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May We Never Be the Same



Greetings Lions,

As we attempt to adjust to the new normal, it's easy to look around and how we have been forced to change by this global pandemic. We may focus on all that we must do differently now; all the ways our worlds have gotten smaller.

But when I look around and see the way Lions have changed the way they serve, I feel a sense of pride. You've canceled events, yes. But you've also created new ones. You haven't been able to hold meetings at your favorite spots, but you've gathered online, shared ideas, planned new ways to safely serve your communities so that no one has to feel alone.

And in this way, I'm struck not by how we've changed, but how we've grown.

We are learning we have greater strength, greater endurance, and a greater capacity for love than we ever knew.

Recovery will be a series of small steps, requiring us – all of us – to adjust countless more times before we will again feel like “ourselves.” But I believe that we will emerge from this crisis with a renewed sense of who we are and what matters, and an even deeper understanding of why we matter as Lions.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President, Lions Clubs International



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Virtual On-Line Meeting, Oak Brook, Illinois, USA – April 2-21, 2020



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AUDIT COMMITTEE

- The committee received an update from Lions Clubs International Internal Audit and will continue to follow up and monitor action plans. The committee noted total observations decreased from a total of 18 open items to 16 open items. Total open items include Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- The committee reviewed the Internal Audit Schedule for 2019-2020 and discussed revisions to the change in timing of audit projects. The internal audit plan year will be from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

- The committee reviewed the pending Constitutional Complaint filed by the Beirut St. Gabriel Lions Club and requested Legal Division staff to draft the final decision for its review and approval.
- The committee received a status report on pending litigation involving the association
- The committee continued its discussion on the timing requirements for an international director candidate to submit their certification of endorsement document to the international office.
- The committee reviewed Board Policy Manual, Chapter XXIII, Area Forums and approved the Africa Forum to be held the last full week of

November or the first full week of December.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter XXIII of the Board Policy Manual be amended as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto. (Report Item B.1.)

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

- Selected the city of Washington DC, USA to host the 2027 International Convention.
- Approved the exception to policy to allow time for the international president candidate(s) to speak at the opening plenary session.
- The committee agreed to keep fees for convention registration the same for the 2021 Montreal International Convention.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, That a onetime exception to policy be approved to allow the candidate(s) for the office of international president to speak at the opening plenary session for a period of up to eight (8) minutes. (Report Item A.5.)

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

- The committee reviewed the continuation of the New Voices program to recognize the importance of diversity, younger members and Leos and women members.
- The committee approved the redistricting of MD 300 into 5 multiple districts, MD300A,

MD300B, MD 300C, MD300D and MD300E to take place at the close of the 2023 International Convention.

- Appointed Coordinating Lions for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. (Exhibit A)
- Granted provisional zone status to United Arab Emirates, Somalia, Kingdom of Bahrain, Republic of Kosovo and Republic of Moldova and regional status to the Republic of Bulgaria.
- Amended Board Policy Chapter IX to provide financial support to zone and region chairpersons effective July 1, 2020. (Exhibit B).
- Amended Chapter VII, Standard Form District By-Laws, Article II, Section 7, by adding new part c. and d. relating to Zone Chairperson Qualifications.
- Amended the responsibilities of a Guiding Lion to encourage the new or rebuilding club to support LCIF.
- Contingent upon passage of an International Constitution and By-Laws Amendment, amended Chapter VII, Exhibit A, B, and C. of the Board Policy Manual concerning vacancy filling procedures. (Exhibit C)
- The committee discussed the inability of the district governor to replace non-functioning cabinet positions that are appointed and believes that the district governor should be able to replace appointed positions as needed. The committee will discuss this further to understand the impact and strategies for

possible implementation.

- Amended the Standard Form District By-Laws, Article V., Section 1. to reference the definition of the voting members in the cabinet as defined in Article VI, Section 2 of the district constitution.
- Revised the Board Policy Manual by removing the process for provisional district to promote the first vice district governor before March 1st as the process is no longer needed. (Exhibit D)
- Amended the definition of immediate past club president outlined in Standard Form Club By-Laws, to open the position of club LCIF coordinator position to Lions other than the immediate past club president.
- Revised the position of the district and multiple district global service team coordinator as outlined in the Standard Form District and Multiple District By-Laws, to include advocacy champion as a responsibility of these positions.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, That Multiple District 300 be redistricted into MD300A, MD300B, MD 300C, MD300D and MD300E to take place at the close of the 2023 International Convention.

(Report Item A.5.)

2. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Lion leaders listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto, be appointed to serve as the Coordinating Lions for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

(Report Item A.6. c.)

3. BE IT RESOLVED, That the United Arab Emirates, Somalia, Kingdom of Bahrain, Republic of Kosovo and Republic of Moldova be recognized as provisional zones and the Republic of Bulgaria be recognized as a provisional region at the close of this fiscal year.

(Report Item A.6. c.)

4. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter IX, District Officers & Organization of the Board Policy Manual be amended by adding the language provided in Exhibit B, attached hereto, as a new Paragraph D., to take effect July 1, 2020, and re-lettering the remaining Paragraphs accordingly.

(Report Item B.1.)

5. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter VII, Exhibit A, Standard Form District By-Laws, Article II, Section 7 of the Board Policy Manual be amended by adding the language provided below as a new Part c and Part d:

(c) Have not previously served a full term or a major portion thereof as district governor

(d) Zone and region chairpersons may serve no more than three (3) cumulative years in said position.

(Report Item B.2.)

6. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter V, Clubs Paragraph L. 3. (c.) of the Board Policy Manual be amended by inserting “and supports LCIF initiatives” at the end of the sentence.

(Report Item B.3.)

7. BE IT RESOLVED, That contingent upon the adoption of a constitutional amendment to amend Article IX, Section 6(e) of the International By-Laws by deleting the phrase “the region chairpersons, zone chairpersons and the secretary and treasurer or secretary-treasurer” in the second sentence, Chapter VII, Exhibit A., Standard Form District By-Laws, Exhibit B. and Exhibit C. of the Board Policy Manual be amended as set forth in Exhibit C, attached hereto.

(Report Item B.4.a.)

8. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter VII, Exhibit A, Standard Form District By-Laws, Article V., Section 1. (d) be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the language as set forth below:

(d) Vote. The voting privilege should be extended to the voting members of the district cabinet as defined in Article VI, Section 2 of this district constitution.

(Report Item B.4.b.)

9. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter IX, Paragraph E.2. of the Board Policy Manual be amended as set forth in Exhibit D, attached hereto.

(Report Item B.4.c.)

10. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter VII, Exhibit B, Standard Form Club By-Laws, Article III. Section 2. be amended by removing the phrase “he/she is unable at which time this position may be filled by another club member” and replacing it with the phrase “unless another Lion is appointed to this position.”

(Report Item B.4.d.)

11. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter VII, Exhibit A, Standard Form District By-Laws, Article III, Section 5. be amended by adding the language set forth below as a new part g:

(g) Act as the advocacy champion for the district to implement activities including but not limited to community awareness/ education, legislative/public policy, events and partnerships” and re-lettering the remaining items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Chapter VII, Exhibit C, Standard Form Multiple District By-Laws, Article III., Section 5. be amended by adding the language set forth below as a new part j:

(j) Act as the advocacy champion for the multiple district to implement activities

including but not limited to community awareness/education, legislative/public policy, events and partnerships” and re-lettering the remaining items.

(Report Item B.4.e.)

FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

- The committee received an update from Merrill Lynch Bank of America, the association’s investment consultants, on the Lions Clubs International Investment Fund, Retirement Income and 401(k) plans’ economic and capital market overview.
- The committee reviewed the third quarter forecast and the estimated revision based on the impact of COVID-19 finding merit in the report of this forecast.
- The committee reviewed the approved budget summaries from each of the committees of the board. The fiscal year 2020-2021 budget will be updated and approved at the June 2020 board meeting.
- The committee approved a request from Multiple District O for relief on a 30% tax imposed on any dues payments via bank or credit card from Argentina.
- The committee approved a request from Multiple District 412 A requesting permission to open a trust account for deposit and retention of dues.
- The committee discussed the impact of the convention cancellation on the dues increase amendment as well as potential revisions to the resolution. Additional information will be provided for discussion at the June 2020 board meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, That the board approve the revised estimated fiscal year 2019-2020 3rd Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.

(Report Item A.2.a.)

2. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter XII, Paragraph B. and Paragraph I. of the Board Policy Manual be amended as set forth in Exhibit A., attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Chapter XII of the Board Policy Manual be amended by deleting Exhibit A and Exhibit B in their entirety and re-lettering the remaining Exhibits accordingly.

(Report Item B.1.)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Approved the proposed institutes schedule and grants for leadership development training in 2020-2021. For 2020-2021, the institute grant award amount will be increased to US\$1,800 (increased from US\$1,200) for single districts

and US\$750 (increased from US\$500) for undistricted provisional districts, regions, or zones.

- Confirmed support for developing an alternative plan for the concluding Day 4 of the FVDG/DGE Seminar, due to the cancellation of the 2020 International Convention.
- As of December 31, 2019, access to the upgraded Lions Learning Center (LLC powered by Litmos) was provided to all Lions and Leos. As of March 31, 2020, there have been 8,067 users who have accessed the upgraded LLC.
- Apart from the FDI in Louisville, KY, USA, in mid-September 2020, all institutes next year will be scheduled starting in December 2020.
- Effective for 2020-2021, all new applicants certified through the Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) must attend an in-person LCIP training. LCIP certifications will be only in official languages through June 2024.

LONG RANGE PLANNING (JANUARY 2020 MEETING REPORT)

- The current LCI Forward plan was reviewed in its entirety. Topics discussed included increasing service reporting, progress on Campaign 100, enhanced brand visibility, Global Action Team support, and financial forecasts.
- Progress on the new version of the strategic plan was discussed and the committee acknowledged that more time would be needed to develop this plan.
- Candidates seeking the office of international president during the 2020 International Convention would need to declare their intention to run for office in writing with the Legal Division by April 28, 2020.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- PR Grant funding was increased for next year due to demand and exhaustion of current funds this year.
- Regional brand templates and PSA development were reviewed, designed to bring marketing materials, signage and resources direct to clubs. Global launch will be early next fiscal year online and via communications to Marketing Chairperson and GAT.
- COVID-19 marketing plans were reviewed. The committee approved the proactive work being done in this area during the time of global crisis.
- Email consolidation launch plans were discussed and moved forward. The committee reviewed the digest model for club, district and multiple district levels and approved the plan.
- PR Grant reporting was discussed, with specific

attention placed on providing a comprehensive analysis of the outcomes of their LCI-funded project.

- The committee discussed new proposals for messaging in the next generation of LCI Forward.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter XVI, Paragraph A.5. of the Board Policy Manual be amended by deleting the word “18” and replacing it with the word “19” and by adding the word “Nepali” immediately following “Thai,” in the first sentence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Chapter XVI, Paragraph A.6. of the Board Policy Manual be amended by deleting the phrase “and his or her spouse” in the first line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Chapter XVI, Paragraph A.6. of the Board Policy Manual be amended by deleting the phrase “no sooner than July nor later than September of” and replacing it with the phrase “in the first print issue possible during” in the first sentence.

(Report Item B.2.)

