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# THE Lion



Welcome to the April/May/June Edition of the LION.

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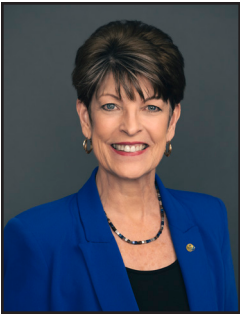
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# Strength in Diversity



Dear Lion,

As we prepare to transition to the next Lion year, I've been taking time to reflect upon this incredible year and on all the meaningful encounters I've had with many of you during my travels. It's been deeply rewarding to experience firsthand one of our association's greatest strengths — the diversity of our membership and our service.

For more than 100 years, Lions have opened their arms to the world and embraced new people, projects and ideas. From providing nutritious meals to those who are hungry and championing environmental conservation efforts, to extending warmth and support to displaced individuals and so much more, our commitment knows no bounds. We identify the needs and develop solutions to meet these challenges.

As Lions, we refuse to settle for the status quo. Instead, we continually innovate to address the ever-evolving needs of our communities. Let's continue to find new ways to support the people who need us. Let's continue inviting all people who want to join us in service. Let's continue improving communities and changing lives, at home and around the world.

Yours in service,

*Dr. Patti Hill*

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International President, Lions Clubs International

## Convention Call

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2024 International Convention. The 106th Lions International Convention will be held in-person June 21-25, with some events available on demand after convention. The purpose of the convention is to elect a president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president and 18 members of the International Board of Directors, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The 2024 convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia. Known as the country's cultural capital, Melbourne is the ultimate destination for travel enthusiasts. Enjoy world-famous attractions like the Melbourne Zoo, a dynamic dining scene and so much more while being surrounded by the stunning natural beauty of the land Down Under.

The five convention days will include exciting plenary sessions featuring renowned speakers, world-class entertainers, and the pageantry of one of Lions International's most time-honored traditions — the Parade of Nations. The event will conclude with the swearing-in of our new international president.

Convention week is a wonderful experience packed with fellowship, fun and learning. Join us as we celebrate all we've accomplished as Lions, and become inspired for another year of service.

*Dr. Patti Hill*

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International President, Lions Clubs International

## Official Notice

**2024 International Convention, Melbourne, Australia**  
The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2024 International Convention.



### ITEM 1:

A RESOLUTION TO EXPAND THE DISTRICT CABINET POSITIONS AVAILABLE TO QUALIFY A MEMBER FOR THE OFFICE OF SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR BY INCLUDING GLOBAL ACTION TEAM AND DISTRICT LCIF COORDINATOR POSITIONS. (THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 6(c)(3)(b) be removed in its entirety, and replaced with:

As zone chairperson, region chairperson, district global extension team coordinator, district global leadership team coordinator, district global membership team coordinator, district global service team coordinator, district LCIF coordinator, or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

### ITEM 2:

A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF SUB-DISTRICTS PRIOR TO REDISTRICTING IF THE SUB-DISTRICT MEETS SPECIFIC CRITERIA. (THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 3, Sentence 2 be removed in its entirety, and replaced with:

Any multiple district which desires to consolidate one or more sub-districts shall submit to the International Board of Directors a redistricting proposal approved by a majority of the convention of the affected districts with 1,000 or more members, or districts under 1,000 members with an average net growth of 1% over the previous two years, and the multiple district.



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada – March 16-19, 2024



#### 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. Denied an election complaint in District 25-F (Indiana, USA) and affirmed the international director endorsement of Lion Reed Fish.
2. Approved the “International Foundation of Lions Clubs Walled Cities” as a foundation.
3. Approved use of “ChildSight U.K.” by Multiple District 105 (British Isles) as a descriptor of the “Lions KidSight USA” program, contingent upon proper recognition of “Lions KidSight USA.”
4. Updated the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV. Legal, Paragraph C. CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION, clarifying that an international officer endorsement shall remain valid until an endorsed candidate: a) is elected, b) contests for office and is not elected, or c) holds an endorsement for 3 years without seeking election. This provision is not effective until July 1, 2024.
5. Updated the Board Policy Manual, Chapter II. Board Committees, Paragraph C. CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, Section 3. Duties, clarifying the methods of communication among committee members in order to obtain a majority opinion on matters of constitutional interpretation that do not require board action.
6. Updated The Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV. Legal Paragraph J. updating when “Lions International” may be utilized.
7. Approved proposal of amendment to the International By-Laws, Article IX., Section 6 to expand qualifying positions for a second vice district governor candidate to include the district global extension team coordinator, global leadership team coordinator, global membership team coordinator, global service team coordinator and LCIF coordinator.
8. Approved proposal of amendment to the International By-Laws, Article VIII., Section 2(c), Paragraph 2, to update the guidelines for district approval when a consolidation of districts is proposed.

#### CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Discussed and confirmed no adjustment to the registration fee structure for the 2025 International Convention.

2. Confirmed the bidding cities for the 2030 and 2031 International Convention and will be formally presented for selection at the June 2024 board meeting, prior to the 2024 International Convention.

#### DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Instructed the treasurer to donate the entire treasury balance, after payment of all debts, to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) at the time the Lions International Stamp Club is dissolved.
2. Requested the Navirai Centro Lions Club be moved from District LD-9 (Brazil) to District LB-1 (Brazil) prior to April 30, 2024.
3. Requested the Taoyuan Heritage Lions Club be moved from District 300B-5 to District 300B-3 prior to April 30, 2024.
4. Approved the Lion leaders to serve as the coordinating Lions for 2024-2025 fiscal year.
5. Approved the requirements for the Club Excellence Award for 2024-2025 fiscal year.
6. Approved the requirements for the District Excellence Award for 2024-2025 fiscal year.

#### FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2023-2024 3rd Quarter Forecast, reflecting a surplus.
2. Approved authorizing Past International Director Jaime Garcia Cepeda as the Lions Clubs International legal representative in Colombia.
3. Approved seven clubs from District 334-E, Japan, be placed on modified protective status for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
4. Approved the country of Egypt be placed on modified protective status for the period of January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
5. Approved revisions of Chapter IX, District Officers and Organization, of the Board Policy Manual to streamline the district governor expense claim reimbursement process and provide more flexibility in planning visits during the district governor’s year in office. Removed Connect as an option for conducting virtual meetings.
6. Approved revisions of Chapter XXI, Travel and Expense Reimbursement, of the Board Policy Manual to provide clarity for past international director in-district travel to Lions events.
7. Approved revisions of Chapter XXIII, Area Forums of the Board Policy Manual to clarify

travel expenses eligible for reimbursement for travel to area forums.

8. Approved revisions of Chapter B.1., Executive Officer Reimbursement Policy of the Board Policy Manual to update the policy to reflect the changes to board meeting locations and costs, and to remove a discretionary day from the board meeting schedule effective in the 2027-2028 fiscal year. In addition, clarified items that are included in the list of awards and gifts purchased annually for the president’s year as part of the association’s budget.

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Confirmed the 2024-2025 Leadership Development International Institute Program schedule.
2. Approved the pause of new local FDIs beginning April 1, 2024, and throughout Lion year 2024-2025.
3. Addressed three serious incidents which occurred at the most recent 2024 FVDG/DGE Seminar Days 1-3 in St. Charles, Illinois, USA, including the passing of DGE Karen LaVigne; allegations of inappropriate physical contact which were made by Q Center staff against First Vice District Governor Hong-Je Cho (355-A, South Korea); and FVDG Md Ashraff Hossain Khan Heera of District 315 B1 and FVDG Sabbir Mohammad Sayem of District 315 B3 who had brought their families to the Q Center.
4. Declined an alternative request for additional funding for an in-person make-up training for the FVDG/DGE Seminar Days 1-3.
5. Affirmed the 2024 FVDG/DGE Seminar Day 4 schedule.
6. Approved the program overview for the new Second Vice District Governor (SVDG) Training Program components, annual schedule, faculty selection process, communication plan, curriculum, budget, and program assessment to be implemented in 2024-2025 for SVDGs.
7. Approved the recommendation to develop an annual single online seminar to update past district governors on association priorities to be delivered in August 2024 and recorded in all Lion International official languages utilizing the KUDO platform.
8. Revised Board Policy to replace Chapter II Board Committees, Paragraph G, Leadership Development Programs.

