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Welcome to the October/November/December Edition of the LION.

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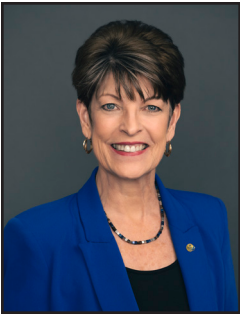
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Dear Lions,

You make such a big difference in people's lives every single day. Furthermore, who better than a Lion or Leo knows that our service is not only a gift we give our communities, it's a gift we give ourselves? Serving others feels good and replenishes our spirit, so let's not keep that feeling all to ourselves!

As a Lion, share your service stories proudly on social media, in your personal networks and when meeting new people. Let everyone know about all the ways your club helps your community and how much fun you have doing it. Most importantly, ask others to join you. Invite them to help with a service project or participate in a club or committee meeting. Let them see for themselves how great it is to be a Lion.

As your club grows, so will your ability to positively impact your community, and to enrich the lives of each and every one of your members.

Thank you for everything you do as we continue serving and Changing the World.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill

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International President, Lions Clubs International



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Cairo, Egypt – October 13-16, 2023



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AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. The committee received a preliminary draft of The International Associations of Lions Clubs' audited financial statements and report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.
2. Received an updated risk assessment, internal audit plan, and internal audit overview presentation from staff.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Amended the constitutional interpretation to require members to be full dues paying members of a single club for a continuous period of one year and a day before they count towards their club's total delegate entitlement.
2. Amended the Advisory Committee to Review Vice President Candidates to require a final report and recommendation by July 31.
3. Amended the Guidelines to Recommend Third Vice President Candidate to require the Executive Committee to review the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on or before the August Executive Committee meeting, and for the Board of Directors to recommend a candidate on or before the October/November board meeting.
4. Housekeeping to remove items from the title in the Board Policy Manual, Chapter III, Paragraph G., which are currently listed under their own paragraphs.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Discussed and approved per diem allocations for Presidential Convention Appointees who qualify for reimbursement and headquarter staff supporting the 106th Lions International

Convention.

2. Discussed and approved the 2024 Line of March for the Parade of Nations.
3. Requested the Convention Division to conduct a full assessment of Board Policy Manual, Chapter VIII Convention, A.8., Reinspection of Convention City.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Approved the redistricting proposal submitted by Multiple District 201 to combine 201- W1 (Australia) and 201-W2 (Australia).
2. Approved the redistricting proposal submitted by District 320-C (India) to bifurcate into District 320-C (India) and 320-H (India).
3. Appointed Lion Fikret Sendil as the acting District Governor for Provisional District 135 (Cyprus) to enable him to take the necessary steps to create a cabinet and prepare to take the position of 2024-2025 District Governor.
4. Approved a housekeeping item to remove the repeated phrase "Perform such duties and other directives as may be required by the district officers or by the policy of the International Board of Directors." in the Standard Form District By-Laws,
5. Approved changes to the redistricting policy to allow districts with 1,000 or more members and districts less than 1,000 that are growing an average of 1% or more, to vote on a redistricting proposal that impacts the district. This policy change is contingent on a 2 constitutional amendment, which will be considered by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee in March 2024.

FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2023-2024 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved a resolution to authorize staff at Lions Clubs International (LCI), Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and the ISAME Regional Office to administer Enet banking for the LCI bank account at HDFC bank in India.
3. Approved a resolution to authorize staff at Lions Clubs International (LCI), Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and the ISAME Regional Office to administer Enet banking for the LCIF bank account at HDFC bank in India.
4. Revised the reference to Operating Reserve in the Budget section of Chapter XI FINANCE of board policy.
5. Revised the reference to Operating Reserve in the Forecast section of Chapter XI FINANCE of board policy.
6. Revised the Operating Reserve Policy of Chapter XI FINANCE, Paragraph E.4. of board policy to clarify methodology, reporting and authority regarding the operating reserve.
7. Approved the changes to e-commerce and supply chain management engaging a thirdparty logistics company for The International Association of Lions Clubs for club supplies sales.
8. Approved the Master Services Agreement between Spiro-GES and The International Association of Lions Clubs for the Melbourne International Convention in June 2024.
9. Approved the amendment to Chapter

XXI TRAVEL AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT, Paragraph B.d. to increase mileage for Leo Lion Board Liaisons from 10,000 miles to 15,000 miles for travel to Leo Lion forums.

10. Revised Chapter XIV, Leadership Development, of Board Policy for new director orientation to be held immediately following the international convention at the site thereof.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Supported the plan to transition the current ALLI Leo-Lion Scholarship to a Faculty Development Institute (FDI) scholarship beginning in 2024-2025.
2. Established for LCIP participants who do not certify on the first attempt a time limit of two years to apply and submit the required video for LCIP certification.
3. Approved an extension of the Leadership Development Institute Grant deadline through December 31, 2023.
4. Supported future survey of multiple districts and single districts to inform the design of the future model of Second Vice District Governors and First Vice District Governors/District Governors-Elect training programs.
5. Revised the Board Policy Manual by replacing the phrase "District Governor Team Manual" with "District eBook."

LONG RANGE PLANNING (AUGUST 2023 MEETING REPORT)

1. Resolved to create an ad hoc committee to study how to make LCI more friendly to women and young people.
2. Resolved to amend board policy to require forum discussions occur at a minimum of one board meeting, annually, rather than at every meeting.
3. Resolved to conduct a research study of Lions International's global causes and the potential addition of mental health or wellness.
4. Received an update on Mission 1.5 program elements and provided direction to staff.
5. Recommended the creation of an ad hoc committee to develop a Leo membership category and referred the matter to the Membership Development Committee.
6. Recommended the creation of a working group to study the development of a corporate club model and referred the matter to the Membership Development Committee.
7. Recommended amending board policy to hold New Director Orientation at the location of the Lions International Convention, and limiting the length to one day, referring the matter to the Finance and Headquarters Operation and Leadership Development Committees for implementation.

8. Reviewed and discussed options for revising LCI's operating reserve policy.
9. Requested staff conduct a comprehensive review of LCI's board policy manual.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

1. Approved 43 Marketing Grants for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Seven (7) were declined due to funding issues. Funds have been exhausted for this year.
2. Approved Marketing Grant funding allocation for Provisional Regions (US\$3000), Undistricted Areas (US\$3000) and Provisional Areas (US\$1500).
3. Reviewed a request from multiple districts in China Taiwan requesting the ability to produce separate magazines in each multiple district. Four out of five requesting multiple districts (MD 300A Taiwan, MD 300B Taiwan, MD 300C Taiwan and MD 300E Taiwan) meet the member requirement to produce their own magazines. In order to ensure that all distinguished Lions in MD 300D Taiwan have access to the LION Magazine, the board committee refers this matter to local leadership in MD 300A-E Taiwan to discuss solutions to include MD 300D Taiwan with another publication. The Marketing Committee has a concern that separating magazine editorial teams for the country could create inefficiency in local magazine operations and make it difficult to align messaging. It is therefore the current view of the committee that the MD 300 Taiwan magazine should be maintained, instead of each multiple district maintaining separate versions.
4. Amended the international protocol in Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIX to remove the "Global Action Team Regional Area Leader" position and reordered Line #8 to recognize current Board Appointees before Past Trustees.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the 2024-2026 Leo Club Advisory Panel.
2. Discussed next steps to investigate corporate membership opportunities.
3. Reviewed and update the committee on the MISSION 1.5 rollout and
 - a. Approved additional funds for training Global Action Team district and multiple district coordinators.
 - b. Approved additional giveaways to promote the initiative.
4. Approved an ad hoc committee be created to investigate Leos as Members.
5. Recommended increased mileage allowance for Leo-Lion Board Liaisons.
6. Created policy in Board Policy Manual chapter

XXII, adding a membership chairperson to the Leo Club Program structure.

7. Updated policy in Board Policy Manual chapter XVII, clarifying the rights of a discounted member, and aligning discount programs with the new discounted member category.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Resolved to extend the current partnership agreement on refugee resettlement cosponsorship between Lions Clubs International and Welcome.US for a period of two years to allow for the achievement of program goals and the investment of remaining partner funding in club grants.
2. Resolved to amend board policy to update the Service Activities Committee charter to reflect the current eight Lions International global causes.
- 3.
4. Received a report on service reporting and plans to increase adherence to service reporting guidelines.
5. Received an update on advocacy events, the Lions International Representatives to United Nations program, and the United Nations Summit of the Future.
6. Selected winners of the Youth Camps and Exchange Top Ten Chairperson Award.
7. Supported a recommendation from the Long Range Planning Committee to conduct a survey to evaluate Lions International global causes.
8. Discussed new potential service opportunities, including road safety, supporting individuals with autism, and disaster preparedness.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. Reviewed the 2022-2023 actuals for the Technology Division and discussed the 2023-2024 first quarter forecast versus budget for the division.
2. Received a comprehensive update on the Salesforce project. Staff confirmed the Lion Portal is expected to launch in January 2024.
3. Discussed the change management and member engagement strategy needed to minimize the impact of a change to the digital member experience. Also discussed the need to engage members when setting future Lion Portal priorities.
4. Reviewed an update on the organization's holistic approach to security.
5. Received an update on infrastructure initiatives. Progress had been made on three fronts: compliance, infrastructure improvements, and network security.

For more information on any of the above summaries, please refer to the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the Legal division.



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Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting September 30, 2023



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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Council Treasurer Dave Hewitt presented the budget for the 2023-2024 Lions Year which was accepted and adopted by the Council of Governors.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Committee is now accepting applications for the position of MDA Council Treasurer which is a five-year commitment. It is suggested to review the MDA Policy and Procedures Manual so that interested applicants may become familiar with the key responsibilities of the position. The Policy and Procedures Manual can be found on the MDA Website, please see the following link: <http://mdalions.org/pages/Directory/Constitution>

All applications and resumes should be submitted by mail or email to the Administration Committee c/o:

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MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A" CONVENTION

The 2024 MD "A" Convention themed "Sharing the Vision" will be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway Conference Centre in St. Catharines on May 31 – June 2, 2024. Registration forms are available at www.mdalions.org.

HUNGER

MDA Convention Hunger awards progress Year to Date (YTD – Q1: JUL-SEPT 2023):

1. District Governor: highest # hunger activities reported YTD; A-2 DG Tom MCLARTY (42)
2. District Hunger Chair: highest % clubs reported hunger activity YTD; A-12 Kelly

MCNAMARA (26%)

3. Lions Club: greatest # of SERVICE activities reported for hunger YTD; A-2 Fonhill LC (25)
4. Lions Club: most people SERVED for hunger YTD; A-2 Fonhill LC (272)
5. Lion Members: most volunteer hours reported for hunger YTD; A-12 Barrie South LC (1,460)

Congratulations to all! Let's keep reporting.

LION MAGAZINE

Digital editions of the LION Magazine can be found at www.mdalions.org or through the MyLion App. Advertisers are always welcome!

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Congratulations to District A4 as they have been given approval at the August LCIF Board of Trustees meeting for a Matching Grant. The Matching Grant of US\$22,222 will be used with locally raised funds to purchase a Mammography Machine.

