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We Can Overcome



Greetings Lions,

The past year has been one marked by struggle. The struggle to stay healthy; the struggle to serve those in need; the struggle to maintain some sense of who we are in the face of such unprecedented circumstances.

But a new year lies ahead. And with that, a renewed sense of purpose and meaning. When I think of all we have faced I am reminded of the words of Helen Keller, who praised struggle as one of our greatest blessings. It teaches us patience and sensitivity, she said. It teaches us that although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

And I have seen that in the work Lions do, I *still* see it. I see Lions working through obstacles with patience. I see Lions showing great empathy for those who have been most affected

by hardship. And I see Lions not just overcoming, but helping the world to overcome.

This is a new year. Time to look ahead and not behind. While we can and must be changed by the challenges of the past year, we must continue to move forward as Lions. And we do this through service.

Let's look toward a new year, which will be filled with new struggles, yes, and also new possibilities.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President, Lions Clubs International



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Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting February 20 2021



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Once again, due to restrictions, the Council of Governors met virtually. In spite of the pandemic, your Council of Governors, MD'A' Officers and Committee Chairpersons have not missed a step and have been extremely busy.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON 2021-2022

Congratulations to A1DG Dan Armstrong who has been elected Council Chairperson for the Lions Year 2021-2022. Many thanks to Council Chairperson Elect Lion Dan for stepping forward and offering his leadership as we continue to do great things in MD'A'.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The audited statements for the year ending June 30 2020 have been distributed to Council and the Administration Committee. The pandemic, as well as our own fiscally responsible practices, have had a positive impact on our current financial status and we can now comfortably say that our reserves are where they should be. Huge thanks to the districts who have submitted their dues in a timely manner.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

MD"A" was shocked and saddened by the untimely passing of PDG Chris Lewis, our Area GAT Leader. Council wanted to create something to honour both his work and his memory. Effective immediately, the first Saturday in May, in all of MD'A', annually, is declared to be the PDG Chris Lewis Day of Service. PDG Chris was passionate about Lions service and this is a great way for the

clubs in MD'A' to honour his memory and enhance their communities. More information will be coming your way.

The MD'A' Service contest is still ongoing and districts are asked to submit their entries as soon as they are determined. The winners will be announced at the MD'A' Convention.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to A15PDG OJ Wilura who has been appointed as the Area GAT Leader. A711 PDG Dan Sibanda has assumed the responsibility as MD'A' GMT Coordinator for the balance of this year.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Training for our incoming officers continues albeit virtually. Unfortunately, the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute to be held in Barrie in March has been cancelled. It is anticipated that it will be scheduled again for next year in the same time period and, hopefully, the same location. Some great news is that LCI has awarded MD'A' funding to conduct our own Regional Lions Leadership Institute, scheduled for some time in May. Further information about this virtual leadership opportunity will be forthcoming.

THE LION MAGAZINE

With reduced funding from LCI, our publications will be 2 print issues and 2 digital issues per year. Council has increased the magazine budget with sufficient funding to accommodate formatting of

digital issues. Many thanks to our editor, Lion Bob Pearson, for his work in navigating the challenges.

LCIF

Mark April 11th on your calendar. A fabulous Campaign 100 Telethon will be online from 5:00 pm -9:00 pm. Great entertainment and highlights of the tremendous work our foundation does and has done will be highlighted. Look for more detailed information on how you can participate.

CONVENTION ADVISORY

Our candidate for International Director from Constitutional Area II (Canada), PDG Allen Snider, must still be endorsed at our 2021 MD"A" Convention. The results of his endorsement must be forwarded to LCI 30 days prior to the start of the virtual International Convention in Montreal. Accordingly, to accommodate this and with Council approval, the dates of the Convention have been moved to May 14,15 2021. Please look at PDG Allen's ad in this edition. The Convention Advisory and Host Committees have been working really hard to bring to you a great time as we celebrate our success, have some fun and get the business of the multiple districts done. Please support their efforts by being a part of a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime experience.

RESEARCH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING

Amendments to both the Policy and Procedures Manual and the Convention Manual and Directives have kept the committee busy. The

Policy Manual saw two committees removed (Gift of Life and Bulletin Contest), four added (Accessibility, Childhood Cancer, Regulatory and Strategic Alliances) as well as changes to the process for electing the Council Chairperson. The process for providing MD'A' Mailing labels was also strengthened. The Convention Directives Manual now provides financial protection for host committees should a convention have to be cancelled. Both updated documents are currently on the MD'A' Website.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The pandemic has curtailed some activities but there was great involvement in the Peace Poster

Contest with 9 out of 10 districts participating. Congratulations to George Liu, 13 years old who is in Grade 8 at Dolphin Senior Public School. A711 Mississauga Central Lions Club was his sponsor. George has earned the \$1000 prize as well as a commemorative plaque.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Voting at the MD'A' convention will be done on line and details of this process will be sent to you. You must be a registered delegate at the convention in order to vote. This is why you are asked to provide your member number on the registration form. Additionally, you must be a member in good standing in a club that is in good standing. Many

thanks to A16 PDG JC Lagrange and his committee for their hard work in challenging times.

PROMOTION

It's never been easier to attend both the MD'A' and LCI Conventions. \$10.00 C for MD'A' and \$50.00 US for LCI. It is vital that we have as many delegates at LCI as possible to vote for the candidates we have endorsed.

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

Embracing the Beauty and Value of All People

It's how Lions change the world

“Our world is incredible in its diversity. We are all beautiful and unique in our experiences, abilities, and culture. But we cannot let our differences divide us.”

International President, Jung-Yul Choi

The world has changed a lot since Lions was founded in 1917. And Lions have changed with the times. What started as an inspired idea has turned into a global movement, bringing kindness and compassion to countless millions through the incredibly diverse projects engineered by the equally diverse men and women serving as Lions.

There are over 1.4 million Lions around the world, and more than 48,000 clubs. There are Lions in more than 200 countries and regions. We are one of the most diverse and inclusive volunteer organizations on earth.

Given the extraordinary circumstances of the past year, it's important to remember just how important diversity and inclusion are to our mission of service. Lions are devoted to serving humanity. All of humanity. From our headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, to clubs on every continent, Lions embrace the beauty and the value of all people — both the people we serve, and the people we serve with.

The incredible perspectives, cultures, and life experiences that our members bring to our organization, and each other, are our greatest strength. Together, we represent one of the most important organizations in the world, one that focuses on peace, kindness, compassion, and — above all else — serving others.

“Lions serve the world, because Lions are the world,” says LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir. “We are from 200 countries and countless cultures. But we don't just want to represent the world — we want show how serving together makes us stronger,” she says.

International President Choi believes so strongly in the necessity of diversity in service that he made it his message for his original and extended presidential term. “We serve all people, in all places, and it's our great diversity that enables our exceptional service,” says President Choi.

But when we talk about diversity, it's important to define what that really means. “It isn't just across countries, religions, and ethnicities,” says Leo-Lions Ambassador Aayush Bagla. “But for our organization to be truly diverse we have to accept people across generations and ages as one and equal. Leos

and young Lions should not be just looked upon as volunteers who have the enthusiasm and strength but need wisdom, they should be looked at as partners in service with whom we can have a journey of development. Imparting knowledge as well as receiving it.”

And indeed, Leos and young Lions have been critical to many clubs' recent successes. One club in India was having trouble reaching victims of a flood and Leos came up with the idea to use drones to get them food and aid. “Over the years I have seen that clubs that have evolved to include young members are the ones that are thriving,” says Bagla. “They are not just growing but also evolving.”

Diversity means including women at all levels, too, honoring the unique perspective they bring and recognizing that only together can we truly be great. “What I love about service is that it knows no gender, no color, no religion,” says PIP Yngvadottir. “And we are truly stronger as an organization, and as clubs, when we have a diverse mix of experiences contributing to the energy and ideas that make Lions so great.”

The past year has been devastating globally. Yet, in every way, Lions have stepped up to answer the needs of their community and the world. From providing face masks to serving drive-through dinners, to providing encouragement and thanks to our frontline workers, Lions are showing the world who we are and what we are capable of. By working together, we can rise to meet the challenges of our times.

“It's not easy to unite all the members of your club, your district, or our association,” says President Choi. “But if we really want to change our communities, and the world, we must unite. We must find harmony. We must all work together. Because we are all in this world together.”

Indeed, every Lion is critical to the success of clubs and our communities. “When we embrace balance in Lions, we strengthen our membership, our leadership, our communities and our world,” says PIP Yngvadottir.

If our over 100-year history has proved anything, it's that Lions always answer the call. “Lions have shown so much courage in this past year,” says President Choi. “And undoubtedly will continue to serve, united in kindness and diversity, through the coming year with the same strength and pride.”

Watch our International President discuss the importance of a diverse group of Lions. [link to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpNNTGsTr8>]

Lions Quest Helps Students Adjust to Changes Caused by COVID-19

by Jamie Weber

It should be no surprise that COVID-19 is affecting today's children and their education. Adjusting to online learning, adapting to a new way of life, and learning about an uncertain and seemingly ever-changing virus is giving children a level of stress they may have never known before. Though life can be a little scary these days, Lions Quest, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)'s social and emotional learning (SEL) curriculum, is helping children adjust.

Lions Quest teaches children life skills that help develop happy, confident children who make choices for a successful future. Children learn decision-making skills, communication skills, and how to say no to drugs and alcohol. They learn positive behavior such as managing emotions, and showing empathy. In addition, service learning helps the children understand the importance of serving their communities.

Teachers in Calumet City, Illinois, USA understand that COVID-19 has caused stress and made teaching Lions Quest a priority, which is why they are making sure the children still receive their Lions Quest lessons. In fact, for the first week of the 2020-2021 school year, teachers focused solely on SEL. "We understand that this pandemic has been traumatic and there is no way we could expect our students to jump right in and start performing," says Dr. Tamara Young, Director of Special Education for the school district and a Lion at Calumet City Lions Club. "We needed to make sure their social and emotional well-being

was intact before we started academics."

As the school year started out online, teachers delivered Lions Quest lessons over video. Since the program began last year, Dr. Young has noticed an improvement in the school climate, adding that Lions Quest provided teachers the tools needed to have conversations with their students on tough topics.

Lions Quest also inspired events for the children as they started out the new online school year. Principal Regina Huston, also a member of Calumet City Lions Club, hosted a parking lot orientation to help students adjust. It was a socially distanced outdoor event, which provided the students hot dogs and trinkets to take home. It was the perfect opportunity for children and their parents to meet their teachers and the other students in their class.

Later in the year, when the new Lions Quest journals were ready for pick-up, the district took the opportunity to create a fun event for the children. The students were invited to wear their Halloween costumes and received bags of candy along with their new journals and classroom materials.

"Bringing social and emotional learning into our schools is the best thing we could have done," says Dr. Young. "In today's world, school is not just about academics anymore. It's also about the social wellbeing of our students. Lions Quest helps support where we are now."

To learn more about Lions Quest, visit the special LCIF section of this magazine.

Knowlton Lions

On Wednesday December 16th, six Lake Brome institutions were treated to a Santa Drive-By, organized by the Knowlton Lions Club. The establishments visited were: the CPE La Passerelle des Mousses, on Victoria, La Garderie Les Petits Trésors du Lac, on Bondville, Knowlton Academy, l'École St-Edouard, Excelsoins Knowlton House and Manoir Lac Brome.

It was great to see the reactions of the seniors and the children as Santa appeared on board Old Betsy, the Knowlton antique fire truck. Thanks to all who helped out with this great event, enjoyed by all.



Le mercredi 16 décembre, six institutions du lac Brome ont eu droit à un Santa Drive-By, organisé par le Knowlton Lions Club. Les établissements visités étaient: le CPE La Passerelle des Mousses, sur Victoria, La Garderie Les Petits Trésors du Lac, sur Bondville, Knowlton Academy, l'École St-Edouard, Excelsoins Knowlton House et Manoir Lac Brome.

C'était formidable de voir les réactions des personnes âgées et des enfants lorsque le Père Noël est apparu à bord du Old Betsy, l'ancien camion de pompiers de Knowlton. Merci à tous ceux qui ont contribué à ce grand événement apprécié de tous.

Keene Lions

Keene Lions have hosted a Santa Claus parade for many decades. This year, things had to change because of Covid restrictions but the Lions were still able to bring Santa to town for a drive-by with usual precautions. The Lions thank Stillbrook Stables for their assistance in making this possible. The logo is strategically placed to improve the photo and the popular Christmas movie "Elf" provided the extras.



Strathroy Lions (Correction)

In September of 2020 the Strathroy Lions club held a food drive to benefit the Salvation Army. The event was incorrectly identified in the last issue on page 20 as a Strathroy- Caradoc service project. Notwithstanding the error the response was overwhelming.

It is comforting to know how the townspeople stepped up and helped out during the pandemic. In all the club raised over \$1000 in monetary donations and collected upwards of two thousand pounds of food. Thank you to our host businesses Walmart, Superstore and Food Basics. The editor apologizes for his error.



Supported by Strathroy Lions, Lion Chief Mark Iggulden makes the presentation to Major Jason Dannock of the Strathroy Salvation Army

Uncovering a Bright, New World for the People in Liberia

by Jamie Weber

Receiving eye care in Liberia can be difficult. There are only six ophthalmologists in the entire country, all working in the capital of Monrovia. Only two of the ophthalmologists regularly perform cataract surgery. As cataracts are the main cause of blindness (60 percent) and severe visual impairment (62 percent) in Liberia, this shortage is causing mass avoidable blindness.

