

Aid for Blast Victims



The houses of Patsy Groulx and Mario Boutin are shown after an explosion on October 2 ripped them apart in Vankleek Hill. Some of the Vankleek Hill & District Lions Club members presented a \$3,555 cheque to Gary Barton, Mayor of Champlain County, and Councillor Paul Emile Duval. The money went to the communities Disaster Relief Fund. The moneys have been distributed to the citizens affected based on the amount of damage that they incurred.

Submitted by Lion Tony Chenel

Shawville Clarendon Fire Dept



Shawville Lions Club donated \$5000 to Shawville Clarendon Fire Department to assist with the purchase of a new fire truck. Front row centre right: Club President James Howard presents the cheque to Fire Chief Lee Lafhunbroise, along with members from the Lions Club and Fire Department.

Photo courtesy of *The Shawville Equity*

Submitted by Lion John Musgrove

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Recruiting Lions: The Right Way and Wrong Way

Let me offer a startling opinion: some of us recruit Lions in a way that's doomed to fail. Why? We sometimes invite the wrong people to join, people who either are not likely to sign up or people who will soon quit. Unfortunately, we are wasting our energy and our passion about Lions on people who will never share that same zeal.

*“Lions are
the
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We should be targeting influential, successful people in our communities. I'm thinking of entrepreneurial or educated people such as realtors, insurance agents, bank officers, school principals and administrators, pharmacists, small business owners and

others. Instead, we seem to target people who actually are more likely to need our service than those who will serve.

I often hear that “Lions are the best-kept secret.” I don't believe that's true at all. It's just that many of the people we recruit aren't fully familiar with Lions. On the other hand, successful, ambitious, community-oriented people have definitely heard of us. Recruiting them is that much more likely to be fruitful because of this understanding of who we are.

We also frequently err regarding how we recruit people. Let's not start the conversation by inviting them to a meeting. People don't want to be part of meetings. They want something deeper and more meaningful. First, acknowledge their talents and abilities. Isn't that what drew you to them? There's nothing wrong with a little flattery. Then tell them you know of a great opportunity to exercise these talents and abilities, a role that provides service to others and improves their own community.

What I'm advocating is a paradigm shift in how we think about Lions and how we approach others to join us. For too long, we have used the tried-and-true

method of “recruiting down.” We lack confidence in Lions clubs, so we approach people who seem to be in need of joining a group instead of people higher up on the prestige scale with obvious gifts and talents. Let's not sell Lions short! When we don't fare as well as we like in recruiting, it's more a case of a self-fulfilling prophecy than in not having an attractive cause. If we truly believe in Lions, others will, too.

The reality about recruiting is that people want three things. We're social animals, so we want to be around like-minded people. Secondly, we want to be part of a project or mission important to their peers. Thirdly, we want that project or mission to be successful. No one wants to spend his or her time and energy on something that will fail. The beauty of all this is that a Lions club fulfills all three of these conditions. We can't go wrong if we recruit the right people in the right way. Good luck and much success on recruiting!



Area Lion Wins 3rd Highest Award

PDG Joe Madacsi received the 3rd highest award given by Lions International, the International Leadership Medal, in recognition of his distinguished leadership. The medal was issued by International President Jimmy M. Ross and was presented at the District A1 Convention. It was presented by the International guest for the weekend ID David E. Stoufer from Washington, Iowa and DG David Balmos of Windsor, Ontario.



Left to right: DG David Balmos, PDG Joe Madacsi and ID David E. Stoufer.

Lions in the Limelight

A Dozen Ways to Make Your Club More Visible

by Jay Copp

Eighty percent of success is showing up, Woody Allen famously remarked. The comedian may have been joking but what he said was true. There is no substitute for being present. It's true when it comes to humor—"You had to be there." It's true for politicians who want to get elected, so they press the flesh. It's true for parents who want to raise good kids-being with them is essential. It's true for sales people, who often can't close the deal without personal contact.

So, too, do Lions clubs need to "show up" and be seen within the community. Visibility leads to credibility and credibility leads to, well, you name it. Increased membership. Greater turnout from the public at fund-raisers. Higher morale among Lions. A more positive experience to being a Lion.

The best way to be visible is through service projects, of course. Touching someone's heart leaves an indelible impression. But aside from actual service, there are other ways for Lions to make their presence known in the community. The trick is to break free from the clutter. So many groups are vying for attention in the press. It's hard to get noticed.

So here are some new, thinking-out-of-the-box ideas for making your club better known and more effective. Not all of them may work for your club. But only one has to in order for your club to leap ahead from Point A to Point B, or even Point Z, in making itself visible.

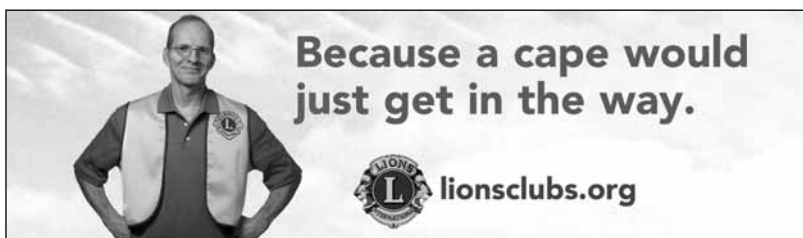
The next step is to act on these ideas. As they say in China, talk does not cook the rice. Or as Helen Keller said, "I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I must not fail to do the something that I can do."

Art of Advertising

Lions Clubs International (LCI) designed ads for bus stops in Chicago that will be used during the international convention this summer, but Lions also can use the art for posters, flyers and even billboards. Visit the LCI Web site (www.lionsclubs.org) after June to download the art.

Billboard Bonanza

LCI also has billboard ads clubs can use free of charge. Billboard companies often will offer non-profits a lower rate or may even offer billboard space free of charge. The billboard company in your community can download the artwork from the LCI Web site.



Take Note, Classmates

OK, so maybe you don't want to boast about your job or family. Or, even if you do, write a class note for your high school or college alumni newsletter and mention your role as a Lion. Don't forget to include a brief summary of how you assisted the club on one of its noteworthy projects.



Honorable Mentions

Awards given to prominent people make news as well as strengthen relationships. So have your club honor an important person in the community such as a mayor who either helped make possible a successful Lions' project or generally personifies the "We Serve" spirit. For the price of a plaque, your club can generate publicity and good will.

Collect Glasses-and New Members

Eyeglass collection boxes (a set of 10 for \$58.35 available from Club Supplies at international headquarters) not only bring the gift of vision to others but also serve as constant reminders of the valuable presence of Lions in the community. Better yet, affix a tear sheet to the box with your club's contact information including a Web site address.



Recycling of Another Kind

After you've read it cover to cover, of course, leave THE LION Magazine behind at the doctor or dentist's office. Libraries also often give away old magazines. Cover the address label with contact information on your club or tuck a flyer inside.



Mark Your Territory

Where the public gathers, Lions ought to consider making their mark. Let folks know they're in Lion country. For example, in San Antonio, Texas, on the observation deck of the Tower of the Americas, a 622-foot-tall landmark, are 11 telescopes that benefit Lions at 50 cents a gawk. Visitors see not only the city below but also gain some insight into how Lions are integrated into the community. Likewise, the Depew Lions in New York placed clever Lions' ads in local basketball programs and programs of other community events.



Meetings Matter

Newspapers want to know what people-in-the-know know. So invite an especially interesting and relevant speaker to your next meeting. Consider a business leader, a college professor who is an expert on a newsworthy topic, an elected official, an author or artist, or a veteran. Pitch reporters and columnists at least a week before the speech.

Air Fare

Wouldn't it be great if people could turn on their TV or radio and see or hear a short but sweet spot about Lions? Well, they can. LCI has free public service announcements about Lions that stations can download. To get the ball rolling, talk to the public service director or community affairs director at your local TV and radio stations.



