

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

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## Editor's Comments

Here we go again for another term ..... thanks goes to Chairman Dave Hansen for talking us into doing the newsletter AGAIN. We won't say Lion Dave was sneaky about conning us into doing this job but if he ever asks us to take on a major project again, we will definitely get together before we say yes.

Seriously, Dave, it is a pleasure to be able to serve the Executive and the PDG Association.

It is rather difficult trying to put together a newsletter if we don't have any news. Please send us articles and pictures of interest to the PDGs. We plan to do three editions IF we have enough material to publish. This is your newsletter so please do make the best of it by submitting interesting material.

## The PDG Association Meeting - Sept. 15

Chairperson PDG Dave called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and thanked those who were there for attending. He commented that it was a pleasure to have the room filled with 21 people present - a pleasant change from the first meetings when there were only 8 or 9 in attendance.

Items of Interest -

- Secretary Eric has a new membership list
- Jackets are still available
- Dave Cole will investigate benefits for members
- PDG Grace is looking after get well/bereavement cards
- John is working with Ted Rypma on the website
- Kathy is looking for nominations for the Student Award to be submitted by March 1
- Annual Dinner at the Convention - 114 people in attendance. Lost \$174.91 mainly due to the busing
- Annual Dinner - 2008 - to be held in the Algonquin Room at the Holiday Inn Select (basement level). PDGs may attend without registering for the Convention
- Sonny Soehner was appointed C and B Chair
- John Hill appointed auditor

## Association Fall Luncheon 2007

Carl Young announced that the Fall Luncheon will be held on November 3 in the Claremont Lions Hall with the Claremont Lioness serving the lunch. The cost per person will be \$20.00. Sgt. Cam Wooley, OPP, has been contacted to speak but has not been confirmed.

There will be 50/50 draw SO be ready to buy tickets!

## Special Presentation

ZC Ray Ostapovich, A-3, spoke on a project that A-3 has. The Lions of A-3 test the hearing of senior kindergarten children to identify the possibility of problems. Out of 793 tested, 37 were identified as having possible problems. Lion Ray is the M.D. "A" Chair for Hearing Conservation.

## Association Executive for 2007 - 2008

Chairperson - PDG Dave Hansen  
 IP Chairperson - PDG Keith Cook  
 Secretary - PDG Eric Buss  
 A-1 - PDG Allister Cameron  
 A-2 - PDG Peter Bissonnette  
 A-3 - PDG John Thompson  
 A-4 - PDG James Johnston  
 A-5 - PDG Grace Kingsnorth  
 A-711 - PDG Clayton (Sonny) Soehner  
 A-9 - PCC Betty Jean Finlay  
 A-12 - PDG Kathy Daoust  
 A-15 - PCC Dave Cole  
 A-16 - PDG Eric Buss  
 Bulletin Editors - PDGs Bob and Ferne Osborne

## USA/Canada Forum - Grand Rapids, MI

M.D. "A" was well represented at the Forum in September. The venue was great, the meals were excellent (as long as you didn't ask for vegetarian) and the speakers were inspiring. Jeanne Robertson was especially good and most of us hope we have the opportunity to hear her again.

The best thing about going to a Forum is renewing acquaintances. There were just so many people to talk to that it didn't matter if there was no seminar

that was of interest. Not only do you get a chance to visit with friends from M.D. "A" but from all places across North America.

Several "First Timers" were there and thoroughly enjoyed everything that went on. We, as PDGs, should be encouraging more people to attend who have not had the opportunity before.

The Forum is a great learning experience and no matter how much we know about Lionism, there is always something more to learn.

### **Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - Sept. 18 - 20,2008**

The USA/Canada Forum is coming back to Canada next year. Saskatoon and the Lions of the area are pleased to host the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Forum and have most of their planning in place. PID Ben Ward is the chair and is promising a wonderful event. He does have some concerns, though. If Canadians do not support the Forum by attending, it may not return to Canada for many years. He is counting on us to register and bring as many Canadians with us as possible. A minimum of 150 Lions from each province is his goal for attendance.

The Forum is a great learning experience and if you have never attended one or have not been to one in some time, please consider going to Saskatoon. At least encourage others to go.

Let's make 2008 the best attended Forum by Canadians ever!

### **Appreciation Night for PID Terry and Lion Jean**

The Gala event was held at the Belleville Fish and Game Club on Sat., Sept. 22. It was well attended by the Lions of M.D. "A" as well as Lions from across Canada.

Visiting from Alberta were ID Patti Hill and her husband Gregory Holmes, PIP Judge Brian Stevenson and PID Jack Isaman. PID Jim Sherry and his wife Lioness Jean were also there from Nova Scotia.

PID Terry was toasted and roasted (a little bit) by his fellow PIDs and many PDGs with whom he has worked. Terry and Jean were presented a charcoal portrait of themselves ... and of course, a black Lab puppy in an LFC jacket.

Congratulations, Terry and Jean for two years well spent representing Canada on the LCI Board. You did us proud as those who have gone before you did as well.

