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Change Has to be Top Down and Bottom Up

It's an honor to serve as your international president. It is also a great challenge. Now is the time for Lions to take charge of their destiny and ensure their continued success.

My presidential theme is Challenge to Change. It reaffirms Past President Ross's theme, which was "We Serve" with an emphasis on a paradigm shift. The world has changed and we Lions need to change as well.

In practical terms, what does this mean? Clubs must find new ways to attract members. They must find new ways to make meetings more interesting. Go ahead and be creative. For example, maybe a club can try karaoke singing at its meetings. That may not work for every club but it may work for yours.

remain intact. We don't need to change who Lions are and what we do. But we do need to change how we do things.

As you can read on page 3, my Challenge to Change program asks Lions to focus in particular on several initiatives. First and perhaps foremost, we need to rebrand Lions clubs. In other words, we need to change our public image. Your international leaders will be hard at work on this but it also needs to be done at the club level. Through more attractive and contemporary ads, flyers, brochures, Web sites, public service announcements and so on and through more relevant service meetings and even service projects, Lions can change the way we are perceived by others. We don't need to be hip but we must be seen as relevant to today.

We need to add new members and to add younger members. We also need to do a better job of developing leaders and we need to improve our public relations. We need to increase our support of Lions

Clubs International Foundation by increasing the number of Melvin Jones Fellows. We need to revive the Leo movement to reach its full potential and to expand Lions Quest, our schools-based life skills program.

Last, and certainly not least, we need to meet our Campaign SightFirst II funding goal of US\$150 million and the challenge goal of US\$200 million. The sight of millions of children and adults is at stake.

This is a challenging time for us. But it's an exciting time. As always, serve with passion and purpose to reshape your communities. But also reshape your clubs, if necessary, so that our service will flourish for years to come.

“We don't need to change who Lions are and what we do.”

Change has to be top down and from the bottom up. I pledge to you that your international Lion leaders will work for smart, effective and lasting change. But unless change happens at the club level, it won't stick. Unless clubs consciously and deliberately target younger people and understand their needs and wants, then we won't pass on the Lion spirit to that next generation.

Let me make clear that traditions are wonderful and we absolutely need to hang on to whatever is working. Lions don't need a revolution. The fundamental values of Lions should

Lions Convention Update

International Lions Conventions

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

MDA Convention

May 29 - June 1, 2008

Etobicoke (Toronto)

2009

North Bay

Challenge to Change

Change is inevitable and the rate of change in the future will be even faster than in the past.

Since the inception of Lions clubs, our organization has also changed both proactively and reactively to keep pace with the environmental changes. The two most dramatic changes initiated were admission of women to the membership in 1987 and a global project "Campaign SightFirst" in 1990 to raise US\$130 million. Such dramatic changes were perhaps the main reasons for the philosophy of Lions clubs to spread to 200 countries.

Growth reached a peak in the year 1995-96 with a total global membership of some 1.425 million members. The membership declined by over 9% during the last 10 years to 1.3 million by end of 2005-06. Furthermore, the paucity of young members joining our clubs may reflect that our organization does not meet the aspirations of modern youth.

It is my firm belief that we need to re-brand Lions clubs to be more relevant to the twenty first century. In the program I place before you are many challenges. The most fundamental of all is the "Challenge to Change" our organization, wherever change is needed.

But fundamental changes have to be facilitated both by the leadership (top down) and clubs (bottom up). Without a totally integrated effort with commitment from all concerned, the organization will not succeed in implementing change.

Therefore, I earnestly appeal to all Lions of the world for a positive response to the "Challenge to Change."

Mahendra Amarasuriya International President 2007 - 08

PROGRAM FOR 2007 - 08

The International Association of Lions Clubs embraces membership from many different cultures, living both in developed and developing nations. Therefore, a standard set of programs will not be relevant in all parts of the world. I place two categories of programs for consideration by the world of Lions.

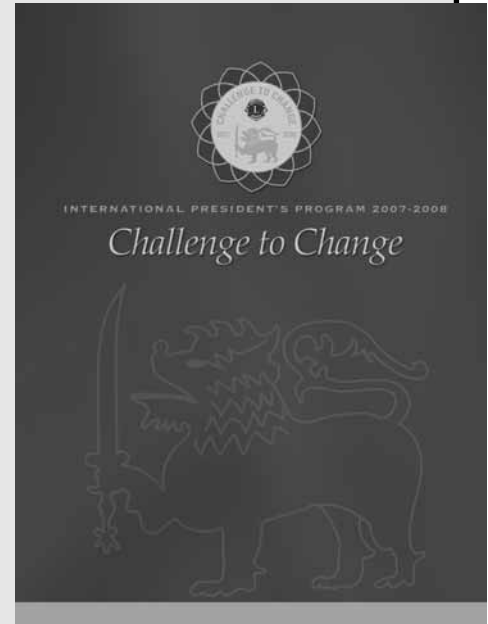
1. Core Programs, applicable almost universally.

1. Challenge to Re-Brand Lions Clubs
2. Challenge to Grow by an Additional 20,000 Quality Members
3. Challenge to Develop Quality Leaders for the Twenty First Century
4. Challenge to Extend 1,250 New Clubs with a Mix of Older and Younger Members of Both Sexes
5. Challenge to Enhance The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Fund by Increasing the Number of Melvin Jones Fellowships To 350,000
6. Challenge to Raise Campaign SightFirst II Funding to Achieve an Initial Target of US\$150 Million and a Stretch Target of US\$200 Million
7. Challenge to Revive and Develop the Leo Movement to Its Maximum Potential
8. Challenge to Expand the Lions Quest Program to 50 Countries

2. Regional / Area Specific Programs, more relevant to certain parts of the world.

1. Goal I - Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
2. Goal II - Achieve Universal Primary Education
3. Goal III - Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women.
4. Goal IV - Reduce Child Mortality
5. Goal V - Improve Maternal Health
6. Goal VI - Combat HIV/AIDS
7. Goal VII - Ensure Environmental Sustainability
8. Goal VIII - Establish Global Partnership For Development

Editor: Unfortunately due to space limitations, we can't print the complete 8 page program. To see the entire pamphlet, download it from the Lions website at www.lionsclubs.org





MD“A” 2008
“Lets Rock Again” Convention
May 29th 30th 31st and June 1st 2008
Holiday Inn Select, Dixon Road,
Etobicoke, Ontario.

