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Bancroft Lions

Lion Cec McAlpine, 92 year old Life Member, was the honoured guest at 2014 Bancroft Lions barbecue. He is shown (at right) with Club President **Lion Bryan Adams** and Vice President **Lion Dan Raisic**.

Lion Cec flew 30 bombing missions in WWII serving with RCAF's 426th 'Thunderbird' squadron. In 1945 he returned to Bancroft and became a charter member of its first Lions Club formed nearly 70 years ago. He and his brother, also a Lion and RCAF veteran, operated the local hotel. Cec later served as Lion president. Bancroft Lions are proud to have a charter member still with them to celebrate their upcoming anniversary.



Awards Night for Paris Lions

At their annual Past President's Night, the Lions Club of Paris recognized the contribution that these Lions have made to our Club, our Community and to Lions International.

L-R: Lion of the Year - PP Dwayne Budgell, The Lions Quest Fellowship Award - PP Ken Linington, Bruce Murray Fellowship - PP Floyd McCaw, Bruce Murray Fellowship - Lion Denis Dinsmore, Melvin Jones Fellowship - PP Jim Halley, Melvin Jones Fellowship - PP Airie Kloss



Blyth Lions

District A9 Governor **Hank Van Moorsel** presented Blyth Lions Club Member **Charlie Shaw** with the Multiple District 'A' Life Membership Certificate at the Lion Charlie Shaw District A9 Youth Camp International Night. Lion Charlie, a member of the Blyth Lions Club since 1961, was appointed as the first District A9 Youth Exchange Chairperson in 1974.



THE Lion



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On the cover:
Your Multiple District 'A'
Governors' Council.

*W*elcome to the Sept/Oct Edition of **The Lion**.
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Birthday Wishes



Joseph Preston
*Lions Clubs International
President*

Can you remember as a child how large numbers impressed you? A million of anything was hard to fathom. Did you know that the ancient Greeks and Romans did not even have a single-word equivalent for “million”? What could possibly exist in such a large quantity?

Yet we Lions know that a single act of service, one occasion of kindness, can change the world. We understand that service has a ripple effect. As the famed aviator Amelia Earhart said, “No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.”

So how much can we change the world if we serve

100 million people? We plan to find out by 2017. Our upcoming centennial is not only an occasion to celebrate our history but also to redouble our efforts. Yes, we’ll throw a grand party and eat some cake, but we’ll also set a very ambitious service goal: serve 100 million people.

I ask every club to take part in the Centennial Service Challenge. The challenge dovetails with our four Global Service Action Campaigns: Engaging Our Youth in August, Sharing the Vision in October, Relieving the Hunger in December/January and Protecting Our Environment in April. So the challenge is for Lions to help 25 million youths, provide vision services for 25 million, feed 25 million and benefit 25 million through environmental projects.

Your club can help us reach the goal through your service actions and then reporting them via the Service Activities Report on the online MyLCI system. We’ll recognize clubs and districts with banner patches. Donations to LCIF earmarked for sight, youth, the measles initiative and disaster relief will qualify for recognition.

Our centennial celebration will be grounded in service. But we also want Lions to understand and celebrate their heritage. Birthdays are like that—an occasion for looking back at where we came from and who we are and looking ahead at future growth and achievement. So let’s start lighting our birthday

candles, truly lighting candles instead of cursing the darkness. When we finally blow out the candles at the end of our centennial celebration at the 2017 international convention in Chicago, I have no doubt our birthday wish to substantially improve the world will have come true.

Joe Preston
Lions Clubs International President



Message to the Lions of MDA



Bob Tanner
MDA Council Chair

This is an exciting time to be a Lion in Multiple District A (MDA)! We started the year hosting the world and left the world in awe of the great country and province that we so proudly serve.

Our International President’s theme this year is to “Strengthen the Pride” through service. This is the

perfect vehicle for our Lions to show our communities what Lionism is all about and to implement new service projects as we approach the 100th anniversary of Lions. The 100th celebration and 100 million tree planting challenges are just two of the ways that all of the Lions of MDA can be seen. Our use of social media and strengthened public relations will tell more

people about who we are and how “We Serve”.

The convention has provided us with outstanding recognition, and we have been receiving requests for service and partnerships. Recently we were contacted by the Canadian Special Olympics organization. We have held an initial meeting with their executive and have agreed to continue looking at the opportunities to serve and enhance both of our organizations.

Our partnership with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) has been reviewed, and a new memorandum of understanding is being developed. We will continue with the programs we take pride in, like Lake Joe Camp. There will also be new opportunities for the members of MDA to offer service to blind clients in our own communities and to truly make a difference in someone’s life.

We have formed a Literacy committee this year to help our clubs learn more about the Reading Action Plan and the new Canadian agreement with Scholastic Books. This is an awesome way for Lions to help children in need or adults who desire to improve their

reading skills. The benefit to Lions is that we can show our communities, school boards, schools and teachers that we really care about our community and that we have so much more to offer.

I extend my thanks to all of the Lions as they serve their communities with pride. I must go now, as there is so much more to do! If you need more information or have any great suggestions please contact myself or your District Governor.

Lion Bob Tanner
MDA Council Chair



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

JUNE 29 – JULY 3, 2014



AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Approved establishing an internal audit function including the engagement of a Manager of Internal Audit.
2. Approved the following:
The internal audit function shall be the responsibility of the internal auditor with oversight by the Audit Committee. The internal auditor will report to the Audit Committee. The internal auditor is responsible for establishing a risk-based annual internal audit plan and monitor progress against the annual internal audit plan. At the end of each fiscal year, the internal auditor will submit to the Audit Committee and Treasurer an annual audit plan outlining the risk area(s) to be reviewed during the upcoming year.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Replaced the term “Rules of Audit” with “General Reimbursement Policy” in Chapter VIII of the Board Policy Manual.
2. Amended Chapter VIII of the Board Policy Manual to define the order in which vehicles are provided to the international family.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Denied second vice district governor election complaints filed in District 300-C1 (MD 300 Taiwan), District 316-B (India), District 317-D (India), District 324-A1 (India) and District 403-B (Republic of Madagascar) and declared the following as second vice district governors in their respective districts for the 2014-2015 fiscal year:
 - Lion Tien Kuei Weng - District 300-C1 (MD 300 Taiwan)
 - Lion A. Venkatachalam - District 316-B (India)
 - Lion Arun Shetty - District 317-D (India)
 - Lion T.M. Gunaraja - District 324-A1 (India)
 - Lion Fidy Rakotozay - District 403-B (Republic of Madagascar)
2. Upheld two second vice district governor election complaints filed in District 321-A3 (India), declared the second vice district governor election in District 321-A3 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and that the second vice district governor vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the International and District Constitutions and By-Laws, and declared that the filing fee less US\$250 shall be refunded to each of the complainants.
3. Denied a first vice district governor election complaint filed in District 301-E (Philippines)

and declared a vacancy in the office of first vice district governor for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and that the first vice district governor vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the International and District Constitutions and By-Laws.

4. Upheld the second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 301-A1 (Philippines), declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, declared the first vice district governor election in District 301-A1 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of first vice district governor for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, declared a moratorium on district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor elections in District 301-A1 until such time as the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the International Board of Directors determines that District 301-A1 is able to run a free, fair and consistent election, declared the offices of first vice district governor and second vice district governor remain vacant and that the office of district governor be filled by appointment by a committee selected by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee in consultation with the Executive Officers and the leadership in Multiple District 301 and OSEAL, declared that the recommendations from the appointment committee be approved by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee on behalf of the International Board of Directors.
5. Established the Election Compliance Task Force for 2014-2015 and authorized the International President to appoint up to six (6) members to serve on this committee.
6. Established the Advisory Committee to review potential Second Vice President candidates and requested further review by the Long Range Planning Committee and our successor Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
7. Revised the privacy policy in Chapter XV of Board Policy Manual including provisions related to advancements in electronic communications.
8. Revised the Standard Form District By-Laws in the Board Policy Manual to reflect the newly established language for the general reimbursement policy.
9. Revised the District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governor Election Complaints Procedure in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual to increase the filing fee.
10. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws in the Board Policy Manual by adding in three (3) new exhibits related to

nominating committee checklists for the offices of district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor.

11. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws in the Board Policy Manual by adding in a new exhibit related to standardized ballots.
12. Revised the Standard Form Club By-Laws in the Board Policy Manual with respect to good standing of a member.
13. Revised the non-discrimination policy in Chapter XVIII of the Board Policy Manual to make the policy applicable to all aspects of membership.
14. Revised the definition of good moral character and reputation in his/her community in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual to provide further clarification and guidance to Lions clubs and members.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Amended the Board Policy Manual to change all references to “Protective Status Quo” to “Protective Status.”
2. Amended the District Governor reimbursement policy to allow the DG Team to visit a priority club two additional times without prior approval.
3. Corrected a reference within the policy regarding GMT and GLT to refer to the proper sections which outline the purpose and structure of this group.
4. Amended the coordinating Lion expense policy to remove the terms “Rules of Audit” and replace it with “Reimbursement Policy.”

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the 4th Quarter Forecast 2013-2014, reflecting a surplus.
2. Approved the final budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, reflecting a surplus.
3. Approved a revised 401(k) Savings Plan Investment Policy Statement.
4. Approved an increase in the district governor allowance for automobile to US\$.50 per mile (US\$.31 per kilometer) effective July 1, 2015.
5. Modified Club Suspension and Cancellation Policy effective July 1, 2015, as follows:
A club that has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club, whichever is less, outstanding past 90 days will be suspended, including the suspension of the club’s charter, and all the rights, privileges, and obligations of the Lions club. In the event the club does not acquire active status on or before the 28th day of the month following suspension, the club’s charter will be automatically cancelled. The cancellation of a club for financial

suspension may be rescinded within 12 months from the date of the cancellation, in the event the club has paid their account balance in full and a completed reactivation report is received. Clubs that have been cancelled more than twice due to financial suspension will not be eligible for reactivation.

6. Replaced the term “Rules of Audit” with “General Reimbursement Policy” in Chapter XXII of the Board Policy Manual.

LCIF

1. Changed the LCIF Steering Committee term of the Immediate Past LCIF Chairperson from one year to two years.
2. Approved the creation of an ad hoc committee for LCIF governance with selection determined by the LCIF Chairperson in consultation with the Executive Officers.
3. Transferred US\$1 million in unobligated funds in the annual SightFirst budget to the next fiscal year.
4. Appointed Wayne A. Madden as the LCIF representative to the Pan American Ophthalmological Foundation.
5. Selected the following members of the Lions Quest Advisory Committee for a three-year term: Past International Director Jorn Andersen, Past Council Chairperson Jorge Bortolozzi, Past District Governor Dr. Bharat Bhagat, Past International Director Steve Sherer, Sandra Clifton-Bacon, Beverly Fisher and Dr. Fernando Salazar.
6. Increased the humanitarian grants budget for the current fiscal year by an additional US\$3 million.
7. Approved 72 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$3,132,842.
8. Authorized a special distribution of US\$150,000 to the Louisiana Eye Foundation from the Carl and Beulah Landry Baldrige Endowment Fund.
9. Approved that Rebecca Daou shall assume the title, responsibilities and duties of the Executive Administrator of Lions Clubs International Foundation.
10. Amended the LCIF Bylaws with revisions related to LCIF Administrative Officers.
11. Amended the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual as follows:
 - The addition of language related to emergency grant criteria
 - Revisions to the gift acceptance guidelines
 - Revisions related to standard grant criteria
 - Revisions related to the changes in the LCIF Administrative Officers
12. Amended Chapter XVI of the Board Policy Manual as follows:
 - Revisions related to changes in the LCIF Administrative Officers
 - Housekeeping change from “Rules of Audit” to “General Reimbursement Policy.”

