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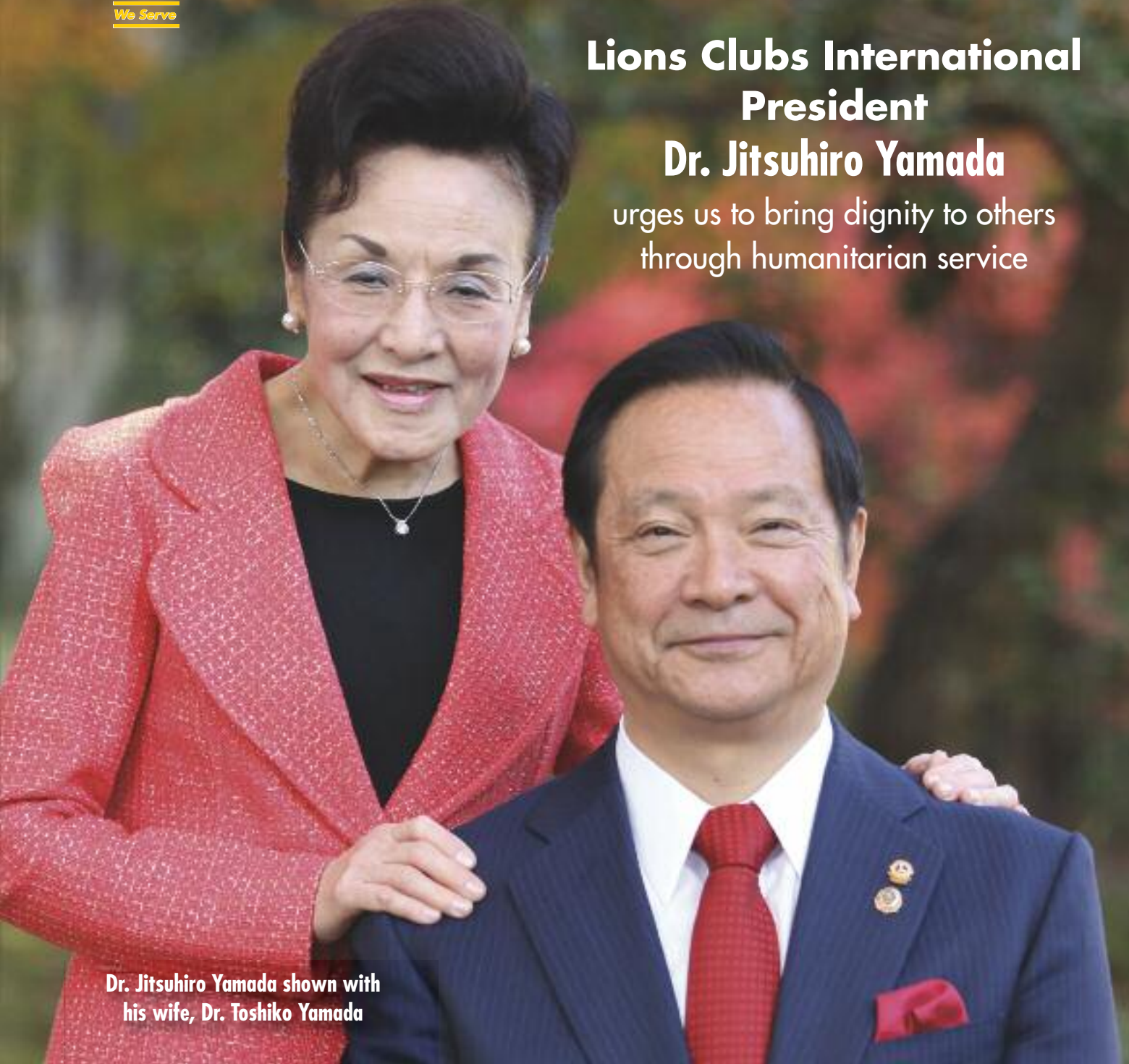
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**Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada**  
*Lions Clubs International  
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So how do Lions in Japan say “We Serve”? Well, it’s “We Serve.” Our motto is not translated. Lions throughout the world proudly proclaim “We Serve.” The universality of our motto underscores that despite language and cultural differences we Lions share a common purpose. And although I am the 99th international president, each of my predecessors having had their own priorities and approaches, international presidents have shared a common commitment to service.

So I hope my year as president is like any other as Lions continue to serve with tremendous enthusiasm and impact. Yet I also hope to make a difference in

# No Translation Required: WE SERVE

皆さんの国際会長を務めることを、大変光栄に思います。

These Japanese words mean “I am honored to serve as international president.”

素晴らしい奉仕の1年となることを楽しみにしています。

That means “I look forward to a year of great service.”

how we serve. My theme is Bringing Dignity to Others Through Humanitarian Service. That’s something that has been inherent in Lions’ service since Melvin Jones first gathered Lions together. But by intentionally focusing on my theme and keeping it in the forefront we can be sure to maintain and even improve our commitment to service. Learn the complete details of my program by reading the story on pages 7-14.

As a doctor, I have always been dedicated to healing and to do so while treating patients in a dignified manner. A good doctor not only treats illness but pays attention to the entire person—their worries, their concerns, their struggles. If you had asked me after many years as a doctor if I treated the whole person, I would have said, “Of course.” But it took a serious illness for me to re-evaluate my approach as a doctor.

Likewise, as Lions we are dedicated to service, but reassessing our approach and focusing on the dignity of others in all we do will take our service to a new level.

I ask each of you this year especially to bring dignity to children. Through a project or program I ask you to make their lives better. Working together, 1.4 million Lions can help the next generation prosper and secure good health, find opportunity and achieve happiness.



**Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada**  
*Lions Clubs International President*



## LCIF Provides Sight and Hope in Colorado



by Marie Anne Sliwinski

“I’m sorry, but you are going blind. We can’t do anything about it.”

For many people diagnosed with age-related macular degeneration (AMD), these words can stir fear, anger and confusion. For 80-year-old Maurine Sanford, they spurred defiance. “I’m not going to let that happen!” Sanford vowed.

While Sanford’s blue eyes may look healthy, her sight is mostly blurry and dark. She has geographic atrophy, a late stage of the dry form of AMD. When Sanford’s good friend Mary Duncan, who lives with low vision due to glaucoma, learned about Sanford’s condition, she recommended that Sanford visit the Enight Skills Center for Visual Rehabilitation in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Enight is the only nationally accredited, low-vision clinic in Colorado that offers a complete set of services to assist people who have low vision to improve their life skills, independence and self-confidence. The **Fort Collins Lions Club** has been a major supporter of Enight since the clinic was established in 2001. In 2013, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) awarded a US\$200,050 grant to fund a three-year SightFirst project to expand low-vision mobile services throughout Colorado. As the implementing partner, Enight purchased a van and equipped it with eye exam tools and devices.

For the past two years, the Onsite van has traveled around rural Colorado promoting low-vision care,

educating the local Lions and the community about tools and techniques available for people with low vision and providing low-vision evaluation and rehabilitation services. More than 100 Lion volunteers have participated in low-vision evaluation and education events, provided logistical support or taken the lead in information sessions. More than 290 low-vision patients have received rehabilitation services and follow-up consultations including home visits.

Over the past two years, Sanford has met regularly with an occupational therapist and an optometrist, who have helped her identify ways to better use her remaining vision such as turning her home into a low-vision friendly space. Low-vision patients like Sanford are assessed simultaneously by therapists and optometrists, who provide a personalized plan of action including follow-up care such as phone calls and home visits.

Sanford is grateful to all who have helped her along the way. “Before, I walked around hunched down, not wanting to do anything for fear of being hurt. But thanks to Enight and the Lions of Colorado, I am able to stand up straight and move forward to the next phase of my life,” she says.

District 6 NE Governor **Bob Kitchell**

and Enight Board Chairperson Lion **Doug Hutchinson** believe that the SightFirst project has successfully reached out to an underserved population who were not only losing sight but losing hope as well. Hutchinson, who has low vision, says, “I am amazed at how minor adjustments in actions and behavior can have major positive results in my day-to-day life. As a Lion, I proudly support our initiative and we look forward to helping more people in Colorado.”

For information on SightFirst programs and grants, visit [lcif.org](http://lcif.org).



*Melody Bettenhausen of Enight shows Maurine Sanford how to use a closed circuit monitor/desktop video magnifier to write a check. Photo by Wayne Crownhart*



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Prague, Czech Republic  
April 13-16, 2015

1. Singapore, Singapore, was selected as the site for the 2020 International Convention.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the engagement of Crowe Horwath LLP for the external audit and tax services of The International Association of Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International Foundation, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, through June 30, 2017.

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

1. Reviewed ongoing disputes and litigation in District 321-A3 (India) and established a three-year moratorium on district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor elections beginning with elections for 2015-2016 fiscal year officers.
2. Removed District 301-A1 (Philippines) as a district. Clubs within the former District 301-A1 will be provided the opportunity to transfer to other districts within the Manila area of Multiple District 301.
3. Revise Chapter III, Paragraph A.2.b.(2) and Paragraph B.4. to replace the phrase "twenty (20)" with the phrase "ten (10)."
4. Adopted a resolution to change the title of Chapter XV, Paragraph J, of the Board Policy Manual to "Dispute Resolution Procedures."
5. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws to establish standardized and mandatory district constitution and by-law provisions for election procedures effective July 1, 2016.
6. Effective July 1, 2016, revised the Board Policy Manual to adopt mandatory provisions of the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws.
7. Revised Chapter XV, Paragraph J.4., of the Board Policy Manual to establish a new District Governor Suspension Procedure.
8. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to permit payment of dues up to 15 days prior to the close of credentials at district (single, sub- and multiple) conventions effective July 1, 2016.
9. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to revise redistricting procedures.