With a US\$486,000 SightFirst grant from LCIF, Lions are aiming to change the reality of those statistics by training more ophthalmologists, creating more opportunities for Liberians to access quality eye care. The project established Liberia's first ophthalmology residency program at the Liberia Eye Center (LEC), a clinic constructed and equipped through a SightFirst grant in 2016. Thus far, six ophthalmologists have begun training and are providing eye care services, with three more ophthalmologists scheduled to start training in the coming year. These are just a few stories of LEC beneficiaries LCIF and Lions have helped through

SightFirst grants:

"I can see"

Reverend Benjamin Banguru, a 64-year-old schoolteacher, couldn't see clearly enough to identify people and things, or to write clearly on his classroom's chalkboard. Often struggling with misspellings and poor handwriting, Mr. Banguru became insecure and even started to feel incompetent. He felt he couldn't properly teach his students anymore.

Upon examination at LEC, Mr. Banguru had a cataract covering the entire lens of his right eye. A short time later, he underwent surgery to have the cataract removed, completely transforming his life. "I can see. The word on the door is exit," he told his doctors. "I can see your faces. Everything is so bright. It looks like I have entered a different world." Mr. Banguru shouted with excitement and happiness he just could not contain. He could finally see clearly. He could finally go back to

loving his profession and feeling confident in his work.

"I am happy"

Maron, a 14-year-old girl, was having trouble at school. To see the chalkboard, she had to move to the front of the classroom. "But even if I sit in front, I can't see all the writing," says Maron. "I have to use my friends' notebook to complete my notes." Hearing of the new eye team at LEC,

Maron's mother took her for an examination. The doctor quickly discovered all Maron needed was a simple pair of glasses. After trying on a pair of lenses, Maron was beaming. "I am happy because I can see far away now," says Maron. "I will not disturb my friends or need to sit in front anymore."



Maron wearing her new glasses

Musu's Story

Another little girl, Musu, had been struggling to see for years until doctors at LEC discovered that the lens in her right eye was significantly displaced. Her doctors performed surgery to remove the lens and gave Musu eyeglasses to compensate. With the troublesome lens gone and new eyeglasses, Musu could finally see clearly; she gained 70 percent of her vision back. Excited about her new abilities, she told her doctors she aspires to go to school to become a nurse.

LCIF's SightFirst program is changing the lives of people in Liberia and across the world. To learn more, visit lionsclubs.org/savevision.

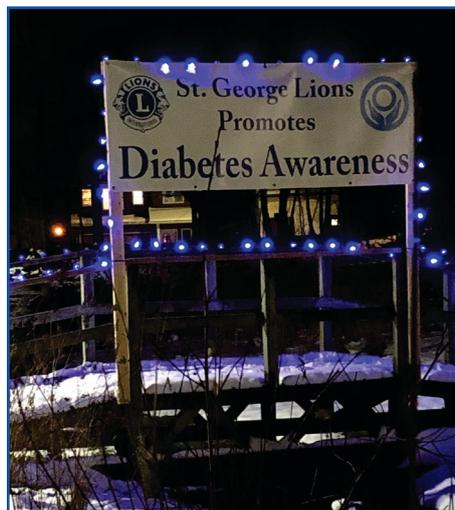


Liberia Eye Center

St. George Lions

Snowball Park in St. George was the site of the Lions Diabetes Awareness display. November 2020 was Diabetes Awareness month. Thank you to Lions **Kevin Hewitson, Ralph VanFleet, Gerry Glaves, Barry Ames** and Lion Chief **Steve** for planning and implementing this display. It will be put up every November. The following is a comment from Diabetes Canada:

"Diabetes Awareness Month is dedicated to a diverse community of those living with diabetes; caregivers; volunteers who generously donate their time to make a difference; health-care providers on the frontlines working tirelessly to care and support patients; and researchers and clinicians devoting their life's work to new treatments." – Laura Syron, President and CEO, Diabetes Canada



"Keeping It In The Family" - Kitchener Pioneer Lions



Three generations of the Madill family are now members in The Kitchener Pioneer Lion's Club. Lions Don Madill, Paul Madill and newly inducted member Lion Donovan Madill, District Governor Lion George Corrin on the left officiated the induction.

Canada! We Stand on Guard for Thee

by Jamie Weber

With support from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), brave and compassionate Lions across the world have banded together to help communities safely navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Southern Ontario, Canada Lions are no exception. True to the lyrics of their country's national anthem, District A-3 Lions have stood "on guard for thee," helping protect dedicated frontline medical workers caring tirelessly for patients in 44 Ontario long-term-care facilities.

Staffing shortages found healthcare workers pushed beyond their limits. Those desperately needed to provide skilled care now required relief themselves.

Knowing the challenges, and health and safety concerns, Lions stepped in.

Adopt a Facility

"Being in lockdown was shocking, but Lions rose to the occasion," said Past District Governor Susan Taylor, in office at the time Lions learned of a nearby nursing home that had experienced a COVID outbreak and, sadly, lost several patients. Lions were determined to help local facilities by sourcing and purchasing PPE and providing meals for staff.

Some clubs spent less than the funds allotted for their facility, so a portion of the grant was given to a local hospital's COVID-19 relief program. The hospital sends staff to local long-term-care facilities to train workers in handling specific situations during a pandemic.

Strength and Hope

Thanks to LCIF and brave and generous Lions, medical workers had protection needed to safely care for patients and gained both physical and mental strength from the meals, snacks, coffee, and encouragement Lions provided.

Having been put to very good use, initial LCIF grant funds are now gone, but the relationships between many clubs and the facilities they adopted are not! Clubs continue to support the healthcare workers, bringing them meals, coffee, and all-important hope. Grateful for the help and support received, many of the facilities sent notes thanking LCIF and Lions for their generosity. "It was also evident in their smiles," noted Taylor.

LCIF supported their efforts by awarding a US\$10,000 Emergency grant. To begin the project, then-Vice District Governor Don Radnor ignited a 42-club initiative to "adopt" long-term-care facilities. More than 800 Lions joined the effort. Each club paired with one or two local facilities, spending US\$227 on each to purchase reusable masks, touchless thermometers, as well as meals, coffee, and 'grab and go' snacks for medical staff working long hours. In addition, one Lion's granddaughter created thank you cards for the workers noting words of encouragement such as "You are a star" and "Thank you for being there." More than 2,500 frontline medical heroes received support.

"I'm extremely proud of the A-3 Lions," said Taylor. "Vice district governors at the time Don Radnor and Mark Kelso and I worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this project. Clubs became creative and found it easy to serve the community with masks and social distancing." The Lions have truly lived the words of their national anthem, standing on guard to help those in times of great need.

LCIF has awarded Lions more than 350 grants totaling more than US\$5.2 million for pandemic relief efforts in every constitutional area. Whether providing funding for PPE, food for families out of work, or technology to keep elderly nursing home patients in contact with their families, LCIF is there with Lions across the world.



With manufacturers of personal protective equipment (PPE) unable to keep pace with demand, and transport services carrying this precious cargo equally taxed, PPE was in short supply in Ontario. Basic supply and demand economics also meant the little equipment still available had become unusually expensive. Compounding the problem?

Orleans Lions

Lion **Jean Guy Thibodeau** is shown as he prepares approximately thirteen thousand pairs of glasses for shipping to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycle Centre in Edmonton. The glasses originated from the many opticians and optometrists in the area.



As well the club gathered a supply of clothing and Lions Sylvie Blanchette (R) and Francino Pappas (L) delivered the items to the Ottawa Mission

We cannot do all the good in the world. But the world needs all the good that Lions can do!

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Lions Quest Helps Children Cope with Pandemic

by Jamie Weber



COVID-19. Mention the virus, and thoughts of fighting off physical illness come to mind. Yet there is another side of the global pandemic that's taking a different troubling toll — a toll on young people's mental well-being. Childhood can be challenging under the best of circumstances, and today, quarantines, thoughts of serious sickness, and losing loved ones are causing youth additional stress, restlessness, and fear.

Young children may have experienced a family member with illness or a virus making its way around their community, but a pandemic is a new level this generation has never seen. Today, children need support in new ways. Enter Lions Quest, the signature youth development program of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Building Connection, Inspiring Hope

Lions Quest is rooted in social and emotional learning (SEL) and offers curricula for students in grades Pre-K through 12. It's a proven program through which children effectively apply knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to live happy, healthy lives. Students learn to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

SEL can help children feel safer, more connected, and hopeful, feelings particularly affected by the pandemic. Skills developed through Lions Quest lessons and exercises also aid children in managing emotions that may arise from changing routines, social isolation, and learning of friends and family affected by the virus.

Lions in north and central Argentina, integral in the implementation of Lions Quest, wanted to address the new situations students are facing due to COVID-19, so they organized efforts to continue the program while schools were closed. They worked with a local Lions Quest trainer to adapt the lessons for online learning and created social media groups for teachers to share resources, inspire motivation, and stay connected. For students whose families cannot afford internet access, Lions printed and delivered Lions Quest materials. Some even purchased internet access for those families, ensuring the children still had access to the vital life lessons Lions Quest offers.

Advantages of Learning from Home

The pandemic has brought on new stressors that could easily lead children to poor behavior and dangerous decisions; however, Lions Quest is guiding them through. "Lions Quest helped us give students tools and resources needed to be empathetic, to avoid drugs, and to value themselves as people," says Guadalupe Ferreyra, an elementary schoolteacher at School N° 4845 in Salta Norte. "Our school has had a reduced rate of violence since implementing the program in 2017; it is extremely effective."

Lions Quest's family connection worksheets are proving to be especially useful during this time. The worksheets are a critical tool designed to help students practice each lesson's skill with family members. Students learn to identify emotions and clearly communicate their thoughts around given situations. They complete the worksheets with a family member so they can relate their lesson



to real life situations that happen at home. "In these pandemic times, it is very important to reach students through the family connection worksheets," says schoolteacher Yael Palavecino, who's helping her elementary school students in Buenos Aires navigate unfamiliar territory provoked by the pandemic.

"We have been able to virtually enter homes and interact with the family of each of our students, as we have never been able to do before," says Lion Richard Lanza, a professor in Cordoba training teachers to implement Lions Quest. "Through empathy and development of social skills, Lions Quest has allowed us to cope with this very different and complex situation."

As families are spending day and night together isolating at home, the children are learning to cope with stress in a healthy way. "With Lions Quest, we learned the skills to improve our relationships and coexistence with others," says Camila, a 6th-grade student. Her classmate Magali agrees. "Lions Quest taught me to respect, to understand, and to listen."

While this story takes place in Argentina, children across the world are impacted by COVID-19. Times might be tough, but Lions Quest is helping children adapt and become stronger emotionally. To learn more about LCIF's social and emotion learning curriculum visit lions-quest.org.





Providing Canine Vision Dog Guides During COVID-19 Pandemic

Lions School Adapt to Post-COVID Environment to Deliver Essential Dog Guides

COVID-19 continues to affect the lives of many, including those that require the assistance of Guide Dogs (Canine Vision Dog Guides) and the pace at which organizations like Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG) can provide them.

When the majority of industries shut down, LFCDG did not. Declared an essential service across all provinces, the organization found safe ways to train Dog Guides and match them to applicants to create successful partnerships. Since the pandemic began, LFCDG has increased the safety, mobility and independence of six Canadians that are blind or visually impaired. In addition to recent grads, the foundation is currently training five dogs that will be ready to graduate in the spring with more due to come in for training in March to begin their journey towards becoming a Canine Vision Dog Guide.

“These dogs are essential for someone who is blind or visually impaired,” says Greg Clarke, Head Instructor of the Canine Vision program. “We have had to adapt to this new environment by combining online tools and home placements. We use Google Classrooms and Zoom calls to cover as much as we can online before delivering the dog to the person’s home. These online tools give clients the feeling of being in a normal classroom setting which allows them to trade stories, advice and receive support from people that have similar experiences to them and from their instructors.”

As more Canadians realize the positive effects that Dog Guides bring, the higher the demand for them. In order to keep up with that demand, LFCDG needs assistance to increase its resources and assist more people. “Even during these difficult times we are actively working with our dogs to get them ready, but we need financial support to continue to provide Dog Guides at no cost,” says Beverly Crandell, CEO of LFCDG. “We have a great supply of dogs thanks to our breeding program and foster families, but in order to keep clients and staff safe, we’ve had to lower the number of dogs we can train.”

Since 1985, LFCDG has provided over 1,000 Canine Vision Dog Guides to people across Canada. Currently, it assists over 191 Canine Vision teams and over 300 foster families that care for future Dog Guides.

Those interested in assisting the foundation can do so by donating online, by phone or by mail. To learn more about Dog Guides or make a donation, visit www.dogguides.com.

About Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

LFCDG is a national charity and one of the biggest schools of its kind in Canada. Its mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing Dog Guides at no cost to them and supporting each pair in their journey together. The foundation relies on donations from individuals, service clubs, foundations and corporations to offset the cost of each Dog Guide, which is approximately \$25,000. LFCDG is the only organization to provide Dog Guides in seven programs: Canine Vision, Hearing, Service, Seizure Response, Autism Assistance, Diabetic Alert and Facility Support.

Maybe a Dog Guide project could be your next club initiative!