Picture-Perfect Lions

Create eye-catching posters, flyers and billboards with images of Lions in the shape of eyeglasses, a house and a mortarboard, signifying Lions' service work. The artwork (see sidebar) is available free of charge on the LCI Web site.

Release and Catch Publicity

You don't have to be a public relations guru to gain the press coverage your club deserves. LCI offers two dozen fill-in-the-blanks press releases to help your club publicize its projects, fund-raisers, achievements and anniversaries. The releases are on the Web awaiting your download.

Preach to the Choir

Sometimes Lions need to be reminded just how important they are. LCI has a library of short but compelling DVDs including "Lions Make a Difference Everyday ... Everywhere," "New Glasses, New Life" and "LCIF: Serving the World Community ... and Your Community." Visit the Web site to order. A movie can help spice up a meeting. After the showing, donate the DVD to the local library so the entire community has the opportunity to appreciate Lions.



The Story Behind the New Lions' Ads

Got Lions?

The clever ad campaign that uses images of yellow-vested Lions in the shapes of eyeglasses, a home and a mortarboard was created by the son of a Lion. Gary Mueller of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the creative director of an ad agency, came up with the idea to use Lions to signify the service of Lions: the eyeglasses provided, the homes built after natural disasters and the support for education.

Helping non-profits is an avocation of Mueller: he heads Serve, a non-profit advertising and marketing agency that assists "underserved causes" such as the Shaken Baby Association and the Brain Injury Association of America.

Seeing his father in action, Mueller knew and admired the work of Lions. But he realized that the public awareness of Lions was lacking. So he told his father he wanted to design a series of posters.

"I don't think Lions are underserved," says Mueller. "It's a giant organization that's getting older. It's not getting the attention it deserves. People who could be Lions, who should be Lions, don't understand who they are and what they do."

Mueller used about 50 people to do the three posters. Some were from a talent agency and others were friends of co-workers of Mueller or acquaintances. Everyone donated his or her time.



Gary Mueller, the son of a Lion, doesn't want Lions to be fenced in by stale promotional ideas.

The art work used for the posters also can be used for billboards, bus stop signs, etc. The art can be downloaded from www.lionsclubs.org.

Mueller's father, also named Gary, belongs to the Crandon Lions Club in northern Wisconsin. Gary likes the posters created by his son and appreciates the time his son contributes to a Lions' fund-raiser in Crandon. He's still working on him becoming a Lion. "He works about 20 hours a day, so he's real busy. But you never know."

To see these unique ads, flip to the inside back cover.

Biography of MDA Treasurer D.G. Jim Lemoire

Gov. Jim Lemoire joined Lionism with the Trenton Lions Club in Jan. 1989. Lion Jim has been active in his club, maintaining perfect attendance, chairing many committees and a member of the Board of Directors for 17 years in various capacities including Treasurer and Club President. His club has recognized Jim with a Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion of the Year, a membership key and the Province of Ontario volunteer award

Lion Jim is committed to Lionism and has served the District A3 as the Audit Chairman, and then for six terms as Cabinet Treasurer. He has been treasurer/registrar for both the A3 summer conference and A3 Convention. Gov. Jim has attended all of District A-3 Conventions and Summer Conferences since 1989, as well as many MDA conventions and MDA Forums. For his efforts at the district A3 level, Jim has received Governor's Certificates of

Appreciation for both audit & treasurer. He has also received an International President's award, an international Leadership metal and two International President's Certificates of Appreciation from LCI.

Gov Jim has served MDA as a member of the governor's council as VDG in 2005-06 and as District Governor in 2006-2007. He has been selected as the MDA Treasurer for 2007-2008 and his appointment will run until the end of the 2011-2012 Lions Year.

Before retiring in Jan 2003, Gov. Jim was employed with the Correctional Service of Canada for 29 years, primarily as Assistant Warden (Finance), and the Business Manager of Corcan (Prison Industries) at Warkworth Institution. He is the recipient of the Solicitor General's Distinguished Service Medal, the Queens 50th year commemorative medal for his commitment to that service. Gov Jim is



currently self-employed running a small bookkeeping service from his home.

Governor Jim and his wife Lion Nancy have four grown children, three boys, one girl and have three grandsons and a granddaughter. They enjoy their family, traveling together, reading and quiet times.

LCIF's Highest Honour: The Melvin Jones Fellowship

by Therese Boehl

How many Lions does it take to exemplify the outstanding commitment of Lions Clubs International Foundation and the causes it supports? Roughly 250,000 worldwide. That's the number of Lions who have been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest honor available from LCIF. Begun in 1968, LCIF has provided funding for many humanitarian service projects, both locally and worldwide. The foundation provided grants totaling \$38.5 million last year alone. Without the generous donations from Lions, however, such projects would not be possible.

Contributions by Lions comprise the majority of LCIF's funds, directly impacting the assistance that LCIF is able to provide. For this reason, the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) was established in 1973 as a way for Lions to support LCIF projects, some of which are too big for individual clubs to sponsor on their own.

The MJF, named after Lions Clubs International founder Melvin Jones, is awarded to individuals who donate \$1,000 to LCIF, as well as to people in whose name a donation was made. The fellowship is a great way for Lions to show their ongoing commitment to LCIF.

Lions who donate can be sure that their contribution will directly impact humanitarian service; every dollar donated to LCIF goes toward a grant, not toward administrative or other costs. Projects such as Campaign SightFirst, which helped combat eye conditions such as cataract, glaucoma, river blindness and trachoma, would not have been as successful without Melvin Jones Fellows, whose donations comprised most of the funding for this campaign. Their contributions continue to help Lions build and equip schools and health clinics, construct senior citizen centers and provide relief for disaster victims.

Recognition

For their contribution, each Melvin Jones Fellow receives an attractive lapel



Lions from Marbella Puerto Banus Cosmopolite Lions Club accept their MJF plaques. They became Spain's first 100% club in January.

pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter, which arrives several weeks after the fellowship request is processed. Additionally, MJFs are invited to attend the Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon at the international convention, where MJFs are honored every year. Also, a rotating computer list of donors is on display in the MJF room at international headquarters, where fellows are always welcome to visit.

For fellows who want to extend their contributions, each additional donation of \$1,000 qualifies them for the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship program, where they will receive a new lapel pin and congratulatory letter. There are 100 levels in the Progressive program, so every additional donation is recognized. To date, there are 43,400 PMJFs worldwide.

A Long History

The first Melvin Jones Fellowships were awarded in 1973-1974 to Lions William G. Clayton, Florida, and Dr. Luciano Nunziante, Bari, Italy. Since then, many more fellowships have been awarded.

Kazuhiro Seno, of the Imabari Lions Club in District 336-A, Japan, recently became the 250,000th Melvin Jones Fellow after his donation of \$1,000 to LCIF. "It is an honor for me to become the 250,000th Melvin Jones Fellow," he said. Seno has been a Lions Club

member for three years, and his club has a total of 92 MJFs.

Seno designated his donation to Campaign SightFirst II, and every Lion in his club made a \$500 per member pledge to the campaign. "We understand that CSFII is a very important event for Lions," he said. Thousands of Lions such as Seno will enable Campaign SightFirst II to continue to address the problem of global blindness.

Lions are known for their generosity to LCIF, so it's not surprising that so many have been honored with an MJF. When every member of a Lions club is named a Melvin Jones Fellow, the club becomes a 100% Melvin Jones Fellow club. Larry Dansereau of the Calgary Southridge Lions Club in District 37-0, Alberta, Canada, is the president of one such club awarded this honor in 2006.

A Lion for 31 years and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Dansereau encourages others to become Melvin Jones Fellows. "Disasters happen all over the world, and we must all help and give support. I encourage all clubs to support LCIF." Dansereau also believes that the benefit of giving to LCIF is that donors know the money is going to a good cause. "We support all of what Lions do," he said. While he is an active member of other organizations and helps with other community service projects, his dedication to Lions clubs is strong. "Lions is my first calling," he said.