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES

Dog Guides have started to accept new applications. The Facility Support list opened in September and the Seizure response program opened on October 2nd for expressions of interest. The application process has changed, the committee suggests checking out the Dog Guide website at www.dogguides.com to learn about how the new process works. There will be more programs opening over the next year and the best way to stay current is to follow Dog Guides on social media.

The 2024 Green Capes Calendar program is already underway. Clubs can still order online through <https://greencapesforlions.com/> The

calendars make wonderful gifts and are a great way to support the Foundation and enjoy a year full of puppies.

The Difference Campaign has set a goal to raise \$50M to invest in the future of Dog Guides through the construction of a state-of-the-art national training centre. This facility will provide Dog Guides with the space and the facilities they need to grow and reach their potential while providing clients with the best learning experience possible. So far \$38 million has been raised from various sources, including Lions. 276 Lions Clubs from across Canada have contributed \$2.6 million.

Lions Clubs are an important part of the Dog Guides past, lets continue that journey and pledge our support towards this exciting new future.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

MDA is looking for a Leo Chair for the 2023 – 2024 Lions Year. If you are interested, please contact Council Chair Larry Irwin or Youth Chair PDG Barb Ennis.

SIGHT CONSERVATION

Lions Lake Joe Bus Campaign is a fundraiser taking place to help raise funds for a much-needed bus for Lake Joe Camp. Personal Donations can be made at www.cnib.ca/LakeJoeMinibus and you will be issued a tax receipt. Clubs can send donations to CNIB Lake Joe, 4 Joe Finley Way, MacTier, ON, P0C 1H0 or to Council Treasurer Dave Hewitt.

For more information, visit: www.cnib.ca/LakeJoeMinibus

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

Espanola Lions

The Espanola Lions learned a little girl in their town was diagnosed with Pompe Disease. Until they found out about this child, many had never heard of this disease. Pompe Disease is a genetic condition in which a complex sugar called glycogen builds up in the lysosomes of your body's cells. The disease occurs when you lack a specific digestive enzyme called acid alpha-glucosidase (GAA). The condition causes severe muscle weakness and wasting. Without early detection and treatment, the disease can be fatal. The club did a fundraiser to help with the research being done at Duke Health Rare Disease Centre at Duke University in the US. This facility is a leading researcher for Pompe Disease and has made many breakthroughs in early detection and treatment to improve the lives of those with this disease.

The Espanola Lions held a fundraising BBQ to raise awareness and money for this research. Due to the generosity of the people of Espanola, they raised \$5000.00 to donate for further research. Once again..... small town HUGE HEART.



Resilience Unveiled: Lions' Response to Tonga's Submarine Volcano Disaster

by Shelby Washington

In late 2021, a massive submarine volcano erupted in Tonga, unleashing a catastrophic event. The eruption left a trail of destruction in its wake, with boats destroyed, neighborhoods covered in ash, and entire islands submerged. To make matters worse, an undersea cable became disconnected during the storm, leaving the true extent of the damage unknown to the outside world, while affected communities navigated uncertainty and chaos in a communication blackout. Eventually, when communication was restored and the news came out, nearby Lions in District 202K, including the Vava'u Lahi Lions Club in Tonga, knew they had to lend a helping hand, but they were not sure how.

"Unfortunately, when disasters like this strike remote locations, access is limited and their remoteness reduces the speed at which external help can get to them in times of emergencies," Past District Governor (PDG) Roger Robinson says. Moreover, the impact of this disaster was extreme. Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai began erupting on December 20, 2021, and its ash cloud was visible from the distant capital city of Nuku'alofa, 70 kilometers (43 miles) away. The eruption peaked on January 15, 2022, almost four weeks later, sending massive ash clouds 57 kilometers (35 miles) into the sky. This caused panic among the local population, struggling to breathe amidst the choking ash. The Tongan government issued a tsunami warning after witnessing waves in Nuku'alofa.

As the news broke, Lions saw aerial footage revealing devastating scenes of sediment-laden waters, villages swept away or severely damaged, roofs buried under layers of ash, and coastlines permanently altered. They could not

watch without feeling compelled to serve their neighbors.

"New Zealand has had a long association with the islands in the South Pacific and we are all located far away from the rest of the world, so we need to look after ourselves," PDG Robinson shares. "When disaster happens in their area, we, as New Zealanders are immediately there to help. The eruption and the tsunami that followed in Tonga were no exception."

Lions in District 202K realized clean drinking water was a very precious commodity they could offer in response to the disaster, so they decided to install water tanks and request Disaster Grant funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). District 202K, which includes Lions clubs in Fiji, Samoa, American Samoa, Vava'u Tonga, and Northern New Zealand, submitted and received US\$24,100 in grant funds to support this project. Due to communication challenges and government-issued COVID-19 protocols preventing travel, LCIF and the Lions collaborated with the Tongan Red Cross to install nine water tanks to collect rainwater at three public schools on three different islands.

Since many of the Tongan islands are low-lying coral atolls, the groundwater could become contaminated with salt water, making it undrinkable. With the collection tanks, people can have access to clean water. This was a very challenging project due to the extent of the damage, their remoteness, and the limited facilities available on these islands. However, the Lions made it through these challenges with patience and perseverance. PDG Robinson even made the difficult journey to the islands to see the water tanks firsthand and enhance his relationship with the head of the Tongan Red Cross.

"It is a great feeling knowing you made a positive difference in the lives of those who have benefitted from this project," PDG Robinson says. "LCIF grants have a long history of making a positive impact on the lives of those in need." In spite of the chaos and bleakness of the eruption, the compassionate efforts of Lions in instituting this sustainable water source are not only aiding in the community's healing and restoration, but also providing a ray of hope, giving citizens a glimpse of the promising future ahead.



Take a Book Share a Book - Omeme Lions & Lioness

I am an avid reader and have always been fascinated with the different little libraries I've seen. Last spring I had a dream of bringing one to our community of Omeme. I spoke to our Reading Action Chairperson and discovered Little Free Libraries. I then asked an Omeme Lion, who has a Real Estate Office on our main street with a lovely lawn, if he would allow us to put a library on his property. Then, I made a proposal to my Omeme Lioness Lions, and they agreed to support my dream!

Over the Summer, my recently retired husband, created our library with skill and love. Then I was able to fill it with assorted books for adults and children, and with the support of everyone involved, I was able to present "My Dream Come True" to all of Omeme and surrounding district. We are all so proud of our Little Free Library.

submitted by Omeme Lioness Lion Pat Aitken





Pickleball Pandemonium

Clubs hit the courts for fun, fitness and fundraising.

by Joan Cary

played in almost every country.

Serving up fun and fitness on the East Coast

In New Hampshire, Ron Farina, a member of the Keene Lions Club, has enjoyed seeing the sport's popularity explode. Farina is a USA Pickleball Association Ambassador and proud to say he has played on the courts at Bainbridge Island, Washington, where the sport was founded. For about 50 years he was happy with tennis, playing every week, indoors or out, with his friend, Rich.

"One day Rich said he was switching to pickleball. How would you like to come to a pickleball lesson?" Farina recalls. "I took that one lesson, and I couldn't believe the workout and how much fun it was. I played one more game of tennis and I never went back."

Farina was soon playing pickleball six days a week on a tennis court with markings for pickleball. Off court he found himself dreaming about converting two of the city's old tennis courts into six pickleball courts.

A Keene Lion for 53 years, he is known in his club and his community as a man who gets things done. Anxious to make his dream happen for the city of Keene, he began meeting with Lions and city leaders to educate them on pickleball — not just how fun it is, but how it can be used to increase awareness of diabetes and the importance of exercise. Eventually some of his listeners tried the sport, came back to the table, and supported his efforts.

In 2016, the Keene Lions donated US\$15,900 to have six new courts installed as one of four legacy initiatives marking the 100-year anniversary of Lions International. Farina's list of

people either interested in learning the game or getting time on a court had grown to include 350 email addresses.

Now 85, balance problems are keeping Farina off the courts, but he hopes his daily exercises will help him ease back into playing. He recently gave his job as chairman of the Keene Lions Pickleball Jamboree to a new, young Lion who also loves the game and was eager to get more involved.

In addition, the sport has brought new Lions into the club. Steve Gyory was newly retired when he moved to Keene from New Jersey and joined pickleball to meet people. Wanting to be more active in helping the community, he also explored service organizations in town. One day on the court he asked Farina, "Hey, how can I get involved with Lions?" Today, Gyory is president of the Keene Lions Club.

"When we first opened the gate for the new courts, all six were immediately filled and there were people waiting. The courts continue to be in constant use," says Farina.

"People come 20 miles to play. It's about community, camaraderie and exercise. It's just fun to play."



If anybody knows how to serve, it's the Lions. They've been acing it for more than 100 years.

But serving in pickleball, now that's a relatively new thing, and Lions who try it are getting stuck on it like syrup on pancakes.

Pickleballin' in the Midwest

"Lifelong friendships are made out of this," Lion Curt Goke in Minnesota says of both Lions and pickleball. Goke, 77, a member of the Eden Prairie Lions Club since 2017, plays pickleball three times a week and teaches beginners after church on Sundays. He has competed in 43 tournaments and played in at least 70 venues. His wife, Jane, equally as active, qualified to play in the 2019 Margaritaville USA Pickleball National Championships.

Pickleball has also created new fundraising opportunities for clubs. The sport is so popular in Goke's town that the Eden Prairie Lions partnered with the Twin City Pickleball Club to sponsor a tournament as part of the Lions' biggest fundraiser, the annual Schooner Days. Pickleball registration filled in early April for the June event.

When Curt and Jane swapped their racquetball racquets for pickleball paddles about 14 years ago, few people knew what the sport was. Now all ages vie for time on the courts.

A hybrid of badminton, tennis and ping-pong, pickleball has been the fastest growing sport in the U.S. for three years running, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. It is

Lynden Lions

The Lynden community is privileged to welcome migrant workers each spring who work on local farms. A number of them have become old friends after returning for repeated years. In appreciation of what they bring to the community Lynden Lions hosts a barbecue for them each summer. This year it was held on August 27th and attended by approximately 140 workers. The local farmers are generous with donations towards the event. They were treated to a Canadian style meal with corn on the cob, hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. This event is one of the highlights of our club year.



Rebuilding Nepal: LCIF Funds Over US\$4.7 Million in Grants to Respond to the Gorkha Earthquake

by Shelby Washington

On April 25, 2015, a devastating earthquake in Nepal, known as the Gorkha earthquake, took the lives of nearly 9,000 people, injured almost 23,000, and destroyed about 500,000 homes. This was Nepal's worst natural disaster since 1934. Flattening entire villages, hundreds of thousands of Nepalese became homeless within moments. Many aftershocks occurred which led most of the population to stay outside for at least four to five nights. Then, on May 12, a massive aftershock of 7.3 moment magnitude (Mw), killed over 200 people, injured more than 2,500, and left even more people homeless. This extended disaster caused a great deal of terror within the community. People lost everything and were living outdoors in anguish. As soon as Lions heard about this disaster, they did not hesitate to step in. Lions Clubs International Project Manager and Engineer, Mikesh Shrestha explains, "The disaster brought about an unprecedented level of devastation, loss of lives and human suffering. The Lions have a strong commitment to humanitarian efforts and are among the first to offer help and support when natural disasters strike."

