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# Helping Children Is Our Most Urgent Task



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

Courage, strength and wisdom can come from the most unlikely sources.

Malala Yousafzai stands five feet tall—tall enough to stand up to the Taliban. As a young girl in Pakistan, she demanded that girls receive an education. A Taliban

gunman shot her in the head in 2012, but she survived and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 for continuing to advocate for girls' education.

In accepting the Nobel, she knew she stood for so many others. "I am also Shazia. I am Kainat [two girls who also were shot]," she said in her powerful speech. "I am Mezon [a Syrian refugee]. I am Amina

[threatened by Boko Haram in Nigeria]. I am those 66 million girls who are deprived of education. And today I am not raising my voice. It is the voice of those 66 million girls."

My presidential theme revolves around "dignity, harmony and humanity." I believe that our essential mission as Lions is to perform service that enables people to live with dignity. We especially need to aid children, our future. We need to help children who are fighting disease, children who are in refugee camps, children who are suffering from hunger. We need to help children escape the vicious cycle of poverty. We need to provide children with education and literacy through the Reading Action Program. We need to do so much more.

Now is the time for each Lion to take action to serve children in need around the world. Our future depends on it. Malala's passionate call to action to help youths

must ring true to Lions today in the same way as Helen Keller's plea to help the blind resonated with Lions 90 years ago. As Malala said, "We have already taken many steps. Now is the time to take a leap. ... We must work, not wait. Not just the politicians and world leaders, we all need to contribute. Me. You. We. It is our duty."

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

## Pictures Capture the Joyful Spirit of Service

We live in the age of video. YouTube uploads 300 hours of video every minute. You, I and everyone else are watching them. Yet photography remains an incredibly powerful medium for capturing our modern lives. As U.S. photographer Alfred Stieglitz once said, "In photography there is a reality so subtle that it becomes more real than reality."

In this special photo issue we spotlight the profound reality of our service through the brilliant gaze of a camera lens. These photos illuminate the grace and beauty of our service. In a typical issue of the LION we tell stories of those we've helped and the Lions

who serve. On pages 10 to 14 we convey our remarkable, timeless impact on the world through the power of images fixed in particular times and places worldwide.

Service is beautiful. It's love. It's kindness. It's charity in action. It's spirit taking flesh. It's dignity, harmony, humanity (my presidential theme)—not only for those we serve but also for Lions.

Our service is not in any way rote or routine or mechanical. Our service is joyful, peaceful and full of good cheer. It's quite in line with the buoyant mood of this time of year—the holiday season. Toshiko and I

wish you health and happiness. May 2016 be filled with love and laughter in your Lions world and among loved ones.

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

## 'Lions University'

In September, **Jeff Sullivan** of District A-15 attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids Michigan, along with about 2,000 Lions from across North America. It was a great week of learning and fellowship.

On Friday, September 18, 2015, over 250 Lions were recognized for having completed the requirements for the Bachelor's Program, and over 60 Lions were recognized for having completed the requirements for the Master's Program.

Sullivan received his "Lions Bachelors Degree" from International President **Dr. Yamada** at a ceremony for the first graduating class of Lions University - what a gracious and inspirational man. This program is recommended to anyone wanting to improve their knowledge of Lions, and their leadership skills. It's 15 hours of learning and a couple other criteria to graduate with a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate "degree". However, even if you don't want the

diploma, you can just take the courses you're interested in. And it's free! [www.lionsuniversity.org](http://www.lionsuniversity.org). More info about the grad below.

When planning began last year for the Graduation, there was NO IDEA how much interest the Lions of

North America would have in Lions University. Participation exceeded all expectations.

Another interesting tidbit from the forum was that our Multiple District for Ontario MD'A', won the award for highest number of attendees out of all the North American Multiple Districts.



**Jeff Sullivan 'Sully'** receives his Lions BA from International President **Yamada**



**Lion OJ Wilura** - also from District A-15 - receives his Lions BA from International President **Yamada**



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER, 2015 GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING



**ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR** – MD'A' Secretary John Stewart advised that the MD'A' Policy & Procedures Manual had been updated to include the change to the election of the Council Chairperson. The qualifications to seek the office are as follows:

- Any sitting District Governor wishing to stand for the office of Council Chairperson shall submit his/her name to the Council Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the February/March Governors' Council Meeting.
- A Past District Governor wishing to stand for the office of Council Chairperson may only submit his/her name if the sitting District Governor from that sub-District has indicated they will not be seeking the office of Council Chairperson. In this manner, a sub-District will only be permitted one (1) candidate for the office of Council Chairperson. A Past District Governor shall be permitted only one (1) attempt to seek the office of Council Chairperson
- The Past District Governor shall be a Lion in good standing in a Club in good standing in Multiple District 'A' and shall have served as District Governor in one (1) of the three (3) preceding years and shall be subject to the following criteria:
  - (a) He/she has maintained an active role at the sub-District level and at the Multiple District level either as a Cabinet Member or a Committee Chair or an instructor/presenter at a MD'A' Training Session or USA/Canada Forum;
  - (b) The Past District Governor shall submit his/her name to the Council Secretary at least fifteen (15) days prior to the February/March Governors' Council Meeting, together with a

letter of endorsement from his/her District Cabinet supporting their request to seek the office of Council Chairperson. If the sitting District Governor does not plan to seek the office of Council Chairperson, he/she is requested to inform the previous three (3) District Governors thirty (30) days prior to the February/March Governors' Council Meeting advising of their opportunity to apply, if they so wish and if they meet the above criteria. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of a Past District Governor to determine if his/her sitting District Governor intends to stand for the position of Council Chairperson and to provide documentation that he/she has met the required criteria.

**MD'A' CONVENTION ADVISORY** – The Widdifield Lions Club and the Bonfield & District Lions Club, District A5, will be co-hosting the 2016 MD'A' Convention on May 26-29, 2016 in North Bay. Our International Guests will be LCI 1st Vice President Bob Corlew and his wife, Lion Diane. Elections will be held for the candidates seeking the MD'A' endorsement for International Director for Canada. Registration Forms for the Convention and the Stew O'Brien Golf Tournament are available on the MD'A' website.

**USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM** – The Governors' Council authorized the completion of a Bid Form to host the 2020 USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

**LIONS QUEST** – A Grant in the amount of \$10,000. has been received from LCIF. The money will be used to fund five community workshops. District interested in hosting a workshop should contact Lion Joanne McQuiggan at the Lions Quest Canada office.