Lions in his club have donated to Campaign SightFirst and typically donate more than \$80,000 a year to the community. He believes that being a 100% club says a lot about the commitment of his club members. "In the community, it makes us a stronger club." It also helps with member retention, as well as recruiting new members, he said. "Someone has to help make the community a better place," Dansereau said. "Give your support; that's what it's all about."

To learn more about the Melvin Jones Fellowship program or to download an application form, visit www.lcif.org.



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How to Become a Melvin Jones Fellow

To apply for the fellowship, download the MJF Application Form (LCIF-42M) from the Web site and mail when completed, accompanied by the donation.

Checks, money orders, bank deposits and credit cards are all acceptable methods of payment.

Lions and non-Lions as well as clubs or districts can make contributions.

A recipient can be named at a later date, but the fellowship is awarded to individuals only.

Donations are accepted in one sum or in installments of at least \$100 over a maximum of five years (as long as the donation is specified as an installment).

Melvin Jones Fellows receive an attractive lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.



Restoring Sight, Delivering Hope in Kenya



by Nicole Brown

A retired teacher, Isiah Njiru tilled the soil until he was no longer able to farm because of loss of sight in one eye. He heard about a Lions-conducted screening through signs posted in his church in Embu Town, Kenya, and he traveled 87 miles to take part in the screening camp. If it meant saving his sight, no distance was too far to travel, he said.

At the screening, a cataract was found. A clouding of the eye's natural lens, a cataract starts out small and initially has little effect. Over time the cloudiness and blurriness increases, eventually impairing vision. After cataract surgery, Njiru can now see clearly out of both eyes again. "I am thankful to the Lions for restoring my sight," he said. "I can now return to work; I can help my people more."

Njiru's cataract surgery was made possible through a SightFirst grant that built and equipped the Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital (LSFEH) in Loresho, Nairobi, Kenya. A one-story, 20,000-

square-foot hospital with 50 beds was first constructed and equipped in 1994 through a SightFirst grant for \$1.98 million. Since that time the hospital has grown significantly, increasing the number of patients seen each year. The hospital now trains post-graduate students from the University of Nairobi, runs an optical shop and offers limited services for diabetic retinopathy.

SightFirst funding also covered expenses to train additional staff members and financially supports the hospital's outreach program, which began in 1998. Through this outreach program, people such as Njiru are screened at camps in outlying villages and brought to the hospital for follow up care and surgery when needed.

In its first years, LSFEH performed fewer than 400 cataract surgeries annually. By 2003, that number rose to nearly 5,000 people. LSFEH now performs 37 percent of all cataract surgeries in Kenya.

More than 90,000 people visit the hospital annually, and 90 percent of surgeries and procedures are free. Now a

two-floor facility, the hospital has one floor dedicated to paying patients, who help fund the hospital's free services.

At the recent expansion inauguration, LCIF Chairperson Dr. Ashok Mehta said, "This is the most modern Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital in Africa, and we are extremely proud to be part of such a wonderful example of Lions' commitment to their community."

Lions in Nairobi play an integral role in the hospital, conducting numerous screening camps each year. Lions also manage the day-to-day operations and comprise the hospital's board.

The hospital has filled a great need in the community by bringing vision services and eye health care to those who previously could not afford treatment. On average, just \$6 can restore sight to someone such as Njiru. The care is priceless to Njiru and the 7.1 million people worldwide who have had their sight restored through LCIF SightFirst funded cataract surgeries.

From the Desk of I.D. Terry Graham

I hope this message finds everyone in good health. Lion Jean and I have been busy with visits to different parts of Canada and the United States. As we finish our two-year term, our last convention will be Multiple District 5, which will be held in Regina. It is ironic that our first convention was also in the Regina area. The Multiple District 5 convention will be the final convention in Western Canada to endorse a candidate to represent Canada on the International Board for the next two years. It seems a long time ago that we were in Toronto standing on the stage after being endorsed by the Lions of MDA. Sitting on the board was well worth the security inspections, delayed and missed connections, and the many meals in the airport. Listing the memories would take up most of the Lion's magazine. Some conventions were better attended than others. To the Lions that came to celebrate, the number in attendance had little to do with the fun and fellowship that was enjoyed by all. To the district governor, the convention was an opportunity to say thank you for the hospitality during club visits, thank you for the increase in membership, and thank you to his or her spouse. At the end of each convention, we said our good-byes and left with many more friends only hoping to meet at another Lions event. The conventions were definitely the highlight of the two years.

We are in the final 13 months of our Campaign SightFirst II. From the kick-off of the campaign, it was anticipated that 60% of the Lions clubs would take an active role in contributing to CSFII. To date Canada has only 22% of our clubs making a contribution to CSFII. If I came to your next meeting, and told you for US\$6.00 we can save the sight of a child or give sight to a man so he could work or give sight to a grandparent who has never seen their grandchildren, would you help? For US\$600 dollars you could bring light to 100 people, for US\$1,000 you could save the sight of 170 and reward a deserving Lion in your club with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. As a new Lion, I took an active role in Campaign SightFirst as a zone coordinator. I know the generosity of our Lions members. Ask your club President

if your club is involved in this campaign. Let's make CSFII a great success in Canada.

Our Spring Board meeting was in San Antonio, Texas, home multiple of President Jimmy Ross. President Ross shortened the board meeting to four days in an effort to cut down on expenses. That made for long meeting days, however the setting was beautiful. The hotel was on the River-Walk. The River-Walk is a series of canals that wind through the city. We enjoyed a dinner cruise with stops along the way to bring food on board. You couldn't go to Texas without seeing a rodeo. We went to a BBQ and rodeo with good food, music and line dancing. Lion Jean appreciated the food as compared to the cuisine in India and China.

The following is a summary of the board actions and resolutions to be approved at the International Convention.

Each board meeting we have to approve the cancellation of Lions Clubs. With regret the board cancelled 250 Clubs for a total of 3,796 members.

The word Transitional District will be deleted from the Board Policy Manual. The word transitional has a negative connotation. Districts will be referred to as "established districts below 35/1250 requirement". This will not change the requirements for endorsing an International Director or 2nd VP. Districts that are below 35/1250 will be allowed to elect their district governor.

In some areas of the world the districts are using 2 Vice District Governors. The resolution will be to allow 2 VDG if the district elects to do so. Only one VDG will be registered with LCI and shall be the official candidate for the office of district governor. This will allow more leadership in larger areas and districts with many clubs.

The board approved the site of the 2012 International Convention to be Busan, Korea. Unfortunately our bid to have the convention was not accepted and I want to thank the Lions who worked hard to bring the convention to Toronto.

There were several LCIF grants approved for Canada. District A5 received a US\$75,000 grant for



equipment to upgrade the Lions Ophthalmology Clinic.

The board structure will be change to have a new director in Europe, Isaame, and Oseal areas. The United States and South America will lose a director and one board appointee will be lost. This will not affect our Canadian directorship.

New Student Membership category: This will allow students to be exempt from charter and entrance fees and pay half the per capita dues. Students will be defined as enrolled in an educational institute between the age of majority and 28 years old. This would be beneficial for Campus clubs but it would also allow a student to belong to your Lions club. For Campus clubs, the policy will allow for longer billing adjustment period up until October 15 for the July 1 billing and April 15 for the January billing to fit into the campus schedule. The Student category will allow full rights and privileges as an active member.

For Public Relations the District Matching Grant Program has been increased from US\$1,500 to US\$1,750 beginning in July 2007. This grant can be used for advertisements and the placement of public service announcements.

Plans are underway to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Leo program. The Leos will have many events to help them highlight their success at the International Convention in Chicago.

It is a pleasure and an honour to represent Canada on the board and we continue to wave the Canadian flag wherever we travel.