Your MD“A” 2008 Convention Committee has been meeting regularly since October 2005 and is committed to treating you to yet another fun filled and informative convention in what has now become a Toronto tradition.

A few of the highlights will include our traditional Friday night Dinner Theatre, and this years presentation is entitled “Harbour High, the 50’s” a high school reunion with all the music and fashion that many of us can recall from the 50’s era. We encourage our lady guests to come in Poodle Skirts, saddle shoes or today’s equivalent, the men in leather jackets, T shirts and jeans, and of course the duck tail hair cut, although a few us may find that difficult due to severe cases of ‘follicle embarrassment’. This presentation offers music, audience participation and other surprises, besides a full course dinner served during the production.

On Saturday afternoon come and join us in the marquee for more entertainment, view some of the cars of the 50’s, live music and a few more surprises from clubs of A711.

Your Hotel room rate includes a continental breakfast daily and free parking with in/out privileges for all registered guests in the hotel.

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The informative and educational seminars are still in the planning stages, but we, your host committee, are striving to appeal to all Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests to make this a convention that will be long remembered.

Please send in your registration form for the Hotel, Golf tournament, event tickets and PDG Dinner.*

**The Annual Stew O’Brien Golf Tournament is open to all Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests, and will be held at the nearby Banty’s Roost Golf and Country Club on Thursday morning. The Hotel Convention rates will apply to anybody wishing to arrive on Wednesday.*

For further convention information please contact

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A warm welcome awaits you all.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A"



2008 "LET'S ROCK AGAIN CONVENTION"

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THURSDAY May 29th				
<i>Convention Welcome Reception</i>			@	\$ <u> N/C </u>
FRIDAY May 30th				
<i>Convention Luncheon</i>	O	O	@ \$25.00	\$ <u> </u>
<i>Dinner Theatre:</i>				
<i>"Harbour High-The 50's"</i>	O	O	@ \$40.00	\$ <u> </u>
SATURDAY May 31st				
<i>International Banquet</i>	O	O	@ \$45.00	\$ <u> </u>
TOTAL AMOUNT for function Tickets				\$ <u> </u>

Reserve your function tickets early and avoid any disappointment. All prices quoted include all applicable taxes and gratuities. Function ticket deadline May 28th 2008.

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Exhibitors are required to complete a separate application form from committee.

**Hotel Rooms must be booked through the Convention Committee and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 room deposit.(Minimum)*

INFORMATION: To obtain additional information regarding the 2008 MD"A" CONVENTION, please contact the convention chair: PDG Derek Bloomfield, 23 Erindale Drive, Erin, Ontario. N0B 1T0
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"The impossible we will achieve, Miracles will take just a little longer"

PDG Derek Bloomfield. Convention Chair

LCIF Stave off Blindness in Children

by Therese Boehl

Imagine waking up every morning to a world of darkness, unable to attend school or care for yourself independently. This scenario is a harsh reality for the 1.4 million children who are blind. Even more tragic, 50 percent of children going blind die within 12 to 24 months. But there is hope: 50 percent of blindness in children is preventable.

Knowing this, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which has always helped in the worldwide fight against vision loss, is taking action to free children around the world of the burden of blindness and the limitations it imposes on them. In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), LCIF is establishing 30 eye care centers all over the globe. In addition to screenings, the project provides training for eye care professionals and distributes educational materials to schools and communities.

Children in Bandung, Indonesia, are already beginning to benefit from LCIF's efforts to fight blindness. In this region, screening for eye conditions and low vision is carried out regularly, and those who require follow-up treatment are sent to the nearby Ciceno Eye Hospital. Also developed in Indonesia is a program for identifying and treating low vision children in schools for the blind.

But Indonesia is not the only place making progress:

Pediatric eye care teams have been trained in many participating countries.

A low vision care room at the project hospital in Lithuania was opened in 2006.

More than 240 school teachers were trained in vision screening in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Nurses underwent training for pediatric ophthalmologic surgery in Egypt.

The infrastructure of a project hospital in Ghana has been strengthened to provide better eye care services.

To help fund these efforts, LCIF distributed a grant totaling \$3.75 million between the six WHO regions where the 30 eye care centers are located. Each eye care center aims to accomplish the following goals: strengthen primary eye care services for children, strengthen surgical skills needed to deal with common eye diseases/conditions and provide low vision care services.

Thanks to this collaboration between LCIF and WHO, major steps have been taken to preserve the sight of children and to secure a better quality of life. Each eye care center throughout the world is working toward the ultimate goal of elimination of avoidable blindness. With the financial support of Lions, the realization of that goal is closer. Lions are giving hope to children and building a brighter future.



Children are screened in Vietnam at one of 30 eye care centers established by LCIF and WHO.



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Tag Day Raises over \$8,000 to Support CNIB

Lions and Lioness Clubs of MD"A" have always played a very special role in the life of CNIB and worked tirelessly to support the vision health of all Canadians.

The past two months haven't been any different, with Lions throughout the province engaged in a variety of activities to help CNIB's work and the thousands of individuals who benefit from our services. Tag Days are becoming an increasingly popular way to raise funds for CNIB. Several Lions and Lioness Clubs located in the new City of Kawartha Lakes as well as Haliburton County banded together for the third year in a row for a joint tag day. Although some individual clubs in other parts of MDA have held CNIB tag days, this is one of the handful of events across MD"A" that involve several clubs. This year's participants included the Lions Clubs from Bobcaygeon, Coboconk, Dunsford, Fenelon Falls, Kinmount, Lindsay, Oakwood, Omemee, Haliburton and Kirkfield and Lioness Clubs from Bobcaygeon and Omemee.