- Revised various sections of Board Policy Chapter XIV including Paragraph A., Leadership Development Programs; Paragraph B., Lions Learning Center; Paragraph B., Club Officer Orientation; Paragraph E., First Year Directors Orientation; Paragraph F., Ongoing Leadership Development Programs; and Paragraph G., Leadership Development Institutes.

#### **LONG RANGE PLANNING (JANUARY 2024 MEETING REPORT)**

- Resolved to extend the Ad Hoc Committee on Women and Young People Membership Growth through the 2024-2025 year.
- Received an update on Mission 1.5 program elements and provided direction to staff.
- Received an update from the Membership Development Committee on the Leo Membership Category Ad Hoc Committee.
- Received an update from the Membership Development Committee on the development of a corporate club model.
- Received an update on the cost of adding, maintaining, and decommissioning official Lion languages.
- Received an update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Representation.
- Reviewed the results of the questionnaire evaluating Lion and Leo viewpoints related to the current eight global causes and mental health & well-being.
- Received a presentation of the international president's theme and messaging.
- Reviewed a proposal from the Convention Committee to close elections at the international convention at the end of day 4.

#### **MARKETING COMMITTEE**

- Selected Lions International Award Winners for the 2023-2024 Lions year. Winning clubs will be announced in April.
- Approved updates to the Marketing Grants program.
- Reviewed Public Relations, social media, Brand Advertising and Club Marketing initiatives.
- Reviewed and discussed sponsorships, including the Tournament of Roses sponsorship and partially approved the Tournament of Roses Parade proposal submitted by the Lions of Pasadena.
  - Approved appropriating US\$60,000 to fund the program. The funds will be used from the publicity budget for this effort.
  - Requested that the MD apply for additional funds to make up the remaining \$75,000 by way of a Marketing Grant.
- Reviewed various digital marketing initiatives

including updates to the navigation of the Lionsclubs.org website, plans for a redesign of the e-Clubhouse platform and an update on our search engine optimization program through BrightEdge.

- Reviewed marketing support for Mission 1.5 including new resource development, digital support and program support at events.
- Reviewed notifications from various LION Magazine editions of their intent to discontinue printing a physical magazine soon. These magazines are interested in maintaining their status as an official publication however there is currently no policy on the formal process for eliminating print and moving to digital only. This matter will be reviewed further in June 2024.
- Updates approved to Board Policy Manual, Chapter XVI Magazine, as part of the overall policy adjustments to align with active practice.
- Reviewed and approved an update to the international protocol in the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIX, to adjust roles to align with Global Action Team changes.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- Discussed the Mission 1.5 rollout and
  - Noted there is work to do to reach membership targets this year.
  - Discussed opportunities to ensure Global Action Team district and multiple district coordinators receive training to drive results.
- Filled vacancies in the Leo Club Advisory Panel for 2024-2025.
- Enhanced the district Global Action Team (GAT) by requiring districts appoint a Global Extension Team district coordinator.
- Changed the residency requirements for new clubs from 75% to 25%, to better support new club development in our global community.
- Updated Leo Club Policy, clarifying how vacancies can be filled in districts and multiple districts.
- Updated the Multiple District Bylaws, requiring council chairs seek approval from GAT area leaders for their multiple district GAT coordinators.

#### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

- Resolved to amend board policy to update Chapter I (Service) to include housekeeping updates.
- Resolved to amend board policy to update Chapter XIII (International Relations) to include housekeeping updates.
- Received a report on service reporting and plans to increase adherence to service reporting

guidelines.

- Received an update on advocacy events, the Lions International Representatives to the United Nations, and the United Nations Summit of the Future.
- Received an update on global causes and service programs, including childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes, Lions KidSight, and support for refugees and displaced persons.
- Discussed re-evaluating the retired Lions ALERT program.
- Discussed new potential service opportunities, including fostering global communities and service through travel, service focus weeks, and district governor support for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

- Received a comprehensive update on the Salesforce project. The Lion Portal launch has been planned for April 15, 2024.
- Discussed the need to effectively engage members when setting future Lion Portal priorities. This means member feedback will be used when building out the product roadmap.
- Discussed the need for a more effective approach to data exchange. Directed staff to partner with representatives from countries interested in data exchange to form a working group and develop a data exchange strategy.
- Reviewed an update on the organization's holistic approach to security. The association continues to move forward with an approach focused on controls that directly support digital security and does not depend on formal certifications.
- Data privacy remains critical to the organization as members need to know their information is secure and only shared for legitimate business purposes.
- Received an update on infrastructure initiatives. Progress was made on three fronts: compliance, infrastructure improvements, and network security..

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We Serve

# Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting

June 1, 2024 – Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway Conference Centre, St. Catharines



We Serve

## INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR 2025-2027

Congratulations to Past Council Chair Debbie Dawson on being elected as the International Director for Canada, 2025-2027. We will be in great hands!

## VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON 2024-2025

Congratulations to District Governor Elect Bill Robinson (A15), who was elected to be Vice Council Chairperson for the Lions Year 2024-2025. We look forward to your leadership.

## ENVIRONMENT

7 out of 10 districts participated in the Environmental Photo Contest for the 2023-2024 Lions Year. There were so many amazing photos submitted. Congratulations to the winners!

“Our Natural Environment” Category: 2nd Place – District A16 – Lion Christine Zoidl from the Newmarket Lions Club and 1st Place - District

A2 – T. Decotii from the Niagara Falls Lions Club. “Lions In Service” Category: 2nd Place – District A9 – submitted by Jennifer Elliot from the Brussels Leos Club and 1st Place – District A15 – KW Community Spirit Lions Club.

## HUNGER

MDA CONVENTION HUNGER AWARDS PROGRESS YEAR TO DATE (YTD – Q4: APR-JUN 2024):

1. District Governor: highest # hunger activities reporting YTD; A-2 DG Tom McLARTY (278)
2. District Hunger Chair: % clubs reporting hunger activities YTD; A-16 Pat AITKEN (81%)
3. Lions Club: greatest # of SERVICE activities reported for hunger YTD; A-2 Fonthill LC (96)
4. Lions Club: most people SERVED for hunger

YTD; A-3 Madoc LC (48,974)

5. Lion Members: most volunteer hours reported for hunger YTD; A-5 Valley East LC (7,053) Congratulations to all! Let's keep reporting.

## MDA CONVENTION 2024

Congratulations to the St. Davids & District Lions Club and the Convention Advisory Committee for putting on a super convention. It was wonderful to see everyone together, having fun, learning, and making new friendships. We hope to see you next year at the 2025 MD “A” Convention being hosted by the Ripley & District Lions Club and taking place at the Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin, May 23-25, 2025.

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

## A-16 Regional Lions Leadership Institute(R.L.L.I.)

Over two Saturdays last November something interesting happened at the **Kirkfield Lions** Hall. A group of over 20 Lions from different clubs across our District gathered. There were lots of fun and laughter, group games and discussions, fellowship building, knowledge and experiences sharing, encouragement and support to each other there to help all to become better Lions in serving our communities.

It was the Regional Lions Leadership Institute hosted by the District Global Leadership Team for Lions of A-16. Topics were topics included Working in Teams, Lions Fundamentals, Diversity, Motivating Club Members, Art of Recognition, and Setting Goals.

Thank you to the faculty members: Lions **Glenn Conduit**, **Tom Gordon**, **JC Lagrange**, **John Relph**, and **Carolyn Stephenson**. Special thanks to the administration support provided by Lion **Patty Ko**. Governor **Sudha Verma** was with us for the close of the event.

*Congratulations to the 14 Graduates!*



## Thamesford Lions

In April, Thamesford Lions celebrated a night of service and commitment, made special with the attendance of representatives of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Lion **Jack Broadfoot** had the privilege of presenting them with a cheque for \$20,000.00.

The donation represents 800 hours of hard work by members at the Canada Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock.

L-R: Deb Cserhalmi, LFC Lion Chief Sheldon Wade, Treasurer PRC Jim Keron, PRC Jack Broadfoot and LFC Chair Cheryl Bauman also in the photo is Danielle Rosenbloom from LFC with two dog guides in training



## MDA Convention 50/50 Draw

The Lions from **Ferndale/Lion's Head & District** are a Happy Pride, they won the 50/50 draw at the MDA Convention in



St. Catharines to the tune of \$4,112.00.

