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Challenging Times Call for Prudent Change

Lions in India perform service by combining ancient healing practices with the most modern technology. The Mumbai Su Jok Lions Club promotes relief from pain and disease through Su Jok therapy, which involves stimulation of the hands and feet. Lions have made videos on this self-help treatment method that can be found on YouTube, Yahoovideo and other popular video sharing Web sites. The videos raise awareness of Lions and also foster donations and lead to new members.

Give credit for these Lions in India for being innovative, progressive and entrepreneurial. It's highly unlikely your club is prepared to create a video on Su Jok or even a video on any other topic. But there is no reason your club cannot be similarly innovative, progressive and entrepreneurial.

Lions, we are faced with challenging times. Membership is a concern. We need to attract more members. We need to appeal to younger people. We need to reach out to women. We remain the greatest service organization in the world. But it is true that there is strength in numbers. We can do more with more members.

Change does not come easily for any large organization. This is especially true for one with a history as long and as successful as Lions Clubs International. But change should not be feared. We will stay true to our fundamental ideals while creatively adapting to a world in transition.

The experience of the Mumbai Su Jok Lions Club is instructive. They partnered with the Ministry of Defense to conduct classes on Su Jok; the plan is to train more than 100,000

cadets. The Lions used their standing in the community to wisely reach out to another important community member. They leveraged their skills and social ties.

Every club has talents and connections it can leverage. The idea is to engage others, to be pro-active, to link to people and groups that further our service aims as well as help spur membership growth. Please don't dwell on how you currently do things. Dream about new ways to provide service, hold meetings and build membership. Tap into your club's talents and its creativity. Other clubs have done it successfully and your club can do it, too. The only thing holding us back from growth is ourselves. Let's build on the past to create a great future for Lions in your community and worldwide.

Every club has talents and connections ...

Lions Ramp Up Their Service

Photos by Robert Drea
Text by Jay Copp

In 1989 a farmer in rural Wisconsin fell down his silo chute. The Larsen-Winchester Lions Club built a wheelchair ramp so he could get into his home. They haven't stopped since. They've built 468 ramps so far in east-central Wisconsin. Not bad for a club with only 40 members.

Nearby residents receive the ramps free. If they can afford it, others pay part of the cost. Heading the Lions' ramp project are two retired dairy farmers, Dick Metzger, 78, and Ruebin "Chub" Olson, 82. Like Christmas elves in workshops, the two toil day after day building customized ramps. Metzger pre-assembles portions of the ramp in his garage and Olson prepares the brackets in his barn. "My arms are good, and my legs are good. My mind is fairly good," Olson told the Post-Crescent newspaper in Appleton. "I feel if the Lord has been this good to me, He must expect something in return. This is just a great way to give back to the community and those who are less fortunate than I am."



Ruebin "Chub" Olson (left) and Dick Metzger build another ramp.

**91st Lions Clubs International
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AN OPEN LETTER TO LIONS OF THE WORLD

Bangkok, February 2008

Dear Fellow Lions:

As you are reading this letter, 9,000 Lions in Multiple District 310 Thailand are having their heart beat in sync, marching in unison towards the 91st Lions Clubs International Convention to be held in Bangkok 23 – 27 June 2008.

As hosts, many of us have been burning midnight oil for months now making the necessary preparations to ensure that your visit will be a memorable, safe, resourceful and enjoyable one.

Lofty as it may sound, we intend to make this Convention one of the best ever. Fancy as it may seem, we will to see you come back on repeated visits with your friends and family. In a nutshell, no stone will be unturned to make your stay in Thailand comfortable and worth your while.

Come sample our oriental charm, beautiful sceneries, mouth watering Thai food and our traditional Thai hospitality oft doubled as the famous Smile of Siam.

Come join Lions from all parts of the World.

Come one, come all.

With warmest regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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Multiple District 'A' Constitution & Bylaws

The Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-laws Committee proposes the following amendments to the 2008 Multiple District Constitution & By-laws. Recommended Revisions are listed below as resolutions to be voted upon at the Multiple District Convention to be held May, 2008. The changes are, in effect, a complete revision of the subject document, in the adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws; however, the existing amending formulae required this process of resolutions to be voted upon for each change.

Item #1

A resolution to remove all of the existing paragraphs and sections from Article I – to be Replaced with a new Article I.

Be it resolved that Article I of the Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-Laws be deleted and replaced with the following in the to be adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

Multiple District "A"
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Organization Name

This organization shall be known as Multiple District "A" Lions Clubs International, hereinafter referred to as "multiple district."

Rationale:

All of the information deleted can be located in the LCI Constitution & By-Laws or the Standard District Constitution and By- Laws (LA-4 700 7-05) which governs the sub-districts and are not included in the Standard Multiple District Constitution (LA-5 500 7-05) adopted as template model by C&BL Committee

Item #2

A resolution to delete the current Article II.

Be it resolved that Article II of the Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-Laws be deleted and replaced with the following in the to be adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE II

Object

To provide an administrative structure with which to Advance the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in this multiple district.

Rationale:

The information deleted speaks to the Duties of Governing Bodies of the multiple district and describes them as being under the By-Laws. This is in conflict with the following articles III and IV which refer to the Officers and the Council of Governors and are not included in the Standard Multiple District Constitution (LA-5 500 7-05) adopted as template model by C&BL Committee

Item #3

A resolution to delete - to delete the current Article III.

Be it resolved that Article III of the Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-Laws be deleted and replaced with the following in the to be adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE III

Membership

The members of this organization shall be all Lions clubs in this multiple district chartered by Lions Clubs International. The multiple district shall consist of ten or more sub-districts that are hereinafter referred to as districts, with boundary lines as adopted by a multiple district convention and approved by the International Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International. When required, districts may be specifically identified by using the numeric designator preceded by the letter A.

Rationale:

The provisions of Article III, SECTION 1, 2, & 3 are included in Standard District Constitution and By-Laws (LA-4 700 7-05) which governs the sub-districts and are not included in the Standard Multiple District Constitution (LA-5 500 7-05) adopted as template model by C&BL Committee.

Item #4

A resolution to delete the current Article IV- MD "A" Advisory Board.

Be it resolved that Article IV of the Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-Laws be deleted and relocated to the P&PM, and that the Article IV – Officers replace it, in the to be adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE IV

Officers

The officers of this multiple district shall be the members of the Council of Governors.

Rationale:

Following review by the MD "A" Long Range Planning & Research Committee it was their opinion that this is a governance issue and to have an external body which supersedes, or appears to supersede, the sitting district governors is conflicting. The existence of an Advisory Board for multiple districts cannot be found in the LCI Constitution & By-Laws nor in the Standard Multiple District Constitution (LA-5 500 7-05) adopted as template model by C&BL Committee

Item #5

A resolution to delete the current Article V - Governors Council.

Be it resolved that Article V of the Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-Laws be deleted and replaced by a new Article V - Governors Council SECTIONS I – II, in the adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE V

Section 1. COMPOSITION.

There shall be a Council of Governors composed of all the district governors in the multiple district and shall also include one past district governor who shall serve

as council chairperson. Each member of the Council of governors, including the council chairperson, shall have one (1) vote on each question requiring action of the council of governors. The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. (Note: Article II, Section 4 of the International By-Laws permits the Multiple district, by provision in its constitution and By-laws, to include certain other Lions as members of the Council of Governors.)

Section 2. OFFICERS. The officers of the Council of Governors shall be a chairperson and vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer and such other officers as the Council of Governors shall deem necessary. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall be elected annually by the Council of Governors. The secretary and treasurer shall be appointed, as required, by the Council of Governors. [They are ex-officio and not entitled to a vote].

Section 3. POWERS. Except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the articles of incorporation and constitution and by-laws of Lions Clubs International, the powers granted therein to the board of directors of said association, and the policies and acts of said board of directors, the Council of Governors shall:

- Have jurisdiction and control over all officers and agents, when acting as such, of the Council of Governors and all committees of the multiple district and multiple district convention;
- Have management and control over the property, business and funds of the multiple district;
- Have jurisdiction, control and supervision over all phases of the multiple district convention and all other meetings of the multiple district;

Rationale:

The deleted ARTICLE and SECTIONS were either redundant or did not contain the recent revisions implemented by Lions Clubs International. The replacement brings the multiple district Constitution into conformity with the Standard Multiple District Constitution (LA-5 500 7-05) adopted as template model by the C&BL Committee. The portions which formerly dealt with the TERMS OF REFERENCE will be incorporated into the revised multiple district POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL.

Item #6

A resolution to delete the current Article VI Officers.

Be it resolved that Article VI of the Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-Laws be deleted and not included in the adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

Article VI

Officers

Section 1 District Governor

Section 2 vacancy of DG

Section 3 Vice District Governor

Section 4 Region Chairperson

Section 5 Zone Chairperson

Section 6 Zone/Region Meeting

Section 7 candidacy requirements for District

Governor, Vice District Governor, Region Chairperson, and Zone Chairperson
Section 8 vacancy in office except District Governor and Vice District Governor
Section 9 no salary
Section 10 authority to dismiss
Section 11 term of office
Section 12 election by secret ballot

Rationale:

Provisions of Article VI Sections 1 – 12 are included in the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws (LA-4 700 7-05) which governs the sub-districts comprising the multiple district and may only be amended so as not to conflict with Bylaws and policies of LCI.

Article VI Sections 1 – 12 pertain only to the sub-district and are not included in the Standard Multiple District Constitution (LA-5 500 7-05) adopted as template model by C&BL Committee.

Since inclusion of these provisions in the Multiple District Constitution and Bylaws is redundant and not in conformity with the adopted template model the deletion of Article VI Sections 1 – 12 is warranted.

Item #7

A resolution to delete the current Article VII Officers.

Be it resolved that Article VII of the Multiple District “A” Constitution & By-Laws be deleted and be deleted and not included in the adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

Article VII

District Governor’s Cabinet
Section 1 cabinet composition
Section 2 quorum
Section 3 meeting time and place
Section 4 notice of meeting

Rationale:

Provisions of Article VII Sections 1 – 4 are included in the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws (LA-4 700 7-05) which governs the sub-districts comprising the multiple district and may only be amended so as not to conflict with Bylaws and policies of LCI.

Article VII Sections 1 – 4 pertain only to the sub-district and are not included in the Standard Multiple District Constitution (LA-5 500 7-05) adopted as template model by C&BL Committee.

