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90th Anniversary Calls Us to Consider Change

When a loved one reaches a 90th birthday, we usually can proudly say he or she has lived a rich, full life. This year we celebrate the 90th anniversary of something near and dear to all of us (Lions Clubs International, founded in 1917 in Chicago by businessman Melvin Jones). Yes, we've had a rich, full history, marked by service unmatched by any other service club. But the best is yet to come.

*We need
creativity,
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I witness firsthand in my travels around the world the stunning energy and vitality of Lions. In small towns and big cities, we are out in the community aiding youths and the elderly, providing vision and hearing screenings, collecting and distributing eyeglasses, offering food, water and blankets after floods and tornadoes, and teaching job skills to those with disabilities. We do serve. And we will serve for generations to come.

But we will be tested and we are facing challenges. We can't stand pat and do what we always do because that's how we've always done it. We need creativity, inspiration and ingenuity, not mere imitation or repetition. What

worked decades ago or even a decade ago may not work today. Even if it works today, it may not work tomorrow. What we need is a willingness to be flexible, to embrace a paradigm shift if necessary. We have to be willing to do is nothing less than a club renewal, a reinvention of our club if that's what's needed.

If it isn't broke, don't fix it, of course. If your club is flourishing, then be satisfied and stay the course. But if you think you or your club can serve your community better, then go ahead and raise your hand at the next club meeting and get the process of change started. You may be the one who comes up with the next great idea to invigorate your club, district or even the association as a whole.

I'm not suggesting a radical transformation of Lionism. We will always be Knights of the Blind. But it's the little things that count such as how clubs recruit members, hold meetings, publicize accomplishments and engage members in service. Clubs need to regularly assess how they do business

and be ready to drop less successful practices and adopt new ones after careful study and planning.

It's important to know that you are not alone in your quest for club betterment. International Headquarters has an array of effective, efficient programs to jumpstart your renewal and help guide it. Our new Baby Boomer recruitment methods and Family Lions Club program are two great examples of innovative initiatives to energize clubs and districts.

We've come a long way since 1917, never resting on our laurels or settling for second-best. Thanks to all the Lions who came before us, we are positioned for continued success. Let's blow out the candles, grab the piece with the extra whipped cream and then return to our lives of service.

Lions Convention Update

July 2 - 6, 2007

Chicago, Illinois, USA

June 23 - 27, 2008

Bangkok, Thailand

July 6 - 10, 2009

Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

June 28 - July 2, 2010

Sydney, Australia

July 4 - 8, 2011

Seattle Washington, USA

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

Highlights of the November Meeting of the Governor's Council

The second meeting of the 2006-2007 Council of Governors was held in Markham on Saturday November 18, 2006. The following represents the highlight topics discussed during the meeting:

New MDA Secretary

The MDA Secretary's Office has now moved to 30, Ventnor Way, Nepean ON. K2J 1M3. Home # 613-843-1687 (or 613 825-4371), Fax # 613-825-1939.

Treasurer

Council was advised that MDA dues outstanding totalled \$54,000. It was pointed out that the motion increasing the mileage allowance approved at the September meeting contravened the current MDA C&BL. This motion was subsequently rescinded and on the advice from the MDA legal advisor, a new motion was made and approved to recognize the increase in gas and insurance costs as an emergency situation with an increase honorarium of .02/km effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. A motion was also approved for the Ad Hoc Committee (under the R&LRP committee) to clarify the spending powers of the Council of Governors with a view to making these consistent with those contained in LCI Article IX - Emergency Relief Fund.

International Director

It was reported that LCI would be closing the Canadian Lions Supply Office effective November 15, 2006 due to continued losses in revenue. While the import duties will remain the responsibility of the ordering club, LCI has agreed to remove the 30% surcharge to cover duties that currently exist on all items sold in Canada. Governors were reminded that Family members have to be certified Nov 30th to received the reduced family membership dues structure.

Administration

New job descriptions were approved for the Administration Committee, the MDA Treasure and Secretary plus guidelines for the Council Chair Elects.

Approval was also given for the Committee to review and make recommendations on the current Rules of Audit levels and the development of Terms of Reference for the Governor's Council.

Convention Committee

Registration forms for the 'Branches over the Thames' London Convention should be submitted as soon as possible. The host program for the 2008 Convention in Toronto will be similar to that of 2003 and a bid application was approved to hold the 2009 Convention in North Bay.

Promotion Committee

The MDA breakfast at the International Convention is planned for Wed July 4, 200 starting at 6:30 am and the MDA hospitality suite is under negotiation. The location and date for the Canadian Caucus has yet to be confirmed. The Brockville Lions Steel Band's request to solicit donations from Clubs in MDA was approved.

Environment

All districts are urged to become involved in the LCI Environmental Photo Competition.

International Advisory Committee

The Council of Governor's endorsed PID Eberhard Wirfs from Germany as a candidate for 2nd Vice President, LCI for 2007-2008.

Hearing Conservation

Lions Homes for Deaf People is planning a new home for Deafblind adults in London. Also special rooms to demonstrate various hearing devises are being incorporated into Canadian Hearing Society offices throughout the province.

Magazine

Due to ever increasing costs the committee will be looking into potential new formats for producing the LION magazine.

MERL

While attendance at the MDA Extension Workshop held on Nov 2nd was less than anticipated it proved to be a successful and worthwhile event. Membership in MDA continues to represent the #1 challenge.

Research & Long Range Planning

Council approved revisions to the Terms of Reference and membership for a new Ad Hoc Committee on Constitution & By Laws.

Sight Conservation

R&LRP has been asked to review the MDA Vision Screening program and to develop consistent guidelines so that a standardized program is supported throughout MDA. This will assist in reaching agreement with the Ontario Association of Optometrists, which has expressed concern with the present inconstant approach by Lions within MDA.

Youth Outreach

MDA is looking toward conducting a Leo Conference sometime in 2007.

Committee Changes

Council approved PDG Jacqui Toffelmire Flood as the new Retention Coordinator of the MERL Committee. Membership of the new Ad Hoc Committee on C&BL will be PDG Gus Este as Chair, Members: PDGs John Thompson, Jack Oatway, John Hamilton and Jean Hamilton

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

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Sports Memorabilia Draw

ATTENTION LIONS OF MD "A"

A Sports Memorabilia Draw is to be held in June 2008. The Council of Governors has approved the draw with all proceeds going to Campaign SightFirst II. The plan is to distribute tickets to all Clubs in the Multiple District hoping that Clubs will sell them or purchase them. The monies raised by each Club when returned with ticket stubs will be forwarded to CSF II and the amount credited to each Club's record at CFS II headquarters.

Can You Help?

A little snag has occurred which hopefully can be overcome. We are looking for quality Sports Memorabilia for the draw. Do you have something or do you know someone who could donate a prize? Any help would be greatly appreciated. So this notice is two fold

- 1 - to advise all Lions of the Draw and
- 2 - to appeal to Lions to assist in obtaining prizes.

Should you wish further information or clarification. You can contact PDG Lion Ted Hughes 613 345 0357 e-mail salted@ripnet.com. Memorabilia can be sent to Lion Ted 196 King St., East, Brockville ON K6V 1C4 or get it to your District Governor who can give it to Lion Ted at the Council meetings or at the MD "A" Convention in London. If you elect this method please advise Lion Ted so he is aware of the prizes that are being forwarded. If this draw is successful it could give a real boost to the Multiple's contribution to CSF II.

Submitted by PDG Ted Hughes
Sports Memorabilia Draw Committee
November 17, 2006

PDG Association

A Primrose elementary school student is the first recipient of the Student Volunteer Award, granted to a student who exhibits the values within the Lions Quest program. Renee Couture, Grade 8, was selected over students from nine other districts. She accepted the award June 1 in an assembly at her school.

The award, which also includes \$500, is presented by the Past District Governors Association of the Lions Club. Couture is the assistant to the administrator for her Lions Quest project. In addition her involvement with the Lions, Couture is always volunteering at school and in the community. She is involved in the air cadets and helps with Shelburne Minor Soccer as a referee. In the past, she has also volunteered as a Sunday school teacher. Couture says she feels happy to have won the award and plans to put the funds in her bank account to start saving for post secondary school, where she has ambitions to study to be a teacher or a lawyer. Ronald Finlay, past chair of the PDG Association made the presentation to Renee.



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MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A"
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
ANNUAL CONVENTION
BRANCHES OVER THE THAMES
LONDON, ONTARIO
MAY 25, 26 & 27, 2007



Lions, Lioness, Leos, Guests

The Host Committee for Your MDA Convention in London is working very hard. We are putting together what we feel will be a great time as we return to the Forest City for 'Branches Over the Thames 2007'. All functions will be held downtown at the London Hilton.

For the golfers in the crowd it will be an early start on Thursday, May 24 at the Westminster Trails Golf Club in London. With a shotgun start at 8am on a great course you will still have plenty of time when you are done to enjoy what London has to offer.

The Convention itself kicks off on Friday at noon with the Luncheon. Following this, at 2pm, is the Opening Ceremonies with the presentation of flags, opening remarks and the first business session. Friday night is dinner on your own at one of London's many restaurants. For those wanting to kick up their heels and burn off some of those dinner calories we have a 60s-70s-80s band 'Second Wind' for your entertainment.

Saturday starts with the ever entertaining and (gasp!) educational sessions prepared by your MERL team. The day ends with the International Banquet where our guest this year is our own International Director, Lion Terry Graham. Come and listen to Lion Terry, then finish the evening to sounds of 'Tim Dawdy'

The convention wraps up on Sunday May 27 with our Memorial Service where we have the opportunity to remember the departed members of our Lions Family. The Closing Ceremonies are followed by farewells to friends, both old and new.

