



Good Times

The Long Point Leo Club had a good time at Port Rowan BAY FEST selling tickets for a mountain bike and helmet draw. The profits from the draw were going toward purchasing playground equipment. Those selling tickets, left to right, are Leos Dusty Carroll, Josh Magnus, and Nathan Horton.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend

Dog Day Afternoon



The 4th Annual Dog Day Afternoon was organized by Lions Heather and Ron Ross of the St. Jacobs Lions Club. This year 23 Future Dog Guides and their families attended the annual Niagara Falls field trip. Taking a break after a ride on the Maid of the Mist, for a group photo, this year's group is joined by Governor Elect Lion Peter McShane, District 201V3 Victoria Australia, and his wife Kay (sitting in the front row wearing green shirts).

Starting the day off in Queenston the group is hosted by the Niagara Falls Lions Club who donate annually a great lunch for all attendees. Organized as a social outing for the foster Families and their Future Guide Dogs, the day is a day training. Visiting the Butterfly Conservatory, trains the dogs to ignore the many distractions flying around them. Walking behind the Falls exposes the dogs to loud noises as does riding the Maid of the Mist. Walking along the White Water Walk also exposes the dogs to the roar of the Niagara River.

Submitted by PZC Lion Ron Ross

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Make Change a Routine Thing

Think back to your routine this morning. You probably did what you always do: pour a bowl of your favorite cereal, read the section of the newspaper you always turn to first, or flick on your preferred morning TV or radio show. You likely had awoken at the same time you always do and even rolled out of the same side of the bed to which you're accustomed.

We like routines. We are comforted by the familiar. Face it—people are creatures of habit. And so are Lions. That's a good thing—to a point. When we automatically revert to familiar practices and procedures and don't even consider whether changing things would give us better results, then we may be not be maximizing our capabilities as Lions.

My presidential theme is Challenge to Change. Note the two concepts. We Lions need to change and it is indeed a challenge. We Lions have been highly successful for more than 90

years and the tendency is to keep doing what we do—because that's how we've always done it. But the world around us has changed and we need to change, too.

It's been said if you change your thoughts you can change the world. The only real impediment to Lions evolving and increasing our stature and numbers in our communities is ourselves. We belong to a great organization that has proven its value generation after generation in country after country. We Lions have the formula for success. Service to others is a magnificent, noble endeavor with great staying power. And we have a lot of fun while we serve. But we must evolve from our past, not be chained to it.

Lions, be creative. Use your imagination. Dream up new ways of holding meetings, attracting new members and doing service. Respond to your changing community with a fresh approach and bold ideas. Be practical

and prudent but don't hesitate to improvise and experiment. No one likes change. But everyone relishes success. Push aside the invisible barriers we erect—the box that regulates our actions. Yes, it's an overused phrase but think outside that box. The world wants us and needs us. Our service is indispensable. It's up to us to remain relevant.

Mahendra Amarasuriya, President
The International Association of Lions Clubs

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For the Record

As of June 30, 2007, there were 17,139
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Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.



Camp Kirk

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

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

Guest Speaker

Have you ever wondered what to give your Guest Speakers as a token of your appreciation?

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Eberhard J. Wirfs 2nd Vice President

Eberhard J. Wirfs, of Kelkheim am Taunus, Hessen, Germany, was elected to serve as second vice president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 90th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2-6, 2007.

Vice President Wirfs is an entrepreneur and retired CEO of his own company.

A member of the Hofheim am Taunus Lions Club since 1985, Vice President Wirfs has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, district governor and multiple district chairperson. He also served as CEO of the German Lions Foundation "Deutsches Hilfswerk," faculty group leader, Europa Forum

president, International Convention Election Committee chairperson and international director. In addition, he systematically implemented Lions Quest in Germany, has been involved with the Guiding Lions Foundation, trained incoming district governors for 10 years and worked with the Development Leadership Training System at the club and district levels. He is also an honorary member of the Kelkheim am Taunus Lions Club.

In recognition of his service to the association, Vice President Wirfs has received numerous awards, including the Club President's Appreciation Award, the 100% Club President's Award, the Guiding Lion Award, the Region Chairperson Award, the Zone Chairperson Award, several District Governor Extension Awards, five District Governor Appreciation Awards, a Medal of Merit, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and Recognition, 10 International President's Awards and the Ambassador

of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a life member of the Texas Lions Camp and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Vice President Wirfs and his wife, Margit, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons.

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Busy Lions

With nearly two decades of experience as a professional organizer, Julie Morgenstern is a veteran warrior on the front lines in the battle to manage time.

And if it seems like it's a tougher fight today than when she first began, that's no illusion.

"Life is more complicated," said Morgenstern, whose self-titled company provides consulting services to individuals and Fortune 500 companies, such as Microsoft, Sony and Delta Airlines. "There are infinite choices in every realm of our lives. It comes to this: You have to make those choices or it will overwhelm you."

The New York-based organizer can speak from experience. While Morgenstern was running her high-profile company, writing books, making television appearances, developing time-management products and working the speaker circuit, she was also raising a daughter, now 22. During those busy years, she volunteered for school functions and dance companies, where her daughter performed.

That trial by fire gave her perspective on how to manage career, family and service work. It also gave her fodder for several books including *Time Management from the Inside Out*. This helpful guide gives readers an easy-to-comprehend road map on how to rise above the chaos and take control of your schedule. It starts by developing a big-picture view of what you want to accomplish in life, she said.

"That's the starting point. That view gives meaning, motivation and direction to your life," Morgenstern said. "It's your baseline, your springboard and your landing place for handling all of life's challenges."

If that big-picture view puts a high priority on volunteer work, then you need to develop a plan that allows you to pursue that goal without putting you on a collision course with time.

In an interview with *THE LION*, Morgenstern offers five valuable tips:

1. Make sure you've got a very reliable and consistent planner to capture 100 percent of your to-do list. "Don't be chasing your tail with different planners for different activities. It's got to be contained all in one," she said. "Post-it notes, scattered lists, assorted calendars – that's a recipe for disaster."

2. Create a "time map" for the week. When you're scattered all over the place, you lost 30 to 40 percent of your time. Indecision leads to going off track. This chart would set aside specific time slots for the various departments in your life. Look at it carefully and make sure there's a balance for family, volunteer, work and kids. "And don't forget the self time," Morgenstern said.

3. Group similar tasks into one time slot. By doing that, you get more done in a less amount of time. For example, if you're chairing an event, block out a segment of your day to make phone calls, order the chairs and plan the menus. By focusing on one area, you're more likely to finish all the tasks before moving on to the next project.

4. Learn how to master your energy cycles. "Do the toughest jobs when you're the most awake," Morgenstern said. "For me, the creative time is in the morning. I leave the tedious jobs that don't require as much brainpower at my low peaks in the day."

5. Last, but not least, is to learn how to be a good delegator. You're not doing anyone any good by trying to do it all. A person who takes over everything to give the impression of being indispensable is asking for trouble. "You want to be indispensable?" Morgenstern said. "Then get involved in six projects. That doesn't mean take them over – it just means to get involved." A volunteer who is a team player in several projects will actually have more time to spare than a person who attempts to control and micromanage every aspect of a single project.

Cover photo - The Pieper family usually is on the go but Randy and Debbie still find time for service as Lions.

2006 - 2007 Peace Poster



As the Peace Poster Coordinator, I would like to thank the Districts and Clubs that supported the Peace Poster Contest for 2006-07. With your financial support we were able to provide our winner with \$1000. MDA now covers some of the expenses for the winner and parents/guardians that was formerly the responsibility of the sponsoring Club and/or District. I would encourage the Districts and Clubs to get more involved with the contest and voluntarily continue to financially support the contest. With your continued support we will be able to continue to offer a cash prize to our winner and cover some additional expenses. I would like to thank PDGs Lions John and Jean Hamilton for their continued support of the Peace Poster Program. They provide a plaque that is also presented to the MDA winner each year. The MDA winner for 2006-07 from District A4 is 12 yr old Micah Gilchrist of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School, sponsored by the Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club. DG Jim Hilt, left, presented Micah with her plaque and MDA Peace Poster Co-ordinator Lion Lynn Mathewson presented her the \$1000 cheque. If any Club or District wishes more information, please contact your District Chair or MDA Coordinator, Lion Lynn Mathewson at mathlynn@sympatico.ca or call (613) 687-0191.

Effective Speaking

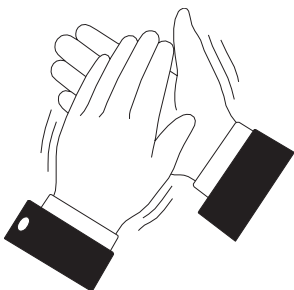
You have heard the saying many times, “today’s youth are tomorrow’s future”, and it is so true. However, having said that, it is interesting to note that the youth who compete in our Effective Speaking program are mostly high achievers. They are in the top of their classes and you can look for them to be future doctors, scientists, accountants, lawyers, and even politicians.