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Approved Faculty Development Excellence Series for implementation during 2014-2015.

2. Approved revision to GLT District Funding Support Program, effective beginning in 2014-2015, limiting funding support available through this program exclusively to zone chairperson training.
3. Approved a Faculty Development Institute in Bahasa for MD 307 (Indonesia) during 2014-2015.
4. Revised board policy related to the GMT/GLT structure at the multiple district level. This change allows the International President to approve the appointment of a GMT/GLT multiple district coordinator based on unique circumstances in those multiple districts where, by policy, no GLT/GMT coordinator is included in the GMT/GLT structure.
5. Approved the Leadership Development Recognition Program, which offers GLT Multiple District Coordinators and District Coordinators the opportunity to earn recognition for their leadership development efforts.
6. Replaced the term “Rules of Audit” with “General Reimbursement Policy” in Chapter XIV of the Board Policy Manual.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approved the creation of a Family and Women Action Committee in 2014-2015 and authorized the International President to appoint up to 10 members to serve on this committee.
2. Approved the adoption of the Centennial Celebration theme: “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion.”
3. Revised Chapter III of the Board Policy Manual with respect to the duties and composition of the Special Centennial Planning Committee and appointed two new members to this committee.
4. Approved a two-year pilot program to promote and encourage other community service organizations to become Lions clubs.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the Africa Zone Challenge Pilot program to continue for three years.
2. Amended the Board Policy Manual with new language covering expenses for field operations managers.
3. Revised the eligibility requirements for Lions to earn the Key Awards by adding language requiring a club be in good standing in order to be eligible for the award.
4. Added language to the Board Policy Manual that places limits on the number of new campus clubs and new student members in a district in a fiscal year, with additional campus clubs and student members requiring the approval of the Membership Development Committee.
5. Updated language in the Board Policy Manual related to the Student Membership Program, covering dues and fees.
6. Amended the Board Policy Manual language on Club Branches, allowing for special circumstances (with permission from the

International Board of Directors) where a Lions club may form branch clubs in communities/areas outside of their district that is not currently served by a Lions club.

7. Approved Republic of Azerbaijan as the 209th new Lions country.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Converted the public relations grant program to a centennial grant program beginning with fiscal year 2015-2016.
2. Awarded R.R. Donnelley and Sons a three-year contract to print LION Magazine (headquarters edition), LION Magazine (Spanish edition) and the Club Supplies Catalog.
3. Approved an additional 300 Presidential Award Medals for fiscal year 2013-2014.
4. Updated Chapter XVII of the Board Policy Manual with several housekeeping revisions.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Named the 2013-2014 Leo of the Year Award recipients.
2. Approved the Centennial Service Challenge.
3. Expressed support for the formation of Lions KidSight USA initiative, a logical evolution of Lions children eye screening programs in the USA, and offered full operational support and active promotion by the Service Activities Division.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI website at lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.



Lions Flock to Toronto

The convention in Toronto was well attended with 16,452 Lions and guests. The top 10 nations represented were: United States, 3,496; Japan, 1,576; China, 1,398; Canada, 1,361; India, 1,164; Nigeria, 1,033; Nepal, 855; Sri Lanka, 712; Bangladesh, 421; and Korea, 365.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER, 2014 GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING

2014 LCI Convention – PID Carl Young highlighted the events at the LCI 2014 Convention held in Toronto. There were over 16,000 registrants with 809 of these coming from Multiple District 'A'. Over 840 volunteers assisted with the various events. He thanked the Vice Chairs PDG Stan Durward and PID Art Woods and the seven Host Committee Directors, Lions Jack Bishop, OJ Wilura, Alex Watson, Tom Gordon, Todd Wilson, Ron Finlay and BJ Finlay. A cheque in the amount of \$75,000. was returned to Multiple District 'A' as the funds which had been approved by the Governors' Council were not required to cover Convention expenses.

MD'A' Convention Advisory – PDG Jim Hilt presented the final 2014 MDA Convention report indicating that the Convention realized a profit of \$15,000. PID Terry Graham outlined the activities for the 2015 MDA Convention scheduled for May 21-24, 2015 at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston. PDG Jim Hilt advised that two Bids had been received to host the 2016 MDA Convention; one from District A2 and one from District A5. The Committee recommended accepting the Bid from the Widdifield Lions Club, District A5. The Convention is scheduled to be held on May 26-29, 2016 in North Bay. The Governors' Council

endorsed the recommendation.

Lions Clubs International Foundation – PDG Dick Peel reported that Clubs in MDA had donated \$216,000. to the foundation during the 2013-2014 year.

Lions Foundation of Canada – PDG Lloyd Clifton advised that the autumn Open House will be held at the Dog Guide School in Oakville on October 25th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lions Quest – PDG Charles Liddle reported that the winner of the promotional contest for the classic Mercedes was the Forteau Lions Club which is situated in the south-west corner of Labrador. The 2014-2015 promotional contest has begun with the winner receiving a 12 day trip for two to Bali. Tickets are being circulated to the Clubs.

Literacy Committee – Lion Susan Taylor advised that this is a new MDA Committee. She announced that the goal of the committee is to 'Promote the Lions Reading Action Programme'. The Read and Rise programme targets pre-school, Junior & Senior Kindergarten, and Grades 1, 2, 3. A partnership has been developed with Scholastic Books Canada to promote the 'Read and Rise' programme.

Opportunities for Youth – The first YCE camp at CNIB Lake Joseph for international visually impaired campers was held this past summer. A Leo Conference is being planned. The theme for the 2014-2015 Peace Poster/Essay Contests is 'Peace, Love and Understanding'. A Club is still being sought to host the MDA Effective Speaking Final on the first weekend of May, 2015.

Diabetes Awareness – PDG Brian Closs advised that World Diabetes Day is November 14th. In MDA last year 56 Clubs were involved in Tag Day and \$19,773. was raised.

Treasury – Past Council Treasurer Jack Fisher presented the audited Financial Statements for the year ending June, 30, 2014. MD'A' Treasurer Dave Hewitt presented the 2014-2015 Budget. Both documents were approved by the Governors' Council.

MDA Life Memberships have been approved for PDG Tony Lawson (District A4) and PDDG Charlie Shaw (District A9)

For more information, questions or concerns relating to these highlights please contact MDA Secretary John Stewart at email: secretary@mdalions.org.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL 2014 CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE REPORT

September 6, 2014

Council Chair Bob, Members of the Council of Governors, Secretary John, Treasurer Dave, Lions, Leos and Guests:

It is indeed a great honour to report to this, your first Council Meeting on behalf of the Host Committee of TORONTO 2014.

WOW, "TORONTO 2014" the 97th Lions Clubs International Convention, was that a Lions Convention for the ages or what? It seems that everywhere we turned during and after the Convention this is what we have been hearing.

Let me review just a few numbers with you.

- As of May 30 registrations were running at 16,040. Ever since the 2013 Convention in Hamburg, TORONTO 2014 was tracking at over 4,000 more delegates than any Lions Clubs International Convention held in North America in the last many years. I have no precise figure as to the number of Lions who registered at the Convention Site in Toronto but it was substantial.

- Not only were there over 16,000 registrants, there were over 5,335 rooms and suites booked.

- As a nation Canada registered over 1,197 delegates

by far the highest in our history. These 1,197 plus registrants placed our country in 6th place behind (1) the USA at 3,379; (2) Japan at 1,501; (3) India at 1,375; (4) China at 1,351; (5) Nigeria at 1,248 and (6) Canada at 1,197.

- Multiple District 'A' accounted for well over 809 of Canada's registrants. It was expected that we would be the largest Multiple District as we were the Host Multiple District. We went well beyond LCI's expectations but not our own. We as a Host Committee had every confidence that our Lions would lead the way and they did. To put everything in its proper perspective Multiple District 'A' did not just have the largest registration of any Multiple District in North America. We had the largest registration of any Multiple District in the world.

- In my opinion this last figure is the most revealing and by far the most significant of any fact related to TORONTO 2014.

When our Host Committee was doing our planning and budgeting exercises we believe that we would probably have to stage this Convention with approximately 450 Volunteers. Our figures showed that we would require close to 700 volunteers in order

to properly carry out our responsibilities. Would you believe that over 840 VOLUNTEERS (Lions and friends) came forward to work and help in any way that they could. We will never be able to adequately say THANK YOU for all that you, the VOLUNTEERS meant to the success of TORONTO 2014.

Finance and Publicity Committee

Our Finance and Publicity Committee chaired by PDG Dr. Jack Bishop performed very well. The Lions support for our fund raising programmes was tremendous. We were humbled by the fact that every time we asked our Lions Clubs for funding they just kept giving in whatever amounts they could afford. Again we are most grateful for all your support. In this regard we wish to very publicly express our appreciation to Molson's Breweries and the Lions Foundation of Canada for their outstanding financial support. Without the splendid support of these two organizations our job would have been much more difficult. The Host Committee would also like to acknowledge the significant funding received from our Multiple District without which TORONTO 2014 could not have succeeded period.

This committee was also responsible for the sale of our TORONTO 2014 pins and shirts, etc. As well, the committee was responsible for the operation of our Host Committee's Souvenir Booth at the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre. Sales at our Souvenir Booth while very brisk at times were not as large as we had hoped for in our planning. The only complaint which we received was one expressed by literally all vendors at the MTCC and that was lower than expected sales. There seemed to be no obvious explanation for this result. As a result of lower sales of souvenir merchandise the Host Committee is finalizing a plan for the appropriate disposition of our stock. We hope to have a plan in place in time for the Council meeting on September 6th. It should be noted that the Host Committee had significant sales of TORONTO 2014 shirts and pins over the last eighteen months leading up to the convention.

Any report on the Finance and Publicity committee would not be complete without acknowledging the hard work and dedication of Lion Charlie Davis whose duty it was to order, store and generally manage the Host Committee's souvenir materials and pins. Lion Charlie's work in this regard which included operating our Host Committee Booth in Hamburg in 2013 and our Souvenir sales booth at the MTCC this year was excellent.

