisers for CSFII. These events, along with personal gifts and pledges from members, will raise new funds and not distract from other valuable Lions’ causes.

To President Ross and Lions the world over, CSFII’s success is a matter of collective pride, enthusiasm and determination. Lions are already widely recognized as world leaders in preventing the growing reach of sight-robbing diseases that threaten both developing and developed nations in the 21st century.

“Campaign SightFirst II will give us pride in what we have done and can do, and bring us worldwide recognition for having taken on the challenge of preventable blindness,” said Ross.

The president’s passion for blindness prevention is obvious to anyone who hears him speak. “In Guatemala, I have seen people so happy with the eye exam and glasses they received

at a Lions’ project, that they went home and returned with their entire families. In particular, I remember one little girl who could not read the ‘E’ on the eye chart. In a matter of hours, she left with a new pair of glasses and a whole new life,” said President Ross.

Combating refractive error in children is just one of the SightFirst objectives that President Ross finds so moving. Lions’ projects do more than help people pass eye exams. Because of SightFirst, millions now lead independent and successful lives because their vision was saved or returned.

As important as CSFII is to the future of Lions Clubs International and the millions of people in danger of losing their sight, President Ross makes it clear that it is also an irreplaceable opportunity for individual Lions to fulfill their mission to serve.

“Through SightFirst, we have been able to start the process. CSFII is our opportunity to continue. We have been successful, but the need is great,” said the international president. “You can make a difference, and there are thousands – no, millions – who need what we have to give.”

Since SightFirst began in 1990, Lions have:

- Improved eye care for more than 100 million people
- Prevented vision loss or restored vision in more than 24 million people
- Supported 7 million cataract surgeries
- Awarded US\$190 million for 792 projects in 89 countries
- Built or expanded 207 eye hospitals/clinics/wards
- Upgraded 314 eye centers with equipment
- Trained 300,000 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye-care workers and village-health workers

CSFII in Lions year 2006-2007:

President Ross’ enthusiasm for Campaign SightFirst II is in line with clubs’ CSFII plans for Lions year 2006-2007. During this first year of intensive fundraising, clubs are encouraged to follow four fundraising principles to help Campaign SightFirst II reach its goal of raising the US\$150 million needed to protect the sight of 37 million people.

- Personal gifts and pledges from club members
- Personal gifts and pledges from community members and businesses
- Extra club fundraising activities and events
- Matching or outright gifts and/or pledges from the club treasury



*A doctor closely examines a patient’s eyes.*



# From Darkness to Dignity

Lions are bringing sight to the blind in southwestern India.

The Lions Club of Renukoot Eye Care Centre in India is managed by a charitable trust controlled by the 160 members of the club. The clean, modern, three-story facility is staffed by three eye surgeons and 15 other professional support staff. The need is great. An estimated 17,600 people blind from cataract live near the hospital, the only hope for many of them. Other eye care facilities are too far away or too costly. The surgeries at the Lions' facility are either free or low cost, depending on a patient's ability to pay.

LCIF recently approved a US\$48,547 SightFirst grant for the Lions of Renukoot to purchase equipment enabling the hospital to perform cataract surgery with an intraocular lens. The hospital now is performing many more surgeries with better outcomes. Where there was once darkness, there is now dignity and independence.

*Cataract patients wear sunglasses following surgery to protect their eyes.*

Photos by Jesús Jaime Mota



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Through the SightFirst Program, the International Association of Lions Clubs has ensured that millions of people around the world are not left in the dark.

The SightFirst II Program will help to build on this success by raising the necessary funds to offer services and professional help to those who need it most. For years, the visually impaired throughout Canada and the entire world have benefited from the generosity of those involved with the Lions. The SightFirst campaign is a perfect extension of the Lions Club service as "knights of the blind," a role they have upheld since 1925. Effectively and efficiently, the program works towards the goal that no one, man, woman or child, should have to experience preventable blindness.

As all of those involved work towards this goal, I commend the organizers of this campaign for reaching far and wide to offer assistance to care for the eyes of the world. I wish everyone much success with SightFirst II.

Michaëlle Jean

# Executive Summary Lions Clubs International Board of Directors Meeting Boston, Mass June 24-29, 2006

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Denied district governor election complaint in District 324-C2 (India) and declared Lion Dr. Nandan Singh as district governor of District 324-C2 for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Upheld district governor and vice district governor election complaints in District 315-B1 (Bangladesh), declared that vacancies exist in the offices of district governor and vice district governor for the 2006-07 fiscal year, and appointed an Administrative Committee to handle the administrative duties of the district until such time as the district governor and vice district governor vacancies are filled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the International By-Laws.

Denied vice district governor election complaint in District 108-AB (Italy) and declared Lion Elio Loiodice as vice district governor of District 108-AB for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Denied vice district governor election complaint in District 301-B (Philippines) and declared Lion Anthony Eden Tan as vice district governor of District 301-B for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Denied vice district governor election complaint in District 337-A (Japan) and declared Lion Eiji Taki as vice district governor of District 337-A for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Appointed Lion Dr. Sri Prakash Biswas as district governor in District 315-B4 (Bangladesh) for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Amended resolution appointing an Administrative Committee for District 315-B1 (Bangladesh) and appointed the following members to said committee: International Director Sheikh Kabir Hossain (Chairperson), Lion Benazir Ahmed, and the 2006-07 Council Chairperson of Multiple District 315 (upon the selection/election by the Multiple District).

Revised the Board Policy Manual to amend the policy on Pilot Programs, to add guidelines for the planning and development of New Program Initiatives, and to add guidelines for International President Themes.

