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# THE Lion



Welcome to the July/August/September Edition of the LION.

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# Making Our Mark Together

Dear Lion,

Through our collective efforts as Lions, we have the power to inspire and empower entire communities — making them healthier and stronger than ever before. And making our mark in the process.

We unite people through our clubs, and in our mission of service. We embrace innovation so we can bring our bold service vision to life. We give caring people the chance to serve and lead with us. And with every new member who joins us, we increase the potential of our service and the impact we can have on others.

I am incredibly proud to step into the role of international president of Lions Clubs International. This organization has always held a special place in my heart, so I am honored to lead it forward and to serve you as president. My journey with Lions

began many years ago, inspired by a desire to give back to the community that had given me so much. The service and the good we can do together is what motivates me, and the support, camaraderie and shared purpose I found among fellow Lions is what inspires me.

I look forward to the year ahead. Together, we can turn our vision of a better world into reality, one act of kindness at a time.

At your service,

**Fabrício Oliveira**  
International President, Lions Clubs International



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Melbourne, Australia – June 18-20, 2024



### AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. A resolution for Chapter II, Board Committees, Paragraph B, Audit Committee was submitted to clarify wording which clearly delineates the duties of the independent external auditor and the internal auditor. Additional language specifying that the association's internal auditor reports directly to the LCI and LCIF Audit committees was included.

### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Denied a district governor election complaint in 330-A (Japan) and declared that a vacancy exists in the office of district governor for the 2024-2025 year.
2. Upheld a district governor election complaint in District 315-B2 (Bangladesh) and declared Shafiu Alam as district governor for the 2024-2025 year.
3. Upheld a second vice district governor election complaint and declared First Vice District Governor M. Goutham, Second Vice District Governor E. Gopala Krishna, and Lion M. Virupaksha Reddy be appointed as district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor of District 316-J, respectively, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
4. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 322-E (India) be denied and declared Lion Sangeeta Nanda as second vice district governor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
5. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 300C-1

(Multiple District 300C Taiwan) and declared Lion Che-Huei Lin as second vice district governor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

6. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 321-B2 (India) and declared Lion Sharad Agnihotri as second vice district governor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
7. Denied an international director endorsement election complaint filed in District 324- M (India) and declared Lion K Jeganathan as the duly endorsed candidate of District 324-M.
8. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 325-L (Nepal) and declared Lion Tara Bhusal as second vice district governor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
9. Denied a first vice district governor election complaint filed in District 354-F (Korea) and declared Lion Jung-guk Kim as first vice district governor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
10. Denied a first vice district governor election complaint filed in District LB-1 (Brazil) and declared that a vacancy exists in the office of first vice district governor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
11. Upheld a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 301-D2 (Philippines) and declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
12. Upheld a second vice district governor

election complaint filed in District 306-C1 (Sri Lanka) and declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

13. Updated the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV, Legal, by moving Paragraph E, International Trading Pin Club to Chapter V, Clubs as a new Paragraph K.
14. Updated the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV, Legal, by moving Paragraph F, Stamp Clubs in Lion Countries, to Chapter V, Clubs as a new Paragraph L.
15. Updated the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV, Legal, by removing Paragraph M, Legal Responsibilities of Members of the International Board of Directors and adding to Chapter XIV, Leadership Development, Paragraph G, Orientation for First Year Directors, Board Appointees and Leo-Lion Board Liaisons, after the existing paragraph: Orientation shall include information detailing and emphasizing the principal areas of the statutory and common law duties and responsibilities of corporate officers and offered to all incoming international directors, board appointees and Leo-Lion board liaisons.
16. A resolution to reduce three directors in Constitutional Area I, and to increase one director in Constitutional Area III, and two directors in Constitutional Area VI, to be proposed to the delegates during the 2025 International Convention.

## CONVENTION COMMITTEE

No Resolutions

## DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Amended the list of Lion leaders to be appointed to serve as coordinating Lions for 2024-2025 fiscal year.
2. Approved the requirements for the Club and District Five-Star Excellence Award.
3. Revised the committee charter as outlined in the Chapter II of the Board Policy Manual.

## FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2023-2024 4th Quarter Forecast, reflecting a surplus.
2. Approved the FY 2024-2025 final budget, reflecting a deficit.
3. Approved the FY 2024-2025 operating reserve of US\$20,618,910.
4. Amended Chapter IX, B.1.b. of the Board Policy Manual to require Mission 1.5 Training organized by Lions Clubs International for all district governors within their constitutional area, utilizing their district governor budget.
5. Amended Chapter XI, G. of the Board Policy Manual to move a section from Chapter XV Legal covering Conflict of Interest for past officers to Chapter XI Finance where the Conflict of Interest Policy currently reside.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Confirmed curriculum plan and schedule for the 2024-2025 First Vice District Governors/ District Governors-Elect Seminar.
2. Confirmed the updated 2025 District

Governors-Elect Seminar group leader team.

3. Revised Chapter XIV, Paragraphs D., E., and F., of the Board Policy Manual to address changes to the Second Vice District Governor and First Vice District Governor/ District Governor Elect training for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

## LONG RANGE PLANNING (MAY 2024 MEETING REPORT)

1. Resolved to extend the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Representation through 2024-2025.
2. Resolved to amend district goals for 2025-2026, adding a goal for each district to focus on two Lions International Global Causes or Sustainable Development Goals.

## MARKETING COMMITTEE

No Resolutions

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Filled vacancies in the Leo Club Advisory Panel for 2024-2025.
2. Placed districts 317 E, 318 C, 325 I, 3232 B2, 3232 B3 on a moratorium from receiving membership development grant funding until July 1, 2027.
3. Created the Global Extension Team Multiple District Coordinator position.
4. Created an opportunity to recognize club branch organizers.
5. Overhauled Chapter XXIV. Global Action Team, of the Board Policy Manual to align with the Mission 1.5 GAT leadership structure.
6. Provided flexibility for Parent Clubs and Club

branches to either pay or not pay parent club dues.

7. Created parts of the Leo Club, Leo District and Leo Multiple District constitution and bylaws be required.
8. Moved the Guiding Lion program from Chapter V. Clubs to Chapter XVII. Membership.
9. Moved the Coordinating Lion program from Chapter IX. District Officers and Organization. to Chapter XXIV. Global Action Team.
10. Removed the unused Associate District Leo Chairperson role, allowing the Leo/LeoLion position to fulfill their duties.
11. Updated Chapters X. Extension, XVII. Membership, and XXII. Leo Club Program, to align with current business practices, and other housekeeping revisions.
12. Updated Chapter II, allowing the Membership Committee provide oversight of all membership programs.

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

No Resolutions

## TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. Discussed housekeeping revisions to Chapter XXVI Technology of the Board Policy Manual, to ensure the content of the chapter accurately reflects current practices..

**For more information on any of the above summaries, please refer to the LCI website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or contact the Legal division.**



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# Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting

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



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### 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 Fonhill 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).**

# On Top of the World Down Under

Lions and Leos from around the world gathered in Melbourne, Australia, June 21-25, 2024, for the premier Lion event of the year. Attendees enjoyed five days of learning from one another, hearing from inspirational speakers, catching up with old friends and making new ones, and enjoying all that Australia's cultural capital has to offer.