Georgetown Lions

In November of last year Halton Region was moved into the Red Zone to help control the spread of COVID 19. Outdoor events were restricted to 25 people. However Santa was able to greet thousands of fans at the Trafalgar Sports Park thanks to this event sponsored by the Georgetown Lions. “We were overwhelmed with the community support” said Lion Louie Violo Chair of the parade. Hundreds of hours of planning, dedicated volunteers, civic minded businesses and organizations to make the event a success. The Lions would like to thank the Town of Halton Hills for their unwavering support, CN Police and the Halton Regional Police Service for dealing with the large volume of vehicles. A big thank you for our Community Champion sponsors that helped with donations to cover the costs of the parade. Parade goes donated over 2,100 pounds of food for the Georgetown Bread Basket, toys and cash. “Even though it was a long cold day, the smiles on

the children’s faces made it all worthwhile” said **Art Hayes** President of the Georgetown Lions.

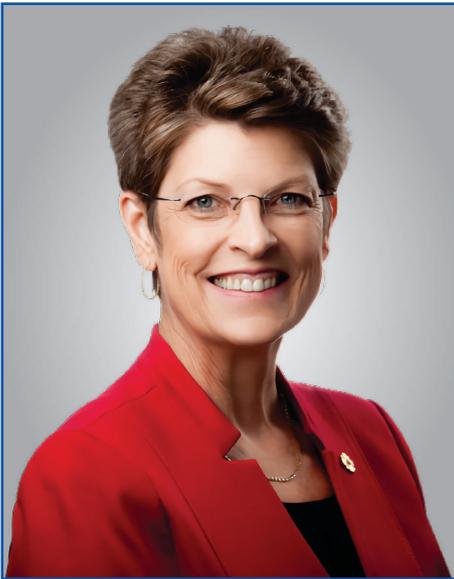


Daily Social Emotional Well-being Activity for Families

Brighten My Day!

At the dinner table, take turns giving compliments to each other. They should be specific, delivered with a smile, and make everyone happy. Share how it felt to both give & receive compliments.





Message from Lions International Vice President Dr. Patti Hill

most in need here in Canada, and around the world.
To do: Register online for Virtual Convention starting on February 15th .

Waivers Extended: Our International Board of Directors voted in January to extend the waivers for new members until the end of June. That means Lions may sponsor any new member into your Club without paying the Initiation Fee. They also voted to extend the New Club Chartering Fee waiver. These are important opportunities because in our communities we have seen so many dedicated individuals step forward to help during this pandemic. Those are the people we want as Lions. Right now, we have the opportunity to offer those volunteers membership in our clubs without the added cost of the Initiation Fee. If you are looking for more information on these waivers get in touch with your club's Membership Chair or your District Global Membership Team Leaders.

Lions of Canada Group for a Strong Identity: While we have all been living under the restrictions of our local governments, many of us have taken the opportunity to network via online meetings to achieve a vision that has been years in the dreaming. For many years, our Lions have wanted to find a way to build a strong vibrant identity for Lions Clubs in Canada. We have wanted our public to know who we are and what we do. We are proud of our service and want our country to know of our impact. So, we have looked for ways to better network and communicate with each other from east to west, and from north to south.

Starting in July of 2020, while we were all safely staying at home, volunteer Lions from across this country came together online to Build a Vision of what might be needed in order to build a stronger identity and a stronger network for our Lions across Canada. A Vision emerged and then we undertook to Build a Team. Six working groups evolved, each dedicated to finding ways and strategies to achieve our goal.

Thanks go out to the more than sixty dedicated, creative, and visionary Lions from all across the country who have volunteered to help us build this vision of a **Strong Identity for Lions** and are steering the work summarized as follows:

Lions of Canada Communications Working Group: This group of keen Lions has begun the process of being able to distribute communication across the country using MailChimp software to send emails to clubs, district leaders, multiple district leaders, and to our International Leadership. How can you help? **To Do for Club Secretaries:**

Check your Spam or Junk Mail regularly for any email from MailChimp that has 'Lions of Canada' in the subject line. Be sure to bring this information to the attention of all Lions Club members.

Lions of Canada Marketing Working Group: Another group of Lions that has come together to brainstorm ways to increase our Market presence in the mind is our public hearing Canada. strategies have been developed that range from simple print posters to put on community bulletin boards, to Facebook postings to promote Lions service activities, to the development of resources for each of us to use when we are speaking to others about lions service and the impact of lions in each of our communities. How can you help? **To Do for All Lions:** Join the Lions of Canada Lions du Canada Facebook Page.

Website Working Group: The next group of dedicated lions that committed their expertise and insights to the development of a Lions of Canada website online. This website went live on January 18th and it's meant to be a landing page where Lions and non-Lions can access information via links to other work that Lions are doing. We do not intend to replace Lions Clubs International website or any of our Multiple District nor any of our District nor Foundation websites. But for a Lion or non-Lion looking to connect to any of our working groups, this new website is easy to navigate and easy to find online.

To Do for Lions: Visit Lionscanada.ca to become familiar with the new website.

To Do for All Lions Webmasters: We invite all club and district and multiple district webmaster to update your local website to include a link to lionscanada.ca

Advocacy Working Group: We recognize that in many Clubs and Districts, there are only a few people with experience or a comfort level Advocating on behalf of Lions Clubs. Sometimes we miss opportunities to partner with governments or access grants, or to partner with corporations or other local agencies because we have not been trained in Advocacy or Community Engagement strategies. Perhaps our communities do not know our Lions work as well as we would wish, simply because we have not been trained in marketing our own Lions Clubs. This may also underlie some of our membership challenges. Have you ever started a conversation with someone about Lions and then had to explain to them what a Lions Club is? Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone just knew? We recognize that often this is a difficult issue

No one is more disappointed than Lions across Canada in that we had to transition to a Virtual International Convention this coming June. So many were looking forward to welcoming the Lions of the World in Montreal. However, with the current COVID-19 situation, the difficulty for Lions from other countries to travel to Canada, and the risk to their health and well-being, the LCI Executive Officers and the Board of Directors voted to offer a Virtual Lions Clubs International Convention for 2021. The good news is that all of Lions from across the country will be able to participate in the virtual sessions even if they had not planned to attend the in-person convention in Montreal. Registration fee for the 'early bird' registration has been set at \$50 US. I would encourage every Lion to consider registering and recommend that every Club ensure that they have voting delegates registered for the 2021 International Convention. Not only will we be electing an International Director from Canada on the ballot, but we will be voting on resolutions proposed by the International Board of Directors. We also will be electing a new International 3rd Vice President, as candidate PID Fabricio Olivera from Brazil presents himself as the endorsed candidate for that role.

If you previously registered for the in person convention, you will be contacted to determine if you wish a refund or have your registration converted to the Virtual LCIC on registration with a refund of the balance. I would encourage each of you to accept the refunded balance, and contribute that amount to 'top up' your personal donations to LCIF this year. We have all witnessed the outstanding work our LCIF grants made possible this year. Whether it was in the form of COVID grants, or disaster relief in Beirut, Lebanon, our LCIF donations have had a huge impact on those

to address in larger communities while small communities enjoy the fact that everyone knows what the local Lions Club does. Regardless we thought that we could support your efforts to grow and expand your Lions Club, or to simply have the community understand and be familiar with your Lions Club, or perhaps even partner on projects with your Lions Club more readily if we could put some advocacy and Community engagement tools at your fingertips.

To that end, this working group has built an Advocacy toolkit and will undertake to work with District Governor teams to share the information about these resources. **To Do For Lions:** participate in one of our upcoming webinars on advocacy for lions across Canada.

Lions of Canada Consultative Committee/Lions du Canada Comite Consultatif: For several years, the Past International Directors, sitting Director, and our Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson have met annually to share information and engagement strategies. We have approached

Lions Clubs International Legal Department to review a document which would outline how this group proposes to work together across this great country. The membership in this group has been expanded to include representatives from every single District to cross the Constitutional Area 2 Canada. LCI Legal has approved our document and this will form the basis for coordinating our national undertakings as an entity.

Of most importance to our Lions and our Clubs, and at the forefront of everyone's mind is the ongoing pandemic which has crippled so many of our communities. Businesses no longer operate the way they did a year ago. Our Health Care Systems are under stress. Our families have all been touched by Covid-19 in one way or another. Similarly, Lions Clubs have had to adapt and adopt new practices to meet virtually, to elect our officers often virtually or through digital voting, and to find new ways to serve and to fundraise.

Never have our communities needed us as much as they do now! Now is not the time to pull back.

Now is not the time to quit serving nor to serve less. Now we need to reach out and support families and communities with Lions Quest training and peace poster activities and extracurricular sponsorships. Now is when we need to reach out to our members to make sure our very own members are well or not feeling isolated. Now is when we each need to step forward and volunteer to be part of the solution, not part of the helpless, or crippled community around us.

I congratulate every Lion who has stepped forward to serve during this time. I want to thank you for all you're doing to make sure that your family, your Lions Club, and your community remain strong and connected during these difficult days. We used to talk about when we went back to normal; I have no expectation that we will ever go back to what we used to have, only that we can go forward to what will be the new normal. What will that be?

The future will be whatever we create!
VP Dr Patti Hill

Mountain Township and District Lions

In November of last year Mountain Township & District Lions Club was confronted with a financial income loss like many other clubs due to the cancellation of fund-raising events. The club organized a take-out dinner to generate income. 350 tickets were sold for the \$25 meal which included a BBQ half chicken, baked potato, beans, coleslaw, a bun and a piece of pie for dessert. Containers were delivered to customers' cars by club members. It was a successful event and keeping with the Lions motto, "They Served".



Lion Bob Weagant delivering package



Members delivering packages

Sharbot Lake and District

The pandemic inspired the Sharbot Lake and District Lions Club to serve in different ways. A laminating machine and supplies were donated to the Sharbot Lake Child Care Centre to assist in helping the staff and children with the challenges they now face. Staff member Marcie accepted the donations. As well, gift bags were supplied to the residents of the Sharbot

Lake Seniors residence and Countryview Care, along with a fruit basket for the staff.



Lions Dawn, Dave, Bill Z., Bob, Bill P. and Ron posed with the newly located Lions Arch. It is proudly displayed to let the communities know that the Sharbot Lake Lions are there to support them and let them know: "We Serve."

Grimsby and District Lions

The G.B.F. is a community services non-profit organization in Grimsby Ontario that provide help to members of the community by providing compassionate support and material assistance. Here is an example of a Lions Club “making a difference in the community”. The Grimsby & District Lions Club annual holiday tradition is to lend GBF a hand, having some fun while assembling 250 personal hygiene kits. The kits are one part of Christmas Hampers provided to Grimsby residents in need.



Odessa and District Lions

It looks like the Odessa and District Lions borrowed from the biblical story about the loaves and fishes and came up with Christmas Baskets this past year. They are happy to report the “Drive-Thru” arrangement worked well and allowed them us to help almost 100 families. The club would like to thank those who made monetary donations as well as the Salvation Army for the Teddy Bears. Also to be recognized is Play Gaming and Entertainment of Kingston, their community charity sharing program that helped to provide a large selection of groceries, turkeys included.

Keep up the Good Work Odessa!



Athens Lions Club

Fundraising is challenging these days but the Athens Lions Club strives to move forward. In November of 2020 Derek Miller of Millers General Repair and Service donated a set of tires along with installation and balancing which made it possible for the Lions to conduct a fund-raising raffle.

All 200 tickets sold raised \$2,000 for the community-minded club. Winner of the \$800 prize package was Scott Hall of Lombardy, Ontario.



Blair Chant, Cory Michel and Derek Miller

Killaloe and Area Lions

Lion **Jim Homer** presents a \$1,000 donation to Bil Smith, Executive Director of the Killaloe Community Resource Centre to support the annual holiday Food and Toy Drive. Each year the CRC coordinates a food and toy drive to ensure that

local families have presents under the tree and a festive dinner on the table. The Killaloe and Area Lions have been longtime supporters of the holiday drive using funds raised by their volunteers through the OLG and Delta Bingo and Gaming in Pembroke. This year the funds will help us to reach almost 300 children and 90 families. Smith said, “We’re so thankful to the Lions for their generous support. We couldn’t do it without them.”

As well the club donated \$500.00 to the Killaloe Public Library, Lion President **Nancy Luckovitch** made the presentation to Nicole Zummach, Librarian.



Nicole Zummach and Nancy Luckovitch

Oak Ridges Lions Club

The Lions of Oak Ridges stepped up to help the Richmond Hill Food Bank feed the hungry amid COVID-19 with the assistance of the No Frills grocery store. The two-day food drive raised approx. 1,600 pounds of food and a financial donation of \$575.00 to help support the Food Bank which has seen a 50% increase in demand.



Lions L-R Costas Menegakis, President Walter Haluzu, Kathrine Mabley, Donna Harrison and No Frills owner Rob Klement

Almaguin Highlands Lions

Your editor could have paid more attention. Here is link to an excerpt from the LCI Headquarters Summer 2020 magazine that was taken from the Almaguin Facebook page, it is a full two page photo spread illustrating the virtual bike rodeo. An impressive photo to say the least, quite a distinction for the club.

LCI: <https://tinyurl.com/yd8aoubo> or scan the Q.R. code with your smart phone



The club has a lot going on in spite of the Corona virus, take a look at their FB Page
Almaguin Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/AlmaguinLions>

New Liskeard Lions

The New Liskeard Lions club presented their semi-annual donation to the Temiskaming Hospital Foundation. This is an ongoing pledge to donate \$60,000.00 over a 5 year period. In these times, the Lions are still doing their part to help their hospital and community stay healthy. A big Lions roar to you.



Hospital Foundation Mike Baker & Lesley Kaross and Lion Alf O'Reilly

Sudbury Teachers Lions

The Sudbury Teachers Lions club is a specialty club that focuses on children's needs. A local school reached out and asked for help with students that needed boots and shoes. The vice principal sent the list of sizes and what they needed and the Teachers Lions purchased and delivered them to the school. Twenty-eight pairs of shoes in all, an unusual but great project!



