

MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A" PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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The third Annual General M.D. "A" Past District Governors' Association meeting was held on May 24th, 2007 after the Past District Governors' Dinner held at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre, Thorndale, Ontario. Chairperson Keith Cook thanked the President, Don Johnston and the members of the Thorndale and District Lions Club for hosting the dinner. He also thanked Marg Jones and her staff for preparing such a delicious meal. Entertainment was supplied by PID Gil Constantini PID Ernie Moore and PID Bruce Murray, who took us back in time in their past experiences and some funny stories.

Chairperson Keith Cook asked International Director Terry Graham to say a few words. Lion Terry reported on his travels with Lion Jean throughout different parts of the World, United States and Canada promoting Lions International. Lion Terry related that our Association is strong due to the fact that we stay together and work together.

Lion Terry and Lion Jean were great Ambassadors from Canada and have made us very proud in M.D."A" in promoting Lionism in the parts of the World that they have visited. Thank you Terry and Jean for doing a superb job for representing Multiple District "A" and I know that District A-3 is very proud of you and Jean.

Lion Terry thanked everyone for giving him and Jean the opportunity to serve on the International Board.

With the great supply of information offered by Secretary Eric Buss in the minutes of the Association's General Meeting being sent to all the members, we feel that all the members will be well informed in regards to the PDG'S Association and how well it has been operated the past year. We know that you will be well looked after the next incoming year with the excellent members you have chosen to look after the Association. May we offer our congratulations to the new Association Executive Members.

Excerpts from Chairperson's Remarks 2006-2007
Quote:

It has been a great honour to have been chair of the Past District Governor's Association this past year and served together on the Board with dedicated Lions from across M.D."A".

We met together three times at the same hotel were the Council Meetings have convened. With a number of our Board Members also involved with Council Meetings, this has proven to be a good choice and the attendance by the Directors has been above 86% with a number of Association Members also sitting in at the Board Meetings. I believe TEAM WORK makes the DREAM WORK!

I would like to send my appreciation to each of the Directors and Committee Members Chairs, commenting briefly on their individual contribution in the past year and thank them for making this year a success in bringing of service to our members and promotion of Lionism in M.D."A".
Keith Cook PDG
Chairperson 2006-2007

A very interesting slide presentation was supplied by PCC's BJ and Ron Finlay of their visit Lions visit to Australia last year.

Introduction of the 2007-2008 District Directors –
A-1 vacant, A-2 Peter Bissonnette, A-3 Dave Hansen, A-4 Donald Zogalo, A-5 Grace Kingsnorth, A-711 Clayton (Sonny) Soehner, A-9 Betty Jean (BJ) Finlay, A-12 Kathy Daoust, A-15 David Cole, A-16 Eric Buss.

Election of Officers 2006-2007 from 2006-2007
Directors.

Chairperson	PDG Dave Hansen
Immediate Past Chair	PDG Keith Cook
Vice Chairperson	PDG Peter Bissonnette
Secretary-Treasurer	PDG Eric Buss

I have taken excerpts from the Association minutes that I think are important and should be produced again in this bulletin.

Remarks by 2006-2007 Chairperson.

PDG Dave Hansen has enjoyed getting to know every Council that has served our Multiple District. He has the greatest respect for every Lion that has served as Governor in his/her District. Quote - "We have partied together, worked together and we have never left at the end of a convention or meeting that we were not able to shake hands and still be Lions and friends. This is what it is all about! If we start making enemies in this Organization, then we have lost the true idea of service club work. I hope that we can keep this wonderful PDG Association going. Just because we are Past District Governors, doesn't mean that we have stopped thinking or working for the good of the Organization. So let's all work together and make it a great thing. Let's get 100% membership out of all the districts. It is not that hard. God bless you all! Let's go back to the Convention and have fun."

PDG John Thompson was named to be the Director from A-3.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held at the 2008 M.D. "A" Convention in Toronto, Ontario, May 28th, 2008.

AWARDS:

On May 16th, 2007, PDG Bill Hanna and Lion Barbara were presented with the Lions International President's Certificates of Appreciation for outstanding service to the Shelburne Lions Club by PID Bill Moody at the Shelburne Lions Awards Night. Congratulations Lion Bill and Barbara.