Since inclusion of these provisions in the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws is redundant and not in conformity with the adopted template model, deletion of Article VII Sections 1 – 4 is warranted.

Item #8

A resolution to delete the current Article VIII – District Governors Advisory Committee.

Be it resolved that Article VIII of the Multiple District “A” Constitution & By-Laws be deleted and relocated to the multiple district Policy & Procedures Manual (P&PM)

Article VIII

District Governor’s Advisory Committee
Section 1 committee composition
Section 2 Zone Chair to convene
Section 3 record of meeting

Rationale:

Provisions of Article VIII Sections 1 – 3 are included in the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws (LA-4 700 7-05) which governs the sub-districts comprising the multiple district and may only be amended so as not to conflict with Bylaws and policies of LCI.

Article VIII Sections 1 – 3 pertain only to the sub-district and are not included in the Standard Multiple District Constitution (LA-5 500 F05) adopted as template model by C&BL Committee.

Since inclusion of these provisions in the Multiple District Constitution and Bylaws is redundant and not in conformity with the adopted template model, deletion of Article VIII Sections 1 – 3 is warranted.

Item #9

A resolution to revise and relocate the current Article IX – District Multiple District Committees.

Be it resolved that Article IX of the Multiple District “A” Constitution & By-Laws be revised and resituated in By-Law IV - Multiple District Committees, in the adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

Also, add under Section 3 the words “To assist in the administration of the Multiple District, the Council of Governors shall appoint the committees required by Lions International as well as the following:

1. Effective Speaking
2. Bulletin Contest
3. Lions Foundation of Canada
4. Lions Magazine Representative

The Council of Governors shall have the power to appoint Chairpersons to additional Committees that may be required.

Rationale:

This article as reworded pertains to the Multiple District committees which are to be appointed annually to assist in the administration of constitutionally approved activities and should be situated in By-Laws IV Section 3 Other Council Committees, of to be adopted template Standard Constitution and By-Laws.

Item #10

A resolution to revise Article X - Multiple District Revenue and relocate/replace it as By-Law V.

Be it resolved that Article X of the Multiple District “A” Constitution & By-Laws be revised and relocated to By-Law V Multiple District Administrative Fund of the adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws

By-Laws ARTICLE V

Section I. Multiple District Revenue

To provide for the administration and Convention Funds of Multiple District, an annual dues, in

an amount to be approved at a Multiple District Convention, shall be levied on each member of each Club in each District and shall be collected by the Multiple District Treasurer, on or after the first day of September in each year. The Membership of each Club shall be based on the number of members on record at Lions International on the first day of July immediately preceding. Newly chartered and re-organized clubs shall collect and pay said annual dues on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date if their organization or re-organization, as the case may be.

SECTION 2

The dues shall become and remain a fund of Multiple District and shall be disbursed only for the Administrative expenses of the Multiple District as approved by the Governors’ Council. Payments out of this Administrative fund shall be by cheque as provided in multiple district Policy & Procedures Manual.

SECTION 3 Life Member

Any member of a Club who has maintained continuous Active Membership as a Lion for twenty (20) or more years and has rendered outstanding service to his/her Club, his/her Community or this Association; or any member of a Club who has maintained continuous Active Membership for fifteen (15) or more years and is at least seventy (70) years of age; or any member of a Club who has maintained Active Membership for twenty (20) or more years and has served as an Officer of this Association; or any member of a Club who is critically ill, may be granted Life Membership in the Multiple District upon - (1) recommendation of his/her Club, (2) payment to Multiple District of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars by his/her Club in lieu of all future Dues to Multiple District, (3) the member has been granted Life Membership at Lions International, and (4) approved by the current Governors’ Council. Nothing herein shall prevent the local Club from charging a Life Member Club Dues as it shall deem proper. A Life Member shall have all privileges of Active Membership so long as the member fulfils all obligations thereof. All International Presidents, who are members of Lions Clubs in the Multiple District, upon retiring from Office, shall automatically become Life Members of their respective Lions Clubs in the Multiple District and at Lions International without cost to these Clubs. A Life Member who desires to relocate and receives an invitation to join another Lions Club shall automatically become a Life Member of this Club.

SECTION 4

The Multiple District Auditor shall annually, or at more frequent intervals if necessary, audit the books and accounts of the Administrative fund and report thereon to the Governors’ Council or the Multiple District.

Rationale:

Revisions are as adopted by C&BL Committee, that all references to MD”A” shall be Multiple District. Further, Article X Multiple District Revenue should appropriately be located and replace By-Law Article V Multiple District Administrative Fund of template model Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

Item # 11

A resolution to revise Article XI - Multiple District Convention Section 1 and relocate it.

Be it resolved that Article XI of the Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-Laws be revised and relocated to replace Constitution Article VI, in the adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

Multiple District Convention

SECTION 1. Time and Place

A Multiple District Convention shall be held each year, not later than the first weekend in the month of June. At each Multiple District Convention the Governors' Council shall determine the location where the Multiple District Convention shall be held three (3) years later.

Rationale:

All references to MD"A" shall be Multiple District "A". As MD"A" Article XI Section I pertains to time and place it should appropriately be located to replace Article VI Section I of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

Add new Section -

SECTION 2. Club Delegate Formula.

Each past and present officer of Lions International who is a member in good standing in the Multiple District shall be a voting delegate at the District "A" Convention, and this vote shall not be counted as a vote to which the officer's club would otherwise be entitled. The officer may be a voting delegate in one capacity only.

Rationale:

This provision clarifies who may be delegates from a club beyond those selected by the number of members in each club.

Item # 12

A resolution to revise MD"A" Article XI Multiple District Convention.

Be it resolved that Article XI of the Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-Laws be revised and relocated to replace By-Law IV Multiple District Convention Committees, Sections 2 Host Committee and relocate as indicated in the adopted Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws:

SECTION 2 Multiple District Convention Committees

- a) There shall be a Host Committee of not less than seven (7) members, one of whom shall be elected as General Chairperson by the Club or Clubs in the City, Zone, Region or District where the Convention is to be held, and one of whom shall be elected Vice Chairperson.
- b) The Host Committee shall appoint as many Sub-Committees as deemed advisable and necessary for the planning and operation of the Convention.
- c) All expenses of the Sub-Committees shall be born by the Host Committee.
- b) The Host Committee shall, immediately following each of its meetings, submit a written report as

well as minutes and a current Financial Statement to the Chairperson of the Convention Advisory Committee and to the Multiple District Secretary who shall transmit these reports to the members of the Governors' Council.

Rationale:

Multiple District Article XI Section 2 Host Committee pertains to "Multiple District Convention Committee" and should be located to replace Article IV Section 2 of template Standard Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM # 13

A resolution to revise MD"A" Article XI Multiple District Convention.

Be it resolved that Article XI of the Multiple District "A" Constitution & By-Laws, Section 3 be revised and relocated to replace By-Law 1 Multiple District Convention Committees, as indicated in the adopted Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws:

SECTION 3

Clubs, Zones, Regions or Districts desiring to entertain the Convention for the third year following shall submit invitations in writing to the Multiple Secretary not later than December 15th in the fourth (4th) year preceding the year to which the invitation applies. Each invitation shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the requirements as specified under By-Law XII of this Constitution can be satisfied and shall further be accompanied by a written undertaking that all policies, directives and requirements of the Governors' Council shall be complied with. If no invitation for a Convention in any one year is received from a Club(s), Zone, Region, or District the Governors' Council may authorize the Convention Advisory Committee to request a Club(s), Zone, Region or District to hold that Convention.

Rationale:

As adopted by C&BL Committee, all references to MD"A" shall be "Multiple District "A". MD"A" Article XI Section 3 pertains to site selection and Section 14 to therefore located to replace By-Law I of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM #14

A resolution to revise MD"A" Article XI Multiple District Convention.

Be it resolved that Article XI of the Multiple District "A" Section 4 Convention Supervision, be relocated to By-Laws 1 Section 3 as indicated in adopted the Standard Constitution and By-Laws.

The Governor's Council shall have supervision, management and control over the policies and phases of the Multiple District Convention.

Rationale:

This article pertains to convention supervision located to replace By-Law I Section 3 of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM #15

A resolution to revise MD"A" Article XI Multiple District Convention.

Be it resolved that Multiple District "A" Article XI Sections 5, 6 and 7 be revised and relocated as By-Law VI, Multiple Convention Fund Sections 1,2, and 3, in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 1 Fund Tax

To provide funds to defray the administrative expenses of the Multiple District Convention there shall be allocated each year from the Annual Multiple District dues, no less than fifty (50) cents per member, and this amount shall be paid to the Host Committee after a reconciliation of all Convention Receipts and Expenses is made. This reconciliation in the form of a confirmed Financial Statement shall be received by the Governors' Council or Post-Marked by August 31st of the Convention year. Multiple District expenses related to a Convention may be deducted from the above allocation if approved by the Governors' Council. If the reconciliation is not received by, or Post-Marked by August 31st of the Convention year, this allocation shall be forfeited by the Host Committee.

Section 2 Remaining Funds

The Governors' Council shall have control of the financing of all matters pertaining to the Multiple District Convention expenses mentioned in Section 5 of this Article.

SECTION Fee Collection

A Registration Fee, the amount to be set by the Governors' Council, shall be collected from each Delegate, Alternate and Guest attending the Multiple District Convention.

Rationale:

As adopted by C&BL Committee all references to Multiple District "A" shall be Multiple District. As Multiple District Article XI sections 5, 6 and 7 pertain to convention finance, therefore to be located in By-Law VI Sections 1, 2, and 3 of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM # 16

A resolution to revise MD"A" Article XI Multiple District Convention.

Be it resolved that Multiple District "A" Article XI Section 8 Convention Agenda be relocated/replace By-Law 1 Section 4 Order of Convention Business in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 4 Order of Convention Business

At the Multiple District Convention the Agenda shall include the following:

- 1) Report of the Multiple District Secretary
- 2) Report of the Multiple District Treasurer
- 3) Report of the Multiple District Committees
- 4) The General Business of the Multiple District

Rationale:

As adopted by C&BL Committee all references to MD"A" shall be Multiple District "A". Since Article XI Section 8 pertains to Convention order of business, therefore to be located in By-Law Article I Section 4 Order of Convention Business of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM #17

A resolution to revise MD“A” Article XI Multiple District Convention.

