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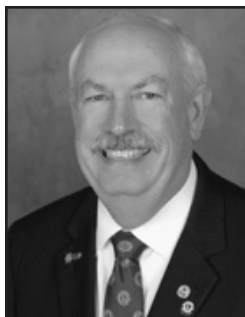
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# Lions at Their Best: Engaging Youth in Service



**Chancellor Robert E. Corlew**  
Lions Clubs International  
President

Not long ago I took part in the chartering of a Leo club at a school for the deaf and blind in South Carolina. What really struck me was how the new Leos promised to serve their community. Their sincerity was stunning. So it goes with youths.

They often are wonderfully passionate, energetic and idealistic. Reminds you somewhat of ... Lions? We need more and more to align ourselves with youths, to tap into their energy and skills and engage them in service. They are perfect partners for Lions.

Youth engagement is a cornerstone of the service

framework of Lions Clubs International. The future of service belongs to youth, and we can serve—as role models. Encourage young people to volunteer with your club.

It's important how we relate to youths. Young people are more than just volunteers—they are partners. Listen to their ideas. Don't talk down to them. Provide them with meaningful leadership roles for projects. Recognize their achievements.

This month's cover story for Lions International shows how clubs have engaged youths in service and offers concrete suggestions on how your club can do so. But here are three easy-to-do ways:

- Reach out to a local high school or youth organization—offer to plan a joint service project and consider funding it.
- Invite youth to participate in your next service

project—involve them in planning and give them significant roles.

- Participate in one of LCI's youth programs—sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, get involved in the Youth Camp and Exchange program or start a Leo club.

I know when I was young I was eager to be involved in service and grateful when adults gave me the opportunity. I am sure you felt the same way. Our service is a great asset to our communities. But we can multiply what we do and ensure service for years to come by leading the next generation to a life of service.

**Chancellor Bob Corlew**  
Lions Clubs International President

## Our Second Century to Surpass the First

This year Dianne and I had the privilege to travel the world during Lions' centennial year. We visited a crime-filled Trinidad neighborhood where Lions built a lovely playground to provide an oasis of peace. We put on big waders and helped Lions clean a stream in a city in Korea. We celebrated inclusion with Special Olympics at our U.N. Day in New York, chartered new Lions and Leos clubs and took an epic bus tour in which we witnessed Lions' passion for service in small towns and big cities.

What struck me was how Lions constantly adapt, change and grow. We may be 100 years old, but we are youth-like in so many ways. Despite the challenge and exertion involved, we do indeed climb new mountains. Lions who do vision screenings start a full-fledged clinic. Lions who operate a clinic start doing cataract surgeries. Lions with a two-story hospital add a third story. We keep doing more and more.

I've talked to many people served by Lions and realized anew how appreciative people are. My respect for Lions has grown exponentially. Time and time again I've seen how effective our projects are. We've been good about evolving as the world changes. We must continue to provide direction to change.

Overall, Lions Clubs International (LCI) is poised for a great second century. We achieved our goal of serving 100 million people almost two years early. We established the Welcome Home program aimed at former Lions, continued to embrace technology, both among clubs and at LCI, and worked together to alleviate humanitarian crises such as the refugee problem and natural disasters.

At our 100th convention in Chicago our centennial torch will be part of the celebration. Its light

symbolizes that we are lights to our communities. We bring our service to places filled with darkness and provide hope and opportunity. It's a flame of unity, too. We are one big family that works together.

Thanks to everyday Lions like yourself, I know our second century will be even better than the first. Dianne and I thank you for your hospitality and warmth this year, for your service year after year and hope to see you in Chicago in a few weeks.

**Chancellor Bob Corlew**  
Lions Clubs International President

## MDA Effective Speaking Winners

Saturday, May 6, 2017 – Holiday Inn Suites Parkway Conference Centre, St. Catharines

### Junior English

1. Maggie Reid-Collins A-1
2. Vega Hartman A-16
3. Kaleb Christophersen A-12

### Junior French

1. Ava Feige A-3
2. Layla Boutaba A-15
3. Ethan Lam A-16

### Intermediate English

1. Galiya Vendrov A-16
2. Daniella Bell A-4
3. Faiz Damji A-7-11

### Intermediate French

1. Jasmine Buchaly A-2
2. Malcom Carr A-3
3. Naomi Hackner A-15

### Senior English

1. Catherine Cadigan A-16
2. David Bell A-4
3. Sarah Chaytor A-15

### Senior French

1. Jemima Nsenga A-4
2. Parsa Entesari A-16
3. Haris Wilkinson A-2



**Maggie Reid-Collins**



**Ava Feige**



**Galiya Vendrov**



**Jasmine Buchaly**



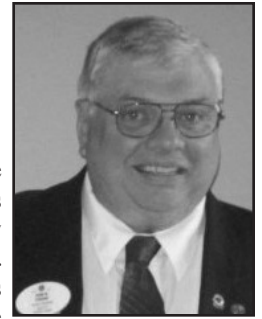
**Catherine Cadigan**



**Jemima Nsenga**



# HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 2017 GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING



**John Stewart**  
MD'A' Secretary

**Administration** – The Governors' Council accepted the recommendation of the Administration Committee and appointed DG David Mills (A16) to the position of MD'A' Secretary for a five year term effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022.

**Vice Council Chair Election** – The District Governors Elect elected DGE Dennis Flavell (A9) as Vice Council Chairperson for the 2017-2018 Lions year.

**MD'A' Convention Advisory** – The St. Davids Lions Club (A2) will host the 2018 MD'A' Convention at the Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre, St. Catharines, May 11th to 13th. Bids are being accepted for the 2019 MD'A' Convention.

**Promotion** – As of April 14th, there were 303 registrants for the Lions Clubs International Convention from MD'A' with approximately 200 staying at the Holiday Inn. The Parade of Nations will be held on July 1st with the Canadian contingent scheduled to step-off at 9:15 a.m. Promoting the election of PCC Tom Gordon for International Director will be ongoing throughout the LCI Convention.

**Opportunities for Youth** – The Governors' Council accepted the bid from the Fonthill Lions Club and the Fonthill Lioness Club to host the 2018 MD'A' Effective Speaking Final at the Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre in St. Catharines, May 4th-6th. The Lions Peace Poster winner is Isabella Miller sponsored by the Amaranth and Orangeville Lions Clubs in District A9. The Lions Peace Essay winner is Yzabella Bernasor from Brampton in District A711.

**Lions Quest** – Lions Clubs International Foundation has approved the applications of four Districts for a Community Partnership Grant totaling \$10,000(US).

Tickets are being sold for the Toronto Argonauts & Hamilton Tiger Cat CFL Football game at BMO Field on June 25th. Tickets are \$35.00 each with \$15.00 from each ticket being donated to Lions Quest Canada.

**Special Olympics** – The Provincial Games for Special Olympics will be held in Peel Region, July 13th to 16th. Athletes are competing in Golf, Track & Field, Soccer and Bocce.

**Environment** – The winner of the Lions Photo Contest is Lioness Rose Rathwell from the Exeter Lioness Club (A15). 2nd Place – Lion Mariam Margison from the Wasaga Beach Lions Club (A12); 3rd Place – Lion Adbullah Gamandie from the Toronto Bathurst Lions Club (A711). The winning photo will be forwarded to Lions Clubs International for the International competition.

**Global Membership Team** – Multiple District 'A' currently has 12,949 members. New club development is the key to overall membership growth and District A16 has chartered three new Clubs and District A12 has charter paperwork filed with Lions Clubs International. District A5 has positive growth since July 1st.

**New Business** – The Governors' Council sent two items to the MD'A' Research & Long Range Planning Committee. (a) To review the dress code policy in respect to participating in the LCI Parade, (b) To review the need to continue to provide travel accident insurance for MD'A' Officers & Directors. One item was sent to MD'A' Administration Committee recommending an increase in the meal allowance by \$3.00 per meal.

**Excerpt from the Secretary's Report** – "Since this will be my final report I wish to express my sincere thanks

and gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the Council Secretary for the past five years. Over the past five years I have had the pleasure of working with fifty District Governors, dozens of Committee Chairs and hundreds of Lions, Lioness and Leos across MD'A'. I trust that the friendships we have formed will last a lifetime. I wish to offer my special appreciation to those Lions who served as Council Chairs: Bradd Anderson, Tom Gordon, Bob Tanner, John Johnston and Stewart Patterson. I also wish to acknowledge Lions Jack Fisher and Dave Hewitt in their role as Council Treasurer. The dedication, commitment and hard work displayed by these Lions who served as Council Chairs and these Lions who served as Council Treasurers contributed to a strong working relationship and created a valuable team approach in dealing with issues affecting MD'A'. I would be remiss if I did not mention my predecessor, PCC Dave Voisey. His guidance and knowledge was invaluable. I have advised the MD'A' Administration Committee that I would be pleased to assist the new Council Secretary when requested to do so. In closing, I wish to offer my very best to future Governors' Councils and the Lions, Lioness & Leos throughout the Multiple District."

**For information, questions or concerns relating to these highlights please contact MDA Secretary John Stewart at email: [secretary@mdlions.org](mailto:secretary@mdlions.org).**

## Convention Call

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2017 International Convention. Our 100th International Convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois, United States. It begins at 9 a.m. June 30 and ends July 4. The purpose of the convention is to elect a president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president and 17 members of the International Board of Directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Chicago was where Lions began in 1917, and the city is the perfect choice for our centennial convention. Chicago has a stunning lakefront, great architecture and countless cultural attractions. The food is great, the people are friendly and, befitting the birthplace of Lions, Lions and their service are part of the fabric of life in Chicagoland.

The five days will feature renowned speakers, first-class entertainers, a stirring torch ceremony to mark the centennial, and, of course, Lions' convention traditions such as the grand parade, the swearing-in of the new international president and three plenary sessions that demonstrate the amazing range and scope of Lions' service. Al Gore, former U.S. Vice President, will give the keynote address, and Remote Area Medical will receive the 2017 Lions Humanitarian Award. Another highlight is the announcement of the Peace Poster and Essay Contest winners.

Performing at the convention will be Chicago, the Beach Boys, the Charlie Daniels Band, Patti LaBelle, the Blues Brothers Revue, David Archuleta of "American Idol" fame, the African Children's Choir and other top-notch entertainers.

Convention Week is a wonderful experience packed with fellowship, fun and learning. The centennial convention will be especially memorable. Lions will understand and appreciate what Lions have achieved over the last 100 years and help launch our second century of service.

Signed by me in Oak Brook, Illinois, United States of America, this 9th day of May 2017.