Is your club holding an Effective Speaking competition? If not, why not? How about supporting the Effective Speaking in your

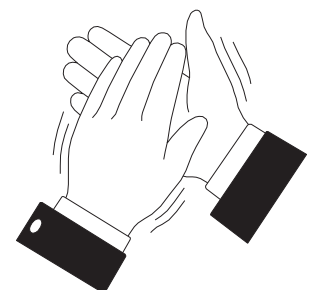
District? Your District needs funds to run the program and the Multiple District needs funds to run its program. Talk to your Effective Speaking chair, every District has one. Or, better still, invite him/her to speak to your club and explain the program. Need help to run a contest? Your District Chair is more that willing to come to your club and help you. Perhaps, your club could be in partnership with another club close to you and both clubs could work together to have a competition. Talk it up. If you don’t try, you do not know what you are missing.

Every year the Multiple District Effective Speaking competition is held on the first Saturday in May. This year, (Lions year) it will be held in Toronto. We look forward to this event because it’s amazing what the students talk about.

Submitted by PDG John Thompson
MD ‘A’ Effective Speaking Coordinator



Last year the winners at the Multiple District competition were:		
Junior English	Dominic DeCarolis	A-2
Junior French	Emilie de Haas	A-15
Intermediate English	Steven Kemp	A-3
Intermediate French	Adriana Cappelletti	A-2
Senior English	Jacob Hall	A-12
Senior French	Claudia Beaudry	A-4



SightFirst Grants Given; Total Tops \$211 Million

The SightFirst Advisory Committee approved 14 grants totaling US\$6.2 million in August. Since SightFirst began giving grants in 1990, it has awarded more than \$211 million. Funds raised from the first SightFirst Campaign are now exhausted, thus the immediate need for Campaign SightFirst II.

A grant for \$3.1 million was awarded to the Lions of Ethiopia and The Carter Center. The grant covers two years of trachoma control activities (starting September 2007) and one year of onchocerciasis control activities (starting September 2008).

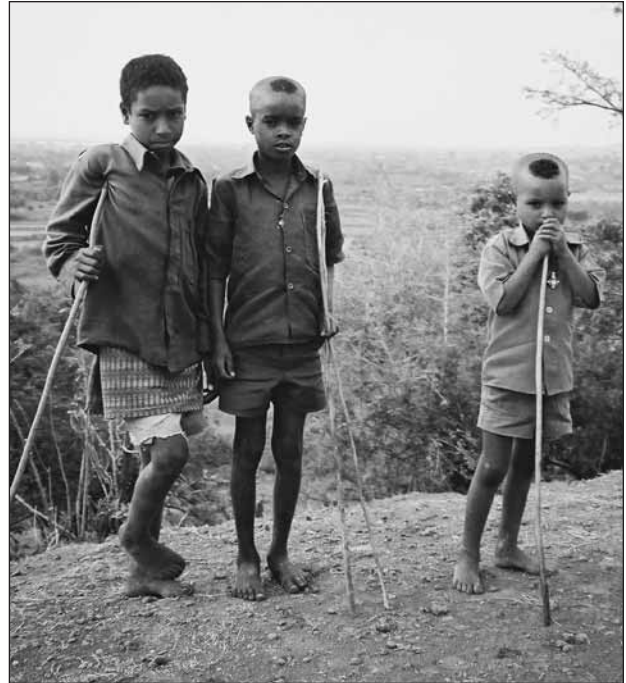
The Amhara region of Ethiopia is ground zero for trachoma, a painful and potentially blinding disease. More than 10 million Ethiopians have trachoma. The grant from LCIF will ensure that trachoma initiatives continue in the area where it's needed most.

"Rest assured of our full strength on the implementation of this project. Our goal is to fight a great battle against trachoma," said Lion Tebebe Y. Berhan, grant administrator in Ethiopia.

The Lions-Carter Center SightFirst Initiative is a six-year partnership with \$16.2 million in direct funding from LCIF. With the recent grant, Lions and The Carter Center will continue to fight onchocerciasis and trachoma in Africa and Latin America in collaboration with OEPA (the Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas) and APOC (the African Program of Onchocerciasis Control). Thanks largely to this collaboration, significant progress has been made toward lessening the burden of these diseases.

"As a fellow Lion, I want to tell you how proud I am of your success. This has been one of the most gratifying partnerships of my life," said former U.S. President and Nobel Laureate Jimmy Carter, referring to Lions and SightFirst at Lions' 2007 international convention.

Nine of the grants approved are for cataract screening camps and surgeries, enabling Lions in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Guatemala to provide 108,500 cataract surgeries to the underserved in the community who so desperately need this sight-restoring surgery. Through SightFirst funding, 7.3 million cataract surgeries have been conducted.



Children shepherders in Ethiopia are at risk for trachoma, and Lions are teach the public about face washing and environmental change. Photo by Sonia Pelletreau.



Country	Project	Grant Amount
District 411-B, Ethiopia	Lions-Carter Center trachoma & river blindness control program	\$3,125,822
District 403, Mali	SightFirst training program at IOTA, Bamako	\$512,041
District 411-A, Kenya	Cataract screening & surgery campaign, 9,000 surgeries	\$423,000
District 323-D1, India	Upgrade Lions Netralaya Eye Hospital, Solapur	\$7,500
District 324-C7, India	Upgrade Lions Eye Hospital, Nidadavole	\$28,893
MD 321, India	Multiple district cataract screening & surgery campaign, 5,000 surgeries	\$91,463
MD 322, India	Multiple district cataract screening & surgery campaign, 35,000 surgeries	\$640,244
MD 323, India	Multiple district cataract screening & surgery campaign, 7,500 surgeries	\$137,195
MD 322, India	West Bengal diabetic retinopathy project	\$205,855
MD 306, Sri Lanka	Multiple district cataract screening & surgery program, 6,000 surgeries	\$180,000
District 325-A, Nepal	Cataract screening & surgery campaign, 2,000 surgeries	\$42,000
District 325-B, Nepal	Cataract screening & surgery campaign, 2,000 surgeries	\$42,000
District D-3, Guatemala	Cataract screening & surgery campaign, 2,000 surgeries	\$69,000
MD 324, India	Multiple district cataract screening & surgery campaign, 40,000 surgeries	\$731,707



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Lions Make The 'Magic Glasses' Possible

A typical three-year-old, Cross Burchett loves playing board games and putting together dinosaur puzzles and listens intently to the bedtime stories read by his parents in Windsor, Colorado.

When a permission slip came home from the day care center for a vision screening provided free by Lions, his parents quickly consented but had no reason to be concerned about his vision. So they were surprised to learn that the screening indicated Cross may be highly farsighted and that an eye doctor visit was recommended.

At the local eye doctor, Cross didn't pay attention. When the eye doctor asked him to describe pictures on a wall 10 feet away, he didn't respond. The eye doctor gave up and referred Cross to a pediatric doctor as an "unresponsive child." On the ride home, Kerri, his mother, asked why he wouldn't describe the pictures, and Cross told her that he couldn't see them.

The Burchetts never realized their son was using one eye because of the extreme blurriness in the other eye. The day care never saw any problems either. Without the Preschool Vision Screening Program, Cross and many other children his age would likely suffer blurred vision well into school age.

"This program is so valuable to the young children of our community and will always continue to help with early vision testing," said Kerri. "We are so thankful for the Lions club program. We wish that members of the Lions club could have been there when glasses were first put on Cross and he looked up at my husband and said, 'Daddy, you are so big ... I can see you.' Or on the drive home when he looked out the window and said, 'The trees have pokey things on them!' He saw the branches on the evergreen trees. And when he stared so intently at his sister's face with a look of amazement.

"His world is a new clear world thanks to your organization. Words cannot express our gratitude for the program and we hope that you continue helping children just like Cross."

The Burchetts' story recently appeared on the ABC evening news in Colorado. During the taping, Cross referred to his glasses as "magic glasses" because they magically made everything around him clear.

Vision problems in young children are not uncommon. Amblyopia, known as "lazy eye," is a leading cause of blindness in children. LCIF's Preschool Vision Screening Program enables Lions to conduct screenings

for children to prevent childhood blindness through early detection and treatment for the most common vision disorders that can lead to amblyopia. Unfortunately, too few children are screened before entering school. It is important that vision screenings be done at an early age when treatment is most effective.

Since 1999, the Preschool Vision Screening Program has been one of the LCIF's most popular Core 4 initiatives. Eighteen single and multiple districts in the United States and Multiple District 300 Taiwan have received multi-year Core 4, totaling approximately US\$2.7 million.

Through the program, Lions are able to establish partnerships with medical centers and state health departments to make preschool vision screening successful long-term. Well-trained Lions volunteers screen children ages one through five years old. All results are tracked through statewide databases, making follow-up of referrals possible. Referred children see eye care professionals in their community and follow-up results are then returned to the administrative office.

Lions' volunteers have screened 651,701 children since the program's inception. The overall referral rate is six percent and 65 percent of the children referred had a factor that could cause amblyopia. These results demonstrate the true success of the program.

To more about becoming involved in the Preschool Vision Screening Program, visit www.lcif.org or telephone (630) 468-6822.

Editor's note: Kerri's letter to the Lions can be read in its entirety on the LCIF Web site.