### **Candidates for International Director**

There are two worthy Lions running for the position of International Director for Canada from M.D. "A". PDG Cathy Bock has been endorsed by District A-2 and PCC Carl Young has been endorsed by A-16.

This will make the M.D. "A" Convention and the eight months leading up to the Convention very interesting.

Both candidates will be out campaigning and trying to get your vote. Whether you pick a candidate to support now or wait until the convention, it is going to be an exciting year in Lionism, filled with lots of fun and comradery.

Make plans now to attend the M.D. "A" Convention to vote for your candidate.

### **Campaign SightFirst II**

According to the Sector Co-ordinators, CSF II is well on the way to going over the top - raising over US\$200 000 000. PCC Malcolm McLeod from Alberta has made a Lead Gift of \$100 000 which helps the Canadian numbers immensely.

The following was submitted by Sector Co-ordinators, PCC Ron and PCC BJ Finlay.

#### **Campaign SightFirst II**

\$110,000,000 has been raised as we are well into our final year of this Campaign to reach \$200,000,000.

We, as Past District Governors, must lead by example. Have you given a personal contribution to the Campaign? Some PDGs have been very generous and we sincerely thank you. All donations under \$5,000.00 will have 3 years (this year plus 2 more) to complete and over \$5,000.00 will have 5 years to complete. Remember, \$6.00 prevents or restores blindness for one person and one child in the world goes blind every minute of every day.

How else can we as PDGs help? Please provide support for your District and Group Coordinators. Find out who they are; offer promotional help and perhaps visit some clubs with them. With your help, we are sure we can do this.

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***Keep Smiling ..... everyone will wonder what you are up to!***

## **MD “A” Past District Governors’ Association**

### **STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD**

The members of the MD “A” Past District Governors’ Association present an annual scholarship award to a grade 8 student within MD “A” who exemplifies the ideals of Lionism and community “service to others”.

#### **Rationale:**

1. To support the Past District Governors’ Association’s purpose “to perpetuate and foster the cause of International Lionism within Multiple District “A” and,
2. to assist in the promotion of the programs and principles of Lions Clubs International (Article II, Section I).”
3. to promote educational programs for positive youth development, e.g. Lions Quest in our schools and/or membership in a Leos Club.
4. to recognize “volunteerism” in our youth.

**Scholarship Amount: \$500.00**

**Eligibility: A Grade 8 student in Multiple District “A”**

Awarded to a grade 8 student who -

- A) exhibits good values including the following ...
 

- Self discipline	- Responsibility
- A healthy drug-free lifestyle	- Honesty
- Respect for self and others	- Courage
- Commitment to family	- Kindness
- Service to others	
- B) has volunteered meaningfully in local charities, organizations or community based groups and demonstrated the meaning of building a caring community

#### **Nomination requirements:**

- One candidate per District in MD “A” submitted by the District Lions Quest Chairperson or Director of the MD “A” PDGs’ Association in that District.
- The nomination form shall include full personal details of the nominee.  
Note: All information provided is treated as confidential.
- The District Lions Quest Chairperson or, District MD “A” PDG Association Director, shall provide details about the nominee’s contributions and achievements and explain why the nominee should be selected for the award
- Please add any other pertinent information to support the nomination.
- A letter of reference from the student’s teacher is required

**Method of Selection:** A committee of two (2) members from the MD”A” Past District Governors’ Association, the MD “A” Lions Quest Chair and two (2) Thrive staff members, shall select the winner.

**Presentation:**

- If the student lives in the District of the annual MD “A” Convention, the presentation will be made at the Multiple District “A” Past District Governors’ annual dinner.
- If the above does not apply, the award will be presented by the MD “A” Past District Governors’ Association Director at the District Convention in the District of the winner
- Failing either of the above being appropriate, the award will be presented by the PDG Association Director in co-operation with the school attended by the recipient.
- The award will be announced in the LION magazine, Bear Facts and the local media in the area of the recipient.

**Summary:** The Multiple District “A” Past District Governors’ Association “Student Volunteer Award” is an excellent way for our association to present itself and support the ideals of Lionism. Our Association would be promoting positive youth development in our schools and encouraging community “volunteering” in our youth.

**MD "A" Past District Governors' Association**  
**STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD**  
**Nomination Form**

**NOMINEE:**

Name –

Address –

Phone # -

Age –

Sex –

School –

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ACHEIVEMENTS OF NOMINEE:**

**WHY THIS NOMINEE SHOULD BE SELECTED:**

- **Attach a letter of reference from the student's teacher.**

**Signature of the District Lions Quest Chairperson or the PDG Association Director:**

- Your district's nomination must be received no later than **March 1, 2008**
- Please send your 2007-2008 nomination to: **PDG Kathy Daoust**  
**RR#1, 1019 Goldfinch Court**  
**Kilworthy, ON. P0E1G0**  
[billkath@sympatico.ca](mailto:billkath@sympatico.ca)