**GIFT OF LIFE** – PDG Eleanor Colwell encouraged all Lions to register as an organ & tissue donor in one of

three ways; Online at [www.beadonor.ca](http://www.beadonor.ca); In person at ServiceOntario; Downloading the consent form from the beadonor website. The next step is to keep your family apprised of your intentions.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH** – The MD'A' Effective Speaking Finals will be held on the first weekend in May, 2016 at Algonquin College in Ottawa. An Opportunities for Youth Luncheon is being planned for the MD'A' Convention in North Bay.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS** – The Canadian Winter Games are being held in March, 2016 in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Volunteers are needed.

**LION MAGAZINE** – PDG John Daniels stated that Lions Clubs International has advised that the Lion Magazine is going digital. By the year 2018 International will be producing 4 hard copies & 12 digital copies. Funding from LCI for the MD'A' magazine will be reduced. He indicated that additional information in respect to costs of producing a MD'A' digital magazine will be available for the March Council Meeting. The Governors' Council approved a 28 page or 32 page edition of the Lion Magazine for the January/February issue to provide space to recognize Centennial celebrations in 2017.

**TREASURY** – MD'A' Treasurer Dave Hewitt presented the 2015-2016 audited financial statement which stated, in part, "In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Multiple District 'A' Lions Clubs as at June 30, 2015 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations."

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

## Request from Editor

### Lions of Multiple District 'A'

Starting with the February issue leading up to our Anniversary in 2017, we at the Lion magazine are looking for articles and photos of activities that reflect 100 years of service to our communities and also how your Club may celebrate our Centennial year. Please keep in mind that we only print photos of cheque presentations if we have space.

**Lion John Daniels**  
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# Lions' Compassion Helps Expand Transplant House

by Eric Margules

Imagine you need a kidney transplant—imagine the anxiety and stress of putting your health in someone else's hands. Now imagine traveling to a new city to get the operation, knowing you don't have—or can't afford—a place to stay during your recovery.

This is the situation facing many people who travel to Madison, Wisconsin, for transplant operations at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, and lack the resources or social connections to secure housing while they're in town. Transplants are complex surgical procedures that typically require significant time for recovery and preparation, so having a place to stay is essential to a successful operation.

Thankfully, there's hope.

Since January 2013, Restoring Hope Transplant House (RHTH) has been a home away from home for patients who are in the Madison area to receive medical transplants. The home provides up to six weeks of temporary housing for transplant patients—and their adult family members and caregivers—in an environment that offers compassion and supports healing.

And it works. In fact, it works so well that there

often aren't enough beds for potential residents.

After learning that the house was experiencing weeks at a time without vacancy, the Lions from Multiple District 27 D1 decided to help. In addition to fundraising, Lions secured a \$75,000 Standard Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to help fund an expansion of RHTH.

The first phase of RHTH's expansion plan, completed in the summer, includes the renovation of the current patient rooms to include double and twin-sized beds, as well as the improvement of a community kitchen, on-site laundry and other amenities.

With the second phase of the expansion plan, set to begin in the near future, RHTH hopes to expand its capacity from five private rooms to 16, dramatically increasing its ability to serve patients in need.

After years of fundraising and with contributions from 10 different districts, Lions' and LCIF's contributions have helped RHTH secure more than \$200,000 of the more than \$1 million required for the expansion.

"We are so grateful for [Lions'] support of transplant families and Restoring Hope Transplant

House," says Cindy Herbst, Executive Director and co-founder of RHTH. "We are beyond words with your extremely generous donation that will allow us to expand this home. The stories of our guests are moving and powerful. Having the Lions as partners gives us greater courage, resolve, compassion and energy to do the right thing in serving others."

**For information on Standard Grants and to find out how your Lions club can apply, visit [lcif.org](http://lcif.org).**



*Restoring Hope Transplant House will more than triple the available rooms for transplant patients in Madison, Wisconsin*

# Caring for Mothers and their Babies in Ecuador

by Cassandra Bannon

At meetings in their clubhouse Quito Lions trade gossip, jest with one another and plan projects. Next to the clubhouse is a concrete reminder of their commitment to service: the **Quito los Olivos Lions** have operated a community medical center in the space adjacent to its clubhouse since 1997.

Funded by modest patient fees, the Quito los Olivos Medical Center is staffed by a team of 22 medical professionals and operates six days per week. From microsurgery and neurosurgery to ophthalmology to maxillofacial surgery, the clinic provides routine and specialized medical care to approximately 20,000 people each year. Since 2002, the clinic has offered extensive services for cleft lip and cleft palate, free of charge to the families in need of those services.

Quito, Ecuador's capital, sits high in the Andean foothills. Chartered in 1980, the Quito los Olivos Lions Club has 29 members.

Recently, their clinic has seen an increase in the number of low-income expectant mothers seeking care. The private clinics in the area typically charge US\$30 to US\$50 for prenatal and maternity services, which is beyond the financial means of many residents. Consequently, more women are turning to the Quito los Olivos Medical Center for quality, accessible health care and family services.

To accommodate the increased demand, local Lions clubs built a second floor on the clinic to house a dedicated maternity ward. With the new space allocated and the professional expertise already on hand, all that was missing was the medical equipment.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) awarded a US\$59,043 Standard grant to the Lions of Ecuador to equip the new maternity clinic. Local Lions used these funds to purchase critical supplies such as an infant radiant warmer, a fetal monitor, newborn cribs, three electric hospital beds, a portable electrocardiograph machine, other diagnostic tools, a pediatric scale and birthing table.

"It is important to face life with a smile," says patient Laura Inés Rodríguez Zapater. "LCIF and the Quito los Olivos Lions Club have provided us with a reason to smile!"

The LCIF grant has substantially increased the amount of services the clinic can offer. The new maternity clinic now provides women of childbearing age with family planning education, health screenings, prenatal care, delivery and post-partum care. The clinic also offers vaccinations, nutritional counseling and therapeutic services for children. The addition of the maternity clinic means the Quito los Olivos Medical Center will now serve an expected 30,000 people each

year, which means healthier mothers, healthier families and a healthier community.

LCIF Standard grants provide matching funds from US\$10,000 to US\$100,000 to Lions clubs or districts that have identified a need within their community and have a plan to address that need. Projects must serve a large number of people and must be beyond the scope of traditional club and/or district fundraising activities. Standard grants generally provide capital funding for equipment and infrastructure needs. To learn about Standard grants, please visit [lcif.org](http://lcif.org).