Cross, shown with his family, smiles upon wearing his magic glasses.

Lions Homes For Deaf People Speaks



Lion Wally Pugh, PDG of LHDP undertakes a group activity with the help of an ILRDBO Intervenor at the recently held deafblindness workshop in London, Ontario.

On Saturday September 29th, 2007 a number of Lions, Lioness and guests participated in an extremely informative workshop, which included the dedication ceremony of Lions-Mercel House, located on Collingwood Avenue in London, Ontario. In partnership with the Independent Living Residences for Deafblind in Ontario (ILRDBO), Canadian Hearing Society (CHS) and Lions Homes for Deaf People (LHDP) workshop participants learned of the challenges facing those who are deafblind, simple sign language techniques and recent achievements in communication technology. A group breakout format gave all in attendance the opportunity to learn and fully understand the daily experiences of deafblind individuals. LHDP Secretary Lion Gary Martins thanked all for attending and applauded the organizing groups for their informative and interesting presentations. Make sure you note when the next workshop will be held, you won't want to miss it!

Following the Workshop a "backyard" dedication ceremony was held at Lions-Mercel House, ILRDBO newest group home in London, Ontario. ILRDBO homes supports the independent living of adults with deaf-blindness. The homes ensure that a supportive environment is provided for people with congenital or early adventitious deafblindness and who can continue to learn and grow with Intervention. ILRDBO currently have a number of homes in York Region, Simcoe County and South Western Ontario. Lions Homes for Deaf People is proud to be a partner and supporter of ILRDBO. ILRDBO representative, Ms. Joosse Quinn presented a plaque to LHDP Chairperson, Lion Jack Graydon thanking the entire Lions Family for their generous support and assistance with Mercel House.

The Canadian Hearing Society was also in attendance and Katherine Hesson-Bolton provided an update on recent CHS activities. Coming soon are Communication Devices & Accessibility Centres in Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, North Bay and Peel/Halton/Dufferin. The CDAC facilities provide one-stop shopping for all communication needs. CHS and LHDP are valued partners in the CDAC project.

Lions Homes for Deaf People thank all Lions and Lioness for their on-going support and encourage all Clubs to continue their help with the above projects. For further information on these projects and other initiatives, contact LHDP Chairperson, Lion Jack Graydon, 905.827.3664 or jlgraydon@aol.com

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Highlights of the September 2007 Meeting of the Governors Council

The first meeting of the 2007-2008 Council of Governors was held in Markham on Saturday September 15, 2007. The following represents the highlight topics discussed during the meeting:

Treasurer – It was agreed that a revised letter will be sent to all clubs notifying them of the required adjustment of the initial per capita dues invoice sent by MDA; from \$14.00 to \$14.50 (\$14.50 is the actual MDA dues amount).

Administration – During the MDA budget deliberations it was noted that some of the committee job descriptions were somewhat vague in terms of responsibilities and allowable expenses. A review will be undertaken to rectify this issue.

Promotion – The Promotion Committee has been tasked with proposing options for the Parade of Flags Ceremony at MDA Conventions. This will include the development of a DVD containing all flags, similar to that DVD used by LCI. Other items under review are the possibility of changing the venue for the MDA Hospitality suite and the MDA Breakfasts at International Conventions.

Convention Advisory – An exciting program for the 2008 MDA Convention in Toronto has been developed and the planning for the 2009 convention in North Bay is well underway. It was mentioned that a bid to host the 2010 convention had not yet been received.

Hearing Conservation – District A3 is developing a new Digital Hearing Testing Project which can be implemented in conjunction with Vision Screening.

Historian – Governors approved the conversion of all the old MDA meeting hard copy minutes

currently in storage in Tillsonburg into an electronic format with search capabilities.

International Advisory Committee – The International Guest at the MDA 2008 Convention will be 1st VP Al Brandel. Upon the committee's recommendation the Governor's endorsed PID Sid Scruggs III as their choice for 2nd VP for 2008-2009. The IAC was appointed to oversee the proceedings for the International Director candidates at the MDA Convention. The IAC also suggested that consideration should be given to reviewing the value of the MDA LION Magazine over the International edition.

MedicAlert Program – PID Terry Graham has been appointed as the Canadian coordinator for this nationally approved joint MedicAlert/Lions program. Approximately 10% of children in each school between the ages of 6 to 14 would benefit through the wearing of the bracelet. This would be a high profile initiative for Lions through the sponsorship of these children. Each would wear a MedicAlert bracelet and each bracelet would have the Lion' logo imprinted in it. An announcement by the Prime Minister to kick off this program is expected sometime in October. More information will follow.

Lions Foundation of Canada - This Lion's year also marks the 25th Anniversary Year of the Foundation. A Light the Path of Darkness special fund raising project was announced for the occasion where special energy efficient light bulbs are being offered for sale by Lions at the cost of \$9 for a package of two. A club can become a 100% contributing club if each member sells 5 packages of two bulbs.

LION Magazine – Due to the increasing costs in producing the magazine and the lowering of the LCI subsidy brought about by the family

membership program, the committee is looking at a number of options which will either lower costs and/or increase revenues. Two of the options under consideration are the use of bulk mailings to clubs (instead of the current individual mailing) and the conversion to the LCI International edition.

MERL - The following is an example of the training opportunities available within the 2007-2008 MERL training program: Nov 3-4, Canadian Lion's Summit in Brantford; Nov 9-11, Training Workshop for District MERL Teams at Camp Dorset; Jan 23-27 Regional Lions Institute in Newmarket (4 spots per district are being reserved). In addition a number of extension workshops throughout the multiple district are being planned.

Sight Conservation – MDA presented a cheque at Lake Jo's Lions Appreciation Day in the amount of \$19,600. This was down from the \$27,000 donated in 2005-2006. The Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (CLERC) is an organization that provides collection boxes for used eye glasses. It enables Lions to ship glasses free of charge to Calgary by contacting the local United Van Lines office.

CSF II – It was highlighted that only 288 days remained in this program and while, world wide over \$108M had been raised to date there is still much work to do to reach the final goal. The amount raised so far has enabled over 211,000 people throughout the world to have had their sight saved. It was emphasized that donations from MDA to LCIF are considerably lower than the grants received.

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

Youth Opportunities

This picture of the Opportunities For Youth Team for 2007-08 meeting at the Leaders Orientation Session at the MDA Convention in London last June. Left to Right: Youth Opportunities Chair Darlene Priestley; Lynn Mathewson, Peace Poster Coordinator; John Thompson, Effective Speaking Coordinator; Fred Heyduk, Leos Coordinator with Michelle Heyduk; Bill Speck, Quest Coordinator; John Harvey, Youth Exchange. These committee leaders work together with all the Youth programs, this year, in MDA. All are available to assist the District Chairs and their clubs in any part of the Youth Programs. Don't hesitate to contact any of these hard-working Lions.



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International- al Guests



Left to right: Lion Donna and PDDG Rudy Krall manning the tickets and guest book table. Past Region Chair Lion Fred McRoberts signs the guest book Past Region Chair Lion Eugene Graham looks on.

The Petrolia Lions Club celebrated their 75th Anniversary in October with 132 guests in attendance. The District was represented by 18 clubs and one Leo Club. Lions Dr. Roy Ferguson and his wife Suzie attended from Sevierville Tennessee Lions Club, along with two beautiful certified German Shepherd Search and Rescue dogs, Cherokee and Shatzie, Lion Mickey Puddicomb and her guide dog Emerson, while Lisa Wilkie, daughter of Lion Lyle Heuther and puppy in training Taffey dropped by to visit.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

Sharing More

Lions Clubs across the region were recently busy entertaining and educating 16 young people from Italy, Austria, Israel, Ireland, Peru, Romania, Hungary, Germany, Spain and Finland. After arriving in Canada, these young people were hosted by a number of families ranging from Windsor to Thorndale from July 7 to 18. They then moved to a second host family with which they stayed from July 18 to 28. On July 28, they all gathered for a camp at Mount Brydges, along with other side trips.

By Doug Avram for The Times-Journal.

Governor Inducts

Five new members were inducted into the Petrolia Lions Club in October: Ray and Dawne St. Marie, Ann Ollerenshaw, and Christine and Bryan Piggott. The five were inducted by DG Mark Mahovolich on his official visit to the club.

Eyes Right

The St. Thomas Lions Club donated the \$5000 proceeds from their annual car show to District A1 Project Eyes Right.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

Chatham Lions Fill School



The Chatham Lions once again held a Fill the School Bus event. The bus was filled with donations of food for the Outreach For Hunger Program. \$1,000 worth of food plus cash donations of four hundred dollars were received. Pictured are: back row, left to right: Lions Myrtle Piggott, Mickey Puddicomb, Curtis Marwood, Bob Abbott, Michaelanne Kerrigan, John Spears, Seppo Kuokannen, Sharon Murray, Phil Piggott, and Brenda LeClair [Manager Outreach for Hunger]. Second row: Sharon and Jacob Houle, Chatham Lions Aldo Gonzalez, Bob Farrell and Ann Stevens.