Warmest regards,

**Chancellor Bob Corlew**  
Lions Clubs International President



# MINUTES

## OF THE LIONS GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION

### HELD AT THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, KITCHENER – SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017



**Call to Order:** Council Chair Stewart Patterson called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

**MD'A' Financial Report:** MD'A' Council Treasurer Dave Hewitt presented the Financial Report to the delegates. He stated that overall expenses are in line and year-end results will be very close to budget. The Financial Statement indicated the following:

Bank Balance	\$44,603.
Investment Surplus Funds	\$21,984.
Investment operational Reserve	\$74,191.
Wind-Up Reserve	\$74,661.

MOTION 164  
 MOVED: PID Terry Graham (A3)  
 SECONDED: DG Kimberley Groen (A5)

*That the MD'A' Financial Report be hereby accepted as presented by the MD'A' Treasurer.*

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

**Environmental Photo Contest:** MD'A' Environment Chair, PDG James Johnston, announced the Lions Photo Contest Winners.

- Winner- Lioness Rose Rathwell – Exeter Lioness Club – A15
- 1st Runner-Up – Lion Mariam Margison – Wasaga Beach Lions Club – A12
- 2nd Runner-Up – Lion Adbullah Gamandie – Toronto Bathurst Lions Club – A711

**Remarks:** PCC Tom Gordon thanked the Lions for their continued support in his bid to become the next International Director from Canada. He advised that he was looking forward to the LCI Convention in Chicago and was looking forward to seeing a large number of attendees from MD'A' and Canada.

PID Patti Hill thanked the Lions of MD'A' for their hospitality. She highlighted Membership, Leadership & Service. She advised that she truly appreciated the support she was receiving from MD'A' and was looking forward to the LCI Convention.

1st Vice President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal thanked the Lions of MD'A'. He stated that teamwork was important and indicated that he looking forward to working with his team of District Governors. He advised that from this point forward all Presidents of Lions Clubs International shall adopt as their official motto, 'We Serve'.

**Adjourn & Reconvene:** The Closing Session was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. in order to hold the Lions Memorial Service.

The Closing Business Session reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

**Special Presentations:**

1. PRC Ray Charbonneau presented 'A Tribute to Harry Newman'. Harry Newman served as President of Lions Clubs International for 1924-25 and was the first Canadian to hold the Office. Peter Newman, grandson of Harry Newman, was in attendance and added his personal

remembrances of his grandfather.

2. RC Zoltan Dohar presented an update on Lions Home for Deaf People. He advised that three projects are ongoing:

Lions McInnes House in Brantford which involved renovations to an existing pavilion. The upgrade has been completed and paid for to the amount of \$45,000.00.

An apartment complex in Paris, Ontario sponsored by Canadian Deafblind Association Ontario which included apartments for up to 20 residents and a sensory garden. LHDP committed \$75,000.00 to be paid in installments over three years to this project. At the last LHDP Board Meeting it was approved to pay the last \$25,000.00 a year ahead of schedule to this now completed project.

The third project was to build a new home in Ottawa in partnership with Deaf/Blind Ontario Services. Due to Government red tape and funding not coming through it was decided to instead partner with DBOS and open a home in Barrie. The LHDP are committing \$170,000.00 over a three year term. This new home will have 5 people living in it that are all deaf/blind and will be named 'Lions Graydon House' in recognition of long time Board Chairperson, Lion Jack Graydon.

**2017 MD'A' Convention:** PDG OJ Wilura presented the final Convention Report.

Total Registration	264
DG/DGE/PID/PDG Dinner	107
Host Committee Luncheon	68
Opportunities for Youth Luncheon	75
Friday Evening Oktoberfest	160
International Banquet	173

50/50 Draw Winners – Belle River LC-\$50; Arkona Lioness-\$100; Kitchener LC-\$150; Larder Lake LC-\$200; Wellesley LC-\$250; Sauble Beach LC-\$300; Onaping Falls LC-\$3,000.

Banner Draw Winner – PDG Larry Bell (A16)  
 Travelling Lion – Belle River Lions Club (A1)  
 Golf Tournament Winners – 1st VDGE Verner Presse (A5) – Team Captain

**2018 MD'A' Convention:** The 2018 MD'A' Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre, St. Catharines on May 11th to 13th. Registration Forms are now available.

**Business Arising – Flags:** PDG OJ Wilura advised the delegates that MD'A' has a large collection of Flags representing many countries many but not all where Lions Clubs are located. In the past these Flags have been displayed on the stage at the Convention. However, many of these Flags are now in a state of disrepair. He recommended that these Flags be disposed of in an appropriate manner and that the Flags used during the Convention will be the Canadian Flag, the American Flag, the Flag of the

country of the International Guest, the Lions Clubs International Flag, the Province of Ontario Flag and the Province of Quebec Flag.

MOTION 165  
 MOVED: PDG Dave Hansen (A3)  
 SECONDED: DGE Jim Lomas (A2)

*That Multiple District 'A' hereby authorizes discontinuing the use at the MD'A' Convention of the Flags representing numerous countries worldwide; further that said Flags be disposed of in an appropriate and respectful manner; and further that the following Flags be used during the MD'A' Convention: Canadian, American, Country of the International Guest, Lions Clubs International, Province of Ontario and Province of Quebec.*

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

**Introduction of Incoming MD'A' Council Secretary:** PCC Bob Tanner, MD'A' Administration Committee Chairperson, introduced DG David Mills as the new MD'A' Council Secretary effective July 1, 2017 for a five year period.

**Presentations:** Past District Governors Russ Mitchell and Ev Spiering presented the District Governors with their PDG Lapel Pin and Council Chair Stewart Patterson presented the District Governors with their PDG Name Badges and Jacket Crests.

Council Chair Stewart Patterson presented Council Chair Elect John Whyte with the Council Chair Jacket Crest and Lapel Pin.

Vice Council Chair Susan Wilkes and Council Chair Elect John Whyte presented Council Chair Stewart Patterson with the Past Council Chair Jacket Crest & Lapel Pin, a Lions Plaque, the Lions 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin and tickets to the Lions Centennial Dinner Cruise.

**Council Change Over Ceremony:** The Council Changeover Ceremony was conducted by Council Chair Stewart Patterson and Council Chair Elect John Whyte. Council Chair Elect Whyte introduced each of the District Governors Elect & spouses/partners and announced that District Governor Elect Dennis Flavell (A9) had been elected to the office of Vice Council Chair for 2017-2018.

**Council Chair's Final Remarks:** Council Chair Stewart Patterson thanked the Governors' Council, the Lions/Lioness/Leos of MD'A' for their support throughout the year. He added his special appreciation to his wife, Nancy.

**Adjournment:** Council Chair Stewart Patterson adjourned the Lions General Business Session at 11:55 a.m. and the 2017 MD'A' Convention ended.

John Whyte, MD'A' Council Chair  
 David Mills, Council Secretary

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# Official Notice

## 2017 International Convention, Chicago, Illinois, USA



The following proposed amendments to the International By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2017 International Convention.

**ITEM 1:** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL CALL PROVISION TO GIVE MORE ADVANCED NOTICE OF THE CONVENTION BY ALLOWING THE OFFICIAL CALL TO BE ISSUED 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That, effective beginning with the 2017-2018 year, Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws shall be amended by deleting the phrase “forty (40)” and replacing it with the phrase “sixty (60)”.

**ITEM 2:** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BOARD REPRESENTATION PROVISION TO BE CONSISTENT WITH RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That, effective beginning with the 2017-2018 year, Article II, Section 5 of the International By-Laws shall be amended by deleting the phrase “fourteen (14)” in line 3.

**ITEM 3:** A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT AN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM THE SAME DISTRICT TO SERVE ON THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SIMULTANEOUSLY. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 5(c) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the phrase “, and a director”.

**ITEM 4:** A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF AN INTERNATIONAL OFFICER ENDORSEMENT FROM TWO (2) TO THREE (3) SUCCEEDING CONVENTIONS AND TO REQUIRE A THREE YEAR WAITING PERIOD FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE TO SEEK ANOTHER ENDORSEMENT AFTER THE INITIAL PERIOD AND TO REQUIRE A THREE YEAR WAITING PERIOD FOR AN INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE AFTER TWO SUCCEEDING ENDORSEMENTS. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 4(a), second paragraph of the International By-Laws be amended by changing the validity of an endorsement from two (2) to three (3) succeeding conventions by deleting the phrase “two (2)” and replacing it with the phrase “three (3)”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 4 of the International By-Laws be amended by adding a new paragraph (c) as follows:

Endorsements for international director shall be valid for three (3) succeeding conventions provided that the candidate is otherwise eligible to be elected. If not elected during the initial endorsement, the candidate must wait three (3) years before such candidate is eligible to seek endorsement again. Endorsements for international third vice president shall be valid for three (3) succeeding conventions provided that the candidate is otherwise eligible to be elected for a maximum of two (2) succeeding endorsements. If not elected during the successive endorsement periods, then such candidate must wait three (3) years before the candidate is eligible to seek endorsement again.



## In Memorium – Past International Director Ernie Moore

Past International Director Ernie Moore passed away peacefully with his family by his side, in hospital, Perth, Ontario, on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Ernie Moore, in his 88th

year, was the beloved and cherished husband of Julie (nee Malloy) of Perth and a wonderful and loving father to Nancy (Ken) Chapman of Brampton, Linda (Brett) Martin of Red Deer, Alberta and Ernie (Mary Jane) of Newmarket.

He will be sadly missed by his 4 grandchildren, Kelsey, Holly, Mathew and Devon. Ernie was

predeceased by his parents, the late William and Alice Moore (nee Hall) and by his sister Ilene (late Ted) Argue.

Ernie was employed with the Ontario government for over 34 years and retired in April, 1989. Horace H. “Ernie” Moore served a two year term as a Director of the International Association of Lions Clubs after his election at the Association’s 68th annual Convention held in Dallas, Texas, June, 1985. A Lion since 1953, Past Director Moore held the office of Charter Club President, District Governor, Council Chairman and Treasurer of the Lions Foundation of Canada. He served as an appointee to the International Board of Directors in 1987-88.

In recognition of his contributions to the Association, Past Director Moore received a 100% District Governor Award, six International President Awards, three Extension Awards and six International President’s Certificate of Appreciation Awards. He was a Life Member of Lions Clubs International, a two time recipient of the Key Member Award and recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honour granted to a member by the Association. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Donations to the Lions Foundation of Canada or the Great Wall Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.

by Jamie Konigsfeld

**Villa Regina Lions** in Argentina volunteered at a school for disabled children and young adults, so the exhortation from the LCIF chairperson to help those with disabilities struck a chord. “Imagine the joy of a disabled child when a playground is built allowing them to finally participate in play,” then-LCIF Chairperson **Wing-Kun Tam** wrote in a newsletter to Lions in 2012.