This committee was also responsible for our Host Committee website and social media and did just an excellent job in this regard.

Parade Committee

This committee was very ably chaired by PDG OJ Wilura. The parade was absolutely one of the highlights of the convention. All Lions Clubs International Parades are wonderful but this one was just spectacular. The Lions loved it, the people watching it loved it, and the City of Toronto loved it. Even the police liked it. The Host Committee through our Parade Chair OJ Wilura worked closely with many City of Toronto Departments too numerous to name, Lions Clubs and Districts from around the world, engineers, inspectors, carpenters and LCI. The final outcome was as I said before spectacular. Our Host Committee worked closely with Tourism Toronto for the last 4 years. The representatives of Tourism Toronto told us that they finally realized the magnitude of who we the Lions are and what we do for mankind when they watched our parade. They were absolutely thrilled to have been a part of its creation.

Transportation and Hospitality

This committee was chaired most capably by PDG Alex Watson.

Whether you arrived at TORONTO 2014 by plane, train or car you were either met or seen or guided by members of Lion Alex's Committee. There were literally hundreds of volunteers working on this committee.

There were Airport Greeters who met every incoming plane with Lions on Board and guided them through the airport to public transportation. This was a monumental undertaking which was ongoing almost

twenty four hours a day. These Lion Volunteers were meeting planes carrying our Lion guests starting on June 22nd through to July 7th for a total of fifteen days.

In addition Lion Alex's committee had two and sometimes three Lion Volunteers in every one of the twenty one hotels which were contracted by LCI to house our guests. In a majority of these hotels our committee was able to provide a Lion Volunteer who spoke the language of the Lions resident in that hotel. This is an accomplishment which had never been tried before and TORONTO 2014 just did it. Once again thank you to our Lion Volunteers who made this committee's efforts possible.

District Governors' Elect School

The District Governors' Elect School was chaired by Council Chair Lion Tom Gordon.

Lion Tom and his committee did just an excellent job on this very large and important undertaking. This committee is responsible for making sure that all of the physical needs and requirements of the School are in order and functioning properly. This committee works very closely and in a very integrated way with the Leadership Department of LCI to prepare and conduct this School. Literally the committee is involved with the preparing and distribution of materials to the District Governors' Elect, the preparation and servicing of classrooms and the list goes on and on...and on.

This year for the first time in LCI Convention history TORONTO 2014 was able to provide a hotel, the Sheraton Centre, which was large enough to accommodate all of the over 750 District Governors' Elect, all of the School presenters and Group Leaders and as well all of the required classrooms. This was a major feature and benefit to LCI in the staging of the School.

This review is just a very brief overview of the committee's responsibilities; however suffice to say it is a tremendous undertaking which takes years to organize and three days to complete. It is rumoured that the TORONTO 2014 DGE SCHOOL committee were the fastest ever in the history of LCI at packing, arranging and preparing for distribution the District Governors' Elect briefcases!! WOW ! Once again another superior job "well done" by our Lion Volunteers.

Manpower

This major committee was Co Chaired by PCC Lions Ron Finlay and PCC BJ Finlay.

As mentioned earlier their job was to reach out and find and recruit our Volunteers. And what a job they did. Previously I reported that we needed close to 700 Volunteers to adequately support our efforts and Lions Ron and BJ wound up recruiting over 840. I am still amazed at their success but I shouldn't be amazed as time and time again during the lead up to TORONTO 2014 our Multiple District's Lions just kept right on giving and volunteering. In addition Lions Ron and BJ together with Lion Ted Rypma designed and perfected a computer programme to manage the myriad details of assigning and directing our Volunteers to their

multiple work sites from June 22nd through July 8th, 2014. This achievement by the Manpower committee and Lion Ted Rypma may seem at first glance to be rather straight forward and mechanical in nature but I can assure you that it was anything but straight forward and simple. The Host Committee would not have remotely been able to manage and direct the efforts of our 840 plus Volunteers without this programme and the result would have been utter confusion.

The Manpower committee was responsible for the recruitment and direction of our ten District Ambassadors. What a great job they did. They were representing the Host Committee at District meetings and conventions as well as selling our TORONTO 2014 shirts and pins. The District Ambassadors spread information about TORONTO 2014 and along the way were instrumental in acquiring many Volunteers.

Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant at Arms Committee operated under the direction of the Manpower Committee.

Lion Ray Charbonneau acted as Sergeant at Arms and was assisted by Lion Fred Sheehy.

Their responsibility was to provide and coordinate the Sergeant at Arms personnel at the main convention venues namely the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC) and the Air Canada Centre (ACC). This involved again the recruiting, training and assignment of at times over 175 Lion Volunteers. These two Lions organized their volunteers admirably. Again these Lion Volunteers acting as the face of the convention guided and assisted convention delegates with courtesy and smiles at all times. I remember somewhere during the second day of the convention an attendee stopping me saying, "All of your people are smiling and happy all the time. How can it be?" One of the Lions who was with me responded simply, "They are just happy to welcome you". In addition these Lion Volunteers guided convention attendees through the streets leading from the MTCC and the ACC when required. Another job very well done.

Also operating under the direction of the Manpower committee was the **Crisis Management Committee**. This committee was chaired by PDG Lion Thom Herrmann. Lion Thom's main duty was to interface with the LCI Crisis Management Committee in planning for and responding to unforeseen events and emergencies. As part of his responsibilities Lion Thom created an outstanding Crisis Management binder. This binder contained literally dozens of services and emergency services and where they were located in the immediate area of the convention. This binder was approved by the Host Committee and LCI and was distributed to all LCI Management Staff, all Host Committee Management and at every Host Committee Booth and Hospitality Desk at all the twenty one LCI hotels. It was another undertaking superbly done and the greatest fact of all is that to the best of our knowledge it never had to be used for an emergency.

Our Secretary PDG Lion George Hostick and Treasurer Lion Christine Weerdenburg like all good Lions' Secretaries and Treasurers were accurate,

diligent and excellent in the performance of their duties. Their contributions went far beyond their titled positions and on a regular basis took on separate tasks as requested when some of us needed assistance. Again another two jobs well done by Lion Volunteers.

HOST COMMITTEE NIGHT

Without a doubt the highlight of our COMMITTEE'S efforts was our holding of the HOST COMMITTEE NIGHT. HOST COMMITTEES are expected by LCI to host the Executive Officers, Members of the Board of Directors, Board Appointees, the Past International Presidents, Management Staff and their spouses at an event, usually a dinner, just prior to the start of the actual International Convention. This year was no different.

Through the good offices of a member of the Elmira Lions Club we were fortunate to be able to hold this event at the York Club in Toronto. The York Club is the premier private dining club in all of Canada and is located at the corner of Bloor Street and St. George Street in Toronto.

TORONTO 2014 HOST COMMITTEE NIGHT was held on the evening of June 30th. On this occasion we hosted approximately 130 guests. The evening commenced with a reception held in the garden of the York Club and with the ringing of the Club Bell our guests were summoned to dine inside. Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening and Chair

of this event was PID Art Woods who performed his duties admirably. The menu was exceptional centering around Alberta Beef and Atlantic Salmon.

The programme was straight forward and consisted of appropriate greetings to our guests, remarks and remembrances by our International President Barry Palmer. After dinner we were treated to a wonderful performance by an excellent quartet called SLAM, who were drawn from local chapters of the Sweet Adeline's International Organization.

The evening in its entirety was greatly appreciated by all of our guests. We as a Host Committee were fortunate to have been able to host the World Leadership of our great Association in truly Canadian style at its finest.

Our Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Lions Foundation of Canada and in particular, Executive Director Sandy Turney without whose generosity this function would not have been the outstanding success it was.

I was privileged to have as Vice Chairs of the Host Committee PDG Lion Stan Durward and PID Art Woods. Both of these Lions are well known in Multiple District 'A' and at LCI. They are known for their attention to detail, dedication and for their determination to see things done the right way. I can assure you that the words, "good enough" are not known to them. They are also known for their personal integrity.

Lions Art and Stan were each responsible for overseeing certain of the five major committees as well as being responsible for certain individual events connected with the convention. Did I mention that they were also responsible for keeping an eye on me? We endeavoured to manage or coordinate the Host Committee's activities and planning as a group and in my opinion this approach worked very well for us. I have and will continue to try and find the words to express my appreciation to these fine Lions, who despite many difficulties, just kept doing the job.

For now a simple thank you will have to do. To our seven Host Committee Directors, Lions Jack Bishop, Lion OJ Wilura, Lion Alex Watson, Lion Tom Gordon, Lion Todd Wilson, Lion Ron Finlay, Lion BJ Finlay, Secretary George and Treasurer Christine no organization or Chair could have asked for more. You were and are simply the best. It has been my honour to have served with you.

To all the Lions, Lioness, Leos and friends of Lions in Multiple District 'A' and in particular to those 840 plus VOLUNTEERS. The SUCCESS of the 97th Lions Clubs International Convention, TORONTO 2014 is yours and yours alone.

Thank you, Lion Carl Young, PID
Chair, Host Committee,
TORONTO 2014

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Lions on Location

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Italians Save Children from AIDS

Years ago, Italians established a hospital for their countrymen who built a dam on the Zambezi River in southern Zambia near the border with Zimbabwe. In recent years Italian Lions have focused on the needs of Zambians in the region. Lions in District 108 IA3 constructed a hospital and three clinics, dug dozens of water wells, donated 20,000 new textbooks and even started a school of agriculture.

The most recent project of Italian Lions there helped the most vulnerable and proved to be the most heartfelt and perhaps the most life-changing. Lions expanded a clinic to enable it to treat pregnant women with HIV so that the virus is not transmitted to their children. Now only about 1 percent of the women with the virus who are treated pass it on to their children.



International Director Roberto Fresia of Italy lays the cornerstone for a health facility in Zambia

Italy has 1,326 clubs and 43,000 Lions. The first club was the Milan Host Lions Club in 1951.

Going Fishin' for Funds

NEW ZEALAND – Normally a sleepy town of 4,000, Whitianga hosts as many as 40,000 visitors during the tourist season. The travelers come for the pristine beaches, spectacular sunsets and, most of all, the unmatched deep sea fishing. But the town's remoteness and simple lifestyle, while appealing, also meant that the inevitable injuries and accidents proved to be terribly inconvenient or more threatening than should be.

So Lions led a drive to raise funds for an X-ray machine. In less than half a year \$230,000 was generated not only for a machine with sophisticated digital technology but also for a building to house it and operating capital for the first year. Town leaders anticipate that the number of ambulance trips to a hospital in Hamilton 2.5 hours away or to Thames an hour away will be reduced by at least a dozen weekly.

The 35-member club turned the town into a fundraising machine. The grocery store asked customers at the checkout line to toss in a dollar. Children sold cookies. The Mercury Bay Bowling Club kicked in \$1,000, and the operator of a glass bottom boat tour donated his proceeds from a crowded tour.