### **DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE**

1. Changed the deadline date for the 2015-2016 Excellence Awards from September 30 to August 31.

2. Appointed Past District Governor Robert Fassouliadjian to serve as Coordinating Lion for the Republic of Armenia effective immediately through the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
3. Appointed recommended Lions from provisional districts to serve as district governors for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and Past District Governor Robert Talley to fill the vacancy of district governor-elect and to serve as district governor for District 30-S (Mississippi) through the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
4. Revised the District Governor Expense Reimbursement Policy for 2015-2016 to simplify the process and to give more flexibility to the use of funds.
5. Revised the policy regarding Publications and Information Available to Certified Candidates for the Offices of Second Vice President and International Director to allow data to be shared in an electronic format.
6. Changed the name of the "Club Excellence Process" to "Club Quality Initiative" (for English version) to alleviate confusion between the program and the Club Excellence Awards.
7. Revised the policy regarding the Priority Club Status to include new, cancelled and status quo clubs, and changed the name to "Priority Club Designation."
8. Revised the Redistricting Policy to ensure effective communication and club support of redistricting proposals that are reviewed by the International Board of Directors.
9. Requested that a Constitutional Amendment be drafted that would allow a multiple district to approve a redistricting proposal (without the approval of affected full sub-districts) during the multiple district convention when the proposal consolidates one or more sub-districts of which one or more sub-districts has fewer than 35 clubs and 1,250 members.

### **FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the FY 2015 3rd Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved a revised Retirement Income Plan Investment Policy Statement.
3. Approved that the exchange rate for the Lions of Venezuela to pay for new clubs and new member fees be 6.30 VEF per USD through June 1, 2015, and then transition to the SICAD 1 rate published on a monthly basis. Additionally the board approved the exchange rate for the Lions of Venezuela to pay for dues at 6.30 VEF per USD through June 1, 2015, and then transition to the SICAD 1 rate published on a monthly basis.

4. Approved crediting clubs in sub-districts O-1 and O-3 in Argentina the 35 percent tax imposed on credit card usage in Argentina when used to pay club dues and fees through March 31, 2016.
5. Determined that the international president may authorize Lions serving on special committees attending the board meeting to fly business class when total flying time for round-trip travel exceeds 10 hours, not including time on the ground for connecting flights. All travel expenses must be within the budgets allowed for board meetings.
6. Approved a housekeeping revision to Chapter IX and Chapter XXII deleting an outdated chart regarding the claim submission dates.
7. Approved adding Jason Cobb, Manager, Financial Reporting and Analysis, and Christine Hastings, LCIF Manager, Financial Planning & Analysis, as signers on all association bank accounts.
8. Determined that the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee must approve a bank account in any country, unless the association currently maintains a bank account in that country or the account is temporary to support the operations at the international convention.

### **LCIF**

1. Approved the report of the LCIF Finance Committee.
2. Approved the plan for a revised LCIF governance structure and will review policy changes at the June meeting, noting with thanks the contributions of the LCIF Governance Ad Hoc Committee.
3. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$450,000 to fund a low-vision research award in collaboration with Research to Prevent Blindness, with funding from the foundation's designated sight account.
4. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$47,376 for a Lions Quest project in collaboration with the NoVo Foundation, with funding from the foundation's designated youth account.
5. Increased the humanitarian grants budget for the current fiscal year by US\$2 million.
6. Approved 102 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$5,173,980.
7. Tabled one grant.
8. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$73,581 for a joint sanitation project with the Sujana Charitable Trust.
9. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$25,000 for a Lions Quest project with the Sujana Charitable Trust, with funding from the foundation's designated youth account.
10. Approved a pilot block grant in the amount of

US\$200,000 for KidSight USA programs, with funding from the foundation's designated sight account.

11. Nominated three individuals for the 2015 Humanitarian Award, with the final selection to be determined by the international president.
12. Closed the foundation's designated humanitarian needs account, due to its redundancy, and approved that funds available be used to fund future disbursements for measles grants.
13. Amended the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual to reflect: a) housekeeping updates necessitated by a title change, b) an addition to the standard grant criteria, c) changes made to the International Assistance Grant approval process in order to streamline it, d) the inclusion of a description of the grant controls process, e) revisions to the Lions Quest awards and recognition, f) housekeeping updates to the Statement of Investment Policy related to investment manager performance measurement benchmarks, and g) revisions to the Forms of Recognition to include new programs for club recognition and major donors.

14. Amended the Board Policy Manual to reflect housekeeping updates necessitated by a) a title change and b) previous omission of a word.

#### **LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

1. Approved a 2015-2016 Faculty Development Institute for qualified Lions of Constitutional Areas I and II.
2. Approved a 2015-2016 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for qualified Lions of Constitutional Area VI.
3. Approved curriculum and funding support for a 2015-2016 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for qualified Lions of Africa.
4. Increased the participant registration fee for Faculty Development Institutes to US\$150; increased the participant registration fee for Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes and Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes to US\$125. Both adjustments will take effect at the start of 2015-2016.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Approved a processing fee of US\$100 to be assessed to club charter applications not approved

by LCI, effective July 1, 2015.

2. Approved the advance payment of US\$30 for adding any additional charter members effective July 1, 2015.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

1. Made name badges featuring the centennial logo available for purchase through Club Supplies.
2. Authorized the addition of 100 medals each of the Leadership Award and Presidential Award for Lions Year 2015-2016.
3. Made various changes to Chapter XXI of the Board Policy Manual to reflect current practices.

#### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

1. Selected the Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Awards for 2013-2014.

*For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI website at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.*



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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 22nd GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING



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**2015 MDA CONVENTION** – The Multiple District 'A' Convention was held May 21st to 24th, 2015 at the Ambassador Hotel & Convention Centre in Kingston. A total of 287 registered for the Convention with 160 attending the International Banquet, 132 attending the Friday Evening Pub Night, 97 attending the Host Committee Luncheon and 95 attending the DGE/PID/PDG Dinner. Our International Guest was ID Larry Dicus and his wife, Jane, from California. The ID for Canada Yves Leveille (MDU) and his wife, Lion Dominique, and the incoming ID for Canada, Rodney Wright, (MDN) were also in attendance. The 50/50 Draw in the amount of \$6,500. was won by the Charlton-Englehart Lions Club (A5). The Belle River Lions Club was presented with the Travelling Lion and the Verona Lions Club won the Stew O'Brien Memorial Golf Tournament. The 2016 MDA Convention will be held at the Pinewood Clarion Resort in North Bay, May 26th to 29th.

**CREDENTIALS & ELECTIONS** – The total number of delegates registered to vote was 123 with 119 votes being cast. Resolution #1 in respect to the Election of the Council Chair received a 'Yes' Vote. Resolution #2 in respect to the MD'A's official name received a 'Yes' Vote.

**2014 LCI CONVENTION** – PID Carl Young reported that a surplus of \$20,900. remained in the Convention account. The Committee recommended that \$900. be held for a period of up to six months; \$3,760. be returned to MDA as its share of the surplus; and

\$16,240. be donated to Lions Foundation of Canada for the purchase of an autism dog and a diabetic alert dog. Council approved the recommendation.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH** – The following youth programs were highlighted at the MDA Convention: Youth Camp & Exchange, Effective Speaking, Leos, Peace Poster/Peace Essay and Lions Quest. The CNIB/MDA Lions Lake Joseph Youth Camp will be held again this summer. A total of \$2,000. is required to be raised from Lions Clubs across MDA to support the program. At least 73 youth from around the world will be arriving in MDA to participate in Lions Youth Exchange Program. Twenty-five youth sponsored by MDA Lions Clubs will be visiting other countries.

**ENVIRONMENT** – The winning entry in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest is Lion Susan Bell (A16). Lion Jim Batte (A9) is the first runner-up.

**GOVERNORS' COMMUNICATION CHALLENGE** – The following winners were announced: Facebook – District A16; Governors' Newsletter – District A12; District Website – District A4; Governors' Challenge – District A3; Club Bulletin (monthly) – Lion Frank Hewitt, Peterborough Lions Club (A3); Club Bulletin (bi-monthly) – Lion Anne Dechaine, Warren & District Lions Club (A5).

**DIABETES AWARENESS** – This past Mother's Day 2,000 people participated by running or walking in Sudbury Rocks to raise money for diabetes. Over the past ten years this event has raised close to half a million dollars.

**HEARING CONSERVATION** – The Lions Home for Deaf People Board of Directors has elected a new Chair. The Board recently accepted the resignation of Lion Jack Graydon who had served over 40 years on the Board with many years as Chair. The new Chairperson is Lion Zoltan Dohar (A2).

**SIGHT CONSERVATION** – A new Agreement between the CNIB and the MDA Lions was signed. Schedule 'B' of the Agreement lists nine activities and fundraisers for Lions Clubs and Lions relating to assisting and supporting blind and partially sighted persons. PDG Peter Hammond and Lion Ryan Chin were presented with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their commitment and hard work in drafting the Agreement.

**LIONS QUEST** – PDG Tim DeBlock (A15) was congratulated on receiving his Lions Quest Fellowship as a result of District A15 Lions contributing over \$16,000. to Lions Quest.

**LCIF** – Financial contributions to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF should now be sent to PDG Stan Durward, 50 Southern Court, P.O. Box 38, Sunderland, Ontario, LOC 1H0. Donations in the amount of \$20. or greater shall be issued an official tax receipt.

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

**Dignity.  
Harmony.  
Humanity.**



# Bringing Dignity To Others Through Humanitarian Service

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PRESIDENT DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA

**EVERY YEAR,** thousands of small cranes cross over the Himalayas at an altitude of 8000m in V formation for their seasonal migration. They are known as demoiselle cranes and they are the smallest species in the crane family of birds. During the summer, they reside in the steppes of Mongolia. As winter approaches they form groups and begin their southward journey to India. At 8,000 meters, the temperature is minus thirty Celsius and the oxygen saturation is only one third of the terrestrial oxygen level. Those brutal conditions make their migration a life or death journey in the truest sense.

This grueling route would be impossible for a small number of birds. By flying in a large V formation, each bird can make use of the backflow of air over the wings of the other birds in front of them and by doing so, reduce the total energy expended. The leading bird expends the greatest amount of energy so it is necessary to continually rotate new birds into the position. The demoiselle crane depends upon the cooperation and harmony of every other member of the flock. While each bird is small, every bird has great dignity.