# Bios of Candidates for Third Vice President

## Anthony "Tony" Benbow

Tony Benbow, from Vermont South, Australia, served as an international director from 2016 to 2018. Now retired, he worked as the head of operations in banking. He has been recognized with numerous Presidential Awards, as well as two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and a Membership Advancement Key. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Past International Director Benbow has held a variety of offices through the years, including club president, district governor, council chairperson and GAT Constitutional Area Leader. He has been active in many professional and community organizations, including serving as Chairman of StepAhead Australia, Chairman and State Director of the Australian Lions Foundation and Chairman of the Lions House Foundation.



## Alexis Vincent Gomès

Alexis Vincent Gomès of Eucalyptus Club in Pointe-Noire, Republic of Congo, served as an international director from 2013 to 2015. He has served as board appointee, LCIF Board Trustee and DGE Group Leader. He is the founding partner at Cabinet Gomes law firm. A Lion since 1983, he has held many offices within the LCI, and is the recipient of countless awards and recognitions, including the Friend of Humanity Award, multiple International President's Medals and more. Past Director Gomès is a Humanitarian Partner at LCIF. He is a member of many humanitarian and philanthropic associations. He is commander of the Order of



Mono (Republic of Togo, the Order of Mérite (Republic of Ivory Coast) and Commander of the Order of Merit (Congo-Brazzaville), honor citizen of Uzès in France, honor citizen of Kinshasha in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

## Elisabeth Haderer

Elisabeth Haderer, born and raised in Austria and living in Haarlem, the Netherlands, served as an International Director from 2016 to 2018. She started her career in several computer companies, but most significant in her development, in IBM. There she was formed into sales and management and was very successful in reaching her goals and developing winning teams. She started her own company in 2002 in management training which she is still doing today. More than 30 years of experience in sales and leadership training, bringing the best out of her students. Leading by example and Servant Leadership are her way of leading. Past International Director Haderer is member of the Haarlem over den Duin Lions club since its charter in 1999. She has held multiple offices including zone chairperson, district governor, district GLT coordinator, youth exchange coordinator, council chairperson, country coordinator, GMT area leader and GAT constitutional area leader. Today Past International Director Haderer is successful leading the New Voices Initiative in Europe. She is a certified trainer, was group leader and served in several international committees. In 2022-2023 PID Haderer was chairperson of the DGE school. Past International Director Haderer has received numerous awards for her service to the association, including the District Governor Extension Award and eleven International President's Awards. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and member of the LCIF legacy society.



## Daniel Isenrich

Daniel Isenrich of Munich, Germany, served as an international director from 2019 to 2022. He is the owner and managing director of the BrainClix and isiTrade companies. A Lion since 1993, Past International Director Isenrich is currently a member of the München-Heinrich der Löwe Lions Club. He has held multiple offices, and served as a chairperson of the German Lions Reorganization team. Since 2023 he is a Board Member of the German Lions Foundation and is the LCI appointed representative to the United Nations (UNHCR). Past International Director Isenrich has received multiple International President's Awards as well as an International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and an Ambassador of Good Will.



## Dr. Domenico Messina

Dr. Domenico Messina, from Trapani, Italy, was elected as an International Director in 2010. He is a medical doctor who specializes in pathology and oncology and serves as chief of the anatomic pathology department of his hospital. A philosopher and sociologist; Lion since 1985, he is the recipient of countless awards and recognitions, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Past Director Messina is also a Progressive MJF. He has served as vice president of his Sicilian province, as a council member of the Italian Cancer League and is responsible for a multidisciplinary group of breast cancer doctors. He has served as a GAT area leader for six years, an LCI Representative at WHO for nine years and





is a six time group leader. He has dedicated his life to his family and people in need.

### Salim Moussan

Salim Moussan of Beirut, Lebanon, is a retired businessman and member of Beirut St. Gabriel Lions Club since 1988. An international director from 1997 to 1999, he has twice been a board appointee, twice a group leader and has chaired several leadership forums. Known as World Lion he is fluent in three languages, has visited 99 countries and has attended 34 consecutive international conventions, 105 area forums and more than 50 regional conferences, dozens of District Conventions, Anniversaries, LDUN, among other events. Recipient of many Lions awards, he was decorated with Lebanon's National Medal of Merit.



### Phil Nathan

Phil Nathan, of Earls Colne, England, served as an international director from 1999 to 2001. He retired in 2019 as a director at Charles Stanley & Company. He has been recognized with numerous Presidential Awards, as well as the Ambassador of Good Will Award. In addition to these recognitions, he has also been honored by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth as a Member of the Order of the British Empire. He is a Freeman of The City of London, a Life Fellow of the Chartered Securities Institute, a Fellow of the Institute of Directors, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Second Century Ambassador. Past International Director Nathan has continuously remained involved as a hands-on international leader including holding trustee status on six different boards of trustees for registered charitable trusts.



### Dr. Manoj Shah

Dr. Manoj Shah, of Nairobi, Kenya, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 88th International Convention held in Hong Kong, June 27-July 1, 2005. Past Director Shah is a businessman with interests in the automobile, property, hospitality and finance sectors. He is a humanitarian partner for LCIF and a major Lead gift donor and has received numerous accolades for his work. Past Director Shah is a certified LCIP and has served as faculty at several leadership institutes including five-time DGE group leader. He has also served as a Trustee on The Board of LCIF. In addition to his Lion activities, he is active in numerous professional and community organizations; he has recently published his biography, "One in a Million." Past Director Shah is currently the Chairman of the M.P. Shah Hospital, among his many other roles.



## Dorchester Lions

Recently the Dorchester Lions celebrated at their annual Presidents BBQ. The occasion was their 70th charter anniversary. President **Gord Gurmin** received a plaque and a certificate to honour the event. Presenting is District Governor **Sydney MacLean**.



## Londesborough and District Lions

The Londesborough and District Lions Club, late last month, made one of the bigger donation commitments in the club's history, pledging \$15,000 over the next three years to Dog Guide programs in Ontario. The project is being undertaken by the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides program and its ambitious future, which includes expansion of the program, more dogs for Canadians who need them and a brand new training facility in Oakville. **Al Leach** of the **Mount Forest Lions Club** visited Londesborough for the club's regular meeting in late March to speak to the members about the program and officially receive a cheque for \$5,000 for the project. Further donations of \$5,000 will follow

in 2025 and 2026 to fulfill the club's total pledge of \$15,000.

The campaign, which is being called "The Difference", has a goal of \$25 million. However, the full cost of the project is about \$50 million, but \$25 million from the sale of the current Dog Guides building and land will cut that figure in half, leaving \$25 million to be raised.

Club President **Don MacGregor** said the charity is important to the local club not just because it's connected to the Lions and serves Canada, but locally there have been people who have benefitted from the program. Seeing those results, he said, has motivated members of the club to donate and help make the next phase a reality.



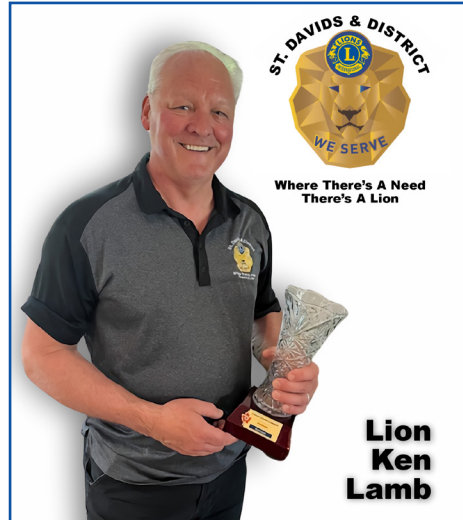
## St Davids Lions - Lions Quest Fellowship

At the age of 16 my brothers needed a coach and I was up for the challenge. I was an athlete and beyond wanting to do my best was the need to win. Over the years I've had the honour of working with a number of coaches who placed development and giving back, over winning. I gave up the need for the "W" and the accolades that can come with that many years ago.

2 weeks ago, to my great surprise, I received an award from my Lions club for contribution to community. I was honoured and humbled given the many other Lions that give back, many hours, unselfishly, for community and beyond. I take my hat off to all of those people, whether they are Lions or part of the many other service organizations that put others above themselves. I can't imagine where the world would be without these dedicated, giving and caring individuals who impact so many in our communities.

To be honoured amongst them makes me very proud. It truly doesn't matter how much, as an individual, you are able to give but rather the fact that you are part of a global group, where

the sum of the parts is overwhelming, powerful, important and is impacting in ways that cannot be measured! Thank you to all who understand and live by the creed "We Serve". Without you, our world would have much greater challenges than we presently do.



