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Sydney To Sizzle with Fun

Imagine a week in a beautiful, friendly city filled with entertainment, talks and gatherings of great interest to Lions. It's not imaginary at all. It's the 93rd international convention in Sydney, Australia, June 28-July 2.

Sydney is considered one of the world's "dream destinations," a place with a distinct culture and sights, customs and cuisine not found anywhere else. Even better, the "Lions Precinct" at the convention is located smack-dab in the city's top tourist area. A variety of superb restaurants, shops and sites are at hand or nearby. During the convention the area will buzz with more activity than usual. Throngs of Sydneyites will flock there at night to watch the World Cup live on gigantic screens on barges in the harbour.

Each day of the convention is packed with activity. On tap are an official welcome to Australia from Aborigines, the grand parade, a stirring keynote address from a world figure, the presentation of the Humanitarian Award, music-themed plenary sessions, inspiring addresses by the current international president and new president, nominations for second vice president and international directors, the first-ever Global Music contest and the lavish Ginkgo Awards banquet.

The complimentary events make the convention a real bargain. These include the Global Music contest, brimming with world-class talent, and the always entertaining International Show.

Lions can meet old friends, make new ones from around the world and truly appreciate what it means to be a Lion. Lions attending the international convention invariably return home with memories that last a lifetime and renewed pride in being a Lion.

Early registration is May 1 (see form on page 8).

More information is available at www.lionsclubs.org.

Lions, LCIF Help Haiti

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Lion Frantz Large, an ophthalmologist, and his wife are homeless. When the earthquake struck, with their two sons they gathered under this archway, saving their lives.
Photo by Brian Winger



LCIF Chairperson Brandel (without vest) and Lions discuss relief plans.



Lions and Leos helped quench the thirst of Haitians.



Death was everywhere.



Lions and Leos unload relief supplies.

Lions, LCIF Help Haiti

by Pamela Mohr

On a relief mission in Port-au-Prince 10 days after the earthquake, Lion Carole Burke-Hallberg awoke from an aftershock and heard cries of terror from the streets. "Pray for Haiti," she thought she heard. Or was it "pity Haiti"? It didn't really matter. "My heart sank as I realized the survivors were still living the nightmare," Burke-Hallberg said.

The nightmare will continue for some time and people worldwide will not only pray for Haiti and pity it but also provide relief and recovery. Lions have been collecting and delivering supplies since the disaster occurred.

Burke-Hallberg of the Chicago area was part of a relief team of 40 Lions led by LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel. "In 35 years of law enforcement, I've seen a lot, including 9/11, the China earthquake, forest fires in Australia ... but I tell you, I've never seen anything like what we saw in Haiti," Brandel said. "The border area between Haiti and the Dominican Republic was like the waiting room between heaven and hell. People were trying to flee Haiti with nothing. All they had was hope."

The contingent, only some of whom were able to cross the border, consisted of Lions from the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico including Past International Director Dr. Carlos Justiniano.

The devastation was heartbreaking. "Burned in my mind is a woman who was gesturing for food and water. The truckloads of water, food, and medicine provided by Lions made a difference to her but so much more is needed," said Burke-Hallberg, president of the Chicago Windy City Lions Club and a video producer who was in Haiti both to assist victims and to record events for Lions Clubs International.

As of press time in late January, more than one-fifth of Haiti's population was homeless, 250,000 injured and 200,000 believed dead including at least 38 Americans and 13 Canadians. Three Lions were killed in Port-au-Prince and many others lost loved ones as well as their homes and possessions. Haiti has three Lions clubs with 80 members.

The 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12 left a devastated nation, already one of the poorest in the world, suffering. By late January, more than US\$1 million had already been donated to Lions Hope for Haiti, the joint relief effort of Lions and LCIF, which provided a US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant quickly after the earthquake.

Lions Alert Teams wearing bright lime green vests struggled to deliver aid in what Brandel describes as a "chaotic" environment, giving bottles of water to survivors in Port-au-Prince enduring scorching high 90s temperatures with no shelter. "Our concerns for the people of Haiti were immediate," he emphasizes. Desperately needed provisions were also distributed by Haitian Lions and Leos in a relief camp they established for survivors.

"The Lions and the people in Haiti were just so grateful that people cared about them and were there to help," Burke-Hallberg said. "The Lions there were very emotional about it."

Within hours of the quake, LCIF staff members at headquarters were handling calls and e-mails from people worldwide who wanted to help. Requests were received from Lion and non-Lion medical professionals who wanted to know how they could be of assistance. The response to the crisis was so overwhelming that LCIF established a special section on the Lions Web site devoted to news of Haiti and provided encouragement as well as the means to donate online.

Swedish Lions sent 200 tents (the same ones used by citizens and relief workers after the 2008 China earthquake) to shelter Haitians and Swedish relief workers. Vancouver Diamond Lions in Canada collected more than \$6,000 just two days after the quake struck. "We're trying our best to help, but I know that Lions everywhere are working hard on this," said club president Simon Tang. His club plans to donate thousands more for relief efforts.

District A-9, Ontario, Canada Lions were, in fact, already in the area volunteering to bring a clean drinking water system to a local orphanage. They established a Lions command post to render aid around the clock, tending to 600 earthquake victims.

Lions appealed to their countrymen and women for funds to keep relief efforts viable. On the Isle of Wight, the Lions Club of Newport sent a donation of more than US\$1,600. Lions in Tennessee's MD-12 donated half of the proceeds of a gift basket auction they sponsored just before the quake struck. In Whittier, California, Lions immediately collected \$500 among themselves and then took to the streets in their gold vests to ask citizens to donate to Haiti relief. They collected more than \$5,000 to send to LCIF.

Lions in China, who endured the Sichuan province earthquake that killed an estimated 68,000 people, quickly contributed US\$61,000 to LCIF and Norwegian Lions immediately pledged US\$86,000. Neighboring District 63 Lions pledged US\$100,000 in addition to sending supplies. Members of the Cedar Creek Lions Club in Indiana arrived in Haiti to work with a local ministry located just outside Port-au-Prince that supports an orphanage, school and helps the homeless. There were nearly 400,000 orphans in Haiti before the quake struck; international aid organizations say they now fear that number could more than double.

Sharing news of Lions Hope for Haiti efforts with fellow Virginia Lions, Past International Director Wayne Davis (2007-09) says that he stresses how critical support is to the people of Haiti. "Lions will be there for a long time, long after the camera crews go home," he vowed. "We'll still be in Haiti making things happen, helping out."



Haitians are barely surviving.

Photos by Carole Burke-Hallberg



Welcome to the April Edition of *The Lion*.



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LCIF: Lions at Their Best

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do," said the great German writer Goethe. Lions are people of action. We know we must do the service that no one else can or will do. Our service reaches its greatest heights through Lions Clubs International Foundation. On a massive scale, around the world and in or near your community, LCIF gives sight to the blind, helps victims of disaster get back on their feet, teaches youths invaluable life skills and does a multitude of other forms of service that transforms lives and communities.

I am immensely proud not only to be a Lion and of my club but take great satisfaction in the astounding achievements of LCIF. When Lions pool their resources and help each other help others, as they do through LCIF, we can and do provide services that governments and other civic groups are unable to.

In this issue we present a summary of the LCIF annual report. (The complete report is online at www.lionsclubs.org). Read it and be proud. But also continue to support LCIF through Melvin Jones Fellowships and Contributing Memberships. Both Margit and I are longtime Melvin Jones Fellows, and though gracious Lions on our visits are eager to present us with gifts, we ask them instead to contribute to LCIF. Yes, your service to your community demands your time and attention. But the world community also needs your generosity.

LCIF epitomizes Move to Grow, especially in its recent rebranding, which you will read more about in an upcoming issue. Suffice to say LCIF has rolled out a fresh and exciting new look in its publications, pledge cards, videos and other materials to capture its dynamic identity. Since its founding Lions have had reason to be proud of LCIF. The rebranding will add to that pride and enhance the connection Lions have with LCIF.

So, Lions, remember that LCIF is our way as Lions to achieve good on a vast stage and to channel our collective desire to serve into efficient and effective programs that bring health, opportunity and self-fulfillment to millions. Help LCIF help Lions help others! Move to Grow by moving your heart closer to LCIF and the Lions it supports.