Demoiselle cranes seasonal migration over the Himalayas

The determination demonstrated, as well as other characteristics like teamwork, and their family structure, have endeared the crane to multiple cultures. In Japan, the crane has traditionally been a symbol of long life. In the Japanese art of origami, the crane is the most basic and representative form that all children learn how to make. There is a custom of folding cranes and giving one to a loved one who is suffering from disease or injury as a way to say, “we wish you a quick recovery and long life.” The folding of origami cranes is a meditative act that shows the heartfelt wishes of friends and family for the ill to become well again. But the crane has also become known as a symbol of peace – not only in Japan but around the world.



Japanese Origami

We Lions have been fostering international peace and harmony through service, giving hope to all people, and giving opportunity to live with dignity. As a medical doctor, I made a career out of fighting for the dignity of human life. A doctor might be able to save 10,000 lives over the course of his career. By working together, our association can save tens of millions of lives each year through our programs.



Peace, hope, determination, teamwork  
and uniting people through service are  
central elements of my presidential theme –

“Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.”



Childhood should be a happy time

## Bringing Dignity To Others Through Humanitarian Service

*“What should move us to action is human dignity: the inalienable dignity of the oppressed, but also the dignity of each of us. We lose dignity if we tolerate the intolerable.”*

*Unknown Author*

There are many questions, scientific and otherwise, to which we may never have answers. But one thing is certain – human dignity should not be a privilege. One of the basic tenets of human dignity and self-respect is the ability to provide for oneself and for one’s family. Imagine being a parent, watching your children go to bed hungry, or having a child diagnosed with a treatable disease but with no means to afford proper medical treatment. Millions of people here on earth wake up each morning wondering if they will be able to feed their children that day, or provide for their healthcare. They face an uncertain future, with little hope of bettering themselves or giving their children a life of certainty.

Childhood should be a happy time, filled with pleasant memories – vacations with family, celebrating holidays, familiar and delicious aromas coming from the kitchen, favorite stories shared with friends. It should be a time dedicated to study and preparing for the future, with a support network in place.

But for many children, there is no school. There is no support network. There are 2.2 billion children in the world today, and nearly 1 billion of them live in poverty. Poverty has devastating effects on children. It is linked to substandard housing, homelessness, inadequate nutrition and food insecurity, poor academic achievement (even when education is available), lack of medical care, and so much more that most of us take for granted. And it isn’t only in developing countries.

Children of course are our future and tomorrow's leaders, yet they are in the most desperate need of our help. So service to children will continue to be a main focus area this year. Thousands of children die each day from treatable disease, hunger, and lack of fresh drinking water. Parents often watch helplessly because they don't have the financial resources, nearby reliable facilities, or both, to save their children. I want to help alleviate the needless suffering of children. No – we can't save every child. But just by strengthening or expanding our existing programs for children, we can make a difference. That is why I am introducing this year the Children's Dignity Initiative. Under this initiative, I am encouraging Lions to expand service to children by:



- Supporting and brightening the outlook of children in hospitals
- Responding to the needs of children in refugee camps
- Addressing the needs of hungry children
- Continue and expand the Reading Action Program

Those are only a few of the many service opportunities that address the needs of children. You can read more about the Children's Dignity Initiative on the lionsclubs.org web site.



Serving others. Those are not just words to Lions. Our organization was founded on that very principle. Our tradition of service continues, and in fact has grown to meet the needs of our communities and a changing world. But we don't just serve. We don't simply provide food, shelter, or address the immediate need. We provide hope. We provide the promise of a brighter tomorrow. And yes, we restore dignity.

The question is "can we do more?" We MUST do more. Our 100 year anniversary is approaching. The centennial service challenge is an ambitious undertaking. In order to reach our goal of serving 100 million people in the areas of youth, vision, hunger and the environment between now and June 30, 2018, it will be necessary to triple our output of service in those areas. I know we can do it. Lions have shown time and time again their willingness and ability to exceed challenges when it means others less fortunate will benefit. We asked Lions to plant 1 million trees, and they exceed that ten-fold. There are countless other examples.



Service to others is changing the world. Think about it. As we serve others, we are sowing the seeds of harmony, understanding and peace. Our service programs – restoring sight, protecting children from measles, feeding empty stomachs, planting trees, and so much more, are strengthening humanity and forming bonds of mutual understanding.



Children of course are our future and tomorrow's leaders

## Harmony: Mutual Understanding Through Service

Anthropologists have identified hundreds – if not thousands – of cultures. But it doesn't take an anthropologist to point that out. Just in our own world of Lions, we know we have many outward differences. But as a neurosurgeon, I can tell you beyond all reasonable doubt that in spite of any outside characteristic like skin color, hair color, different features, the way we speak, or other factors that identify culture, on the inside we are basically the same. A heart is a heart. We all function in the same manner. That shouldn't be just a scientific approach; it should be the human approach – to dignity, to harmony and to humanity.

In this rapidly changing world, where cultures and people circulate and interact on a daily basis, those people who know how to communicate effectively across cultures, in both personal and professional contexts, will have a crucial advantage over those who do not. Cultural sensitivity requires empathy, curiosity and respect for other people's opinions and beliefs.

Culture is a strong part of people's lives. It influences their views, their values, their humor, and their hopes and aspirations. People learn how to function and maneuver within their own culture from the day of birth. Sometimes people mistakenly draw the conclusion based on their own perspective that all cultures are alike, that if they understand their own culture, they can easily operate in others. Not so.



## Global Projects For Harmony

It is important to understand and appreciate cultures unlike our own. There is no better way to cultivate better understanding and appreciation than through joint service projects at the district and multiple district level. I encourage district governors and council chairpersons to reach out to each other internationally. I have seen this international cooperation work first hand in projects between Lions of Japan and Lions of the Philippines. International joint service projects provide a different perspective to their routine and an appreciation for other cultures. Bringing people together to address the needs of others creates true harmony within the international community. This type of activity is at the heart of the Third Purpose of the Association – “To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.”

Clubs can also get involved in international cooperation. Clubs that participate in our Twinning program gain a unique understanding of another culture. Interacting with members from different cultures and with different points of view can go a long way in broadening our outlook and provides inspiration for activities in our own community.

*“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”*

*Mother Teresa*



Bringing people together to address the needs of others

Lions serve with sincerity,  
they serve with passion

## More Members Equal More Service

Our members and our clubs are the heart of our organization. Lions serve with sincerity, they serve with passion, and they serve unconditionally.

We have enjoyed a lengthy period of membership growth. We have shown an increase in worldwide membership for seven years in a row. There are a number of reasons for our success; we have a dynamic Global Membership Team, effective marketing strategies coupled with easy to implement membership growth programs, dedicated leaders beginning at the club level and unprecedented outreach to women and family members, to name only a few. Together, we have built our membership to nearly 1.4 million members. I want to continue that growth. More members equal more service.

## Club Presidents Hold The Keys To Our Success

Our association's energy radiates from each club. So naturally, club presidents are at the heart of our success. They have the power to succeed. They have the power to affect change. They have the power to transform the way we do business. So I am asking club presidents to transform the atmosphere of their club. Transform the club to one in which members feel confident, and to one which works in unison with the community it serves, thereby garnering respect. Wouldn't it be wonderful if new members came to us instead of the other way around?

I have come up with 7 points of excellence for club presidents.

### “Ask One” Begins At Home

Lions volunteering with family is a great way for families to have fun and feel closer. It is even better when family members become Lions! If you ask one, you should ask your closest friend, the person you trust most – your loving spouse and partner. Share your commitment and enthusiasm for Lions with your family members. Families that serve together as Lions establish a family tradition of serving others.

The Ask One membership campaign starts at home. If Lions families are on the front lines serving their communities, the word will spread wider and faster. We will gain the recognition we deserve as the greatest service organization in the world.

## Humanity - Bringing It All Together

If clubs are at the heart of our community service, then LCIF is at the heart of our worldwide service. LCIF grants create goodwill, eliminate human suffering, and restore hope and dignity for people around the world. LCIF programs and partnerships enable us to treat preventable blindness; provide free medical care and medical training for doctors and nurses; teach life skills to school children; and so much more. This year I am asking Lions to take every opportunity to support LCIF with your generous donations and Melvin Jones Fellowships. Your support underscores our ability to combine dignity and harmony while serving humanity.

Photo Credit: Dan Morris



### Club President Keys To Success

1. Increased value in being a member (*better education for new members*)
2. Making clubs that members are proud to be in (*improving club satisfaction*)
3. High quality service projects (*relevant to the actual needs of the general community*)
4. Serving with family members (*because “Ask One” starts at home*)
5. More female members / young members (*the ideal man to woman ratio is 1:1*)
6. Being leaders in the community (*more leadership training*)
7. Thinking outside the box (*reform of inefficient practices, customs and policies*)



## Conclusion

As we approach our centennial celebration, we would do well to remember and meditate upon the words of our founder -

*“You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.”*

*Melvin Jones*

We have demonstrated throughout our history the ability to bring people together for a common cause. We have shown time after time that national boundary lines are nothing more than dots on a map. In spite of conflicts and disputes throughout the world, we work beyond differences – a grassroots coalition of peace through service.



*“Be kind. Be open. Be curious. Be strong.  
Be generous. Be sincere. Be loyal. Be honest.  
Be a Lion.”*

*Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada*



**Bringing people together  
for a common cause**

## Dignity

As we strive to serve the needs of others, let us always remember to respect the dignity of those we serve.

As we reach out to others with hands of service, let us always remember it is not a handout.

## Harmony

As we build others up, let us always remember serving others isn't just an act of kindness; it is also a means to build understanding and harmony.

## Humanity

As we show empathy for the less fortunate in our respective communities, let us extend empathy to all who are suffering around the world.

And as we continue to serve humankind, let us remember that serving humanity is not a duty, it is a responsibility.

I am immensely proud and extremely humbled to be the president of the global leader in humanitarian service – Lions Clubs International. I wish you 1,000 cranes. But most of all, I hope the service you bestow on others brings you tremendous love and fulfillment, and fills your heart with joy and peace.