Please check the MD'A' Website at www.mdalions.org for updates and additions, and the August 2006 edition of The Lion magazine for registration forms.

See you in London.

PDG Bill Bissonnette,
Host Chair, London '07

Planned Giving

Lion Gord Wallen, Manager, Planned Giving at the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, demonstrates how his own Special Skills Dog, Halle, gives him independence by helping in his day to day activities. Halle is shown picking up an item from the floor. Lion Gord along with Lion Sandy Turney, CEO of LFC, & Lion PDG Harvey Moore, Ontario LFC Director, conducted an Orientation for all LFC District Chairpersons from MD'A' in November.

Submitted by Lion Ruth Moore





**MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A"
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
ANNUAL CONVENTION
BRANCHES OVER THE THAMES
LONDON, ONTARIO
MAY 25, 26 & 27, 2007**



THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007

LOCATION: Westminster Trails Golf Club

TOURNAMENT PACKAGE: 18 Holes of Golf/Power Cart/Lunch/Prizes

COST: \$55.00 Per Player

REGISTRATION: 7:30 a.m.

SHOT GUN START: 8:00 a.m.

Soft Spikes Mandatory (no exceptions)

Dress Code in Effect

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 14, 2007

To register please detach and mail with payment to:

Rob Neill
9 Northwood Place, St. Thomas, ON., N5P 3X3
Phone: 519-633-3603
E-Mail: rneill@rogers.com

Please make cheques payable to: MDA Convention - Golf 2007

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Postal: _____

Player #2: _____

Player #3: _____

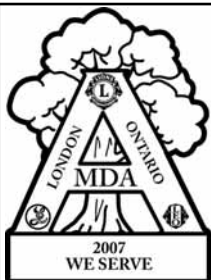
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**MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A"
LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL
ANNUAL CONVENTION
"BRANCHES OVER THE THAMES"**

**LONDON ONTARIO
MAY 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2007**



REGISTRATION FORM

District "A"- _____ Club: _____

Lion:() Lioness:() Leo:() Partner in Service:() Highest Office:_____ Past:() Present:()

Name: _____ Name to appear on badge(if different): _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box City Province Postal Code

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD"A" Convention? Yes () No ()

HOTEL: London Hilton Rate \$ 119.00 per night

All guest rooms are subject to Applicable Taxes

Date of Arrival: _____ **Date of Departure:** _____

Please indicate your preference: Room with 1 Bed () Room with 2 Beds () Smoking ()

There are only a few smoking rooms

- Everyone including exhibitors must be registered
- There is a \$5.00 per night parking fee
- Hotel rooms cannot be reserved without a deposit
- Rooms must be booked through the Convention Committee
- **NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1, 2007**
- All cancellations are subject to a handling fee of \$ 10.00

To reduce attendee costs, confirmations will be sent by email when possible.

FUNCTION TICKETS:

	Cost Per Person	PRICE	TOTAL
<u>THURSDAY</u>			
Welcome to the Convention Reception	N/C		
<u>FRIDAY</u>			
Convention Luncheon	\$30.00	___ @\$30.00	\$ _____
Friday Night "Incredible Rock 'N Roll"	\$15.00	___ @\$15.00	\$ _____
<u>SATURDAY</u>			
International Banquet and Dance	\$47.50	___ @\$47.50	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT FOR FUNCTION TICKETS \$			_____

Reserve your function tickets early and avoid any disappointment.
All prices quoted include all applicable taxes and gratuities.

AMOUNT DUE

Registration Fee _____ \$20.00 = \$ _____
 Convention Pin _____ \$ 5.00 = \$ _____
 Registration Fee for Leo: \$10.00 = \$ _____
 Hotel Deposit (per room): \$100.00 = \$ _____
 Function Tickets as above: = \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE = \$ _____

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

VISA () MasterCard ()
 CARD# _____
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SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER:

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Other: _____

To obtain additional information regarding the 2007 MD "A" Convention,
 please contact Convention Chair:

PDG Bill Bissonnette
 112 Cameron Street,
 Sarnia, Ontario N7T 4A8
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Lions Collaborate Across Borders for a Common Cause

The Lions Clubs International Foundation's International Assistance Grant (IAG) program enables Lions clubs in developed countries to partner with Lions clubs in developing countries on humanitarian projects. IAGs fund basic health care, education and literacy, clean water and sanitation, rural development and self-sufficiency programs, services for the blind and otherwise disabled, and environmental protection. IAGs can also be considered for Lions' international medical missions and for establishing Lions' eyeglass recycling centers.

The IAG program awards grants between US\$5,000 and US\$30,000 on a matching basis. The project must involve Lions clubs in at least two countries: a "sponsor" Lions district that is responsible for raising the majority of matching funds and other support, and a "host" Lions district responsible for helping oversee the project in the

country where the project will take place.

To improve access to water and sanitary conditions, the Lions of France founded a non-governmental organization known as One Drop of Water for Africa. Since 1985, the organization has constructed over 116 wells in Mali, benefiting 40,000 people in 65 different villages. LCIF has helped fund 30 of these wells through seven IAGs of \$30,000 each since 1997.

Ties between the Lions of the Philippines and the Lions of Japan date back 50 years to when a club from Manila sponsored the first Lions club in Japan. Each year since 1975, the Lions of District 334-E, Japan, have returned to the Philippines to collaborate with District 301-D2 on a medical mission. With a \$30,000 IAG, a 108-member mission team comprised of Lions and healthcare professionals from both countries will distribute medicines and

supplies to a combined 7,000 people in four cities over four days in February.

The grant budget must show ample funding from local Lions' organizations, have a strong Lions' identity and involvement, be endorsed by the district cabinet and involve at least two clubs. Furthermore, the project must address an important humanitarian need, serve a relatively large population, be cost effective and be beyond local fund-raising capability.

A district or club may have only one IAG in process or approved at any one time. The grant application, which requires endorsement by both sponsor and host Lions districts, may only be submitted by the sponsor Lions district, which administers the funds and reports to LCIF. Application due dates vary based upon grant amount. For more information on the application process, visit the "Grants and Programs" section of the LCIF Web site at www.lcif.org.

International Assistance Grants approved at the October 2006 board meeting. For the complete list of approved grants, visit www.lcif.org.

California, District 4-L3
Medical mission to the Philippines
\$10,000

California, District 4-C3
Eyecare mission in Venezuela
\$10,000

California, District 4-C4
Eyecare mission in Venezuela
\$10,000

California, District 4-C5
Eyecare mission in Venezuela
\$10,000

California, District 4-L1
Eyecare mission in Venezuela
\$10,000

California, District 4-C3
Eyecare mission in Argentina
\$10,000

California, District 4-A1
Eyecare mission in Argentina
\$10,000

California, District 4-C6
Eyecare mission in Argentina
\$10,000

Michigan, District 11-C1
Eyeglass mission to La Esperanza
\$10,000

Oregon, District 36-O
Establish tree nursery for forestry project in another country
\$5,520

Texas, District 2-X2
Equip eyeglass dispensing clinic in another country
\$10,000

West Virginia, District 29-L
Low vision medical mission to St. Lucia
\$30,000

France, District 103-CC
Medical mission to Africa
\$30,000

France, District 103-SE
Medical mission to Africa
\$30,000

France, District 103-CS
Establish water wells in Mali
\$26,880

France, District 103-IP
Equip medical clinic in Algeria
\$10,000

Japan, District 334-E
32nd Lions medical mission to the Philippines
\$30,000

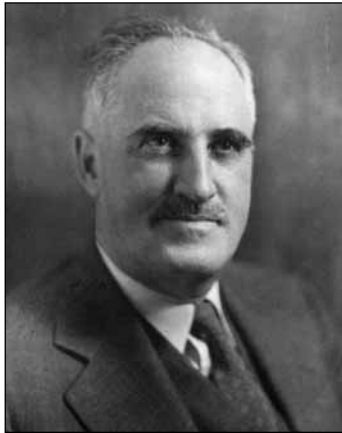
Japan, District 334-E
Dental mission to the Philippines
\$10,000

Philippines, District 301-C
Surgical mission to China
\$7,500

Slovenia, District 129
Equip blind school in Macedonia
\$5,000

Harry Newman

1887 - 1976



International Association of Lions Clubs
President 1924-1925
Director 1922-1924
1st Vice President 1921-1922
2nd Vice President 1920-1921

Toronto Central Club President 1922-1923

I take the liberty here of addressing Past International President Newman as Lion Harry because he deserves this honour. He was amongst the first Canadians to impact within our International Association of Lions Clubs. His meteoric rise in this organization is a testament to this Lions' appeal to our American friends who brought this great cause to us. He was quite literally the path through our countries in the development of our service. Lion Harry would spend more than fifty years in support of our efforts with great insight, intellect, time and resources. He is described as generous to a fault, a religious man, a patriot, and a family man.

Every story has a beginning and this one is in Dunnville Ontario. Lion Harry was born here on June 9th, 1887 to a merchant father named Richard Newman. The 1891 Dunnville Business Directory lists a shoe merchant by the name of R. Newman as having business there. In an early speech Lion Harry asked those in attendance to remember those camaraderie days of rural school houses and liken them to Lions Clubs Meetings.