The Lionesses held a quilt show. The Lions? Capitalizing on the town's chief allure, the club held a

fish auction. They persuaded many participants in a big game fishing tournament to donate the blue marlins, kingfish and snappers they caught to an auction.

The club was on a mission, as literally was one of its newest members, an American. A retired corporate lawyer from Salt Lake City, Richard Gordon went to Whitianga with his wife as a Mormon missionary. He became a Lion after noticing the impact the club had on the town since 1965. "I said, 'I want to join these guys,'" he says. "This is a tiny town, and I have never seen a community come together to support a project the way this one has done to support this Lions club."



Lion John Pederson works the fish auction that raised funds for the X-ray machine

Good Times, Momentous Happenings

Lions sang, danced and launched our association toward its centennial at the 97th International Convention in Toronto

by Jay Copp

A shining moment of the 97th international convention in Toronto unexpectedly occurred during a long delay, an unwanted interruption that may have riled attendees of an uptight corporate gathering. The third plenary session had ground to a halt because, unknown to the thousands of Lions at the Air Canada Centre and even to Lions leaders in charge of the session, the election results were delayed when votes had to be counted by hand at the nearby Metro Toronto Convention Centre after the automated voting machine malfunctioned. President **Barry J. Palmer** of Australia could not proceed with the oath of office for 2014-15 President **Joe Preston** of Arizona.

Palmer stalled for time. The big screen showed videos of Honolulu, the next convention city and highlights of the Toronto convention. Then, out of options, Palmer told Lions to take a “stretch break.” The arena’s speakers blasted the infectious “Happy” by Pharrell Williams. Lions in their seats clapped, swayed in place and danced. On stage, to the delight of the crowd, Palmer swiveled his hips, and Preston and First Vice President **Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada** of Japan, a dignified neurosurgeon, let loose and joined in the impromptu dance party.

After many minutes, seeing Palmer still needed to fill time, a Brazilian Lion wearing a soccer jersey bounded to the stage with a soccer ball and skillfully kicked and kept the ball aloft for a long stretch. That’s when the beautiful game helped transform the interminable delay into a beautiful moment. The Brazilian purposely knocked the ball toward Palmer, who, though years removed from his playing days, deftly headed the ball as Lions roared.

Convention is a lot of things over five days in July. It’s a business meeting where Lions elect new leaders and conduct official business. It’s a sort of continuing education seminar in which skills and strategies are

learned. But most of all it’s a festive gathering where Lions share camaraderie, make new friends and, as demonstrated at the third plenary, revel in the Lions spirit, defined not only by a desire to serve but also by a generous, easygoing spirit full of patience and optimism. “It’s just amazing to be around and look at so many people who share the same passion. It’s fun just to be in the elevator and what you see and hear,” said **Karen Ritterbush** of the **Battle Creek Lions** in Nebraska.

Heather Griffin of the **Newcastle Lions** in Canada hopped on a local commuter train to reach Toronto. “I get to see all the happy people here. I really enjoy all the different Lions’ outfits,” said Griffin, whose volunteer duty was to stand at the entrance to the exhibit hall and give directions or answer queries. Griffin epitomizes Lions’ emotional bonds to membership. Lions often find it deeply gratifying to serve their communities alongside friends. Some, like Griffin, are even more deeply rooted in their club because of family. She intended to wear her late father’s Lions’ shirt in the parade. Asked what that experience would mean for her, she composed herself and gently replied, “Don’t make me cry.”

Convention also is about looking proudly back at grand achievements and fixing Lions’ sights on lofty future plans. In his farewell address, Palmer ticked off a lengthy list of accomplishments: Lions served more than 4 million people and tallied nearly 2 million service hours just in our four Global Service Action Campaigns (youth, vision, hunger and the environment). Additionally, RAP, the Reading Action Program, has now benefited 19 million, and Lions have planted more than 3 million trees, generating enough life-sustaining oxygen for 6 million people.

Palmer’s theme last year was Follow Your Dream; he told Lions his far-flung travels helped him realize clubs had already been doing just fine reaching for the stars. “Lions, you have been following your dreams,” he said.

Minutes after taking the oath as 2014-15 president, Preston officially ushered in the Lions’ centennial celebration in 2017. Flanked



Canadian Lions proudly wave the flag during the parade

by the other international officers and Past President **J. Frank Moore III**, the centennial chairperson, Preston revealed the centennial service goal: 100 million people served. Clubs worldwide will attempt to improve vision care for 25 million, relieve hunger for 25 million, help 25 million youths primarily through education or literacy efforts and benefit 25 million through environmental projects including planting 10 million trees. “Are you up for the challenge, Lions?” Preston asked. The crowd roared.

The three plenaries were a showcase for important causes and people. **Ruchira Gupta**, the founder of Apne Aap Women Worldwide, decried the widespread horror of human trafficking. Lions **Wendi Dwyer** and **William Mou**, a former Lost Boy of South Sudan, talked about their literacy initiative as well. The Seven Summits Mountain Climbing Team from Nepal described how they conquered Everest and the highest peaks on three other continents. “This year I’ve asked Lions, What is your Everest? They could reply, ‘Our Everest is Everest,’” said Palmer. “We’re very glad to have them here because they know firsthand how critical leadership, teamwork and planning are.”

Part of the appeal of convention is the swirl of dress, language and mannerisms. The common denominator is service, exemplified by the Lions Clubs International Foundation, which pools Lions resources and crafts partnerships to achieve broad service aims. In the second plenary session, a parade of speakers highlighted the goals and success of LCIF. Binod Chaudhary of the Chaudhary Foundation pledged \$1 million from the foundation for social businesses to reduce poverty through microenterprises. Other dignitaries detailed Lions’ progress in battling blindness and curtailing measles. The message of the day was that LCIF enables Lions to do far more than they could on their own. “Working together, Lions



Barry J. Palmer, 2013-14 international president, heads a soccer ball kicked to him by a Brazilian Lion during a delay in the last plenary



Joe Preston of Arizona, 2014-15 international president, greets Sparky, the mascot of Arizona State University. The Prestons are big Sun Devil fans, and Sparky helped lead the Preston demonstration at the plenary session

identify the most crucial needs, and LCIF supports you in your humanitarian efforts that transform the lives of people around the world,” said 2013-14 LCIF Chairperson **Wayne A. Madden** of Indiana.

Past International Director **Robert E. Corlew** of Tennessee was elected as second vice president in Toronto in a close vote over Past International Director **Mike Butler** of Texas. He’ll serve as international president in 2016-17, succeeding Yamada.

Membership numbers revealed to Lions in Toronto were generally quite good. Total membership stood at 1,360,121, the best June figure in a decade. Total clubs were 46,385, the best in June in 20 years. The average charter size increased to 31 from 26, an important statistic because larger charter clubs are more likely to endure. More worrisome were membership numbers in North America. Membership dropped 2,793 in the United States and 192 in Canada.

Lots of things happen at convention when large numbers of Lions congregate—nearly all of them good. “It’s my fourth convention, and every time I come I

learn something new,” said **Yvette Fiedtfou** of Guyana. “I’m interested in recruiting, retention and rewards. I get new ideas I can try at home.”

Watching the festive parade, Past District Governor **Lewis Quinn** of the **Anchorage Captain Cook Club** in Alaska told of the convention parade that led him to Lions. “When my grandfather was at the convention in Tapei [in 1987] he saw a Lion from Alaska, picked him out of the crowd and told him, ‘You’ve got to give my grandson a call in Alaska and tell him about Lions.’ I happened to know him! I had done some business with him [Past International Director **Buster Hall**]. I had been a Rotarian until then.”

Chance encounters, fortuitous coincidences and history repeating itself all are part of convention. Incoming District Governor **Donald Bissonnette** of District A 711 in Ontario had his ceremonial DG ribbon pulled by his father, Lion **Peter**, who had been an incoming district governor at the Toronto Convention 1964. But it gets even better. Peter’s father, **Neill**, a Lion for more than 50 years, attended the Cedar Point, Ohio, convention in 1925 when Helen Keller urged Lions to be Knights of the Blind.

The convention’s keynoter was singer Olivia Newton-John, who eschewed a formal speech but instead sat down on stage in comfortable chairs with fellow Aussie Palmer for a nice chat. Johnny Carson would have been proud, but Carson probably would have stayed away from some of the profundities Palmer elicited from the breast cancer survivor. “I think the thing that inspires everybody—what everybody needs is love, whether it comes through interaction with other people, whether it comes through music or art or

laughter,” said Newton-John.

Grammy-winning producer and songwriter David Foster of Canada received the 2014 Lions Clubs International Humanitarian Award. His foundation, which assists families with children in need of life-saving organ transplants, received \$250,000. “The greatest gift I was given was being raised by parents who had a great moral compass,” said Foster. “You could say my music destiny was predetermined. But for all of us being charitable is optional. But no one should get applause for being charitable. It is, simply put, our responsibility.”

As Foster played the piano, Newton-John sang two of her many hits: “I Honestly Love You” and “Magic.” She dedicated the latter “for the Lions and the magic they perform.” As she sang “we have to believe we are magic, nothing can stand in our way,” it was not a stretch to assume that the Lions singing along may have found the lyrics perfectly fitting to what they do in their clubs in their myriad hometowns.



A Lion shares his memories and insights on being a Lion at the recording booth in the exhibit hall

Digital LION (lionmagazine.org)

Watch a lively video of the convention highlights.

Watch the creative “Oz” video, which retells the familiar Oz story with a Lions angle.

Watch a video of the engaging chat between Olivia Newton-John and 2013-14 President Palmer.

Listen to Lions talk about their experiences as a Lion in segments done at a recording booth set up at the exhibit hall.

Meet the 17 new international directors.

Read the talks of President Preston, Ruchira Gupta and David Foster.

Learn the winners of the International Awards including the Environmental Photo Contest and the World of Service Awards.

The 1958 convention in Chicago was one of the best ever, and the LION told the story in photos.



Lions crowd around the LCIF booth at the exhibit hall

14 Memorable Moments at the Toronto Convention

OK, so she melted Lions' hearts just being led onto the stage – only 17, blind, a little nervous, emitting the innocent radiance of youth. But when Ho-Yan Sui sang—game over. The Hong Kong resident's version of "Time to say Goodbye" during President Palmer's farewell speech was the stuff of dreams.



He cannot only lead and inspire but sing and write, too. Near the end of his inaugural speech new President **Joe Preston** belted out his stirring theme song, "Strength of the Pride."



Sometimes it's the quiet, private, overlooked moments that typify Lions and their generous spirit. Seated in the front at a three-hour plenary session, a husband patiently recounted what was happening on stage to his blind wife.



The parade showcases Lions' pluralistic spirit. The float of the Lions of India displayed quotes by Mother Teresa and Gandhi.



Ah, the enthusiasm of a newcomer. New Lion **Gloria Walton** of the **Brooklyn Kings County Lions Club** in New York perched up high on a flower bed and showered parade marchers with a stream of joy. "You're beautiful," she shouted multiple times. And later: "I feel the energy!"