As I have said many times before, thank you for the opportunity to raise my level of commitment to the Lions of MDA and the world.

Be well - Safe travels.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Terry Graham

Lion Literally Gives Right Eye for Research

by Jay Copp

A longtime Lion who worked on vision projects has donated his right eye for research on macular degeneration. Terry Stidman, 52, of Spirit Lake, Idaho, suffers from terminal cancer and underwent a grueling, disfiguring, 15-hour operation in February that removed the diseased but still functioning eye.

"It's not a big deal. I was going to lose my eye anyway," said Stidman from his hospital bed in intensive care. "I'm excited about helping a lot of people."

Stidman's eye will help researchers at John A. Moran Eye Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, develop a blood test to show a person's risk for macular degeneration, the leading cause of vision loss among the elderly in the United States. Stidman's donation is a huge help to researchers. Virtually all eye tissue in the United States is supplied by dead donors. Researcher Dr. Kang Zhang of the Moran center said he last received a living donation of an eye three years ago, according to the Associated Press.

A past district governor, Stidman learned in 1994 that he had a rare adenoidal cystic cancer. "Four years ago the doctors told me I had three years to live. I'm on borrowed time. I'm past the dead zone," he said.

Soft tissue taken from his leg now covers the area once occupied by his right eye. The cancer was too far advanced for a bone replacement to anchor an artificial eye. Stidman has yet

to look in the mirror. Nor have his two toddler grandchildren seen him yet. "I am worried about them and how they'll react," he said.

On the other hand, the operation considerably lessened the pain radiating from the eye area and brought back his voice: Stidman is an accomplished guitar player who took part in a talent show at the 2005 international convention in Hong Kong. "I was on 300 milligrams of morphine a day. That's down to 30," he said.

A complication after the operation was a lack of blood in the patched area. Doctors used leeches to increase the blood flow there.

Stidman initiated his eye donation by contacting the Northwest Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Its SightLife eye bank in Seattle worked with the Utah Lions Eye Bank to place his eye with the Moran center. Dr. Zhang said Stidman's eye will yield as many as 1,000 sections over the next seven years.

Not long before the operation, Stidman, a former Marine whose last job was driving a delivery truck in Spokane, learned two of his friends suffered from macular degeneration. "They said, 'Wow, this [his donation] might help me out,'" Stidman recalled.

Evelyn Clark, a friend of Stidman's who was at his bedside, said she wasn't at all surprised when he told her about his intent to donate his eye. "Helping others is his passion," she said. "He loves people more than his life. That's what he always says. That's who he is and what he believes."



Before he became too ill, Terry Stidman enjoyed entertaining Lions at official gatherings.



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If you have not been to Lake Jo yet, please come out and experience this wonderful facility for yourself. If you already have, come back and enjoy the exciting line-up of entertainment, mingle with CNIB staff and members from other clubs - but most importantly, just relax and enjoy the majestic beauty of the Muskokas. As many of you are aware, Lake Jo has been undergoing an exciting transformation, so this year's Lions Appreciation Day will also provide you with an opportunity to experience the renovated facilities first-hand.

The schedule of events for the day is as follows:

Arrival and Check-in	2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Activities/ Meet & Greet	3:00 pm - 4:15 pm
Formal Recognition	4:30 pm
Dinner	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Campfire/ Fun activities	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

* Cash Bar closes at 9:00 pm

There are 96 beds available for overnight stay, with a limit of two per club, assigned on a first come first served basis. To reserve one of these, please contact your local club's President. For guests staying overnight the check out time is 9:00 am sharp to accommodate incoming guests. Please note that no camping will be allowed due to construction.



To RSVP or to find out more about the event, please contact Jacqueline Harrison, Manager, CNIB Lake Joseph Centre at 705 375 2630 or at lakejo@cnib.ca.

It is our sincere hope that you will join us in this tribute to the world's largest service organization, The Lions. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Lake Jo!

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Sweet Sounds of Success

Mississippi Lions All-State Band Hits All the Right Notes

By Jennifer Spann

Pearl High School in central Mississippi buzzed with activity on a recent chilly Saturday morning. A quick glance at the license plates around the parking lot indicated this wasn't a typical school event. Students from across Mississippi converged on Pearl for the chance at a coveted spot in the state's most prestigious band, the Mississippi Lions All-State Band. Anxious parents and students filled the school's lobby and corridors waiting for a turn to perform or to hear who made the final cut.

"A few words come to mind when I think about the Mississippi Lions All-State Band: commitment, pride, class and great musicians," said Gary Cook, a former director and manager for the band and still a pivotal part of each year's selection process. Cook has been involved with the band since he was first chair euphonium in 1957. "This band had such an impact on my life. I saw how it motivated and inspired me and I wanted my students and others to have the same experience."

The Mississippi Lions All-State Band, established in 1949 under the leadership of Roy Martin, has been a symbol of excellence for over five decades. A collaborative effort between the Lions of Mississippi, high school

music teachers, and parents and students throughout the state, the band serves a twofold mission: to offer band students the opportunity to perform with the finest musicians in the state and to represent Mississippi Lions in the international parade at the Lions' international convention. Mississippi has won the parade championship 24 times, and in 2006 it became the first band to win four consecutive championships.

High school students (ninth through twelfth grade) are eligible to audition for the Lions Band each January. Between 750 and 1,000 students participate in the first round of auditions and roughly 300 are invited back for the final round two weeks later. A total of 145 students are selected for the band.



Band members train rigorously.

"Musically, nothing is as competitive for these kids," said Glen Buckalew, band director and fine arts coordinator for Gulfport High School. A member in 1973 and 1974 and an instructor from 1984-1986, Buckalew understands the depth of the Lions Band experience. "This organization has done more to promote band growth in the state than any other single thing. I encourage all of my students to try out. It's an experience that they'll take with them the rest of their lives."

Lion member Stanley Crow echoes those sentiments. "Not only does the Lions All-State Band push students to excel, it raises the bar for teaching standards." Crow, a retired band director at Water Valley High School and former Lions Band member, recalled his first experience many years ago judging the auditions. "I didn't feel qualified. Listening to those kids, I realized that I wasn't pushing my own students hard enough."

As a Lion, Crow also recognizes how the band demonstrates Lions' mission to impact all spectrums of the community. "With everything from providing various eye care programs to sponsoring the All-State Band, Lions touch everyone from those in need to those, like our band students, who will someday give back to their communities."



The Mississippi Lions All-State Band performs around the world.

Sometimes the service is purely personal and one-on-one. Crow recounted with amusement how he was called in earlier in the day for an emergency with a “sick” clarinet moments before a student’s audition. “I always travel with my tools. You never know when an instrument will need a repair, especially during such a crucial time,” he said. Thanks to Crow, the audition was a success.

Jeff Cannon, director and manager for the Lions Band and a band member in 1974, also believes in the power of this band. “Lions All-State Band was a life-changing experience for me. It was a chance to be with other students who were as intense about music as I was. This band literally turned my life around and helped me realize there was another side to life, a positive side.”

Quick to point out that the band is about more than simply musicianship or an opportunity to travel, Cannon noted, “These kids are not only great musicians; they’re great students.” The state’s average score for the ACT is 19. For Lions Band members, the average is 27. “That supports the idea that music students make better students in general,” said Cannon. “They have full brain involvement and it shows in all areas of their lives, especially academics.”

One of those bright young minds is Lindsay Mask, a senior clarinetist from Kossuth High School in Corinth. Passionate about the Lions Band, Mask auditioned as an eighth grader “just for

the experience.” Upon learning that she was only two away from being called back, she was determined to earn a coveted position in the band the following year.

Now participating for her fourth and final year, Mask revealed that the experience is still nerve-racking. “This means so much to me that my hands shake during the auditions just like the very first time I tried out,” she said. After graduation, Mask plans to attend the University of Mississippi majoring in music education, and she hopes to pursue her master’s and doctorate degrees as well.

