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**Murphy who was made an honorary Lion.**

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## December Arrives In June



**Sid L. Scruggs III**  
**Lions Clubs International**  
**President**

I am sure that there are many of you, like me, who find December to be a busy month to get everything done before the end of the year and the holiday season. Well, here it is June, and once again I am trying to finish my commitments before the end of this Lions year and the international convention. The year has gone too quickly. There are still so many Lions to visit and to tell "thank you" for being a Beacon of Hope.

This has been a year full of so many blessings. As Judy and I have traveled the world we have seen how you, the Lions, have answered the call to serve. Everywhere we have gone we have seen lives changed and new hope on the faces of those whose lives you have touched.

In Sydney I asked you to shine a light on four specific service campaigns. Not only have thousands of clubs participated in these service campaigns, you have also given assistance when natural disasters struck. Most recently your efforts have been watched by the world as you responded to the needs in New Zealand and Japan.

As we approach the end of our term together, Judy and I want to express to each of you our sincere appreciation for your friendship, your love and your faithfulness in serving those in need. It has been an honor to serve beside you as your president. Truly you have answered the call to be a Beacon of Hope.

May the words of the song "Find Us Faithful" remind us of our commitment to be found faithful as Lions.

"After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,  
And those who sift through all we've left behind;  
May the clues they discover  
and the memories they uncover

Become the light that leads them ... [in a life of service].

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful;  
May the fire of our devotion light their way.  
May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe  
And the lives we live inspire them [in service] to obey.  
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful."

My very best wishes,

**Sid L. Scruggs III**  
**Lions Clubs International President**



**Lion Carl Young, I.D.**

## To all Lions, Lioness and Leos of Multiple District "A"

By the time you read this article our Multiple District "A" Convention in Ottawa, will have passed.

In this month of June our Districts, Clubs, Club Presidents and District Governors are all focused on completing their various year's projects. It is the time of year for all of us to pitch in and help our clubs and leaders realize their goals.

This is also the critical month for membership. I ask that as always you endeavor to avoid having to drop large numbers of members from your rosters. I know that it is hard work, but I ask you to reach out to those members whose dues are in arrears or whose attendance has been less than you could wish. Please reach out to each member in person, and see if there is a natural and reasonable way that their valuable service to your club, community and Lions Clubs International can be continued for the benefit of all concerned.

I hope that many of you will be in Seattle for our 94th International Convention in July. We look forward to seeing you in Seattle, Washington at the MD "A"

Canadian Breakfast and the Canadian Caucus.

During the month of June, many, many Clubs will be holding installations of new club officers for 2011-2012. Please take the time to thank and congratulate each other for the many miracles which you have created this year.

Elizabeth and I wish to thank you in your many kind gestures and the outstanding support that you have extended to both of us over the past two years. You have collectively and individually been "A Beacon of Service" to all.

Travel safely, and take care.

**Lion Carl Young**



**Lion John Buchner**

## Thank you for the opportunity to "Serve"

From Blyth to Barrie, from Long Point to Longlac, from Iron Bridge to Vanier, in communities large and small, the Lions family of Multiple District 'A' are a "Beacon of Hope" to all humanity. Lighthouses, sentinels, beacons of light to those in need.

Your district governors, your representatives, to MD 'A', had some difficult, perhaps controversial issues this year, and yet, through respect for everyone involved and after considerable, substantial discussion, listening and sharing, this council worked together for the well being of this great Multiple.

It was my honour and my privilege to work with Secretary Lion Dave Voisey, Treasurer, Lion Jack Fisher, the council of governors, the committees and

the Lions family of MD 'A'. We have many wise, prudent and capable individuals in our midst. To the appointed chairs, thanks so much for serving. It has been a rewarding year.

Your governors came into this Lions year with enthusiasm, anticipation and also some trepidation. Following the excitement of Sydney, on to the USA/Canada Forum, to hours on the road to greet their clubs and meetings, anniversaries, charter nights and did I mention meetings, these Lions have been in constant motion, spreading the Light of Lionism.

As we conclude this Lions year, we recognize the all important gifts and talents that are so freely shared. From teaching, leading, visioning, supporting and encouraging we have an abundance of folks who care deeply about and for Multiple District 'A'. We send out a loud and boisterous THANK YOU.

Phyllis and I have enjoyed this year, which has

gone by so swiftly. This year that has been a learning experience for both of us. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who have been with us on this journey; through the bends in the river and through the bumps on the road.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with and work for this great multiple district.

My hope for all the members of the Lions family is this:

May your light shine so brightly that even in the cloudiest circumstances; a glimmer continues to be seen, even in darkness and shadows, a ray of hope springs forth for all to see and for all to share.

Thank you for the opportunity to "Serve"

**Lion John Buchner,**  
**MD'A' Council Chair 2010-2011**



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

CARY, NORTH CAROLINA, USA  
APRIL 16 – 21, 2011



1. Fukuoka, Japan was chosen as the site for the 2016 International Convention.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. Modified Chapter XI, Page XI-4, Paragraph F.2., of the Board Policy Manual to focus on critical processes.

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

1. Reviewed a constitutional complaint filed by the Lions Club of Juhu in District 323-A3 (India), on behalf of one of its members, challenging the international director endorsement election in District 323-A3, and found good cause to expedite review of the complaint to Complaint Step Four of the Constitutional Complaints Procedure, Chapter XV, Paragraph J.1. of the Board Policy Manual.

Requested that the Legal Division inform the interested parties concerning the dates by which responses, replies, and any other documentation requested or required for the review of this complaint, if any, shall be submitted to the Legal Division in order for the complaint to be reviewed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the International Board of Directors at the next board meeting scheduled in June 2011.

Directed the current and future members of the Multiple District 323 Council of Governors to suspend until further notice the Multiple District 323 Convention international director endorsement election and directed the multiple district to refrain from issuing any international director endorsement until such time as the International Board of Directors makes a final and binding decision with respect to this complaint and issues any further instructions to the Multiple District Council of Governors concerning the resumption of the international director endorsement election.

Declared that any candidate endorsement issued by Multiple District 323 contrary to the above-referenced directives of the International Board of Directors shall be deemed null and void and of no effect in accordance with the applicable provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws and the Board Policy Manual.

2. Deleted Chapter XV, Paragraph C.20. of the Board Policy Manual, contingent upon the adoption of the proposed membership dues amendment at the 2011 International Convention.
3. Deleted the constitutions and by-laws of the Lions International Stamp Club, Lions International Trading Pin Club, Lions International Numismatists Club and the Lions Clubs International Internet Club from Chapter

VII of the Board Policy Manual, revised Chapter XV, Paragraph E. of the Board Policy Manual and authorized the Legal Division to be responsible for the review of amendments to these constitutions for consistency with the International Constitution and By-Laws and the Board Policy Manual.

4. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2011 International Convention to amend Article X, Section 2 of the International By-Laws revising the duties of the district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor to include their responsibilities with respect to the Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team.

### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the registration fees for the 2012 Busan, Korea convention.
2. Modified policy regarding the distribution of the Convention Proceedings, whereby the Convention Proceedings will be given to the International Board and Past International Presidents, and made available to Past International Directors and District Governors upon request.
3. Changed the Convention News and Notes publication to a digital format.
4. Removed the summary of the financial statements from the Convention Proceedings.
5. Updated policy regarding parade participation and added an October 1 deadline date for delegations to submit requests to modify the parade order of march.

### **DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE**

1. Released the clubs that were impacted by the devastation caused by the earthquake and tsunami that hit the northeast coast of Japan on March 11, 2011 from their responsibility of submitting membership reports for a period extending to June 30, 2012.
2. Recognized clubs that host an e-clubhouse with an e-clubhouse banner patch.
3. Approved the Zhejiang area of China as Provisional District 386.
4. Approved the list of recommended Coordinating Lions for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
5. Approved the redistricting proposal submitted by District 403-A effective at the adjournment of the next International Convention.
6. Appointed Lions to serve as district governors for provisional districts which were recommended by local Lion leaders for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
7. Recognized the 2010-2011 district governor and the 2010-2011 council chairperson with a

certificate of appreciation.

8. Amended and realigned the District Constitution and By-Laws and Board Policy Manual roles and responsibilities of the District Governor Team to lead and support the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team, pending approval of the relating Constitutional Amendment.
9. Revised the Board Policy Manual to utilize the terms "good standing" with the words "active status" more accurately in regard to full district status and redistricting procedures.
10. Revised the Board Policy Manual to allow District Governors to receive reimbursement for visiting seriously weak clubs, clubs that have been canceled during the past 12 months, GMT meetings, GLT meetings, and Club Excellence Process planning and/or workshop sessions, provided advance written permission is received from the District and Club Administration Division.
11. Reintroduced and redefined the term "Transitional Status" as districts that are not provisional districts and that are below 35 active clubs and 1,250 active members as reported on the association's monthly cumulative report. Transitional districts remain in transitional status until the district reaches 35 active clubs and 1,250 active members.
12. Requested the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to draft the necessary language for a bylaws amendment to be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2011 International Convention, which would amend the duties of the District Governor Team to more clearly define the team's role and relationship as a vital part of the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team.

### **FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE**

1. Modified the Investment Policy Statements for the General Fund, Emergency Reserve Fund and Retirement Plan to reflect changes in the expected return and minor housekeeping items.
2. Approved the 2010-2011 Forecast, which reflects a surplus.
3. Approved the preliminary cost projections for the two (2) regular board meetings in Fiscal Year 2012-2013.
4. Approved an additional US\$1,000 for past international president's budget.

### **LCIF**

1. Revised the asset allocation of the general endowment to be 40% equities, 40% fixed income and 20% alternatives, and updated the Investment Policy Statement accordingly.

2. Approved a new selection process for the LCIF Steering Committee.
3. Increased the 2010-2011 humanitarian grants budget by US\$3.5 million.
4. Approved 68 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,904,899.
5. Tabled eight grant applications.
6. Approved the nomination of Rev. Franklin Graham as the 2011 Humanitarian Award winner.
7. Allocated US\$1.5 million from the Japan earthquake and tsunami designated fund for a special victims assistance program (US\$1 million) and Lions operational command centers (US\$500,000).
8. Approved a contract in the amount of US\$181,000 with Service Learning Life Skills Network for consulting services for a one-year period.
9. Revised the privacy policy to include information about how data collected over the internet is used.
3. Revised Regional Lions Leadership Institute program in an effort to allow more multiple and single districts to participate. Effective beginning in 2011-2012, an amount up to US\$143 per confirmed participant will be allowed per approved Regional Lions Leadership Institute, up to a maximum of US\$10,000, for funding applicants receiving Regional Lions Leadership Institute funding for the first and second time, with subsequent Regional Lions Leadership Institute funding limited to a maximum of US\$7,500. The submission deadline for 2011-2012 Regional Lions Leadership Institute applications is May 31, 2011.
4. Revised Board Policy related to the delivery of training in LCI official languages.
5. Revised Board Policy related to removal of the reference to the term, "good standing", in relation to the Senior Lions Leadership Institute participant selection process.
6. Revised Board Policy to reflect the eligibility of second vice district governors to participate in Senior Lions Leadership Institutes.

#### LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Clarified prior teaching experience requirement for DGE Seminar group leader candidates to include those Lions who have served as teaching faculty in LCI-sponsored training events including Senior Lions Leadership Institute, Faculty Development Institute, previous MERL Chairpersons Seminar, District Governors-Elect Seminar or equivalent multiple district or higher level training events including GMT and GLT training.
2. Clarified the prior experience requirement for DGE Seminar chairperson candidates to include those Lions who have served as District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader during the 10 years prior to the year in which the individual will serve as chairperson or similar experience in LCI-sponsored training programs or equivalent multiple district or higher level training events.

#### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Updated Board Policy to reflect the new Lion areas of China Shenyang, China Shaanxi.
2. Updated Board Policy to indicate the naming of a club branch follows the same club naming guidelines as the chartering of a new club.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Changed multiple/single district public relations grants restricting advertising usage.
2. Suspended the Global Youth Music Contest for Lion year 2011-2012.
3. Approved that beginning in calendar year 2013, the Lions Tournament of Roses parade float design will require approval from LCI.

#### SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Approved modifications to the annual Leo Leadership Grant Program beginning fiscal year 2011-2012 by lowering grant funds from US\$28,000 to US\$16,000 per fiscal year; and reallocating the US\$12,000 for future marketing and outreach initiatives to grow and retain Leo clubs, and develop leadership development resources for Leo officers, Leo club advisors and Leo chairpersons.
2. Named the recipients of the 2009-2010 Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Award.
3. Approved modifications to the annual Lions Services for Children Symposium Grant Program beginning fiscal year 2011-2012 by lowering grant funds from US\$28,000 to US\$16,000 per fiscal year; and reallocating the US\$12,000 for marketing and promotional initiatives to further promote and support Lions efforts with Lions Children First projects to meet the basic needs of disadvantaged children.
4. Approved the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between Lions Clubs International and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to further support Lions efforts in the area of disaster relief and response, particularly in meeting the needs of vulnerable populations.
5. Approved co-branded initiative between Lions Clubs International and the National Eye Institute (NEI)/National Health Education Program (NEHEP) to develop resources to support Lions sight-related service projects.
6. Established a Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action Chairperson at the multiple district level, effective July 1, 2011.

**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 contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.**

## Three clubs join for Governor's Dinner

In March, the Lions Clubs of **Palmer Rapids**, **Killaloe**, and **Madawaska Valley** got together at the Opeongo Seniors Centre in Barry's Bay to hear **District Governor Andy Etherington** speak on the importance of various Lions programs, notably those to help people with sight handicaps.

He told a story from his own area of a grade three student finally fitted with glasses through diagnosis and prescription organized by the Lions Foundation of Canada. After receiving the glasses, he went to the school office to receive other medications, and asked the woman who supplied them "Who are you?" "I'm the school secretary," she replied; "I've seen you every day at lunch for the past three months." Thanks to his new glasses, the boy was able to see faces clearly for the first time ever.

The supper was provided by volunteers from the Opeongo Seniors Centre. The seniors also cooked up a pleasant surprise for the Madawaska Valley

Lions, when they presented the club with a cheque for \$1,200 in support of the Lions community activities.

*Submitted by Lion Tony Pearson*



**In the photo, listening to Governor Etherington, are club representatives Jim Homer of Killaloe, Sharon Schweig of Palmer Rapids, and Phil Conway of Madawaska Valley.**

## Cobourg Lions

A ticket for a prize of \$2,500 was drawn April 7, 2011 at Cobourg Lions Club dinner meeting. The winner was David Staley of Wolf Island.

*Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*



**Pictured are: (Front row) PID Lion Bill Maguire with Bernie Murphy who drew winning ticket (he is donor of 1955 Ford Thunderbird Convertible to be drawn July 3 at Cobourg Waterfront Festival). (Back row) Draw Committee Chair Lion Ron Wiebe and Lion Al Grundy.**



# Official Notice



## 2011 International Convention, Seattle, Washington, USA

The following proposed amendments to the International By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2011 International Convention. These amendments require a majority affirmative vote for adoption.

### ITEM 1:

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL DUES TO BE PHASED IN OVER TWO YEARS, EFFECTIVE WITH FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, AND TO SIMPLIFY THE DUES PROVISION LANGUAGE. A MODEST, PHASED IN DUES INCREASE WILL ALLOW THE ASSOCIATION TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE MEMBERSHIP BY MAINTAINING EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND INVEST IN NEW INITIATIVES IN THE FUTURE. THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2012, Article XII, Section 2 of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

#### Section 2. **MEMBERSHIP DUES.**

- (a) Semi-annual membership dues of twenty dollars and fifty cents (US\$20.50) denominated in U.S. dollars shall be levied on each club member based upon the membership of each club as shown by its membership report of June and December and shall be paid by each club to the international office as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors, except as provided in sub-sections (b) and (c) herein.
- (b) For family membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, the following dues shall apply:
  - (1) The first family member shall pay semi-annual membership dues as provided in sub-section (a) above.
  - (2) Subsequent qualifying family members, not to exceed four additional qualifying members per household, shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount paid by the first family member as described in sub-section (b)(1) above.
- (c) For student membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount of dues as provided in sub-section (a) above.

(d) An annual fee shall be paid by each Lions club for each Leo club sponsored by it, in an amount and at such time as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2013, Article XII, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the phrase "twenty dollars and fifty cents (US\$20.50)" and substituting the phrase "twenty-one dollars and fifty cents (US\$21.50)".

### ITEM 2:

A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TO INCLUDE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article X, Sections 2(a)(2) and 2(a)(3) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

- (2) Oversee the Global Membership Team at the district level and inspire other district officers to actively support membership growth and new club organization.
- (3) Oversee the Global Leadership Team at the district level and inspire other district officers to actively support leadership development at the club and district levels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(b)(2) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following language:

- (2) Serve as the key District Governor Team liaison to the Global Membership Team and take an active role in membership growth, extension of new clubs, and ensuring existing club success within the district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(b) of the International By-Laws be amended by adding the following language as a new sub-paragraph 2(b)(3) and by renumbering the remaining sub-paragraphs accordingly:

- (3) Work with the District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, and the Global Leadership Team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for leadership development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Sections 2(c)(2) and 2(c)(3) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following language:

- (2) Serve as the key District Governor Team liaison to the Global Leadership Team and actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote effective leadership development.
- (3) Work with the District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and the Global Membership Team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for membership growth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(c) of the International By-Laws be amended by adding the following language as a new sub-paragraph 2(c)(4) and by renumbering the remaining sub-paragraphs accordingly:

- (4) Perform such duties as assigned by the district governor.

## Sled Drags

*Sharbot Lake and District Lions* ran a canteen at Sharbot Lake Beach during the February 21 Sled Drags.





**We Serve**

# Candidates for Second Vice President



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As of press time, there were eight candidates for International Second Vice President. The election will take place July 8 at the International Convention in Seattle, Washington.

### **Phil Nathan**

Phil Nathan, of Earls Colne, England, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director from 1999-2001. He has been a Lion since 1982 and a charter member of the South Woodham Ferrers Lions Club since 1989. A stockbroker and director of a company, Nathan served as Europa Forum president in 2006, holds trustee status on seven different boards of charitable trusts and is active in many professional, civic and community organizations. In 2001, he was recognized by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with an MBE, a Member of the British Empire.



### **Steven Sherer**

Past International Director Steven Sherer, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, is a licensed public accountant and has been a member of the Dover Lions Club since 1980. He has attended 19 international conventions and 12 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums. He is a GMT area coordinator and the recipient of several international awards including the Ambassador of Good Will Award and International Leadership Awards. He has been honored with a Distinguished Citizens Award in his community and is active in many professional and community organizations.



### **Barry J. Palmer**

Elected to serve as International Director from 2000 to 2002, Barry Palmer is a resident of Berowra, NSW, Australia. A member of the Hornsby Lions Club since 1976, Palmer has served on many club, district, multiple district and international levels of the association. A real estate company director, he is also the recipient of the Australian Medal from the government of Australia and the Australian Childhood Cancer Research



Award. He was a volunteer at the Sydney Olympics and is the recipient of several honors from Lions Clubs International.

### **Dr. Carlos E. Justiniano**

A resident of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Dr. Justiniano has been a Lion since 1979 and served as an international director from 1993 to 1995. He is a member of the Mayaguez Lions Club. An orthodontist, he is also the CFO of the Justi Corporation. Past International Director Justiniano is active in many professional, civic and community associations and the recipient of numerous awards. He has served as a discussion leader and moderator at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums as well as at Latin American and Caribbean Forums.



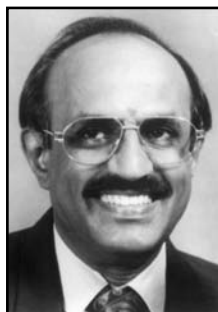
### **Dr. Harold R. Ott**

Dr. Harold R. Ott, of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, was elected to serve on the International Board of Directors at the 90th international convention of the association in Chicago, Illinois, in 2007. A retired university administrator, he is a member of the Harris Township Lions Club and has been a Lion since 1980. Active in many professional and community organizations, he has been a presenter and discussion leader at Lions leadership forums, a group leader for the District Governors-Elect School and co-presenter at Council Chairpersons Seminars.



### **G. Ramaswamy**

Past International Director G. Ramaswamy, a resident of Coimbatore, India, joined the Annur Town Lions Club in 1985. Serving as an international director from 1996 to 1998, he has been recognized for sponsoring more than 900 new members into Lions clubs. He also was selected to serve as an appointee to the International Board of Directors from 1999 to 2000, 2005 to 2006 and 2006 to 2007. Ramaswamy is an industrialist and the recipient of numerous professional, civic and community awards.



### **Harri Ala-Kulju**

A member of the Espoo Keskusta Lions Club in Finland since 1977, Past International Director Harri Ala-Kulju is an insurance director who is active in many community organizations. He was elected to the International Board of Directors at the association's 84th international convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2001. He served as the campaign manager of the Scandinavian Red Feather Campaign in Finland and as chairman of the Nordic Council.



### **Salim Moussan**

Past International Director Salim Moussan, of Beirut, Lebanon, was elected to serve on the International Board of Directors at the association's 80th international convention held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1997. The owner of a trading company, he is involved in many professional and community organizations and has been a presenter at three international conventions and served as chairman of the 23rd South Asia, Africa and Middle East Lions Leadership Forum. He is the founder of the Lions Eye Center in Lebanon.



## Renfrew Lions Club



*Lion Bob McLaren and Lion Shannon Giffin (top), Lion Steven Boyer, Lion Keith McDonald (bottom) at our fund raiser at the Renfrew Home Show.*





Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is embarking on its 43rd year of supporting Lions' humanitarian projects. Every year LCIF sets goals to guide, improve and expand its work to improve lives worldwide, but 2010-2011 stood out as a year during which big strides were made to both share Lions' work with the world and better serve Lions' needs.

Creating a new Steering Committee helped strengthen LCIF. Led by Chairperson Eberhard Wirfs, the Steering Committee improved communication with the public and Lions; expanded Lions Quest, the successful youth development program; and connected better with Lions coordinators. LCIF's ultimate goal is to help even more people in need than ever before.

Here are the highlights of LCIF's accomplishments in 2010-2011.

#### Improved Communications

Recognizing the need to have an independent, user-friendly Web site, LCIF launched a new site in May ([www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org)). The site features striking images, quick access to LCIF's latest news and simple navigation. (See page 14.)

LCIF developed a new brand image to update its look and communicate its mission more clearly. LCIF's updated and new publications contain bold colors and clear content. The changes will help Lions feel more connected to LCIF's work and better share its message with others. Materials are available on the new Web site.

#### Extend Lions Quest

LCIF has brought its youth development program, Lions Quest, to more than 12 million young people

around the world over the past 26 years. After hearing from countless children, parents and teachers how this program changed their lives, LCIF added four new countries to the Lions Quest family, bringing the total to 64 countries.

To help Lions get more involved in Lions Quest, LCIF developed a how-to kit, which can be downloaded from the Web site.

#### Empower Volunteers

LCIF could not have awarded 10,000 grants totaling US\$708 million since its founding without the support of Lions; in fact, Lions provide the majority of the funds that help millions worldwide. LCIF set new fundraising goals to strengthen Lions' engagement; district and multiple district coordinators played key roles. By working more effectively with Lions' volunteer coordinators, LCIF will be able to increase awareness of its role, resulting in helping more people around the world.

LCIF created new resources for coordinators such as PowerPoint presentations and detailed grant reports. These are also available on the Web site. A number of educational and informational Webinars were held this year as well. Thanks to the joint efforts of LCIF and Lions, many more coordinators reported and achieved goals this year.

These significant changes will help increase LCIF's support of Lions' compassionate efforts and raise the visibility of Lions.

**To let LCIF know what you think of the changes, contact LCIF at [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org).**

## Convention Call

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2011 International Convention. Our 94th International Convention will be held in Seattle, Washington, United States. It begins at 8:30 a.m. July 4 and ends July 8. The purpose of the convention is to elect a president, first vice president, second vice president and 17 members of the International Board of Directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Convention attendees this year will find Seattle as an outstanding destination city. Known as the Emerald City and located in the northwest corner of the United States, Seattle is home to many fine restaurants and various tourist attractions.

The international convention is always a festive and memorable occasion. The week will start with the colorful international parade followed that evening with the outstanding, multicultural international show. During the week Lions will have the opportunity to attend various seminars. At the first plenary session, it will be my honor to share with you a year of service where Lions shined brightly as Beacons of Hope. The week will conclude on Friday with an address by former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice followed by the installation of the 2011-2012 international president and district governors.

The Lions of Multiple District 19 will welcome their visitors and ensure that their stay is enjoyable and that this convention will be one of the most outstanding. I encourage you to be a part of this special Lions event.

Signed by me at Oak Brook, Illinois, United States of America, this 10th day of May 2011.