The end result has been an accessible playground at Special Education School #5. The playground includes an accessible merry-go-round, multiple sets of swings and a teeter totter. There is also sensory equipment such as an elevated sandbox, a tactile panel, a sign language panel and a braille panel.

The playground was built thanks to an LCIF grant of US\$17,211 and through funds raised by the Villa Regina Lions Club.

Special Education School #5 enrolls more than 100 students ages 6 to 25 with visual impairments, cognitive disabilities or physical disabilities. The school provides traditional learning tailored to their

abilities as well as vocational training.

The school had no playground. In addition to providing recreation, playgrounds provide students with disabilities a rich opportunity for cognitive, social and emotional development.

Villa Regina Lions raised funds for the playground in a variety of ways including “Pedaling for a Dream,” a 24-hour bike-a-thon done in conjunction with local volunteer firefighters.

Villa Regina Lions often volunteer at the school. They take students for walks around the school’s property and also organize activities for the annual Children’s Day. Every August, Lions bring hot chocolate and sweet bread to the school and organize games for the children.

Thanks to Villa Regina Lions, students at Special Education School #5 now can learn and play among their peers, develop their life skills and discover the fun to be had on a playground.



*A student enjoys the new playground at Special Education School #5*

## Touchstone Story



Meetings have always played a central role in Lion life, providing the companionship and fun members value so much. From the start, Lion meetings have served as the launching pad for service projects ranging from helping people who are visually impaired to providing disaster relief. That focus on service has been a constant over the years, even as meetings have evolved with the times.

In the association’s early days in the 1920s and 1930s, club meetings included practical jokes and a broad humor. Tail Twisters, those masters of disruptive fun, strode through meetings snipping off neckties or cracking water-filled eggshells over members’ heads.

After World War II, Lions expanded around the world and embraced many cultures, and by the 1980s women began joining the Lions. Some of the rough-and-tumble humor that marked the first decades was toned down as membership diversified. Today’s meetings are more streamlined and involve less horseplay, but they still feature plenty of singing, socializing, games and bits of silliness.

Members of the Alum Creek Lions Club in West Virginia have opened every meeting since the club’s 1961 founding by singing, “Home on the Range.”

The Chilliwack Stellers Jay Lions Club in British Columbia, Canada, raises funds at some meetings with a game that involves tossing the dollar coin known as a “Loonie” into a toilet seat set up on the floor.

The Internet and members with tight schedules have had an effect on Lion meetings as well. Clubs can hold shorter meetings and provide routine information online. And some clubs convene online rather than in person.

As Lions clubs have spread around the world, club meetings have evolved to reflect local customs and naturally have a slightly different flavor when conducted in Asia, Europe, South America or Australia. Lions clubs in Switzerland don’t do much singing, but in Japan and Indonesia they do. Hong Kong clubs sing traditional Lions songs, but their meetings also include Chinese blessings.

Even in a world where free time is scarce, meetings remain central to the Lion community. Lions take time after a busy day at work to go to a Lions meeting because meetings provide a “feeling that they belong, that they are connected to something larger than themselves,” said William Berkowitz, professor emeritus of psychology at the University of

## Meet Me

Massachusetts at Lowell, in an interview with LION Magazine.

Meetings may change more in the future, but their value to members won’t. Past International President Wayne Madden, who served from 2012 to 2013, told LION Magazine, “Being a Lion is so rewarding precisely because we serve alongside people we know and like and share similar values with.”



*Meetings have remained an essential aspect of club life over the past century, helping Lions stay connected to one another and to the broader association*



# Service Abroad

## Patrons of the Arts

European Lions have a long history of promoting and supporting the arts. That tradition is very much alive today. Austrian Lions sponsor the Lions Music Awards for musicians younger than 24. After securing the sponsorship of a local club, the musician performs a mandatory piece and two other songs before a panel of three judges. The first-prize winner receives 1,000 euros (US\$1,068), performs at the multiple district convention and competes in the musical competition at the Europa Forum.

Polish Lions take a different approach: the four clubs in Krakow sponsor a singing contest for the blind. In its two years the Lions World Song Festival for the Blind—Sounds from the Heart has attracted more than 50 vocalists from 13 nations. Sponsored by clubs near their homes, the contestants perform songs written by them or someone else specifically for the festival. All genres of music are allowed. While in Krakow, performers visit historical sites such as Schindler's Factory and enjoy cultural activities such as making pierogis. The contest this year is Nov. 2-4.

Lions in France established an Arts and Culture Committee in the 1970s, and a few years later a Lions club in France was believed to be the first in the world dedicated to promoting cultural activities. French Lions support literature, music and painting. "Are culture and Lionism not destined to evolve together?" the French LION recently asked. "As a French specialty, culture is really simply another way of communicating or broadening the audience or enforcing the range of motivations liable to attract new members. 'Motivation through pleasure seeking' could be the definition of Lions' cultural action."

## AUSTRIA



A performer competes in the Lions Music Awards in Austria

## POLAND



Accompanied by the city orchestra, a blind singer performs in the Lions World Song Festival for the Blind in Krakow, Poland

## FRANCE



A "little free library" is one example of how Lions in France support the arts

## Scenic Road Owes It All to Lions

AUSTRALIA—Regarded as one of the most scenic drives in Australia, the road offers rolling hills, sharp curves and stunning scenery. It takes you through hidden valleys and subtropical rain forests. If you time it right, you can see a train or two emerge from tunnels that are part of the grand Spiral Loop railway line.

Australian Lions are particularly proud of the road: the nearby **Kyogle Lions Club** built the 11-kilometer (6.8 miles) Lions Road in 1970. Members still maintain Lions Road, mowing the grass, repairing weathered signs, cleaning up picnic areas and regularly collecting the donations placed in a toll box.

Drivers are generous with donations. For security reasons, the club does not disclose the amount. But coupled with matching government grants over the past several years, the funds allowed the sealing of the road, formerly a narrow gravel road, its widening in stretches and periodic patching.

More than 100,000 vehicles annually use Lions Road, a shortcut between Kyogle and Beaudesert in Queensland. Travelers delight in the one-lane wooden bridges, the lush pine forests, the panoramic valley views and occasional glimpse of wildlife such as wallabies.

The club decided to build the road in 1969 after the local governing bodies could not agree on details of a road project. Lions spent weekends not only building the road but also installing culverts and fencing, to keep cattle away from drivers. Machinery, materials and even gas were donated. **Beaudesert Lions** joined the project in 1971.

Emptying the donation box and monitoring its three security cameras take a considerable amount of time and manpower. "To get the money one person has to lie on the ground, and the other two are there for traffic control," says President **Col Griffiths**.

The fourth Lions club in Australia, the Kyogle Lions Club was chartered in 1952. The club has

gotten a lot of mileage out of the road. For its 40th anniversary a book by a charter member on the beloved road raised AUSS\$45,000 (US\$34,500), donated to a rescue helicopter.

## Sense of Humor, Not Athleticism, Needed Most

ENGLAND—If you are adept at running fast on slippery mats, tossing and catching wet sponges while standing on an overturned bucket or knocking over a fellow competitor clad in an inflatable costume, then "It's a Knockout" is for you.

Or maybe you just don't mind looking silly while hundreds of others do likewise.

Since 2007, **Humberston North Sea Lions** in England have hosted the popular "It's a Knockout" competition. Dozens of teams engage in zany games that typically involve water, falling and outrageous costumes, provoking belly laughs from spectators.

The event is inspired by a British comedy game show of the same name that first ran in 1966. The short-lived American version, titled "Almost Anything Goes," aired on ABC in 1975.

"The falls and spills are very funny," says Lion **Tim Donovan**, a coordinator of Knockout. "It's a great fundraiser. The teams and spectators have a great day together."

For the Lions' event, teams of 10 secure sponsors before competing. The hilarity has generated some serious funds. To date, the event has raised 160,000 pounds (US\$200,000).

The funds mostly help youths. Beneficiaries include the NSPCC, the UK's children's charity, a children's hospice and a nurses' group.



The sponge toss requires balance and coordination

## Lions Respond to a Record Storm

ENGLAND—Accompanied by punishing winds, Storm Desmond dumped 13 inches of rain in Borrowdale in one day, breaking the United Kingdom's 24-hour rainfall record. The winter storm flooded 16,000 homes and businesses, swamped farmland and cut off villages in northwest England for days.

Lions from more than 10 clubs filled sandbags, distributed food and gathered and delivered mops, buckets, dehumidifiers and heaters. Lions collected relief funds on the street and also used multiple district grants to support relief efforts. "There was a sense of wartime spirit that existed in all the areas affected," according to the LION for the British and Irish. "So many Lions gave their time and performed heroic deeds that their communities will never forget."



Members of the Radcliffe & Whitefield Lions Club deliver a washing machine to a flooded home

### A Pied Piper of Biking Beckons

GERMANY – The Pied Piper story is set in the ancient town of Hamelin, Germany. That makes Lion **Paul Fasse** of Hamelin a kind of Pied Piper. He wants Lions to come to Hamelin. But the payoff he offers is entirely beneficial: fellowship with Lions, celebrating the Lions' centennial and getting in some exercise while enjoying the beautiful German countryside.

German Lions hope to attract 100 Lions worldwide to ride in the Gran Fondo bicycle ride in Hamelin on

Sept. 3. The ride in Germany is one of 14 Gran Fondo races worldwide in 2017.

Participants can ride 80 or 100 miles or even divide the race between multiple riders. Last year, Fasse, a 58-year-old veterinarian, rode in the Gran Fondo New York race. Fasse can be reached at: paul@gfnydeutschland.com.



A Gran Fondo bicycle rider pedals in Germany last year

### Remembering the Sacrifice of Veterans

WALES – After two minutes of a solemn silence, the Lions club president and the town's mayor laid wreaths at the memorial obelisk within the church cemetery. For Lions in Llandudno, a small town in Wales that overlooks the Irish Sea, remembering veterans has become an annual tradition.

Before the wreath laying, Lions joined other residents inside the ancient church of St. Tudno for a service honoring local volunteers who fought in the South African (Boer) War between 1900 and 1902. Five years ago, Llandudno Lions refurbished the memorial obelisk outside the church.

Club members also march in the town's parade on Remembrance Sunday, which honors the men and women who took part in the two world wars of the 20th century and later conflicts. The day is celebrated on the second Sunday in November.

Honoring veterans is "what Lionism is all about," a club member told the LION, British and Irish edition. "It's a group coming together and doing something for the community."

Grateful for Lions' repair of the obelisk, the town council made a donation to the club. In turn, the club fixed the roof of St. Tudno.