Kneeling: Chatham Mayor Randy Hope. Standing in bus doorway is Lion John Duffy.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

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Ice Cream



Close to 4000 ice cream sundaes were sold in the Lynn Valley Lions club's July Ice Cream Fest. The Club, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary, held it's biggest fund raiser ever. Thousands of dollars were raised for community and provincial Lions donations. The Lynn Valley Lions have teamed with ice cream makers Good Humor and Breyers for the yearly cool event. With Ice Cream Olympics, ice cream eating contests, and lots of ice cream sundaes the family fun festival has been embraced by the town of Simcoe where it is held every July.

Submitted by Bob Townsend



Townsend Congratulations



Lion Bill MacKenzie accepted the honour of the Helen Keller Fellowship from Lion Zoltan Dohar, Hearing Conservation Chair, on behalf of the Townsend Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend



The Knights of the Blind Lions / CNIB Partnership Program



The last few months of 2007 saw a great number of activities among Lions Clubs, providing support for various CNIB services across MD "A".

The Lion's Head Club, which has supported CNIB for years, just recently completed a very successful door-to-door campaign. The event, spearheaded by Lion Chuck Fox, raised \$7,000 in support of local CNIB services and surpassed last year's total of \$6,600. In addition, the Club holds an annual lunch buffet headed by Lion Bob Zavitz, with the proceeds also going to CNIB. This year's lunch raised \$1,710.

The Thistle town Lions Club held its annual Walk for Vision and Hope on September 29. The Thistle town Lions are long-standing supporters of CNIB and especially of Lake Jo - last year the walk raised \$3,000. The event has been growing in popularity each year; this year's walkers left Pine Point Banquet Hall at 9 in the morning. The five-kilometre walk wound along the scenic route of the Humber River and concluded in a complimentary barbecue at noon. The Thistle town Lions presented a cheque for all the funds they had raised at a special event on November 28 at their club house. All proceeds are donated to the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre, a special summer camp that offers a unique mix of rehabilitation and recreational programs for people who are living with vision loss or with other disabilities. Each summer, as many as 2,000 children, adults and seniors enjoy the camp's cool waters, winding trails and many social activities.

The Lion's Head Club and the Thistle town Lions Club are just two of the dozens of dedicated Lions and Lioness clubs across MD "A" that support CNIB through their generous donations and commitment of volunteer time. Your support has helped CNIB organize CNIB-Lions Low Vision Clinics, which bring vision health services and information directly into our communities. Your clubs have also contributed much-needed funds both to support the renovations of the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre and to provide subsidies to guests who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford a stay at Lake Jo. If you have already donated to CNIB, we sincerely thank you. Without your support, we simply would not be able to serve the over 600,000 Canadians who are living with vision loss. If you haven't made a donation yet in this fiscal year, we ask that you consider doing so, as your support is essential in making our services accessible and keeping them free, for all those who need them.

Thank you, Lions, for your wonderful generosity! Your efforts are helping to bring hope and independence to people of all ages in our communities who are living with vision loss. We look forward to your continued support and partnership. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your loved ones a very happy holiday season and to extend our best wishes for the New Year.

Paid for by Friends of CNIB

Raises \$5000



St Davids Lion Erv Hildebrand was the Lion to beat when he finished the Region 5 CSF II Golf Tournament with a low score of 81. "It was great day and for a great cause!" commented Lion Erv after receiving the first place prize donated by Brian Cullen Motors. Also receiving awards were Merritton's Lions Bob Flynn — Longest Drive, and Glenn Connell- Closest to the Hole. Port Dalhousie's Lion Andre Sarkis was rewarded for his ability to view the greens and fairways of the Rolling Meadows G. C. from novel angles.

This Region 5 CSF II Golf Tournament, under the leadership of PZC Lion Rick Wills was organized by members of the nine Region 5 sponsor clubs: Chippawa, Garden City, Grantham, Merritton, Niagara Falls, Niagara, Port Dalhousie, St Davids & Thorold. Many thanks to the corporate sponsors who donated prizes and sponsored holes. Special thanks to KIA Motors of St. Catharines who took up the challenge and sponsored our hole in one contest.

Submitted by PRZ Lion Bradd Anderson

Monetary Donation



Delhi Lions Club Past President Terry Pieters made a monetary donation to aid a local family in need of medical aid.

Submitted by Lion Harv Weiler

Fisherville Defibrillator



In 1996 the Fisherville District Lions Club bought a defibrillator for their Community Centre and trained several Lions in its use. At a club meeting last May OPP Constable Paula Wright was speaking on Identity Theft when a Lion had a heart attack. Lion Dave Mitchell with Constable Wright used the defibrillator on the fallen Lion saving his life. On Sept 12th Lion Dave and Constable Wright received OPP Commissioner's Life Saving Awards and Life Saving Certificates from St. Johns Ambulance.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend

CFS Donation



Fenwick Lions Club made several donations with the proceeds their recent Harley Davidson Draw. CSF II received \$10,000, and Community projects \$10,000. CSF II presentation was made by, left to right, Lion Fred Broughton CSF District Group Coordinator for A-2, Lion Jerry Ursacki Campaign Sightfirst II Group Coordinator for 38 east, Lion Bill Mackenzie, Campaign Sightfirst II Group Coordinator for 38 West, and Club President Rob Henson.

Submitted by Lion Rob Neal

Renovations



Merritton Lions Club member Geoff Crane presented St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan a cheque representing \$500,000, total repayment of the Club's share of \$2,400,000 in renovations made to the Merritton Centennial Arena. Merritton Lions, with the help of other community organizations and under the leadership of Lion Geoff paid the debt off in six years providing the City of St. Catharines and Merritton residents with a first class recreational facility.

Oktoberfest

The combined and successful effort of the Tillsonburg Lions and Lioness Clubs in mid November had everyone doing the polka with Grammy winning artist Walter Ostanek. The Oktoberfest evening was well received.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend



Dishing Out



Waterford Lionesses, left to right: Cinda Sonnenberg, Annette Schira, Laura Phillips, Jane Townsend and Carol Toms are dishing out food at the Waterford Lioness Harvest Brunch. The Waterford Lioness will serve up soup every third Sunday throughout January, February and March.

The Simcoe Lions Food Trailer set record sales this year at the Norfolk County Fair in Simcoe. Everyone looks forward to the Simcoe Lions Dixie Dogs and fries from the popular vender.

The efficiency units at Lions Camp Dorset, which the above-mentioned clubs support, have been renovated and are ready to house the many volunteers and patients who use the camp. Camp Dorset provides a place away for those clients needing daily dialysis treatments.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend

LFC Donation



Fenwick Lions Club donation from their recent Harley Davidson Draw partially went to support Lions Foundation Of Canada. Preparing to make the \$12,000 presentation to LFC are Lion Ralph Krueger, left, and Club President Rob Henson.

Submitted by Lion Rob Neal

Merritton Awards

DG Jim Boughner presented three awards to deserving Merritton Lions: Lion Bob Schram was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship, Lion Ray Murley and Lion Mario Girotti were each presented with Judge Brian Stevenson Awards

Ribbon Pulling



The ribbon pulling of the DG Jim Boughner & 1st Lady Karen by Debbie & Bill MacKenzie at the International Convention in Chicago in July.

Townsend Trillium



Townsend Lions Club Camp Trillium Chairman Lion Pete Schira accepts a cheque from Lion Vic and Lion Dennis, who co-chaired the Car Show from where these funds were raised.



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Bonnie & Wilma



Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Bonnie Danes and Wilma Bush join a large group of Lions who are proud to be busy volunteers in their communities. They are executive members of the Marmora Snofest Committee and Marmora Seniors Club #87 as well as workers with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, etc. Ms Danes is a councillor with the Municipality of Marmora and Lake and Ms Bush is a Ways and Means committee member of Royal Canadian Legion, Marmora Branch #237.

Lakefield Commitment



The Lakefield Lions Club, in conjunction with the Lakefield Lioness Club have pledged \$100,000 towards the Lakefield Primary Health Care Centre.

During the summer, members of the Lakefield Lions Club worked hard selling tickets on an original oil painting by Debi Fitzgerald and their hard work paid off as over \$5,000 was raised with Bob Booth being the lucky winner. Second prize, a soap stone sculpture by Kris Nahrgang, went to John Pogue with two \$300 Early Bird draws going to Mike Spencer and Jamie Norton. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to the entire community for their ongoing support in helping us help others with this venture. Left to Right: PP Eric Bloomfield and Debi Fitzgerald is shown with the President Jim Galvin and the 1st prize painting.

Submitted by Lion Gary Jones

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Celebrates 55



West Ottawa Lions club celebrated the 55th year in Lions for Lion Gord Ralph by bringing together some of his fellow long-serving Lion friends. Front Row, left to right: Garry Cummings (51 years), PDG Jack Anthony (49 years), Club President Murray Moyle (33 years), Gord Ralph (55 years), Hunter Reid (34 years). Back Row: Jose Holmes (41 years), Don Behn (36 years), John Tubman (39 years), Tom Loyen (45 years).