# The Doctor Is In

**Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Japan, our 99th international president, promises to advance the health of the association.**

by Jay Copp

For 45 years Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada has donned surgical scrubs and, as families anxiously paced in the waiting room, operated on the brain, neck or back. Neurosurgery has not been his only occupation. Yamada also served as a hospital director, a job with a huge impact, not only on individual families, but on an entire community.

Now Yamada serves all Lions, taking the oath as the 99th international president of Lions Clubs International on June 30 in Honolulu.

His work in medicine requires a steady hand, a keen eye for detail and the ability to make tough decisions by quickly synthesizing reams of information. Granted, the presidency is not brain surgery. But he needs to keep rallying Lions around the measles program, our sight efforts and other life-saving or life-changing major initiatives, strengthen membership and retention, and keep the centennial celebration on course.

So how will he lead our association of 1.4 million Lions?

Yamada can draw on lessons learned from a frightening cancer diagnosis and shoddy care from a physician. He can muster the gumption and ingenuity that led him, as a hospital director, to pioneer new forms of care. Or, a leadership based on personal experience, he can recall what it is like to be a regular Lion or even the disaffected Lion as he once was, so lacking in enthusiasm he nearly quit his club.

Maybe he'll even invoke a story about a possible Martian invasion. He did just that in marshalling support among Lions for a bold plan to save the Great Wall of China.

Ultra-focused in the operating room and duly serious in hospital staff meetings, Yamada, 71, often surprises acquaintances with his geniality and humor in more relaxed situations. He may surprise Lions, too with his approach. He promises not a major operation, not an overhaul—nor, on the other hand, a cursory checkup but instead a thorough, decisive and empathetic bedside manner as top Lion. “My philosophy with medicine and Lions is to leave things in a better state than how I found them,” he says with conviction. “That’s why we ‘treat’ and that’s why ‘we serve.’”

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Yamada has a doctor-like presence. “Dr. Yamada is the quintessential brain surgeon,” says Masako Kawai, who met him 20 years ago when they volunteered together to promote tourism and commerce in Gifu Prefecture, where Yamada lives. “He’s always calm, warm-hearted, focused and ready to make a good decision that has a big impact in a split second. He

always has a keen eye for details and always keeps the big picture in mind.” (Some of the quotes in this story were translated from Japanese.)

Medicine has enveloped Yamada’s life. His father was a doctor. As a boy, Yamada was entranced by the TV show “Ben Casey.” Here was man who did what his father did and wore a shining white coat to boot. Certain of his calling at an early age, he earned his medical degree from Nihon University in 1968.

Not surprisingly, medicine even was the context of his courtship, marriage and now, for decades, his smooth, loving partnership with his spouse. He met Toshiko in medical school. They traded lunches, shared lecture notes and in time shared a life. Yamada fondly—and modestly—recalls their days together as medical students. “She took good notes. I did not,” he says, unconvincingly.

“I knew from the beginning he was a gentle and honest man,” says Dr. Toshiko Yamada. “He’s truly a big thinker. He thinks about things many years into the future.”

Yamada had what it took to prosper as a neurosurgeon. His healthcare colleagues attest to his coolness under pressure in the operating room. Those qualities are a prerequisite for a neurosurgeon. But his innovative track record as a hospital administrator sets him apart. Yamada added a rehabilitation center to Kizawa Memorial Hospital. Many patients came out of surgery with disabilities or other medical challenges. “I built the center because I knew the importance of good post-op rehabilitation. It’s the difference between going home in a wheelchair or on your own two feet in many cases,” says Yamada, who still serves as CEO of a medical/social service group and still directs the Japanese Hospital Association.

Yamada didn’t stop there. An encounter with a patient from years ago stayed with him. He told a post-op patient who was making good progress with her physical therapy, “Looks like you’re almost ready to go home.” She burst into tears. “Please don’t send me home,” she pleaded. Still partially paralyzed, she did not want to

be a burden on her family.

Japanese law then drew a strict line between medical institutions and elderly-care facilities. Yamada visited facilities in the United States and Australia to learn about integrated care for the elderly. In 1988, a pioneer in Japan, he helped establish the Sawayaka Nursing Villa, and the system of nursing and retirement homes now includes more than 30 facilities.

Yamada’s daily experiences as a doctor swayed him to be bold and innovative as a healthcare leader. His sudden own terrifying illness as a patient transformed him as a doctor and jolted him into a heightened understanding of the preciousness of life and the obligation to give back. In the summer of 1983, at just 39 years old, he was shocked to learn he had liver cancer. He underwent an emergency operation. “I thought I would die. It’s an indescribable feeling,” he says.

A year later, still fearful of dying, he saw his doctor again. “Why am I still alive?” he asked. The doctor matter-of-factly replied, “Your tumor was benign.” Yamada was incredulous. And furious. Post-op biopsies take a couple weeks or even days. “Why didn’t you tell me?” he demanded. The doctor stood his ground, however shaky. “I was waiting for you to ask,” he curtly responded.

Yamada resolved to henceforth provide the kind of care he expected for himself. Something else came alive inside him. No more would he take life for granted or take from life all the good it offered without trying to make life better for others. “I was so thankful. I felt there was a God. I wanted to serve. I wanted to give back,” he says.

The next year Yamada became a Lion. The timing was perfect. His father, who had been a Lion, had just



Yamada returns to Aijisai Nursing College, where he taught.

Photo by John Timmerman

passed away. His uncle, a district governor, encouraged him to fill his father's shoes and join.

Of course, you can be a Lion without serving others. You can be there for the social hour, the conviviality and the hollow satisfaction that comes from membership alone. A three-month rookie, Yamada hurried to a meeting in his scrubs after a hectic day of surgery at the hospital. An older Lion took offense at his appearance. "Change into a proper suit and don't forget to wear your badge, too," he scolded him. Yamada was enraged. He even typed a resignation letter for his uncle, the district governor.

Yamada cooled off, and his passion for service heated up. The lever for change was his acceptance of a leadership role in the club for a cause near and dear to him. The club promoted organ donation, and Yamada took on the role of donor-patient coordinator. As a neurosurgeon, he saw how organ donations saved lives. "I often deal with brain-dead patients. When I talk to parents and families I tell them their loved ones can live on through an organ donation," he says. "One patient gave kidneys to two people. The families who received the donations came back to the hospital with flowers for the family [of the deceased] to thank them for saving the life of their loved one. It was very touching."

Yamada flourished as a Lion after he became the organ donation coordinator. "That was a turning point for me as a Lion," he says.

As a club president, district governor and international director, Yamada championed a multitude of successful projects. Integral to his leadership has been a willingness to take chances, to stir the pot, to step outside the box, doing so in a fanciful way if that's what it took to quell doubt and rouse support. His district governor sought to do a large-scale service project when he was serving as zone chairperson. He had an idea. Why not protect the Great Wall of China? Erosion was wearing it away, and a forest of trees would provide a protective shield.

His proposal landed with a thud. How could Lions of Japan overcome tensions between the two nations and summon the technical expertise and manpower for the project to succeed? That's when Yamada, out of the blue, concocted a tale of an earth at risk of Martian

invasion. "What if space aliens were looking down at the Earth for sign of an advanced society? The Great Wall is supposedly visible from space," Yamada told the Lions leaders. "If Martians saw the wall was crumbling they'd think humanity was in decline—ready to be conquered. We need to protect the Wall."

It was poppycock, a silly story. Yamada knew it. The Lions knew it. (His wife knew it, too. "Maybe you are one of the aliens," she dismissively told him when he recounted the story to her.) But the tale shook Lions from their dead seriousness, their doldrums and their inability to see beyond the obvious and the easy. They agreed to take on the landmark tree-planting project.

Many hurdles remained. Chief among them was the problem of "iron trees." The Lions soon realized that any trees planted soon would be chopped down by villagers desperately reliant on firewood to cook their meals. A Lion remarked that the only tree left standing would be an iron one. The solution was a tree more valuable standing than one cut down. Lions would plant chestnut trees, highly valued as a source of nutrition.

Another daunting obstacle was finding a respected, resourceful partner in China to help circumvent a host of political and practical barriers. This is where luck—the residue of design—came in. Yamada happened to read a newspaper story about a Chinese professor leading tree planting in Inner Mongolia to combat desertification. Yamada called him on the phone, and the professor told him that "the perfect person to help you just happens to be in Japan now." Adds Yamada, "The pieces just fell into place." In three years, with the help of local Chinese volunteers, Lions planted 68,000 trees. The Martians stayed put.

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Yamada leans back in his chair in his office at international headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, and ponders the question whether as Lions' president he will favor innovation and risk as he did as a healthcare leader. As president, he won't be in Oak Brook often and won't have the luxury of time. This year he'll travel all over the world, meeting Lions at clubs, conventions and forums to inspire them, learn from them and collect information from the boots on the ground that are essential to making decisions and

shaping policy.

"Expect the same thing," he says. "There will be some changes. ... My expectations are always high. I'm idealistic. I set high goals."

It promises to be an eventful year, a fun year, a year of turning corners with one foot in yesterday and one in tomorrow. "We're about to turn 100 years old. I think we've reached a turning point. We want LCI to last another 100 years.

"We need to look back at what we've accomplished and look ahead to what we can do. Some things that are no longer relevant we want to leave behind. It's like the Lions logo that looks two ways: forward and backward. That's how we will move ahead."

### Digital LION

Watch videos on Yamada and his theme at [lionmagazine.org](http://lionmagazine.org).

Our early presidents set the bar high for Lions.

- As Lions Clubs reach its 10th anniversary, President William Westfall calls on members to "reconsecrate ourselves to those two great major activities: the handicapped child and the blind" (September 1926 LION).
- President Roderick Beddo is "heartily in favor of expansion in Canada and Mexico" (August 1933 LION).
- President Frank Birch predicts new streamline trains, electricity for farms and the popularity of television while asserting that "the prosperity of Lions will come from improving our 3,000 clubs" (June 1938 LION).