Be it resolved that Multiple District “A” Article XI Sections 9, 10, and 11 be relocated/replace Constitution Article VI Multiple District Convention Section 2 Delegate Formula, in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws:

SECTION 2 Club Delegate Formula

Each Chartered Club in Multiple District, in good standing with Lions International and Multiple District shall be entitled to one (1) voting Delegate and (1) alternate voting Delegate for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown on the records of Lions International and Multiple District on the first day of the month immediately proceeding the month in which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section is five (5) or more members. Each Club shall be entitled to receive from the Multiple District Secretary prior to the Multiple District Convention the same number of Delegate Certificates as the number of Delegates to which the Club is entitled. The member of the Club presenting his/her Delegate Certificate to the Credentials Committee at the particular Convention, and otherwise complying with the provision of the Constitution as to the qualifications for Delegates, shall be entitled to be a voting Delegate for his/her Club. Any Club which is newly chartered, and other chartered club which takes in new members prior to the convening of any such convention, shall have its delegate quota determined on the basis of members who have been enrolled in the club for at least one year and a day as shown on such record data in the records of Lions Club International. The current Lions International Membership Card shall be sufficient proof of identification. The maximum number of Delegates' certificates to be issued for any Club shall be determined by the number of Delegates to which the Club is entitled.

Each Delegate present at the Convention shall be entitled to cast one (1) Vote only on every question submitted to the Convention, and for the endorsement of Candidate(s) for International Office.

and ...

- a) Each Past and Present Officer of Lions International, who is a member in good standing in District “A” shall be a Voting Delegate at the Multiple District Convention, and this Vote shall not be counted as a Vote to which the officer’s Club would otherwise be entitled.
- b) A Past and Present Officer of Lions International may be a Voting Delegate of the officer’s own Club as provided under Section 9 of the Article of the Constitution, but the officer may not then be a Voting Delegate by reason of having a Past or Present Office. The Officer may be a Voting Delegate in one capacity only.

Rationale:

As adopted by C&BL Committee all references to MD“A” shall be Multiple District “A”. Since Article XI Section 9, 10 and 11 pertains to Convention delegate formula, therefore to be located in Article VI Section 2 Delegate Formula of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM #18

A resolution to revise MD“A” Article XI Multiple District Convention.

Be it resolved that Multiple District “A” Article XI Section 12 Convention Quorum, be relocated/replace Article VI Multiple District Convention Section 3 Quorum in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 3 Quorum

A Majority of the Delegates in attendance at the Convention shall constitute a Quorum of the Convention for the transaction of business

Rationale:

This section pertains to convention quorum and therefore to be located to replace Constitution Article VI Section 3 of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM #19

A resolution to revise MD“A” Article XI Multiple District Convention.

Be it resolved that Multiple District “A” Article XI, Section 13 Convention Credentials be revised and relocated in By-Law IV Multiple District Committees Section 1 Credentials Committee as in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 1 Credentials Committee

The Chairperson of the Governors’ Council shall, with the approval of the Council, at the mid-Winter meeting of the Governors’ Council, appoint a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and members for the following Committees to function at the Multiple District Convention;

- 1) Credentials
- 2) Voting

Members of these Committees shall not be paid expenses unless specifically approved by the Governors’ Council at the time of the appointment to the Committee.

Rationale:

As adopted by C&BL Committee all references to MD“A” shall be Multiple District “A”. Since Article XI Section 13 pertains to Credentials Committee, therefore to be located in By-Law Article IV Section 1 Credentials Committee of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM # 20

A resolution to revise MD“A” Article XII - Amendment

Be it resolved that Multiple District “A” Article XII - Amendment be revised and replace Constitution Article VII, Section 3 Effective date as in the adopted Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws

SECTION 3. Adoption

This Constitution and By-Laws shall become in full force and effect when it has been approved at a Multiple District Convention by a majority affirmative Vote of the qualified Delegates present in person and voting unless otherwise provided for in the resolution.

Rationale:

As adopted by C&BL Committee all references to MD“A” shall be Multiple District. Since Article XII pertains more to adoption than effective date, therefore to be located in Constitution Article VII Section 3, replacing Effective Date, of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM # 21

A resolution to revise MD“A” Article XIII, Amendments

Be it resolved that Multiple District “A” Constitution & By-Laws Article XIII, Section 1, Amending Procedure, be revised and relocated/replace Article VII Section 1 as in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws

SECTION 1 Amending Procedure

This Constitution can be amended only at the Multiple District Convention by a resolution reported by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee at the Convention, and adopted by a the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

Rationale:

As adopted by C&BL Committee all references to MD“A” shall be Multiple District. Since Article XII pertains to amending procedure, therefore to be located in Constitution Article VII Section 1 of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM # 22

A resolution to revise MD“A” Article XIII, Amendments - Notice

Be it resolved that Multiple District “A” Constitution & By-Laws Article XIII, Section 2, Notice, be revised and relocated/replace Article VII as in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws:

SECTION 2 Notice

Proposed amendments to the Constitution (or By-Laws) shall be in writing and in the hands of the Multiple District Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee no less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Mid-Winter (February) Meeting of the Multiple District

and...

Proposals for Multiple District projects and proposals for expenditures shall be in writing and in the hands of the Multiple District Secretary no less than sixty (60) days prior to the official opening of the Multiple District Convention.

and...

The Multiple District Secretary shall notify each Club in Multiple District, thirty (30) days prior to the Multiple District Convention of any proposals for amendments in the Constitution, for proposed Multiple District projects, or for the expenditure of Multiple District funds which are to be voted on during the Multiple District Convention.

Rationale:

As adopted by C&BL Committee all references to



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MD"A" shall be Multiple District "A". Since Article XIII pertains to amendment notice, therefore to be located in Constitution Article VII Section 2 Notice of template Standard Multiple Constitution and By-Laws.

ITEM # 23

A resolution to revise MD"A" By-Law I, Multiple District Convention

Be it resolved that Multiple District "A" By-Law I, Section 1, Convention Site Selection, be revised as follows, in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws:

Half way through paragraph after the words: "prior to the convening date of the replace the word convention with: mid-winter (February) Multiple District Council meeting."

Rationale:

This is when the selection is approved by the Council of Governors.

ITEM # 24

A resolution to revise MD"A" By-Law II, Meetings

Be it resolved that Multiple District "A" By-Law II, Meetings, Section 1. Council Meetings, be revised as follows, in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws:

First line, replace sixty (60) days with (90) ninety days.

Rationale:

Council meetings are usually held in the month of September. To adopt the ruling by International would mean that our first council meeting would have to be held before the Labour Day weekend in September, i.e., July or August.

ITEM # 25

A resolution to revise MD"A" By-Law IX

Be it resolved that Multiple District "A" By-Law IX, Section 2, Notice be revised/ replaced as follows, in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws:

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be in writing and be in the hands of the Multiple District' Secretary no less than sixty (60) days prior to the Official opening of the Annual Multiple District' Convention

Rationale:

To be consistent with the previous By-Law II, Section 1

ITEM # 26

A resolution to revise MD"A" By-Law IX

Be it resolved that a new Section 4 be added to Multiple District "A" By-Law IX, in the adopted Standard Constitution and By-Laws:

SECTION 4

It shall be the responsibility of the Multiple District Secretary to notify all clubs in the Multiple District, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Official opening date of the annual Multiple District Convention and of any proposals to be voted on at the Convention.

Rationale:

This allows all voting delegates to be pre-advised about all subjects to be voted upon at the Multiple District Convention.

Beslan and the Road to Recovery

by Erin Crouch

“On every corner of our planet, there are people who are ready to reach out a hand to those who suffer,” said Valeriy Kusov, president of the Beslan Hope Leo Club in Russia. Kusov saw firsthand the enormous response of Lions and Leos worldwide to the tragedy in her hometown.

Shots rang out on Sept. 1, 2004, as armed Chechen separatists took more than 1,200 children and adults hostage in a school in the town of Beslan, located in an autonomous republic in the North Caucasus region of Russia. Celebrating the first day of school, far more students and families were at the school than on a typical day. The three-day standoff ended with the deaths of 334 people, including 186 children, after a bomb detonated and bullets from snipers flew. Hundreds more were wounded and all suffered an emotionally devastating blow that seems fresh even three years later.

The Lions of the world stepped in to help, providing \$179,000 in a designated fund administered by LCIF to help the victims. Lions from Moscow-area clubs traveled to Beslan, with the Bohemia-Sretenka Club sponsoring the new Beslan Lions Club and establishing “Rainbow of Hope,” a psychological rehabilitation center in a local hospital. Lions from Holland provided support and helped organize specialized training in trauma recovery for psychologists from Moscow and Beslan in October of 2004.

Recognizing the ongoing need for healing, the Lions began to focus on the city’s mental health, depressed economy and post-traumatic stress for unemployed families of victims. With the unemployment rate reaching 80 percent at times, the Lions are helping the beleaguered city survive.

Lions also upgraded the school’s computer-training program and hundreds of shell-shocked students began to resume learning. Last March, Lions began a vocational program to train several hundred students in clothing design and manufacture, a profitable enterprise in the region. The transport of the sewing equipment to Beslan from Moscow--49 boxes weighing around 11,000 lbs over a distance of 933 miles--was donated by the owner of the Kruing + company in Russia to help the victims of the tragedy.

In addition to expanding the educational opportunities for the Beslan children, Lions bought an ambulance van for the city and started a Leo club. Today a local psychologist, who is a member of the Beslan Hope Leo Club, counsels post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) sufferers in the city and is working with the Right Bank Central Municipal Regional Hospital on developing a sensory room for PTSD treatment.

With Lions at their side, the children of Beslan are moving ahead with their lives.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT ‘A’ TREASURER “Management Position”



Multiple District “A” requires a qualified individual to fill the position of TREASURER, effective July 1, 2008.

BY-LAW II, SECTION 5 - District “A” Treasurer

The District “A” Treasurer shall manage the M.D. “A” financial functions as detailed in the M.D. “A” Policy Manual under the direction and supervision of the Governors’ Council.

