

# MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A" PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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The first M.D. "A" Past District Governors' Association meeting was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Markham with the following members in attendance - Keith Cook, Eric Buss, Glenda and Len Coupland, Grace Kingsnorth, Dave Hansen, Dan Moore, John Thompson, Kathy Daoust, Fred Sheehy, B.J. Finlay, Carl Young, Allister Cameron and Bob Osborne.

Members of the Past Governors' Association could be recruiting other Past District Governors' in their Districts who are not members of the Association. We would have a stronger Association.

PID Bruce Murray is progressing with the help of the VON nurses.

## **Get Well Cards:**

PDG Keith Cook advised he had a lot of good comments on members receiving the Get Well Cards. Your doing a fine job, keep up the good work, Lion Grace.

## **Association Luncheon:**

All members of the PDG Association and spouses, District Governors and spouses, Vice District Governors and spouses are invited to attend the Association Luncheon on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Mount Albert Lions Community Centre. Cost of \$20.00 per person.

Luncheon 12:00 noon Social (Cash Bar)

Key Note Speaker - Lynn Hodgson.

To order your tickets, send cheque to PDG Eric Buss, Secretary/Treasurer who will hold your tickets at the door. We're looking for a great turn out.

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

The M.D."A" Pins are also available on the M.D. "A" Website.

## **Jackets**

If anyone is interested in ordering the PDG jackets, contact PDG Glenda or Len Coupland at 65 Fairglen Avenue, Brampton, ON. L6X 1K7, (905) 451-8933 or by e-mail [glendac@stn.net](mailto:glendac@stn.net) or [lenc@stn.net](mailto:lenc@stn.net)

The black winter jacket – melton with leather sleeves is \$130 and the black spring jacket – polyester with mesh lining is \$65. You can buy both for \$190. Large sizes are \$225.

Melton/leather in sizes 3XL and 4XL are \$155. Polyester in sizes 3XL and 4XL are \$75. Prices include GST and PST.

Mark this date on your calendar.

**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.**

A tribute to International Director Terry Graham and Lion Jean will be held at the Belleville Fish and Game Club. More information to follow at a later date.

B.J. suggested that to raise money for the PDGs' Association \$500 Student Volunteer Award that a 50/50 draw be held at the luncheon on October 14<sup>th</sup>, and at the PDGs' dinner at the M.D. "A" Convention, rather than collecting \$5.00 from each Association member. Any District that wishes to send in their \$50, may do so by sending the cheques to PCC B.J. Finlay, R.R. #1, Kincardine, ON. N2Z 2X3.

Congratulations are in order for PDG Dave Hansen who has been presented with the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Medal for 20 years of loyal service responding to pre hospital emergencies in Canada. The certificate was presented by Governor General

Michelle Jean. It couldn't have been presented to a more deserving person.

PDG Dave Hansen reported that any Lion who was attending the Lions International Convention in Boston June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and pre-registered for the Lions International Convention to be held in Chicago on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 have had their registration forms and cheques shredded in error at Lions International Office. If you, or you know of anyone who pre-registered for the Convention in Chicago, have them contact Lions International for more information.

PDG's Dinners at M.D. "A" Conventions.

It was decided that the PDG's Association members working with the M.D."A" Convention Committee rent their own hall and provide the PDGs' dinner at the M.D. "A" Conventions. PDG Fred Sheehy will get more information on this item.

Next Association Meeting:

The next PDG's Association Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Howard Johnson Hotel, in Markham, ON.

Mark this date on your calendar and plan to sit in on the informative meeting and find out what is taking place in the PDG's Association.

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, Lion Ferne and I were traveling on a County road through Stouffville, when we came to a small community east of Stouffville and we couldn't see the name of this small community as the Lions sign was so faded you couldn't make out what the name of the Lions Club was. We also noticed a Lions sign on the sharp curve of County Road 5 advertising the Claremont Lions Rodeo in June. We weren't sure if they were advertising early for the rodeo in 2007 or what was the reason of having the sign up at this time. Could any member provide us with a name for this community????