The skies were blue, the streets of downtown Toronto were lined with spectators and the Mississippi All-State Band marched in perfect precision and played with peerless craftsmanship. The all-state bands are vivid reminders of the powerful influence of Lions on youth.

Special Olympics athlete Ariel Ary of Costa Rica, who has benefited from Opening Eyes, opened some eyes of his own when he delivered a speech. "I don't think there was a dry eye in the house," said Council Chair **Steve Bennett** of Nebraska. Added **Karen Ritterbush** of the **Battle Creek Lions** in Nebraska, "He held his heart out."



Past International President **Joe Wroblewski** is a Lion in winter, retiring as Lions' U.N. Liaison. (He will continue to chair the Convention Committee of the board of directors.) "Let's stand and show our appreciation for one of the greatest Lions of all time," Past President **Al Brandel** exhorted the crowd at the final plenary and then proceeded to read a congratulatory letter from President Obama.



You might think 55 years as an entertainer might dull one's edge, but Neil Sedaka put on a masterful performance at the International Show. He was engaging as well as fully engaged. Pop love songs never sounded so good.

C a t a p u l t



If this Lion thing doesn't work out, 2013-14 President **Barry Palmer** might find himself on the telly chatting up celebrities. His one-on-one with Olivia Newton-John was absent of blather and full of insight.

Lions **Jean-Jean Fong**, **Ssu Ting Yu** and **Chao Yung-yuan** from Multiple District 300 Taiwan donated more than US\$750,000 to LCIF. Their bow and guttural roar was priceless.



Do pay attention to the man behind the curtain. The first plenary had a Wizard of Oz theme, and Palmer made a grand entrance from the backstage curtain by arriving on the stage in an Oz-type bubble.



Entertainment, shadow dancers who perform behind a screen using their silhouettes, ended their performance at the second plenary paying tribute to Palmer's theme

Tongbram Mahesh Singh of India, the 2013-14 Peace Poster Contest grand prize winner who lost his father in an accident and lives in an orphanage, was anything but intimidated by the crowd of 15,000 at the plenary session. He exuberantly raised his arms in triumph when marching on stage to receive his award.



by spelling out DREAM.



Lions Launch Centennial Celebration

by Jay Copp

Readers of the Chicago Tribune on June 8, 1917, learned that the Allies had swept 10 miles into German-held territory in Belgium. Other stories included the trial of a Chicago alderman accused of graft, the apparent suicide of an insurance tycoon on the city's South Side and a report that one third of the men in Chicago who registered for the draft claimed no exemption for service.

Through no fault of its own, the Tribune missed what turned out to be a major event on June 7 – which took place just a few blocks from its newsrooms at the swank Hotel LaSalle in Chicago. There, in the East Room, Chicago businessman Melvin Jones convened representatives from 27 clubs from various parts of the nation. Some were called Lions Clubs of Indiana. Others included the Reciprocity Club, the Wheels and the Business and Professional Men of St. Paul. The plan was to form a new association dedicated to service.

The representatives held a secret ballot. Ever savvy, Jones did some cloakroom campaigning and his name won out: the Association of Lions Clubs. His vision triumphed, too. Until then, businessmen's clubs met, dined and traded business. Jones wanted strictly service, not self-service. Don't pat one another on the back: do something for someone in the community.

Lions will be hearing a lot about Jones—and Lions' remarkable growth and history—the next three years. Launched at the 97th International Convention in Toronto in July, the centennial celebration has officially begun. Lions Clubs International (LCI) will produce and make available a treasure trove of material to help Lions appreciate their heritage. Lions, for their part, can celebrate. And serve.

Befitting a centennial, the key number is 100: serve 100 million people. Lions are asked to improve vision care for 25 million people, relieve hunger for 25 million, help 25 million youths through education, literacy efforts or other ways and benefit 25 million people through planting trees and other environmental projects. This is a birthday celebration, so piece of cake, right?

Well, not so fast. Clubs typically report to LCI that Lions serve 8 million people annually. So the Centennial Service Challenge is truly challenging. What will help is the challenge piggybacks on the Global Service Action Campaigns. For the past few years clubs already have been targeting youth, vision, hunger and the environment through Engaging Youth in August, Sharing the Vision in October, Relieving Hunger in December/January and Protecting the Environment in April.

The centennial theme is Where There's a Need, There's a Lion. The occasion is far more than a feel-good event or focused solely on service. Lions leaders expect the extended birthday bash to energize and grow membership, attract new service partners,

develop new service opportunities, raise awareness of Lions and envision the future. Next year, Lions will roll out a Centennial Membership Challenge.

LCI has been putting pieces into place to ensure the goals are met and each club and Lion can take part in the celebration. There will be a centennial website and publications, toolboxes, an e-newsletter, a heritage blog and other social media directly tied to the anniversary. Trained heritage ambassadors will fan out to club and district meetings to speak on Lions' history.

The website is already up and running (search "CSC" at lionsclubs.org). It's "one-stop shopping" for all things centennial. Included are FAQs and information on earning banner patches.

Few Lions understand the depth, range and scope of Lions' contributions to society. The centennial will help correct that. In the works are a story bank, a traveling exhibit and a documentary. The centennial will be a lever for Lions to reach out to their communities. Among the plans are a Lion for a Day for clubs to recognize those who share Lions' values and a Global Service Challenge, similar to the recent World Lunch Relay (June LION).

So Lions can put on their party hats and keep them on until the centennial concludes with a rollicking celebration at the 2017 convention in Chicago, where it all began. The roars you hear that week won't be from the Lincoln Park Zoo.

WHAT IS THE CENTENNIAL *Service Challenge?*

25 million people benefited

Special Goal: Provide 10 million youth with books & literacy

Key Service Areas*:

- Education Scholarships
- Leo Club Sponsor
- Sports/Music Instruments
- School Supplies
- Computers & Aids
- Lions Quest
- Peace Poster Contest
- Youth Camps & Exchange

25 million people benefited

Special Goal: Provide 10 million children with eye care

Key Service Areas*:

- Vision Screenings
- Low Vision Aids
- Braille Education
- Mobility/White Canes
- Sight Restoring Surgery
- Eye Banking
- Eyeglass Recycling

25 million people benefited

Special Goal: Provide 10 million people with ongoing food assistance

Key Service Areas*:

- Food Pantries
- Soup Kitchens
- Feeding Programs
- Meal Delivery
- Agricultural/Garden Projects

25 million people benefited

Special Goal: Plant 10 million trees

Key Service Areas*:

- Recycling Projects
- Sanitation & Latrines
- Solar Energy & Lights
- Parks, Playgrounds & Green Spaces
- Nature Clean-Up Campaigns

* For more qualifying service areas, please visit the LCI website and search CSC.

A Century of Service

1917: Melvin Jones and fellow Chicago businessmen found Lions Clubs to improve the community; the first convention takes place at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, Texas.



1920: Lions Clubs become international by chartering a club in Windsor, Canada.

1925: During the international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller charges Lions with becoming “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.”



1930: Lion George Bonham paints a cane white with a wide red band to aid the visually impaired after he witnesses a blind man having trouble crossing the street.

1935: Amelia Earhart, an honorary member of the New York City Lions Club, completes a record-



breaking nonstop flight from Los Angeles to the Lions Clubs International Convention in Mexico City. Lions donate a Talking Book machine to the Milwaukee Public Library allowing the blind to hear books.

1939: Members of the Detroit Uptown Lions Club turn an old Michigan farmhouse into a school to train dog guides for the visually impaired, helping to popularize guide dogs worldwide.



1944: The world’s first eye bank is created in New York City. Most eye banks today are Lions-sponsored.



1945: Lions assist in drafting the United Nations charter, starting a lasting bond with the United Nations.



1948: Only three years after having been torn apart by World War II, Europe sees its first Lions club in Stockholm, Sweden, and Geneva, Switzerland, follows suit just days later. A Lions club is formed in Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai,

Hawaii. Kalaupapa is a leper colony, and all the charter members have Hansen’s disease (leprosy).



1954: After an international contest among Lions, an official motto is chosen—“We Serve” submitted by Lion D. A. Stevenson of Fonthill, Ontario, Canada.

1957: Lions launch youth programs including Leo Clubs.

1968: The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is established.

1971: LCI moves to its fourth and final location in Oak Brook, Illinois, after decades in downtown Chicago.



1973: In February, the association welcomes its 1 millionth member.

1977: Lion Jimmy Carter, a peanut farmer from Georgia, becomes president of the United States.



1987: The association allows women to become members.



1990: SightFirst is launched, raising more than \$415 million dollars to help eradicate major causes of blindness.



2001: LCIF and Special Olympics partner on Opening Eyes, screening the vision of Special Olympics athletes.

2002: Lions charter two clubs in China, that nation's first voluntary membership groups since the 1950s.



2003: Through SightFirst, Lions and The Carter Center record their 50 millionth river blindness treatment.



2004: Lions mobilize more than US\$15 million for South Asia tsunami relief—the single largest disaster reconstruction project in LCIF's history.



2010: LCIF partners with Bausch + Lomb to launch the Pediatric Cataract Initiative.

2011: LCIF awards its 10,000th grant—bringing the total amount awarded to US\$708 million. Lions help administer the 148 millionth dose of Mectizan to treat river blindness.

2017: Lions will celebrate 100 years of service.

A more complete timeline is at lions100.org.

LCIF

LCIF Grants Change Lives

by Eric Margules

LCIF

Schoolchildren in the remote village of Kyon in Burkina Faso squeeze into a small one-room hut that houses all the village's classes and students. Growing attendance now has stretched the schoolhouse's capacity to the point that some classes are even being held outdoors.

This is set to change thanks to the Lions of District 403 A1, who will be constructing a new schoolhouse with expanded facilities to handle the larger number of students with the help of a \$34,000 Standard grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The new schoolhouse, which will feature three classrooms, a teacher's office and a storage room, is being designed and constructed locally with the support of the Lions Amicitie Villages. A separate facility with lavatories will also be constructed nearby to provide further support for the students. Thanks to the activities of local Lions and the Standard grant from LCIF, an estimated 150 more children a year will be able to attend school in a safe, comfortable environment for the first time.

While Lion activities in Burkina Faso exemplify LCIF's mission to improve the lives of vulnerable populations around the globe, the scope of LCIF's grants transcends geography and circumstance. With more than 70 grants totaling more than \$3 million approved by the board of trustees in July 2014, Lions are finding more ways than ever to impact their communities.

Disaster relief efforts such as those following a Category 5 cyclone in Tonga in January are another way LCIF changes lives. After Tropical Cyclone Ian struck Tonga's outer Ha'apai islands, a state of emergency was declared. Nearly 1,200 buildings throughout the islands were damaged and about 2,300 people were left homeless. Power lines and electrical systems lay in tatters, and a contaminated water system meant the majority of Ha'apai residents were without fresh water.