KEY SKILLS:

- * Have a general knowledge of Lionism
- * Have a good understanding of the Lions Constitution & By-Laws, and a thorough knowledge of those areas covering the application of the Rules of Audit
- * Have a thorough knowledge of the financial implications throughout the MD “A” Policy Manual
- * Possess excellent communication, problem solving & organizational skills
- * Possess proven accounting skills, including financial planning, budget preparation, reconciliation of control accounts & preparation of financial statements
- * Possess a thorough knowledge of Simply Accounting Software
- * Possess previous Management/Administrative skills
- * Attention to detail and able to meet deadlines

This is a part time, home based position with varying weekly time commitments throughout the year. This is a five year appointment with an annual honorarium. As Treasurer you will sit on the R&LRP Committee, Lion Magazine Committee, Administration Committee & the Promotion Committee. A detailed job description is currently in the MD “A” Policy Manual which can be downloaded off our Web site - www.mdalions.org

Interested applicants should submit their resumes no later than April 27, 2008, to PDG Dan Davis, R.R. #6, Napanee, ON K7R 3L1 or email ddavis@continentalconveyor.ca

We thank all applicants but only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

A Road to Our True Community

There appears to exist an underlying reality that there are two unmistakably distinct working disciplines of Lionism: the one found in the large urban centers, and the other functioning in small communities such as Whitefish, Ontario. The small town Lionism works well, the big city doesn't. So what could be underneath all this?

When we think of small towns, certain suggestive images rise into our minds: close-knit communities, neighborliness, everyone knowing one another, people helping one another, and everyone being united in social harmony.

Then how can we re-attain these small community characteristics and attitudes that we may have lost? Are we even a community? After all, we live in a big city! What is our community today?

The Random House Dictionary offers us a definition of a community in its somewhat older sense as "a social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share governments and often have a common cultural and historical heritage". Obviously from this definition, we can observe that our present society has evolved and changed into what is now a mobile, high-tech and multi-cultural socio-economic body of individuals. Turning to another definition by the Webster's New International Dictionary, community is defined as "the people living in a particular place or a region and usually linked by common interests... a body of individuals organized into a unit with awareness of some unifying trait". The Oxford English Dictionary describes community as "a body of people organized into ... a social unit... social intercourse, fellowship, communion!"

I believe that we have no reason not to qualify ourselves as a community in its modern sense, and therefore, we should have no reason not to embrace as our own these coveted attitudes that foster "small townism"; after all, we are in a full realization, "a community of Lions in a global village".

So what is preventing us from having and fostering these coveted small town attitudes? Perhaps some of the elements or roadblocks that are preventing us from attaining "small townism" are selfishness and egotism. I refer to the practice of undue concern for our own interests to the disregard of the welfare and wellness of the others, and to the thinking and talking of oneself only. The other element is the influence of the high-tech information media on our behavior. It is altogether possible

that our present socio-economic, high-tech, media-driven society is gradually and inadvertently converting us from sociable individualism to selfish egotism. Neil Postman in "Building a Bridge to the 18th Century" contemplates the changes in our community and its effects on us: "I have the impression that 'community' is now used to mean simply people with similar interests, a considerable change from the older meaning, which implied that a 'community' is made up of people who may not have similar interests but who must negotiate and resolve their differences for the sake of social harmony." I suggest that it is this recognition of doing everything possible to build, foster and maintain harmony in our community that will go a long way in fostering fellowship and neighborliness. Postman furthermore suggests that our present information media "promotes egotism and therefore undermines the sense of community without which a democratic polity cannot function well".

Most of the new media, and some old, are "private" in a sense that they do not require a community context: we watch TV, see movies, listen to radio and music alone, we surf the Internet, send and receive e-mail messages alone. In the past the printed word encouraged individualism, but now in its modern form, the media, has transformed it generating self-centered egotism, which has eroded the sense of community and community spirit. Postman also refers to Tocqueville's "Democracy in America", where it is argued that "individualism is of democratic origin but is too easily transformed into egotism, which sterilizes the seeds of every virtue and makes democracy impossible" where "community life is alien, if not incomprehensible!" Tocqueville further suggests that "individualism is a problem for democracy but that democracy can survive it. Egotism is another matter."

Based on the preceding discussion I suggest that selfishness, egotism, and the role of media upon us are definite roadblocks to attaining "small townism". Then perhaps the first step in the road to amelioration should be the recognition of these harmful elements amongst us and turning this realization into relearning how to foster fellowship, camaraderie, neighborliness and social harmony. In this spirit, we could rediscover our true community, and return to the attitudes of a small community and bring back the "small townism" to the big cities as one of our valued core-building blocks of the future.

LCIF Annual Report

MESSAGE FROM THE LCIF CHAIRPERSON

Last year was a record-setting year for LCIF. Through Lions' generosity, LCIF reached a new record in contributions, allowing us to also significantly increase the number of grants given. The Foundation was also named the number one non-governmental organization worldwide in a study released in July. LCIF came in first for its execution of programs, demonstrated accountability, communications, program adaptability and understanding the goals of its corporate supporters.

Now in the second year of Campaign SightFirst II, Lions and donors around the world have rallied to ensure we surpass our minimum goal of US\$150 million to continue and expand SightFirst, Lions renowned program to combat preventable blindness. LCIF also continues to aid communities affected by natural disaster. Reconstruction efforts in both the tsunami affected countries in South Asia and Gulf Coast communities of the United States remain ongoing at this time, further exemplifying LCIF's commitment to long-term relief.

Lions were extraordinarily generous in their contributions to LCIF and donations far surpassed recent years. More importantly, LCIF has improved the quality of life for millions of people around the world. What sets LCIF apart from so many other organizations is that 100 percent of every dollar donated goes to a grant, and our donors are the same people providing these services to the community.

After reviewing all of LCIF's accomplishments in the complete annual report, I know you'll share my pride in what we have accomplished. Next year LCIF anticipates celebrating the successful conclusion of Campaign SightFirst II as well as our 40th anniversary, and I hope you'll be a part of it.

With a Passion to Excel,
Dr. Ashok Mehta
2006-2007 LCIF Chairperson

In fiscal year 2006-2007, LCIF awarded US\$35.48 million in grants for 600 projects. Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded nearly 8,500 grants totaling US\$604 million.

- SightFirst Grants: US\$17.59 million for 71 projects
- Standard Grants: US\$8.79 million for 181 projects
- Emergency and Major Catastrophe Grants: US\$1.66 million for 160 disasters
- International Assistance Grants: US\$673,695 for 47 projects
- Core 4 Grants: US\$1.8 million for 37 projects
- Other Grants: US\$4.83 million
- In fiscal year 2006-2007, LCIF received US\$54.4 million in donations, an increase of US\$13 million over the previous fiscal year.
- LCIF often gives more in grant funding to countries and states than the amount that was donated to LCIF by the Lions of that country or state.
- Every dollar donated to LCIF goes directly toward a grant; the Foundation's administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments. Administrative costs in 2006-2007 were US\$4.5 million or 8.5 percent, a very good ratio.
- LCIF works hard to leverage all donations through partnerships with local and international organizations, governments and corporations, stretching each contribution substantially beyond its original face value.

Campaign SightFirst II: Lions' Worldwide Fight Against Preventable Blindness

By the 90th International Convention in Chicago in July, Lions had raised more than \$101 million, more than two-thirds of CSFII's minimum goal. This included a \$600,000 donation designated to CSFII, the largest single contribution in LCIF's 40-year history. Lions are now looking ahead to their final year of fund raising, "The Year of CSFII," when they will exceed their minimum goal in advance of the convention in Bangkok in June.

Reaching CSFII's \$150 million minimum goal early will allow Lions to pursue a challenge goal of \$200 million. These additional funds will allow Lions to provide "Vision for All" and invest in research initiatives, as well as allow for outreach to vulnerable populations in developed countries.

CSFII Year in Review

- \$101 million raised toward CSFII's \$150 million minimum goal
- 2,070 Model Clubs worldwide had raised more than \$45 million
- 48 percent of clubs worldwide raised funds
- \$16 million in Lead and Major Gift individual donations
- Largest personal gift in Lions' and CSFII history, \$600,000
- 250,000th Melvin Jones Fellowship, which was designated to CSFII

Other Sight Program Accomplishments in 2006-2007.

Tibet Cataract Success

With LCIF and local Lions support, the Chinese government declared Tibet a "cataract free zone" in 2007. Cataract free zones are declared by the government when an existing cataract surgery backlog has been addressed and existing eye care systems can

manage all new cases. Since SightFirst China Action projects began in 2002, more than 705,000 cataract surgeries have been performed. Foundation support for the Tibet project was part of a \$15.5 million SightFirst grant to support blindness prevention activities in China. In the case of Tibet, SightFirst funds helped cover the costs of sight-saving surgeries, medical team training and equipment.

Thanks to the success of Lions efforts in Tibet, the China Disabled Person's Federation announced in May 2007 its intent to achieve cataract free zone status in 500 counties throughout China by 2010. Training workshops and public education campaign for medical teams in the 500 counties are currently underway. The May 2007 announcement also included a memorandum of thanks to Lions and LCIF for their support.

Childhood Blindness Project

More than 6 million children have now been screened through the Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness, a partnership program with the World Health Organization. LCIF awarded \$3.75 million to establish 30 need-based Lions eye care centers in countries all over the globe. These centers deliver preventative, therapeutic and rehabilitative eye care services and will ultimately aid 71 million children. The project aims to develop a model program and eliminate preventable blindness in children in the countries where the centers exist.

Examples of accomplishments since 2004:

- Pediatric eye care teams have been trained in all countries
- More than 61 million treatments for Vitamin A
- Training 73,000 eye health care providers
- Cataract surgeries for 7,800 children
- Refractive error correction for 226,700 kids

Sight for Kids

Sight for Kids reached a milestone in screening the 6 millionth child this year. Of those children screened, 125,600 have been referred to physicians for further evaluation, 21,200 have received glasses and 21,700 have been treated for various eye conditions. LCIF and the Johnson & Johnson Company partnered to establish Sight for Kids, which provides vision screenings and eye health education for children. The program serves kids in Taiwan, Korea, Thailand, China, Malaysia, Hong Kong, India and the Philippines. In the coming years, activity is expected to expand in China, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

River Blindness Control

LCIF distributed the 110 millionth dose of Mectizan® this year. With support from Merck & Co, Inc., The Carter Center, the African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control and other local NGOs, Lions are distributing the drug in 15 countries in Latin America and Africa. Onchocerciasis, or also known as river blindness, is a parasitic infection caused by a black fly that breeds near rivers. SightFirst has provided funding support for control activities since 1993, awarding nearly \$30 million in funding for 17 projects. Lions are now shifting their focus from blindness prevention to disease control and elimination, and experts foresee eradicating river blindness in Latin America by 2010.