*The Lions of Ecuador remain committed to improving the health of mothers and their children*



## Gary Crandall reçoit le Prix Compagnon de Melvin Jones

Lors d'une récente réunion tenue à l'Hôtel Lakeview de Knowlton, Gary Crandall a reçu le Prix Compagnon de Melvin Jones décerné par le Club Lions International en reconnaissance de son engagement en faveur du **Club Lions de Knowlton**, notamment à titre de secrétaire depuis plusieurs années. Crandall est membre du Club depuis plus de 15 ans et il a participé à divers projets du club pendant plusieurs années, notamment au niveau des communications. "Il est très gratifiant de contribuer à la réalisation des besoins de la communauté et c'est avec un grand plaisir et beaucoup d'humilité que j'accepte ce prix", a déclaré Crandall.



*Monsieur Jean-Paul Poulin, gouverneur du District U-4 du Club Lion et le récipiendaire du prix Gary Crandall*

## Blyth Lions Club

IPCC **Bob Tanner** presented Multiple District 'A' Life Memberships to four members of the Blyth Lions Club (A9) as well as a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship was Lion **Steve Howson**. Lion Steve has been an active member of the Club for 30 years. He served as Club President in 1990-91, Club Secretary from 1993-2004



*(left to right) Frank Hallahan, Ernie Phillips, Bill Logue, Steve Howson (MJF), Gord Jenkins, IPCC Bob Tanner*

and Club Treasurer from 2004 to 2015. He has been a strong supporter of minor hockey in Blyth as a player, coach and administrator. He received the Blyth Citizen of the Year Award in 2012 and the Ontario Volunteer Service Award in 2015.



## Aurora Lions Club Award Melvin Jones Fellowships

The Aurora Lions Club at their first meeting on September 8, 2015 presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to two outstanding Lions, Zone Chair and Past President Lion Ra'ed Dallal and 1st Vice President, Trudy Stunden. PDG Lion Paul Taylor made the presentation.



*L - R: PDG Lion Paul Taylor, Zone Chair and Past President Lion Ra'ed Dallal, First Vice President Trudy Stunden and Lion President Don Lewis*

## Guelph Lions

PDG Lion **Thom Herrmann** presented Lion **Dale Gauley** with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Dale is the Club Treasurer and contributes countless hours into making our Guelph Lions Home Show each Spring a success.



## St. George Lions and Citizens of St. George and Area

At this time of year autumn leaves blanket the streets and lawns in St. George, Ontario, but rather than Halloween pumpkins and cobwebs, the houses were decked out in Christmas lights and inflatable snowmen. Santa's even been here, two months early.

The unseasonable holiday cheer is for one of the small town's youngest residents, Evan Leversage, 7, who is dying. His mother, Nicole Wellwood, was recently given the worst news imaginable: his tumour, diagnosed five years ago, has grown and spread. Doctors told her Evan likely won't make it to Christmas. She turned to her family, asking them to help her celebrate the holidays early, so Evan could have one last Christmas.

The whole story has been told in media coverage across Canada and the St. George Lions jumped on

board to do whatever they could for Evan. Lion Chief Wayne Branchaud received a request for the Lions and residents of St. George to get involved. It goes without saying the club was unanimous and they set the wheels in motion to do what they could. The club's float was decorated for a Christmas parade to be held Oct. 24th.

Many of the floats stopped in front of Evan's home where he sat in his "snowy" yard with his family enjoying the Grinch, superheroes, marching bands, tow trucks, police dogs and motorcycles and numerous other floats. The highlight was the last one with Santa and his sleigh. Evan and his family joined Santa and Mrs. Claus and finished the rest of the parade route with Evan "flying high" with Santa.

The love and support for Evan and his family was felt throughout the crowd, and there weren't many dry

eyes, if any, that evening. A family member commented for Evan it truly was Christmas!

Recent Update: As of Nov 11 Evan was in Palliative Care, the full international story can be found by searching on Google. *Final Note: Evan passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 6, 2015.*



# Lions on Location

## Austrians Mimic New York Event

AUSTRIA – Celebrating Lions Day at the United Nations, Lions in Austria held their own version of the day at the Parliament Building in Vienna. Lion **Karlheinz Kopf**, president of the Austrian National Council (one of the two houses in the Austrian Parliament), hosted the event.

Ambassadors, U.N. officials and Lions such as Kopf and Past International Director **Ernst Musil** talked about the long-standing relationship between the United Nations and Lions and the importance of nonprofit organizations in alleviating social ills. The keynoter was Prelate Mag. Fürnsinn, Abbot of the Herzogenburg Monastery. Classical musicians played songs by Mozart, Bach and Handel. The Peace Poster Contest finalists from the western, central and eastern districts of Austria were introduced to the crowd of 200.

Held in early spring in New York, Lions Day at the United Nations is a 37-year tradition.

## The Fairest of Them All

FINLAND – Author Aleksis Kivi, who wrote the first significant novel in Finnish in the 18th century, knew and appreciated the fair held at Anianpelto. He wrote a poem about it: “Music was played and horse carriages drawn. Stallions proudly neighed. It was then that I saw this beautiful maiden, the young daughter of the county.”

The fair was defunct for many years before the **Asikkala Lions Club** started it up again in 1970. Thousands come each summer for traditional food, goods sold by vendors, Finnish pastimes and activities such as a sauna and a wood chopping contest and, a highlight, the Miss Anianneito competition.

The theme for last year’s fair was Exercising to Health. Runners competed in a race. Blood

pressure testing was available. Advocates for the local food movement bicycled to the fair to talk about their cause. Those in need were not forgotten: Lions donated the chopped wood for the competition to war veterans.

## Foster Children Not Left Out

JAPAN – Shichi-go-san means “seven-five-three” in Japan. A traditional rite of passage for children of that age, the Shichi-go-san celebration is held on Nov. 15. The **Takasaki Lions Club** has made sure for 17 years that foster children take part in the cultural staple.

Lions arrange for children to be dressed in kimonos, tuxedos or dresses and then have their portraits taken. Last year 32 children from eight facilities in the Gunma Prefecture took part.

Lion **Hisao Yanai**, who ran a bridal dress and makeup company, started the project. His wife, Lion **Yayoi**, currently heads the company. Another member,

**Kunio Totsuka**, works at a banquet hall where the event is held.

“The children’s attire was truly gorgeous,” according to a story in the Japanese LION. “The teachers from the facility and parents in attendance were moved to tears.”

## Expatriates at Ease with Local Culture

UKRAINE – When in Ukraine, do as the Kozaks do.

