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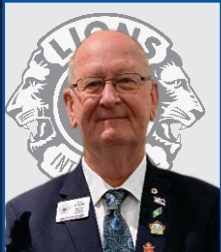
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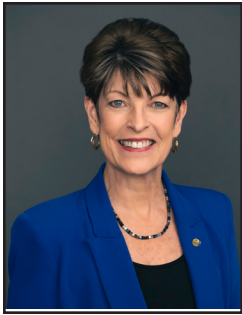
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Celebrate Success

Dear Lions,

I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your international president, and I am happy to share with you my message of Changing the World.

For years, Lions and Leos have been changing the world, one community at a time. Now, collectively, we are setting bold ambitious goals to meet the needs of our neighbors, our communities and our world. Boldness and action are exactly what we can deliver as we tackle the biggest challenges that lie before us. Boldness, focused on success and excellence, and commitment to service: these are the benchmarks we must use to grow our clubs and districts so we can be there every time we're called on to serve.

At our international convention in Boston, I had the privilege of announcing our annual priorities and our four-year initiative, MISSION 1.5, which is our drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by the conclusion of the 2027 Lion year. Although

I've been a Lion for over 30 years, it never ceases to amaze me how, as Lions and Leos, we rise to any challenge placed in front of us. I'm excited to embark on this exciting mission with you as we grow our membership and capacity to serve.

I hope the stories in this issue will not only inspire you to grow your clubs and expand your service, but also to share your own stories. When you share your service and membership stories, you let the world know what it means to be a Lion. Every day is a great day to extend an invitation to a potential Lion to join us.

Let's be bold and lead the way to a better future and a world of change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patti Hill

Dr. Patti Hill

International President, Lions Clubs International



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Boston, Massachusetts, USA – July 4-6, 2023



AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. The committee received an update from Lions Clubs International Internal Audit and will continue to follow up and monitor action plans.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. The committee denied an election complaint filed in District 300-A2 and agreed Lion Yang-Yang Yen be declared the second vice district governor for the 2023-2024 year.
2. The committee denied an election complaint filed in District 324-D and agreed Lion R. Dinakaran be declared the second vice district governor for the 2023-2024 year.
3. The committee denied an election complaint filed in District 315-B2 and agreed Lion Shahadat Hossain be declared the second vice district governor for the 2023-2024 year.
4. The committee upheld an election complaint filed in District 300-D5 and appointed Second Vice District Governor Hung Chieh Chu as first vice district governor for the 2023-2024 year.
5. The committee upheld an election complaint filed in District B-3 and agreed the second vice district governor position remain vacant for the 2023-2024 year.
6. The committee upheld an election complaint filed in District 306-B2 and agreed the second

vice district governor position remain vacant for the 2023-2024 year.

7. The committee denied an election complaint filed in Multiple District 315 and agreed Lion Nazmul Haque be declared the endorsed international director candidate.
8. The committee denied an election complaint filed in Multiple District 103 and agreed Lion Guy-Bernard Brami be declared the endorsed international director candidate.
9. The committee passed a resolution removing Sunita Bansal as district governor of District 321-C2 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 term, along with not recognizing service as a past district governor and not being a member of any club due to conduct unbecoming a Lion.
10. The committee passed a resolution that the undistricted area of Cyprus become Provisional District 135 at the close of the 2024 International Convention, with Past International Director Robert Rettby appointed as Coordinating Lion due to the refusal of current leadership to cooperate with efforts to unite Lions clubs across Cyprus.
11. The committee passed a resolution allowing the Lions of South Korea to form a national foundation, the Korea Council of Lions Clubs Foundation.

12. The committee passed a resolution allowing the Republic of North Macedonia to form a foundation, subject to district approval of changes to the foundation's name and by-laws.
13. The committee passed a resolution approving the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Representation for the 2023-2024 year.
14. The committee passed a resolution approving changes to the advisory committee charter.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Approved update to Chapter VIII, Paragraph B. of the Board Policy Manual, to allow for Lions to select their own convention hotel without the requirement to stay within their own delegations assigned hotel.
2. Evaluated the appointment criteria for the role of an international convention chairperson at the multiple and/or district levels and requested that the technology and marketing staff evaluate ways to simplify the appointment process.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Appointed Lions to serve as the Coordinating Lions for 2023-2024.
2. Revised the responsibilities of the District and Multiple District Marketing Chairperson to streamline the application process for the

International Marketing Award.

3. Revised the description of zones and regions as written in the Standard Form District ByLaws to encourage the chartering of new clubs.
4. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution to grant voting rights as cabinet members to District Global Action Team members and the LCIF District Coordinators.
5. Reduced the number of days required to notify clubs of district or multiple district redistricting proposals from 60 days to 30 days.
6. Revised the process for investigating inactive and fictitious clubs to streamline the process.

FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2022-2023 4th Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved the FY 2023-2024 final budget, reflecting a deficit.
3. Proposed changes to the Operating Reserve Policy be discussed with the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee at the July 2023 new committee meeting for referral to the Long Range Planning Committee in August 2023.
4. Approved placing the Türkiye Lions Clubs on modified protective status through December 2023, with reviews to occur at the 2023-2024 board meetings by the Finance & Headquarters Operation Committee for specified clubs impacted by the earthquake.
5. Amended the Executive Officer Reimbursement Policy to allow approval by the International President of additional miles for the Third Vice President to travel in support of Mission 1.5.
6. Amended Chapter XXIII, A.10. of the Board Policy Manual to accommodate travel for leadership to forums required for Mission 1.5.
7. Amended Lions International Procurement Policy to allow an exception to the bid process for Convention Ground Transportation and to change the Signature Authorization Level Matrix.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the updated 2023 District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader team to include replacement group leaders for Spanish, Swedish and Italian groups.
2. Approved the curriculum plan and schedule for the 2023-2024 First Vice District Governors/ District Governors-Elect Seminar.
3. Approved the 2024 District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader team.
4. Revised the Board Policy Manual, Chapter

XIV, Paragraph D.10. to reorder and clarify DistrictGovernors-Elect Seminar group leader qualifications and to ensure group leaders will not certify as an international director or international third vice president candidate from the beginning of the term as group leader through the seminar at convention.