Warmest regards

**Sid L. Scruggs III, President**  
The International Association of Lions Clubs

## 60 Years of Service

**Lion Ernie Crossland** was 90 years of age last August, and the Newmarket Lions Club celebrated his 60th year as a Lion in January this year. Lion Ernie has had some health issues, and had missed a few meetings, especially this year, but we took a picture with just a few Lions that he had sponsored over

the years, at one of our February Meetings. Lion Ernie joined the **Newmarket Lions Club** in January 1951, and was the extension chair for the **North Newmarket Lions Club**, in May 1982, when it was formed. Lion Ernie was an International Counsellor in 1964-65 and has dabbled in Extension in his 60 years as a Lion, having formed 27 Lions Clubs, and sponsored almost as many Lions, in that period of time, including chartering his current Club.

He has been active in trying to start a Lions Club on Georgina Island, a Chippewa Community on Lake Simcoe. We know that Lion Ernie will not rest until he has this club chartered.

*Submitted by Lion Tim Gore*



**Pictured are left to right - PDG Mike Springford (1993), Lion Lorne Bryon (1990), Lion Christopher Van Lane (2008), Lion Ernie Crossland, Lion Dave Boonstra (1977) and Lion President Lorelei Stent.**

## Help Wanted

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# Afghanistan's Treasure

by Vanessa N. Glavinskas

**Lion Gary Bowersox has spent his career gem hunting in Afghanistan. Now he's a precious connection for thousands of Afghans in need of vision care.**

"Lion Gary Bowersox has unearthed millions of dollars worth of gems, explored terrain that the U.S. military won't enter, advised the CIA, dodged bullets and brought humanitarian aid to a region most volunteers won't touch.

He was even compared to Indiana Jones on *Good Morning America*.

All because of the 40 years he's spent exploring Afghanistan's mines as an international gem dealer.

At 70, the years have thinned his hair and turned his beard more salt than pepper, but there's still a vigor about him—and a yearning that continually calls him back to Afghanistan, no matter the danger.

"I'll retire the day I can't lift a one-carat stone," he jokes.

Bowersox, a member of the *Kamehameha Lions Club in Hawaii*, continues to go back to the unforgiving mountains of Afghanistan to train local miners in exploration, extraction and marketing of gems, providing an economic boost for the troubled nation.

"I teach them marketing of the gem materials," Bowersox says. "It builds a business rather than just giving aid money... you know the saying, 'teach them how to fish.'"

Without proper training, mining is not only frustrating and dangerous, but often fruitless. Bowersox equates it to buying lottery tickets for a living.

"Gary helps the miners get more of the potential of what they mine and educates them on what they do and the value of the items," says Bowersox's friend and fellow *Lion Jim Bryan*. "That's a big part of his whole humanitarian mission—let these people realize their own potential."

It's also his job; he turns a profit. But it's the humanitarian aspect that has grown in importance to Bowersox over the years, and that ultimately led him to Lions. Now, when he returns, it's not just to buy gems—but to bring eyeglasses to those who need them most.

## **Becoming the 'Gem Hunter'**

Bowersox hasn't always lived the globetrotting life of an international gem dealer. He started out in Kalamazoo, Michigan, with an apple-pie upbringing.

"I went to Western Michigan, and went into the army from there," he says. "I came out a major after Vietnam, and I decided to go back into civilian life."

His last assignment was in Hawaii, which is where Bowersox settled and started several businesses.

"I started a tax and bookkeeping service, and went on to buy a jewelry store in Waikiki," he says. "That's what got me into the gem business. But after three years of working 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., I got the urge to travel, so I sold the store and went into the jewelry wholesale business."

The decision changed his life. He became certified in gemology and began traveling to buy stones. One key trait defined him: he's not afraid of risk.

Fast forward to October 1979. Bowersox had taken a risk that led him to Kabul to buy lapis lazuli, an exquisite blue stone that has been mined for 7,000 years.



**Commander Sher Mohammad, Haji Shaloon and Bowersox. Haji Shaloon had just received glasses from Lions Club members.**

He was almost 10 years into traveling the world, spending months on horseback and hiking high into the mountains to buy rough gemstones directly from Afghan miners. He then sold the stones at a discount since he had fewer middlemen than a less intrepid dealer.

Several years earlier, he had brought his former wife and 2-year-old daughter to Afghanistan and things had gone smoothly. Not this trip.

His first night in Kabul, Bowersox awoke to automatic weapon fire.

He recounts the scene in his autobiography, *The Gem Hunter—True Adventures of an American in Afghanistan*.

"Rat-a-tat-a-tat-tat! More gunfire! Automatic weapons—closer this time—no more than a block from our building. Another loud KABOOM resonated through the dark night, followed by a red glow that lit up the streets of the city."

The Soviets were battling the Afghans.

By morning things had calmed down, but Bowersox quickly realized why he had been called to Kabul. He was there to buy lapis, and the foreign currency he offered would be used to finance the resistance against the Soviets, who officially invaded Afghanistan two months later and took over for a decade.

Things got dangerous under Soviet and later Taliban rule, yet Bowersox managed to make the right friends, sidestep politics and get back into the country time and again to buy gems.

"Despite all the hardships and dangers, I'm always aching to return and happy when I'm back," he says.

## **Sept. 11th**

No matter who's been invading Afghanistan, "Mr. Gary" has remained consistent. The locals trust consistency, and in return, have protected him with their lives.

One legendary Afghan became of particular importance to Bowersox. In 1989 he met General Ahmed Shah Massoud, leader of the Northern

Alliance. Massoud fought against the Taliban, and was credited in the *Wall Street Journal* as the "Afghan who won the Cold War." Massoud had a gem hobby and liked Bowersox because he provided jobs for his people and the profits helped to keep his resistance movement going.



**Kamehameha Lions Club Members Mateen Khan Jegdalek, Jim Bryan and Shahiq Habibi pass out eye glasses to people from the back of a vehicle as they travel in the mountain areas of Panjshir Valley, Afghanistan.**

"He walked six inches above the ground," Bowersox says, who felt the loss personally when General Massoud was assassinated just days before Sept. 11, 2001.

The terrorist attacks of 9/11 shifted everything for Bowersox.

"I was doing 60 gem shows a year and every one canceled after 9/11," Bowersox says. In 10 days, his business came to a screeching halt.

Yet another door opened. Bowersox was tapped by the U.S. Department of Defense for information about Afghanistan. He was one of few Americans who knew the topography of rural Afghanistan firsthand and had spent years mapping mines in the region.

"Gary would be one of the first people they'd pull in to identify where Bin Laden was when he'd appear on those videos," says Bryan.

Bowersox had been contacted by the CIA throughout the years, but this was different. "They had me fly home and get my photos and my maps of Afghanistan," he says. Bowersox briefed U.S. Defense Intelligence on General Massoud and his commanders. He gave his take on who the "good guys" were and the current political situation.

Then, Bowersox did what he always did. He returned to Afghanistan about three months after 9/11.

## **A Turning Point**

After 9/11, areas where locals rarely see an outside visitor or aid worker became even more closed off, but Bowersox always returned.

Children run to greet him and people line up for him to look at their stones and tell them their worth, says Bryan. Strangers have taken him into their homes, allowing him a night's rest and food.

"They view a visitor as a gift from God," explains Bowersox.

It was in his interactions with locals that a dire need caught his attention.

"I work up into the mountain areas, where they don't have any access to eye care. Someone would tell me, 'I have the perfect emerald,' and I'd take my glasses off and give them to him," he says.

The need haunted Bowersox. He was already a Rotarian and regularly distributed supplies to Afghanistan schools through his Rotary club. Who could help him with vision care?

Back in Hawaii, Bowersox called Jim Bryan and asked if he were still a member of a Lions club.

"Gary said, 'Aren't the Lions involved in eyeglasses and the blind,' and I said 'Sure, what can I help you with?'" recalls Bryan.

Bowersox approached the Kamehameha club about organizing and funding an eyeglass program for the people of Afghanistan. It wasn't an easy task.

"Basically, it was that Lions didn't want our members to get killed somewhere they shouldn't be," says Bryan about trying to get Lions Clubs International or LCIF to support the project. "Even our district couldn't endorse it at first."

Regardless, club members took on the project and collected 5,000 eyeglasses for the Afghan people and shipped them to Bowersox's contact in Kabul. Then came the problem of distribution. Volunteers needed to be on the ground to give out glasses in rural regions. There were no Lions in Afghanistan to partner with.



**An elderly Afghan woman tries on much-needed eyeglasses distributed by members of the Kamehameha Lions Club of Honolulu, Hawaii.**

It seemed the project might stall, but Bryan started thinking.

"I'm a film producer and writer, and I thought going [to Afghanistan] could be a story of a lifetime," he says. He had just one stipulation. Bowersox had to join his Lions club.

"I said, if I'm going to die over there, I'm not going to die with a Rotarian, so you have to become a Lion," Bryan says, laughing. "I sponsored him into the Kamehameha Lions Club."

After six months of getting immunizations and paperwork together, the Lions set off.

#### **A Project for the People**

"The State Department told us this is totally out of the bounds of what we want Americans doing over there," recalls Bryan.

According to Bryan, the remaining

Taliban fighters don't want the West to "look good" to the Afghan people, so westerners who arrive on a humanitarian mission become targets.

"The military said you guys are on your own, you're going into villages and areas where our troops never go," Bryan says. "You have to trust the local militia to take care of you."

Bowersox wasn't worried.

There's no question that he would not have survived in Afghanistan without his many strong relationships. When the turmoil was really bad, friends would help him get into Afghanistan "through the backdoor," covertly crossing the border from Pakistan. He even crossed the border in a woman's burqa once to avoid detection. For him, the trip was one of the easier ones.

Indeed, Bowersox's contacts came through and shuttled the Lions from the Kabul airport to their compound in an old pickup truck. The glasses had been shipped and stored safely. All that was left to do was to map out a distribution strategy based on which villages were safe.

Of course they hadn't advertised the eyeglass distribution, so Bryan began to wonder how they'd find the people who needed help. Turns out, he didn't have to worry.

"You won't believe how word spread," says Bowersox. "Villagers would come out of nowhere," echoes Bryan.

Over the next four weeks, the Lions drove into a village, set up where they could, often in a clinic abandoned by another aid group, hung an eye chart and started fitting glasses on people's heads.

"We do basic trial and error over there," Bowersox says. "We just keep trying the different intensities. That's why it would be great to get an eye doctor to go with us."

"Many times we'd get in and start distributing and we'd get word that the Taliban was near and we'd pack up and have to go," recalls Bryan. "We were hopscotching all over."

Along the way, they slept in barns or goat houses or bunkers.

Today, Bowersox estimates that about 10,000 eyeglasses have been shipped to Afghanistan. The problem of distribution still exists, but was ameliorated when the military began helping to give out glasses.

Bryan, a district officer, also inducted 10 of Bowersox's Afghan contacts into the Kamehameha Lions Club. They continue to distribute glasses sent to

them by the Hawaiian club.

Looking back, Bryan is still amazed that his Lions club was able to pull off an eyeglass distribution project in rural Afghanistan.

"Here we are, this little speck of dirt in the ocean, and all the way around the world we have 10 Lions working for us in Afghanistan," says Bryan. "It's a great Lions story, but you need a Gary Bowersox to get the door open for you."

## **Cobourg Lakeshore Lions**

At the February dinner meeting of Cobourg Lakeshore Lions two new members were inducted by **Lion Bill Maguire**. **Lion Susan Caron** was sponsored by **Lion Christine Bayer** and **Lion Jerry Ford** with Lions Special Skills Dog Lilo was sponsored by **Lion Jacquie Norman**.



**Lions Drew Holloway** and **Agnes Hendry** were recognized for 40 years of outstanding service to the Cobourg Lakeshore Lions Club.

Lion Drew served as vice president and many years as secretary while Lion Agnes served as president and in several other positions.



*Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*

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# The Joys of Volunteering

## The Old Adage Is True: Lions Get More Than They Give.

by Marsha Mercer

In her day job with Camp Fire USA, **Cynthia Wilson** of Oklahoma City works with teenage girls and boys on outdoor community service projects.

Someone who toils all day alongside boisterous kids in city gardens and parks might be expected to crave quiet me-time at night and on weekends. But that's not Wilson. Her life as a volunteer starts when her workday ends.

Whether she's selling tickets to a fundraiser or repackaging frozen corn at a food bank with other members of the **West Side Lions Club**, recycling cans to support a filmmakers' festival or camping with the Sierra Club, Wilson is living her personal philosophy: "We are all in this together, and we have a responsibility to help each other."

A former AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, Wilson, 35, adds, "That is why I am here on Earth—to help others." After all, she says, "I see how much I've gotten from others. I am here to give back."



**Cynthia Wilson volunteers for her Lions club at an auto show in Oklahoma City.**

Wilson acts not out of a sense of duty but of joy. "I can't imagine doing anything else," she says. "This is what I love!"

The joys of volunteering take many forms. For some, seeds sown by a family tragedy bloom in a healing flower. For others, volunteering opens doors to new friends and new skills. Still others use volunteering as the steel framework for the final chapters of life.