Submitted By Lion Murray Moyle

Greely Pride

Greely Lions show their pride and a cheque for \$20,000 to the Osgoode Home Support Program. Lions Willis McKeowen (left) and President Gary Brewster share the fun with Home Support Program President Carol Halstead and fundraising chair Dale Harley. For many years the Greely Lions have supported this worthwhile program that helps people to continue to live in their homes even when they have care challenges and mobility issues that are exacerbated by living in a rural area with no municipal transportation service.

Submitted by Lion Greg Fox and Lion Jim Moore

Lifetime Members



Stittsville Lions Club members, left to right, Lion Jack Doyle, Lion Ed Smith and Lion Ivan Warner received Lifetime Membership Awards from Lion President Wayne Beaten.

Submitted by Lion Wayne Beaten

Classic Golf Tourney

The annual Greely Lions Classic Golf Tournament, in association with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, took place at the Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club. Besides the golf, participants were able to partake in a number of additional contests including closest to the pin, closest to the lion, opposite hand club driving, and three separate hole-in-one opportunities that each would pay \$10,000. Nobody got a hole-in-one, but one participant's ball stopped a mere four inches from the hole. Needless to say, he won the closest to the pin contest. The event jointly sponsored by the Greely Lions Club and the Make-A-wish Foundation raised about \$12,000 for charitable activities.

The Greely Lions would like to thank all the participants, the volunteers, the hole-in-one sponsors (Pypers Perfect Soil and Willy's Roll-Offs), the corporate sponsors, the hole sponsors, the many prize donors.

Submitted by Lion Gregory Fox

Ride for Heart & Stroke



In September the Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club donated \$700 for the privilege of riding a bike made for 32. There were 13 members, including family and friends. After assessing the large bike and figuring we needed more pedaling power, we conned a few Petawawa Fire Fighters that had just completed the previous ride to assist the Lions team. The proceeds went to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation.

In the photo from Left to Right, Front Row: Lions Lynn Mathewson & Shelley Barnsley, Marjorie Haley, Lions Mike Potvin & Peggy Walsh. Center Row: Lions Shawna Whyte and Dan McGean, Ivy Stewart. Back Row left to Right: Lion Larry Proctor, Lion Joe Gauthier, Lion Pat Mathewson, and John Stewart. Missing from the photo are the Petawawa Fire Fighters.

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Ticket Sales



The fall season has been a busy one for the Onaping Falls Lions Club. Club members were busy selling tickets for our Charity Draw. Congratulations to our winners: 1st Prize \$5,000 - C. Jefferson of Hanmer, 2nd Prize \$1000 - Lucille Turgeon of Mascouche PQ, 3rd Prize \$500 - C. Frost of Chelmsford. This successful event brought in \$3,700 for charity.

The Club's annual fall yard sale also brought in \$2,385.02. It didn't stop there. The next event was "Cavalcade of Colours". Vendors come from all over to sell their special products. Along with a Silent Auction, B.B.Q., penny tables and good weather another successful event, bringing in \$3,041.12. Grants to be given out at a later date. The Charity Bingo held every Monday night at the Lions den is also keeping members busy.

Fund raising has allowed the Club to make the following donations: \$200- Diabetes Assoc., \$100- Camp Quality, \$250 - Camp Dorset, \$200 - CNIB, - \$200- Palliative Care and a special donation of \$500 to the Chesterville Lions Club in trust for Caylen Laberge. Bursary Award of \$400 to Patricia Mirka of Dowling. The Club received special thanks from Sheldon Burton who won a Gold medal at the Pan Am Games in wrestling for our donations to help send him there, - next goal the Olympics. A very big Roarrrrr—to all our club members who have devoted their time and effort to make this all possible.

Submitted by Lion Jack Hayes

Special Dinner



A special dinner was held at the new Fairview Manor to celebrate the final installment of the Almonte Lions Club's \$100,000 pledge to the \$4 million Quality Care for Life Campaign to raise funds for the Almonte General Hospital/Fairview Manor (AGH/VM) Redevelopment Project. Shown are, front row from left, Lions President Kevin Guerard, member John McCormack and veteran member Gerry Wheatley. Back row: Treasurer Ann Bird, AGH/FVM Foundation Board member Margaret Brunton, Lions District Governor James P. Johnston, Quality Care for Life Campaign Co-Chair and Foundation Board member Leonard Lee, veteran Lion Herb Pragnell, Lion and Foundation Board member Don Stewart, Leadership Gift team member Marilyn Anderson, new Lion Fred McGuire and AGH/FVM Executive Director Ray Timmons.

Submitted by Chris Must



Kandwar Donation

Project Kandwar based in Sudbury made a modest contribution thanks to the Lions. The Northern Ontario Lions Club collected, donated, and paid for the shipping of approximately 250 pairs of eyeglasses. NN is a large renowned specialty hospital in Bengaluru with a large highly qualified and experienced team of eye care professionals. Narayana Netralaya (NN) optometrists tested and classified the glasses according to their prescription strength and distributed to the needy during the Eye Camp where a correct match could be made. Where a correct match is not possible, NN will fit the frames with correct prescription glasses and give them to patients for a modest price. Eight individuals have made cash donations to defray some of the expenses associated with the above activities.

Submitted by Lion Frank Reynolds

83 Years Old



83 years! We Celebrate!

The Lions of the Sudbury Lions Club are proud to say they are 83 years old! The club was started on September 29th, in 1924, seven years after Lions International in Chicago. The Sudbury Lions Club was the 18th Lions Club in Canada. The first club president in 1924 was Dr. John Oscar McDonald, who, during his long career, was the doctor who assisted at the birth of the club's 83rd president. She is presently also a Lion, President of The Club, and also a Doctor: Lion Dr. Gloria S. Packard. The present 83rd President is seen in the second row, in the middle, surrounded by some of the most dedicated and hardworking lions members.

Submitted by Lion Dr. Gloria S. Packard

Coniston Duck



Coniston Lions made a donation to the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited to help with the ongoing Nest Box Project. The boxes are located in the swamps throughout the region. The ducks lay their eggs in the boxes away from harms way.

A very worthwhile and ongoing project. Left to right: Club Treasurer John Comeau, Club President Sheri Parolin, Ducks Unlimited Coniston Chapter Organizer Gerald Venturi, DU Chairperson Angelo Parolin, and Grizzly (the dog).

Submitted by Sheri Parolin, Lions President

Live Smart



Recently, at the Live Smart Diabetes Expo, Lion President Dr. Gloria Packard from the Lions Club of Sudbury presented a cheque for \$2,554.64 to the Diabetes Association. This was the net proceeds from a Lions Golf Tournament held by The Lions Club of Sudbury in support of diabetic needs and prevention. In the picture are: Joanne MacKinnon, Regional Director of the Diabetes Association, Lions President Dr. Gloria Packard, Dr. Ian Janssen, keynote speaker at the Diabetes Expo, and Past District Governor Lion Rolly Albert, chair of the Lions Club of Sudbury Diabetes Committee.

Submitted by President Lion Dr. Gloria Packard

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East York Elder



Lion Bill Gardner and Lion Ken Thompson present Past President Lion Ernie Benevides of the East York Danforth Lions Club a plaque and chevron recognizing his 50 years as a Lion.

Submitted by Lion Ken Thompson

Donor Dinner

The Forest Hill Lions Club recently celebrated their 51st Donor Dinner Draw. The club raised 25,000, with the tickets selling for \$150 each and the prizes were \$5,000 cash plus twenty-five additional bonus prizes of electronics such as TV's, iPods, etc. The monies raised will be used to offer needy families in the Metropolitan Toronto area Christmas, and Chanukah food baskets.

The Club supports any charitable request in a non-sectarian fashion, ie. "OUT OF THE COLD", wheel chairs, provides glasses, and hearing aids for the needy. The Forest Hill lions Club has raised in excess of \$2, 500,000 since they received their charter in 1952. Membership to date is 42 members.

Notwithstanding a 10% reduced membership, the Forest Hill Lions club, under the presidency of Lion Lorne Shields, the club was successful to raise and surpass the monies raised from our Donor Dinner from the previous year.

Submitted by Lion PP Sol Mednick

Pencils

Hello everyone,

Greetings from Libore Niger. Ed and I were ushered quickly through customs at the airport and into the welcoming arms of the Mayor, Amadou Madougou and the Vice Mayor, Fatouma. Now they were old friends as opposed to last time when we glimpsed each other for the first time. Of course the same "entourage" was there this time including the consuls of Libore and other notables too numerous to mention...

Picked up at 9:30 this morning and were driven to the village where the new school is situated. On the roadside leading to the village, where there is mostly desert and no paved roads, there was a sign that reads "Pencils for Kids school"! As we neared the site, we noticed a few hundred people waiting for us...and a tent set up to shelter the dignitaries from the sun. Then the ceremony began.

All of our 31 boxes of pencils were carried in ceremonially during the opening and placed in the middle of the circle. They were in a place of honour...and the Mayor presented me with certificates for us to bring home for DHL, BIC, Spirituelle Divas, Office Depot, Pencils for Kids...Thomas Cook, etc...and also told me that all of those are now officially registered as HONORARY CITIZENS of Libore!!! How amazing is that!!