With the leadership of Jim Young of the Lindsay Lions Club, 55 participants volunteered their time on April 28 at approximately 25 different locations, including LCBO and Beer Store outlets, various grocery and hardware stores, the Lindsay Square Mall and department stores like Zellers. This year's event, including donations from clubs, resulted in \$8,630.27 to support essential vision services – the largest sum raised since the project began three years ago. A cheque for this amount was presented by participating clubs to CNIB on May 9, at Queens Square in Lindsay.



Photo: courtesy of the Lindsay Post

Pictured from l. to r.: Lion Walter Jancik - Dunsford Lions Club, Lion Ray North - Coboconk Lions Club, Lion Susan Tate - Fenelon Falls Lions Club, Sue Gardner - Associate, Corporate Development from the CNIB's Central Region, Lion Wally McKinnon - Bobcaygeon Lions Club, Lion Wayne West - Oakwood Lions Club, Lion Jim Young - Lindsay Lions Club and Lion Ed Johnston from the Omemee Lions Club.

Lions and Lionesses who participated were so thrilled by the success of their initiative that Lion Jim Young issued a challenge to other clubs within MD"A": to become involved with next year's tag day to make it an even bigger cooperative event, involving a larger geographic area. It is wonderful to see such enthusiasm from your clubs, and we are looking forward to reporting back to you on the results of this challenge next year.

CNIB Lake Joseph Work weekend

Lions from MD"A" have been busy helping CNIB in other ways too. The weekend of June 08, Lions and Lionesses (2 St. Catherine Lionesses, 4 Chatham Lions, 2 Godridge Lions and 1 Mount Forest Lion) traveled to the CNIB Lake Joseph centre to help get the camp ready for the summer season. With their enthusiastic help, we built an awning, cleaned the beach and the mini putt course. The nature trail and the gazebo were prepped to welcome visitors. New linens were organized and sorted. And of course, there were games of cards and lots of laughter to share....

Thank you, Lions, for your continued generosity, enthusiasm and strong personal commitment to CNIB. On behalf of all the Canadians we serve across the province, we thank you sincerely.

Paid for by friends of CNIB

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 PVDG Bruce Colwell
 Eleanor Speck
 Eric Cronsberry
 Denise St. Peter
 Betty Cope
 Ken Harrison
 Ralph Miller
 Clark Ross
 Cleve Burton
 Rita Forgie
 Gerry Stone
 Tom Woods
 Carl Mulcahey
 Don Acton
 Bob Pearson
 Alec Luke
 Bob Marshall
 Ray Moore
 John Yeomans
 Clare Parks

Run Faster, Jump Higher, See Better

by Therese Boehl

Tye McCarthy, 21, used to avoid playing games when he was younger, refusing to even try to catch, kick or hit a ball. Because of his severe autism, cerebral palsy and seizures, he was unable to communicate that he had a trouble seeing clearly. McCarthy has no problem now getting involved in sporting activities, thanks in part to a



Lions volunteers helped screen athletes during an Opening Eyes event at the United Center in Chicago, Illinois.

pair of glasses he received at a Lions Clubs International-Special Olympics Opening Eyes screening during the 2006 Special Olympics Games in Ames, Iowa.

"He looks more relaxed when having to do things that require sight," said Dan McCarthy, his father. "With the glasses, Tye has demonstrated a higher comfort level doing everyday activities: reading, working on the computer, etc."

McCarthy is one of 100,000 Special Olympics athletes who have received vision screening and eyeglasses, if needed, through the Opening Eyes program, a collaboration between the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and the Special Olympics. The program, which began in 2001 with a \$3.3 million grant from LCIF, provides the screenings to Special Olympic athletes all over the world and distributes prescription eyeglasses or goggles free of charge for those who need them. Since then, two more grants totaling \$5.85 million have extended the partnership for an additional 30 months.

McCarthy's parents had almost given up on finding an eye care specialist who would perform a screening on their son. New settings made him anxious, creating another barrier to a screening. But at the Opening Eyes program, he found an atmosphere of welcome.

"The doctors and Lions volunteers talked to Tye, not us," said his father. "Tye immediately looked more comfortable than we could have ever imagined. It was clear that Opening Eyes wanted him there."

At the heart of the program are the Lions who volunteer their time to assist with registration, near and far visual acuity testing, and distribution of glasses and protective sports goggles. More than 8,000 Lions clubs volunteers have given their time and effort to this cause. Educating and preparing vision specialists to serve the needs of this unique population is another goal of the Opening Eyes partnership. Volunteer optometrists/ophthalmologists, optometry students, opticians and optical center employees work alongside the Lions volunteers, providing the diagnoses and referrals to the athletes.

Opening Eyes has screened athletes ranging in age from six to 77 years old, providing each athlete with a certificate detailing their vision needs and follow-up referrals to health care providers in their home areas, if necessary. Typically, three to four percent of the athletes screened receive referrals. Located close to the main sporting area, the program usually screens between 100 and 300 athletes per day. A total of 95 screenings in more than 26 countries across the world are planned for 2007. Since its inception, Opening Eyes has provided prescription eyewear to more than 44,000 athletes.

As for McCarthy, he is enjoying the benefits of better sight, catching and hitting the ball like never before.

"Opening Eyes is more than a vision screening. It opens your eyes to the great need in the community for special services for the intellectually disabled," said his father. "The program gave Tye this chance, and through him, has given us the chance to see our son grow."

Effective Speaking

The winners in the MDA Effective Speaking contest are:

Jr. English - Dominic de Carolis

Jr. French - Emilie deHaas

Intermediate English - Stephen Kemp

Intermediate French - Adriana Cappelletti

Sr. French - Claudia Beaudry

Sr. English - Jacob Hall

Jacob hall receives his award from CC Dave Cole at the MDA Convention. Jacob is a Huntsville High School student sponsored by the Huntsville Lions Club.



From the Desk of I.D. Terry Graham

Report to Council February 17, 2007

Council Chair, Lion Dave, Members of the Governors Council:

I bring greetings from our President Jimmy Ross and the International Board of Directors.

I hope all the districts had a good conventions and your speaker did an excellent job. It was an honour to have President Ross in Toronto for the A711 convention. The A711 Lions welcomed him and he had a great time.