Relocated the policy on Area Forums to the Speaker Engagements & Travel Rules chapter of the Board Policy Manual.

Amended the title of Article VI of the Standard Form Club By-Laws to "Club Branch Administration."

Amended the Standard Form Club By-Laws, contingent on the adoption of the Family Dues Structure resolution amending the International Constitution, to provide that qualifying family members shall be Active Members and be entitled to all rights and privileges thereof.

Amended the Standard Form Club By-Laws to provide that former Lioness members, who are now Active members of their Lions club or who become Active members of a Lions club on or before June 30, 2007, may apply all of their prior Lioness service toward Life membership eligibility.

## CONVENTION

Revised the convention date pattern beginning with the 2012 convention bids to Friday to Tuesday inclusive.

## DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE

Adopted the election results of the 2006-07 district governors, and appointed other governors who were not elected at the district conventions.

Approved charter cancellation of 391 clubs with regret.

Approved bringing eight previously canceled clubs back to good standing by rescinding their charter cancellations.

Revised the rule about the size of a Lions club in the Standard Club Constitution to encourage clubs to maintain 20 members.

## FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION

The board approved the fiscal year 2005-06 4th Quarter full-year forecast.

Approved an addition to board policy on internal audit procedures.

The board approved the final budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

The board approved reimbursement of a late claim due to extenuating circumstances.

The board approved a revision to board policy regarding cancellation of clubs that fail to pay their balances.

Effective July 1, 2007, a club which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club, whichever is less, outstanding past 150 days will be suspended including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligations of the Lions club for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Any club that has been approved for a payment plan by the Finance Division will not be suspended. In the event the club does not reach good standing within the 90-day suspension period, their charter would be automatically canceled.

Minor housekeeping items in the International Office and Staff Board Policy were approved.

Minor housekeeping items in the Finance Board Policy were approved.

The board approved that a By-Law amendment be proposed to the delegates at the 2007 International Convention to amend the requirement to have an audit performed more than once annually.

## LCIF

Approved 58 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,941,648.

Tabled three grant applications and denied two others.

Authorized the use of the Grant Budget Reserve to fund projects not covered by the LY2005-06 Unrestricted Grants Award Budget.

Appointed Past International President & LCIF Chairperson Clement Kusiak to serve as Lions representative to the Pan American Ophthalmology Foundation board through calendar year 2007.

Lifted the moratorium on SightFirst grants to Nepal (MD 325).

Approved changes in the structure, role and responsibilities of the Lions Quest Advisory Committee.

Set the membership for the LY2006-07 Lions Quest Advisory Committee.

Renewed contract with SLSN to provide outside consulting services to the LCIF Lions Quest Department.

Approved establishment of a working inventory of Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship lapel pins.

Extended the Core 4 diabetes program for one year, until June 30, 2007.

Extended the Core 4 children's photoscreening program for two years, until June 30, 2008.

Extended the Core 4 Lions Quest program for three years, until June 30, 2009.

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Approved continuation of the current Spouse Entrance Fee Rebate until December 31, 2006, as an interim measure until the Family Membership Dues Rate is in operation on January 1, 2007, if approved by delegates at the 89th International Convention in Boston.

Approved continuation of the Former Member Charter and Entrance Fee Rebate for one additional year through June 30, 2007.

Approved an Urban Market Membership Development Grant for US\$14,000 for District 323-B (India).

Approved US\$15,000 for trial new club extension campaign for Africa.

Authorized the development of Club Branch recognition patch for clubs that form branches, and a Club Branch Liaison recognition pin.

Approved three new countries for the establishment of Lions clubs: the Republic of Seychelles, the Republic of Iraq, and the United Arab Emirates, resulting in LCI being present or approved to operate in 200 countries and territories around the world.

Approved a change to Life Membership criteria that allows former Lionesses who are now Lions, or who become formal Active members by June 30, 2007, to apply all their prior service years as a Lioness toward Life membership requirements.

Approved a policy provision for the proposed Family Membership Dues Rate that would require clubs to recertify existing, qualifying members under the new rate by November 30 and May 31 of each per capita billing cycle in order to be assessed at the reduced rate for the subsequent per capita cycle.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Increase Presidential Awards by 150 for Lions year 2005-06, and increase Leadership Award Medals by 200 for Lions year 2005-06.

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Named 18 Leo club members in seven countries to receive the 2005-06 Leo of the Year Award.

Extended the grace period from 90 to 180 days for a Leo club, whose sponsoring Lions club has been cancelled, to find a new sponsoring Lions club.

Approved expense reimbursement for district governors to visit Leo clubs in the district.

Approved the commission of the African Union as an affiliated organization of Lions Clubs International.

# Revised Wish List

Camp Dorset had another successful summer. Lioness Sue Beamer, director of Interior Housing Design, along with helper Mariette Desjardine from Goderich, do a final inspection before the camp opened in June.



New items only please!