5. Revised the Board Policy Manual so that, when the second vice president selects either the mixed or regional model to organize the districts and establish the number of group leaders required, the mixed model allows for a maximum of thirty-one groups and the regional model allows for a maximum of thirty-six groups.

LONG RANGE PLANNING (MAY 2023 MEETING REPORT)

1. Received a feasibility report and recommendation from the Lions International Strategic Plan project team on new growth models.
2. Received a progress report on the Lions International Strategic Plan and a preview of plans for the coming year.
3. Reviewed a working draft of the plan to grow Lions Clubs International to 1.5 million members by July 1, 2027.
4. Discussed Leo-Lion representation on the Lions Clubs International Foundation Board of Trustees.
5. Discussed Central and Eastern European Global Action Team and Coordinating Lion Collaboration.
6. Discussed the creation of guidelines and criteria for reviewing funding requests for advocacy events.
7. Received an update on Lions Clubs International Foundation partnership discussions with the World Food Program.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

1. Reviewed the 2022-2023 forecasts and the 2023-2024 budget for the Marketing Division.
2. Reviewed an update on new support for the launch of Mission 1.5.
3. Reviewed an update on how the association handles trademarks for forums, websites and digital products.
4. Reviewed plans to distribute the Peace Poster and Essay Contest in digital format.
5. Reviewed global public relations strategies and year-end results. Reviewed marketing grant support.
6. Reviewed brand programs and strategies and year-end results. Reviewed marketing grant support.

7. Reviewed status on the move to the Lions International brand as part of the Lions International Strategic Plan.
8. Reviewed the Marketing Committee charter. No changes were made.
9. Reviewed the award table to make recommended changes in support of Mission 1.5. The update will earmark and add a certain number of presidential and leadership medals devoted to recognition for chartering new clubs and adding new members. Criteria for usage is still being finalized. These adjustments will be made in the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIX.
10. Reviewed an update to the international protocol in the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIX, to add Leo Advisory Panel members. The committee discussed and unanimously agrees that the Leo Advisory Panel members should be included in protocol in the appropriate location based on various factors.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Discussed Membership Development Grants and requested a more detailed application be completed prior to committee review. This should include specific information about who is responsible for each step of the plan and when it will be completed.
2. Discussed District 3234 D2, and lifted the moratorium, appointing Lion Vijay Bhandari the district governor for the 2023-2024 term.
3. In addition, Lions Narendra Bhandari, Girish Malpani, Rajesh Kothavade and Raj Muchhal will have their titles stripped for a period of two years. Lion Parmanand Sharma can run for office again after a period of two years, rather than the previously decided five years.
4. Sunset the role of specialty club coordinator, encouraging districts use Global Extension Team coordinators to form both traditional and specialty clubs.
5. Launched a membership initiative, Mission 1.5, to grow membership to 1.5 million Lions, with positive net growth in all constitutional areas.
6. Updated the Global Action Team policy to support Mission 1.5, including the discontinuation of the GAT Success Story funding and the GAT Chairpersons medal.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Reviewed the 2022-2023 fourth quarter forecast.
2. Discussed the 2023-2024 budget and supported the Lions of India request for funding for an India Advocacy Day.

- Received a report on service reporting, including the number of people served, the number of service activities, and the percentage of clubs reporting service.
- Received an update on advocacy initiatives including Lions Day with the United Nations events and advocacy days.
- Recommended updates to Lions International's Advocacy Guidelines.
- Discussed global causes and service programs, including new environment resources, support for refugees and displaced persons, and diabetes awareness and education.
- Received an update on the 2023 season of Lions-Elevance Health Volunteer Days.
- Received an update on the Lions International Strategic Plan episodic volunteer service projects.

9. Reviewed the Service Activities Division 2023-2024 annual plan.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- Received final updates on supporting the 2023 International Convention and election in Boston.
- Reviewed the 2022-2023 fourth quarter forecast and the 2023-2024 budget for the Technology Division.
- Received a comprehensive update on the Salesforce project and were informed the Lion Portal is planned to launch in September 2023.
- Discussed change management and member engagement needed to minimize the member impacts with a change to the digital member experience.
- Reviewed updates on privacy initiatives, ongoing steps being taken related to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

and requested that staff continue the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001 compliance project without formal certification.

- Received an update on the status of the website navigation project and is expected to launch by the second quarter.
- Reviewed updates from the Membership Development Committee and discussed the status of the new club application project that will be implemented as part of the Salesforce project.
- Discussed the need to update Chapter XXVI of the Board Policy Manual, which includes the association's Privacy Policy.

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



District A2 Caledonia and Grimsby and District Lions

In July, A2 Lions supported the *Two Row On The Grand* canoe event. It is a ten-day canoe trip down the Grand River from Cambridge Ontario to

Lake Erie that promotes healthy relationships, friendships, and respect between cultures, allowing indigenous and non-indigenous both a chance to grow in understanding based on trust and respect. The event is a symbolic renewal of the Two Row Wampum – the original peace treaty between indigenous and settler communities. The vision is an annual canoe trip where participants, native and non-native, build mutual respect and understanding of individual values and culture through sharing the river, meals, campgrounds, mutual aid, cultural/environmental teachings, friendship and summer fun.

This experience results in long-lasting friendships, an increased understanding of each other and our cultures, and through friendship,

peace. Participants partake in educational events given by knowledgeable persons each day: treaties, cultural teachings, dance/social demonstrations, storytelling, environmental concerns, and sharing circles. Approval was received from all municipalities along the Grand River to stop in each community and host cultural events open to local community members.

The Caledonia Lions Club provided funding for a special breakfast on Day 4 on Six Nations of the Grand River property serving 105 participants. The Grimsby and District Lions provided funding and home baking on Day 10 of the paddle for breakfast at Byng Island in Dunnville. 5 Grimsby Lions attended to serve 80 participants at the breakfast table.

Through this experience participants can build long-lasting friendships with those in surrounding communities and renew Treaty relationships in the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendation 45. At the end of the canoe trip in Post Maitland, a culminating event commemorates the polishing of the chain of friendship between Canadians and Six Nations community members.

The photos illustrate the size of the event and also Grimsby Lion **Louise Agnew** signalling the arrival of the paddlers.