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Approved International Centennial Lions Club as a New Program Initiative to continue to engage, learn from, and engage dropped members who would otherwise be lost.
- Approved Specialty Clubs as a New Program Initiative to continue to build on momentum the Pilot Program generated.
- Approved an enhancement to the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) Pilot Program to allow participation from all North American districts who wish to join.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the pilot program “International Centennial Lions Club” be approved as a New Program Initiative as outlined in Exhibit A., attached hereto.
(Report Item A.3.)

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the pilot program “Specialty Clubs” be approved as a New Program Initiative as outlined in Exhibit B., attached hereto.
(Report Item A.4.)

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the pilot program North American Membership Initiative (NAMI), be enhanced to include all North American districts who choose to participate.
(Report Item A.5.)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- Revised Chapter XIII, Paragraph D of the Board Policy Manual to show the club, district

governors-elect and district twinning programs have been retired, however clubs and districts are encouraged to connect and collaborate without formal oversight by Lions Clubs International.

- Recognized the achievement of Lions and their global foundation in serving 226 million people this fiscal year and discussed plans to increase service reporting in the future.
- Recognized the achievement of Lions in screening over 1 million people for type 2 diabetes in honor of World Diabetes Day 2019.
- Received an update on advocacy programs, including development of the advocacy strategy and toolkit, and LCI’s partnership with the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists.
- Discussed logistical details related to the upcoming launch of the Kindness Matters Service Award.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, That Chapter XIII, Paragraph D. of the Board Policy Manual be amended as set forth in Exhibit C., attached hereto.
(Report Item B.1.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- The committee approved the 2020-2021 budget for the Technology Division, however noted the budget may need to be revisited should there be a material impact related to the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- The committee received updates on privacy initiatives and ongoing steps being taken related to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The committee approved the security and privacy initiatives planned for the next three to six months, including record of processing activities, data protection training, security of personal data, and data breach notification. In addition to this, the committee was pleased to learn staff will be developing a new chapter for the Board Policy Manual for Technology policies.
- The committee received an update on the status of the digital products. The committee was pleased with recent usability enhancements made to improve service reporting in MyLion.
- The committee discussed updates related to replacing the existing financial system. The project is expected to go live in May 2020.
- The committee engaged in a comprehensive discussion on the long-term strategy for the Technology Division. The committee looked at the implications of strategic ideas related to Membership, Communication, Marketing/Awareness, Service, Operations, Voting, LCIF,

and Systems.

- The committee was pleased with the demonstration of the new eCommerce website, which is expected to launch in May 2020.

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



President to fulfill the responsibilities of the office after the passing of Vice President Judge Haynes H. Townsend in December.

Vice President Alexander served as international director from 2010 to 2012, and he is a former

PID Alexander Steps into 1st VP Role

The International Board of Directors appointed Past International Director Douglas X. Alexander to the office of International First Vice

vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. He has been an active member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Vice President Alexander is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

The office of International President for the 2020-2021 year will be filled once arrangements are made for voting.

LCIF

When Seeing Clearly is a Luxury, Lions Create Change

by Jamie Weber

A mother stands in the doorway of an eye clinic and cannot help but smile, watching her child see clearly for the first time. Unable to afford eye care, she did not know her daughter was struggling to see. Far too many kids experience a similar struggle, and Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) are committed to making a change.

In underserved areas of Utah, USA, eye care can be inaccessible and unaffordable. Lions, who care deeply about the welfare of their community, recognize the large number of children going without eye care and are working to provide the care they need.

Keeping their mission in mind, Lions of Utah partner with the nonprofit, Eye Care 4 Kids. Founded by optician Joseph Carbone, a Lion member himself, the operation uses a mobile vision-screening clinic to travel to areas around the Utah that need help the most. Using vision-screening cameras, Lions and other trained volunteers screen children for poor eyesight. If a screening indicates a child needs advanced care, the clinic refers them to a local doctor. The screenings have found serious health conditions like tumors and other issues that could have led to permanent vision loss.



In cases where parents cannot afford the appointment and aftercare, the eye care services are provided at no cost. It is a massive relief for parents who once needed to sacrifice vision to put food on the table or pay the bills.

There was a problem though. The van they use was in serious need of repairs and equipment. The volunteers were unable to keep up with the amount of kids they knew might be relying on them as their only source of eye care. Knowing their foundation was there to support them, Lions turned to LCIF for assistance. LCIF awarded the Lions a US\$99,600 grant to repair and remodel the van and acquire additional exam equipment.

Today, the mobile vision screening clinic is back to serving children nearly every day. One special event, Refugee Family Night, opened up eye care to entire families. Utah is home to 60,000 refugees, who have come to the United States in search of a better life. However, poor vision can make this already extremely difficult transition even more challenging.

"These children and adults need these services," says Joseph Carbone. "A person cannot become self-reliant if they cannot see or read."

The amount of relief and joy is evident on the faces of the families there that night. Because of caring Lions and LCIF, they are one step closer to their dreams.

Visit lionsclubs.org/campaign100 to learn how Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment, and improve overall quality of life of those with blindness or visual impairment.

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Wyoming Lions

In order to live up to the Lion's Motto of "We Serve" the Wyoming Lions Club has been providing local essentials delivery services for member's of the community requiring assistance due to the COVID-19 quarantine. Wyoming Lions have been making deliveries for the Wyoming Foodland, Wyoming Home Hardware and Marley / IDA Drugs. Wyoming Lion **Mike Vasey** successfully organized the program, which was advertised on our website and Facebook Page. Facebook stats indicate that over 16,800 views. The service started on March 18, 2020 and well over 300 people have used the service already. Locals call the store to place and pay for their order and the store contacts the Wyoming Lions for delivery with no costs involved. A huge thanks to all of the merchants involved and all of the Wyoming Lions members assisting with deliveries.



Wyoming Lion Mike Smith (left) and Wyoming Lion / Foodland owner Charlie Vischer (right) loading some groceries for a delivery

Member Engagement during the COVID-19 Pandemic



First and foremost, Stay safe! As far as I know, all clubs have taken the advice of our government and cancelled all in-person meetings for some time now and for the foreseeable future.

Lions are People of Action through Service, and we are looking for ways to serve our communities and there are many avenues we can still be involved,

I am happy to report that we have seven of our ten districts that have applied for and received grants from LCIF. i.e.a COVID Emergence Grant for \$70,000 US. Some of those funds are being used to feed front line workers that are helping to keep us safe. Other districts have used the monies to buy PPE for their supporting workers. Thank you to our DG's for leading by example and championing service in your districts.

I would be remiss if I did not ask members to give a little back to LCIF We in MDA have been fortunate to receive different types of grants that LCIF offers One interesting way to give back: take what you would have spent on a club meal and when this is over donate those funds to LCIF. If you were planning to attend your district or the MDA Convention in the Muskokas, perhaps redirect those funds as well. You can send your donation to Lions of Canada for LCIF, and you will receive a tax receipt for your contribution. What a great way to give back to what we have received!

We have lots of service still happening, and it would be great to have someone in your club, zone or region to share on social media how your club is serving its community so that other clubs within our multiple districts may use your idea of service.

While serving make sure you engage your local media to maximize your exposure as well and take advantage of all the social media platforms out there as well. Potential new members are at home looking

at the content. Staying active in your community is a great way to keep your clubs presence front and center, which hopefully will draw in new members. Don't be afraid to ask someone if they would like to know more about Lions during this time. We have utilized ZOOM and/or the GO TO MEETING platforms to perform inductions and for General, Board and Committee meetings.

The most important part of this message – I know it's a new world for all of us and some project or activities we have done in the past may not happen again! Be strong as a club, zone, region and district – support each other, work thought these new challenges. Be sure to check in on the members of your club – regularly and continue to Stay Safe and practice Safe Distancing.

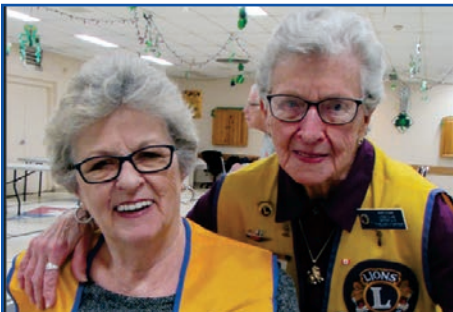


Kevin J. Banfield
Council Chairperson - MDA

North Bay Lions

The North Bay Lions held their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser at the North Bay Golden Age Club. The event was well attended by approximately 125 people in the area, as well as seniors in the building. The pancakes, maple syrup, sausages, fruit and juice were enjoyed by everyone. Lion **Thelma Porter** (95 years young), was an inspiration to us all with her enthusiasm and assistance.

This is the club's 95th year in Lionism, so they took this opportunity to speak about Canada's 100 years in Lions. The guests were educated on the history of Lions and how we came to be in Canada. Many were surprised to learn that the North Bay Lions club has been around for 95 years. The Lions gave the guests the opportunity to speak to the members about possibly volunteering or becoming a Lion. Here's to seeing more North Bay Lions in the future.



Veteran Lions - Lion Thelma (R) and her daughter Lion Wendy Porter-Greason, President North Bay Lions

Mattawa Lions

The Mattawa Lions have always been great supporters of their community and Lionism. In the fall of 2019, the Mattawa Lions celebrated the centennial of Lions in Canada with a tree planting, a BBQ and a cake in the Lions Park by the shoreline of the Ottawa River. Local families joined the Mattawa Lion's "Green Side Up" project and started planting trees throughout the Mattawa area. Since 2006, the Lions have helped to plant close to 250,000 trees including white & red pines, white spruce, red oak, red & sugar maples, basswood, birches, ashes and a variety of native fruit trees. This summer, the Lion intend to plant and distribute between 10,000 and 15,000 conifer

seedlings, once self-isolation is over. We salute the Mattawa Lions for their Greening projects and their help with the environment.



Daily Social Emotional Well-being Activity for Families

The novelty is wearing off, we know it's stressful to adapt to our new reality. Today, take a pause, reflect on your time together – what has worked well, what are we struggling with daily. Ask our kids – what do we want our day to look like? How do we want to feel? How can we help each other get there?

A discussion about guidelines & agreements to work together through this is not about the list of actions that it may generate, but is about the conversation about how we want to feel and be treated

Take a few moments to reflect on your family rules, adjust together, to help everyone in your household be productive and feel safe & supported.



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EMPOWERING LIONS

The LCIF Annual Report 2018 - 2019

Since 1968, LCIF has dedicated our energies to increasing the ability of Lions everywhere, helping them empower the communities they serve. With every grant we give, our history grows, along with the impact of Lions. Today, we could not be more proud of where we stand, or more excited about the future of our work.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



DID YOU KNOW?

The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions.



DID YOU KNOW?

100% of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.



DID YOU KNOW?

LCIF has awarded over US\$1.1 billion – funding more than 15,000 projects around the globe.



About Campaign 100 LCIF Empowering Service

Today, Lions and LCIF – the only foundation supporting Lions service on a global scale – continue a shared commitment to our world in need through *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. LCIF's comprehensive capital campaign ensures Lions continue to serve hundreds of millions of people. Lions' goals are expansive, and no individual Lion, club, or district can achieve them alone; but together with LCIF, we can help make the world a healthier, happier place.

