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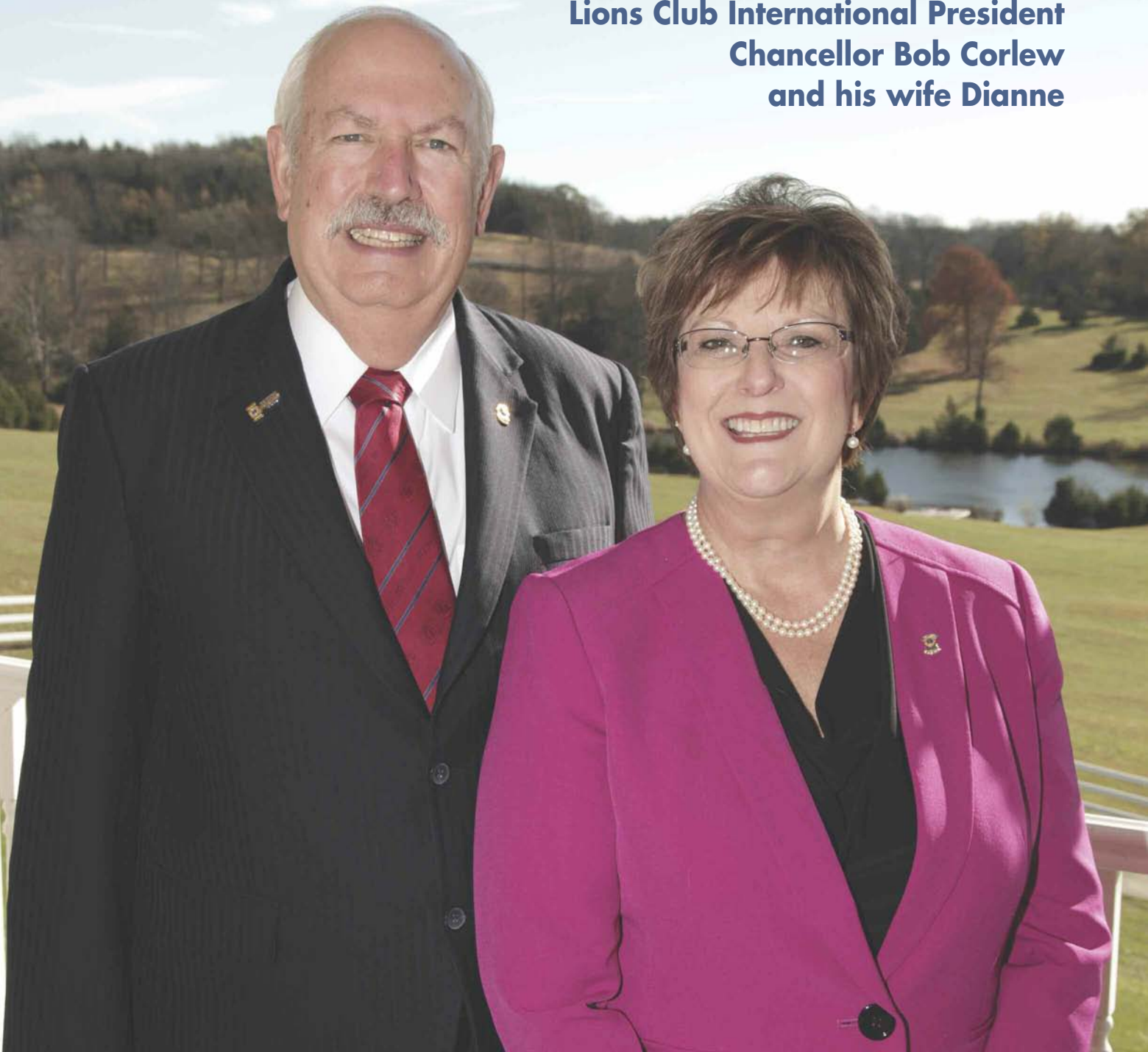


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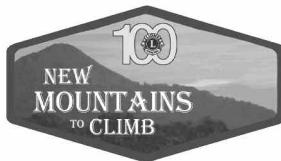
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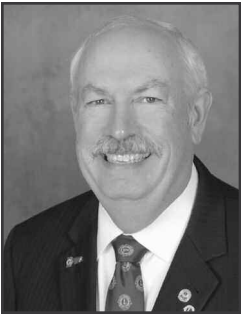
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2017 Party Train Gathers Steam



Chancellor Robert E. Corlew
Lions Clubs International
President

Kathy Singleton recently emailed Lions Clubs International. When she was a first-grader in Springfield, Missouri, the Lions club bought her first pair of glasses. “I still remember the joy I felt when I was able to distinguish that trees had individual leaves. It excited my heart to learn to see the world in its infinite beauty,” she eloquently wrote us. “I pray y’all continue blessing many other kids like y’all did me.”

Yes, Ms. Singleton, for the next 100 years, we will keep on helping children as well as adults as we have for the past century. In our centennial year, we want to

honor and remember the past as well as move our great Association forward.

During our long history Lions not only reached out to individuals but also often impacted entire communities. After an earthquake and tsunami devastated Afognak, Alaska, in 1964, Lions built a new town for residents. Five years earlier in the tinder-dry cattle country of Texas, their town regularly threatened by prairie fires, Leakey Lions started a fire brigade including a fire truck. Long ago in 1925, alarmed by the inadequacy of schools, York Lions in Pennsylvania began a well-stocked circulating library. The pages of the LION from the last century are filled with tens of thousands of such examples of life-changing and often life-preserving service.

Our centennial service goal is to serve at least 100 million people by June 2018. We are on pace to shatter that goal. Please have your club “join the party.”

Celebrate the centennial in other ways, too, by inviting family and friends to serve with you and by planning a Legacy project in your community. Find out how to participate at Lions100.org.

I am honored to serve as your centennial president. I hope you are just as thrilled to be a Lion at this special moment in our grand history. The service we do today will echo down the decades as we invariably strengthen our Association and leave Lions Clubs in better shape than ever for generations to come.

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Lions Clubs International President

Courtice Lions

Courtice Lions have been screening the Kindergarten students, in the 8 Courtice schools, for 11 years. During that time, they have screened more than 2,200 students.



Courtice Lions Vision/Hearing Screening Team: Jack Fisher, Barry Chisholm, Evelyn Fisher, Georgina Major and John Wells

Belleville Lions

May 7th Day of Service with Open House and free BBQ and (9am – 1pm) Toll Road for CNIB. Belleville Lions donated \$10,000 to Safety Village to renew their contract for “Lions Building” in the Village.



Denbigh-Griffith Lions

Denbigh-Griffith Lions have almost completed Legacy Project with installation of their new sign.



L to R: Lion Bill Shipley, Community Volunteers Garnet Wilkes and Gord Powell, Lion Tony Fritsch

Mt. Brydges Lions Club

The Mt. Brydges Lions Club recently completed their 2nd major project in 2 years. On June 29th they opened their new Playground Equipment in Lions Park Mt. Brydges for the kids of the area. Thanks to an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant of \$25,000, and fund-raising by the Club of \$25,000, they were able to accomplish this.

Another new project is well underway – a 1.4 km long Wheelchair Accessible Trail through the Lions Bush.



MPP Monte McNaughton, Mayor Joanne Vanderheyden, Lioness President Ev Crisp, Governor Mike Tuxford, Immediate Past President Lion Jerry Veale and President and Project Chair Lion Tony Bruinink opening the Equipment

St. Marys Lions

Recently the St. Marys Lions Club of St. Marys Ontario held their 6th Annual Toll Bridge with the help of the St. Marys Leos along with Lions **Ron Annett** and **Luck DeBrabandere**. This event raised almost \$2,900.00 for the revitalization of Cadzow Park in St. Marys.



Leo Advisor Lion Raymond Taylor and Barry Brebner



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY, 2016 GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM – GMT reported that membership in MD'A' currently sits at 13,276 members which is an increase of 19 members since the beginning of the Lions year.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM – The Global Leadership Coordinators have completed all required training of incoming District Governors, 1st Vice District Governors and 2nd Vice District Governors.

LITERACY – Lions are donating books to school libraries, giving books to individual students, putting books in Christmas hampers, recycling gently used books for children and adults in book sales, providing new and gently used books free at Food Banks, creating Little Free Libraries and supporting specific programmes with books. The partnership with Scholastics Canada continues to be well used.

GIFT OF LIFE – An excerpt from one of the District Chairpersons, “By registering your consent to be an organ and tissue donor you are offering a living legacy; that there is no age limit and there is no cost.”

ENVIRONMENT – The winner of the Lions Environmental Photo Contest is Lion Juerg Roth, Wellington District Lions Club (A3). The runner-up is Helen McLeod, Woolwich Community Lions Club (A15).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – The Governors' Council accepted the bid from the Fonthill Lions Club (A2) to host the 2017 MD'A' Effective Speaking Final at the

Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre in St. Catharines, May 5th-7th. The MD'A' winner of the Peace Poster Contest is Lydia Wilson who was sponsored by the Elmira Lions Club (A15). The MD'A' winner of the Peace Essay Contest is Makayla Conn who was sponsored by the Elmvale & District Lions Club (A12).

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – LCIF has donated a disaster relief grant in the amount of \$100,000. to the Lions in areas affected by the Alberta Wildfires. Lions were encouraged to consider making donations through the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA – The Amaranth Lions Club (A9) received a gold banner patch for raising over \$19,000. during last year's Dog Walks.

