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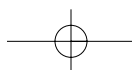
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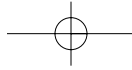
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 Submitted by *Lion Ted Rypma*  
 District A-15 Cabinet Secretary



## Lions Involvement in Our Community.

The purpose of the board is to let people know that the Lions Club of Paris is dedicated to making miracles happen in their community, and we are asking members of the community to join and help us achieve success. The concept is based on a vision of one of our newest members, Lion Shannon McCracken - Community Miracles Chair, to redevelop our local park, pool and playground and create a destination for the children.

Picture by PRC Gerry Runstedler.



Lion Chief *Ted Bickell* and PZC *Steve Kempert*.

*Morrisburg & District Lions Club recent project, the Pavilion, was the focal point for a Dog Walk*  
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## Awe-Inspiring World Games



Venezuelan athletes dance during a musical performance at the opening ceremony



Florin Barnoi of Romania crashes while competing on the intermediate hill during the slalom event assessment day on Sunday at Bogus Basin in Boise. Photo by John W. Adkisson / Special Olympics Live



David Fountain, 19, hugs Leslie King, 22, both of Team USA Stripes before competing against Honduras in a floor hockey match.



Sergey Filimonov (left) and Yury Strunov (right) of Russian Federation knock down Ferenc Jozsef Budai of Hungary during a floor hockey game.



Agnes Hingyi, 15, finishes a successful ice routine. Photo by Roxanne Turpen

The Special Olympics World Winter Games were held in Boise, Idaho, in February, and 200 Lions were on hand to do vision screenings. Lions are proud partners of Special Olympics, which promotes the dignity of people with intellectual disabilities.

Nearly 2,000 Special Olympics athletes from 95 countries competed in Boise. They skied, skated and sped through race courses on snowshoes. Nearly half also had their vision checked. Lions screened 1,100 athletes and

provided 448 with prescription glasses or sports goggles. Begun in 2001, the Lions Clubs International-Special Olympics Opening Eyes program has screened more than 100,000 athletes. LCIF has provided more than US\$10 million in grants for Opening Eyes. Said International President Al Brandel, who attended the games, "Lions have a long history of saving sight and helping the underserved, and this partnership with Special Olympics exemplifies that commitment."

The winter games combined high-spirited competition with free-spirited socializing. It was a party without peer, sports without losing, a victory for health and a triumph of good will, good feelings and excellent service to others.

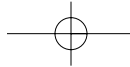


Olympic speed skater Derek Parra volunteered as a block chaser and raced two Special Olympics athletes, Stephen Graham of Canada, and Irina Nikitina of Russia. Nikitina, who aspires to race in the Olympics in 2014, won the race. Photo by Heather Follmer



Parting Shot  
 Alexander Yushin of Russia shouts with joy after winning a gold medal in the Novice Giant Slalom during the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in February in Idaho. Photo By Elias Sinkus

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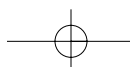
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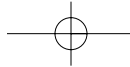
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## Time for More Miracles as Economy Worsens



**President Al Brandel and his wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, present young people in Ghana with white canes.**

Until the world economy improves many people, especially the poor, will suffer. What does this mean for Lions? It's an opportunity to serve even more. That's exactly what the president of the Republic of Korea, Lee Myung-bak, told me recently. "Lions are needed now more than ever," he said.

Our hands-on service is particularly valuable in this time of crisis. Lions do not rely on dollars to improve the lives of others. We give of our time and energy. We make a difference because our

difference is that we roll up our sleeves and do what it takes to bring about positive change. We are uniquely positioned to aid society in this era of downsizing and downward expectations.

One of the great strengths of Lions is our flexibility. If your community has changed, then your club can refocus. Maybe it's time for a new project. The past is a guide, not a straitjacket. Lions can shift their focus to meet current community needs.

Clubs not only can adjust to meet the needs of their community but also can adjust to meet needs of members. Maybe your club should consider meeting one less time a month or otherwise adjust a longstanding practice to make life easier for the complicated lives of members. Within the rules of our association, of course, be creative and flexible. Change for the better is change worth embracing.

Our miracles through service don't happen just because we mean well or have good hearts. They



happen because we are smart, purposeful and prudent about what we do. We're not only kind but we're capable. We haven't flourished since 1917 because of dumb luck. We know how to get things done.

So serve with passion, serve with pluck and serve smartly. Our miracles through service depend on the good qualities of each and every club and each and every Lion. All Lions share in our mission of service. You are the heroes of our society, the ones who quietly help your neighbors and make your neighborhoods better places to live. I wish you well and know all of you will continue to create our marvelous miracles through service.

### **Al Brandel, President**

The International Association of Lions Clubs

## Our Passion for Parks, Other Projects Provides Miracles



**President Brandel helps screen vision at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho, in February.**

If your Lions club works as mine does (and I'm sure it does), it works well because Lions choose projects that interest and excite them. Every community has many needs and good causes. Lions can't respond to all of them. So we pick the ones we are passionate about. We

carry out our commitments as well as we do because we care about what we are doing.

I remember playing in the community Lions park when I was a kid. It left great memories of my neighborhood. These parks are great assets to our communities. Some people may take them for granted. After all, God's green earth seems to be a gift that was always there and always will be. But as any club that looks after a park knows (and as the story points out), the ball fields, playgrounds, shelters and, of course, the grass, the flowers, the trees and bushes, demand time and money. Parks get a lot of use and they demand a lot of maintenance. It's not a vicious cycle exactly because the parks are a public benefit but there is a cycle to it. The better-maintained parks get more use, which requires even more maintenance.

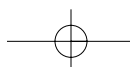
But this cycle of activity is generally true of Lions projects. The better job we do in serving others, whether it's helping youths, those with vision impairments or the elderly, the more people will call on us and ask us to do more. Our reputation precedes us. We serve well and then we certainly will be asked to serve some more.

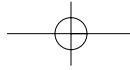
When I travel I see Lions parks. If we can continue making our community a great place to live, it will leave a great impression, helping enhance our image and drawing in more members. Whether it's sport fields, community gardens, eye banks, scholarships, Leo clubs or youth activities, what we do well helps not only our communities but also our association.

So stay the course. Stay true to your passions. The end result is a succession of miracles through service. What could be barren, perhaps junk-strewn fields instead are green spaces filled with laughter of children on a playground, the cheers at a ball field and the easy, relaxed breaths of parents and seniors who can sit on a park bench on a sunny day and just glory in the moment. In an age where we're all busy and too often stressed, those moments are miracles, too.

### **Al Brandel, President**

The International Association of Lions Clubs





# Massive Campaign to Eliminate Trachoma

Photos by Nicole Brown

by Nicole Brown



**Zithromax helps ward off trachoma.**

Admasu joined a sea of 10,000 people, some walking up to five miles barefoot in dusty conditions and 90-degree heat for the launch of MalTra week in Ethiopia in November. "My eyes are very painful. I heard the Lions are helping

people with my problem so I came here today seeking their help," he said.

MalTra, a combination of the words malaria and trachoma, was the first-ever weeklong initiative launched by Lions in Ethiopia aimed at simultaneously fighting malaria and trachoma on a nationwide scale. This SightFirst model program is the first of its kind to concurrently control two diseases. The president of Ethiopia, Girma Wolde Giorgis, a Lion, presided over the launch event ceremony and personally distributed the first five doses of medication.

"Lions clubs have proven to be a pillar for the mitigations of the problems of our society. Lions have brought about light of hope to our society for the future," said Giorgis, declaring the government's continued support for Lions programs, particularly MalTra.

Lions and LCIF have partnered with the Ethiopian government and its ministry of health, The Carter Center, Pfizer Inc. and the International Trachoma Initiative for years on trachoma control programs in the Amhara region of Ethiopia, the most endemic area of the world for trachoma.

The Amhara region is a one-hour flight for the closest Lions club in the capital city of Addis Ababa, yet Lions routinely make the trip to participate in distribution and education programs. Through MalTra week efforts, Lions and partners are expanding the program to reach more people throughout Ethiopia.

"This is a huge problem, requiring a huge intervention. No single organization can do it alone. Without this kind of partnership it wouldn't be possible for us to bring this disease under control," said Teshome Gebre, a member of the Cosmopolitan Addis Ababa Lions Club and The Carter Center country representative in Ethiopia. "We dream to see a country where nobody will be dying from

malaria, nobody will be going blind from trachoma. That's our objective, and we hope that the end is in sight."

More than 14,000 volunteers mobilized to visit hundreds of thousands of villages throughout this vast country to distribute Zithromax to 5 million people during MalTra week last November. The amount of medication needed for the weeklong treatment program filled an entire 757 jumbo jet, which Pfizer chartered to fly the medication to Ethiopia. Ethiopia is slightly less than twice the size of Texas, or the size of Britain and France combined. In the nation of 72 million people, about 10 million have active cases of trachoma. The disease has several stages, each one progressively worse. An estimated one million Ethiopians have the last stage, trichiasis.

"LCIF and The Carter Center are complementary partners because The Carter Center has long experience and technical expertise working in developing countries on public health problems, including those having to do with river blindness and trachoma. Lions provide funding, but also Lions are on the ground in the countries that we're working with, doing surveys, passing out tablets, working with public health programs," said Dr. Donald Hopkins, vice president of health programs at The Carter Center and a member of the LCIF SightFirst Advisory Committee.

"We've seen in this Amhara region of Ethiopia a grand partnership, one of the best that I've seen between the local Lions clubs, LCIF, The Carter Center and the local government as well as the population concerned. Together we can take care of these diseases and move on to other causes of blindness as well," said Hopkins.

Zithromax, donated by Pfizer, is taken once a year to stop the bacterial spread of trachoma, a blinding eye disease that is easily transmitted by fly bites, typically around the face, and then spread through close contact with others. This is the reason women and children are most susceptible to the disease. The eyelashes turn inward, scarring the cornea until eventually blinding a person. It can, however, be easily prevented.

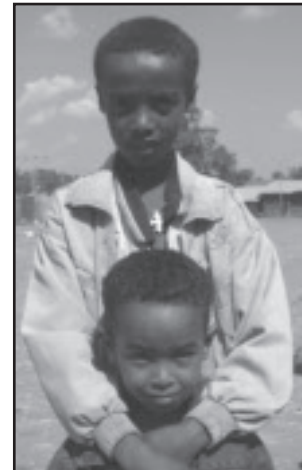
The World Health Organization has recommended four means for preventing and eliminating the disease, known as the SAFE strategy. SAFE focuses on "S"urgery to reverse the condition of the eyelids, "A"ntibiotics (such as Zithromax) to suppress the infection, "F"ace washing to keep the flies away from the face, and "E"nvironmental improvement such as building latrines and water wells. The latrines decrease the breeding of flies that carry the disease. Lions are also focusing their

efforts on educating communities on the disease and preventative measures such as face washing.

SightFirst is funding projects in all areas of SAFE. Many of these same approaches for trachoma will also help control the spread of malaria, the reason for fighting both diseases at once.

Ethiopia Lions plan to hold MalTra week twice a year, treating a total of 10 million people annually. Funds raised through Campaign SightFirst II will continue treatment of trachoma and other leading causes of blindness. The new SightFirst program will strive to incorporate treatment of more than one eye disease simultaneously, further leveraging funds and other resources while being more targeted in its approach.