Couldn't join us in Melbourne? No problem. We're taking this show on the road to Mexico City in 2025 and we'd love to see you there! **Register today at [lionscon.lionsclubs.org](https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org).** See MDA in Melbourne on the back cover.





# MAKE YOUR MARK

Everywhere we serve,  
every time we give, we bring  
kindness and compassion,  
change and hope.

And we make our mark on the  
lives we touch, the communities  
we serve and the world we share.



**FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA**  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT  
2024-2025

# Breathing Life into Service

Ask Fabrício Oliveira about his native Brazil, and he'll tell you it's the lungs of the world. An evergreen canopy rimmed in turquoise shoreline. He's from a small municipality there, the son of fabric merchants with entrepreneurial vigor in their blood.

By age 18, Fabrício was already part of the family business. He would focus on his studies during the week and travel dutifully for work over the weekends. For such a young man, Fabrício was driven and focused on results.

"I've always done things early," he recalls with a smile.

At just 22 years old, the spirited entrepreneur became a happily married man. He and his wife Amariles had both grown up in the village of Catolé do Rocha, where, despite the region's tropical climate, Fabrício Oliveira was proving to be a man for all seasons.

He was already having professional success—he had a number of business deals under his belt and more on the table. He was experiencing civic success—he had received several appointments to public office. Yet, something was missing for Fabrício.

Until one evening in 1985.

At the time, Fabrício and Amariles were part of a group of friends who would gather on weekends for different social events. Some of these friends were already Lions members and before long, they asked the Oliveiras to join their local club.

"We couldn't say no," he admits. "These were our close friends. And I saw something special in Lions, and an opportunity to give back to the community that had been so good to me."

It was a gesture as simple as an invitation that brought Fabrício Oliveira and his wife to Lions, once and for all.

"So I became a Lion. And that's how everything started," Fabrício recollects.

The call had been answered. A commitment to service set in motion. Now, it was time for the man from Catolé do Rocha to take what he'd learned so far from life and apply it to a new kind of work. His work as a Lion.





“I SAW SOMETHING SPECIAL IN LIONS, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT HAD BEEN SO GOOD TO ME.”





## The Art of Proactive Positivity

**“We have natural beauty,” Fabrício says of Brazil. “And it’s extraordinary.”**

But years ago, when he was just becoming a Lion, there were areas within his hometown struggling to get clean, usable water. So Fabrício and his club took action.

His very first service project focused on the fundraising required to purchase the handmade, ceramic filters needed to deliver fresh water to these local areas in need. These devices brought more than fresh water to these communities—they brought health, well-being and happiness to children and families who desperately needed it.

“It was phenomenal!” Fabrício remembers.

“We saw the joy and the smiles they had when we brought the equipment. I really understood just how powerful service could be, and just how important we are as Lions.”

From that moment, there was no turning back. Only forward momentum. It was as if the gift of service had found him and not the other way around.

As a Lion, Fabrício puts his life experience and business expertise into practice every day. And he finds that he gets as much as he gives.



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“I learned a lot. And I am still learning,” he says. “Lions is my second university.”

But for the man from Catolé do Rocha, Lions have become a second family too, a global family with such incredible potential and rare positivity that he cherishes, a family he is honored to lead by proactive example.

“Lions have made such a big difference in so many communities, and in so many lives—including my own.”

That’s why Fabrício wants to focus on inviting new members and starting new clubs so even more people can experience the same satisfaction and the same sense of purpose that he has.

Fabrício Oliveira will always be a Lion. And he will always think like an entrepreneur. That’s why he believes that initiative comes to those who take it. That we not only have the power to achieve great things, but we also have the responsibility to achieve great things.

And when we apply our talents and skills to transforming our communities, we can leave a lasting mark—our mark—on the world.

# Make Your Mark

**There's a leader inside every Lion.**

And leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitment, we can inspire and empower whole communities. Making them healthier and stronger than ever before. And making our mark in the process.

As leaders, we unite people through our clubs, and in our mission of service. We foster collaboration so we can do what others say can't be done. We embrace innovation so we can bring our bold service vision to life. We give caring people the chance to serve with us so they can lead with us as Lions. And with every new member we bring, we make our mark on the future of service.

Together, we reach out to the people who need us. We amplify voices that would otherwise go unheard. We change lives in ways that only Lions can. And with every life we touch, with every community we serve, we make a mark that will endure, and will never be forgotten.





# Making Our Mark Together

Every day provides us with a chance to make our mark as Lions, so take action! Consider these global priorities and how we can all support them to help strengthen Lions and the communities we serve.

## **GROW TO GIVE MORE**

As the need for service grows, we need to grow too. Let's invite new members and charter new clubs so we can meet our MISSION 1.5 goal, bringing more Lions and more service to our communities as we work toward serving one billion people around the world.

## **BE STRONGER TOGETHER**

Our global foundation works to support our service so we can bring lasting change to the world. So let's support LCIF to ensure that we're ready to serve together, whenever and wherever needed.

## **TAKE THE NEXT STEP**

Let's embrace our leadership potential to grow our clubs and our service, and to grow as Lions and leaders. Look for new opportunities within your club and community to lead our service forward.

## **CAPTURE YOUR COMMUNITY'S IMAGINATION**

Our work as Lions is extraordinary. Great marketing and public relations can help you tell your story and capture the attention—and imagination—of your community. So promote your service to inspire others to join us as Lions.

TO A YOUNG  
PERSON BATTLING  
CHILDHOOD CANCER,  
LION VOLUNTEERS  
ARE REAL-LIFE  
SUPERHEROES.







# The Mark of Great Service

Lions lead by example. We always have and always will. These keys to success can help you unlock your true service potential and inspire the Lions around you to do the same.

## STAY PROACTIVE

The needs in our communities are great, so don't wait to act. Seek out a need and take action. This is what allows us to be responsive to our communities – and what separates us from the rest.

## BRING YOUR VISION TO LIFE

Where others see an obstacle, we see an opportunity. So build your service vision. Rally others around it. Then think boldly, act decisively and bring your service to life.

## FOCUS ON POSITIVE OUTCOMES

When we focus on positive outcomes, we achieve the greatest results. Let's define the change we want to see in our communities so we can start building plans to make it a reality.





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## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION



# Lions Quest: Empowering Youth Across the Globe

by Shelby Washington

Over the course of four decades, Lions Quest has made a profound impact on youth, experienced exponential growth and formed meaningful partnerships to help young people reach their full potential.

Lions Quest is Lions Clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) comprehensive and universal, evidence-based social and emotional learning program. This year marks the 40th anniversary of LCIF's first grant to what used to be the independent organization, Quest International.

Over the years, the two organizations grew closer, leading LCIF to purchase the program in 2002. To date, LCIF has awarded more than 360 grants for a cumulative total of more than US\$20 million to expand or establish Lions Quest programs across the United States and around the world. Exponential growth has been the natural result of this investment, with 20 million students reached in 40 languages across 110 countries.