Total Number of Treatments Provided

Latin America	6,045,116
Cameroon	20,258,994
Nigeria	49,739,030

Ethiopia	8,953,600
Democratic Republic of Congo	9,609,013
Sudan	3,279,195
Uganda	10,015,252

*Other countries in Africa with ongoing programs: 2,099,800

All Eyes on the Family

LCIF partnered with Allergan, Inc. to develop the All Eyes on the Family program in order to enhance dialogue between those diagnosed with or at risk for glaucoma, their family members and eye care professionals. As part of the program, 10 grants for \$5,000 to \$10,000 were awarded from LCIF and Allergan. Lions clubs and districts conducted the glaucoma vision screenings in cities throughout the United States where studies showed a significant need of vision services and minority populations at greater risk. In all, from June through December 2007, more than 1,000 people were screened at these events and referred for follow-up treatment as needed. On average 30 percent of the patients screened who have never been diagnosed with glaucoma learned that they are likely to have glaucoma.

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

The re-launch of the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP) in April 2007 marked another milestone for LCIF during the past year. Providing assistance to the hearing impaired has long been a focus of Lions, as advocated by Helen Keller in 1925. Today, there is a growing need in the United States for affordable solutions for those who suffer from severe hearing impairment. The average cost of a hearing aid in the United States is \$1,900. Seven million of the 30 million Americans who are hearing impaired cannot afford them. Through AHAP, Lions provide affordable hearing aids to low-income individuals in the U.S. The continued support of Lions sustains the growth of the program and the fight for the 7 million Americans who cannot afford hearing aids.

South Asian Tsunami: Two Years Later

On December 26, 2004, a devastating tsunami rocked South Asia and leveled coastal villages across India, Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka. Lions sprang into action and donations from around the world quickly poured in to LCIF's designated Tsunami Relief Fund. Through the generosity of Lions and funds from LCIF reserves, the Foundation was able to mobilize a total of \$15.4 million in relief and reconstruction funding. As of December, just two years later, LCIF had allocated all \$15.4 million for reconstruction and relief projects in the four countries. This is the single largest disaster reconstruction project in LCIF's 40-year history.

Because of the 160,000 Lions members in the four most affected countries, Lions and LCIF were able to work together to quickly to ascertain needs. The grassroots network of Lions enabled LCIF to easily work with the governments of the four affected countries and other relief organizations.

In addition to homes, Lions are working to rebuild entire villages, establishing health care facilities, orphanages, schools, water treatment plants and other vital infrastructure. Additionally, local Lions are establishing vocational centers with job training programs to revitalize the economy and help communities become self-sufficient. These projects underscore LCIF's dedication to answering long-term needs.

LCIF received widespread media coverage around the second anniversary of the tsunami,

including television coverage on CNN International and three Chicago, Illinois, USA, news programs, as a national radio show and several national and regional newspapers.

Hurricane Katrina: One Year Later

Making landfall on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused catastrophic damage along the Gulf Coast, devastating areas up to 100 miles from the storm's center and entire cities in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. The hurricane was the costliest in U.S. history.

LCIF immediately established a designated fund for Lions around the world to contribute directly to this disaster. With donated funds, LCIF reserves and the approval of a major catastrophe grant, LCIF is mobilizing more than \$5 million for relief and reconstruction projects.

Lions Quest major accomplishments in 2007

- Lions Quest spread to 10 new countries with pilot programs in the Dominican Republic, Paraguay, Ecuador, Pakistan, Nepal, Turkey, Uganda, Tanzania, Botswana and Zambia.
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence Based Programs and Practices gave a positive review of the Lions Quest middle school program Skills for Adolescence. SFA received a 3.5/4.0 for readiness for dissemination, 3.5/4.0 overall for decrease in Marijuana use and a 3.1/4.0 overall rating in increased knowledge of the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. Other positive ratings include a correlation between Lions Quest and success in school, decrease in misconduct, decrease in alcohol and tobacco use, and an increase in social functioning (handling peer conflict and anger management).

Opening Eyes

The Lions Clubs International-Special Olympics Opening Eyes program screened the 100,000th Special Olympics athlete this year. At select Special Olympics games, athletes receive free vision screenings, and, when needed, free glasses and sports goggles. The screenings have resulted in better vision in a chronically underserved population. Together the two organizations are dedicated to serving those in need, and since the partnership began in 2001, LCIF has awarded \$10 million in funding. More than 8,000 Lions clubs members worldwide have volunteered at the Opening Eyes screenings.

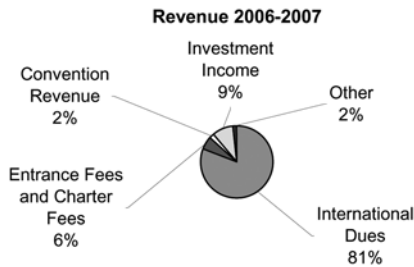
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**The International Association of Lions Clubs
Revenue and Expenditures - General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2007
All Figures Shown in U. S. Dollars
(thousands)**

Revenues were US\$1.4 million more than the prior year primarily due to improved investment results, which helped to offset decreased dues revenue.

Revenue 2006-2007

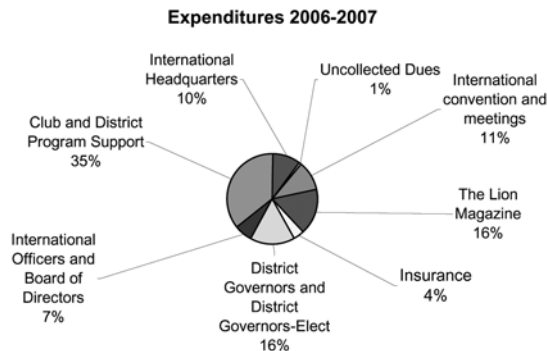
International Dues	\$ 51,392
Entrance Fees and Charter Fees	3,575
Convention Revenue	1,571
Investment Income	5,985
Other	988
Total	\$ 63,511



Expenses were US\$500 thousand less than prior year due to increased dues collections, a reduction in the liability insurance reserve and headquarters cost reduction efforts.

Expenditures 2006-2007

International convention and meetings	5,446
The Lion Magazine	8,312
Insurance	1,997
District Governors and District Governors-Elect	8,106
International Officers and Board of Directors	3,337
Club and District Program Support	18,427
International Headquarters	5,109
Uncollected Dues	462
Total	\$ 51,196



**The International Association of Lions Clubs
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - GENERAL FUND
June 30, 2007
All Figures Shown in U.S. Dollars
(thousands)**

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 32,928
Accounts Receivables (net of allowance)	789
Other Current Assets	3,540
Marketable Securities	53,156
Property and Equipment, Net	8,836
Total assets	\$ 99,249

Current liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 4,092
Interfund payable	10,822
Accrued Expenses	7,143
Accrued post-retirement benefits	216
Other Current Liabilities	3,393
Total current liabilities	\$ 25,666

Non-current liabilities

Self-insurance reserve	\$ 8,030
Accrued post-retirement benefits	1,390
Pension liability	4,685
Other Non-current Liabilities	175
Total non-current liabilities	\$ 14,280

Net assets

Beginning of Year	\$ 48,714
Revenue over Expenditures	12,315
Pension Liability Adjustment	(1,726)
End of year*	\$ 59,303
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 99,249

* Does not include constitutionally restricted Emergency Reserve Fund balance of \$54,966

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Highlights of the February 2008 Meeting of the Governors Council

The third meeting of the 2007-2008 Council of Governors was held at the Holiday Inn Select, Toronto on Saturday February 16, 2008. The following represents the highlight topics discussed during the meeting:

Treasurer – It was announced that due to health and personal reasons the MDA Treasurer, PDG Jim Lemoire was resigning as the MDA Treasurer at the end of this Lions year. The process for appointing a new Treasurer will commence shortly.

Change of Chairperson – The Promotion Chair responsibilities have been split for the remainder of the year between PID Terry Graham, who will look after the LCI Convention in Bangkok and, PDG Paul Taylor who will be responsible for promotion activities at the MDA Convention. The change was necessitated by the resignation of PCC Dan Davis due to health issues.

Administration – Council authorized the expenditure of up to \$7,000 to digitally convert MDA historic records of minutes and other documentation. This will ensure the retention of important records and almost eliminate rental storage space. Insurance – following consultations, it was determined that due to the unique and varied nature of Lions fund raising projects it is not practical for Lions to acquire blanket insurance to cover high risk activities.

C&BL – Council approved a new MDA Constitution and By Laws. It is modelled on the LCI Standard Multiple District C&BL format

and will be the subject of a vote at the MDA convention.

International Advisory Committee – The MDA delegation Hotel in Bangkok has changed to the Montien Riverside. A new MDA marching banner has been purchased and funding was approved to hire a marching band for the MDA contingent at the International Parade.

MDA Convention – The Friday Luncheon to be organized by the MERL Team will honour our Emergency Services, the theme for the 2009 convention in North Bay is Medieval and bids are still required to host the 2010 and 2011 conventions.

LFC – Look for a new Dog Guide postage stamp in April, a new Seizure Dog Program has been launched by LFC and light bulbs for the 'Light the Path of Darkness' project will be carried through to next year.

No Child Without – The partnership between Lions and MedAlert was launched nationally in Newcastle on Feb 14th 2008. Look for information tables at the district conventions. Lions and their immediate families can take advantage of the program by being registered at a reduced fee.

LION Magazine – A survey posing two questions that could affect the future of the magazine was included in the Feb LION. MDA will attempt to acquire back issues of the International edition for display at the MDA

convention to allow Lions to compare it with the MDA version.

MERL – The Regional Leadership Institute will be held April 3-6, 2008 in Newmarket.

R&LRP – A new MDA Policy and Procedures Manual was 'approved in principle' and will be available on the MDA website.

Sight Conservation – The Hope Award and the Knights of the Blind Award for Lake Jo have been cancelled by CNIB. Council will be requesting CNIB to revisit their decision on the Knights of the Blind Award. The "Don Shaw Memorial CSFII Dinner" is scheduled for Saturday 24 May, 2008 in Brockville.