The Faculty Development Institute was in Toronto again this year. 20 Lions from across Canada have participated in an exciting leadership opportunity. I thank council for approving some expenses for the MDA lions to attend the institute. We now need to provide a venue for our Institute Graduates to work with our Lions in MDA. I would like to

thank PID Bill Moody for coordinating and doing a fantastic job again this year.

As mention in the last report, I am working with International to arrange a room for the Canadian Delegation (Caucus) meeting. The meeting will be Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel (MDA delegation hotel). The meeting will start at 2:00 PM and usually last an hour and a half. A new Director from western Canada will be endorsed and will be taking the Canadian seat on the board after the International Convention in Chicago. He or she will be at the caucus meeting.

As I am the guest at our convention, I will be speaking at different function so I will keep this report short. However I will say, I don't know where the past two years have gone. I'm sure all of you can say the same thing.



Once again, Council Chair Dave and Governors, thank you for the opportunity to serve this great Multiple District.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Terry Graham
International Director

WINNERS 2006-07 MD "A" BULLETIN CONTEST

CATEGORY - MONTHLY
Petrolia Lions Club, District A1
EDITOR: Lions Joe & Marilyn Madacsi

CATEGORY - TWICE MONTHLY
Simcoe Lions Club
Editor: Lion Jamie Rodgers

CATEGORY - GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTERS
District A12
Editor: Lions Maureen Hilt & Stan Corkum

Lion Maureen Hilt accepts the award for Governor's Newsletters, at the MD "A" Convention in London, from PDG Gus Este, while DG Jim Hilt looks on.

Submitted by Lion Gus Este



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Mother's Breakfast



Members of the Petrolia & District Leo Club held their third annual Mother's Day Breakfast. One hundred and eight-five were served and proceed of \$250 will be used for Leo Club projects. Waiting to serve are club members Leo Justin Beaulieu [right] and Leo Mark Johnston.

Submitted by Marilyn Madacsi



Lions Homes for Deaf People Speaks

*We welcome you and your guest on
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007
(London, Ontario)*

The Lions Homes for Deaf People (LHDP) and partners invite you to a Workshop and Dedication Ceremony in celebration of the Independent Living Residences for the Deafblind in Ontario (ILRDBO) and The Canadian Hearing Society (CHS) and their projects funded by LHDP.

Location: The Royal Canadian Legion
1276 Commissioners Road West, London, On N6K 1E1
1:00 - 3:00 PM Opening Remarks, Educational Sessions ILRDBO & CHS
3:00 - 3:15 PM Travel to Lions-Mercel House
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3:15 - 4:00 PM Dedication Ceremony and Ice Cream Social

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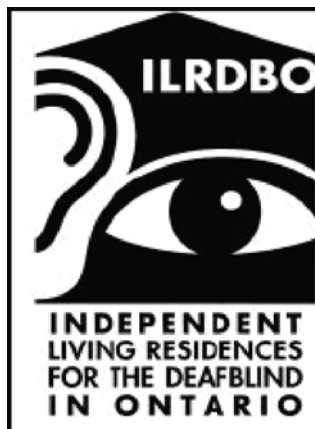
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Lion Jack Graydon, Chairperson Lions Homes for Deaf People, Phone 905.827.3664

E-mail: jlgraydon@aol.com

Response requested by September 20th, 2007



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Dutton Melvin



At the Dutton & District Lions Clubs' 40th Anniversary, several awards were given out. Lion Stanley Champ received a Melvin Jones Award, Lions Laurie & Ron Reid jointly received the Helen Keller Fellowship and Lion Bob Purcell was presented a Judge Brian Stevenson Award. Lion Lorne Stanley and Lion George Smith each received certificates in recognition for the work they are doing on the Caledonia 2 project and Lion Heather MacAdam was selected Lion of the Year. Pictured from left to right: PRC Wayne Goudon, Lions Stanley Champ, Laurie & Ron Reid, Pres. Ron Poisson, Lorne Stanley, George Smith and Heather MacAdam. Absent from photo is Lion Bob Purcell.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

Gift of Sight



Lions Barb Lace and Charlie Berry of the St. Thomas Lions Club display a plaque the club received from the Gift of Sight and Lenscrafters. St. Thomas Lions handed in 2650 pairs of used eyeglasses in one year to Lenscrafters in London to be used in third world countries.

Submitted by Marilyn Madacsi

Ribs & Wings



Springfield Lions Carl Paget, left, Jim Honsinger and Jerry Halfpenny prepared chicken wings and french fries for a fundraising "Ribs & Wings" supper at the Springfield Lions Community Hall.

Wyoming Recycles



Members of the Wyoming Lions Club, including Harry Boers, left, and Pete Sylvestre, set up a recycling depot at the LCBO in Reece's Corners, where people can drop off their empties and Lions members will pick them up. The money raised will be put towards community events and Lions Club equipment.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

Dutton Scholarship

The Dutton & District Lions Club recognized two graduates of WESS-West Elgin who achieved substantial scholarships with a Certificate of Achievement.



Accepting the Certificate and cheque to WESS Music Department on behalf of Mark Godfrey is Donna Jean Godfrey, Mark's mother. Mark is using his 4-year scholarship to University of Toronto.



Accepting the Certificate and cheque from Club President Ron Poisson on behalf of Corrie Preston are his parents. Corrie is using his 1-year scholarship to attend the University of Waterloo.

Lions Day at Lambton



No 1. Sarnia Lions

Both Sarnia Lions Club and Sarnia Township shared the duties of selling tickets on a Zone 24 West project: a draw for a John Deere riding lawn mower and a Kobota riding lawn mower, an MTD push mower, and 4th prize Toro electric leaf blower. Proceeds from the draw were going to Diabetes research.

Pictured is Sarnia Lion Bill Angove, left, and Lion Paul Hulaj. At another table in the mall the Petrolia Lions Club, represented by Lion Marilyn Madacsi, were busy selling tickets on a 2007 Harley Davidson Nightrod, with proceeds to Lions projects.