DIABETES AWARENESS – A total of \$52,780 has been raised for the Camp Huronda Project Bunkbed.

RESEARCH & LONG RANGE PLANNING – The Governors' Council adopted, in principle, the recommendations put forth by the Committee in respect to appointing a Multiple District 'A' Publicity/Media Committee and Chairperson. The Committee was authorized to continue to work on the duties of the committee and a job description for the Chairperson.

MD'A' CONVENTION ADVISORY – The 2017 MD'A' Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kitchener, May 11-14, 2017. Bids are being accepted by the Committee to host the 2018 MD'A' Convention

using the modified convention format.

CONVENTION REPORT:

Total Registration	692
DG/DGE/PID/PDG Dinner	136
Host Committee Luncheon	165
Melvin Jones Breakfast	71
Opportunities for Youth Luncheon	75
Medieval Feast	254
International Banquet	293
50/50 Draw Winner	Fowler's Corner Lions Club (A16)
Red Tail Award	Moosonee Lions Club (A5)
Travelling Lion	Kincardine & District Lions Club (A9)
Golf Tournament Winners	A5 Lions Myra Kiernan, Andy McRae, Pat Moore, Verner Presse

VOTING & ELECTIONS – The Resolution to amend the MD'A' Constitution & By-laws received a YES vote. DGE Susan Wilkes (A4) was elected Vice Council Chairperson for 2016-2017.

PCC Tom Gordon (A16) was ENDORSED as a candidate for International Director from Canada.

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

Copetown Lions

Copetown Lions hosted the annual S.H.A.R.E. Dinner at the Copetown Community Centre April 16th, S.H.A.R.E. raised over \$20,000.00. The Lions Club donated \$5000.00 to the cause.

Visit www.shareagfoundation.org for more information.



Lion Bill Shewfelt presenting the history of Copetown Lions involvement with S.H.A.R.E.

St. George Lions

St. George Lions attended the Dog Guides graduation ceremony at the Lions Foundation of Canada. They met Meg, the Canine Vision dog sponsored by their club and her recipient, Angela.



Lions Cheryl Hewitson, Kevin Hewitson and Roy Steedman with Angela and Meg

Lucky #13!

The **Guelph Lions Club** were honoured to sponsor their 13th Canine Vision Canada Dog Guide. Lion **Russ Dwyer** and 2nd VDG Lion **Charlene Teasdale** of the Guelph Lions Club attended the graduation May 18th at the Lions Foundation of Canada training centre in Oakville.

Lions Russ & Charlene were thrilled to meet Alessia and Bay and wish them well on their new journey! Alessia is a kindergarten teacher and Bay will be a valuable asset!



Lions Mobilize for Refugees

by Eric Margules

Bolstered by \$600,000 in grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions in Turkey and Europe are extending a huge helping hand to the millions of refugees from Syria and Iraq. Lions are providing shelter, food, clothing, schooling, language assistance and integration programs.

Refugee Relief in Turkey

Lions of Turkey, which hosts the most Syrian refugees of any country at 2.7 million, have received four refugee relief grants.

District 118-R (\$60,000) – More than 50 Lions clubs are filling 2,000 backpacks with blankets, undergarments, towels, hygiene products, bottled drinking water and other supplies. These unisex backpacks will be packed by Lions and given to the Turkish Coast Guard, who will distribute them to refugees who are rescued at sea.

District 118-E (\$26,000) – Lions are establishing a school for refugee children and supporting the nutrition and hygiene needs of 100 families for up to two months. Along with the Human Sources Foundation, an NGO in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Lions are converting empty classrooms in a community center to provide basic education and computer learning classes.

District 118-K (\$61,300) – Lions are expanding the capacity of a camp housing 500 refugees to include two classrooms, additional toilets and a pantry, which will be stocked with clothing, food, sanitary items and basic first aid materials. Overwhelming demand means many refugees have to stay in the exposed courtyard of the camp. Lions plan to cover the courtyard and arrange for a private education association to take responsibility for education.

District 118-U (US\$60,000) – Lions in District 118-U, which borders Syria and Iraq, are providing aid to children and expectant mothers of 2,000 refugee families. The aid includes dry food, underwear, blankets, children's footwear, diapers, first aid supplies and hygiene products. Lions will also provide 10 prefabricated buildings with portable fan heaters to house refugees.



Lions of District 118-E in Turkey provide desperately needed supplies to a massive influx of refugees

Lions in Europe

For many refugees, Turkey is just one stop along their journey to Europe. Lions in Greece, the Netherlands and Slovenia have received LCIF grants to bring relief to refugees.

District 117-A, Greece (\$10,100) – Lions are providing chemical toilets and generators to a refugee center in Rhodes, whose maximum capacity has been exceeded by the 6,000 refugees and migrants who have visited the shelter since August. Lions will also supply tents as well as outdoor heaters, sleeping mats, blankets and other desperately needed supplies.

District 110-AN, Netherlands (\$15,000) – Lions are purchasing shoes, underwear and toiletries and other items needed most by 1,200 refugees living in four emergency shelters in Amsterdam.

District 129, Slovenia (\$10,000) – Lions are working with the Slovenian Red Cross to prepare 2,000 portable emergency kits that include healthy foods for children, hygiene materials, blankets and coats. The Red Cross will hand out the emergency kits at distribution centers at critical entry points into the country.

Through these acts of service – and more to come – Lions are joining together to address one of the defining humanitarian crises of our time. If your club, district or multiple district is interested in aiding refugees, please contact LCI for project ideas and partnership opportunities. To donate or to find out how to request funds for local relief projects, please contact LCIF. LCI and LCIF will continue to work together to support Lions and their humanitarian relief projects.

Chemung Lake District Lions



New Board of Directors for Chemung Lake District Lions



Chemung Lake District President Lion Bob Herr presented Lion Keith Elliot with Lion of the Year award



Chemung Lake Lions won 2nd place in Dragon Boat Team 2016

Port Stanley Lioness

The Port Stanley Lioness Walk For Guide Dogs raised over \$14000. This will pay for more than half of the cost to train one guide dog.



L to R: Lioness President Mary Crosby, Mayor Dave Marr, (behind Dave), walk organiser Lioness Bev Filewood, Angela Bentibegna, LFC dog trainer, MPP Jeff Yurek, and Lions President John Johnstone

Midland Lions Club - Centennial Challenge

Environment Project

May 3rd was designated a Tree Planting event. It was sunny, beautiful and a perfect warm day for the event. The Town of Midland organized to plant several trees and shrubs along Aberdeen Blvd. on the other side of the pond and they needed volunteers.

WHERE THERE IS A NEED THERE IS A LION! Lion **Lety Dudgeon** took this opportunity to convince

some of the Lions to help. Although we're not too young to dig nor bend over, we were still able to help. That's right! Lion President Tom D., Tom H. and Lety were amazingly proud to be part of the volunteer group along with Midland Mayor Gord McKay who was also digging and getting dirty. The ability to be able to SERVE, no matter how small or big the project is - is what Lions do well.



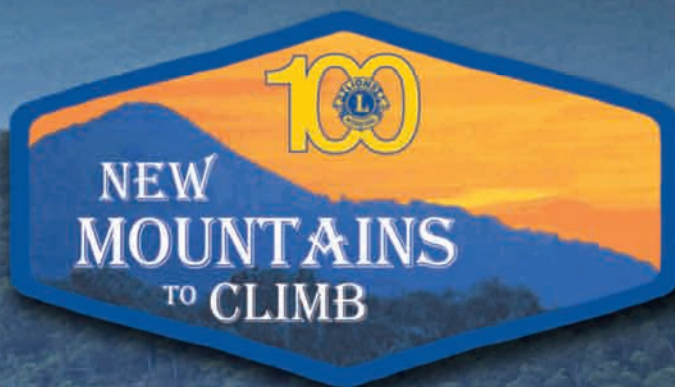
Lion President Tom Dudgeon, Mayor Gord McKay, Lion Tom Huntley

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NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB

The sights and sounds of my home state of Tennessee are many and varied. From the sounds of the mighty Mississippi River in the far western part of the state, to the sounds of agriculture and industry in middle Tennessee, to the sounds of the wildlife in the Appalachians in eastern Tennessee, all are distinct and representative of warm, southern hospitality. The sounds of the waters of the Mississippi in the far northwestern part of Tennessee, and further south, the wail of blues music on Beale Street in Memphis, are gentle reminders of the distinctive part of west Tennessee. Further east, in the central or "middle" part of the state, the relatively flat landscape gives way to the rolling hills that characterize the portion of the state which gave rise to country music. The sound of the banjo, guitar, and mandolin which dominate the hills surrounding Nashville for years have inspired the dreams of many a rural Tennessee farmer. Printers Alley and Music Row are well-known names in the land which has earned the name "Music City, USA." The sounds of agriculture then give way to the sounds of industry as one moves further east to Knoxville and the transportation city of Chattanooga. Just east of those sprawling cities begin the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, which dominate the entire landscape of eastern Tennessee.

Throughout the day, one can hear the frequent call of the coveys of quail—"bob, bob white"—interrupting the otherwise calm of the rural and even pristine landscape in some parts of the state.