Gordon Woodyat, president of the Llandudno Lions Club, takes part in the Remembrance Sunday parade

LCIF

## A Barefooted, Four-Hour Walk to School—Until Lions Intervened

LCIF

by Jamie Konigsfeld

Getting to SK Talantang School, situated among towering rubber trees and marshy rice fields, was an epic journey for many students. Some students who live in areas without roads walked for as long as four hours to reach the school in rural Sabah, Malaysia. Then after school they walked home—often barefoot both ways. They didn't want to wear out their precious government-supplied shoes.

Those using vehicles to get to school worried their parents as well. They rode on the backs of motorcycles or packed into rickety vans. During the rainy season, many students who walked and rode skipped school altogether because of the dangers posed by rushing waters.

Now half of the school's 200 students no longer make the long or dangerous daily trek. A dormitory has been built, thanks to Lions clubs in Korea, **Kota Kinabalu Host Lions Club** and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Built in six months and opened in February, the dormitory is just a short walk from the school.

Spearheaded by Past District Governor **Eugene Lee**,

the dormitory includes bedrooms with bunk beds, bathrooms with flushing toilets, a dining area and a kitchen. The children are fed nutritious meals several times a day. The dormitory also offers lighting, running water and sanitation, amenities which are often not available in many private homes.

The children no longer have to rush home and can participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, Boy Scouts and tutoring. The students can choose to go home or stay in the dormitory on weekends.

During the dedication ceremony, District Governor **Myung-young Kang** of Korea encouraged the students: "Up to now, you had a good excuse not to attain good scores: the distance between school and your homes. No

more. I, your Korean Uncle Kang, wish you study hard, day and night, rain or shine, and become leaders of Kota Marudu, Sabah State and Malaysia. Once becoming such leaders, if someone asks how you have been so successful, you better say, 'That's because I studied at Asrama Desa Lions SK Talantang!'"



The new dormitory at the school has changed students' lives

# Candidates for International Third Vice President

As of press time, there were eight candidates for the office of international third vice president. The election is scheduled for July 4 at the 100th International Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

## **Dr. Patricia "Patti" Hill**

Dr. Patti Hill of Edmonton, Canada, is a psychologist and member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club. An international director from 2007 to 2009, she served as Leadership Chair, a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum multiple times, a Multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, an Institute Faculty member, and a presenter at several forums and international conventions. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Hill received the Inspiring Woman Award and remains active in many professional and community organizations.



## **Fabricao Oliveira**

Fabricao Oliveira of Catolé do Rocha, Brazil, served as an international director from 2006 to 2008. He is a businessman and business administrator, and has been a member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has received the Global Vision Medal Award, the Ambassador of Good Will Award and 11 International President's Awards. Twice a District Governors-Elect seminar group leader, Oliveira is also active in many professional and community organizations. He has been endorsed three times by Constitutional Area III.



has chaired several leadership forums. He is fluent in three languages, has visited 93 countries and has attended 29 consecutive international conventions, 72 area forums and more than 45 regional conferences. Recipient of several Lions awards, he was decorated with Lebanon's National Medal of Merit.

## **Steven D. Sherer**

Steven D. Sherer of New Philadelphia, Ohio, has been a member of the Dover Lions Club since 1980. A licensed public accountant and a retired finance officer/CFO of New Philadelphia Public Schools, he is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has received numerous Lions and professional accolades. Sherer served as an international director from 2006 to 2008, was a GMT area coordinator for four years and currently serves on the LCIF Quest Advisory Committee.



## **ROsane Teresinha Jahnke**

ROsane Teresinha Jahnke served as international director from 2008 to 2010. A member of the Balneário Camboriu Centro Lions Club in Brazil, she was a teacher and is a lawyer. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Helen Keller Knight of Sight recipient, she participated in the LCIF Steering Committee and was a Group Leader and a GLT Leader. She has participated in 20 international conventions and 18 forums, and always promotes the rights of children with special needs as well as cancer prevention awareness.



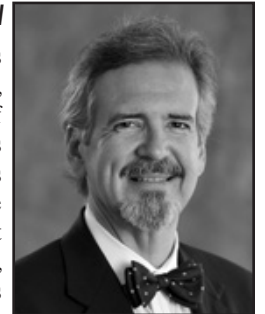
## **Carolyn A. Messier**

Carolyn A. Messier of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, served as an international director from 2011 to 2013 and a board appointee from 2014 to 2015. She is the retired executive director of the Lions Low Vision Centers and a low vision therapist who joined the Windsor Locks Lions Club in 1990. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, she has presented or moderated at six USA/Canada Forums, is active in the New England Lions Council and is the recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award as well as other professional and LCI recognitions. A board member of the Connecticut Eye Bank, she served on the founding committee of Lions KidSight USA.



## **Judge Haynes H. Townsend**

Chief Judge Haynes H. Townsend of Dalton, Georgia, is a member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club and has 37 years of perfect attendance as a Lion. A past international director, he is a Melvin Jones Fellow, founder of the Georgia Lions Children's Eye Care Center at Emory University and past president of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. Georgia's Judge of the Year in 2003, he is also a member of the Dalton First United Methodist Church and a Disciple Bible Study teacher.



## **Carlos E. Justiniano**

Carlos E. Justiniano of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, is an orthodontist and president of his real estate corporation. He is a past international director, as was his father, Rafael Justiniano. A member of the Mayaguez Lions Club since 1979 and an Ambassador of Good Will, he is a SightFirst district coordinator and a Leo Club



## **Salim Moussan**

Salim Moussan of Beirut, Lebanon, is a retired businessman and member of the Beirut St. Gabriel Lions Club. An international director from 1997 to 1999, he has twice been a board appointee and group leader and



# Six Decades of Laughs

by Jay Copp

In November 1950 the LION ran a small cartoon, buried in the bottom corner of a back page. The black-and-white drawing depicted a classic husband-and-wife confrontation in the living room. For the next 58 years with a few exceptions, until November 2008, the LION ran a cartoon in every issue. The humor

of the Lion' clubhouse was echoed in their monthly magazine.

Be forewarned: the cartoons are a product of their times. Wives nag and clean the house and husbands work and golf when not at work. No doubt, the LION was published from a male point of view; for a time its cover even bore the tagline "a magazine for service-minded men." But at least Lions often were man enough to make fun of themselves in the cartoons.

The illustrations typically were placed on a page with corny jokes. But more than just humor was at play here. From the staid '50s to the swinging '60s and through the twists and turns of subsequent decades the cartoons again and again zeroed in on a few themes: the friction between husbands and wives, the annoyances of children and the frustrations of new technology and changing times. Life was not always easy, but at least you could laugh in the

face of difficulties. True to their magnanimous spirit, Lions took life and its predictable challenges with a comforting dose of humor.



"You needn't bother saying 'Uh-huh' anymore Wendell—I stopped talking five minutes ago."

November 1950



"Oops! Sorry."

April 1951



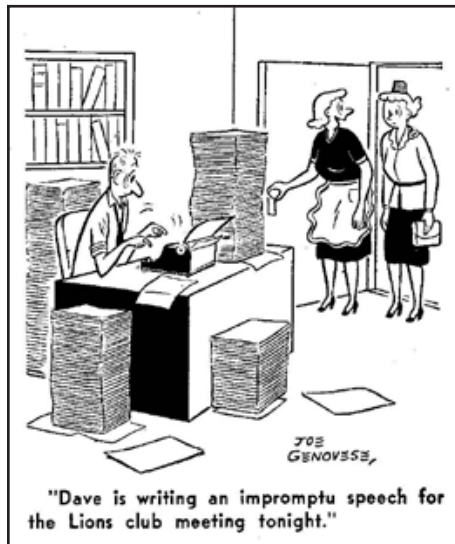
"But, dear, I've got to keep him this week 'cause I missed the last meeting."

August 1951



"You may be a Lion—but you're still my husband and you'll wipe the dishes!"

February 1952



"Dave is writing an impromptu speech for the Lions club meeting tonight."

September 1952



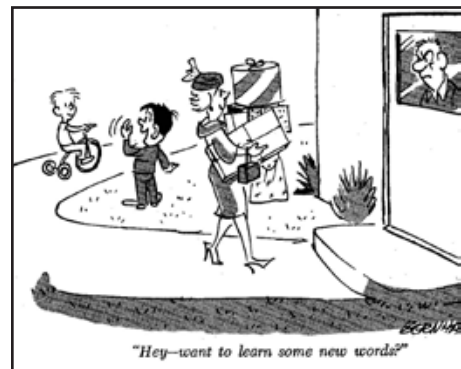
"The very minute we stop showering him with attention, he acts spoiled."

January 1955



"Well, I just hope you're not wasting your money."

January 1961



"Hey—want to learn some new words?"

March 1961



"It says—'where'd everybody go?'"

December 1965



"I don't feel right about this, honey. Next time let's make it two out of three."

March 1968



"If you had it to do over, would you fold, bend or otherwise mutilate your IBM card again?"

June 1969



January 1974



"Oh, no—not another women's lib briefing!"

March 1974



"How did you guess it's the bottom of the ninth, two out, and the tying run at third?"

September 1978



"It's still 7, even with inflation?"

March 1980



"Stop worrying, Ooga - they'll get tired of it in no time!"

February 1982



"You have all their albums?  
You mean they had the nerve to make more than one?"

September 1984



November 1990



September 2002



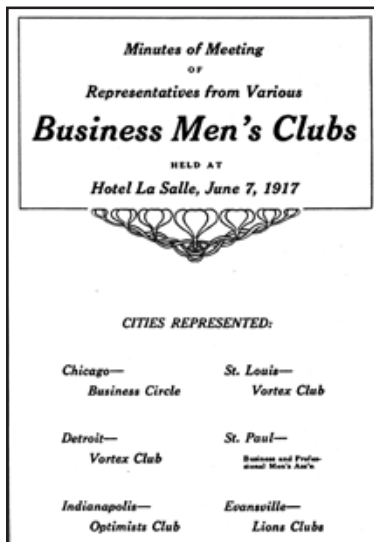
October 2006



## Touchstone Story

Melvin Jones had been a member of the Business Circle of Chicago, a lunch club for business men, for several years when he began pondering a question: "What if these men, who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?"

His club, like hundreds of others across America, was focused on helping members create a business network. The U.S. economy was growing in the early 1900s and opportunities abounded. Yet landing new business still often depended on whom you knew.



As business clubs abounded in the early 1900s, Melvin Jones saw an opportunity to focus more on service

In prior generations, associations focusing on religious groups, industries or communities filled the need for socialization and networking among businessmen. But, by the early 20th century, that began to change. Business luncheon clubs promised social and business connections across industries, usually over a hot meal, with a large and eager membership from the growing middle class. Hundreds of these organizations popped up in towns across the United States.