Following the destruction, local Lions sprang into action by mobilizing funds and procuring donations to install three new 10,000-liter water tanks to replace

those lost during the storm. Building plans include a shelter to provide further protection for the tanks. With the assistance of a US\$15,000 grant awarded by LCIF, Lions plans to finish construction soon.

Since its inception in 1968, LCIF has been active in the realm of vision. So it was no surprise when LCIF approved a grant of \$75,000 to expand the capabilities of the Social Center of Ophthalmology in Casablanca, Morocco, which serves only the poor and uninsured.

The grant funds will allow the Lions-managed clinic to purchase the equipment necessary to diagnose and treat diabetic retinopathy—an improvement desperately needed in Morocco, which is home to an estimated 600,000 people who will develop diabetic retinopathy during their lifetimes. Lions estimate that more than 2,500 patients will receive care and treatment for diabetic retinopathy.

With these grants and many more approved already this year, it's easy to see the impact Lions and LCIF are having around the world.

Melvin Jones and the OK Corral

by Ray Charbonneau, MD"A" Historian

An unlikely pairing if only that Lion Melvin Jones was just two years of age when the notorious gunfight occurred at Tombstone Arizona in 1881, yet there is a connection.

The Jones family had been in Georgia prior to the civil war and had moved west through Arkansas during the civil war, and eventually settled in the Solomon Valley of Kansas. John Martin Jones & Jane Martha Jones brought their son John Calvin Jones along with the rest of their 9 children to the rich Midwest farm land and the pioneer life it entailed.

This account is from Melvin Jones paternal grandmother Jane Martha Jones (nee Willis) and gives us an account of Melvin Jones father John Calvin Jones and how he came to Arizona.

By this time John Calvin was doing a lot of scouting for various people on the trail. He was adept to this kind of life and loved it. He started out young and grew up with the ways and knowledge of the Indians and prairie life in general. Some of his early training was acquired by working with and for Buffalo Bill (William F.) Cody, supplying meat for construction crews on the Railroad, later captain of the supply wagons to Fort Thomas, Arizona. While never officially in the army he was often referred to as Captain because of his various assignments with the military.

Johnny just couldn't resist the call. He was a true Westerner, a Scout and a Trailblazer.

We hated to see him go, because it was dangerous work, with Indian skirmishes and desperados at every turn in the trail, and we really needed him at home. He was thrilled with his new job with excellent pay and came back home the following year to get his girlfriend, Lydia Mable Gibler at Osborne. They were married at Osborne, Kansas on February 22, 1875, and left for Arizona right away. Johnny was prone to suffer with asthma and hay fever and felt much better in the dryer climate. Melvin Wiley (his brother) also suffered from the same trouble. Johnny talked Melvin into coming out with him awhile. When they were getting ready to go, Martin (his father) got "fiddle-footed" and decided to go out with them to see what was going on there. They got into the ranching business and time passed quickly. Before Martin realized it two years had passed. By that time Turner (another brother) was 25 and the girls were good help, and we had a hired man when one was needed. Everything was going well at home.

When Martin and the boys left here for Arizona in February, it was cold and snowing. When they arrived in Arizona their first permanent stop was Milligan's Settlement, now known as Springerville, on April 2. The weather was beautiful, like spring, and had been most of the winter. It was a farming settlement, raising

mostly barley and livestock. The farmers had no threshing machine and had to tramp the grain with sheep for threshing. The next year Martin had a threshing machine shipped in, the first one in Arizona, which was used to thresh all the crops in the area. To Martin and the boys, the climate was a wonderful change compared to the extreme cold and heat in Kansas. After the threshing season was over, Martin sold the farmers the threshing machine and bought some cattle and started ranching.

On their return to the Springerville area, Martin and Melvin stayed together. Johnny was busy on the supply wagons in and out of Fort Thomas. That fall they decided to move their cattle to the Gila Valley after purchasing the famous old "Clanton Ranch" which joined the Fort Thomas military reservation. It was greener over there in that valley and had a better water supply. They could also see Johnny between runs and it seemed there was always more work than they could get done, using their ranch as a distribution point for the thousands of head of cattle that were driven in over the trail to supply Fort Thomas and the Indians.

At this point and time Melvin had also gotten interested in the mining and especially the marble business. Martin had originally planned for Melvin to take over the ranch and he could get back home. As the years quickly passed he finally dropped the ranching and went into the mining and marble quarrying all together. John Calvin remained at the ranch and Fort Thomas. He knew well the bulk of the notorious range ridin' roughs: Wyatt Earp, the Clantons, Doc Holliday, the McLowerys, John Ringo, Curly Bill, and many others. At Tombstone in its heyday, there was an oversupply of its bad men. Melvin, serving as constable for the Justice of the Peace at Camp Thomas and deputy U.S. Marshal, he had many opportunities for getting acquainted with the worst of them and would recognize them on sight in any provocation.

John Calvin's wife, Lydia, took her five children (including a young Melvin Jones) and moved to St. Louis for better schooling. In 1895 John Calvin married again to Josephine Tanner, a young lady from Lamar, Colorado, and has a sweet little daughter, Ora. They live now in Hackberry, Oklahoma.

Melvin Wiley and Laura have one little boy - Roy - who just idolizes his father. They all write and send pictures, but surely wish they had lived closer when we could all get together and have a big family reunion. Melvin has now gone into the marble quarry business in all seriousness. He thinks that is the life for him.

That year Martin stayed home with us in Kansas until after Christmas, and celebrated the holidays with the family. He then felt that he had better get on back down there and get things shaped up so that he could

come back to Ottawa County to stay. When spring came there he had his plans lined out to sell and return home for good. Rather, he went back and he and the boys got more involved in a good mine and had developed one of the best marble quarries in the country. He became so involved in this and other business ventures that he didn't feel he could leave them. He, too, was having health problems. His health failed him suddenly and he passed away at Gatewood, Arizona on March 30, 1894. All three of the boys out there were with him at the time. He had definitely made arrangements and was planning to come home to stay in a few months, turning all the business over to the boys. He just didn't quite make it. He was buried at Wilcox, Arizona, April 1, 1894, in the old Restanny Cemetery out northeast of town. At the time it was our plan to bring his body back to Highland Cemetery here at Minneapolis, but as time went on and it wasn't done, a stone was placed to mark his grave there in his memory.

When the sad news came it was hard to realize its true meaning. He was one that always came back after a long hard trip from anywhere. It still seems as though he will be coming in one day soon. He was a good husband and father. The boys had a deep sense of respect for him and the girls idolized their father. He was a true Christian God-fearing man and a born leader, always there to give a helping hand when needed. When he set out to do a task one could depend on it being done right. He loved a challenge and when he was put to the test it seemed that he had almost super-natural strength. A true pioneer in every sense of



Pioneer Cemetery, Wilcox Arizona



The Jones family home near Lindsey Kansas in 1878



Calvary Cemetery, Douglas Arizona



Evergreen Memorial Park, Tucson Arizona

the word.

Following is an excerpt written by Melvin Wiley Jones (1857-1933) of Tucson Arizona, Constable for the Justice of the Peace. [Original document also hand signed by Melvin Jones].

Newman Clanton (known as Old Man Clanton) returned to the Arizona Territory in 1873 to the Gila River valley where he purchased or squatted on a large tract of land outside Camp Thomas, but his plans for a new town failed to materialize. He resumed cattle ranching and most of his children followed him to Arizona.

During these many moves, the Clantons had repeated scrapes with the law. Both Newman and his oldest son John Wesley were convicted of desertion during the Civil War. They developed a reputation for

Finding work was the first order of the day and Frank found a short-term position on the old Clanton farm which was then owned by Melvin Jones. It was here that Frank became acquainted with young Billy Clanton. Though his father had sold the farm, it seems Billy, only 16 or 17 at the time, was reluctant to leave the area and remained working for the new owner for some time. He and Frank became fast friends and it was through the Clantons that the McLaury boys became connected with so many other ranchers and cowboys when they resettled along the Babocomari creek, a tributary of the San Pedro River that ran all the way down through the southern parts of Arizona territory. The Clantons established a ranch in the same area along the San Pedro.

Johnson, Paul Lee (2012) *The McLaury's in Tombstone, Arizona: An O.K. Corral Obituary*

theft and thuggery that followed them to Arizona. Newman Clanton sold the ranch near Camp Thomas in 1877, but Billy Clanton used to return often to visit

THE COCHISE COUNTY COWBOYS

During this early time in the Gila valley, Frank had also assisted Melvin Jones, at that time a local Constable in law enforcement. This is interesting as it gives us an initial look at the character of Frank McLaury. Some soldiers from Camp Thomas had stolen some harness from the military when they were discharged, and the local judge had told Jones to round up the culprits and hand them over to the Camp Thomas authorities. The judge also told Jones to take one good man with him. Jones chose Frank McLaury.

The results showed that Jones had chosen well. When the two law representatives caught up with the renegades, their lives were threatened and the soldiers attempted negotiations. The soldiers also attempted to bribe Jones and McLaury, each offering \$25.00 to the lawmen to buy their flight. Frank McLaury was incensed, according to Melvin Jones, and would have none of it under any circumstances. Jones told the felons that he and Frank would return to the camp and get a company of soldiers to hunt them down. The thieves finally gave themselves up and were returned to the civil court as they had requested; Jones and McLaury using discretion as lawmen often do.

Aros, Joyce (2011). *The Cochise County Cowboys: Who Were They?*

the old homestead. Melvin Jones, whose father bought the ranch from Newman, wrote that Billy Clanton first met Frank and Tom McLaury at the ranch in 1878, at the time the McLaury brothers had located land for a cattle ranch in the Sulphur Springs Valley.

Old timers complain that writers want historical facts, and when they tell the writers a true story, they want to set a lot of names of old timers. The old timer can hardly recognize his story as being what he told when the writer gets his book finished.

They invariably make out the cowboy element of fifty years ago as the worst outlaws of the west, when in fact the worst outlaws were men that very seldom ever owned a horse or saddle. It suited them better to rent a horse from some livery corral when they wanted to make a run out into the country and rob a stage or holdup someone who they had been informed by some of their pals, had a little money. They would do anything in town rather than go on a ranch and work as a cowboy. They were called Tinhorn gamblers, Cappers and Rounders for gambling games, Bartenders, and Dealers of games, and were forever trying to get to be deputy sheriff, or constable, or deputy anything, so that they would have the authority to carry a six-shooter and could swagger around among the people and

always be on the lookout for tips as to when money was being sent out or coming in. The Cappers and Rounders for gambling games were forever on the lookout for someone just come to town that had money. They had many ways to work together to rob. They usually knew each other from other boomtowns, by names that they had given each other like one had a big mouth, they called him Catfish. Another when he got money he wanted to make a big splurge they called him Highroller. Another they called Crazy Horse because when he lost a bet he stomped around over the floor.