Lions President Eberhard Wirs

Leadership Is Survival

Last year pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger saved the lives of 155 people when he safely landed a jet in the Hudson River in New York. He acted quickly and decisively under tremendous stress. He had no time to plan. He certainly did not convene a committee to decide on the best course of action. He was the right person in the right place at the right time. He knew what to do and he did it. He was prepared and he was ready to act. He was the ultimate leader.

Great leadership can overcome any obstacle. Great leaders can take a group of determined, like-minded people and accomplish nearly any goal. We Lions have great leaders and we need to continue to groom even more. The desire to serve is in our hearts. Our leaders inspire us to take the next step, to reach the next level, to make the most of our spirit of service.

Our new district governor teams, consisting of a district governor and two vice governors, have given us a structure to take charge of our future. Lions Clubs International also is expanding and upgrading leadership training for Lions. So we have the structures in place to produce the leaders we deserve.

Every Lion can contribute to the effort to produce leaders. Lions can identify and then encourage leaders. We need to continue to generate club presidents and other club officers with the skills to make our clubs as effective as possible. We Move to Grow through the vision and guidance of our leaders. Just as we must induct qualified members, so, too, must we select Lions qualified to lead. As you may well know, an extraordinary club president can lift and energize a club as nothing else can.

Good leaders will light the way for Lions. Their importance can't be overstated: leadership is survival. Without good leadership, it's all too easy to founder on the rocks of discord, aimlessness and lethargy. With good leadership, we can continue to do an outstanding job of planning, working together and making sure our service conforms to what people need and what we can deliver.

We have broken new records in inducting qualified members because WE MOVED TO GROW successfully in the first half of the Lions year, and we will further MOVE TO GROW. While the world is shrinking we will extend our service.



Eberhard J. Wirs

Lions Clubs International President

ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



We Are #1. As the global leader in humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International Foundation helps Lions members serve their community and the world community. Named the number one non-governmental organization in the world with which to partner, LCIF is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International.

We Provide Hope. Grants fund large-scale Lions humanitarian projects for sight, youth, disability, health and disaster. In fiscal year 2008-2009, LCIF awarded US\$28.24 million for 453 projects.

We Deliver Humanitarian Programs. Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded 9,550 grants totaling US\$680 million.

Your Contribution Matters. In fiscal year 2008-2009, LCIF received US\$33.4 in donations.*

Thank you for your support!

*Donations include cash received and pledges.

Grants Awarded 2008-2009:

Disaster:	169 / \$1.78 million
Standard:	142 / \$6.03 million
SightFirst:	42 / \$9.69 million
Core 4:	26 / \$1.28 million
International Assistance:	32 / \$419,105
Other:	42 / \$9.3 million

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Our 40th anniversary was a year of great achievement. Lions Clubs International Foundation continues to provide hope to millions of people in the world.

The Foundation continues to be the #1 non-governmental organization (NGO) worldwide for partnerships, according to the Financial Times study. The Foundation also recently received the highest rating from independent evaluator Charity Navigator.

I was proud to personally witness many great accomplishments this year, including mothers learning how to protect their infants against HIV/AIDS at our Lions clinic in Nairobi, Kenya and dedicating newly built homes in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Following years of hardship and loss from the devastating tsunami, these families once again have a place to call home.

Over the next year, the Lions Quest program will mark its 25th anniversary with a number of celebratory events and special projects. I hope you'll join me in these planned celebratory events.

After reviewing all LCIF has achieved, I know you'll share my pride in what we have accomplished together. Your contributions continue to help us serve millions more.

Together "We Serve,"

Mahendra Amarasuriya 2008-2009 Chairperson

YOUTH

Lions Clubs International Foundation has been dedicated to supporting youth since its establishment more than 40 years ago. From supporting Lions Quest, LCIF's positive youth development program, to grants that fund school expansions, pediatric equipment upgrades, street children's homes, camps and playgrounds for the disabled, the Foundation has an unwavering commitment to youth.

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Partnerships Advance Youth Development

Through partnerships, LCIF is able to further advance issues important to youth. A number of organizations work alongside LCIF to support youth initiatives, including Special Olympics, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Organization of American States. Continuing to foster relationships with organizations with like-minded missions of positive youth development increases the humanitarian support LCIF can provide.

Lions Quest

Improves academic achievement. Decreases problem behavior. Increases pro-social behavior.

Lions Quest, a life-skills program for children from kindergarten to 12th grade, teaches youth how to make responsible decisions, communicate effectively and avoid drugs. More than 11 million youth in 50 countries have taken part in a Lions Quest classroom, and 350,000 educators and other adults have been trained to implement the program.

First Year in Russia Great Success

In April 2008, LCIF began working with the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) to fund Lions Quest implementation in Russia. More than 275 teachers were trained during the first year to implement the program at schools in the Moscow area. Lions Quest continues to expand throughout Russia, as local Lions develop opportunities to grow the program.

Program Gains Support in Mexico

During 2008-2009, the Lions Quest program gained significant momentum in Mexico. Twelve workshops were held, training 360 teachers to implement the program for the first time. Lions Quest is expanding into other districts throughout Mexico and the program is gaining support from state governments in a number of regions.

Expansion into Tanzania

The program saw significant growth in Africa in spring 2009, specifically in Tanzania. Funds from the INL supported two teacher-training workshops and trained 61 teachers. A third workshop planned in 2010. LCIF approved a grant of US\$22,187 to further support Lions Quest growth.

Lions Quest – Looking Forward

Lions are working with schools and communities to introduce and expand the program. Lions Quest curricula updates and online trainings and lessons offer educators new resources. The program strives to expand worldwide to add 10 new countries in coming years. As Lions Quest looks forward, extraordinary opportunities lie ahead.

SIGHT

SightFirst Provides Vision for All

Through the Foundation's SightFirst Program, Lions are preventing blindness on a global scale. Lions have restored sight to 7.6 million people through cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 30 million people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions. SightFirst has been

effective and efficient; on average, every US\$6 in donations results in one person with saved or restored vision.

Partnership Continues to Fight Childhood Blindness

The Foundation awarded a bridge grant of US\$879,000 in 2008 to continue the partnership with the World Health Organization to address the



Korea

leading causes of preventable and avoidable childhood blindness. Since the partnership began in 2001, LCIF has provided US\$4.6 million in funding. Established on six continents, the need-based Lions eye care centers are aimed especially at delivering preventative, therapeutic and rehabilitative eye care services for 100 million children.

Saving Sight for Kids

Johnson & Johnson Vision Care has been partnering with LCIF since 2002 on Sight for Kids. The program was jointly developed to provide vision screenings and eye health education for children in Asia. Johnson & Johnson awarded LCIF US\$307,000 this year to continue the program, as well as expand the program to Sri Lanka. Johnson & Johnson has awarded more than US\$1.4 million for the program since it began. Now in eight countries, 9.8 million children have been screened.

SightFirst Continues to Grow

The SightFirst program continues to grow, adding several countries over the last year to bring the number of SightFirst project countries to 100. A grant was recently approved for a one-year national diabetic retinopathy program to upgrade and equip four diabetic clinics in Oran and Algiers, Algeria, as well as a grant to Samoa to establish a national diabetic retinopathy screening and monitoring program.

CONTINUING AND EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS

Campaign SightFirst II Surpasses Goal

Experts predicted that the world's blind population could double from 37 million to 74 million by 2020 if nothing was done, thus the urgent need to redouble SightFirst efforts. There are also a number of emerging eye diseases that are creating new threats to vision. As a result Lions launched a three-

year fundraising initiative, Campaign SightFirst II, in 2005. Lions pledged more than US\$200 million. Funds will enable the expansion of current SightFirst programs to contain and possibly eliminate the leading causes of avoidable blindness. Khun received glasses from the Preah Ang Duong Hospital in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, one of the 35 Lions' childhood blindness centers established in partnership with the World Health Organization. "Before I had glasses, I had so much trouble seeing. Now I can see everything. I use my glasses at



Cambodia

school, to play football, to read and write, and especially when I watch TV and play games," he said. Nine-year-old Khun only needed glasses to improve his vision, but many other children require surgery or preventative medication. "I would like to give my deepest appreciation to Lions for helping my grandson," said Nget Hay, Khun's grandfather. "I hope that Lions continue to support this center and future research to help all children of Cambodia." With funding from Campaign SightFirst II, Lions will make Nget's hopes a reality.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION SUPPORTS MANY OTHER PROGRAMS, SUCH AS DISASTER RELIEF AND DISABILITY

Communities Impacted by Australian Bush Fires Receive Aid

In February 2009, wildfires in the Victoria province of southeast Australia resulted in nearly 200 deaths and destroyed more than 900 homes. To bring much needed aid to the impacted areas, LCIF awarded a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant in addition to US\$30,000 total in Emergency Grants. Lions collected, transported and delivered supplies to



Taiwan

housing centers for displaced people. Lions collected additional donations for clothing and other relief supplies to distribute. Long-term reconstruction efforts are currently in process.