## Forest Hill Lions

The Forest Hill Lions Club has participated over the past years by sponsoring both a male and female baseball team in the North York Baseball Association. Lion **Sol Mednick** is shown making the donation to Paul Chamberlain, house league chairman. The association supplies players with a jersey with the Forest Hill Lions logo and club name.



## Ontario Senior Achievement Award

On Thursday, March 7th, Lion **Gary Martins** was awarded the Ontario Senior Achievement Award by The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and the Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility for the Province of Ontario. Lion Gary was nominated by his friends Dorina Lehman, Veronica Bruckschwaiger and Lion **Dave Mitchell** of **Lambeth Lions**. The following is a composite of their individual nomination letters.

Lion Gary Martins is an extraordinary person. He is totally dedicated to helping people. You could say volunteering is in his blood as evidenced by his 50 plus years of service as a member of Lions International. For over 15 years Lion Gary led the Lambeth club members in the making of oak, dovetailed memory boxes in his basement workshop. Over 750 Memory Boxes were donated to the Neonatal Critical Care Unit at the London Children's Hospital. These boxes are given by the nurses to parents who have lost their child. The parents use these handmade boxes to hold the treasured items of their wee ones. This one of a kind project continues now and for the future using commercially made boxes paid for by the Lambeth Lions.

Lion Gary, using the knowledge

gained as a career teacher of the deaf and teacher of the blind, worked with Lion **Jack Graydon** and the Lions Homes for Deaf People board for 43 years to build or purchase numerous homes and facilities for people who are deaf and have additional handicaps. As MDA Chair for Hearing Conservation and Work for the Deaf for 15 years he promoted LHDP homes, telecaptioning for television, teletype units for phone (TTY), TTY for 911 emergency service, purchase of hearing aids for indigent children and protection of personal hearing.

Lion Gary is the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the Helen Keller Fellowship, International Presidents Medal and two International President Awards. In 2013 Gary was

honoured when a new home for people who are deaf/blind was opened in London. It is known as the Lions Martins Home in recognition of Gary's timeless fundraising efforts.

It is not just the years and years of volunteering that makes Gary special. It is in his nature to show kindness and generosity to his family, friends and strangers. This world is a better place because of him and that is why Gary is a perfect candidate for the Ontario Volunteer Service Award.



## Harry A Newman Award History

This award was first presented to Lion **Evelyn Fisher**, then of the **Courtice Lions** on October 25, 2005 by PID Lion **Terry Graham**.

Lion Evelyn has a passion for working to reduce the incidence of diabetes. As a Lion she has volunteered on behalf of the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) to promote an awareness of the health problems of diabetes. Her involvement was recognized by CDA with a selection as a voting delegate at several annual conferences. She attended conferences in Edmonton and Vancouver and twice in Toronto as well as the International Diabetes Conference in Montreal in 2009. Her husband Lion **Jack** attended with Lion Evelyn. They are both now members of the **K-W Community Spirit Lions**.

At the Edmonton conference, there was a Liaison Committee meeting, made up of representatives from all Provinces, except Quebec. Lion Jack was present as an observer.

The topic was the concept of a special award to help diabetes research in Canada. It was named in honour of **Harry A Newman**, who served as the first Canadian President of Lions International in 1924-25. The discussion was led by Lion **Larry Sales** PDG-A15, a member of the **Sweaburg and**

**District Lions**. He had had a sample award made. It was late 2005, with the thought that the award would not likely be given until 2006, the sample had the date 2006, with Larry's name.

Jack suggested to the Committee that the first award should be presented to Lion Larry, who worked so hard to get the needed approvals from Lions International, and as they already had the award available with Larry's name on it. However, the committee thought the award should be given by Lions, Lioness, or Leos and not by the CDA.

The award idea was accepted by this committee and then presented to CDA, who agreed to the idea and brought it forward to the conference where it was approved. Since the CDA was not going to give the first award to Lion Larry, Jack thought why not have the Courtice Lions Club give the award to their Lion Evelyn. The Courtice Lions had a meeting on the Tuesday following the Conference, at which time they approved giving the award to Lion Evelyn. At the next Club meeting on October 25, 2005, PID Lion **Terry Graham** attended and presented the first Harry A Newman Diabetes Award to Lion Evelyn Fisher.

And as they say the rest is history.....



## Goderich Lions "Young Canada Week"

YOUNG CANADA WEEK (YCW) began as a hockey tournament for kids under 13 at a time when there was limited organized hockey for that age group. Pee-Wee hockey was in its infancy. The founding fathers saw a need to improve the profile of that age and began the legacy with the first Young Canada Week in 1950.

The tournament was played during the spring school break at the newly constructed Goderich Memorial arena. It started in 1950 as a 1-day tournament of 12 local teams and grew to 26 teams in 1951, 37 in 1952, 60 in 1955, 87 in 1965 and finally in 1967 (Canada's Centennial year) 100 teams in a 9-day tournament – one for each of Canada's 100 years.

The number of teams playing in a tournament on a single ice pad made it necessary for the tournament to be a single knock-out tournament. Teams from across Canada and the United States travelled to Goderich knowing that their tournament could end with a single game.

During these years it grew to be known as "the biggest-little hockey tournament in the world". Names of many currently well-known professional players played in Young Canada Week.

Over the years the location and structure has changed but YCW continues to be strong under a solid partnership with Goderich Minor Hockey and the Goderich Lions Club. The home of YCW since 2004 is the Maitland Recreation Center in Goderich. This Year's round robin tournament ran from March 8 to March 16 with 44 teams from U-13, U-15 and U-18 participating in 90 games. Also new this year were amazing new hockey jerseys for the Goderich Lions Volunteers worn with pride for our beloved tournament.

2025 will see the 74th edition of Young Canada Week (2 lost because of covid) and thanks to the pride of the people in the town of Goderich, the Lions Club and Goderich Minor Hockey, the "**Grand-Daddy of all Hockey Tournaments**" still thrives.





Once again, the Lions of **Sudbury, Espanola, Teachers, Whitefish, Walden, Onaping Falls, Valley East, Coniston, Chelmsford 2023, Warren and District, Minnow Lake** and **Garson** participated in this great event. Hopefully we have not missed other clubs that participated. They all came together with a host of volunteers to raise money for the Children's Telethon. This event provides toys to over fifteen thousand children from Blind River to Gogoma, all



## Sudbury Area Lions Telethon

of Manitoulin Island and Sudbury and District. Record moneys were raised this year over the nine hour televised event. Lions had a great time working the phones, organizing the entertainment, taking in donations and writing up "big checks" to present on TV, socializing and just helping out anywhere needed.

It takes over one hundred and twenty volunteers to make this Telethon a success each year. The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign donated over \$118,000.00 to the money raised this year. Thank you to everyone for all of the help raising money to give our kids gifts at Christmas.

In all the telethon raised \$337,615.00

surpassing the Lions Club's goal of \$275,000.00.

It goes without saying volunteers ae to be commended for the efforts, under the guidance of event chair Lion **Sam Khoury**, 1st Vice District Governor of A5 and a member of the Sudbury Lions.

There is a full gallery of photos available on the CTV website, click on the logo or scan the QR code.

<https://ctvlionstelethon.ca/sitema98fd/2023telethon.html>



## Mountain Township and District

On April 6, 2024, the Mountain Township and District Lion's Club held their Spring Dinner and Show. Obviously we could not bring Elvis to the show. Instead, we had Eddy and the Stringrays as a replacement. They are a group that has been entertaining crowds across Ontario and the United States for over 45 years.

Lion members served a freshly prepared BBQ steak dinner complete with baked potatoes, vegetables and dessert. As always, we thank our generous community and sponsors for their overwhelming support, over \$7,000.00 was raised to help with the club's community support.



## Schumacher

The Schumacher Lions delivered 472 food vouchers worth \$150.00 each to deserving families in Timmins and area as a result of their RadioThon.

It was the culmination of the Stan Fowler Christmas Fund, which saw a record amount of money raised. The fund has a long history in Timmins, it was started in 1948 by **Stan Fowler**, a Lions member and local businessman, who spearheaded a campaign to collect \$2,800 for Christmas baskets. He was involved directly in the campaign into the 1980s. In 1981, food vouchers replaced baskets. Initially, organizers were a little worried about this year's drive as it was expected the need would be greater this year.