The health benefits of giving back are proven. Many studies show volunteering improves mood and physical health, takes people's minds off themselves and, if they're sick, off their pain. Volunteers actually live longer than people who don't volunteer.

Yet volunteering is hardly universal. Only about 26 percent of Americans volunteered at least once through an organization last year. Volunteering rose after the 9/11 terrorist attacks but has declined in recent years, according to a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) report based on 2010 census data.

So who are the 63 million Americans who do volunteer? If you think they're retired fellas with too much time on their hands, think again.

Most likely to volunteer are 30- and 40-somethings, married with children and jobs. Women are more likely

to volunteer than men, and working people volunteer more than the unemployed, according to the BLS.

Volunteers are "clearly not the people who have the most time," says Robert T. Grimm, who was director of research and policy development at the federal Corporation for National & Community Service for eight years before joining the University of Maryland faculty last fall.

What about the people who say they're too busy to volunteer? Time studies show they actually "watch hundreds of extra hours of TV a year," Grimm says.

For Cynthia Wilson, volunteering is a legacy from her late mother, who was a champion of all things organic. Wilson's mom died of breast cancer four years ago, and volunteering helped the daughter through her grief.

"It was a very difficult time for me. Without people around me to support me, I don't know what I would have done. I didn't know what my life was going to be without her," Wilson said. "But I saw that I wasn't alone."

Another tragic event, the accidental death of her father in the 1960s, profoundly shaped **Mary Yochum** as a volunteer.



**Mary Yochum serves her neighbors as a Lion and as a volunteer firefighter/emergency medical technician.**

*Photo courtesy of The Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Yochum, of Ormond Beach, Florida, was a week shy of her 21st birthday in 1968 when her father died in a fire at their home in Perry, Ohio. He was cleaning paint and other chemicals out of the garage when he lit his pipe. Flames engulfed him when the chemical vapors ignited, and he died less than a day later.

"It was one of those freakish accidents," Yochum said. She was so grateful to the kind firefighters who tried to save her dad that she vowed to help them prevent such tragedies from happening to other families.

Yochum, 63, has been a firefighter/emergency medical technician for about 40 years, mostly with the Volusia County fire services. The fire service has been her chief volunteer activity—but not her only one.

Yochum retired in June 2008 after 21 years as a hospital secretary, but her days as a volunteer are busier—and, judging from her enthusiasm, more rewarding—than those of most people drawing paychecks.

One of Yochum's non-stop weeks: On Monday, she visited a woman in her 80s in a nursing home. Tuesday, Yochum was on duty all day as a volunteer firefighter. Wednesday, she taught CPR classes morning and afternoon. Thursday, she dropped off a big bag of men's clothing at a homeless shelter. Friday, she was back at the fire station from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. She had a meeting at church Saturday, and on Sunday she again taught CPR.

She's in her second term as president of the **Ormond-by-the-Sea Lions Club**, where one of her projects is diabetes screening. Two days a month she prepares church dinners at Riverview United Methodist. She's first vice president of her AARP chapter and treasurer for her Rotary club. She also volunteers at the hospital where she worked.

"You don't get depressed," she said. "You don't have time to get depressed."

Researchers confirm Yochum's experience: volunteering is good for one's mental health.

Volunteers develop stronger social ties, find greater meaning in their lives, view themselves as more competent and confident and are more cheerful and more active, said Douglas Oman, a professor at the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley.

Oman's long-term study of people over 55 in Marin County also found that, all factors equal, volunteers were 44 percent less likely to die on any given day than non-volunteers.

"People sometimes ask, 'If I stop getting pay for my job would that be better for me?'" says Oman. The answer is maybe. Volunteering may be more protective because there's less stress than paid work.

**Christie Sproba** of Panorama Village, Texas, knows the value of volunteering in the healing process. In 2008, she was diagnosed with breast cancer.



**Christie Sproba of Texas works in her club's eyeglass lab.**

She had started attending **Conroe Noon Lions Club** meetings in 2002 when she was fairly new in town and had two small children at home.

"It was my weekly dose of adult time," says Sproba, 40, who soon began working with the Texas Lions Camp and other projects involving children.

"When I was going through cancer, my projects gave me something else to think about," she says.

Refusing to dwell on the negatives, she regained her health. She now volunteers in her club's eyeglass recycling and manufacturing lab and is learning to manufacture glasses for children.

**Mark Ritacco** of Lake Oswego, Oregon, became a volunteer youth coach because his two children played baseball, basketball and soccer.

He also has been president of the **Lake Grove Lions Club** for three of the last four years. Ritacco is there for the monthly service projects and the fundraisers, including the spring tulip sales and the Fourth of July barbecue. When others are on vacation, he spends the holiday behind a hot barbecue grill, spreading the club's special seasonings on chicken.

"It's just something you do," Ritacco says, downplaying his service and talking up the club's "inspirational gentlemen" who have made his community better.

Why did he join the Lions? Ritacco was drawn to the vision projects. His father was sightless in his left eye after botched surgery for a cataract when he was a boy. Ritacco wanted to do whatever he could to help others keep their vision.

Ritacco, 50, lost his job during the Great Recession. The bank where he worked as a mortgage broker for 10 years closed. He's now in sales for a company that uses green technology to clean commercial heating and air conditioning units.

One thing hasn't changed: "Every day I make one person smile," he says. Ritacco holds the door open or carries out an older person's groceries and makes someone smile. He may not know that research shows such random acts of kindness also have a good physiological effect on him.

Stephen G. Post, director of the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care and Bioethics at Stony Brook University, says volunteering can help alleviate stress, including job loss or a family move.

New research has quantified how many hours a volunteer needs to achieve health benefits.

"A good dose of volunteering is a couple of hours a week," said Post, author of *Why Good Things Happen*

to *Good People* and *The Hidden Gifts of Helping*.

Moving to a new community prompted **Randy Williams**, 62, of Mount Royal, N. J., to make time for volunteering.



**Neither rain, sleet nor snow stops Randy Williams of New Jersey from doing service.**

"I just didn't want to sit around," he says. "I didn't want to just have a new house."

Williams, an insurance agent, had belonged to tennis and boating clubs in Central New Jersey, but when he moved to South Jersey in November 2001, he wanted to do more in his new community. Invited to a meeting of **West Deptford Lions Club**, he began participating.

"Every time you do one thing, it gets you involved in something else," says Williams.

He rose through the club ranks to president in three years. He has been the club's sight person for four years, has served as zone and region chair and district sight chairperson for a year.

"When you're comfortable in your own skin, you can be a comfort to someone else," he says. "Giving is a happiness. It makes your heart feel good knowing you're helping somebody else."

**Cynthia Wilson**

**Hometown:** Oklahoma City

**Age:** 35

**Occupation:** Program director, Camp Fire USA

**Club:** Oklahoma City West Side

What else happened? At dusk one day in January, Wilson was out walking when a car hit her. The scared motorist drove away, leaving Wilson to limp home in pain. She later learned she had only a minor knee fracture. "You're just really very lucky," the doctor said, shocked there wasn't more serious damage. The next day was to be her Lions club induction. Wilson, determined not to miss it, came to the meeting in an immobilizer and on crutches. She was named her club's Rookie of the Year.



**Wilson takes a ticket at the auto show.**

**Randy Williams**

**Hometown:** Mount Royal, New Jersey

**Age:** 62

**Occupation:** Insurance agent

**Club:** West Deptford Lions Club

What else happened? Williams delivered about three dozen holiday baskets last Thanksgiving and Christmas. The economic downturn made the need greater than ever before, he said.

**Quote:** "When you're comfortable in your own skin, you can be a comfort to someone else."



**Williams says "giving is a happiness."**

**Christie Sproba**

**Hometown:** Panorama Village, Texas

**Age:** 40

**Occupation:** Stay-at-home-mom

**Club:** Conroe Noon Lions Club

What else happened? Sproba started a community weight loss challenge in 2008. The city of Conroe recently signed a contract to take the challenge city-wide.

**Quote:** "When I was going through cancer, my projects gave me something else to think about."



**Sproba helps her town stay fit.**

**Special Skills Dog**

The **Fabulous Fenwick Lions Club's** Special Skills Dog graduated Thursday, March 10, 2011 from Lions Foundation of Canada. Ellen is extremely happy now that she has Eco to help her through her day. With every annual Harley Davidson® motorcycle draw the Fabulous Fenwick Lions have sponsored a dog from Lions Foundation of Canada.

**Pictured are Ellen and Eco with soon to be Lion Bob Ballantyne (left), Lion Herb Lodde, Lion Fred Disher, Lion Harry Cumming, Lion Trevor Philbrick and Lion Alan Beamer. Several of the Fabulous Fenwick Lioness attended the graduation to celebrate with their Lions.**



**Freelton Lions Club**

Freelton Lions were happy to welcome five new members.



**From left to right: Lion Carrolle Owen, New members Jim Cook, Theresa Cook, Paula Owen, District Governor Bill Speck, Lion Doug Wright, New member Bonnie Ivask, Harv Frizgrald, Lion Bill Cardinelle**

*Submitted by Lion President Peter Kachuik*

# Virtual Training is the Real Deal

In tiny, remote Atikokan (Ojibwe for “Caribou bones”) in northwestern Ontario **Angela Sharbot** is trying to build up her Lions club. “We need a project where people of Atikokan say, ‘Lions did that,’” she said. So on a recent weekday evening she sat down at her kitchen table with her laptop and logged on to a webinar on managing a service project.

Originating at **Lions Clubs International in Oak Brook**, the webinar took just under an hour. Two facilitators led the slide-show-based presentation. Sharbot typed in questions, and other participants from far and wide asked or answered questions using a computer microphone or by typing.

“It was very informative, very interactive. You didn’t have a voice talking to you for an hour. You could ask questions right away,” said Sharbot, a zone chairperson and past president of her club. “It was not only about learning, but if someone [also taking the webinar] had experience they could share that.”

The town clerk for Atikokan, Sharbot has taken work-related webinars on parliamentary procedures and other topics. The Lions’ webinar was “the best one I’ve ever taken,” she said.

Virtual training via online webinars allows Lions to connect with experienced Lions faculty and Lions participants worldwide. A computer and reliable Internet connections are needed. During the past Lions year, Lions from 80 districts have participated in the LCI Leadership Webinars. Topics include managing club meetings, mentoring and developing leaders, setting goals and the role of the zone chairperson.

**Carolina Mendez** of Caracas, Venezuela, participated while on a trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands. **Roger Curtis**, president of **Badger Lions Club** in Iowa, said, “I appreciate being able to enjoy training in the comfort

of home on a cold winter night.” Added **Ruth Hounsome**, a region chairperson from Ontario, “This was my first webinar and I thought the instructions were easy to follow and well done.”

## Participant panel



Webinar participation is growing. The webinars are currently in English only but will soon be offered in other languages. For information about webinars and a tutorial on registration, visit [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) and search for leadership development webinars. Or contact the Leadership Division at [leadership@lionsclubs.org](mailto:leadership@lionsclubs.org)



Past Council Chairperson Esther LaMothe of Michigan prepares for the setting goals webinar.

## Managing a Service Project

**Service Project Management Process**

- Structured and manageable approach to project management
- Sequence of organized activities

Select → Define → Plan → Execute → Evaluate

One of the most popular webinars, *Managing a Service Project* illustrates the phases of project management and presents a service project as an example. Webinar participants interact by sharing their responses to the questions such as “What are the characteristics of an effective project manager?” and “How could you have minimized the risks related to this project?”

## Fenelon Falls & District Lions can “Imagine” the impact of MRI Lions’ contribution benefits Capital Campaign for DI Redevelopment

“MRI is a very important piece of equipment,” said **Tom Maw**, member of the **Fenelon Falls & District Lions Club**. “Many of our members have had to travel to Oshawa or Kingston to have an MRI test. Having it here makes a big difference. When it came time to vote on which local project we wanted to help through our fundraising, we were all for contributing to this campaign.”

Tom Maw’s appreciation for the MRI service at Ross Memorial Hospital was shared by his fellow Lions Club members, **Barry Greenfield**, President of the Lions Club, **Barry Tate**, Club Treasurer, **Susan Tate**, Club Secretary and Zone Chairperson. Together, the Lions representatives presented a cheque for \$5,000 to Brenda De Koker, Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Directors and Erin Coons, Executive Director of the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation.

“We’re thrilled to have the support of the Fenelon

Falls and District Lions Club,” said Brenda De Koker. “Their members have been so generous to the hospital over the years. They’ve supported so many of our projects, such as the hospital’s expansion, the building of the dialysis unit, and enhancements in the peri-operative suite and the palliative care unit. This donation brings their total to \$28,000 – it’s just outstanding!”