Lions Quest's story began in 1975, when a determined teenager named Rick Little set out on a "quest" to help other young people develop the skills and strength of character needed to succeed as adults. Little started his journey by conducting a survey of more than 2,000 high school students to truly understand the issues that concerned them most. This initial success prompted expansion into programming for middle school students and the development of Skills for Adolescence, which pioneered a social and emotional learning program for young people before it was a trend.

With the same spirit of innovation, Lions Quest has undertaken a full-scale revision of the curriculum, training and supplemental content. "Youth today are not like youth 10 to 15 years ago," said Alvin Atkinson of the Winston-Salem Twin City Host Lions Club. "Fortunately, because Lions Quest is evidence-based, it sees what works and

what doesn't and evolves as technology and our lives evolve."

In the new curriculum, materials are being revised to be more dynamic and student-centered, while also being shorter and more streamlined. The goal is to make the lessons easier to use and more effective. Each curated resource works seamlessly to help children and young adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge 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.

"I think the social and emotional learning pieces of the Lions Quest program are critical," said Chip Harris, trainer at Lions Quest. "They were critical when I started my career over 40 years ago, and they're equally, maybe more important today, largely because social and emotional learning brings people together, and allows them to be able to respect and appreciate each other."

Over the past 40 years, Lions Quest has shaped social and emotional learning for millions of young people around the world. As the program evolves, it will continue offering students curriculum and resources to build the skills needed to navigate life and prevent bullying and substance abuse. This proactive evolution will propel Lions Quest's legacy of innovation into the next decade.

Visit [lions-quest.org](https://lions-quest.org) to learn more.



## Welland 100

The Welland Lions Club celebrated its 100-year anniversary with a grand event at the Casa Dante Lodge that brought together members, community leaders, and the spouses who have supported their Lions.

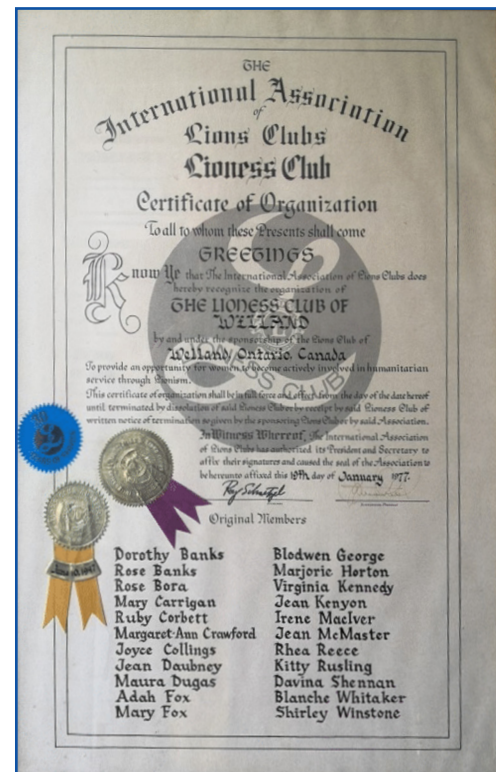
The celebration included a gala dinner, and reminders of various community service activities that highlighted our century-long commitment to serving the Welland community. There were the usual ceremonies including passing of the torch from President **Joe Labbe** to our current President, **Reg Pearson**.

Our Guest Speaker, Cate Cochran, entertained us with stories from her about to be published "How My Dog Saved My Life" (available on Amazon) and our Entertainer Crooner David Iannandrea had most of us believing we had Dean Martin himself in the Room.

The event was a testament to the enduring spirit and dedication of our members, past and present. Welland Lions are especially proud of our designation as "Top Dogs" bestowed by the Lions Foundation of Canada Guide Dogs.

On a sad note. Since our celebration we have had two Fallen Lions – **Mary Holt** and **Denis Beauchamp**.

On a happy note, however, since our celebration, our ranks have grown. We have welcomed six new Lions.



# A Path to Restoration: LCIF's Response to Japan's Noto Earthquake

by Shelby Washington

On January 1, 2024, a massive earthquake ripped through the Noto Peninsula of Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan. This earthquake had a moment magnitude of 7.5 and a focal depth of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles), resulting in a massive trail of destruction that included 245 confirmed deaths and 1,298 injuries. At least 89,666 structures were damaged, including over 76,000 houses, leaving families stranded without a roof over their heads. People were forced to live in evacuation shelters for months and thousands of households went without running water.

"This is the most devastating earthquake we've seen in this area in eight years. Thousands of people's lives were torn apart from this catastrophe," said Lion Norio Kataoka of Kanazawa Kikusui Lions Club and zone chair of Shigeru Sugimoto.

This record-breaking disaster is the deadliest earthquake in Japan since the 2016 Kumamoto earthquakes and the largest earthquake to strike Ishikawa since at least 1885. After seeing how many lives this earthquake impacted, Lions quickly took action. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) awarded US\$200,000 to Lions in Japan for disaster relief and an LCIF Rescue Committee was established.

Lions used their LCIF grant to support the immediate needs of affected families. They distributed sanitary items, disposable heating pads, cardboard beds, water, bags of wash-free

rice, vegetable juice, sandbags, oral hygiene products and diapers. However, providing these supplies was not easy.

The roads leading to the affected region were difficult for Lions to navigate, as the already narrow streets were cluttered with debris from collapsed houses. With transportation posing a formidable challenge, Lions purchased eight mini trucks to reach as many people as possible. Beyond these essentials, the grant also purchased tents for Lions to use as outdoor soup kitchens, where people could come together for a warm meal and mutual support. These heartfelt initiatives were made in an effort to restore a sense of normalcy and connection among the victims whose lives were disrupted.

"It is hard to describe the fear and confusion that comes with a terrible disaster like this one, but we are resilient and together, we will rebuild," said District Governor Susumu Koide of District 334-D. "We are so grateful to LCIF for helping us



through this tragic event. They are restoring the hope everyone thought they had lost."

Even under the toughest conditions, Lions are committed to helping communities recover from disaster with hope. LCIF Disaster Relief Grants enable Lions to look beyond the chaos of these catastrophes and focus on impactful community service. As the only global foundation serving Lions, LCIF is grateful to be able to provide a variety of grant opportunities to support different phases of disaster relief efforts made possible by the generous contributions of donors worldwide.

"When disasters strike, Lions are among the first to respond to the needs of the people impacted," 2023-2024 LCIF Chairperson Brian Sheehan said. "Our members live and work in the region and will remain poised to help communities continue to rebuild long after this tragedy. LCIF is proud to be able to support their efforts."

**Learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief Grants at [lcif.org/disaster-grants](https://www.lcif.org/disaster-grants).**

## Port Colborne Lions

At the recent Port Colborne Lions Carnival the most popular food item at the event: the Lion's Club doughnut. The Lion's Club has been frying up doughnuts for more than 30 years, sold by a "Lion's dozen," 14 doughnuts, a recent addition, and offering two each of the seven flavours — plain, icing sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, chocolate, maple and mixed berry — for only \$10 per box.

The sweet treats sold out most nights, as they do every year. The pastries are painstakingly handmade, from a recipe fine-tuned over three decades to create a delicate, light and fluffy cake delicacy which sees souls lining up for hours to get their hands on a box of the delicious halos.