By the time Jones joined the Business Circle of Chicago in March 1913, the competition among clubs for membership was intensifying, and the Business Circle was losing members. Jones realized that for his club to survive, it would have to join together with other smaller clubs. He was also convinced that it had to offer something different.

"I'm finding out that you don't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else," Jones said. "And I'm beginning to believe it might help some of these clubs, like The Circle, to take that to heart."

Larger organizations such as the Elks, the Loyal Order of the Moose and Rotary International, had charitable-service components to their clubs. But Jones wanted to do more. Communities had many needs that called out for someone to take responsibility and help. Youth needed mentors. The hungry needed feeding. The ill needed medical care. Jones envisioned a way to help individuals and communities through volunteer service.

"Any association that presumes to leadership in the

## The Impulse to Serve

community will have to offer something more than business reciprocity among the members," Jones told his club.

In 1917, Jones had the chance to make service part of the core of an organization. When his Business Circle met with other like-minded clubs at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago, the groups united to become a greater force for good under the name International Association of Lions Clubs. While fellowship and fun remained a hallmark of each meeting, Lions Clubs took a giant step forward by emphasizing the need to serve.



## Shelburne Lions Club helps make free books available

Once again this year the Shelburne Lions Club has joined with Scholastic Books to share the cost of supplying Shelburne's 4 elementary school libraries with \$200.00 each of new books selected for the primary division.

*Photo by Shelburne Lions*



*L to R in the back row, Lions Bob Osborne, Jen Colley, Ferne Osborne and Martin Mirander. Hyland Heights Librarian Julie Bannon and four of her eager readers received the books during their PJ Day event.*

## Ohio Boy Wins Essay Contest

Charlie Bruskotter, 12, plays the piano and drums, listens avidly to science podcasts and reads popular books. He also is a gifted writer. Charlie, who lives in Delaware, Ohio, is the grand prize winner of this year's Lions International Essay Contest for visually impaired youth. He has ocular albinism, a genetic condition that affects his vision. Both of Charlie's parents and two grandparents are Lions. His essay asserts that peace will come if we are friendly to others, open to new ideas and accept one another's differences. "By accepting differences, we can get to know people that we would never know if we judged them by how they looked or acted," he wrote. Charlie will receive \$5,000 and be honored at the 100th International Convention in July in Chicago. The award was announced in March in New York at Lions Day with the United Nations. The ceremony was attended by Charlie, his parents, a younger brother, two grandparents and **Michael Jones**, president of the sponsoring **Delaware Lions Club**.



*Charlie Bruskotter reads his essay at Lions Day with the United Nations in March*



## Touchstone Story

Jim Ervin was just a few weeks into his career as a Lion in 1977 when fellow members of the Albany Lions Club in Georgia, USA, tapped him for an important job: selling brooms and mops to raise funds for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

"We'd go around knocking on doors," recalled Ervin, who became international president in 1999. "It was advertised through the radio and TV when the Lions were coming. So many people would wait until that time to buy their brooms and mops."

Community spirit flourishes as neighbors come together at Lions fundraisers from pancake breakfasts and barbecues to fish fries and sausage roasts. Some local Lions projects have developed into full-scale national programs that raise millions of dollars annually. Consider the humble fruitcake, which entrepreneurial Lions in Australia, Canada and South Africa have turned into gold.

Selling Lions fruitcakes during the Christmas season began in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in 1951. Initially baked at home and sold to family, friends and neighbors, Canadian Lion fruitcakes are now produced by large commercial bakeries, packaged with holiday colors and the Lions emblem, and marketed over the Internet.

Christmas Cake, Australia's program has become a cherished holiday tradition. Under the direction of the National Cake Committee, the product line has expanded to include Christmas puddings, and annual sales have grown to more than 6 million Australian dollars.

From raffles to rubber duck races, Lions have also shown a flair for special events that bring communities together and keep the fun in fundraising. Lions held a benefit elephant soccer tournament in Nepal and dressed up as Smurfs—donning blue face paint and fuzzy blue coveralls—for a canoe race in Epping, New Hampshire, USA.



*Successful Lions fundraising efforts have included pancake breakfasts and mop and broom sales*

## Brooms and Pancakes

Selling items that people need, such as brooms, mops and light bulbs, not to mention items that people crave, such as mints and candy bars, has been a staple of Lions' local fundraising efforts for decades.

"Like they say," said Ervin, "where there's a need, there's a Lion."





## Touchstone Story

## Chicago Central Lions Club

The Business Circle of Chicago, formed in 1908, would never be the same after insurance agency owner Melvin Jones joined the modest-sized club in 1913. Jones had an idea that business luncheon clubs, such as the Business Circle, should focus on serving their communities. Soon, he began working to connect his club with other like-minded clubs around the United States.

By June 1917, Jones had helped to establish a new organization that would change the lives of millions around the world: Lions Clubs International. Jones' club joined the movement two months later. Since renamed the Chicago Central Lions Club, it has been an enthusiastic and dedicated supporter of the Lions mission of service ever since.



*The Chicago Central Lions Club has carried on the legacy and vision of Lions Clubs founder Melvin Jones since it was chartered in 1917*

"We're continuing the great legacy of Melvin Jones and his vision," said Richard Carlson, past president of the Chicago Central Lions Club.

Since 1999, the club has collected more than 50,000 eyeglasses for the Lions' Recycle for Sight program. Members also periodically provide eyeglasses and hearing aids to the homeless in downtown Chicago, in addition to other service and fundraising programs. The Chicago Central Lions Club has a firsthand perspective on Lions' work for the visually impaired. Five of its 32 members as of 2015 were blind.

Carlson became a member of the club more than two decades ago after retiring from a career in banking. He wanted to give back to his community, and a former colleague talked him into joining Lions—a decision he has never regretted. He is glad to have the opportunity to serve, whether by playing Santa Claus and bringing club-sponsored gifts to local visually impaired children or by reading for the Chicagoland Radio Information Services (CRIS), a daily service from the Chicago Lighthouse that broadcasts audio recordings of printed periodicals and daily newspapers to more than 40,000 visually impaired listeners. Looking back, it makes clear sense that Carlson would become a Lion. His mother once worked as a secretary in Jones' insurance firm.

When Jones joined the Chicago Business Circle more than a century ago, he likely never dreamed that his experiences with the club would inspire an organization that today has more than 46,000 clubs around the globe. Jones remained a dedicated member of the Chicago Central Lions Club as he worked to build up the Lions Clubs International, even serving as the president of the club from 1920 to 1921 while also serving the greater Lions organization as secretary-treasurer.

Today, Jones' home club, Chicago Central Lions Club, is proud of its role in Lions' history and proud to be one of the many dedicated and enthusiastic clubs carrying out his vision of service.



*The Chicago Central Lions Club provided backpacks with a year's worth of school supplies to students in need at a local school*

## Arkona Lions

Pictured are Arkona Lions **Pete Sisler** (left) and **Art Eastman** (right) at our Ladies Night being congratulated on 50 years of service. To celebrate this milestone, they were awarded Life Memberships in Lions Clubs International by the Arkona Lions Club. Congratulations gentlemen!!



## Kingston Lions Club

Kingston Lions Club presented a cheque for \$100,000 to members of Hospice Kingston for their building fund.



They also presented a cheque for \$110,000 to Kingston General Hospital for new birthing chambers.



## Dunsford and District Lions Grow by 3 New Members

Past District Governor **Ray Howlett** performed the ceremony which saw Lion **Walter Jancsik** and President Lion **Mike Jancsik** sponsor **Wayne Routh**, **Rob Fryza** and **Lairn Allin** to Lions.





## April Is 'Be A Donor Month'

Trillium Gift of Life's goal for April was to have everyone check to make sure they are registered donors; because 15% in Ontario who think they are registered, are mistaken.

On April 11, 2017 **Amherstview Lions** members

checked their Health Cards to ensure they are registered as Organ Donors.

Amherstview Lions Club was one of the first clubs to receive the Gift of Life Banner Crest for having over 50% of members registered as Donors.



## Raising Awareness in Orangeville for Be A Donor Month

April is "Be A Donor" month. The **Amaranth Lions Club** has been very active in this program and has increased awareness in Orangeville with the town now having a 40 percent registration rate. The Amaranth Lions Club was granted permission to place green ribbons on trees and light standards on Broadway. The green ribbon initiative in Orangeville highlights the importance of registering consent for organ and tissue donation. One organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can possibly save 75 lives. You can register to be a donor online, in person, or by mail. Visit <https://www.beadonor.ca/register>. Installing ribbons are Lions Club members **Mike Steele** and **Jane Blears** (holding ribbon) along with Mike's grandson

Jameson Saleta and Mike's daughter Michelle White. Mike received a heart transplant in 2009 and is now waiting on a kidney transplant.



## Ariss and Maryhill Lions Centennial Project

In recognition of Lions Club International 100th Anniversay 1917 – 2017, the Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club have as one of our Community Centennial Legacy Projects donated to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto a Ceiling Lift to assist in the lifting and turning of patients. The lift was donated by the club in the memory of Brian W. Nichol of Ariss who was tragically killed in a snowmobile accident.



The Donation was made from the proceeds of the Club's Annual Brian Nichol Memorial Golf Tournament.



L-R: Lion Bruce Kurtz, Treasurer, Penny and Steve Weber representing Sick Children's Hospital receiving the cheque, Lion Pat Kurtz, Secretary and Lion Neil Perry, President

## Tweed Lions

Brett Mann was a reporter for the Central Hastings News and covered all of Tweed Lions activities with pictures and news.

Tweed Lions Club provide transportation to Easter church service at St. John's United Church, Tweed. Brett Mann, who is now handicapped due to spinal cancer, had one wish, to attend the Easter service.



## Lions Honoured

On Tuesday May 16 at 4 p.m. London Mayor Matt Brown honoured local Lions clubs at London City Hall to commemorate 100 years of Lionism.



L-R: Lion Shawn Davison (London East), Lion Peter Meyler (Lambeth Lions), Mayor Matt Brown, ZC David Proudfoot (Hyde Park Lions), Lioness Carolyn Grieve (London Central Lioness), Lion Walt Grieve (London Central Lions)



## Touchstone Story

Lions Clubs International thrived in the 1920s as organizations that focused on serving others captured the imagination of the American public. As the United States entered the Roaring Twenties, a new ideal of service and voluntarism generated a wave of enthusiasm. Industrialization and other social changes were sweeping America, and the concept of social responsibility was gaining momentum.

The ideal of service had become a “glorious spiritual force” in the U.S., Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover wrote in 1922. The trend was exemplified, according to the future U.S. president, by the “vast multiplication of voluntary organizations for altruistic purposes.”