After the opening, we drove right to the hospital where it was Ed's turn to take the helm. They had the boxes waiting for us at the hospital outside, and the Hospital Director, head ophthalmologist and President were all there to meet with Ed. They would love if a few doctors could come for a week and operate every day...and also do some teaching...and help with medicine and equipment. Ed was impressed with their setup but also realized how much they could use...the sad part is that there are only 9 eye doctors for the million people in Niamey...and they don't cover the many millions of others in the countryside. So there is also talk of a mobile van that can visit outside of the city.

Tonight we are on our own, relaxing from a hard but joyous day.

Miss you all. Pencils for Kids is already on the map in Niger. Thank you TEAM, and everyone else for your incredible support. Sol, the Lions Club here was wonderful...no vests...but they had a sign...and we took some photos...so all is great.

Regards to all, Robin Mednick
Executive Director Pencils for Kids

Car Wash



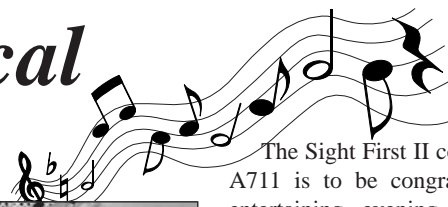
As we arrived at the Sheppard and Leslie Canadian Tire Gas Bar with our hose, buckets, soap, towels and sponges, the sky looked dark and foreboding and rain threatened to put a damper on the first major fundraiser for the North York Leos, a two day Car Wash. Gazing skyward, one cheerful Leo commented, "Hey, we're all going to get wet anyway!" and laughing everyone began setting up and the optimism of youth took over. Three Leos grabbed the carefully crafted signs and headed for the road to begin cheering, yelling, dancing and waving - anything to "cajole" that first car onto the lot. Twenty minutes went by and no cars. A light rain had just stopped falling - and then - our first car. And then another. As the first day progressed, it rained on and off, but still these hearty Leos managed to raise \$150 washing cars on a stormy, dark Saturday. Sunday dawned much brighter and the team set up again under a clear blue sky. This was going to be a shorter day as a large group had to leave at 1:30 PM for another event. The cars began coming and finally just after 2 PM, the team, down to four people, called it a day but not without some memories and stories to tell.

There was the old lady in the 1976 Malibu who proudly displayed a coffee mug with a picture of her beside her car with another similar mug in the picture on the dash! It was like holding a mirror up to a mirror! There was the "picky lady" who made the Leos go over her old car twice to try to make it shine. That car had not shined for ten years and a \$250 detailing job would not make it shine but the Leos gave it everything they had without complaint! There was the guy with the HUGE dirty Dodge Ram Truck who paid the minimum \$5 followed by the guy in the tiny new Smart car who gave \$10! And who could forget the guy in the Corvette Convertible who asked us for a wash with the top down. The Leo on the hose took the care of a surgeon during the rinse cycles!

Over the two days they raised \$317.17, which will be supporting Camp Bellaleo. Considering the rain on Saturday, this was a substantial fundraiser! While it was a small team, they showed big hearts and amazing endurance and those cars were shining! As important, was the way they interacted with the people who came to get their cars washed, patiently explaining to every "customer" who they were and why were doing this event. They represented the best in Leos and in turn, the Lions and set a great example not only of what Leos are about but what young people are involved in and accomplishing. They left the event feeling very proud of themselves and ready to take on the next challenge. We, in turn, should be very proud of our Leos. We have the foundation of a strong, proactive and motivated club.

Submitted by Lion Terry Lewis

Musical



The Sight First II committee of District A711 is to be congratulated on a great entertaining evening as Sight First II East/West Musical Festival fundraiser was held in October at the Bramalea Lions Hall. There were 5 singers who entertained that evening. From left to right were the singers of the festival of music: Sunil, Ofir, Luke, Bridget Clyke, and Jassette Forbes Haughton. A lot of fun raising a lot of money for Sight First II.

Submitted by Lion Harold Hobson

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Seaforth Fellow



Lion John Turnbull was honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of his 60 years as a member of the Seaforth Lions Club. Lion John's favorite project for years has been the Seaforth Lions Park & Pool and he is the club's top ticket seller of Elimination Dinner & Draw tickets. Lion John's family attended the presentation evening. Zone chair Lion John Stewart presented the award.

Lion Cathy Elliott

Lion Youth Donation



Lion Clarence McDougall of the Mitchell Lions Club presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the Directors of the West Perth Youth Centre located in downtown Mitchell. The money will help the drop in centre with ongoing expenses. The local high school has their C.O.P.E program based in the Youth Centre. From left to right, Doug Bielek, Director, Lion Clarence McDougall, Bert Vostenbosch, Director and Ken McCowan, Director.

Submitted by Allen Muegge

Roasting Kempster

Anyone who has ever met PDG Jim Kempster knows one thing for sure, he is always up for a good laugh. His humour never failed him on October 20th, when his fellow lions roasted him over and over again. PDG Jim was taunted, poked, praised and honoured by the Lions throughout the district. MPP Bill Murdock and MP Larry Miller also turned out to offer their congratulations. Jim was overjoyed to have his family with him that night, particularly his beautiful granddaughter Davis, who performed the Highland Fling especially for him. There were speakers and actors and even a surprise visit from the Dooley Sisters.

Pay backs came fast and furious when all was said and done, and PDG Jim had his opportunity at the Microphone. He is never at a loss for words or the chance to get the last laugh. Heres to you Lion Jim.

Lion Ken Heppinstall from the Wiarton Lions Club did a fine job as MC for the evening. Not an easy task when you are roasting someone like our Lion Jim!!

Submitted by Lion Marion Collins



For International Director VOTE

Lion Cathy Bock

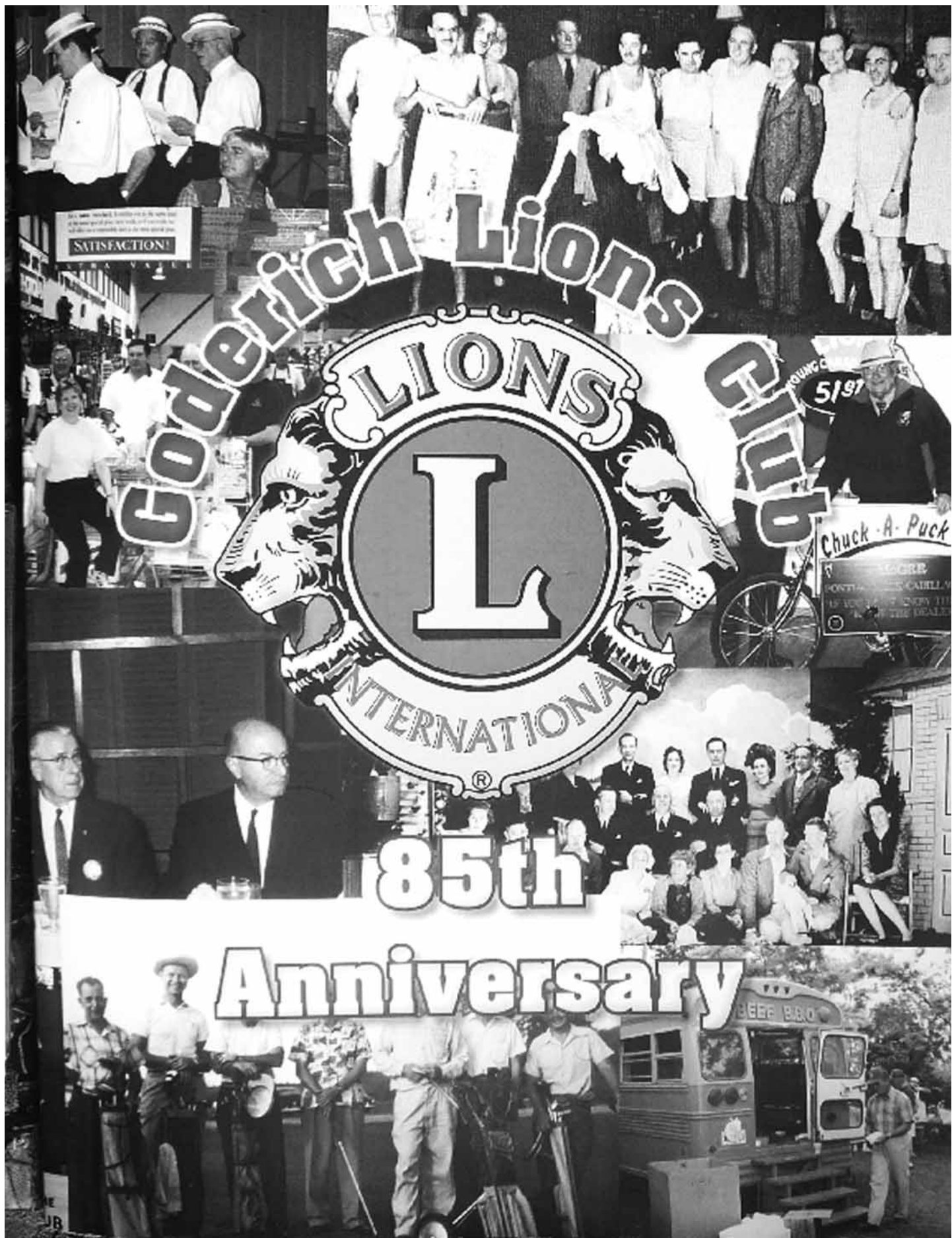


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Palmerston BBQ & Toll



The Palmerston Lions had a successful Toll Road/BBQ Sat. Sept. 15th to raise funds for the Lions Heritage Park on the former CN property. Every Wednesday evening and Saturday through the summer of 2007 they also held a BBQ while they worked to build the Lions Heritage Park. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Submitted by Lion Joanne and Andy Klonikowski

Rubber Duck

In 2007, the Sauble Beach & District Lions Club decided to extend their Rubber Duck Race with a 50/50 type High Rollers Race. This has always been a sell out event! However, the "last minute" ticket requests that had been received over the past few years prompted club member PDG Jim Kempster to introduce the idea to the Club. It was a fabulous idea! This will now become an annual 4th race in the future of this event. The lucky winner shown here is accepting a cheque for \$1250 from Club President Moira Kempster. Shawn Scofield was vacationing in the area at the time. He is seen here with two of his friends and Lion Ana Vukovic, left, and Lion Gwen Gilbert looking on.