OUR CAMPAIGN 100 GOALS

- 1. Increase Service Impact** – LCIF supports Lions' commitment to their communities, creating greater impact in the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian efforts.
- 2. Fight Diabetes** – LCIF is helping Lions reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.
- 3. Expand to Additional Global Causes** – LCIF is helping Lions identify areas of great need and opportunity in the cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment; conduct pilot projects to develop expertise; and develop sustainable and long-term local and global programs.

ACROSS THE GLOBE, CHALLENGES ARE GREAT

- **Humanitarian Efforts:** Each day, 300 people die from measles
- **Disaster Relief:** Weather-related disasters have grown more than 50% over the last 40 years
- **Vision:** 2.2 billion people have vision impairment or blindness
- **Youth:** Nearly 1/3 of young teens worldwide have recently experienced bullying
- **Diabetes:** 1 in 11 people has diabetes
- **Childhood Cancer:** 300,000 children age 0-19 are diagnosed with cancer each year
- **Hunger:** ~1 in 9 people lacks enough food to be healthy and active
- **Environment:** By 2025, 2 in 3 people may face a water shortage

Sources: World Health Organization, United Nations, Food Aid Foundation, World Wildlife Fund

Grant Types

There are grants to cover the wide variety of Lion service. Chances are, there's something that aligns with service your district is interested in doing.

MATCHING GRANTS

Matching grants are for larger-scale humanitarian projects that help communities gain access to education, technology, health care, safe places for children to play, and many other life-changing improvements.

LIONS QUEST GRANTS

Lions Quest grants allow schools to establish and expand the Lions Quest curriculum.

DIABETES GRANTS

Diabetes grants allow implementation of projects that raise awareness of diabetes, expand access to care, and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed.

SIGHTFIRST GRANTS

SightFirst grants fight avoidable blindness, provide care for those who are blind or visually impaired, and develop infrastructure for comprehensive eye care systems.

LEO SERVICE GRANTS

Leo service grants allow Leos to plan larger humanitarian initiatives providing the opportunity to make a bigger impact.

DISASTER GRANTS

Disaster grants allow Lions to provide immediate and continued support to victims of natural disasters through Disaster Preparedness grants, Emergency grants, Community Recovery grants, and Major Catastrophe grants.

DISTRICT & CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

District & Club Community Impact grants transform 15 percent of unrestricted club and district contributions to LCIF into grants, which fund local projects.

Through the District & Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) program, 15 percent of unrestricted contributions to LCIF from a club or district may be transformed into grants which fund projects at a club or district level. Qualifying donations may be made throughout the year. Those funds are available for a grant to the club or district the following Lion year.

Before a club can apply for a DCG, there is a minimum donation requirement of US\$5,000 in one year. For districts, there is a minimum requirement of US\$10,000 in one year.

The DCG program helps Lions provide many forms of service such as comforting a sick child, planting trees in a local park, or purchasing nutritious food for hungry neighbors. For more information, visit lionsclubs.org/dcg.

Life Cycle of a Grant

A grant from LCIF empowers Lions to take their impact further. Curious about how grants work? Take a look at our grant life cycle—from project conception to completion.



LCIF is Making a Difference

SHE CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW

Seven-year-old Vivian had never complained of poor eyesight, and it hadn't affected her schoolwork or playtime. One afternoon, Vivian's school hosted a free vision screening, KidSight USA, sponsored by Naugatuck, Connecticut's local Lions Club.

During the routine screening, Lions volunteers discovered an issue in Vivian's vision that was previously undetected. Upon receiving the Lions' findings, Vivian's mother, Sarah, took her daughter for a professional eye exam. Her daughter was diagnosed with refractive amblyopia, known as "lazy eye."

Refractive amblyopia is caused by one eye having significant uncorrected near- or farsightedness, or a substantial astigmatism. Because the other eye does not have these issues, the brain relies solely on the "good" eye. As a result, the afflicted eye becomes "lazy" from disuse. If left uncorrected, amblyopia can lead to permanently reduced vision.

Vivian's vision was easily corrected with prescription eyeglasses. Now aware of the issue, her eye doctor will monitor Vivian's eye health through regular checkups.

"I'm writing as a tremendously grateful parent! Without your foundation and the Connecticut Eye Research Foundation, my daughter's diagnosis would not have been determined. She has seen an eye doctor and will get the necessary treatment to improve her impaired vision. THANK YOU for giving my daughter a better quality of life because of your foundation's kindness and concern for the wellbeing of our children! Gratefully and Respectfully, Sarah"

Sight is precious. Every year, LCIF empowers Lions to help people worldwide identify and address vision issues.

SCREENING VISION IN BURKINA FASO

François couldn't see clearly more than 10 inches (25 cm) ahead. Yet, the 65-year-old man left his village at four o'clock in the morning to travel on his motorbike 29 miles (45 km). The trip was not easy. The road was rocky and in dangerous condition. He had a few mishaps along the way and followed other motorists closely so he knew where to go. He hoped the risks would be worth it.

François' friend mentioned a clinic where he could have his vision screened at no cost and purchase an affordable pair of eyeglasses. Lions of Burkina Faso used a US\$110,746 LCIF SightFirst grant to build optical clinics in areas of their country where eye care was unavailable or unaffordable. The two-year project, which began in 2018, will screen the vision of 124,000 people and will distribute 26,400 pairs of glasses.

When François arrived at the clinic, an optician screened his vision and determined the correct prescription for his first pair of eyeglasses. François was able to purchase the eyeglasses for 5,000 CFA (just US\$10). When he put them on, he smiled. He told the optician he could see everything perfectly.

François left on his motorbike and headed home. This time, he didn't need to follow anyone.

SKILLS FOR GROWING PROGRAM PROVIDES A BRIGHT FUTURE

In Montevideo, Uruguay, there is an elementary school full of bright, young children. However, in a community with issues such as violence and drugs, it can be difficult for the kids to stay focused in school and out of trouble.

Lions Quest *Skills for Growing* program is changing the school environment. The program focuses on the potential of the children and directs their energies into becoming capable young people with a sense of direction and a strong commitment to their families, schools, and communities.

"The changes we notice through the program are evident. There is a before and after," says Maria Bethania Rattia, a teacher at the school. "Implementing the program was not hard because we were supported by Lions Quest training. It shows you how to go deeper into the subject and articulate what you want to achieve with each activity," says Rattia.

The students also appreciate the lessons. "I like Lions Quest because it helps you to deal with situations and how to work with others," says Mikaela, one of the students.

Thanks to Lions Quest, these students are provided the tools needed to lead healthy and successful lives and are on a path to a bright future.

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The Doctors Are In

MOROCCO - These young medical professionals aren't waiting for retirement to make an impact.

On January 26, 20 doctors, all members of Lions Club Doctors Unité in Casablanca, set out for Douar Ait Tamjat-Tagleft, a small village near Taroudant, a coastal city in the south of Morocco. Their mission, done in partnership with Moubadarat Al Khayr association of Béni Mellal, was to provide medical care for the residents of the village.

"Sadly, medical coverage in Morocco is particularly lacking," says Lion Salwal El Jamali, communications director for the club.



Doctors with Lions Club Doctors Unité discuss their action plan at a recent medical outreach project

"Communities inside of cities have trouble getting the healthcare they need, ones in villages are sometimes completely cut out of the healthcare system and sometimes have to travel a long way in order to see even a primary care doctor."

The Lions who attended this particular caravan had specialties ranging from general medicine to dentistry, to pediatrics, to gynecology, among others, and they treated approximately 800 people during the two-day visit.

They also initiated an oral prevention campaign in the community, provided dental consultations and extractions for adults, and distributed medicine donated by members who are pharmacists.

The club also brought clothing and food baskets to hand out, and, as though they weren't busy enough, began a redevelopment of the courtyard of the local primary school. "We did some painting and put up some bookshelves with books for a small library that the kids could have access to any time," says Jamali.

The active club holds several humanitarian caravans each year, and always goes to a different area in need. They often work with local

organizations to help identify the exact needs of the communities so they can plan accordingly.

Money for the projects comes from several fundraisers, including the "Run for Atlas," which is a race through the Atlas mountains, and a soccer tournament called "Kick It for Hope," which raises money for a special caravan dedicated to screening for ovarian and breast cancer.

"Nothing makes you more satisfied than the idea of knowing that we participated in relieving dental pain in a child, warming up a pregnant woman, or even helping an elderly man to gain autonomy," says club president Manal Fattah.



Diabetes screening are just part of the comprehensive medical care Lions provide on their service trips

Mission Inclusion

CAMBODIA - Lions in Cambodia believe it's not about winning or losing, but how – and with whom – you play the game.

The organizers of the OSEAL Leo Forum 2020 teamed up with Special Olympics Asia Pacific (SOAP) and Special Olympics Cambodia to organize an afternoon of Special Olympics Unified Sports, which places individuals with intellectual disabilities on teams with those without disabilities.

Part of the purpose of the forum was to raise awareness of Special Olympics and its partnership with Lions. Unified Sports is the philosophy that teaming individuals with intellectual disabilities with those without intellectual disabilities is a path to friendship and understanding, so it felt natural to put those principles into practice at the forum.



Leos team up with Special Olympians to tug their way to victory at the OSEAL Leo forum

"We at Special Olympics are incredibly grateful for these opportunities to empower our athletes to achieve their best, both on and off the field of play," says President and Managing Director of Special Olympics Europe Eurasia David Evangelista, also a Lion.

One hundred and twenty Leos and Lions and 30 Special Olympics athletes from the Cambodia province of Kampong Thom came together at Angkor Beer Football Club to compete in five-a-side football and the traditional sport of tug-of-war, which are both popular national sports for Cambodia.

In 2015, tug-of-war was recognized for its cultural significance in Cambodia (as well as in South Korea, Vietnam, and the Philippines) and placed on the UN Cultural Heritage list. Incorporating the game into the forum helped participants to better understand the local culture.

There were four unified teams for football, each comprised of five to six Leos/ Lions and three Special Olympics athletes, and there were eight tug-of-war teams, each with eight to nine Leos/Lions and two to three athletes. The rest of the forum participants who were not playing

helped document the event through photography and videography.

For some Leos, this was their first time playing tug-of-war. For some Special Olympics athletes, this was their first experience traveling to another province for sports. Before the event Lions and Leos provided shoes, sports uniforms, and footballs for the athletes to train with.

The partnership enabled participants to learn the ethos of the Special Olympics movement while also having hands-on experience of how Unified Sports activities can bring about inclusion through sports.

Overall, everyone had a lot of fun.



A Leo helps a Special Olympian get his shoes secure before play begins

Lions Challenge Locals to Take Out While They Stay In

by Joan Cary

Three Wisconsin Lions clubs are turning the tables when it comes to service. Instead of asking local restaurants to support them as they often do, they are reaching out to support the restaurants hard hit by COVID-19.

The Galesville, Trempealeau, and Ettrick Lions clubs in north-central Wisconsin are offering US\$100 cash prizes to people who order takeout from local restaurants and submit their receipts for a drawing.

Galesville club president Tyler Truax says the idea for the Take-Out Challenge started when the club was forced to suspend meetings because of restaurant closures.