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History of Lioness Clubs by Ray Charbonneau MD A Historian

In 2020 we celebrated 100 years of Lions coming to Canada and our Emblem, so now it is time to celebrate 100 years of the Lioness. These service heroines have played a huge part in the success of Lions Clubs International. Their complete story is too big to put into this simple narrative so we will present a timeline of their story so that we may remember how important their service has been.

In 1920 the first Lioness Clubs as they appear to have been called appeared in the Lions Magazine. In this era women auxiliaries played a support role to male member only Lions clubs with many identified by their husband's names such as Mrs. J. Frank Garner etc. As you read their stories it becomes apparent that they were well suited to rolling up their sleeves and getting involved.

The Lions of MD'A' had a magazine started in 1942 and by 1948 had a page dedicated to these ladies under the heading

of "For You My Dear" (a Page for Ladies). The Lions of Canada had one such club called the Women's Auxiliary of the Lions Club of Ottawa formed in 1925 and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lions Club of Barrie in 1936. By 1948 there were other clubs named Lions Ladies Clubs of Millbrook, Welland, and Timmins. By 1949 there were other clubs in Orillia, London, and Port Hope. In 1950 a new page in the Lions Magazine was called "Lioness News" (activities of Ladies Auxiliaries) with new clubs in Weston, Kirkland Lake, Port Dalhousie, and Guelph. The 1950s brought about a new name as well with new clubs in Agincourt, Angliers, Chatham, Sault Ste. Marie and Credit Valley being called Lionettes.

It appears that membership rules required these women to be married to Lions but that would change in 1975 with Lions Clubs International formally recognizing Lioness clubs on their own and providing them with their own Lioness emblem and constitution which now allowed them to accept women members who were not married to Lions. However, they were still required to be sponsored by a Lions Club

and could be in jeopardy of dissolving if their Lions Club sponsor failed.

In 1987 Lions Clubs International changed their own constitution and made membership invitation available to both men and women. The Lioness constitution was also changed to allow men to become members in Lioness clubs and International President William Woolard and MD'A' Council Chairman Cleo Roy amongst others were invited to join. By 1991 Lions Clubs International commissioned a worldwide survey of Lioness Clubs and made the decision to dissolve the Lioness Program. These clubs would be allowed to continue if they wished to but only as a service project of a Lions Club and with a liaison. Many did and have carried out a fine tradition since then.

In 2021 Lions Clubs International will no longer support Lioness Clubs as a project of Lions Clubs. As we adjust to this, let us all hope that together as Lions we can continue to be the great humanitarian service that Lioness Clubs have helped us become.

Thank you to all Lionesses for 100 years of outstanding service!

Garson, Minnow Lake, Callander and Capreol Lions

Recently members from the Garson, Minnow Lake, Callander and Capreol Lions got together and made a joint venture to help the homeless. Lion **James** put Lions **Kim** and **Tracy** of Garson Lions together to make mats from quantities of recycled milk bags to sleep on. Future Lions Willow and Faith helped their mom, Lion Tracy with the mats.

Lions **Brenda** (Minnow Lake) and Lion **Debbra** (Callander) and Lion **Keld** (Capreol) joined in and

through word of mouth, blankets, pillows and pillow cases and assorted food stuffs were collected and donated to local groups, including the Red Coats (L'association des Jeunes de la Rue). There were even doggie treat bags.

The YMCA Warming and Overnight Centre received a goodly portion of the donations as well. Thank you to all the Lions who gave of their time and items for this worthwhile projects.



Sault Ste. Marie Lions

This past year has been a challenge for many clubs and the Sault Ste. Marie Lions are no exception. The club kept up the motto “We Serve” and donated to several organizations in their community this past Christmas season. In total \$9,000.00 was presented to Christmas Cheer, the Salvation Army, Soup Kitchen Community Centre, and St.Vincent Place. The club also “Rang the Bells” for the Salvation Army during December.



Club members President Jim Russell, VP Cheryl Pavoni, Lions Trevor Fisher, Judith Falkins and Andy McRae, presenting to Major Sean Furey of the Salvation Army

Greater Sudbury Lions

Recently, IPDG Lion **Debra Christiansen** presented Lion Sam Khoury with the newly created A5 District Governor’s Appreciation Award. It was given in appreciation for his hard work for the many years since he has taken on the role of chairman of the CTV Lions Children’s Christmas Telethon. No sooner does one telethon end, than the preparation for the next telethon begins. Few people realize the hundreds of hours that go into organizing the event that last year gave gifts to over 17,000 children in the district of Sudbury. Lion Sam makes it look easy. Thank you for your years of giving to the children of our community.



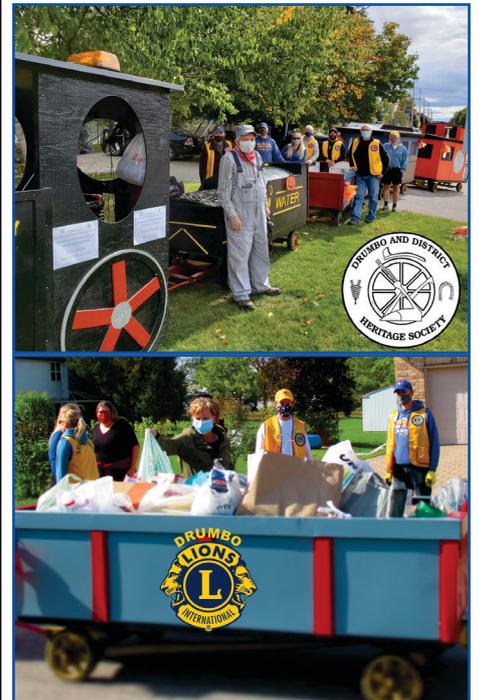
Bonfield Lions

Although the snow was on the ground and the air cool, the Bonfield Lions provided a bit of Christmas fun during the Covid Christmas utilizing the railway setting and some slightly outrageous Christmas outfits. Even with Covid rules, families could come, take pictures and have some Christmas fun. A great time was had by all of the girls and boys that attended (even the grown-ups).



Drumbo Lions

On a Saturday morning in October of last year **Harvey Murray**, a member of the Drumbo and District Heritage Society drove the train throughout the village and the Drumbo Lions loaded the donations. Approximately the equivalent of six pickup truckloads of food was collected and donated to the Blandford-Blenheim Food Bank. The Lions and the Heritage Society sponsored the event. A unique project and plans are to do it again in the future.



Bowmanville Lions

The Lions in Bowmanville have been active with community service and honouring one of their own. President **Dianne Short** presented a \$25,000.00

cheque to Marian Timmermans of Durham Hospice Clarington. This much needed palliative care facility will be built in Newcastle on Cobblelick Road and is the club’s Centennial Project. As well Lion **Moe** received a Lion’s watch for his 53 years of service to the community.



A Tribute to Chris Lewis

by PDG Len Day with contributions from many of Chris' fellow Lions



Chris joined the Gravenhurst Lions in 1999. His sponsor was Frank Hewitt, now a Past District Governor and with the East Peterborough Lions. Upon hearing of Chris' passing, he said, "I was never so proud as seeing how far he went in Lions and just how many people he affected."

Shortly after Chris passed, PID Tom Gordon received messages from PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir, First International Vice President Douglas Alexander, Second International Vice President Brian Sheehan, and Third International Vice

The Lions of Multiple District A have passed a motion to make the first Saturday in May to become "**Chris Lewis Memorial Day of Service.**" Chris believed that Lions could make a huge impact in our communities and this is a great tribute to my friend and his vision.

Chris believed hands-on service was the grass roots of lions and the reason our members join. When Chris was DG he started the Day of Service in A12 so clubs would focus one day on hands-on service with no fund-raising. Chris used the 3 legged stool analogy that lions have three major elements: service, membership and leadership. Without meaningful service you don't attract quality members and without members you don't get leaders to develop the meaningful service. Chris was doing a lot in his community for food insecurity. Chris believed we should focus on the Lions five global causes, Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer. He also wanted to make sure the greatest needs of our communities were taken care of.

Contributed by PDG Len Day

President Dr. Patti Hill and they all said pretty much the same thing: Chris was an exceptional Lion who brought humour, intelligence, and a great ability to communicate and inspire his fellow Lions.

VP Patti Hill said "We have lost a true treasure in our Lions family, and I know that you will each be part of his Living Legacy. Chris' realm of influence extends beyond the MD and the country - Lions around the world will miss him terribly, but will hold his memory close to their hearts forever. Please thank his family for sharing Chris with all of us for so many years."

From testimonials from the hundreds of Lions: he was a leader, a teacher, a model of Lionism, a mentor, a partner and a friend.

When Chris was District Governor (2013-2014), he started the 'Day of Service' where he inspired almost all of the clubs in his District to hold a service event on one day. Clubs, Districts, Multiple Districts, and even Lions International have followed his lead in the years that followed. In our pandemic times he continued to innovate, finding new ways to serve even in these difficult times.

He presented various topics at the Lions Leadership Forums over the years and for the past few years, he has been called upon to present at Lions Institutes all over North America. His knowledge of Lions, his humour, and his presentation skills came alive with inspiration for his fellow Lions. Many of us have called upon him for advice in tricky situations within the association. He never failed to give his best advice and almost always he provided the perfect solution.

When presenting at a Lions Leadership Forum recently, on the topic of on-line meetings, he said, "These are the best meetings. You can do these in the comfort of your own home. You can have a beer while in the meeting. And...you don't have to wear pants!" He always had such a positive and optimistic attitude no matter that the situation was presented to him.

Chris was very excited to be such an essential part of the first virtual club charter (of a traditional club) in Canada. As with all things that he had a hand in, Chris spent no time looking for recognition for himself and took his greatest joy from the success and service of those he touched.

Chris recognized the value of zone and region chairs and worked tirelessly to acknowledge their impact, providing them with numerous opportunities and tools. One goal he had was to teach at the District Governor Elect training he was so honoured to be appointed to this in the fall and was working with this group until his diagnosis.

Chris held just about every position in Lions. He was club secretary six times in his twenty-one years with the Gravenhurst Lions. He was club treasurer twice. He was membership chairperson three times. He brought marketing and technology skills from his employment as a manager with McDonalds which led him to be technology chairperson almost every year.

At the District level, he was club president in 2006-2007, Zone Chairperson 2009-2010, Region Chairperson 2010-2011, Second Vice District Governor 2011-2012, First Vice District Governor 2012-2013 and District Governor 2013-2014. During the years of 2003-2020, he continually served on the District Cabinet in many positions including Secretary/Treasurer, Public Relations Chairperson, GMT Coordinator and GLT Coordinator. At the Multiple District level, he served as GMT Coordinator and GLT Coordinator. His success led him to be appointed as GLT Coordinator for Eastern Canada and lately as the GAT Coordinator for Eastern Canada.

To those of us who worked with him, he was a willing and knowledgeable leader who gave his all for the betterment of Lions, who saw in others the potential to be more than they were before.

PDG Randy Hargrave had this to say about Chris: "No words can describe the depth of sadness I feel. A great friend, mentor, teacher, and leader who guided me through my journey as a Lions leader. We had many great times together which I will sorely miss. During these fun times we still had an underlying goal: how could we improve our clubs and fellow Lions resulting in better service to our communities and the world. Chris, because of your generosity you leave behind a legacy of helping people who have benefited from your generosity forever. I am eternally grateful to call you my friend."

To those of us who knew him as a friend, he was always there. Always willing to lend a hand, redirect our errant leanings towards a better goal, and to make sure we were always having a good time. I was honoured to know him and watch him work. To learn that there is always a solution and a better solution.

Many of his friends, his fellow Lions, and his co-workers will feel the loss of his presence. Marjorie, Jess, Jon, and Mother Patti we send our condolences and our prayers to you to help you through Chris' passing. Know that we all miss him and that we are better people for having known him.

Chris just wanted to do what was right to make

communities better. He succeeded; now we must continue what he started.

An excerpt from Facebook by Chris's daughter Jess:

My Dad devoted his life to helping others. He gave any extra money or time he had to those around him in his community. Losing my Dad is a great loss for my family, but this is also a great loss for all those around him that he has impacted. He knew that the work never stopped. There was never a magical moment in time where every tummy was full, every bill was taken care of, every child was healthy - as much as he so desperately wanted that.

In honour of my Dad, I kindly ask for donations to LCIF as this is exactly what he would want. He would want us to continue to work hard for those around us. We have big shoes to fill now, and I know we are capable of that if we all come together. Please send your love to those around you as much as you can, and remember that kindness matters. Visit lionscanada.ca to donate to the Lions

of Canada Fund for LCIF. To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities

locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

Lions International Medal of Honour

On Friday February 26, 2021 a Virtual Award Service was held in honour of PDG **Chris Lewis** of the Gravenhurst Lions, his outstanding accomplishments are listed in on the previous page in this digital version of the Lion Magazine. For his dedication to service and Lionism Chris was posthumously awarded the Lions International Medal of Honour, the official presentation was made by PID **Tom Gordon**. Guest speakers were Lion **Douglas Alexander**, International First Vice President, Lion **Brian Sheehan**, International Second Vice President and Lion Dr. **Patti Hill**, International Third Vice President. Also present were International Director **Alan Hunt** and PID's **Art Woods** and **Carl Young**. The photo shows the back

view of the medal as presented by International President **Jung-Yul Choi**.