With a position on the Lions Band comes much more than the opportunity to play with the best musicians. In recent years, the band performed in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, France, Italy, Mexico and South Africa along with many venues in the United States.

Senior Christopher Rodgers was also auditioning for the fourth time. A trombonist from Oxford, Rodgers is excited to be a part of the Lions Band heritage. “The band helped to show me that I can do music, have a great time and be serious about it while still doing well academically.” Rodgers recently interviewed with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Rodgers’ mother, Diane Wang, is also pleased that Rodgers is a part of such a distinguished organization. “As a parent, we always want our kids to hang out with the right crowd,” she said. “I have no worries when it comes to the



Band members dress, as well as play, sharply.

Lions Band. I know that he’s with other kids his age that can get together, inspire each other and have a great time.”

Their musical talent also amazes her. “I was blown away by the first performance I heard. The entire organization has really impressed me. Everyone works so hard to give the kids the opportunity to excel. It’s inspiring to see Christopher with kids with the same ideas and goals working together.”

Mississippi Band One Among Many

Lions in many states sponsor successful all-state bands including Alabama, Georgia, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico and Pennsylvania. The bands play at public events such as parades, concerts and football games, for people in need of encouragement such as at nursing homes and hospitals, and at Lions’ gatherings such as state conventions and the international convention.

The outstanding Michigan All State Band was formed in 1978 after Ralph Lynam of St. Johns, Michigan, was chosen as international president. From 1948 to 1977, Lions in Michigan had selected a high school band to represent them at the international convention. The current band averages between 90 and 110 students.



Each of the band members is highly talented.

Buckalew agrees that participating in the Lions Band creates a sense of identity and community among the students. "Band is the only class where to be successful, every student has to make an 'A.' It's all about group effort. That's what the Mississippi Lions Band is all about for these kids," said Buckalew.

That team spirit is forged during a grueling, week long training session scheduled in the summer about one month before the convention. With 9 1/2-hour days, the students work nonstop to perfect music and marching routines along with special selections for a concert to salute parents, friends and Lions before their departure for the convention.

Rodgers was struck by how difficult it was getting through his first year's rehearsal. Sweltering temperatures, unrelenting humidity and the pressure to excel create an intense environment. "I didn't expect it to be so tough, but it's worth it because the band's so good. As the week goes on though, we're able to have a little fun," he said.

The Mississippi Lions All-State Band has become one of the bands to watch during the international conventions. Crowds from around the globe have chanted, "Mississippi! Number One!" as the band marches down the street during the parade. They'll be defending that record in Chicago this summer.

Despite the wins, Cook noted that the competition feels like a new experience each year. "We have a great appreciation and respect for the many other All-State Bands that represent their districts each year. They are an integral part of the pageantry that symbolizes the international Lions family and perform with class, dignity and a superior level of discipline and musicianship. Mississippi looks forward to performing with them each year."

A Lions' Musical Legacy

Charlotte Puckett is a classic Southern lady with perfectly coiffed hair, a genteel demeanor and a charming drawl. But her eyes light up with uncommon passion when she begins to talk about her days with the Mississippi Lions All-State Band. "My husband laughs at me, because I tear up every time I talk about this band," Puckett said with a chuckle. "Music is in my blood and I love this band."

"I've heard these stories for 30 years," said her husband, Jim. "I can tell them almost as well as she can."

The first student from her hometown of Morton to be selected for the band, Puckett played B-flat clarinet in 1964 and 1965. "The Lions Band offered me the opportunity to strive for excellence," she said. "I was able to reach my fullest potential on my instrument and develop treasured friendships that have turned into lifetime relationships."

With her selection as an All-State Band member, Puckett also received a scholarship to Mississippi State University to play with the renowned Maroon Band. Students continue to receive scholarship funds today. Members of the All-State Band are guaranteed a two-year scholarship to any of the state's community colleges and many four-year institutions in Mississippi also offer assistance.

With her All-State Band experience, Puckett, a retired history teacher, said she was able to accomplish all her goals, except one. "I wanted to be a high school band director. But in the 1960s, only men had those positions." That dream would be realized in a different way years later.

Puckett's daughter, Amanda, was so inspired by her mother's experience that she auditioned and was selected for the All-State band three times in the 1990s. During that time, she met her future husband, who is currently a band director.

"I'm living my dream through my son-in-law," Puckett noted with obvious delight. "I'm glad that I could set a tradition for my family and gain a wonderful son in the process."

Puckett and her husband still play an active role with the band as fundraisers and general supporters. Last summer, the band rehearsed near their hometown, so the pair spoiled the kids with pizza and other treats throughout the weeklong training.

"These kids are the best ambassadors for the Mississippi Lions in the world," added Jim. "We're proud to take care of them."



The band took home a first-place trophy from the Boston convention.

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The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2007 International Convention.

ITEM 1: A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO REALLOCATE REPRESENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BOARD APPOINTEES.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That effective for the election of International Directors at the 2008 International Convention and each even-numbered year thereafter, Article IV, Section 4 of the International Constitution shall be amended by deleting the second paragraph and substituting the following:

In each even-numbered year, seventeen (17) directors shall be elected, consisting of two (2) from clubs in India, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East; one (1) from clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Islands of the South Pacific; three (3) from clubs in Europe; three (3) from clubs in the Orient and Southeast Asia; one (1) from clubs in South America, Central America, Mexico and Islands of the Caribbean Sea; and seven (7) from clubs in the United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That effective for the election of International Directors at the 2009 International Convention and each odd-numbered year thereafter, Article IV, Section 4 of the International Constitution shall be amended by deleting the third paragraph and substituting the following:

In each odd-numbered year, seventeen (17) directors shall be elected, consisting of two (2) from clubs in India, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East; one (1) from clubs in Canada; three (3)

from clubs in Europe; three (3) from clubs in the Orient and Southeast Asia; one (1) from clubs in South America, Central America, Mexico and Islands of the Caribbean Sea; and seven (7) from clubs in the United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That effective for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year thereafter, Article VII, Section 5 of the International By-Laws shall be amended by deleting the phrase "seven (7)" as it appears in Line 8 and substituting the phrase "six (6)".

ITEM 2: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STUDENT DUES RATE TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH FOR STUDENT FRIENDLY CLUBS AND CAMPUS CLUBS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article VIII, Sections 2(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the International Constitution shall be amended by deleting the phrase "sub-section (f)" and substituting the phrase "sub-sections (f) and (g)".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article VIII, Section 2 of the International Constitution shall be amended by inserting the following as a new sub-section (g):

(g) For student membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay a semi-annual per capita tax equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount of dues as provided in sub-sections (a), (c) and (d) above.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS CONCERN THE INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS ONLY

ITEM 3: A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article IX, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws shall be amended by deleting the present language and substituting the following:

(a) The International Board of Directors shall provide for an annual audit of the books and accounts of the association by certified public accountants.

ITEM 4: A RESOLUTION TO REDEFINE THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, REGION CHAIRPERSON AND ZONE CHAIRPERSON.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 5(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the present sub-sections (1) through (5) and substituting the following:

(1) Further the purposes of this association.

(2) Actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote effective membership growth and new club organization.

(3) Actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote leadership development at the club and district levels.

(4) Support and promote the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

(5) Preside, when present, over the district convention, and cabinet and other district meetings.

(6) Perform such other functions as required by the International Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 5(b) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the present sub-sections (1) through (9) and substituting the following:

(1) Further the purposes of this association.

(2) Play an active role in membership development including extension of new clubs and leadership development within district.

(3) Become familiar with the duties of the district governor so in the event of a vacancy in the office of district governor he/she will be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said office.

(4) Perform such administrative duties as may be assigned by the district governor.

(5) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required of him/her by the International Board of Directors through a vice district governor's manual and other directives.

(6) Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor.

(7) Participate in council of governors meetings as appropriate.