Club projects and community events have always



been strongly supported by local businesses, Truax says, so the Lions decided it was time for them to support the local restaurants. With the neighboring Trempealeau and Ettrick Lions, they put together a list of 14 restaurants that continue to offer carryouts through the pandemic. Customers who collect five receipts from any of the restaurants can mail them in or take them to the local bank and be entered into a drawing for US\$100. Eight takeout receipts earn you two entries in the drawing.

“Everyone seems excited about it. It took off right away, and honestly this is about the least amount of work we’ve ever had to do for a project,” says Truax.

“It’s very important for us to keep those businesses. Anything we can do to help them is important, obviously, for them and for the community.”

Amy and Brad Stanislawski own Driftless Bike ‘N Bean coffee shop and Liberty Peak Deli in Trempealeau. “We’ve always had our regulars, but now business is steady,” she says. “This is not only helping business, but it has increased awareness that we’re here. We are very fortunate to have local loyal support. It means a lot to us, what the Lions are doing.”

At Annie and Brad Beedle’s Bar and Restaurant in Centerville, losing their dine-in

business and closing the bar meant dropping the payroll from 30 to five or six.

“At least we’re able to keep five or six who are still getting a paycheck. These are local people trying to keep a job, and we are very lucky to have this kind of support,” says Annie Beedle. “At this point every little bit everyone is doing is helping.”

Brad is diligent about keeping the place clean and safe for customers who choose to come in to pick up their food, offering sanitizing stations where they can wipe their hands, but also their credit card and their phone. “We are forever sanitizing the door, just hoping people continue to come,” she says.

“The toughest part is having to lay off people, but a lot of people are commenting about the drawing when they come in and we appreciate everyone’s support,” says Lion Price Kopp who has owned Wason’s Supper club in Galesville for 25 years. Tenderloins are always a hit, as is the Friday night fish fry there.

“Well,” says Truax, “if you have three kids at home all day, and maybe you’re working from home as well, it’s kind of nice to have somebody else cook.”

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The Todd Eaton Memorial Track in Port Dover is getting back on track



Simcoe, Waterford, Vittoria and Port Dover Lions Clubs

A \$250,000.00 fundraising goal to resurface the 400-metre rubberized track has been reached thanks to local citizens, community organizations, as well as students and parents at Lakewood Public School.

The track currently has holes, cracks, and gaps after 22 years of use.

“The track has been very well used over the years, but has exceeded its intended longevity,” David Van Laecke, Lakewood principal, said in a press release. “It’s an important community asset, a source of immense pride, and the only track Grand Erie students in the area have access to, so it made perfect sense to enter into a partnership to raise funds to repair it.”

“Young people are the heart of our communities, which is why this track

upgrade is so important,” said Lion Don Tomlinson of the Port Dover Lions Club. “The Lions saw this as the perfect project to support because the track will be well used by students at Lakewood Elementary, and also by the surrounding community.” The local Lions Clubs, Simcoe, Waterford, Vittoria and Port Dover raised a combined \$62,000.00 to contribute to the project’s total.



Members of the Port Dover Lions, present their \$50,000.00 pledge to Principal David and the Back on Track Committee. The Port Dover Lions have been serving the Community for over 80 years

New Liskeard 75th Anniversary

The New Liskeard Lions recently celebrated 75 years of Lionism in 2020. At a meeting before COVID 19 started, 2nd VDG Lion **Carmen Portelance** presented President Lion **Alf O’Reilly** with a Certificate of Congratulations from International President Lion **Jung-Yul Choi**. During the club’s existence, they have raised over \$3,000,000.00 that has been given back to their community for numerous projects. Congratulations to the New Liskeard Lions and here’s hoping for another 75 years.



Fundraising During Social Distancing

How to bring funds to your community when you can't leave your home.

by Annemarie Mannion

When bush fires burned millions of acres of land, destroyed buildings, and led to the deaths of both people and wildlife in Australia in 2019, the Lions Club of Taree in New South Wales knew they wanted to help families, farmers, and first responders affected by the blazes.

Lion Phil Grisold of the Taree club witnessed the damage first-hand.

"I was gobsmacked at what was developing before my eyes," he says. "I realized that resources would be severely stretched and that our traditional fundraising efforts would not be possible due to our need for action on the ground."

In November 2019 the club launched a fundraiser on the GoFundMe online platform that to-date has raised about AUD\$113,000 (US\$68,000) -- \$13,000 more than the \$100,000 goal they set -- to provide fire relief.

Raising funds is never easy, but marshalling resources when the community you serve is in the midst of a disaster takes know-how and skill. And unlike localized disasters, a pandemic that requires the majority of the global population to stay indoors and avoid contact with other people presents a new kind of challenge for Lions.

VIRTUAL CAN-SHAKING

How can Lions be there for those in need when they cannot actually be there? One way is through financial support. Digital fundraisers are one way for clubs to continue to raise money when large events and person-to-person fundraising just can't happen.

"The world is online and there's nothing that proves it more than the COVID-19 pandemic," says Richard Stevenson of the South Tucson Cyber Lions Club in Arizona. "The world is connected online. We have to be moving in that direction for service, recruiting, fundraising, and communications."

While online fundraising will never entirely replace in-person fundraisers, Stevenson, Grisold, and other Lions recommend that clubs make it part of their overall fundraising strategies.

The Taree Club's GoFundMe campaign was a pivot from their traditional fundraising efforts and was motivated in part by a need to move quickly to capture interest in an event of international consequence.

"Normally our club would roster members to go to public places such as shopping centers and raise up to \$1,000 in coins donated in a bucket," Grisold says.

But when the fires hit, the club was short on volunteers. They decided to try an online fundraiser with the approval of District 201N1 and with all monies raised going to the District for distribution. One hundred percent of the monies raised went to fire relief in Australia's Mid Coast region.

While the South Tucson Lions have not yet had to cope with a natural disaster, they do use online fundraising to help support their club's causes. They partner with a local car dealer, Jim Click Jr., who provides tickets for non-profits to sell for chances to win prizes, including a 2020 Ford F-150 Platinum truck and cash.

"We have the tickets and we could bang on doors to sell them, but we sell them online and it's been successful for us," Stevenson says. "For a little club, we raise quite a lot of money."

The club raised US\$5,500 in 2019 and US\$3,500 in 2018, all of which went to provide vision exams and eyeglasses for children in need in Tucson. Over the past four years, the club has provided about 100,000 screenings.

Make a direct impact today
by donating to LCIF's
General Disaster Fund
at LCIF.org.

CREATE A DIGITAL HOME-BASE

The South Tucson club promotes the raffle via a website it developed through Lions e-Clubhouse.

"I don't come from a technological background," Stevenson says. "But it is easy. I've been able to figure out how to build a website that has 8,000 followers."

The club's website includes a link that allows people to click to easily purchase raffle tickets through a third-party payment system.

To promote the sale of tickets, the club also sends personal emails with a link to the website, has a Facebook page for the fundraiser, and posts about it on Facebook and other social media channels, with the hope that the posts will be shared to people well beyond their own club and circles.

"If it's a compelling email or post, it will appeal to people beyond my personal friends," Stevenson says. "When you see captivating photos you say, 'I want to support this program.'"

Stevenson prefers for the club to have its own fundraising website, as opposed to doing a GoFundMe campaign, Facebook fundraiser, or using another online platform, because it allows him to track who is donating, to update them on what the club is doing, and to thank them.

"You really need to thank them," he says. "I'll send them an update every two to three months on what our club is doing. My hope is they will become supporters not just once, but for years to come."

GET PARTNERS

Although Stevenson is based in Arizona, he recently contributed to a fundraiser sponsored by the Indiana Cyber Lions Club that is working with a Wisconsin-based company, Fudgeraiser, to sell fudge online to raise money to offset the new club's administrative costs.

"We have people ordering from all over the U.S.," says Carol Wellman, project chair. "It adds to our base of supporters and gets the word out about what Lions do."

The Indiana club receives 30 percent the fudge sales. The Fudgeraiser company provides a website and link so people can easily make a purchase.

"They do everything," says Wellman. "All we do is drive traffic to the link they gave us."

Both Wellman and Stevenson agree that it's important to vet and understand the services that an online fundraising company will provide.

"Some (fundraising companies) are a bit more complicated and harder to manage," Wellman says.

To have a successful online fundraiser through GoFundMe, Grisold says it's helpful to tap the input of people who are familiar with social media or willing to learn about it.

"Develop a digital team with social media expertise and create a plan to spread your message," he says. "Work with the traditional press, but continue to drive all interest and traffic to your campaign website."

Stevenson, Grisold, and Wellman agree that the Lions well-regarded and trusted brand is a valuable asset that is crucial to helping them raise funds online.

"This is about all aspects of Lionism," Stevenson says. "We're not giving up our traditions, but we need to move forward to reach people where they are today and continue to spread the word about our important missions."



NEW PICNIC AREA & PLAYGROUND



Top Middle - BALL COMMITTEE: (L-R) Lion Chief **Bruce Falkner**, Lion **Cy McKenna**, Shirley Simmons - Brant Councillor, Lion **Steven Thomson**, Edith Stone - Paris Youth Softball Assoc., Blue Jays mascot, John Pierce - Brant Councillor, Kathy Ballantyne - Parks & Rec., Lion **Ken Linington** - Project Coordinator, Michelle Reay, Joyce Clement - Paris Youth Softball Assoc., David Arsenault - Paris Parks Foundation. Over the course of the project \$264,833.00 was raised from the local community and related businesses by a partnership between the **Lions Club of Paris**, Paris Youth Softball Association, Paris Parks Foundation and County of Brant.

Centre Left - TRILLIUM GRANT PRESENTATION: (L-R) Lion Chief **Ted Bickell**, Dave Levac - MPP Brant/Brantford, Lion Ken Linington - Project Coordinator receiving \$75,000.00 Trillium grant for construction of Amphitheater.

Centre - WALTER WILLIAMS AMPHITHEATER RIBBON CUTTING: (L-R) Kathy Ballantyne - Parks and Rec., Town Cryer - Larry Davis, Lion Chief Ted Bickell, Phil McColeman - MP Brantford, Ron Eddy - (then) Mayor of Brantford/Brant County, Owen Williams and daughter Margaret Deans - son and daughter of Walter Williams, Lion Ken Linington - Project Coordinator.

Bottom - TWIN DIAMONDS aka "Field of Dreams"

Inset: Mayor David Bailey and Lion Ken Linington - Project Coordinator, Official Opening.

PROJECT SPONSORS FUNDRAISING TEAM	PETE LAVOIE BALL DIAMONDS DONORS
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District A5 Lions

The **New Liskeard Lions** planned a fund-raiser for their club using specially packaged Easter Bunnies in Lions packaging and were planning on going door to door and selling their chocolate wares in the malls.



Then Co-VID 19- hit and all the plans were put on hold. They had already received upwards of eighty cases of the chocolate bunnies and had to come up with a method to put them to good use, other clubs were asked to assist.

Lions Clubs in the district responded and members in the Sudbury and North Bay areas became involved. Discussions were had on different ways to distribute the bunnies and recoup



their investment. As it turned out a plan was put into action involving local businesses. In addition, the local kid's hockey team, who originally were going to do door to door sales reverted to a phone order program which was successful. The sales were organized by Lion **Rory Moore** of the New Liskeard club who drove from New Liskeard to North Bay to meet up with Lions Lion **Brenda Lalonde** (aka "easter bunny") and made deliveries in the Sudbury area. District Governor Lion **Debbra Christiansen** purchased a quantity of the stock to distribute. All deliveries were accomplished utilizing social distancing.