The **Kyiv Lions Club**, whose members include Americans, Spaniards, Germans and other expatriates working in Ukraine, hold a colorful Kozak Day. Kozak horsemen display their riding skills. Performers sing Ukrainian folk songs. Vendors sell crockery, clothing, metal work and salo (salted pig fat).

“The Kozaks represent the soul of the Ukrainian nation with their horsemanship, slightly rowdy behavior and valor combined with the ability to ride forever on only a piece of salo,” says **Terry Pickard**, a member from England.

The event raised \$100,000 last year. “In our best year, our charitable events raised as much as \$300,000. In 10 years, we’ve given in excess of \$1 million to Ukrainian organizations,” says Pickard.

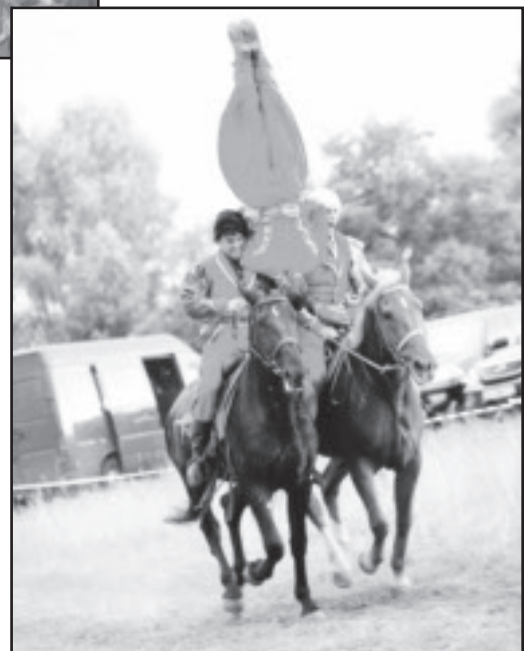
Lions also have cleaned up beaches, painted and rehabbed orphanages and helped residents of “woefully inadequate nursing homes,” says Pickard. The different nationalities of the club, which includes many Ukrainians, have numbered as many as 14. Meetings are in English.



A child is dressed for Shichi-go-san



Journalist Sirkka Haverinen (number 5) won the title of Miss Anianneito



Riders show off their horseback riding skills during Kozak Day in Ukraine



# Medals, Memories and Eyeglasses

Athletes from around the world paddled kayaks, spiked volleyballs and hit home runs at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles this summer. Many returned home with more than medals and memories. They could see clearly for the first time in years after a screening and free eyeglasses. Or they could finally hear for the very first time after an exam and free hearing device. The Healthy Athletes program of Special Olympics screened nearly 80 percent of the 6,500 athletes. Lions helped staff the vision and hearing clinics at the University of Southern California. Many people with intellectual disabilities receive poor healthcare or no care, and Lions have partnered with Special Olympics for 15 years through the Opening Eyes program. The screenings at the Games led to magical moments that dwarfed in significance what happened in the pool or on the track. Six players on the Nigerian basketball team had never heard discernible sound, according to ESPN. They received hearing aids. When a 19-year-old center turned on her hearing aid for the first time, she smiled, laughed and then signed, "I hear sounds. I hear sounds."



# Pictures Capture the Joyful Spirit of Service



**Jolly Joggers:** Buddy (of the film “Elf”) and his elf friends are warm with holiday spirit despite frosty December temperatures in Illinois at the Reindeer Run 5K, hosted by the **Wheaton Lions Club** and the Wheaton Park District.

*Photo courtesy of Wheaton Park District*



**High Spirits:** Rylie Seidel, 7, screams with joy at the La Habra Corn Festival, the signature event of the **La Habra Host Lions Club** in California.

*Photo by Jay Seidel/La Habra Journal*



**Touching Moment:** A camper at the **Louisiana Lions Camp** befriends a horse on the day an equestrian group visited.



**Frost Warning:** Susan Wolff prepares to ice a cake at the Macoupin County Center for the Developmentally Disabled, a day learning center in Carlinville, Illinois, that is supported by Lions. Wolff baked a cake for the annual **Carlinville Lions Club Carnival**. *AP Images*

**Shoepalooza:** John David Friend of Kentucky

luxuriates amid the 210 pairs of shoes collected for those in need by him and other **Stanford Lions**.



**On a Roll:** **La Crescent Lions** (from left) **Larry Stryker**, **Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner** and **Bill Goff** plant a tree, one of more than 2,200 planted by the Minnesota club. *Photo by Houston County News*







**Twist But Don't Shout:** A counselor at Camp Leo and a former camper, Steven Faulk does yoga at the week-long camp for blind children, sponsored by the **Hilton Head Island, Hilton Head Island Noon** and **Sun City Okatie Lions** clubs on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina.

*Photo by Jay Karr/reprinted with permission of The (Hilton Head, South Carolina) Island Packet*



**Glass with Class:** A Special Olympics athlete receives sunglasses at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. Lions helped staff the vision and hearing clinics at the University of Southern California.



**Ready, Set, Plod:** Lion **Joe Wayne Walker** starts the turtle race run by **Panama City Lions** in Florida; Lion **J.D. Webster** is to his right. Begun in 1960, the race switched to battery-powered turtles about 20 years ago because gopher tortoises were declared as endangered.



**Search, Find and Rescue:** A public safety employee demonstrates a drone at a beach in Duxbury, Massachusetts; the **Duxbury Lions Club** held a family fun day to raise funds for the fire department to buy a drone to help search for people missing in the water or woods and to assess storm damage.

*Photo by Barry Chin/The Boston Globe via Getty Images*



**Reaching Through Barriers:** A blind teenager visits a farm in Minnesota as part of the Buddy Program, supported by the **Lafayette & Area, New Ulm, Shakopee, Richfield** and **Minneapolis Riverview Lions** clubs.

*Photo by Lion Ruth Klossner*

**Club Project:** A staffer at the New York State School for the Blind, supported by more than 100 Lions clubs, helps Jordan with his golf swing at the school's new miniature golf course.

*Photo courtesy of The Daily News/Rocco Laurienzo*







**Sight at Night:** Randall DeWitt, 32, of Stoughton, Massachusetts, wears his night-vision goggles that allow him to see after dark. **Stoughton Lions** purchased the goggles for DeWitt, who has Usher Syndrome.

*Photo by the Enterprise of Brockton*



**Good Fit:** Malaysian school children try on their glasses, donated by **Penang Komtar Lions**.

*Photo by The Star, Malaysia*



**On the Road to Recovery:** A man in Nepal thanks Lions from **Multiple District 300 Taiwan** who aided his village after the devastating earthquake in April.