Shortly after the earthquake occurred, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) awarded a Major Catastrophe Grant (MCAT) of US\$100,000 to MD325 Nepal for disaster relief. Lions' leadership decided to start relief operations in the Gorkha, Dhading and Nuwakot districts; this relief then spread to other districts within two to three days. Emergency materials were sent to the epicenter of the earthquake with a helicopter, and on the return journey, the helicopter evacuated injured individuals from the village. Lions in neighboring India and Bangladesh rallied support and relief supplies to assist in the immediate aftermath of the disaster.

The two earthquakes also affected 39 school

districts, destroying approximately 32,000 classrooms.

Many schools began working in Temporary Learning Centers (TLC) that were unable to accommodate the number of students they had before the earthquake.

Most temporary classes were running under tents, tarps, and corrugated metal for extended periods of time, with very few students lucky enough to work under prefab structures. Some schools were even conducting their classes in damaged buildings or under the open sky. As a result, students were skipping classes saying it was difficult to study in such a chaotic environment. When Lions saw the severe damage schools suffered and how this damage was impacting students, they believed they could make a significant difference. They applied for grant funding from LCIF and were awarded two Designated Grants totaling over US\$4.6 million to rebuild 18 schools.

Lions' initial steps were to assess and identify which schools were severely affected. Shrestha says, "Through rigorous surveys of over seventy schools and campuses, we evaluated the extent of damage and urgency for each institution. This phase allowed us to narrow down our focus to the eighteen schools that were in critical need and feasible for reconstruction." Schools play an important role in molding future leaders and this earthquake left nearly 1.5 million children without a proper learning environment. Past Council Chairperson Girdhari Sharma Bhusal says, "Lions felt that these new school buildings are not just physical structures but symbols of



hope, empowering children with the means to learn, grow, and realize their true potential." As the Project Chairperson of the Reconstruction Committee, Bhusal knew Lions could improve the lives of thousands of students if they just kept pushing the project forward even when they faced hardships.

Regrettably, they did face significant challenges, but they persisted for the sake of the students. According to Shrestha, "Thirteen out of the eighteen school locations were quite far away and located in areas with tough landscapes and no proper road access. Materials had to be manually carried to some sites and some even became completely unreachable during the rainy season." Despite all the challenges, Lions felt this project was incredibly rewarding. Bhusal says, "It was a matter of great satisfaction for all of us. As the project was carried out within the stipulated time frame in line with the design and cost estimates, it imparted greater confidence in our ability and diligence. It testified to the fact that the Nepalese Lions can act successfully in collaboration with all state and non-state stakeholders."

Through this impactful collaboration, Lions and LCIF invested in a hopeful future for students in Nepal, offering not just classrooms, but space to encourage learning for generations to come.



The Service of Champions

Lions keep cross country invitational running for 50 years.

by Joel La Puma

In a half-century of competition, innumerable legacies and memories are built, but not all sporting events last 50 years. This October, the Alexandria Lions Meet of Champions will reach that milestone. And just as they've done every year since helping to launch the event, the Alexandria Lions Club will be there on its 50th anniversary helping every step of the way.

Each year, nearly 2,000 runners ages six to 18 from as many as 28 cross country programs participate in the eight events of the meet, which has become one of Minnesota's largest cross country invitationals. In addition, 3,000 to 4,000 spectators attend, creating an electric atmosphere. "The stands are packed," says Jaelyn Miller, a junior with the Alexandria Cardinals girls' varsity team. "It's so loud you can't even hear who they're cheering for."

Keeping Pace with the Times

The Meet of Champions has evolved quite a bit since it began in 1973. In the early years, the race took place in a city park with Lions manually recording the runners' times. Today, runners compete on a well-manicured 3.1-mile (5 km) course at a nearby resort with a professional electronic timing system recording their results.

"We used to have a half-dozen Lions waiting in the chutes," says Lion Ron Branch, the Alexandria club's treasurer. "We had to get the numbers from all of the runners when they crossed the finish line."

While technology has modernized the event, it could never replace the heartbeat of the event: the Lions.

Lion Jerry Hansen has volunteered to help with the Meet of Champions since 1982, his first year

as a Lion. "I make a lot of calls," says Hansen, the club's event chairperson for the past 15 years. "Everyone knows what needs to get done. And we get things done quickly."

Preparation Begins in the Offseason

The Lions' involvement begins long before the first starting pistol fires on race day. The club does year-round fundraising. Hansen estimates the club holds at least 12 to 15 waffle feeds during the year, often as part of local church events or private graduation parties, to raise funds for the Meet of Champions as well as the Lions Eye Bank. The fundraisers are such a success that the club has a trailer, branded with the Alexandria Lions Club logo, that's fully stocked with equipment to feed up to 300 people.

Proceeds from the waffle feeds help cover vital aspects of the race, including the trophies and medals. Hansen estimates the Lions purchase around 100 trophies each year at a cost of nearly US\$1,500. The most meaningful of the Lions' trophies is a travelling plaque that goes home with the winning team each year to display until the next race. Countless memories of victory and camaraderie are represented in that plaque.

"The trophies are a starting point to attracting great runners," says Jerry Amundson, Alexandria's assistant cross country coach for 42 years. That comes as no surprise when you see them on display during the event, stretching across two tables in blue-and-gold columns that evoke a city skyline. The Alexandria Lions are committed to making sure the runners leave the event feeling like champions.

A Well-Oiled Machine

In addition to buying the trophies, the Lions

pitch in wherever they can. Over the years, they've secured land-use permissions, found parking solutions, rented portable toilets and hospitality tents, and paid for the electronic race timing. On race day, dozens of Lions help set up the course, which usually involves clearing the colorful fall foliage to make way for the runners, and assist in almost every aspect of the event. Some help direct traffic in the parking lots while others act as guides on the course and finish line judges.

"My daughter runs cross country," says Hansen. "We've seen disorganized meets. People are impressed by how well run the Meet of Champions is."

Teamwork Breeds Champions

It's clear the Meet of Champions has left a deep impression on the city of Alexandria. "After 50 years, the event is embedded in the town," says Hansen. "It becomes part of the fabric."

The Alexandria Lions Club is just as ingrained in their community's fabric as the cross country event that bears its name. While the Meet of Champions is their most prominent event and their waffle feeds have become a mainstay, their service in the community is continuous and unwavering. And it does not go unnoticed. "The Alexandria Lions are interconnected everywhere in the city," says Amundson.

What started as a Lions club connecting with the school to create a sporting event 50 years ago has become much more. According to Travis Hochhalter, head coach of Alexandria Cross Country, "The Meet of Champions is a culmination of who Alexandria is."

photos by Mark Ripley





Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

around the building, and there are an insufficient number of classrooms and training areas for each program with uncomfortable learning environments.

What's more, the training spaces are inadequate for Dog Guides to experience situations as a working dog, the kennels and veterinary clinic are at maximum capacity, and the play area is inadequate for Dog Guides.

In contrast, the new school will be fully accessible to all clients and provide many improvements, including a classroom and specific training areas for each program. For Dog Guides, the larger and improved kennel space will provide indoor and outdoor spaces to learn, play, and relax which will increase their well-being to set them up for success in their training.

These improvements will create a more conducive learning environment and provide the best experience possible while creating better outcomes.

The Difference Campaign

To make our dream a reality, L.F.C.D.G. has launched "The Difference Campaign", a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help friends and neighbours in need, by ensuring they can access the support of our loving, loyal, and highly skilled Dog Guides.

L.F.C.D.G. has secured \$39 million towards our \$50 million goal. The sale of the current training school and administration office provided \$25M to the building cost. We could not have come this far without the support of many Lions clubs across the country, who have raised \$2.7 million towards the collective Lions club's goal of \$4.5 million. We are so grateful for your generosity. Your support will help create many more special partnerships, like Anthony with Gambit, who is experiencing safety and increased independence.

We invite you to join, if you haven't done so already, by making a special one-time gift or pledge to The Difference Campaign. Please visit www.dogguides.com or call 905-842-2891 ext. 0 or 1 (800) 768-3030 ext. 0.

If you'd like to learn more, one of our dedicated Lions Committee members in Ontario would be delighted to make a presentation during an upcoming club meeting.

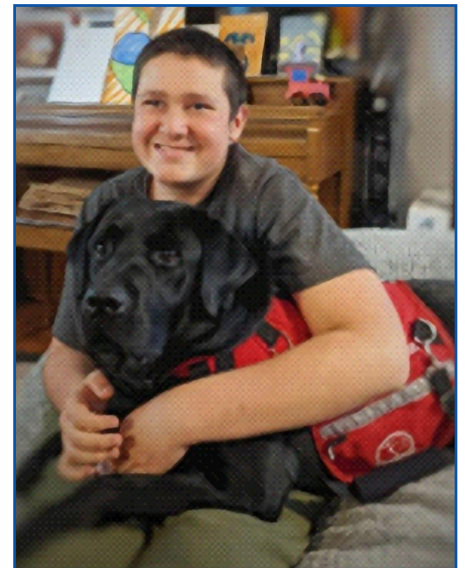
To arrange a presentation please email thedifference@dogguides.com or call (905) 842-2891 ext. 218 or 1 (800) 768-3030, ext. 218.

Thank you Lions for being champions of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and its future.



"Currently, we operate from our Oakville facility, an elementary school that was retrofitted in the late 80s. Although the current structure has served us well, it's time for us to build our new home to help more people, train more dogs, and be accessible to everyone we serve. The Difference Campaign is our most significant campaign in the organization's history. It is not just a building but an investment in potential. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the future of Canadians living with disabilities."

Beverley Crandell, CEO of L.F.C.D.G.



"Our Autism Assistance Dog Guide, Gambit arrived at exactly the right time for my son. Gambit makes sure Anthony is safe when we go out grocery shopping and when we're walking outside. Anthony is now able to stay by our side and does not run away. I do not worry and stress any more when we are out in public."

Maria Zambonelli, mother to Anthony with Dog Guide Gambit

The Difference Campaign – Make a Difference Today

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (L.F.C.D.G.) mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing Dog Guides at no cost to them and supporting each pair in their journey together.

Established in 1983, L.F.C.D.G. was the first school in Canada to specialize in training Guide Dogs for people who are blind or visually impaired. Now, L.F.C.D.G. is the only service dog school in the world with seven distinct Dog Guide programs (Canine Vision, Hearing, Service, Seizure Response, Autism Assistance, Diabetes Alert, and Facility Support).

From breeding to training to matching, each Dog Guide costs approximately \$35,000 yet is provided at no cost to eligible Canadians from coast to coast and includes a lifetime of follow-up services. L.F.C.D.G. relies on donations from Lions Clubs, members of the public, and corporations to provide these special matches and does not receive any government funding.

Time to Grow to Meet Demand

With one in five Canadians 15 years of age and up living with one or more disabilities, more Canadians are seeking the services of a specialized Dog Guide. To meet the demand, L.F.C.D.G. is building a state-of-the-art, purpose-built Dog Guide training school.

Right now, the current facility is not accessible to all clients, the 28 guest rooms are scattered



MISSION 1.5 Moment

by Hannah Zettl

THE MISSION:

MISSION 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED BY:

Lion Philipp and Lion Natalija Blobel

LOCATION:



Augsburg, Germany

SUMMARY:

Chartered a 28-member club focused on increasing international understanding and world peace.