North Bay Lions

The North Bay Lions club have been hosting Bingo for many years and are able to continue to do so even with Co-VID 19 restrictions with the help of the local Cogeco company. They can only have three Lions at the studio to pull the numbers and handle the phones, which have increased significantly these past few weeks. Cards are available around the area and this is giving community members something to do on Sunday nights while shut in.

The Lions are still able to raise money for local charities. In March and April, the Lions have donated \$20,000.00 to many groups including The Salvation Army, The Food Bank, Gathering Place, Crisis Centre, Red Cross, Callander Food Bank and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Keep up the good work North Bay Lions.



District A-1 "Eyes Right" and Windsor Downtown Lions

The District A1 Lions Sight Conservation Foundation ("Eyes Right") was established in 1990 as a means for the Lions Clubs of District A1 to pool their resources with the goal of eradicating preventable blindness. The District A1 Lions are proud of their Foundation. "Eyes Right" has provided almost one million dollars for eye health care equipment to hospitals in London, Windsor, Chatham, Sarnia, St. Thomas, Petrolia and Strathroy. The majority of the foundation's income is donations from the Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs of District A1.

The grants are used to purchase diagnostic and surgical equipment used in hospitals by



Lion Dr Gail Tanner demonstrating operation of slit lamp biomicroscope, one of the pieces of equipment funded by the grant pictured L-R: Windsor Downtown Lions President Sean Hunt, Eyes Right Chair Lion Dr Gail Tanner, Windsor Project Chair 2VDG Valerie Burningham, PDG Ron Devos

ophthalmologists. In its constitution, "Eyes Right" also seeks to promote awareness of the need for donated corneas, both for transplant and research purposes.

Our motto is: "WE SERVE SO THAT OTHERS MAY SEE".

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of their charter as the FIRST Lions club in Canada, the Windsor Downtown Lions Club partnered with "Eyes Right" to provide a \$100,000.00 grant to purchase ocular triage equipment for Windsor Regional Hospital's Metropolitan and Oulette emergency departments. The goal is to ensure timely assessment and treatment of patients at both sites, and to eliminate the need to transfer patients and/or staff between campuses for eye injuries. The intended result will be fewer delays in receiving ophthalmology care and/or eye surgery.

On 11 March 2020, the Windsor Downtown Lions and "Eyes Right" each presented a cheque for \$50,000.00 to the Windsor Regional Hospitals Foundation. Both ERs will be equipped with a slit lamp biomicroscope for

examining the ocular surface and a tonopen to measure the intraocular pressure. As well, every one of the 30 examination rooms at each hospital will now have an ophthalmoscope for the doctor to view the interior of the eye.

This project will have a profound impact on the efficiency of emergency eye care in Windsor.

You've all heard the saying "time is money"? Well, for eye emergencies, "time is fear, time is pain, time is vision".

Submitted by Lion Dr Gail Tanner, Chair, District A1 Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. "Eyes Right"



Windsor Downtown Lions and Eyes Right support Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation with \$100,000.00 grant L-R: Back row: Lion Sean Hunt, PDG Jacqui Flood, PDG Mark Mahovlich, Lion Dr Gail Tanner, PDG Joe Elliott, PZC Sandra Tilley Sasse, PZC Murray McDonald; Front: Lion Carol Balmos, Lion Ed Towse, PDG Ron Devos, 2VDG Valerie Burningham, Lion Anne Marie Rigney, Lion Justin Blazek

Looking back - International Convention - San Francisco, July 28-31, 1947

from Lion Ray Charbonneau, MD'A' Historian

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - SAN FRANCISCO, July 28-31, 1947.

To a group of District "A" Lions and ladies who left Toronto Union Station on July 21st for a three week return trip to the Convention, this would be the most memorable occasion in their lives. They were to travel in five pullman cars across the United States and return through Canada, and their itinerary included many stops and tours enroute.

A great time was being enjoyed by all, until one day in New Mexico, Lion Doctor Rynard was asked to look at a sick dining porter. Lion Doc. agreed to give of his professional services and advised that the sick man had at least the chicken-pox, and suggested that the porter be removed from the train as soon as possible. This was done at the next stop in New Mexico.

After an interesting full day at the Grand Canyon, Secretary Bruce Malcolm and the three Doctors in the party had a conference in the evening, prompted by the receiving of a telegram, "that our whole train was to be quarantined for two weeks." They were all to be inoculated with serums and sent back home, the sick porter had been diagnosed as a small-pox case.

After another day of travelling and much anguish on the thoughts of a ruined trip, the train stopped at St. Bernardino, Cal., and all were forbidden to leave the train. A group of Government Medical Representatives boarded the train and held a conference with Lion Bruce and the three Doctors in the party. As the train rolled slowly on its way, it was decided that the party had two alternatives, submit to vaccination or suffer to be put in quarantine for two weeks. They had no choice but to submit to the "needle", which was done in the next four hours as the train moved slowly along to Los Angeles. Apparently there was no serious effects of vaccination, all passed medical tests at San Francisco and had a marvelous time at the Convention. They started their journey home rejoicing that their Lion Walter C. Fisher had been elected 3rd Vice-President of Lions International.



Blyth Lions Club to Deliver Groceries

The Blyth Lions Club (A9) is working with the Blyth Food Market to deliver groceries to local senior citizens and others who are self-quarantining to keep safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those wishing to buy their groceries from home can call the market and place the order. Market staff will then collect the requested items and assemble the order before calling the shopper back with a total order cost. Shoppers will pay by credit card over the phone and the market staff will provide an approximate delivery time for the order. It will be a member of the Blyth Lions Club who will deliver the order, leaving it on their doorstep.

Long-time Lions Club member John Stewart said there had been unofficial discussion among club members about serving the community in some way during the pandemic and it was member Fred DeBoer who suggested a grocery delivery service. Stewart brought the suggestion to the Blyth Food Market a few weeks ago and there were some technological kinks to work through before the service could be rolled out.

"It goes back to the root of our organization and its motto, 'We Serve' and we thought this was something we could do to help the community," said Stewart in an interview with The Citizen.

With the high number of senior citizens in the community, Stewart said DeBoer felt that keeping people at home and delivering groceries would be a helpful service to provide.

As for the logistics of the deliveries, Lion John said the store will field and fill orders over the course of the day and Lions Club members will pick up orders destined to be delivered at 5 p.m. every evening. The deliveries will be contactless, with payment having been arranged prior to the delivery.



District A-2 "On The Lighter Side"

After a 2 year production delay (it's a long story) Past District Governor **John Harvey** drove to Port Dover, ON to present PDG **Jim Lomas** with an A-2 PDG 'award style' jacket. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic PDG John found an idle snow shovel to use for the presentation to keep a safe physical distance. Since 2013, our A-2 PDG's receive an 'award style' jacket from the A-2 Cabinet members as acknowledgment and thanks for a year of leadership and dedication in our district and beyond. If you are wondering about the bandage being sported by Lion John on his hand it seems he was partaking in another winter activity by chopping wood when things got a little out of hand (no pun intended).



Temiscaming Lions Club

The Temiscaming Lions Club is situated in a small town of 2300 people in Quebec. Their club has 9 members but don't let their size fool you. This club runs a telethon each year for those that need a little help at Christmas. With the donations of money and items, they provided food baskets to 115 families this year. Pictured here with club President Lion **Regis Bérubé**, and future Lions (also known as his granddaughters) sorting and packaging teddy bears to go into the gift baskets. To those clubs out there that say they are too small to do events, the Temiscaming Lions are a great example of "Yes You Can". Hats off to this great group of Lions for setting such a positive example.



2019 Lions International Peace Poster Grand Prize Winner



Zhuo Zhang, a 13-year-old boy from Xi'an, China, has a vision of what peace looks like. Zhang brought that vision to life through his art, earning him the grand prize in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest. Zhang was one of 600,000 participants worldwide in the annual Peace Poster Contest sponsored by local Lions clubs, which gives young people aged 11-13 an opportunity to share their vision of world peace through art.

As the contest winner, Zhang will receive a US\$5,000.00 cash prize. Zhang is also sharing in the celebration with 23 merit winners from around the world. All merit winners receive a US\$500.00 cash prize for their winning artwork. There was Canadian content amongst the merit winners; Gaele Petraki Bechalani, who is 11 years old from



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Vankleek Hill and District Lions Club

On March 2, 2020, the Vankleek Hill and District Lions Club made a donation to the Tilligerry Peninsula Lions Club for the bush fire relief fund. The presentation was made to Lion **Kevin Coleman** by Lion **Tony Chenel** of the Vankleek Club who made the long trip to Lemon Tree Passage, New South Wales, Australia.



L-R: (Front Row): Lions Margaret Brewer and Vicki Pfeiffer; (Back Row): Lions John Sheppard, Joe Pfeiffer, Tony Chenel and Kevin Coleman

Schumacher Lions

The annual Schumacher Lions Club Craft Show was once again a big hit. Held at the local Arena, the community comes out each year for this wonderful event.

The Lions prepare a good variety of food to keep everyone well fed and also raise funds. The Lions are kept busy organizing volunteers to go from booth to booth and take orders and deliver food during the day.

The Lions were also selling raffle tickets for an ATV, boat & motor, etc. as a major fundraiser

to help those in the community. If that was not enough, they were also collecting donations for the Stan Fowler Telethon for children. Anyone making a donation of \$50.00 or more received a ballot on a snowblower, which we all can use in Northern Ontario. Way to go Schumacher Lions for all that you do in your community. Roooor!



Lion Marshall Lachapelle keeping the volunteers running with popcorn and cotton candy



Lion Chris Macimas keeping everything organized



Lion Dan Ansara collecting for the Stan Fowler Telethon

Onaping Falls

The Onaping Falls Lions held a fundraising BINGO for the Special Olympics team in Sudbury. This team went to the Nationals in Thunder Bay and did an awesome job. Our team brought home 15 medals. Congratulations to Onaping Falls Lions and to the Special Olympians for their success.



Rockton Lions

The Rockton Lions are proud and pleased to announce they have been awarded the designation of **DOG GUIDE CHAMPION** by the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. They are the **first club** in Ontario to receive this designation.

Dog Guide Champions are those who sponsor a Dog Guide in each of the six programs, Canine Vision, Hearing, Seizure Response, Autism Alert, Diabetic Alert and Service. To become a Dog Guide Champion, sponsorship donations totaling \$50,000.00 must be received within a six-year period for all six programs.

Since 2012, the club has sponsored eleven teams. In addition, they also donated towards the reconstruction project of the Oakville facility. This is close to \$100,000.00 in total contributions. The majority of those funds were raised through the

support of the community attending our "Annual All You Can Eat Fish Fry" which happens every year on the first Saturday in June.



Awards ceremony in February L-R: Lions John Riddell, Gary Lloyd and Pat Evangelisto, Dog Guide Recipient Nadia from Brantford and Klaire, Julie Jelinek, Director of Development Lions Foundation and Beverly Crandell, Chief Executive Officer Lions Foundation

Lions Club of Merritton

The Lions Club of Merritton donated \$5000.00 during the month of April, 2020 to five community groups who are working hard during these unprecedented times to ensure members of our community have food on the table. Five local groups each received \$1000.00 to support their community outreach programs.