**Eye Spy:** Dr. Adel Racz, a Leo in Hungary, checks a man's vision at a screening organized by **District 119**.



**A Place to Embrace:** A Brooke McArdle, 15, left, receives a grateful hug from Christina, a camper at the **Wisconsin Lions Camp** in Rosholt, after the unveiling of an interactive sensory wall that McArdle designed and built with the help of friends and family. Blind campers create beautiful music together by clanging and banging on recycled pots and pans hung on the wall.



**Service in Full Bloom:** Members of the all-women **Aichi Nanohana Lions Club** in Japan stand amid the canola flowers they planted at a train station to promote local tourism. The club partnered with school children and the Toyohashi Railroad Company on the project. Nanohana in Japanese means "wild flower."



**Clean and Simple:** Schoolchildren in Bangladesh display their clean hands after **Chittagong Karnaphuli Lions** instructed them in avoiding disease.

**Rookie Year:** A woman in India has her eyes tested at a screening organized by the **Chennai Triplicane Lions Club**, which chartered this year.





**Irish Twins:** These wee lads join hands at the Twin Festival in Ireland held by the **Carrickmacross Lions Club**.



**Clown is Around:** Hired by the **Miskolc Lions Club**, a clown entertains children with special needs including vision impairment in Hungary.



**Best Feet Forward:** President **Bernie Newell** of the **Rosewood Lions Club** in Australia gets comfortable before his club's lawn bowling fundraiser.

*Photo by Rob Williams/APN*



**Refreshing Reward:** Participants in the **Canton Lions Club's** Building Bridges Mud Run in North Carolina delight in the waterslide at the end of a three-mile, mud-filled obstacle course.

*Photo by Bill Killillay*



**Happy Camper:** On his way to be recognized at the **Texas Lions Camp's** closing night awards ceremony, an animated camper basks in an abundance of congratulatory high-fives from Texas Lions, who have supported the camp for children with special needs since 1949.

*Photo courtesy of Texas Lions Camp*



**Fight Against Drugs:** Youths display their martial arts skills at an anti-drug workshop organized by Lions in **District 300G2 Taiwan**.



**Galactic Fear Fighters:** A young patient at a hospital in the Philippines is not alone in her fight against cancer thanks to the **Quezon City Kawilihan Lions Club**.



**Igniting Oohs and Ahhs:** TA performer entertains the crowd with skilled fire breathing at the 32nd May Day Carnival hosted by the **Penrith Lions Club** in England.

*Photo courtesy of cumbriacrack.com*



**Dapper Hunter:** A youngster dressed for the occasion eagerly adds to his bounty at the **Lisbon Lions'** annual Easter egg hunt in Ohio.

*Photo by The Morning Journal/Patti Schaeffer*



**Cleared for Lunch:** A **Washington Island Lion** directs one of the 150 aircraft arriving at the annual Fly-In Fish Boil, an event that highlights local whitefish, a longtime staple of Door County, Wisconsin.

*Photo by Ronald M. Overdahl*

## Lions Camp Dorset

Lions Camp Dorset, is a resort in Ontario, Canada, for Ontarians on kidney dialysis.

This camp is made possible by the Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs of Ontario and the Kidney Foundation. Their generosity has made this one of the best patient resorts in Ontario.

The resort has a state-of-the-art dialysis unit on site (16 machines) in order to provide guests in renal failure with their dialysis three times a week. It also provides an excellent opportunity to experience the great outdoors; get back to nature; and enjoy a relaxing atmosphere away from the stresses of everyday life.

Lions Camp Dorset consists of 14 three bedroom cottages, fifteen efficiency units, all are fully equipped. Guests must bring their own bedding, towels, food and personal items. Also on the camp is a recreation hall, indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, mini golf, playground, lake and the Medical Centre.

Ontario Hospitals with Dialysis units each have a week at the camp every summer on a rotating basis. This family time is much appreciated and may be the only vacation that a person on dialysis may take. Mom, Dad, Grandma or Grandpa have their dialysis looked after at the Medical Centre with a full medical team while the rest of the family partakes in other activities at the camp. The common comment in our

books is " Thank you Lions family for making it possible to take a family vacation". This makes it all worthwhile doesn't it?

It takes many Lions family work parties and fundraisers by each club in Ontario to keep the camp

in good, safe condition. We strive to do one major repair project per year which takes much needed funds. We depend on you to continue supporting this very worthwhile Lions project and Thank-you for all your past support.

Lion Mariette Desjardine, President  
Lions Camp Dorset Foundation





# Give the gift of Lake Joe!

For Alyssa Clelland, CNIB's Lake Joseph Centre has always been about inclusion.

Born blind, the 17-year-old Kitchener resident has been benefitting from CNIB programs and services since she was learning to walk. Whether it was learning how to use a white cane, building orientation and mobility skills or accessing the library, CNIB has helped her navigate a world that's not always designed for someone living with vision loss.

Time at Lake Joe has boosted her confidence even higher.

After spending a week at Lake Joe every summer for the past decade, you'd be hard-pressed to find Alyssa anywhere other than on the water.

"She loves waterskiing, wakeboarding, tubing and swimming. She's had the opportunity to try activities she never would have experienced anywhere else," says Lion **Dawn Clelland**, Alyssa's mother and member of the **Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club**. "Kids who are blind are just as capable. They just need the opportunity."

And that's because Lake Joe is different.

The Muskoka camp is an accessible lakefront facility that provides a unique blend of recreation and vision rehabilitation. Kids who are blind or partially sighted are able to take part in activities like canoeing, hiking, horseback riding and swimming (as well as social programs and skills-training workshops that help them build their independence) in a safe, inclusive environment designed to support individuals

with vision loss.

For teens like Alyssa, it's a very special place – one where they can feel free to be themselves, socialize with others who live with vision loss and enjoy a traditional camp experience. At Lake Joe, Alyssa feels included and she's truly able to be herself. And, that 'self' is someone who loves everything that Lake Joe has to offer.

Lake Joe also offers peer support to parents and that's one of the reasons her family goes back every year.

"When you're raising a child who is blind, you're always working towards the next goal...from new life skills to accessibility issues to learning independence, there's always the next step to work towards," says Lion Dawn. "You don't always know what you're doing. Lake Joe provides a built-in group of families who are going through the same challenges you are. It helps put your child's progress in perspective and it can be refreshing to realize your child is really doing great."

Lion Dawn also appreciates the freedom that Lake Joe provides.