(8) Participate in the preparation of the district budget.

(9) Engage actively in all matters to be continued during the next year.

(10) Participate in the review of the strengths and weaknesses of the clubs of the district.

(11) At the request of the district governor supervise appropriate district committees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 5(c) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the present sub-sections (1) through (4) and substituting the following:

(1) Further the purposes of this association.

(2) Supervise the activities of the zone chairpersons in his/her region and such district committee chairperson as may be assigned by the district governor.

(3) Play an active role in membership development including organization of new clubs and strengthening of clubs in the district.

(4) Play an active role in leadership development at the club level.

(5) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required by the International Board of Directors

through the district officers manual and other directives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 5(d) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the present sub-sections (1) through (4) and substituting the following:

(1) Further the purposes of this association.

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(2) Serve as chairperson of the district governor's advisory committee in his/her zone and as such chairperson to call regular meeting of said committee.

(3) Play an active role in membership development including extension of new clubs.

(4) Play an active role in leadership development at the club level.

(5) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required by the International Board of Directors through the district officers manual and other directives.

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Byron Lions Induct MPP for London West



In recognition of his commitment to the community, the Byron Lions Club were pleased MP Chris Bentley accepted their invitation to become a member of the largest service organization in the world, Lions Clubs International.

Prior to becoming the member of parliament for London West and subsequently his appointment as Minister of Labour, and currently as Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities, Chris has played an active role within the community. As a lawyer, he is a fervent advocate of the law process and providing legal access to all persons, regardless of income. Following this passion for the law, Chris helped to establish the Law School Careers Office, lectured at education courses for judges, crown attorneys, the police and defence counsel, and has written a book on criminal law. He was on the organizing

committee and was the first chairperson of Neighbourhood Legal Services London & Middlesex. He has also found time to combine his love of running - he has completed 3 Boston Marathons - with fundraising, as a regular participant in the 24-hour relay to raise funds for London's hospitals.

During the official Lions' induction ceremony, conducted by RC Bart Andrews, Club President Ray Pelletier, Guiding Lion PDG Dale Taylor and newest Byron member Lion Rick Hales introduced Lion Cub Chris to the Lions' "Code of Ethics," "Aims and Purposes," "Colours and Emblems," and the significance of the Lions International motto "We Serve." His sponsor was Lion Sondra Tilley-Gulliford.

Submitted by Lion Sondra Tilley-Gulliford

Blinded Members



Byron Lion Cubs Rick and Marilyn Hales listen intently as their sponsor, Byron Lion Jane Betterley, reads aloud a part of the Induction Ceremony titled "Darkness." This particular ceremony involves blindfolding of the Lion Cubs, prior to entering the meeting room and for the initial part of the ceremony. Blindfolding new members gives the Lion Cub a perspective of what it is like to be sight impaired, albeit for a short time period. District A-1 Governor Dave Balmos, the officiant for the ceremony looks on in the right background.

Submitted by Lion Sondra Tilley-Gulliford

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Zone 24 Project

Presentation of cheque for \$3500 to the Strathroy Hospital's new CT Scanner fund. This was a Zone 24 South project. ZC Lion Ed Hadvavny, centre, is flanked by Jim Herbert and Sue McLean of the Strathroy and Middlesex Hospital Alliance.

Back row: representatives of clubs involved in the project. Lion Mike Douglas, Strathroy, Lion Jim Reeve, Ilderton, Lion Jason McRoberts, Melbourne, Lion Walt Cormier, Poplar Hill, Lion Roy Ireland, Delaware, and Lion Ron Madill, Mt. Brydges.



Submitted by RC Lion Don McKessock

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Cheque for Hospital



Selkirk & District Lions Club President PDG Charlie Bradshaw presented a cheque for \$2500 to Elaine Meeham, President of the West Haldimand Hospital Auxiliary in January making a total of \$7,750 donated for community and district projects so far this year.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

Cross Border Induction



The Fenwick Lions Club have increased their numbers once again this year, taking the membership to forty-eight. And this time they did it with a little help from south of the border.

Standing left to right: DG Lion Jerry Ursacki, new member Lion Dan Haist, Club President Rob Henson, Lion John Toth and helping with the induction ceremonies from District 20N New York State DG Kimberly Stribing.

Submitted by Lion Rob Neal

Carrie & Patty

Two members of the Big Brothers Big Sisters, Carrie Stratford and Patty O'Reilly spoke at the Selkirk & District Lions meeting, promoting their upcoming "Bowl for Kids" that the Club participated in on March 25 in Simcoe.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick



Ross Wins



Lion Ross Tuck, centre, of the Port Colborne Lions Club received the Helen Keller Award for 45 years of continuous service.

Submitted by Lion Jerry Ursacki, DG A-2

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Keene's Lion's President Big Hit at Parade



The kids love him to all ends as stated by one of the local kids. "He is the best Santa Clause I have met this year and I have been at a lot of parades and malls. He is so happy and made us smile." That's our Lion President Ben Doornbos on a nomination from the floor and unanimous vote of support. This year our usual Santa decided to hang up his suit. Thank you Lion Ben from all the kids in Keene including all the big kids in your club.

The Keene Lions Parade has been running for 40 years and see a lot of enthusiasm from local businesses and farmers as they donate tractors and wagons. Local farmers also bring horse pulled wagons and other livestock as they try every year to out do the year before as they compete for trophies and the recognition of having the best float or entry. They don't stop there as they donate time effort and money into the parade. Even local politicians show up to walk or ride in the parade. We see only a few of the children in the community in the crowds as most want to be on floats.



But after the parade all the children line up outside the lions hall to get a chance to see Santa Clause and receive a bag of treats. While the children visit with Santa the adults are treated to coffee, hot chocolate and some music supplied by local artists. Parade starts at 10am the second Saturday in December every year. Bye for now Santa we'll see you December 8, 2007.

Grocery Dash



The Sharbot Lake and District Lions Club recently held a Grocery Dash in co-operation with the local Freshmart Store. Pictured is Lion Bill Pyle with the Dash winner, Gretta McQuaide, who donated her winnings to the local Food Bank.

Submitted by Lion Dawn Hansen

A3 Convention



At the annual District A3 Convention, PDG Lion Russ Mitchell received the International President's Service Award pin, presented by ID Doug Sime. Extending congratulations at the convention are members of his Club, Marmora Crowe Valley Lions, Bonnie Danes, Marilyn Maloney and Wilma Bush.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush

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Brockville Lioness



The Brockville Lioness Club recently celebrated thirty-five years of community service. At a recent Charter Night dinner District Governor James Johnston made the presentations. The first presentation was a Helen Keller plaque and pin to Lioness Wanda Shaw, centre. On the left is Lioness Gwen Paul, charter member, and right is Club President Julie Pitre.

Speaker for the evening was Bob Moore whose presentation centered on the historic Brockville to Westport Railroad.

The Club presented a \$1000 cheque to the Brockville Museum Curator, Bonnie Burke.

Submitted by Lion Ian Inniss

Long Life

Gananoque Lions President John Peter presented Lion Fred Delaney with his 65th year chevron and read a letter of congratulations from Lions International President Jimmy Ross. As Lion Fred told the members, "had I known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." Lion Fred received a standing "O" from the members.

Submitted by Lion Bruce Logie

PDG Helen Keller



PDG Ted Hughes, left, presented District Governor James Johnston with the Helen Keller award for his generous cash donation as well as personal help to Sight First Two. While in town, Governor James also installed seven new members into the Brockville Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Ian Inniss



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Harry Newman Awards



The Sudbury Lions Club presented Harry Newman Awards from the Canadian Diabetic Society to PDG Roland Albert, left, and Lion Robert Ross.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

Life Members



In May 2006 the Onaping Falls Lions Club celebrated their 50th Charter in several ways. There were approximately 58 charter members. There are now 48. The Sudbury Lions Club was the sponsor club. Mark Palumbo, whose father was a founding member was the Master of Ceremony and Gerry Lougheed Jr. was the guest speaker. To show appreciation to them a cheque for \$1,000 each was donated in their name to the Northern School of Medicine Bursary Fund, along with another cheque for \$3,000 from the Club.