For detailed information on the significance of the event use the link shown below or scan the QR code.

<http://www.tworowonthegrand.com/>





Changing the World

Change doesn't happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club and Leo club, we change a community.

**When we change our communities,
we change the world.**

Bringing Out the Best in Others

Lifting others up is what she does.

Dr. Patti Hill is an accomplished teacher, administrator, psychologist and small-business owner. But it isn't her impressive resume that she'll mention when you ask what's important to her.

"The purpose of my life on this earth is to help others achieve their potential. If I'm not doing that, I should be!"

Dr. Hill makes it her mission to find the potential in others and to create an environment that helps them thrive. "I always see the good in people," she says.

Every step in Dr. Hill's career was made because she believed in doing her part to ensure others could achieve their dreams. When she was asked to teach special education in secondary school, she agreed and then promptly enrolled in a master's program focusing on teaching the deaf and hard of hearing.

While she was a young teacher, Dr. Hill's uncle Eddie, who was deaf, had shared stories with her about the difficulty of traveling to distant boarding schools to be educated. Even then, he wasn't allowed to use sign language in school. She hoped she could make education better for students like her uncle.

While working as a teacher of deaf students, Dr. Hill was presented with the results of student testing performed by school psychologists. They informed her that although the students did well in visual perception, they scored low in verbal skills. Stunned, Dr. Hill used American Sign Language as she responded, "You didn't even sign to them!"


She knew her students couldn't achieve their full potential if they couldn't even use their primary source of communication. She didn't want the same thing to happen to them that had happened to her uncle Eddie, so she began taking psychology classes to create a better way to assess students.

Classes eventually turned into a doctorate degree, and now she's a licensed psychologist.

Dr. Hill served for a time as principal at a specialty school for children with severe speech and language development challenges in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She also started a consultancy business using her knowledge and experience to help government agencies design and implement better programs for children, youth and their families, which she's been running for more than 40 years.

Dr. Patti Hill devoted her life to making the world a better place. Along the way, she found Lions.

Actually, Lions found her.

A woman with short brown hair, wearing a bright blue blazer over a black top, is smiling warmly. She is standing in front of a large white cable-stayed bridge with a blue sky in the background. The image has a decorative graphic at the bottom consisting of overlapping blue, yellow, and grey wavy lines.

// The purpose of my life on this earth is to help others achieve their potential. If I'm not doing that, I should be! //

Making the World a Better Place

It turned out that Dr. Hill's business partner was married to a Lion. When district Lions organized a project to help fund cochlear implants for those in need, they wanted someone with knowledge of the deaf community, so they turned to Patti for guidance. Of course, she was happy to help.

When Dr. Hill became the founding principal of The Heritage School, Lions wanted to return the favor. "What do you need?" they asked.

Dr. Hill was happy to have Lions' help, but she didn't expect them to keep coming back.

But the Lions persisted.

In fact, they asked her to become a Lion. More than once.

There was no question her life was already busy. In addition to her business and her job as principal, she was finishing her Ph.D. and expecting her first child. Even so, she couldn't turn them away.

In 1990, she joined the Edmonton Host Lions Club. She soon realized her club was more than just a local club; it was a critical part of a global association of clubs just like hers that were serving in nearly every country on earth. Being a Lion was the perfect way to do what she had always wanted to do—make the world a better place.

One of her first projects showed Dr. Hill just how powerful being a Lion can be. The hospital in Edmonton didn't have a dedicated pediatric operating suite. This meant every time a child required surgery, the equipment had to be manually adjusted to accommodate these young patients. This added more complexity and discomfort to an already harrowing experience for children and their parents. Dr. Hill and her club asked how much it would cost to

build a specialized operating suite for children. The response? Three hundred thousand dollars.

"And we did it," she says. With the help of LCIF, they raised every penny. "That's when I knew that Lions could have real impact."

When she attended her first multiple district convention, she realized that the impact wasn't limited to Edmonton.

As she walked around the venue and saw the displays of all the projects Lions had done that year and heard the conversations taking place, she realized the scale of it all. That's when she knew she was part of something much bigger than she could've imagined.

"I get it now," she said. Dr. Hill realized Lions weren't just changing their communities, they were changing the world.

Changing the world is what she is focused on as our international president.

// We're here to make the world a better place. It drives every decision I make. //





Changing the World

There's an old saying – It's the journey, not the destination. Changing the world is a journey. There's no middle and no end. There is, however, a beginning.

With every small act of service, you contribute one step towards change. It's up to each of us to simply begin. Like rain filling a bucket, we can change the world one drop at a time.

In fact, we are all changing the world with every decision we make. Truly meaningful changes will occur when we are intentional about the *kind* of changes we want to make. When we strive to make positive changes—in our lives and in the lives of others—we put good into the world.



Lions have been doing our part to change the world for more than 100 years. In every project we do, with every donation we make, we contribute to positive change in our communities. As we fill our own buckets, our communities rise with us.

We are all connected. When we see that connection, boundaries and barriers disappear.

We realize that while global challenges may seem daunting, there is always a place where we can begin. The place is here. The time is now.

Our world is a beautiful place. Let the rain fall. Drop by drop, fill your bucket. Help those around you fill theirs. Every day, in big ways and in small, let's serve to make our world an even better place for all.



// If people truly understood the good they could do as Lions or Leos, they'd be lining up to serve with us. We must show them what we do, and that they can change the world too. //

Change Begins One Step at a Time

We change the world one life, one relationship, one community at a time.

Here are some great ways to get started.

Create a greener, cleaner environment.

Protecting and improving our environment is a great way to engage with our communities. By helping to protect and restore our natural resources, we can literally change the world. Let's act boldly, and let's act now.

Share your story with the world.

Developing great marketing skills can help you tell the world who you are and what you do. Social media and local media, and online and offline marketing give you new ways to tell your stories. Shine a light on your club and invite your community to be a part of the change as Lions and Leos.

Reach your service potential.

People want to be a part of something that matters. So set service goals that push your capacity and create opportunities for even more impact with new members. Find ways to ensure your club is inclusive and welcoming to all.

Empower even greater good.

Our foundation empowers us to do so much more than we can do alone. LCIF enables us to think big and undertake projects that can truly change the world. So, support LCIF, and let LCIF support you.