BACKGROUND OF THE CLUB FOUNDERS:

During their time as members of Lions Club Augsburg-Elias Holl, the Blobels created the “Lions Help for Ukraine” program, which has completed more than 10 humanitarian missions

and raised over 440,000 euros to purchase vital items for families impacted by the conflict.

Their service inspired them to think even bigger by taking their commitment to service — and the Ukraine relief program — to the next level by forming the Lions Club Augsburg-Friedensstadt, also known as the LC Augsburg-City of Peace.

ABOUT THE NEW CLUB:

LC Augsburg-City of Peace is rooted in Lions International global causes, international understanding and world peace — and the club members practice what they preach.

Members range in age from 28 to 63 and come from professional backgrounds including medical, engineering, students, entrepreneurs, retirees and a war refugee the group rescued from Ukraine.

“This diversity brings a wealth of knowledge, perspectives and skills, creating a truly dynamic and resourceful group dedicated to serving humanity,” Blobel says. “We live in a colorful world, and a Lions club should be a diverse place.”

LION PHILIPP AND LION NATALIJA'S TOP FIVE TIPS FOR RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

1. **Focus on passion for service.** Seek genuinely passionate individuals who value service and community involvement.
2. **Be transparent.** Clearly communicate the goals and activities of your Lions club to

potential members.

3. **Invite prospective members to serve with you.** We learned from PIP Douglas X. Alexander to involve potential members in service projects and activities to give them a firsthand experience of what Lions are all about.
4. **Foster a sense of belonging.** Create an inclusive environment within the club so new members feel they are part of a larger family.
5. **Offer continual development.** Provide opportunities for personal and professional growth through training, networking and leadership roles.

READY TO JOIN THE MISSION?

Visit lionsclubs.org/mission1.5.



Hannah Zettl is a public relations specialist for Lions International.

East Peterborough Lions

For the past three years the East Peterborough Lions Club spent Wednesday afternoons in August in the "Tot Lot", reading stories to the local children. Every year we purchase 10 new copies of stories through Scholastics based on different themes. Once the themes are set we invite guest speakers to come and talk with the children and adults about their cause. We have done everything from Everyday Heroes such as the local fire department to inviting Special Olympics to come and teach the children about that organization. At different times on sight are costumed characters such as the Paw Patrol group or we invite different nationalities to come and teach all about their heritage. Of course our first day is always

about Lions and what we do around the world and within our own communities. Our crowds range from 100 in attendance to sometimes just five children, but no matter what the size of the group we still give them a great time in the park. Following the reading 9 copies of the book are handed out randomly to the children, with the remaining copy being saved to go into the little libraries built close by. And then everyone is treated to a light luncheon of apples, oranges, fruit juice and cookies. Even the parents enjoy their time.

This event has become one of the clubs favorite events to host and it is all free for those that attend.



Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Scholarship Program

Give the Gift of Education and Help Change Lives.

Your Gift Creates Life-Changing Opportunities

The skills and knowledge required to be a handler, or a Dog Guide, aren't inherent; they are learned through dedication, training, and hard work.

Education doesn't merely open doors, it creates life-changing opportunities. Donating to the Dog Guide Scholarship Program contributes a portion (or all) of the \$35,000 that it takes to raise and train a Dog Guide, and match with its handler.

The entire process takes up to two years and your scholarship can help cover the cost for a Dog Guide's training, veterinary care, as well as the transportation and accommodation for each recipient while in residence at the training school in Oakville, Ontario. And it doesn't stop there. We provide follow-up support for the life-time of the match. The Dog Guide team be partners for as long as 10 years.

It's a gift that paves the way for a brighter future and opens doors to opportunity. Your support can

change, and even save, someone's life. With the assistance of Dog Guides, individuals across the country can unleash their full potential with the chance to live life on their terms. Having a Dog Guide by their side offers safety and security and empowers handlers with confidence, independence, and the constant companionship of a loyal friend.

Scholarship Opportunities

There are multiple Scholarship Opportunities available to choose your support level:

Novice Scholarship - Early Training Unit

\$5,000: Providing basic skills and training for future Dog Guides

Intermediate Scholarship - Intro to Training

\$7,500: Offering beginner program-specific training for dogs

Advanced Scholarship - Skills Training

\$10,000: Elevating skills to a high level with program-specific training for dogs

Expert Scholarship - Final Team Training

\$15,000: Enabling in-person training for recipients with their Dog Guides at LFCDG's training school

Full Scholarship - Lifetime Partnership

\$35,000: Your contribution to the Dog Guide Scholarship program will have a profound and lasting impact on people who rely on the special skills of a Dog Guide. It's a gift that forges brighter futures and creates a lasting impact for years to come. Join us in empowering individuals and organizations across Canada. Together, we can unlock potential and transform lives, one Dog Guide at a time.

If you're ready to donate a scholarship, please use our online form (Link to Donation Form) and select "Dog Guide Scholarship". Or fill out and mail in the form in our Scholarship brochure: You can contact the team at 905-842-2891 or scholarships@dogguides.com

Toronto Cathay Lions

In a heartwarming initiative to support children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as they prepare for the upcoming school year, the Toronto Cathay Lions Club has generously donated 210 kids backpacks to Autism Ontario. The donation comes at a crucial time, ensuring that these young students have the necessary tools to thrive in their educational journey.

The Toronto Cathay Lions Club is dedicated to making a positive impact on the community by fostering compassion and support for those in need. This donation signifies the club's commitment to enhancing

the lives of children with ASD and facilitating their access to education.

"We believe in the power of community and collaboration," stated President Michael Cheng. "It is our privilege to contribute to the well-being of these young individuals and help create an inclusive environment where every child has the opportunity to learn and grow."



Amherstview Lions - A Giant Pumpkin in Amherstview

On a chilly dark October morning, Amherstview Lion **Randy Evans** rose from his bed beginning his mission to obtain a pumpkin in Prince Edward County. This was no ordinary pumpkin! It was a thousand pound pumpkin and in Lion Randy's eyes it was a glorious vision, the pumpkin of his dreams.

Lion Randy had been in hospital just last week. His friends came to his aid and using a winch carefully placed the pumpkin in Lion Randy's truck. Then the truck with the pumpkin was transported by ferry across Lake Ontario. On the ferry people gathered around the pumpkin, talking excitedly, and taking photos. They actually touched the pumpkin in reverence.

When the truck arrived at 8 AM at Foodland in Amherstview a crowd enthusiastically greeted Lion Randy and the pumpkin. Photos were taken as a forklift gingerly maneuvered the pumpkin to its final resting place in front of the Amherstview Foodland. Lion Randy brought bales of hay, reminiscent of a farmer's field. In Lion Randy's mind, it was **Mission Accomplished!**

submitted by Lion Barb Johnson



5 Reasons to Visit Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

1. Cultural Hub

Immerse yourself in art and culture by attending one of Melbourne's many festivals or checking out its world-famous street art.

2. Foodie Paradise

Explore the city's diverse culinary scene by enjoying flavors from around the world served up in a variety of venues from fine dining restaurants to casual eateries and street vendors.

3. Sports Capital

Take in top-tier competition in Australia's sporting capital. If live action isn't on the calendar during your visit, consider a tour of iconic stadiums like the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

4. Architectural Gem

Admire the city's blend of architectural styles, ranging from Victorian to contemporary. Must-see landmarks include Flinders Street Station, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Royal Exhibition Building.

5. Gateway to Natural Beauty

Explore the natural wonders surrounding the city with a coastal drive on the Great Ocean Road to enjoy breathtaking views or a trip to the Yarra Valley to take in picturesque landscapes.

Lions are Getting on Board to smash barriers for CNIB Lake Joe Guests

With the support of Lions Club members, our dedicated “Knights of the Blind,” CNIB Lake Joe is smashing barriers to help more people who are blind or have low vision get to camp. Lake Joe’s two minibuses are aging, unreliable, and expensive to maintain – one bus was out of service for two years as parts were not available. Without transportation, many people impacted by sight loss are unable to access the life-changing programs offered at CNIB Lake Joe. In the words of Lion **Peter Best** who organizes a bus for guests travelling from southwestern Ontario every year, and if they can’t get there, they can’t benefit.

Responding to the need, Lions are helping to raise \$160,000 for a new minibus that will provide safe, accessible, reliable and comfortable transportation for campers. Once \$80,000 has been raised, an application will be made to the Lions Club International Foundation for a matching grant.

The **Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club** donated the first \$1,000 to kick start the campaign. **Chris Duncan** (past President) called on his fellow Lions to contribute to this campaign and to help spread the word. “I’m super excited about stirring up competition with other Lions Clubs to match or beat my donation.”

Lion **Jerry Rebidoux**, District Governor for District A12 has heeded this call, making the CNIB Lake Joe Minibus campaign this year’s District Project. Annually, governors have the

privilege to choose a humanitarian project, or benefactor that resonates with them and their District, and they work together raising awareness and funds to support that endeavour. Jerry hopes by choosing to highlight the Minibus campaign as this year’s project for his District, it’s an opportunity to empathize with the unique challenges CNIB Lake Joe campers face simply trying to navigate their way to camp. “Everyone should have an opportunity to experience Lake Joe; therefore, we must be committed to addressing any and all hurdles standing in their way of physically getting to camp.” Jerry, together with the A12 Leadership team, are now on a mission encouraging all to “get on board” and support this years project.

One camper explains why CNIB Lake Joe is so important to her, saying, “CNIB Lake Joe feels like home. It’s the only place where I don’t have to explain myself or my disability. It’s the only place where I have been encouraged to try new things I never thought I would be able to do. CNIB Lake Joe is the place that has made me begin to believe that I can dream.

Sadly, many people with sight loss miss out on transformative experiences at CNIB Lake Joe because they simply can’t get to camp. But thankfully, as Knights of the Blind, the Lions’ roar “We Serve” is being heard and is changing that!

Visit cnib.ca/LakeJoeMinibus for full details and to donate. While only donations from Lions can be matched by the Lions Club International Foundation, all gifts are deeply appreciated and will help us reach our goal as quickly as possible.

For more information on ways CNIB Lake Joe partners with local Lions Clubs, please contact Sherri Helsdingen, Manager, Community Engagement at

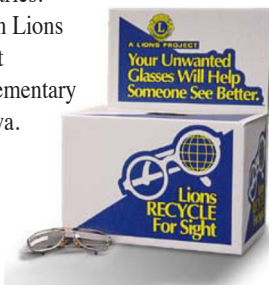
Sherri.Helsdingen@cnib.ca or 705-241-2907.



Barrhaven Lions

Somewhere around the world a grandmother is seeing her grandchild clearly for the first time, a child is doing her homework without headaches because she received a pair of glasses from the Lions in Canada. Used eyeglasses are collected on a monthly basis from various locations in the city by the Barrhaven Lions. We have shipped 367,088 pairs of used eyeglasses by Day & Ross Transport since January 2023 to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre in Calgary, which sorts and prepares them for distribution to developing countries.

The Barrhaven Lions take part in Sight Awareness at Elementary Schools in Ottawa.



Copetown Lions

Recently inducted Lion **Colleen Binkley** has become a valuable member.

She is looking after our Facebook page and has advanced to be 1st Vice President. Aside from that she is the daughter of former Lion and Past President, **Charlie Binkley** who passed away earlier this year.