South Asia Tsunami Reconstruction Update

LCIF awarded more than US\$15 million for long-term reconstruction efforts. Since 2005, Lions have



Japan

worked with the areas impacted to rebuild more than 4,000 homes, in addition, community and health centers, schools and orphanages have been constructed. Tsunami reconstruction efforts are now complete in Indonesia and Thailand, projects are expected to be completed within the year in Sri Lanka, and projects are ongoing in India.

Katrina Relief Funds Establish LSU-Lions Eye Clinic

The Lions Clubs International-Louisiana State University Eye Clinic, funded through a LCIF grant of US\$500,000, was dedicated and opened in December 2008. The clinic provides vision care for low income and for patients sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Louisiana. LCIF mobilized more than US\$5 million for relief and reconstruction efforts in the area.

LCIF Funds Disasters Worldwide

During 2008-2009, LCIF awarded nearly US\$1.8 million in emergency relief funds. In late summer and early fall of 2008, a number of hurricanes struck the Gulf States, damaging homes, flooding streets and causing people along the coastline to evacuate. LCIF issued several US\$10,000 Emergency Grants so Lions could bring food, water and medicine to people affected. In November 2008, floods in southern Brazil left more than 78,000 people displaced. A US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant was awarded to fund long-term reconstruction of homes. A deadly earthquake that struck L'Aquila, Italy in April 2009 received immediate response from LCIF and local Lions. A US\$10,000 Emergency Grant was allocated for urgent needs. More than 165 other grants were issued by LCIF to fund Lions' disaster relief efforts around the world.

Partnership Celebrates Milestone

Since 2000, Lions Clubs have partnered with Special Olympics on the Opening Eyes Program, screening Special Olympics athletes at select games and providing glasses when needed. This year the partnership screened the 100,000 athlete. The Foundation has supported this partnership with more than US\$10 million in funding. In February 2009, Opening Eyes provided 450 prescription eyeglasses and sport glasses and 650 sunglasses to athletes at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho. Nearly 200 Lions volunteered nearly 1,600 hours for the event, screening 1,100 athletes.

We Are Compassionate and Caring

-enriching lives in communities all over the world.

"I am leading a comfortable life with my new glasses. Please continue the Opening Eyes program, as many more athletes need it."

Irina, Romania, Athlete screened through the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program



Romania; Idaho, USA

COLLECTING FOR KIDNEY KIDS

Hastings Pioneer Lions Club

New Zealand Lions are up to their ears in wine bottle caps, and pull tabs from cans. Their zeal for collecting and recycling is good news for kids with kidney disorders. The Hastings Pioneer Lions Club has reached out to wineries, restaurants, bars and households to collect screw caps. Recycling 500,000 caps will produce US\$2,200 for the Kidney Kids Support Group.

Past District Governor Ian Packwood and Hugh Brown pour some pull tabs. Kidney transplant recipient Katherine Paton (center) looks on.



Photo courtesy of Howick & Pakuranga Times

Hearing Aids Help the Needy *by Alecia Dimar*

Ruby Thompson of Moberly, Missouri, and Emma Iverson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, have a lot in common. Both women are more than 100 years old and both have received hearing aids on behalf of the **Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project** (Lions AHAP), a program of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Lions AHAP assists the old and the young alike, as Albert Holt of the Rolla Lions Club of Salem, Missouri, can attest. He recently shared a story about a girl named Brittany with a severe hearing problem.

"She was in the first grade. The school informed the mother that she would be promoted, but she would be placed in the special needs section due to her inability to hear. The mother, who was in tears, came to the Rolla Lions Club and requested assistance. The family was well within the income level set by the National Board for assistance. Shortly after getting her hearing aids, Brittany showed a marked increase in her grades. She has progressed very well in her school work and is now in the 5th grade, still getting As. The ear molds (due to natural physical growth) have been replaced and the aids adjusted as necessary."

"The Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project enables Lions to help people suffering from hearing impairments in their local communities," said Al Brandel, LCIF Chairperson. "Without the LCIF-based program, thousands of people in the U.S. would be dealing with their hearing loss unassisted."

A 2008 survey found that 35 million Americans, or more than 11 percent of the U.S. population, are hearing impaired. Of those 35 million, 25 million do not have hearing aids. This is in large part due to the high costs of hearing aids, which average around \$2,000. Yet through Lions AHAP, LCIF and Lions are providing high quality hearing aids to low-income people.

Supporting hearing-impaired populations was first urged by Helen Keller in 1925 and remains a primary commitment of Lions and LCIF. In 2005, Lions averaged \$1.8 million in donations, collected more than 25,000 hearing aids and volunteered 91,200 hours to hearing-related service projects.

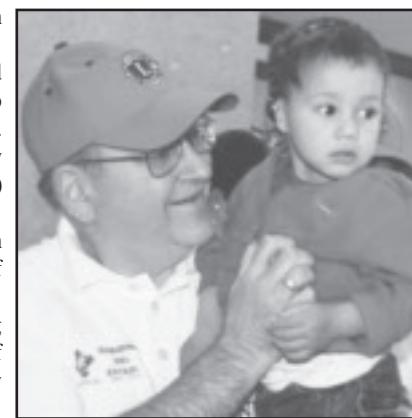
LCIF partners with Rexton, Inc., a subsidiary of the Siemens company, to provide two digital hearing aids for low-income individuals through Lions hearing programs and Lions clubs. The hearing aids are not offered directly to individuals from LCIF; instead, clubs screen those in need and assist those who meet the criteria. Reviews from hearing care professionals have been very positive about the price, durability and quality.

"The program is easy to use," said Lion Robert Simmons of the Windham, Maine, Lions Club. "It has a step-by-step process that makes it simple, and LCIF is there by phone and e-mail."

Currently, Lions AHAP is a pilot program available only in the United States. Lions clubs collaborate with audiologists and hearing aid dispensers. Clubs then order hearing aids from LCIF, which are shipped to the hearing care professional for distribution to the recipients.

Lions AHAP determines eligibility for aids by income level. The federal government's poverty guidelines provide a framework for the club's determination.

The lives of many people with hearing loss have been improved through Lions AHAP. Yet millions of people with hearing impairments are still in need of hearing aids. By supporting LCIF, you support Lions' continued commitment to serve those with hearing impairments.



A young girl suffering from hearing loss is fitted for a hearing aid during a Lions' mission.

SF Lays Groundwork for Success

Since its inception in 1990, the Lions' SightFirst program has helped restore sight to more than 30 million people around the world. SightFirst builds comprehensive eye care systems to fight the major causes of blindness and to care for blind and visually impaired people. The program has invested more than \$200 million to support high-quality, sustainable projects that deliver eye care services, train personnel, develop infrastructure and/or provide rehabilitation and education in underserved communities.

Lions orchestrate SightFirst projects in partnership with local health authorities, eye care professionals and other non-governmental organizations. Lions are actively involved in project management, fundraising, organization of outreach events and publicity. In some communities, Lions also advocate for increased government support of blindness prevention efforts.

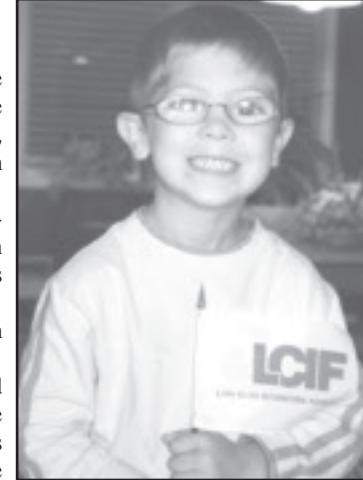
Through the work of Lions and their partners, SightFirst aims to improve the performance of eye care systems in underserved communities.

Despite the extraordinary success of SightFirst, much work remains. Experts predict that by 2020 the world's blind population could double to 75 million and those with low vision may grow to nearly 250 million. In response, Lions have raised an additional \$200 million to continue and expand SightFirst. These funds enable the program to maintain its effort to control and eliminate avoidable causes of blindness such as cataract, trachoma and river blindness while broadening its reach to combat emerging threats to vision including diabetic retinopathy, uncorrected refractive error, low vision and childhood blindness. SightFirst will also support vision rehabilitation, education for the blind and visually impaired, and vital public health research.