**Scott Wolfe**, a Lions member and head baker, has been working the doughnut fryer from the start and has helped hone the recipe into a crowd favourite. "Thirty years ago, I don't know how anybody could have eaten them, they were made with lard," he said. "When you cooked them, they were not floating, you had to find them, but every year we make them a little better." Wolfe said everything from the frying to the decorating has been improved, and he believes that is why they are a crowd favourite. Friday night, Wolfe estimated the club sold about 500 boxes of doughnuts or 7,000 individual doughnuts,

between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. "If you make 600 doughnuts an hour, that's pretty much capacity," he said.

As a former maintenance foreman at the Port Colborne Inco plant, Wolfe modified the current doughnut fryer to specifications needed to fulfil the demand. "We designed it — you won't see this doughnut maker anywhere else in the world," he said. "It's the right depth, the right heating element, so you need to have a good heat sink as your temperature must be perfect or the doughnuts will be the lousiest."

Wolfe stressed doughnuts are unforgiving and even if one thing is off, it will be a waste of time.

"If you screw one thing up — the batter, the temperature, the type of oil — they'll just be

globs of dough," he said. Wolfe added on any given doughnut-making day, the chefs use eight 20-kilo bags of flour donated by a local flour mill, which he said wished to remain anonymous.

Wolfe said making as many doughnuts as they do requires teamwork. Wolfe mans a crew of up to 14 people, who work hard to ensure everything is perfect when it comes to giving people the doughnuts they desire. "They're fantastic. You must have a good crew and I'm lucky I have an excellent crew. The event proceeds are directed towards the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides program, "It's where the money goes," he said.

*The foregoing content is are excerpts from a story by reporter Mathew P. Barker of the St. Catharines Standard, reprinted with permission.*



## Bruce Mines Lions

Two sisters recently celebrated their 40th year as Lions. These two are members are from Bruce Mines and District Lions Club. In a town of less than six hundred residents, this is a vibrant, active club in their community. The chevron awards were presented by Zone Chair 31 West, Lion **Debra Kidd** (centre) pictured here with Lion **Carol Ricard** (left) and Lion **Mary Lou Belisle** (right). What a way for family to share their love of community and volunteering. Looking forward to many more years ladies.



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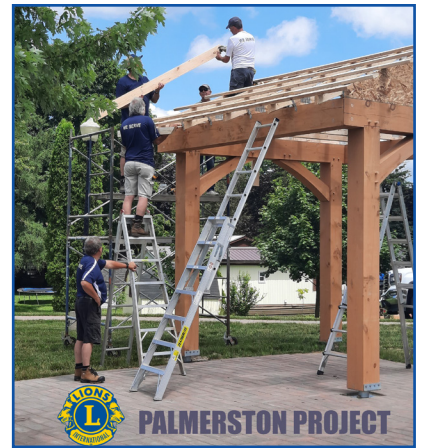
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## Palmerston Lions - Significant Year

The Lions of Palmerston have experienced a significant year for their club. This is the anniversary of their charter year, eight-five years ago. A celebration is in the works.

They are also busy with club projects, one of which is the construction of a timber frame shelter in the Palmerston Lions Heritage Park. Shown in the photo are Lions **Scott McFadden, Rich Simmons, Larry Doan, John Fotheringham** and **Mark Rundle**.



## New Liskeard Lions

It is not every day that someone celebrates their 100th birthday. This is a great milestone that deserves to be celebrated and recognized. Lion **Eric Campsall** celebrated at Ali's restaurant in New Liskeard with a drop-in for friends and family. Lion Eric didn't just have this birthday to celebrate, he is a 77-year active member of the Lions.

Lion Eric was born in 1924 and has seen a lot in his 100 years. The year Eric was born was also the year that the 1st club in Northern Ontario was opened in Sudbury, Ontario. Lion Eric joined the New Liskeard Lions Club in 1947, when the club was only two years old. He has worked tirelessly for the Lions doing anything and everything he could for his community.

Per Lion Club International President **Dr. Patti Hill**, "Through your dedication for seventy-seven years you have set the example for fellow Lions and Leos to follow. Your hard work has improved the lives of others and your commitment to service ensures that many more lives will be positively impacted in the years to come." Lion Eric is only one of seven Lions in the world to have over seventy-five years of service. He received a special certificate, flag and pin from International in recognition of this historic event.

Thank you to Lion Eric Campsall for inspiring



all of us to do more for our communities and maybe someday live up to his legacy of service.

In the picture from left New Liskeard Lions Club President Lion **Manju Dangalle**, Lion **Eric Campsall** and Incoming president Lion **David Lowe**.

## A5 Awards and Fellowships

Clubs in the A5 District presented awards to celebrate their Lions and the great job that they do for the clubs and their communities. Thank you to all of the recipients for their dedicated service and ongoing support of the values of Lionism.

Photo 1 – **Charlton Englehart Lions** President Lion **Brian Jolkowski** presenting Lion **Ralph Ellerton** with Lion of the Year award.

Photo 2 – **Charlton Englehart Lions**: President Lion **Brian Jolkowski** presenting Lion **Rhonda McCallum** with the Judge Brian Stevenson Award.

Photo 3 – **Walden Lions Club**: Lion **Betty Walton**; Lion **Brian Walton**, Melvin Jones recipient; President **Lion Don Raymond**. Lion **Brian** is the only

chartered member left in the club.

Photo 4 – **Charlton Englehart Lions**: President Lion **Brian Jolkowski** presenting IPDG Lion **Bob Beaven** with the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Photo 5 – **Bonfield Lions**: Melvin Jones recipients Lion **Chris Snook**, Lion **Holly Menard** and A5 Hearing Chair Lion **Margo Oleskiw**.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5

# Oro District Lions - Recent Activity and a Little History

The Oro District Lions participated in the festivities on Canada Day in the village of Hawkestone. Our ice cream trailer was a big hit. 50% of the proceeds were donated to the Hawkestone Community Hall. The other half will go towards community projects. It was "Another

Great Day to Be a Lion".

## So Where Is 'Oro-Medonte' ?

Oro-Medonte is along the north-west shore of Lake Simcoe between Barrie on the south and Orillia on the north. The size of the township has resulted in a "community of communities". The club received their charter in April 1973 and has grown to become one of the larger Lions clubs in District A12. History has allowed the club to raise significant funds that have put back into numerous community projects.



## Schumacher Lions

The Schumacher Club held its annual Awards Banquet on June 19. Six awards handed out during the ceremonies, and for the first-time couples were honoured for their volunteer efforts.

Lion Chief **Danny Ansara** made several presentations:

The President's Appreciation Award went to Lion **Mark Barkel** for his outstanding leadership and dedication to Lionism. Photo 1.

The Lion of the Year Award went to Lion **Jim Nault**. Lion Jim is the incoming club president for this Lion year. He has been a member since 1981. Photo 2.

Four Distinguished Service Awards were handed out. The first went to Lion **Dave Hopkins** for his outstanding service, he went above and beyond when he stuffed club mail envelopes while in hospital for surgery. Photo 3.