"When you're a parent of a child who is blind, you always have to be on, but Lake Joe is a place where you don't," says Lion Dawn. "Lake Joe is designed to enable independence in people who are blind or have low vision. I know Alyssa will be safe and included, no matter where she is, or what she is doing and that provides a sense of calm."

The Clelland family is hoping others will have an opportunity to experience the magic of Lake Joe. To give the gift of Lake Joe this holiday season and/or recognize an outstanding Member in our Lions Family, please consider purchasing a brick (regular=\$250 gift, large =\$1,000 gift) for the Walkway to Independence at CNIB's Lake Joseph Centre. Bricks can be inscribed with your name, family name or Lions Club name. To order, please contact Lion Ryan Chin, Manager, Community Giving, CNIB at 1-888-275-5332 ext. 5322 or ryan.chin@cnib.ca.

Braille, technology, advocacy and so much more! Join us for the 2015 CNIB National Braille Conference, Braille+, taking place in Toronto, ON October 29th and 30th. Find out more and register today at cnib.ca



Lion Dawn and her daughter Alyssa participate in CNIB Night Steps, a five-kilometre fundraising walk under the stars, in Kitchener on Sept. 25

## Laurence Pathy

### reçoit le trophée à la mémoire de Ron Gibbs

Début septembre 2015, dans le cadre du Brome Fair, monsieur Laurence Pathy de la ferme Shadypath de West Brome s'est mérité le trophée Ron Gibbs décerné pour le grand champion de la race Shorthorn.

Ce trophée établi par le **Club Lions de Knowlton** vise à perpétuer la mémoire de Ron Gibbs membre très actif et ex-président du Club.



De gauche à droite le gagnant Laurence Pathy, Winston Mason ex-président du Club Lions de Knowlton, John Stanton, membre du Club Lions et Pierre Guindon, président du Club Lions de Knowlton

## Port Stanley and District Leos

Port Stanley and District Leo President **Jack Collins** presents a \$4000 donation to **Emelia Froom** of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides program. The funds were raised through the Club's 2nd annual "Dog Bowl" event which allows participants to experience bowling through the eyes of someone who is visually impaired.



## Bancroft Lions

September Bancroft Lions 70th Charter Night - guest speaker was Dog Guide Centre director **Sandy Turney**, who with her training puppy Roger presented local Lion **Laverne Stapley** with life membership in Lions Foundation of Canada, in recognition of many years of fostering dog guides in training. Laverne is accompanied by latest foster, Nutmeg.

Bancroft Lions celebrated their 70th anniversary in September with special guest, Charter member **Cecil McAlpine**, World War Two Airforce veteran, who helped found the club in September 1945 and later served as president. PDG **Albert Munneke** presented club president **Scott McArthur** and McAlpine with mementos marking the anniversary.



## Brunch du Club Lions pour les vétérans



Depuis maintenant plus de cinquante-cinq ans, les membres **Club Lions de Knowlton**, organisent un brunch en l'honneur de nos vétérans pour souligner le Jour du Souvenir. Cette année l'événement selon la formule 'mangez-à-volonté - payez-ce-que-vous-pouvez' se déroulera le dimanche 8 novembre de 9 à 13 heures. En plus d'être une activité pour célébrer nos valeureux vétérans c'est aussi une occasion de rencontre entre concitoyens. L'an dernier plus de 250 personnes se sont présentées à l'Académie Knowlton pour entendre la musique du Harmony Band et goûter au savoureux brunch préparé par les grands chefs Lions.

## Lions Club of Lakefield

Lions Club of Lakefield have again stepped forward and made a financial donation to the youth of community & surrounding area. Pictured is Lion President **Bob Elliot** presenting a cheque to Maddy Sloan who will be representing Canada in the Triathlon in Mexico during Sept. 2016. Another cheque was presented to Kent Crocker of Peterborough Pirates Triathlon who train a group of over 60 youth ranging in ages from 6 to 16 in Village of Lakefield. Lions are very proud of the members of the Pirates and so pleased to have Maddy of the Pirates representing our area in Mexico 2016.