The SightFirst Advisory Committee (SAC), the Lions leadership body responsible for the review and recommendation of SightFirst grant applications, is currently engaged in the development of a long-range plan for the second phase of SightFirst.

"The setting of goals and operating within them in a long-range plan assists SightFirst in maximizing the use of its financial resources for its self-identified priorities, such as reducing the cataract backlog or correcting eye problems in kids," said Edward McManus, chairperson of the SightFirst Long-Range Planning Committee and former deputy director of the National Eye Institute. "It is the first step in responsible stewardship of the funds donated by the Lions membership. Planning ensures that SightFirst will continue its high level of performance as one of the world's leading non-profit programs in the health arena, and it has identified new areas that can and should be addressed by SightFirst."

Policy position papers have been developed and approved by the SightFirst Advisory Committee on trachoma, cataract, childhood blindness, onchocerciasis, diabetic retinopathy, eye health education, uncorrected refractive error, low vision, glaucoma, directed research, advocacy and comprehensive eye care. These policies will help guide future grant funding in these areas and are available on the Foundation's Web site at www.lcif.org/sightfirst. Additional long-term policies are being developed in the areas of technical assistance, rehabilitation and training with expected roll out late 2010.



SightFirst is bringing "Vision for All."



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(Mail to LCI before May 1, 2010)

Lions Clubs International Convention – 2010 Sydney, Australia

Club Identification Number:

District:

Number of allowable delegates:

Members:

Club Name:

Address:

See the allowable delegate table.

Please select one: DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

The undersigned hereby authorizes that the above named person is an active member and a duly selected Delegate/Alternate Delegate of said Lions Club to the stated Convention of The International Association of Lions Clubs.

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Signature of Club Officer (Club President, Secretary or Treasurer)

Mail the above to LCI (Club & Officers Record Admin.) before May 1, 2010. After that date, bring it to the convention.
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**MDA MERL TEAM
LEADERSHIP SESSIONS
MDA Convention**



WE SERVE

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Ambassador Hotel
1550 Princess St.,
Kingston, ON K7M 9E3

LEADERSHIP SESSIONS

Special Session

Friday, June 4, 2010

"Dealing With Diabetes"

LEARN:

- How do I control my diabetes?
- The latest technology—insulin pumps, talking meter
- About new medications

Presenter: PDG Jacqui Flood, RN, BDAED, BASN, CED, CPT
Moderator: PDG Al Beamer **Time of Session:** 9:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Zone Chair "Wanna Bees" - Have you thought about moving up to serve at the District level? This is the session for you. Learn the facts. See if this is something you would like to do. **Presenter:** PDG Nancy Ransom
Moderator: Lion Sam Dako

Lions Clubs Insurance—Do you know what your club is covered for? Is it enough? What does LCI cover? Learn the issues that affect you as a club member. **Presenter:** PID Gil Constantini
Moderator: PDG Gladstone Alison (Bill)

Meeting Management/Meeting from Hell—Recognize the phases of good meeting management. Identify the components of effective meeting facilitation. Manage participant behaviour. **Presenter:** PDG Cathy Tyler
Moderator: Lion Andrew McRae **Special Appearance:** Jim & Moira Kempster & Troupe

Club Promotion/PR—Promotion, Promotion, Promotion—Learn about good PR not only inside your Club but outside your Club as well.
Presenter: Lion David Hitchen **Moderator:** PDG James Johnston

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ROOM	TIME	SESSION
Toronto	8:30 - 10:00	Club Presidents
	10:15—11:45	Recruiting New Members
	2:30—3:30	Internet/Email
Ottawa	8:30—10:00	Club Secretaries
	10:15—11:45	How are Your Ratings/ Club Retreat
	2:30—3:30	History of MDA
Lisbon	8:30—10:00	Club Treasurers
	10:15—11:45	Minimizing Dropped Members
	2:30—3:30	Tail Twister
Rideau	8:30—10:00	Bulletin Editors
	10:15—11:45	Parliamentary Proce- dures/Roberts Rules of Order
	2:30—3:30	Zone Chair Wanna Bees
Regal	8:30—10:00	Lions Clubs Insurance
	10:15—11:45	Meeting Management/ Meeting from Hell
	2:30—3:30	Club Promotion/PR

LEADERSHIP SESSIONS

Club Presidents—So you are going to be a Club President! A focus on the role & responsibilities as the CEO of your Club. Recommended for anyone aspiring to be a Club President. **Presenter:** PDG Nancy Ransom **Moderator:** RC Mary Ann Smith

Recruiting New Members—Review effective club marketing & membership recruitment ideas. Discuss the importance of the Club Membership Chair & the Three Person Membership Committee. Share successes, experiences & ideas.
Presenter: PDG James Johnston **Moderator:** Lion Joan Brent

Internet/Email - Lions Clubs & Districts have distinctly different needs on the internet. A Lions Club requires that it provide information to its members & their local community, to promote the club's goals of community service, retention & recruitment of members. **Presenter:** Lion Ted Rypma **Moderator:** PDG Jacqui Flood

Club Secretaries—Record Setters. Discuss the duties & responsibilities with special emphasis on the correct method & ways to fill out the many forms for LCI and the Club. **Presenter:** PDG O.J. Wilura **Moderator:** Lion Albert Munneke

How Are Your Ratings/Club Retreat—Learn about these valuable member retention resources. Share your experiences. What's good about your Club, what needs fixing? **Presenter:** PDG Jacqui Flood **Moderator:** PRC Jim Mitchell

History of MDA—Learn how the Multiple District evolved, when & why did Quebec become their own Multiple and many other interesting facts about our Lions organization. **Presenter:** PRC Ray Charbonneau **Moderator:** PDG Cathy Tyler

Club Treasurers—Dealing with Club financial operations including but not limited to budgeting processes, fiscal controls, reporting to the club membership, administrative funds, activities funds.
Presenter: PDG Cathy Tyler **Moderator:** RC Marg Wilson

Minimizing Dropped Members—Discuss techniques, tried and true, for reducing dropped members. Share your successes and your challenges.
Presenter: PDG Jim Wilson **Moderator:** 2nd VDG Larry Bell

Tail Twister—Learn positive tailtwisting activities. Learn tailtwisting activities to avoid. Learn how to prepare for Tailtwisting.
Presenter: PCC Dave Voisey **Moderator:** PDG Jim Wilson

Bulletin Editor—Communicating the Action. Why do Lions have bulletins? What is news? What makes news? News writing. **Presenter:** Lion Mike Kresky
Moderator: Lion James Doyle

Parliamentary Procedures/Roberts Rules of Order—Parliamentary law is largely based on the customary practices & regulating procedures in group action. This session will provide you with the tools to conduct or participate in a group meeting in an orderly manner. **Presenter:** PDG Milt Tyler
Moderator: PDG Peter Bissonnette

Proposed 2010 Constitution and By-Laws Amendments



Resolution 1: Amend By-Law Article VI –
Multiple District Convention Fund

Current

Section 1. Fund Tax

In lieu of or in addition to a multiple district convention registration fee, an annual per capita multiple district convention fund tax of \$_____ in Canadian dollars may be levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district, to be collected and paid with the annual per capita dues. The membership of each club shall be based on the number of members on record at Lions Clubs International on the first day of July. Newly chartered or reorganized clubs may be levied on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be.

The fund so collected shall be used exclusively for defraying expenses of multiple district conventions and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. To receive said payment, the Host Committee of the multiple district convention is required to provide a financial statement of convention receipts and expenses no later than August 31 of the convention year to the Council of Governors for approval. Disbursement therefore shall be by cheques drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

Section 2. Remaining Funds

In any fiscal year any balance remaining in the convention fund after payment of all convention administration expenses in that year shall remain in said convention fund and become available for future convention expenses and be treated as income in any fiscal year in which expended or made available solely for payment of such expenses.

Section 3. Fee Collection

A registration fee as the Council of Governors shall set may be collected, under procedures set by the Council of Governors from each delegate, alternate and guest attending the multiple district convention to defray the actual cost of convention meals and entertainment.

Section 4. Audit or Review

The Council of Governors shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit or review of the multiple district convention fund and shall give the annual financial report of said fund to each multiple district convention.