The evening was very special to four Club members who were presented with their Life Membership certificate. Club President Lorraine Lacroix, left, presented certificates to Lion Ralph Kant, Lion Fern Larouche, Lion Jack Hayes, and Lion Terry Einerson.

A new club pin was introduced to celebrate the event. As a token of friendship members of our club made a friendship bracelet and it was given to all the ladies that evening.

The Club has been busy with fund raising: spaghetti dinners, Charity Bingo, yards sales, pop can collecting and crushing, and the annual fall festival "Cavalcade of Colours" held every September. Club members manned the Salvation Army kettle, and were able to present a cheque for \$3,500. Fund raising has made it possible to help with the purchase of a wheelchair, ramp, glasses, dentures books for school library, medical needs, high schools bursaries and families with special needs. And in the month of November ten new Lions members were inducted. One last thought, we held a Fun Day in our Charter year to thank the people of Onaping Falls for supporting our club for the last 50 years. Food and games were at 1950 prices.

Submitted by Lion Diane Hayes

Melvin at the Party



The last week of November was extremely busy for the Lions Club of Sault Ste. Marie. Not only was the club hosting the District A5 Cabinet meeting, from November 24th thru 26th, but, right in the middle of things, the Club held their 70th Charter Night.

The highlight of the evening came when DG Bob presented three out of five Melvin Jones Fellowships that had been obtained from a donation to campaign Sight First II. Those Lions receiving Fellowships were Lionel Olsen, PDG Rob Scott, and Club President Byron Raines. The other Melvin Jones Fellowships were presented to Lion Don Cameron Lion Dave Anstess at a later date.

Pictured left to right: PDG Rob Scott, his sponsor Ron Houghton, Lionel Olsen, his sponsor Jerry Huizing, Lion President Byron Raines, his sponsor Andy Pederson, District Governor Bob Kingsnorth

Submitted by Lion Bill Slingsby

Thessalon Presents



The Thessalon Lions Club recently celebrated their sixty years of Lionism in a very small community by presenting Lion Fred Cowen with his 55-year chevron. Lion Andy Valiquette made the presentation at the Region 31 Rally.

Submitted by Lion Blair MacKinnon

Tableware

The Temiskaming Shores Lioness-Lions members helped outfit the new Northdale Manor's dining room. Lioness Diane Green, the club's community betterment chair, and Club President Sharon Reynolds recently turned over a \$2920 donation for a table and six chairs to Manor Administrator Chantal Durling and Fundraising Chair Bob Dodge.

Don't forget!



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Whitefish Awards



Two Whitefish and District Lions Club members were honoured this year. Lion Reino Maki and Lion Ilmari (Elmer Lion Reino Maki (on left, and wife Sherry) received the Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award and Lion Ilmari Manninen (charter member of 39 years, on right, and wife Astrid) received the Helen Keller Award. These passionate Lions have been involved in nearly every project and fund raising since inception of the Club, and sponsored many, many new Lions.

Submitted by Lion Helen Makela

Kelly Marcon



Lion Kelly Marcon of the Sudbury Lions Club has returned from El Salvador, along with her husband, Club President Al Marcon. The photo shows Kelly with some of the clinic children, which is also supported by Lions from Ahuachapan, El Salvador. The Lions of A5 have supported the clinic with much needed equipment and medical supplies over the years.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard



Christmas in Whitefish

The Whitefish and District Lions Club presented a generous donation to Major Craig Rowe of the Salvation Army at their Christmas Dinner in December. Club members were very busy at Christmas time, networking with Penage Road Women's Institute in providing food hampers to local "80+ year-young" residents, and with Beaver Lake Sports and Cultural Club providing and serving dinner to local senior residents, and working at the Christmas Telethon - The new Rainbow Food Bank has also benefited from Club donations. For these events the number of volunteers was amazing...WE SERVE.



Submitted by Lion Helen Makela

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Sitting Room



Hamilton Central Lions Club presented a cheque to the Lions Foundation in memory of past member Lion Gordon Stevenson toward furnishing a sitting room at the Oakville Centre.

Submitted by Lion Bob Semkow

Sister Visitors



85th Anniversary Hamilton Central Lions sister Club Fukuyama Iyoo Lions Club came to help celebrate the Ontario club's 85th Charter Anniversary. President Norihiro Iwase and his wife Yoriko, Public Relations Chairman Takashi Maruyama and his wife Manami were the delegates from the sister club.

Submitted by Lion Robert Semkow

Presentation



The Erin & District Lions Club has adopted a policy that organizations requesting funds are asked to make a presentation at a club meeting to receive their cheque. This gives the Lions the opportunity to learn more about the organizations they sponsor and gives a chance for local organizations to see first hand what Lions are all about. Here the Club is presenting a cheque to Jeff Kennedy from the Erin Tennis Club to assist in promoting family tennis in the area.

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Wingham Helen Keller



Wingham Lions Club President Lion Dan Kitts, right, and RC Lion Andy McBride, left, presented Lion Dawson Pollock with a Helen Keller Fellowship Award in recognition of his 20 years of dedicated service to Lionism and the Community.

Submitted by Lion Earl Dolmage

Weston Lions

At the Weston Lions Club recent charter celebrations, donations totaling over \$50,000 were presented to 18 Community and International organizations, including LCIF, Humber River Regional Hospital, West Park Hospital, York West Senior Citizens Centre, Humber Community Services for Seniors, Etobicoke Services for Seniors, Frontlines, Fun Fridays, Horizons for Youth, North York Community House, Macaulay Child Development Centre, Canadian Hearing Society, CNIB, Make A Wish Foundation, UrbanArts, Camp Bellaleo and others.

The Club has been actively involved in the Weston community for over 65 years. The Club's Anniversary grants were proposed to share fundraising success with organizations who serve the needs of children, families and seniors, to improve the quality of life of everyone in the community and beyond. The Lions Club of Weston has raised funds through sales at our Arena Snack Bar, working with the Toronto Blue Jays at their Skydome giveaways and hosting Pancake Breakfasts during the Weston Farmers Market each summer.

Submitted by Lion Jane Ross

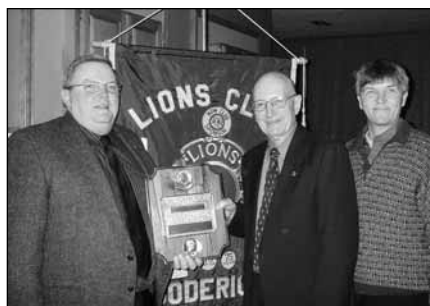
New Music



Warton & District Lions Club President Don Judges, right, presents Gateway Haven Home for the aged administrator Charlie Young with 4 portable DVD players and a selection of DVD's. They will be used by bedridden patients who are unable to attend movie nights or group functions.

Submitted by Lion Ken Heppenstall

Goderich Melvin



At a Ladies Night dinner with the Goderich Lions Club, Club President Jim Melick presented Lion George Sager with a Melvin Jones Award. Lion George's son Steve looks on.

Submitted by Lion Ralph Smith

Healthy Hearts



Goderich Lions Club President Jim Melick, presented a cheque for \$2,000 to Eleanor Brewster, Programme Director of Healthy Hearts for purchasing new exercise equipment for the programme. Healthy Hearts chairman Malcolm Harrison on the left, looks on. Healthy Hearts is an exercise programme provided at the YMCA in Goderich for those with Heart problems.

Submitted by Lion Ralph Smith

Woman's Shelter



A \$500 cheque was presented to Sylvia Patfield, Executive Director of the Women's and Children's Centre in Barrie, by Lion Carol Ellis of the Barrie Lions Club.