An early description of Dunnville is a village in the township of Moulton, situated on the Grand River, at its junction with the feeder of the Welland Canal, four miles and three quarters from Lake Erie. It commenced settling in 1829, and contains about 400 inhabitants at the time. A steam boat plies here regularly during the season, and a smaller boat continues the route to Brantford. Considerable quantities of lumber are shipped here. Dunnville contains an Episcopal church, and a Presbyterian church is in progress. Post Office, post three times a week. Professions and Trades: One physician and surgeon, two grist mills, three saw mills, one distillery, one tannery, one carding machine and cloth factory, six stores, four taverns, four groceries, two wagon makers, four blacksmiths, one saddler, two tinsmiths, four shoemakers, three tailors, two cabinet makers, one baker, one turner.

One of the many things that define us as individuals is our faith. The morals that we learn from this often remain with us the rest of our lives. Lion Harry was a religious man and guided his life from the Articles of Religion in the Anglican Episcopal Book of Prayer.



The Episcopal Church is the American branch of the Anglican Communion which is an inheritor of 2000 years of catholic and apostolic tradition dating from Christ himself, rooted in the Church of England. When the Church of England spread throughout the British Empire, sister churches sprang up. These churches, while autonomous in their governance, are bound together by tradition, Scripture, and the inheritance they have received from the Church of England. They together make up the Anglican Communion, a body headed spiritually by the Archbishop of Canterbury and having some 80 million members, making it the second largest Christian body in the world. The Newman family attended St Paul's Church in Dunnville and Lion Harry was dedicated to his faith all of his years. Lion Harry would hold offices in later churches in Toronto and eventually have one built in Dunbarton Ontario.



Dunnville's Public School

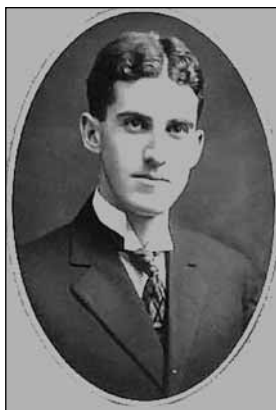


The old high school located at the intersection of Cedar and Alder Streets.

Lion Harry began his school studies in Dunnville public and high schools. We know that he articulated with Judge William Davis Swayze as a student at law after this. Lion Harry studied law at the Upper Canada Law School in Osgoode Hall in Toronto and graduated in August 1911. He would later become Harry Newman KC as a representative of the King's Council.

Lion Harry openly praised the efforts of his wife Margaret Ridley nee Folinsbee (1891-1979) of Strathroy Ontario whom he married in 1915. She was related to Judge Swayze as her uncle through her mother. She and Lion Harry would have 5 children together.

Lion Harry was a partner in an early law firm. He would go on to have other partnerships, his own practice and eventually a partnership with his son Tom in 1944. He would become a sixty year member of the Law Society.



The following poem is called God Give Us Men and is written by Josiah Gilbert Hollend (1819-1881).

God give us men! A time like this demands
 Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.
 Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
 Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
 Men who possess opinions and a will;
 Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
 Men who can stand before a demagogue
 And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking!
 Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
 In public duty, and in private thinking;
 For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
 Their large professions and their little deeds,
 Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
 Wrong rules the land and Justice sleeps.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

BEIJING, CHINA OCT. 4-9, 2006

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. Affirmed decision of panel of conciliators in District 308-B1 (Malaysia) regarding the complaint of the Lions Club of Kuala Lumpur (Host) issued pursuant to the District Dispute Resolution Procedure, deemed the decision as final and binding on all the parties, denied the related complaint of the Lions Club of Kuala Lumpur (Host) filed under the Constitutional Complaints Procedure and deemed all matters relating to this complaint as concluded.
2. Deleted obsolete constitutional interpretations in the Board Policy Manual regarding dual membership in service clubs of like character, solicitation and club boundaries, and amending procedures for the International Constitution and By-Laws.
3. Updated constitutional interpretations in the Board Policy Manual regarding international convention delegate status of council chairpersons and geographic boundaries of districts with respect to redistricting proposals to reflect recent amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws.
4. Interpreted the candidacy requirement amendments to Article III, Sections 2 and 3 of the International By-Laws adopted by the 2006 International Convention, which provide that the convention of a single or sub-district shall be eligible to endorse an international officer candidate only if the single or sub-district meets the minimum district requirements as provided in Article II, Section 2 of the International By-Laws at the time such endorsement is issued, to apply only to endorsements issued on or after July 4, 2006, and not apply to endorsements issued prior to July 4, 2006.
5. Revised constitutional interpretation in the Board Policy Manual regarding eligibility to be elected under Article III, Section 5(a) of the International By-Laws to be consistent with the association's long-standing past

practices, permit candidates a fair opportunity to seek election at the international convention before being required to seek further endorsements from their districts, and prevent overlapping or different terms of validity for sub-district and multiple district endorsements.

6. Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2007 International Convention for adoption amending Article IX, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws to change the audit frequency requirement from semi-annually (or at more frequent intervals) to annually.

CONVENTION

1. Established Credentials Committee, district governors-elect and headquarters staff per diem for the 2007 International Convention.
2. Updated certification and voting procedures for the 2007 International Convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE

1. Approved cancellation of 173 clubs with regret.
2. Approved seven redistricting proposals.
3. Approved placing the Membership Development Committee in direct charge of the Eastern/Central Europe Project, and transferring all the budget matters to the Extension and Membership Division.
4. Transferred the Club Merger Rules from the Legal Chapter to the Clubs Chapter in the Board Policy Manual.
5. Appointed the district governor for District 315-B1.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS

1. Approved the 1st Quarter 2006-07 Forecast, which projects a surplus.
2. Approved Janet Bianchetta as a signatory on association bank accounts.
3. Increased mileage reimbursement to US\$.28 per mile (US\$.173 per kilometer) effective January 1, 2007.

LCIF

1. Authorized a transfer in the amount of US\$8,720,953 from the Humanitarian Grant Budget Reserve in order to provide partial funding of the FY 2006-07 Humanitarian Grant Budget.
2. Approved US\$13,099,999 as the total amount of funding available for the FY 2006-07 Humanitarian Grant Budget.
3. Authorized LCIF Chairperson Dr. Ashok Mehta to allocate the remaining South Asia Tsunami designated funds.
4. Revised the Emergency Grant Criteria to further clarify eligibility, and to include a 30-day time limit on submission of requests.
5. Renewed the contract with the World Health Organization for SightFirst technical services in the amount of US\$1,220,400.
6. Approved an increase in level of support to the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness/Vision 2020.
7. Approved the implementation of recommendations from the SightFirst subcommittee.
8. Approved Campaign SightFirst II designation policy and donor cultivation process documents.
9. Appointed members to the USA Lions Quest Steering Committee.
10. Approved a development assessment proposal from Community Counselling Services (CCS) in the amount of US\$60,000.
11. Denied a request for a board-directed Core 4 grant from the United States Blind Golf Association.
12. Approved a US\$139,541 Core 4 technical assistance grant for the children's photoscreening program.
13. Approved Dispute Resolution Guidelines, for placement within the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual.
14. Approved authorized signatories on the LCIF accounts at the Northern Trust.
15. Approved authorized signatories on the various LCIF investment accounts.
16. Revised the Standard Grant Criteria on a pilot basis, with review at the June

2008 LCIF Executive Committee meeting.

17. Approved 75 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,999,396.

18. Tabled five grant applications.

LEADERSHIP

1. Approved the plan, including the schedule, curriculum and proposed group leaders for the 2007 District Governors-elect Seminar.

2. Approved standardizing a portion of the annual vice district governors/district governors-elect training program curriculum, including the District Governors-elect Seminar program.

3. Approved development and implementation of a comprehensive online Leadership Resource Center, accessible on the LCI Web site. Initial launch is planned for January 2007.

4. Approved the allowance of a maximum of 10 Lions from Indonesia to attend the 2006 OSEAL Senior Lions Leadership Institute (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Nov. 7-11, 2006) based on geographic proximity.

5. Approved a new program to support club officers training in single districts and single provisional districts.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

1. Authorized the Acting Executive Administrator to contract with the marketing and communication firm Lipman Hearne for an eight-month project to research the association's brand, formulate a brand position platform and develop a brand marketing plan.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1. Expanded the Membership Grant Program to increase the number of available grants and to support a broader range of recruiting activities such as target market initiatives, emerging markets support for underdeveloped areas. The maximum available grant is US\$5,000 per grant application.

2. Approved a Membership Grant requested by District 19-B Washington, United States, for US\$5,000.

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

that recruit 30 new family members and charter a new family club will be honored with a two-diamond pin.

4. Approved an On-line Lions Network that would enable Lions to connect with other Lions on the Internet to exchange ideas, seek advice for projects, and find Lions with like interests. The online network will be implemented on a trial basis.

5. Approved minor housekeeping revisions to the Board Policy Manual related to the family membership program.

6. Extended the resolution adopted in June 2006 authorizing club development in Iraq, which was to expire on December 31, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

7. Approved initial action steps to expand support for membership development in Eastern and Central Europe.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Established a multiple/single district public relations grant program.

2. Authorized Paul Martin to update the book *We Serve, A History of the Lions Clubs* for a fee of US\$50,000.

3. Removed "90% of clubs must be in good standing" criteria for eligibility of a district matching public relations grant.

4. Authorized official editions of *The Lion Magazine* for Bangladesh and Romania.

5. Removed Mission 30 positions from the Order of Precedence of Lions Clubs International Official Protocol.

6. Removed current positions of Campaign SightFirst II Coordinators, and placed as one line item directly after district governors in the Order of Precedence of Lions Clubs International Official Protocol.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Approved 14 districts to receive US\$2,000 expense reimbursements to conduct regional Leo conferences during 2006-07.