Watch this story in the July edition of Lions Quarterly online video magazine at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

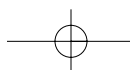


**Thanks to Lions, Ethiopians will grow up with their sight intact.**

### LCIF support for Ethiopia

MalTra was organized with SightFirst funding of \$1,850,000  
 MalTra will be continued with a SightFirst grant for US\$2 million  
 Ethiopia has received 6 grants totaling US\$7,145,681 for trachoma activities since 1999

Trachoma Successes in Ethiopia in 2008  
 Latrines built: 389,262  
 Surgeries: 32,303  
 Trichiasis surgeons trained: 287  
 Tetracycline treatments: 407,618  
 Villages visited & educated: 4,385  
 Community leaders trained: 8,399



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### NEW YORK, NEW YORK, USA

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1. Toronto, Ontario, Canada, was chosen as the site for the 2014 International Convention.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. Received and reviewed the cash application process.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

1. Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2009 International Convention to amend Article VIII, Section 3 of the International By-Laws by deleting the first sentence of the second paragraph in its entirety and substituting the following:

Redistricting proposals shall be considered by the International Board of Directors provided that each proposed sub-district shall contain at least thirty-five (35) Lions clubs with a total membership of no less than one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) members in good standing unless a proposal reduces the number of sub-districts within the multiple district.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

1. Determined there would be no change in the full registration fees and approved a US\$80 one-day registration fee for the 2010 Sydney convention.
2. Determined that voting delegates and non-voting alternate delegates wishing to certify must pay the full-specified registration fee.
3. Approved a May 28, 2010, individual room cancellation deadline date for the 2010 Sydney convention.
4. Determined that the 2017 convention location will be selected seven (7) years in advance.

**DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE**

1. Cancelled 139 clubs with 841 members for non-financial reasons.
2. Placed 11 clubs from District 322-E in status quo due to non-existence.
3. Approved the reappointment of Coordinating Lions for 14 areas.
4. Approved the appointment of District Governors for provisional districts and to fill district vacancies for the 2009-2010 year.
5. Approved the redistricting of Multiple Districts 35 (Florida) and 324 (India).
6. Approved modifications to Chapter IX of the Board Policy Manual. The modifications established a new reimbursement policy for District Governors-Elect that reduces the length of the seminar by one day and provides an additional night stay for DGEs who would miss the closing session due to flight schedules. The new policy also establishes reimbursement for the DGE spouse travel to the DGE Seminar to an amount not to exceed US\$500. Additional modifications clarified the procedures relating to the provisional and districts below 35 clubs and 1,250 members for two years and, contingent on the adoption of a corresponding proposed amendment to the International By-Laws, revised redistricting procedures to allow redistricting proposals that reduce the number of districts to be considered by the International Board of

Directors.

7. Revised procedures for club cancellation to allow automatic cancellation of clubs that disband, merge or engage in litigation involving Lions matters, along with housekeeping items in Chapter V of the Board Policy Manual.
8. Changed the administration of club name changes to the District and Club Administration Division.
9. Requested that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee draft language necessary for an amendment to the International By-Laws to be proposed to the delegates at the 2009 International Convention which would allow redistricting proposals with fewer than 35 clubs and 1,250 members to be approved by two-thirds of the board when the proposal reduces the overall number of sub-districts in the multiple district.

**FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the 2008-2009 3rd quarter forecast, reflecting a deficit, which is primarily due to net unrealized investment losses.
2. Approved an Association General Fund Reserves/ Spending policy, which is included in Finance Chapter of board policy.
3. Approved modifications to board policy regarding the class of travel for past international presidents and administrative officers. Past international presidents are authorized to fly business class and administrative officers may fly business class when round trip travel exceeds 10 hours.
4. Approved modifications to board policy and the Executive Officer Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy to outline spousal travel responsibilities and guidelines. Travel expenses for a spouse accompanying an executive officer, international director, past international president, past international director, board appointee or official speaker to speaking assignment(s), board meeting(s) or international convention will be reimbursed according to the Rules of Audit if the spouse is present at scheduled Lions Clubs International functions and events. Reimbursement will not be provided if the spouse does not attend scheduled functions and events.
5. The board approved modifications to board policy and the Executive Officer Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy to allow a single or a multiple district, inclusive of all its sub-districts, to extend an invitation to one executive officer per year. Special circumstances, which require visitation by more than one executive officer, may be authorized with the approval from the international president. This policy does not apply to attendance at forums, training programs, planning meetings held for association programs or initiatives, or for other travel related to LCI operations.

6. Approved modifications to board policy to define general responsibilities and purpose of official speakers. To ensure meeting attendees receive significant benefit from having an official speaker, the primary purpose of an official speaker shall be to encourage membership growth and to promote and raise awareness to relevant and especially more recent association programs, policies, and achievements including LCIF and its programs and mission accomplishments. The speaker is encouraged to relate such topics in a way that can benefit, improve or inspire local clubs and districts hosting the meeting. Travel reimbursement and/or future speaking assignments may not be approved if a speaker presents on programs not affiliated with the association.
7. Approved modifications to the Board Committees Chapter of board policy to give responsibility to the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee to review the association's Form 990 prior to filing.

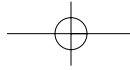
**LCIF**

1. Approved that the SF II funds be transferred at their book value from LCIF's general endowment to a separate SF II fund.
2. Revised LCIF's Investment Policy Statement to reflect separate and revised asset allocations for SF II and general endowment funds.
3. Revised the Humanitarian (non-designated) Grants Spending Policy to include a five-year average for calculating the value of assets and unrestricted donations.
4. Approved 44 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$1,632,933.
5. Tabled five grant applications.
6. Denied three grant applications.
7. Approved a US\$57,890 Core 4 Board-directed grant to support the Lions HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care Clinic for Children in Nairobi, Kenya.
8. Inserted new paragraphs in the Board Policy Manual regarding the appointment and terms of the LCIF Multiple District and District Coordinators.
9. Updated the LCIF chapter of the Board Policy Manual with the Humanitarian (non-designated) Grants Spending Policy.
10. Approved a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant for Brazil flooding.

**LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

1. Established eligibility requirements for the position of District Governors-Elect Seminar Chairperson, effective beginning with the 2010 District Governors-Elect Seminar.
2. Established eligibility requirements for the position of District Governors-Elect Seminar Group Leader, including a limit on the number of consecutive years an individual Lion can serve as group leader, effective beginning with the 2010 District Governors-Elect Seminar.
3. Reduced the duration of the District





Governors-Elect Seminar by one day and adjusted the group leader expense reimbursement accordingly; established new reimbursement policy for the District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader spouse travel to an amount not to exceed US\$500.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Adopted a resolution to approve a new two-tier structure for the China Affairs Coordination Committee. The first tier will be an Executive Steering Committee comprised of three to four Lions members, with the LCI President serving as an ex-officio member each year. The second tier will be a coordinating committee with two to three Lion members each from (1) Mainland China, (2) China Hong Kong and Macau, and (3) Multiple District 300 Taiwan, for a total of six to nine members. The term of appointment for both committee tiers will be three years, with the LCI President authorized to make new appointees in case of vacancies and/or when circumstances warrant changes in composition.

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the Lion Cub program, a new program under the Family Membership Program.
2. Approved the adoption of the Global Membership Team revised structure and budget considerations.
3. Approved the extension of the entrance fee waiver from six months to twelve months for transfer and reinstated members who have resigned in good standing.
4. Approved an entrance fee waiver until May 31, 2009, for individuals in District 352 Egypt who have been participating in Lions activities but have not become members.
5. Approved a revised Rules of Audit for the 2008-09 GMT leaders and the 2009-10 GMT leaders.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

1. Established Lions In Sight as a pilot program for Lions year 2009-10.
2. Established the Lions Clubs International Global Youth Music Competition as a pilot program for Lions year 2009-10.
3. Increased Presidential Award Medals to 1,050 and International Leadership Award Medals to 1,200 for Lions year 2009-10.
4. Changed the position of Vice District Governor to 1st Vice District Governor and added the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. Both positions inserted in the Order of Precedence.

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

1. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Lions Clubs International and the Diabetes Education Camping Association, Inc.
2. Approved the adoption of the Leo Leadership Conference Grant Program, effective fiscal year 2009-10.
3. Named the recipients of the 2007-08 Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Award.
4. Added previously approved District and Multiple District Sight Chairperson awards to board policy.
5. Changed title of the Lion appointed at the district level who encourages the implementation of international relations projects from "District International Understanding and Cooperation Chairperson" to "District International Relations Chairperson" to be consistent with the title at the multiple district level.
6. Approved District and Multiple District International Relations Chairperson awards, effective 2009-10.
7. Approved the establishment of ALERT chairpersons at the district and multiple district levels, effective immediately.
8. Approved District and Multiple District Alert Chairperson awards, effective 2009-10.

9. Discontinued the following adopted service programs and activities effective July 1, 2009: Hearing and Sight Communication Aids and Assistive Devices; the Stamp Collection and Exchange Program; World Peace Day; and the Young Ambassadors of the 21st Century Award Program.
10. Approved the establishment of a Lions Services for Children Chairperson at the multiple district level, effective July 1, 2009.
11. Approved a Multiple District Lions Services for Children Chairperson Award.
12. Approved the turnkey Lions Children First Program as an adopted service program of the association, effective July 1, 2009.
13. Revised board policy with respect to Alpha and Omega Leo Membership, effective July 1, 2009, which is now defined as: Alpha Membership - A member of the Leo club who is 12 years of age to 18 years of age; Omega Membership - A member of the Leo club who is 18 years of age to 30 years of age.
14. Deleted non-applicable nomination criteria with respect to the Leo-Lion Advisory Panel.
15. Revised board policy pertaining to cooperative alliances to clarify that all alliances shall include a descriptive plan for promoting public awareness of the relationship and its goals; include a defined leadership role for Lions; and promote the LCI global image and include appropriate recognition of LCI. Moreover, no alliance organizations shall be permitted to solicit, contact, or otherwise communicate with Lions clubs, district or multiple districts without the express written permission of Lions Clubs International's Board of Directors.

*For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or call the International Office at 630-571-5466.*

**Official Notice 2009 International Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA**

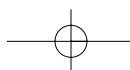
*The following proposed amendments to the International By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2009 International Convention.*

**ITEM 1:**

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS WITH MORE FLEXIBILITY IN REDISTRICTING AND AUTHORIZE THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CONSIDER REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS THAT CONTAIN PROPOSED SUB-DISTRICTS WITH LESS THAN THIRTY-FIVE (35) CLUBS AND ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (1,250) MEMBERS WHEN SUCH PROPOSALS REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUB-DISTRICTS WITHIN THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT. SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? BE IT RESOLVED, That Article VIII, Section 3 of the International By-Laws shall be amended by deleting the first sentence of the second paragraph in its entirety and substituting the following: Redistricting proposals shall be considered by the International Board of Directors provided that each proposed sub-district shall contain at least thirty-five (35) Lions clubs with a total membership of no less than one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) members in good standing unless a proposal reduces the number of sub-districts within the multiple district.

**ITEM 2:**

A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF BOARD APPOINTEES THAT MUST BE FROM CLUBS IN CONSTITUTIONAL AREAS DIFFERENT FROM THE AREA IN WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CLUB IS LOCATED. SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? BE IT RESOLVED, That Article IV, Section 5 of the International By-Laws shall be amended by deleting the phrase "two (2)" as it appears in the last sentence of the section and substituting the phrase "one (1)".



## Better Structure to Build Stronger Foundation



**The new volunteer structure and fundraising efforts will continue and expand current LCIF programs, including programs for youth.**

John Wargo of New York saw LCIF in action after Sept. 11. Two projects he assisted on stood out: the volunteer-relief warehouse and the bereavement camps for families.

"To see firsthand how LCIF works for us was amazing," said Wargo, a board appointee in 2008-09 for Lions Clubs International.

Wargo knew what to do when he learned LCIF was changing its organizational volunteer structure and needed a Multiple District Coordinator (MDC) for MD-20 (New York). He is one of 130 MDCs worldwide. "It's my hope that our team of coordinators in MD 20 will be able to educate and further promote local Lions about the work of LCIF and expand the base that we already have and really drive home that this is our foundation," he said.

MDCs have selected and appointed District Coordinators to promote LCIF. Trained this spring, the coordinators will assume their duties immediately following the international convention in July.

Coordinators will promote LCIF both to the public and Lions through presentations, grant and program updates, fundraising progress reports and arranging for district booths to share educational materials. Coordinators will also promote fundraising, identify potential donors, assist Lions in submitting funds and assist with grant and recognition applications.

Leaders are appointed and trained for a four-year term (allowing for some variation to address local needs). The LCIF MD and District Coordinators will fill the role formerly served by MD and District LCIF Chairpersons. (The list of MDCs is available online.)