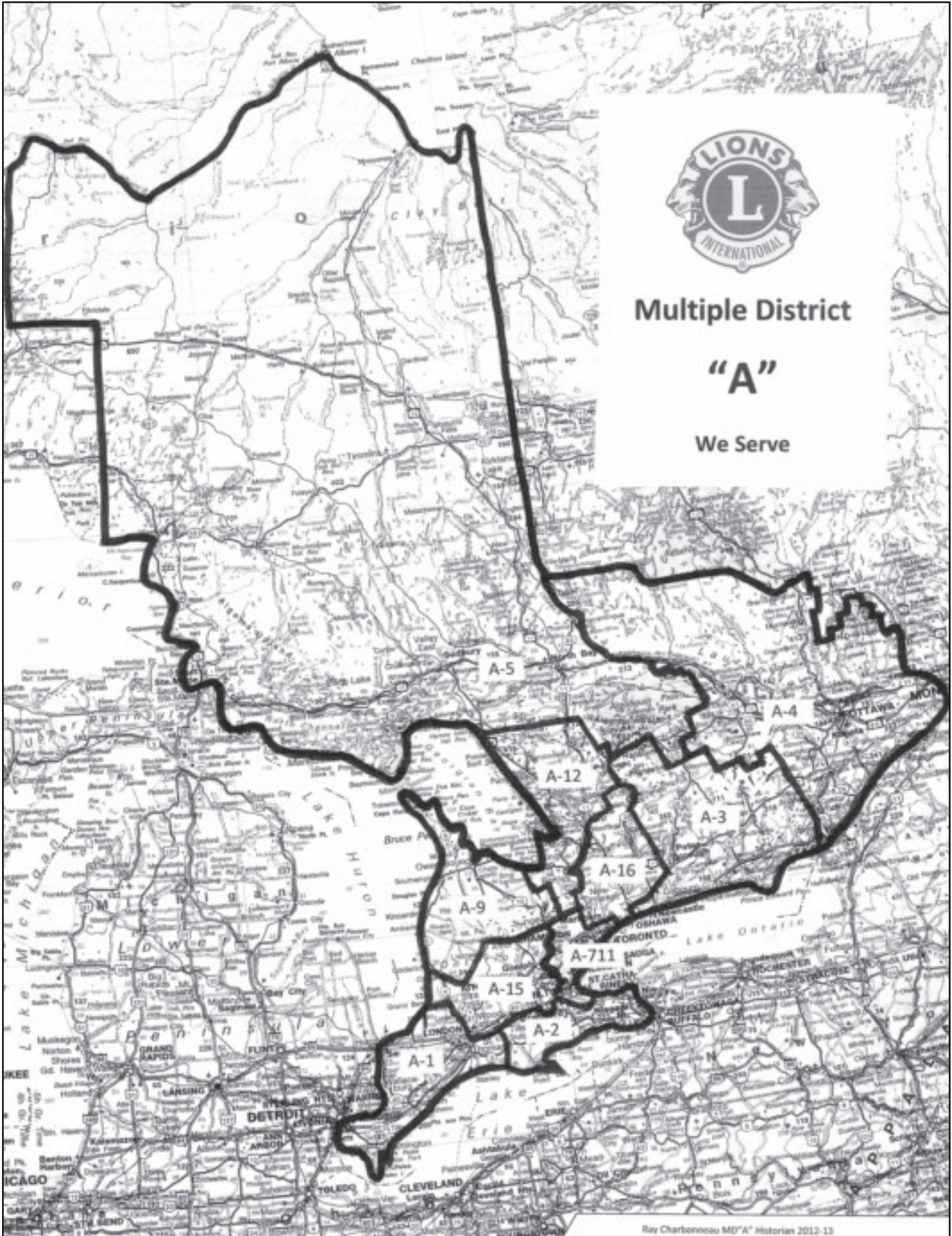
## Lions Club of Kitchener

Queensmount Arena each year during Oktoberfest in Kitchener Waterloo is transformed into Altes Muenchen Haus. This has been The Lions Club of Kitchener's signature event for almost 50 years now. The Club is supported operationally through the support of local church groups, sports teams, and other local service clubs who receive a donation for their time worked. There has also been a long standing working relationship with the **Plattsville and District**

**Lions Club** who run the halls crown and anchor booth and coat check room. Pictured here are PDG **OJ Wilura** and R9C/A15LCIF Chair **Kevin Banfield** tapping the keg on opening night to a crowd of approximately 1800 people. As you can see Kevin had no trust in OJ's hammering ability as he is using the aid to hold the spigot. OJ did, however, put the spigot in on the first swing, Prost OJ!







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# Tree Planting at Lanxess Industrial Site

In September, 5 Lions from the **Sarnia Lions**, 6 from **Bluewater Lions** and 5 from the **Petrolia Lions** gathered together to plant trees on the Lanxess site near Sarnia.



# Midland Lions Club

Midland Lions Club is proud to have our First Nations Lions - **Ethel Cheynoweth**, **Michelle Walker** and **Dave Walker**. We were privileged to be part of the POW WOW celebration in September 12 - 13, 2015. Lion President **Tom Dudgeon** held up the Lions Flag with pride at the Grand Entry as he danced with the beat of the drum. Lion Dave Walker held the United Nations Flag as the tradition to honour all veterans.

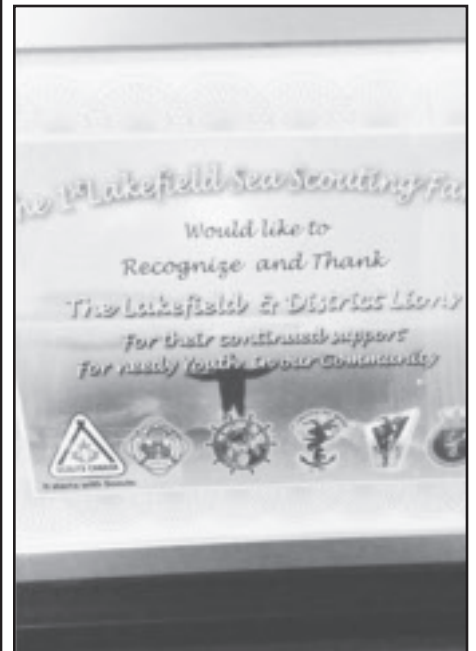
At the booth Lion President **Tom** and Lion **Norm**, our veteran Lion, served indian taco and scone dogs. Profit raised went towards Lions sponsored programs in the community. *Submitted by Lion Lety Dudgeon*



# Lakefield Lions

Lakefield Lions were surprised and honoured as a group of boys and girls from 1st Lakefield Sea Scouting Family visited and presented the Club with a framed certificate of appreciation. The Sea Scouts were encountering financial difficulties covering utility cost. Knowing how much the organization means to the local youth, Lakefield Lions, as a sponsor, were pleased to cover the yearly expenses. Pictured - President Lion **Bob Elliot** presented with certificate by Eli Clements and Jake Legon.

*Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*



# Campbellford Lions Club and Cobourg Lions Club

Providing a complimentary BBQ for 150 participants Campbellford Lions Club and Cobourg Lions Club partnered September 12 to support 'Bike Up Northumberland' - a fundraiser organized by Campbellford Memorial Hospital Foundation and

Northumberland Hills Foundation. \$60,000 was raised and will be shared evenly between the two hospitals to purchase priority equipment. This was a great example of two clubs working together.



# ATV Lottery

The **Fowlers Corners and District Lions Club** held their Annual fundraising Lottery draw on October 31, 2015 and the winner of ATV (In the background) prize was Frank D'Aquila. In the Photo (L-R) **Paul Ranger** (Treasurer, Fowlers Corners LC) **Gail Neiman** - Zone Chair 52S - A16, **Scott Mason** (President, Fowlers Corners LC) and an Employee of Todd Equipment



# Petrolia Lions

Petrolia Lions "Breakfast with Santa"



# Petrolia Lions

Petrolia Lions provided the parking crew at the Brigdon Fair 2015.

Petrolia Lions raise \$2000.00 for our Community Projects.





## Midland Lions Club

### A celebration of Air Cadets 52nd Annual Review.

The Midland Lions Club Trophy was presented to a cadet in his fourth year of training who has excelled in all areas throughout the training year.



Lt. Col. Jack Lambe, CD (Ret'd) thanked the Midland Lions Club for its commitment to Royal Canadian Air Cadets since its inception in 1962.

Lion President **Tom Dudgeon** delivered an inspirational speech addressed to the young cadets for being active in the community, taking interest in their futures, and showing pride in their work. Lion President Tom congratulated all cadets for their achievements, wished to increase engagement with them, and look forward to programs in which Lions and Air Cadets can all participate.

Commemorating the 71st Anniversary of D-Day, Lion **Norm Gogo** was called upon, recognized, and appreciated at the ceremony as the present 'oldest'

living veteran of WW2. An outstanding standing ovation, and a big 'hand of applause' for his dedication and service to fight for freedom filled the arena. Thank you Lion Norm, from all of us at Midland Lions Club, we are very proud of you.