And then, when evening comes, as the sun sets behind the mountains, one can hear the lonely call of the whippoorwill, or the haunting howl of a coyote in the distance. Near small hamlets, the sound of banjos, guitars and fiddles ring like echoes, calling people home. As

summer gives way to autumn, the hills and mountains become a splendor of color, as native maple, tulip poplar, birch, ash, chestnut, oak, and hickory trees turn russet, orange and yellow. Then as autumn becomes winter, the leaves give way to a blanket of snow, pierced only by the bare tree trunks and also the beautiful greenery of the cedar trees which dot the landscape.

The hills and mountains that form the backdrop of my home create a unique atmosphere. The natural boundaries of the Great Smoky Mountains formed over many generations a distinct culture with specialized dialects, a unique cuisine and a tradition of storytelling.



*International President
Chancellor Bob Corlew*

I come from a strong stock that enjoyed and valued their privacy. They built their homes on the mountains and down in the "hollers" of Tennessee's beautiful landscape. In doing so, they isolated themselves from the rest of the country and what was considered the mainstream of American life. This relative isolation inspired an independent spirit among those who settled here. An unintended result of the solitude of these mountain communities was the bond that formed among people in this

sparsely populated region. A cooperative nature evolved into a tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, of stranger helping stranger. The tradition of volunteering became so pervasive, that when the still young United States' independence was challenged in the early 1800's, it was the settlers of the region now known as Tennessee who volunteered in large numbers to defend its sovereignty – owing to Tennessee forever to be known as "the Volunteer State."

The volunteer spirit continues to be prevalent in Tennessee. "People helping people" is a phrase which continues to characterize the attitude of many a Tennessean. It is rare that one walks by another who fails to greet him or her with a cheery "good morning" or, in the smaller towns, a "howdy, neighbor." And in the tiny communities of the state, the driver of every

vehicle is met by a warm, friendly wave of the hand as he passes another vehicle.

Though times have changed, and old traditions have given way to modern technology, the historic friendliness that characterizes Tennessee remains. As times have changed, new challenges have arisen. New and different opportunities for service have become apparent. New ways for the generous to give have come to the forefront. Despite the modern times, the old volunteer spirit remains in the hearts of most Tennesseans.

The traditions I hold dear from my boyhood in Tennessee, and the independence passed on from my ancestors who overcame many challenges as they built a life in the foothills and mountains surrounding them, inspired me to choose "New Mountains To Climb" as my presidential theme.

Climbing a mountain is used as a metaphor for many daily situations people confront. It represents something that is difficult and arduous and that takes a maximum effort to scale. But it is only by climbing those mountains that we ever excel to our fullest. Each mountain represents a new challenge—a new opportunity.

As our world continues to change, each of us face new challenges—new opportunities to serve others. Blindness, measles, other health risks, food insecurity, lack of clean water, war and civil

unrest—all represent challenges for countless people around the world, and they represent opportunities for Lions as we work to make the world a better place. Lions must continue to climb upward, finding new ways to serve. Every mountain represents a new opportunity for Lions, and scaling each mountain provides each of us a chance to make the world better for another person.

As we commence a year of celebrating 100 years of community service – honoring our past and embracing our present – it is our future that we must plan and begin to forge. Our future is bright. But speaking metaphorically, if we are to ascend the next mountain, we must lay out a trail in front of us; we must mark our trail for future generations of Lions who follow, and preserve our tradition of service.





REACHING THE SUMMIT OF SERVICE

Reaching the top of a mountain is not the end of a journey; it's the beginning of another. A new opportunity.

We lead through service. That is our strength. We are a network of community leaders who have seen the result volunteer service can bring, and the value that volunteers provide to their communities.

We must continue to assess our service initiatives and programs offered by LCI to ensure we have a unified vision in which service programs drive the purpose of our organization, and as a result, grow our membership, increase member satisfaction, allow for more meaningful partnerships and increase public awareness. Ultimately, we must continue to lead through service and enhance our position as the global leader in humanitarian service.

Lions have an enormous impact on the health and well-being of communities worldwide. Think of all the ways that Lions make a difference in day-to-day life:

- **Environment** – Lions help to keep our neighborhoods, streets, parks, rivers, green spaces, and water clean and safe for everyone.
- **Youth** – Lions tutor, teach, mentor, coach, and support young people with everything from math homework to dealing with personal crises to football and soccer tournaments.
- **Hunger** – We work on our own and with other agencies to stem food insecurity.
- **Vision** – Lions work on many levels to fight preventable blindness and provide much needed services to the blind and visually impaired.

Lions are critical partners of and participants in societies throughout the world.

Ask yourself this question: What would my community be like if there had never been a Lions club?

What would our cities, towns, state/provincial parks, schools, and libraries look like? What basic needs would go unmet? What opportunities to grow, learn, and thrive as a society would be lost? That is a world that is hard to imagine, and difficult to measure.

Fortunately, we don't have to imagine a world without Lions clubs. As we approach 100 years of service, our footprint of service has grown beyond what Melvin Jones could have possibly foreseen

Lions continue to adhere to the two words that define us – our reason for being and the very essence of our existence – “We Serve.” And Lions embrace new challenges and new opportunities to serve others. No mountain is too high.

As we began our centennial celebration at the 2014 International Convention in Toronto, we asked Lions to climb the next mountain – to serve at least 100 million people in four areas – Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment – by June 30, 2018. Lions responded as only Lions do, with enthusiasm and determination. In only the first year we achieved more than one third of our goal. And now, as we conclude the second year of our Centennial Service Challenge, we are well past the two thirds mark, and positioned nicely to meet and exceed our goal.



But now is not the time to rest. Every community, large or small, that each club serves, presents an opportunity for a Centennial Legacy Project. Lions around the world are stepping up to meet this new challenge by creating a permanent legacy, which will forever remind Lions and others in the community of the great work we perform, and the mountains we climbed during our centennial year. Whether it's a park where children can play, a sports field where young people can compete, a school where students can learn, an eye center where those in need can be served, a hospital where the sick can be made well, a forested area where trees can grow and the environment be preserved, a library where our senior citizens can learn and enjoy their time, or merely a monument, a clock, or a sign to remind us always of our duty to serve, Lions around the world are now turning their attention to the needs that can be met through completion of a Legacy Project. The mountain is high, and we cannot yet see the top. It will take perseverance if we are to achieve what we set out to accomplish. But we are Lions, and we will not stop until we reach the peak!



CONNECT WITH COMMUNITIES

We know from focus group surveys of non-Lions that our Lions logo is one of the most widely recognized among non-profit groups. People connect our logo with community service.

Serving the needs of our communities gives Lions a special connection and builds lasting bonds. Our goal is to have at least 20,000 clubs participate in the Legacy Projects. Whether your club participates with a level 1, 2 or 3 project as described in the below examples, make sure the Lions logo is prominently displayed as a permanent part of the project. And be sure to report your project in the same manner you record your centennial service challenge projects.



LACEY MIDDAY
2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY NOON
PANORAMA CITY RESTAURANT





Level 1 – Community Visibility

- New signage
- A memorial clock or statue celebrating the community
- Community benches
- Bike racks
- A gazebo or picnic area



Level 2 – A larger gift to the community

- Refurbish a park or playground by installing new equipment, or accessible features for the disabled
- Provide accessibility equipment for an existing facility serving the community
- Equip an area of a hospital that addresses an unmet need
- Install a sanitation or clean-water system at a school
- Build a footbridge to make a busy intersection safer



Level 3 – A permanent project to advance quality of life in the community

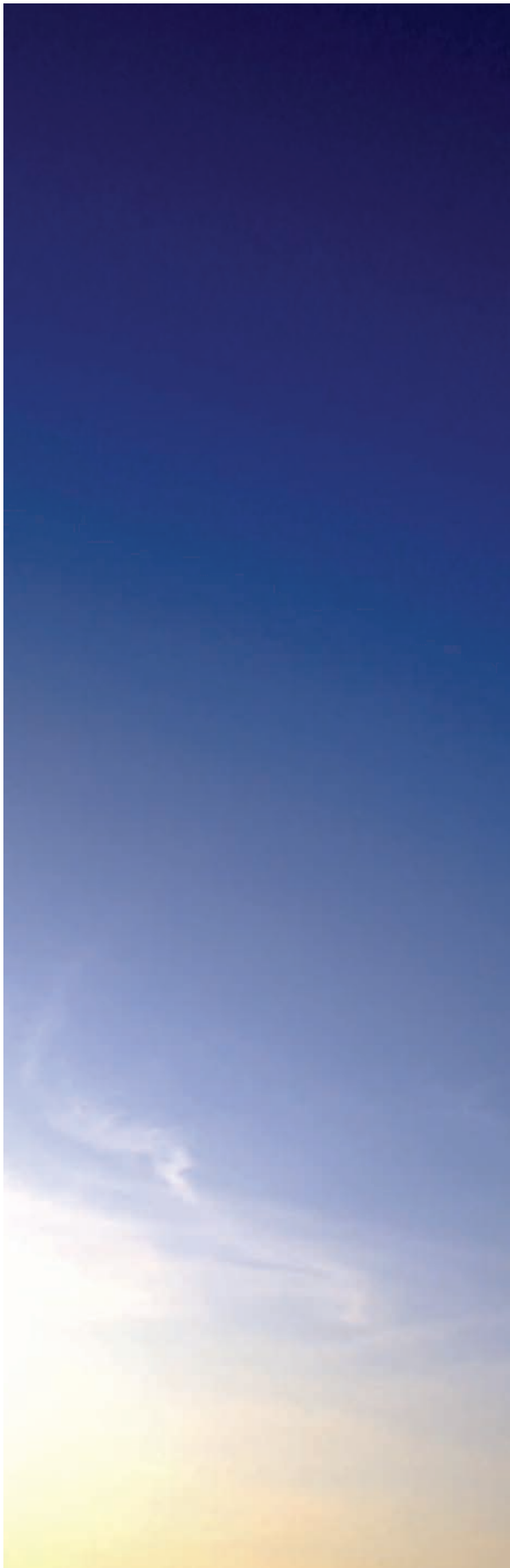
- Develop or expand a medical clinic, library or a school
- Develop a Lions Room at a hospice or hospital
- Develop a technology lab at a center for the visually impaired and blind
- Develop a vocational training center for under-employed youth or the disabled
- Develop a new park, playground or pool for the community

You can find more information about Centennial Legacy Projects at Lions100.org.