### Bathroom Accessories:

- 50 Hand Held Shower Heads & Hoses
- 10 cases liquid abrasive cleaner (cream cleanser) - 250 ml size
- 10 cases general cleaner (Mr. Clean, Pine Sol) - 250 ml size
- 10 cases dish soap - 250 ml Size

### Kitchen Accessories:

- 60 smaller size casseroles - 4 to 6 cup with lids
- 30 serving forks - Teflon friendly
- 48 - juice glasses
- 48 - 8 oz. glasses

### FOR COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN:

- 6 teflon coated cooking pots 24" x 16" x 3"
- utensils to use with these items (spatulas, flippers, etc)
- NO MUGS, CUPS & SAUCERS PLEASE

### Furniture:

- 10 Standing & 10 table (smaller size please) lamps
- 3 kitchen sets solid wooden table & 6 chairs for cottages
- 20 recliners
- 10 coffee & end table sets - solid wood or wicker
- 10 tall dressers - solid wood only please
- 3 loveseats
- 3 futons
- 3 couch & chair sets (durable darker fabric only please)

### Bedroom Accessories:

- 25 pairs white pillowcases
- 50 pillows - fiberfill standard size
- NO QUILTS OR AFGHANS THIS YEAR PLEASE

### Miscellaneous:

- 24 plastic rectangular pails
- 100 - Energy Saver light bulbs-25 watt
- 50 Smoke Detectors
- 30 Fire Extinguishers-Kitchen-5BC rating (1 application)
- 6 rectangular lidded plastic storage bins (24" x 18" x 2")
- 50 '9 volt' batteries for smoke detectors
- Chrome Shelving for storage in basements
- prehung outside steel doors (25 x \$230 each)
- sponsorship for new flooring in 3 cottages (3 x \$2500 each)
- sponsorship for loads of road gravel



## Lions Clubs Insurance Programmes

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# Ten Surprising Things About LCIF

by Jay Copp

Most Lions know that LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) is the grant-making arm of Lions Clubs International. LCIF accepts donations from Lions and provides grants for Lions for humanitarian projects. But many Lions may be surprised—and gratified—by some of the lesser known aspects of LCIF.

### 1. Putting Children First

Hundreds of LCIF grants each year benefit children and teenagers. Thanks to LCIF, Lions build and equip schools, orphanages and vocational centers. Lions Quest has taught life skills to six million youths. LCIF partnered with the World Health Organization to build 30 pediatric centers worldwide. Sight for Kids has provided vision screenings and eye health education for 3 million children in Asia.

### 2. Nothing Due-ing

LCIF receives no club dues. It relies instead on the donations of Lions and, to a much lesser extent, on funding from corporate partners and foundations.

### 3. Terrific Turnaround

LCIF issues an emergency grant of US\$10,000 or US\$5,000 often within one day of a district governor's request for assistance after a natural disaster. The prompt response allows Lions on the scene to provide critical food, water and medicine.

### 4. Vision for US\$20

LCIF can provide a cataract surgery for as little as US\$20. For the cost of a night out at the movies, a Lion can bring sight and self-sufficiency to a person in a developing nation.

### 5. Zero for Overhead

Every cent of every donation goes toward a grant. LCIF's administrative costs are paid for by earnings on investments.

### 6. Here, There and Everywhere

The majority of LCIF's grants are for developing nations, where the need is

greatest. But LCIF also regularly approves many grants for developed nations. For example, LCIF has awarded 2,280 grants for US\$78 million for the United States. LCIF's widespread reach and scope underlies the title of its latest video: LCIF: Serving the World Community ...and Your Community.

### 7. Open to Innovation

LCIF uses innovative and cost-effective technologies to improve people's lives. It provided homes made from reconditioned shipping containers for earthquake victims in Turkey. It funded electronic canes for the blind in France that use a laser beam to detect objects as much as 10 meters away. It helped convert Canada's network of libraries and talking book centers to digital technology, allowing blind Canadians greater access to information and fostering increased independence.

### 8. Howdy, Partner

LCIF partners include the World Health Organization, The Carter Center, the National Eye Institute, Special Olympics, Johnson & Johnson and Eli Lilly. The support and collaboration allow LCIF to expand its humanitarian initiatives.

### 9. Net Gain

Sure, Lions and LCIF have been around for a while but the foundation has embraced the Internet. Visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org) to read the latest news, to download forms or to learn about recognition programs.

### 10. Melvin Would Be Proud

LCIF's first grant was a modest US\$5,000 for Lions in South Dakota after a flood in 1973. There was no guarantee the foundation would grow significantly. There was no master plan to start a huge anti-blindness initiative such as SightFirst. Yet through the years, Lions have been marvelously supportive of LCIF and have steadily built a foundation that has taken the service of Lions to startling new levels.

# AI

## Helen Kellar Awards

In 1925 Helen Keller, addressing the Lions at their International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, challenged them to become “Knights of the Blind” in a crusade against darkness. This challenge was accepted and remains today one of our commitments to peoples of the world. The Helen Keller Fellowship is presented for outstanding “Service to Others.”

Helen Keller Fellowship contributions help support Lions Homes for Deaf People. Lions Homes for Deaf People is a committee of Lions, Lioness and interested individuals who believe in Helen Keller’s Challenge and work to improve the lives of people who are blind and/or deaf.



*Pictured are PDG Lion Joe Madacsi, recipient Lion Darcie Gray and Club President Lion Mike Swan.*



*PDG Lion Joe Madacsi awards Lion Bob Wright with his Helen Kellar plaque.*

## Dog Awards



**The Lions Foundation Fellowship Award**

The Lions Foundation Fellowship Award gives recognition to the “all round good Lion”, someone who consistently provides excellent service to the Club, who is outstanding in their service to society, or to the Lions Foundation of Canada. The recipient of this award is presented with a personalized plaque and Fellowship Award lapel pin.

On Monday June 5 the Lions Club of Petrolia honoured six of their members with this award for their contribution and support of the foundation. Fellowships were presented by Lion Marilyn Madacsi, assisted by VG Dave Balmos of the Windsor Downtown Lions Club.