One was called Bronk, others were Babe, Pony Deal, Brockey Jack, Buckskin Frank, Johnny behind the Deuce, Big Dan, Blackjack and Pete Spence, one of the most treacherous robbers and murderers that ever was to appear in any town. There were dozens of them, all belonged to the Tinhorn element that is they tried to live by gambling, but would commit any crime for money.

They were the element that owed allegiance to each other. They would gamble and fight among themselves, even to killing each other, but very seldom would they give one of their kind away to the law. Tombstone in its boom days had an oversupply of that Tinhorn element, and my verdict is that from seeing and knowing the actual conditions that the Earps and Doc Holliday were of that same element.

As for the Clantons, Ike was no cowboy. He was more a teamster. He liked to drink and gamble, and would talk bad when drunk but was harmless. Any officer that wanted to be honest and do his duty would have put him in jail to get sober without any trouble.

Neither Ike Clanton nor his brother Billie nor Frank and Tom McLowery, had killed anyone, or robbed any stages. As officers of the law the Earps had no legal right or excuse for killing them the way they did.

It has been my belief for the many years that Frank McLowery knew something on the Earps. And it was him especially they wanted out of their way. And through the drunken talk Ike Clanton made, and urged on by Doc Holliday, they got their chance to get one out of their way they had been wanting to get rid of. Tom McLowery had come to town with a spring wagon to get groceries and didn't know that Ike Clanton had been there in town several days, drunk and blowing off about what a bad fighting man he was. Billie had come after his drunken brother to take him home. And they were all getting ready to leave town when a mob of four, Wyatt, Virgil, and Morgan Earp, and Doc Holliday, four of them on three, Billie Clanton and Frank and Tom McLowery, and yelled, "Throw up your hands!" and began shooting at the same time. Tom McLowery was not armed; Billie and Frank had six-shooters but threw up their hands wanting to surrender. And the brave gang of four went on shooting

with sawed off shotguns and six-shooters until they killed all three, one being a young boy, and one being entirely disarmed, and the other wanting to surrender. And some writers want to call the leader of that mob, Wyatt Earp, a Hero.

Melvin F. Jones 1879 Arizona -1961 Illinois

Married: Rose Amanda Freeman 1912 Illinois (no children)

Married: Lillian Radigan 1956 Illinois (no children)

John Calvin Jones 1850 Georgia – 1931 Arizona

Married: Lydia Mable Gibler 1875 Kansas

Children: Audrey, Clive, Willis, **Melvin F.**, Carl Wilmer, Elise Beatrice, Clara Lenore, Alma

Married: Cicily Josephine Tanner 1895 Colorado

Children: Ora, Grace, Annette Naomi

John Martin Jones 1827 Georgia – 1894 Arizona

Married: Jane Martha Willis 1847 Georgia

Children: Esther Matilda, **John Calvin**, Asbury Turner, Lettie Ann, William Andrew, **Melvin Wiley**, Frances Florence Malvina, Ella

Larcenia, Susan Caroline, Henry Joseph



Boot Hill Cemetery, Tombstone Arizona



Mount Hope Cemetery, Chicago Illinois

Read and Rise Literacy Project: A Lions and Scholastic Canada Partnership

How many of us heard about the **LCI RAP Programme** and thought about RAP music and then thought, “I can’t RAP”? But **RAP** stands for **Reading Action Programme** and we don’t have to make up a music Rap if we don’t have that skill. I know I don’t.

I have a background as a retired Elementary School Teacher-Librarian and Public Librarian. For me this is a programme that I wanted to be involved with but was not sure how to start.

When the RAP Programme was first announced, I had recently had lunch with PIP Wayne Madden and his wife Lion Linda at the MDA Convention and heard the passion in their voices when they talked about children, reading and literacy. This was their initiative. During the 2013 LCI Convention in Hamburg, at the end of PIP Wayne Madden’s year as International President, Scholastic Inc. announced their partnership with LCI. The Reading Action Programme was also extended by the LCI Board of Directors for 10 years. Great, I thought! I can work with that in my club, but how did this Scholastic partnership work? That was the big question that several of us asked ourselves.

As a Zone and Region Chair, I had promoted the RAP programme with the Lions. Many Lions clubs already had a Literacy project up and running but hadn’t tagged it with the Literacy label. You may find it shocking to read the following truths about literacy in Canada:

CANADIAN LITERACY AND LEARNING NETWORK: LITERACY STATISTICS

- 42% of Canadian adults between the ages of 16 and 65 have low literacy skills
- 55% of working age adults in Canada are estimated to have less than adequate health literacy skills. Shockingly, 88% of adults over the age of 65 appear to be in this situation
- Impoverished adults often do not have the

literacy skills required to get into job training programs. They may need literacy skills upgrading before they can succeed in training programs but only about 5 – 10% of eligible adults enroll in programs

- Less than 20% of people with the lowest literacy skills are employed
- A 1% increase in the literacy rate would generate \$18 billion in economic growth every year
- Investment in literacy programming has a **241%** return on investment

Adults who struggle with literacy isn’t a strange phenomenon, it’s the result of hurdles that began in childhood, such as:

- Poverty and a lack of access to books
- Living in isolated communities
- Learning disabilities
- English/French as a second language. In some cultures it takes up to 7 generations to adopt English or French as a first language

You may already recognize that there are people in your communities who face these same hurdles. The **Read and Rise Literacy Project** is a partnership between the Canadian Lions and Scholastic Canada to benefit the lives of, and improve literacy skills for, children and families across the country.

In this programme, we have targeted children in Pre-school to Grade 3, because research shows that children who do not have a good grounding in reading by **Grade 3 may never catch up.**

- Each Lions club can design an individual Reading Action Service Programme that suits the local community and its needs;
- Scholastic Canada has provided suggested book lists for both English and French titles for kids

ages 3-8;

- Scholastic Canada is offering these books to Canadian Lions Clubs at 50% discount; Minimum orders are \$100, which equals about 20 books;
- These books can be distributed in your community at events, or given as awards or prizes in high needs communities, at graduations, or used to support another literacy initiative in your community—there’s no end to the ideas for usage! Some of your members may have great ideas of their own;
- Individual Lions Clubs register with Scholastic Canada and are responsible for their own account;
- As part of the registration process the Lions Club must provide 2 references (local business owners who will attest to the ability of the club to pay its bills).

The Scholastic Canada contact is Christina Winfield, cwinfield@scholastic.ca. Christina is happy to send necessary registration forms, and answer any further questions, to get your Club started.

Christina and I hope that everyone can make good use of this unique opportunity.

Lion Susan Taylor, PRC, District A3, MDA Literacy Chair, librariansue@gmail.com

Literacy is the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, compute and use printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning to enable an individual to achieve his or her goals, to develop his or her knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in the wider society. — UNESCO

Lions Quest Canada Takes Part in LCI Children's Symposium

Executive Director **Joanne McQuiggan** took part in the Lions Clubs International 2014 Children's Symposium held on July 11th in Toronto immediately following the very successful 2014 Convention. "Supporting children in need has always been a core mission for Lions everywhere," shared International President Joe Preston. "This year, I am challenging Lions to respond even more to the needs of under-served children – particularly those in low-income, developing countries."

In addition to Joanne from Lions Quest Canada – The Centre for Positive Youth Development, officials from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Global FoodBanking Network, Lost Boys Rebuilding Southern Sudan, Special Olympics, Scholastic, UNICEF, Save the Children - Canada, World Wide Hearing and many other organizations took part.

The group discussed topics related to child and youth development including –

- What are the critical unmet needs?
- What can be done to promote early childhood education?
- What's working with children's health and disabilities? What still needs to be done?

As a group, the participants determined that they need to –

- Promote literacy by providing books to under-served areas
- Act as mentors for Positive Youth Development
- Empower at-risk children
- Implement global partnerships to combat preventable, treatable diseases
- Provide clean drinking water
- Include children of all abilities

Joanne left the gathering inspired by the stories shared by the participants. "As Lions we do so much work related to children and youth worldwide. It would be great to share these stories with our teachers trained in Lions Quest School-Based Resources as inspiration to provide ideas for the service learning projects that are happening in their classrooms and schools." The service learning projects are a key application of the skills built in Lions Quest classrooms and can act as a culminating assignment for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12.

"In all of our efforts as Lions it is critical that we help all children and youth, regardless of their circumstances, build their sense of personal and social responsibility. By building healthy relationships and providing mentorship from caring adults from all walks of life we can make a difference!"

For more information about Lions Quest Canada – The Centre for Positive Youth Development visit www.lionsquest.ca or contact Joanne McQuiggan at 1-800-265-2680 ext 107 or joanne@lionsquest.ca.



CNIB Lake Joe

MDA Lions sponsored a blind youth from Cork, Ireland for a two week camp experience at CNIB Lake Joe. Congratulations MDA Lions on changing a life!

On Tuesday July 15th my wife Barb and I took a road trip to CNIB Lake Joe. We went to meet Lisa O'Donovan, a blind Youth Exchange student from Cork, Ireland; the first International client at Lake Joe and the first sight challenged youth sponsored by the Lions of Multiple District A. Lisa is clinically blind. She can see somewhat and didn't actually know there was a problem when she was young. Like other children, she had problems when the schools switched from black boards to white boards. The real shock was when she studied for 3 months and went to write for a driver's licence and they told her she was clinically blind. Lisa says there are very few disabled people in her small town and as a result there are times she doesn't feel she fits in. Last fall the Lions of Multiple District A invited her to Lake Joe as a pilot project to offer a camp experience to visually impaired youth.

We were going to meet "the girl from Ireland" as everyone in the camp called her. The girl who wondered why Canadians ate so much raw broccoli when they should be cooking it; the girl who drank tea by the barrel full; who liked to stay up late into the

night with her new friend; the Irish girl who was more like a counsellor than a client. Fellow campers asked her to speak, just to hear her accent. I was intrigued however, not by the accent, but in the words that came from this young girl. Her acceptance of her challenge, her sense of humour in dealing with vision problems and her insight into what disabled persons see, feel and want from life. We talked about integrated camps, where handicapped clients are integrated with standard camps, which Lisa said can be beneficial, but she then explained to me why camps like Lake Joe are so valuable. You see, none of the clients feel different, out of place here. They all have a challenge and they're dealing with it in a positive manner. As she said "no one gets excited when you spill the milk at lunch!"

This meeting only strengthened my belief in the value of our Youth Exchange program. Lisa is going to study psychology in the future and I believe that we have, perhaps only briefly, helped shape her positive outlook on life, and in so doing, have helped make this world a better place. Good luck Lisa. It was truly a pleasure meeting you.

Thank you MDA for this opportunity to "Strengthen the Pride". I feel very proud and fortunate to be a Lion.

Post Script:

Lisa has written to Jacqueline Bruce Moore,

Program Supervisor of Lake Joe, thanking everyone for the opportunity and then adds "I definitely want to attend the camp again next year but I was also wondering if I could be of any help to work or volunteer at the camp?" I would not be surprised if this young girl visits Canada again soon. She has also sent me some ideas on how to contact new candidates for our program. What a great first youth for our pilot project. (note: Lisa was offered some help for her flight by the Cork Lions Club but decided she could manage it herself and suggested perhaps someone else could use the help more.)