Crime Stoppers was represented at another table by Lion John Tiernay of the Petrolia Lions Club, also Past President of Sarnia Lambton Crime

Stoppers. Later he changed hats for the day and helped out with the annual Bail or Jail.

And finally the St. Thomas Lions Club joined the group by selling tickets on a 1947 Chevy. This is their 7th Annual Car Raffle, proceeds of which go to community projects and guide dogs. Pictured are St. Thomas Lions Dave and Sharen Wilson.

Reported by Lion Marilyn Madacsi



Belmont Community Park



Joe Tromp, left, and Sheila Simpson on behalf of Ontario Trillium Foundation donated \$23,500 to Club Treasurer Peter Potter and Club President Keith Kennedy of the Belmont Lions Club, who in turn gave the money to Andrea Stewart, representing Belmont Community Park. The Foundation previously gave \$37,500 to the Lions Club to help establish the park in 2005.

A2

Beamsville Lions Honoured



Lion Bill Temple presented Lion Horace Burton, left, with a Helen Keller Award at the Beamsville Lions Club Annual Awards Night. Lion Horace has been a Lion for 19 years and contributes many hours of volunteer service to Community Care of West Niagara.



Beamsville Lions Club held their Annual Awards Night on May 8. Lion Jim Mountain, who has 23 years of Service and has been the Treasurer of the Beamsville Lions Club for 22 years was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

The presentation was made by Lion Doug Burton, who is also a Melvin Jones award recipient.

Windham Melvin



Windham Township Lions Club honoured two of their 30 year Charter Members by presenting them each with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. 30 year Charter Member Lion Mike Wist, left, Club President Bill Denton, and 30 year Charter Member Lion Martin Klosler, right.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

New Record



The Kendal Lions Club is proud to announce the addition of twelve new Lions at an Induction Ceremony in April, officiated by International Director, Lion Terry Graham. A hearty welcome to new member, pictured left to right: (front) Alice Scott, Mary Brown, Susan Jackson, Lynda Crowther, Sybol Davis and Glenda Metcalfe; (back) Bill Scott, Derek Jackson, Angie Austin, Charlie Crowther, Maurice Davis, and Jim Metcalfe. This has to be some kind of record in A3!

Submitted by Lion Karen Christopher

A3

Loughborough School



The Sydenham & District Lions Club did their first vision screening at Loughborough Public School in Sydenham this year. The members found it very interesting that the the Gymnasium is called "The Lion's Den" and thought it was the perfect place for a picture to be taken of the Vision Screening Team.

Wedding Vows



Cherry Valley Lions Club members Annette Barr and Brad Brummell celebrated the beginning of their married life together with a reception held at the Cherry Valley Lions Park in June.

Submitted by Lion Irene Leavitt

Kidspiel



The Lions Club of Brighton conducted their 3rd Annual Applewood Kidspiel in March at the King Edward Park Arena in conjunction with the Brighton & District Curling Club. This involves teams from area elementary schools with members from four different grade levels on each team - 180 kids participated this year! The hope is to interest children in a winter activity.

Kids, their parents & Lions all have fun with this event. Lunch was provided for the children by the Lions club. This year a 50/50 draw and a pancake breakfast were added to start the day, which combined raised over \$1200.

Submitted by Lion Ruth Moore

Recycling Team

The Courtice Lions Club Recycling Team of Lion Bill Odysnke and Lion Jane Squair has reported that from February 2006 till April 2007 they have recycled 1,467 pounds of cans which equals 44,010 cans. Lion Bill has recycled almost 9000 pairs of glasses since 1999. Lions Bill and Lion Jane are also very busy in gathering hearing aids. Their ongoing efforts include recycling from schools, neighbours, the Courtice Flea Market and from fellow members. All monies raised goes to Lion's Camp Dorset.

Submitted by Lion Georgina Major

Clarington Project



Annually the service clubs in Clarington have gathered for a dinner, to hear a guest speaker, to give a report on the status of their club, and to hear how the other clubs are doing. This years' meeting had members & presentations from ten clubs, as well as a talk by Mayor Jim Abernethy. Attendance was 115.

The proceeds from draws & raffles during the evening were presented to the Clarington Project, which provides programs and activities for challenged adults in Bowmanville. Pictured is Kinsmen Mark Borutski, centre, who chaired the meeting, presenting a cheque to Sherry Smith of the Project. Also shown are, left to right, Steve Oke, Bowmanville Legion; Lion Moe Richards, & 2nd from right Lion Bill Huether of the Bowmanville Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Bill Huether

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Lakefield Casino



The Lakefield Lioness Lions Club held its 2nd annual Summer Buffet Gaming and Silent Auction on June 9th, 2007.

Proceeds from the gaming part of the event were donated to Lakefield Community Care and Five Counties Children Centre whereas the proceeds from the buffet and silent auction will be donated to the Lakefield Primary Health Care Centre (LPHCC) as part of our commitment of \$30,000 over 5 years. The club has already donated \$5,000 toward this commitment. The response from businesses in Lakefield, Buckhorn and Peterborough was unprecedented. The club is now looking forward to the 3rd such event in June 2008. Another planned event is the 16th Annual Christmas Craft Show on Nov 3rd, 2007 as well as a 50/50 draw & raffle of a hand made afghan, gift baskets and Christmas stocking. Proceeds from the

draw & raffle will be distributed to local charities and the Balance to the LPHCC.



Susan Garrett spins the wheel Saturday evening at the Lakefield Legion during the Lioness/Lions Club's casino night. (photo courtesy Simon Conolly)

Submitted by Fran Anderson

A4

New Hall



The Smiths Falls Lions Club celebrated its re-opening on March 8, thanks to a \$17,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Among other things, the grant allowed them to make the hall wheelchair accessible. Donna Davidson, 2nd from left, representing The Trillium Foundation, along with, left to right, Lion Steve Cowie, Club President Betty Laronde, Mayor Dennis Staples, Jay Brennan, MPP's Executive Assistant, Lion Jim Adam and Lion Wilf Toop all joined together for the ribbon cutting.