1/ Food-4-Kids - Principals in all the schools they support have provided names of families that require help putting food on the table. Food-4-Kids distributed grocery gift cards to these families and provide daily lunch bags.

2/ Niagara Nutrition Partners – Typically they provide a breakfast/lunch program when schools are operating. In this time when schools are all closed, they are supporting four major programs (of which Food-4-Kids is one) with grocery gift cards and “greens” to be

packaged with daily lunch grab bags.

3/ Salvation Army St. Catharines – They provide many services to help local people in need. The funds donated were designated to help with their many programs which provide food and hot meals.

4/ Community Care – funds to replenish food bank.

5/ St Georges Breakfast Program - Five (5) volunteers per day provide for 50 to 80 homeless people a day with toasted jam and peanut butter sandwiches in plastic sandwich bags, cheez whiz sandwiches, bottled juices and coffee.



Restoule and District Lions

The Restoule and District Lions were proud to support North Bay Regional Health Centre for their ongoing dedication to the health and welfare of our region. The Lions hope that the donation of \$1,000.00 will assist the health centre in purchasing needed supplies and protective gear to keep their staff safe and allow them to continue their vital work.



L-R: President Lion Dave Parrott, Lions Bonnie Dugas, Mike Conto, Judy Conto, John & Marilyn Drage

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Athens Lions

Remarkably successful for a Club to recruit seven new members in a given year

A first for the Athens Lions Club, seven new members were initiated into the club in 2019. In the last five years, twenty-one new members have joined the club, bringing the total to thirty-eight.

We are very proud of this accomplishment. Our new Lions have joined in with the club and are fully participating with all the club activities with new project ideas. Thank you to all.



New Lions (NL) and Sponsors (S) – L to R: NL-Dick Michel, S-Rob Layng, NL-Cory Michel, S-Peter Vanderlinden, NL-Sue Montgomery, NL-Linda Heffernan, S-Tim Sargent, S-President Kevin Barber, NL-Randy Martin, Guest Sue Tunnicliffe Gananoque Lions, NL-Brenda Gardner, S-Todd Evans, S-Ray Heffernan, NL-Margret Heffernan

Windsor Downtown Lions

The Windsor Downtown Lions Club unveiled a statue of Helen Keller and a leader dog at Lions Manor, a residential facility, recently honoring the club's 100th anniversary. There was to be a celebration dinner and ceremony in March but unfortunately that got sidetracked by the Corona virus.

Lion **Dave Balmos**, committee chair explained the local club, started in 1920, really got its marching orders from Keller. In 1925 she addressed the club's North American convention with a request they become "*Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Darkness.*" In more recent years, the local club has worked at providing leader dogs to people with visual impairments. Also part of the sculpture is a large book displaying Keller's 1925 speech in

braille.

The cost involved was in the area of \$300,000.00, paid for by the board of Lions Manor, where thirty percent of the residents have a visual impairment and the remainder are seniors.



Lambeth Lions' Memory Box Program

Prior to 2006 when a child passed in the Paediatric Critical Care Unit (PCCU) in the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, the family was sent home with the keepsakes in a paper bag or a cardboard shoe box. An upgrade to a plywood box was introduced until the Lambeth Lions, who had been making wooden toys for the children in the hospital, were approached to see if we would be interested in making a more substantial box for the families. The club agreed and the Memory Box program was born.

A year later the nurses at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) asked to be a part of the program. Again, the Lions agreed and since then an average of 55 boxes a year have been supplied to meet the needs of the two units. In total nearly 800 boxes have been distributed to the families.

In 2019 the Critical Care Trauma Centre (CCTC) asked if the Lambeth Lions would supply a box to the children of any single parent who passed away in their unit. Their requirement was for approximately 10 per year; again it was agreed to by the club.

The boxes are made of solid oak or cherry wood using dovetailing and glue (no nails) hand crafted by Lions members. The dovetailing and gluing is now being done by a small Amish company near Aylmer. All other aspects of the construction and finishing continue to be completed by the Lambeth Lions members volunteering their time and talents.

The Memory box is just one part of the grieving support program initiated by the nurses in the PCCU and NICU. Other aspects include an annual Remembrance Day, professional social worker support and more.

The Memory boxes are supplied free to the hospital and all decisions as to who gets a box rests with the unit nurses. Besides our annual fundraiser the Lambeth Lions partner with the Children's Hospital Foundation to offer tax receipts to anyone donating twenty dollars or more to the program. Our Children's Hospital serves all of southwestern Ontario and often families from all parts of Ontario. As a result, Memory Boxes serve grieving families in MD "A" across Ontario.

When children die, their final moments become the most personal, powerful and painful moments in the life of their family. Creating memories and treasuring the keepsakes that are part of each child's life journey becomes an integral part of support for families.

"When someone you love dies, their life becomes a memory and that memory becomes a treasure."

Author unknown



Ridgeway Lions Excel in Community Service During Challenging Times

On March 23/20, the COVID-19 epidemic made it necessary for the town of Fort Erie to close all facilities including food banks and soup kitchens. That is when the Ridgeway Lions Food Committee chaired by **Bruce Schinkel** along with **Robbie Robinson** and **Peter Grantham**, decided that the Ridgeway Lions could assist their community by preparing and cooking meals for the less fortunate, seniors and those in need.

Committee Chair Schinkel immediately contacted the Fort Erie Mayor, the Crystal Ridge Community Centre for permission to use the facilities and the Niagara Regional Health Unit to get information and the how our club could serve meals to those in need in our community with safe physical distance considerations.

After literally hours of conversation the Ridgeway Lions were given the green light. "There's a lot of rules and regulations in place." says Schinkel "We are adhering to these very seriously": wearing masks, gloves, physical distancing and no contact with anyone that we serve and the Lions volunteers within the community centre and kitchen.

Serving meals on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm the teams prepare 320 - 350 meals three times a week. Meals include spaghetti and meatballs, subs, pork and beef roast (with meat sauce), soups, mashed potatoes. On Good Friday the team served a full turkey dinner! To date, we have served in excess of 7000 meals through our drive through pick up or delivery to approximately 200 dinners each serving day.

Thanks to local businesses and our community with money or food: "We have this down to an art!" said Lion Ron Brunner. The committee established 3 teams: four kitchen cooks, two transporting meals from the kitchen door to an outdoor table and another handing food boxes at the drive through or delivery. It's been a challenge especially for the Four Amigos in the kitchen, Bruce, Robbie, Peter and Ruth. No one knows how long this epidemic will last but we're here to weather the storm.



L -R: Lions Peter Grantham, Robbie Robinson, Bruce Schinkel and his wife Ruth

Victoria Markham Square Lions Club's Holiday and Food Drive Event

Last December over 60 people including Victoria Markham Square Lions and their families gathered together to celebrate the upcoming holidays and participate in their Food Drive.

The gathering was a grand finish to 2019 for the club. Each member and their family took the initiative to share something special with the group. The variety of performances included singing, dancing, and a few good jokes which made for a well entertained group .

This event was made better with the inclusion of a great cause, gathering food for the Good Shepherd homeless shelter. The facility is located in downtown Toronto and provides vital services to the homeless. The Lions of Victoria Markham

Square, view the Lion's global cause as one of our most important goals which they reached again this night. All in all, the Lions managed to raise over 500 pounds of non-perishable goods that were donated to the homeless for the coming winter. Our New Year's resolution? To continue being active and contributory members in our communities.

The addition of guests like 2nd Vice District Governor Lion **Barry MacDonald**, Lion **Tim Cheung**, Regional Chair Lion **Sudha Verma**, and Zonal Chair Lion **Carolyn Stephenson** not only made the event much more livelier, but also brought attention to the progress the club has made over the years.



Sharbot Lake and District Lions

In May the Sharbot Lake & District Lions Club amassed and donated a substantial amount of personal care items to the local food bank. Monetary donations to the Food Bank can be used only for food purchases but other items such as shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap etc. were desperately needed. Many families are struggling during these difficult times and the Lions were delighted to be



L-R: Lions Dawn, Candy, Dave, Tina, Bob, Ron. Seated in front: Lion Andy & Bill.

able to help out. We Serve.



Marsville and District Lions

Zone Chair **Garry Ransom** presented 45 Year Chevrons to Lion **Neil Hoogendoorn** and Lion **Ken Blackwell** at a club visit, January 20, 2020.



Barrie South Lions

Three Barrie South Lions from District A12 traveled to Guatemala at the end of January for two weeks. While in Guatemala, Lions **Chris Hide**, **Angela Day** and PDG **Len Day** helped with the construction of four homes.

Everyone pays their own transportation, accommodation and food. We do fundraise to pay the cost of the buildings. Each home cost \$3500.00 for the building materials. We also have other members from the Barrie Area help with the construction. In total we had seven people volunteering over the two weeks. We would like to grow this project and build more homes.



Trout Creek, Walden and Minnow Lake Lions

The Trout Creek Lions have donated \$500.00 for material to make masks. They have rallied volunteers to sew and provide these masks to anyone in and around the community. They are distributed to local stores and local citizens can pick them up. Thanks to Lion **Joy Ann Osborne** for organizing the project. Other club members, Lion **Claire Hobden** of Walden Lions and Lion **Leanne Furchner** of Minnow Lake Lions have also been making masks.



Lion Leanne Furchner of Minnow Lake Lions



Lions Bob and Claire Hobden of Walden Lions

Mattawa Lions

While the Mattawa Lions cannot meet at this time due to Co-VID 19, their members are still helping the community. Lions **Tammy** and **Jamie Ranger** spearheaded a campaign to purchase a shelter/gazebo for the staff and residents at the local Algoma Nursing Home. The project was approved by the club who decided to donate this equipment so staff have a haven to go to while working under stressful conditions. Residents will be able to use it as well. The Lions will assist in putting the structure together.



Lion Jamie on the left and Lion Tammy on the right, a PSW herself representing the nursing home

Amaranth Lions

Thanks to the generosity of Rory and Julian from McDonald's at Riddel Park in Orangeville for their donation of coffee and cookies and to the Amaranth Lions Club for delivery to local nursing homes staff on a weekly basis, Just a small thanks to the front line workers. Delivery made by two unidentified Lions, We Serve!



Delaware Lions

Organizing members of the Day to Remember golf tournament, a childhood cancer initiative, joined forces with the Delaware Lions Club to help a local family via a bottle / can drive. Word spread on social media and it was a huge success.

In less than two weeks, ending May 9th, more than 350,000 bottles and cans were collected together with donations raising more than \$50,000.00.

The money will go toward expenses for three-year-old Hunter Weston and his family. Hunter has

undergone several operations and chemotherapy for an aggressive cancer, that has kept him and his mom isolated in hospital. The illness was diagnosed at the height of social distancing because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Several local businesses helped with this effort. Vanos Insulations donated the use of their warehouse, Prouse Transport loaned out tractor trailers, and Canadian Tire Ingersoll allowed the use of their parking lot and of course the Beer Store. Dozens of

volunteers including many Delaware Lions turned out to help with the drive as well as a member from the **Poplar Hill Lions**. Congratulations to all involved for answering the call to help the Westons in their time of need.



Buckingham Lions

During these difficult times, the Buckingham Lions Club has taken action to give thanks to those who care and are dedicated to the well-being of our community.