Lions were at the heart of the service movement.

People in small towns and cities across America were ready to respond to the Lions, and to founder Melvin Jones’ maxim that “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.”

Lion’s public profile rose as the organization launched a prominent fight against blindness and local Lions clubs took on great causes. Lions in Houston pitched in to raise money for children in war-torn Belgium. Lions in Los Angeles helped fund a playground. Lions in Cincinnati raised money for a war memorial.

## Pressing On

Wherever Lions clubs were established, they encouraged members to work to benefit their communities.



*In the 1920s, Lions clubs continued to expand and serve communities with such projects as fundraising for a children’s hospital*



## Touchstone Story

All roads lead to Toronto. At least they did for Lions in 1931 when Canada became the first country outside of the United States to host the Lions Clubs International Convention.

Canada had embraced the fun and service mindset of Lions since 1920, when the first club, the Border Cities Lions Club, was founded in Ontario. The same year, Harry A. Newman, a lawyer from Toronto, joined the executive board of Lions. After serving in several leadership posts, in 1924 he became the organization’s first international president from outside of the United States. By the time the 1931 convention took place in Toronto, Lions clubs had spread across Canada, from Halifax to Vancouver.

International President Earle W. Hodges, an American from Arkansas who served from 1930 to 1931, encouraged Lions to head in droves to the convention, reminding members that Canadian Lions had always been faithful conference attendees at conventions held in the United States.

“It’s going to be the most enjoyable and the most instructive convention we’ve ever had!” the Lions board of directors told members in LION Magazine. To ease the minds of some anxious travelers, the

magazine also featured a primer on how to travel to Canada. It included instructions for crossing the border by auto, boat, plane and—just in case—bicycle.

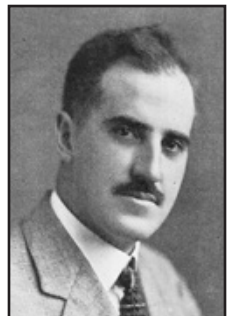
Lions showed up in record attendance. More than 6,000 Lions came to Toronto for the annual conference, which was held July 14 to 17. Throughout the four-day event attendees were treated to performances from musicians, dancers and opera stars. They took trips across the bay, sang songs, attended parties, laughed with old friends and joined in the parade. One evening’s big event, Canada Night, featured an astounding 700 performers.

Like all conferences, the fun was mixed with business. Board and departmental meetings continued as usual, and Lions founder and Secretary General Melvin Jones got a laugh when he jokingly offered to read his 200-page report on the state of Lions from the podium at the convention hall. The highlight of the report: Lions had added 333 clubs during the previous year, bringing the total to 2,500.

Lions Clubs International has grown by leaps and bounds since the 1931 convention, when clubs could be found only in United States, Cuba, China, Mexico

## Expanding Horizons

and Canada. Lions have spread around the world, establishing more than 46,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographic areas. And each summer, representatives still gather together from near and far for the annual international convention to reunite, reflect and build excitement for another year of service, fellowship and fun.



*Harry A. Newman of Toronto became Lion’s first international president in 1924 as Lions Clubs expanded beyond the U.S.*



*Toronto hosted the first Lions Clubs International Convention outside of the U.S. in 1931 and hosted the conference again in 1964 and 2014*



## Touchstone Story

In November 1918, just as World War I was ending, a new service organization based in Chicago released a short magazine to keep members informed and excited about their growing association. Its circulation was small, but Lions Clubs International determined the publication would benefit members, clubs and, as stated in the first issue, “the great causes in which they are all interested.” The idea was a perfect fit. Lions Club Magazine, later renamed LION Magazine, has been published ever since.

While LCI has grown far beyond its U.S. roots to become a global organization of more than 1.35 million members, LION Magazine has remained an essential communication piece for the organization. Through stories of service and friendship, Lions can keep up with their fellow Lions locally and around the world.

The first, 32-page magazine set a precedent. It opened with a speech by International President L.H. Lewis. It published news from the most recent international convention, activities from individual clubs, a few human interest stories and photos of Lions.

To help get the magazine up and running, members of the Lions Club of Chicago purchased the majority of the early ads. Melvin Jones, Lions Clubs’ founder

and secretary-treasurer, even placed one ad for Melvin Jones Insurance: “If you think your rate is too high, phone Wabash 400.”

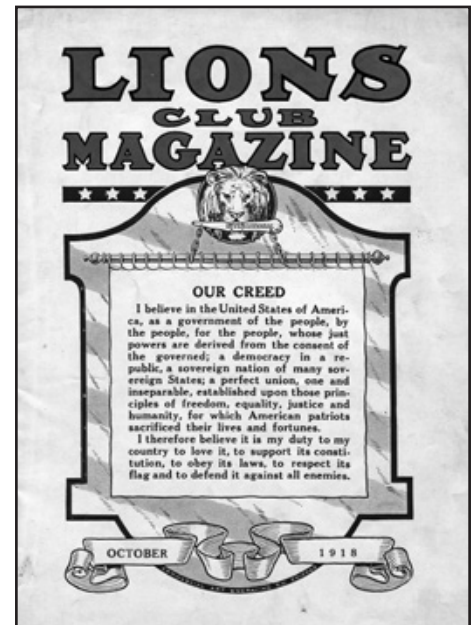
Today, 33 editions of the magazine are printed in 20 languages, and digital and audio versions help ensure Lions can access the news wherever they go. The English-language headquarters edition has the largest circulation—360,000—and covers Lions clubs in the United States and Canada. All editions have a local focus, but each magazine contains some consistent content, such as the president’s column or articles on the SightFirst campaigns.

Editors regularly pull stories and images from each other, yet because Lions are so active in their communities it is impossible for any single edition to share all of the great stories in its own area, much less of the whole organization. “We have to make hard decisions sometimes,” Jay Copp, senior editor of the headquarters edition said, “but we do our best to be representative and include club news submitted to us.”

Lions are proud of their organization and want others to understand their work and what it means to be a Lion. The LION Magazine helps spread the word, often circulating beyond members and appearing in city halls and dentists’ waiting rooms.

## Staying Connected

“For us,” Copp said, “it’s a sacred duty to always put out a good magazine to reflect the world of Lions and tell our story.”



*LION Magazine still serves to keep Lions connected and up-to-date almost a century after its first issue was published*

## Tweed Lions

Tweed Memorial Park was flooded so Tweed Lions Club moved Maple Tree Giveaway to Lions Hungerford Hall. Between 10 am and 10:30 am, Lions gave away 100 maple trees to local property owners. Fortunately rain stopped for almost an hour so the event was held outside. Golden Bough Tree Farm of Marlbank grew the trees, and sold them to Tweed



*As their Day of Service and legacy project, Tweed Lions Club gave away 100 Maple trees to commemorate Lions Clubs International 100th Anniversary and Canada’s 150th Birthday. In photo, Lion Marg Kent gives a maple tree to a local resident*

Lions for a very reduced price.

Municipality of Tweed Mayor Jo-Anne Albert presented the Tweed Lions Club with Certificate of Appreciation for all the Lions have done for the Municipality over the years. The Municipality of Tweed Council declared May 1-6 as Tweed Lions Week.



*Municipal Council of Tweed proclaimed May 1-6 Tweed Lions Club Week. On May 6, Mayor Jo-Anne Albert presented the Club with a Certificate of Appreciation for years of service to the community. From left, Lions Gord and Bonnie Stickwood, Mayor Jo-Anne Albert, Club President Lion Bill McMurtry, Lion Maril Swan and Lion Art Pym*  
*(Photo courtesy of Tweed News)*

## Cambridge Highlands Lions

Guests Gillian Cornell and Don Johnson from the Bridges Homeless Shelter attended the Lions meeting on February 16th. They spoke about their organization and how the number of residents have increased. They are at a capacity of 100 with the majority of them being refugees. Other residents have an assortment of issues including drugs and alcohol. Their programs assist in getting them back to a normal lifestyle.

Lion Chief **Don** thanked them for their presentation. The club donated funds to assist the shelter.



# Haliburton and District Lions



*Lion Gord Kidd with his back-up Lions singers, Robert Heeps and Gail Stelter having an enjoyable chat with Lillian at the Haliburton Extencicare*

Making a difference is a worthwhile endeavour in all its forms. For the Haliburton and District Lions Club, Lillian makes that difference endearing and enduring. Lillian lives at Haliburton Extencicare. Stacey is Lillian's granddaughter. Stacey says, "Each

time I visit my Grandmother, we start our visit talking about songs that were influential to our family, what the name of a song is (and she remembers them all, even when she doesn't remember me) ...We lay cuddled in her bed while she sings to me and there is ALWAYS a sudden spark that happens. Each time she thinks about singing (which was an instrumental part of her life), she will reach over to her side table and show me the picture of your (Lions Club) members, who came in and got her up to sing with them. She may not remember their names, but for her to have that association to singing and those wonderful people is something for which I cannot say thank you enough." The Haliburton & District Lions occasionally visit Extencicare and delight in being able to share songs and conversation with the residents. However, our very own Lion Gord



*The Lions gave Lillian a signed copy of her photo from our visit last year*

Kidd & Friends not only go monthly to Haliburton Extencicare but also to the long term care facility at the Haliburton Hospital. They play music and sing to the staff and residents. Lion Gord & Friends are the true heroes! The members of the Haliburton & District Lions Club thank Lion Gord for including us in this joyful service. Visiting and singing with Lillian and others is, indeed, a gift to us that endears and endures!

## 150 Maple Trees arrived on Earth Day, for LIONS

Dan Brinkman of the Lower Thames Conservation Authority delivered a shipment of 150 potted Maple Trees to the **Dutton and District Lions** in time for Earth Day.

This is the first of two shipments coming as part of the Lions 2017 Legacy Project.

The Lions are ensuring these 150 Maples are planted in Dutton Dunwich to recognize the 150th Birthday of Canada.

Individual Lions members; staff of West Elgin Mutual; local Brownies and the Dutton Horticultural Society are deploying and planting these trees.

Another 150 Maple seedlings will be delivered in early May and those will be distributed through the students at the Dutton Public school.

The second 150 trees are in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Lions International and the 50th Anniversary of the Dutton and District Lions, both of which are also being celebrated this year.

The purchase and planting of these 300 trees is made possible through the efforts of the LIONS Trivia Night committee in Partnership with their corporate sponsor West Elgin Mutual Insurance.