Under New Business – Guidelines and application forms will be developed to promote the MDA Life membership program and MDA will be reviewing the roles, responsibilities and implications of Districts appointing a 2nd Vice District Governor in lieu of the Region Chair position.

Council Chair Elect – Governor Bill Carson from A15 was elected as the new MDA Council Chair for 2008-2009


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

Dunsford Gives Back



The Dunsford & District Lions Club gave \$4700 back to the community that supports them. Lion Walter Jancsik, Lion Hugh Manley, and Lion Lori Markowski presented all proceeds from a Canadian Tire gift card raffle, with \$4,000 to the City of Kawartha Lakes United Way, \$350 to Lions Home for The Deaf, and \$350 to Kawartha Lakes Hospice.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the United Way are Dave Uillman, Penny Barton Dyke, and Andrew Oliver.



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SightFirst Closes Gap in Eye Disease Awareness

“I don’t have insurance so this screening was great,” said a patient at a glaucoma screening sponsored by Lions in Mandeville, Louisiana. “It’s a great service to the community.” At Lions’ glaucoma screening events across the country, 78 percent of participants had not been screened for glaucoma prior to the Lions’ screening.

An important survey released in January shows this is a growing trend. Most U.S. adults lack knowledge of how and when to seek timely detection and treatment of eye diseases, according to survey results. Findings are from the 2005 Survey of Public Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) Related to Eye Health and Disease, which was sponsored by LCIF and the National Eye Institute. The survey is a follow-up to a similar survey conducted in 1990. Although knowledge of eye diseases has increased, there is still much progress to be made.

LCIF is working to close the gap in knowledge about eye disease. In 2007, LCIF partnered with Allergan, Inc., a pharmaceutical company with an interest in eye care, to develop the All Eyes on the Family program, a national education program for glaucoma patients and caregivers. The program was created to enhance dialogue among those diagnosed with or at risk for glaucoma, their family members and eye care professionals. More than 80 percent of those who care for someone with glaucoma do not rank the disease high on their list of health concerns for themselves. However, a family history of glaucoma increases a person’s risk for developing the disease.

The Mandeville screening was one of 10 programs awarded \$5,000 to \$10,000 from LCIF and Allergan for Lions clubs to conduct glaucoma vision screenings in cities throughout the United States where studies showed a significant need of vision services and minority populations at greater risk. In all, more than 1,000 people were screened at the events and referred for follow-up treatment as needed.



On average 30 percent of the patients screened who have never been diagnosed with glaucoma learned that they are likely to have the disease.

Findings from the KAP survey show that 71 percent of respondents reported that a loss of their eyesight would rate as a 10 on a scale of 1 to 10, meaning that it would have the greatest impact on their day-to-day life. However, only eight percent knew that there are no early warning signs of glaucoma.

Hispanic respondents reported the lowest access to eye health information, knew the least about eye health and were the least likely to have their eyes examined among all racial and ethnic groups participating in the survey.

Through the SightFirst program, Lions are working to increase dialogue on the topic of eye health. LCIF has also developed the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP), a community-based education program for Lions clubs, other community organizations and individuals to promote healthy vision and to raise awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss. With LEHP, communities can save sight through the early detection and timely treatment of glaucoma and diabetic eye disease, encourage those at higher risk to get a dilated eye exam, and educate those with low vision and their caregivers about the condition.

“Glad I came to this screening, since my last exam was 10 years ago. These screenings are very important for the community,” said a patient at a Lions’ glaucoma screening in Camden, New Jersey. Following the screenings, 75 percent of respondents stated that they would schedule a follow-up appointment with an eye care professional. In St. Louis, Missouri, 29 percent of respondents noted that they would tell a family member to also to be screened.

“Lions have long been champions of people who are blind and visually impaired,” said LCIF Chairperson Jimmy Ross. “By better educating the public on the need for regular eye exams and timely treatment of eye diseases, we can end preventable blindness.”



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Englehart Donation



At the February 4 General Meeting of the Petrolia Lions Club, the Petrolia and District Leo Club made a \$1500 donation to the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital Board Members, to be used for the new Pat Mailloux Cataract Unit being built. When the unit is completed all cataract surgery in Lambton County will be performed in Petrolia.

Omer May, Vern Gekill, Ophthalmologist Dr. Murari L. Patodia, Connie Courtney, Leo members Jessica Beaulieu, Tyler VandenBerghe, Justin Beaulieu, Michael Thrower, Alyssa Paulley, Philip Laker and Kyle Richter. Absent from photo are Leo members Eric Richter, Mark Johnston, Dale Gatecliff and Rachel Racher.

Submitted by Marilyn Madacsi

Eyes Right

At the District A1 Cabinet meeting held at the Petrolia Lions Hall on January 20 the A1 Lions Sight First Conservation Foundation known as the EYES RIGHT Foundation made a payment of \$25,000 to the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital for two specialized stretcher chairs to be used in the Eye Surgery Unit.

Over the past seventeen years the EYES RIGHT Foundation has purchased a Keratascoper (\$43,800) and Orb Scanner (\$50,000) placed at University Hospital in London, an Anterior Segment Machine (\$49,200) placed at St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital, a Phaco Emulsifier (\$50,000) for Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital, Phaco Machine (\$65,000) at Sarnia Bluewater Health Mitton Site, an A/B Scanner (\$35,000) and Intravenous Fluoroscopin Angiography Unit (\$120,000) at Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Hospital, Alcon Laser (\$65,000) at Windsor Hotel Dieu Hospital.

Funds contributed by the A1 Lions, Lioness and Leos clubs to EYES RIGHT are raised through a variety of fundraisers. The hospitals are grateful to the Foundation for their generous support.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

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Turkey Raffle



Jarvis Lions Club President Jeff Bowen, left, and Lion Bob Bowen present a \$3000 cheque to West Haldimand Hospital and Healthcare Foundation Board Member Norene LaCour. This is the result of a very successful Turkey Raffle.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend

Sarnia Supports



Lion Lee Perkins, Chair, Ways & Means Committee, Sarnia Township Lions Club, along with VDG Lion Don McKessock, Sarnia Lions Club drawing the winning ticket for 50/50 Cash for Christmas Draw held in December at Lambton Mall. The winner, Rich Leaver, received a cheque in the amount of \$1,250. All proceeds from the draw will be going towards Sight and Hearing Related projects.

A cheque for \$1,000 was also presented to Barb Fisher of the Canadian Hearing Society by Lion Bev Wilson (a Shell Retiree) from the Sarnia Township Lions.

The Shell Community Service Fund recognizes and supports Shell volunteers for up to \$1,000 to not-for-profit organizations with whom a Shell employee/retiree regularly volunteers. The money will be used to buy equipment for transportation to the needs of the hearing.

90 & 59

Lion Wilf Klopp, a member of the London Central Lions Club, celebrated his 90th birthday with Club members. He has been a Lion member for 59 years and his wish is to celebrate 60 years as a Lion.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi



Three Generations



The Black Creek Stevensville Lions Club is a coed club in Zone 5 South. The club is relatively young at 9 years, with a membership of 19 Lions. In December the newest lion was inducted, Lion Nicole Gavin, 19 years old. Lion Nicole represents the third generation of lions from her family and is proving to be an active and willing volunteer and is a Credit to her club. Lion Nicole is shown here with her Mother and Grandmother, also members of the Club, at her Induction Ceremony. From left to right: Lion Nicole Gavin, Lion Helen Connors (grandmother), Lion Angie Gavin (mother) and Club Charter Member, Lion Laura Rothney.

Submitted by Lion Viola G. Roseborough

The Band Played on

The Humberstone Lions teamed up with the Port Colborne High School and Niagara College to keep the musical instruments in the High School. Over \$24,500 has been raised and 56 of 88 instruments have been repaired. The Adopt an Instrument program has been a great success.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend

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Bancroft Lion Honoured



The Bancroft Lions Club surprised long time member Lion John Van Bakel by presenting him a Melvin Jones Fellowship, in recognition of his twenty-eight year commitment to the work of the club. Assisting Club President Scott McArthur is ZC Lion Muriel Stewart.

Submitted by Lion JoIm Pogue

Canoe Museum



The East Peterborough Lions Club held their dinner meeting at the Canadian Canoe Museum, where Club President Jason King, right, presented a \$1000 cheque to Chris Kawalac, Office Manager, Kawartha Food Share.

Submitted by Lion Muriel Stewart

M.A.R.S.



Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club President Stew Fisher, at the January dinner meeting, received a cheque for \$12,500 from M.A.R.S. (Marmora Area Recreational Supporters) President Lion Al Fluke. The money will buy a new lawn mower, trailer and vacuum system for Marmora Memorial Park, which is looked after by the Lions and is the pride of Marmora.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush

Vision Screening



Vision Screening played a big part of the Lions Clubs of the Zone 10 North. In 2004, DG Rick Thibideau asked Lions Jerry and Nancy Lane of the Lakefield and District Lions Club if they would act as Zone Co-ordinators for a vision screening program. Accepting this request the visionscreening program was initiated in 10N. The Lions Clubs involved in this program were Lakefield, Warsaw, Bancroft, Apsley, Chemong, East Peterborough, Peterborough and Millbrook. These Clubs participated in teams and complete the screenings for the schools they have been assigned.

The Lions of 10N were hoping the vision screening program would bring to light the need for yearly eye examinations for children. It is only with a doctor's evaluation that the complete health of the eye can be checked. The visionscreening test consists of three tests. Lion Nancy operates the refractor on Ridpath School Pupil Tristan Spicer with Lion Jerry observing.

Submitted by Lion Gary Jones

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Greater Awareness



On November 15 the Napanee Lions and Lioness along with staff from the Diabetes District Office in Kingston hosted a Diabetes Seminar in Napanee. Over 100 people enjoyed two excellent speakers along with several information booths. Of the 42 questionnaires returned 36 stated they would be making an immediate "Life Style Change" as a result of the information gained.

Submitted by Lion PRZ John Grose

Community Safety



Stirling and District Lions Club, represented by Club President Nancy Blackman and Lion Wayne Blackman, left, presented a cheque for \$900 to the local Community Safety Net Programme recently.

The Club was also delighted to induct three new members in January. Lion Jan Wilson, Lion Craig Crozier and Lion Doris Wellman. Lion Barry Flanigan conducted the ceremony.