The image features a silhouette of three individuals climbing a mountain peak. One person is at the top, another is in the middle, and a third is at the bottom, reaching up to assist. The background is a clear blue sky with a bright light source on the right side, creating a gradient from blue to yellow. The overall mood is one of teamwork and overcoming challenges.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT is the way
to remain relevant and vibrant as we
enter our next century of service.

LEADING US OVER
THE NEXT
MOUNTAIN



Leadership is vision, knowledge, drive, confidence, optimism, openness, humanity, and caring. It is direction and guidance that inspires dedication, confidence, and achievement. Leadership is required to inspire and bring out the best in people. It is a process by which a person influences and motivates others to accomplish an objective, and directs an organization in a way that makes it more cohesive and coherent (unified, connected, and harmonious).

A leader must inspire others, and instill passion and direction to an individual or group of individuals.

So, leadership is the ability to inspire, empower, and instill passion in others - the ability to guide and direct others - the ability to motivate others toward a common goal, and achieve the desired results.


A recent study revealed that young people volunteer not only to serve the needs of others, but also for opportunities for personal growth. The training and development we provide, and the actual leadership experience gained by being a member of a Lions club provides an opportunity for each Lion to serve others better and also to grow as an individual.

Leadership development also provides effective ways to understand and improve the way we handle our own and other people's emotions by learning how better to communicate, motivate, guide and instill passion in others.

As we strive to meet the growing needs for humanitarian service, we need to do so effectively and efficiently. Good leaders can make that happen. Strong service = strong clubs = member pride, engagement and enthusiasm.

Just as importantly, leadership development is the way to remain relevant and vibrant as we enter our next century of service. As we celebrate our centennial, we must plan for our future. One key to our future is succession planning – ensuring an adequate pool of knowledgeable, capable, enthusiastic, forward-thinking Lions leaders who will guide and support us for years to come.

To climb to the top of a mountain, you need the right tools. You also need the right tools to become an effective leader. Our leadership development programs, tools, and resources have enhanced the skills of thousands of Lions around the world, preparing them not only to effectively address challenges, but to anticipate those challenges as well. Whether your preference is face-to-face training or technology-based learning, LCI offers something for everyone. I encourage you to climb even higher by taking advantage of the various training and development opportunities offered by LCI and the GLT.



BUILDING OUR TEAM

BY INVITING FOR IMPACT

Lions Clubs International is comprised of many teams – clubs, zones, regions, districts, multiple districts, District Governor Teams, the Global Leadership Team, the Global Membership Team, International Directors, Executive Officers, our staff, and many more – all working together toward the shared goal of enhancing our service to others.

Successful teams share two types of values.
They value:

- 1) Achieving the goal or accomplishing the mission
- 2) Relating to each other as a team.

Shared values include:

- Roles – Team members understand the unique contribution and limitations of others and develop a distinct division of labor. In mountain climbing, one climber might be excellent at deciphering new routes, another at setting ropes, and yet another at leading on the rope.
- Shared Goals – The team goal is more important than the individual goal. For example, climbing team members share the desire to reach the mountain summit together as a team, not just as individual climbers.
- Team confidence – Teams believe they can achieve success.

A second set of shared values relate to interpersonal dynamics.

- Trust – Team members count on each other to come through as expected. In other words, the team members see a consistency in behaviors. In mountain climbing, team members belay each other, resting assured they are safely tethered, even if a partner sets the ropes.
- Interpersonal understanding – Team members are aware of individual moods, desires, and personal situations so that they can recognize when a fellow team member is too physically weak or mentally exhausted to continue a climb.

These five values prove essential in getting teams off the ground, and lead to success in reaching summits.

Each member of the team is no less important than another. And each member of the team makes an impact. For every new member



who joins our team, we impact the lives of 30 people through service. Simple math then tells us that for every 1,000 members who join, we impact the lives of 30,000.

Our goal during our centennial celebration period is for every club to invite three new members each year, and for every district to start one new club. That is a modest 5 percent increase – approximately 138,000 new members. But it represents reaching an additional 4.1 million people through service.

It's not about adding members for the sake of membership growth. It's about adding members to meet the growing needs of our communities.



CONNECTING MY MOUNTAIN TO YOURS



Mountains are never isolated entities. They are connected. They are part of a series of mountains called ranges - the Alps, the Andes, the Himalayans, and yes - the Appalachian Mountains that run through my home of Tennessee.

Lions are connected too - through service, through fellowship and through something we all affectionately call "Lionism."

Lions around the world are connecting to each other as never before via the internet, which has enhanced our ability to communicate. Through real-time communication, the world has

gotten just a little bit smaller, even if only by perception.

And more than ever before, Lions are using social media to connect to the public.

Some clubs are even experimenting with online meetings, and allowing some members to attend meetings via Skype and tele-conferencing. Increasingly, our international officers are able to address a gathering of Lions in one country through Skype and FaceTime, while being physically present in another country around the world to address Lions in another setting.



There are many ways to use electronic communication, and just as many benefits, such as reaching a wider, more diverse audience. It's also a great way to save time and money.

In preparation for our Centennial Celebration in Chicago in 2017, our staff has reviewed a number of letters written by Melvin Jones. Our founder spent many hours personally reaching

out to new communities where there were no Lions clubs, and reaching out to Lions nearby. His letters inspired Lions and encouraged them to start new clubs in many underserved areas around the world.

As we plan our future, the Internet will play a crucial role. In the spirit of efficiency, expediency, and extension of Lionism, one has to believe that Melvin Jones would approve.

THE NEXT MOUNTAIN AND BEYOND

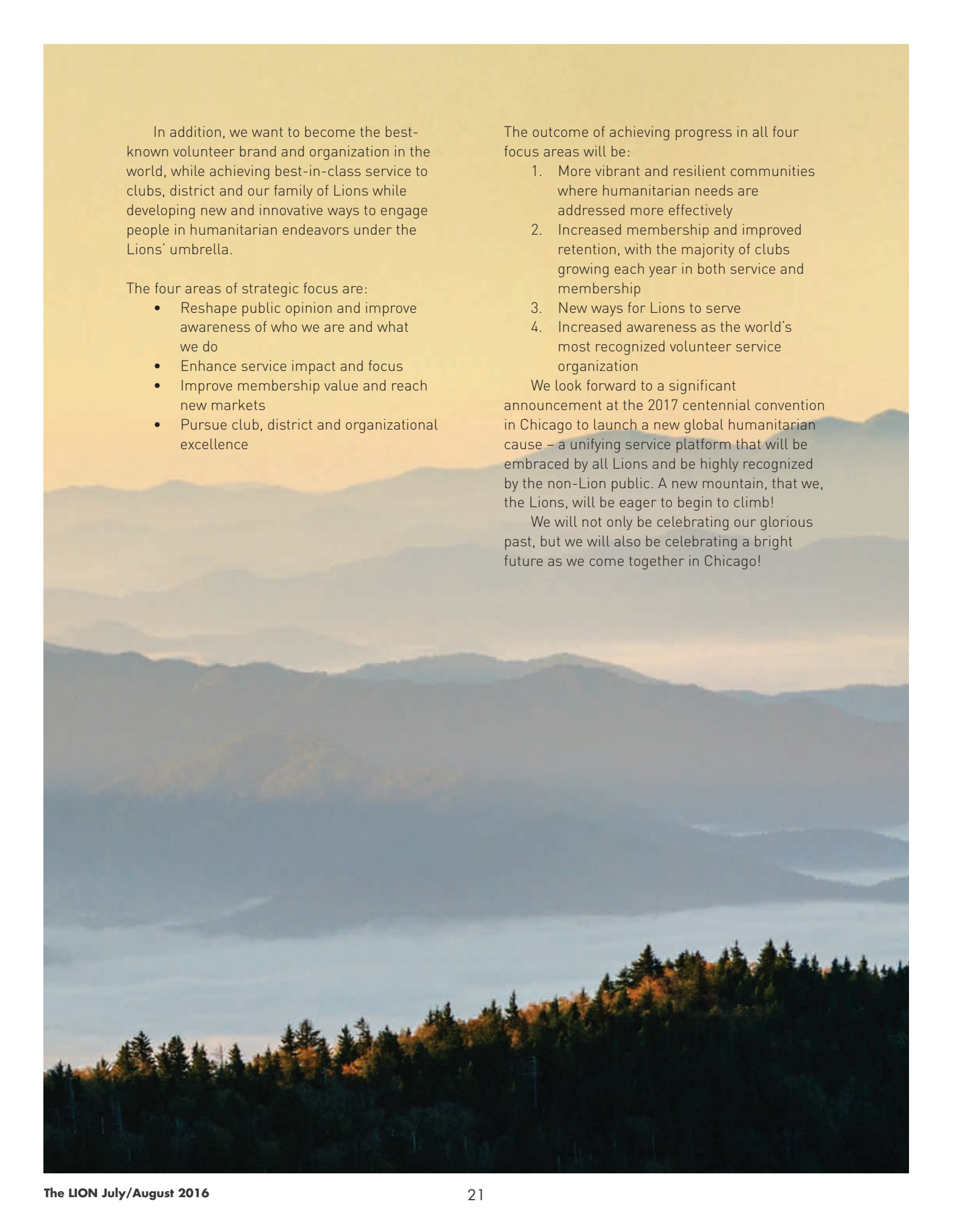
Long after the centennial celebration is over, the cheering has subsided, and the music has been turned down a decibel or two – we will still have many challenges ahead as the Lions continue our work of making the world a better place. The growing need for service around the world will continue to confront us and challenge us as we move forward.