Colleen is an accomplished athlete and her talents are a benefit to the club and the community. She recently completed an Ironman competition in Wisconsin and started a “Go Fund Me” page to raise funds for the club and local chairities in memory of her dad. That too was a successful venture, her efforts raised \$5,100.00. Colleen is shown with Lion **Debbie Shewfelt** presenting her cheque.

It has been suggested in

her case the competition could be renamed: “**IRONWOMAN**”.



Your MD'A' Admin Committee is NOW accepting applications for the position of the MD'A' Treasurer. It is a 5 year commitment starting July 1, 2024. There could be an earlier start for transition purposes. Deadline for applications and resumes is April 30, 2024.

Do you:

- **Have a good general knowledge of Lionism.**
- **Have a good understanding of the Lions Constitution and By-Laws, in particular those areas covering the application of the Rules of Audit.**
- **Possess communication skills.**
- **Possess accounting skills.**
- **Possess knowledge of the selected accounting software, (Quick Books) used by MD'A'..**
- **Possess financial planning skills.**
- **Possess budgeting skills.**

IF you do then you should apply for the MD'A' Treasurer's position. Please submit your resume to the Admin Committee c/o PCC Lion Dan Armstrong: dan-armstrong@rogers.com

Nobleton Lions

Approximately \$24,000.00 was raised at the annual Nobleton Lions Club Fundraiser on June 11 thanks to the hard work of the principal organizer Lion **Latif Kassam** with help from Lion **Jim McDonald**, President **Andrew Bevil**, other Lions and volunteers from the community. The Club thanks all those who participated – about 140 golfers and over 70 sponsors – making it a complete success. Even the showers held off long enough so everyone could enjoy the day. This event and the proceeds will go a long way in support of the club's community support.



District A15 Zone 37S Outdoor Farm Show

The 21st Annual Outdoor Farm show ran from Sept. 12-14. Prep for the show carried on for months by dedicated Lions from the 10 Clubs in Zone 37S. 100% of the profit made from the show goes back to the clubs to support their community. Great job by every volunteer who came out to help make this year's show a successful one! A conservative estimate shows approx. 2600 service hours compiled by over 200 volunteers.

The Lions part of the show operate from a large tent (80' x110'). There is a bar in the main tent and a second one in N.W. corner of the site. Farm equipment vendors contract us to supply food and drink at locations around the show. One of the more interesting events this year was a group from Northern Ireland which held a Irish Whiskey tasting event. One of this year's challenges was the provincial requirement for all servers to obtain a new smart serve accreditation.

A major concern is the weather. It started with rain on Tuesday morning but stopped by noon, and Wednesday and Thursday were fine.

Work commences at 6am with preparation of coffee and the number of people builds during the day. The peak hours each day are 11-2 during



which time we might have close to 100 Lions on site. After 2 p.m. the number of volunteers tapers off but we have people on site until 9 p.m.

Zone 37S has a committee of members of all clubs which commences work in April or May and it continues until the wrap up in November.

For a great collection of photos go to: <https://rb.gy/7bn5v> or scan the QR Code.

Photos courtesy Lion Doris Weir, Thamesford Lions.



Fenwick Lions

On Saturday, September 16th, the Fabulous Fenwick Lions handed over the keys to this year's Classic Car Raffle winner, Corey Gauthier, of Crystal Beach. After a short ceremony at their Fenwick clubhouse, the Lions watched as Gauthier drove off in his new-to-him 1969 Chevy

Nova SS. Gauthier's name was picked from some 26,000 entries. Owing to the success of this year's Classic Car Raffle the club will donate \$110,000 to District A-2 Charities and the clubs local charities.



Lions Steve Schilstra, Todd Mowder, Doug Kernicky, President Bill King, Winner Corey Gauthier, Lions Ryan VanLochem, Kevin DeBoer and Scott Kernicky

Ridgeway Lions - Hospice

The Lions have made a commitment to raise \$225,000 during the next five years for the new Niagara Hospice facility coming to Fort Erie. Someone you know, a loved one, or yourself will use these services and it's something that will be in the community for a long time to come. Funds will be raised through bingo, dinners, pancake breakfasts and individual donations from the community.

The club has issued a challenge to other service clubs in Niagara, to support Hospice Niagara's 'Close to Home' fundraising campaign. Hospice Niagara is building two new palliative care facilities. One will be located in Fort Erie and the other in Welland. The Fort Erie facility is expected to open next year and will provide an additional 10 beds in the community. Hospice Niagara executive director Carol Nagy is grateful to the Ridgeway Lions Club members for their support.



Camp Dorset

For a person with kidney disease every dialysis treatment affords them two more days to live? Not uncommon for patients to require four-to-five hours of dialysis every other day, waiting for a kidney transplant. At Lions Camp Dorset we give dialysis patients and families freedom to reconnect with loved ones.

Any dialysis patient in Ontario can vacation at Camp Dorset with their families, regardless of age or gender. Through the generosity of Ontario Lions Clubs, we have supported patients with kidney disease and their families 1978. The camp relies solely on the support of the Lions we do not have corporate, sponsorships. The fate of this exceptional camp is in your hands. Every Lions Club should be proud to know they are the fabric from which this camp was built and continues to exist.

If every club donated \$50.00 monthly, the basic monthly operating costs of the camp would be covered. The camp is the only one of its kind in Canada, providing an atmosphere where Ontario dialysis patients, regardless age or gender, along with their families, can experience a respite from their day to day challenges, while reconnecting with nature and more importantly, each other.

It is our mission to revitalize awareness and continued sponsorship by the Lions. We are humbly requesting your continued support, through building sponsorships, monetary donations, and participation in our fundraisers (Buy-a-Brick, the Honourary Life Directorship wall, or our online 50/50 draw). We also hope you'll spread the word about Lions Camp Dorset

with other clubs in your district. We welcome/offer volunteer opportunities within the camp during our work weeks/weekends each Spring and Fall. Full information can be found on our Facebook page or by visiting our website: www.lionscampdorset.com

Due to the pandemic, new infection-prevention protocols have made it impossible for us to operate our medical facility at full capacity, without first expanding and updating our existing dialysis facility. The cost of this project is estimated to reach or exceed 1.5 million dollars. This amount sounds daunting, but to put it in perspective, if every Lion club in Ontario made a single contribution of \$2000.00 we would have the necessary funds to proceed.

For every dialysis season we operate at reduced capacity, many patients are denied the opportunity to vacation here. Regardless of your clubs' geography, there is a very high probability that a community member from your area has or will receive dialysis at the camp. The camp receives provincial funding as an Independent Health Facility to offset the cost to run our medical centre. We understand, not all Lions Clubs have the necessary funds to contribute \$2000.00. We only ask that your club gives what they can.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind the Lions clubs, as supporters of this wonderful facility, you are welcome to volunteer during

our regular Spring and Fall work weekends and your accommodations to stay here at the camp will be at no charge to you or your family. In the past, Lions Clubs have organized fundraising events to benefit the camp, for which we offer the facility and accommodations free of charge. We invite your members to come for a visit or even schedule a vacation to enjoy all that Lions Camp Dorset has to offer.

All monetary donations can be made directly to Lions Camp Dorset, and a charitable tax receipt can be issued upon request. Contact camp manager, Lion Jeremy Schumacher, directly at (705)766-2780 or via email, manager@lionscampdorset.com.



Ridgeway Lions

As in the past, the Ridgeway Lions have assembled almost 200 hundred backpacks full of supplies to be distributed to those in need within the Greater Fort Erie Community. The backpacks are being given to neighbourhood schools who

hand them out based on need. Many thanks to Lion **Cabbie Bourgeois**, Lioness **Karen Buchanan**, and Lion **Brian Hodge** for making this happen!



Peninsula Lions Club

The Peninsula Lions hold four car wash events per year. The last one was on September 2nd, which raised over \$1,000.00. A-12 1st VDG **Denise Naughton** on the far right joined in for the day.



Hagersville Lions

Start spreading the news!

The West Haldimand General Hospital and Hospital Foundation are celebrating a monumental milestone in the Foundation's history. The Foundation has received the single largest gift ever recorded—an incredible donation of \$1,448,767.95.

The historic donation to West Haldimand General Hospital (WHGH) was made possible through the Hagersville Catch the Ace Draw, which spanned an impressive 45 weeks.

Specifically, the funds will be allocated to bolstering Diagnostic Imaging, enhancing the capabilities of the Emergency Department, fortifying the Inpatient Unit, further optimizing Pharmacy operations, and propelling Laboratory Services to new heights.

For a comprehensive overview of how this extraordinary donation will be allocated to these essential areas, please click here:

<https://www.whgh.ca/west-haldimand-general-hospital>



Minnow Lake Lions Community Support



Front: Lions Leanne and Ann sitting on Walter's bench, Back: Finlandia CEO David Munch, Executive Director of SISU Foundation Patricia Clizia, Lions Sam, Shirley and Dave

The Lions of Minnow Lake are active supporting charitable causes in their area. One example is their contribution to the Finlandia SISU Foundation that supports the strong Finnish presence in the area. Their "BUSSP", a bus available for residents to access rides to the grocery store, special outings or for important appointments. The Finlandia SISU Charitable Foundation enhances the lives of seniors living in the community. Assistance from the Minnow Lake Lions, assists in impacting the lives of seniors and ensuring

they receive the best care and support.

Camp Quality is a volunteer-driven national charitable organization that provides free uplifting camp experiences for children affected by cancer and blood disorders through camps and year-round family support programs. They believe in improving the quality of life for children living with cancer, and for their families.



Food bank rep Julie Lackmanec, Lions Bruce Kutchow, Leanne Furchner, Brenda Lalonde, Shirley Ogilvy, Joan Kutchow and food bank volunteer Linda Dupuis

They want them to find joy and hope through the healing power of laughter and optimism, shared experiences and ongoing support. Minnow Lake Lions is proud to support the camp for many years to give children a chance to just be a kid.

In Canada people utilize food banks upwards of 1.4 million times monthly. The Food Banks work tirelessly to advocate for meaningful actions that counter hunger and its root causes. They want to eliminate the need for food banks one day, once and for all. Hunger is one of LCI's goals and the Minnow Lake Lions are proud to do their share by donating \$1000 to the Holy Redeemer Minnow Lake Food Bank.



Lions LeeAnn Furchner, Joan Kutchow, Keith Argent, Bruce Kutchow, Linda Lachance, Sam Koury, Fundraising Coordinators Jacob McDonald and Michaela McGillis, Lions Gilles Lafrance, Ann Violette and Shirley Ogilvy

Thistletown

"Extreme Visitation"

Club visitations are always popular!

The MDA Magazine District Reporter for A7-11, Lion **Astrid Simola** of the Thistletown Lions went the extra 2780 miles or 4474 km to visit the **Nanaimo Lions Club** in British Columbia in June, when they held their installation of their Board members for this Lions year. The District 19-1 Governor Lion **Lia Marie Versaevel** conducted the ceremony. An enjoyable night to spend with fellow Lions.



DG Lia Marie Versaevel on the left, Lion Astrid Simola on the right



USA/Canada Leadership Forum Reno Nevada 2023

Your editor attended the Reno event September 21-23 and would like to describe the experience.