The organizational changes flow from the recent LCIF Development Plan, overseen by a Development Advisory Committee (DAC) made up of one past international president or an international representative from each constitutional areas.

"Often times, the LCIF District Chairperson

is in that role only for one year and by the time they are getting up to speed on LCIF's many programs and its available grants, the year is almost up," said Wargo.

Lions and non-Lions are engaged in the work of LCIF now more than ever. In fact, 90 percent of more than 11,000 recently surveyed Lions and Lions leaders indicated that LCIF was "very important" to LCI.

"Together, we have provided 40 years of humanitarian service, been recognized as the #1 ranked non-governmental organization worldwide with which to partner, and surpassed Campaign SightFirst II's US\$200 million challenge goal in the most aggressive

initiative in Lions' history to provide and protect sight," said Mahendra Amarasuriya, LCIF Chairperson. "Please give these leaders your best advice and full support as they prepare to support LCIF. Working together, Lions have the opportunity to build a stronger foundation and create a better world."

130 LCIF Multiple District or Single District Coordinators worldwide  
One LCIF District Coordinator will be appointed in every district around the world

Beginning in July 2009, these new roles replace the current structure of LCIF Multiple District Chairperson or Single District Chairperson

DC term is four years (although first term of DCs will serve only three years, 2009-2012)

## Candidates for Second Vice President

As of press time, there were five candidates for second vice president. The election will take place July 10 at the 92nd International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



**Masanori Fukui**

Past International Director Masanori Fukui lives in Nara, Japan. A member of the Yamashiro Lions Club since 1965, he served as an international director from 1995-97.

**Ronal A. Luxton**

Past International Director Ronal A. Luxton lives in Temuka, New Zealand. A member of the Temuka Lions Club since 1974, he served as an international director from 1994-96.



**G. Ramaswamy**

Past International Director G. Ramaswamy lives in Coimbatore, India. A member of the Annur Town Lions Club since 1985, he served as an international director from 1996-98.

**Scott A. Storms**

Past International Director Scott A. Storms lives in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, United States. A member of the Windsor Locks Lions Club since 1973, he served as an international director from 2001-03.



**Dr. Wing-Kun Tam**

Past International Director Dr. Wing-Kun Tam lives in Hong Kong, China. A member of the Mt. Cameron Lions Club since 1981, he served as an international director from 2003-05.



## From Darkness to Light

by Kristen Eckert



**National SightFirst Adviser Dr. Florencio Cabrera performs a routine, follow-up visit to Benito Maya Rodriguez who is recuperating from recent cataract surgery.**

Nicolas Díaz remembers the day he began to wonder if he was going blind. It was over two years ago. The former taxi driver already had some vision loss and had to quit his job to work as a waiter in a restaurant in Mexico City. A full pitcher in hand, Díaz crossed the dining room to pour drinks. He had trouble seeing the drink glasses, and soda spilled all over the table and guests. He felt humiliated. His life “began to plunge into darkness,” he says.

He and his wife live in rented rooms in the town of Xochimilco, just outside of Mexico City. Their daughter lives in the city and sends them money to pay the rent. His wife baby-sits the children of their niece. They live a very simple life with their dog, Shakira. And when Díaz was diagnosed with bilateral cataract two years ago, they had no insurance and no money to pay for the surgery. Shortly thereafter, Díaz lost his job at the restaurant. He tried to be hired as a gardener and to guard people’s cars parked on the streets, but his vision deteriorated. Just one year later, he was not able to walk in the streets.

Then he received a call from his daughter, “Dad, dad! The Lions in Mexico City are doing a cataract campaign with Our Lady of the Light

Hospital! They are helping people like us who cannot afford the surgery!” The next week, Díaz’s wife took him to the local Lions screening campaign where he met Past District Governor Pepe Fernández, who administers the 4,000-surgery campaign funded in part by SightFirst. After receiving a comprehensive eye care exam and undergoing an income check, Díaz was operated on through the SightFirst campaign on Valentine’s Day last year. Today, Díaz, 67, says he has the sight of a 20-year old. For the first time in years, he is able to look for work.

He regularly welcomes the Lions into his home when they check up on him and his family. They share a drink, walk to the shop to buy groceries and together walk Shakira. He cannot thank them enough for their service and generosity. With tears in his eyes, he declares, “I feel complete now. It is like being born again.”

Nicolas Díaz is just one of more than 1,000 people who have been operated on by the Lions SightFirst campaign in the Federal District of Mexico. The SightFirst project continues to be successful, with another 3,000 people soon to receive the gift of sight from the Lions.

## Convention Call



In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2009 International Convention. Our 92<sup>nd</sup> International Convention will be

held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States, July 6-10.

Minneapolis is a warm, friendly city full of first-rate cultural, dining and shopping venues. It’s a city you like immediately and soon grow to love. It’s a perfect setting for a Lions convention.

During Convention Week Lions will enjoy the fellowship of their peers and participate in helpful, inspiring seminars. They will witness the installation of a new president, a stirring speech by former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, the ever-popular flag ceremony, the presentation of the 2008 Humanitarian Award, outstanding entertainment such as the Beach Boys and our festive parade.

The Lions of Multiple District 5 will welcome their visitors and ensure their stay is enjoyable, productive and comfortable. It will be my pleasure to share with you a year filled with Miracles Through Service, my presidential theme.

Signed by me at Oak Brook, Illinois, United States of America, this 12th day of May 2009.

Warmest regards,

**Al Brandel, President**

The International Association of Lions Clubs

## Canadian Caucus Meeting

**You are invited to the  
2009 Canadian Caucus Meeting  
in Minneapolis, MN**

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2009  
Time: 16:00 to 17:00 HR  
Location: Minneapolis Convention Centre  
Room 205 C&D

This is an opportunity to discuss issues of relevance to all Canadian Lions.



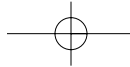
## Canadian Directors’ Reception

Time: 17:00 to 18:00 HR  
Location: Minneapolis Convention Centre  
Room 205 C&D

Outgoing International Director: Patti Hill  
Will introduce

MDA Endorsed Candidate for International Director,  
Carl Young

All Canadian Caucus attendees and guests welcome.  
Light snacks and Beverages will be available.



## COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### Lion Leadership Transition



*Council Chair  
Bill Carson*

If you are feeling slightly overwhelmed, there is a good possibility that you are assuming or completing service in a leadership role in Lions Clubs International.

Our June 30th year end is cause for an extraordinary amount of work for our leadership. One team is winding down – and another team is revving up.

Our District Conventions have seen the introduction of our new leadership, Reports are being compiled, several of which reveal our degree of success in our mission to serve. New leaders will be influenced by such results and will plan to remedy the shortcomings while enhancing areas of strength.

Leadership seminars are provided in each District at this time of the year. If you have a leadership role, you have an obligation to attend the District Leadership session. Lion leaders need to stay abreast of the many changes that are inevitable in our organization.

Failure of a President, Secretary or Membership Chair to attend and learn is a disservice to the Club and District. The indifference of one such Lion leads to various shortcomings and problems that impact upon others who felt confident in your appointment. Try to imagine the effect with all levels of leaders, in this or any environment, who fail to upgrade their skills periodically (e.g. the medical professions). In short order the world will pass you and move on without you. All who depend on you are condemned to pay a price for your lack of effort. The Lions in your Club deserve your best effort.

Resolve to do and be the best that could be expected of a Lion as we transition from the old to the new in all that we do as Lions.

I thank the Lions of MD'A' and all who have served with me for giving their best and delivering the many successes we have enjoyed in 2008-2009 in Lionism.

I wish everyone the best for the year ahead.

*Sincerely,*  
**Lion Bill Carson**  
Council Chair for MD'A' 2008-2009

### Membership Message from President Al Brandel

April 2009

One of my favorite American football coaches, Lou Holtz, was never too concerned if his team was trailing at halftime. He said this:

"How you respond to the challenge in the second half will determine what you become after the game, whether you are a winner or a loser."

For Holtz, halftime played a special role in his game plan. He saw it as a time to take note of what worked and what didn't work in the first half. It was an opportunity to restore his team's confidence. By making the proper adjustments they could still win the game.

We are now in the second half of our leadership year and, if you haven't done so already, this is the time to review your goals, take a close look at what is working and to make whatever changes are needed to end this year as a winner.

The first half is history. It is what we do now that determines how we've done this year. We have three months left in which to write the legacy of our leadership. Will your legacy be one that you will be proud to pass on to your successor? Will you have left Lions Clubs International better than you found it? Only you can answer that question.

Sincerely,  
President Al Brandel

**My Review**

I have reviewed my own leadership goals and now intend to concentrate on these areas:

**Global Membership Success.**

It is vitally important that no part of the Lions world be left behind and that ALL

constitutional areas celebrate a net gain in membership in 2008-2009. I will do everything possible to ensure that all Lion leaders emerge from this year as winners.

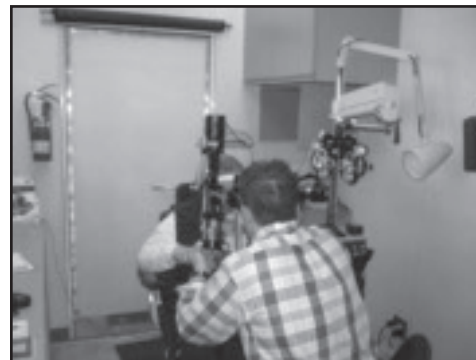
**Member Retention.**

We must keep good and dedicated Lions active and involved with our clubs. When good people stop coming to meetings or let their membership lapse, the fault is not theirs but lies with the association and the club. We Lion leaders must pledge ourselves to serving not only our communities but also our members, first and foremost. This may mean doing things differently than they have always been done, but it is up to us to ensure that our clubs create meaningful and satisfying service projects that will allow all Lions to act on their desire to serve.

**Partnerships**

My part in creating new and exciting service opportunities will be to build relationships and partnerships with other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and to translate those relationships into programs and projects that Lions Clubs throughout the world can make their own. Lions have a long history of successful partnerships with NGOs, which have similar missions to us. One of the great benefits of being a Lion is that we don't have to reinvent the wheel. We can use the resources and expertise of NGOs to further our service. We can be more efficient and effective by collaborating with NGOs.

I ask for your help in reaching these goals and promise my best effort to support you in yours.

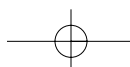


### Ontario Medical Mobile Eye Care Unit

Since 1986, the Ontario Medical Mobile Eye Care Unit has been making their first stop at Englehart to examine an average 150 clients, on their 9 month long, 6000 km trek to some 30 North-Eastern Ontario communities giving eye care to some 5000 patients each year.

Each year the Charlton-Englehart Lions have donated to this worthwhile service. This year a donation of \$2300 was made. Pictured here are the "Eye Van" and Ophthalmologist Jim Farmer examining one of an average 150 clients seen annually in Englehart.

*Submitted by Lion Vic Roach*







### The Schomberg Lions

President Doug Groombridge presenting a cheque for \$1,000.00 to (from left to right) Carol Buchanan with her dog Jackson, Jennifer McCague, Barb Innis, & our President Doug Groombridge. Our club turned 62 years old on March 20<sup>th</sup>, of this year of course and we have done a great deal of things towards bettering our Community.  
*Submitted by Paul Feeney*



### The Belleville Lions Club

The Belleville Lions Club make their donation to The Lions Laser Project at their regular Tuesday meeting held on March 24. The Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation's executive director, Wendy Warner was invited to receive a cheque for \$5,200 as the Belleville Lions Clubs contribution to the project. Wendy is shown after receiving the cheque with Lion Harvey Gere on the left, district chairman of the fund raising project and Lion Chris Chamberlain, president of the Belleville Lions Club.

The purpose of this fund raising project, spear headed by local Lions Clubs is to replace an aging 15 year old laser at the Trenton Memorial Hospital which has out lived its usefulness. The new proposed replacement, which is a Pascal Laser, will not only make it possible for patients to experience fewer necessary treatments but also with a reduced duration for each treatment. This will drastically reduce waiting times. The Lions welcome public participation and are seeking the help of the community on this worthwhile project. Individual donations can be made by sending the gifts to The Trenton Memorial Foundation and designating them to The Lions Laser Project.