## MD'A' Signs New Agreement With CNIB

At the 2015 MDA Convention, the MDA-CNIB Agreement was signed on behalf of the two parties. The two Lions officials signing the Agreement on behalf of MDA are Council Chairman **Bob Tanner** and MDA Sight Conservation Chairman **Peter Hammond** (far right). The two gentlemen signing on behalf of the CNIB are CNIB Executive Len Baker (far left) and CNIB Manager Ryan Chin who is visually impaired and carries a white cane. The Agreement essentially is a Memorandum of Understanding which provides for future cooperation for fundraising for CNIB and mutual support.



The Yamadas often gather for meals with their children and grandchildren

Photo by Daniel Morris



# A Life of Healing and Serving

New International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Japan is a neurosurgeon, hospital director and a longtime Lion. He's shown volunteering in Japan at a senior citizens' home and planting trees and working as a doctor.

*Photos by John Timmerman. Photo of Yamada wearing a mask by Daniel Morris.*



## 50 Year Milestone!

**Rockton Lions Club** celebrated its 50th anniversary June 16, 2015. Approx 150 present and past Lions attended along with widows of deceased members.

They all enjoyed a wonderful dinner and evening where PID **Art Woods** was guest speaker. Amongst the guests were City of Hamilton Mayor, Fred Eisenberger, District A-15

Governor **Tim DeBlock**, First Vice District Governor **Diane Smith**, Second Vice District Governor **Wayne Litt** and Past District Governor **Larry Wainwright**.



*The club was presented with 50 year plaque. Shown receiving the award are: Harvey Wood, Committee Chair, Pat Evangelisto, Rockton Lion Chief, from Tim DeBlock, District Governor A15 and PID Art Woods, from the Elmira Lions, the guest speaker for the evening.*

## Trenton Lions



Lion Wil Kennedy was presented Helen Keller Award by President Lion Gary Buffet at Trenton Lions Club Steak Night



Lion Club President Lion Gary Buffet presenting a Life membership to Lion Diane Gardy at the Trenton Lions Club Honours and Awards night



Trenton Lions President Gary Buffet presenting a Judge Brian Stevenson award to Lion Doug Crews at Trenton Lions Honours and Awards night

## Marmora Crowe Valley Lions

Past District Governor **Russ Mitchell**, of Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club, has spent many years assisting with organizing the District Convention - he was presented with a 'Certificate of Appreciation' at the April District A3 Convention, 'awarded in recognition of Distinguished Achievements in Fulfilling the Mission of Lions Clubs International', signed by **Joe Preston**, International President 2014-15.

## Orangeville Lions Recognize Their Own

Orangeville Lion president Lion **Bill Dainty** presented awards at Lions year end party.



Lion Lyle Holmes received a Helen Keller Award



Lion Doug Schild received a Melvin Jones Award



Lion Don Hutchison (centre) received a Life Membership from President Bill Dainty and Lion Barry Sinclair

## Peterborough Lions



P.D.G. Lion Victor Smith received a Life Membership from the Lions Foundation of Canada presented by Region Chair 11 Lion Bill Zweir and accompanied by PDG Lion Mary Ann Smith



1st Vice President of Peterborough Lions Club and Zone 10 C Chair Lion Frank Hewitt was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

## Royal City Lions

Royal City Lions awarded the Helen Keller Fellowship to Lion **Lois Rougeau**, who is herself vision challenged. She has helped where possible at Lions events becoming an important member of our club. She is seen receiving the award from Lion **Wayne Keefe**, president.



## Dutton Leos

On Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm; in the Lions Den, the Dutton and District LEO Club held an Induction and Installation of Officers ceremony.

Leo Advisor: Lion **Leslie Galbraith** hosted the event, assisted by Lion President **Peter Donaldson** and Past

District Governor Lion **Allister Cameron**.

LEO Officers installed for 2015-2016 included Leo President **Payton Bacon**, Leo Treasurer **Kristen Matthews** and Leo Secretary **Brianna Matthews**.



*L to R: Dutton & District Lion President Peter Donaldson; Leo Brianna Matthews; Leo Kristen Matthews; Leo Advisor Lion Leslie Galbraith & Leo Payton Bacon*

## Coldwater Lions Duck Race Fundraiser

Last year the sale of tickets for the annual Duck Race raised \$16,500.00 and this year the event was held on Saturday, May 23.

The Lions Club has the whole town participating with Vendors, Crafts, Live Music, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo and more at the Village Green. There is also Laser Tag in the Arena. The Lions start with a Pancake Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., a parade at 12:30 and Duck Launch at 2 p.m.



*Lion Colin Rae selling tickets to Albert Collao a local minister*

## Lions Club of Cobourg

The Lions Club of Cobourg celebrated its 65th Anniversary as a chartered member club of Lions Clubs International. Over 50 members, guests and dignitaries attended the luncheon on Saturday May 2nd. Mayor Gil Brocanier and MP Rick Norlock were on hand to present a plaque from the town as well as a congratulatory letter from Prime Minister Stephen Harper.



*Left to right: current President Kevin Kimmerly, Mayor Gil Brocanier, charter member Don Macklin and MP Rick Norlock*

## Long Point Lions Club

Wednesday April 22, 2015, Long Point Lion **Peter Brenner** and his wife Long Point Lioness **Brenda Brenner** presented President and CEO of Kodiak Group a special Eagle trophy. This was emblematic of the many years (2001 - 2013) of the Kodiak Company's sponsorship of the Long Point Lions' Car Show. This monetary assistance each year helped to build the show on a strong footing and cement its continued success today into a quality car show. The trophy shown is a replica of the large trophy given to the "Best of the Show" each year. The event is truly a Long Point Lions Family event with the L.P. Leos selling ice cream and the Lioness running the kitchen and snack bar. Good corporate citizens like Mr. Huckle continue to help with many Lions events. This year's annual Car Show was held at the Port Rowan C.C. on Sunday June 21, 2015.



## Westport Lions Club

On May 13, several new members were inducted into our club.

Kneeling from left to right are Lions **Dwain Smith** (sponsor) **Michael Harris** (NM)

Standing from left to right are Lions **Harry Beckett** (NM) **Debi Stoness** (NM, first female to join the Westport Lions Club), President **Don Baker** (sponsor), **Craig Jackson** (NM) and **Kevin Northcott** (sponsor)



## One life lost is one too many

On a cold winter night of 2008 a young girl lost her life in a fire that destroyed her family home. An inquest following her tragic death revealed that the home was not equipped with smoke detectors.

Following that sad event, the Fire Department sought to identify ways to maximize the safety of its citizens, especially children, while they are sleeping. After considerable research on the management and prevention of fires occurring during the night, the Brome Lake Fire Department began an initiative directed at primary school children called; "Project Guardian Angels."

This was a first in North America, a new way to use smoke alarms. It is a multifaceted program that started with the Lac-Brome firefighters' distribution of 440 smoke alarms equipped with lithium battery with a lifespan of 10 years, to the students of the two local primary schools St. Edouard and Knowlton Academy. These batteries cannot be removed for use with toys or other products. The children were asked to install the alarms in their bedrooms. The smoke alarms thus serve as their "guardian angel," hence the name of the program. A smoke detector located inside a bedroom is the most effective and fastest way to notify occupants of a fire starting, notably during the night. The program also involves an educational module where the students take part in a simulation of a fire in their home. The simulation notably explains what happens when you call 911; provides them with some fire safety and prevention tips and insists on the importance that each family member know where to assemble, outside the house, in case of an evacuation.

The children are also taught how to react in case of the presence of smoke and the importance of having an assembly point near the house identified before an emergency, etc.

The program also provides for yearly updates. At the beginning of the school year, the program is repeated for all the new students attending the schools. The **Knowlton Lions Club** has been a proud supporter of the Brome Lake Fire Department's "Guardian Angel Program" since 2013. We provide the monies necessary for the rental of the simulation equipment and the purchase of on average 90 smoke alarms each year.



*At the presentation of the smoke detectors at l'École St-Édouard from left to right second row Josée Vaillant, a parent, Winston Mason, president Lions Club, Joan Treacy, past president Lions Club, Hugo Brière, of The Brome Lake Fire Department and First Responder, front row, new students of l'École St-Édouard with their smoke detectors*

## Bancroft Lions

Shown below is Zone Chair Lion **Frank Hewitt** inducting the first "Centennial" new members into the Bancroft Lions. Left - **Dora Yateman** and her sponsor

Lion **Steve Scally**; Right - **Dennis Purcell** and his sponsor Lion **Laverne Stapley**. In support at back is club president Lion **Bryan Adams**.



## Goderich Lions Club

The Goderich Lions Club presented the following awards at a recent meeting:

**Helen Sager** received a Certificate as an "Honourary Member" of the Goderich Lions, and her husband, Lion **George** received a "Life Membership" in the Goderich Lions Club, to thank them both for their long years of "Service to Others."



## K-W Community Spirit Lions

Lion President **Joe Preston** presented to Lioness/Lion **Janet Dawson-Brock** the 'International President's Award of Appreciation' in recognition of her 33 years of service to Lioness and Lions at the recent March District A15 Convention held in Stratford.



# Special Playground Brings Joy to Kids

by Eric Margules

With the help of your community anything is possible. For proof, look no further than Belton, Texas, where the smiling faces of children brighten a new handicap-accessible playground made possible by the efforts of local Lions, the community of Belton and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The story of the inclusive playground began in 2012 when city officials and the **Belton Lions** decided their town needed a place where all children could play, regardless of physical ability. As always, finances presented a challenge, but after raising US\$50,000 from the community over two years—along with matching funds from the city of Belton—Lions were awarded a \$75,000 Standard grant by LCIF to cover the remaining costs. After years of fundraising and hard work, the playground began to take shape.

Over the next several months, Lion planners worked with Texas-based We Build Fun, Inc. to build the playground and assemble the equipment. In December 2014, the community of Belton came together to celebrate the partnership that made the playground possible. The project cost \$180,000.

“This is another great day in Belton,” City Manager Sam Listi told the Belton Journal at the opening of the park. “Both the Belton Lions Club and [LCIF] were a major part of this project, and local citizens contributed over \$50,000.”