Believe in Yourself

To change the world, we first must believe change is possible.

Here are some key steps that can help you face the challenges ahead.

Be brave.

In the causes you tackle and in the work that you do, don't shy away from something that may seem too difficult. You're up to the task and other Lions are here to support you. So take that bold first step.

Invest in the future.

We all have a reason to invest in the future, and young people may be uniquely positioned to help us create change. We are better able to deal with the issues facing our communities when they're at the table with us. Let's invite the next generation of global leaders to serve with us as Lions.

Collaborate.

We do our best work as a team. Work with community leaders, other service organizations, and each other to address the biggest problems facing your communities. Collaboration makes change happen faster.

Lead the way.

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Stouffville Lions

The Lions Club of Stouffville, chartered Feb. 16, 1938, celebrated with a grand luncheon on April 15, 2023 which was almost 85 years to the day of the very first dinner charter night in April of 1938.

While celebrating eighty-five years of service to the community of Stouffville, we were honoured to have eleven Past District Governors of District A16 in attendance. Also the President of the **Bradford Lions Club**, our sponsor in 1937, attended. In all 52 guests, thank you for taking the time to say hello and congratulations.

Editors Note: You may notice this significant event is from April of this year, it was scheduled to be in the last issue and somehow it got missed, through nobody's fault but the editor, we extend our apologies to the club and will strive to make sure it does not occur again.



DG Carolyn Stephenson presenting Charter Anniversary certificate to the Bradford Lions Lions President Mel Papke, their original sponsors

Peterborough Lions Club Branch

On Canada Day 2023 the Young Adults of Peterborough Lions Club Branch were thrilled to hold their "Tasty Treats for the Throngs" event once again throughout the City of Peterborough. With full coolers in hand, the club divided up and handed out Ice Cream and sherbet in as many places as possible. The smiles from the homeless people they served were almost as big if not bigger than the smiles on the faces of the little ones.

Some members hit the beaches with the cold treats, while others worked in the water parks. Everywhere they went they were greeted with smiles, thanks and even hugs from the children for helping to spread a little Canadian cheer on Canada Day.



Within 3 hours they had gone through almost 500 servings of Ice Cream but unfortunately, they forgot to keep some for themselves to celebrate another fantastic Service project brought to the people of Peterborough by the Young Adults of Peterborough Club Branch of the East Peterborough Lions.



Toronto Cathay Lions Club

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, under the leadership of President **Michael Cheng**, is dedicated to making a positive impact on the community by fostering compassion and support for those in need. This donation the backpacks 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."





District A2 Youth Camp and Exchange

Waterford Lion **Pete Schira** took over for two. For the last 15 years, **Townsend** Lion **Bill MacKenzie** has done a great job of promoting and running the program. Many local hosts, essential to the program, have stepped up and invited youth into their homes for a couple of weeks before sending them off to camp for a week and a half. Our camp and exchange program in A-2 is excellent and sought by many youth as their first choice.

This year we had 13 youth from 10 different countries. They were hosted in Hagersville, Townsend, Waterford, Simcoe, Port Dover, St. Thomas, Grimsby and St. Catharines. As of this report, all are back home following many tearful goodbyes. Activities included parking cars for and attending the Hagersville Rocks event, Ohsweken Raceway, canoeing, Brantford International Villages, a movie, bowling, and other interesting activities.

Our camp facility this year was new to us, the former Waterbrook Camp at the Springvale Bison Farm run by Mike Waters. He welcomed us there for a good deal with us agreeing to spruce up the place.

Townsend Lions built a new shower building assisted by **Fisherville** and **Port Dover Lions**, and did a good deal of painting and cleaning of the facilities. The cabins were cleaned up and prepared for 6 girls and 7 boys.

They quickly became a cohesive group, enjoying time together. From the camp they were taken to Niagara-on-the-Lake for a jet boat ride and browsing, to Niagara Falls for a trip on the Hornblower, formerly Maid of the Mist, to Port Dover for mini golf and Long Point for zip lining. At every outing and day at camp, meals were provided by Lions clubs across the District. The youth enjoyed the camp experience and wished they could stay longer.

GREAT JOB A2!!!

Lions International Youth Camps and Exchange (YCEX) has programs around the world and is designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding, providing an avenue for global fellowship. The program aims to grow and maintain international relationships promoting cultural education and international peace.

In our district, YCEX has been going strong for years. **Hagersville District Lions** got involved about 40 years ago. Since then other clubs have been hosts and several young locals have been sponsored to participate overseas. Our local club has been very involved. In the early 2000's, Lions **John** and **Joyce Harvey** assisted with the camp run by **Simcoe Lions Club** member **Barbara Sheppard**, then chaired the program for a few years before



Youth Exchange group photo



YEA2 Chair Lion Bill MacKenzie PDG Fred Arbour



Youth Exchange boys planning meeting



Youth Exchange girls only lunch

Newburgh-Camden Lions

The Newburgh-Camden Lions held their annual Family Fun Day on July 9th at Centennial Park. Country music, good food, games, crafts and a petting zoo made it a great day for everyone, especially the children. The Fire Department was in attendance to show their continued support. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy a great day.

As well the club held two fund-raiser breakfasts to support their current project, building three play houses for the Yarker Day Care Centre. They were well attended and the support was great. Thanks one and all for your continued support of our projects.



Lions Camp Dorset

Submission from Toronto Doctors Lions Club

Lions International Youth Camps and EThe Lions Camp Dorset is not a name that most people are familiar with, but for kidney dialysis patients in Ontario, it is a haven. Patients live a life tied to their homes. Treatments lasting several hours and occurring several times a week make it impossible for the patients and their families to have a vacation. Dorset resort allows dialysis patients and their families to spend a week in a more than suitable facility for their needs. They receive treatments at the state-of-the-art onsite dialysis unit under the care of two Camp Dorset dialysis nurses, as well as staff from their home hemodialysis unit.