What Your CAD\$120 Will Do

- Environment**
Access to clean water for 14 people
- Vision**
2 cataract surgeries
- Youth**
Lions Quest curriculum for an entire classroom for 1 year
- Hunger**
Access to food for 14 chronically hungry people
- Disaster Relief**
Immediate relief for 4 victims of a natural disaster
- Childhood Cancer**
Equipment treating 8 young cancer patients
- Humanitarian Efforts**
Measles vaccination for 100 children
- Diabetes**
Screenings for 18 at-risk people

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South East Manitoulin Lions

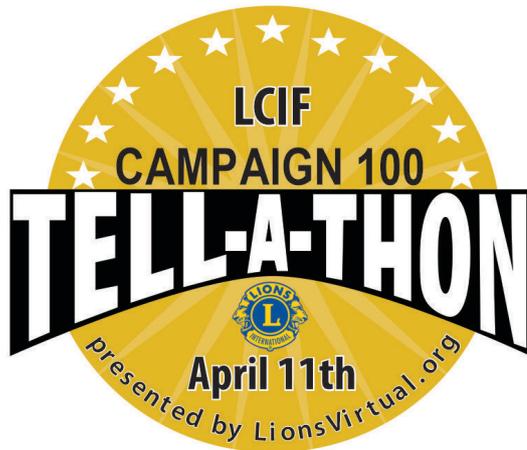
The South East Manitoulin club celebrated their 40th Anniversary Charter Night in Manitowaning. The guest speaker was PDG Lion **Kim Groen** who gave a fun motivational speech. There were forty-five Lions and guests in attendance including DG **Debra Christiansen**, ZC **Jeannine Demarais**. Lions from **Valley East**, **Little Current** and **Minnow Lake** also joined in the celebration. Special guests included Marilyn Smith (Lion **Bill**), Pat Hembruff (Lion **Jim**) widows of charter members and **Harold Clarke** (a charter member). Last but not least was Councillor **Hugh Moggy** and his wife **Marilyn**. They are a small but very active club led by Lion **Lisa Hallaert**, whose father **Bill Moggy** was a charter member. Thank you for all of the great work that you do in your community and for Lionism.



Head table including DG Lion Debra

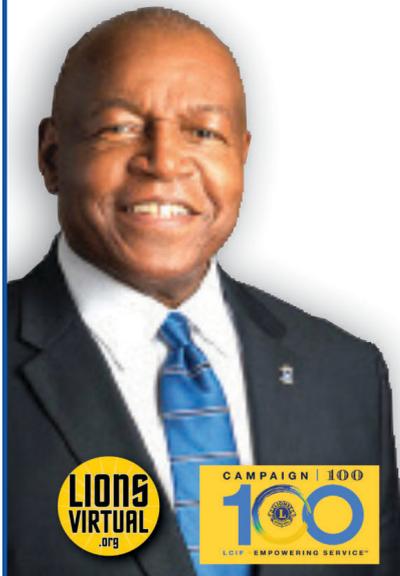


District Lions Guests



LET'S DO THIS!!!

1. **Donate \$20** or more to **Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon**
2. **Spread the word** far & wide for Lions, family/friends & prospective Lions to watch the live **Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon** on [YouTube](#), Sunday, April 11th from 5-9 pm EDT (*New York*)



3. **Share your success stories to**

pidmchambers@gmail.com

pidcarlyoung@gmail.com

you might see them in pre-event promotion or during the live event.

Questions contact
PID Marvin Chambers:
 or
PID Carl Young
 emails as above

TELL-A-THON OVERVIEW

Sunday, April 11, 2021

5-9 pm EDT

View on YouTube Live

<https://youtu.be/hC-s5yXPgeo>

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Emcee: LCI VP Doug Alexander
- Music & Entertainment
- Special Guests
- Inspiring stories

GOAL

- Raise awareness among Lions & prospective Lions about LCIF's impact
- Raise funds for Campaign 100 to further our service
- Challenge every Lion to donate \$20 in support of LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon

DONATE NOW

- 100% of donations go to LCIF Campaign 100



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GiveToday](https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/GiveToday)

Onaping Falls

The Onaping Falls Lions held a Halloween Covid Safe Bingo as a fundraiser. As well, the club supports many different initiatives and in this case they hosted this year's Halloween Bash. They handed out treats to two hundred and thirty kids again in line with Covid guidelines. The children went in one door and out the other at a safe distance. A spooktacular decorating job Lions!



Lions Foundation of Canada

In December an announcement was made at the Lions Foundation offices in Oakville dealing with a significant donation to the Dog Guide program. The following is some background in relation to the donation from PID **Art Woods** and comments from Beverly Crandell, CEO of LFC.

About the Donor - HORST FUBEL – A Truly Charitable Man

I had the privilege to act as Horst's lawyer and friend for over forty years. Horst was truly a unique individual having emigrated from Germany after the Second World War with his parents. He became a successful farmer and was the only person I ever met who had no family and no close friends.

When I made his Last Will and Testament, he chose to remember a number of churches, numerous former farm laborer's and local hospitals with special nominal bequests. But the bulk of his estate was divided among 4 local charities, LFC being one. He was aware of and appreciated the great work done by LFC through the Dog Guide Training Program and all the people whose lives have been forever changed by a dog guide. He also was impressed with the Lions National Memorial Forest at Breslau and the special bond created between each tree and the Lion or friend of Lionism in whose memory that tree was planted. Unfortunately, Horst suffered from cancer and advancing dementia over the last many years and passed away on February 3, 2020. Horst's generosity and benevolence with his bequest of \$1,000,000.00 will be of great benefit to both the Dog Training Programs and the Memorial Forest for years to come.

Lions Foundation of Canada Comments:

Thanks to an extraordinary donation of a million

dollars, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFC) ended the year feeling grateful for this amazing and generous donation from the estate of Mr. Horst Fuebel. 2020 was an unprecedented year for everyone, but it also showed how in tough times, Lions continue to champion kindness and are dedicated to serving others, including Canadians with a medical or physical disability. "While the principle of the gift is endowed, this incredible donation will fund one Dog Guide per year and cover the maintenance cost for LFC's Memorial Forest on an annual basis," says Beverly Crandell, LFC CEO. "We're extremely appreciative to PID Art Woods for facilitating this donation. Lions Clubs have always been a key member of the organization and in fact, it was Lions Clubs in Ontario that sought to develop a national project in the early 1980's to assist Canadians with visual impairments, which resulted in the creation of LFCDOG. We have so much gratitude to Lions Clubs for creating LFCDOG and for making us a part of their lasting legacy." LFCDOG has grown significantly since its inception in the 1980s. Now considered one of the largest accredited Guide and Assistance Dog Schools in Canada, it is the only organization in the world to provide Dog Guides in seven different programs: Canine Vision, Hearing, Service, Seizure Response, Autism Assistance, Diabetic Alert and Facility Support. LFCDOGS' mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing Dog Guides at no cost to them and supporting each pair in their journey together. To do this, the foundation relies on donations from individuals, service clubs, foundations and corporations and does not receive any government funding.



Onaping Falls Leos

Recently an Onaping Falls Leo was featured in local online magazine, Sudbury.com, for her volunteering efforts. Leo **Haylee Verdon** not only volunteers in the many activities with the Leos, she has been part of the Cavalcade of Colours, Easter Parade, volunteered with the Greater Sudbury Police Service, the annual Sudbury Mudmoiselle fundraiser for cancer research and has helped to organize a community baby shower to help support single mothers and fathers.

This young lady with her mother founded the Blessings Bag Project. With the help of the Leos and Lions, they filled more than two hundred backpacks with clothing, winter gear, blankets, towels and hygiene items. She is also involved with her school's environmental group to encourage students and staff to reduce waste and leave less of a footprint on our environment. It is heartwarming to see someone so young being involved, Leo Haylee is seventeen years old. She has been involved for several years and is looking forward to being a Lion like her mom some day.

Haylee shared her words of Wisdom in the article which are something for all of us to learn.

"It's important to be aware of the world around you, not only as an adult, but while you're growing up. Volunteering is a life experience. It gives you the opportunity to socialize and build your self-confidence in the face of challenges and change. Volunteering builds character and life skills, as well as improving your grades in school. It can help you overcome anxiety. It's a stress buster. Through community involvement, I developed better communication skills and overcame my shyness around people I don't know. Being with a group of peers like the Leo Club, you inspire one another, and help each other overcome fears to step out of your comfort zone. We're like a little family of friends. Because we have the same desire to help others, we know that we can also count on one another like family."

With future Lions like Haylee, the Lions are in good hands.



Holding Cheque: LFC CEO Beverly Crandell, PID Art Woods / Front Row (L-R): Rhonda Workman (Head Instructor) Alissa Silvester (Apprentice Instructor) Julie Gaboury (Head Instructor) Kayla Cusak (Instructor) Kristina Seidel (Apprentice Instructor)



MD 'A' VIRTUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

May 14,15, 2021

“New Century of Service”



DEADLINE TO REGISTER, if you are a voting Lion delegate, is May 9th, 2021

ADDRESS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED, NEEDED FOR MAILING THE PIN

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and Complete ALL the boxes

Link to go to a fillable PDF: <https://tinyurl.com/y84yrxzq>



Optional Q.R. code

Marmora Crowe Valley Lions

Recently Lions **Mary Jane Goodchild** and **Jeannette Goodchild** visited Sacred Heart Catholic School to deliver books to the school, made possible through the clubs literary program. Shown receiving the books is principal Susan Brannigan-Rampp.

The club also made a donation of \$5000.00 to the Marmora Public School. Representing the school was principal Steve McFadden and vice principal Jason Carman. The funds are to be directed towards new playground equipment. Lions on hand were club president **Helen Yahn, Al Fluke,** Mary Jane and Jeannette.



Peace Poster Winner for MD'A'

The theme for 2020-2021 Peace Poster was “Peace Through Service.”

Shown is the ultimate winning entry after many quality entries from all the districts. The winner was from George Liu, 13 years old, a grade 8 Student from Dolphin Sr. Public School. George was sponsored by the Mississauga Central Lions Club in A-711.



District A5 “Lions for Hope”

The Red Coats were “Jumping for Joy” over recent donations from clubs in District A5 .The Red Coats are an outreach program that uses a van to distribute clothing, snacks and first aid to the homeless community. The donations will be used to help purchase warm boots, first aid supplies and keep the van on the road. Lions for Hope once again made a delivery to assist the homeless. To be thanked are the many donors including Lions from **Minnow Lake, Whitefish, Onaping Falls, Garson** and friends of Lions **Betty Mayhew, Helen Laidlaw** and other concerned citizens. The Red Coats were thrilled with all of the warm items, especially in the minus 30 temperatures. In addition to the warm clothing, much needed personal and sundry items were included for the Red Coats to distribute. Food items were also gathered and taken to the YMCA Warming Centre. Shown with the Outreach van are “Red Coats” **Shannon and Tiffany.**

A big Lions Roar to all those involved.



Gananoque Lions

Melvin Jones Fellowships have been awarded club Past-President, **Paul Robertson** and his wife, **Ruth**, recently. Lion Paul delves into everything Lions and is a devoted member. He has been a member of three clubs, **Dutton and District Lions**, **Iroquois Matilda Lions** and the Gananoque club. Over his forty-four years as a Lion, Paul has been president four times and has served as Vice-President and Committee Chairperson as well. He has been "The Lion of the Year" three times. Paul is very direct in his approach, loves selling tickets and has the nickname "Ticket Sales King". He has introduced Lionism to many people and was involved in initiating three young ladies into the Lions at the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club before women were even accepted. He has been very involved in Vision and Audio Screening in the local schools, Canada Celebrations, The Duckie Race, Pump-Gan-Fest and leading on many Committees. What Lion Paul says his biggest gift as a Lion was definitely the fellowship and being able to help those in need.

Lion Ruth is also very accomplished in Lionism. She has been involved as long as her husband since 1977. She has assisted at bingo and she is on the Vision/Auditory testing team every year. During her time at home working alongside her husband and raising their children, Ruth found time to earn a college degree and became a teacher. Along with her many talents, she acted as Director of the Glaucoma Research Society and is presently on the CNIB Board for Eastern Ontario. Among all of her achievements, Ruth was presented the first ever CNIB Colonel Baker Award which celebrates an individual whose outstanding efforts have made a selfless contribution to change what it is to be blind today. Things are more challenging today for Ruth because of vision loss but that hasn't stopped her from attending, working and supporting both Lion Paul and also the Gananoque club.

Congratulations to two deserving Lions!



International Presidents Service Award

Dunford and District Lions would like everyone to join us in congratulating charter member Lion **Darwin Germyn** who received the prestigious "International Presidents Service Award". Darwin was presented the award by Past International Director **Carl Young** (L) and Past District Governor **Ray Howlett**.



Chatham Lions Club

Lion **Aldo Gonzalez**, representing the Chatham Lions Club, presents a cheque to Jami Vandevenne - Housing Support worker with the Salvation Army for their Christmas Toy Drive. Club Members donated \$500 in gift cards themselves and the club matched that total.



Chatham - Kent Ministries
Giving Hope Today

Gravenhurst Lions Club

In keeping with their commitment to the community, new accessible playground equipment was installed at a local park by the Gravenhurst Lions Club. The park was renamed to Lions Lookout Park which overlooks Lake Muskoka and our beautiful steamships, the RMS Segwun and the Wenonah II.





Lion Barb Ennis

CNIB Lake Joe 60th Anniversary



In August of 1961 CNIB Lake Joe, the only accessible camp of its kind in Canada, welcomed campers for the first time. For 60 years, Lake Joe has been providing camp experiences for Canadians with sight loss and their families. At Lake Joe, children are encouraged to shine, youth are empowered to thrive, and 'kids of all ages' enjoy recreational pursuits.