The playground, which measures 5,400 square feet, features handicap-accessible equipment including slides, a merry-go-round, monkey bars and more. Multiple ramps allow wheelchair access to the full park, so special-needs individuals such as parents and guardians can observe the children. Padded turf adds further accessibility by forgoing the gravel and sand found in most playgrounds for a material much friendlier to wheelchairs.

“With the help of individual donations from Lions members, the City of Belton and [LCIF], we were able to fund the playground. It was truly a joint community project,” said **Robert Jones** of the Belton Lions Club. “Wheelchairs can access all areas of the playground because of the artificial padded turf and multiple access ramps. The equipment is for all children, and is used daily by visitors, special field trips by local child care centers and Belton school special needs field trips. It is just an amazing facility.”

For information on Standard grants

and to find out how your Lions club can apply, visit [lcif.org](http://lcif.org).



*Padded turf on the new playground in Belton, Texas, makes it easy for wheelchairs to access the park*

## Barrhaven Lions Club Celebrates 35th Charter Anniversary



Two new members: **Sharon Robinson** and **Ben Buttrum** were recently inducted into the Barrhaven Lions Club at its 35th charter anniversary dinner. In addition two Cubs **Erin Buckley** and **Ryanna Hache** were sworn into the Lions Family Cub Program.

The Cubs help out our Tail Twister, with our projects and fundraisers, working side by side with Lions. The Lions Family Cub Program is designed to encourage families to volunteer together and give children under age 12 the opportunity to build a lifelong dedication to helping those in need.



## Lakefield and District Lions Club



*L to R: Lion Larry Taylor, Steven MacDonald of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre & Lion Barry Hunt presented a \$5,000 cheque, final instalment of \$25,000 that Lakefield & District Lions Club committed to the Cancer Bunker fund of PRHC. Cheque presentation was made at Lakefield Lions Club 16th Annual Dinner Auction held at Lakefield College School - one of major fund raisers.*

We recently asked a wide variety of Lions from across the country what Lions Club Members needed to know about Lions Quest Canada and here is what they wanted us to share.

Lions Quest Canada – The Centre for Positive Youth Development is a national social enterprise. A social enterprise is a business that creates community impacts and promotes social values using their proceeds to fund their mission. Lions Quest Canada is funded by the donations of Lions Clubs and by providing fee-for-service training and consulting services.

The mission of Lions Quest Canada is – To provide leadership, knowledge and resources to develop capable young Canadians of positive character.

The staff of Lions Quest Canada have all been with the organization for over twenty-three years and are personally committed to our mission.

- Joanne McQuiggan, our Executive Director, started her journey with Lions Quest as a youth participant in an international youth camp hosted by Past International President Sten Akestam (1987). She has since committed her career to the positive development of Canadian children and youth.
- Pat Howell-Blackmore, our Director of Communications and Programs is passionate about building local capacity to make Canadian communities the best possible place for children and youth to live.
- Kay Nelles, our Events Coordinator is committed to providing a positive experience and support for our national network of community champions.

The Board of Directors for Lions Quest Canada is made up of Lions from across Canada who are committed to the work of Lions Quest Canada in addition to leaders in child and youth development. The board members include PID Bruce Murray, PID Marvin Chambers, PID Jack Isaman, DG Len Mooney, DG Susan Sangster, PCC Surinder Gahir, PDG Cheryl

McKittrick, PDG Alex Watson, Joe Dwyer and Linda Millar.

Lions Quest Canada promotes Positive Youth Development in Canada which is an approach that focuses on the strengths of the child supported by caring adults, neighbourhoods and schools. This approach promotes healthy development, leadership skills, personal and social responsibility. This approach also helps prevent negative risk taking behaviours like drug use and violent behaviour including bullying.

Lions Quest Canada shares the best practices, current research and resources connected to Positive Youth Development and connects caring people in Canadian communities where children live, learn, play and grow.

Lions Quest Canada accomplishes our mission by facilitating training for communities including schools, municipalities, police services, public health, children’s aid and youth-serving agencies. We also distribute resources like printed material, books, videos and other tools to support the work of local groups. The provision of consulting services on a fee-for-service basis to organizations like the Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies and Tim Horton Children’s Foundation has allowed us to make a positive impact on the programs and practices of these influential agencies.

What difference does Lions Quest Canada make? We are encouraged by the trends we see across the country and our ability to contribute as a thought-leader in child and youth development. For example –

- The techniques like experiential (hands on) and social-emotional learning that have been central to our Lions Quest School-Based Programs since the 1980’s have become part of how our student teachers are instructed in teacher certification programs.
- Lions Quest Canada was part of the team of educational leaders who recommended the forty hours of volunteer service requirement for high school graduation in Ontario.
- We have helped support the shift from ‘fixing problems’ to building on the strengths of children

in foster care in Ontario.

- Lions Quest Canada has provided consulting services resulting in a complete review and revision of the camp programs delivered by the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation reaching over 17,000 children annually across North America.
- Lions Quest Canada has also been recognized by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police - “The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police is proud to support Lions Quest Canada as it works to develop understanding among all policing communities regarding the value added which results from developing assets in youth and forging intentional positive relations.”

Lions should also be proud to know that Lions Quest Canada is a nationally and internationally recognized organization leading the efforts related to Positive Youth Development.

Lions Clubs can help us make a difference by –

- financially supporting Lions Quest Canada on a regular basis through budgeting for a donation an annual basis,
- sponsoring Lions Quest Canada Fellowships for deserving Lions and community members, and
- supporting events (training workshops and gatherings) in your community.

The most important difference that Lions Quest Canada can make is as a champion for encouraging individuals to take action and do their part, whatever that part may be as a friend, mentor, coach, teacher, neighbour, care giver, community member to influence the positive development of our children and youth.

Remember you can make a difference for kids and it’s just as simple as smiling and saying ‘hi’ when you see a young person in your community.

For more information about Lions Quest Canada please contact Joanne McQuiggan at 1-800-265-2680 ext. 107 or by email at joanne@lionsquest.ca.

## District A-15

The epitome of our District A-15 as the Banners of all the Clubs were displayed at our Convention last month hosted by **Monkton Lions** in Stratford, Ontario.

*submitted by  
St. Marys Lions Club*



## Marmora Crowe Valley

Marmora Crowe Valley Lions President **Stu Fisher** and **Leo Provost** donating \$3515.21 to Marmora & Lake for final commitment on the \$17,265.00 to replace the Marmora Village town clock.



# Bancroft Lions

Bancroft Lions past president **Laverne Stapley** presents Project Pride flags and certificates to North Hastings School Trustee Lucille Lyle and York River Public School A Principal Debbie Speck.

Project Pride is an initiative of the Lions Foundation of Canada to provide flags to grade one students across Canada on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Red Maple Leaf national banner. Lion Laverne is an honorary life member of LFC, having fostered dog guides in training for over a decade.



## Changing of the Guard

Passing of the Gavel from Chair Lion **Jack Graydon** to new Chair Lion **Zolton Dohar** from A2. The end of a wonderful era.

Lion Jack Graydon from the **Oakville Lions Club** has been on the Board of Lions Homes for Deaf for the past 47 years. He has been chair for the past 44 years. I have never known a Lion who was so dedicated to a Lions Project as Lion Jack.

Under his direction we have completed the following projects:

Bob Rumball Association for the Deaf Group Homes Milton

Woodbridge, Belleville, Nairn Training Centre Group Homes for Deaf-Blind Person (Brantford) Inc.

Total Communication Environment

St John of Beverley House

Lions Resource Centre, Sudbury Value \$576,356.

Ontario Camp for the Deaf

Lions Martins House, London

Canadian Hearing Society Accessibility Centres

Lions Mercel House, London

How did we do this, Lions/Lioness have purchased Helen Keller Awards and honoured fellow Lions/Lioness and outstanding citizens in their communities. Lions \$3,185,403.00, Lioness \$537,715.00 plus LCIF grants and private donations.

In June of 2006 International Director Lion **Art Woods** presented Lion Jack with a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Jack will stay on the Board as a Board Member and guide us through this transition.

Keep up the Good Work Lions/Lioness, we

have a lot more new projects to do for the Deaf.

*submitted by Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson Brock*



## A-2 Lions Quest – Youth Outreach Report

Youth Outreach — Lions Project Pride:

We received a unique invitation to participate in a “Mini Me to We: Grow the Change” Conference. The conference was held during regular school hours at Grimsby’s Park Public School. During the conference the students from JK to Grade 6 participated in activities designed to motivate and inspire them to “Grow the Change” and raise awareness of our collective social responsibilities with better choices for a better world.

The conference kicked off with three “keynote” speakers and was followed by rotating groups of approximately 5 students. During the 10 minute rotation sessions the students visited 16 learning stations to participate in activities designed to create

awareness (Grow the Change) on the needs of others within the community and beyond.

During our session times we (Grimsby Guiding Lions **Wayne Turcotte** and **Bradd Anderson**) used the topic of “Lions Project Pride” to create awareness on what our Canadian flag represents: the freedom to volunteer.

We followed with a discussion on our Lions Club emblem; history of our Lions organization: a segment of a CBC TV’s “Rick Mercer Report” on our Lions Foundation of Canada’s DogGuide training center in Oakville and the May 31st Purina Walk for DogGuides.

All 81 students who attended our session received a gift bag that contained a Lions Project Pride

certificate, Canadian flag and Lions Club and DogGuide stickers.

*submitted by Lion Bradd Anderson PCC  
A-2 Lions Quest/Youth Outreach Chair*



## Port Colborne Lions Present Awards

The Port Colborne Lions recently held their annual ladies night / award presentation evening. During this evening, Lion Chief **Kurt Rauscher**, assisted by PDG Lion **Jerry Ursacki** presented the following awards:

"Life Membership to Lions Foundation of Canada" was presented to Lion **Paul Rubocki** for stepping up to the plate to maintain one of our main fundraisers when the incumbent chairperson became ill.

"The Helen Keller Fellowship" was presented to Lion **Bob Cohoe** for his long dedicated service. Lion Bob gives freely of his time, prefers to go unnoticed but helps whenever needed.