*Submitted by John Thompson A-3*



### Vision Screening in Cambridge

Vision Screening in Cambridge and the surrounding area is in its fifth year. We started in 2004, and the program has proved popular, and has grown over the years. On average we have a 65% return rate on the consent forms from parents. The principal, Alan MacKay at Manchester Public School, says that "parents see the program as a positive support, and it helps to screen out difficulties".

Over the past year, 20 lions from the GALT CAMBRIDGE LIONS, 3 members of the Cambridge Highlands, and 3 non-lion members, who also believe in the program, came out at various times. We usually work as a five member team so a lot of people are required.

So far this year, we have screened 1100 children, on thirty-nine visits, to twenty-four public schools. Lion volunteers put in over 750 hours collectively, and drove numerous kilometers, but nobody minds, as they love working with the children, and if they can help one child it makes it all worthwhile.

Fellow Lions, if you are not involved in this program in your area, I highly recommend that you try it.

*Submitted by Lion Louise Reeve*

*NOTE: Principal obtained permission from parents to photograph children.*



### Lions Clubs Insurance Products

- \* Club Property & Paraphernalia
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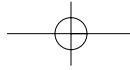
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## LCIF Newsletter

### Message from Chairperson

#### Dear Fellow Lions,

The beginning of 2009 has been a great success for our Foundation. The Youth and Sight Partners Forums took place at the end of January and were a great success. The debut of the new Lions Clubs International Foundation Web site is quickly approaching. The Foundation and Lions are working together to aid the victims of wildfires that have devastated parts of Australia. Lions around the world continue to serve those in need through LCIF. Please enjoy the updates about our great accomplishments so far this year.

Yours in Lionism,  
Mahendra Amarasuriya  
LCIF Chairperson

### Grants Awarded for Australian Wildfires

LCIF has awarded a US\$100,000 major catastrophe grant in addition to US\$30,000 total in emergency grants to Lions in Australia. An "Australian Wildfire Disaster" designated fund has been established for donors wishing to contribute directly to this disaster. The funds will be used by Lions in Australia to provide relief supplies to displaced families and assist in rebuilding efforts. To make a contribution, please visit [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate).

### New Foundation Web Site to Debut in March

A new Foundation Web site will debut in March, coinciding with the launch of the new Lions Clubs International site. As part of a major branding initiative of Lions Clubs International, the new Web site will explain who Lions are and what we do, while being more user-friendly. The new site will show the Foundation in a new light, through patient stories, donor spotlights and testimonies from our partners. To learn more about the new Web site, please read the March edition of LION Magazine, or visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org).

### Former President Jimmy Carter Visits Lions Headquarters

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter dedicated the "Gift of Sight" statue on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at Lions Clubs International headquarters. The statue symbolizes Lions Clubs International Foundation's ongoing collaborative efforts to combat preventable blindness and is a gift to Lions from The Carter Center. The dedication of the statue was part of a two-day symposium where leading sight and youth organizations from around the world gathered to discuss positive youth development and blindness prevention. Photos and interviews from the events are available on our Web site.

### CSFII, Fulfilled Pledges Fulfill "Vision for All"

As many of you know and made possible, Lions surpassed Campaign SightFirst II's (CSFII) challenge goal of US\$200 million raised in cash and pledges. Today, almost US\$150 million of these funds have been received by LCIF and are working to expand our SightFirst efforts to provide sight and fight preventable blindness around the globe. At the January 2009 SightFirst Advisory Committee meeting, 11 grants were approved for SightFirst projects in nine countries around the world. The need for the SightFirst program continues. As we each come closer to fulfilling our club and personal pledges to CSFII, we come closer to bridging the gap and making Lions' "Vision for All" a reality.

### Cruise the Western Mediterranean with the Chairperson

Join 2009-2010 LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel and his wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, on an exciting journey through the western Mediterranean aboard the Celebrity Century cruise ship. See the sights of Barcelona, Cannes and the historic cities of the Italian coast, while visiting with local Lions in ports of call. Help support LCIF and fund Lions projects around the world while enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime trip. For more information

e-mail [lcifdevelopment@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcifdevelopment@lionsclubs.org). Spaces are limited, so act soon!

### Opening Eyes Program at Special Olympics Winter Games

A Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes event was held at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho in February. Opening Eyes is part of the Healthy Athletes program, which provides athletes with a variety of health screenings and diagnostics. The screenings took place from February 8 through 13 for 5 hours each day. During the screenings nearly 450 prescription eye glasses and sport glasses were distributed, 650 sunglasses were given to athletes. Nearly 200 Lions volunteers gave almost 1600 volunteer hours for the event. In total, more than 1,100 athletes went through the Opening Eyes screening.

### Lions Night at the Ballgame

Come see the Minnesota Twins play against the New York Yankees on Wednesday, July 8, 2009. Increase awareness about Lions and raise money for a great cause at the same time! Tickets are US\$20 or US\$29 each, a savings of US\$5 or US\$7 off the normal ticket price, with US\$3 from each ticket purchase donated to LCIF. A special pre-game presentation will honor Lions, and the Lions Michigan All-State band will perform the National Anthem. See the flyer online for more details and how to order tickets.

### New Online Donation System

The online donation system on the Foundation Web site has been revised to allow for easier navigation among users. The new system offers the contributor a selection from three different types of donations: Humanitarian/Sight, Disaster and In Honor of/In Memory of. To make a contribution, please visit [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate).



(left to right) Lion Wayne West, President Doug Osborne making the presentation, Z.C. Lion Roger Larocque

## Oakwood Lions Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary

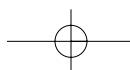
Celebration was January 24, 2009  
Lion Wayne West receives Melvin Jones Award.

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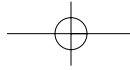


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## Innerkip and District Lions Club Visitation Report from Lion Fran and Lion Ian MacFarlane

It is absolutely amazing the hospitality shown to us by the three Lions Club meetings we attended while on vacation in the Hawaiian Islands.

### Ala Moana Lions, Honolulu, Oahu

This was a dinner meeting and we were picked up at our hotel by Lion President Miles Matsumura and driven to Zippy's Restaurant in Makiki. This club celebrates its 44 years next month and of their 35 members eleven are charter members. After the meeting which included guest speakers from the HPD on pedestrian safety and winning the door prize we were driven back to our hotel.

### Waikoloa Lions Club, Hawaii (the Big Island)

This club is relatively new, less than five years. The meeting we attended was in Waikoloa Community Centre and again the hospitality was fantastic. It was a short drive from our condo. Although this meeting was a business meeting it was also potluck and the food was great. One of their major projects was sponsoring under-privileged kids in canoeing. The program is being very successful and the canoe club is actually beginning to win races.



### West Maui Lions Club, Lahaina, Maui

This Club was Chartered in March of 2008, (they just had their first birthday celebration last week.

Again, we experienced wonderful hospitality. A side story is that we got a \$60 parking ticket but when we went to pay at the courthouse the next day, we were advised to write an explanation. The advice came from a Club member who worked at the courthouse. We ended up paying by mail, \$30. The club has 30 members and is receiving a lot of support from other clubs on the Island. Future projects include the Angel program helping members in difficulty during economic downturns.



*l to r Lion Bernadette Seto, Lion Fran, Lion Ian, Lion President Lester Seto*



*Lion President Dennis Elms receives an Innerkip 30th from Lion Fran.*

### IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION!!!!

*Submitted by Lions Fran and Ian MacFarlane.  
Innerkip and District Lions*

## Restoule and District Lions Club



*Helipad Ribbon Cutting ceremony. From left to right: District of Parry Sound Emergency Services Director Sharon Montgomery Greenwood, M.P.P. Norm Miller, Lion Al Proctor, M.P. Tony Clement and Paramedic Krista Hampel*

*Submitted by Lion Al Proctor*

The Restoule and District Lions Club have come up with a life saving idea that has really taken off! MPP Norm Miller formally announced that the Club has received a one-year \$15,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to build a lighted helipad behind the Restoule Community Centre. Restoule is in need of an emergency airlift facility because of its location and its one hour drive to the hospital in North Bay.



*Restoule & District Lions President Melissa Hamilton presenting Appreciation Award to Lion Al Proctor*

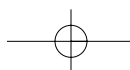


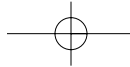
**We Serve**

## Oxford's First White Cane Day

Lion Jim Dolson from the Galt - Cambridge Lions Club and 4 month old foster puppy Oxford. This is Oxford's first White Cane day appearance. This is Lion Jim's first time fostering a puppy. Luckily there are no more sleepless nights as Oxford now sleeps through. Lion Jim expresses a great feeling of accomplishment in fostering Oxford. He says it is amazing the number of people who will stop him in the Malls and express their gratitude that we (people who foster) take the time and effort to do this wonderful job. It is even more gratifying when he explains the Lions involvement in the Dog Guides of Canada.

*Submitted by Lion Secretary Jim Dolson*





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## Whitefish District Lions (District A-5)

### Lion Guy Receives Harry Newman Award

Treasurer, Lion Guy Bigras is presented on Nov. 25, 2008, with the Harry A. Newman Award by Jennifer MacKinnon, of the Canadian Junior Diabetes Association, Sudbury branch. The Whitefish District Lions are very proud of Lion Guy, with his one-Lion effort, raising over \$12,000.00 in four years of Porketta Bingo. Every Saturday, Lion Guy would be at the local community restaurant and bowling establishment, calling bingo numbers and awarding porkettas! What a personal commitment in the welfare of the community! What a guy! What a Lion!



### Money to Canadian Diabetes!

In the Whitefish District Lions den, at the Nov. 25, 2008 meeting, Lion Guy Bigras presents a cheque to Canadian Diabetes Association. Jennifer MacKinnon of the Canadian Junior Diabetes Assoc., Sudbury Branch (on left) and Lion President Marilyn Shames (on right) are very pleased to be part of this event. The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra... .Lion Guy, YOU had a vision, YOU did that extra, and we all benefit! Thank you!



### "HARD! HARD! Hurry Hard!"

Whitefish District Lion Eric Hansen has organized a community curling event for 12 years which embraces novice and seasoned curlers together in February. Lions and perspective Lions sweep, socialize, and share sweet successes, with personal prizes, bragging rights, and money to the community for Lions projects. We'll 'hurry hard' again, next year. Well done, Lion Eric!

*Submitted by Lion Marilyn Shames, President, Whitefish District Lions Club*



## Callander Lions 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Nite



Maurice Turgeon, Deputy District Governor A5 receiving the well-earned Melvin Jones Award. Also in this picture on the left is Callander Lions President Gail Kitchen and PDG Myra Keirnan.



Marie and Hal Hamm



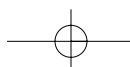
## Orleans Lions Club donates \$10,000 to Elisabeth Bruyere Foundation

*Lion Governor Al Page, Cynthia Little Bruyere Foundation, Lion President Robert Sigman and Lion Chairman Community Services Orleans Lions Club.*

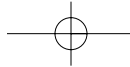
A cheque was presented to Cynthia Little, manager of group giving and events for the Elisabeth Bruyere Foundation. This was the second donation of \$10,000 for renovations in the palliative care unit.



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## BAIT 'Hooks Up' Sports Fishermen and the Visually Impaired

The 21st Annual Blind Anglers International Tournament (B.A.I.T.) will take place May 29-30-31, 2009 at the Nangor Resort in Westmeath, Ontario. Bait 'hooks-up' top professional sports fishermen with legally blind and visually impaired men and women, for a week-end filled with fish, fun and excitement.

Designed to demonstrate abilities rather than disabilities, BAIT provides an opportunity for the blind anglers to learn a new skill or re-ignite an old passion, all the while serving as a mechanism for rehabilitation.

21 years ago when BAIT was created by the Lions Clubs of District A-4, the idea of a fishing tournament for blind anglers was cutting edge. It is now the most widely supported of all events, by the 72 clubs who are part of A-4.