Chocolate boxes labelled MERCI and Lions coffee mugs were distributed in health facilities, pharmacies, clinics, police and fire, and others. With this gesture, club wishes to recognize their essential services.

We encourage our citizens to support our merchants by buying local. A thoughtful mention to all merchants who remain open to meet people's

needs. Businesses and their employees in the sector have always supported the Lions in their activities.

A thought is addressed to those who have lost jobs and to businesses that closed in order to comply with government directives. Our club is victim as well, local license bureau service desk, which the Lions Club is an agent for, closed and put its employees on indefinite unemployment.

The Buckingham Lions Club invites everyone to respect social distancing guidelines, with the aim of eradicating this virus.



Lion Jocelyn Frechette, getting ready for a delivery



Buckingham Lion President is with Andreane Poirier from the Hospital



Lion President Pierre Boisclair delivering the goodies with his support team

Le Club Lions Buckingham

En ces temps difficiles, le Buckingham Lions Club a pris des mesures pour remercier ceux qui se soucient et se consacrent au bien-être de notre communauté.

Des boîtes de chocolat étiquetées MERCI et des tasses à café Lions ont été distribuées dans les établissements de santé, les pharmacies, les cliniques, la police et les pompiers, entre autres. Avec ce geste, le club souhaite reconnaître les services essentiels.

Nous encourageons nos citoyens à soutenir nos marchands en achetant localement. Une mention réfléchie à tous les commerçants qui restent ouverts

pour répondre aux besoins des gens. Les entreprises et leurs employés du secteur ont toujours soutenu les Lions dans leurs activités.

Une pensée s'adresse à ceux qui ont perdu leur emploi et aux entreprises qui ont fermé afin de se conformer aux directives gouvernementales. Notre club est également victime, le bureau de service local du bureau des licences, dont le Lions club est un agent, a fermé et mis ses employés au chômage pour une durée indéterminée.

Le Buckingham Lions Club invite tout le monde à respecter les directives de distanciation sociale, dans le but d'éradiquer ce virus.

The Ailsa Craig Lion Was Out and About

Recently the Ailsa Craig and District Lions and the Crown and Turtle Pub treated the staff of the Craigwiel Gardens elder care facility to a Pizza Night in appreciation for their efforts in trying times, a small but welcome gesture. These Lions are known for their community involvement.



Cambridge Highlands Highlights

On February 24, 2020, 1st VDG **George Corrin** inducted 2 new members into Cambridge Highlands Lions Club. New members shown with Lion George are Lion **Theresa Miller** with Sponsor Lion **Janice Lajeunesse**, and Lion **Jeanne Cutting** shown with Sponsor **Jennifer Chaput**.



On the same evening, Cambridge Highlands presented a cheque for \$12,000.00 to Lions Foundation of Canada for an Autism Dog in training. Her name is Paula and she was fostered by our own club member, Lion **Janice Lajeunesse** and will graduate this spring. Lion Chief **Victor Chaux** presented the cheque to District LFC Chair, **Debbie Cserhalmi** and LFC Trainer Alissa Sylvester.



On March 11, 2020, Cambridge Highlands Lions Club Chairperson **Ferne Lindhorst**

presented a donation of over 20 baby blankets to the PreNatal Care Unit at

Cambridge Memorial Hospital. These blankets are made with loving care by past member **Pat Bryant** and donated annually. Included in the donation were 18 teddy bears to the Children's Ward as shown being given to Nurse Tracey.





LCIF COVID 19 Pandemic Grant Program

As part of LCIF's response to the pandemic, a grant program was established by the foundation, the progress of which is illustrated in the response image. District A15 applied for and received a grant of U.S. \$10,000.00 to assist in the provision of Personal Protective Equipment for front line

workers. There is a variety of equipment intended for use in the area including regulation N95 masks, face shields and a host of related products.

Bradford Lions Community Service

The Bradford Lions have partnered with the local McDonald's Restaurant and are delivering coffee, muffins and pastries to staff and front-line workers at the Bradford Long Term Care facility, made possible with funds raised by the club. Club members pick up the coffee and treats at the McDonald's drive-through window and deliver the refreshments. There were two-hundred and forty-six residents at the start-up of the service. The feedback has been amazing with gratitude in respect to what the club is accomplishing.

The Club also identified a need, and a further program was developed to help the front line health care workers at Southlake Hospital. The members acquired items and delivered them in the hopes of making their day easier. Feedback was also very positive.

"Thank you so much for your generous donations. We are so excited to see the support from the Bradford Lions Club, it warms our hearts!!"

"Your donations are gratefully enjoyed by our staff. Many tell me that is the highlight of their day, knowing the community is supporting them."



L-R: Dr. Sean Gardner, COVID Health Network along with MD-A Council Chair Kevin Banfield, Lion Kamram Farooq, Treasurer, PDG Dr. Jack Bishop and PDG Q,J, Wilura, all members of the Kitchener Lions.

Waterdown Lions donate to Flamborough Women's Support

Due to COVID-19 the Waterdown Lions have cancelled their bi-weekly Dinner Meetings in favour of virtual meetings. As a result they have decided to put that money towards community needs. The Lions had their annual Comedy Fest scheduled but it was cancelled. Also, many patrons donated the price of their tickets in lieu of a refund. The Lions were able to make contributions to Flamborough Women's Resource Centre (\$1000.00) and additional support to the two Flamborough food banks. In order to maintain Social Distancing if you

look close you will see the cheque attached to the blade of the stick, it is autographed by Curtis Joseph, NHL Goalie for the Maple Leafs and other teams. The stick is destined to be used in a future fundraiser when possible.



L-R: Lion Jim Duchl, Nancy Smith from the FWRC and Judy Partridge, City Councillor from Ward 15

Grimsby & District Lions & Friends and the COVID-19 Challenge



Lion Laurie MacKenzie shows a recent quilting creation and models one of the groups face masks

Almost twenty-three years ago, a small group of local women in the Grimsby area came together to share their interest in quilting. Today, they are known as the 'Fifty Quilters' and are now working with the Lions to make a difference in combatting COVID-19.

In the early days, the group taught new members the art of quilting: before long, beautiful quilts were being created singularly and together as a group. The quilting group now includes two Grimsby & District Lions Club members **Jane Franks** and **Laurie MacKenzie**.

Recently, their group sessions were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, always ready to lend a hand, quilters have been busy sewing from home, making face masks for individuals. To date the group have produced and donated over 1000 face masks for the St. Catharines General and West Lincoln Memorial Hospitals and McNally House (a 24 hour specialized palliative care centre).

"We have had our challenges!" said group leader and Grimsby Lion **Jane Franks**. "We needed elastic cord and all stores were closed and it would take at least 4 weeks to get it from Amazon." Friends contributed what they had on hand to keep us going until Jane located a store owner who donated a large roll of medical grade cord. "It was green!" Jane exclaimed. Just after the elastic cord issue resolved; both of Jane's sewing machines broke down, as did her steam iron. After several phone calls a repair technician was located. He visited Jane's home and worked at

a distance in her sunroom to get both machines back in working order. Yep, Jane managed to borrow an iron. "The Grimsby community has been great providing support through these challenges!"

Recently, the quilters have partnered with the Grimsby Lions. Club President **Louise Seaton** and Lions members are making the community aware of these home-made face masks that will be provided to those in need or for a donation to support face mask production.



Clara Miller, a 3 year old Grimsby resident, gives a 'thumbs up' approval and a colourful drawing as thanks to the Fifty Quilters group and the Grimsby Lions for her face mask



Lions of Nova Scotia and Lions Quest Canada



The Lions of Nova Scotia have stepped up to help children affected by the Nova Scotia shootings by distributing grief kits, there are 71 clubs in the province, known as District N2. Lion **Debbie McGinley** is the Governor.

"We have millions of Lions all over the world and Lions are committed to serving the public in whatever way is needed," says McGinley. Lions in Nova Scotia have also helped out during the COVID-19 pandemic, offering acts of service like delivering groceries and medications.

When the mass shooting happened in April, claiming the lives of 22 Nova Scotians and affecting numerous communities, the Lions were there to lend a helping hand. "The closest Lions Club is the Parrsboro Lions Club, they assisted the

RCMP by providing officers with coffee and other items while they were working," said McGinley.

Lions Clubs are also dedicated to helping the youth in their community through a program called Lions Quest Canada - a registered charitable organization dedicated to fostering positive youth development. One of the tools Lions Quest Canada provides is a grief kit, which includes a book and memory box, designed to aid parents, educators, and friends help a child cope with death.

"One of the things that happened is, after 911 there was a lot of children that were grieving, so that's why they developed the grief kit that has the book, 'Where is Robert?' (by Christine Dernerderlanden) to help them understand what happens when someone passes and that it's OK to have different emotions," said McGinley.

"Because I knew of this program, I decided that this would be a great thing that the district could do. So I contacted the principal at Debert Elementary for permission, and he

was of course 100 per cent willing, so we purchased them for the entire student body."

McGinley delivered the kits to the school. The school's guidance counsellor and a grief counsellor are set to distribute them to the children. McGinley has also been in contact with the RCMP to provide grief kits to the families of the victims. "If it's able to help one child to deal with their grief then we have succeeded as Lions in providing a service to those in need," said McGinley.



St. Davids LEOs help out during the COVID-19 Challenge

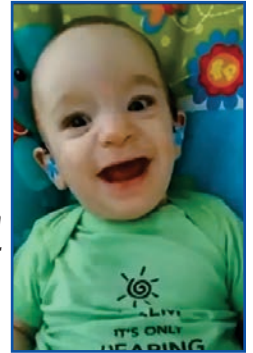
During a 'stay at home' quarantine (GoToMeeting) meeting of the St. Davids LEOs a comment was made by LEO **Kylie Black** on how help our local food bank (Project Share) during these challenging times. During the discussion that followed we learned that Kylie had contacted Project Share to find out that the greatest need was baby food and diapers. Under LEO Kylie's leadership, the group voted to encourage their families to support Project Share with contributions of baby food and diapers.



Copetown Lions provide a moment of sheer joy

I Can Hear

For a three minute video of pure joy, visit this link to see babies hearing for the first time. Thank-you to Lions **Janet Dawson Brock** and **Zoltan Dohar** for sharing this with us.



Browse to http://www.copetownlions.com/mda_link.html

Valley East, Capreol and Minnow Lake Lions

As a result of the Co-VID 19 epidemic, many of the food banks in A5 have been inundated with requests for help. The Lions clubs have stepped up to help those in their communities. The Valley East Lions have donated \$1,000.00 each to the Good Neighbour and St. Vincent de Paul Food Banks. The Capreol Lions have donated \$500.00 to the Roses Food Bank. Minnow Lake Lions has donated \$1,000.00 to each of the Sudbury, Holy Redeemer, Inner City and Pregnancy Care Infant Food Banks. These clubs and all the others in our district are doing all they can help their communities.



Colborne and District

The Colborne and District Lions partnered with the Colborne Foodland in April to deliver groceries to residents that were unable to leave their homes because of the Covid-19 situation. Social distancing was implemented when the deliveries were made.

Another project from club members, Lion **Wendy** has been making masks for vulnerable members of the community, Lion **Marie** is shown wearing one of the masks.