And we must move forward. We must continue to anticipate the next new mountain. And we must climb each one. People depend upon us.

LCI Forward is a strategic plan developed to significantly expand humanitarian service, improve our current operations, and pursue new paths to unite people in Lions' service.

A primary goal of LCI Forward is to improve the lives of at least 200 million people each year – more than triple the number of people served currently.

FORWARD



In addition, we want to become the best-known volunteer brand and organization in the world, while achieving best-in-class service to clubs, district and our family of Lions while developing new and innovative ways to engage people in humanitarian endeavors under the Lions' umbrella.

The four areas of strategic focus are:

- Reshape public opinion and improve awareness of who we are and what we do
- Enhance service impact and focus
- Improve membership value and reach new markets
- Pursue club, district and organizational excellence

The outcome of achieving progress in all four focus areas will be:

1. More vibrant and resilient communities where humanitarian needs are addressed more effectively
2. Increased membership and improved retention, with the majority of clubs growing each year in both service and membership
3. New ways for Lions to serve
4. Increased awareness as the world's most recognized volunteer service organization

We look forward to a significant announcement at the 2017 centennial convention in Chicago to launch a new global humanitarian cause – a unifying service platform that will be embraced by all Lions and be highly recognized by the non-Lion public. A new mountain, that we, the Lions, will be eager to begin to climb!

We will not only be celebrating our glorious past, but we will also be celebrating a bright future as we come together in Chicago!

THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

New mountains to climb. New challenges to meet. New goals to achieve. New people to serve. New members to welcome. New leaders to guide us.

As we celebrate 100 years of service, we exalt in the accomplishments of Lions who came before us – those who established our tradition of no need should be unmet – who wore a path up many mountainsides to establish our organization as the global leader in humanitarian service.

But our job is far from concluded. When asked why he climbed a nearby peak, one

famous mountain climber replied simply “to get to the top.” The world looks different from the top of a mountain. The view from the top presents a far different landscape – a 360 degree panorama. From the top of a mountain one can see towns and cities that lie ahead or behind; rivers that wind their way through valleys below – and yes, the next summit to climb.

We don’t yet know the view from the top of the next mountain. But we know we have to get there. We know we must ascend to the next level of service, and mark our path along the way for the next generation of Lions.

This is the time to prepare ourselves and those who follow behind us, for the next 100 years, and for the bicentennial of Lions Clubs International. I’m asking you to join me in this continuing journey as we climb to new heights.

Here Comes the Judge

by Jay Copp

The verdict is in.

Lions' centennial president is Chancellor Robert Corlew, elected in June at the convention in Japan. Entrusted with the reins of leadership in a pivotal year for Lions Clubs International, Corlew will be on trial, so to speak, for 2016-17.

"I'm scared, humbled and energetic," he says with an easy laugh. "I think that during our centennial year we as Lions can have a tremendous impact on the world. We all have to work together, to pull together in every club, every zone, every district."

As president he'll travel worldwide to meet with clubs, service and nonprofit leaders, presidents, kings and dignitaries. He'll lead the board and help direct policy for Lions Clubs. He'll squeeze a lifetime of experiences in a single year. But it will be the experiences of his lifetime that will inform his choices and decisions.

Serving in the limelight is not new to Corlew, 63. The Tennessee resident worked as a judge and chancellor for 30 years. As a chancellor, hearing civil cases, he ruled on several high-profile, contentious cases involving businesses and government. He also worked as a lawyer, taught law, and, at age 29, served on the city council in Murfreesboro for two years.

Corlew's service as a Lion has been similarly impactful. Not long after joining the Murfreesboro Lions Club, large, thriving and not shorthanded, he nevertheless became secretary. He dove into service, flipping pancakes, selling brooms, light bulbs and mops and raising funds for the opening of the Tennessee Lions Eye Center for Children, which quickly became a premier clinic.

Need and Corlew seemed to intersect. Attending the charter night of a club as district governor, an epic storm hit the community, and flood waters raged, stranding people in their homes. The new band of Lions put down their knives and forks, jumped into motorboats and rescued frightened people.

A Precocious Youth

Located 25 miles from Nashville, Murfreesboro was a sleepy town of 40,000 when Corlew was a boy. His father raised beef cattle on 70 acres and taught history at a university. The oldest of three children, Corlew was unusually precocious. In second grade, he and a classmate started the 77 club, an imitation of the civic clubs to which Corlew's parents belonged (alas, not a Lions club). "You had to be 7 to be in second grade, so that's where we got the name," he says.

Most of the class joined the 77 Club, and its main purpose was to hold a picnic—until they set their sights on "environmental protection," as Corlew puts it. The water fountain on the playground was leaking. "We kept the water from getting under the swings and slides," he says with a wry smile.

Just a year later, at age 8, Corlew continued to show a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit—a trait that came in

handy years later when he was a Lion—when he went into the gasoline sale business. A friend of his dad was an oil distributor, and his dad had a 200-gallon tank. Corlew bought the gas from his dad's friend at wholesale price and sold it to neighbors at retail prices.

Sometimes his daring worked against him. When he was 8, he took his dad's two-month-old truck for a spin around the farm and crashed into the barn. As a constant reminder of his folly, his dad did not have the dent repaired.

Yet Corlew as a youth was an achiever, not a delinquent. Interested in civics, he secured a position as a page for an Alabama senator and lived in Washington D.C. as a high school sophomore. He shared an apartment with other pages, attended high school for three hours each morning and then spent the bulk of the day writing congratulatory form letters to constituents. "I did have dreams of being in government," recalls Corlew. "That did not happen, but my year in Washington had a big effect on me. I was walking on the Senate floor with a lot of folks I saw on television and in the newspapers."

Corlew actually became part of the media himself when he resumed high school in Tennessee. Before classes began, he stopped at a local station to read the news on-air. Corlew is gifted with a "radio voice"—deep yet pleasant. As a summer job in college he worked at another station in Murfreesboro. "He had a good voice, a good personality, willing to work cheap," explains Austin Jennings, the station owner who hired him. Jennings was not only a Lion but—an eerie coincidence—became international president in 1988.

Corlew studied history at Davidson College in North Carolina, becoming president of his senior class. He also signed up for the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and eventually served in the Army Reserve for a dozen years before retiring.

At Davidson, Corlew tutored disadvantaged children, some of whom made an unforgettable

impression on him. That powerful volunteer experience, as well as his years as a dedicated Boy Scout (becoming an Eagle Scout) and other instances of community engagement, helped make him who he was. "When we look back on our lives, there are probably things that happened that shaped us," says Corlew. "Things that made us feel, 'you know, I've got to make the world a better place. I've got to make things better for my town, my community.'"

He became a Lion in 1978 when he was a new lawyer. His introduction to Lions was quaint. A realtor who shared his office building, also working late that night, invited him to dinner. "He didn't tell me where we were going when we got into the car. It was a Lions meeting," he says. That turned out to be just fine. He knew many Lions already, and they welcomed him warmly. "I learned from that experience that when we have visitors to our club that the attitude we have and the warmth of our welcome is so important," he says.

Two other factors figured into him becoming a Lion—one very important and one not so important. "The Lions were very eager to tell me immediately about the projects the club did. The club was so active in the community," he says. "The food was pretty good too."

Corlew embraced being a Lion and especially enjoyed helping youths. His Noon Club started a Kids Fest, bought gifts for children at an orphanage and did eye screenings. "We detected eye problems—a couple of which might have been life-threatening for the young person if we had not had the eye screening," says Corlew.

Being a chancellor influenced his approach to being a Lion. "I think through my work I had the reinforcement of the need to listen to all points of view. I think I had more patience to listen to conflicting points of view," he says. "My work on the bench was a big factor that helps me be a better Lions officer."

His life got even richer when he met Dianne. His



Lion Corlew does an eye screening at a school in Tennessee

photo by Matt Michels

passion for cappuccino led to their meeting. Driving to a conference with time to kill, he stopped for a cappuccino in the faculty lounge at the law school where he taught. He bumped into the school's registrar, whose son was a patient of a doctor at a pediatric clinic where Dianne was a physician's assistant. "I think you should meet this doctor," the registrar suggested. Corlew did and also happened to meet Dianne. After a year of dating, they married.

"I think what I realized with Bob after dating for a while is our opposites balanced. We have a lot of things where we're not alike, and then a lot of things where we had the same interest. After dating for a while I realized our opposites balanced," says Dianne. The Corlews are the proud parents of five grown children and five grandchildren. Three of their children live within a few miles of them, and the family gets together often.