For the first time ever, the club honoured couples as three husband and wife duos received the Distinguished Service Award. These couples all volunteer regularly, are always in good spirits and are a joy to work with. The couples were: **Guy and Rachelle Kingsbury**, Photo 4. **Hans and Lisette Beimann**. Photo 5, and **Pete and Sue Martel**. Photo 6.

Congratulations to all the award

winners and a special thanks to outgoing President **Danny Ansara** on leading us to a banner year for service and membership growth.



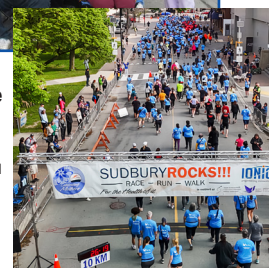
## Sudbury - Minnow Lake

Sudbury Rocks is a fundraising walk or run held in Sudbury each year since 2005. This is the only race in Northern Ontario that is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. This year, over 1600 registrants and 300 volunteers were present at the race to raise over \$100,000.00 for the selected charity of Northern Cancer Foundation. Some of the Minnow Lake Lions volunteers manned a water station for the passing runners.

The Lions have been manning the water station for many years and come rain or shine, they are there to support the community and the charities involved. Per Lion **Keith Argent**, "We had a great day for staffing the water station today, it was cloudy but by race time it was getting sunny and warm." The Lions had twelve extraordinary Lions and friends helping this year. Everyone had a great time and look forward to next year.



Back Row- Heather Lashuk, Lion Rick & Janice Lashuk, Lion Sue Lacoste, Lions Shirley, Richard & Anne. Front Row- Amanda Lashuk, Ryan Hickey, Lion Charline Sabourin, Lisa Charette, Lion Keith behind the camera.



# A2 - Long Point Lioness Lions Club Celebrate a Year to Remember

During 2023/2024 The Long Point Lioness Lions Branch Club took the Lions International Mission to grow to 1.5 million members to heart. During this past year our Branch Club set a goal to exceed 20 members, and we did it! We grew from 14 to 23 members this allowed us to apply to be a Charter Club (again). It is official, as of April, we regained our Charter status and held our celebration on June 24, 2024. The evening Master of Ceremonies was Lion **Bob Townsend**, with recognition and awards presented by District A-2 Governor **Tom McLarty**, Long Point Lion President **Richard Denn** and our Guiding Lion Region 4 Chair **Blair Oatman**.

Honoured was Lioness **Lynda Hendel** with an emotional presentation of the Helen Keller Fellowship Award. The Long Point Lioness Lions Club started in 1975

Lioness Penny Hutcheson and Lion Gary Eve, surprised Lioness Lynda Hendel with the Helen Keller Fellowship Award. Lynda has been a club member since 1981 and has held the position of President since 2021. She kept our club going together through a challenging transition period

President **Lynda**



and 2025 will mark our 50 years of Service. We are honoured to have 4 of the original charter members who bring years of experience and support to our new members. We also acknowledge the long standing collaboration, support and guidance from the Long Point Lions Club as we often work together on events to support what we all do best – To Serve.

During the past year we were very proud to make many donations: VON Sakura House Hospice for Woodstock & Oxford County, Caring For Cancer Community – South Coast, The Mission Foodbank, Haldimand Norfolk Women's Services, Community Addiction Mental Health

Services, Canadian Mental Health - Walk with Me Project, Bayfest Committee Annual Community Celebration, Elementary School Nutrition programs, High School commencement awards, Lions Dog Guides, Lions Homes for the Deaf, Campfire Circle, A-2 Lions Youth Exchange, Haldimand Norfolk Diabetes program, Norfolk General Hospital, and Lions Camp Dorset a vacation property for dialysis patients and their families.

We have raised the bar and we are proud to work together with our community and our local Lions Clubs to Serve for many years to come.



## Newmarket Lions – Agent of Change Recipient

On Wednesday May 15, 2024 at Pickering College, The Newmarket Lions received The Community Agent of Change Award the Head Master of Pickering College. Our many humanitarian activities were noted that made us more than worthy recipients.

An important part of the ceremony is their mission statement to students: *“to instill in each individual the ability and responsibility to make the world a greater, better and more beautiful than they discovered it.”*

The Newmarket Lions *“demonstrate achievements supporting this mission.”*

Our club is very grateful to receive this award, which is part and parcel of our International Motto “We Serve”. We recognize it could be handed out to all Lions Service Clubs for the humanitarian work we do. In that spirit, we thank you all for making the world a better place than when we found it.



## Kirkland Lake Lions

At Easter, the Kirkland Lake Lions hosted a Pancake Breakfast, complete with the Easter Bunny and the mascot from the Red Fox Squadron cadets. Lots of food and fun was had by many members of the community. The Bunny was kept "hopping" saying hi to all of the children and the young at heart. Special thanks to the volunteers from the Red Fox Squadron for all of their help with this event.

Although they are a newer club, the Kirkland Lake Lions know how to throw a "Family Day Party". This year was the 3rd annual Family Fun Day Carnival and the 1st for the Kirkland Lake Lions as a full club. In order to keep everyone warm and dry, the carnival was held in the gym at Northern College. The club saw 604 members of the community have hours of fun with large inflatables, contests, face painting, donut eating and many other activities. Thanks to their sponsor, Agnico Eagle Mine, they were able to host this great event for the community.

They are grateful to the community and the volunteers that helped to make the day a success.





## Caledonia Lions

The Caledonia Lions journeyed to the Oakville Lions Foundation of Canada training centre to donate a cheque of \$10,000.00 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

## Schumacher Lions

The Schumacher Lions Club recently donated \$2,500.00 to the Timmins and District Hospital for its diabetes education program. There are no Diabetes Canada offices in Northern Ontario and many clubs donate to their local education programs run in the hospitals. The funds were raised by the club by members volunteering during bingo at Jackpot Time in Timmins. Taking part in the cheque presentation are, from left, Lion **Dave Hopkins**, TADH Foundation Donations Relations Manager Barb McCormick, and Diabetes Committee Chair Lion **Hans Biemann**.



## District A5 Membership Drive

The clubs of A5 have been working to attract new members. With our membership getting older, we are in great need of adding to our clubs with fresh ideas and renewed energy. Three such clubs are pictured here with their recent inductions.

**Schumacher Lions** – new Lions **Brian Green, Roque Dela Cruz, Stuart Weir** and **Faith Bourgeois**, with Lion President **Danny Ansara**.

**Garson Lions** – Lion **Tracy Baillargeon** sponsor, new Lion **Suzanne Richard**, Zone Chair Lion **Brenda McLay Lalonde**, President Lion **Jack Baillargeon**.

**Coniston Lion** – new Lions **Steven Duchesne** and **Lisa Ridler**.

Congratulations and welcome the new members.



## A5 District Governors Project

This past year, our District Governor's project was to raise money for Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer (NOFCC). Each year, the District Governor chooses a project that they ask the clubs in the district to contribute to. NOFCC began in 1998 after several bereaved families in the Sudbury area started the group to help others like them that had to deal with the many issues in having a child out of town for treatment and still trying to maintain home, work and other family members. NOFCC provides financial assistance as well as providing emotional support to these families of children with cancer.