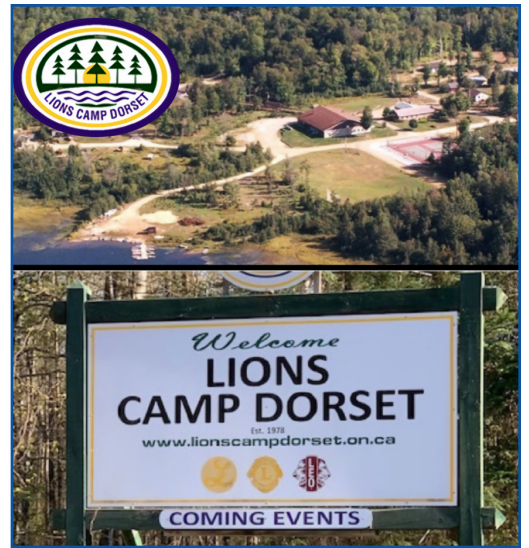
The camp had humble beginning. In 1972 **Hamilton East Lions** rented cottages in Parry Sound for two families living with dialysis. A third cottage was rented to house the dialysis machine. In 1973, 6 families were brought to camp for a relaxing getaway. By 1974 they brought 12 families to Dorset, but with funds exhausted 30 families were on a waiting list. The idea of a Lions Camp Dorset came about at the 1974 International Lions Convention. Lion **Sandy Ailles** of **Dorset** and Lion **Herb Walpole** of Hamilton East had a chance meeting. The Dorset Lions had obtained 380 acres of crown land in the early 70s as part of a plan to build baseball diamonds. However, after hearing of Hamilton East's dialysis retreats, the idea of building a full-scale camp emerged. Soon after, Hamilton East Lions and the Dorset Lions began to raise funds for the camp.

In April 1978, construction began. **Ridgeway Lions Club** played a large role, bringing in and operating the heavy equipment to clear the land, helping with roadways, foundations, buildings, and infrastructure. In the first year, 3 cottages were built and 5 more were constructed in 1979. A member of the Ridgeway Lions

arranged substantial donations from shipping companies he worked with, for the donation of mattresses, furniture, and televisions. Lions Camp Dorset acquired the property lease later from the Lions. The property of 51.69 acres was then bought by the Camp Dorset Corporation from the Ministry of Natural Resources. With some assistance from corporate sponsors and various government grants, the Lions of Ontario has developed the Camp into a unique facility. Construction was completed by Lions, Lioness, Leos and other volunteers.

There is a 10,000 sq.ft community centre which was built in 1993-94. This facility is used by guests and their families as well as by the community.

The camp has a 3500 sq.ft. banquet hall, a large commercial kitchen, indoor swimming pool, indoor pickle ball court, 2 tennis courts, mini golf, and a baseball diamond. Fall colours are spectacular. **Toronto Doctors Lions Club** has held a weekend retreat at the Camp for last 20 years to raise awareness, networking, and having FUN. Imagine going to a resort in the amazing setting on the shores of Raven Lake with all the facilities and great schedule of entertainment and fellowship at cost of \$150 which covers 5 meals (Friday dinner, 3 meals Saturday and brunch on Sunday. Children younger than age 5 are no charge and children ages 6-13, only \$30). All meals are prepared and served by Doctors Lions Club faculty. There are 15 efficiency units – essentially self-contained bachelor apartments. They have a three-piece bathroom equipped with a wheelchair friendly shower enclosure, a living room area, and a double or twin beds. Units have radiant in-floor heating. There are garden doors that open out to a patio walkway equipped with lawn chairs. These units are designed for couples.



There are 15 cottages. Every cottage is equipped with three bedrooms (double/twin size beds) a living room and a 3 or 4 piece bathroom. Guests bring their own pillow covers, bed sheets and personal care items. The Dialysis retreat is set for October 20th-22nd, 2023.

Due to limited accommodation, the Club needs to know your confirmation by August 31st.

Contact person: Lion Ashwin Vora. Cell# (647) 218-6853/ Residence # (905) 420-7289

Mail cheque to: Lion Ashwin Vora, 64 Holbrook Crt, Milton. ON. L9E 1J1

CAMP LOCATION: 1087 Camp Dorset Road, Algonquin Highlands. ON. P0A 1E0



Petrolia Lions

The Lions from our western part of the province are involved with several community based activities, they recently hosted a dinner for the A1 Youth Exchange Program at the home of Lions **Gail** and **Bob Tanner**. They are also supporters of the Petrolia Food Bank and recently presented them with a donation of \$1,500.00.



YEEX Dinner



Petrolia Food Bank – Lions Anne, President Bill and Cub Wilma present \$1,000.00 to Bob of the Food Bank

Minnow Lake Lions

The Minnow Lake Lions club are proud to share the news of our member, Lion **Gilles Lafrance**, being inducted into the Sudbury Sports Hall of Fame. He began his journey in 1981, where he participated in the 1st Para-athlete regional games in Sudbury, sweeping the 60m, 10m and 200m races. He again did the same thing at the Provincials later that summer, collecting his 1st Gold medal. He was selected to the Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports team that same year and was named Team Ontario Rookie of the Year.

Lion Gilles participated in his 1st World Championships in 1982 in Denmark. In 1986, Lion Gilles participated as a para-athlete and established a world record in both the 200m and 400m races, capturing a gold medal at the World Championships. Lion Gilles participated 3 times in the Paralympics in 1984, 1988 and 1992.

Gilles started his running career in 1981 thru to 2011. Each of these 31 years, he qualified for the Provincial games, an amazing record. Lion Gilles continues to run to this day and recently participated in the 2023 Sudbury Rocks event 5 km run. Not bad for a man in his 60's.

We are proud to have Lion Gilles as an active member of the Minnow Lake Lions and look forward to many more years of service and running to come.

Presentation,
Lion Gilles on the left



Minnow Lake Members - Gilles Lafrance is standing in the middle of the photo. The club was restricted to 8 members for attendance otherwise the entire club would have attended

Burlington Lions

Burlington Lions have made scholarship awards to graduates of our eight secondary schools for many years, and 2023 was no exception. However, this year we realized that Grade 8 kids moving on to High School should have recognition as well. So we devised an award for them – to be chosen by each school for two students - not necessarily for top marks, but rather exhibiting “Impressive Effort – Excellent Attitude – Noteworthy Achievement”. Realizing these kids are embarking on a big stage in their young lives, we wanted to give them a sense of personal independence and responsibility for their transition to high school. The award consisted of a new backpack, a \$50 gift certificate to obtain school supplies, and of course, a certificate of achievement. These were delivered to 60 students at 30 elementary schools and presented at their graduation ceremonies; often by a Lion representative. Lions received in return many personal thank-you notes, and also appreciation from the Board of Education for this initiative.