CNIB is grateful to Lions – the Knights of the Blind – for their help in securing this piece of paradise on Lake Joseph and for tirelessly serving as valued volunteers, generous donors, and dedicated advocates. As Helen Keller wisely said, “*alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.*”

Lions support of Lake Joe is needed more today than ever before! Lions are encouraged to accept the challenge to proudly serve by supporting the *CNIB Lake Joe 60th Anniversary Campaign*. Celebrate 60 years of memories and help build a bright future for the next 60 years at Lake Joe by contributing.

Visit cnib.ca/lakejoe to discover the CNIB Lake Joe 60th Anniversary Top 10 Ways to Give. Together, Lions and CNIB Lake Joe can make a lasting impact and help change what it means to be blind. For more information, please contact: Tara Oliphant, Manager, Philanthropy, CNIB Foundation and CNIB Lake Joe at tara.oliphant@cnib.ca or call 416-319-5493.

Lion Barb Ennis – Kindness and Service in Action

Lion Barb Ennis grew up in Toronto close to CNIB’s head office, and every day she saw people with white canes and guide dogs travelling to and from CNIB. And every summer, her family went to their cottage in Muskoka where her mom, a relief nurse at Lake Joe, would take her along. After finishing university in 1981, Barb accepted a job at CNIB Lake Joe to support onsite and offsite program activities.

“I thought I had died and gone to heaven,” Barb exclaimed. “I taught people to sail and water ski. People were at Lake Joe to have a good time, and I made sure they had fun.”

When an opportunity arose to observe a camper learning orientation and mobility skills, including how to manoeuvre a 4-way traffic stop, Barb recalls thinking, “This is it! This is what I want to do for my career.”

Anyone who knows Barb knows that when

she puts her mind to something, she succeeds. In 1985, Barb became an Orientation & Mobility (O&M) Specialist, teaching people with sight loss how to travel safely and independently. At CNIB, she pursued her passion to change the lives of countless people who are blind and partially sighted until her retirement in 2013.

It was also at CNIB that Barb recognized the power of community service through the Lions. As a sighted guide at Lions functions, she was often invited to speak about the O&M Specialist role. While passionate about her work, Barb did not like public speaking. She remembers standing up to start her first presentation when someone shouted from the back of the room, “Stand up, we can’t see you!” Being petite and quick on her feet, she jumped on a chair and delivered her presentation, winning the crowd over. “From that day forward, I haven’t been afraid to give presentations.”

Barb became a Lion in 2001 when she started to date her soon-to-be husband, Lion Dave Hewitt. She has been active for 20 years, becoming the District Governor for A12 and overseeing a wide range of portfolios, including a role on the CNIB/MDA Committee over the past five years.

“I’m really proud of Lake Joe,” says Barb. “It’s a beautiful spot where people who are blind or partially sighted can feel safe, enjoy themselves, and learn new skills. My experiences at Lake Joe helped form who I am, and I want Lake Joe to succeed and continue for at least another 60 years. I encourage my fellow Lions to join my Club and I in supporting the CNIB Lake Joe 60th Anniversary Campaign.”

For campers, CNIB Lake Joe brings joy and builds independence.

“When people feel good about their accomplishments,” Barb explains, “it lays the groundwork for increased confidence. CNIB Lake Joe is a magical place where dreams come true!”



Summer 1963. A blind camper steps off the boat onto the CNIB Lake Joe dock, then known as the Lake Joseph Adjustment-Training and Holiday Centre

MD'A' History Clubs That Existed in MD'A' from 1920 to 2020

This project is a labour of love and learning that taught me a lot more about the clubs that existed in MD'A' and the history of our Lions. The listing was put together from multiple sources from each of the Districts from A1 to A17 that existed in MD'A' since 1920. A listing of these sources is at the end of this document and has been cross referenced to each of the clubs.

I especially want to thank PID Lion **Gilles Melancon** of U1, Lion **Ray Charbonneau** of MDA, PDG Lion **Dave Durant** of A12, and PDG Lion **Vern Job** of A9 for the documentation over and above that from their own districts that helped immensely. I would also like to thank my Immediate Past District Governor **Debra Christiansen** who helped me with information and provided much needed encouragement to complete this project.

I have attempted to include every club that existed, but I may have missed some. In addition, the turquoise highlighted items are pieces of information that are missing and that could not be found yet. However, please note that this is an evergreen product and if any clubs or members have any additional information, I would love to get this information so I can update the listing. I would also love little stories about your clubs that you would like to share. You can email me at bmlsudbury@hotmail.com or let Lion **Ray Charbonneau** know and he will forward to me.

I hope that the Lions enjoy seeing how many clubs we had in our MDA over the years, finding out what happened to them and maybe learn a couple of things also.

Yours in Lionism
Lion Brenda McLay Lalonde
Minnow Lake Lions
District A5



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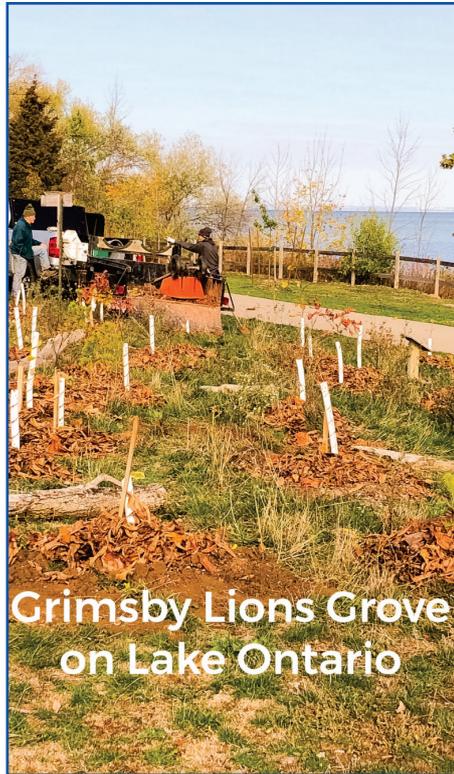
The entire report can be found on the MD'A' website. History page feedback is welcome.

<http://www.mdalions.org/history/MDA-Clubs-by-District-Full.pdf>

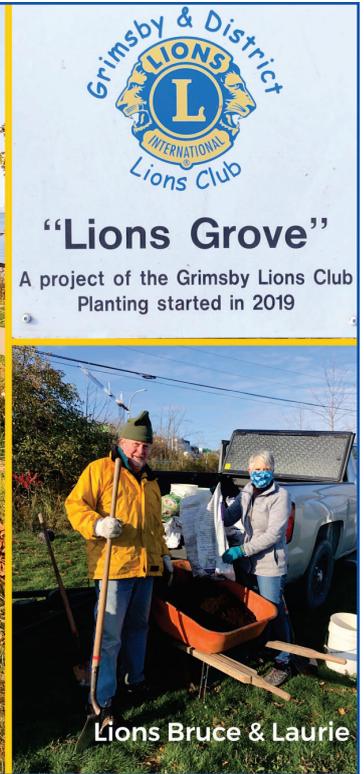
Grimsby & District Lions: "Setting Roots on the Waterfront Trail"

The Grimsby and District Lions Club have an ongoing unique tree planting project along Grimsby's new Waterfront Trail. The Club is planting a grove of native Carolinian trees and shrubs. The location comes with a wonderful viewscape of Lake Ontario. The Club has donated two benches to the trail and the grove is located near the club's first bench.

The soils of this area are disturbed by construction and are not welcoming to young trees. The species selected include Red Oaks, White Oaks, Hickory, Hackberry, Black Cherry, Tulip and Sugar Maples to reflect what is found growing in nearby heritage woodlots. The trees have to be planted with ample amounts of amended soil. With the droughts of late, water had to be brought in to help the saplings take root. The club has started with small trees for affordability and a better survival rate in the difficult conditions. Along the lakeshore in Grimsby most of the native woodlands have been removed, and now with the recent loss of ash trees, some areas are bare. As time and funds allowed the club has been expanding our grove. Hopefully, we will end up planting more like it in the future.



Grimsby Lions Grove
on Lake Ontario



Lions Bruce & Laurie



"Lions Grove"

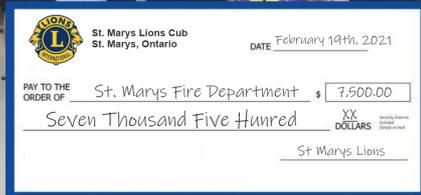
A project of the Grimsby Lions Club
Planting started in 2019

St. Marys Lions

Members of the St. Marys Lions Club took part in a ceremony at the newly renovated St. Marys Fire Station. They presented a cheque for \$7500.00 to Fire Chief Andy Anderson for the purchase of new tools, to assist with equipment maintenance, the purchase of a pressure washer, shop vacuum, and hose washer, and to assist with the cost of creating a Fire Department Organizational Wall of plaques for the firefighters. Pictured here from left are, Lions **Marianne Ferguson, Evelyn Albers,**

Treasurer **Rob Stuart, Gerry Haliburton,** Fire Chief Andy Anderson, Lion President **Charlie Albers,** Lions **Stacy Howe, Jill Haliburton,** and **David Lloyd.** They were graced with a tour of the modernized Fire station and its amenities.

photo courtesy of Lion Marianne Ferguson



50/50 Draw

The **Mountain Township and District Lions** held a 50/50 draw in the Fall of 2020, with the draw being held December 3rd, 2020. There were 461 tickets sold, the proud winner of \$3,652.50 was local resident Annie Fleurant-Ceelen. All club members and other community outlets were involved in selling tickets. The draw committee consisted of Lions **Tim Haas, Nathan Lang, Ally Martin** and **Karin Ceelen.** The club will utilize the funds for charitable causes in our community.



Lion Nathan Lang – Drawmaster

Calabogie Lions

Challenging times are when Lions Clubs shine the brightest. Never before have our Clubs been called on for such important service. As everything came to a screeching halt due to the Covid19 pandemic, Lions were challenged to find new ways to help their communities and the global world. Throughout 2020 and into 2021, our Club managed to get out there and here is a recap of some of our initiatives:

Face Covering Sale: The Club held an outdoor sale of homemade masks donated by community members and face shields donated by a local business.



Halloween Spooky Walk: The Calabogie Fire Department decorated the outdoor rink area and created a spooky maze. Children dressed in their halloween costumes and were able to safely trick

or treat. The Lions Club designed custom made chutes that we slide the treats down to the waiting children.



Light Up The Bogie Night Challenge: The Club challenged our community to decorate their homes for the holidays. Contestants registered their home and a map was created so residents could drive around the village and choose their favourite. Over 200 text votes were collected to determine the 3 best entries. Cash prizes were awarded. Lions members created a drive thru at our hall and distributed hot chocolate and goodie bags for the children.

Calabogie Community Connection: The Club reached out to the other service clubs and organizations in Calabogie to form a united front to help those in need over the Christmas season. Through this effort 3 families were assisted. This newly formed connection will allow better communication between our groups and increase our visibility in the community. This is important to allow those in need to know that we are here to help.

Calabogie Lions 2021 Calendar: The Lions put out a challenge to local photography enthusiasts to submit their best photos of Calabogie. Local businesses were advertised each month. A calendar

was created that showcased the beauty of our community and supported our local businesses.

Valentine's Day Sweetheart Package: Online sales of a bouquet of flowers, a hot chocolate bomb and a Valentine were



accepted with e-transfer payment. Lions members delivered to your sweetheart. This initiative supported 2

local businesses and allowed our residents to stay home and do their Valentines shopping.

Current planning is underway for an Easter Scavenger Hunt for the children and a Father's Day raffle for an outboard motor donated by a local business. The Calabogie Lions Club will continue to look for new ways to keep active and visible in our community. Even in a pandemic, we serve.

"A Busy Club, take a look at their facebook page"

"Merritton Gives" Day

The Lions Club of Merritton hosted a successful "Merritton Gives" day on November 14, dedicated to helping our community in these challenging times. The Community was asked to donate non-perishable Food Goods, Winter Wear and Empty Bottles. Below is a summary of what was collected.

- Food Drive – collected 1650 lbs of non-perishable food goods
- Winter Clothing Drive - filled 4 bins, weighing over 175 lbs
- Bottle Drive - along with cash donations netted over \$2000.00.

All food and clothing collected has been delivered to Community Care, St Catharines. All funds collected will distributed equally to the following four (4) organizations, who are dedicated to helping others:

- Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold
- The Salvation Army Niagara Outreach Program
- St Vincent De Paul Lunch Program
- St. George's Anglican Church Breakfast Program

A follow-up drive is being planned for the spring of 2021.



Merritton Lions (L to R) Doug Schroeder, Tony Morra, Jonathon Williams, Jeff White, Dawn Bell, Lee Robb, President Samantha Robb, Sheena Magnotta and Amber Ferguson help to fill trailer with 4000 + empties collected and sorted

Merritton Lions

The Lions Club of Merritton, once again, was a supporting sponsor for Coldest Night of the Year Walk held in St. Catharines on February 20, 2021. The event is a family friendly walk-a-thon that raises money for people experiencing homelessness, hurt and hunger. The event is a major fundraiser for Start Me Up Niagara, who offer a place of safety and support for those struggling with poverty and homelessness in the core of our city.

Keeping everyone safe, this year's event was completely virtual, with all walkers free to walk 2 or 5 km in their own community. Our club had a total of 15 members participate in the walk, along with 7 family members. At 90, Lion **Dunc Tolley** was our oldest walker and prospective member William Peddie, 17-day old son of Lions **Natasha** and **Troy** was our youngest.