The establishment of the MRI program is part of a major transformation of the Diagnostic Imaging department. Renovations were required to accommodate the MRI as well as update the DI department. A key part of the transformation includes the replacement of the 4-slice CT with a 128-slice CT, with enhanced quality that will lead to more definitive diagnostic

outcomes with less radiation exposure. The cost of the redevelopment totals \$5.8 million, which must be raised locally.

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# Lions on Location

## Stepping Up for Orphans

Belgian **Lion Robert Vrydagh** strode past golden fields of grain, poked his head in exquisite, centuries-old churches in tiny, forgotten villages and eyed the fiery sun dropping beneath the vast ocean. He tallied 1,400-miles on foot from his home near Brussels to Santiago de Compostela, Spain.



**Vrydagh reaches Santiago de Compostela in Spain after his hike from Belgium.**

Vrydagh, now 63, arrived back home via train last fall after 94 days of hiking. He came back intact—"except for a large blister and a nasty bruise on my right ankle caused by the new shoes I had to buy," he says. In fact, not one to run or swim, he came back fitter and 8 kilos lighter (17.5 pounds). He gained peace of mind, too.

"I will remember those weeks spent in almost total loneliness as probably the richest in my life," says Vrydagh, who toiled in corporate cubicles for Phillips 66, A.B. Dick, Sherwin Williams, Johnson & Johnson and finally for cell phone giant Mobistar.

Vrydagh walked by himself but he encountered many friendly people. "A pilgrim is perceived as a special kind of human, triggering basic reactions of hospitality and support," he says. "This comes from other pilgrims but also from unknown strangers just offering you fruit, water, a conversation or a bed for the night."

One of his fondest memories was meeting three young children when he was a few days from Santiago de Compostela. One of the boys was the first person on the journey to recognize the Belgian flag on his backpack. The boy peppered him with questions: "Where did you start?" "Do you have a wife and children?" "What do they think about your trip?" "Where do you sleep?" The boy was absolutely uninterested in the physical challenge of the journey. "He was right on the spot," says Vrydagh. "I still wonder, did I meet an avatar of Saint Exupéry's Little Prince?"

Vrydagh belongs to the **Brussels Heraldic Lions Club**, a club with 22 members of 12 nationalities. (Vrydagh is Belgian but learned "British English at 14.") **Club President Dominic Kelleher** had visited Egypt and the orphanages run by FACE, a nonprofit group.

The walk was a pilgrimage to St. James' grave, a destination for devout Christians since the Middle Ages. It was also a kind of retirement orientation after a busy corporate career. Finally, the journey was a way to enlist his Lions club in raising funds for an orphanage in Egypt.

Vrydagh was impressed, too. So the club agreed to donate a euro for every kilometer he walked. More than US\$3,000 was raised. His long trek was especially satisfying because it included "the hidden dimension of walking a Christian pilgrimage knowing it would benefit Muslim children," says Vrydagh.



**Vrydagh witnesses the splendor of nature.**

Not so hidden was his Lions' identity. Vrydagh wore a large Lions pin on his shoulder strap. It drew the attention of people he met including a woman at a tourist office in France. Lowering her voice, she told Vrydagh, "I'm sorry but my husband made me join the Rotary."

## To Bee or Not to Bee? Lions Revive Tradition

Henry III granted Callington a market charter in 1267. The king earned funds to help rebuild Westminster Abbey, and local merchants could sell their wares and fill their coffers. Residents of Callington eventually got a honey fair.

The Callington Honey Fair is one of only two of its kind in England. The fair actually began sometime in the latter half of the 19th century. It ended during World War II. Then one day in 1978 a local man turned to a friend and remarked, "Do you realize what today is? It's Honey Fair day and there isn't a soul in sight."



**Merchants sell honey.**

So the fair was revived, and the **Callington Lions Club** took it over after its first year. Every October Callington, a small town of 5,000 in southeast Cornwall, is transformed into a honey-lovers paradise. Merchants at the 100 stalls that line the streets sell honey products. The town hall hosts Honey Fair cream teas: teas with bees. Fairgoers vote for their favorite honey foods.



**A town crier gets heard.**

Why a honey fair? Southeast Cornwall is home to a number of beekeepers, and the honey at the fair "is much better than store bought—pure, sweet delightful," says **Lion Sid Sharp**, an IT trainer. "We use honey on sandwiches, as a drizzle on desserts like ice cream. We mix it with porridge—it's supposed to lower cholesterol and aid longevity."

The 38-member Lions club nets about US\$4,000 from the festival, says Sharp, who, purely coincidentally, lives at Bumble Bee Cottage. The club supports a children's hospice, an air ambulance service, people with multiple sclerosis and other causes.



**An award winner is honored.**

The Honey Fair is part fair, part street festival. Performers on stilts weave through fairgoers. Leather-lunged contestants in the town crier competition bellow a bucketful of "oyez." Crowds gather at the shop window competition, the children's art competition and exhibitions showcasing wedding dresses or unusual Christmas trees.

Attendees can also view a cross section of a beehive. An occasional "wild" bee will buzz about, but another airborne nuisance is more prevalent. "Wasps are a nuisance but not so much at the Honey Fair," says Sharp.

## Old Coins Fund New Projects in New Zealand

Kiwis are no different from anyone else. Old coins sit in drawers, coffee cans and bowls in households across New Zealand. But the difference is that obsolete coins can be turned in to support Lions' youth programs in a national campaign spearheaded by Lions clubs.

Lions struck a deal with the nation's Reserve Bank to get the full value of outmoded cash. The pool of available funds is NZ\$80 million (US\$61 million).

The Reserve Bank estimates that much is lying around in outdated currency. In 1967, the country replaced the pound with the New Zealand dollar. In 1991 coins replaced paper dollars and in 2006 the size of some coins was reduced and other coins phased out.



**Old money will fund new projects for Lions in New Zealand.**

This is the first time old currency has been collected to raise funds in New Zealand. Lions hope to raise as much as \$5 million by July. The currency campaign began in July 2010. Free radio ads valued at \$250,000 are helping to publicize the fundraiser.

“If we get towards the \$5 million, some of it will be invested as an ongoing fund to support youth. If we get \$1 million it will disappear straight to youth in a couple of years,” **Richard Simmons**, a member of the **Remuera Lions Club** and Zone 7 chairperson, told the *New Zealand Herald News*.

Lions also have arranged for a private buyer to take foreign coins at 75 percent of their face value.

The Lions will use the funds for Lions Quest, youth exchange programs and other youth projects.

### **Orphaned, Not Abandoned**

The 43 orphans at Dar Ul Atfal (“home of children”) in Pakistan had mothers who died at birth. Or desperate single parents, unable to feed and clothe them, reluctantly left them at the orphanage. Some of

the boys at the orphanage once roamed the streets as beggars until a kindly adult persuaded them to come to the home.

What the orphans share in common is the goodwill and generosity of the **Peshawar Gulbahar Lions**. Club members provide clothes, shoes, toys, sports equipment and school supplies. They clean the building. A Lion who is a physician is on-call around the clock to treat illnesses and injuries. Lions take the children to KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) to celebrate Independence Day in Pakistan, and on a religious holiday the children devour a Pizza Hut lunch and watch a magic show.



**Lions and orphans celebrate their nation's Independence Day.**

The 55-member club in the city of 3 million in northern Pakistan includes well-off business owners and executives, real estate developers, engineers and lawyers. Helping the needy children is “a source of inner satisfaction for each of us,” says **Asad Ashraf**, charter president and a past district governor. “There are many members who for different reasons do not regularly come to club meetings but even those members never miss these activities.”

The club adopted the orphanage five years ago. It was an easy decision. Four Lions were orphans themselves. Also, 50 years ago, Ashraf’s uncle built the orphanage, which eventually was deserted because of neglect.

Many Lions bring their own children to the orphanage to play games with the orphans. “It gives us the opportunity to make our own children understand how blessed they are. There is a big change in the thinking of our children, who are more inclined toward charity,” says Ashraf, an industrialist.



**Lions give the children bags of needed items.**

Supporting the orphanage has become a family affair for many Lions. “Even our wives take part in the activities, which motivates them to become Lions,” Ashraf adds.

The Peshawar Gulbahar Lions Club began in 1998. It has held 64 eye camps. Lions have screened nearly 45,000 at the camps, distributed 27,300 eyeglasses and sponsored about 4,000 cataract surgeries and corneal transplants for 19 children.



**The children play during an outing.**

## **Area Lions Clubs and Friends Improve Vision Far & Near**

It was a beautiful *sight!* On Tuesday, May 3, area Lions Club members and other supporters including the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 79, attended the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the installation of the new OR Ophthalmology Surgical Microscope at NGH.

This was an opportunity to see their fundraising efforts at work, learn how their contributions have benefited patient care and give staff a chance to personally thank them for their generosity.

With a matching grant from the Lions Club International Foundation, 13 local Lions Clubs and other donors, \$93,874.02 was raised in total. This was enough to buy the OR microscope and additional accessories to benefit the surgical team.

Each year, over 500 cataract procedures are performed at NGH, in addition to many other sight related procedures. “Our equipment was 28 years old

and needed replacing,” said Dr. John Thorpe, the lone surgical Ophthalmologist in Haldimand Norfolk.

To compliment this special occasion, it was announced that the old microscope would be shipped to Haiti. Simcoe Lion, **Dave Stelpstra**, and NGH Director of purchasing, Terri Stenclik, have arranged to ship it to Dr. Jean Claude Cadet, Ophthalmologist/Director of Blindness Prevention Program State Medical University of Port-au-Prince (HUEH). The Eye Clinic was destroyed in the devastating earthquake that ravaged Haiti last year.

“Local Lions Club Members, Lions Club International and the generosity of our community made this ambitious project a reality. We’re also encouraged that the Haitian people will benefit from the old equipment to improve their vision. This is all part of our mission “to provide vision for all,” said **Jim Boughner**, Lions Club International Foundation

District A2 Coordinator and Past District Governor.

“This was a great opportunity for us to personally thank the Lions Clubs and others for raising funds to replace old equipment to benefit our community,” said Thorpe.

To learn more about Norfolk General Hospital’s greatest needs or the Lend a Hand Campaign, please contact the Norfolk General Hospital Foundation at 519-426-0130 Ext.2456 or visit our website at [www.ngh.on.ca](http://www.ngh.on.ca). Thank you for your generosity!

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# Peace Poster Winner Draws from Own Experience

by Kelly Janowski

For Raj Phairembam, the need for peace is not an abstract concept. The 11-year-old student cannot travel to his school at times because of civic turmoil. Nearly two dozen militant groups seeking secession or greater autonomy are active in Manipur, a state in India.

"Sometimes the road is closed for one or two days. Sometimes, it's closed for a month," Raj said.

The grand prize winner of this year's Peace Poster Contest spends much of his time thinking about peace and what it would mean to his small village in the northeastern corner of India. One day, the talented artist hopes to become an army officer like his father so he can be a United Nations peacekeeper.

Raj took another step toward his dream when he joined Lions from across the world at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City. After a grueling four-day trip, the boy who had never been on a plane was greeted with the sights and sounds of the bustling metropolis.

"There are many differences here," Raj said of New York. "Here, there are tall buildings. In our state, there are no tall buildings. We are surrounded by hills."

Raj took the opportunity with the Lions to express his thoughts on peace, and also his appreciation for Lions.

"We want to be where there is peace," Raj told the Lions. "Peace is in our nature. We treasure it."

At the conclusion of his speech, Raj generously donated US\$250 of his US\$5,000 prize money back to Lions Clubs International Foundation to aid those affected by the disaster in Japan. This unprecedented act of generosity spurred an outpouring of support from Lions in attendance, prompting many clubs to make donations as well.

"Thank you, Lions Clubs International. Thank you, Lions across the world," Raj said. "You have given an opportunity to children across the world."



Raj Phairembam, Manipur, India



## Meet the Peace Poster Merit Award Winners

**Sonia Vanesa Ruiz, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Adroque Lions Club, Argentina  
"Communication is the road to peace."

**Annika Ponzilius, 13**

**Sponsored by:** Selkirk and District Lions Club, Canada

"The Lions Peace Poster Contest gives me the chance to show people what peace means to me."

**Yanyao Zhou, 13**

**Sponsored by:** Guangdong Xiangshan Lions Club, China

"I received a letter from a friend and I was suddenly inspired. Why can't I send a letter full of good wishes to the world?"

**Atharva Sudarshan Barapatre, 11**

**Sponsored by:** Chandrapur Lions Club, India  
"Let us all demand peace, work for peace, preach peace and aim at peace. Together, we can and we will make the difference."

**Prajwal P. Hadli, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Gadag-Betgeri Lions Club, India  
"Mutual understanding and unity is instrumental in sowing international peace and our only way to progress."