Submitted by Lion Elizabeth Suffel

Local Melvin

Lions Clubs Recognize Barrhaven's Ken Ross

At the A4 convention, local merchant Ken Ross was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of his active community involvement. District A4 comprises over 2000 Lions members from eastern Ontario and western Quebec, representing 73 Lions Clubs. Ken Ross, owner of Ross Your Independent Grocer, was nominated by the Barrhaven Lions Club. He has deep roots in volunteerism dating back to fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis in the early 70's. Since then Ken has been a strong supporter of many charities and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local and national charities. Seven others, all Lions members from across the district, were also recognized. The Lions Club Association's campaign SightFirst II has completed its first of a three-year drive. The goal is to raise US\$150 million over the next two years. Currently 50% of the goal has already been achieved.

Submitted by PDG Gus Este



District A4 Governor James Johnson is showing placing the Melvin Jones Fellowship pin on Ken Ross' lapel. Assisting is the International Guest Speaker, Past International Director George (Mick) Barrus from Cody, Wyoming, USA



Home for the Aged



The Clarence Creek Lions Club presented a cheque of \$5000 to the Centre d'Accueil Roger Seguin which is a home for the aged people in Clarence Creek. The money will help to buy a hot meal carriage valued at \$12,000. Charles Lefebvre, administrator (left) and Rock Pilon, President of the administration committee, of the Centre d'Accueil Roger Seguin accept the cheque from Gaetan Page, President of the Clarence Creek Lions Club.

Submitted by Gaetan Page

30 Years



Lion Dave Green of Brockville has served his club and community for thirty years. He has lost both legs to diabetes. Recently he received a 30-year service pin from awards Chairman P.P. Lorne Mallory (left). Along for the visit and presentation were Lions Bill Paul, Ken Chisamore, Sam Mackey and Cecil Glazier. Lion Dave is presently in the St. Vincent de Paul hospital (Brockville).

Submitted by Ian Inniss

Emergency Food



The Gloucester North Lions Club presented a gift of \$5,000 to the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard at the Cupboard's annual meeting. Accepting the cheque on behalf of the Board is Eugene Young, centre. Lion Mark Kelz, left, the Magical Village committee chair and Lion John Proulx, right, of the Gloucester North Lions Club made the presentation.

Submitted by Lion John Proulx

A5

Peace Winner

On April 11 the Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club was proud to present Alana D'angelo with an award for winning the Peace Poster Competition for District A5. Alana, who is 11 years old, attends St. Ann School.

This is the fourth year the Sault Ste. Marie Lions have been involved in the Peace Poster Competition, and it is the second year in a row that a Sault Ste. Marie student has won this award. "It is an endeavour we are proud of", says Lion Jim Russell, who spearheaded this year's competition for Sault Ste. Marie, "and it is something we intend to continue building on."

Submitted by Lion Bill Slingsby

Convention



The Lions Dare to Roar! This was the theme for the District A5 Lions Convention, which made it a most interesting and enjoyable three days. The well-planned Convention by PDG Gerry Albert of The Lions Club of Sudbury and his committees saw an excellent attendance. The Roaring Lions

took part in 6 seminars, many awards, elections, the handshakes and of course the superb food at the Radisson Hotel in Sudbury. Pictured left to right, DG Bob Kingsnorth, PDG Lion Grace Kingsnorth, PID Lion Jack Isaman and PDG Lion Denise Isaman, all glowing in their formal attire. To add to the enjoyment of the Convention a karaoke Lions Idol was held with three judges who had trouble judging the unbelievable talent among our many Lions members in A5. All in all it was a friendship and learning weekend experience that all Lions in A5 will surely remember.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

Penny Collection



West Ferris Secondary School teacher John Hetherington organized a penny collection to raise over \$14,000 to build a Maternity Clinic in Sri Lanka. In the middle of the picture the rolled pennies were piled in boxes. Under John's leadership students collected and

rolled the pennies for this project. John organized an assembly at West Ferris S.S. and invited all of the schools that participated in collecting pennies to show them what had been accomplished and to thank them for their efforts. The money was donated to the Ferris Lions Club to build the facility. Later on this money was loaded on to a Brinks truck to be taken to the bank. Lion Don Beddage, Ferris Lion, will administer the building of the clinic in Sri Lanka.

Shown left to right: Lion Don Beddage, a West Ferris student, a West Ferris student, Lion Maurice Turgeon, Callander Lions Club; the money, John Hetherington, West Ferris teacher,

Dog Walk Promoters



Its Saturday at the New Sudbury Mall and The Lions Club of Sudbury is out in full force for The Lions Foundation of Canada to promote Our Dog Walk For Service Dogs. Pictured is Pam Turcotte and her service dog Hilton, Lion Frank Packard, Lion Gloria Packard, Lion Alain Aube, Lion Joe Ash and Nonnan Bradbury with his service dog, Renny.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

Minnow Lake



Minnow Lake Lions & Lioness donate an Electric Wheelchair to St Joseph Villa.

This wheel chair was purchased originally for the late Lion Diane Thorne.

Front row: Lions Shirley Ogilvy, Richard Lefebvre (seated in wheelchair), Rose Cameron. Back row: Lions Harvey Quackenbush, Al Chenier, Joanne Palkovits (Villa Coordinator), Lions Dan Cassidy, Anne Violette, Walter Karen, Ed Williams

Gas Draw



The Callander Lions Club and Ferris Lions Club ran a fundraiser by selling tickets for PetroCan gas. There were three prizes with 1st prize being \$1,000. Rene Lamarche, left, of Mattawa receives his gas coupon prize from Lion Maurice Turgeon, Callander Lion, at the PetroCanada station at Highways 654 & 94.