Every year the tournament plays host to over 85 blind and pro anglers and a countless number of Lion volunteers, including help from the St. John's Ambulance, the CNIB mobility instructors, and dog handlers from the Canadian Guide Dog School. But the Lions are most indebted to the participating Pros' who annually donate their boats, gas, fishing tackle, time and expertise in support of this tournament.

The tournament starts on Friday morning as

buses pick-up the blind anglers along a pre-determined route to the Nangor Resort. After checking in on site, the anglers make themselves at home in their assigned cabins with their fellow anglers and await the evening's 'Red Carpet Dinner'. Hosted annually by the Whitewater Region Council, the Pro's and visually impaired are treated to a Welcome Banquet where they acquaint themselves with their next day's fishing buddies.

Saturday starts with breakfast served by the Lions, first to the Pro's, so they can then launch their boats and prepare their equipment. The visually impaired are next to eat the hearty breakfast in preparation for their day's outing on the water. Then it's the fitting of life jackets, the loading of the boats, and finally the roar of the motors and the churning up of the waters, as the professional Bass boats all head out for a day of fishing. The boats' return are not until weigh-in, scheduled for 2:30 PM, and this is of course a moment of anxiousness for all. How well did our team do, how about the other guys, and of course we can't forget 'the ones that got away...'

Last year 28 teams returned with a total of 106 fish weighing in at 205lbs. With BAIT

being a 'Catch and Release' Pike and Walleye tournament, all the fish are quickly weighed, team stats recorded, and the fish returned to the Ottawa River...to be caught again another day.

When tabulations are completed, the trophies and prizes are awarded, and the telling of tall tales continues. The day ends with a B-B-Q Hip of Beef dinner and a continuation of the 'Big one that got away'.

Following the Lions serving of Breakfast again on Sunday morning, the camp packs up and awaits the buses for their return home. For some anglers this is an annual venture, and to hear tell - the hi-lite of their year, as they anxiously await their return to BAIT next year.

In bringing together individuals who face similar challenges, the BAIT tournament encourages a re-newed self-confidence amongst the visually impaired. Fishing is a sport where the visually impaired can excel, and the Lions Clubs are proud to be a part of such a great cause. BAIT truly demonstrates that 'Lions can & do make a difference in the lives of others.'

Submitted by HoHo Al Page  
PR & Awards Chair - BAIT,  
& Governor A-4



Looking on Lion Bob Raaflaub -  
Skate-a-thon Co-Chair.

### Waterford Lions Skate-a-thon

A donation of \$5,000 (the first of the Lions \$10,000) was made to Fire Department Lion Chief John Kazakevicius with profits from our Skate-a-thon. The Pledge is to the Waterford Fire Department for their Rescue Ranger Project.



### Caylen

The Chesterville & District Lions Club would like to keep everyone informed on the current status of Caylen Laberge. In May of 2006, Caylen was in a tragic lawn mower accident. This became our zone project and in a short period

of time, support was coming from clubs all around Multiple District "A". With everyone's help, more than \$125,000 was raised. Caylen is now in school and visited the Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto three times during the summer of 2008. So far, he has had his eye inserted.

The team of doctors in Toronto felt that because of the severity of the surgeries required, they wanted to hold off so they would not have to put Caylen through everything twice. Since then, his parents have recently received a letter stating that the team of doctors have reviewed his case and feel that having the surgeries would improve Caylen's quality of life. This would come in the form of a lower lip revision and perhaps placing a tissue expander underneath the left cheek to help reconstruct some of the scarred area on that side. These are not big procedures, but steps along the road to help Caylen. The surgeries will be taking place this spring.

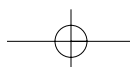
Submitted by Lion Margaret Wheeler  
Chesterville & District Lions Club District A4

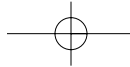


### Governor visits London (North) Lions Club

London (North) Lions Club President Shawn Davison presented Gov. Don McKessock with a donation for the Eyes Right Charity. This was the first visit to the London (North) Lions Club early in February 2009 by the Governor.

Submitted by Lion Allen Haynes





## The Charlton-Englehart Lions 3 Donations

The Charlton-Englehart Lions Region 15N, District A5, started off the New Year with three donations.

◀ **PRC Lion Vic Roach along with PDG Mike Ryan (sitting in the chair) present a \$1080 cheque to Nurse Ingrid Corley for Footcare.**



◀ **The Englehart Family Medical Services received a cheque for \$20,000 PDG Lion Mike Ryan, CEO Lois Cozac and PRC Lion Vic Roach.**

**Lion President Bob Beaven presented \$1200 to Englehart and Area Foodbank Treasurer Gayle Brownlee.**



**You make a living with what you get,  
But you make a life with what you give!**  
Vic Roach



**L to R Paul Kitchen (Habitat), Rob Sutherland, Lloyd George, Eric O'Brien, Gord Dixon**

## Habitat for Humanity Donation

The Oro District Lions Club made a further donation of \$2,000.00 in March 2009 towards the building of a new Habitat for Humanity house in Oro-Medonte Township. This brings the total monies donated up to \$3,000.00 in support of this very worthy cause.

In addition, some of the Club members with electrical skills volunteered their time and expertise to completely wire the home. Other members and friends of the club assisted in the less technical aspects. The Club would like to recognize Sutherland Electric and Oro Electric, with special mention going out to Ideal Supply which generously donated the majority of the materials. A conservative estimate of \$10,000.00 has been placed on the value of time and materials donated for the house.

The service club was pleased to be asked to assist as it continues to live up to the Lions' motto- "We Serve".

*Submitted by Lion Bob Murray  
Oro District Lions Club*

## Magnetawan Lions Club Annual Smelt Fry



**Lion Willard Raaflaub batters the smelt for deep frying**

The Magnetawan Lions Club held their annual Smelt Fry last April 24-25th at the Magnetawan Lions Pavillion.

All lions were kept busy as thousands of hungry patrons lined up for this 2 day event for their chance to savour a box of deep fried smelt topped off with a special dipping sauce (containing maple syrup ). Also available were crispy french fries, hot dogs, hamburgs, pop and coffee.

At press time, over \$7000 gross was raised for lionism and the



**Lions in the back of the Lions Pavillion getting the smelt ready for cooking**



**Lion Mark Langford (rt) and helpers deep fry the smelt to a golden crispiness for the many hungry patrons**

turnout exceeded expectations.

This annual event has been held annually for over 25 years and each year it seems to become more popular than ever.

*Submitted by Lion Randy Soth,*

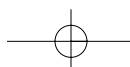
## Lion Lyle Receives Melvin Jones Fellowship



**Lion "Curly" Cope PDG (right) Lion Lyle and Club President Lion Mark Albright.**

The Dereham and District Lions Club (A-2) recently presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Charter Member Lion Lyle Rooke. Lion Lyle has served with distinction for over 30 years.

*Submitted by Lion Colin Cope*





## Killaloe & Area Lions Club



The Killaloe Lions are a major sponsor of Killaloe's annual Sno-Fun winter carnival. This year, the Lions inaugurated a talent exhibition, to showcase the talents of area young people. Over a dozen youth participated, with presentations of instrumental and vocal music, dance, speech, and comedy. All participants received equal recognition in the non-judged show. In the photo, Lions president Rose-Anne Boucher chats with Liam Tubby, as he waits for his siblings to perform.

*Submitted by Lion Ed Firlotte, PDG District A4 PR Chairman*



A major current initiative of the Killaloe & Area Lions Club is the improvement of recreation facilities in the area. In the fall of 2008, the Lions collaborated with the Township to make improvements to the local rink building. Following up, current President Rose-Anne Boucher and incoming president Jim Homer attended a meeting of the municipal recreation committee where they joined with other community groups to urge additional development and pledge both funds and volunteer hours to assist in the tasks required. *In the photo*, Rose-Anne Boucher, left, outlines proposals to recreational committee chair Isabel O'Reilly while Jim Homer, right, sits beside Mayor Janice Visneskie as they study the documents.



## Wyoming Fairgrounds Jamboree

John Stewart, Fundraiser Chair, presenting a cheque for \$9,000 to Roger Mailloux, CEEH Foundation's Board of Directors for the Pat Mailloux Eye Centre in Petrolia. The money were raised from a day-long jamboree held at the Wyoming fairgrounds exhibition hall on March 1, 2009

**Standing from left to right:** Wayne Ramsay, Plympton Wyoming Agricultural Society; Pam Kerrigan, Wyoming Lioness; Jessica Beaulieu, Petrolia Leos; Jack Stirling, Wyoming Lions; Sue Hart, Petrolia Lions; Murray Preece, Plympton Wyoming Agricultural Society; Marjo Nieuwenhuis, Sarnia Township Lions Club

**Seated from left to right:** Sue Mayer, Plympton Wyoming Agricultural Society; Roger Mailloux; John Stewart, Wyoming Lions; Joyce Doucet, Sarnia Township Lions Club  
**Missing from the picture:** Don Godrey, Sarnia Lions and Don Kampstra, Wyoming Legion

*Submitted by Lion Joyce Doucet*

A jamboree was held at the Wyoming fairgrounds exhibition hall where \$9,000 was raised for the Pat Mailloux Eye Centre in Petrolia. Local service organizations organized the day-long jamboree on March 1 for the recently opened Pat Mailloux Eye Centre, and it included brunch, afternoon refreshments and entertainment by local bands: Country Kings; Borderline; Joan Spalding; The Rick Steeves Band; Geetec; Scotch Prophets; and Painkiller Jane. Participating local service organizations included Wyoming Lioness, Wyoming Lions, Sarnia Lions, Sarnia Township Lions, Petrolia Lions, Petrolia Leos, the Royal Canadian Legion's Wyoming branch and the Plympton-Wyoming Agricultural Society. Many local businesses and private individuals contributed services or gifts for raffles and a silent auction.



## Cheque Presentation by the Magnetawan Lions Club to Magnetawan Central Public School

Magnetawan Lions Club president, Bruce Campbell (right) presents a cheque for \$1000 to Carolyn Sinclair of the Magnetawan Central Public School for the school's upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and banquet on Sept 26th.

**Looking on is Lion Phil Raaflaub (left) and Eleanor Bell (centre left)**

*Submitted by Lion Randy Soth  
Photographer/ Publicity  
Magnetawan Lions Club*



## District A9 at the International Plowing Match

*Submitted by Jean Clancy*

The International Plowing Match was held in Bruce County from September 16th to the 20th and the District A9 Lions were there.

The idea of a Lions booth at the Match was hatched a year before the actual event. Thirteen Lions from around the District volunteered to form a committee. There were two objects. One was to inform the public about the many activities of Lions and the other was to obtain new members for our organization.

Four hundred square feet of space was obtained in the Bruce County Tourism tent. Activities included low vision testing and challenge games, a Smart board with an anti-bullying program, a daily puppet show with themes of self-esteem, and continuous videos of Lions activities. Canine Vision Canada brought dogs in daily to meet the public. There was a free draw for a bicycle and balloons were given to every child. Brochures were handed to each visitor. If visitors indicated they wanted more information their names and addresses were given to the appropriate Lions club for follow-up.

94,000 people visited the Match and about 5,000 visited our booth. It was a wonderful opportunity for Lions to inform the public about Lions International.



## Perth Lions Club 55<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Night



The 55<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary night for the Perth Lions Club was a great night. Representatives from many local area Lions Clubs were there, several from greater distances, one as far away as Chalk River. We want to thank everyone for their support. We were also privileged to have his Worship, Perth Mayor John Fenick extend his and his wife's greetings to the 75 people in attendance. Dave Haines, Past District Governor also spoke of our 55 years of service in the community. Lioness Joyce Firlotte, Past President of the Perth Lioness Club addressed the gathering for Lions District President, Evelyn Ramdhanie, who was unable to attend.

Perth Lion Bert Shaw introduced our guest speaker Robert Pearson, retired Air Canada pilot. Robert spoke to us about the infamous Air Canada flight that he was piloting when it "ran out of fuel" in 1983. A very exciting and informative story. Our Charter member, Lion Ernie Moore thanked Robert and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his participation.