Amended

Section 1. Fund Tax

In lieu of or in addition to a multiple district convention registration fee, an annual per capita multiple district convention fund tax of \$ 0.50 in Canadian dollars may be levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district, to be collected and paid with the annual per capita dues. The membership of each club shall be based on the number of members on record at Lions Clubs International on the first day of July. Newly chartered or reorganized clubs may be levied on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be.

The fund so collected shall be paid to the multiple district convention host committee upon approval by the Council of Governors. To receive said payment, the Host Committee of the multiple district convention is required to provide a financial statement of convention receipts and expenses by the first council meeting following the convention. The financial statement shall be made available to subsequent Convention Host Committees.

Section 2. Fee Collection

A registration fee, set by the Convention Host

Committee and approved by the Council of Governors, may be collected under procedures set by the Council of Governors from each delegate, alternate and guest attending the multiple district convention to defray the actual cost of convention meals, entertainment, etc.

Rationale:

Para 1: Define the per capita amount collected for the convention fund.

Para 2. The annual per capita multiple district convention fund tax is collected to cover some of the expenses of the Convention Host Committee involved in hosting the multiple district convention. Subsequent Convention Host Committees require access to the financial statements to assist them in preparing budgets.

With the funds collected being paid to the Convention Host Committee there will not be any remaining funds and no requirement for an audit therefore Section 2. Remaining Funds and Section 4. Audit or Review are deleted.

Amended Section 3. Fee Collection, renumber as Section 2.

The Convention Host Committee requires the approval of the Council of Governors for all aspects of the Multiple District Convention.

Resolution 2: Amend By-Law Article V –
Multiple District Administration Fund

Section 1. Multiple District Revenue

Add a new sentence at the end – ‘Campus Club members shall pay an annual per capita tax equal to one-half (1/2) of the annual multiple district administrative fund per capita tax.’

Rationale:

At the MD”A” council meeting on September 12, 2009 the Council of Governors approved this action. This action was taken by Lions Clubs International to assist youths who wish to join our association.

To the Members of the Lions Family of Multiple District “A”

I do not know about all of you but I feel that this Lions year is passing very fast. By the time you receive this edition of the LION it will be April and we will be in the middle of our District Conventions. This is for all of us a most exciting, if not the most exciting time, of our year. At our conventions we celebrate all of our accomplishments so far this year while at the same time remaining aware that now more than ever we must make that extra effort, give that extra push and keep that focus which will ensure that we realize the success and attainment of our goals.

As well during the lead up to and while at our conventions we will be deciding who our leaders will be in the Lions Year ahead. I know that you will listen carefully to all those Lions who selflessly have offered themselves to serve you. Please remember that these elections have no losers because we all win and Lions Clubs International wins because of every candidate’s selfless offering of service and participation.

As Lions we have approximately three months, $\frac{1}{4}$, of our Lions Year left. Would it not be nice if each of us made a point to ask ourselves, our committee chairs, presidents, governors what more might we be able to do

to assist them in the attainment of their goals.

We must continue to **MOVE TO GROW** our membership. It would appear that we are on the right track but we must carry our efforts through to the end of June and beyond.

By the way, while you are at the club, or working on a project or while at your convention take a little time to reflect on what we all have accomplished this year and “kick back” and have some fun.

You’ve earned it.

Elizabeth and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care,

Lion Carl Young



Lion Carl Young, I.D.



Highlights of the March 2010 Meeting of the Council of Governors

The third meeting of the 2009-2010 Council of Governors was held in Markham on Saturday March 6, 2010. The following represents the topics of general interest discussed during the meeting:

Convention Advisory

District A16 to host 2013 MDA Convention.

Constitution & By Laws

Proposed changes to MDA C&BL contained in the LION Magazine.

Environment

Environment Photo Contest is alive and well - all Lions urged to participate.

International Advisory Committee (IAC)

The Canadian Caucus Meeting at the International Convention in Sydney will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 in the Parkside room 110A of the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre from 1700 to 1800 hours.

2014 International Convention

Job Descriptions for chairing a number of sub committees are being developed. These will be published in an upcoming edition of the LION magazine to seek resumes from interested candidates across MDA.

LION Magazine

The District Reporting procedure is working so well that the editor is overwhelmed with stories and articles which make it impossible to include all. If Lions have questions on their submissions please contact the editor (PDG John Daniels) and not the publisher.

MERL

Next MERL Workshop for incoming members of District MERL Teams is scheduled for May 15 & 16, 2010 in Markham. Also there are 15 separate training programs offered for sub district and club officers that will be held on Saturday at the MDA Convention in Kingston.

No Child Without

A special luncheon is planned for Saturday at the MDA Convention in Kingston.

Research & Long Range Planning

Minor changes in formatting the Policy and Procedures Manual and a general updating of the Convention Guidelines & Directives Manual are ongoing and will be submitted for approval at the June Council meeting.

Sight Conservation

Lion Ryan Chin has been engaged by CNIB as Manager, Client Community Relations for Lake Jo. A wish list for Lake Jo is available and CNIB

is planning for its second annual National Singing Contest for the visually impaired.

Diabetes

Some special reminders – Lions Appreciation Day at Camp Huronda is scheduled for Saturday, July 24, 2010 and the “Tim Chapman Ride for Cure” will be on Sunday August 8, 2010.

Opportunities for Youth

Most successful 2nd Leo Conference was held; a Lions Quest breakfast is planned for Friday morning at the MDA Convention in Kingston, MDA winner of the peace Poster contest is Libby Bowler from District A12 and the MDA Effective Speaking contest is scheduled for May 7/8, 2010 in Toronto.

Election of MDA Council Chair

Governor John Buchner from District A2 was elected to be the Council Chair for 2010-2011.

For more information, questions or concerns relating to these highlights please contact MDA Secretary Dave Voisey at secretary@mdalions.org or 613-843-1687



We Serve

The Brockville Lions Club Haiti Fundraiser

The **Brockville Lions Club** has just finished a fundraiser for the devastated country of Haiti. It was very successful and raised over \$7,000 in a short time, serving a breakfast to the community. There was also a successful silent auction. The Brockville Lioness Club donated also \$1,000. to the fund at the same time.



"Cooking up a storm" with Chef Luke Tiskey



"Toasting the breakfast" Lion Paul Moss who was in charge of the toast.



Lions breakfast volunteers Left to right: Lions Norm Kearney, Steve Champagne, Lorna McDonell, Volunteer Ann Kearney, Teresa Seabrook, President Sean Seabrook, Gwen Wilson, Ted Curnock



Representatives of District A4 Council

Left to right: MDA Secretary Lion Dave Voisey PDG., District A-4 Treasurer Lion Ted Hughes PDG., Mrs. Jansje Keates, MDA Council Chair Lion "Ho Ho" Al Page PDG., District A-4 Governor Lion Tom Keates

Submitted
by Lion
Dave
Mitchell



Brockville Lions Club selling 50 - 50 draw tickets
Left to right: Lioness treasurer, Shirley MacMillen, Julie Pitre PP, President Joan Moffatt



Local Children supporting "Haiti"

Marl-im-Revier Lions: Rockin' for Good Causes



Five German Lions have combined their love of rock music with their passion for service. The band Löwenherz fills halls with fans of rock classics while donating all proceeds to their Lions club in northern Germany.

Lions **Andreas Bettin** (guitar, vocals), **Peter Gesser** (guitar, harp, vocals) and **Horst Lehn** (bass) started the band in 2006 and two years later drummer **Andreas Wagner** and keyboardist **Dr. Ludgerus Kahlen** joined. The five belong to the **Marl-im-Revier Lions Club**.

"Our musical tastes span a very broad spectrum, ranging from Stefan Stoppok to Pink Floyd, from U2 to Wolfgang Ambros and from Grönemeyer to R.E.M.," Gesser says. Adds Bettin, "German rock ballads about the Ruhr area are at the core of our three-hour concerts, and then we throw in rock classics—some popular, some surprising, but always fun."

"**Löwenherz**" means Lion's heart, a nod to the band's charitable purpose. Recent performances have funded Recklinghouse, an outpatient children's hospice; a youth project in Marl; and a Lions elementary school project called Class 2000.

Dorchester & District Lions Pledge \$50,000 toward Arena

Dorchester & District is extremely proud to be celebrating their 55th year of helping others, and making our community a better place to live, raise a family, and retire.

The community is in the process of expanding the current arena and hockey facilities, in an effort to meet the needs of a fast growing population.

Dorchester Lions Club has pledged a \$50,000 donation towards the project. This picture was taken at the presentation of a cheque for the first \$8,000.