*Inspecting the trees are: Brian Downie (West Elgin Mutual Insurance); Bob Purcell (Dutton & District Lions) & Edith Richardson (Dutton Horticultural Society)*

## Midland Lions Club

On the 100th day of 2017, the Centennial Flag was raised at the Town Hall in Midland. Lions **Lety Dudgeon, Ruth Hounsome, Norm Gogo, Tom Huntley, Bob Bingham**, Mayor Gord McKay, Lions **Gord Walker, Lynn Stratton, Tom Dudgeon**, newly elect DG **Randy Hargrave** are PROUD TO SERVE as Lions! Our Lions Service is highly recognized in our small but caring community of Midland.



"Stuff-A-Truck" Food Drive was a collective effort drawn by the Lions at No Frills on an early

cold day on April 22nd. All the non-perishable goods were collected and donated to Salvation Army for distribution to the hungry in the community. That's how WE SERVE! To keep our Environment healthy, Lions Cloth bags (100 sewn by Lion Lety Dudgeon to commemorate our Centennial year) were given away to those who gave donations. By mid-day the sun was shining, the Lions are no longer roaring and we can see faces smiling.



## Touchstone Story

Why is Lions' cherished emblem so recognizable and memorable?

One reason is that Lions are almost everywhere around the globe, and Lions proudly wear, display and apply the brand on nearly everything. The emblem resonates because it brings up timeless associations with the image of the lion itself—strength, courage, action and fidelity.

When the Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917, Lions displayed both their pride and their sense of humor in creating the first Lions emblem.

As for their pride, the lion in the emblem was based on a famous painting by the 19th century French artist Rosa Bonheur of a regal lion at rest in the wild. The painting's title, *Old Monarch*, became the nickname for Lions' earliest members and clubs.

As for their humor, the first emblem was also a pun. The emblem depicted the lion holding a club in its mouth with the word "international" emblazoned on the club. The play on the words "lion" and "club" and

"international" was clever, but by 1919 Lions asked its members to come up with a more polished logo.

Flooded with submissions from Lions members who were also amateur artists, Lions decided to form a committee at the 1919 International Convention in Chicago to acquire a proper, professional logo. The committee turned to Maurice Blink, a Chicago commercial artist and founding member. Blink created a sketch of circle with an "L" in the center and two lions' heads in profile looking in opposite directions.

The Lions board of directors approved Blink's design in April 1920. Melvin Jones explained its meaning. The emblem, Jones said, "represents a lion facing the past with pride and the future with confidence, looking in all directions to render service."

In the earliest full-color expressions of Blink's design, the twin lions looked a lot more like real lions with wavy dark brown manes, glowing eyes, and ferociously sharp, white teeth. Over the years, the

## The Emblem

lions became less fierce as the logo was standardized to promote consistent use worldwide.

Refreshed and updated again in the early 21st century, the emblem will likely serve for many more decades to come. And why not? It works.



## Touchstone Story

U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd Jr., the famed polar explorer and pioneer aviator, was an admirably loyal Lion. Early in the organization's history, he made a pair of gallant gestures, signaling the day when Lion ideals would spread everywhere, even to the earth's highest settled latitudes.

A member of the Washington, D.C., Lions Club, Byrd brought the club's flag with him on May 9, 1926, on his historic flight over the North Pole with Floyd Bennett. He would pack the flag again in a successful but danger-fraught mission to fly over the South Pole on November 28, 1929. Byrd shared his Lions pride in a letter to delegates at the 1926 Lions Clubs International Convention in San Francisco. "We carried the Lions club flag with us to the top of the world and felt it was the greatest possible honor to do so," he wrote.

The Lions flag was not firmly planted in Antarctic ice until 1959, as part of the International Geophysical

Year, when a group of 16 scientists and support personnel at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station received their charter for the 59ers Lions Club. When the club became inactive, Antarctica again became the only continent without a Lions club.

Today's southernmost active Lions are members of the Porvenir Club in the Chilean province of Tierra del Fuego. At the opposite end of the earth, the Barrow Lions Club serves small communities in Alaska's North Slope, 320 miles above the Arctic Circle.

## Going to Extremes



*U.S. Navy Admiral Richard E. Byrd carried the Lions flag with him on historic flights over the North and South Poles in the 1920s*

## Prix de reconnaissance : Club Lions de Buckingham

Le Regroupement des gens d'affaires de la Basse-Lièvre (RGABL) a remis neuf prix, lors de sa Soirée Reconnaissance 2017, afin de souligner les performances des entreprises et organismes du secteur. Le RGABL a offert un Prix hommage pour la première fois, se voulant le titre de « personnalité de l'année », au Club Lions de Buckingham. « Ça fait chaud au cœur de recevoir un tel hommage », a confié le président Lion **Denis Bédard** qui a remercié l'ensemble des membres du club pour leur implication et leur désir d'aider la communauté ainsi que les commerçants du secteur pour leur support.

Les projets principaux du club sont la distribution, annuellement, d'environ 250 paniers d'aliments à Noël, des visites aux patients de l'hôpital de Papineau, aux résidents du Centre d'hébergement Vallée de la Lièvre, ainsi qu'aux aînés résidents des maisons d'accueil privées de Buckingham, Masson-Angers et l'Ange-Gardien. Nous apportons en même temps des cadeaux pour les enfants des familles qui reçoivent des paniers ainsi qu'aux aînés que nous visitons.

Nos sources de financement sont un téléthon annuel, un tirage et souper d'huîtres, un tournoi de golf et l'exploitation, à titre de mandataire de la Société d'assurance automobile du Québec, du bureau d'immatriculation à Buckingham. Ce dernier est responsable de quatre emplois permanents, et tous les bénéfices sont retournés à la communauté en forme de dons.

Le Club a 55 membres et nous sommes fiers de notre implication dans la communauté depuis 83 ans. Au cours des dix dernières années, le Club Lions a donné plus de 1 200 000 \$ aux organismes et citoyens/citoyennes de Buckingham, Masson-Angers et L'Ange-Gardien.

*Prix de reconnaissance décerné au Club Lions de Buckingham 2017*



*Recognition Award to the 2017 Lions Club of Buckingham*

*Dans la photo le président du Club Lions de Buckingham Lion Denis Bédard et le deuxième vice-président Lion Yves Goulet*



*Lions president Lion Denis Bédard and 2nd vice-president Lion Yves Goulet*

## Recognition Award to the Lions Club of Buckingham

The Business group of the Basse-Lièvre (RGABL) presented nine awards at its Recognition Evening 2017 to highlight the performance of companies and organizations in the sector. The RGABL presented a Tribute Award for the first time as the "Personality of the Year" to the Buckingham Lions Club. "It is very comforting to receive such a tribute," said Lion President **Denis Bédard** who thanked all members of the club for their involvement and their desire to help the community as well as the merchants of the sector for their support.

The Club's main projects are the annual distribution of around 250 Christmas baskets of food, and we visit patients of the local hospital, as well as visits to senior citizens in homes. At the same time, we bring gifts to children of those families who receive Christmas baskets as well as the elders we visit.

Our funding sources are an annual telethon, a draw and oyster dinner, a golf tournament, as well as operating the Buckingham licence bureau. We manage and are responsible for four permanent jobs, and all profits are returned to the community in the form of donations.

The Club has 55 members and we are proud of our involvement in the community for 83 years. Over the past 10 years, the Lions Club has donated more than \$1,200,000 to different organizations and citizens of our three sectors Buckingham, Masson-Angers and L'Ange-Gardien.

## Graduation Day for Donna & Tundra

Four members of the **Dutton and District Lions** had the privilege of attending the March 9, 2017 Graduation Ceremony at: "The LIONS Foundation of Canada Dog Guides" facility, in Oakville.

As a Dog Sponsor the Club was represented by Lions **Bob** and **Dianne Purcell**, **Jim Austin** and **George Smith**.

They were allowed to celebrate with Tundra, the handsome service dog and his new recipient Donna, who both had to attend training and earn their way into the graduation ceremony.

Dutton and District Lions are very proud of both Tundra and Donna, who is a resident of the Elgin – St. Thomas district.

Joining the group were 3 of the University students

who provided Tundra with his foster home, from the time he was a puppy till he was old enough to enter the rigorous final training stage.

Tundra had a very unique foster home since he was raised by 5 young ladies, in a shared apartment, while they all pursued their educational goals.

They did an exceptional job of providing Tundra with a loving environment where he was socialized; house trained and given the initial life lessons that prepared him to become a successful service dog.

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides provide service dogs; at no cost, to Canadians with physical or medical situations qualifying for assistance.

The approximate cost for each successful dog



*L to R: Lions George Smith; Jim Austin & Bob Purcell; Seated: Donna from St. Thomas and her new Service Dog TUNDRA; 3 Young women who were Tundra's foster home hosts are also shown photo by Lion Dianne Purcell*

guide deployed is \$25,000; so the Dog Guides require considerable financial assistance, constantly.

**You can learn more and help by visiting: [www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)**

# A-2 Lions Eye Care Niagara's Centennial Project

— Port Colborne Lions Achieve Their Project Support Pledge —

by PCC Bradd Anderson

On March 31, 2017, the Lions Club of Port Colborne honoured their pledge by contributing \$10,000 to Niagara Health System — Welland Hospital to assist the purchase of a new Ophthalmic Microscope.

To date, the Lions of A-2 have raised approximately \$60,000 towards Lions Eye Care Niagara's goal of \$200,000.

Club President **Dave Beck** (on the operating table) helped Dr. Rhemtulla demonstrate to the club how the microscope works.

The surgeon's view is in 3D while the monitor displays a 2D view for the OR staff.

A tour of the Ophthalmology Operating Room

— demonstrated to the Lions of Port Colborne and visiting Lion PID **Doug Alexander** how their donation

will help improve the sight of thousands of Niagara residents every year!



## Les Lions de Buckingham, 83 ans de bénévolat dans la communauté

Fondé en 1934, ce sont des milliers d'heures de bénévolat que les dizaines de membres du Club Lions auront données à la communauté au fil des ans pour venir en aide aux plus démunis, à nos malades, nos aînés, nos jeunes enfants et étudiants, supportant en cours de route de nombreux organismes ou associations.

Dans le cadre de la semaine de l'action bénévole au Québec qui se tenait dernièrement, la direction de l'organisme avait organisé pour ses membres et leurs conjointes un souper reconnaissance qui s'est tenu au restaurant la Table des Trois Vallées de l'école secondaire Au Cœur des Vallées.

À cette occasion, plus de 70 invités auront pu entendre M. Michel Riberdy de la Société de l'histoire de Buckingham venir raconter les débuts de

Buckingham et le rôle important que le Club Lions aura joué dans la communauté au fil des ans que ce soit dans l'organisation de fêtes, de parades ou de dons importants en santé, en éducation, en sports, en infrastructures de toutes sortes ou en supportant notre armée plus spécifiquement notre marine lors de la 2e guerre mondiale. D'ailleurs le canon que nous retrouvons à l'extrémité ouest du pont Brady nous le rappelle quotidiennement.