One of the most important lessons Corlew tried to pass on to his children also applies to his life as a Lion, encompassing both fellow members and people they serve. "We tried to teach the children that some people are fortunate and some are not as fortunate," he says. "Some people are smart and some are not. Some people have plenty of financial wherewithal and some don't. You've just got to respect everybody for the talents and abilities they have."

Thinking about how far he has come as a Lion, Corlew shakes his head in wonder. "When I was a very young Lion I remember being so excited when the governor came to visit. I remember thinking, wow, I need to wear my suit that day," he says.

But it's how far he can take Lions Club that matters to him now. "I hope we can say at the end of the year we grew individually as Lions and that we grew as an association, that we grew in our membership, in our service to the world," he says. "The opportunity to serve as the 100th president is just an unbelievable dream. Becoming president means to me the opportunity to provide service that can change the world."

Corlew Confidential

Scott Corlew, Corlew's brother and a surgeon

"Bob said a friend told him this story. One day he [Bob] was eating lunch in a tiny little town. Some person pointed to him and said, 'You know he's one of the judges that come over here. You know I've been before all of them. That's the politest SOB that ever put me in jail.'"

Mary Catherine Seiver, sister

"Bob is—I hate to say it—softhearted, but he is. He's a very kind person and empathetic. Even as a little girl if I had something like a toy break or an animal

dying, Bob was certainly one of the folks I wanted to tell first. Because I knew he would understand and we'd have a little funeral."

Brent Pierce, an assistant district attorney who was a student and intern of Corlew's

"In his role as judge, I would watch him in the courtroom. He was very patient. My impression before was that a judge is somebody that has to be very stern. But I learned by watching Chancellor Corlew that it's possible for a judge to have a kind spirit."

Dianne Corlew, his wife

"I see him being compassionate as we travel as Lions and we see different projects. There are times those projects bring tears to your eyes. There are so many people that just do not have the opportunities that we have. It makes you feel very fortunate, makes you want to help so much. And so I've seen that compassion extend not just from his work and his family but also very much in Lions."

Robert 'Roby' Corlew IV, son

"Something I've learned from my dad is just stay motivated. Everybody hits tough times. Just keep on going through it. Things do get better. And stay positive. You can find good things in everything."

Touchstone Story



As World War II raged, leaders of the Allied nations looked beyond the end of the conflict and held talks on a world body for preserving peace—an entity that would be stronger than the toothless League of Nations. Lions rallied behind the idea. In 1943 in Cleveland at their international convention, Lions endorsed a U.S. House of Representatives resolution calling for an international peacekeeping mechanism once the fighting ended.

In February 1945, Lions' founder Melvin Jones gathered with leaders of other national groups to meet with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs Archibald MacLeish to discuss forming a United Nations. In April Lions headquarters asked clubs to hold a United Nations week to show support for the initiative.

Lion Clubs International was one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in drafting the U.N. Charter. Jones, International President D.A. Skeen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and future International President Fred W. Smith of Ventura, California, helped to formulate the NGO section of the charter and participated in developing the U.N.'s humanitarian mission. On June 26, 1945, the U.N. charter was signed by the representatives of 50 countries.

Two years later in 1947, in recognition of the importance of Lions Clubs to its mission, the United Nations gave Lions consultative status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council, committed to the welfare of people worldwide. For generations, Lions and the U.N. have shared many common goals and worked together to further peace and prosperity.

Each year Lions and the U.N. celebrate their relationship. Begun in 1978, Lions Day with the U.N. calls together leaders from government, business and the nonprofit sector to explore solutions to pressing global needs. The annual event features a keynote address by a recognized world leader, expert panel discussions and, since 1989, the awards ceremony for the

United Nations

winners of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest encouraging young people to express their perspectives on peace. Lions Day is punctuated with a reception for U.N. diplomats, Lions, speakers and guests to celebrate this special and enduring relationship.



Lions Clubs International has worked with the United Nations since its founding in 1945 to bring help to people in need around the globe



Touchstone Story

Lions have both a slogan and a motto.

The slogan reflects the organization's formative years in America during and after World War I. The motto declares its common purpose in two short words.

In the early 1920s, the slogan "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety"—an acronym for the word Lions—appeared widely on club stationary, billboards and other promotional materials. Who said it first? Perhaps it was a young attorney named Halsted Ritter who rose to speak at the 1919 International Convention in Chicago.

"The name Lions stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose," Ritter declared, "but, above all, the combination of L-I-O-N-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship."

The words suited the patriotism that swept the U.S.

following WWI, and Lions adopted the acronym as its slogan.

As the Lions movement grew across national borders, cultures, and languages, Lions began looking for other words to describe their mission and work. In 1954, the board announced an International Motto Contest and invited suggestions from all 522,000 worldwide members.

According to the entry form, the motto had to be "enduring," "international in character," and "easily translatable." There was also a strict contest rule to discourage wordiness. Lions

We Serve

could submit as many mottoes as they liked, but each entry could be no more than five words in length.

To get Lions thinking, the organizers gave out a few five-word examples: "Men of Action in Action." "Working with Others for Others." "Worldwide Service to Humanity."

Thankfully, 11 of the 6,000 Lion contestants had better ideas. They each submitted identical entries. But Canadian Lion D. A. Stevenson from Font Hill, Ontario, was declared the winner as his submission had the earliest postmark. His motto contained two simple words: "We Serve."



Lions adopted this simple motto in 1954 after an international contest among members

CNIB's Lake Joseph Centre

enriches lives and makes memories with support from the Lions family

by Cameron Spark, CNIB

Months after she was born, Julia Janzen, now 14 years old, wasn't responding to light and visual stimulation. Shortly thereafter, the Niagara-on-the-Lake resident was diagnosed with Leber's Congenital Amaurosis, a hereditary eye condition that causes vision loss. That's when the Janzens contacted CNIB.

"They [CNIB staff] were amazing," says Krista Janzen, Julia's mother. "They taught Julia the skills she needed to live a fulfilling and independent life. They have really been integral for her."

In addition to life skills, like orientation and mobility training, Julia and her family found a special opportunity. Six years ago, the Janzens went to CNIB's Lake Joseph Centre (Lake Joe), an accessible lakefront facility that provides a unique blend of recreation and vision rehabilitation in Muskoka.

"It was the first place we went where things were made for kids who were blind," says Krista. "Lake Joe removed barriers so Julia could participate in activities that her family never dreamed she would be able to try. Sailing, tubing and even water skiing are adapted for campers with vision loss, and Julia was keen to try all of them."

While Lake Joe often focuses on programming for people who are blind or partially sighted, family week gave the whole family some time to experience the outdoors together. It allowed them to relax in an environment where they didn't need to constantly worry about Julia's safety or well-being.

"It became a family tradition for us," says Krista.

"It's my family's favourite place to go. They love it! It even inspired us to buy a tandem bike."

Lake Joe also instilled something special in Julia. It helped her gain independence and confidence to do things on her own. It helped her branch out and interact with other kids who were just like her. As a result, she has made some lifelong friends at Lake Joe.

"She [her best friend] is exactly the same age as me," says Julia. "She's completely blind like me; she has the same interests. It's great!"

Now, Julia and her friend are going off to sleepover camp by themselves, something her parents may have considered impossible only a few short years ago. Thanks in large part to the opportunities that CNIB has afforded her with the support of the Lions family, Julia is leading an active, confident life just like her peers. That is the real magic of Lake Joe.

"CNIB has always been an organization of people helping people, and nowhere is that more evident than in our partnership with the Lions family," says Jacqueline Harrison, Manager, CNIB Lake Joseph Centre. "Thanks to the Lions family, each year, over 600 children, families and adults attend Lake Joe programs, not only for the recreational activities, but for the confidence building and support offered by a community that understands living with vision loss."

Whether it's participating in a goal-based program aimed at athletic development (Camp Abilities), overcoming obstacles as part of an intensive rehabilitation program (Skills, Confidence and

Opportunities through Recreation and Education – SCORE) or relaxing with family and friends (youth, adult and family camps) in a safe, inclusive environment, Lake Joe provides enriching experiences for campers of all ages who are blind or partially sighted with support from the Lions family.

To learn more, visit cnib.ca/Ontario, and follow CNIB Ontario on Facebook and Twitter.



History of a Lions Club Charter

by Ray Charbonneau

All Lions Clubs like Lions Clubs International seem to have few birthdays. The date the club organized, the date that the Board approved their charter and LCI filed it, the date when it is presented at charter night. Most clubs in the early era used the date of their organization meeting as their official birthday.

There is a lot of information in a Lions charter document that may be overlooked to the casual observer. Beyond the names and date there is a structure and sometimes clues as to what brought the document into being.

It seems reasonable for this purpose to examine the oldest Lions Charter document in Canada that thankfully still exists in its original state. The charter of the Lions Clubs of Border Cities now called Windsor Downtown is a rare piece of Canadian Lions history.



The first thing to note is that the charter is signed and sealed by two different entities. The International Association of Lions Clubs (Illinois) had come into being in August of 1919 replacing the earlier International Association of Lions Clubs (Indiana) that had been operating since 1916. The signature appears of President Dr. C. C. Reid who had begun his term in July of 1920 however the Border Cities club had been officially organized in March of 1920 under President



Jessie Robinson. Melvin Jones signed all club charters in this era and for the next 30 years that he was employed as the International Secretary.