Burlington Lions Club member Marie Reid presents one of the Scholarships to Leonardo De La Ossa from St. John Catholic School

Stirling and District

The Stirling and District Lions helped the Heart of Hastings Hospice in Madoc celebrate their volunteers on Wed. Aug 2nd. The **Madoc Lions** got a chance to relax this time as they have done and still do a lot for the hospice. While there, the Stirling Lions President, Lion **Hugh Hoard** presented a cheque to the hospice's Executive Director, Heidi Griffith (right) and the Fundraising Coordinator,

Pauline Pietschmann (left). The guests were given a tour of the beautiful building and grounds.



Millbrook and District

On January 23, 1948 a group of civic-minded Millbrook area citizens joined together to form the Millbrook and District Lions Club in partnership with the Lions International Club. For the next 75 years the Millbrook Lions have served their community, helping those who are in need, and raising money for countless worthy causes.

President Lion **John French** of the Millbrook and District Lions passes the gavel to incoming President Lion **Janet Kennedy** for the 2023/2024 year.



District A4- Lions Clubs of Kanata-Hazeldean, Carleton Place, Richmond and District and Stittsville

In late May, the Kanata-Hazeldean Lions presented \$500.00 bursaries to four outstanding high school students, one from each local Kanata high school. The bursaries recognize the volunteerism of each student. Maya Gibb of All Saints has earned over 250 volunteer hours. She also volunteered as a camp counsellor and a CanSkate coaching assistant. Sia Sirivastava of Holy Trinity served as a student trustee, started a Lunch and Learn Program with two other schools, and founded a Magazine Club. Ian Bygrave of Earl of March is a cadet who raises money for the local food bank and the Royal Canadian Legion. In addition, he's Vice President of a student Health Care Association. Gabe Mossman of A.Y. Jackson has more than 200 volunteer hours, many with the CanSkate and CANSail programs as a program assistant.

Lion **Jennifer Doxtater**, one of the sponsors of the bursary program, encouraged winners "to always see the world through the lens of helping others and serving your community, wherever you may be." Lion Jennifer and Lion **Peggy Feltmate** developed the requirements

for the program, contacted the schools, and organized the bursary presentation. The club hopes to make this an annual event.



Bursary winners with Lion Jennifer on the left end and Lion Peggy on the right end. with students in centre

L - R: Lions Tom Feltmate, Kanata-Hazeldean Lions, Robert Anderson, Carleton Place Lions, District Governor Susan Tunnicliffe, Dale Greene, Richmond and District Lions, and Beth Lewis, Stittsville Lions display the Smart Beds, the clubs raised \$31,840.32 for the beds for the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital. They will go into immediate use in the hospital before before making their way into the new Emergency Department, scheduled for completion by the spring of 2024



Fabulous Fenwick Lions

The marketing campaign for the Fenwick Lions Club has been selected as the winner of the new Lions International Marketing Award for constitutional area CA2 in Canada! Our club members are proud of the creativity and innovation that went into our marketing campaign by Lion **Steve Schilstra** – Media and Communication.

The Club marketing is a great way to recruit new members, spread the word about our service activities and increase visibility in the community.

The club's campaign for their classic car raffle put them over the top for the award; a good example is on their facebook page.

The award comes with perks, check the information available on the LCI site:

<https://bit.ly/lciaward> or scan the code



Lions Steve Schilstra & President Jeff Pickup

Chemung Lake Lions Swim Project

The Chemung Lions swim program was conducted again at Jone's Beach in Bridgenorth this year.

There were 184 children registered for the 2023 season. The program is administered utilizing the Red Cross Water Safety Program.



Oakville Leos

Oakville Leos volunteered at the fun and successful Kids Play Zone organized by Lion **Angelika Knight** at the Oakville Ribsfest. The kids zone had multiple stalls run by student volunteers including a Free Nail paint bar, Face painting and Caricature making. Keep up the good work Leos.



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.



District A3 Picnic

On Sunday July 30th District Governor of District A3 Lion **Frank Hewitt** held a picnic in the Riverview Park and Zoo in Peterborough for District officers and District committees. Lion Frank Hewitt always loves to have his first meeting with everyone in a relaxed and refreshing venue, where everyone has the opportunity to meet each other and get to know who the executives are and what they may be planning for this year. It also gives him the perfect opportunity to pass along his goals for the year as well as answer any questions that committee chairs may have about the upcoming year.

It was so great to see so many from around District A3 join us and get to share some fellowship with each other. It was a casual event where everyone was welcome to talk about whatever they wanted to. Of course there was plenty of food for all and people could sit in the shade or enjoy the wonderful sunshine of the day. And as we spread the word to those in attendance about Mission 1.5 we had volunteers offer to 'Accept the Challenge' and we posted the pictures on line for all to see. District Governor Frank wishes that more DG would take the opportunity to do things like this and get to know those supporting our District even better. What a fantastic day and what a fantastic supportive group.



Pavillion group in the shade



A3DG Frank and Region Chair Nancy Lane



Lions Karen Christopher and Theresa Hewitt

A2 Past District Governors Reunion

There was a good turnout for the A-2 Past District Governors get together this summer. PDGs stretching as far back as 1985 attended. The gathering was held in Townsend which is in the middle of the Lions District that goes from Tillsonburg to Niagara Falls. Many ideas were discussed including how every Lion and every Lions Club can change the world. Can you identify everyone in the photo?

submitted by PDG Bob Townsend



St. Davids Lions Family Carnival

Credit: Niagara-on-the-Lake Local – Sharon Burns reporter

It was raining cats and dogs at St. Davids Lions Carnival’s first annual dog show this past Saturday. Well, dogs anyway, as cats would have been a distraction to the coiffed, costumed and incredibly cute dogs of all sizes waiting to be judged. “Oh, I think we have a fantastic turnout for the weather today,” said **Kelly**, the dog show organizer. “We planned on having it outside and at the last minute we put it under the tent. I am fantastically surprised at how many people are here.” The event started with a special award named after Kelly’s dog ‘Beatrice’, a whoodle (a wheaten terrier and poodle mix) who had just

recently passed away.