Lion **John McCauley**, Chairman of the radiothon,

said "Local residents can be proud of the way their community responded to the need this year. I would like to thank the people of Timmins, the community, from individual to corporate to small business donations, you exceeded our expectations by a country mile," he said. "We can't thank you enough." Just another way our A5 clubs help their communities



# Nurturing Hearts and Minds: The Lions Quest Journey at Lincoln Elementary School

by Shelby Washington

“When we provide programs like Lions Quest, it’s something our children will carry for the rest of their lives,” says Dr. Tamara Young, director of student services at Lincoln Elementary School in Calumet City, Illinois. “One day they are going to be the leaders of our community, so we want to invest in our students and understand the type of curriculum that can be supportive of building their character.”

In March 2020, the school implemented the Lions Quest social and emotional learning (SEL) program using a Lions Quest Community Partnership Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in the amount of US\$8,676. As a comprehensive and universal, evidence-based SEL program, Lions Quest helps children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

“We were able to utilize that money to build our program to start the foundation of our Lions Quest curriculum, which helps us develop responsible citizens and grow our community,” she says.

Dr. Young loves her job. Early on, she found her passion while working with special needs students. Through her career, she progressed from being a case manager to her current role, and her background in social work has shaped her approach to SEL. She believes in understanding her students and teaching them to be understanding of each other, which is one of the reasons she is such a strong supporter of Lions

Quest. She says when you work with children, “You’re not dealing with a piece of a child but the whole child.” Moreover, she uses Lions Quest to help students embrace each other’s differences, whether those differences are cultural, racial or related to their home lives.

Samantha Surges, a teacher at the school, says the students have taken the lessons they’ve learned through this program and are applying them in their lives. “I really have seen the kids be able to identify how they’re feeling and then act appropriately,” she says. Building a child’s emotional intelligence is very important and helps them thrive in all aspects of their lives, including in school. Lions Quest and Lincoln Elementary School are taking steps to ensure students’ emotions are being properly nurtured.

The program was particularly helpful throughout the global pandemic, when students

and administrators had to shift to online learning. They ensured that the students continued to receive their Lions Quest lessons throughout their remote learning. When schools reopened for in-person learning after several months away, the school implemented Lions Quest programming to help returning students and students who had never been in a classroom adjust to the new setting. Even today, the school continues to prioritize Lions Quest in the curriculum.

“Lions Quest is a gift of hope,” Dr. Young says. “It is a program that gives students the skills they will need to be successful in any environment.”

Visit [lions-quest.org](https://lions-quest.org) to learn about Lions Quest, LCIF’s signature youth program, offering students a social emotional learning curriculum to build the skills needed to navigate life and prevent bullying and substance abuse.



## Aurora Lions

Our very first Paint Night turned out to be a lot of fun! Everyone agreed there was a good vibe in the air and we got some great press from our local paper. Many thanks to Lion **Bill Miller**, who was the first to sign up for the night and did a great job on his painting. Lions **Trudy Stunden** and **Michelle Bondy** helped out with both the set up, registration, 50/50 draw and take down. They also co-partnered on their painting, with a little help from the Paint Diva!!! The end result was fabulous.

Lots of fun and laughter! This event was organized to kick start fund-raising for our Walk for Dog Guides in support of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. It was also a great way to get community awareness for this walk and raise more money. We were pleased we were able to raise over \$8,000!



## Amherstview Lions

Rick and Susan Hovencamp are the generous owners of Foodland in Amherstview. They made an outstanding donation of \$12,145.50 along with 50 bags of groceries for the Amherstview Lions Food Bank. The Amherstview Lions were very impressed and emotional because of this incredible benevolence and the vigorous support of the community. In honour of this impressive contribution. The Loyalist Township Fire and Rescue Truck together with three fire fighters attended the Foodland presentation. Foodland in Amherstview and the community are indeed impressive partners for the Amherstview Lions Food Bank.

The Amherstview Lions are extremely grateful to Rick and Susan at Foodland as well as to the community in Amherstview for their continued support of the Food Bank. The Lions are proud to be part of this amazing community.



## Callander Lions

The Callander Lions club held their 50/50 draw recently. The ticket was drawn by Mayor Robb Noon and President Lion **Brian Barlow** at a Lions meeting. We are pleased to announce that the winner of \$1,250.00 is Lori Mitchell of Callander pictured with Lion **Claire Restoule**. A special thanks to the Callander Foodland for letting us sell the tickets at their location. Without community support, the Callander Lions would not be able to assist the members of our community. The profits from this draw will be going to help the Callander

Foodbank and Callander Christmas Cheer.



## Minnow Lake Lions

The Minnow Lake Lions are proud supporters of the Legion and our veterans. Each year, we donate to the poppy fund, place wreaths at the

cenotaph, and send Christmas Cards to those serving to defend the freedoms we enjoy. Thank you to all our veterans and their families.



## Caledonia Lions

Recently the Caledonia Lions journeyed to the Oakville Lions Foundation of Canada training centre to donate a cheque of \$10,000 to the Dog Guides "The Difference" building campaign. The donated money will go to help fund the new training centre that the Lions Foundation of Canada is building.



L-R: Lion Ralph Krueger, Stephanie Zivontis - LFC Capital Campaign Coordinator, Lion Trudy Devooght, Lion Guy Ryan

## Strathroy Lions

On May 25th the Strathroy Lions celebrated their 100th Charter Anniversary and followed that up with an Open House on June 9th to further recognize their outstanding presence in the community. During the festivities several awards were given out and the toasts and accolades were many.

In photo #1 Lion **David Milliken** on the right received a Melvin Jones Fellowship from District Governor elect, **Keith Ryan**.

Photo #2 shows Lion **Mariette Desjardine**



**Photo #1**

receiving Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship from Lion Keith.

Photo #3 from left to right are Lions **Dave Milliken, Peter Vitez, Don Emmons** and DGE Keith, Lions Peter and Don each received a Lions Quest Fellowship. Lions **Garry Zimmerman** and **Gerald Bolduc** each received a Helen Keller Fellowship, unfortunately there was no photo available.



**Photo #2**



**Photo #3**

## Aldershot Lions

A long-time member of the Aldershot Lions Club has been named to the Community Honour Roll. During a spring ceremony, attended by local politicians and community leaders, Lion **Brendan Hamill** was recognized for his many contributions to the Club and to the Aldershot Community. The Honour Roll celebrates Aldershot's history through the stories of residents who have demonstrated leadership, vision and creativity in their contribution to the community.

Brendan is the personification of the Lions motto "We Serve". Speakers praised him for his quiet dignity and endless helping hands.

"Lion Brendan is everyone's friend", according to former Club President **John Vice**.

Brendan has displayed both organizational and technical expertise while leading the Club through a variety of initiatives including support for local community service

agencies. When elderly neighbours can't manage household repairs, Brendan is there. He uses his many skills to fix, repair and otherwise maintain the property of nearby friends who cannot manage on their own. Brendan's often repeated call to action "pitter patter, let's get at 'er" has served as a guiding principle for the Aldershot Lions.



## St. Davids LEOS

The St. Davids LEOs hosted their second Walk for Dog Guides. Supporting the LEOs were the owners of Pet Valu, Virgil, the St. Davids Lions members, the St. Davids Veterinary Clinic, the residents of nearby Creekside Senior Estates and the many others who walked around our Lions Park.

The LEOs raised just over \$3500 for LFC Dog Guides!

What a GREAT DAY!



## “Champions of Youth” They are the First

Lion **Eleanor Arbour** and PDG **Bill MacKenzie** are the first recipients of the Lions Quest “Champion of Youth” Award: a framed high-quality photo titled Bright Futures.

This new Lions Quest award was presented by the A-2 Lions Quest Chair PCC **Bradd Anderson** and DG **Tom McLarty** during District A-2 final Cabinet meeting of 2023-2024.

Recipient Lion Eleanor administers the A-2 Peace Poster and Effective Speaking competitions. PDG Bill runs our A-2 Youth Exchange Program.

These awards recognize the years of service as Champions of Youth in District A-2.



## Correction re: Stouffville Lions

In a past issue an article was published in respect to Stouffville Lions and their celebration of their charter anniversary. While celebrating eighty-five years of service to the community of Stouffville, they 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 fifty-two guests were on hand to extend congratulations. The photo shown accompanied the article and the caption was incorrect as to the recipient, the Charter Anniversary certificate was presented by DG **Carolyn Stephenson** to club president **Carl Vanseader** and not to Lion **Mel Papke**, President of the Bradford Lions as previously reported.