Left to right, Lions Charlie Conrod, John Tiernay, Walt Richter, Donna Krall and Rudy Krall. Absent from the picture was Lion Doug Dew.

## Lakeside Lottery



The Tecumseh Lakeside Lions Club held a lottery to raise funds for several local causes. Prizes included cash and some great items. First prize of \$500 went to Arpad Petrik.

April Landerkin, the newly elected president of Lakeside Lions, left, presented a cheque for \$1180 to Rita Ossington, Treasurer of Tecumseh Senior’s Transit, and Denis Gauvin, Past President of Tecumseh Senior’s Transit. Another cheque for \$1180 went to the Oncology (Cancer) Program at Windsor Regional Hospital.

Tecumseh Lakeside Lions extend a special thanks to Rosser Reeves Jewellers, Hydeaway Golf Club and Dirty Jerseys Sports Grill, who generously donated great prizes for the lottery.

Submitted by Lion Bill Climie

## Good Friday Brunch

*\$1,700 in proceeds from the Strathroy Lions Club annual Good Friday Brunch went to Woodeden Easter Seal Camp this year. Camp Woodeden is undergoing a major upgrade and is in the midst of a Fund Raising Campaign. Left to right: Lion Michael Kresky, Madison Bush, Lion Dick DeBoer, Lion Pres. 2005-06 Ed Hadbavny, Camp Director Cory Nelson, Lion Don Geddy, Lion Carl Morrison.*

*Submitted by Lion Don Geddy*





*Taken on the tenth tee, from the left Byron President Lion Ray Pelletier, Lambeth President PDG Adriaan Van Dongen and Co-Chairs PDG Bill Overchuk and PDG Dale Taylor.*

### Lion's Clubs work behind the scene at the LPGA Canadian Open

The Byron Lions and Lambeth Lions Clubs combined forces, working at the Ladies Professional Golf Association Canadian Open, held at the London Hunt Club in London Ontario. Work started Sunday Aug 6th, ran throughout the tournament, and ended Thursday Aug 17th. We can't really say it was glamorous work, but it was work all the same and demonstrated our LIONS' motto "We Serve". The club members, bolstered by some friends and supporters, totaling twenty six, kept the grounds clean by removing mountains of trash that was generated during the event. We spent approximately 962 person hours and walked about 246 kilometers in collecting and disposing of all the trash. Of course, one of the side benefits of working this type of event is being able to watch the very high quality of the lady professional golfers. The Royal Canadian Golf Association will be making a donation to the clubs for a job well done.

## We Are All Tied Together

A valued purchase in Beijing, China plus a coincidental purchase in Hong Kong prior to the 88th Lions International Convention led to the creation of the "We Are All Tied Together" Fundraiser for the A2 Peace Poster contest. When the then PDG Bob Allen attended the 2nd Year International Director's Reception he got more than he bargained for. Lion Bob thought that his purchase of a gold panda bear necktie was unique until he found out that I had purchased a similar tie earlier that day in Hong Kong.

Lion Bob's reaction or over reaction was very similar to that of two ladies arriving at a social function wearing the same dress. In fact, Bob's reaction drew the attention of several other Governors' elect in the room. That's how it began...by 10 am the next day three Governors' elect appeared wearing gold panda bear neckties!

From that point the juices just started to flow: 1/ Governor Bob's theme developed a slight change from "We Are All Connected" to "We Are All Tied Together" thanks to a suggestion made

by Eva Broughton. 2/ A supplier in Hong Kong agreed to ship directly to Canada at no extra cost and provide a discount for multiple purchases. 3/ SEVENTY-EIGHT Lions members in A2 purchased similar grey and/or gold panda bear neckties with proceeds to the A2 Peace Poster Contest.

As a side note: one of our grey ties was auctioned for US \$110 during a fundraiser for LCIF during an Emerging Lions Leadership training course held in Chicago.

At the end of the day the Lions who purchased neckties helped draw attention to the Peace Poster Contest and increase the number of prizes awarded. Special thanks to 2005-2006 DG Bob Allen for lending us his neck to promote our Peace poster Contest and have some fun at his expense.

The theme for the 2006-2007 International Peace Poster contest is "Celebrate Peace". Wouldn't it be great if a winning entry used a panda bear to express the theme!

Submitted by Lion Bradd Anderson

# A2

## Ridgeway Leaders

On May 27 The Ridgeway Lions Club celebrated their 75th Anniversary with many Lions and guests from the District. Wm. Thomas, a humorist from Wainfleet, was the guest speaker. He had the audience in stitches during his presentation. Also in attendance was our twin club of many, many years - The Riverside Lions Club from Buffalo (20 N). As a small organization, The Ridgeway Lions Club has shown the community and the world what can be accomplished by the combined dedication and hard work by Club members in the first 75 years of its existence. Now they are prepared for the next 75 years.

Left to Right: PRC Edward Feiertag, 75th Anniversary Chairman Lion Carl Gods, Dena Sahs - recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for her diligent work with the Ridgeway B.I.A., Lion Wilfred Robinson, Judge Brian Stevenson Award winner, Lion Elbert Doornekamp, Club President and Judge Brian Stevenson Award recipient.

Lion Fred Fonfara (absent from photo), Helen Keller Award winner. These three award-winning Lions are the nucleus of the Club's fundraising Spaghetti Dinners.

Submitted by Lion Edward A. Feiertag



# Workers Celebrate



Long Point Lions and Lioness held a celebration in Cultus United Church on July 9 in honour of having three of their members serving on A2 Cabinet for 2006/07. Scrapbooks compiled by several members of both clubs were on display. Celebrating with cake are, left to right, A2 Reporter Lion Don Dedrick, A2 Lioness President Isobel Abbey, and ZC 4W John Buchner.