Submitted by Lion Roy McMartin

Make a Difference



The Sharon Evans O'Shaughnessy Made A Difference Award was presented to the Temiskaming Shores Lioness Club in April during the regular meeting of Council. Accepting the award from Mayor July Pace, centre, are from left, Sharon Reynolds and Zoe Little. (Staff photo by Jim Patrick)

Submitted by Lion Peggy Grace

Surviving Member



DG Bob Kingsnorth, left, presented a plaque to Lion Brian Walton, in recognition of his thirty-five years as an active member of the Walden Lions Club. Lion Brian is the only surviving Charter Member of this club. The plaque was presented at the Charter Night celebrating 35 years for the Walden Lions, and twenty-five years for the Walden Lioness Club.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

A711

Cycle for Sight



WE MADE IT! FROM OAKVILLE TO THE MDA CONVENTION IN LONDON

Lions and friends from District A711 took on the challenge of cycling for pledges to the MDA Convention on May 24 & 25. After pictures and breakfast supplied by the Halton Sikh Temple at Bronte Rd and Hwy 5, the group of 13 cyclers and 7 volunteers were off. Most of the cycle run was done as a relay, with 4 bikers on the road at a time. A stop was made at Waterdown Park where Lion President John Pilger and his club presented a wonderful lunch. After a rest, they continued on to Princeton, where the bikers over-nighted at Lion Mark Gunby's home.

Friday morning, 8 cyclists headed at 7 a.m. to Thamesford Lion Park where Lions Susanne and Lucie of Mount Hope Lions provided lunch. Even with all the traffic in London – all of the cyclists were at the Hilton Hotel in London by 2 pm – Amazing!!

Thank you to PDG Raguhbir Singh who chaired the Cycle for Sight. He worked very hard with our committee and he cycled from most of the route. Thanks also to PDG Rollie and Lillia, Mark, Graydon, Chantal and Zaccaria for driving very slowly along the route, keeping the trucks from mowing our cyclists down and providing rest and refreshments in all that heat. Thanks to our bikers, Raguhbir, Dr. Mike, Dave, Patti, DG Paul, Brian, Sabir, Geetika, Zaccaria, Al, Jeff and Keith. They were hot and tired – but not one of them dropped out – my heroes, every one of them.

This fun project raised \$15,000 for CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II.

The group is already planning to do it again in 2008. See you at the MDA Convention in Toronto!

Lion Sallyanne McMann, District A711 Coordinator Campaign SightFirst II



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Haircut



At the A711 Convention 3 people raised \$4500 for sightfirst II by agreeing to have their head shaved. The three Lions were Lion RC 25 Mark Gunby, Lion Patty Kennedy, and Zone Chair 7A Lion Ikka Ahola.

Submitted by Lion Suzanne Gunby

Palmerston Melvin



Recently the Palmerston Lions Club presented five members with Melvin Jones Awards. These members have been active in the club for many years and have held many positions within the executive. Congratulations to them all. Melvin Jones Award recipients were, left to right, Lion Al Dobson, Lion Jack Porterfield, Lion Bob Finlayson, Lion Keith Nelson, Lion Bob Logan.

Submitted by Lion Joanne Klonikowski

A9

Mixed Bag



Una Crawley of the Toronto area received her new bike in April. Una and her family attended a special Lions Dinner in the community centre at Sauble Beach for the presentation. The Crawley family have a cottage at the Beach and spend much of their summer vacation here. The purpose of this program is to promote the importance of bicycle safety to our Sauble Beach and area families.

Submitted by Lion Marion Collins

Presidential Recognition



Orangeville Lions Club member PDG Wally Pugh, a local veterinarian, holds a Certificate of Service he recently received from Jimmy Ross, Lions Clubs International President and DG Jim Kempster. Wally's recognition was for his outstanding leadership in furthering Lions Clubs programs related to Hearing and Speech Action as well as Work with the Deaf.

Grad Trip



The grade 8 graduating class of Amabel/Sauble Community School received \$1,000 to assist in their travel arrangements to Ottawa for their school trip. Lion Carl Taylor presented the cheque while Principal Todd Wainwright and Lion President Bob Richardson observe.

Submitted by Lion Marion Collins

Dungannon Events



The Dungannon & District Lions Club was chartered one year ago and has been very busy with community events. One upcoming fundraiser will be to have a variety pack of greeting cards to sell. Area residence submitted pictures of local interest and a contest was held at Brookside Public School. The picture shows our President, Duane Rivett (on left, presenting Laura Jakobsen, Kenzie Simpson and Becky Adams with their prizes. Also on the right in the picture is Club Treasurer, Lion Barbara Smyth. The greeting cards will be available for sale at many local outlets.

A section of a silo was donated to the Park to be used as the base of an announcing stand for the Tractor Pull and any other events. The next few weeks will see all Lions out with hammer and nail assembling this structure, which will be the Club's first official project in our community. There is a strong membership of 22 Lions.

The Dungannon Lions will be holding monthly lunches the third Sunday every month, having a food booth at our local Tractor Pull, Dungannon Fair, and Blyth Threshers Show. And Club members have already completed a Road-side Clean.

Submitted by Lion Barbara Smyth



Lucknow Melvin



At the Lucknow Lions Club's 50th Anniversary Lion Ambrose Redmond was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by Lion Grant Chisholm, left. There were many other presentations at the event including Donald MacKinnon receiving an award for 50 years perfect attendance.

Submitted by Lion Kathryn Todd



A12

Rec Support



Clubs Work Together



Lions and Lioness Clubs from the City of Kawartha Lakes as well as the Haliburton Lions Club joined forces for their third annual Tag Day for the CNIB. Participating Clubs raised a total of \$8708.99, by far the greatest amount raised so far. Pictured from left to right are Lion Walter Jancik - Dunsford Lions Club, Lion Ray North - Coboconk Lions Club, Lion Susan Tate - Fenelon Falls Lions Club, Sue Gardner - Associate, Corporate Development from the CNIB's Central Region, Lion Wally McKinnon - Bobcaygeon Lions Club, Lion Wayne West - Oakwood Lions Club, Lion Jim Young - Lindsay Lions Club and Lion Ed Johnston from the Omemee Lions Club. Other participating clubs not represented at the presentation were the Haliburton, Kirkfield and Kinnmount Lions Clubs as well as the Bobcaygeon and Omemee Lioness Clubs. We are hopeful that this very successful project will grow beyond our area as it is clear that many clubs working together can make a real impact!