Left to Right

Lions, John Lead, Nevel Jones, Lion President Doug Astin, presenting the cheque to Liz Peters, and Doug Ellis representing the Municipality and the Recreation Expansion Project.

Submitted by Marilyn Madacsi



Coboconk & District Lions Club

Coboconk & District Lions Club members voted Lion **Paul Tomlinson** as "**Lion of the Year**".

This was presented at our annual Christmas Party on December 17, 2009.

Lion Paul has introduced new ideas which have made our Club stronger and our events more successful. He is one of the first to volunteer, he extends the hand of friendship to all and certainly has enriched our club.

Congratulations Paul!



We Serve

Submitted by Lion Don McGovern

Pres. Pauline Barber with "Lion of the Year" Award recipient, Lion Paul Tomlinson. Congratulations!



Hudson Lions Club Bikers Reunion founder honoured

The founder of the Bikers Reunion has been honoured by the **Hudson Lions Club**. The club presented Barry Phippen, a resident of the township, with a **Helen Keller Fellowship Award** at its annual meeting February 7.

Barry Phippen received this award in recognition of his hard work and ongoing dedication to the Bikers Reunion. The Bikers Reunion traces its history to 1999. It became an annual event in 2004 and has raised \$390,000 for Temiskaming Hospital's community cancer care program.

On the left is Lion Charlie, Lion Gwen, Barry Phippen, Lion Lorraine, Lion Betty

Submitted by Alex Welch



District A3
Lions Clubs International Multiple District "A"
Sparkling Waters 2010



June 3rd, June 4th, June 5th, June 6th, 2010
Ambassador Conference Resort, Kingston, Ontario

Person A	District "A" _____	Club _____			
Lion ()	Lioness ()	Leo ()	Partner ()	Highest Office _____	Past () Present ()
Name _____					
Mailing Address _____					
Phone # _____			E-Mail _____		
Is this your first MD "A" Convention? Yes _____ No _____					

Person B	District "A" _____	Club _____			
Lion ()	Lioness ()	Leo ()	Partner ()	Highest Office _____	Past () Present ()
Name _____					
Mailing Address _____					
Phone # _____			E-Mail _____		
Is this your first MD "A" Convention? Yes _____ No _____					

HOTELS – Headquarters – **Ambassador Conference Resort** (N/S) – Handicapped friendly
1550 Princess St., Kingston, ON, K7M 9E3 (613) 548-3605
Rates: All rooms: \$139.⁰⁰/night plus applicable taxes
Peach Tree Inn, 1187 Princess St., Kingston, ON, K7M 3E1 (613) 546-4411
Rates: All rooms: \$89.⁰⁰/night plus applicable taxes

HOTEL: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____
Room preference: 1 bed/room () 2 bed/room () Handicapped ()

City of Kingston By-Laws prohibits smoking in all hotels*

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

PLEASE NOTE: All persons attending this Convention must be registered.

Registrant's name, Club and District title will be printed on their name badge

Or Exhibitors trade name, if applicable

All cancellations MUST be in writing – by mail or e-mail

Cancellations received after March 1st, 2010 are subject to a \$10.⁰⁰ handling fee

NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1st, 2010

Please use additional Registration forms if more than 2 persons.

Registrations can be downloaded from the MDA Website at www.mdalions.org

FUNCTION TICKETS	PERSON	PRICE	TOTAL
	“A”	“B”	
FRIDAY JUNE 4TH			
Convention Luncheon	()	()	@ \$29.00 \$ _____
Dinner Cruise			
(limit of 320 tickets on a first come/first served basis)	()	()	@ \$60.00 \$ _____
SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH			
International Banquet	()	()	@ \$49.00 \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT for Function Tickets			\$ _____

Reserve your function tickets early and avoid any disappointment.

All prices quoted include all applicable taxes and gratuities. Function ticket deadline May 15th 2010.

Registration Fee for “A”	\$20.00	\$ _____
Registration Fee for “B”	\$20.00	\$ _____
Registration Fee for Leo	\$10.00	\$ _____
Registration Sunday only	\$10.00	\$ _____
Hotel Room Deposit	\$139.00	\$ _____
Function Tickets from above		\$ _____
Convention Pin \$5.00 each x _____		\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

CASH ()

CHEQUE ()

(Due to cost, there will be no credit card payments)

Please make cheque payable to:
“Sparkling Waters 2010”

Mail completed registration forms to:

VDG Gord Taylor
9 Main Street, Millbrook, ON, L0A 1G0 taylorgs@nexicom.net
Please list any needs/preferences here

Please advise if hearing assistance device required _____

- * Everyone, including exhibitors & Pin Traders must be registered.
Exhibitors are required to complete/submit a separate application form.
- ** Hotel Rooms must be booked through the Convention Committee and must be secured by a \$139.00 room deposit, which will be credited to your account.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please contact either of the “Sparkling Waters 2010”, Convention Co-chairs:

PDG Dave Hansen 613 375 6318
lionhansen@yahoo.ca PID Terry Graham 905 987 5239
tdgraham@rogers.com



We Serve



Mark Your Calendar!



Even though there's still snow on the ground and temperatures are cold, the staff at **CNIB's Lake Joseph Centre** is already planning for summer.

Again, campers will have the choice of enjoying a variety of programming aimed at ensuring they can participate in activities that offer them the ultimate experience in recreation and rehabilitation.

For many years now, Lions Clubs of Multiple District “A” have been incredible and tireless supporters of the camp. CNIB continues to be grateful for that support and wants to make sure you know that and are able to see how your donations help make Lake Joe the incredible experience it is for people who are blind or partially sighted.

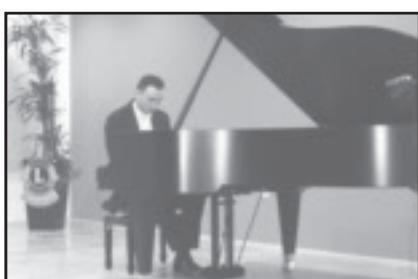
CNIB invites you to join us at Lake Joe on Saturday, August 21st to tour the camp and enjoy some fun activities and fellowship with other Lions who share your passion for Lake Joe.

This is an opportunity for your club to see your donations at work or, if you've never been to the camp before, this is your chance to experience the spirit of Lake Joe for yourself.

We encourage as many clubs as possible to join us in August to celebrate the longstanding relationship between the Lions and Lake Joe. Overnight accommodations will be available, compliments of CNIB, as will a BBQ, activities, etc.

To reserve your spot, please contact: Mr. Sourav Addy, Manager – Stewardship, at: 1-800-265-4127 Ext. 7022.

We hope you will join us!



Pianist
Perica
Mihaljevic
used his
musical
talents to
help Lions
raise
money.

Virovitica Vereucha Lions Club Croatia Concert Benefits Blind

It was a simple idea that grew to help many, explains **Elvira Koic**, of the Virovitica Vereucha Lions Club in Croatia. Lions sponsored a concert by noted blind pianist **Perica Mihaljevic**—with funds being used to help visually handicapped citizens of the region.

“In almost every city, there is a public library and reading room,” she says. “In the east region of our District 126, there are 20 Lions clubs active and a large part of what we do is to help people who need aid. The concert raised enough funds to purchase speaking units so that blind people can use the computers.”

Karen's Quest 2010

www.lionscampdorset.on.ca



The Lion "to bring sunshine to those on kidney dialysis" walk.

This will be a long 37 day / 600km walk through Districts A-12, A-16, A-3 and A-4 to Ottawa.

An open request for help from Karen's Quest-Lions Camp Dorset www.lionscampdorset.on.ca

My name is **Lion Sherry Welsh**; and I am a member of the South Brant Lions Club. Currently, I am the District A-2 Chair and Director of Corporate Fundraising for Lions Camp Dorset.

Lions Camp Dorset has a very special place in my heart. Ten years ago I lost my sister to kidney disease. She, along with her two daughters and husband had the opportunity to experience the freedom, generosity and loving care provided by Lions Camp Dorset as a dialysis family. Those were very memorable times, which she could not truly find the words to describe.

Lions Camp Dorset is the only camp in Ontario that caters to people and their families where a family member is required to undergo dialysis for kidney disease. For approximately 13 weeks each summer, a full medical staff and dialysis equipment is provided for the families who attend. This allows the families to enjoy a summer activity together that would otherwise not be possible. The family member needing dialysis typically attends their local hospital for dialysis every second or third day, depending on the degree of kidney impairment they suffer. My sister, Karen, and her family thoroughly enjoyed attending the camp for several summers until kidney disease ultimately took her life.