2. Approved the themes for Service Activities seminars and events to be held during the 2007 Lions Clubs International Convention.

3. Approved 11 districts to receive US\$2,000 expense reimbursements to conduct symposiums supporting Lions Services for Children during 2006-07.

4. Approved a joint Lions-UNICEF award to recognize donations of US\$500 or more through LCIF for the UNICEF School-in-a Box program.

5. Consolidated the Lions Youth Exchange and International Youth Camp programs as a single "Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program," effective July 6, 2007.

6. Changed the title of the "Youth Exchange Chairperson" to "Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson", effective July 6, 2007.

7. Approved policy housekeeping items regarding district governor visits to Leo clubs and the Lions ALERT and Lions Serving Humanity programs.



A Year of Celebrations

It's party time. In the Lion universe, 2007 is the year the planets are aligned just right. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of Lions Clubs International (LCI), the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Leos and the 20th anniversaries of women as Lions and the Peace Poster contest. The anniversaries will be saluted in high style. And Lions are encouraged to take part in the festivities. THE LION magazine will run a series of special articles over this next year. The International Convention in Chicago this summer will offer commemorative items as well as a birthday cake that has to be seen to be believed (as well as eaten!). The LCI Web site (www.lionsclubs.org) will feature bright, attractive downloadable materials. There is a lot to celebrate. Lions will pay tribute to the past and look forward to the future. There are decades upon decades of service, accomplishment and innovation to commemorate. So let's don our party hats, toot our paper horns and bang our pots and pans. Last one to leave, please turn out the lights!



The Knights of the Blind

Lions/CNIB Partnership Program



The Canadian
National
Institute
for the Blind
Ontario Division

CNIB Lions Low Vision Clinics

The Lions and CNIB have a long history of working together to help people with vision loss lead independent lives. CNIB Lions Low Vision Clinics are the latest chapter in this successful partnership. Thanks to the financial support and the many hours of volunteer time of Lions and Lionesses, CNIB has been able to provide specialized programs and services locally to thousands of men and women who are experiencing vision loss.

CNIB Lions Low Vision Clinics are held across the province, either in community-based venues such as seniors' homes or schools, or in local CNIB offices.

They provide an invaluable opportunity to learn about CNIB programs and services, support programs, consumer products and assistive technology, or to get information about various eye conditions. The clinics are open to any member of the community, free of charge. Participants also have the opportunity to register with CNIB and to make appointments for specialized CNIB services, including assessments for low vision services, rehabilitation for independent living skills, and orientation and mobility instruction..

Since the inception of the partnership between MD "A" and CNIB, Lions have been living up to their motto "We Serve" by volunteering in a number of capacities at the CNIB Lions Low Vision Clinics throughout the province. Volunteers help out in many different ways: assisting with the physical set-up of the clinics, greeting clients and helping them with registration, assisting with taking photos and filling out forms or letting staff know when their appointments have arrived. In addition, their presence and warm personality help people feel welcome and at ease. Many are finding volunteering at the clinics an extremely rewarding experience. "I was able to help a woman order some items from the catalogue. It was nice to be able to help her. I felt really good afterwards!" says Barb Lace of the St. Thomas Lions Club.

CNIB Lions Low Vision Clinics are not only a great way to serve the community, but also to promote many of the objectives of the Lions' newly launched Sight II initiative.

As the world's population ages, we are seeing an unprecedented growth in various age-related eye diseases. Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) causes more than 14 million cases of vision loss worldwide each year. In Canada alone, 78,000 people are diagnosed each year with AMD. Whether through promoting research, expanding opportunities for direct service or supporting low vision initiatives, Sight II will see Lions and Lioness Clubs of MDA continue their commitment to ensuring essential vision health services are accessible to those who need them, both internationally and in our very own communities.

We are very grateful for this commitment and the outstanding service your clubs have demonstrated to those living with vision loss. On behalf of all we serve, we thank you and look forward to continuing this wonderful partnership.

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Destination Chicago: See the Sights Lions Can Experience Culture, History and Science in the Windy City

**Hog Butcher for the World,
Tool Maker, Stacker of Wheat,
Player with Railroads and the
Nation's Freight Handler,
Stormy, husky, brawling,
City of the Big Shoulders...**

- Chicago, Carl Sandburg, 1916

by Brett Rush

American poet Carl Sandburg's "Chicago" captured the essence of a city in search of its identity in 1916. One year later, Lions would embark from this city on a journey to define themselves through compassion, diligence and a commitment to the greater good.

Now, the City of Big Shoulders welcomes Lions home for the 90th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in July. As the convention offers Lions the opportunity to share in friendship and camaraderie, the city offers a multitude of world-renowned cultural and historic destinations.

John G. Shedd Aquarium

One of the world's largest indoor aquariums, the Shedd Aquarium has been entertaining marine biology enthusiasts since it opened its doors more than 75 years ago. Nestled along the lakefront, the aquarium houses one temporary and five permanent exhibits.



Visitors to the John G. Shedd Aquarium can view 8,000 animals of 650 species including fish, marine mammals, birds, snakes, amphibians and insects.

Photo courtesy of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau



The Adler Planetarium contains 35,000 square feet of exhibits, including scale models of the solar system and multiple interactive displays.

Photo courtesy of the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum

Visitors can explore a bevy of aquatic habitats in the Waters of the World exhibit, which introduces onlookers to marine environments such as rivers, oceans, islands and lakes and local waters. The aquarium's Caribbean Reef exhibit, a 90,000-gallon circular habitat, puts visitors face to face with eels, rays and parrotfish while offering the chance to pose questions to a diver during feeding time inside the habitat.

Art Institute of Chicago

Home to some of the most recognizable artistic works in the world, the Art Institute of Chicago boasts a permanent collection that spans more than 5,000 years of human history. From an ancient Grecian coin depicting the goddess Persephone to Edward Hopper's 1942 masterpiece, "Nighthawks," the AIC houses a laundry list of works by the masters-Van Gogh, Picasso and Monet included.

The AIC's special exhibitions also offer visitors the rare opportunity of an in-depth look at specific artistic themes. During convention, Gallery 202A will explore the impact of Japanese prints on late 19-century European artists as part of the Institute's Silk Road exhibition, a year-long examination of the confluence of cultures created through the overland and maritime trade routes linking China and the Mediterranean Sea.

Field Museum of Natural History

The Field Museum of Natural History is the anthropology buff's destination in Chicago. The museum is home to a collection of biological and anthropological artifacts from around the globe exhibited in a series of habitats and displays. From priceless ancient Egyptian artifacts to the fully furnished reconstruction of a Pawnee earth lodge, the museum's diverse collection of artifacts offers visitors a unique look at the world they live in.

Head over heels for dinosaurs? Rendezvous with Sue, the world's largest, most complete and best-preserved

Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil yet discovered. Standing 13 feet tall at the hip and 42 feet from head to tail, Sue continues to awe onlookers 16 year after her discovery near Faith, South Dakota.

The Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum

Opened in 1930, the Adler Planetarium drew large audiences during the 1933 World's Fair and continues to welcome throngs of visitors today. Journey through the history of astronomy by viewing one of the world's largest collections of astronomical artifacts, or embark on a journey through the heavens in the planetarium's interactive StarRider Theater. Visitors can even take a virtual tour of the international space station, or calculate their weight in the Martian atmosphere.

Museum of Contemporary Art

Not to be outdone by the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Contemporary Art is one of the nation's largest facilities dedicated to contemporary art. Critics consider the museum, designed by German architect Josef Paul Kleihues, a masterpiece in itself-the five-story building features a glass atrium entrance, terraced gardens and ample views of Lake Michigan.

Housed within its walls are works by contemporary giants Lee Bontecou, Alexander Calder, Ed Paschke and Sol LeWitt, and an exhibit documenting the emergence of photography as fine art will be featured during convention. Art aficionados can also satisfy their discriminating palates with delicious fare from Puck's at the MCA, chef Wolfgang Puck's in-house restaurant.

Several special events are planned for 2007, which happens to be the museum's 40th anniversary.

Sears Tower

What's a visit to the Windy City without a trip to the top of the country's tallest building? Standing 1,730 feet from antenna to ground level, the Sears Tower stood as the tallest building in the world from 1973 to 2004. Visitors to the sky-deck on the



*On a clear day, visitors to the observation deck on the 103rd floor of the Sears Tower can see four states.
Photo courtesy of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau*



The Transportation Zone exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry gives visitors a look at how technological advances have propelled world travel.

Photo courtesy of Scott Brownell and the Museum of Science and Industry

building's 103rd floor can see four states on a clear day and can feel the building sway on a windy one. Six roof-mounted robotic window washing machines give the building's 16,100 windows a thorough cleaning.

Museum of Science and Industry

Housed inside the only in-place surviving building from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, the Museum of Science and Industry takes visitors on a journey through human innovation. Located in Chicago's south-side Hyde Park neighborhood, the museum is home to the U-505, the only German submarine captured during World War II. In 2000, the Museum also created and hosted the largest display of relics from the wreck of the Titanic, the largest passenger steamship in the world at the time of its sinking in 1912.

Visitors to the museum also can tour a coal mine, an old-fashioned trolley, a space shuttle and a Boeing 727, or step aboard the first diesel-powered, streamlined, stainless-steel train, the Pioneer Zephyr-a free tour is offered every 20 minutes. The museum is also home to the Henry Crown Space Center, which includes both the Apollo 8 and Mercury Atlas 7 space capsules.