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Bob & Ferne Osborne

## P.G.D. ASSOCIATION STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD



Ronald Finlay, past chair of the Past District Governors' Association of the Lions Club presents Renee Couture, a Grade 8 student at Primrose Elementary School, with the first ever Student Volunteer Award.

Photo – compliments of the The Orangeville Banner

### STUDENT WINS VOLUNTEER AWARD

by Ashley Goodfellow

The Orangeville Banner

A Primrose elementary school student is the first recipient of the Student Volunteer Award granted to a student who exhibits the values within the Lions Quest program run by the Lions Club.

Renee Couture, Grade 8, was selected over students from nine other districts in Ontario. She accepted the award June 1 in an assembly at her school.

The award, which includes \$500, is presented by the Past District Governors' Association of the Lions Club.

Couture was nominated by teacher Mary Roberts who says "It's not every year in a teacher's career that a student steps up in such a service capacity. She's everywhere all the time volunteering for the school."

Couture is the assistant to the administrator for her Lions Quest project. In addition her involvement with the Lions, Couture is always volunteering at school and in the community. She is involved in the air cadets and helps with Shelburne Minor Soccer as a referee. In the past, she has also volunteered as a Sunday school teacher.

"She is always visible," says Primrose principal Rosemarie Armstrong.

Couture says she "feels happy" to have won the award and plans to put the funds in her bank account to start saving for post secondary school, where she has ambitions to study to be a teacher or a lawyer.

## 5 STAR DISTRICTS



### Canada's 2005 – 2006 Five Star District Governors

Part of President Mehta's program last year was the Passion to Grow. There were five levels and awards were available at all five levels. Two M.D. "A" Governors were the only Governors in Canada to earn the highest award – The 5 Star District Award.

To accomplish this goal, there had to be a positive growth throughout the year, a net gain

in the number of clubs and a plus one on the year in the majority of clubs.

IPDG Rolando Dela Cruz from A-711 and IPDG Ferne Osborne from A-9 were able to accept the awards on behalf of their districts recently in Columbus, Ohio, at the MERL workshop offered there, immediately following the USA/Canada Forum.

Needless to say, PDG Rollie and PDG Ferne are very proud of their Districts in helping them to achieve the awards. Without the support of their districts, it would have been impossible.

As well as the Gold Plaque, two Presidential medals, two Leadership medals and five Presidential Star Diamond Pins were awarded to both District-7-11 and District A-9.

### Big City Driving Rules

1. Turn signals will give away your next move. A real driver never uses them.
2. Under no circumstances should you leave a safe distance between you and the car in front of you, or the space will be filled in by somebody else putting you in an even more dangerous situation.
3. Crossing two or more lanes in a single lane change is considered going with the flow.
4. The faster you drive through a red light, the smaller the chance you have of getting hit.
5. Never, ever come to a complete stop at a stop sign. No one expects it and it will inevitably result in you being rear-ended. If you want your insurance company to pay for a new rear bumper, come to a complete stop at all stop signs.
6. A right lane construction closure is just a game to see how many people can cut in line by passing you on the right as you sit in the left lane waiting for the same jerks to squeeze their way back in before hitting the orange construction barrels.
7. Braking is to be done as hard and late as possible to ensure that your ABS kicks in, giving a nice, relaxing [foot massage](#) as the brake pedal pulsates. For those of you without ABS, it's a chance to stretch your legs.
8. Never pass on the left when you can pass on the right. It's a good way to scare people entering the highway.
9. Speed limits are arbitrary figures, given only as suggestions, and they are apparently not enforceable during rush hour.
10. Just because you're in the left lane and have no room to speed up or move over doesn't mean that a driver flashing his high beams behind you doesn't think he can go faster in your spot.
11. It is traditional to honk your horn at cars that don't move the instant the light changes.
12. Remember that the goal of every driver is to get there first, by whatever means necessary.

**Please send any items of interest, news items, gossip, etc. to [bobferne@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobferne@sympatico.ca). We plan to do another newsletter after the November meeting.**