In 2000, NOFCC began fundraising activities to provide financial assistance to families as well as providing them with emotional support. Although this started as a Sudbury and area program, it has expanded their support to assist families throughout Northern Ontario. Past President **Lorraine Chartier**, would remind the group that "it would be too difficult for smaller communities to raise money due to their size. This group receives no government or hospital support and relies solely on fundraising and donations.

District Governor (DG) **David Kidd**, is a member of **Lions Club of Sault Ste. Marie**. He asked the 52 clubs and 1100 members in District A-5, from White River to Moosonee and Mattawa to Trout Creek, to help him with his project. Normally the DG's project will raise about \$20,000.00. This year, the project took on a life of it's own. This

fueled the Lions to raise a whopping \$53,000.00 plus, the largest DG project in A5's history.

Lion David said: "Wow. Awesome, Talk about reaching out. You couldn't ask for more. It's helping everybody, It's not just your city."

For more info on NOFCC please visit their website: <https://nofcc.ca/>

Great Work A5.



Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer



## Schumacher

The Schumacher Lions Club has recaptured the Travelling Lion for District A5.

The Travelling Lion is a tradition that started back as late as the 1970's. The Lion statuette is held by one club until another club sends 3 members on an official visitation to claim the Lion and take it back to their club. And on it goes.

The most recent club to have the Lion was the **New Liskeard Lions** until a visit from the Schumacher crew. Schumacher gave the statuette an uplift and updated from the faceplate from A6 to A5. The tradition has also been updated as in the past, the Lion, gavel or bell was stolen until the club went for a visit to the thieving club. The trophy will be locked in the Schumacher display cabinet until a delegation from another club visits to collect it during a regular meeting. Schumacher Lions meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Who knows, maybe we will even get some of our southern Ontario clubs to come visit the far north to collect the Lion.



Lions Dave Hopkins, Pete Martel, and Wayne Snider, and the Travelling Lion

## Sudbury Lions

Sudbury Lions recently inducted two new members in separate ceremonies. District Governor Lion **David Kidd** presided for the induction was on hand for the induction of new Lion Joyce along with Zone Chair Lion **Rachel Southwell** and President Lion **Ron Lundgren**. The second induction was for new Lion **Ajmerray Hossain** with sponsor **Frank Arnold** on left and Lion Steve Brazea on right. Welcome to the PRIDE!



L-R: DG David Kidd, new Lion Joyce, ZC Rachel Southwell, Lion Chief Ron Lundgren



L-R: Sponsor Frank Arnold, new Lion Ajmerray Hossain, Lion Steve Brazea

## Capreol Lions

Each year, the Capreol Lions hold their largest fund-raisers. This includes a garage sale, plant sale and selling tickets on their annual duck race. This year was special for the club, they celebrated sixty of Lionism. But instead of having a fancy dinner, they held a free BBQ for the community to thank them for all of their support over the years. Hamburgers and sausages were given out to anyone who came out support the Lions and to shop for some bargains. The Capreol Lions believe in giving back to their community and what better way than celebrating their 60th anniversary with the community. Here's looking forward to the next 60 years of fun and Lionism.



## Barrie South Lions

The Barrie South Lions supply two hundred and twenty meals every month to the Busby Centre and Youth Haven to help feed individuals using these centers. It is unfortunate that the homeless community continues to increase. The Barrie South Lions are doing service that changes people's lives by supply ready to eat meals.

The Busby Centre is a community not-for-profit organization working from a non-judgmental approach to advocate for and improve conditions for individuals and families within South Georgian Bay and the County of Simcoe who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk.

Youth Haven provides youth experiencing homelessness and at-risk youth between the ages of 16-24 with the love, support, guidance, programs and life skills needed to foster their sense of well-being and security. As Simcoe County's only emergency shelter for youth experiencing homelessness, Youth Haven also provides outreach services and programs to at-risk youth in Barrie, Orillia, Midland, southern Georgian Bay and south Simcoe.



## November is Diabetes Month

Let's Make Time for Diabetes Tag Day this November to support Diabetes Awareness, November is Diabetes Awareness Month, the perfect time to make a powerful impact by participating in Tag Day. This initiative calls on Lions to come together to raise awareness and funds to support those living with diabetes. Clubs that donate or raise over \$500 will receive an exclusive patch, symbolizing their commitment to the cause.

### What is Tag Day?

It is a community outreach event where Lions join forces to fund-raise in support of people living with diabetes. The goal is to support education, support services, advocacy, and diabetes research. By participating, you can show your support in a tangible way and contribute to improving the lives of those living with diabetes

### How to Participate:

**Schedule a Date:** Find a suitable date for your club and gather 4-6 members during November.

**Choose a Location:** Pick a busy spot in your

community where you can hold your Tag Day event for 4-6 hours.

**Engage the Community:** In exchange for donations, provide community members with key information about diabetes, a bookmark, and/or a sticker. Join us this November, raise funds, spread awareness, and help make a difference in the lives of those affected by diabetes. Together, we can work towards ending diabetes and supporting our communities. Let's make time for Tag Day and show your support like never before!

To get your Tag Day Kit email MDA Diabetes Chair Tony at [tony.orangis@diabetes.ca](mailto:tony.orangis@diabetes.ca) or 416.408.7015.



## New Liskeard

Lions not only like to receive recognition for all of the great things that they do, they also like to recognize their community partners. The New Liskeard Lions recently honoured **Mike Reynolds** for his years of support of the Lions Kitchen fundraiser. New Liskeard Lions Club has operated a kitchen in Sutton Bay trailer Park during country fest each year. This kitchen was one of the biggest fundraisers for many year up to 2023. Thank you for your years of support for the New Liskeard Lions.



Front Row L-R: New Liskeard lions president Manju Dangalle, Mike Reynolds, Lion Ron Sutton, and Lion Alf O'Reilly. Back Row L-R: Lion David Lowe, Lion Bill Brookfield and Lion Patrick Smits

## North Bay Lions - District A5

Many clubs of District A5 collect used eyeglasses to send to 3rd world countries. The North Bay Lions club was busy packing up some of these glasses to send to Sudbury which are then sent by pallet to our Canadian shipper to send overseas. This is a vital service as many of the people receiving these glasses have never had a pair in their lives.



L-R: Lions Ellen Thibeault, Kim Ransom, Sharon Fleguel, Debra Armstrong and Glenda Chappelle

Another important fundraiser that the North Bay Lions are proud to be a part of is the Tim Horton's Smile Cookie campaign. All of the funds raised go back to local charities and non-profits such as the Lions clubs and telethons. Some of the members putting the finishing touches on dozens and dozens of cookies are Lions **Ellen Thibeault, Barry Fitzgerald, Frank Perras, Bonnie Fitzgerald, Kim Ransom, and Sharon Fleguel.**



## A5 - Charlton Englehart Lions Supporting Epilepsy Month

Epilepsy month is very dear to the hearts of the Charlton Englehart Lions club. IPDG Bob Beaven has this disease and Seize the North, a group to help those with all types of seizures in the north, was the District Governor Project during IPDG Bob's tenure. At a recent meeting, all members wore purple to show support of Epilepsy Month.