In addition to funding the summer program, capital expenditures must also be funded. Many Lions clubs make donations of money and labour to the camp, but the need is still great. This year, repairs must be made to the camp swimming pool, and a program to renew and improve the cottages is still on-going. The camp has been in operation for 30 years and building maintenance is required.

For the past two years, under the banner of "Karen's Quest", I have organized very long fund-raising walks – approximately 600 kilometres each year. These walks have raised funds for the camp, raised awareness of Organ and Tissue donation, and have also given some local high school students an opportunity to work community service hours. While I am the only walker that does the entire trip, people join the walk for a day or two as they can and help collect pledges in their local community.

Along the way, walkers pick up appropriate recyclables from the roadside and from local residents who choose to donate them. The proceeds from this effort pay for expenses incurred on the walk such as accommodations and gas for the truck that accompanies us.

This year, the walk will begin at Lions Camp Dorset on May 1, and finish up at Parliament Hill in Ottawa on June 6.

I can be reached at welsh.sherry@gmail.com, or by phone at either 519-909-9780 or 519-446-2408. I thank you in advance for your participation in helping this excellent cause.

How can I help?

Please co-ordinate your efforts with us, so that we can inform you of changes.

- Make a donation of money, or beer bottles, wine or liquor bottles.
- Walk with us and collect pledges – tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 and up.
- Pledge forms are available.
- Sponsor a fund-raising event in your community as we pass through.
- Tell everyone about the walk and what it raises money for – help us obtain media coverage.

- Provide accommodations or help us obtain a list of inexpensive motels along our route. Typically 2 to 4 walkers need accommodations each evening.
- Provide a meal for the walkers or a light lunch along the roadside.

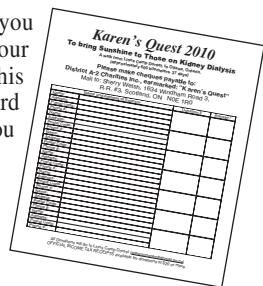
Our tentative walking route and schedule:

May 1, depart Camp Dorset
May 4, Minden
May 8, Bobcaygeon
May 11, Millbrook
May 15, Warkworth
May 17, Frankford
May 18, Stirling
May 20, Tweed
May 23, Tamworth
May 25, Verona
May 29, Newboro
June 1, Merrickville
June 2, Kemptville
June 4, Manotick
June 6, Parliament Hill, Ottawa

For more information please contact me.
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I cannot thank you enough for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Yours in Lionism,
Lion Sherry Welsh
District A-2 Chair*



Omemee & District Lions Club

Lion President Bill Hawman, Omemee & District Lions Club, accepts Olympic Torch from his grandson, **Eli Hawman** of Omemee. Eli participated in the Torch Run in Omemee on Dec. 16, 09. **Omemee Lions Club** has purchased the Torch and will be made available to local citizens.

Submitted by Sam Pittman, Secretary



Omemee & District Lions Club members pose with Olympic Torch Runners, who participated in the Torch run in Omemee on Dec. 16, 2009.

*Front Row: Lions J. Jones, A. Johnston, S. Pittman, K. Penley, J. Murphy, T. Pocock, B. Brown.
Back Row: Lions L. Banks, E. Johnston, B. Marr (Torch Runner), President B. Hawman, Torch Runner Eli Hawman who is grandson of President Hawman, J. Patterson, J. Knight, G. Brotherstone.*

Lions in Haiti Working when Earthquake Hits

Lions from **Sauble Beach** and **Kemple**, near Owen Sound, were in Haiti, 10 miles from the epicentre, when the earthquake hit. The six Lions plus one Friend of the Lions were involved in drilling a well for fresh water at the Mission of Hope orphanage for 100 children.

Our Fellow Lions are Lion **Jim Howe**, Lion **Gwen Gilbert** and her husband, Lion **Ernie Farrow**, Lion **Dr. Sheral Vandermark**, Lion **Dr. Laurens Vandermark**, from the Sauble Beach and District Club, and Lion **Richard Pipe** of the Kemple Club. The Friend of the Lions is **Don Beneger**.

Following the earthquake, Lions provided immediate medical care, establishing a command post that administered medical assistance around the clock. In the first three hours of operation, they tended to 100 sick and injured. This included cutting wood to make splints for children with crushed, broken arms, legs and pelvises.

News of about 50 staff at the Orphanage is still uncertain. Our prayers for them and their families continue in these trouble times, as well as all our fellow citizens of our global community affected by this humanitarian disaster.

All Lions and Friend returned home safely on Monday January 18th. What a magnificent, caring work they did for those needing immediate medical attention. But their spirit TO SERVE, to do more for the orphanage in Haiti is ALIVE.

Mission of Hope needs a "Fresh Water Windmill" to pump water from the newly drilled well. And a portion of the Mission of Hope sustained significant earthquake damage. Replacement orphanage facilities are being assessed. The demand for space is even greater now. Going forward, there is a need for significant capital financing for new shelter.

Lion **Jim Howe** and others have demonstrated the capability to 'get it done'. In the months ahead, our Fellow Lions will be providing the details of what is required for "Lions Putting the Wheelbarrow to Work in Haiti" at the Mission of Hope.

Submitted by Lion Tom Millar

Goodwood Lions Club

For the past several years, **Goodwood Lions** have been going to Doug Drysdale's Christmas tree farm on York Durham Townline 30 every weekend in December to sell hot dogs, sausages, hot chocolate and hot apple cider. It is our biggest fund raiser of the year and we have fun doing it.




After several requests from customers for marshmallows to put in their hot chocolate, one of our members by the name of **Fred Maynard** came up with an idea. He built a little house out of wood and plastic and filled it with tiny plastic bags holding 5 marshmallows each and put a sign on the house asking for donations to Camp Kirk. His little marshmallow house made \$558 dollars for Camp Kirk this year alone. As a side note Fred was asked to make a house for Mrs. Drysdale who has a charity of her own and it too has done quite well.

Submitted by Lion Don McGovern

The Whitby Lions

The **Whitby Lions** in joint venture with the **Special Olympics Durham West** group held a dance in November of 2009. At our last meeting we presented a cheque to them for \$1,250.00.



Left to right:

Luke Feetham - Special Olympics (obstructed view), Lion **Lance Smith - West Hill Highland Creek**,
David Smith & Debbie May - Special Olympics, Lion **Prem Syal - Whitby Lions**,
Darlene Howard - Special Olympics, Lion **Andy Elliott & Lion President Gary Wilson - Whitby Lions**

Submitted by Lion Donald McGovern

Innisfil Lions Club

Eye glass collection

Lion **Dian Stubbs**, Vice President, Innisfil Lions Club, collected over 1,800 pairs of glasses for distribution to Third World Countries since she and husband **Bill** started the project 3 years ago. The

glasses and cases were given to Region 8 North Zone **Anne Bell** on Tuesday February 2, 2010 at the Lions dinner meeting.

Submitted by Lion Mike Richardson

Orleans Lions Club

Orleans Lions Club presented to **John Dugan** of the **Prostate Cancer Society** a cheque in the amount of \$1,850.00. These funds were raised at a spaghetti supper early November.

Submitted by Claude Bertrand



From Left Lion President Robert Sigman, John Dugan Prostate Cancer Society and Lion Jean Marc Vinette Director.

Marmora Crowe Valley Lions

Marmora Crowe Valley Lions hold a once-a-month Sunday music Jam to raise funds to help local causes. Organizers **Lions Leo Provost** and **Kevin Roy** are seated in front of some of the volunteer musicians.

Submitted Wilma Bush



From Left to Right: Karen Barker, Ben Grogan, Sean Nesbitt, Larry Palmer and Bruce French.

Newmarket Lions Club

The Newmarket Lions Club has sponsored 4 residents of our local Association for Community Living who will be volunteering at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics. The night that they came for dinner to receive their cheque they had just found out that they will be working at the Hockey venue.

Larry and Bruce are the care workers accompanying Sean and Ben, two of the four residents who are going to be the volunteers at Vancouver.