Congratulations and many thanks to President Lion Donna Beauvais and her 55th Charter Anniversary committee for all their hard work and to the Perth Lioness Club for all their help with this event.

*Submitted by Yvonne Connaty*

## Callander Lions Club Gives to One Kid's Place

Lion Gail Kitchen, President of the Callander Lions Club presenting a cheque to Scott Clark, spokesman for One Kid's Place located in North Bay. This treatment center allows children/youth to be treated in their own communities with access to care and services under one roof. One Kid's Place relieves families of burden of costly travel for treatment.



*Submitted by Lion Patti Harrison*

## Charlton Englehart "Treasure Chest"

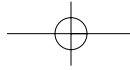


Fund raising is an important function in any Lions Club. Pictured here is the "Treasure Chest" that the Charlton Englehart Lions put out on the ice each winter. The chest is wired to a 24 hour clock, which records the time that the "Chest" drops through the ice, when it melts in the spring. 1440 tickets are sold and the holder of the correct minute wins the \$1000 prize.

*Submitted by Lion Vic Roach*







Lions Clubs Camp Kirk is a residential summer camp for children with learning disabilities. These children usually have very low self esteem

and find it difficult to cope at a regular summer camp. At Lions Clubs Camp Kirk the ratio of staff to campers is almost one to one. The camp is located on a 100+ acre property at the east edge of the village of Kirkfield in the City of Kawartha Lakes. The property was donated to District A-16 in the early 1980's. After an extensive search for an end user District A-16 partnered with the Friends of the Learning Disabled; with the Lions providing the facilities and the Friends of the Learning Disabled, the camp program.

The Friends of The Learning Disabled, Camp Kirk, has an agreement with the Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation to use the property, and they are solely responsible for the summer operation of the camp program. Although both organizations work hand in hand for the benefit of the children who attend the camp, it is important to note that each conducts its own business and fundraising activities independently from one another.



After an agreement was reached with the Friends of the Learning Disabled fund raising started in earnest. The camp received an LCIF grant for the initial project and a subsequent grant for the construction of an all weather activity building. The physical plant was constructed by the Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs of District A-16 and is managed by the Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation Board of Directors, a registered charity, (#89035 8849 RR0001). A Trillium grant was received in 2004 for new roofs and some other necessary renovations. Another Trillium grant application has been submitted for the replacement of doors and windows and the staining of porches which were rebuilt under the first grant.

The camp consists of thirteen sleeping cabins, a nurse's cabin, a Director's cabin, a dining hall and

## Lions Clubs Camp Kirk

kitchen, a washroom building including laundry facilities, a craft building, science building, a large all purpose activity building, an olympic size swimming pool and soon a storage and meeting facility. The camp receives its water from two wells. As a result of stringent Ministry of the Environment water regulations water is an ongoing major expense.

Camp Kirk is a good example of what 1999 - 2000 International President, Jim Erving referred to as one of the ships to sail us into the new millennium; "partnership". This particular partnership is between the Lions and Lioness of District A-16 and the Friends of the Learning Disabled Camp Kirk.

The following testimonial from the parents of a recent camper illustrates the importance of a facility like Camp Kirk.

**From Dianne and George, Kyle's parents  
May 14, 2007**

When our son Kyle was age 7 he had already experienced more challenges than any child that age should have to endure. He had transferred schools 3 times, largely due to boundary changes, had spent most of his grade 1 year in the principal's office and had been a victim of a serious bullying incident. Kyle appeared to us to be very smart and we consistently supported his learning, reading to him daily since he was a baby. He struggled through grade 1 and had not succeeded in achieving the academic levels of most boys his age at the end of that grade year. Based on these learning challenges and his behavioral challenges at school, we elected to have him assessed.

If you are a parent of a special needs child the information we have just shared sounds very familiar. We put many supports in place for Kyle. He was diagnosed with ADD and a learning disability. He also demonstrated gifted abilities. We had him identified in the IPRC process at school, he was placed in a special education program, we provided him with private tutoring support and we turned to the learning disability association for any other information or service that could help our son.

In the course of learning about his disabilities we came to learn about Camp Kirk. When we talked to Kyle about attending camp, he said he didn't think there would be a camp that he could go to that would understand his different challenges. Without knowing whether such a camp existed we set about trying to find one that would meet his needs. LDA happened to have a Camp Kirk brochure and we spent time on the internet exploring what Camp Kirk had to offer.

Kyle will be enjoying his 4th summer at Camp Kirk this year. He has one cabin mate that he is particularly close to that he has known since his first year at camp. They will be enjoying each other's company yet again this summer.

If you want to know the benefits Kyle has gained from his camping experience know this. Kyle was not able to read comfortably until the end of Grade 3.

At that time he could read at a Grade 2 level. He is now in Grade 6 and reads at a Grade 9 level. Kyle was in a special education program in Grade 3, transitioned to regular class in Grade 4 as his reading levels had improved, maintained resource support until Grade 5 and since second term of Grade 5 he has enjoyed learning at or above his grade level without additional supports.

But that's not all. Kyle believes in himself. He believes that he can do what he tries to do if he simply puts his mind to it. When he is really committed to something we are amazed at his level of perseverance.

He has developed and maintained many close friendships and his friends look to him for support on an ongoing basis. They feel a real connection to Kyle.

Our front door may as well be a revolving door. On any given night you will find extra pairs of shoes at the front door belonging to one of his many friends.

Kyle has had many supports since his diagnosis. However, the most significant support for him has been his relationship with Camp Kirk.

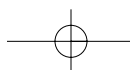
Inclusion and acceptance are the most important values that we can provide to a child faced with disabilities. These values are intrinsic in the Camp Kirk environment. The children are accepted for who they are and given the opportunity to learn without criticism. Every small step is encouraged and valued. Teamwork, fairness and effort are rewarded. The children are provided with structure, they understand the boundaries and they learn how to accept and help one another.

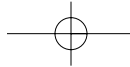
Kyle has matured significantly since attending Camp Kirk. He has two younger siblings, Liam age 7 and Lauren age 5. Kyle takes responsibility for walking his brother to and from school daily while we are at work. Liam's teacher commented that Kyle is very well mannered and considerate whenever he arrives at her class to meet Liam and she wishes that all boys his age could be the same way.

He's not perfect mind you. But the road he has travelled to be where he is now was not without many challenges. Camp Kirk has taught Kyle how to face these challenges with courage and confidence. We can't ask for more than that.

Our son Liam is 7 and was recently diagnosed ADHD/LD as well. Liam is a real home body but knows that he will soon enjoy a camp experience too. When we asked him what camp he would like to attend, he told us, Camp Kirk, of course!

**Facilities such as Lions Clubs Camp Kirk fulfill an important role and we appreciate the support the camp has received from clubs from around Multiple District A; mainly through the support of our annual 50/50 draw.**





### Markham Lions Donate Electric Scooter

Heather Elliott of Markham who is a cancer patient has difficulty in walking and was unable to get out shopping. The Markham Lions supplied her with an electric scooter and she can transport herself unassisted around Markham. Heather thanked the Lions for their assistance and making a difference in her life. Shown here are Lions John Bell and Bill Hosking presenting the scooter to Heather.

*Submitted by Lion Jack McBride*



### Markham Lions Serve the Markham Food Bank as a Charter Year Initiative

The Markham Lions, in celebration of their 65 years of service, have been supporting the Markham Food Bank in 2009. Club officials met with the Food Bank management and developed a plan for assisting the Food Bank in picking up food from the schools and sorting food donations at the Food Bank. To date, the Club has donated over 200 volunteer hours to assist the Food Bank in meeting the needs of the hungry families in the Markham area. Lions Larry Tod, Jim Thomson and Ken Harris are shown sorting and packing donated food.

In addition, the Club presented a \$680 cheque to the Food Bank obtained through a Charter Night raffle of gift baskets. Lion President Jack McBride (left) is seen receiving the cheque from Charter Night Chair George McKelvey and Committee members Lions Jim Wicks and Bill Dewberry.

*Submitted by Lion Jack McBride*



### Markham Lions Support the Oakville Dog Guides Facility

On April 4, 2009, fourteen Markham Lions traveled to Oakville for the annual open house at the Lions Foundation of Canada's Dog guides facility. The group enjoyed a full tour of the facility and saw first-hand how their donations are used to train dogs to help disadvantaged Canadians who are either blind, deaf, or physically disabled.

The Markham Lions had earlier supported the expansion of the new kennels with a donation of \$2,000 and on this day Markham Lion President Jack McBride presented a cheque for \$6,000 to Julie Jelenek, Manager of Development and Communications, to support the Dog guides operation.

*Submitted by Lion Jack McBride*



### Markham Lions Receive Grant from the Trillium Fund

On September 27, 2008, the Markham Lions were presented with a cheque for \$71,700 to create and produce a permanent display room at the Markham Museum to show the history of the Markham Lions and promote volunteerism in Markham. Part of the display will be the Helen Keller Story and will pay tribute to her influence on the SightFirst program.

Several thousand visitors will view the many, professionally designed displays annually and will be encouraged to serve their community through the Lions. Shown here are the Markham Lions members receiving the cheque from the city, federal and provincial government officials. The display will be open to the public on June 15, 2009.

*Submitted by Lion Jack McBride*

This activity was carried out by one of our members Stan Oliveri on behalf of St Johns Hospice here on the Wirral. At the last count Stan had raised over £396 during his latest role as "Santa".

### Santa Oliveri

Shortly before Christmas I received a telephone call from Dave Everett. (Obviously nothing on the telly!) "Would I like to meet Santa Claus at home?" Well, being a believer I just had to say yes. Of course this was not the real Santa Claus as we all know; the real Santa was busy helping the Elves prepare for Christmas in Lapland.



Lions Club is part of Lions International, a world wide voluntary service organisation with over 46,000 clubs in 205 countries, comprising of more than 1,300,000 members, making it the largest organisation of its kind in the world. Primarily, Lions Club supports the young, the sick, the deprived and the aged by raising charitable funds in the local area using the many skills of its members. New members are always being sought, so if you have some spare time, why not become a volunteer. So the next time you see Stan, why not make a small donation to this worthy cause. Feeling that, hand your donation to Dave Everett to pass on. Happy motoring.



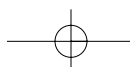
It was in fact the home of the venerable Stan Oliveri. Some of you will know Stan and his red 1969 Triumph Spitfire as he is a member of this club. Stan's home is festooned from the foundations to the roof tops with a wild variety of decorative Christmas lights of every shape and size. Completing this job is not for the faint hearted as it takes up to a month to complete this mammoth task. It doesn't stop there either as the whole ground floor of the house is given over to musical soft toys and Christmas regalia, including an excellent working train set perched on the dining room table.



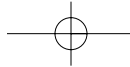
Now, to get into the spirit of Christmas, Stan dresses up as Santa Claus, as he did the night Dave and I visited. "Do you like Christmas?" Dave asked wryly. "It's alright" replied Stan. It's at this point that you begin to realise that this is not about Stan, or his love of Christmas for that matter. Primarily, it's about Stan raising money for St John's Hospice here on the Wirral, with generous donations being received from charitable well wishers and passers by. In previous years donations have exceeded £200 in total. Stan is an active member of the local Lions Club.



*Submitted by Steve McGrady, Welfare Chairman, Birkenhead Lions*







## Melissa's Induction

In January of 2009 I transferred into the Galt Cambridge Lions Club, and I thought an article on my new club might be of interest to others because it is an example of a club that has taken up the "Challenge to Change" with a vengeance, to grow, and to revitalize.

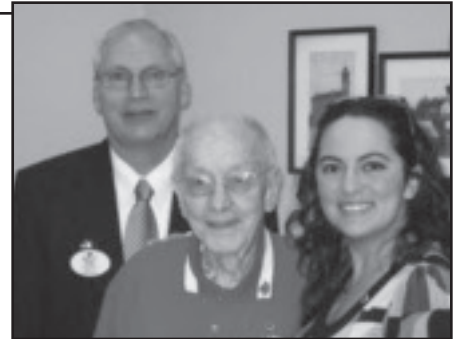
In a few short years, this club has gone from zero women members to six, has grown in membership, and now covers multiple age groups, from young to old.