With our sponsorship and fundraising our club was able to donate a total of \$4500.00. The community was also incredibly supportive, as the overall goal of \$150,000.00 was exceeded. Next year, it would be great to see other Lions Clubs support the Coldest Night of Year walks held throughout our region.

Tamworth and District Lions

In December the Tamworth and District Lions Club had Mr. and Mrs. Claus stop by Beaver Lake Lions Park to visit with the good boys and girls in the area.

The Club took all necessary Covid precautions to ensure the safety of members and guests. Families waited in line in their vehicles while enjoying festive Christmas music and dancing elves. When it was their turn, they delivered their letter to Santa's mailbox, dropped off their food donations for the Lions Christmas food basket program, and then had a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, while maintaining social distance.

Parents were encouraged to take photos of their children with Santa in front of his festively decorated wagon. The children then received a goodie bag of Christmas chocolates, candy cane, and assorted candy. The event as a huge success, and resulted in the Club receiving 132 letters for Santa (which will receive

a return letter), and 20 boxes of food donations and toys. The event made the front page of local newspaper!

Most important though was the response from the families. Several parents mentioned how much they appreciated the event because they didn't think their children would get to see Santa this year because of Covid. Children got out of their vehicles and squealed with delight at seeing Santa! A fun day for all! Job well done Lions!



Chippawa Lions

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A while back, **Mark Anthony King** and his friend **Hawk Gurdal** caught wind of some local families in Chippawa that were struggling, so they planned to cook up a handful of meals and got permission to use the kitchen at the Chippawa Lions Club.

King, a drywall by trade, and Gurdal, a chef, had no idea what they were starting. That initial, modest idea to help a few families quickly blossomed into something much, much bigger. It's a project that is shining a light on how folks in Chippawa band together and look after their own. Realizing just how great the need is as this pandemic approaches its second year in Niagara, the Lions formed a new community outreach committee and promptly appointed King as the chair. Then upwards of 50 volunteers and a number of community partners, such as the Matters of Chippawa committee, joined in.

Small Scale Farms in Thorold and Mainly Niagara, joined the effort in what has now become an ambitious plan to cook up and deliver free, healthy meals to vulnerable people. Plans also call for mental health outreach using virtual get-togethers for people who may be dealing with isolation, loneliness, or mental health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

The plan calls for meals to be cooked up in the commercial grade Lions Club kitchen, with volunteers delivering them to various church pantries and other places where people such as seniors, those living on social assistance, veterans and first responders and others will be able to pick them up. "Everything is free," said King. "We're going to start producing 40 or 50 meals a week, then gradually ramp up to 350 to 400 meals a week and by March we're talking a couple of thousand meals a week."

The City of Niagara Falls gave the Lions permission to access \$1,000 in money from Delta Bingo operations that club members volunteer at, while Small Scale Farms, Renee Delaney is donating fresh vegetables and produce. The first small batch of meals was cooked up and delivered in February, including potatoes, onions, squash and baby corn donated by Small Scale Farms.



Bowmanville Lions – Chartered in 1935

2020 was to be a celebration of eighty-five years of service to the Bowmanville community, then COVID came along and plans changed.

However it has been an exciting journey, in their early years the Club met at local hotels. They eventually moved to the Sons of England Hall. In 1945, the Club purchased the building and it became the Lions Community Centre. It was sold in 1997 to the Municipality of Clarington. It now operates as the Bowmanville Older Adults Centre. The Club still holds its meetings there and hosts several functions as well.

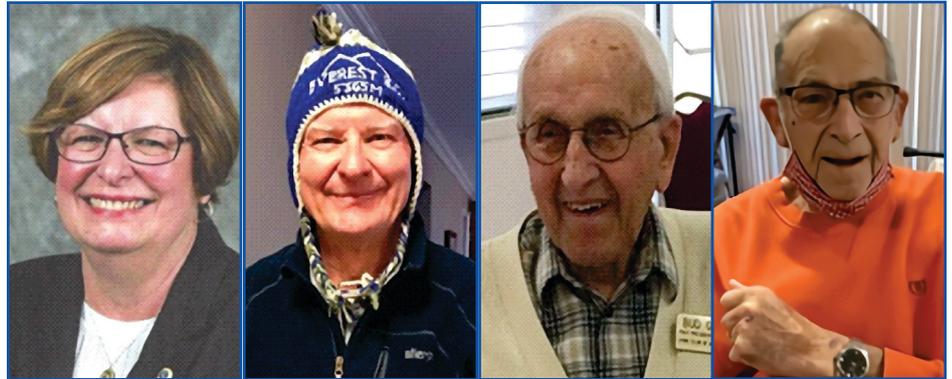
For years the Club has raised funds at the Bowmanville Main Street Festival. The Duck Derby and the Lions/Rotary Elimination draw have been successful. Over the years, the members have had a float in the Santa Claus Parade, a BBQ for blind skiers, an annual Rural Night dedicated to the local farming community and transported donated eyes to the Eye Bank in Toronto. They host a Effective Speaking Contest for local students, along with collecting eye glasses for the Lions Sight First Program. They have donated to

the Lions Foundation of Canada as well.

Proceeds from the sale of the building have gone back to the community. The Bowmanville Hospital has been a beneficiary and recently a substantial donation was made to the local Durham Hospice Project. President **Dianne Short** presented a \$25,000.00 cheque to Marian Timmermans of the Hospice. (See page 16.)

Some members of note are Lion **Linda Prenger**

(Duffie) PDG who became the first female president of the Club in 2008; Lion **Charles Stevens**, who at 65 years old, climbed to the base camp of Mt. Everest; Lion **Bud Oke**, who, by the time he reached 102 years, had served Lions for 71 years; and Lion **Moe Richards** who was recently honoured with a Lions watch for 53 years of service.



Linda Prenger

Charles Stevens

Bud Oke

Moe Richards

New Liskeard Lions

The New Liskeard Lions been in existence for over seventy-five years and been serving the community with service-minded members. Recently several of those members have been recognized for their contribution to the community. Those members are Lions **Ron Prestage** twenty years, **Rory Moore** also twenty years, **Archie Brazeau** forty years, **Keith Windsor** forty-five years, **Gordon Spencer** fifty years and Lion **Ron Sutton** an amazing sixty-five years.

Each year Lions Clubs International recognizes the anniversaries of members and in this case there is a cumulative total of two hundred and forty years, one can only imagine the service hours accumulated.

The New Liskeard Lions enjoy many years of experience in their members that they are willing to share with their community and new members alike.

Thank you for your many years of service in Lionism.



Lion Rory Moore(L) and Lion Archie Brazeau

Minnow Lake Lions

Lions **Brenda, Bob Wallace, Lorraine, Lisa, Blaine, Captain Jim Vanderheyden, Captain Deb Vanderheyden and Lion Bill**

With the devastation that Co-Vid has caused, organizations like the Salvation Army need help more than ever.



For the past thirty-three years, the Minnow Lake Lions have been there to help answer the call. Lion **Bob Wallace** has been organizing the club's involvement with the bell ringing for all of those years. Although he could not help this year due to illness, he still was there to support the ringers and to present the club's annual donation. We encourage everyone out there, not just Lions, to help out with any amount that you can. Thank you to the Minnow Lake Lions for helping to get the word out again this year and keep "ringing the bells".



Markham Milliken Mills Lions

The Lions of the Milliken Mills were busy late last year with a very worthwhile community project involving their club and the South Asian Womens Center. Their toy and food drives generated large numbers of items to assist needy families during the 2020 holiday season.



Clarence Creek Lions

The Clarence Creek Lions Club made a substantial donation to the Long Term Care Home, Roger Seguin, in Clarence Creek. The majority of the funds are being directed towards major renovations of the home. Some of the funds went towards the costs of meals for the staff. The money was raised from the club's annual golf tournament and their winter festival. The club has also pledged a further \$50,000.00 over the

next five years for the renovation project. The club also donated funds for an adaptive wheelchair for a local citizen, Etienne Gratton.



L-R: Lions Louis Camiré, Robert Pagé, Gaetan Pagé and Jacques Duquette. In front Etienne Gratton sitting in the wheelchair



L-R: Lions Gaetan and Robert Pagé, Kevin Marleau and Joanne Henrie from the Home, Lion Jacques Duquette, club member and member of the administration committee for the home and Lion Lionel Cheff, member of the Club and the administration committee as well

New Liskeard Lions and Temiskaming Shores Rotary

The New Liskeard Lions club have made a contribution to help their community. The club donated \$5,000.00 to the soon to be Splash Pad in the Temiskaming Shores area that is a community project of the Temiskaming Shores Rotary Club. The Lions have been doing community service work for over seventy-five years and there is no sign of them slowing down.

Past President Lion Alf O'Reilly and Lion Shami Kahlon, representing the Splash Pad committee is Eina Makki



Knowlton Lions Club "Photos and Puzzles" Contest

The Knowlton Lions Club have come up with an unique community activity titled "PHOTOS & PUZZLES". The objective is to relieve some of the "Pandemic Lockdown Blues" and do it in a safe and fun way! Here is how it works: Photographers young and old are to take pictures in three categories: animals, weather and local iconic scenes in their particular area. In Knowlton's case the jurisdictions of Brome Lake, Brome and West Bolton. Contestants then email their entries to the club overseeing the contest, with a deadline to be determined by the club involved. The winners in each category will then have jigsaw puzzles made from their photos that will be donated to a local seniors home, In Knowlton's that would be the Manoir Lac Brome and Residence Excelsoins for the resident's enjoyment. In appreciation of their efforts the photographers will receive a puzzle made from their photo.

The photos are to be taken in the jurisdiction of the club involved with respect to Covid safety guidelines. There is to be a limit of one per category. It is important that photos do not show any identifiable people. To allow the confirmation of the details, each entry is to be accompanied by the name and contact information of the photographer and a brief description of the photo including approximate location. In the case of any photographer aged 18 and under, the age of the participant and name of the parent or guardian must be included and only the parent or guardian will be contacted. Anyone old enough to hold a cell phone or camera is encouraged to participate....so get up off your couch and start clicking!!

For further information contact Lion Errol Frechette: errolfrechette@yahoo.com

New Hamburg Lioness – Looking Back, A History to Be Proud Of !

The New Hamburg Lioness club chartered in 1980 with the mandate being to aid in fund-raising for our sponsoring club, the New Hamburg Lions. This activity has continued and developed to the point where the club have their own service projects to benefit the community.

The Tree of Light has been their go-to event beginning in 1983 and remains very popular. It is a great start to the Christmas season as the tree is lit in the center of town. This project has raised over \$337,000.00 to support the community since its inception. The Lioness are also involved in many other community events and ongoing projects such as a local blood donor clinic, the Interfaith Counseling Centre, and provide staffing for a blood donor clinic, scholarship awards for the local high school, an ice cream booth on Canada Day, the twelve days of Christmas draw, the Welcome Home Tour of local homes, the Lioness Fashion Show, the Wilmot Family Resource Centre Food Bank and Christmas Hamper Program. The club also supports and encourages students to enter the Peace Poster contest. The club has sponsored three dog guides for the Lions Foundation of Canada.

Our motto is 'We Serve' but by serving we like to have fun, make new friendships and support others in time of need. Being a Lioness gives us the personal satisfaction of knowing that the time and energy spent has served to make our community a better place.

In the last five years the New Hamburg Lioness Club have donated over \$70,000.00 to their community. The Lioness have supported many Lions projects and Lions Camps. The club would like to thank the community for their support.

In view of the withdrawing of support from Lions International for the Lioness program the club has decided to join the New Hamburg Lions Club along with the **St Agatha Lions**. The new group will be the **Wilmot Lions and Lioness Club**.



Welcome Home Tour - Lioness Joan Bilinsky, Interfaith Counseling, Wilmot Family Resource, Lioness Jan Boucher



Daffodil Days - Lioness Ruth Jones, Gail Sheridan, Jan Boucher, Kathy Lantz



BBQ - Lioness Jenny Neubauer, Jan Boucher, Ruth Jones, Kathy Lantz



Bake Table - Lioness Jenny Neubauer, Jan Boucher, Ellen Moore, Karren Faulkner, Reta Klaassen, Marjorie Heimpel, Mary Pfaff



Fostering Puppies - Photo shows three volunteer from the Lions Foundation of Canada with their pups, Lioness Janet Dawson Brock and Lioness Sandy Starr are the third and fourth persons in from the left

The Knowlton Lions Club support The Brome Bright Light Story Contest

At their last meeting the members of the Knowlton Lions Club agreed to make a donation of \$1,000 towards the The Brome Bright Light Story Contest. The contest, which started in 2006, is open to elementary level children (grades 1 – 6) in the Brome – Missisquoi area including the following schools: Butler Elementary, Farnham Elementary, Heroes' Memorial, Knowlton Academy, Mansonville Elementary, Sutton School and Waterloo Elementary. Stories must be works of imagination and will be judged on originality, storytelling, vocabulary and grammar.

Deadline for entries is Friday, April 16, 2021. Stories should be sent to Brome Lake Books, by email at bromelakebooks@gmail.com or to 45 Lakeside Road Knowlton Qc. JOE 1V0. Stories will be judged by a volunteer committee. Winners will be announced before the end of the 2021 school year.

PRIZES: Grand Prize: \$200. Grade Prizes (one per grade): \$50. Runner up Prizes (one per grade): \$25.