## Schumacher Lions

In support of the Timmins Porcupine Walk for for Alzheimers, the Schumacher Lions donated \$1,000.00 to be a gold sponsor, but also set up a tent on the day of the walk to serve up Tim Hortons coffee, tea, timbits and muffins to the participants and spectators. In addition to the treats, several of the Lion also took part in the walk and raised individual funds. All funds raised at the event go to the Timmins-Porcupine District Alzheimer's Society for local programs and support services. Thank you to the Schumacher Lions for helping to not just raise funds, but awareness of these diseases in their area.



L-R: Lions Eric Beauchamp, Wayne Snider, Mike Charette, Mark Barkel, Don Gagnon and President Danny Ansara. Joining in on the walk were Schumacher Lions Eric Beauchamp, left, and President Danny Ansara

## Schumacher Lions - Sportsman Show

It's an annual sign that summer has arrived. The 76th edition of the Schumacher Lions Club Spring Sportsman Show was held April 27 and 28 at the McIntyre Arena and Curling Club. Lion Treasurer **John McCauley** has been chairing the event for the past 17 years and has reported that the event raised about \$43,000.00 for the club this year. In all, about 7,000 people came through the McIntyre Community Centre complex this year for the show.

It was all hands on deck for volunteers from

the club, who worked diligently to set up, host and clean up after the popular community event. But who says that Lions can't have fun. Just look at Lions **Rachelle** and **Guy** manning the front office. For part of the Saturday, we had student volunteers do a survey of paid attendees. This was divided into home base regions. There were 233 people who came to our show from Sudbury or North Bay. There were more than 1,500 from outside the Timmins area. The reason? Ours is the premier sportsman show in the North.



## Capreol Lions Roadside Cleanup

The Capreol Lions once again participated in the community clean-up in the Greater City of Sudbury area, usually held in the spring and fall. Volunteers and Lions head out with their pickers, bags, vest and gloves to clean up the roadsides. You can find just about anything left on the road, including a carpet. After the clean up, the members usually get together for coffee and fellowship.



Lion Paul Helm, Carole Mayhew (a volunteer), Lion Rick Clouthier, Lion Julie, Lion Steve

## Brussels Lions Club

On June 8th, Brussels Lions Club hosted their annual Elimination Draw, a hallmark event that drew the entire community together for an evening of excitement and entertainment. Held in the newly renovated community center in Brussels, the event featured a vibrant atmosphere where families and friends gathered over a Lions-served meal and live entertainment. The event was a great success for the Lions Club and the community.



## MDA Directory Information

### Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – September 20/21, 2024
- Council Meeting – November 22/23, 2024
- Council Meeting – February 21/22, 2025
- Council Meeting – May 23 - 25, 2025 (Convention)

### District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	TBD	
A2	Holiday Inn, St. Catharines	March 21-23, 2025
A3	TBD	
A4	TBD	
A5	Best Western, North Bay	May 2-4, 2025
A711	Ajax Convention Centre, Ajax	April 11-13, 2025
A9	TBD	
A12	TBD	
A15	Quality Inn & Conference Centre Festival, Stratford	April 4-6, 2025
A16	TBD	

## Welland Lions

Our local high school performed an original play; WE ARE THE WATER. There were no words spoken - just one original song that conveyed that our beautiful clear waters were being contaminated.....Then came the rains, then came new life. Everyone on stage began tapping noises. The audience joined in, fingers tapping their thighs and all of the audience were tapping and there was the sound of rain falling. Lots of hope and not a dry eye in the house. Our local member of parliament also saw the play and extended an invitation to Welland Centennial Secondary School to come to Ottawa and perform on Parliament Hill. What an opportunity!

How to pay for it? We all know about school budgets. The kids (young adults) but we will continue to call them kids) and their extraordinary teachers tried their hand at fundraising. They were coming up short. It was panic time. Time was running out.

The writer brought it to a Welland Lions meeting and was nervous making the proposal, I said I would like our club to give the support because this is all about community and the environment, and this is what Lions are here for and even if it could be .... never got much further than that. President asked what it would take to get them over the top. There were a bunch of nods and motions and I had cheque in hand to present the very next morning.

We were invited to a rehearsal a few days before they all left for Ottawa. The Lions were bowled over by what they saw. We mixed with the students and the staff and got to hear some of their stories. There were hugs and tears. We were family and they were future lions.

We were still a little short with financial support, out of the blue, one member abruptly left and was back about 10 minutes later with a stack of cash from a nearby ATM. Our President and his wife own a local business and were so inspired by what these kids were doing, they made a generous personal contribution just to make sure the bus trip to Ottawa and back would be memorable. And it won't end there.

*Story and photos submitted by Lion Beatrice Ferguson, Welland Lions Club*





## North Bay Lions "Shorty Jodouin"

Many have memorial services after they have passed, but not many have a "Thank You" party to celebrate all of the wonderful things they have done while they are still here to enjoy it. The family of Lion **Shorty Jodouin**, as well as the Lions Club of North Bay, Golden Age Club, Elks Club and several others, decided to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Shorty with a wonderful party.

For those of you who do not know him, Eli "Shorty" Jodouin was born in 1937 in Sturgeon Falls. His family moved to North Bay in 1941 and there he stayed. While he worked as an electrician, he employed many young men from the community to train them as electricians. Some of them gave testimonials.

Shorty was a popular DJ in the area, he loved music and has written many songs. He was inducted into the Nipissing Country Music Association Hall of Fame in 2011. One of the highlights of this career according to his family is when he got to sing "Picture in a Frame" with Moe Bandy on stage.

Shorty joined the North Bay Lions in 1967 and is still an active member. During his years as a Lion, he has been presented with the Helen Keller

Award, Melvin Jones and Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowships. He has held positions as President, Zone Chair, Region Chair, Vice President, Board of Directors and any committee that needed his help.

Some things people did not know about Lion Shorty was his philanthropic side. He was generous with his time or donating prizes. Shorty ran dances with a small group from Redbridge, Ontario to raise money for the Daffodil Lodge at the Health Sciences of the North Cancer Centre. He donated his time as the DJ and they raised over \$133,000.00. In addition, he paid for tickets each year to the Country Music festival in North Bay and donated them anonymously to families that could not afford them.

Shorty was recognized with certificates from the province, city and federal representatives. In addition, the North Bay Lions also presented Shorty with another award for his long running service with TV Bingo in North Bay. He worked at this bingo since it started in 1969.

When I visited him in the hospital recently, he was looking forward to moving into a retirement home due to his issues with walking. However, he assures us he will be at the North Bay Lions meetings that start again in the fall. A dedicated Lion that all who know him, love him. Looking forward to many more years Lion Shorty.

## Bonfield Lions

The Lions of Bonfield always support their community and Canada Day was no exception. On the weekend, the Lions set up their tent to sell "Duckies" as a fundraiser. The Duck Race is an annual event and a lot of fun for the community.

The township held a free BBQ and had a special cake on hand to celebrate the day. In the afternoon the big event of the day got ready to go ahead. Five hundred yellow ducks were loaded into a wagon and taken to the bridge at the head of the river. With the help of our local Bonfield firemen, they were dumped into the river and the race was on.