Our newest inductee is Melissa Medeiros, our youngest member, aged twenty-two, who brings us fresh ideas, lots of enthusiasm, and I am certain will become one of our most active and dynamic members, and one that will probably in future years go on to greater

heights in the Lions family.

Then we have Jim Broomfield, our oldest and longest serving member, ninety-six years young, still very active, working on eye screening in the public schools, white cane days, road cleanup, Lions Curling Bonspiel, serves on the attendance committee, and will help out anywhere he can. He is our "Man of Experience", a Lion for fifty-nine years, joining in 1950 and serving as President twice. He can certainly teach us "Young Folks" a thing or two. He also entertains and keeps us laughing with an endless stream of jokes. He truly amazes me with his vitality and enthusiasm for life. Certainly, he is an example that we can all hope to emulate.

We are indeed a "Multi-Generational Club". And it just goes to show what a club



can do, if they have an open mind, and a willingness to change and grow with the times.

Submitted by  
Lion Louise Reeve



## Coboconk & District Lions Club's 2 Newest Members

Two new members were inducted on Thursday, April 16/09 to the Coboconk & District Lions Club.

Pictured - (L-R) Lion Clarke Tummon, PDG Christine Weernberg, Lion Cathie Tummon. **Congratulations!**  
Submitted by Lion Pres. Pauline Barber



## Charlton-Englehart Lions

This year the Charlton-Englehart Lions donated \$2000 towards the Breakfast

Program at the Charlton-Savard Public School. Seen here are two of the volunteers that help prepare the food for this nutritional program.



Submitted by Lion Vic Roach

## Oshawa Lions Club Volunteer Awards



Shown here with the Minister, third from left, are, left to right, Lions Ken Fraser (40+ years), John Perrault (30+ years), Bob Moore (30+ years), Lyle Hargrove (30+ years), Doug Terry (30+ years) and Bob Tumey (50+ years).

On April 27th, Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration for Ontario, presented volunteer awards to members of the North Oshawa Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Doug Terry



## Magnetawan Lions Club host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

This past Shrove Tuesday (Feb 24<sup>th</sup>) the Magnetawan Lions club hosted an all-you-can-eat Pancake Supper at the Magnetawan Community Pavillion.

This annual event is a "Thank you" to our community for their support of our club's various fund-raisers over the past year. Not designed as a true money maker, we only charge a nominal \$6/adult with all children 12 and under accompanied by an adult "free of charge".

The supper features all the pancakes, sausages, and ice cream you can eat and generously smothered in locally produced real maple syrup (from Dunchurch).

Over 200 people turned out for a fun social feast and at the end of the evening an eventual "profit" of \$370 was still realized.



Back in the kitchen, the "Backstreet boys" Lion Fred Schmeler (lt), Lion Charles Strickler (c) and supper Chair Lion Nick Moor (rt) are busy hamming it up over a hot stove.



Lion Harry Bell does a "small sampling" of sausages and pancakes - strictly for Quality Control purposes



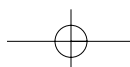
Lions Fred Schmeler (lt) and Willard Raaflaub (rt) hard at working deep frying those yummy sausages !

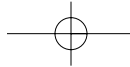


"We Serve" Lions Harry Bell (centre) and Austin Toth (rt) prepare a dinner for one of the many hungry patrons



Submitted by Lion Randy Soth, Magnetawan Lions Club Photographer/Public Relations





## The Ontario Camp of the Deaf



The Ontario Camp of the Deaf has been serving the deaf and special needs population since 1961. The residential camp setting is perfect for bringing one of a kind camp experiences to these children without any of the traditional communication barriers they face elsewhere. Children from all over the country have come to the camp. When kids tell me they're from up north I envision North Bay, Timmins, Sault St. Marie or maybe Thunder Bay. This past summer when I was told they came from up north, it brought a whole new meaning to "north" and brought to light the impact and outreach the camp has had.

Losty is in his late teens and he is deaf. He loves his clothes and is up on the latest. His ball cap is on sideways and he's got his duffle bag slung over his shoulder. From a distance you wouldn't be able to tell him apart from any other young man. As you get closer and he's not making eye contact with you and won't look your way, you realize that he doesn't want to talk with you. The truth is that he wants to, but can't.

Losty was born in the north, not the north I

was used to seeing kids from. He was from Canada's north. A place called Kuujjuarapik, Population 1200 or so on the shores of Hudson Bay. He was born deaf and was left to be raised by the community.

He lives in an isolated part of our country but also had to deal with the isolation of being unable to formally communicate with those around him. A system of gestures and pantomime allowed him to get by and function as a contributing member of this culturally rich environment. There was no formal sign language for him to learn or use and had to grow accustom to dealing with his family, friends and community in the best way he could. The language use around Losty would have been his native language, Inuktitut as well as French and English. He would have had to cross those language barriers and in his own way understand what was being said. The worst part is that he never really knew if what he was trying to communicate back was ever understood.

Losty's teen years were troublesome. A local social worker had made some random

phone calls trying to find some kind of services for Losty. Eventually the messages landed in our office. Through many phone calls and emails Losty arrived at Pearson and then at the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf on Bayview in Toronto. Losty was going to go to camp for the summer.

Those first days, those first moments were challenging as one could imagine. He had just spent the better part of 24 hours getting to the Centre just to hop on a bus full of kids that were communicating in sign language but he still couldn't understand it.

It's a wonderful thing to witness a young person who spent most of the day looking at the ground, pick up enough, of what is a new language, to be able to communicate with new friends and participate in activities that he had never tried before. Losty thrived in the camp environment. He took classes at the camp to increase his vocabulary. He didn't want to try to water ski as he was convinced the water would be too cold. The ability for him to communicate with another young person his age and who were deaf themselves lifted this boy to new heights.

Over the nearly 50 years of service the camp has touched countless lives. The camp has been able to change peoples' lives and couldn't have done so if service clubs, organizations and caring individuals weren't there for us. Losty's story is not an unusual one. Losty found the Camp of the Deaf and while there, hopefully, found himself.

Submitted by PDG Peter McCague  
MDA Camp Liaison



Lion Pat McLean group Lions Brenda Cresman, Helen McLeod, MaryEllan Townsend, Lynn Bradley, Elaine Racey, Linda Palmer

### 24<sup>th</sup> Hockey Ville Marathon

## Woolwich Community Lions

Woolwich is Hockey ville! On Jan 17, 2009 during the 24<sup>th</sup> Hockey Ville Marathon Woolwich Community Lions Club had 16 members work the Food Booth at the Elmira arena from noon - 4pm . \$500 was raised and donated to Friends of Hockey (they provide equipment to children who can't afford it)

**Fun and Community Service We are Lions hear us ROAR!!!**

Submitted by Lion Freda Walker WCLC A15



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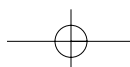
## Whitefish District Lions



Annual Race, Run or Walk for Diabetes

Whitefish District Lions were up bright and early to man a water station for the Annual Race, Run or Walk for Diabetes held by the Sudbury Rocks May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Other fellow members participated in the 10 Kilometer walk and personally raised \$243.00 which will aid in the fight against diabetes. Involvement of family Lions didn't stop there. Children of members also participated in the 20 kilometer race for the 3rd year and once completed said it was a great time. The Club is proud of its family and when we all pull together for a worthy case such as the Canadian Diabetes Association we become even prouder to be Lions and "Serve" our community.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Shames, Whitefish District Club President.







**Blackheath Binbrook Lions Club had a guest speaker George Foster from Sleeping Children Around the World.**

Recently the Blackheath Binbrook Lions Club had a guest speaker George Foster from Sleeping Children Around the World. The photo is from the cheque presentation made to Sleeping Children Around the World for \$350 to purchase 10 Bedkits. In the photo are Lion Dale Reid, Lion Daniel Hoover, George Foster from Sleeping Children Around the World, Lion Doug Bowerman, Lion Richard Summers and Lion Raymond Baxter.

Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) donations provide bedkits to children of any race and/or religion who will benefit the most; typically being located in underdeveloped and developing countries.

No portion of a bedkit donation is spent on administration — 100% reaches a needy child. Each \*\$35 donation (Canadian funds) provides a bedkit that consists of a mat or mattress, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net (if applicable), clothes outfit, towel and school supplies. Bedkit contents vary from country to country depending upon local needs. Volunteers travel at their own expense to present the kits. For more information go to the website <http://www.scaw.org/index.html>  
Submitted by Wayne Joy

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**Morrisburg & District Lions Club**

hosts **Monday Cruise Night** throughout the summer at 6:00 p.m. at the Docksyde. Submitted by Lion Judy Charette

**Lakefield and District Lions Club at the Buckhorn Maplefest**

When you are a member of the Lakefield and District Lions Club and have a line up of people waiting for those delicious pancakes and sausages, soaked in real maple syrup at the Buckhorn Maplefest and you know you have a commitment of \$75,000.00 to the Lakefield Primary Health Care, what do you do? You put your head down and keep on cooking.



*Lions cooking at the grills*

And cook they did, raising over \$4,000.00 towards their commitment.

The last two \$500.00 winners were Sean Jeremiah and Ted Matthews. We congratulate both of you and thank you for your support of our draw helping us to help others.

Coming events include the Pedal for Hope on May 2nd, where we will have our food trailer at the IGA in Lakefield. Then on May 16th, we will help with the Cops for Cancer in Buckhorn with the food trailer.



*Pictured front to back...Lions Ross McFadden, Rob Gilders, Bill Rosborough and John Dunford*



*People lined up at the Lion's food trailer*



**We Serve**

## The Knights of the Blind Lions/CNIB Partnership Program Ready and Roarin' to go at Lake Jo!



This could be one of the best summers yet at the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre in Muskoka.

Excitement has continued to build in recent weeks, especially since the annual Clean-Up Weekend took place at the end of May. As usual, many loyal and talented Lions volunteers helped get the camp in shape for visitors.

Gaston St. Louis of the Mount Forest Lions was there. In fact, St. Louis has been participating in the Lake Jo clean up for the past 11 years. The staff at Lake Jo enjoy seeing him year after year and usually have a special to-do list prepared for him. "Last year I repaired the docks, another year I worked with the Chatham Lions on the canopy they donated for the Boat House, another year I did some shingling and fixed Muskoka chairs – whatever they need I try and do," says St. Louis.

While he enjoys the camaraderie throughout the weekend with his fellow Lions, St. Louis says he just wants to use his skills to help CNIB. "If I don't do this work,

they will have to pay. My trade is my gift and I am not shy to share it."

Volunteers – like St. Louis – continue to remain the backbone of CNIB. Without the help and dedication of our Lions volunteers and others in the community, Lake Jo would not be able to offer experiences that not only provide people with vision loss with recreational opportunities, but also develop and advance critical life skills.

Exciting changes to the programs and activities being offered highlight a season that promises to give campers with vision loss an experience they won't soon forget.

"This year's programming ensures everyone coming to Lake Jo can make the very best of their experience," says Lake Jo executive director, Shari Lovelock.

Innovative programs such as Kids Gone Wild, Family Adventure, Active Adults and a Leadership Development Program for youth aged 15 to 21 are among the enriching experiences campers can enjoy this summer. "Campers, CNIB clients and recreational

organizations spoke and we listened", says Lovelock. "Rest assured, we have also brought back all the favourite camps and activities. Whatever weeks and activities campers choose, they are sure to leave with memories that will last a lifetime."

Understanding this is the first year for these new programs, Lake Jo will be encouraging feedback from campers on their experience. "Camper response is always a priority in shaping the programs for the following summer and we look forward to hearing what everyone has to say".

While Lake Jo strives to meet the changing needs of its campers and respect the legacy of the camp to date, one thing remains constant – the support and dedication of Lions Clubs across Ontario. Thank you.