Chicago Historical Museum

Seated in the city's Lincoln Park neighborhood is the Chicago Historical Museum, formerly the Chicago Historical Society. An amalgam of all things Chicago, the museum is home to one of the nation's largest collections of architectural working drawings and contains over 22 million historical artifacts.

Visitors can peruse a plethora of standing exhibits and dioramas of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, Fort Dearborn and the Civil War. The museum also includes a collection of historical odds and ends such as the bed in which Abraham Lincoln died, Al Capone's mugshot, a teabag from the Boston Tea Party and the first passenger car to operate on the city's "L" system.



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Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form**

Deadline for Advance Registration is May 1, 2007. See http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_conv_register.shtml for details.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION. Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____
 Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____
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 Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____ Leo Lioness

SPOUSE: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____
 Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____ Lioness Non-Lion

CHILD: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____ Age _____
 CHILD: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____ Age _____

Club Delegate Alternate Delegate

This is my first LCI convention. Not my first convention, I have attended _____

Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above to verify membership]

The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation. Will you require a headset? No Yes

PACKAGE A: Includes convention registration for each name listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

Before December 31: Reservation in delegation hotel

After December 31: I prefer my delegation hotel

Prefer hotel based on: room rate of _____ location near convention center

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____

Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other _____

Indicate special needs _____ Subject to hotel availability.

* Hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. Deposit will be credited to hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B: REGISTRATION ONLY. Includes convention registration for each person listed above.

NO ROOM REQUIRED. I am staying at _____

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS I/we are registered above and request tickets to the following event(s):

EVENT	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Key Award Breakfast	July 3 / 08:00 – 09:30	\$30	_____	\$ _____
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 5 / 12:30 – 14:30	\$45	_____	\$ _____
District Governor/Past District Governor Banquet	July 5 / 20:00 – 22:00	\$70	_____	\$ _____
Past International Presidents/ Past International Directors Banquet	July 5 / 20:00 – 22:00	\$70	_____	\$ _____

(2 Comp tickets for each past president and past director)

Meal Preference: None Vegetarian Indian Vegetarian

PAYMENT • Full payment is required with this form. • US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.

• Only Visa and MasterCard accepted. Credit card must be in the name of the registrant. • Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES

	Adult	Child (17 and under)
Early (before 31/Dec/2006)	US\$100	US\$10
Regular (1/Jan-31/March/2007)	US\$115	US\$20
Late (1/April/2007 – onsite)	US\$130	US\$30

Package A:

Registrations: US\$ _____

Ticketed Events: US\$ _____

Hotel Deposit: US\$ \$150.00

Total Due: US\$ _____

OR

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Registrations: US\$ _____

Ticketed Events: US\$ _____

Total Due: US\$ _____

Check Bank transfer/deposit (copy must be attached to this form)

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Mail form and payment to: Attn: Convention Division • Lions Clubs International • 300 West 22nd Street • Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA

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Increased Access to Eyecare in India



by Joshua Friedman

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that at least 171 million people worldwide have diabetes, and this figure is likely to more than double by 2030. In India alone, an estimated 57 million people are expected to have diabetes by the year 2025.

In Andhra Pradesh, the third largest state in India, an estimated 8 percent of the population (448,000 people) has diabetes. Of those affected, approximately 25 percent suffer from some sort of diabetic eye disease. Studies suggest that in those patients who develop diabetic eye disease, about 10 percent go blind, which would equate to 11,200 in Andhra Pradesh alone.

Founded in October 1986, L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) is a comprehensive eye health facility located in Hyderabad, India. The institute focuses on extending equitable and efficient eye care to the underprivileged. The institute's charter aims at providing 50 percent of its surgical services for free to the economically disadvantaged. The institute is a collaborating center of WHO and has a long history of working with the Lions of India. Each day, 200 people who cannot afford eye care are treated at LVPEI. Hundreds more benefit from the institute's rural affiliates and satellite clinics in poor urban areas.

On Lions World Sight Day in October 2005, Lions officially launched a three-year diabetic retinopathy project at LVPEI with the assistance of a \$398,430 SightFirst grant from LCIF. Through the project, Lions and LCIF will establish a comprehensive diabetic retinopathy education, screening and treatment network throughout Andhra Pradesh. This will include expanding 14 Lions and Lions-affiliated eye hospitals in order to serve a greater number of patients each year.

The Lions eye hospitals involved in this project will provide services to approximately 14 million people, including about 5.6 million people over age 40. The project has the potential to provide services to nearly 448,000 people with diabetes.

At least one ophthalmologist, one mid-level ophthalmic worker and one community worker from each eye hospital will receive training in identifying diabetic retinopathy and referring patients for follow-up treatment. The SightFirst grant also provides funding to purchase needed equipment at each of the hospitals.

Lions are also developing a management information system to track each person identified with diabetes and eye-related complications. The information will be used for targeted health promotional activities.

Through the program, educational print, audio and visual materials are being disseminated within communities and to eye and other health care professionals. These messages will focus on all aspects of diabetes and related eye diseases including prevention, treatment and rehabilitation as well as promoting overall health. Many Lions clubs in the area are involved in the awareness and health promotional programs.

Since the project began, 1,877 surgeries have been performed, seven hospitals have received new equipment, 27 eye care professionals have been trained and six educational programs have been conducted.

Once the project is completed, the Apex Training Center at LVPEI will continue to work with eye care programs in other parts of the country to increase their capacity to manage diabetes-related eye diseases.

The SightFirst program has awarded \$193 million to fund 818 projects in 90 countries worldwide. Money raised through Campaign SightFirst II will continue Lions' and LCIF's work toward preventing avoidable blindness and treating those with vision diseases.

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Pancake Breakfast

Each year at the Leamington Tomato Fest in August the Leamington Lions club holds their annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. This year was no exception. The members arrive at the park bright and early on Sunday morning to begin the set up and start the cooking. Pictured are some of the members hard at work cooking. The club raised the net sum of \$1,439.38 for their local projects.

Submitted by Lion Ed Middleton

Highgate Elders



RC Bart Andrews presented 25 year Chevrons to five of the Highgate and District Lions Clubs members. Chevron recipients and charter members are from left to right, Lions Doug Ford, Bill Moynahan, George Wolf, Ralph Ford, and Norm McEachran. These members have seen many changes in their community over the 25 years. Over one million dollars has been raised through fund raising projects and government grants from all three level of governments.

The Highgate Lions club was awarded a 25-year achievement award from the community at large for the accomplishments and impact the Club has had.

Submitted by Lion George L. Wolf

Petrolia Leos



Members of the Petrolia Leo Club are meeting regularly, working on plans to help their community.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

Trillium Grant



A Trillium grant of \$75,000 was obtained by the Kingsville Lions Club and on November 10th the Club presented the final payment of \$50,000 to ERCA (Essex Region Conservation Authority) for the arboretum and signage at the Kingsville Train Station. The sign included the Lions Arches and proud Lions on hand for the presentation were left to right, RC Carolyn Oshell, Lion Joan Swinhoe (Train Station Committee Chair), Lion President Don Parish, ERCA Board Member Tom Renaud, Lion Jim McMillan & Lion John Peterson.

Submitted by RC Carolyn

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Townsend Update

A meeting was held at the Townsend Lions' Den of all District A2 Campaign SightFirst II Chairpersons, as well as other Cabinet Members to receive the latest updates from Lions International Speaker Rachael Beard. Dignitaries in attendance included PDP Lioness Marylou Krestel, ZC John Buchner, District Reporter Don Dedrick, Governor Jerry Ursacki, PDG Milt Tyler, PDG Kathy Bock, VDG Jim Boughner, Rachael Beard, Lions International, RC Bradd Anderson, RC Greg D'Hulster, Anita D'Hulster, Cabinet Treasurer Sheldon Booker, Sight Conservation Chair Keith Rothney.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

Winners All



At the Club's first meeting in September, the Fisherville District Lions presented several awards. From left to right: Lion Craig Hoskin was presented with a Judge Brian Stevenson Award, and Lions Doug Maxwell, Gene Otterman and Paul Bacher, all Past Presidents, were presented with Life Memberships in the Lions Foundation of Canada.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

Beamsville Big Bike

A total of thirty members and friends of the Beamsville & District Lions Club along with a member of the Grimsby Lions Club, rode the 'Big Bike' for the Heart & Stroke Foundation in May, raising \$2490 for the Foundation.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

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Welcome to Fisherville

The Fisherville District Lions were recently given a grant from Haldimand County to spruce up the town. In order to receive the grant, the Club had to show the County they were prepared to match dollar for dollar. The Club decided to erect new signs at the entrances to Fisherville. Lion Bill Clarke, left in photo, chaired a committee that picked out the signs and placed them. Once the signs were in place, flower boxes were put in and flowers were planted. The flowers are looked after by local residents.



Several Lions worked very hard putting these signs up but were unavailable for the picture taking. Lion Andy Sashner is standing with Lion Bill.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

Yard Sale



Lion Reg Webb of the Brighton Lions Club speaks at the Club's 60th Charter Anniversary. Lion Reg died suddenly in August doing what he loved - being a Lion! He had a fatal heart attack while helping set up the Annual Yard Sale. Lion Reg lived & breathed Lionism, so the Club proceeded with a successful Yard Sale, knowing Lion Reg would not want it cancelled, raising over \$1200 in profits. As a tribute to Lion Reg & his great sense of humour, all Club members wore gray ponytails at the first meeting of the year.