Submitted by Lion Elaine Tweddle

Recycling Program



Thanks to the hard work of Lion Bill Odynski and Lion Jane Squair, the Courtrice Lions recycling program has been a huge success. The Courtrice area has never been so can free. Schoolyards, walking trails and all road ways are targets for Jane's keen recycling eye. Thanks to the many businesses and neighbors for their help in making the project the success it is.

Lion Bill has also been actively involved in eye glasses collection. Since starting the club, Lion Bill has collected over 10,000 pairs of glasses for the recycling program. In the photo Bill's garage takes on the atmosphere of workshop, as he crushes, parcels and delivers the stuff to the depot. To date the Club have recycled over a ton of cans and bottles.

Christmas Toy Drive



The Lions and Lioness Clubs of Belleville got together to help ensure everyone celebrated a very Merry Christmas this year. The Belleville Lions Club donated a total of \$1,000 and the Lioness Club of Belleville donated a further \$500 to this year's Toy Drive. Accepting these donations was Firefighter John Stephenson, Chairman of the Belleville Firefighters Toy Drive. John thanked the Clubs and said that this year the Toy Drive will help approximately 550 families in Belleville. Pictured from left to right: Lion Norm Mowers, John Stephenson, and Lioness Corinne Collins.

Submitted by Lion John Thompson

Wow! What a Night



If you are wondering what a great dinner in a great hall with 150 people and 63 Silent Auction prizes, 24 Live Auction prizes, a \$500 Cash Briefcase and 37 Door prizes brings you - this is it. In just 4 hours the Lakefield & District Lions Club brought in just over \$14,000 at their 9th Annual Dinner Auction held at the Lakefield College School. We, the Lakefield Lions Club, thank the people in our community and the surrounding area for helping us help others.

Submitted by Lion Gary Jones

Potts Recieves Melvin



Stirling and District Lion Dave Potts was surprised at a recent Club meeting when he was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Dave is a long-standing member of the club. The award was presented by Lion Jim Lemoire. Stirling and District Lions are proud of Lion Dave's dedication. He regularly organizes events such as Jail for Bail during Groundhog Week - an important fund raiser, and the Stirling Truck Show which Lion Dave presented to the club as a possible fund raising idea. The Show has grown to be a major annual event for the town, drawing entries from across Canada and the USA. Lion Dave has also been energetic in the drive for new membership and is known for his active Lionism.

Submitted by Lion Elaine Tweddle

Free Skate



The Courtice Lions Club held its second annual Free Skate with Santa. And again it was a huge success.

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Life Saving



Each year, the Killaloe Lions Club makes a contribution to the Fire Department in Golden Lake (part of its catchment area), as well as to the fire fighters in Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards Township. Killaloe Lions Club President Rose-Anne Boucher inspects the latest fire-fighting equipment purchased for the Golden Lake fire department, in part with funds contributed by the Killaloe Lions Club. Rose-Anne and Deputy Fire Chief Rick Marshall are holding Haligan tools, also called 'Hooligan bars', which can force open any locked door in case of an emergency. In front of them is a 'Blitzfire', which can automatically direct a large stream of water on a target up to 30 metres or more away. This permits fire fighters to effectively tackle blazes in dangerous conditions – like a fire in a gas or propane tank – at a safe distance. Behind the pair is the department's newest fire truck, delivered this fall. Funds raised by the Killaloe Lions were also used to help in its purchase. Like virtually all rural fire departments, Golden Lake is a volunteer effort. Rick works at Hokum's Lumber Mill, and thus depend on community help in raising money to keep their equipment up to date.

Submitted by Tony Pearson

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Roy and Anne



Minnow Lake Lions Anne Violette and Roy Charette are shown answering phones for the Lions-CTV Children's Christmas Telethon.

Submitted by Lion Leanne Furchner

Bass Tournament



On June 28th the Lefavre Lions Club will be hosting its 15th annual Open Bass Tournament. This tournament was first introduced in 1993, and had a total of 16 teams participating that first year. 14 tournaments later, that number increased to 116 teams in 2007! This event has become one of the largest, if not the largest tournament of its kind in Canada. Anglers from all over Ontario, Quebec, and the Northern United States travel to Lefavre every year to participate in the tournament. The Club hands out a total of \$10,000 in cash prizes, as well as many, many other prizes which are graciously sponsored by various corporations.

The money raised by this event is used to support causes in our community such as the elderly, the local parish, school bursaries, Terry Fox Foundation, and many other worthy organizations.

Submitted by Lion Allan MacDonald

Appreciation Dinner

In December the Onaping Falls Lions Club held an Appreciation Dinner to thank businesses in their community for their support through the year. Club President Pat Mirka made presentations to: Tim McCue and Mark Palumbo of Dowling IDA, who also made a \$500 donation to the club; Lion Leon Berthiaume of the Dowling Valu Mart; and Gillo Brosseau of Gillo's Gas Bar. These businesses have helped the club to be the success that it is.

The Club also presented a well-deserved Lion of the Year award to Lion Al O'Bumsawin. Lion Al is a man of many talents and is a great asset to the club. He is always there to lend a helping hand - delivering medical equipment, yard sale pick ups, pop can crushing, Salvation Army Kettle scheduling, attending special meetings...the list goes on. His musical talent is also appreciated at monthly meetings as he plays his guitar while members sing the Lions Song. Congratulations Lion Al.

Submitted by Lion Diane Hayes



Third Donation



The North Bay Lions Club made its third and final payment to the City of North Bay. The grand total of \$15,000 will purchase yellow fluorescent bus-stop signs so visually impaired citizens can easily recognize where bus stops are located. Standing left to right are Mayor Vic Fedeli, Lion Thelma Porter, Lion Earl Graham, Lion Blake Chappelle, and Lion Glenda Chappelle.

Dedication



Members of the Minnow Lake Lions Club and the Minnow Lake Community Action Network recently gathered at Minnow Lake Park to formally dedicate the facility in the name of the Lions, as the Minnow Lake Lions Lakeside Park. "This is really nice to have this (dedication). It's something for us to be proud of," said Armand Jean who chaired the project for the Lions.

Lions Club members began working on the project about a year ago, alongside members of the Communication Action Network, the Minnow Lake Restoration Group, organizers of the Minnow Lake Days and the city, said Jean. The dedication ceremony included the unveiling of a plaque naming the park after the Lions Club.

By Bob Vaillancourt The Sudbury Star

Lions Donate to Kids



The Lions Club of Sudbury have donated \$1000 to buy music instruments for at risk youth. It is given to the program: Kids in Conflict, a program to allow young offenders free access to musical equipment with the assistance and instruction from seasoned musicians under the director Joel Mackey whose regular occupation is in the court system. Joel Mackey may be reached at 671-8586 to help those troubled kids release their talents with new or used instruments. Here to present \$1000 are at left Lion Tony Ruberto, Chair of the Youth Program, middle is Club President Gloria Packard of The Lions Club of Sudbury, and at right, receiving funds is: Kids in Conflict Director Joel Mackey.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

Army Kettle

The Minnow Lake Lions have been busy in 2007 with Lion Bob Wallace ringing the bells for the Salvation Army.

Submitted by Lion Leanne Furchner

Christmas Sleigh

Cake Sale



The Elliot Lake Lions Club held their annual bake sale at the Lions Western Jamboree. The Lion cake pictured was donated by PP Lion Ron Cadotte's spouse, Ruby.

Submitted by Lion Anne Brant

\$8000 to Telethon



The North Bay Lions Club donated \$8000 to help the Lions Christmas telethon supply toys and turkeys to underprivileged families in townships outside the boundaries of the City of North Bay. Club President Joe Daniels, left, and RC Shorty Jodouin.



The Elliot Lake Lions Club held their annual Christmas Sleigh draw on December 24. Sleigh gifts were donated by the merchants of Elliot Lake and by several Lions Club members. Net proceeds from the draw were approximately \$3,500 and will be used for community needs.

Submitted by Lion Anne Brant

Special Computer



Caledon Lions recently presented a cheque for \$500 to Delia Dorego, to assist her in the purchase of specialized computer software. The purchase became necessary after Delia lost her eyesight. The program is for re-training to enable her to return to the workforce. Presenting the cheque were, left to right, Lion Brian Sparks, Lion Cathy Greenfield, Delia Dorego, Lion Joe Henry and Lion Ed Greenfield.

Submitted by Lion Lynn Sparks

Joint Donation

At a recent meeting of the Erin Lions Club a cheque for \$200 was presented to East Wellington Advisory Group (EWAG) representative Gillian Riseborough. The Optimist Club of Erin was on hand to match the Lions donation by presenting their cheque from winning the Lions Santa Claus Award for their parade float.

The Erin Lions and the Erin Optimists held initial discussions on running a joint project to aid the Community. From left to right: Erin Lion Dick Dow, EWAG Rep. Gillian Riseborough, Erin Optimist Club President Geoffrey Andrews.

Submitted by Lion Dennis Borotsik



Harry Newman



Lion Dr. David Harper was presented with the Harry A. Newman Award on Monday February 18, 2008 by the Nobleton Lions Club. Harry A. Newman was the first Canadian President of Lions Clubs International in 1924-1925. This prestigious award is presented to members who show a leadership in the fight against diabetes and in volunteer work in and around our community. Presenting the award is Lion Jim Castator, right, and Lion President Alan Scott, left. Congratulations Lion Dave!

Submitted by Doug Sutherland

Lake Joe Monies



Thistletown Lions Club presented a cheque to the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre monies raised from the Club's Walkathon held on September 29; and another cheque for \$1,000. Total donations given were \$4,000. Pictured from left to right: Joe Lewis from the CNIB, Lion Victor Yacoob, Annita Lennon from the CNIB, and Lion Angel Perez, Thistletown Lions Treasurer.

Submitted by PRC Astrid Simola

Challenge

To kick off the New Year, Lion President Doug Harvey issued a challenge to any other Club to meet East York Danforth in a bowl-a-thon. Toronto Beaches took up the challenge and the big event took place in mid-January. The arrangement was that each Club would retain the pledge money brought in by its members. In the case of East York Danforth, it was decided to send all of the money raised to SightFirst II.

No one seems to have kept a close tab on who knocked over the most pins, and no one seemed to care. It was a good night, full of fun and friendship, and a worthwhile fundraiser.