# Youngest & Oldest



On May 13 the Derehem and District Lions hosted a delicious breakfast for all 30 riders before they embarked on their ride for 'Journey for Sight' ride. A total of \$9,543 was raised from this event. The youngest rider, 6 year old Sara Schram, rode 12 km and raised \$1210, and the oldest rider was Lion Ed Monk, who is 77 years old and has participated in 6 rides and has raised a total of over \$6,000. Lion Ed rode all 49 km and raised \$2,700. Posing left to right is Long Point Lioness Frances Evans, Sara Schram, and Lion Ed.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

# Storage Facility



Long Point Lions and Norfolk County collaborated on a storage facility to acquire a long-term covered storage for the Lions equipment and achieve an indoor project work area. After 60 plus years of service, the Club was running out of places of voluntary storage such as farm sheds, barns and corn cribs and the like. The Club desperately needed someplace to keep our BBQ's, fryers, assorted cooking paraphernalia and even an antique fire truck. Contact was made with Norfolk's Mayor Ilita Kalmbach who referred the Lions to the County Administrator. At a subsequent meeting, it was discovered that the County also required some storage facilities in Port Rowan, the Long Point Lions' home base and the perfect place for the Long Point storage building. An agreement was signed between the County and the Long Point Lions in the spring of 2003 to construct a 64 ft. by 40 ft. shared use storage facility on County property, with the County providing half the value of the structure estimated at \$30,000 for material and the Lions' providing the construction labour, drawings, engineering, the tendering of material and a portion of the building construction. The club is blessed with a measure of professional construction experience and a lot of enthusiastic and supportive Lions. The building inspector declared the project substantially complete in December of 2003 with the finishing touches completed over the next two years. On June 28, 2006 during our official dedication of the building both parties involved emphasized the phenomenal cooperation through the course of the project and the advantages of mutual support within the community.

# How Many Lions



## How Many Lions Does it Take to Feed Big Becky?

St. Davids, ON - August 8, 2006

The answer to the question: "How many Lions does it take to feed 'Big Becky?'" is 35 and an additional 15 Lioness for good measure! But who's counting when you get that much club support and an opportunity to be part of history.

Under the capable leadership of Lion Rob Copeland, the Lions of St Davids loaded up most of its Family Carnival food service equipment and transported it to the construction site of the Ontario Power Generation's (O.P.G.) Niagara Tunnel Project and the location of "Big Becky".

As the opening ceremonies ended the host told the gathered VIP's that lunch was served. That was the moment when all of the preparation and planning began to pay off. About an hour later all of the 500 plus VIP's and O.P.G. employees had been fed. (Looking back we should have renamed our Lions Burgers "Big Becky Burgers" for the day!)

Big Becky is the name suggested by a local elementary school to identify the 14.4 metre diameter tunnel boring machine. Big Becky is significantly larger than the 8.6 meter machine that helped build the English Channel's "Chunnel" between France and England. According to O.P.G.'s information the completed tunnel will be the largest diameter tunnel ever constructed and provide an increased capacity at the Sir Adam Beck generation plant by over 1,600,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Submitted by Lion Bradd Anderson

# A3

## Millbrook Donation



Millbrook and District Lions Club President Gord Taylor presented a cheque for \$5000 to Greg Mather of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Foundation. This cheque brings the total donated to the Foundation by the Millbrook Lions to \$25000 over the last five years.

Mr. Mather, Senior Development Officer for the Foundation gave a brief update as to the progress of the new hospital and stated that it would be up and running by 2008.

## Bike Rodeo

The Amherstview Lions Club recently held a bike rodeo for kids at the local recreation centre. Thirty-five participants ranging in age from 5 to 12 took part, each receiving a Lions logoed water bottle just for coming out. The local OPP detachment helped man the 8 different skill testing stations. The Lioness Club donated a new bike for a draw held that day. A very successful first attempt!

Submitted by Lion Del Weber

## New Bumper



*Lions Club Support-The Campbellford/ Seymour Fire Department is indebted to the support of the Campbellford Lions Club for its donation of \$1,100 to replace a new bumper on the department's First Response vehicle. Sparky the Fire Dog attended the official presentation with Fire Chief Tim Blake, Lion Marg Wilkes, and Tony Langsford, who heads up the fire department's medical program. Photo: Rolly Ethier*

Submitted by Lion Peter Danielsen

# A4

## A Fine Example



A4 DG Ted Hughes, right, and Brockville Lions Club President Fred Wilson, left, set an example recently when they brought two new Lions into the Brockville Club. Lion Ted introduced his spouse Sally, 2nd from right, and Lion Fred presented Nancie Newcombe, 2nd from left. The induction ceremony was performed by Council Chair Dave Cole.

Lion Dave also inducted the 2006/07 Club officers for Brockville. The club is now sixty-five members strong.

Submitted by Lion Ian Inniss

## Walk a Dog

On a sunny Sunday in May, the Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club hosted their first Purina Walk for Dog Guides. The route totalled five kms. Lion Lawrence Black and Dillon (a guide dog from LFC) arranged this walk. The turn out was low but \$764.50 was collected from the participants and the Club donated \$500 from the Pancake Breakfast. MP Cheryl Gallant presented Lion Lawrence a certificate, which was presented to the Club. Lion Judy Lamarche collected the most for a participant: \$152.