**Sheelam Arun Kumar, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Hasanparthy Lions Club, India  
"In my view, peace is the absence of hostility and violent conflict."

**Nabila Nindya Alifia Putri, 11**

**Sponsored by:** Malang Indah Lions Club, Indonesia  
"I was inspired by a symphony of music, particularly the gamelan, a Javanese ethnic musical instrument that belongs to my grandfather."

**Lucia Paladini, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Alessandria Host Lions Club, Italy  
"This competition is important because it is a creative event involving young people from different parts of the world. It is a time for us all to connect by thinking about peace."

**Ye-Eun Park, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Seoul Hyung Saek Lions Club, Korea  
"This contest is meaningful to me because I forgot how important peace is to me, my family and everybody around me. This gave me the chance and time to think about peace."

**Jonathan Richard Young, 13**

**Sponsored by:** Sliema Lions Club, Malta  
"My poster depicts the vision of a united world, where weapons are destroyed and we are able to break free from the chains of greed and ambition and rejoice in a united vision of a happy world."

**Christopher de Jesús Sosa De la Cruz, 13**

**Sponsored by:** Jerez Lopez Velarde Lions Club, Mexico

"I want my drawing to inspire people to be better human beings."

**Anish Thapa, 11**

**Sponsored by:** Kathmandu Bhrikuti Lions Club, Nepal

"Be positive. Say 'no' to violence."

**John Deng, 13**

**Sponsored by:** Bucklands Beach Lions Club, New Zealand

"My poster is about peace around the world through music. I think music is a language everybody understands."

**Asobara Hillary Chukwuemeka, 11**

**Sponsored by:** Ikeja D'Ivy Lions Club, Nigeria  
"In the world today, there is war around us and I think there should be peace around us."

**Marina Troncoso, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Marbella Decano Lions Club, Spain  
"If we work together to construct peace, it will come together like a puzzle."

**Poson Rooso Miranda, 11**

**Sponsored by:** Colombo Maitland Lions Club, Sri Lanka

"If small children like us unite together, we could open the door of peace."

**En-Ting Lin, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Taoyuan Wan Shou Lions Club, Multiple District 300 Taiwan

"Only peace will give human beings the opportunity to get along with Mother Nature and support a harmonic relationship with our eco system."

**Antonella Hergatacorzian Kehyaian, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Montevideo Agraciada Arroyo Lions Club, Uruguay

"Feelings, technology and peace can go together. We should all contribute, from the biggest to the smallest."

**Hyo Jin "Esther" Kim, 13**

**Sponsored by:** Fullerton Host Lions Club, California  
"All kids in this world are hoping for peace."

**Patricia Perez, 11**

**Sponsored by:** Miami Lakes Lions Club, Florida  
"My poster is dedicated to peace on earth regardless of religion or nationality."

**Kylah Alexis Reed, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Makakilo Kapolei Lions Club, Hawaii  
"We will never find peace if we can't get together and love."

**Ioana Rotaru, 13**

**Sponsored by:** Milford Lions Club, Massachusetts  
"We must all speak for peace as it has no voice."

**MinJoo "Deborah" Kang, 12**

**Sponsored by:** Fairfax Host Lions Club, Virginia  
"Peace never comes easily; it takes time, effort and patience for it to grow and stay alive, but imagine what a beautiful world we would become."

# A Beacon of Hope for the Devastated

by Hideaki Suzuki, managing editor, and Tomoko Kawamura, senior editor, Lion Magazine in Japan

The tsunami that slammed the Japanese coastline in March decimated Otsuchi Town, Iwate. More than half of its 15,000 population is presumed to be dead or missing. The whole town caught fire. A Buddhist temple owned by **Shuichi Oogayu** of the **Otsuchi Lions Club** was the only building that miraculously remained intact.

"First, a sandstorm swept through the town," Oogayu says. "Shortly after that, a wall-like tsunami wave of about 20 meters high [65 feet] was coming toward us at once. A wave way higher than a two-story house swallowed the entire town. There came a silence for a while, and now the wave was backing up and houses were whisked away like toy houses. It was an improbable sight. It was just beyond all the conventional rules.

"Everybody thought our temple burnt down too, because everywhere else was on fire. The town was flaming, cars exploded, and a wildfire was burning the hill behind us."

Fifteen residents are taking shelter in the temple together with Oogayu's family of five. Even weeks after the earthquake, they had no electricity, gas, running water, telephone line or kerosene available to them. Members of an inland Lions club who visited the town to check on the area found out about the situation and offered to bring in the first relief supplies. A network of Lions brought help to this little refuge.

In Ishinomaki City, Miyagi, the tsunami swamped buildings on the coast, streamed up the Old Kitakami River and flooded the downtown area completely. Past Council Chairperson **Masao Sugiyama** of **Multiple District 332** was at his home on a hill when the massive quake shook the ground. As soon as the shaking settled, he got in his car and drove to his company. Sugiyama owns a stationery company near the river. In spite of the risk of flooding, he did not leave his employees alone at the company.

"I evacuated with my employees and another 100 residents in the area to the second floor of my company building," Sugiyama says. "The water did not recede right away, and we stayed there isolated for four days. There was no drinking water or blankets to ward off the cold. Young employees went out in the water up to their chests to find food and we shared what they brought back to survive."

After the water receded, Sugiyama used the damaged company building to store relief supplies sent from Lions across the country and distribute them to the citizens. He announces the distribution times on radio and TV. On a snowy day in March, Sugiyama, other Lions and his employees provided 1,000 survivors with food, blankets, diapers, winter clothes and underclothing.

"There are 80,000 people in the shelters and 40,000 people staying at their homes in the city. Those who stay at their houses do not receive enough supplies, and I want to directly hand relief goods to

them," says Sugiyama. "Although our beacon of hope is still far and small, I believe we can work together and achieve reconstruction."

On March 13, two days after the disaster, the eight council chairpersons of Japan held a special meeting. They established a disaster relief headquarters and asked for donations of 3,000 yen (US\$35) per member. They also organized a disaster relief support team at MD 330 located near the affected areas to supply provisions made possible through US\$1.25 million mobilized by LCIF. Each of the affected districts, 332-B (Iwate), 332-C (Miyagi) and 332-D (Fukushima), as well as MD 333 (Tochigi), established a distribution center and a traveling Lions supply team.



**Shiogama Lions Club members unload a truck with 10 tons of rice and boxes of baby diapers for distribution by Lions in Ishinomaki City.**

Lions who own businesses assisted in securing supplies. **Takao Kotani**, the president of **Kuromatsunai Lions Club** and owner of a beverage manufacturing company, collected 3,000 two-liter bottles of water in MD 331. **Shozo Udaka**, the **336-A** district governor who owns a paper manufacturing company, helped MD 336 mobilize 100,000 rolls of toilet paper and 100,000 disposable diapers. MD 330 procured 9,000 pairs of underwear for men, women and children.

Past District Governor **Shigenobu Shiga** in Shiogama City in **332-C** is managing incoming supplies from Lions. The tidal wave severely damaged his stone dealer shop near the port; Shiga had his oldest son take over the business. Shiga dedicated himself to relief efforts with another son, **Lion Fumiyasu Shiga**,

and a third son, Masataka. **Shiogama Lions Club** members are helping provide supplies.



**Yonezawa Matsukawa Lions Club members deliver rice, fruits, clothes and disposable masks to Lions in Shiogama City.**

Shiga delivers the supplies to nearby Tagashiro and Shichigahama, to catastrophically destroyed Ishinomaki and even to Kesenuma, three hours away. He passes on supplies to local Lions whenever possible. Many Lions are in evacuation centers themselves, but the supplies sent from fellow Lions across the country energize them and drive them to serve.



**Otsuchi Town suffered catastrophic damage. Tadateru Konoe, president of the Japanese Red Cross, said, "Everything is destroyed. I have been working at Red Cross for a number of years, but this is the worst damage I have ever seen."**

"This is the only thing I can do right now. I am most thankful that many Lions responded immediately to help. I am so grateful that I got to know them through Lions," Shiga says.

## Annual Senior Dinner

The **Nobleton Lions** had their Annual Seniors' Dinner on December 6th, 2010.

All the Lions were out to share some Christmas spirit, laughter and fun with our wonderful seniors.

The "Toe Tappin Fiddlers" joined us again this year to play for the Seniors. The Girl Guides sang carols and brightened the hall with their enthusiasm and joy for Christmas. They brought candy canes for everyone. The food was warm and delicious and donated by the Atkinson family...Glen's kind heart



lights that family's way!

The hall was filled with over 140 of Nobleton's finest citizens and each one had great stories and smiles to share.

We certainly had the "Christmas Spirit" with us that night.

## Cannington Lions Club

The Cannington Lions held their annual Canoe-A-Thon on May 1st. We had 36 craft entered, canoes and a few kayaks. A good time was had by all.

*Submitted by Lion Doug Fuller*



## Lions Gala for Sight

**Toronto Netralya Lions Club** and **Toronto Doctors Lions Club of Dist A-711** took on the challenge for preventable blindness and held a Gala on November 19, 2010 at Grand Victorian Convention Centre in Mississauga.

\$50,000 were raised for Canadian National Institute for the Blind, K.K. Eye Institute of Pune, India and Retinoblastoma Program of Hospital for Sick Children.

Attending the Gala were 500 guests from financial, business, political and cultural sectors along with Lions dignitaries. The event opened with a message from Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper delivered by Minister Peter Kent of Thornhill. Laudatory messages were also received from many federal and provincial leaders and **Lion Sid L. Scruggs III**, International President of Lions Clubs International.

The evening received musical accompaniment from Mandolin performance by Mohd Nasir on stage and there were captivating dance performances by Lata Pada's Sampradaya Dance Company, Gujarati Folk Dancers, Ching-Pinh Lou Oriental Fan Dancers and a Bollywood Dance performance.

Among the distinguished guests were H. E. Mr. S. M. Gavai, High Commissioner of India, Hon. Rob Oliphant, Hon. Harinder Takhar, Hon. Senator Vim Kochhar, Hon. Navdepp Bains, Hon. Yasmin Ratans, Hon. Kunjar Sharma Honorary Consular General of Nepal to Canada, **DG Lion Bill Speck, PDG Lion Bill Allison** and **II VDG Lion Sam Dako**.

During a most delectable Indian buffet style cuisine, DVDs from Canadian National Institute for the Blind and K. K. Eye Institute of India highlighted their respective works in providing support to clients in rural communities at no cost.

The Gala Dinner culminated with the announcement of \$50,000 Fellowship award by

Dr. Jaya Chanclani of Chanclani Foundation and a Platinum sponsor of the Gala. Accepting this award was Professor Brenda Gallie, Head of the Retinoblastoma Program of Hospital for Sick Children. She described how this cancer of the eye was most preventable if diagnosed early. India has the largest number of children affected by Retinoblastoma, and many do not survive. In Canada 99% of the children survive and 90% keep vision.

With speeches from the presidents of two Lions Clubs **Lion Om Arora** of Toronto Netralya Lions Club and **Lion Rory Rodrigo** of Toronto Doctors Lions Club and the Lions Co-Chairs of the Gala, **Lion Kanta Arora** and **Lion Mike Sarin** attendees gained a better understanding of the work of Lions International whose motto "We serve", precisely explains its mission.



**Mike Sarin presenting Lion Pin and certificate to Minister Harinder Takhar**  
*Photo by Bashir Nasir*



**Mike Sarin, Rory Rodrigo, Kanta Arora, Om Arora & Bill Speck Governor A-711**  
*Photo by Bashir Nasir*

## Host Meeting on Dog Guide Program

On April 2, the **Howick Lions** hosted four special guests – 2 human, 2 canine. The program was held at the Fordwich Community Hall to inform area Lions and members of the public about the Dog Guide program from the Lions Foundation of Canada. This national program helps people with disabilities live more independently. About 50 people attended the event. Cathy O'Connor from Orillia was the guest speaker and brought along her dog Bosley who has been trained to assist his hearing impaired owner with everyday living. It costs about twenty thousand dollars to raise and train a service dog.

The Lions Foundation of Canada then matches them at no cost with people who are experiencing visual, hearing, physical or other challenges including children with autism. The goal is for 150 dogs to be trained this year through the Guide Dog Program.

The Howick Lions Club hosted the event in Fordwich to raise awareness about the program and to collect donations for the very important initiative.

**PDG Bill Chalmers brought along Abbey, his black lab guide-dog-in-training. PDG Bill commented that he knows how much of a difference Abbey will make in someone's life. Since 1983, the lives of over 1,200 individuals have been enriched by the services of specially trained dog guides from Lions Foundation Canada. Cathy O'Connor, who is partnered with Bosley, a hearing Ear dog guide is one of those individuals. Bosley has helped her work and live independently.**

*photo by Pauline Kerr*



## Forest Hill Lions Club

The Forest Hill Lions Club sponsored a Chanukah party for 110 children with physical and developmental challenges at the Zareinu Educational Centre on December 9th, 2010

The party included the children's parents, the Zareinu educational staff and the Mayor and Councillor of Vaughan were in attendance.