‘The Beatrice’ was awarded to a three- legged dog, named Hattie, for her gentle, loving, kind and sweet nature. “At three months old, Hattie fell down a flight of stairs and shattered her leg. Her owners at the time left her to suffer for a week, and she was eventually surrendered to the SPCA.” **Mary Jane** and **Donny McGibbon**, regulars at the club, spotted Hattie and “it was love at first sight,” said Kelly.

“Hattie is pretty much the Lions’ mascot. She shares breakfast with The Breakfast Club every morning and is a regular around the club,” said Kelly to the packed crowd under the tent at the York Road carnival. “She runs around the grounds here at the club like a race car.”

Judges **Wayne Gates**, MPP, **Susan Snider**, Lions Club President, and **Martin Forster**, past president, made notes and conferred continually during the hour-long show. They chose Bib, an American Coated Terrier, as best in show. Bib is owned by Linda and Mel Hughes from Niagara-on-the-Lake. John Bertram from St. Catharines entered his Australian Cattle Dog, Joey, in the most handsome category. Born deaf, Joey sported a

jaunty red bow tie. Waiting for contestants to make it to the stage, Kelly played music which corresponded to the category. Of course, Puppy Love played before the ‘youngest’ category.

Queenston Road residents Kaliana and her mother, Anysa Neal, showed Remington, a young red fox Labrador retriever puppy who fell asleep in his owner’s arms during judging. Top three dogs in each category won prizes, some of which were donated by Virgil’s Pet Valu. Minor Brothers sponsored a water station. The \$10 donation entry fee for each entry will be donated to Lions of Canada Foundation for Dog Guides.

Also on hand was three-year-old Rylee Dempsey, mom Sam Lickers and their pup Denver, they took a gift basket of tasty treats. Denver celebrated his first birthday the next day and the basket proved to be a perfect gift.



“Hattie” with Mary Jane and Donny McGibbon



Emma with Tess



French bulldog pups



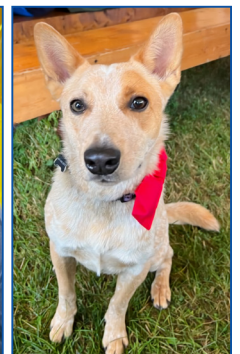
Kevin and Scout



Judges Lion Susan Snider, MPP Wayne Gates and Lion Martin Forster



Anysa with Remington



Joey

Chelmsford Lions 2023

This year, District A5 welcomed our newest Lions club, The Lions Club of Chelmsford 2023. This new club has embraced their "country history" and the charter night had a Western theme. But you can't have a western night without cowboys and girls. The sponsoring club, **Onaping Falls Lions**, hosted the charter night by providing a supper and photo booth for memories of the night. The charter night was attended by many of our clubs including **Onaping Falls, Walden, Coniston, Callander, Valley East, Minnow Lake, Sault Ste. Marie, Kirkland Lake, Espanola, North Bay, Azilda, Sudbury** and the **Onaping Falls Leos**.

Our District Governor elect, Lion **David Kidd**, welcomed the new club into our district on behalf of the District Governor, **Bob Beaven**, who was ill that night. The new club President, Lion **Muriel Christopher**, received a Lions symbol from guiding lion PDG **Carmen Portelance**. Amongst the new clubs members, a 3 generation family has joined including, **Nicole Morin, Julie Morin** and **Ashley Lachapelle**. The night was a lot of fun and many of the clubs in the district made donations to help the new club get off the ground.

Congratulations and welcome to all the members of the Lions Club of Chelmsford 2023.



New Club group photo



PDG Carmen and Club President Muriel Christopher

Lions Brenda Lalonde and Bob Hobden



Celebration Cake

Minnow Lake – Lion of the Year

Annually Minnow Lake Lions give a deserving member a "Lion of the Year" award. This year, the award was given to the "Community Gardeners Committee". The garden, spearheaded by Lion **Keith Argent** is a great success. This dedicated group of Lions make sure that the garden is well monitored and watered. The vegetables that are grown feed the seniors of the community and the Blue Door Café on Elgin Street.



L to R: Lions Dave Maki, Joan Kutshaw, Bruce Kutshaw, Shirley Ogilvy, Keith Argent, Mary Kutshaw, Charlene Sabourin, Lion Janice Lashuk presenting the award, Lions Richard Charette and his daughter Lisa, Leanne Furchner

Mattawa Lions

The Mattawa Lions Club has always supported their community. Recently, they provided their local hospital and nursing home with over 1500 Tim Horton gift cards to be given to their front line staff for their efforts in handling the Covid crisis. These workers helped to keep their community safe during the past several years and this gesture showed them just how much the Lions appreciated their efforts.



L-R: Fern Levesque - President, Christine Thompson - VP Clinical Services for the Mattawa Hospital and Algonquin Nursing Home, and Lion Kerri Mackay - Treasurer

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

The candidates’ name 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”

District A5 Membership

This year was particularly hard on District A5, losing many members in their passing. However, our clubs have been working hard to replace lost members and add new ones. This year, although we have lost 159 members for various reasons, we have added 205 new Lions to our District. We will miss our members who are gone but not forgotten, the District is still here to support our communities.

Thank you to all the clubs for their hard work.



L-R: Lions Mona Shrigley, Doug Shrigley, 1st VDG Lion Sam Khoury, Richard Charette and Dave Maki, all part of the A5 Membership Team

Information in respect to submitted articles for this edition of the LION magazine.

We are at our print deadline and find ourselves with a good dilemma. We are overloaded with all good quality submissions and we have added four additional pages in order to try and accomodate the surplus.

We do not have enough room, even with the additional pages. We are requesting that if you do not see your submission in this version to contact the editor and either re-submit or advise us and we will try and locate your original email.

Lion Bob Pearson, Editor



Aurora Lions

Now nearing its 80th anniversary, the Aurora Lions received the Community Leadership Award, dedicated to those who have enhanced the community through demonstrated leadership in charitable giving, civic engagement or community spirit. “Whenever the Aurora Lions Club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get better.”