*In the photo from (l) to (r) Front Row are Dana and Mikayla Recoskie; Middle Row are Jackie Black, Lion Lawrence Black and Dillon, MP Cheryl Gallant, Lion Judy Lamarche and Town Councillor Bill Ramsey; Back Row are Chris Labelle and Elle, Sara Black, Major Bob Fisher - Comptroller CFB/ABU Petawawa and Steve Recoskie holding Maise.*



# One More To Go



The Stittsville District Lions Club have been hard at work living up to their \$25,000 commitment to the Carlton Place and District Memorial Hospital foundation. The recent presentation of \$8000 is the second installment of a three-year pledge to the hospital. Club members are shown gathered around the cheque at the presentation.

Submitted by Lion Ray Thomas

# Roar of the Lion



Almonte Lion's Club President Shannon White presented Almonte General Hospital-Fairview Manor Foundation Chair Andy Brown with a \$10,000 gift from the heart as part of the club's amazing \$100,000 pledge to the \$4 million Quality Care for Life Campaign. The July 11th presentation was held as part of the annual Lion's Club barbecue at the home of Reg and Gail Gamble.

Photo by Gerry Huddleston

# Over 40

Congratulations to Lion John Hampton of the Gananoque Lions Club as he celebrated 40 years in the Lions Club. During those 40 years he has a perfect attendance record which, in my opinion is quite an achievement. He was also Past District Governor 1983-84. He also served as President of the Gananoque Lions Club in 1972-73.

Submitted by Lion Bruce Logie

# Long Time Member

Lion Bob Lewis, Attendance Director for the Stittsville District Lions Club, congratulated longtime Stittsville member Lion Ray Thomas, who received a 40-year service pin at the Club's recent installation night.

## T O U R D E S I G N

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# The Knights of the Blind

## Lions/CNIB Partnership Program



The Canadian  
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## Lions Appreciation Day at the CNIB Lake Joseph Center

On August 19, 2006, on an overcast but warm Saturday CNIB welcomed Lions and Lionesses from across Multiple District "A" for its annual Lions Appreciation Day. The event, which has been running for more than a decade, was created to recognize the special partnership between Lions and the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre, and to thank Lions and Lioness Clubs for their ongoing, tireless support of Lake Jo.

Things got underway just after 1 pm, when guests had the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun activities including a boat cruise, horseshoe and mini-putt. The afternoon was also the perfect opportunity to mingle with other club members or to just sit back in the Muskoka chairs and enjoy the beautiful lakeside scenery.

The formal part of the event started at 4 pm, when CNIB staff members took the podium and delivered short speeches to recognize the contribution of Lions and Lionesses to Lake Jo. Camp Manager Jacqueline Harrison and Capital Campaign Coordinator Allison Howell provided an update on the Spirit of Muskoka campaign and outlined the next steps in this exciting transformation.

Construction of the new guest houses will commence this fall and will be completed in time for the new season in 2007.

Jacqueline also presented each club with a small memento of the summer season – a personalized booklet of Lake Jo photos and a thank-you note written by one of this summer's guests.



The Lions, of course, also had something to say – and something to present. Ted Hughes, MD"A" Sight Conservation Chair, took the stage to present a cheque for \$25,000. This impressive amount was raised by clubs of MD"A" in support of Lake Jo – specifically, to provide camp subsidies to Lake Jo guests in the coming year.

The presentations were followed by a barbecue dinner and musical entertainment, courtesy of L.S. Coker.

It was a fun day for all that further strengthened the partnership of Lions and CNIB in support of Lake Jo. Thank you Lions, for your ongoing commitment to this one of a kind facility and to CNIB!

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# A5

## Mattawa Senior's Supper



Recently the Mattawa Lions Club held their annual Senior's Appreciation Dinner. Over 100 people came out to enjoy a nice roast beef dinner with all the fixins held at the Golden Age Hall in town. The Mattawa Lion's Club was very busy this summer with a full slate of events from a Local Fish Derby to BBQ's and hosting various events at Explorers Point in town.

Submitted by Lion Wayne Reid

## MF Visitor



Moose Factory Island Lions Club received a visit from a member of their twin club. Lion Leonardo VanDenBroek (and wife Nizete) from Osorio, Brazil came up on the Polar Bear Express for the day with Lion Ivor and Jenny Jones. A chili and bannock lunch was enjoyed, gifts exchanged, a brief visit and then a tour of Moose Factory Island. Pictured here is Lion Leonardo presenting Lion President Katherine Turner with picture of his club members and Lion Ivor Jones looking on.

Submitted by Lion Secretary Dorothy Turner

# A711

## Win/Win Partnership



Some of the Club members at the unveiling include, left to right back row: Manny Castellino, Peter Hammond, Eric Wen, Sam Dako, Rudi Henandez. Seated left to right: Eddy Bujold, President Lewis Lawrence, Diana Fowlie.

Mississauga Valley CC & Library and the Mississauga Central Lions Club have a partnership for success. Since 1985 approximately \$425,000 in donations have been raised. Almost 5,000 persons with strokes have been provided with rehabilitative swim, exercise and social programming. Over 10,000 youth have been welcomed into Lion's sponsored programs (from summer carnivals to road hockey tournaments). A \$25,000 chair lift was installed to safely assist Strokebreaker program participants into the water. Over 200 Child Find kits have been distributed to the community. And over 4,000 swimmers have attended Lions swims (aimed at underprivileged families in the community). And in February 2006 the Central Lions Club room was officially unveiled.

## Correction

The sixth annual Ties of Friendship event was organized by the Credit Valley Lions. We apologize for any confusion regarding this matter. Ed.