Submitted by Lion Marion Collins

Youth Exchange



The Owen Sound Scenic City Lions recently hosted a dinner for the District A9 Lions Youth Exchange students. There were students from seventeen different countries represented. Pictured along with the students is the President of Scenic City Lions, PRC Lenora Raby and PP Terry Wepler. Also pictured are guests Mayor Ruth Lovell, MP Larry Miller and Grey Warden Bob Pringle who attended the dinner and extended to the students a warm welcome to Owen Sound.

Submitted by Lion Ev Barnes

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Dinner Murder



MacTier Lions Club held its Mystery Murder Dinner Show, which was presented by the very talented and professional cast of Murder Incorporated. Shown is the Murder el Dente cast with Lion President Frank Spykerman and Lions Joyce and Kate Heels from Oro District Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Kate Heels

Remembrance Day



Magnetawan Lions Club President Harry Bell stands beside the Remembrance Day wreaths at the cenotaph. The Club was actively participating in the Remembrance Day ceremony held at the local cenotaph on November 11th.

We Will Not Forget

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth

4-H



At the recent Achievement Day of the Oro 4-H Sheep Club, Beth Wood won the Conformation trophy for raising and exhibiting the 1st Prize lamb, and Brad Wood won the trophy for Showmanship. Both trophies are awarded by the Oro District Lions Club. The winners are shown with their leaders, David Anderson and Joan Kelly.

Submitted by Lion Frank Lawson

School Landscape



Members of the Magnetawan Lions Club recently landscaped the baseball diamond play area at the Magnetawan Public school to make the area level and safer to play on.

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth

Car Draw



The Bradford Lions Club's 2007 Cadillac Car Draw was a great success. All 1,500 tickets at \$100 each were sold out this year. Over 1,200 guests attended the draw event for a roast beef dinner, an evening of entertainment of live music, a 'Casino Night', and of course the Elimination Draw. Last ticket remaining in the Drum wins the grand prize, a 2007 Cadillac CTS. Car Draw Chairman Jim Corneau is pictured here handing the car keys to Bill Green of Keswick, the lucky winner of the Cadillac.

Funds raised from this event go towards Southlake Regional Hospital, school awards, minor sports, Camp Dorset and other various community projects.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Bobala

Frank Recognized



Lion Frank Lawson of the Oro District Lions Club has been named a Helen Keller Fellow by the Board of Directors, Lions Homes for Deaf People, Oakville, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to his community. Lion Frank recently received a very impressive plaque set in a solid oak frame, red velvet background and gold lettering. He also received an attractive lapel pin bearing a montage of Helen Keller.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to aid persons who are deaf as well as those who are blind. Since that time, Lions have developed many projects for persons who are deaf and hearing impaired. The Oro District Lions Club provides an emergency supply of hearing aid batteries in the four public schools in their area and, in one school, has contributed toward the cost of placing "tennis balls" on the feet of desks and chairs to eliminate the high pitched noise they make when moved. The club also generously supports the Ontario Homes for the Deaf, the Ontario Camp of the Deaf, and the Lions Foundation of Canada, which raises and trains service dogs for the deaf.

Vets Night



In November, the Oro District Lions Club hosted a dinner for veterans at the Trehaven Golf and Country Club. Guest speaker, WO David MacLaughlin, regaled everyone with tales of his 24-years of military experience. Those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the plentiful refreshments, the wonderfully prepared turkey dinner, and the beautiful voice and keyboard playing of Liz Hurtibise. "Veterans' Night" was a fitting tribute to the living and to the dead.

Submitted by Lion Frank Lawson

Barrie Fair



The Oro District Lions Club is pleased to announce the winners of their annual fundraising draw. 1st prize Boat & Motor was won by Randy Beard of Hawkestone; 2nd prize Barbecue went to Don Partridge of Oro Station; 3rd prize of a one-year membership to Tree Haven Golf & Country Club was won by Russ Seaton of Barrie. MPP Garfield Dunlop drew the winning tickets as Lion President Alvin Evans looked on. Lion Eric O'Brien and the 1st Prize Boat & Motor are shown at the Barrie Fair.

Submitted by Lion Frank Lawson

Eric Named Fellow



Lion Eric Rechnitzer of Oro Medonte was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in recognition of his commitment to serving the world community. Lion Eric is a member of the Oro District Lions Club. He recently received a finely crafted plaque and lapel pin acknowledging his dedication to the foundation's humanitarian goals. As a Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion Eric becomes a part of the growing network of individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world.

Submitted by Lion Frank Lawson

50/50



The Oro District Lions Club donated their one-night share of 50/50 ticket sales at the Barrie Speedway, \$660, to the Lions Foundation of Canada's Vision Guide Dog Program. Left to right: Lion Kate Heels, Project Chair, Carol Buchanan and Opie, her Vision Guide Dog, and Club President, Lion Alvin Evans.

Submitted by Lion Frank Lawson

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Melvin in Bayfield



Bayfield Lions Club taken on the evening of the club's 60th Anniversary Celebration in September. Standing in the front row with their awards received that night are, left to right: Lion Jerry Stirling and Lion Charles Kalbfleisch both of whom received a Lions Foundation of Canada Fellowship, Lions Lloyd Huffman and Herb Beatty, both recipients of Melvin Jones Fellowships, Lion Penny Overboe, who received a Lions Quest Fellowship, and Lion Mike Sproul, who was presented with a Helen Keller Fellowship.

The Anniversary Celebration included an Open House at the Lions Community Hall in the afternoon followed by a club dinner with spouses and special Lions guests in attendance.

Submitted by Lion Dave Overboe

Awesome Year

What an awesome year for Woolwich Community Lions Club. Many accomplishments were made this past year including becoming a Model Club for Campaign Sight First II and with a lot of hard work were able to reach and surpass the goal within the year. The Club also completed its first major effort "Project Playground" at Lions Park, just to name a few. The Club also welcomed five new Lions members: Peggy Bain, Maryellen Townsend, Barb Schmidtko, Lynn Bradley and Vi Radcliffe.

Melvin Jones awards were presented to Lions Naomi Freiburger and Bea Dechert in recognition of all their hard work with Campaign Sight First II. These two went the extra mile to help reach the Club goal and surpass it. Tireless hours were spent on the various fundraisers for Campaign Sight First II - especially a 2 day Garage and Bake Sale. Woolwich Community Lions Club members are very proud of all the past accomplishments and look forward to many more in the coming year.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Booth

More Lions

The Markham Lions have had a successful new member campaign, inducting eleven new Lions from March to September 2007. The Membership Committee Chair Ken Harris, and Club President David Hitchen, were very pleased with this year's campaign so far.

Submitted by Lion Jack McBride

Atwood on the Map



Atwood Lions are proud of their Town signs, which greet visitors on both ends of town. Atwood Lions Club was solely responsible for the design and erection of the eye-catching structures. Pictured planting some beautiful potted mums to brighten the sign, is Leasa Skinner, green thumb, and wife of Lion Greg Skinner. Also pictured are Jane and Ben Buchanan, children of Lion Tim Buchanan.

Submitted by Lion Tim Buchanan

Busy Summer

The Guelph Royal City Lions Club has had a busy summer. A wet Sunday afternoon in July brought several volunteers to a fundraiser at a Guelph Liquor outlet. The LCBO had been looking for a charity to work with, and their representative, Karen Vettor, attended our Lions Home Show in April and stopped at the LCIF Guide Dog booth, and, presto, an instant bond. Committee chairs for the event were Royal City Lions Wolfgang Boelke and Bob Keleher. Karen, however, seems to be a good organizer and practically everything was ready for us. NASCAR number 26 (driven by Jamie McMurray) was there as a crowd draw. (Jamie was driving his #1 car in Chicago, and he sent as a rep. a retired Georgia cop who started the engine a few times...LOUD!!!). Also sponsoring was the Crown Royal beverage company. Even the smallest donations to Dog Guides brought a free Crown Royal racing hat or t-shirt. Crown Royal also provided free in-store whiskey sampling (you had to eat a cookie too). Over \$600 was raised in a few hours and Karen and her manager, Peter Treusch, put a target of \$6000 on the table...enough to train one dog, and in-store fund raising was to continue until September.