At the assigned location, the Lions and volunteers were ready to catch the first three ducks as the winners. This included a spotter to make sure the first three were picked out by the Lions in the river. The Lions had to be quick to grab the first three across the finish line, the winning numbers of 364, 499 and 500 were the winners with prizes of \$250.00, \$150.00 and \$100.00. All of the proceeds of the duck race went to a hockey team from Corbeil, Astorville and Bonfield..



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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

107th	Mexico City, Mexico	July 4 - 8, 2025
108th	Hong Kong	July 3 - 7, 2026
109th	Washington, DC, USA	July 2 - 6, 2027
110th	Singapore	June 23 - 27, 2028
111th	Minneapolis, MN	2029

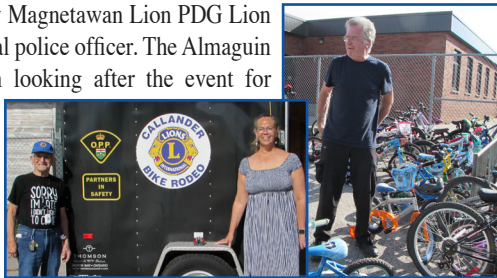
### USA - Canada Forums

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

# Callander and Almaguin Highlands Lions

The Callander and Almaguin Highlands Lions held a bike rodeo at the M.T. Davidson Public School with great results. The Almaguin Club, bring all of the obstacles for the rodeo, as well as ribbons, bells, reflectors, etc. The Callander Lions supplied funds for the bells and trophies to hand out to the participants, both clubs were involved in the running of the rodeo. The bikes are inspected and bells or reflectors are put on to bring the bikes up to Ontario safety code. The children come out one grade at a time and go through the obstacle courses. In the last part, the participants have to demonstrate they know the hand signals, and if not they receive the proper instruction. Everyone gets a ribbon for participating.

Later, the Principal, Heather Taylor, held an assembly to give out the trophies to the winners in each category. A big Thank You to PDG Lion **Bill Copeman** and Lion **Suzanne Copeman** for travelling from Almaguin Highlands area to put on this rodeo with the Callander club. A great time was had by the Lions and the kids as well. The travelling bike rodeo was started fifty years ago by Magnetawan Lion PDG Lion **Earl Box** and a local police officer. The Almaguin Lions have been looking after the event for many years and this year it has been held at about eighteen schools in the area.



# Victoria Harbour Lions

The Lions in Victoria Harbour are known for



planning ahead. This year and into 2025 are no exception. They have set dates for three of their important functions in the future; a New Years Eve celebration, a golf tournament and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids.



# District A5 at MDA Convention

District A5 has been building on their representation at the MDA convention. Usually there would have four members attend, that being incoming and outgoing DG's and spouses. In the last two years they have increased their numbers, this year there were twenty A5 members that attended.

The joint hospitality room was a great hit with everyone and the variety of food as well as drink was thoroughly enjoyed. On the Saturday night, we were also invaded by some strange beings that came into the hospitality room and gave everyone a great laugh.



DGE Lion Sam Khoury and Lion Lori Khoury

It was great to meet the incoming International President **Fabricio Oliveira** and his wife Amariles, and to get a chance to talk to them. ZC Lion **Brenda McLay Lalonde** spoke to the President briefly and gave him a gift of a stuffed guide dog puppy along with pamphlets from the Lions Foundation of Canada Guide Dogs. One of the highlights of the weekend was when the DGE's were introduced, including our own DGE Lion **Sam Khoury**.

Next year, we hope to have more A5 Lions attend.



A5 Contingent

# A5 Lions Milestones



Sault Ste. Marie Lions President Deb Kid presented Lion Don Cameron with his 40 year chevron



presented at 45 year chevron to PDG Lion Ellen Fletcher, from Noelville French River Lions

Zone Chair Lion Brenda McLay Lalonde



ZC Lion Brenda presents presidential pin to Lion Leanne Furchner in gratitude for all the advice and support she has given to the Zone Chair over the years



Lion Mark Andrews joined the Lions in 1973. Congratulations on 50 years of serving your community. Lion President Jack Balliargeon and Zone Chair Lion Brenda Lalonde presented Mark with his 59 year pin



Lion Alde Bedard receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship from Garson Lions President Jack Balliargeon, in recognition of his being a dedicated member and active member, whatever you need Lion Alde is there

# Down Under - MDA at Lions International Convention 2024



L-R: PDG Charles Liddle, IPCC Larry Irwin, CC Ann Stevens, PIP Patti Hill and MCA CC Ann Stevens with PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir

At the Lions International Convention in Melbourne Australia, three key elements highlighted the event's success. As reported by PDG Charles Liddle, firstly, Canadian International President Lion Dr. Patti Hill played a pivotal role, managing a packed schedule with remarkable efficiency. Her leadership was particularly evident during the Plenary sessions, where technology-enhanced presentations and diverse programs captivated attendees. Notable moments included a panel discussion featuring Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, and the prestigious Lions Humanitarian Award, presented to Ilana Landsberg-Lewis of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, accompanied by a \$250,000.00 Lions International donation. Additionally, Dr. Hill obtained funding from Canadian Lions to establish a foundation supporting youth advocacy programs. The convention also marked the induction of new MDA District Governors and a memorable ribbon-pulling ceremony. Another highlight was the opportunity to reconnect with Lions from the 2014 Operation Friendship visit to District 201V2, with Lion Shirley Menz winning a trip to the next convention in Mexico City. This win, along with her contributions to obtaining flag poles for the MDA parade, underscored the spirit of camaraderie and celebration.

IPCC Larry Irwin expressed his honor in representing MD "A" and praised Melbourne's suitability for the convention, noting the enjoyable Canadian Meeting and Reception. The parade was a standout event, and the induction of A-3 DG Kevin



"Watch out for her Ann! She is a good Lion to have on your side!"

Kimmerly's daughter Rhonda into the Lions community was a special moment. Welcome to the Pride Rhonda. As Larry transitioned from Council Chair to Promotion Chair, he encouraged MDA Lions to register for the upcoming convention in Mexico City, promising warmer weather and renewed opportunities for friendship. CC Ann Stevens highlighted the welcoming atmosphere in Australia and the active participation of over fifty Canadian Lions, including forty from MDA. The District Governor Elects were particularly eager as they prepared for their official induction during the final Plenary session. The convention featured engaging sessions, including performances by the Elton John Experience and informative panels with prominent figures like Alexandra Cousteau and Marita Cheng. A notable achievement was the \$75 million raised for LCIF donations. The convention concluded with Lion Fabricio Olivera's induction as the new International President, marking a fitting end to a dynamic event. Many members took the opportunity to explore Australia's beauty before returning home, adding a personal touch to their international Lions experience.

## International Director Debbie & Friends



A15 DG Bill Robinson and PDG Tracey Robinson, and International Second VP Mark Lyon with Lion Carolyn Lyon



## MD "A" Marches in Melbourne



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### Editors Note;

The foregoing results from excellent submissions from IPCC Larry Irwin, PDG Charles Liddle, and Council Chair Ann Stevens. It has been compiled with the assistance of Artificial Intelligence and not the limited talents of your editor. My granddaughter, a student at St. Francis Xavier University, completed that aspect.

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