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Point au Baril



The Pointe au Baril Lion's Club celebrated their 25th Charter anniversary with a lot of awards given out to several special lions. The guest speaker was Governor Jim who presented Lion Jack French with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from our club.

On Lion Jack's left is Lion Cathay French who was the recipient of a Judge Brian Stevenson Award, which is the highest honour you can receive in Canada in Lionism. On Jack's right is Lion President Helen Lutscher who was the other recipient of a Judge Brian Stevenson Award. These three lions work very hard in their club and in the district. Congratulations to all of them and all the other lions that received an award.

Submitted by Lion Michael Lutscher

RVH Donation

On March 20 at the Barrie Lions Club, members of the club presented another \$15,000 which is part of a total \$150,000 pledged contribution to Gary Nadalin of the RVH Foundation and Stewart McBoyle, Campaign Volunteer for the Royal Victoria Hospital Cancer Centre.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

Melvin at Peninsula



Lion Ed Campbell was presented with a Life Membership by Peninsula Lions Club President Eric English at the Club's Charter Night in October. Lion Ed has served the club for over 30 years, taking on responsibilities such as Charter President, Zone Chairman, Region Chair, and Secretary.

Lion Cuyler Conway, left in photo, was also recognized for his 30 years of service to the Peninsula Lions Club, when he was presented with a Melvin Jones Award, presented by Lion Fred Collins.

President Eric English was pleased to also recognize community members Doreen and Keith Gonneau, for their assistance with the many Lions events. Their help and support are always greatly appreciated!

Submitted by Lion Eric English

Mayor Aspden

Barrie Mayor Dave Aspden received a certificate of appreciation from Barrie Lions Club President John Ellis for attending a meeting at the Lions Club of Barrie on March 6 and presenting to the members a verbal and visual presentation of Barrie's Council and Barrie's residents on the future of Barrie.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

Freeport Lions



February 27, 2007 saw Lion President John Ellis exchange pins and banners with the Grand Bahamas Freeport Lions Club Lion President Ken Saunders and the Membership chair on a visitation to their club.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

Central & Northern



The Barrie Lions Club presented a cheque for \$300 was presented to Sarah McGuire, centre, Coordinator for the Central & Northern Ontario District for Crohn's & Colitis, by Lion Carol Ellis and Lion Barb Corkum.

Submitted Lion Carol Ellis

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\$10,000 to Lotteries



The Fowlers Corners and District Lions Club held a Presentation Night at the Lions Community Hall in Orange Corners recently to distribute the proceeds from their Annual Sportsman's Lottery. This year's recipients were: Brock Mission \$500; Five Counties Children Center \$2000; Lions Camp Dorset \$1750; Lions Camp Kirk \$2000; Lions Homes for the Deaf \$2000; Lions Leader Dogs \$2000. Without the support of all the individuals who purchased tickets, supplied prizes and sold tickets this event would not have been possible. A big Thank you to all.

The photo is of the representatives of the organizations: L to R Lion Carl Young, Camp Kirk; Lion John Moffatt, Lions Homes for the Deaf; Lion Mel Harvie, President Fowlers Corners and District Lions Club; Dave Adams, Five Counties Children Center; Bill McNabb, Brock Mission-Cameron House; Lion Larry Franks, Lottery Chairman FCDLC.

Submitted by Lion Bernie Baudisch

Dog Support



Markham Lions President David Hitchen presented Bev Berger and her guide dog Jasper with a cheque for \$6,000 to support the efforts of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide School in Oakville. This is an annual sponsorship to cover part of the cost of training a Dog Guide and recipient team.

Submitted by Lion Jack McBride

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Clean Up



Markham Lion members assisted by students from Brother Andre High School continued their annual trash clean-up of the Mount Joy pond area in the northern part of Markham. The Lions have accepted responsibility for this area and the Town of Markham appreciates their efforts to keep this area of the town clean.

Submitted by Jack McBride

Whipper Watson



On February 28 the Newmarket Lions Club donated \$75,000 to the rebuilding of the Whipper Billy Watson Therapeutic Pool at the Southlake Regional Health Centre. Making the presentation were, from left to right, Lion Pat Green, Lion Charlie Williams, Lion Tim Gore, Kathryn Hekenhof, Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation, Lion Ralph Stewart, and Lion Louis Dill. Lion Charlie had made a similar presentation in 1976, of \$10,000, to Whipper Watson himself, when the original pool opened as the only Therapeutic Pool in a Hospital in York Region.

Submitted by Lion Tim Gore

Promote Yourself



When people work together, good things can happen. Like **HELPING PROVIDE HOMES FOR DISASTER VICTIMS** to help and around the world. Every year, local Lions Clubs raise thousands of dollars to help people devastated by natural disasters abroad and right here at home. If you'd like to help, becoming a Lion is a good place to start. To learn how you can join the Lions Club in your community, visit lionsclubs.org.



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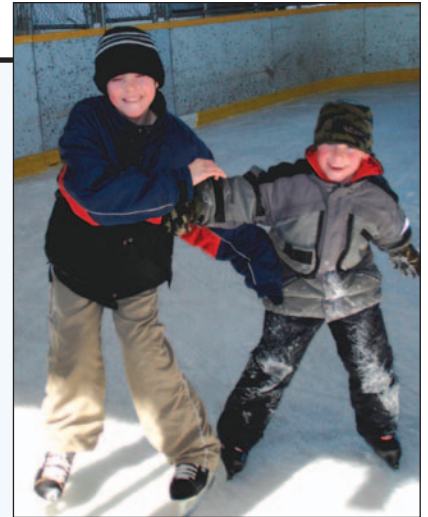


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Skat-a-thon



With a great turnout of skaters, supporters, and volunteers and the weatherman obliging with mild and sunny weather, the Magnetawan Lions' Club hosted their annual "Skate-A-Thon" February 24th at the Lions' Pavillion in Magnetawan.

Young students from Magnetawan Public School and several "young at heart" adults honoured pledges to them by skating around the ice rink at the pavillion from noon till 2 pm. ...33 participants in the Skate-A-Thon were registered with pledges totaling \$919.00... the concession booth selling coffee, hot dogs, etc received donations totalling \$96.00. Therefore, the gross for the day's activities was \$1006.34. A cheque for \$500 was presented to the Magnetawan Central Public School by the Magnetawan Lion's club to help defray costs for an upcoming school bus trip to Ottawa. A cheque for \$500 was presented to the Friends of Burks Falls & District Health Centre by pledged Skate-A-Thon students from the school.

The event was co-ordinated by Lion Austin Toth who also put in full duty as a pledged skater. Public school students Riley Hannah (left) and Nathaniel Romleskie (right) are shown skating for pledges and fun.

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth

Lions Observe Rich Tradition



Lewis Lawrence of the Mississauga Central Lions Club meets Lois Higgins and Murphy of the St. John's Ambulance's Therapy Dogs program, just one of the recipients on the club's distribution list.
Photo by Rob Beintema

Mississauga Central Lions Club, which has been doling out money since 1974 to deserving organizations, continued the rich tradition. The club passed out \$80,000 at its annual donation distribution night, the money to be shared among 30 groups.

The money came via the Square One Farmers' Market, which is run by the Lions, and bingo nights the Lions host throughout the year. Money went to the Foodpath Peel, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Mississauga Garden Council, among others.

Kerry Casey, development coordinator at Credit Valley Hospital, was among those who walked away with a cheque from the *Lions' Den* at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre. "We couldn't possibly do our work without community organizations like the Lions," said Casey. "They've supported the hospital since it opened." Lewis Lawrence, who became a member in Bombay 45 years ago and has been in Mississauga for 25 years, said giving to the community is his duty. Today they are in trouble. Tomorrow it could be me in trouble," he said, adding giving out money always feels good. "I feel very happy. I feel I've done my duty"

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