For more information or to make a donation, visit

[www.lakejo.ca](http://www.lakejo.ca)

Submitted by Jennifer Johnson  
Foundation Writer CNIB

### Lion Jim Kellar



**Pictured presenting the award are District Governor Jerome Andre while Past District Governor Hal Wagner (left) and Club Secretary Lion Dave Barr look on.**

Lion Jim Kellar of the 1000 Islands District Lions Club proudly accepted his Melvin Jones Fellowship Award at the 2007 International Night. Lion Jim was most deserving of the award having been Charter President of the 1000 Islands Club in 1974, and the Club's guiding light until he passed away after a short illness in November 2008. He is greatly missed.

Submitted by Lion Duane Dillman

### A New Lion and His New Dog Guide



Lion Peter Henry is no stranger to Lions Clubs International and he is no stranger to Dog Guides, however two things happened over the last Lions' year that brought Lion Peter a greater appreciation of the great work Lions Clubs International does for the visually impaired.

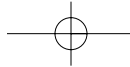
In September of 2008, Lion Peter joined the Kanata-Hazeldean Lions Club. For years prior to that date, Lion Peter had been exposed to Lions through the District A-4 Blind Anglers International Tournament, but he had never experienced the joy of working as a Lion. Lion Peter was welcomed into the Lions community and immediately became involved in the operation of the Kanata-Hazeldean Lions Club. One of his first tasks was to assist in the sorting and washing of eyeglasses collected for use in a Lions' Eye Care Clinic held in Belize in February of 2009.

In November of 2008, Lion Peter's Dog Guide, Bernie, became ill. For years prior to that date, Lion Peter had used Dog Guides originating from the Canadian Guide Dog school in Manotick, near Ottawa. Unfortunately, Bernie's infection could not be resolved and Bernie had to be retired at the young age of 8 years. With the help of the Kanata-Hazeldean Lions, Lion Peter began inquiring about the availability of Dog Guides from various locations. Miraculously, an opening appeared at the Lions Foundation of Canada for February of 2009. After what seemed like an eternity without a Dog Guide, Lion Peter travelled to Oakville to enter the program. After testing two potential candidates, Lion Peter was finally teamed up with Zeus, one of the youngest dogs in the program. Lion Peter and Zeus successfully completed their training at Oakville and returned to Kanata in early March of 2009.

Now Lion Peter and his new Dog Guide Zeus are actively promoting and raising funds for the upcoming Purina Walk for Dog Guides scheduled for May 31st, 2009 in Kanata.

Submitted by Naomi Nakamura





131th Anniversary 2008

## Windham Township Lions Club *District A 2 Zone 4 East Chartered 1977*

We at the Windham Township Lions are very proud of the work that we do for our community and surrounding area. We donated \$3500. last year to the Teeterville Fire Dept for a defibulator, we also gave half of our Commitment to the Simcoe Hospital of \$5000. and we gave the other half on Feb. 10/09. As the picture shows this money went towards a mammography machine and we just gave the Delhi Community Health Centre \$2500. which is half of our commitment. We also over the years have presented Melvin Jones Fellowships and two of the recipients are in the picture. Lion Mike Wist

and Lion Martin Klosler. This brings our total of Melvin Jones Fellowships to a total of 5 with plans for another 2 this year. We have presented a total of 9 Helen Keller Awards, and 3 Judge Brian Stevenson Awards. We put on 7 Steak Barbeque Suppers Annual and a Pork Barbecue in the summer. This summer our Pork Barbecue will coincide with the 150th Anniversary of the Town of Teeterville where our Club is based out of. We hold our meetings and Fundraisers at the Teeterville Women's Institute Hall.

We as Lions should toot our own horn more than we do. These awards and presentations of money are all due to the support that we get from our Community and other Lions and their families and friends that attend our fundraising events. We thank all of them very much and are glad when we can return in kind to various groups and needs of our community and other Communities like the Home for the Deaf, Sight First, Camp Dorset, Camp Huronia, Camp Trillium, Camp Lake St. Joseph and other worthy causes.

*Submitted by Secretary Lion Raymond Simmons PRC*



*This is our first installment of our commitment of \$2,500 of the total of \$5,000 to the Delhi Community Health Centre. Back left to right: Joe Adams Chairman of the Board of the Health Centre, Lion Les Stedman President of the Windham Township Lions. Front: Linda Adams and Lion Dorothy Stedman. They were invited to attend our ladies Valentine night on Feb 14, 2009.*



*Left to right: Lion Lori Bannister Treasurer of the Windham Township Lions, Helen Deboer/Dagget Chairperson for the Simcoe Hospital, Lion Les Stedman President of the Windham Township Lions. This cheque is for the last installment on a mammography machine, a total of \$5,000. Feb 10/08 at our steak supper fundraiser.*



*Picture of 2 Melvin Jones Award recipients of The Windham Township Lions Club. Left to right: Lion Mike Wist - recipient, President Lion Bill Denton, Lion Martin Klosler - recipient.*

## Harry A. Newman Award

*Submitted by Marilyn Madacsi A-1 Reporter*

**Lion Randy Eaton**

**Kingsville Lions are proud to announce that Lion Randy Eaton was awarded the Harry A. Newman Award (HAN).**

Mr. Harry A. Newman was the first Canadian President of Lions Club International in 1924-1925. During this year Helen Keller challenged the Lions Clubs and Lions to become Knights of the Blind.

His son Tom Newman and family of Whitby, Ontario are pleased to have this award named after their father given to a Lion, Lioness, or Leo member (or club) in good standing in Canada, who has shown outstanding commitment to the Lions and the work of the Canadian

Diabetes Association.

Each recipient of the Harry A. Newman Diabetes Award will receive an engraved glass award from the Canadian Diabetes Association, a Harry A. Newman lapel pin, and a personalized letter from the Canadian Diabetes Association Chair of the Board. Each sponsoring club will receive a letter of thanks from the Canadian Diabetes for their donation and participation in this award.



## The Port Dover Lions

**Lion Marty Forsyth (on the left) and Lion Herb Rogers**

The Port Dover Lions Presented two "Melvin Jones Awards" to two of its members, Lion Marty Forsyth and Lion Herb Rogers. The presentation was made by Lion Dennis Cradock past District Governor District A-2 at our meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Both Lions have been instrumental in making our Silver Lake property a vibrant Community focal point and the growth of the farmers market held every Saturday. *(This was very critical when Port Dover's only supermarket closed and some people did not have transportation to other towns to shop for fresh farm products, meat and breads.)* The market is thriving especially for the long run.

*Submitted by Bob Pomeroy Secretary Port Dover Lions Club*



## Lions Pavilion Project Site of Dog Walk

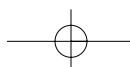
Morrisburg & District Lions Club most recent project, the Pavilion, was the focal point for a Dog Walk on Monday May 18th, co-hosted by the Club and the 1st Williamsburg Baden Powell Scout Council of Ontario. Over 60 people and 28 dogs of all sizes, ages and breeds participated in the event that raised \$1,300.00 for the training of Guide Dogs for the visually impaired.

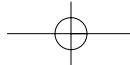
The Club manages and operates the Dockside Ice-Cream and Snack Bar located at the Morrisburg docks and adjacent to the newly constructed Pavilion from Victoria Day in May until the Labour Day weekend each summer and the revenue from this venture is directed to the development and beautification of the Morrisburg waterfront.

*Submitted by Lion Judy Charette*



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*The Lion Magazine can not do this for you as we do not have access to LCI's Data Base*

*Editor The Lion*

## "MD 'A' Lions Resource Centre" Website

The "MD 'A' Lions Resource Centre" website is available for your use. Its goal is to provide a "one-stop-shopping" website for Lions resources, ideas and tools in all aspects of Lionism, including recruiting new members, keeping the members we already have, revitalizing clubs, fundraising ideas and club and district operations. The MD 'A' "Lions Resource Centre" website may be viewed by going to the MD 'A' website at [www.mdalions.org](http://www.mdalions.org) and clicking on the "Lions Resource Centre" button.

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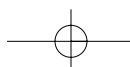
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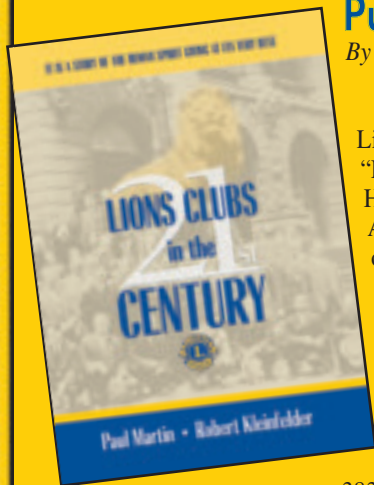
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## New History Book on Lions Published

By Jay Copp



The new history book covers not only the major milestones of Lions Clubs but also details local projects of clubs and districts.

Ever wonder why Lions chose to be called "Lions"? When was Don't You Hear Those Lions Roar written? And just how did a then-obscure Chicago insurance man named Melvin Jones in 1917 manage to pull together disparate organizations to form Lions Clubs?

The answers and much more are in **Lions Clubs in the 21st Century**, a new, appealing 383-page history commissioned by Lions Clubs International and sold through its Web site and elsewhere.

The book covers the early history of Lions up until the present, interweaving anecdotes and project stories of local clubs and districts around the major milestones of Lions such as the role of Helen Keller, the two campaigns for sight and admission of women. Lions emerge both as champions of their community and members of a worldwide association that tackles global issues.

"The focus of Lions is on their own club and district. The purpose of the book is to show them what we do internationally," says Robert Kleinfelder, co-author. "It's important that they focus on their own club, but here is what we all do together."

Few Lions likely know much about the beginnings of the association, says Kleinfelder. It's an interesting story. Lions clubs existed in Indiana and other states before Jones invited those clubs, the Vortex Club of St. Louis, Missouri; a businessman's club from St. Paul, Minnesota; and some Optimist clubs to an organizational meeting on June 7, 1917, at the La



A resident of California enjoys a moment with her canine companion.



Lions from Bedford, Indiana build a wheelchair ramp.



Lions from Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada, display the used eyeglasses slated for Sri Lanka.

Salle Hotel in downtown Chicago. Dr. W.P. Woods, the president of the Lions clubs in Indiana, became the first president of the new Lions Clubs association.

The history includes a detailed index and dozens of photos. Lions can order it through Club Supplies and should consider purchasing a copy for their local library or for a new member.



Participants in Pickup

## Hillman Highway 4 Cleanup a Success!

A large collection of Exeter Cubs, Scouts and Huron-Middlesex Army Cadets turned out April 25 for the first-annual Harvey Hillman Highway 4 Cleanup near Centralia. The event is an annual affair for the Centralia-Huron Park Lions Club, and involves picking up debris on a stretch of Highway 4 from Crediton Road to Mt. Carmel Road. Two pickup truck loads of garbage were collected, with items as varied as coffee cups, dental floss, tires and bottles. The event was held in memory of Hillman, a Lions Club member and organizer of the event who passed away last week.

Exeter Cub Tyler Finch preparing to deposit a piece of garbage in his plastic bag.



## Coldwater Lions Help Less Fortunate Member

Every now and then a Lions Club finds that a less fortunate individual exists right among themselves.

This situation became very evident when a new member of the Coldwater Lions Club found himself as a victim of a very serious automobile accident on the 400 highway in December 2008.

Some time after the incident the club found out that Lion Scott Lippell, because of very serious injuries to his legs, would not be able to work for 6 months. Being self employed financial support for his family became non existent.

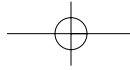
One of the club members, Lion Richard, who has always had a full beard and bushy hair offered to have his beard shaved off if the members would contribute financially to help the Lippell family.

The big event took place on 9 March 2009. Lion Richard was piped into the meeting room and sat down and the beard cutting began. Many of the members had never seen Lion Richard without a beard and soon the true Lion Richard appeared. The club members dug deep into their pockets and raised a VERY generous amount of funds to assist Scott's family for a good portion of his time away from work.

Once again the Coldwater Lions Club has followed the Lions mandate to assist anyone in need in the community.

Submitted by Lion Doug Binns Director Coldwater Lions Club





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