## Peterborough Lions

Recently The Peterborough Lions Club recognized the efforts of one of its own with a Park Bench dedication at its Peterborough Lions Community Centre. Lion **Ray Ostapovich**, at eighty-eight years of age, stands as a quiet force in the City of Peterborough, a man who doesn't seek the spotlight but has left an indelible mark on the community. Lion Ray's achievements are many; Past Chairman of the Canadian Hearing Society, Past Chair of the Lions Multiple District A Hearing Committee, Past Chair of the District A3 Hearing Committee, a position he held for 40 years and a member of the Peterborough Lions for over fifty-six years to name but a few... While any one of these is worthy of recognition, his most significant contribution, the Peterborough

Lions Club Handicap/Medical Equipment Loan Program. For seventeen years, Lion Ray has led this vital initiative and has provided over 4,100 assistive devices to those in need within our community. He has repaired wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and other gear, ensuring they served those in need.

Lion Ray's legacy isn't etched in plaques. Recently he was announced as a Pathway of Fame Community Samaritan award winner by the City of Peterborough for his many years of community support. Lion Ray's legacy instead lives in the smiles of the many people.

The Lion Ray Ostapovich Peterborough Lions Club bench has become a quiet testament to the efforts of a tireless and well deserving volunteer.





## Westport Lions

In the heart of Westport, a small town with a big heart, the Westport Lions Club had a vision to make a difference. They saw the growing problem of landfill waste and the impact it had on their community's environment. They decided to take action and create a Reuse and Recycling Center, where locals could bring their unwanted items and materials to be repurposed or recycled.

The center has quickly become a hub of activity, with volunteers from the Lions Club and the community coming together to sort, clean, and prepare items for resale or recycling. The centers shelves are constantly filled and refilled with everything from gently used furniture and lighting, to tools and decor items. All waiting to find a new home.

As the center has grown, so has its impact. The profits from the sales are used to support local needs, such as funding for community programs, scholarships, and even disaster relief efforts. The center has become a symbol of the community's commitment to sustainability and service.

But the impact doesn't stop there. The reuse and recycling center also provides a sense of purpose for its volunteers, and brings the community together. It shows that even small actions make a big difference when people work together towards a common goal.

The Westport Lions Club's Reuse and Recycling Center is a shining



example of what can be achieved when a community comes together to make a difference. By supporting this center, we can all play a role in reducing landfill waste, promoting sustainability, and building a stronger, more compassionate community. Let's work together to make a positive impact, one reusable item at a time!"

## Belwood and District Lions

The Belwood and District Lions Club recently awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships to five of its very deserving members. It isn't often that this honorary award is given out, and it is even rarer to have five recipients receive this honour at the same time. In front we have, from left to right the five recipients - L.C. **Aaron Chase**, Lions **Sam Stewart**, **Terry Vines**, **Graham Scroggie**, and **Ron Prior**. In the back row, we have the presenters from left to right Lions **Gord Hufnagel** and **Julian Vines**.



## Rockton Lions

As a result of their recent Fish Fry event, the Rockton Lions were able to make a \$25,000.00 donation to the Lions Foundation of Canada Difference campaign. Shown in the photo are a group of happy and proud Lions. The campaign is a well under way project to build a new training facility in Oakville.





# MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' ~ MEMORIAL SERVICE

## June 2, 2024

### "THEY SERVED"



#### DISTRICT A1

Jim Buis	Belmont Lions Club
Leila Pamerma	Dorchester Lions Club
Peter Adams	Dutton & District Lions Club
Stan Champ	Dutton & District Lions Club
Gary McNaughton	Glencoe & District Lions Club
John Munro	Glencoe & District Lions Club
Ralph Ford	Highgate and District Lions Club
John VanDyk	Hyde Park & District Lions Club
Boyce Powell	Ilderton & District Lions Club
Thomas Tagliabracci	Lighthouse Cove Lions Club
Stewart Beausoleil	London Central Lions Club
Robert Lucas	London Central Lions Club
Fred Wambara	London East Lions Club
Don MacKinnon	Port Stanley Lions Club
Marg Haskins	Port Stanley Lioness Lions Club
Craig Nicholson	Rodney Lions Club
Dorland Clark	Strathroy Lions Club
Mark Iggulden	Strathroy Lions Club
John Vermeulen	Strathroy Lions Club
William Granton	Windsor Downtown Lions Club
Ronald Malkin	Windsor Downtown Lions Club
David Armstrong	Wyoming Lions Club

#### DISTRICT A2

Douglas Burton	Beamsville & District Lions Club
Carol-Ann (Cabbie) Bourgeois	Blackcreek/Ridgeway Lions Club
Roger Geysens	Courtland & District Lions Club
Charles Webster	Dunnville Lions Club
Ric Gretsinger	Fonthill Lions Club
Harry Deline	Grantham Lions Club
George Savage	Grantham Lions Club
Peter Rowat	Grimsby & District Lions Club
Andrew (Drew) Williamson	Jarvis Lions Club
Clare Thompson	Langton Lions Club
Bob Demeyere	Long Point Lions Club
Lorne Victor Kay	Long Point Lions Club
Scotty Girotti	Merritton Lions Club
Samuel Tiffney	Merritton Lions Club
Gabriele Marinelli	Niagara Falls Lions Club
Henry Termaat	Niagara Falls Lions Club
Teunis (Tony) Koudijs	Port Colborne Lions Club
Dennis Adams	Port Dover Lions Club
Bob Borthwick	Port Dover Lions Club
Stuart Brown	Port Dover Lions Club
Robert (Joe) Greene	Port Dover Lions Club
Dr. John Hall	Port Dover Lions Club

Colin Smith  
Casey Bruyns  
John Piett (JP)  
Owen Schweyer  
Pauline Walley  
Donna McLarty  
Al Bishop  
Denis Beauchamp  
Mary Holt

Port Dover Lions Club  
Ridgeway Lions Club  
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Simcoe Lions Club  
Tillsonburg Lions Club  
Waterford Lions Club  
Welland Lions Club  
Welland Lions Club

#### DISTRICT A3

Bill Matier  
Michael B. May  
Jim Cryderman  
Keith Smith  
Ike Jones  
Angus Thompson  
Larry Martin  
Dean Thaxter  
Dave Marshall  
PDG Earl Oliver  
Ron Scott  
Don Snider  
Carmen Young  
Jacques Arbic  
Marilyn Olmstead  
Shirley Fox  
Robert Gaffney  
Ron Goodberry

Amherstview Lions Club  
Bewdley Lions Club  
Bowmanville Lions Club  
Brighton Lions Club  
East Peterborough Lions Club  
Madoc Lions Club  
Napanee Lions Club  
Newcastle Lions Club  
Norwood Lions Club  
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Norwood Lions Club  
Odessa & District Lions Club  
Peterborough Lions Club  
Peterborough Lions Club  
Sydenham & District Lions Club  
Tamworth & District Lions Club  
Verona Lions Club

#### DISTRICT A4

Robert Bird  
Kim Edge  
Norma Goddard  
PDG Clarence W. Este  
Carol Crozier  
Helen Hodgins  
Lucie Perrier  
Victor Harper  
Charlene McGillis  
Douglas Baird  
Gordon Kerluke  
Anthony Gunnewiek  
Michael Kearns  
Richard Abrams  
Diane Dalys  
Lyle Dupuis

Almonte Lions Club  
Arnprior Lionette Club  
Arnprior Lionette Club  
Barrhaven Lions Club  
Bryson Lionette Club  
Bryson Lionette Club  
Calabogie Lions Club  
Chalk River & Area Lions Club  
Chalk River & Area Lions Club  
Cumberland Lions Club  
Cumberland Lions Club  
Elgin Lions Club  
Finch & District Lions Club  
Gananoque Lions Club  
Gloucester Lions Club  
Ingleside Long Sault Lost Villages Lions Club



# MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' ~ MEMORIAL SERVICE

## June 2, 2024

### "THEY SERVED"



Gerald Osborne  
 Bruce Burnett  
 John Priestley  
 George Currier  
 Ron McCrory  
 Conrad Miller  
 Robert Derraugh  
 Patricia Dobosz  
 Mike Hayes  
 PDG Joseph Gauthier  
 Verner Stresman  
 James D Hill  
 Benedict Kingsbury  
 PDG Jerry Cockwell  
 Reuben Raymond  
 Rod Fowler  
 Clare Redtman