Submitted by Lion Ruth Moore

Six New Ones



On November 22 the Newcastle Lions Club inducted six new members at a regular meeting. In the photo the new members are seated with their sponsors standing behind them. RC Art Short is standing on the left and ID Terry Graham standing on the right. They were part of the induction team. Seated are Gord Whealy, Patricia Whealy, Betty Smith, Susan Johnson, Nancy Mallette and Mary Kennedy. Standing: RC Art Short, Sponsors: Alec Martin, Marilyn Martin, Norm Smith, Lloyd Johnson, John Bugelli, Jean Graham and ID Terry Graham.

Submitted by Lion Secretary Ron Locke

Parade Specialist

In November the Amherstview Lions Club held their 26th Annual Santa Claus Parade. There were 62 entrants and lots of fun. The Parade Marshall was Jenna Lambert.

Back in July, in 32 hours and 18 minutes, Jenna Lambert became the first female with a physical disability to traverse the wave tossed waters of Lake Ontario! She entered Lake Ontario at Baird Point, New York, and swam 34 kilometres to Lake Ontario Park, in Kingston, Ontario. The swim that was predicted to take 24 hours was extended when Jenna faced strong winds, and waves that pushed directly against her for the majority of the swim.

Taking on challenges isn't new to Jenna Lambert. She was born with Cerebral Palsy, a condition that affects her ability to move about independently. Jenna took on this challenge to prove to everyone watching, that nothing is impossible if you believe in yourself.

The purpose of Jenna's Kid 4 Kids Marathon was to raise money in support of the Kingston Family YMCA's Y Penguins, and the new pool, which is part of the Y's expansion. Jenna wanted to give something to her teammates whom she watches improve and excel every day. To date, Jenna's swim has raised over \$125,000. If you would like to visit the site www.penguinscanfly.ca.



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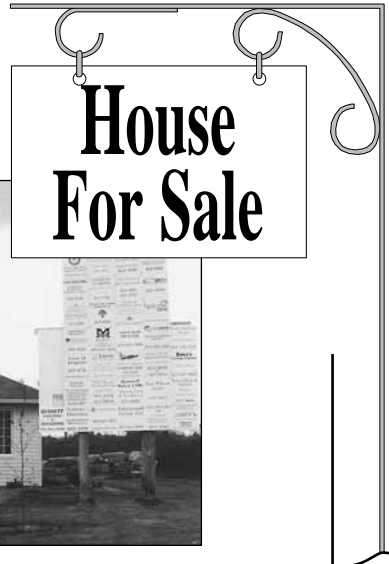
Park Restoration



The Calabogie Lions Club have been involved in fund raising for the Barnet Park restoration and installation of a new field house for the past 3 years. In September the first phase of the project was completed. The club supplied materials and labour to restore the entire deck, construct two new handicap ramps and rebuild the back patio and deck.

The project was done at a cost \$10,500, which included a generous donation from a local lumber company. The Lions completed the entire project, with over 650 manhours in labour. The next phase is the construction of a field house and change rooms, with washrooms and rinse station all handicap accessible.

Submitted by Lion John Bonnar



The Arnprior Lions have had a 1624 sq. ft main floor, three-bedroom bungalow built in Arnprior, and is now up for sale as a club fundraiser. The idea of a house for sale was discussed and accepted by the club in the fall of 2005. The building was started in early spring and is now ready for sale. Thanks to many organizations must be extended and greatly appreciated. Help from numerous contractors, plumbers, electricians, landscapers, flooring companies etc. Thanks to our Lions building committee of Lions Dave Furgoch, Doug Spaul, Bill Gardiner and Dave Campbell. Great job.

All profits received will be used for updates on our hall and many charitable donations.

Submitted by Lion Art Smith

Lions Gateway Club

A Gateway to the Future?

The Cumberland Lions Club is pleased to introduce a project that could benefit Lions everywhere. This is an exciting opportunity for public outreach, increased membership, youth involvement and fundraising for Lions Clubs and community groups throughout Ontario and, perhaps soon, all of North America.

The concept is simple. The Lions Gateway Club Card is a discount card sold by community groups (or "community partners") in conjunction with their local Lions. Cardholders get discounts and special offers from any of the participating businesses for a period of one year from the date of purchase. Businesses in turn get free advertising among new and existing customers and a way to give back to the community. Community partners benefit by retaining 50% of the profits from the sale of the card. The Lions benefit not only from revenue generated by the card, but also by extending into the community in a brand new way.

Cardholders stay up-to-date on which businesses in their area are Lions Gateway Club supporters by logging in to the user-friendly Gateway website.

Here's how it works:

The Lions Gateway Club Headquarters in Cumberland, Ontario, invites one Lions Club per District to become the Sponsor Club for that District, and that Sponsor Club enlists local Lions Clubs as Host Clubs to get involved in the project. These Host Clubs then solicit shops and services to participate in the program. Locally owned, independent businesses are given priority over larger chain retailers. It does not cost the business anything to participate, other than a guarantee to honour an agreed upon discount or special offer (established by the merchant) to all cardholders. The merchants are then given a sticker for their window and one for their cash register, advertising that they are proud supporters of the Lions Gateway Club, and their information is added to the Gateway website.

The Host Clubs then help find local community groups in need of fundraising ideas – schools, church groups, sports teams, non-profit groups, etc. These 'community partners' are in charge of selling the Lions Gateway Club card to people in their community. The cards sell for \$20 and can be used at all participating businesses, regardless of

where the card was purchased. All proceeds are divided between the Lions Club and their community partner.

Online Shopping

Additionally, cardholders are encouraged to shop online by logging into the Lions Gateway Club website. If they make purchases with any of the online sponsors, a percentage of every dollar spent will be donated back to the Lions Clubs and to the community partner who initially sold the card. That way, community partners have the potential to continue earning revenue long after they have sold their cards. Since its inception the project has expanded to include nearly a dozen Host Lions Clubs, over 250 participating businesses and well over 100 online merchants.

For more information or to become a Lions Gateway Host Club, visit the website at www.lionsgatewayclub.ca or email to: info@lionsgatewayclub.ca. You can also phone (613)833-2142.

Brockville

White Cane Day

Manotik



The Brockville annual White Cane Day was again successful, with over \$3,300 raised in a four-hour collection campaign. Left to right is Lion Sally Hughes, PDG Ted Hughes and Brockville Lions Treasurer Annette Dupuis making the count.



The Manotick Lions Club raised almost a \$1000 for White Cane Day. It was held on September 30 with a walk-a-thon preceded by a Barbecue at the Manotick Mews. District Governor James Johnston, as well as other local dignitaries attended. Pictured are some of the Lions and volunteers involved in making the day a success.

Submitted by Lion Kris Schulz

Patient Monitoring



The Arnprior Lions Club, the Arnprior-McNab Lions Club, and members of LCIF presented \$162,000 to the Arnprior District Memorial Hospital, allowing the hospital to purchase a Patient Monitoring System. Tickets sold on the Club's Classic Car draw was one fundraiser that helped make this presentation possible. It was the single largest donation to ADMH to date. Left to right, front row to back row: Arnprior Lions Club President Doug Spaul, Chairman ADMH Don Nicholas, Chief Nursing Officer Karen Townley, Lion Art Smith, ADMH CFO Tim Sonnenburg, Lion Don Gougeon, Arnprior-McNab Lions Club President Dave Olmstead.

Submitted by Lion Art Smith

Arnprior Life Member



At the Arnprior Lions Club's 60th charter night celebrations, PID Gil Constantini (left) presented a Life Membership to Lion Wayne Carroll, who was accompanied by his spouse - Kitty

Rockland Melvin



The Rockland Lions Club recently presented three of their members with Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. These awards were given to these members for their longterm service to their Club, Community and Lionism. Each member has over 20 years of dedicated service. From left to right are Lion Louis Camire, Lion Doug Baird, Lion James Johnston the District Governor of A4, and Lion Bill Demmery. All funds were directed to SightFirst ll.

Submitted by Lion Gale Martel

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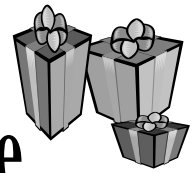
CNIB

Dinner

The Lions Club of Sudbury treated 120 local CNIB members to a festive turkey dinner. This is the 58th year this has taken place. They were served, serenaded with Christmas songs and given treats.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

Angel Tree



Annual Angel Tree Christmas Gift Wrap up event at the home of Lion Dr. Wayne Domanko. 15 Lions, spouses and Children gathered to wrap donated gifts. The Morrisburg & District Lions Club thank the local businesses who make financial and in-kind donations, financial institutions who distribute Angels and collect, and local citizens who donate toys and cash to provide Christmas gifts for the less fortunate children. Photo: Lion Keith Robinson (left) and Lion Dr. Wayne Domanko (right) examine Elmo, while Lion Jack Notman, organizer of the Morrisburg & District Lions Club Angel Tree program, checks his list twice. There were 151 Angels this year. In 18 years the club has provided over 3000 gifts.

Submitted by Lion Michael Domanko

Elimination Draw

The Sudbury Lions Club roared again and had a very successful Elimination Draw and Dance at the Caruso Club. The 26th annual event was a sell-out with 1300 people attending. The Sudbury Lions wish to thank the people of Sudbury who continually support the Club's efforts.

Reported by Lion Gloria S. Packard

Bell Ringing



The Sudbury Lions Club joined with the Salvation Army for the Annual Bell Ringing. Pictured is Club President Allan Marcon depositing \$1500 into a kettle watched over by Major Craig Rowe. During their time at the kettles the lions helped raise an additional \$1557.

Reported by Lion Gloria Packard

Recovery Help



The Temiscaming & District Lions Club held a benefit spaghetti supper in September and raised over \$7000 to help Diane Piquette with her recovery. Seated is Diane in the company of her father and sister.