*As reported by
Lion Hank van
Moorsel, District
Governor A9*



Lion Barb Ennis with Lisa O'Donovan at Lake Joe

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Le Club Lion de Knowlton appuie les Premiers Répondants

Le 29 juillet le Club Lion de Knowlton a présenté aux Premiers Répondants de Ville de Lac Brome une contribution de \$7,500. Cette somme étant le produit de la vente de garage communautaire tenue en juin dernier. Dès le début de la mise en place, il y a maintenant onze ans, de cette unité de Premiers Répondants, le Club Lions a reconnu le rôle essentiel pour la communauté d'un tel service et a toujours offert son appui. La preuve du besoin vital des Premiers Répondants se trouve dans les statistiques qui démontrent que depuis 2003 ces 35 volontaires compétents répondent en moyenne à 375 appels par année.

Le Club Lions International est la plus importante organisation de clubs philanthropiques au monde, comptant 1,35 million de membres répartis dans plus de 46,000 clubs à l'échelle internationale. Les Lions ont une histoire dynamique. Depuis leur fondation en 1917, les Lions sont surtout connus pour leur combat contre la cécité. Nous sommes également partie prenante d'une grande variété de projets communautaires, notamment pour la protection de l'environnement, l'assistance alimentaire aux victimes de la faim, l'aide aux personnes âgées et aux handicapés.



Lors de la présentation du cheque. De gauche à droite Nicole Frechette, membre Lion, Winston Mason, président du Club Lion, Diane Laporte, membre Lion, Pierre Laplante T.P.I. Directeur service incendie et premiers répondant, Thomas McGovern, conseiller municipal responsable Sécurité publique et incendies, et premier répondant Jeanette LeBlanc

Seaforth Lions Celebrate 90 Years

The Seaforth Lions Club celebrated their 90th Anniversary on Canada Day, July 1st. The Club was chartered in 1924 so it was decided to hold a community event with a program of old fashioned activities based on that era at the Lions Park & Pool. The weatherman co-operated and the park was bustling with activity as an estimated 400-500 people attended. Activities included free swimming in the pool, face painting, a talent show, old fashioned races and games, antique car and tractor display, storytelling, a free draw for boys and a girls bicycle and a movie in the pavilion at night. One of our local businessmen was the first person in our pool when it was built in 1955 and he reenacted his 1955 dive to the applause of the crowd.

Opening ceremonies were held with Club President **John Snell** welcoming all in attendance and giving a brief history on the origin of Lionism. The Seaforth Club is the 17th oldest in Canada. The early visionaries who originally started the Club and the many volunteers who have kept it going over the past 90 years were recognized. The local community and businesses which have always supported our fund

raising projects were thanked, for without them this would not have been possible. The following dignitaries were present to offer greetings from their respective ridings including Ben Lobb, MP – Huron-Bruce; Lisa Thompson, MPP – Huron-Bruce; Joe Steffler, Warden – Huron County; Bernie MacLellan, Mayor – Huron East and PDG **Charles Liddle**, District A-9. Lisa Thompson, MPP presented the Club with a Certificate of Congratulations from the Province. PDG Charles presented the Club with a Letter of Congratulations from International President Barry Palmer, his President's Banner and Pin and a 90 Year Club Patch for our Club Banner. PDG Charles also presented the Club with a framed Certificate of Congratulations from Multiple District "A" Ontario & Quebec.

To end the official ceremonies Club President John acknowledged Lion **Bob Beuttenmiller** who is celebrating 50 years as a member of the Seaforth Lions Club. He has been actively involved in all the Club activities over all these years and is the backbone of the operation and maintains the beautiful park and

pool. Lion Bob was presented with a Distinguished Service Plaque during the ceremony and has since received a Life Membership in the Seaforth Lions. Bob's wife, Betty, received a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation for all her support to Bob and the Club over these many years.

Submitted by
Lion John Snell



Lion Bob Beuttenmiller and his wife Betty

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Goderich Lions Camp Klahanie Project

Economical Insurance, in partnership with local insurance broker Banter MacEwan Feagan Insurance Brokers, recently donated \$10,000.00 to the Goderich Lions for our camp project. The funds assisted with weather-proofing the camp's multi-purpose picnic shelter. Kids from Huron County and beyond are enjoying the Camp once more since it was brought back to life this year by the Goderich Lions Club. The camp provides a real outdoor camping experience. The picnic shelter, named Economical Pavilion, is fully screened and has heavy duty rollup clear plastic curtains.

Submitted by Lion Scott MacEwan

From left to right are, Lion Jim Crow, Lion Walter McIlwain, Guide leader Melody Falconer-Pounder, Carri Kram from Economical, Mary Beth Aleander from Economical, Lion Scott MacEwan, Tom MacEwan from Banter MacEwan Feagan Insurance, Lion Jerry Pelton. The young ladies are Guide members.



Hanover Lions Fundraising At Hanover Homecoming Event

The Hanover Lions club participated at the 110th Hanover Homecoming Celebration, where they served 1,000 people dinner in two nights (August 2nd & 3rd).

They also served bar on Sunday night during the Good Brothers concert.

Submitted by Lion Brenda McRae



MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting - September 5/6, 2014
- Council Meeting - November 7/8 2014
- Council Meeting - March 6/7, 2015
- Council Meeting Convention - May 21-24, 2015

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Best Western Lamplighter Inn, London	April 10-12, 2015
A2	Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway, St. Catharines	March 27-29, 2015
A3	Ambassador Conference Resort, Kingston	April 17-19, 2015
A4	Brookstreet Hotel, Kanata	April 10-12, 2015
A5	Best Western, North Bay	April 10-12, 2015
A711	Airport Inn Select, 970 Dixon Road, Toronto	April 17-19, 2015
A9	Days Inn & Conference Centre, Owen Sound	May 1-3, 2015
A12	J.W. Marriott Rosseau, Minett	April 24-26, 2015
A15	Arden Park, Stratford	March 20-22, 2015
A16	Pinestone Resort, Haliburton	April 24-26, 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2014/15	Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, Kingston, ON	May 22 - 24, 2015
2015/16	North Bay, ON	May 26 - 29, 2016

International Conventions

98th	Honolulu, Hawaii	June 26 - 30, 2015
99th	Fukuoka, Japan	June 24 - 28, 2016
100th	Chicago, Illinois, USA	June 30 - July 4, 2017
101st	Las Vegas Nevada, USA	June 29-July 3, 2018
102nd	Milan, Italy	July 5-9, 2019

USA - Canada Forums

Sept. 18 - 21, 2014	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Sept. 17 - 19, 2015	Grand Rapids, Michigan
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Linda and Juno

My name is Linda Smith and I am a Type 1 Diabetic. I was Diagnosed with Diabetes Melitus 2 weeks before I turned 5 – forty years ago. As a Diabetic who suffers from Hypoglycemic unawareness (which means I don't recognize low blood sugar levels), I have suffered many Diabetic Seizures.

I met Juno on June 17, 2014. Gloria Peckham (head trainer at Lions Foundation Dog Guides Canada) walked into my room at the Centre in Oakville with a

beautiful young yellow Labrador Retriever. I immediately started to cry upon laying my eyes on him. For the next hour Gloria left Juno and I alone to get acquainted and then the training began.

Since meeting Juno my life has changed immensely; I feel a sense of comfort when going to bed at night knowing that I have a living breathing blood glucose monitor sleeping in the bed with me. Having Juno has given me the confidence to go out on my own, to take longer walks and to try new experiences. In the past I was hesitant to "stray" too far from my comfort zone in terms of walks, trips etc.

Part of what I do is horseback riding. My discipline of choice is Jumping. I ride a 9 year old registered Paint Gelding named Warden. When I left for the centre

in Oakville Warden and I were best friends. I would spend on average 2 ½ hours a day with him after work and more on weekends. I was concerned that it would be difficult to ride and keep Juno's attention on me however I was quickly proven wrong to my surprise. Handling both Warden and Juno took a little practice however after several trips up to the ring from the Stable we had it all sorted out; the three Amigos!

Warden spooked a couple of times when I rode past Juno as Juno jumped to the end of his leash most definitely to save me from whatever danger he believed I had gotten myself into! And Juno has had his share of unexpected shoves and nuzzles from Warden that sent him scooting as well!

We are all working as a team now and Juno watches me with a keen eye as Warden and I navigate the jump courses. It won't be long until we can hit the trails together after our rides if we all keep progressing at this rate.



Linda, Juno & Warden



Walking to the Riding Ring for the first time as a trio

Courtice Lions Club

Courtice **Lion Ivan Steele** presented eyeglasses to **Lion Bill Odynski**.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



North York Central Lions Club

The North York Central Lions Club has been working with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Police to provide various sports programs and leadership camps in priority neighbourhoods. To service our hockey, soccer, cricket, and baseball programs we have provided an ambulance to carry/store the equipment.

In 2012 the North York Central Lions Club donated \$100,000 to help build an eye care centre in the new Humber River Hospital to be completed in 2015. We are now attempting to buy equipment with the assistance of the Lions Club International Foundation and other Lions Clubs. The hospital will be all digital to better help the patients.

Lions Quest Canada Promotional Contest

And the Winner Is.....

The Forteau Lions Club in Forteau, NL



Congratulations go to the Forteau Lions Club in Forteau, NL (41-N3) for being the winner of the 1989 Classic Mercedes 300SE. One of our few remaining Past International Councillors Lion Don Gamble (pictured with PID Bruce) drew the winning ticket at our Lions Quest office in Cambridge, Ontario. We also had the pleasure of PID Bruce Murray, PDG John Daniels and Charlotte Gamble being present to witness the draw.

The Lions Districts across Canada who helped to support Lions Quest Canada through this promotional contest and we look forward to your continued support for the 2014-15 Promotional Contest for a 12 Day Trip for 2 to Bali. Watch for details and tickets arriving soon in your club's mailbox.

We wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for the generous donations from your clubs. Thanks again for your continued support!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all

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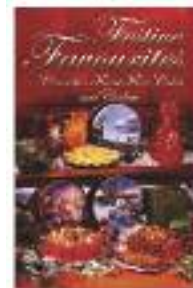
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97th Lions Clubs International Convention Toronto, Canada – July, 2014 Big Picture



Drum Line

Accompanying Lions from India, a drummer and dancers step lively down the streets of downtown Toronto during the festive parade at the 97th international convention in July.



Dream Weaver

Follow Your Dream was the theme of 2013-14 International President Barry J. Palmer of Australia, and this participant in the parade at the international convention seems to pay tribute to that sentiment.



The Strength of the Pride

The theme of 2014-15 International President Joe Preston of Arizona is Strengthen the Pride, and the participants in the Leo Lion Summit at the international convention in July are not shy about their allegiance to Lions.

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