There are so many projects and assistance they have provided such as gifts for senior residents at Chartwell, continuous support for three hospices, support for local athletic teams and environmental support with planting trees in the Aurora Arboretum. Some of their signature projects include the Christmas Basket Program where they partner with the Salvation Army to provide food and gifts for less fortunate families in Town. They go into the Senior Kindergarten level class to provide vision and hearing screening. This [routine] testing provided and delivered by the Lions Club members helps to determine if a child needs to see a professional. The Club also does a lot of fundraising to support projects.

They created the Dog Walk for Dog Guides where they raise money through a walk to help the Lions Foundation of Canada provide service dogs to those that need them at no cost.



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)

Oak Ridges Lions Club

Our annual “Oak Ridges Lions Club Community Clean-Up” was held on April 29, 2023. Advertisement for this event was widespread, with email blasts sent by our MP, MPP, Mayor, and local Councillor. The event was posted on our Website, Facebook, Nextdoor, and in our local paper. The City of Richmond Hill displayed our poster within the Oak Ridges Community Centre, and posted the event on the illuminated digital sign for the Community Centre.

A huge part of the success of bringing out

the students was that our event poster made it into the Guidance Departments of 34 YRDB High Schools in our community. We had a great showing of students who were excited to complete their community service hours. Win-Win all around.

Even though it was a cold, raining, windy, dull day, it did not dampen the spirits of our volunteers who turned out in large numbers. A grand total of 145 residents and students braved the elements and collected 1000 pounds of windblown, soaked garbage (excluding the dishwasher!).



Amherstview Lions

It was Christmas in July! On Saturday July 8th the Amherstview Lions were at Amherstview’s Foodland. The Lions were excited about this unique service project. sooo excited. The patrons of Foodland bought their groceries at Foodland

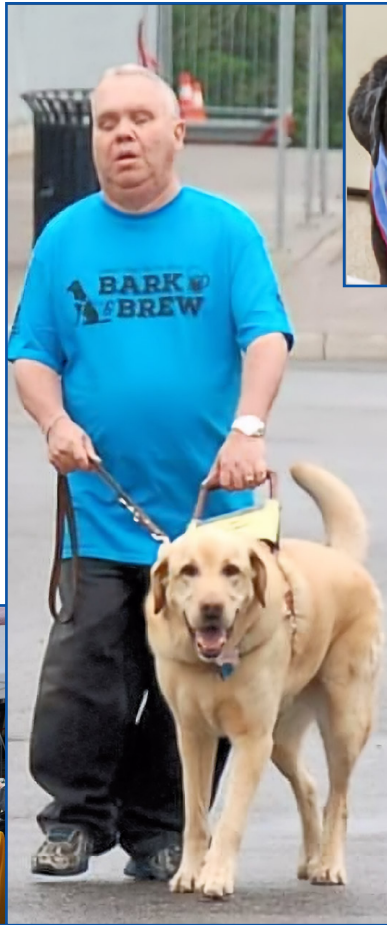
and also bought prepared bags of groceries for the food drive. The patrons then brought those bags to the Lions outside and they were placed in the bus provided by Sock Transportation. Santa was there too!



District A3, Chemung Lake and East Peterborough Lions Dog Walk

by John Morris, District A3 Chair Leader Dogs

On June 11th 2023 the clubs held their 3rd annual Walk For Leader Dogs For The Blind in Peterborough. The weather could have been better but the rain held off while we did the actual walk. We had wonderful prizes, from various donors including the Leader Dogs organization and generous support from some local businesses. Passers-by stopped for a visit and some made donations. The total raised was \$2,327.00. The clubs were very pleased and are looking forward to next year. Chair Lion **John** and his dog guide "Casey" thank the committee for all their hard work to put this event together and making it a great success.



Rockton, Lynden and Copetown Lions

The Lions of Rockton, Lynden and Copetown hosted the International Dinner for the A15 Youth Exchange Program on July 23rd. It was a wonderful night with colourful and informative displays by the youth. After a great meal 1stVGD **Bill Robinson** welcomed everyone and there was an amusing and talented display put on by our special guests, followed by wrap-up remarks from the YCEX Committee, Lions **Allison** and **Mark Henkle**, they are to be recognized for their efforts. This was the third time the three clubs have hosted this event. There is an excellent video, produced by Copetown Lion **Ken Biehler** that can be viewed on the A15 website or by scanning the QR Code or by using the link:

<https://bit.ly/ycex>

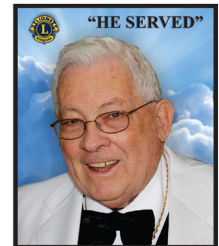


Shawville, Quebec Lions

With a Covid induced hiatus, the Shawville Lions Country Jamboree was on the shelf for a couple of years and started up again last year with a dynamite show. There was a substantial turnout of attendees,



including several campers and their tents and trailers. There were upwards of 16 performers booked with non-stop music on Friday and Saturday. One of the highlights that kicks off the weekend is the Open Mic night on Thursday. It gives local talent an opportunity to perform on the big stage. This event is a major fundraiser for the Lions and is instrumental in helping them to meet their community goals.



P.I.D. Bruce Murray
1933 -2017
Rest in Peace

Past International Director Bruce Murray founded Canada's first International Youth Camp and served as Director for six years. He was a founder of the Lions Foundation of Canada and served as Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Lions Quest Canada.

Blyth Lions

New Lions Year, New Goals, New Voices

As lions we are always creating new adventures and new opportunities, we need to start sharing them. Let us get the word out that Lions are not exclusive, Lions are inclusive! We got girl power to boot! I know stepping out the box can be scary and unsure but together we can do it! Let us share those stories and new ideas. Let me go first; together with a local artist we came up with colouring pages for kids and the kid at heart. These small pages can do a big difference. We are educating and promoting the Lions, one bright colour at a time! Let us keep

sharing those stories and use #NewVoices.

*GMT Family and Women's Specialist Lion
Victoria Sider*

In the last issue of the magazine there was a piece on a recent project from the club, illustrating the creation of a mural on their clubhouse. Included with this article is an updated image of the completed mural. A special thanks to Abi Bos from Erratic Art World, (erraticartworld.com), she is the graphic artist that designed and did the mural and the colouring pages for the children.




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