Kemptville Lions Club  
 Killaloe & Area Lions Club  
 Kingsville Lions Club  
 Maxville & District Lions Club  
 Maxville & District Lions Club  
 Maxville & District Lions Club  
 Mountain Township & District Lions Club  
 Mountain Township & District Lions Club  
 Ottawa-Vanier Lions Club  
 Pembroke-Petawawa Lions Club  
 Pembroke-Petawawa Lions Club  
 Perth Lions Club  
 Quyon Lions Club  
 Renfrew Lions Club  
 Renfrew Lions Club  
 Smiths Falls Lions Club  
 Stittsville District Lionette Club

Joseph Tasca  
 Alan Robert Lennox  
 Jack Lindsay  
 Dorothy Milne  
 Munni Subhani  
 Lions Club  
 Robert Sherman  
 Heather Ann Tynes  
 Bill Wall  
 Harrikissoon Ramcharitar  
 Alfredo Mendez  
 Leo Lindgren  
 Bruno Iaboni

Nobleton Lions Club  
 Stoney Creek Lions Club  
 Streetsville Lions Club  
 Toronto Beaches Lions Club  
 Toronto Beyond Difference  
 Toronto Central Lions Club  
 Toronto Centennial Lions Club  
 Toronto Doctors Lions Club  
 Toronto Kaiteur Lions Club  
 Toronto Mabuhay Lions Club  
 Toronto Suomi Finlandia Lions Club  
 Weston Lions Club

#### DISTRICT A5

Gilbert Moore  
 Barbara Knight  
 RJ Andrew  
 Jo-ann Savard  
 Randy Edwards  
 Margaret Wesley  
 Gordon Spencer  
 Ron Verity  
 Yvon Jobin  
 Robert Lawrence  
 Murray Dewing  
 Roseanne Bellehumer  
 Ross Sparling  
 PDG Roger Brideau  
 Jake Newfeld  
 Maitland Wilson  
 James Cameron  
 Dan Josefowich  
 PDG Grace Kingsnorth  
 Irene Lewis

Argyle Lions Club  
 Charlton Englehart Lions Club  
 Cochrane Lions Club  
 Coniston Lions Club  
 Espanola Lions Club  
 Moosonee Lions Club  
 New Liskeard Lions Club  
 New Liskeard Lions Club  
 Schumacher Lions Club  
 Sudbury Lions Club  
 Sudbury Teachers Lions Club  
 Temiscaming & District Lions Club  
 Temiscaming & District Lions Club  
 Valley East Lions Club  
 Valley East Lions Club  
 Walden Lions Club  
 Whitefish District Lions Club  
 Widdlefield Lions Club  
 Widdlefield Lions Club  
 Widdifield Lions Club

Jean Davidson  
 Bob Raymond  
 Bill Logue  
 Cyril Spitzig  
 Bill Walter  
 Jonathon Zettel  
 Barb Hoffele  
 Ernie Fleming  
 Vern Inglis  
 Jim Rich  
 Bill Black  
 PCC Betty Jean (B.J.) Finlay  
 Ron Hamilton  
 Ralph Smith  
 Jim Shaw  
 Jim Stitt  
 Ron English  
 Harold James (Jim) Harrington  
 William (Bill) Hux  
 George Barnes  
 Brian Smith

Brussels Lions Club  
 Brussels Lions Club  
 Blyth Lions Club  
 Chepstow & District Lions Club  
 Chepstow & District Lions Club  
 Chepstow & District Lions Club  
 Clifford & District Lions Club  
 Dublin & District Lions Club  
 Formosa Lions Club  
 Formosa Lions Club  
 Goderich Lions Club  
 Goderich Lions Club  
 Goderich Lions Club  
 Goderich Lions Club  
 Grand Valley Lions Club  
 Kemble & District Lions Club  
 Mount Forest Lions Club  
 Orangeville Lions Club  
 Orangeville Lions Club  
 Owen Sound Scenic City Lions Club  
 Sauble Beach & Distric Lions Club

#### DISTRICT A9

#### DISTRICT A12

#### DISTRICT A7-11

Kenneth Neithercut  
 Patricia McSween  
 Mary Chanonat  
 Norm H. Chanonat  
 Joseph Seecharan  
 Bill Auld

Caledon Lions Club  
 Etobicoke Alpha Lions Club  
 Lakeshore Lions Club  
 Lakeshore Lions Club  
 Leaside Lions Club  
 Mississauga Cooksville Lions Club

PDG Peter McCague  
 Duncan Marshall  
 Chris Tonge  
 John Darling  
 Bill Prentice  
 Jerry Pauley  
 Christine Spykerman  
 Norman Cameron  
 Heinz Strehl

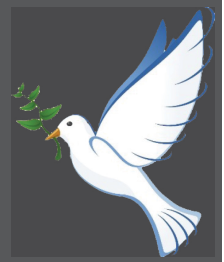
Alliston Lions Club  
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 Bracebridge Lions Club  
 Burk's Falls Lions Club  
 Coldwater Lions Club  
 Innisfil Lions Club  
 MacTier Lions Club  
 Magnetawan Lions Club  
 Magnetawan Lions Club



# MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' ~ MEMORIAL SERVICE

## June 2, 2024

### "THEY SERVED"



Norman Gogo  
 Barbara Boer-Winkle  
 Joey Reynolds  
 Jo-Anne Granger  
 John McDermott  
 Evelyn Cox  
 Turner Montpetit  
 Howard Burbidge  
 Arlene Donn  
 DDG George Stamper  
 Bill Freiday  
 Roy Gudnason  
 Glen Blacklock  
 Paula McFadden  
 Estelle Ness  
 Ron Sprang

Midland Lions Club  
 Orillia Lions Club  
 Penetanguishene Lions Club  
 Port McNicoll Lions Club  
 South River Lions Club  
 Sundridge Lions Club  
 Sundridge Lions Club  
 Thornton Lions Club  
 Tottenham Lions Club  
 Tottenham Lions Club  
 Wasaga Beach Lions Club  
 Wasaga Beach Lions Club  
 Washago Lions Club  
 Washago Lions Club  
 Washago Lions Club  
 Washago Lions Club

Don Thompson  
 Eleanor Wood  
 Gordon Ostrander  
 Joe Wilder  
 Roy Yorke  
 Lyle Fair  
 Ted Roberts  
 Robert McGregor  
 Ronald Weatherhead  
 PDG George Corrin  
 Joe Wallace  
 Joseph Sweeney

Lynden Lions Club  
 Rockton Lions Club  
 Rockwood & District Lions Club  
 Rockwood & District Lions Club  
 Rockwood & District Lions Club  
 St. George Lions Club  
 St. George Lions Club  
 St. Mary's Lions Club  
 Sweaburg & District Lions Club  
 Thamesford Lions Club  
 Thamesford Lions Club  
 Woodstock Lions Club

#### DISTRICT A15

Brian Phillipou  
 Doug Paddon  
 Donald Rostron  
 William Shewfelt  
 Ronald Butwick  
 Linda Carey  
 Marie Kobylinski  
 Stewart Vogel  
 Kevin Mitchell  
 Jim Akerstream  
 Herb MacDonald  
 Tracey Vanderheide  
 Carl Buder  
 Cheryl Grant

Burford Lions Club  
 Copetown Lions Club  
 Copetown Lions Club  
 Copetown Lions Club  
 Dundas Lions Club  
 Dundas Lioness Lions Club  
 Dundas Lioness Lions Club  
 Elmira Lions Club  
 Exeter Lions Club  
 Guelph Lions Club  
 Guelph Lions Club  
 Innerkip & District Lions Club  
 Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club  
 Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Club

Maria Correa  
 Dave Jones  
 Ron Gauslin  
 Terry Crawford  
 Robert McIvor  
 Wendy Judd  
 Wayne Teel  
 Diane MacKinnon  
 Royden McDermid  
 Al Manning  
 PDG Brian Moore  
 PCC Harold Harrison  
 Marilyn Fraser  
 Gail Bates  
 Gary Carey  
 Hilary Lee  
 Ted Keultjes  
 Dave Tomkinson

#### DISTRICT A16

Bobcaygeon Lions Club  
 Cannington Lions Club  
 Claremont/Uxbridge Lions Club  
 Greenbank Lions Club  
 Haliburton Lions Club  
 Kirkfield District Lions Club  
 Kirkfield District Lions Club  
 Lindsay Lions Club  
 Markham Lions Club  
 Minden Lions Club  
 Minden Lions Club  
 Mount Albert Lions Club  
 North Oshawa Lions Club  
 Oshawa Airport Lions Club  
 Oshawa West Lions Club  
 Oshawa West Lions Club  
 Udora/Leaskdale Lions Club  
 Udora/Leaskdale Lions Club



## Aldershot Lions

The Lions of Aldershot are supporting the Girls Gymnastics Club. The small but mighty club has seemingly been everywhere serving and supporting its community in recent months.