The International Association of Lions Clubs (Ontario) was an Ontario corporation established in July of 1920 to legally allow us to operate under the laws and jurisdiction of our own province and country. It is signed by Harry Newman who was the President of this new association and the just elected 2nd Vice President of Lions International. He was a lawyer in Toronto who created this separate group to govern our operations in another country other than the US and would later become our first Canadian International President.

At this time Howard Moore who also signed was the secretary of the Ontario Association which would be replaced by the International Association of Lions Clubs (Canada) in 1928. All new clubs after this time were issued charters that were signed and sealed by the Canadian President and Secretary. This lasted into the 1960s when all such independent associations were cancelled at the insistence of Lions Clubs International.

Until the formation of District A in October of 1920, this club and several others were included in an early district that also included the states of Michigan and Wisconsin.

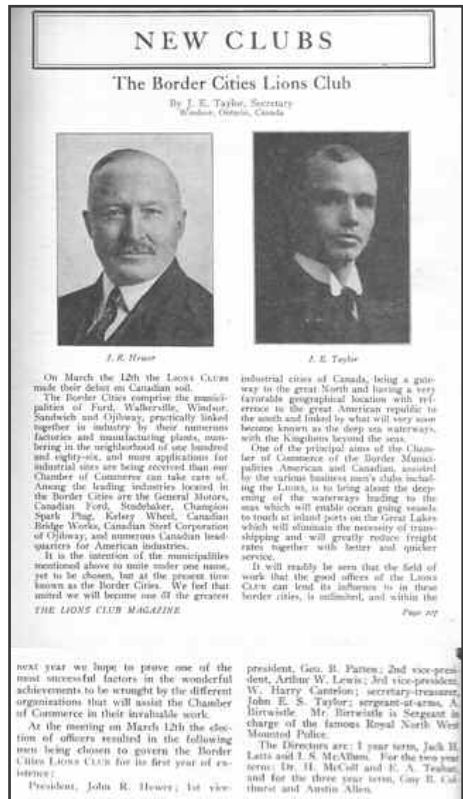
This document is signed by charter president John Hewar and by Louis Livingston who would become our first elected district governor in February of 1921. Also signing was Dr. H. Irvine Wiley who was the club

secretary and would later serve as District Governor and International Director.

The Ontario seals on this document are rare examples of this early administration. They are embossed and gold sealed.

The second thing to note is the Lions emblem which appears as part of the background behind the charter information. This logo had only come into being early in 1920 and was officially announced in the April 1920 issue of the Lion Magazine along with the announcement of the new Lions Club in Border Cities Ontario.

The third thing to note is the date of the charter which appears to be hand written on Jan 10th 1921.... (Presumably 1921). The official charter date of the border cities club is March 12th 1920 but owing to new charter documents being prepared for the insertion of Ontario provisions and signatures many clubs did not receive their official document until later in the year 1920. At the very least they were held until the club charter night so as to be properly presented. We know that Hamilton, Ontario was the first to receive theirs in September of 1920 and Toronto in October of 1920 but the Border Cities club did not hold their charter evening until January 10th of 1921 when this document appears to be signed.



Border Cities Charter Meeting

ON January 10th, 1921, The Border Cities LIONS CLUB officially became a link in the chain of clubs that now extends all over Canada and the United States. Over two hundred Lions with their wives and friends witnessed the ceremony and the occasion was one of exceeding merriment.

This was one of the largest assemblages the Chamber of Commerce has held since its beginning and it was representative of a very large area, as there were representatives present from nearly every club in the chain. Clubs on both sides of the line sent in congratulations on the presentation of the charter.

Major J. C. Tolmie, M. L. A., in his response to the toast to Canada, uttered a plea for closer and more friendly relations between Canada and the United States, declaring that Canada should be the link that should bind Great Britain to the United States. In proposing the toast to Canada, A. Menke, President of the Detroit Lions Club, also sounded a friendly note which was carried out by Judge George Smith, who shared the task of responding with Major Tolmie.

A tribute to the work of Louis Livingstone was paid by B. H. Furling, who proposed the toast to the President. In response, Mr. Livingstone thanked the club members for their loyal support and the service they had given to the community. Dr. Irvine H. Wiley, Secretary, proposed the toast to the guests, bidding all those present welcome.

Following the meeting in the Chamber of Commerce, the gathering adjourned to Zimmerman dancing academy, where the evening was rounded off by dancing. Following is the program of the meeting:

TOASTS

King "God Save The King"
 President U. S. A. Fred H. Carr
 Geo. B. Hamilton, U. S. A. Vice-Con.
 U. S. A. National Anthem
 A. Menke, President Detroit Lions Club
 Canada Wm. C. Kennedy, M. P.
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THE LIONS CLUB MAGAZINE

Lions Africa Tour 2016

by Lion Paul Boulanger

Can any of you Lions recall a movie by the name "Out of Africa"? Many people, including myself, have had a secret desire to experience wild Africa after seeing movies like that one.

Two years ago, working as a parade marshal for the 97th Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto - Canada, I had the privilege of greeting many visiting Lions representing a number of African countries. What I didn't know at the time was that an opportunity to visit that continent would present itself and the idea came up in June of 2015 when my wife's aunt Barbara suggested that she consider a trip with her to South Africa. Many months later, that invitation became a reality as six seniors: Barb Bowen, Lion **Marion Gadsby**, Alan and Alyse Sproule, Gail and Lion **Paul Boulanger** confirm their willingness to participate in this wild notion.

The adventure begins in Cape Town, South Africa on February the 4th - 2016. The "mother of South Africa", Cape Town is a very modern, clean and fun loving city cradled by Table Mtn., The Devil's Peak, Lion's Head and Signal Hill. The city was originally developed by the Dutch East India Company in 1652 as a resupply depot for voyages from Europe to the far East. It is now a sprawling metropolis of 3.5 million souls that have migrated from all over the globe to enjoy the good climate and easy life style. While visiting the area, we sail to Robben Island where

Nelson Mandela was held as a political prisoner during the apartheid years. Included is a visit to District 11, an area in central Cape Town that was evacuated of black Africans during the uprisings and has recently allowed settlers to return.

We visit the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point, The two Capes are at the Southern end of the Cape Town peninsula. They however are not the lowest point in South Africa - that distinction goes to Cape Agulhas which is roughly 160 kms to the South East.

I'm giving all of you Lions an inside look at only a few of the many exciting places that I was fortunate enough to see and the wonderful people of all ethnicities that I met while visiting there.

The trip was organized and planned as a 6 week, self-guided tour including a 6 day Safari experience for six older adults. Somehow I was fortunate enough to include a visit to four South African Lions Clubs into our schedule. On Saturday, February 13th, my wife Gail, friend Alyse Sproule and I visited the **Swellendam Lions Club** as guests of Lion **Herman Smit** (Zone Chair and President). We were invited to assist the Lions with a Bingo session that the Club had put on for the residents of a local retirement home. We were treated royally and what a wonderful reception they gave us! On Tuesday, February 16th, Lion Marion Gadsby and myself were guests of the **Knysna Lions Club** for their General Meeting. Lion Chief **Brigid Turner** introduced us to her

Membership and thanked us for coming to visit. We were treated to a fine reception after the meeting.

On March 6th, Lion Marion and I met with Lion Chief **Diana Sochen** of the **Sea Point Lions Club** in Cape Town, SA. We sat with her and talked about her Club and some of their past and current projects. Amazing how their projects are so similar to the ones we are targeting with our own Clubs. On March 11th, Lion Marion and I were visiting the Johannesburg area and are "shown the town" by Lion **Rob Fowler** (Council Chair and former District Governor - District 4108) and his wife **Marion Fowler**, the current President of the **Centurion Lifestyles Lions Club** in Johannesburg. A tour of the parliament buildings in Pretoria and a photo op in front of the Nelson Mandela statue was also provided by our Lion hosts.

We were warmly received wherever we went and helped by a number of Lions in various cities who could not squeeze in a visit because of our committed schedule. It was indeed a fantastic experience and one that I am trying to inspire you with - the motto that proclaims "Lions Serve" is alive and well everywhere in the world, including South Africa. Don't wait for a Convention to invite you there. I would recommend that all Lions consider planning a vacation to South Africa!

Paul Boulanger is Secretary of the Port Dover Lions Club - Port Dover, Ontario

Club Lions de Knowlton/Knowlton Lions Club

De nouveau, merci pour votre support

Depuis maintenant quatorze ans le Club Lions de Knowlton tient une vente de débarras. Cette année en fonction de l'achalandage et des sommes recueillies, l'activité fut un grand succès. Nous devons cette réussite à nos concitoyens qui nous offrent gracieusement jouets, bibelots, poterie, articles de sport et de jardinage, vaisselle etc. Ce succès nous le devons aussi aux nombreux bénévoles qui nous donnent un coup de main tout au long de l'activité. Cette vente, 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 et représente aussi une forme efficace de recyclage. Merci.



Sur la photo on aperçoit un échantillonnage des items en vente

A sample of the items that were on sale

Thank you for being at the heart of our efforts - yet again

For the last fourteen years, the Knowlton Lions Club has been holding a community wide garage sale. This year's sale was very successful. The large crowd of buyers at the opening was impressive. We owe this success to our generous supporters who donated toys, curios, knick-knacks, crockery, electronics, sporting and garden equipment etc. and who also came in large numbers to purchase said items. The success is also due to the numerous volunteers who helped all along the process. Apart from providing funds to help meet the needs within the community, the activity offers an opportunity for residents to purchase practical basic items at a very reasonable price as well as a venue to recycle. Thank you for being part of a team that puts community needs first.