"The Melvin Jones Fellow" was justly presented to Lion **Angelo Aliberti** for his over 40 years of leadership

and mentoring of our membership.

On behalf of the members of the Port Colborne Lions Club, congratulations Lions.



L to R are: Lion Bob Cohoe, Lion Angelo Aliberti and Lion Paul Rubocki

## Rockton Lions Annual Fish Fry

Rockton Lions held their 10th Annual "All You Can Eat Perch Dinner" at the Beverly Community Centre June 6th. It was a record day with over 750 tickets sold. There was both a silent auction with strong support from local donors. A 50/50 draw was worth

\$1,250.00 to the winner. **Lynden Lions** were on board to help. A portion of the proceeds will be directed to the Lions Dog Guide Program, they were on hand with a live display. Other community projects will benefit as well.



## Kingston Lions Club

Kingston Lions Club donated \$100,000 to the University Hospital Kingston Foundation toward purchase of a new MRI machine. President Lion **Bob Skeggs**, (standing at left of photo) said "We would like

to see the hospital get ahead with the project - it is important to give back to the community." There are hopes the new MRI will be up and running in its new room within 12 to 18 months.



## Guelph Lions Club

### 8 Toilets donated to Five Oaks Camp – District A15 Bruce Murray Lions International Youth Camp

On Saturday, July 11th, Lion **Russ Dwyer** of the Guelph Lions Club delivered 8 brand new toilets for the lower cabins and buildings at Five Oaks Camp which is utilized yearly for the District A15 Bruce Murray Lions International Youth Camp. The cost of the toilets were covered by a three way partnership of the Manufacturer Gerber International, the supplier EMCO Corporation of Guelph and the Guelph Lions Club. Lion Russ Dwyer had arranged for the purchase of the toilets along with all of the hardware & fittings required to install them, but he forgot one important thing...toilet seats.... So we thank EMCO Corporation of Guelph for donating the toilet seats for the new toilets! A great group effort and a project the Guelph Lions Club was happy to help with. In the photo is Lion Russ Dwyer presenting the new toilets to the A15 Youth Camp Co-Ordinator **Rudy Boogerman**, as well as these 2 Lions "sitting on the throne(s)."



## Bancroft Lions

Yellow Labs Yante (r), a serving Dog Guide, and Ummi, who is now retired from service, rest up before setting out with their humans Denise Shannick and Eugene Mountney. The Lions Walk raised over \$3,000 in our small community for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide program.





## Goderich Lions (District A9) contribute to Birdhouses

Earlier this year, several members of the Goderich Lions Club used some lumber, donated by the Town of Goderich, to prepare the necessary sections to allow the construction of Birdhouses by children in the Wawanosh Nature Centre.

The Lions measured and cut up the sections of floor, walls and roof of over 160 birdhouses at the Town's Parks Dept building.



*Pictured are Lions Stan Paquette, Bob Robson and Cy Harvey after they had done all the cutting*

These unassembled parts were then transported to the Wawanosh Nature Centre, near Belgrave, Ontario, part of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority.

Erin Dolmage of the Centre sent us this thank-you note and picture: "The birdhouses are being built as part of our Grade 4 Habitats program. We received a grant from Toronto Dominion Friends of the Environment to have 375 Grade 4 students visit the Wawanosh Nature Centre for free. For half of the day they hike through the 5 different habitats at Wawanosh partaking in games, activities and hands-on exploration. The other half of the day is spent building birdhouses and exploring the creek. We have had fantastic reviews so far! The students absolutely love it and are extremely excited to each take a birdhouse home at the end of the day. Thank you to the Lions for all their help with cutting the wood and the donation of lumber!"



*Hannah, grade 4 student at the Maitland River Elementary School practices her hammering skills while building a birdhouse at the Wawanosh Nature Centre. Hannah was part of a group of grade 4 students who took part in a day-long visit to the Centre early in June*

## Lions Take a Stand Against Measles



There's a health problem threatening millions around the world. Children are dying every day from a disease we can prevent. Measles is a highly contagious disease. When one child contracts measles, it spreads quickly through homes, schools and communities. As our world gets smaller, the problem gets bigger. Measles can cause severe complications including hearing loss, blindness, even death. Every day 400 people die from measles. That's more than 145,000 per year – more than 1,000,000 in ten years. It is the leading cause of death for children under the age of 5.

But Lions are taking action to end the suffering. Lions are on the ground working to stop the spread of measles. We are mobilizing impacted communities, going door-to-door, raising awareness to get children to vaccines and life-saving vaccines to children. Measles is not just a problem for the poorest countries – it is a global problem.

But it can be stopped through the support of Lions and our partners – GAVI The Vaccine Alliance, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the UK's Department for International Development.

You can make a difference in the life of a child and

it only costs one dollar. One dollar provides one measles vaccination to a child. And through matching funds from GAVI, your one dollar becomes two dollars; or two vaccines. Donating to the One Shot/One Life Lions Measles Initiative means that more children will receive life-saving vaccines and a healthy start to life. And when a child gets a healthy start, anything is possible. A healthy child can pursue an education, get a better job and raise a healthy family. It all starts with One Shot and you. Our children are counting on us – can we count on you and your club?

There remains much work in the fight against measles, but Lions have the power to help eliminate the disease. By contributing to LCIF, Lions are helping children in all countries where measles remains a heavy public health burden. Lions' donations are combined with all donations to the Measles Initiative in order to have a greater impact around the world.



## Autism Assistance Dog Guide

Through thick and thin, Cash is there for his main man Matthew. The Autism Assistance Dog Guide recently accompanied Matthew, who lives with his family in Elmira, Ont., to hospital when he went in for surgery. The dynamic duo was reunited in the recovery room, and hospital staff even gave Cash, a yellow Labrador retriever, a surgical cap to wear, bringing some much-needed joy to the situation. Autism Assistance Dog Guides are provided through Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides free of charge to Canadians from coast to coast. They are expertly trained to help children and teens on the autism spectrum, providing safety, companionship, and a crucial bond which makes it possible for families to participate in day-to-day activities many take for granted. As a result, children and their families both experience increased social interaction and independence. Dog Guides like Cash reduce stress and provide a calming relief in high-anxiety situations, such as during medical appointments.

Matthew and Cash were graduates in Lions Foundation's first Autism Assistance class back in 2009. Many classes have graduated since, making the

Autism Assistance program one of the largest of the six programs Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides offers. Here's wishing Matthew a speedy recovery!

Lions clubs are vital supporters of Dog Guides' programming. For more information about Lions Foundation of Canada, visit [www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)



## Club Lions de Knowlton

De nouveau, merci pour votre support

La vente de débarras du Club Lions de Knowlton fut, de nouveau cette année, un grand succès en fonction de l'achalandage et des sommes recueillies. En effet la vente de jouets, bibelots, poterie, articles de sport et de jardinage, vaisselle etc. gracieusement

offerts par nos concitoyens a rapporté plus de \$8,000. Ce succès en plus de nous fournir les moyens de venir en aide à ceux de notre milieu qui sont dans le besoin, permet à certains de nos concitoyens de se procurer à bon prix des articles de base et représente aussi une forme efficace de recyclage. Merci



Sur la photo on aperçoit un échantillonnage des items en vente

## Bancroft Lions



Bancroft Lions Bryan Adams, Bob Brown, John van Bakel, and Steve Scally display the Lions banner at their recent 'Bridge Toll' event to raise money for its vision programs



Bancroft Lion Laverne Stapley collects from motorists at the club's bi-annual bridge toll; the event raises money for programs such as vision screening

## International Traveller visits Dutton; again!

Approximately 10 years ago Shawn NG was hosted by the **Dutton and District Lions** and specifically, Lion **Allister Cameron**, as part of the Lions International student exchange program.

Shawn is from Hong Kong (now China). Recently, Shawn had an opportunity to return to Canada and decided to look up his Lion friends.

While visiting with Lion Allister Cameron, again, he was asked to be the Guest speaker at a recent LEO meeting and did a super job. Shawn currently works as an Immigration Officer in Hong Kong.



## Simcoe Lions

Simcoe Lions gathered to sort through a collection of discarded eyeglasses for use by other people around the world. Lion **Rob Gould** (left) pitched in to help sort, prepare and pack nearly 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses with a dozen other Simcoe Lions. Life member **Don Gardner** makes the rounds retrieving the glasses from a generous public and Lion **Rick VanDamme** stores them until a team can get together and sort through them.



## Trenton Lions Club

Trenton Lions Club presents cheque for \$2500.00 to the Trenton Food Bank. L to R: Lioness President **Mary Cooper**, Lion **Andy Lapointe**, Al Teale of the Food Bank, and Lion President **Gary Buffet**.



## Hanover Lions Support Literacy program

Lion **Tara Schlatman** of the Hanover Lions Club visited 4 schools and 3 daycares in early June delivering 145 Scholastic books donated by the Hanover Lions Club as part of the Lions International Read and Rise program. She is pictured with excited recipients at the YMCA daycare in Hanover, Ontario.



## Arnprior Lions Club

The Arnprior Lions Club presented a cheque in the amount of \$4,298.00 to Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home for the Care Coach. Thanks to Reid Bros of Arnprior for helping us raise \$3,000.00 of the above amount. This donation is the final installment of a \$10,000.00 pledge over the last 2 years. Pictured L-R Arnprior Lions 1st Vice President **Bobby Bennett**, Care Coach Driver Colin Borshevsky and Arnprior Lions Secretary **Don Gougeon**.



## Making the World a Better Place

Thanks to **Mount Brydges Lions and Lioness**, in May 2015 the Caradoc School Band was performing with additional instruments. These instruments were provided by the \$3,000 raised by the Mount Brydges Lioness and Lions Clubs. In 2012, \$8,800 was raised to purchase much appreciated instruments. The school and the community are all the better for this gift of music for our children.



## Auction for Seaforth, Mitchell and Dublin Lions Clubs hits airwaves

Three District A-9 Lions Clubs - Dublin, Seaforth and Mitchell - held their popular **'Lions TV Auction'** viewed on the local community channel in April. Local business and merchants donate items that are auctioned off in 30 minute intervals. In the last 10 years the three clubs have returned over \$100,000.00 for local projects within the three communities.