During the spring the Lions Club braved soggy weather for three days while selling burgers, dogs, coffee and breakfast sandwiches to the hundreds of people attending the annual Burlington Gymnastics Club's Spring Cup Invitational.

The Lions Club has been operating in Aldershot for nearly 70 years and this year has supported local scouts, the Next Door Social Space, the Food Bank, the Compassion Society and other deserving community organizations.

# MDA Peace Essay – 'Keys to Peace'

by Janna Cheung

**Editor's Note:** This is the text of Janna's essay, which she read from her Braille document.

If life was a hallway, and peace was at the end of the hallway behind a locked door, it would take a lot of work to open that door. However, this door has two locks and two keys. We can all use these keys to help unlock this door. Of course, not every key is the same and there is always more than one way to do the same thing, but today I'll be telling you about two keys that I've discovered so far; kindness and service.

When people hear the word "kindness" they often think of saints and world changing deeds, but what if I told you that kindness doesn't have to be big; it could just be a kind gesture, a smile or an encouraging word. You can implement kindness every day in your life.

Here is an example of kindness from my own life. There is a new girl at my school who is new to Canada and is learning English. She lives on my street and the two of us walk the same path every day to get to school. She's very shy and seems really scared in general. I could ignore her and continue walking to school in awkward

silence, or say hi to her and try to make her feel better.

As you can tell from this example, kindness doesn't have to take much time and/or effort. After all, it would take me the same amount of time to walk to school regardless of whether or not I talk to her. On the flip side, kindness can be received not just given. This example can be shown by the many generous donors who have funded so many projects over the years. Be it a Toronto blind tennis event or braille refreshable displays, we can all relate to at least one example of receiving and giving kindness.

The second key to this door is service. Serving others doesn't just brighten up someone else's day, it can brighten up yours as well and add that ray of sunshine that's been missing. I helped to organize the blind tennis event that was mentioned above and that proved to be very successful. Though perhaps it did not provide for a foundation of peace, it helped to sow the seeds of happiness and bring the visually impaired community together.

So the next time you see someone in need, try to use these keys to help unlock that door. Just remember, you're bringing us one step closer to a

peaceful world and you're bringing yourself one step closer to inner peace. We can all try to help each other out when we're in need and help to unlock this door. After all, every single one of us can dare to dream.



## MDA Peace Poster Contest



Several great entries were received from the districts in MDA. Shown is the winning entry which will be forwarded to LCI for the International Contest. One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to a special awards ceremony.

This year's MDA winner was Shaima Khan, a 13-year-old student at Kedron Public School. The theme for this year's contest was "Dare to Dream", Shaima was sponsored by the **North Oshawa Lions Club** (District A-16)

Previous international winners can be found at:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster/grand-prize-winners>

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- V** Vanguard of Kindness To Humanity. His Vision Was Borderless
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- N** Noteworthy, Never-failing, and Number One "The Founder" "Secretary General" Of Lions.
- J** Judicious, A Gallant Person with Prudent And Impeccable Judgement
- O** Optimistic, Observant. An Outstanding Benevolent Person
- N** Nimble-Minded. The Nucleus of Lions Clubs International
- E** Extraordinary. Exudes Power of Confidence, Dignity, And Professionalism
- S** Sincere and Sensitive. His Wisdom and Kindness Was Profound



**"Lion Melvin Jones- TheLion-Hearted"**  
**By: PZC PDC Lion Khalilah Megan Campbell, PMJF,LQF,HKF,**  
**President Mississauga Monarch Lions Club**

## Basset Hound Rescue and Copetown Lions

Recently the Basset Hound Rescue Association hosted a "Basset Bustle" at the Copetown Lions Community Centre, the rain was heavy during the morning but it finally cleared enough that the event could be moved outside to the Lions baseball diamonds. There were numerous competitions and photo opportunities. The Lions provided the facility and food, including their famous french fries. It was a great day for the basset rescue operation, very informative and entertaining.



Here are some links to further information and photos:

- [bassetrescue.ca](https://www.bassetrescue.ca)
- <https://www.bassetrescue.ca/copetown.html>
- <https://pixabay.com/sound-effects/basset-hound-howl-105537/>

## 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

## St David & District Leos

Recently the St. David's Leos held a Pet Valu sponsored Dog Wash event in Niagara On The Lake, it was great for the community and a great experience for the Leo members. Excellent support from Pet Valu in Virgil, ON and store owner Laura Kott.



## Cornwall Township

The Cornwall Township Lions Club Ladies Quilting Group has been busy making thirty-one quilts. They have been donated to a local nursing

home. The staff and the residents will appreciate all the great work, another great example of community "Service".



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

2024	Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin	May 23 - 25, 2024
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### 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





## MDA Convention Wrap

It was quite a weekend with lots of excitement at the MDA convention in the Garden City. Our gracious hosts were the **St. Davids Lions**, headed up by Convention Chair PDG **Steve Burrows** and his committee. PCC **Bradd Anderson** looked after the registrar's position with his team. It was very apparent they were well organized.

A highlight of the event was the election of the new International Director, PCC **Debbie Dawson**. She was the victorious choice of the voting delegates after a hard fought campaign over the last few months by all three candidates, Debbie, PDG **Len Day** and PDG **Dan Sibanda**. Their campaign teams are to be congratulated.

We were honoured to have two International Guests, incoming Lions International President **Fabricio Oliveira** from Brazil and first year International Director from Canada, **Joanne Ogden**. Their presentations were very informative and entertaining. PDG J.C. **Legrange** did a heck of a job as the interpreter for Lion Fabricio, on more than a few occasions it was quite humorous.

Of course it goes without saying the hospitality shown by the three candidates for International Director was excellent as were their efforts in participating in the elections on Sunday morning.

As per usual PID **Art Woods** led the group with the always excellent and solemn Memorial Service. The District Governors read the names of members that have passed, they are published as part of this magazine.

Last thing on the agenda was Council Chair **Larry Irwin** announcing the winner of the election, congratulations I.D. Debbie Dawson!

Finally our thanks go to Lion **Bill Crawford** of the **South Brant Lions**, who is an excellent photographer, view more of his images by clicking on the camera.

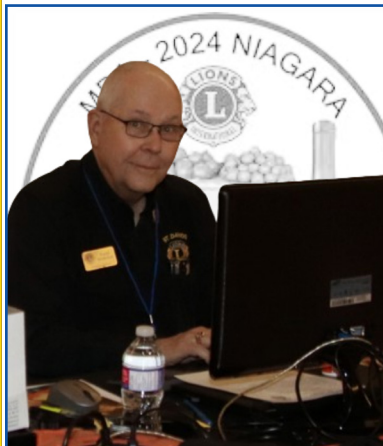


Top L-R: Lion Fabricio Oliveira, Incoming Lions International President with his #1 in command (his wife) Lion Amariles; Lion Joanne Ogden, I.D.; C.C. Larry, PDG J.C. and International President-Elect Fabricio Oliveira, sharing a funny moment

Below: PCC Debbie Dawson, new I.D.; Right: PDG J.C. Lagrange, Interpreter



Below L-R: PCC Bradd Anderson, Registrar; PDG Steve Burrows, Convention Chair; Lion Art Woods P.I.D.; Lion Bill Crawford, Photographer



MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A" MEMORIAL SERVICE



DEBBIE DAWSON | INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Congrats!

## Copetown Lions

Agreement Number is:  
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In late March the Lions of Copetown(a.k.a. “The Hub of the Universe”) held a successful Ham Roll event at the Copetown Lions Community Centre. A highlight of the evening was a cheque presentation to the Lions Foundation of Canada in the amount of \$20,000.00 to assist in their “The Difference” campaign to assist in the construction costs for their new facilities in Oakville.

Club President Lion Bob Turner, Debbie Cserhalmi, Committee Chair, Lion Peter Oswald and Kelley Russell from LFC