Weston Lions

Rumour has it that Weston Lions Arena has the best french fries in Toronto. They must be good because the volunteer-run snack bar donated \$10,000.00 in proceeds to Weston Area Emergency Support, the local food bank, despite having the season cut short.



The gracious organizers wish to thank Weston Minor Hockey League and GTA hockey families and teams for their support throughout our 70th season. All of our snack bar workers are Lions Club members or student volunteers. All sale proceeds are directed back into the community.

Kirkland Lake Lions

The Kirkland Lake Lions made a donation to the local Food Bank and then they did something a little different. It was suggested that the club do something to help lift the spirits of the community. So the club also purchased gift cards from three grocery stores in town. On the club's Facebook page, people had to like the page and provide an answer to a question such as "share a positive thought" to enter the contests. The winner, who is chosen at random, would then nominate a person who could use the card. These draws were done over several days and an amazing number of comments were made by people. They gave away a total of \$800.00 and received a donation of \$300.00 for the Lions to give to the food bank. Great idea Lions.





Paris Lions Salute Local Health Care Workers

On May 5th and 6th, the Paris Lions Club in partnership with Camp31 BBQ delivered 225 boxed lunches to the staff at the four long-term care and senior residences in town: Park Lane Terrace, Penmarvian Nursing Home, Telfer Place and Queensview Retirement Community. The County of Brant Fire Department and emergency services graciously participated in our salute, making it a truly special event for the front-line workers who are providing outstanding care to our community's most vulnerable citizens during the COVID-19




Thank You

The Paris Lions Club in partnership with Camp 31 thank the staff at our local long-term care and seniors residences for providing outstanding care to our most vulnerable citizens during the Covid-19 crisis.

(present this coupon to receive \$5 off dining room service at Camp 31 once fully re-opened)

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Ryan Mandryk from Camp 31 helped distribute the food



IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2021 London, Ontario May 28 - 30, 2021

International Conventions

103rd Singapore, Singapore June 26 - 30, 2020
 104th Montreal, Canada June 25 - 29, 2021
 105th New Delhi, India July 1 - 5, 2022
 106th Boston, Massachusetts, USA July 7 - 11, 2023
 107th Melbourne, Australia June 21 - 25, 2024
 108th Mexico City, Mexico July 4 - 8, 2025

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 15 - 16, 2020 Louisville, Kentucky
 Sept 9 - 11, 2021 Des Moines, Iowa
 Sept 15 - 17, 2022 Calgary, Alberta
 Sept 14 - 16, 2023 Reno, Nevada

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – Convention – May 1-2, 2020

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A-1	Best Western Plus, Stonebridge, Lambeth	April 3 - 5, 2020
A-2	Holiday Inn, St. Catharines	March 27 - 29, 2020
A-3	Best Western Plus, Cobourg	April 3 - 5, 2020
A-4	Nav Centre, Cornwall	April 17 - 19, 2020
A-5	Holiday Inn, Sudbury	April 17 - 19, 2020
A-711	Sandman Signature Hotel, Niagara Hotel	April 17 - 19, 2020
A-9	Best Western, Peterborough	April 17 - 19, 2020
A-12	Holiday Inn, 20 Fairview Road Barrie	April 3 - 5, 2020
A-15	Quality-Festival Inn, Stratford	April 3 - 5, 2020
A-16	Holiday Inn, Peterborough Waterfront	April 17 - 19, 2020

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
 Looking forward to meeting again in the future!

Ralph's Ride

11th annual snowmobile ride in support of Diabetes Research



Ingersoll Lion Ralph Gordon and his snowmobile friends at MICHCANSA have just returned from their annual snowmobile trip after their combined trips raising donations for Diabetes research. The group had another successful year.

MICHCANSA as a group this year raised \$17,859.65 and since 2010 has raised \$230,595.00.



Lion Ralph himself beat his goal this year raising \$10,470.00 and since 2010 he raised an outstanding \$48,029.00. This is the reason he was awarded MICHCANSA's "fundraiser of all time."

Ralph would like to thank all who supported him.

DIABETES CANADA

St. Joseph Island Lions on a Mission to Serve

The St. Joseph Island Lions recently made a donation to the St. Joseph Island and Area Food Bank. With the self-isolation of many of the area residents, the bank is more important than ever. It remains open for operation and they are taking precautions by limiting the number of persons in the hall to practice social distancing and provided hand sanitizer for clients, organizers, volunteers and those dropping off donations. The Lions have supported the Food Bank over the years, donating time, and with donations of monetary, non-perishable items and turkeys at Christmas.

Shown in the photo getting food ready for distribution are **Margie Cooper**, Reverend Adrian Collins, Paul Cooper, and Lion **Diane Young**.



Toronto Global Telugu Lions Club

Lending a Helping Hand to COVID-19 affected families in India

On behalf of the Global Lions Club in Toronto here is some information in relation to recent service work in India. With the help of Palakol Lions club in India, the club's fundraising has assisted in donations which has helped in distributing food items to approximately 700 COVID-19 locked-down families. Thanks to our club members and others for the generous donations and volunteer work. Visit the Telugu Lions club facebook page and web site for more information in respect to donations and future charitable initiatives and activities. www.telugulionsclub.com



Kirkland Lake

The Kirkland Lake Club was busy in the community again. They picked up the responsibility of running the winter carnival and kept up it's prominence in the community. This was a huge endeavour for the club. It involved many hours before the event, organizing, advertising, soliciting donations and repairing and cleaning up the outdoor rink and area in sub-zero temperatures.

The carnival is a week-long affair and began with the opening ceremonies with the lighting of the torch. The week continued with a Valentines' dance for kids, community breakfast, cross country skiing, donut and burrito eating contests, log sawing, nail driving, tug of war, ski toss and several other events. The Kirkland Lake Lions – keeping up the community spirit!



Caledon Lions

It is difficult for a community service organization like the Caledon Lions Club to serve the community when we can't get out and roll up our sleeves to help those in need. In lieu, we are making donations to local area food support programs to help those in dire need in these trying times: Caledon Community Services Food Support Program - \$2,000.00, Orangeville Food Bank - \$2,000.00.

These funds have been raised locally with our selling of locally produced fertilizer. We had campaigns in Alton, Caledon Village and Caledon East where we sold fertilizer door-to-door. We also have fertilizer in bulk at a location on Highway 10 that is sold on an honour system.

The door-to-door activities will not happen this year but the honour system is very much flourishing as we just picked up another 8 skids from Alliance Agri-Turf of Bolton. It appears that Caledon area citizens are ahead of their yard work in these trying times. Our supplier has shut down their retail sales for now, but they made it known that it can be purchased through the Lions Club. This company has been and continues to be a strong supporter of our club and the community throughout the years.

In addition we are making additional donations to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides to support the development of service dogs for Canadians and to Lions Camp Dorset, a unique facility resort that offers a vacation opportunity for dialysis patients and their families.



Elmira Lions Club Receives Major Donation To Purchase People Mover For Memorial Forests

The Elmira Lions Club recently received a cheque in the amount of \$25,000.00 from a non-Lion donor to purchase a vehicle capable of transporting persons who wish to visit their dedicated tree in the Memorial Forest. The donor had noted the transportation challenge after a recent Memorial Forest Dedication Service.

It was decided to purchase a John Deere all-terrain vehicle and a custom-built aluminum trailer. The unit works well, pulling the trailer and to provide a vehicle for trail and forest maintenance issues. It is designed to carry 6-8 people. The Elmira Lions Club appreciate this generous donation from a life-long community minded resident of Elmira. Ron Cressman, who is pictured below with the new equipment and his long-time friend, Lion **Art Woods**, Chair of Trails and Memorial Forest Committee.

Take note that Lion Art is proudly wearing his new Lions 2020 Centennial shirt which is available to all Lions across Canada, see the ad elsewhere in this issue for more information.



Guelph Royal City Lions

Our own Lion **Sylvia Keefe** is part of a Guelph sewing group that is making face masks, caps and ear savers for local healthcare uses. Our local hospital and most of our long term care homes are in desperate need of these protective items. Even some paramedics and mid-wives are asking if the sewing group would donate some to them. Some of the other sewers are making gowns, and they put cuffs made from ribbing from socks to seal out the spread of germs. Thank you Lion Sylvia and your sewing group for helping to make a difference in our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. We salute you!



Lions Quest Canada

Lions Quest is an integral part of the Lions presence in Canada and elsewhere in the world. It is a program designed to assist in “Training the Trainers” and create a great experience for children and give them the social and emotional skills they need to succeed. Lions Quest has a collection of daily thoughts and ideas for social well being. The

plan is to share them with the members of MDA with a view to give the clubs a better understanding of what Lions Quest is about. For further information please go to lionsquest.ca. Your support of the program will go a longway to complete the goals of this important part of Lionism.

Daily Social Emotional Well-being Activity for Families

We Are Unique!

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ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

District Reporters

There is a reporter designated for each district, their function is to assist clubs and the magazine staff with submissions that include high resolution photos and a summary of the service activity. Please utilize their services. They can be contacted as shown:

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Wellington District Lions Club PCC John Whyte

The Wellington District Lions are donating 90 face masks to the residents of Hallowell House, a long-term care residence in Prince Edward County.



PCC John Whyte and partner Kathy Marden – Photo & text courtesy of the Wellington Times

The masks are fully lined, fully elasticized to provide a snug fit, completely washable and are clearly Canadian!! The club is making the masks available to residents in Prince Edward County at a cost of \$6.50 each. This is not a fundraiser for the club but a service project - \$6.50 covers the cost of all materials needed to make the mask, shipping and HST. For more information or to place an order call John at 613-847-3749 or email: jhwhyte48@yahoo.ca.

Fort Erie Lions

In response to the news stories about increased demand on local food banks resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Lion **Charlie McMillen**, of the Fort Erie Lions Club spearheaded an initiative to make a donation to the local food bank to enable them to purchase much needed food and other supplies. “We know there are families in our community in need at this time ... and we are here to serve our community.” – *Lion Charlie McMillen*

Club president, Lion **Ken Dodds**, embraced the idea and by way of the new normal, via email and phone calls, the board approved, and then club members voted unanimously to donate \$4,000.00 to the Fort Erie Salvation Army Food Bank. “We would like to thank the Fort Erie Lions Club for their very generous donation to purchase food for our bank during the pandemic. We are already seeing people coming to the facility who have been laid off and have not accessed our services previously. With the extra monies ... we will have the ability to meet the needs of the additional families and individuals.” – Anne Watters, Fort Erie Salvation Army Community and Family Services Manager

The Fort Erie Lions Club are happy to be able to still make a significant contribution to our community in this unprecedented time.

Lions Vera Ebel and Terrie Hall (L to R) of the Fort Erie Lions Club, deliver a needed contribution to Anne Watters of the Fort Erie Salvation Army Food Bank



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We have two (2) main goals – two (2) projects to help us celebrate our Centennial:

1. To plant 100,000 Trees across Canada.
2. Each Club is encouraged to complete a Centennial Project in its Community. It could be something as easy as placing a bench in a park or a Trail or it could be something very major such as building a new Hall or Arena. It doesn't matter, but what is important is that we do something that is visible and shows Lionism in action. Each Governor has an information brochure, report forms and buttons. Pins are also available for purchase.

For more information contact your District Governor or either of the following:

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