**Lion Norm Gogo, Lion Larry Atkinson, Lion Bud, Lion President Tom Dudgeon, Lion Lety Dudgeon**

## CNIB's New 2016 Honda Pilot

IPDG Barb Ennis unveiled the new 2016 Honda Pilot as her District Governor's Project to provide a new vehicle to CNIB.



Barb Ennis, 2014-2015 A12 District Governor, had a vision. Lions were challenged to be Knights of the Blind by Helen Keller in 1925. Our local CNIB office located in Barrie, Ontario, Canada provides Rehabilitation services to individuals who have experienced significant vision loss. Staff travel many miles to provide this service in people's homes. A new vehicle was needed desperately and this became Barb's goal. The Lions of District A12, along with a matching grant from The Lions Clubs International Foundation and many friends of Lions, supported her quest in raising funds to purchase a new 2016 Honda Pilot. Great Job to everyone who helped this dream come true.

## Gananoque Lions Club

Lion President **Derryl** and Lion **Sue Tunnicliffe** (liaison with Emergency Response/Chief Bennett) spent a day recently shadowing what would happen during a possible emergency/disaster with the different facets of the Emergency Response Team. The Gan Lions were commended for coming on board to help if such

a need arises. We spent the morning in awe about how well Chief Bennett and his team have put together this response Team. The Gananoque Lions will be doing a mock up response at our next meeting with Chief Bennett.







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## Kanata-Hazeldean Lions Club

Dr. Kashif Baig, right, and members of the Kanata-Hazeldean Lions Club stand with a new eye-diagnosis device purchased with the help of the club's \$25,000 donation to the Ottawa Eye Institute in 2014. Club members went on a tour of the institute and were introduced to the equipment on Oct. 27.

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Metroland Media*



## Bancroft Lions

*Bancroft Lions Scott McArthur and Dennis Purcell show off two items up for bid, as they get crowd ready for annual Lion Charity Auction. One of the club's main fund-raisers, it is made possible by generous donations from over 150 local businesses and groups*



*Bancroft Lions pack the candy bags which will be given to the children visiting Santa at Lions Santa House through December*



## Gravenhurst Lions Club

Gravenhurst Lions Club's 3rd annual "Fill The Van" Thanksgiving Food Drive – in excess of 3300 lbs of food were collected. In the photo, PDG **Kathy Daoust** accepts a donation from Doral Davidson while the Project Chair PZC **Glen Peart**, PDG **Nancy Watt-Durant**, Lion **Sarah Nelson** and President **Daniel Soucy** look on.



## Brighton Leos

Some Brighton Leos wrapping dog and cat gifts for annual sale. Proceeds go to Lions Dog Guide Foundation's ADOPT A PUPPY PROGRAM.



## Petrolia Lions

Petrolia Lions Hosted a Youth Dinner for our exchange students.



## Leadership evening

At A3 leadership evening for 10 North Zone A3 District Governor Lion **Janet Marissen** watches as her dog-guide-in-training, Ivan, checks out Nutmeg, dog-guide-in-training of Bancroft Lion **Laverne Stapley**.

Petting both is Jack McArthur, grandson of current

Bancroft president Lion **Scott McArthur**. Both Lions Janet and Laverne have fostered puppies for LFC Dog Guides for more than a decade.



## Guelph Lions

In August Guelph Lions hosted their annual CNIB for local clients and guests. A job well done, shown in the photo from L to R are Lion Chief **Larry Porter**, local C and W artist, Wayne Mack and event chair Lion **James Sanders**.



## New Hamburg Lioness

District Governor **Diane Smith** presented the Helen Keller award, on behalf of the New Hamburg Lioness, to Lioness **Trisha** who accepted for the Wilmot Family Resource Centre.



## MDA Directory Information

### Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- 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
2016/17	Kitchener/Waterloo	May 25 - 28, 2017

### 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



## Lions Project Pride

Lions Project Pride is a program for Canadian Lions Clubs to express their pride in Canada and in being a Lion. Lions have the opportunity to instill pride in their community by presenting a Canadian flag 12 cm by 24 cm (5" X 10") and a certificate to grade one students. The flag presentation represents the diversity of our country and the pride we have in being Canadian. Requesting permission to visit schools is a rewarding experience for both Lions and students. Over 40,000 flags are distributed every year across Canada. Be a proud Lion, participate in Lions Project Pride. All proceeds go to LFC (Lions Foundation of Canada).

All orders for flags and certificates should be directed to

Lion Lynne Coulter as follows:  
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## Club Lions d'Earlton

This past June, Club Lions d'Earlton organized a fundraising supper for the "Centre de Santé Communautaire du Témiskaming". The monies raised from this event went to the Centre's volunteer program.

The main course was a mouth watering T- BONE steak and all the trimmings and of course a bottle of wine. The cost was \$25.00 a plate. The Club was able to get local sponsorship to help pay for most of the expenses.

Also Club Lions d'Earlton had guaranteed they would match dollar for dollar the proceeds of the event. The supper

was a sold out affair raising \$7250.00. The Club kept their promise and added another \$7250.00 for a total of \$14,500.00 for the Centre's volunteer program.

Photo attached showing members of the Club presenting the cheque to CSCT board of directors.

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*Linda and Denis Vinette*



# Bancroft Lions

Remembrance Day ceremonies in Bancroft - Lions **Bob Brown**, a former Sergeant-Major in the Canadian Armed Forces, and vice-president **Dan Rajsic** presented a memorial wreath on behalf of the Lions Club.



# Richvale Lions: Dedication - Greenfield Way

On August 29, 2015 the Greenfield Way at Lions Clubs Camp Kirk was dedicated in honour of PDG Lion **Clare Greenfield** and PMDALP **Norma Greenfield**. In the photo are Richvale Lions President Lion **Hugh Adams** and members of the Greenfield family.

Also in attendance were three members of the Richvale Lioness Club (Inset).



## 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:

Please remember when sending your articles to your Reporter to indicate if it is for the Governors District Newsletter or the Lion Magazine.

*Lion John Daniels, Editor Lion Magazine* email: mdathelionmag@hotmail.com

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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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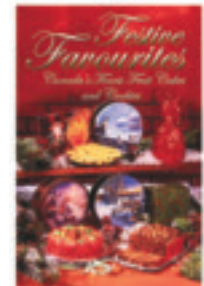
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