At the donation presentation, from left to right Ken Battley, of the Lions Club, Danny McAulay and Lucy Hoblyn, organizers of the contest



Lors de la présentation des dons, de gauche à droite Ken Battley, du Club Lions, Danny McAulay et Lucy Hoblyn, organisateurs du concours

Le Club Lions de Knowlton appuie The Brome Bright Light Story Contest

Lors de leur dernière réunion, les membres du Club Lions de Knowlton ont convenu de faire un don de 1 000 dollars au concours littéraire "The Brome Bright Light Story". Le concours, qui a débuté en 2006, est ouvert aux enfants du niveau primaire (de la première à la sixième année) de la région de Brome - Missisquoi, y compris les écoles suivantes : Butler Elementary, Farnham Elementary, Heroes' Memorial, Knowlton Academy, Mansonville Elementary, Sutton School et Waterloo Elementary. Les histoires doivent être des œuvres d'imagination et seront jugées sur l'originalité, la narration, le vocabulaire et la grammaire.

La date limite d'inscription est le vendredi 16 avril 2021. Les histoires doivent être envoyées à Brome Lake Books, par courriel à bromelakebooks@gmail.com ou au 45 Lakeside Road, Knowlton Qc. JOE 1V0. Les histoires seront jugées par un comité de bénévoles. Les gagnants seront annoncés avant la fin de l'année scolaire 2021. PRIX : Grand prix 200 \$. Prix par niveau scolaire (un par niveau) 50 \$. Deuxième prix (un par niveau) 25 \$.

Millbrook Lions Stage Fundraiser

In January the Millbrook and District Lions club came together for the first time in many months to raise money for a local teen named Wyatt, a Crestwood student who is fighting cancer for a second time and it follows that expenses pile up in a hurry. Under the leadership of Lion **John French**, several members ran a bottle drive, continuing the work by Millbrook Farm and Pet Supply.

Tony and Angela Lloyd donated the use of an enclosed trailer which was parked at the Lions' Den on Saturday morning. Citizens were encouraged to drop off their bottle returns at that location and perhaps make a cash donation towards Wyatt and his family. Despite freezing temperatures, the great folks of Millbrook and Cavan came through in a big-hearted way, donating \$815.00 in cash along with a trailer full of empties. Of great help to the Lions was Michelle Horner who sorted and packed the incoming returns. The Millbrook and District Lion's Club would like to thank everyone for the kindness and generosity.



London Central Lions Club

In October of last year the London Central Lions recognized four of their members. Past President Lion **Tricia Lystar** presented awards to Lions **Pat Nolan** who was Lion of the Year, Lion **Lee-Anne Lillico** received the Judge Brian Stevenson award and Lion **Christine Aben** the Helen Keller award. Lion **Rick Letton** received a Melvin Jones Fellowship but was not available for the photo. Congratulation to four well deserving Lions!



L-R: with Past President Tricia are Lion Pat Nolan, Lion Christine Aben and Lion Lee-Anne Lillico

Lion Magazine Submissions



Lions All:

You may be aware, but to be sure there will be no print edition until the fall of this year. This is a result of the new print model from Lions International that allows for two print editions per year and unlimited digital versions. The new model was started in the Lions fiscal year of 2020.

The magazine receives supplemental funding from LCI and we printed our complement of magazines in the latter part of 2020 and hence there was no funding available to allow for the printing of an issue for the early part of 2021.

With the new print model we will have to adjust our guidelines and in order to capture all the good things our clubs our doing, we may have to restrict photos and articles that are cheque presentations only and request that photos and descriptive text of the service work that generated the funds be included. Keeping in mind that we have the option of printing unlimited digital editions and will have the flexibility for allowing for more cheque presentation photos.

We ask the membership to be patient and keep the above in mind when preparing magazine submissions.

Lion Bob Pearson
Editor

Larder Lake

Over seventy years ago the Larder Lake Lions were formed, now all these years later they are still going strong. 2nd Vice District Governor **Bob Beaven** presented their certificate to President Lion **Roy Wilde**. Congrats Lions keep up the good work!



Fonthill Lions and Lioness

Partnership Assist Community at Christmas

The Fonthill Lions and Lioness in partnership at Christmas presented the "Pelham Cares" representative with their club's yearly contribution. The two club partnership this year donated a supply of gift cards, toques, gloves, scarves, socks and pajamas.



Fonthill Lions President Steve Pellerin and Lioness President Pat Norton present "Pelham Cares" representative the collection of Christmas gifts

Lioness Bridge Program FAQ'S

excerpts from the LCI Winter Edition Magazine 2021



The Lioness Bridge Program was created to encourage Lionesses and Lioness Clubs to join Lions Clubs International. By honoring their service efforts prior to their decision to accept Lions membership, Lions International hopes to help all Lionesses join our global community. Per the decision of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors and Executive Officers, the Lioness Bridge Program, and all of its concessions, will end on June 30, 2021 without exception.

Who is eligible for the Lioness Bridge Program?

The Lioness Bridge Program is meant to encourage individual Lionesses or members of a Lioness club to become part of Lions International, and as such is open only to existing Lionesses who have not yet become Lions. Members of existing Lioness clubs which were sponsored by a Lions club are eligible to be considered for the Lioness Bridge Program.

Only those who complete a 'Lioness Bridge' form are considered part of the Lioness Bridge Program, but all current and former Lionesses can complete the 'Years of Service' form to transfer their years of service as a Lioness to their Lion record.

Are there special incentives for a Lioness club to become a Lions club?

To encourage Lionesses to join, LCI is offering existing Lioness clubs with special incentives to become Lions clubs, including:

- No minimum number of members required (typically need 20).
- Charter fee for existing clubs will be waived.
- Years as a Lioness carry over to years of Lions membership.
- Half international dues credit from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021.

Are there any benefits for a Lioness club to become a club branch of a Lions club?

Possibly, Lioness clubs would still be offered the same concessions whether starting a traditional or club branch so it would be a matter of what is right for the club. Normally, a club branch is an avenue for new clubs to form when they do not have 20 members; however, the concessions for Lioness clubs already allow clubs to form with no minimum amount of members. Club branches are part of an existing "parent" club, but hold independent meetings and select their own projects and activities so some Lioness clubs may see this as a benefit when looking to bridge over to a Lions club. For more information on club branches please visit the website or contact newclubs@lionsclubs.org *US Only: If the Lioness club has a EIN, they can maintain it once they bridge to a Lioness Lions club. LCI recommends consulting local laws as a name change may be required with the IRS.

How can a Lioness club become a Lions club?

Lioness clubs that want to join our global force would need to provide the following information:

- A letter from their sponsoring Lions club verifying the club's years of service and activity emailed to newclubs@lionsclubs.org.
- The Lioness Bridge Charter worksheet, which collects club information and may be submitted online via MyLCI In the 'Comments' section, please identify by name the Lions Club affiliated with the Lioness club in question. The Report of Charter Membership worksheet, which collects all member information and may be to be submitted online via MyLCI.
- A Lioness Bridge form for each Lioness in the club to ensure eligibility for half international dues credit.
- A Lioness Years of Service form for each Lioness in the club to ensure recognition of their past service.

If you need assistance or additional information about chartering a Lions club contact newclubs@lionsclubs.org.

Can an individual Lioness become a Lion?

Absolutely! In June 2018, the LCI Board of Directors voted to extend an entrance fee waiver to individual Lioness members joining an existing Lions club. In April 2019, the LCI Board of Directors voted to add an additional concession by offering a credit for half international dues to any former Lioness that joins Lions Clubs International between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2021.

An individual Lioness must complete the Lioness Bridge form to be entitled to the full benefits of being a member of our international association. Also, if a Lioness Bridge form is completed and submitted within 30 days of being reported to LCI as a member of the new Lion's club, the individual does not need to pay an entrance fee, and is eligible to pay half of international dues effective July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021.

An individual Lioness also needs to complete the Lioness Years of Service form, including a signature from their Lioness club's president and a signature from the president of their new Lions club. This entitle the new member to the full benefits of being a member of our international association.

Can an individual who is not a former Lioness join a Lioness Lions club?

Yes! Any individual can join a Lioness Lions club by invitation from the club. Please note that individuals that are not former Lioness who join a Lioness Lions club are not eligible for the Lioness Bridge Program or the special incentives offered to former Lioness. These individuals would be prospective members of a Lioness Lions clubs and therefore would be treated as a new member of Lions Clubs.

Who is eligible for the half international dues credit?

In April 2019, the LCI Board of Directors voted to offer an additional concession of a half international dues credit as incentive for Lioness to become LionsOnly Lioness who join between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2021 and have completed the Lioness Bridge Form will be eligible for this incentive, a credit of half international dues. After the Lioness Bridge Program has ended on June 30, 2021, all Lioness who became Lions will have to pay full international dues.

What happens to my Lioness Club after the June 30, 2021 deadline if it has not transitioned to a Lioness Lions Club?

The LCI Board of Directors has made the decision to end the Lioness Bridge Program after June 30, 2021. Lioness Clubs that decide not to join Lions Clubs International will no longer be considered a sponsored activity of a Lions club, and will lose all associated benefits. This includes protection under Lions Clubs International's general liability insurance, and utilization of all registered trademarks of LCI, including Lioness logo.

What are the advantages of being a Lion?

There are many wonderful benefits of being a member of Lions International! Members can vote in elections and on key issues affecting the organization, attend the annual Lions Clubs International convention, and hold leadership positions that give them a greater voice in our organization. Members also receive the support of Lions International, which provides service planning resources and professional development opportunities, as well as other critical benefits. Insurance, legal counsel and advocacy support allow members to serve with confidence.

Plus, members receive the LION Magazine and get access to powerful technology like the MyLion mobile app. And don't forget the most important benefit of all - the pride of being an official member of the largest service organization in the world!

Can a Lioness club still keep their identity as Lioness in their Lion's club name?

Yes. When chartering a new Lions club, Board Policy indicates that the naming convention should consist of Municipality (city, town, village, prefecture, county, etc.) and then a "distinguishing designation" if desired, which could include the word Lioness. For example, a Lioness club in Hyderabad, India could be named "Lions Club of 'Hyderabad Lioness.'"

Additional club name rules can be found in Chapter X of the Board Policy Manual. Clubs that do not utilize this naming convention will require special approval from the Membership Development Committee.

Can Lioness clubs service work be reported? Who should report it?

The sponsoring club can report the Lioness clubs service work as their own clubs service work through MyLCI since, without their sponsorship, the service work would not be possible.

Is it true that Lions clubs can no longer sponsor new Lioness clubs?

Yes. At the April 2018 Board Meeting, the LCI Board of Directors made the decision to end the sponsorship of any new Lioness clubs. In addition, the Board recommended that Lioness districts and Lioness multiple districts and administrative roles should not be supported by LCI at any level, and should be actively discouraged by the District Governors.

What should be done with Lioness clubs records, financial statements and physical materials?

LCI does not have any oversight on Lioness clubs that choose to disband. LCI suggests that the Lioness clubs financial records be maintained by the sponsoring club for seven years. It is recommended that the Lioness club and sponsoring Lions club consult local laws for guidance.

Who can I contact with specific questions about the Lioness Bridge program?

For more information about the Lioness Bridge Program, please email membership@lionsclubs.org.



Knowlton Lions Club

As the first year anniversary of the Covid pandemic approached, the Knowlton Lions Club wished to thank the front line workers who have given so much of themselves over the past year. As a small token of gratitude gift certificates for a quick “pick-me-up” snack. When our local Tim Horton’s heard of our plan, they graciously offered to supply coffee for the gift.



Lion Sue Perkins, on the right, receiving gift certificates and coupons from Tim Horton’s owner Alexandra Cadot. Second row: Lions members Bill Taylor and Roland Mamers

Burlington Lions Club

Despite limitation of fund-raising activities due to the Covid pandemic, the Burlington Lions Club is launching the Burlington Centre Lions Farmers Market for the 63rd consecutive year, and the second summer under pandemic restrictions. Lions and volunteers worked hard to develop comprehensive social distancing protocols, and last summer provided a needed sales outlet for forty-five local producers and welcomed over 114,000 patrons. Proceeds from stall rentals are distributed to various youth sports organizations and scholarships.



Lynden Lions

The Lynden Lions held a recent bottle drive, over \$1,000.00 was raised. The funds are designated for their Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. Currently have there are seventy-five local children involved in the program.



ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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International Director for Canada Candidate

The Multiple District 'A' Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that the following Lion has been duly endorsed by his respective sub-District and is therefore qualified to represent Multiple District 'A' as a candidate for International Director for Canada.

Allen Snider, PDG –St. Davids Lions Club, District A2



Although already being recognized as the qualified candidate to represent Multiple District 'A', a formal vote of endorsement must still occur and such endorsement must be forwarded to Lions Clubs International 30 days prior to the start of the International Convention in Montreal June 25 to June 29, 2021.

Accordingly, our candidate's name shall be presented to the delegates at the 2021 Multiple District 'A' Convention scheduled for May 14 to May 15. This convention will be held virtually. Certified delegates who have registered and paid the Convention registration fee shall be entitled to vote. This vote will be done electronically and details will be forthcoming.

Tim Cheung, PCC
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We have two (2) main goals – two (2) projects to help us celebrate our Centennial:

1. To plant 100,000 Trees across Canada.
2. Each Club is encouraged to complete a Centennial Project in its Community. It could be something as easy as placing a bench in a park or a Trail or it could be something very major such as building a new Hall or Arena. It doesn't matter, but what is important is that we do something that is visible and shows Lionism in action. Each Governor has an information brochure, report forms and buttons. Pins are also available for purchase.

For more information contact your District Governor or either of the following:

Canadian Centennial Committee Co-Chairs:

- Lion Carl Young
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