# OOPS

# A9

## Palmerston Golf



The Palmerston Lions Club recently raised and donated \$7000 to the Palmerston & District Hospital with their Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Master of Ceremonies Joey "the Bull" Martin, left, accepted the cheque from David Craig, centre, and PDG Andy Klonikowski- President of the Palmerston Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Joanne Klonikowski



# Young Melvin Jones



ORANGEVILLE - Roy Bryan, President of the Orangeville Lions Club, recently recognized Lion Murray Young Sr. as a 2006 Melvin Jones Fellow. This honour is presented in recognition of his dedication to make the world a better place through humanitarian service. Lion Murray has been involved in numerous capacities within the local community and the Lions Club. Earlier this year Murray was recognized as having been a Lion for 50 years. Other notables include Life Membership and recognition as a Helen Keller Fellowship from Lions, as well as a Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary Clubs International. Murray even has a mountain and park named in his honour (Murray's Mountain), where a number of Orangeville youth can be seen tobogganing in the winter and playing field sports in the summer.

As a permanent recognition, Murray's name has also been added to an electronic listing of all individuals worldwide who have received this honour. Their names show in continuous rotation at the Lions Clubs International Worldwide Headquarters.

# New Club Formed



A new Lions club is being formed, sponsored by the Goderich Lions Club, and is named the Dungannon & District Lions Club. A9 Extension Chair Lion Mel Bogie of the Goderich Lions Club, along with new club President Duane Rivett and District Retention Chair Lion

Bill Hanly, along with DG Lion Ferne Osborne and PDG Lion Bob Osborne have all had a hand in building the new club. CHARTER NIGHT will be September 30, 2006. The photo shows those attending the organization night. In the front row from left to right are newly elected members of the executive of the Dungannon & District Lions Club: Barbara Smyth-Treasurer, Dave Sjaarda-1st Vice President, DG Ferne Osborne, Duane Rivett-President, Nancy Rivett-2nd Vice President, and Dorothy Bogie-Membership Chair. The Secretary, Brenda Topor was absent. Note: Not all names of individuals in the photo were available.

Submitted by Lion Ralph Smith

# Seaforth Lions



The Seaforth Lions Club recently completed necessary repairs and improvements to their swimming pool. One of the fundraising activities saw Lions members working a Sunday

morning shift at Terry's Family Restaurant. Lion Bill Teall, left, and Lion John Turnbull looked after filling and emptying the dishwasher. The pool now has ramps into the bathhouse and pool area, in addition to removable stairs and a lift to accommodate swimmers with mobility limitations. Through various activities, the club and community raised the funds to completely cover all costs. The grand re-opening of the pool on June 25 was celebrated with free swimming, hot dogs and cake for the community.

Submitted by Lion Cathy Elliott

# A12



# Busy Lion

The Peninsula Lions Club was busy this summer. They held their annual Yard and Bake sale in July, with great success. They also held four car washes to raise funds for projects the club is undertaking. PDG Ray McFadden of the Midhurst Lions Club, left, presented Club Secretary Ed Campbell, of Peninsula, with his many years of collected Lions pins.

# Climbing Students



While visiting Camp Huronda in July during the Lions Appreciation Day, some of the A12 Exchange students and their sponsors, along with DG Jim Hilt and wife Maureen tackled the climbing wall with varying degrees of success. A great day was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

# \$75,000 Cheque



The Barrie Lions Club's contribution of \$75,000 to the Barrie RVH Cancer Centre was presented to Dr. Bryn Pressnail at the Lions Hall in June. Dr. Pressnail is the Clinical Director of Oncology at the RVH. With Dr. Pressnail are the Lion volunteers that man the Bingo Hall. The proceeds of the Bingo are what make these contributions possible. With \$30,000 already contributed, the Club's total contribution will amount to \$105,000.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

# Big Dip



Bradford Lions donated \$25,000 to Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket to help rebuild and update the Therapeutic Swimming Pool.

Pictured left to right: Lion Hank Vanderpost, Lion Jim Corneau, Lion Ron Simpson, & Michelle and Cathy from the Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Submitted by Lion Debbie Hrynyk

# Now That He's Retired



Now that Parry Sound Lion PDG George Green has retired from his auto parts business after 60 years, he has more time for lionism. Nearly 2/3 of the money raised by the club can be attributed to Lion George, the club's top fundraiser. PDG George also spearheaded the building of the Camp for the Deaf, and continues to help out there every summer. Lion George is shown selling tickets at the Parry Sound Mall for the Club's yearly boat Draw.

Submitted by Lion Fern Morley. Photo by Parry Sound Lifestyles.

# Bradford Santa Santa



The Bradford Lions are very happy to donate \$5,000 to the Bradford Santa Claus Parade Committee. These volunteers raise money all year long to make sure Bradford has the biggest and best parade for Bradford and surrounding communities.

Pictured: Liz and Jennifer Pegg (Santa Claus Parade Committee) receiving cheque from Lion Reg Hipwell, Lion Debbie Hrynyk, Lion Gary Hrynyk, & Lion Doug White.