Getting there was not that much fun after some last minute flight cancellations, some of us had to do some frantic last minute arrangements to get there. The main part of the problem was there is no direct flights to Reno.

However that did not detract from the experience that was second to none when it

came to learning about Lionism and what a great organization we belong to. Kudos to the organizing committee and their leader, Lion Jama Wahl.

Some Personal Highlights:

“Speed Learning”, a new concept to me but most worthwhile, several interesting topics: Member Recognition, Lions Quest and Vision Screening, three areas that would be and will be a benefit to any club. There were many more areas covered, too numerous to list.

“Seminars”- The event guide was chock full of interesting topics, so much so it was difficult to decide which ones to attend. I chose several, including Meeting Decorum, where it was demonstrated the main objective of a President’s role should be to run the evening meeting, not the club, there are enough good Lions on your roster that are more than capable and even more importantly to have fun and accomplish your goals and objectives in doing so.

Other worthwhile seminars were Marketing Tips and Tricks, Making use of the technology that is available in this electronic age. “Be Seen, Be Heard, Be Known”, Rev’m up, the art of tail twisting, there is concern at all levels this may be a dying art that needs to be brought back into focus.

The New Lions Portal was very interesting, especially to Club Secretaries, it is a melding of



the MyLCI and MyLion platforms that will make things more convenient, not only for the Secretary but members that are a little bit tech-savy.

One of the main highlights of the Forum is the “Strides Walk For Diabetes” a tremendous effort by Lions everywhere to promote LCI’s commitment to battle this disease. This aspect of the forum was supported by a huge turnout by forum attendees. The walk was led by a contingent of our executive branch by our executive members in the following paragraphs.

For further information and a collection of photos from this year and information about next years forum you might check out the facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/usacanadalionsleadershipforum>

The Forum group was well represented with not only the registered members but some significant executive members as well: International President Dr. Patti Hill, Past International President Brian Sheehan and International 3rd Vice President Mark Lyon,

2023 GENERAL SESSIONS

THURSDAY NIGHT OPENING



FLOYD SMITH

Floyd Smith, San Diego’s living legend will join attendees to share his music and tell his Lion’s story. Mr. Smith is known as a pillar of the community as well as a quadruple threat, being a singer/songwriter, entrepreneur, mentor and philanthropist.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON

DONNA HARTLEY

Donna Hartley is a storyteller who inspires, energizes and entertains. She delivers an inspirational message with a twist of humor and a bit of drama. At Friday’s lunch, Donna will share her story of survival. You can learn how to be a survivor too!



SATURDAY LUNCHEON



IP DR. PATTI HILL

2023-24 Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill will share her vision as the leader of the greatest service organization in the world. Lions are striving for EXCELLENCE and CHANGING THE WORLD.

SATURDAY NIGHT CLOSING

STRIKER CORBIN

Striker Corbin will close out the Forum on Saturday evening. As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development. He uses humor to stimulate self-improvement.



LCIF SEMINAR LEADER



As always, Past International President Brian Sheehan was his usual dynamic self when he led a seminar with the LCIF Chairs.





there may have been others and I apologize if I missed some, but the fact remains it is the general membership that makes this event the success it is and will be!

The entire group were treated to several dynamic presentations, including the aforementioned executive members along with a host of others, too numerous to list. Again, the Facebook page is worth a visit, you can use the same link as above.



Speaking of numbers, there was 1,653 Lions registered including 114 from Canada and I never heard any words of disappointment from the members, both Canadian and Americans I was in contact with, other than some constructive criticism. Many of the Lions there are looking forward to next year's event in Louisville Kentucky, myself included. Maybe we can increase the Canadian representation!

For those that might be interested, here is a link to the complete Forum program:

Special thanks to my M.D.A. compatriots, Council Chair Larry Irwin, Lion Joan McGuiggan, Executive Director Lions Quest Canada and the always smiling PDG Charlie Liddle our GLT Coordinator. I enjoyed our debriefing sessions in the lounge. PID's Tom Gordon and Allan Snider were part of the event along with numerous other M.D.A. members, too numerous to list and too difficult for me to recall.

What an Experience!



THE LOUISVILLE PACESETTER

Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024

The Latest News & Information for the 2024
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

OCTOBER 2023

SAVE THE DATE TO SET THE PACE

STEVE SHERER, GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

I am truly honored to be General Chair for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 5-7, 2024. We are off to a great start due to the foundation that was set in Reno, Nevada, last month.

Thank you to our General Chair Lion Jama Wahl, Host Committee Chair Linda Wagner-Griffin, and their committees for a great Forum in Reno. There were outstanding seminars and dynamic speakers. Nearly all who attended had a great time. The fellowship and exchanging of ideas that takes place at the Forum are the greatest reasons for attending, and Reno was no exception.

We have put together a great committee and there is no time to rest. We have made our initial trip to Louisville and the planning has already begun to put on a quality event next September. The Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) is a great facility and will house all the Forum events, except for the delegation breakfasts. The education team is already putting together the list of seminars to be presented. We have great speakers and events planned and will outline them in future newsletters.

The headquarters hotel is the Galt House, which

is the only hotel with a river view in Louisville. It is within walking distance of the convention center, and you can use the enclosed walkway on the second floor. The only street to cross is to enter the KICC. In fact, all five hotels under contract for the event are within walking distance and shuttle transportation should not be necessary.

Please keep up to date on all info about the Forum at our website www.lionsforum.org. Registration is also now open on the website.

We promise to put on an outstanding Forum and look forward to your being in Louisville next September, where we, like the racehorses at Churchill Downs, will SET THE PACE to leadership and service.



Future Host Cities

- 2024 Louisville, Kentucky**
- 2025 Atlantic City, New Jersey**
- 2026 Memphis, Tennessee**
- 2027 Huntsville, Alabama**

Schumacher Lions

It was a very special meeting of the Schumacher Lions (SLC) who remains an inspiration to all club members.

The Club held a 90th birthday celebration for Lion **Don Reid**, who has been a member of the SLC for 56 years. Following dinner, members of the Club paid tribute to Lion Don. This was followed by birthday cake and an evening of fun, games and fellowship. Congratulations Lion Don,



Kirkland Lake Lions

After 5 long years of hard work, the Kirkland Lake Lions have progressed from a branch club to a full-fledged Lions club, a journey of hard work and dedication. It started in 2018 when then District Governor Lion **Verner Presse** and three other PDG's went door to door to find local citizens interested in getting a Lions club re-started in their area. The original Lions Club closed in 2009.

In 2018/2019 the club had 9 members and were a branch to the **Charlton-Englehart** club. One of the things the Kirkland Lake Club did was to help clean up a local grocery store so that they could re-open after a fire. The store donated baskets to the Lions for their first fundraiser along with space to sell the tickets. The club also manned the kettles for the Salvation Army at Christmas.

In February of 2019, they hosted their first Family Day event in conjunction with the Winter Carnival. They wanted to revive the memories they had as children growing up in the north.

From late 2019 to early 2021, the club gained in numbers and they inched their way up to thirteen members.

During this time Covid related shutdowns disrupted their efforts. Not to be denied and thanks to modern technology, they managed to keep in touch by hosting meetings online and Facebook chat groups. They also kept engaged with the community by hosting online events. One such event was called "Social Isolation Distraction", in which they purchased \$50.00 grocery gift cards and held draws from Facebook posts. An example of that was to nominate someone you felt went above and beyond for others. The community loved the distraction and this gave them something good to talk about.

Another event was the online "Stuff-A-Bear for a Kid" fundraiser. Using advertising on their Facebook page, people could sponsor a stuffed bear that went to North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services children. They had a total of 100 sponsors sign up to provide bears to kids. The local senior residencies, TPR and Extencicare, came on board. The seniors had a project to stuff and dress the stuffed animals that were purchased.

They also hosted their first Trade-A-Car for a Cone fundraiser. Joining forces with CJ's Drive In and our local car club, The Road Legends Cruisers, they raised just under \$500, along with a truck bed full of food for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Towards the end of 2021, the Lions were at 15 members and moving into 2022, they rose to 17. During 2022, the club was fortunate to have many hands that came along with the new members, to which they were able to create sub-committees to run some great fundraisers, such as Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.



In December 2022, they added 3 new members. **THEY DID IT! 20 Members!!** As of March 2023, the Kirkland Lake Lions Club officially became the newest club in District A5. They celebrated with a Charter Night in this past October. This amazing club had a long journey, but the trip has been worth the effort. The Kirkland Lake Lions are an inspiration to all of Lions in their determination to become a club and make a difference in their community. Congratulations Kirkland Lake Lions.



District A5 - Bonfield and District Lions

Lion **Margo Oleskiw**, A5 Hearing Chair and member of the Bonfield and District Lions, presented the Canadian Hard of Hearing Society in Sudbury with approximately 85 recycled hearing aids. Some of these will be used as learning tools. The balance will be sent out to be refurbished so they may go to those who need them most. Thanks to Lion Margo, the goal of Hearing Awareness is coming back to District A5.



Keene Lions

Each year the Keene Lions Club presents scholarships to local students entering into post-secondary education. This year, two scholarships were awarded - one to a student studying Forensic Criminology at Trent University and another to a student attending the pre-vet program at the University of Prince Edward Island. We are very proud of the students in our community.



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR FROM CANADA CANDIDATES

The Multiple District “A” Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that the following Lions have been duly endorsed by their respective sub-Districts and are therefore qualified to represent Multiple District “A” as a candidate for International Director from Canada.

Dan Sibanda, PDG – Mississauga Cooksville Lions Club, District A711
Debbie Dawson, PCC – Oshawa Airport Lions Club, District A16
Len Day, PDG – Barrie South Lions Club, District A12

The candidates’ names shall be presented to the delegates at the 2024 Multiple District “A” Convention scheduled for May 31st to June 2nd in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Dan Armstrong, PCC
Chairperson
MD “A” Nominations Committee

Marjorie Lewis
Secretary
Multiple District “A”

Service Clubs Rally to Support Pediatric Oncology Patients

Through the support of the Lions Clubs of Loyalist Township - **Amherstview, Bath & District, Odessa, Gananoque, Tamworth & District, Land O’Lakes** and the Kinsmen Club of Napanee, Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC)’s Pediatric Oncology Department will benefit from new chairs that will be used for chemotherapy treatments. The University Hospitals Kingston Foundation (UHKF) is grateful for the longstanding support of our regional service clubs.

The new chairs will provide optimal patient comfort and the fabric colours, chosen by the patients, and will brighten up the space during long treatments. “These new chairs are much more functional for providing care and comfort to the children during their treatment. The colors have added some fun to the room. The kids’ faces lit up when they walked in and saw the bright new colors and some pick their favorite colored chair to sit in.

Foxboro’s Carly Land comes to Kingston twice a week for her chemotherapy sessions, and spoke glowingly of the new chairs. She says comfort is key when receiving treatments that last hours at a time. “I like being able to lay down in the chair so I don’t have to steal the stretcher from someone who needs it, says Carly. “And they don’t get as uncomfortable as the other chairs.”

About University Hospitals Kingston Foundation

University Hospitals Kingston Foundation is the charitable foundation supporting Kingston Health Sciences Centre and Providence Care. We inspire generosity for the health of families in our region and beyond. UHKF raises funds for healthcare facilities, programs, equipment, education and research that

benefit the 500,000 people living in Kingston, southeastern Ontario, and beyond. To find out more about giving opportunities or to make a donation, call 613-549-5452 or visit uhkf.ca.