The party lasted for two hours and included singing, a clown doing "magic" and a Chanukah dinner including Chanukah latkes were served and enjoyed.

Lions present included

**Lorne Shield, Dave Senatar, Manley Walters, Sol Mednick, Eric Feldbloom and President Perry Gong.**

*Submitted by Lion P. Sol Mednick  
Photo by Rebecca Ansel*



## 50 Years of Service!

**PID Bruce Murray and Blyth Lions Club President Alex Blair** present a Certificate of Appreciation to **Lion Charlie Shaw** to recognize his 50 years as a member of the Blyth Lions Club.

*Submitted by Lion Al Leach*



## District A-9 "All Hands on Deck" Project

The **Kincardine Lions Club** has taken on a project to build a boardwalk on the shores of Lake Huron on the north side of the harbour to complement the south side boardwalk. The project is expected to take 3 years to complete and was started in 2010. To date (April 2011) the project is approximately half complete.

The basic boardwalk is 1,000 feet long by 6 ft wide and there is also a 100 foot deck and promenade section that is wider. As well as the basic boardwalk there will be seating areas, steps and ramps, and gardens.

The basic cost of the boardwalk is about \$25,000.00 (ramps, seats, gardens, lighting is extra) and the club is raising money by selling engraved boards at \$50.00 each and have currently sold over 800 boards plus some given away as promotions. There is the possibility of selling over 2,000 boards. The club has also had significant donations made to the project from the Power

Workers Union, an anonymous Kincardine Lion, and local businesses.

The local High School students are engraving the deck boards using a computer controlled router and the "shop" class has also been involved in the actual build. The club is making a donation for each board engraved which is put towards new equipment for the school workshop.

The club has received great encouragement and many thanks from the townsfolk for doing this project and further improving the shoreline.

*Submitted by PDG Lion Al Leach*



*Lions Lee Fuller, Chris Lynam, George Ling, Dennis Flavell, Stu Grigg, Stewart Beausoleil*

## Lifetime Achievement Award

The Brockville Music and Performing Arts Hall of Fame Committee presented **Brockville Lions Club** with a Lifetime Achievement Award on March 24, 2011. The award recognizes the Club for presenting the annual Brockville Lions Music Festival for sixty years. The festival encourages local music students by providing them with the opportunity to perform in public and have their presentations critiqued by highly qualified adjudicators.



*From left to right are Lion Norm Kearney, Co-chair of the Club's music festival committee, Bruce Wylie, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, and Lion President Ross Brown of Brockville Lions Club.*

## Newest Nobleton Lion

The Nobleton Lions are pleased to announce the induction of **Carl Emerson** into the club on Nov. 15, 2010. Carl is a long time resident of Nobleton and adds a great deal of knowledge to our community and its needs. We look forward to Carl's contributions who has already become quite involved with our Gala

Committee and helped out at the Seniors' dinner... Welcome to the Club Carl!

*Submitted by Lion Michael Gray-Wheeler*



## St. Marys Lions Club

Every two weeks from May to October, local service clubs and church groups prepare a meal at a cost of a "donation" to the Church.

On May 16th the St. Marys Lions Club got together to prepare the lasagna and salad meal.

*Submitted by Lion Marianne Ferguson*



*Lion Rob Stuart and Mike Thompson look on.*



*Lions Jo-ann, Ron, Tracy, Mike and Georgina on salads.*



*PDG Lion Dr. Jim helps prepare salad for community dinner.*

## Victoria Day

**Gilford & District Lions** 15th Annual Fireworks held on Victoria Day Weekend at Highway 11 & 89 at Trotter's Service Centre.



*Left to right - PDG John Hamilton, Lion Tom Alderson, MPP Julia Munro (assisting with sales), President Don Gardiner, Lion Ray Russell, Lion Ron Russell.*

## LEO Rally



*Photo by Sandra Baldwin*

The District A-4 LEO's met during the A-4 Convention in Ottawa on April 16. As part of their program, they sorted and packed about 5,000 pairs of used glasses. District Sight Coordinator, **Jim McGlade** explained how these glasses are delivered by a team from the District to other areas who have no access to eye care. The glasses were brought by various District clubs who have been collecting them throughout the year. Glasses were sent on to Calgary for use in Third World Countries. Pictured are LEO's from the **Morrisburg** and **North Dundas** clubs with the mound of packed glasses. LEO's enjoyed a late afternoon of bowling as a reward for their hard work.

*Submitted from Dwayne Holmes*

## Vision Screening

In March the **1000 Islands Lions Club** assisted by members of the **Westport Lions Club** did vision screening of the students at the Mallorytown public school.

Seven clubs in A 4 are participating in the vision screening program under the direction of A 4 sight chair **Jim McGlade**. The failure rate is surprising and now there are students wearing corrective glasses as a result of the program. A 4 members are certainly living up to being Helen Keller's Knights of the Blind by offering this program using the basic vision testing kit.



*L-R Dave Barr 1000 Islands Lions and Mike McIntyre Westport Lions doing vision screening report at Mallorytown school. 12% of students failed the vision screening tests offered by the Lions club of 1000 Islands this past spring.*

*Submitted by Lion Jim McGlade*

## Killaloe & Area Lions Club

The Killaloe & Area Lions recently completed a major renovation to their hall, extending the building to create a new kitchen, bar, and handicapped washroom. This will permit this community facility to better serve the town and area. The project was funded equally by the club and by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.



*Hall manager Garnet Kranz, president Jim Homer, and vice-president Karen Dupuis receive a commemorative plaque and scroll from MPP John Yakubuski.*

The Killaloe Lions organized the kick-off events in Killaloe's Sno-Fun winter festival, namely a community supper and a youth talent show.



*Lion Ambrose Mullin, who MC'd, adjusts the mike for Rebecca Hudder before she gave a reading of her own poetry.*

## London Central Inducts Father and Daughter



*PDG Lion Evelyn Spiering inducts 2 new members into London Central.*

*Lion Carlos Echeverri, left, sponsors his Father Charlie Echeverri and Lion Lucille Tremblay with guide dog Hedda, right, sponsors her daughter Kimberley Simpson. Membership Chairman Lion Sandy Leadlay looks on.*

*Submitted by Lion Ed Busko*

## MDA Effective Speaking Finalists



*Left to right Jr. E Amandreo V. Cortes A-15 – Sr. E Katija Bonin A-711 – Sr. F Emilie De Hass A-4 – Int. F Jessica Tungeon A-4 – Jr. F Sebastian Meissner A-4 – Int. E Karissa Manning A-2. Submitted by Lion Darlene Priestley*

## Exeter Lions Club

### named Conservationist of the Year

The Exeter Lions Club was recognized March 17 as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA)'s Conservationist of the Year.

The award, presented at a ceremony at Ironwood Golf Club, is given to those involved in conservation efforts over a number of years with long-term benefits to the natural environment and watershed community.

Examples of conservation, listed in the ceremony's program, include tree planting, best management practices in a home, farm or business, and volunteer efforts in support of conservation.

Chartered in 1937, the Exeter Lions Club was chosen for decades of service through active volunteering and fundraising to develop and support accessible trails, outdoor and conservation education opportunities for youth and families, and for its volunteer dedication over two decades in support of healthier watersheds.

The program notes the Lions Club has been partnering with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation (ABCF) since 1991 for the Conservation Dinner, an annual gala charitable auction that has raised over \$600,000 for various causes.

Last year was the 20th consecutive year the Lions Club was involved in the dinner as a lead partner.

The club was also a leader in creating the MacNaughton-Morrison section of the South Huron Trail as steering committee members, fundraisers and trail building volunteers, according to the program.

"Members of the Exeter Lions club have been tireless workers on this and other conservation

projects," the program states.

This year the Lions partnered with other groups in WinterFest, an event that included promotion of the South Huron Trail.

The club also partners with the ABCF in an annual fishing derby for children and families "that gives young people the first-hand experience of active outdoor recreation at Morrison Dam Conservation Area," the program states.

The Lions Club owns and manages the Exeter Youth Centre, a facility used by local scout and guiding programs that is "vital to helping the organizations teach youth outdoor skills and nature appreciation," the program states.

At the March 17 ceremony the club received a conservation-edition print titled "Green Winged Teal" by Pierre Girard.

The ABCA will also make a donation toward a tree and plaque at a commemorative woods maintained by the ABCF.



*Pictured above (from left) are ABCA employee Kate Monk, Exeter Lions Ted Jones, Ross Alexander (second vice president), Bruce Hodge (first vice president) and Jim Ginn, chairperson of the ABCA board of directors. (photo/Ben Forrest, story/Exeter Times-Advocate)*

## District A-1 Zone 24W

### Lions

### Receive Appreciation Award from Canadian Diabetes Association

The Zone 24W annual zone project has been a "Tractor Draw" since 1996. To date, this project has raised over \$85,000 for diabetes research. The Lions efforts were recognized with the CDA's presentation of an appreciation award to the Zone 24W Lions on April 13, 2001 in Chatham, ON.



*Accepting the award is ZC Joyce Doucet. Lion Bev Wirta, District A-1 Diabetes Chair congratulates Zone 24W Lions as Lions Gord Leach, John Stewart, Don McKessock, Eugene Graham, and Bob Tanner, all past Zone 24W chairs, look on. Lion Gord Perry, who has played a leading role in the project throughout its 15 year history, was not able to be present.*

## Magnetawan Lions

Magnetawan Lions prepare smelt April 29/30 for their 25th annual smelt fry raising over \$3500 net for community projects.



*Foreground left Lion Jack Chuba enjoys the comradery of his club while member-elect Tony Abbott (right) wonders what he has got himself into!*

### FOR THE RECORD

As of Mar. 31, 2011, Lions Clubs International had 1,358,153 members in 46,046 clubs and 743 districts in 206 countries and geographic areas.

# 47 Years a Lion and Still Roaring

On April 6th, the **Bath and District Lions Club** honoured **Lion Jack C. Hamilton** with a Life Time Membership award for his outstanding service to our club and to our community.

Lion Jack joined the **Deseronto Lions Club** in 1960 and served in many positions including President.

Lion Jack joined the recently formed Bath and District Lions Club in 1990, where he has held just about every available position from Lion Tamer to Directorships, to President. Lion Jack served as President three times during which he received Lion of the Year awards on two occasions. Lion Jack has also served as Zone Chairman three times and has received three Governors Appreciation awards. In 1994 Lion Jack was named a Melvin Jones Fellow (the highest form of recognition). He has been awarded the International Bronze Certificate of Sponsorship, and is a Certified Guiding Lion. He has also been Club Chairman of the Youth Exchange program and has participated in four exchanges.

Lion Jack has received the Ten Member Builders award and continues to introduce new members to the club and challenges and helps them to achieve their goals. You can always count on Lion Jack to lend a hand when there is work to be done. The Bath and District Lions Club honoured Lion Jack with this

award because of his continued service to our club and to our community. Lion Jack says "The recognitions and the awards are great but, it is the people who I have met and have being able to assist, that have given me the most pleasure."



**Lion Jack receiving his award from Region 11 Chair Lion Josef Amann, while President Lion Peter Kooiman and Secretary Lion Jerry Eicher look on.**

### 47 Years of Service Includes:

- 1991 President Bath and District Lions Club, Certificate of Leadership Development
- 1993 Vice president
- 1994 Director, Named a Melvin Jones Fellow
- 1995 Vice president, Lion of the Year Award
- 1996 Lion of the Year Award, Zone Chairman
- 1998 Director

- 2000 Governors Appreciation Award, Zone Chairman
- 2001 International Presidents Bronze Certificate of Sponsorship
- 2002 Certificate of Leadership Development, Membership Chairman
- 2003 Membership Chairman
- 2004 Membership Chairman, Certificate of Achievement, Certified Guiding Lion (guiding a new club), Youth Exchange Chairman
- 2005 Youth Exchange Chairman
- 2006 Zone Chairman, Governors Appreciation Award
- 2007 Governors Certificate of Appreciation, Membership Chairman
- 2008 President
- 2009 President
- 2010 Acting Secretary
- 2011 Life Long Member

**2014 International Convention**  
**MD"A" Host Committee**  
**Fund Raising**  
**50 – 50 Draw Winner**  
**Lions Club of Niagara Falls**

## Highlights of the Council of Governors Meetings held during the MD"A" Convention

The last meetings of the 2010-2011 Council of Governors were held during the MD"A" Convention at the Hampton Inn & Conference Centre in Ottawa from May 27th to May 30th 2011. The following represents the topics of general interest raised during these meetings:

**C&BL** - Proposed changes to the MD"A" C&BL as contained in last edition of the LION Magazine were approved.

**Environment** – The winner of the Environment Photo Contest was Lion Murray Collens from the Bradford Lions Club, District A12. Lion Murray's entry will be forwarded on to the LCI Contest.