On September 8th, the fundraiser wrap up occurred. Lions John McGee, Bob Keleher, Ed Hollett, Keith Spengen, Ted Wells, and Khalid Khokhar were joined by Guide Dog reps and dogs in a carnival-like setting. PDG Nancy Ransom was there to support us and to enjoin LCBO District Manager Bob Andrews to provide other outlets for future projects for all area clubs. Free drink samples were provided by Guinness, and by Barefoot Wines. Shoppers Drug Mart had a tent for free professional makeup applications and East



Royal City Lion RC Wolfgang Boelke pretends to own a NASCAR.

Side Marios offered pizza. Guelph Mayor Karen Farbridge attended the event, and was happy to make the draws for prize winners. Some of the raffle (in-store) prizes included a beer fridge, a wooden lawn chair, tickets for NASCAR races, CFL tickets, and much more. Lions were on the phones for a long time notifying all the winners. In total, almost \$14000 was raised...enough for one seeing eye and one special needs dog. The LCBO outlet chose the name 'Spirit' for the first dog. A cheque in the amount of \$13466.35 was presented at the Oakville Lions Foundation of Canada in October.

This was a fun event for all, and Royal City Lions is proud of the success.



Lion Ed Hollett shows the fun side of fund raising with the Guinness Girls.



LCBO Manager Peter Treusch, Karen Vettor, Mayor Karen Farbridge, Club President Ted Wells, Lion Ed Hollett.

Tennis in Atwood

Atwood Lions recently took part in an extensive repair and resurfacing project of the Atwood Tennis Courts. The Lions club, in combination with Ontario Trillium funds, put forth both dollars and manhours to completely re-surface and upgrade the existing tennis courts. Atwood Lions members volunteered their time to pull down old fencing and fence posts, and to erect new fencing for the facility. The final product now looks fantastic, with high quality new pavement, a fresh coat of new paint, and rubberized top surface. New lines are being marked out on the tennis courts in the picture. The tennis courts are designed as a multi purpose venue. Local community members enjoy tennis, basketball, and road hockey in the fenced in area. Atwood Lions also host their successful outdoor Video Dances on the court.

Submitted by Lion Tim Buchanan



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Dunsford Donation



Dunsford District Lions Club members Noel Rousseaux, Hugh Manley, Lori Markowski, Cheryl Burrage (president), Ralph Burkholder and Waltrer Jancsik were thrilled to help out the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation's On the Horizon dialysis unit campaign. Foundation executive director Erin Coons accepted their contribution of \$5,000 toward the effort.

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Classic Car Draw



On August 26th The North Oshawa Lions completed another successful draw for a classic 1968 Camaro. Lion President Kevin Pumphrey, 2nd from left, is seen presenting the keys to the winner Brandon Krezanowski and his wife, Roxanne, while Lions Doug Terry, left, and John Hodgson, right, look on. Proceeds, which exceeded \$25,000, will be used to fund this year's community service and Lion's projects support.

Submitted by Lion Doug Terry

Burton Rogers

Long Time Lion Honoured

On September 28th a delegation of Beaverton Lions club members visited the new lake-side home of Long Time Lion Burton Rogers to present him with his Canadian Convention Vest and Helen Keller Fellowship.

Lion Burton has served with The Lions Club of Beaverton for over 30 years and given selflessly of his time and, yes, even his money. He moved to his new home in Orillia some weeks ago and, although Lion Burton will continue his membership with the Beaverton Lions, it is very doubtful if he will be able to travel the distance necessary to attend meetings.

We will miss Lion Burton but still look forward to those special occasions when we will be able to enjoy his quick but subtle humour and share his happy smile.



Left to Right: Lion Marshall Pyatt, Secretary; Lion Burton Rogers; Mrs. Doreen Rogers; Lion Jim Smalley, President; Lion Bruce Dixon, Treasurer.

Photo by Lion Jack Little

Trunk Load



Thornhill District Lions collected over 900 pairs of used eyeglasses for Earth Day. The glasses will be recycled by Lenscrafters and shipped to a third world country as part of the Gift of Sight Program. Lion Nalan Yoruk and Lion June O'Donnell prepare to deliver the glasses to Lenscrafters.

Awards Night

The Fowlers Corners & District Lions Club celebrated a very successful year by presenting a number of awards to very hard working and deserving individuals. The awards were made possible by donations to very worthwhile and hence easily supportable Lions Projects: Lions Leader Dogs, Lions Homes for the Deaf, Lions Camp Kirk and Lions International. PDLP Faye Spence and PDG Paul Taylor presented the awards. The following Lions were honoured: Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowships: Lions Dave Birch, Larry Franks, Harold Harrison, Ivan Young; Helen Keller Fellowships: Lions Don Ditchburn, Dave Pietrobon, Bob VanDompsele; Camp Kirk Fellowships: Lions Glenn Hyland, Frank Nester, Paul Ranger, Roger Tessier; Melvin Jones Fellowship: Lion Bernie Baudisch. Lion of the Year honours went to Lion Bob VanDompsele.



Lion Bernie Baudisch with the Melvin Jones Fellowship.



Pictured holding the Helen Keller and Lion of the Year Award is Lion Bob VanDompsele standing beside Lion President Mel Harvie.



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Another Successful Event

The Beaverton Lions held another successful car, truck, cash elimination draw and dance. There were various draws throughout the evening with winners taking home prize money ranging from \$50.00 to \$1000.00. The grand prize winner of the evening the 1000th ticket drawn was Roy & Barb King, the Kings were presented with their \$20,000 cheque by Lion Tom Kirsit draw organizer and Beaverton Lion president Jim Smalley. The proceeds from this draw and other events sponsored by the club will be used for various community projects throughout the year. Many thanks to all the Lions and their spouses and the people purchasing tickets for making this another successful event.

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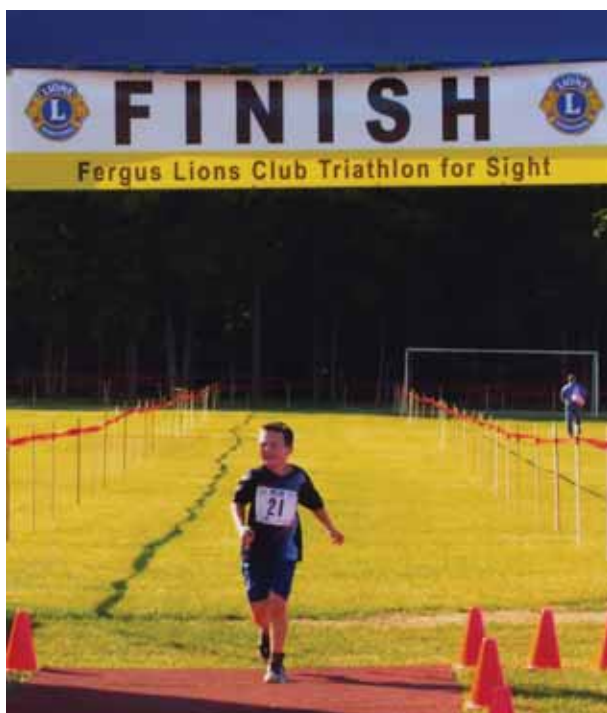
Golf Ball Draw

Saturday September 1st was the annual Magnetawan Fall Fair, celebrating the Magnetawan Agricultural Society's 130th anniversary (est. 1877). In conjunction with the Fall Fair, the Magnetawan Lions' club had their giant "White Elephant sale" (a big garage sale) and the drawing for the annual Golf Ball Draw. Drawing this year's winning golf balls was the town mayor, Dick Smith. The grand prizewinner of \$500 was Darla Kivell of Magnetawan. Second prize of \$200 went to Mary Ann Purdon of Magnetawan and third prize of \$100 to Doug York of Roblin, Ontario. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all for supporting this year's Fall Fair. Approximately \$2600 net was raised from the golf ball draw. The white elephant sale raised an additional \$1500.

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth



New Project



In July the Fergus Lions Club sponsored a new project, a Kids of Steel Triathlon, the return from which will be used initially to support Campaign Sight First II. Thereafter, the funds raised will be used to support other Lions Club sight related projects.

The project consists of three separate events, a swim, a bike ride and a run, the distances to be covered being adjusted according to age. Children aged from 6 to 16 participated, and an adult class was also included. The project was intended to be a community related event, so that families could participate, and was operated under the Rules & Regulations of the Ontario Association of Triathletes.

This first time event was held at the Sportsplex facility in Fergus, which provides a perfect location given the 60+ acres of grass and trees behind the buildings. There were 106 contestants, from locations as far afield as London, Barrie, Burlington and Newmarket as well as local townships.

Submitted by Lion David Whitehead

Tubies 007 definitely shaken and stirred