On June 14th, 2007, PDG Wally Pugh was presented with the Helen Keller Fellowship Award for his long standing service to the Lions Home for Deaf People. This award was presented by PCC Carl Young of Claremont Lions Club at the joint meeting of the Orangeville Lions and Rotary Clubs. A well deserved award for his many years of service to Lionism.

On June 19th, PDG Bill Daoust was presented with the Helen Keller Fellowship Award for his contributions to SightFirst II. The award was presented by PCC Carl Young of the Claremont Lions Club at the Gravenhurst Lions Awards Night.

He also received his Life Membership in the Gravenhurst Lions Club. Congratulations to you, Lion Bill, for the well deserved awards.

On May 16th, 2007 PDG Ferne Osborne was presented with her 100% Governor's Excellence Award by PID Bill Moody at Shelburne Lions Award Night.

On May 14th, 2007 PDG Ferne Osborne presented Mandi Gillies of Dundalk with a Scholarship Award of \$2500 through the Diabetes HOPE Foundation at a ceremony held at Hart House at the University of Toronto. This Award was created to help those students who have the additional work load of managing their Diabetes, as well as maintaining a high grade average in order to obtain Post Secondary Education. Mandi's scholarship was sponsored by District A-9 Lions Clubs.

The third M.D. "A" Past District Governors' Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10.00 AM by Chairperson PDG Keith Cook on May 25th, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel in London with the following members in attendance – PDG Keith Cook, PDG Eric Buss, PDG Dave Hansen, PDG John Thompson, PDG Grace Kingsnorth, PDG Peter Bissonnette, PCC Peter Geene, PDG Don Marsden (A-3), PCC BJ Finlay and PDG Bob Osborne.

Congratulations to new Association member PDG Wally Pugh of Orangeville Lions Club. Lion Wally, you will be proud of joining a great bunch of Lions.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer PDG Eric Buss reports a bank balance as of April 30th, 2007 was \$4,904.61.

Get Well Cards:

Get well cards will be sent out by PDG Grace Kingsnorth to PDG Joe Madacsi, Adriaan Van Dongen and PDG Walt Grieve who are ill.

The Association's Constitution and By-Laws is available on the PDGs' Website for anyone who are interested in reading them.

REMINDER:

Mark this date on your calendar.

Saturday, September 22nd, 2007.

A tribute to International Director Terry Graham and Lion Jean will be held at the Belleville Fish and Game Club, Elmwood Drive, Belleville. Social Hour 6 to 7 PM, Cost \$25.00 per person. Dinner at 7 PM. Roast beef and trimmings, anyone with special dietary needs, please advise PDG Barry Flanigan by August 28th, at 613-477-1046 or e-mail

twoflanigan@sympatico.ca

Deadline for ordering tickets is September 1, 2007.

Anyone wishing to say a few words, please contact PDG Barry as well. Make cheques payable to "A-3 Candidate for I.D."

Association Luncheon Fall 2007:

Incoming Chairperson PDG Dave Hansen has set a tentative date of October 27/07 or November 3/07 at a location to be announced.

Student Volunteer Annual Award:

The winner of this award was Maria ARTIGA, a grade 8 student at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Niagara Falls. A cheque has been given to PDG Peter Bissonnette. The only Districts that donated were A-4, A-5, A-9, A-12 and A-16.

Old Business:

It was suggested by PDG Dave Hansen that our PDG Student Volunteer Award be made like the Legion's in that it will be awarded to a child or grand-child of a Lion. Lion Dave was asked to bring this item to this meeting. PCC BJ Finlay stated that Lions International youth exchange takes the best student who is going to be our best ambassador. The Peace Poster Contest is totally International and anybody in the age group qualifies. It is good "PR" and in order to get the best possible representation, we should keep it open.

Next Association Meeting:

The next PDG's Association Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the Howard Johnston, Hotel in Markham, Ontario. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to sit in on the informative meeting and find out what is taking place in the PDGs' Association.

Ferne and I have enjoyed doing the Bulletin for the past year, and wish whoever is selected to become the new Bulletin Editor the best of Luck.

This newsletter is yours to notify others of all kinds of information, pictures and newsy items. SO please use it to the FULLEST. Do not hesitate to send anything you want in the newsletter to the new Bulletin Editor. DON'T wait for the Bulletin Editor to supply all the information.

Bob & Ferne Osborne