Submitted by Lion Yvette Cox

MCTV



MCTV and the area Lions clubs hosted the 59th Christmas Telethon in Sudbury, raising a total of \$193,000 in pledges. At the phones ready to receive pledges were, left to right, Lion Gloria Packard, Lion Stephane Aube, Lion Craig Ticolo and Lion Frank Packard.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

Breakfast with Santa



The Sudbury Lions Club put on a Breakfast with Santa for 200 children and parents at Don Cherry's Restaurant. The children were all smiles as Santa handed out candy canes and hugs. Lion Harold Huhtanen played Santa for the day.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

Mattawa Recognizes



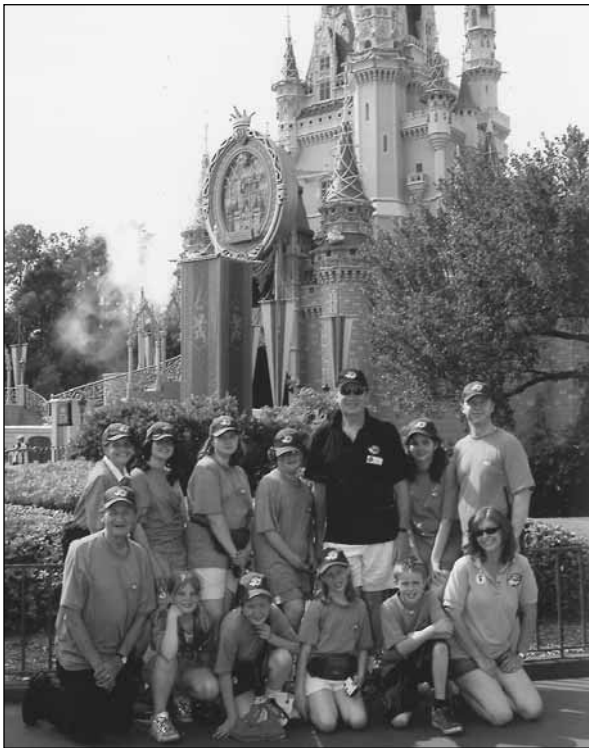
From Mattawa Ontario
Lions Club 14698

A recent event at The Lions Den in Mattawa saw Lioness Laura Pierce receive an Award of Distinction for having served 20 years on the Board of Directors of The Community Living Organization in Mattawa. Laura's hard work was recognized by colleagues and friends, celebrated at a pancake breakfast put on by the Mattawa Lions Club on November 17th.

Congratulations Laura!

Submitted by Lion Wayne Reid

Thrill Children



The Sault Ste Marie Lions club has been sending 4 local children to Florida for the past 12 years. Dreams Take Flight is run by Air Canada Jazz and supported by the Lions club and the Local Salvation Army, who pick the children to go to Florida. I have seen many children that were taken from years ago and they tell us that this was something they will always remember and were so grateful for being picked to go. When the children come back from Florida The Salvation Army takes the four children to one of the Lions meeting to tell the members about their trip and to thank the Lions for sponsoring them. The Local Lions club are always pleased to see the young people.

The children and chaperone's are up at 4 a.m. the day they go to Florida. They head to the Toronto airport where all the children meet from Ontario. At the airport, what a surprise the children see. The hangers are decorated with balloons and all kinds of service clubs, policeman, fireman, bands, entertainers and many other people are there waiting to greet them. On the flight to Florida the Flight Attendants are absolutely amazing. They spend the trip entertaining and pumping the kids up.

Finally they arrive in Florida and buses take them to the fantasy kingdom for a long day of excitement. So much to see in just ONE short day but it is fantastic. What a wonderful experience for children the thrill of the rides the excitement of meeting Mickey and all the wonderful things they get to do gives them a lifetime of memories.

Thanks to our Lions Club in Sault Ste. Marie for being part of this wonderful trip. It is definitely well worth the money and we know that the children are forever blessed because the Lions sent them to Florida.

Reported by Lion Mildred Brodie

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Charity Ball

Lion Earle



The Mount Hope Lions Club recently presented Lion Harry Earle, left, with a Life Membership. Lion Robert Armes was presented with a 25 year pin by DG Paul Baker at a Zone meeting in September at the Mount Hope Lions Hall.

Submitted by Lion Suzanne Gunby



The Toronto Hong Kong Lions Club (THKLC) was the proud host of the 2006 Blossom Ball to raise funds for the United Way of Greater Toronto. The organizing committee was co-chaired by Lion Ken Tam, the First Vice President, and Lion Frank Luk, a Past President of THKLC.

The Ball was held on Sunday, September 24 at the Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex in CNE, Toronto. It was attended by about 600 elite guests, including Ontario Premier the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Ms. Frances Lankin, President and CEO of the United Way of Greater Toronto, Madam Chen Xiao Ling, Consul-General of the People's Republic of China, and Mr. Bossanio So, the Director of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office. Lion Francis Wat, another Past President of THKLC, was the Master of Ceremonies, being accompanied by Ms. Jennifer Lo. The feature entertainment was a breath taking performance by Cirque Sublime. The event was a glittering success. It raised approximately \$250,000 for the United Way.

Lion Santa Finally Arrives



It was a cold, dreary day. A gathering of Lions from across the District, with several clubs represented - Scarborough Cedarbrae Golden Mile, Doctors, Oakville, Georgetown, Weston (hope I didn't miss any), we set about preparing our freebies that we were to hand out to the special guests at the 102nd Toronto Santa Claus Parade.

This was the 3rd year Lions have been involved in this fun event. There is a large balcony overlooking Front Street (at the corner of Yonge) that is set up with lots of tables filled with goodies ranging from Baileys with a little coffee to apple slices and caramel dip. Everything is free to the VIP guests (hundreds of them) that come from sponsoring companies of the Parade. It's like an onslaught once the Police allow

them to come up the stairs 2 hours prior to Santa's arrival.

The kids are polite, well behaved and definitely NOT greedy. They take one of everything. But then the adults with no kids come along and if you blink, their bag is bristling with handfuls of whatever was at your particular table! I thought that being a Governor meant I would be able to choose what table I could go to. WRONG! I don't know if anyone had spread the rumour that I am a chocoholic, but I ended up giving away apple slices and caramel dip while looking across at the table giving away Cadbury's chocolate mini eggs. That was torture my friends ñ torture! But then, out of the cold mist and the occasional snowflake came the highlight of the entire day - nope, it wasn't Santa. It was Miss Universe Canada, Alice. She stood next to me - actually, she towered next to me. I couldn't resist asking for a photo. I have to tell you that she was wearing very high heels and really wasn't that much taller than me (no funny quirks from anyone!). PDG Wayne, becoming jealous and not wanting to be left out of this golden photo op, stepped right in. The parade came and went but we Lions hardly saw any of it as we stayed by our posts, shivering and stamping our feet. This was another event that gives us great exposure and I very much look forward to next year.



DG Paul Bake

Erin Parade



The Erin Lions Club Santa Claus parade float in the annual parade in November. Leading the parade was Club President Lion Mike Fleming with driver Lion Howard Wheeler. Erin Lions Club has been hosting the annual parade for 40 years. Pictures supplied by Jill Beshiri of the Erin Advocate.

Submitted by Lion Derek E. Bloomfield PDG

Lucknow Melvin



Lucknow and District Lions Club recently honored Lion Kathy Todd with a Melvin Jones Fellow award. Left, Todd was the zone 3 north chairperson for 2004-05 and the region 3 chair for 2005-06. Presenting the plaque is Past District Governor Ben Miller.

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Parade Champs



Sauble Beach and District Lions Club, together with Kemble and District Lions Club, celebrated the Christmas season by entering a float in the Owen Sound, Wiarnton and Kemble Parades. They won 2nd place in the Wiarnton Parade for best float. In the non-motorized Kemble Parade, they had lots of "Lion power" drawing the float down the main street.

The pictures were taken over the course of the 3 parades. The Lions came out in full force to help make the parade a success!

Many Many Years



In November 2006, the Wingham Lions Club presented Lion Lee Vance with a Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of 51 years of service. Club President Dan Kitts (standing) presented the award to Lion Lee and his wife Thora. Unfortunately, Lion Lee passed away on December 12th. He will be greatly missed by his fellow Lions and the entire community.

Submitted by Lion Earl Dolmage

Fire Detector



The Fire Detector Program was initiated in April 2006 when the laws regarding smoke detectors in the home was changed. Each floor in the home was then required to have a smoke detector installed or a fine would be placed on the owner.

The Sauble Beach and District Lions Club's concern was that some local residents would not be able to afford to have the smoke detectors installed. The Club invested \$1200 towards the purchase and installation of the new smoke detectors.

Initially the club was requested to attend the visitation, street by street, along with a fireman...ask the residents if they would like their present system checked and if necessary provide them with new ones. We were only to be involved if the fire department agreed that there would be no fines levied. Photo from left to right: Lion President Bob Richardson, Lion Moira Kempster, Lion Bill Wallace, Fire Chief Terry Hutchison, Lion Ross Aiken, and DG Jim Kempster

Submitted by Lion Marion Collins-Jackson

\$40,000 Donation



The Goderich Lions Club is doing its part with a donation toward Campaign Sight First II of \$40,000 spread over five years. Pictured is Zone 3 South Campaign Sight First II Coordinator Lion Cathy Elliott and Zone 3 South Chair Lion Terry Worsell (centre) accepting the pledge from Club President Jim Melick (right).