**2014 International Convention Committee** – A volunteer sign-up sheet will soon be incorporated into the MD"A" Website. Many volunteers are required so please consider adding your name. The Share the Wealth draw winning \$19,750 as half of the total proceedings was the Niagara Falls LC.

**Lions Foundation of Canada** – Fifteen teams graduated from LFC at a special ceremony held on May 12, 2011. Donations are down this year so clubs are urged to make a last minute push to increase donations to be made this year.

**GMT/GLT** – The first official meeting of the GMT/GLT Multiple and District Teams is planned for August 5/6, 2011 at the Howard Johnson in Markham. PIP Judge Brian Stevenson will be bringing his team in to 'kick off' the program in MD"A".

**MD"A" Governor Newsletter & Club Bulletin Editor** – The winners announced at the convention are as follows:

- Twice Monthly Club Bulletin: Winner – Lion Neil Mutch, Poplar Hill & District LC (A1), Runner up – Lion Len Jarrett, Dunnville LC (A2)
- Monthly Club Bulletin: Winner – PDG Dave Durant, Gravenhurst LC (A12), Runner up – Lion Sharon Astle Manuel, Trenton LC (A3)
- Governor's newsletter: Winner – Lion Karen Christopher (A3), Runner up – PDG Al Leach (A9)

**Promotion:** 82 Lions and Partners have registered to attend the International Convention in Seattle. An MD"A" breakfast has been organized as well as the Canadian Caucus meeting and a special reception to honour the outgoing International Director for Canada, ID Carl Young and to welcome the incoming Director, Lion Marvin Chambers from Saskatchewan.

**Lions Quest** – The fundraising campaign is gaining momentum and Lions Quest paid back the first installment on the loan from MD"A" amounting to \$35,000. A new Lions Quest Fellowship is available at the cost of \$500 and a special Lions Club 'Awards Display' Banner will be provided to any club purchasing two or more Fellowships.

**Sight Conservation, CNIB Lake Joe** - There was an initial proposal to change the name of the Lake Joseph Centre to recognize one of the prominent supporters of the camp. This proposal was not pursued and instead the road leading to the Lake

Joseph Centre is to be renamed from 'CNIB Way' to the 'Joe Findley Drive'.

**Diabetes** – An investigation will be undertaken on seeking a Core 4 Grant from LCIF for the improvement of educational facilities at Camp Huronda.

**MD"A" Effective Speaking Contest** – winners of the MD"A" Effective Speaking Contest are: Jr. Eng. – Amandreo V. Cortes A-15, Int. Eng. – Karissa Manning A-2, Sr. Eng. – Katija Bonin A711. Jr. French – Sebastian Meissner A-4, Int. French – Jessica Tungeon A-4, Sr. French – Emillie De Hass A-4.

**LCIF** – Clubs & Districts in MD"A" have donated some \$6.4 million to LCIF since 1974. We have received 51 cents back for every dollar donated.

**MD"A" Hotel** – The Howard Johnson Hotel in Markham will once again be the hotel of choice for MD"A".

**Council Meeting Dates** – The following dates have been chosen for the Council of Governor' Meetings: September 10, 2011 – Markham, November 5, 2011 – Markham, March 3, 2012 – Markham and June 1 2012 at Niagara Falls.

**Vice Council Chair** – DGE Larry Bell from District A16 was elected as the MD"A" Vice Council Chair for 2011-2012.

**For more information, questions or concerns relating to these highlights please contact MDA Secretary Dave Voisey at [dvoisey@rogers.com](mailto:dvoisey@rogers.com) or 613-843-1687**

*Copies of the Minutes will be available on the MD"A" Website as soon as they are approved.*

# The Lions Quest Fellowship Application

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## LCIF

## LCIF Report

A summary of the report given at M.D."A" Convention in Ottawa by Lion Art Woods, P.I.D., M.D."A" Co-ordinator for LCIF:

Co-ordinators for LCIF:

We will soon begin our fourth and final year of the four year LCIF Awareness Program. I want to thank the District Co-ordinators from all 10 Districts for a great job well done and encourage them to continue for one more year.

Did you know?

- Since 1974 the Lions of M.D."A" have donated more than \$6.4 Million for LCIF
- The Lions of M.D."A" donated more than \$370,000.00 during 2009-2010
- The Lions of M.D."A" include 3,445 MJFs and 99 PMJFs
- M.D."A" Lions and Clubs have available \$1,063,163.60 in MJF recognition credits
- 51 Cents of every \$1.00 the Lions of M.D."A" have donated to LCIF, the Lions received back through LCIF grants

- The Lions of M.D."A" have been awarded 89 LCIF grants totalling \$3,377,807.04
- M.D."A" has raised \$109,911.21 for Japan relief (as of May 24, 2011)
- M.D."A" has raised \$189,230.42 for Haiti relief

AND DID YOU KNOW THAT 100% OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED TO LCIF GOES DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT A PROJECT.

AND DID YOU KNOW THAT LCIF HAS AWARDED MORE THAN 10,000 GRANTS TOTALLING OVER US\$700 MILLION.

Your District LCIF Co-ordinators are setting goals to raise awareness of LCIF and are setting fundraising goals to continue M.D."A" Lions great history as local and global humanitarians through LCIF.

Please remember LCIF with your donation.

*Submitted by Lion Art Woods, PID*

## LCIF

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

2011/12	Niagara Falls	May 31 - June 3, 2012
2012/13	Toronto	May 30 - June 2 2013

### International Conventions

94th	Seattle, WA	July 4 - 8, 2011
95th	Bosan, Korea	June 22 - 26, 2012
96th	Hamburg, Germany	July 5 - 9, 2013
97th	Toronto, Canada	July 4 - 8, 2014
98th	Honolulu, Hawaii	June 26 - 30, 2015

### USA - Canada Forum

Sept. 2011	Anchorage, Alaska
Sept. 2012	Tampa Bay, FL
Sept. 2013	Overland Park, Kansas
Sept. 2014	Puerto Rico





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## Lions Fulfill Dream for Ingleside Man

Quarterbacked by the **Morrisburg & District Lions Club, Finch & District, Chesterville & District and Cornwall-Seaway Lions Clubs** came together to donate \$2,000 towards a customized and motorized wheelchair for local resident, Karl Armstrong. Stricken with polio as a child, the activities Karl could enjoy had become severely restricted when his non-motorized wheelchair became too much for him.



*Pictured with Karl in front are left to right, middle row: Lion Wendy Kavanagh, Morrisburg & District Lions Club, Zone Chairman Lion Carl Robinson, Chesterville & District Lions Club, Past President Lion Keith Robinson, Morrisburg & District Lions Club; back row left to right President Lion Richard Neville, Finch & District Lions Club, and President Lion Phil Shorey, Cornwall-Seaway Lions Club.*

## 5 Clubs Support Hospice

The five (5) Lions Clubs in Dundas comprised of **Chesterville & District, Winchester, Mountain Township & District, Iroquois - Matilda** and **Morrisburg & District** have joined forces to support the Dundas County Hospice. This non-profit organization offers assistance to Dundas County residents diagnosed with a life threatening illness.

Representatives from the five Clubs are pictured presenting Carol Froats, Executive Director, Dundas County Hospice with a cheque for \$5,000.



*Front row left to right: Region 41 South Chair Lion John Edgerton, Chesterville and District Lions Club; Zone 41 South Chair Lion Carl Robinson; Carol Froats; Lion Glen Cunningham, Morrisburg & District Lions Club; and Past President Lion Keith Robinson, Morrisburg and District Lions Club.*

*Back row left to right: Past Region 41 South Chair & President Robert Fraser, Mountain Township & District Lions Club; President Lion John Cinnamon, Winchester & District Lions Club; Lion John Lamberton, Winchester Lions Club; Treasurer, Lion Guy Belliveau, Winchester Lions Club; Lion Dwayne Holmes, Winchester Lions Club; and Past President Lion Paul Robertson, Iroquois - Matilda Lions Club.*

## Sunset Car Show & Fish Fry

On Friday, May 27, 2011, the **Petrolia Lions** Sunset Car Show & Fish Fry was all set. The only problem; Mother Nature did not want to cooperate. After Rain, Rain and more Rain, the field was too wet to park the cars and the car owners did not want to bring their cars out for the Car Show in this weather.

But there was a silver lining in this. Over 200 people came out to the Fish Fry and had a very enjoyable meal. Many thanks to all who attended and

supported the Petrolia Lions Fish Fry.

*Lion Darcie Gray and Lion Joe Gregorio going through the serving line and picking up their fish dinner*



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When you need to change your address or make corrections at the LIONS HQs databases your club secretary can



- 1 Use the WMMR website application or
- 2 By the Monthly Membership Report (snail mail )
- 3 If there are multitude of address changes, your secretary can e-mail them to **stats@lionsclubs.org**

**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.

MD"A" Membership Coordinator

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## District Reporters

This year we have appointed District Reporters for the Lion Magazine. Their job is to assist the Magazine Editor and you the Lions. Their job is to collect new photos with stories, anything that you would like to submit to the Magazine for consideration. Please be aware anything for the Magazine should now go to the District Reporter in your District as follows:

Please remember when sending your articles to your Reporter to indicate if it is for the Governors District Newsletter of the Lion Magazine.

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**Lion Ken Cox receiving Lion of the Year recognition from Lion Chief Stephen Hendry**



**Presentation of Melvin Jones Fellowship (left to right) Lion Lorne Reid, Lion Bruce Falkiner, Lion Chief Stephen Hendry**

## Paris Lions 80th Anniversary Celebration

### Special Recognition

On April 9, 2011 The **Lions Club of Paris** celebrated their 80th Anniversary enjoyed by over 100 people and presided over by **President Stephen Hendry**. The Lions Club has faithfully served Paris, District A-15 and throughout the world in their efforts to help those less fortunate. Local dignitaries who helped them celebrate this auspicious occasion were **District A-15 Governor Todd Wilson**, Brant County Mayor Ron Eddy, MP Phil McColeman, MPP David Levac and was fully supported by the Lioness Club of Paris.

Guest speaker Ryan Chin of Client and Community Relations for CNIB Lake Joseph presented a compelling report regarding his visit to Lake Jo as a youth and his involvement since that time. Dr. Dan Hayhoe of Future Visions Ministries spoke about his

work in Africa and his plans and hopes for the future of his hospital in Malawi.

The highlight of the evening saw the presentation of several awards to some very deserving and dedicated Lions. **Lion Bruce Falkiner** was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship acknowledging his 18 years of service. **Lion Ken Cox** was honoured as Lion of the Year. Honorary Life Directorships in Lions Camp Dorset were presented to **Lions David Arsenault, Robert Bickell, Jim Halley, Rev. Stephen Hendry, Airie Kloss, Steve Kempert, Ken Linington, Derrick Porter, Gerry Runstedler and David Shewfelt**.

## Melvin Jones Fellowship

Two members of the **Thousand Islands Lions** recently received the Melvin Jones Award.



**Pictured from left to right are Lion President Gordon Chevalier, Past District Governor Lion Tom Keates who is presenting the awards, and Lion Jim Langton.**

## Melvin Jones Fellowship

The **Bracebridge Lions Club** honoured one of their members April 14th with a well-deserved Melvin Jones Fellowship. (Picture) **2nd VDG Maureen Hilt**, recipient, **Lion Al Beverley** and Club President, **Lion Chris Tonge**.



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## Streetsville Lions Club Award Evening

**Streetsville Lion Anthony Gittens receives the "Melvin Jones Fellow" Award from Lion Alex Watson**



# Petrolia & District Lions 23rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Participants of all ages enjoyed our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday April 22, 2011.

Submitted by  
Lion M.B. Wilson



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## Magnetawan Public School Bike Rodeo

In May of 2011, the **Magnetawan Lions Club** held a Bike Rodeo for Magnetawan Public School. Students from Grade one to Grade six participated.

The winners are shown left with **Lion Bruce Campbell** far left

and Const. Barry Hubbert far right.

Congratulations to all the winners and organisers of this worthwhile event.

Submitted by *Lion G Brooks*



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## Excellence Award

On February 13, 2011, A3 **DG Gord Taylor** (right) presented **PDG Bill Lewis** with the District Governor's Excellence Award from Immediate Past International President **Eberhard J. Wirfs**.

Submitted by  
*Lion Wilma Bush*