*Seaforth Lions Club president John Snell poses alongside Lloyd Tubb, with the Mitchell Lions Club and Bruce Bettles, secretary of the Dublin Lions Club, at a viewing showcase on April 10 for the organizations' regional fundraising auction, which aired for eight hours on local Channel 12 the next day. photo from Huron Expositor*

## Chemung Lake Lions

Chemung Lake Lions 'Save Our Breasts' 2015 Dragon Boat Team. — with Lions **Leroy Lear, Melanie Taylor, David Vahey, Monica Elliott, R. Dale Warren, Steve Tillie, John Morris** (only blind one in the group), **Ryan Smith** and **Jason Warren**.



## Our Mission

Provide leadership, knowledge and resources to develop capable young Canadians of positive character.

### Our Core Values & Beliefs

#### 1. Positive Potential for Youth

All young people have the innate right and capacity to develop their full potential as responsible and caring individuals.

#### 2. Young People as a Priority

Fostering the positive potential in all young people is a critical priority and must be cultivated and strengthened by adults and their institutions.

#### 3. Positive Life Skills and Character Development

Young people become personally and socially responsible and develop strong character by learning and applying essential life skills in meaningful contexts. They should actively engage in their own learning and learning cooperatively with others.

#### 4. Personal and Social Responsibility

The values, attitudes, and knowledge necessary for personal and social responsibility include the timeless principles of respect and caring for self and others, honesty, and trustworthiness, a sense of justice and fairness, service to others, capacity for critical thinking and problem solving, and commitment to family and community.

#### 5. Parent as Primary Educator

Parents are the primary educators of their children,

and enduring, nurturing relationships with caring adults are essential for young people to flourish and grow.

#### 6. Collaboration

The power and breadth of our mission can best be achieved through dynamic, mutually beneficial relationships with other organizations and associations.

#### 7. Caring Adults Supporting All Youth, Everywhere

Promoting healthy, responsible, caring behaviours requires adults to work together to build lasting foundations for positive learning experiences in all arenas where young people live, learn, work and play.

#### 8. Organizational Integrity

We strive for an organizational environment that exemplifies the characteristics of respect and caring that are the hallmarks of our mission. We will safeguard and nurture ideas through an environment that encourages creative thinking, collaboration, and development of new opportunities for youth.

## The Lions Quest Fellowship

### How can I support the Lions Quest Program in Canada?

The Lions Quest Fellowship was established in 2003 to recognize Lions and Lioness Club members and other deserving recipients who truly care about Canadian children, regardless of the challenges they may face or the gifts they may possess. Lions Quest Fellows will receive the new award and a lapel pin.

The Lions Quest Fellowship funds will be used to promote, enhance and expand the work being done to 'empower adults to develop healthy, capable young people of strong character' – our Mission.

### Who can receive a Lions Quest Fellowship?

The Fellowship is an honour given to individuals for a contribution of \$500 in support of Lions Quest Programs in Canada. The Fellowship may be given in memory of a deceased individual and is prepared for presentation based on the information provided by the donor.

Contributions to the Lions Quest Fellowship can be made in installments over a period of three years at a minimum amount of \$100 per installment. Contributions can be made to the Fellowship by individuals including non-Lions Club members, clubs, districts or multiple districts. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

### How can I apply for a Lions Quest Fellowship?

Please download the application from lionsquest.ca, complete it and mail it along with your payment to – Lions Quest Fellowship, Lions Quest Canada, 427 Elgin St North, Unit 1, Cambridge, ON N1R 8G4.

### Who do I contact if I need more information?

Please feel free to write to us at the address provided above or contact us via telephone at 800.265.2680, fax at 519.624.3354 or email at qbear@lionsquest.ca.

## MDA Directory Information

### Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting - September, 11/12, 2015
- Council Meeting - November, 6/7, 2015
- Council Meeting - March 4/5, 2016
- Council Meeting – Convention - May 26-29, 2016

### District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Holiday Inn, Sarnia	April 8-10, 2016
A2	Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway, St. Catharines	March 18-20, 2016
A3	Ambassador Hotel & Conference Resort, Kingston	April 15-17, 2016
A4	Navcam Centre, Cornwall	April 15-17, 2016
A5	Sudbury	April 15-17, 2016
A711	Holiday Inn International Airport, Toronto	April 22-24, 2016
A9	Days Inn & Conference Centre, Owen Sound	April 29-May 1, 2016
A12	Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville	April 15-17, 2016
A15	Courtyard Marriott, Waterloo	April 29-May 1, 2016
A16	Admiral Inn, Lindsay	April 22-24, 2016

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

2015/16 North Bay, ON May 26 - 29, 2016

### International Conventions

99th	Fukuoka, Japan	June 24 - 28, 2016
100th	Chicago, Illinois, USA	June 30 - July 4, 2017
101st	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	June 29 - July 3, 2018
102nd	Milan, Italy	July 5 - 9, 2019

### USA - Canada Forums

Sept 17 - 19, 2015	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Sept 15 - 17, 2016	Omaha, Nebraska
Sept 21 - 23, 2017	Portland, Oregon
Sept 20 - 22, 2018	Columbus, Ohio

# 98th Lions Clubs International Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

The 98th Lions Clubs International Convention was held in Honolulu, Hawaii, from the 26th June to the 30th June. More than 20,000 Lions club members and their families from more than 120 countries gathered in Honolulu for the Convention. This is the fourth time that Lions Clubs International has held its convention in Honolulu, this being the largest Convention held here.



## Verona Lions

Verona Lions **Wayne** and **Judy Conway** standing by the very successful Waste Management System utilized for village functions. This activity also provides community hours for local students.



## Arnprior Lions Club

Arnprior Lions President **Cathy Vernon**, presents a cheque to Partners in Caring for \$300.00.



## Trenton Lions Club

Presentation of \$5,000 for new equipment by Trenton Lions Club Treasurer Lion **Mike Seymour** and President Lion **Gary Buffet** to Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation representative Wendy Warner.



### HOW TO GET INTO THE LION Contact your District Reporter

We have appointed District Reporters for the Lion Magazine. Their job is to assist the Magazine Editor and you the Lions. Their job is to collect new photos with stories, anything that you would like to submit to the Magazine for consideration. Please be aware anything for the Magazine should now go to the District Reporter in your District as follows:

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The "MD 'A' Lions Resource Centre" website is available for your use. Its goal is to provide a "one-stop-shopping" website for Lions resources, ideas and tools in all aspects of Lionism, including recruiting new members, keeping the members we already have, revitalizing clubs, fundraising ideas and club and district operations.

The MD 'A' "Lions Resource Centre" website may be viewed by going to the MD 'A' website at [www.mdalions.org](http://www.mdalions.org) and clicking on "**Lions Resource Centre**" on the left side of the page.

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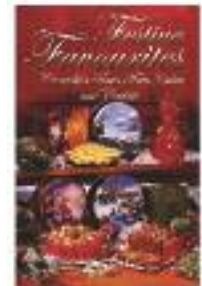
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## Fergus Lioness

In celebration of our 35th year as a Lioness Club, we created a calendar highlighting some of our charities and our members as well. It was very well received. 200 calendars were printed and sold! Many thanks to Lioness **Wendy Mudd** for her idea and creativity, not to mention the hard work involved. Also, our sponsors, **Fergus Lions Club** in recognition of service awarded three of our members with the Melvin Jones Fellowship at their meeting.

Recipients: **Arlene Halman**, President, with 20+ yrs. as a Lioness; **Lynda Waterhouse**, Past President, with her 11 yrs. of volunteering with the Eye Screening Program and coaching of area youth in Curling; **Darlene Heffernan**, Treasurer, and 35 yrs. of service with the Lioness. This award was presented by Fergus Lions President **Eric Peterson**, and District Governor, **Tim DeBlock**. There are now four members of the Fergus Lioness who hold this honour. With a club of only 10 members, that confirms that small numbers can do great things.

The Fergus Lions Home and Leisure Show held May 6, 7, 8, was a tremendous success. The Fergus Lioness hosted the annual Howell's Fish Fry Dinner and served over 280 people. A huge success and well received. Monies generated will certainly assist us in our pledge to help our community in the future.



District Governor, **Tim DeBlock**, **Arlene Halman**, President, **Fergus Lions Club**, **Eric Peterson**



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**Fergus Lions Club**, **Eric Peterson**, **Darlene Heffernan**, Treasurer

## Sharbot Lake Lions



District A3 2VDGE Lion **Bill Zwier** was presented **Melvin Jones Fellowship** by **Sharbot Lake President PZC Lion Bill Pyle** June 13, 2015

## Amaranth Lions



The **Amaranth Lions Club** presented both **Lion Karl Pilatzke** and **Lion Steve Hayward** with **Melvin Jones Fellowships** for outstanding service to the community

## St Jacobs Lions



The **St Jacobs Lions Club** honoured three of their members June 18th. From L to R: **Lion Murray Aberle**, 40 Years of Service, **Lion George Ritter**, 50 Years and **Lion Bruce Schweitzer** a **Melvin Jones Fellowship Award**

## Amherstview Lions



Centre **Lion Carman Fisher** receiving **Helen Keller Fellowship** flanked by left **Amherstview Lion President Andre Haverluck** and right **Mayor Loyalist Township Bill Lowry**. **Lion Carman** is **Chair for Amherstview Santa Claus Parade** and has successfully grown this event to over 100 entries



Centre **Lion Wayne Weber** receiving the **Melvin Jones Award** flanked by left **Lion President Andre Haverluck** and right **A-3 District Governor Linda Duffie**. **Lion Wayne** was **Public Speaking Chair** for countless years, also the **liaison Lion** with area schools and membership chair. This year membership in the Club increased by 50%



Far right **Lion Bill Matier** receiving the **Melvin Jones Award**; far left **Lion President Andre Haverluck** and centre **A-3 District Governor Linda Duffie**. **Lion Bill** is the Club's secretary - a position he has held countless years. **Lion Bill** is a diligent and hard working member on all Club's projects

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