# Donations to City

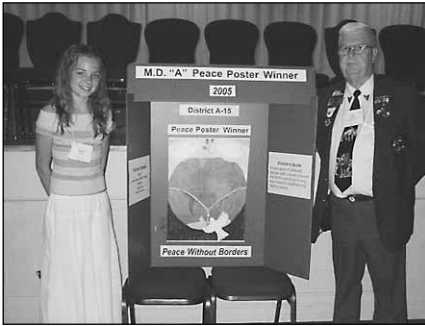


The Lions Club of Barrie made its annual \$3,000 donation to the City of Barrie for the Midhurst Sports Complex ball park. Accepting the cheque is Barrie Mayor Rob Hamilton in the Council Chambers. The Club's original commitment was for 10 years for \$30,000. With Mayor Hamilton is President Lion Stan Corkum, left, and Lion Steve Fox, centre.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

# A15

## Peace Poster Winner



*Kirsten on Left and Lion Lynn on right with the winning poster.*

I would like to thank the Districts and Clubs that supported the Peace Poster Contest 2005-06. With your financial support we were able to provide our winner with \$1000. I would encourage the Districts and Clubs to voluntarily continue to financially support the Contest. With your continued support we will continue to offer a cash prize to our Winner. I would like to thank PDGs Lions John and Jean Hamilton for their continued support of the Peace Poster. They provide a plaque that is also presented to the MD 'A' Winner each year. The MD 'A' winner for 2005-06 from District A-15 is 13 yr old Kirsten Snoek, Holy Name of Mary School sponsored by the St Mary's Lions Club. Signed prints of the Winning Poster are available from the MD 'A' Peace Poster Co-ordinator Lion Lynn Mathewson for \$10. You can contact Lion Lynn at mathlynn@sympatico.ca or call (613)687-0191. All proceeds go to the Peace Poster Account. Governor of District A-12, Lion Leonard Day presented Kirsten her plaque on behalf of the Hamilton's and the MD 'A' Leo Peace Poster Co-ord 2005-06 presented her the \$1000 cheque on behalf of MD 'A'.

Sincerely, Lion Lynn Mathewson

# Fergus Gives

The Fergus Lions Club made their second installment of \$5,000 towards their pledge of \$25,000 for the Community Recreation Centre and a third payment of \$5,000 of the Club's \$25,000 pledge to Groves Memorial Hospital.

Submitted by Lion Joe Brooks

# A16

## Gala of Hope



The Lindsay Lions Club recently donated \$1000 to the Gala of Hope. The Gala of Hope was started in 2003 by two local sisters, Robin Lea Young and Heather Griffith after Heather was diagnosed with breast cancer. The Gala of Hope is working each year to lend its support to the new R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre which is scheduled to open its doors in 2007. The goal this year is to raise \$50000. The Centre will provide immediate access to a diagnosis and treatment for women in the Durham, Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Northumberland regions. Pictured above is Lion Suzanne Garvey who made the cheque presentation on behalf of the Club to Gala of Hope co-founder, Heather Griffith.

# Free Lunch

On July 26 several members of the St. Jacobs Lions Club provided lunch for the participants in the 2006 A15 Youth Exchange and Bruce Murray International Youth Camp.

Submitted by Lion Dennis Loughheed

# Cheque Presentation



The Coboconk And District Lions Club, in partnership with Ridgewood Public School in Coboconk, submitted an application for Communities in Action Funding. The Provincial government, to improve awareness of benefits of physical activity and help remove barriers that prevent some people from participating in sport and recreation programs, developed the Communities In Action Fund. Children and older adults are among the primary target groups. Thanks to the hard work of dedicated individuals the application for funding was approved. A grant in the amount of \$17,117 was awarded to purchase new physical fitness equipment and implement a physical fitness activity program for the students and community at Ridgewood Public School.

Pictured here is Gayle Munro, Treasurer of the Coboconk District Lions Club, presenting a cheque to Madam France Meunier, Principal and Linda Oliver, staff member at Ridgewood Public School.

# Flower Sale Record



Weeks of hard work proved to be worth it this spring as the total Markham Lion membership got out and sold over \$30,000 of annual flowers. It was a damp and cold week but Lions Dave Gallaway, Fred Sheehy, Jack Dawson and driver Ken Otter persevered to deliver thousands of plants to all the members' homes.

# Eyeglass Collection



Eye Glass Collection Program: The Lindsay Lions Club recently shipped 1003 pairs of eye glasses as well as 258 pairs of loose lenses to the Canadian Eye Glass Recycling Centre in Calgary. These glasses were collected by local optician and optometrists offices during the last eight months. Pictured are Lion Bob Wilson and a representative of Lindsay Moving and Storage, local affiliates of United Van Lines. Once again, Ron Fanning, Lindsay Moving and Storage provided this service at no cost.

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# Helen Keller



*Uxbridge & District Lions Club presented a Helen Keller Award to Lion Bob Pearson, presented posthumously to his wife, Margaret Pearson. Left to right: Geoffrey Newton, Carol Newton, Margaret Pearson, Lion Don Prentice, Lion George Chennette and Lion Harold Graves.*

*Submitted by Lion Chuck Gullickson*

# Student in the Gold



Alexandra Russell, shown here with Markham Lions Dick Sheehy, Grace Medland and David Hitchen, won first place in the Lions Effective Speaking Contest at the MD"A" finals in Ottawa on April 29. Alexandra won the Senior French Speaking title and thanked the Lions for sponsoring her over the years.

# Cannington Canada Day



*The Cannington Lions Club held a Canada Day party, with live music and prizes. Club President Kurt Parliament presented a \$7500 cheque to David Smith, the lucky winner of the annual Canada Day Draw.*

*Submitted by Lion Doug Fuller*

## Vision Screening



*As part of the District A16 program, The Lindsay Lions Club has been involved in vision screening of area children since 2002. In that period, club members have screened over 1000 students. The program focuses on senior kindergarten students in area schools. Pictured are (left to right) Lions Bob Wilson, Jim Young and Alec Luke carrying out vision screening at a local school.*

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