Submitted by Lion Kenneth Thompson

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Wingham Melvin Jones



Recently the District A9 Campaign Sightfirst II Chairman PDG Andy Klonikowski and Wingham Lions Club President Cory Pullman presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Murray Gaunt. Lion Murray has been an active member since 1965. He started his career as an Agricultural Reporter on CKNX Radio and went on to serve as a member of the Provincial Government from 1962 to 1981. In 2005 he was inducted into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame. Lion Murray continues to be very active in the community and in Lions.

Submitted by Lion Earl Dolmage

New Friendship



When the Chepstow Lions Club sponsored the new club from Desboro two years ago a new friendship began. As Guiding Lions Jean Clancy and Lorne Strauss attended club meetings in Desboro as well as special events. In turn the Desboro Lions have attended Chepstow meetings and participated in the Annual Funfest, sending an impressive softball team! As a thank you the Desboro Lions presented Chepstow with gift certificates from a local landscaper. The history between the two clubs will be forever remembered by the Guiding Lion tree Chepstow will plant in their park. Pictured from left: Lion Jean Clancy, Lions Ruth and Lyle Bell and Lion Lorne Strauss.

Submitted by Lion Jean Clancy

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School in a Box



This year, for the first time, the Oro District Lions Club is participating in the School-in-a-Box program. Started in 1994 by UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization), the program provides educational supplies to teachers in areas affected by civil unrest and natural disasters. In 1996, Lions Clubs International signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UNICEF to support the School-in-a-Box program.

Each School-in-a-Box costs approximately US\$190 and includes teacher supplies and materials for up to 80 students when classes are taught twice each day to 40 students each. Teachers can use the inside cover of the box as a chalkboard. Each year the Oro District Lions Club supports a wide variety of humanitarian projects and programs at home and abroad. Club President Alvin Evans, left, presents a cheque for the School-in-a-Box program to Lion Frank Lawson, the club's International Relations Committee Chair.



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Community Work



Parry Sound Lion George Green is shown receiving his Lifetime Membership from Lion Bob Young, left. Lion George was also the recent recipient of The Order of Parry Sound for his extensive community work.

Submitted by Club President Fern Morley. Photo by Lifestyle.

No Child Without

The Lions Club of Barrie is pleased to announce a new partnership between Lions Clubs of Canada and the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation.



The No Child Without national charitable program aims to provide EVERY elementary student in Canada (who has a pre-existing health condition) with a MedicAlert bracelet or necklet, custom-engraved with the child's medical information and the MedicAlert 24-hour Emergency Hotline number, all free of charge, thanks to generous donors.

The Lions Club of Barrie fully supports this effort and feels this program will make an excellent addition to the other worthwhile youth activities and causes we already support such as Camp Huronda-Children's Diabetes, Simcoe County elementary school vision screening, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Barrie & District among others. This is just another example of how the "New Generation" of Lions is adapting to the everchanging needs of our communities.

Contact Lion Jim Sproul, 705-792-4855, jsroul36@sympatico.ca or Lion Libby Mussell, 705-735-6497, lionlibby@gmail.com

Pancakes



This past Shrove Tuesday the Magnetawan Lions Club hosted their annual Pancake Supper at the Magnetawan Community Centre. This annual community fundraiser features an "all-you-can-eat" pancake feast. Likewise a yummy dessert of vanilla ice cream drizzled with Dunchurch's finest quality maple syrup finished off with an assortment of beverages. This year's event was very well attended and all patrons had a great evening of eating and socializing. Net proceeds raised go to further various projects and activities within the community. Lion Ron Winger, left, and Lion Frank Tod, right, serve up a dinner of pancake and sausages to a hungry patron.

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth

Smiling Faces



This years very happy winners in the Oro District Lions Club Public Speaking competitions are, front row, left to right, Jenna Kelsall (WR Best), Ila Lennips (Guthrie), Madeline Springle (East Oro), and Jamie Reisch (WR Best), Back row, left to right: Lianne Renaud (Guthrie) and Rachel Kelly (East Oro). The Oro District Lions Club has been supporting public speaking competitions among the four (4) public schools in their area since 1978. Since that time the club has invested more than \$10,000 in public speaking prize money, trophies and engraving.

Submitted by Lion Frank Lawson

Merle Celebrates



Bradford Lion Merle Woodcock, right, is shown receiving his 50 Year Service Pin from Lion Ron Simpson. Over the years Lion Merle has seen a few airplanes and more than a few Cadillacs given out in the Bradford Lions Club's annual draw, held at the Bradford & District Community Centre. He is also the recipient of the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship; and the Judge Brian Stevenson Award. A loyal member of the Club, highly dependable when a job needed to be done, Lion Merle has been an outstanding member of the Lions Club," said fellow member George Jackson.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Bobala

Walk for Memories



Members of the Tiny Trails Lions Club raised \$3040 for the Manulife Walk for Memories held in the Mountainview Mall in Midland. Erika Rice, the event coordinator from the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe was very pleased with the support shown by Huronia Community on such a stormy day. At the end of the walk a total of \$17,000 had been raised with more to come.

Holding rubber brains to stimulate muscle activity are Club President John Nychuk, Lion Carol Godward, Lion Dianne Paddags, Lion Fran Nychuk, and Alzheimer's Walk Organizer Claire Dusome. Photo by H. Paddags

Bean Supper

The Stayner Lions Club recently held a "bean supper" for the community as a fundraiser for the Governors project which is SightFirst II. This was an excellent event as all members and their partners in service and families all helped in some way. Some baked beans, made cakes, helped in set up and preparation, served at the buffet table, cleared tables etc. But all members were working together and all enjoyed the evening very much. The Club was able to raise \$951 for the SightFirst II project.

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Dialysis

Members of the Lindsay Lions Club gathered at the Ross Memorial Hospital to make a special presentation, a repeat performance, in fact. The Lions are back to present a second cheque for \$5000 to the RMH Foundation. The funds will go toward the community's share of the cost of the permanent Dialysis Unit.

Back in July, the Lions donated \$5000 to help purchase the specialized equipment for the Dialysis Unit. The 40 members of the Lindsay Lions Club have been working to raise this money by holding bingos and dances, selling Nevada tickets and Christmas cakes, and collecting pop can tabs. The Lions support as many as 50 causes each year, and every year, they direct funds to help patients at the Hospital. But the Dialysis project is dear to their hearts. As Lions' President Rick Roddy explains, "Everyone knows someone who needs it". Pictured front row left to right: Lion Marilynne Golden, Erin Coons, Executive Director, Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation, and Lion James Mulhern; (back row) Lion Nick Larocque, Brian Payne, CEO, RMH, Lion Gary Barnes and Lion Jim Young.



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Children's Event



The Bridgeport Lions Club sponsored a skate board activity for the children in Bridgeport area in Kitchener. The "Doon Skatium" skateboard program was set up for the children at thew Bridgeport Community Centre. A large number of children were thrilled to have the event and play there instead of on the streets.

Submitted by Secretary Janet Fronchak

Anniversary Race



The Bridgeport Lions Club gathered to celebrate 40 years of service at the Elora Raceway for dinner and an evening of fun and camaraderie. Pictured are members gathered with the winning horse from the race dedicated to the Bridgeport Lions. Also present is Club President Lion John Fronchak, a Charter Member.

Submitted by Secretary Janet Fronchak

Beaverton Lioness

Beaverton Lioness were very busy this fall. The Club is shown participating in the Santa Claus parade. The theme was "Christmas Present and Future" Members were elves of the future! We didn't win a prize, but had lots of fun.

Another club project photo is of Lionesses Elaine, Pearl, Rose, Shirley Kidman and Shirley Bronte with some of over 200 boxes of Christmas wrapped Kleenex, as we delivered them to all the Residents at Lakeview Manor.

The Club members also catered it's annual Christmas dinner to over 30 seniors who regularly attend Wheels to Meals. They had a traditional Christmas dinner, gifts, and candy from "Santa" (Lion ZC Kim Brown). The local Public School choir entertained, and then were treated to juice and sweets. Everyone received Christmas Kleenex when leaving.

Submitted by Lioness Elaine Umphrey



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The planning committee has many seminars to provide information about Lions activities, Youth Opportunities, Leadership Opportunities and general interest topics. The keynote speakers will leave you laughing and inspired to return home with a new outlook on life. Whether this is your first or the continuation of many, the forum will leave you with many new friends and experiences.

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Lion Terry Graham PID
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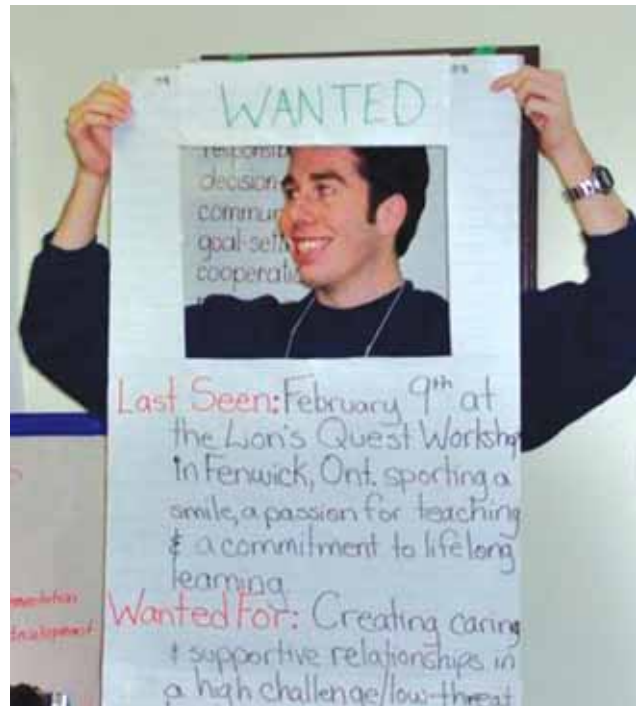
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Quest Workshop

A Lions Quest Workshop took place in February at the Fenwick Lions Hall. The group of 12 students were composed of 10 student teachers from Brock University, and 2 teachers from St. Catharines. The group expressed their appreciation to the Lions Family of A2 and enthusiasm to begin using this invaluable teaching material with their students. Special thanks to teacher trainer Rosemary Hunter, Lion Joe Roseborough & ZC Lion Vi Roseborough for all their help and support. Lioness Sue Beamer, the A2 Youth Outreach Chair remembers how good the program information is having used it during her teaching career. The young guy pictured is James McInnis - a Brock teacher in training.

Reported by Lion Bob Townsend



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