Appreciation Dinner - PID Allan Snider

On Saturday November 11th, hosted by the Fisherville District Lions and under the watchful eye of PDG **Jim Rohrbach**, Master of Ceremonies, there was an Appreciation Dinner held in honour of Past International Director, Allan Snider of the St. Davids Lions.

Lion Allan's accolades have been many. In recognition of his service, Director Snider has been honored with two International President's Awards and several International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship recipient, a Helen Keller Fellowship recipient and is a life member of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Director Snider is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Snider's wife, **Susan**, is also a Lion, as are his son, Richard, and daughter, Jessica. Director Snider is also proud to serve alongside the many other Lions in his extended

family.

This particular event was honoured with the presence of four other P.I.D.'s. **Art Woods, Carl Young, Tom Gordon** and **Terry Graham**. They all participated in the presentation of an Art Woods Golden Tree Fellowship to Lion Allan. Also present were three candidates for International Director in the upcoming elections, Past Council Chair **Debbie Dawson, Oshawa Airport Lions**, PDG **Len Day, Barrie South Lions** and PDG **Dan Sibanda, Mississauga Cooksville Lions**.

Lion Allan and Lion Susan gave an excellent presentation about their experiences during the tenure of his term. There were upwards of one hundred Lions and guests in attendance, a fitting tribute.

Photos by Lion Bill Crawford, South Brant Lions.



ID Allan receiving Golden Tree Fellowship from PIDs Tom Gordon and Art Woods



PID Allan receiving Golden Tree lapel pin from PID Terry Graham



Lion Susan Snider receiving Golden Tree lapel pin from PID Carl Young



Lion Susan Snider receiving floral bouquet from PDG Steve Burrows



Lion Susan Snider and PID Allan Snider closing remarks.

Paddon Passing

Another devastating loss for the **Copetown Lions**; Lion **Doug Paddon** passed away recently. He was a highly visible member both during meetings and when out and about with community service events. He was among the best Lions ticket sellers, if not the best, ever. He was also the Copetown Lions ever smiling bartender and greeted everyone with a big smile. Doug served two terms as President and held just about every other designation. Recently he was awarded a Life Membership from the Copetown Lions, which will be presented to the family at his Celebration of Life.

See just some of the tributes that have been received.

Lion Dan Bingham, Minden Lions, former Copetown Lion

"My heart is deeply saddened by this news of my close friend. A part of me is missing now as he and I weekly talked about Lions and all the things going on. I hope the Copetown Lions

club realizes how much Doug cared and was concerned about the well being and survival of the club in the years going forward. We often shared with each other projects, trailer events and other activities that would be good for the Lions to take on in order to attract younger members to the club. The ongoing viability of the community centre, the involvement of members and the general health of the club were always on his mind. I will miss my comrade in all things Lions and as a friend."

Lion Moe Crickmore:

"The sudden passing of Lion Doug is heartbreaking news for Copetown, along with all the organizations and people's lives that Doug's larger than life personality touched! As club members will remember Lion Doug for his feisty attitude, enthusiasm, and willingness to help family, friends, and community always with 110% of his ability. We extend our condolences to Doug's family at this time of loss and sorrow. Rest In Peace our friend!"

Lion Barrie Conron:

"A sad day for Lion Doug's family, friends and Copetown Lions. He was a loving father and grandfather and a dedicated Lion. He enjoyed life and was a positive influence on Lion matters as he carefully helped forward Lion initiatives. He had the best interests of the Club and the Copetown community foremost. Lion Doug asked me to be his secretary for his recent second term as Lion Chief. I considered it an honour and enjoyed working with him. He was a huge contributor to the Annual Turkey & Ham Rolls. He helped behind the scenes and would go the extra mile (literally and figuratively) to ensure success. His incredible Turkey Roll ticket sales were outstanding! We will miss you forever."



Schumacher Lions

The Schumacher Lions Club opened the Peace Park a couple of years ago. Since then, they have added 11 new Peace Poles that represent each nationality in the area. These additions bring the total number to 31. Representatives of the Nigerian community in Timmins unveil the Nigeria Peace pole. The poles are the focal point of the peace park within the Lions Park, a city owned facility looked after by the Schumacher Lions Club.



Angus Glen Lions

Angus Glen Lions has associated with outdoor activities for a long time. The club has organized many hiking events, particularly for people of 55+ under their banner program:

“Activi-thon for 55+”.

To make hiking even more fun, the club introduced the challenge of Orienteering for its September 10th, 2023 event. Twenty participants, all 55+, divided into 5 teams, took up the challenge to hike for the approximately 4.5 km trail in the Eldred King Tract of York Regional Forest in Stouffville. They were given a map with 12 checkpoints. Their missions were to



find those checkpoints and return to the starting point within 120 minutes.

All of the teams made it back between 99 minutes to 129 minutes to complete the course, most well within our estimate of 120 minutes time range. Prizes were presented to the top

three teams with the highest score in locating the checkpoints and shortest time to complete the challenge. At the closing de-brief, all participants said that they had a lot of fun going through the challenge. They were asking for a repeat in the near future. Looks like this is going to be another popular event from the Club!

Fowlers Corners & District Lions

Fowlers Corners & District Lions donate \$25,000 to local charities from funds raised at Cruise Night at Craftworks and Break Open Tickets. Cruise Night @ Craftworks 2023 was another successful cruise night season with weekly cruise nights from mid-May to mid-September. Classic car enthusiasts and music lovers were treated with a wide selection of antique and classic vehicles ranging from 1930 to 2020, and bands that showcased quality local musicians each Thursday evening. This weekly event just keeps growing, with average weekly cruise night vehicles of approximately 200 and attendance averaging 500

per event. Not only was it an enjoyable event, but the Lions raised in excess of \$25,000 that was distributed to the following five charities:

- Five Counties Children’s Centre
- Hospice Peterborough
- BGC (formerly Boys and Girls Club of the Kawarthas)
- Lions Camp Kirk
- Camp Maple Leaf

The Lions thank those who attended and helped to raise these funds, our many volunteers, and the almost 40 local businesses who helped sponsor this event.



Winner International Peace Poster Contest
2003-2004
Vittoria Sansebastiano
12 years old
Italy

Quite a talent, for a historical look back
at other winners go to: <https://bit.ly/3tLAGp7>



Winner Recruit Parsa Hazaeri with his peer group

Left: Winner Recruit Parsa Hazaeri

Centre: WPDG's George Corrin & Harvey Wood with the winning recruit. Far Right: Sgt. Major Jim Berney with winner

Below: PDG George presented with Challenge Coin



While all this was occurring, Lion George was battling cancer and other serious medical issues, he remained dedicated to this project and on October 4th there was a ceremony at the college whereby he gave an impassioned presentation about his dedication to this project and other Lions initiatives. George's wife, Lion **Barb Corrin**, past president of the **Thamesford Lions** was there in support of George. College staff were also present along with Lion Barb Corrin. PDG

Dianne Smith and Lions **Paul Shutsa** and **Lisa Visser**, **Thom Herrmann** and **Bob Pearson**. An interesting and most welcome aside during this day were the presenting of Challenge Coins to those in attendance by OPC officials.

Sadly Lion George lost his battle and passed away on November 2nd. He expressed a desire this project be continued under the guidance of PDG Thom Herrmann, PDG Harvey Wood and Lion Bob Pearson. They will strive to continue with this initiative in tribute and in memory of George.

George was an unique individual who sometimes could ruffle the feathers of other Lions as he strove to be the best Lion he could be, evidenced by his involvement in all Pillars of Lionism. George and other fellow Lions did not always see eye to eye on occasion but we are proud to call him "**Our Friend**".

Lion Bob Pearson, Editor MDA Lion Magazine
 Editor's Note: We have tried to maintain the chronological sequence of events involved in this project but must apologize in advance if there are discrepancies in the dates.

Peace Posters for Peace Officers

Updated article from April/May/June 2023 Magazine

Earlier this year PDG **George Corrin**, a member of the Thamesford Lions came up with an interesting concept dealing with Peace Posters. He lived in the town of Aylmer Ontario which is the location of the Ontario Police College (OPC). His idea was centered around the Peace Posters that were generated in District A15, MDA and Lions International contests. George was successful in obtaining several professional productions of winning posters from LCI. An initial meeting was held with Sgt. Major Jim Berney of OPC to discuss the possible project.

Subsequently PDG's George and **Harvey Wood** attended with Lion **Bob Pearson** on behalf of the LION Magazine. It was a trip down memory lane for Lion Bob, having been a student many, many years ago followed by a three-year term as an instructor in the 90's.

It was decided to have a competition within the classes of recruits and award a poster of their choice. An initial selection process was held at the OPC on June 6th where Recruit Parsa Hazaeri, Toronto Police Service was selected by the leaders of the classes that were the present student body. On August 2nd there was a graduation ceremony of all classes, PDG George and Lion Bob attended the event and a presentation was made to the outstanding students from each class.

Freelton Lions

Lion **Allanah Kelly** of the Freelton Lions Club was formally recognized by Lions Club International as being the New Voice in the Area of Leadership in District A15 for 2023-2024. She was presented with a certificate of recognition by District Governor **Garry Ransom**, on behalf of the president of Lions Club International, **Dr. Patti Hill**.



Ajax Lions

Ajax Lions Club presented four Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to four of their members at their recent awards ceremony and dinner in June 2023. Thank you to Lion **Sara Crocker**, Lion **Darlene Cappuccitti**, Lion **Debbie Winger** and Lion **Georgia Gabriel** for all their dedications and contributions to in serving the community. Congratulations to all on becoming Melvin Jones Fellows.

Past President Julie Wilson presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to (from left to right) Lion Sara Crocker, Lion Darlene Cappuccitti, Lion Debbie Winger and Lion Georgia Gabriel



Westport Lions

Lion **Don Baker** Receives Prestigious Award

“You Can’t Get Very Far until You Start Doing Something for Somebody Else.”

Those are the words of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Club International. There are few people in our community who have done more for others over the years than Lion Don Baker.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest form of recognition and embodies the humanitarian ideas and purpose of Lionism. He is certainly a worthy recipient of this prestigious award. Don has been president of the club, Lion of Year, and maintained the beach in Westport for years. This season, Don had twenty-five locals involved in the beach maintenance program. He started and ran the Lions’ medical equipment loan program

out of his home. Don has been involved in all Lions activities, most recently the Reuse and Recycle Centre, volleyball tournaments, Santa Claus parades, driving the Lions’ mobility vans and distribution of Christmas cakes.

Lion Don is well-known in our community because of his involvement in activities outside of Lion events. He has been president of minor hockey, coached, and served on the North Leeds recreation committee. Don is one of those people who quietly goes about serving the community without fanfare or seeking recognition. The Westport Lions congratulate Don on this well-deserved honour.



Lion Don Baker (left) receives the Melvin Jones Fellow award from past president Lion Bob Reddick

Orleans Lions

An International Certificate of Appreciation from past international president Brian Sheehan was presented to Lion **Jean-Guy Thibodeau** by Governor **Susan Tunnicliffe** at the cabinet meeting of the District A4 Lions.