Comptabiliser tous ces dons au fil des 83 ans d'existence des Lions de Buckingham, on ne parle plus de milliers de dollars mais de millions et c'est grâce au support constant de la population envers les œuvres des Lions que le tout fut rendu possible... rappelons-nous seulement le don de 127 500 \$ que le club avait fait pour aider à doter l'hôpital de Buckingham d'un

CT-Scan valant plus d'un million et qui à l'époque faisait du C.H. Papineau, l'hôpital ayant l'appareil le plus performant de tous les hôpitaux de l'Outaouais québécois.

83 ans à livrer années après années leurs fameux paniers de Noël aux familles défavorisées, 83 ans à aller visiter nos malades et nos aînés au C.H. Papineau ou au Centre d'hébergement de la Basse-Lièvre leur apportant réconfort et cadeaux, 83 ans que le tout est rendu possible grâce à vous tous gens de la région, commerçants, professionnels et industriels... **de la part de tous les Lions de Buckingham et leurs conjointes, un énorme MERCI!**



best performing equipment of all the hospitals in the Outaouais region of Quebec.

83 years to deliver year after year their famous Christmas baskets to disadvantaged families, 83 years to visit our patients and our elders at the CH Papineau or the Centre of lodging of the Basse-Lièvre bringing comfort and gifts to them, 83 years where everything is made possible thanks to residents of the region, merchants, professionals and industrialists. **On behalf of all the Buckingham Lions and their spouses, a huge THANK-YOU.**

## Buckingham Lions, 83 Years of Community Volunteering

Founded in Buckingham Qc 1934, thousands of volunteer hours have been donated to the community over the years by dozens of Lions Club members to help the most needy, our sick, our elders, our young children and students, supporting many organizations or associations along the way.

As part of the recently held Volunteer Week in Quebec, the organization's management organized a dinner for its members and their spouses at the restaurant "Table des Trois Vallées" Secondary school Au Cœur des Vallées.

More than 70 guests heard Mr. Michel Riberdy of the Buckingham History Society come and talk about the beginnings of Buckingham and the important role that the Lions Club has played in the community

over the years in the organization of parties, parades or important gifts in health, education, sports, infrastructure of all kinds or supporting our army, more specifically our navy during the Second World War. Besides, the cannon that we find at the western end of the Brady Bridge reminds us daily.

Accounting for all of these gifts over the 83 years of the Buckingham Lions, thousands of dollars are no longer spoken of but millions, and it was thanks to the people's constant support for the Lions' work that everything was made possible ... let us just recall the donation of \$127,500 that the club had made to help provide the Buckingham Hospital with a CT-Scan worth more than one million, which at the time made Papineau Hospital the hospital having the

# Bienvenue dans la famille des Lions

Le Président et les membres du **Club Lions de Buckingham** sont fiers d'adhérer cinq nouveaux membres dans notre équipe soit : Lion **Luc St-Jacques**, Lion **Mario Ouimet**, Lion **Sébastien Joncas**, Lion **Patrick Lussier** et Lion **Marc-André Todd-Parent**.

Le Club tient à féliciter leurs nouveaux membres pour leur engagement et on lui souhaite longue vie au sein du Club des Lions !



Président Lion Denis Bédard, Lion Richard Chartrand le parrain, et Lion Luc St-Jacques



Président Lion Denis Bédard, Lion Mario Ouimet parrainé par Lion Marc St-Jacques et Lion Richard Chartrand



Président Lion Denis Bédard, Lion Sébastien Joncas et son parrain Lion Richard Chartrand et Lion Germain Charron



Président Lion Denis Bédard, Lion Patrick Lussier et son parrain Lion Germain Charron



Président Lion Denis Bédard, Lion Marc-André Todd-Parent et son parrain Lion Germain Charron

## Ariss and Maryhill Lions Centennial Project

On February 2, 2017, "Gore", a Canine Vision Dog Guide graduated from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides training.

Gore is a male Black Labrador who is serving with a visually impaired gentleman in Welland, Ontario.

Gore was sponsored by the Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club and Gore Mutual Insurance Company.



## MDA Directory Information

### Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting Convention - May 11-13, 2018

# Welcome into the Lions family

The President and members of the Buckingham Lions Club are proud to welcome five new members on our team: Lion **Luc St-Jacques**, Lion **Mario Ouimet**, Lion **Sébastien Joncas**, Lion **Patrick Lussier** and Lion **Marc-André Todd-Parent**.

The Club would like to congratulate their new members for their commitment and wish them long life with the Lions!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

2017/18 Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre,  
St. Catharines, Ontario May 11 - 13, 2018

### International Conventions

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
103rd	Singapore, Singapore	June 26 - 30, 2020
104th	Montreal, Canada	June 25 - 29, 2021

### USA - Canada Forums

Sept 21 - 23, 2017	Portland, Oregon
Sept 20 - 22, 2018	Columbus, Ohio
Sept 19 - 21, 2019	Spokane, Washington



## K-W Community Spirit Lions

A new member was inducted into the K-W club on March 20th, Zone Chair 9E **Ray Derovin** conducted the ceremony.



L-R: Lion Ray, Club President Lion Janice Fleming, new Lion Ritel Diaz and sponsor Lion Nancy Ransom

## Lions Read & Rise Programme



Lion **Kittie MacGregor** (far left) from the **Londesboro and District Lions Club (A9)** and **Mary Lou Stewart** (far right) from the **Blyth Lions Club (A9)** presented 38 books to the Grades One and Two Classes at Hullett Central Public School through the Lions Read and Rise Programme.

## Poplar Hill Lions Club

The staff and students of Valleyview Public School were thrilled with the generous donation of books purchased by the Poplar Hill Lions Club recently. Books for all ages of students in the amount of \$1,400 were gladly accepted and will be used for many years to come.



L-R: Larry Griffith (Past-Principal & Poplar Hill Lions Member), Rosanna Basacco-Jefferies (Teacher-Librarian), Chris Cooper (Present Principal) and Rick Castle (Liaison between Valleyview School and Poplar Hill Lions)

## New Hamburg Lioness

The New Hamburg Lioness hosted their Spring Fashion Show - Celebrate Canada 150, Wednesday, April 19th at the New Hamburg Community Centre. The evening was a great success with the club raising over \$8,000.00 with all monies raised going to support the New Hamburg Lioness work in our community.



## Walking to end MS

On May 7, members of A1 Zone 7 participated in the local MS walk. The best dressed team was the **Strathroy-Caradoc Lions**.



## Knowlton Lions Club proud of the very successful BMP Annual Sunday Brunch

The Knowlton Lions Club and the BMP Foundation are delighted to announce the results of the 29th Edition of the BMP Annual Sunday Brunch. Thanks to the generosity of our partners and sponsors, as well as the 300 attendees, this event, held at l'Auberge West Brome on April 30th, raised over \$14,000. The funds will help support an important BMP Hospital Recruiting and Training Program for graduating nursing students. Recruitment and retention of nurses is one of the most significant challenges facing most hospitals today, and this program is an important tool with which the Hospital can meet this challenge.

L - R: Lola Landes, Mario Lagimanière respectively executive director and president BMP Foundation, Eileen and Winston Mason, respectively treasurer and past president Knowlton Lions Club



G à D : Lola Landes, Mario Lagimanière respectivement directrice générale et président de la Fondation BMP, Eileen et Winston Mason, respectivement trésorière et ex-président Club Lions de Knowlton

## Le Club Lions de Knowlton très fier du succès du 29e Brunch BMP

Le Club Lions de Knowlton et la Fondation BMP sont heureux d'annoncer que grâce à la générosité renouvelée de partenaires et de commanditaires ainsi que la présence de plus de 300 invités, le 29e Brunch BMP, tenu à l'Auberge West Brome le 30 avril dernier, a permis d'amasser plus de 14 000 \$. Ces fonds contribueront à financer un important programme de recrutement et de formation pour les étudiants diplômés en soins infirmiers à l'Hôpital BMP. Le recrutement et le maintien de ces postes clés sont des enjeux importants pour notre établissement.

# Daffodil Tea

Earlier this spring, the **Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club** hosted its annual Daffodil Tea.

All proceeds go to Canadian Cancer Society.



# Lakefield and District Lions Club



Lakefield and District Lions Club First Vice Lion Don Parsons on the left presented Lion Larry Taylor with Silver Centennial Award and Gold Chevron for bringing two new members



District A3 Governor Lion John Whyte, left, presented Lakefield Club President Lion Bob Elliot with Silver Centennial Membership pin in recognition for bringing 2 or more members into Lions. It was a great pleasure to have Governor John visit and give a rousing pep talk on Lionism

## HOW TO GET INTO THE LION Contact your District Reporter

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

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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The "MD'A' Lions Resource Centre" website is available for your use. Its goal is to provide a "one-stop-shopping" website for Lions resources, ideas and tools in all aspects of Lionism, including recruiting new members, keeping the members we already have, revitalizing clubs, fundraising ideas and club and district operations.

The MD'A' "Lions Resource Centre" website may be viewed by going to the MD'A' website at [www.mdalions.org](http://www.mdalions.org) and clicking on "**Lions Resource Centre**" on the left side of the page.

## St. Mary's Leos

On Thursday March 9th Governor General David Johnston presented several awards for exceptional community service in London, Ontario. One well deserving recipient was **Matthew Wakem** who was awarded the Sovereign Medal for Volunteers.



Matt was the Charter President of the St. Mary's Leos. He has accumulated over 15,000 hours of community service.

*L-R are Matt Wakem, Right Honourable Governor General David Johnston, Rita Wakem and St. Mary's Lion Chief David Lloyd*

## Lions Foundation Award

On March 27th at our District A-16 Zone Meeting, Lion **Mark Carrington** was given the Lions Foundation Award for organizing the 2016 Lions Foundation Purina Dog Walk. In the picture receiving the award are Region 18 Chairperson **Ken Drynan**, **Nick Larocque** - LFC, Mark Carrington and Lion President, **Markham Lions, Barry MacDonald**.



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## Melvin Jones Fellowship Awarded

At the 35th Charter Dinner (and sock hop) for the combined **Newmarket Lioness** and **North Newmarket Lions**, Lioness **Dale Jackson** received a Melvin Jones Award for her hard work and dedication to the Lioness Club.



## A15 & MD "A" Environmental Photo Contest Winner

The A15 Environmental Photo Contest winner was submitted by Lioness **Rose Rathwell** of the **Exeter Lioness Club**. The story doesn't end there. The entry also took First Place in the MD "A" contest.

Now it's off to the International Contest at the Convention in Chicago.



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