Submitted by Lion Ralph Smith
Photo by Lion Bill Hayward

Awards



On October 21 the Shelburne & District Lions Club hosted an Appreciation Night for IPDG Ferne Osborne. As part of the program, PID Bill Moody presented the Presidential and Leadership Medals that were awarded to the District for achieving the 5 Star Award. PCC Betty Jean Finlay and IPDG Ferne Osborne received Presidential Medals while Governor Jim Kempster and PDG Andy Klonikowski received Leadership Medals.

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Innisfil Presents



Lion President Steve Haskin, left, and Lions Bill Stubbs and Diane Stubbs from the Innisfil Lions present Sue, right, from the CNIB with a cheque for \$750.

Barrie Food Bank



A \$1,000 cheque From the Barrie Lions Club was recently presented to Fred Hamelink, Director, and Christina Hodgson of the CNIB Barrie for the CNIB Early Intervention.

A \$500 cheque was also recently presented to Dennis Willer, Director of the Barrie Food by Lion Carol Ellis of the Barrie Lions Club.

Recognition



December 6th marked the 40th charter anniversary for the Magnetawan Lions club. Recognition to some members included a Helen Keller award for Lion Doug Langford, making him an honorary "Knight of the Blind". Left to right: wife Doris, Lion Doug Langford, and son Mark Langford. Also honoured were five club charter members who have continually been in the service of lionism since the club's formation forty years ago - Willard Raaflaub, Fred Schmeler, Phil Raaflaub, Joe Bernas, Lorne Hallett. A special guest at the celebration was Past Lion President, Ray King of Magnetawan, the club's first president. The evening concluded with social time and entertainment by our special guest band, "the Stovers" A wonderful evening of comraderie, community, and fun was had by all.

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth

Eye Glasses

Barrie Lions Club members presented used eye glasses to Judy Dorion of Lenscrafters to be used in the third world and the Lions continuing commitment to the Gift of Sight Program. Approximately 650 - 700 pairs collected and presented by Lion Jim Sproul and Lion Carol Ellis.



Xmas Cheer



A \$600 donation was presented to Donna Douglas of the Christmas Cheer Campaign by the Barrie Lions Club by Lion Carol Ellis. The Barrie Lions Club also presented \$500 to President Barry Dingwell of Out of the Cold Campaign by Barrie Lions Club President John Ellis, to help bring a little comfort to those less fortunate in our community.

Library Donation



Bill Fralick, Innisfil Lions Club, presents Marilyn Pillar from the Innisfil Library, with a cheque for \$750 to go toward new computers for the library. Since June 2006 to date, the Innisfil Lions have donated back into the Community \$10,600. We thank the Community for your help and support.

Submitted by Lion Sharon Hunt

Camp Cheque



Barrie Lions Club members, Carol Ellis, centre left, Lion Ethel Manning and Lion Jim Sproul presented to Joy Cattle-Jones, left, of the Canadian Diabetes Association \$500 cheques each to Camp Huronda and CDA. in November.

Dorset Melvin



Dorset Lions Club President and Charter Member Lion Jim Speers was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. PDG Doug Wilson, right, made the presentation at the club's year-end wrap up barbeque.

Submitted by Lion Marian Wilson



Bursary

Dorset Lions Club President Jim Speers presented a \$500 bursary to Dorset student Jordy Scheutze on the occasion of her high school graduation.

Submitted by Lion Marian Wilson

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Chief Presents



Lion Chief Dawn Mills presents an \$8,000 cheque to Lion Thom Herrman and Lion George Hacock at a St. Mary's Lions Breakfast. This represents the Club's full SightFirst II commitment for 2006-07.

In the photo from left to right, Lion George Hacock, Lion Chief Dawn Mills, SightFirst II Chair Lion Thom Herrman

Submitted By Lion Charlie Hulet

Hillsburgh Gets One

Hillsburgh & District Lions Club inducted a new member, Donna Muir, at their October 11th Dinner meeting. Her sponsor was PDG Doug Smith.

Cambridge Melvin



District Governor Nancy Ransom, left, along with President Ferne Lindhorst, right, Cambridge community volunteer extraordinaire, Pat Singleton, with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Africans have this thing called "UBUNTU" it is about the essence of being human, it embraces possibility, caring about others, being able to go the extra mile for the sake of others. Pat Singleton shares her life, and the role the community has had in helping her through the joy and sorrow of her journey.

Pat is the Executive Director of the Cambridge Self-Help food bank for almost 7 years. She has been a volunteer and involved in the community since the death of one of her sons in 1976. She is past vice chair of South Waterloo Housing Authority, Former board

member of Nutrition for Learning, Volunteer of the Year 1996 for the Brant County Heart and Stroke Association, Past President of Kiwanis 7:20 Espresso, Board member of Cambridge Active Self-Help.

She is widowed with 4 boy's, 2 stepchildren and a boarder collie, "Spike", Grandmother of 2 grand daughters and one grand son. In 1999 she won the Bill Struck Good Neighbour Award, Former YWCA Women of Distinction Winner in the category of Women Helping Women, 2002 Zonta International Women's Day Award, Soroptimist International of the American Eastern Canada Region, Women helping Women and 2002 Queen's Jubilee Medal award recipient.

Pat is a kind and loving women, who accepted this award, thanking her family for all they have done for her to enable her to help others.

Also receiving awards were PDG Don Gamble and wife Charlotte, representing the Galt Cambridge Lions, and several family members of the Cambridge Highlands Lions, with special "Award of Appreciation" certificates. And Lion Sharon Richards was presented with a Helen Keller Fellowship.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Brash

Community Pantry



The Fergus Lions in partnership with Reliable Motors kicked-off the 9th Annual Toy Drive in support of the Community Pantry's Christmas Hamper program. Gary Waterhouse, chairman of the Toy Drive presented Nicky Wichers director of the Community Pantry (seated front and centre) with a cheque for \$1,000. Members of the community were invited to drop of their toys at Reliable Motors.

Submitted by Lion Joe Brooks

Richards Receives Award



Cambridge Highlands Lions Club PP Margaret DeBoer presented Lion Sharon Richards with a Helen Keller Award. At the same meeting Lions Pat Bryan, Margaret DeBoer, Joan Strome, Nancy Brash and Feme Lindhorst all received their perfect attendance awards for 2005-2006.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Brash

Fall Cleanup



In October five Lions from the St. Jacobs Lions Club assisted in Fall cleanup, wheelchair ramp construction and the felling and cutting of trees at Lions Camp Dorset. Pictured are Lion Harold Geisel (left) and Lion Ralph Bast presenting Camp Manager Steve Woolman with two chain saws and safety equipment donated by Poulan Manufacturing, arranged through the Club's contacts at Home Hardware.

Submitted by Lion Dennis Lougheed

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Puppy Money

A16 Governor Lion Ray Howlett accepted a \$350 cheque from the Newmarket Lions Club President Michael Barker, in support of the District Governor's and District Lioness President's Project - LFC's Puppy Breeding Program. The presentation occurred during Governor Ray's club visitation on November 20.

Submitted by Lion Tim Gore

Lindsay Fundraiser



For many years one of the Lindsay Lions Club's annual fundraisers is its grocery raffle. This year's draws were made on December 9th at the Loblaws Market in Lindsay - a total of \$1500 in grocery gift certificates were awarded to 8 lucky winners. Some of the attendees at this year's draw were (from left to right) Lion Kris Bjerknæs, Loblaws Store Manager Margaret Maxwell, and Lions Bill Craig, Linda Craig, Gary Barnes and Bob Wilson. This year's project resulted in profits of over \$5000 and was once again capably chaired by Lion Marilynne Golden, and the main ticket sellers were Lions Marilynne along with Lion Gary Barnes.

Who Let the Dogs Out



Hosted by Lions Ron and Heather Ross, of the St. Jacobs Lions Club, a group-training program was held in October, where foster parents from as far as Kingston and Chatham came to St. Jacobs to work with each other and share their experiences. The dogs were taken throughout the Farmers' Market and the outlet mall to help them adapt to the noisy, people filled atmospheres. After the training session the dogs then went to the St. Jacobs Lions Den where the jackets and harness were removed. To see 19 future Dog Guides and two working dogs play was a highlight of the event.

Submitted by Lions PZC Ron & Heather Ross

ATV Draw



The Kinmount & District Lions Club held their annual ATV Draw in October, with a profit of \$18,320. This years winner was Wayne Hood of Lindsay. Left to right are Lion Doug King, Paul Prentice, Lion Vic Ballik, prizewinner Wayne Hood, and Club President David Anderson.

Help! Help! Help!



Lions Clubs International needs old photos, slides, negatives and film footage of Lions, Lions doing service, Lions service projects and other Lion-related images. The materials will be used for the 90th anniversary celebrations at the International Convention in Chicago this summer.

Anything before 1985 is desired. Material that is very old is especially appreciated. Do not send books or magazines that contain photos. We need the original photo, slide, etc.

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Lions may want to check with their local library or historical society to see if any Lion-related images are available.

For more information, call Jay Copp at 630-571-5466, ext. 364 or e-mail him at jay.copp@lionsclubs.org

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MD "A" PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held the evening of May 24, 2007 at the Thorndale Lions Hall, Queen St., Thorndale, Ontario, immediately following the Past District Governors' dinner.

All Members of the Past District Governors' Association and guests are invited to attend.

All Members of the Association are voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting & have the opportunity to vote on amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, election of Officers for the fiscal year July 1, 2007- June 30, 2008 & any other business of the Association.

As stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, the District Directors of the Association for the fiscal year 2007-2008 are those eligible to be Candidates as Officers of the Association for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Eric Buss PDG
Secretary-Treasurer
MD "A" Past District Governors' Association