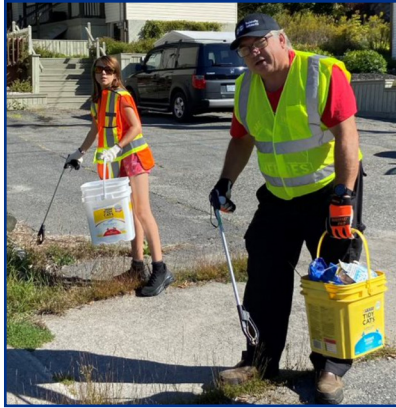
When Lion Jean-Guy Thibodeau joined the Orléans club in 2007-2008 and volunteered to collect used eyeglasses, he didn’t foresee that he’d still be collecting them fourteen years later. But he has, and this month he will have attained the lofty goal of having picked up and delivered to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre in Calgary over 100,000 pairs of glasses. Still working as a barber in his first year as a Lion he could collect the glasses from eight local opticians and optometrists around his barber shop. Fast forward fourteen years Lion

Jean-Guy is now retired and now collects from eightenn different locations. The largest number came from Nuvo Eye Centre and Lens Crafters. But the sources range from small locales to big box stores and shopping centres, from suburban Orléans to downtown Rideau Centre Ottawa. Accompanying him on his monthly route is Louisette, his wife of 55 years. When asked if he collects from seniors residences he said “not yet, I never checked.” but admits they look like promising additions to the route. Three to four times a year, he prepares eight to ten boxes to send to Calgary. When asked for his comments he simply added: “Wouldn’t it be nice to find a way to let everyone know that they can send their used glasses for recycling.”



Minnow Lake

Twice a year, Lion Keith Argent organizes the Minnow Lake Lions club to do a community clean-up. Many Lions come out to help make our neighborhood a lot cleaner. We even recruit a few of the new members and family to help out with this task. Then it's back to the club house for a luncheon put on by our kitchen Lions. Some may not think that picking up garbage can be fun, but it is when you are a Lions and doing community service. The area looks great and the Lions are a big part of this.



MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – September 29/30, 2023
- Council Meeting – November 17/18, 2023
- Council Meeting – February 23/24, 2024
- Council Meeting – May 31/June 1, 2024 (Convention)

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Four Points Sheraton, London	March 22-24, 2024
A2	Holiday Inn, St. Catharines	March 22-24, 2024
A3	Best Western Plus Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre, Cobourg	April 12-14, 2024
A4	Hilton Garden Inn, Ottawa Airport	April 19-21, 2024
A5	Northbury Hotel, Sudbury	May 3-5, 2024
A711	Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre	April 12-14, 2024
A9	Best Western, Walkerton	April 26-28, 2024
A12	Allure Hotel and Conference Centre, Barrie	April 12-13, 2024
A15	Quality Inn & Conference Centre Festival, Stratford	April 5-7, 2024
A16	Scugog Island, Port Perry	April 19-21, 2024

Coldwater Lions "WE ARE COMMUNITY"

As I look out, snowflakes slowly float down to the ground. I am mesmerized by the snow and my mind drifts away with thoughts of those unfortunate people who have no shelter from this cold, crisp weather.

The Coldwater Lions Club was chartered in 1939 under the original title of the Coldwater-Waubauskene District Lions Club. Since its inception, the Club has collected and dispensed millions of dollars to assist organizations and people within the Coldwater area.

The club has used those funds ways to improve life in the community to provide better services for young and old during the past seventy-four years. The club asks for nothing in return other than the support of the community.

Fund raising is not the sole objective of the club, residents are encouraged to join and enjoy the camaraderie among the members who reap their rewards from the smiles of satisfaction that appears on the faces of the youth and adults who have been assisted in ways that benefit both them and the community.

Today the Coldwater Lions Club is very active within the village and constantly recruiting new members. Many of the new members are young and vibrant and they bring with them new ideas that are strengthening the foundations of the Lions Club which will be serving this community for many years to come.

Article written by
Lion Don Binus

The club's annual "Duck Race" is a big event, see you at the Duck Race Parade, see www.coldwaterlions.com for details.



Aldershot Lions

LIONS ROAR AT NEW VAN

Burlington Ontario's CAMA Woodlands Long Term Care Home unveiled its new wheel chair van on June 14th with the Aldershot Lions Club joining in the celebration. The Lions donated \$10,000.00 toward the ongoing cost of operating the vehicle. CAMA will use the van to transport residents to various medical and appointments around Burlington and Hamilton. The new vehicle holds 2 wheeled chairs. The Lions' contribution followed a successful fundraising BBQ in May. The Aldershot Club has been supporting its community for nearly 70 years.



Temiskaming Shores Lioness Lions

The Temiskaming Shores Lioness Lions held a fundraising yard sales to help out in many of their community projects. They do not put the prices on their items, but depend upon the buyers to give generously and give they do. They raised \$2,500.00 with the sale to go towards projects like hand-made mitts and toques for the local schools, blankets to long term residents and personal care kits for victims of crime, fire and other emergency circumstances.



Milverton Lions – “A Dream Come True.”

After several years of planning, fundraising and delays, The Milverton Lions celebrated the new courtyard at Knollcrest Lodge in Milverton on July 23, 2023. After fundraising efforts by the local club began in 2019, the courtyard improvements finally came to fruition following the recent completion of roughly six weeks of construction by Drummond Brothers Landscaping.

“It’s fantastic,” said Lion **Mark Matheson**, chair of the fundraising committee. “It’s good for our town. It’s good for the nursing home. There are things (in this courtyard) that need to be improved over how they were 10, 20 years ago. There was nothing here originally, so we’re digging it all up.” While the club’s original goal was to raise \$120,000 – a goal they have since reached – the increasing costs of materials and construction have pushed project costs over \$200,000.

The new courtyard includes accessible walkways for all residents, visually appealing flower beds, a raised planter box to allow residents a chance to participate in the beautification of their new outdoor space, two pergolas for shade, and outdoor picnic tables and chairs that were assembled by Lions Club volunteers.



The courtyard was designed with artificial grass, durable outdoor furniture that is easy to clean, and eavestroughs that drain directly into the home’s drainagesystem to make the outdoor space easy to maintain for the staff.

Anyone can still contribute to the Milverton Lions Club fundraising campaign by sending a cheque payable to Knollcrest Lodge with a memo specifying it’s for the Lion’s Club courtyard project to PO Box 453 Milverton, Ont., N0K 1M0.



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IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2024	Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway Conference Centre	
	St. Catharines	May 31 - June 2, 2024

International Conventions

106th	Melbourne, Australia	June 21 - 25, 2024
107th	Mexico City, Mexico	July 4 - 8, 2025
108th	Atlanta, GA, USA	July 3 - 7, 2026
109th	Washington, DC, USA	July 2 - 6, 2027
110th	Singapore	June 23 - 27, 2028

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 5 - 7, 2024	Louisville, Kentucky
Sept 18 - 20, 2025	Atlantic City, New Jersey



LEN DAY
CANDIDATE
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
CANADA
2025-2027



“BELIEVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

The Lions of District A12 are requesting you support for Lion Len at the MDA Convention May 31st - June 2nd, 2024 in St. Catharines.

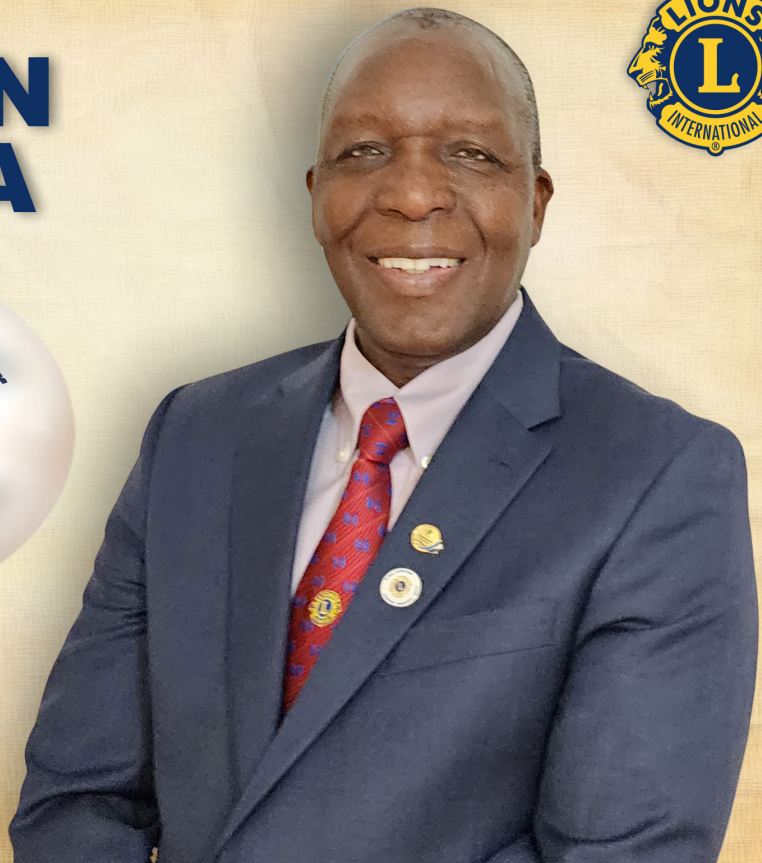
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LION DAN
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2025-2027



“Creating a Caring World”



The Lions of District 7/11 are
requesting your support for Lion Dan
at the MDA Convention May 31st
to June 2nd, 2024 in St. Catharines.

District A16 proudly presents



**Debbie
Dawson**

Candidate

International Director

From Canada



2025 - 2027

“Dedicated to Service”

**On behalf of the Lions of District A16, we request
your support for Lion Debbie at the
Multiple District A Convention,
May 31 – June 2 2024 in St.Catharines, Ontario**

www.debdawson.com

Gloucester Lions

In June 2023, Gloucester Lion Theresa Whalen (second on left) had the privilege of going to Kenya as a Volunteer Advisor for Catalyste+ Canada to do some development work. Her assignment was to create a marketing plan for the Taita Taveta Women Mining Group (TTWMG) near the city of Voi. The Lions donated \$500.00 (Cdn) and other club members and friends gave \$2300.00 to the TTWMG for the rental of an excavator and purchase of equipment and supplies.

CESO is now Catalyste+, the original organization was created to be a catalyst for stronger economies and better lives. The organization has grown since its founding, and our work has evolved to address diverse development challenges and deepen our economic impact. To see more information click on the logo or use this link: <https://www.catalysteplus.org/>

Lion Theresa presented them with the Gloucester Lions monetary gift along with a suitcase full of jewellery making supplies, books, and soccer balls for the children. She also bought

them new mining tools and about two weeks' worth of groceries.

To honour the donation from the Gloucester Lions Club, the TTWMG president, Editha Lewela (second on right), asked if she could keep Lion Theresa's vest so they may fly it like a flag marking the newly excavated mine, a request that couldn't be refused!

This project also garnered a great deal of political interest. First Lady Sabina Mwadime (centre), wife of Governor Hon. Andrew Mwadime met with Lion Theresa and the TTWMG ladies to discuss project development and how the local government can help. This is just one of the ways that the Gloucester Lions is helping to carry out the Lion motto, "We Serve".

Link: <https://www.catalysteplus.org/>

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