Kendal Lions Club

On May 18th, there was a very special guest appearance by Samira, an 80 pound Lioness cub with trainer, Candice. Samira is from Orono Jungle Cat World. It was a fabulous visit with lots of excitement that evening.



Region Chair Frank Hewitt with Samira and trainer, Candice.

Grantham Lions Club Inducts 5 New Members

A-2 Lions District Governor Lion Bill MacKenzie proudly inducted five new members into the Grantham Lions Club at their dinner meeting on Thursday May 5, 2015.



Lions Mark Stevens, Ed Trefry (sponsor), Giuliano Cirone, Bill Dolha (sponsor), Jeff Hassim, DG Lion Bill MacKenzie, Nick MacDonald (sponsor), Mike Cross, Peter Hawkey, Glenn Wicks (sponsor and Club President)

Bracebridge Lions Club

On April 28th, the Bracebridge Lions Club welcomed 7 (Yes SEVEN!) new members to the club. These new members (Lions **Nicole, John, Jodee, Christopher, Scott, Randy** and **Bruce**) have made the commitment to serve their community and to help others. We are excited to have these new Lions in our Pride! A special thank you to PDG **Chris Lewis** who came out to help with the induction ceremony. These new members have already proven their commitment to the club and a strong desire to help us serve our community.



Kitchener Lions

We inducted 2 new members Lion Jean Lydia and Lion Lara Meek and installed our new Board of Directors for 2016-17. Big thank you to PDG Denis for conducting the services.



Kitchener Lions induct 2 new members. Lion Jean Lydia & Lion Lara Meek were Inducted by Lion Denis Vienne PDG at their last Club meeting

Exeter Lions

Years of Service Monarch Chevrons Recipients totalled 165 years of community service!



L-R: Lion William Carson 25 Years, Lion Thomas Hartai 25 Years, Lion Paul Anstett 30 Years, Lion George Godbolt 40 Years, Lion Glen Kells 45 Years

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting - September 9-10, 2016
- Council Meeting - November 4-5, 2016
- Council Meeting - February 10-11, 2017
- Council Meeting Convention - May 11-14, 2017

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Holiday Inn, Point Edward	April 7-9, 2017
A2	Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway, St. Catharines	March 31-April 2, 2017
A3	Ambassador Hotel & Conference Resort, Kingston	April 22-24, 2017
A4	Navcam Centre, Cornwall	April 7-9, 2017
A5	Quattro Hotel & Conference Centre, Sault Ste. Marie	April 21-23, 2017
A711	Sheraton Best Western, Markham	April 21-23, 2017
A9	Best Western Plus, Walkerton	April 7-9, 2017
A12	Barrie Holiday Inn & Conference Centre, Barrie	April 8-9, 2017
A15	Elmira Lions Hall, Elmira	May 5-7, 2017
A16	Marriott Courtyard, Oshawa	April 28-30, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2016/17 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kitchener, Ontario May 11 - 14, 2017

International Conventions

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
103rd	Singapore, Singapore	June 26 - 30, 2020
104th	Montreal, Canada	June 25 - 29, 2021

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 15 - 17, 2016	Omaha, Nebraska
Sept 21 - 23, 2017	Portland, Oregon
Sept 20 - 22, 2018	Columbus, Ohio
Sept 19 - 21, 2019	Spokane, Washington

Minnow Lake Lions

Minnow Lake Lions Club recently presented a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to PDG Lion **Brian Closs**.

Brian has been a Lion for 15 years. As District Governor, he generated district-wide support for the CNIB Eye Van. He has been Club President (more than once), Cabinet Treasurer and the MDA Chairperson for Diabetes and has made many other contributions of his time and talents. Thank-you Lion Brian for all the work you have done for District A5.

Lion Brian and his partner Lion Ann Violette



International President's Recognition Award

Lion **Jack Graydon** of **Oakville Lions**, Chair of Lions Home for the Deaf for 44 years, was presented the International President's Recognition Award by Council Chair **John Johnston** at the A 7-11 Convention on April 23rd.

Jack was given his Medal for Lions Services. The international president alone decides who is the recipient based on the written request by the nominator; in this case it was PID **Carl Young**. A quote from Lion Jack's letter from the international president, "Your actions typify the very spirit of our organization, and define our mission of service to others. You represent one more reason why we are recognized as the global leader in humanitarian service."

Melvin Jones Awards



Port Dover Lion Dennis Pascoe receiving "Melvin Jones Award" from our lion chief Lion Don Tomlinson at our Lions and Mates night in June



On the evening of June 16, 2016 MDA Secretary John Stewart was on hand to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to long time Londesboro and District Lions Club member John Hoggart



The International President's Recognition Award

Art Woods of the **Elmira Lions Club** received the International President's Recognition Award at the recent District A-15 convention in Elmira.

He was one of only three members in Canada to receive the honour, and he says there are many Lions members who have helped make the local club such a success. "I would like to emphasize it's easy to generate ideas and get things done when you've got great people like the Elmira Lions Club to back you and support you. I couldn't do it alone. It should be an award for the whole club, really," Woods said.

"This year our international president is from Japan, so it's quite special in my world to have received it based on the judgment from someone from Japan," Woods said. The award is given out to members who have provided services beyond the usual expectations of a Lions member, as deemed appropriate by the international president.

Woods previously was a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs from 2001-2003 and has been a member of the Elmira Lions Club since 1972. It came as a total surprise when he was given this award.

"I thought I was over my award receiving days. I've been around for a long time and have received most of the awards available in the

world of Lionism, and hadn't even thought of this coming up, for sure. Obviously I can thank a few people for making it happen," Woods said.

"I joined because I wanted to be involved in something to help the community and beyond but I had no idea when I joined what all Lions were doing. We are the biggest service club in the world, 1.4 million members roughly, a huge amount of work being done worldwide ... If you're interested and want to do any good and want to continue, you can have things to do for the rest of your life."

*by Whitney Neilson - Reporter/Photographer
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Lakefield and District Lions

Lion **George Payton** of Lakefield and District Lions on the right presents Lion **George Lord** with his 60 year service pin. Lion George Lord was sponsored by the late Lion **Frank Coyle** in 1956.



Delaware Lions Club – Celebrate 45 Years and Recognize Members for Long-Time Service

On June 4, 2016, Delaware Lions, with family, friends and fellow Lions Celebrated 45 years of community and humanitarian service. DG Lion **Mike Tuxford** presented the Club with a certificate of congratulations and thanks on behalf of the Lions of District A-1. Members with 25 or more years of service were recognized and presented with 'congratulatory and thanks' certificates from the local Municipality, the Provincial MPP and the Federal MP.

Recognized for long-time membership and service as Delaware Lions are Lion **Murray Weld** (43 Yrs),

Lion **Bert Meyer** (43 Yrs), Lion **Pieter DeJeu** (41 Yrs), Lion **Roy Ireland** (41 Yrs), Lion **Bill Groenewegen** (36 Yrs), Lion **Luc Cornelis** (27 Yrs), Lion **Peter Geene** (25 Yrs) and 10 (Ten) Charter Members (45 Yrs).

The 10 Charter Members are recipients of special recognition awards for their long-time service (3 LCI Life Memberships, 1 Helen Keller Fellowship, 6 Melvin Jones Fellows).



Back Row (Left to Right): Lion Harold Moore (MJF) Lion Peter Vanos (LCI Life) Lion Henry Vanderweyst (MJF) Lion Charles Scott (MJF) Lion Joe Clark (MJF); Front Row (Left to Right): Lion Darcy Gegeer (MJF) Lion Cor Groenewegen (MJF) Lion John Vanderweyst (HKF) Lion Kees Serrarens (LCI Life) Lion Ross McTaggart (LCI Life)

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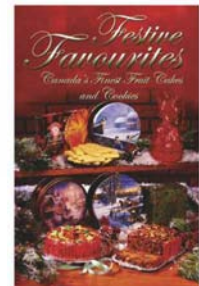
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Gift of Life Program overview

In 2015/16 Multiple District A adopted the Gift of Life program which supports organ and tissue donor registration in partnership with Trillium Gift of Life Network, the provincial agency responsible for the life-saving cause. Led by district chairs, Lions and members of the communities they serve are educated about and encouraged to register their consent to donate.

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Tom Gordon, Endorsed Candidate for International Director for Canada 2017-2019 (middle) visits the Gift of Life (GOL) program MDA Convention vendor booth with Lions from left to right Nancy Watt-Durant, Marj Lewis, A-12 GOL Chair Mary Ratensperger, A-711 GOL Co-Chair Rajja Rosenthal, A-5 GOL Chair Anne Brant and Dave Durant



District A-2 Governor Stewart Patterson and his wife Nancy register to be organ and tissue donors after presentations by a donor mom and two recipients at their annual convention

Newcastle Lions Club

Lions **Bob Carruthers, Charlie Trim, Tom Wallace, Tom Simpson, Terry Graham** and **Gord Whealy** put in a good day's work at the Newcastle Lions Club Memorial Forest in early July. They whipper-snipped all the trees (over 200), straightened out one arbour that had heaved with the frost and drilled and mounted 8 plates that had come unglued from their stainless steel plates.

It was hot but actually a perfect day weatherwise for the work that needed doing. Thanks to the team again and if any Lions have not had the opportunity to visit the Newcastle Lions Club Memorial Forest it is a very pleasant place to spend some time or just go for a stroll.



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