Photo courtesy of the Lindsay Post

Members of the Barrie Lions Club presented their annual \$3,000 cheque in May to the Midhurst Recreation Centre. Making the presentation is, left to right: Lion Ethel Manning, Lion Bryon McLellan, Barrie Mayor David Aspden, Student Mayor Matt Clark and Lion Carol Ferris.

Reported by Lion Carol Ellis

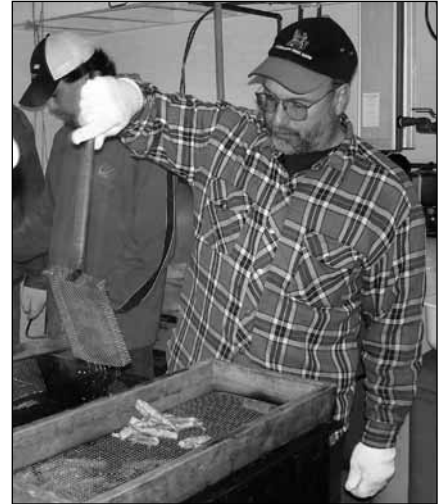
Smelt Fry



Even though the weather proved somewhat soggy for this year's Magnetawan Lions Club Smelt Fry, it couldn't dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of the patrons who once again started lining up early Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon in anticipation for the club's "famous" battered and fried smelts. To whet the appetite of all who attended, the smelt could be topped off with our club's well known "secret dipping sauce"... a concoction of closely guarded ingredients including chili sauce and real maple syrup. To complete the meal, yummy french fries, BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers as well as coffee, tea, or soft drink beverages rounded out a filling meal for all who attended.

In addition, Lion Manny DaSilva helped fill the demand for the brisk sales of 50-50 tickets with all the proceeds given to assist in the healthy recovery of a local mother from our community.

Although this year's turnout was lower than in previous years (due to lousy weather), we did turn a profit (about \$2500 ... all proceeds from which will be directed to several projects currently being carried out within the town and community of Magnetawan.



Submitted by Lion Randolph Soth

Ride for Dialysis 2007

September 15, 2007
Rain or Shine



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Car Wash



On a warm hazy Saturday in June the local men from the Magnetawan Lions Club held their annual "Carwash" at the Magnetawan Lions Centennial Park. There was a steady lineup of dirty vehicles waiting to be cleaned and in short time these same vehicles were transformed to emerge glistening and clean. At a nominal \$5 per vehicle, funds were raised to further the ongoing projects of the Magnetawan Lions. Lion Bruce Campbell organized the event.

Dock Building



A major fund raising project for the Magnetawan Lions Club throughout the spring summer and fall has been the construction of “made to order” docks for cottagers throughout the Magnetawan area.

This project has been ongoing for the past 15 years and has proven extremely successful, and profitable for the club. In a typical year there would be 6-10 docks constructed, with each dock done by typical “work bee” volunteers. We have a very active club membership: typically 8 -15 lions from our club will turn out for these “work bees” so the job is fun. In fact, it is a great way for us to get together, enjoy each other’s comraderie, and even tease the occasional member for his construction expertise (or lack thereof). Left to right are: Lion Willard Raflaub, Lion Larry Hurtubise, and Lion Doug Langford.

Submitted by Lion Randolph Soth

Dunchurch gives \$3500



The Magnetawan Lions Club presented \$3500 to the Dunchurch Health Clinic to enable them to purchase an ECG machine. Other area donors contributed another \$3500 to purchase this \$6000 machine. Dunchurch Health Clinic nurse practitioner, Carmen Broughton accepts the cheque from Lion Doug Langford while Lion Randy Soth, left, Lion Ron Winger, right, and nurse practitioner student Sherri Bullen, far right, look on. In the foreground is the 12-lead electrocardiograph machine (ECG) purchased by the clinic.

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth

50/50 Winners



The winner of the 50 / 50 draw held at the conclusion of the Magnetawan Lions Club’s annual Smelt Fry held April 29th was Mrs Laura Munn of Magnetawan. Her winning ticket was worth \$884. Lion Doug Langford presented the cheque to Laura Munn, centre, with her husband, Peter Munn, right, looking on.

Read 'n' Win



Orillia Lions club donated \$1,500 to help children Read ‘N’ Win. Lions members Left to Right, Jack Payette, Bill Belfour, Mary Silk and Mark Rolland are centered by Kelly Smith of the Orillia Public Library. The \$1,500 donation is being used to help a Summer Reading program at the Library where points earned by reading are used to buy books, toys and games at the Lions Club Super Store. Children aged 6 to 12 can register for the entire summer. Registration usually brings in about 500 participants. The Club feels this is a great program that touches a tremendous number of children.

Submitted by Lion Bill Belfour

Tiny Trails Club



DG Jim Hilt, right, presents the Club Charter to Tiny Trails Lions Club President John Nychuk, with PDG Gord Walker and PDG Maureen Hilt looking on. This is the beginning of a new Lions club that will make a difference in the community and to Lions in MDA.

Submitted by Lion Helmut Paddags

Baby Lion



The Innisfil Lions recently welcomed 2 new members, who went along with all the club's induction shenanigans. New Lion Carol Cowan and Baby Lion Jim Cowan (in Baby Lion outfit) were inducted in April.

Submitted by Lion Sharon Hunt

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Mother Goose



The Mother Goose programme for rural children and their parents received funding for their fall sessions in Plattsville. Through the generosity of the Plattsville and District Lions Club, the programme received a cheque for \$1800, enough to operate the 8-week programme at the Plattsville Library. Sherry Poole, left, of the Oxford Children and Youth Centre, which runs the Mother Goose programme, receives the cheque from Lions members, left to right: Charlotte Moore, secretary; Gwen Parker, VP and Rick Koebel, President.

Submitted by Lion Trina Reinhart

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Canoe



The Cannington Lions recently held their Annual Canoe-A-Thon. This year's 1st Place prize went to the Locker Team of Toni Brown and Becky Swannell. Their prize was awarded by Lion Mike Jones, left.