Submitted By Lion Don McGovern



IMPORTANT DATES

Governors' Council Meeting Dates

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| Council Meeting | March 6, 2010 | Markham |
| Council Meeting | June 3 - 6, 2010 | Kingston |

MDA Convention

2009/10	Kingston, Ambassador	June 3 - 6, 2010
2010/11	Ottawa	May 26 - 29, 2011
2011/12	Niagara Falls	May 31 - June 3, 2012

International Conventions

93rd	Sydney, Australia	June 28 - July 2, 2010
94th	Seattle, WA	July 4 - 8, 2011
95th	Bosan, Korea	June 22 - 26, 2012
96th	Hamburg, Germany	July 5 - 9, 2013
97th	Toronto, Canada	July 4 - 8, 2014

USA - Canada Forum

Sept. 23 - 25, 2010	Milwaukee, WI
Sept. 2011	Anchorage, Alaska
Sept. 2012	Tampa Bay, FL
Sept. 2013	TBD

District Conventions

District	Location	Date
A1	Leamington, Pelee Days Inn	April 9 - 11, 2010
A3	Kingston, Ambassador	April 16 - 18, 2010
A4	Ottawa, Hampton Court Inn & Conference Centre	April 16 - 18, 2010
A5	North Bay, Best Western	April 23 - 25, 2010
A711	Toronto, Holiday Inn Select	April 30 - May 2, 2010
A9	Kincardine, Community Centre	May 7 - 9, 2010
A12	Minett, Red Leaves	April 23 - 25, 2010
A15	Stratford, River Garden Inn	April 16 - 18, 2010
A16	Haliburton, Pinestone Inn	April 30 - May 2, 2010

The Port Dover Lions

The Port Dover Lions inducted three new members at our January 19th, 2010 meeting. The picture shows the conductor of the event Past District Governor **Dan Daley** shaking hands with new Lion **Scott Carr**. Next in order left to right are New Lion **Chris Teskey**, New Lion **Brian Jamieson**, and Lion Chief **Jack Hodgson**.

Submitted by Lion Bob Pomeroy



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services to deaf and special needs children on a yearly basis. The project was centered around a 20,000 square foot main lodge that included a dining room, gymnasium, general assembly room and housing for special needs campers. The project was completed in 11 months and it was a great success.

There was still a need to be filled, a separate, dedicated facility to meet the medical needs of the campers. A request for assistance for building an Infirmary was sent to the Lions Home for Deaf People in 1993. It was approved and construction began that year and was completed and ready to use for the summer of 1994.

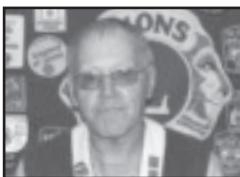
Submitted by Lion Janet Dawson Brock



The Charlton-Englehart Lions Club

The Charlton-Englehart Lions Club ended the year with seven new members, Lion **Muredack Finnerty** and Lion **Andy Poupore** from Korns Central Lions and three, Lion **John Little**, Lion **Rick Emms** and Lion **Gwen Kidd** from Kirkland Lake Lions Club. Both of these clubs had folded and we were fortunate enough to have them transfer to our club. In addition to these, PDG Lion Mike Ryan inducted two new members, Lion **Keith** and **Maureen Howie**. The club Membership now stands at 55.

On December 16th Lion **Rhonda McCallum** ZC and Lion **Helen Williams** presented a cheque for \$10,000 on behalf of the Charlton-Englehart Lions Club to the Charlton-Savard Public School Principal, Karen Gamble to help offset the cost of new playground equipment.



From
Korns
Central
Lions
Club

Muredack Finnerty



Andy Poupore



From
Kirkland
Lake Lions
Club

John Little



Gwen Kidd



Rick Emms

Submitted by Vic Roach

Keith and Maureen Howie
Members #54 & 55 pictured with their sponsors
Lions Aubrey and Betty Warren.



At the November 14, 2009 mortgage burning, Lions and Lionesses pictured from left to right: Cliff Faulknor, Mary Lou Krestel, Sue Flanigan, Gary Martins, Susan Manahan (DeafBlind Ontario Services), John Lackey, Anna Giles, Steven Kato (resident of DeafBlind Ontario Services).

Home Free, Thanks to the Lions!

DeafBlind Ontario Services hosted an Open House on November 14, 2009 to celebrate the generosity of the Lions Homes for Deaf People, **Lion and Lioness Clubs of Multiple District "A"** which enabled DeafBlind Ontario Services to purchase a new home in London in September 2006. As of October 1, 2009, this house officially became mortgage free with the remaining pledge paid from the Lions.

Lions-Mercel house is named after our friends at the Lions, and in memory of former resident **Lisa Mercel**. DeafBlind Ontario Services cherishes our longstanding relationship with the Lions Homes for Deaf People. The Lions will always remain true friends of DeafBlind Ontario Services. Thank you again for your generous gift and for sharing our vision.



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Submitted by Susan Manahan, CFRE

Mississauga Credit Valley Lions Club

Supports Trillium Health Centre Diabetes Management Centre

On February 8, 2010, our club visited the Trillium Health Centre in Mississauga. Following a tour of the new Diabetes Management Centre and a delicious meal, our **President Lion Niles Shaw** presented the Health Centre with a cheque for \$5,000.00 in support of the **Diabetes Management Centre**.

From left to right: Lion Fred Ketchen, Lion Niles Shaw, Mary Serigenese, Foundation and Stacey Horodezny, Clinical Leader, Diabetes Management Centre

Submitted by Lion Charles Garnett





Guelph Lions Club

St. Marys Lions Club visited Guelph Lions Club for induction and award ceremony

I attended Guelph Lions Club meeting where **DG Lion Karen** awarded **Don Irvine** with Excellence Award and also inducted a member January 19, 2010

Don Irvine, the Immediate Past President of the Guelph Lions Club, received the **100% Club President Excellence Award**.

Submitted by Lion Marianne Ferguson,
St. Marys Lions Club



Principal Blair Pike and student, Nicole, (centre) receive the first MedicAlert bracelet from the Markham Lions.

Left to right: Monica Andrus, Ass't. Mgr., MedicAlert, Deborah Legrove, Director, MedicAlert, Lion Jack McBride, Markham Lions, Blair Pike, Nicole, Lion Bruce Marshall, Markham Lions, Lion Chris Cliff, District 16 NCW Chair, Past International Director Lion Terry Graham.

Markham Lions and MedicAlert come together for the "No Child Without" program

The Lions Clubs of Canada and the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation have come together to protect elementary-school-aged children from unforeseen medical emergencies through the "No Child Without" (NCW) program. With this partnership, children ages 4 - 14 with pre-existing medical conditions or allergies will receive a free MedicAlert bracelet and membership, ensuring that first responders will have access to the student's vital health information during a medical emergency.

In 2009, the Markham Lions directly funded students that attend William Armstrong Public School and St. Patrick's Catholic Elementary School as the initial phase of our NCW program. This year the program has been extended to cover St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School and the James Robinson Public School. We will continue to fund additional schools in Markham every year until all children with pre-existing medical conditions or allergies in our 15 elementary schools are protected.

Submitted by Lion Donald McGovern



Marmora Crowe Valley Lions

Marmora Crowe Valley Lions President **Kevin Roy** and Peace Poster Chair **Bonnie Danes** presented Marmora Senior School student **Jacob Pacaud** with \$25 for his first-place finish in the 'Power of Peace' poster contest. He was also presented with the second-place finish prize at District A3 level of \$200.

Submitted by Wilma Bush



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Australia - 2010 - The land down under.....for us LIONS!

In the bible it says that our lifespan is "three score years and ten." I don't know about you but that means I only have about 8 years left.

I was thinking this morning that you never hear anyone saying on their death bed that "I wish I had spent more time at the office", or, "I wish I hadn't taken that trip to the other side of the world." Well, that is one of the great things about Lions Clubs International. Every year LCI gives us a reason and an opportunity to participate in our convention and also a chance to see and enjoy countries and cities all over the world.

Australia and Canada have much in common through history. Our two countries fought shoulder to shoulder through the great wars and our soldiers together, have paid the price for us that only freedom and democracy can provide. We are also linked together geographically as our countries both enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery on the planet. Australia and Canada enjoy some of the world's most beautiful beaches and are both littered with exceptional restaurants and wineries.

What a segue for those Lions that enjoy meat and potatoes like me and I know there are a few of you out there, the food is perfect!

Oh sure, in Australia you can have a Wallaby steak or some Kangaroo soup or perhaps a Turtle curry or other exotic fare, but, meat and potatoes is where it's at. Why is it like that? Well, Australians and Canadians alike are first and foremost descendants of the British Colonial system and guess what...in England as in Australia and Canada; we love our meat and potatoes! Australian beef and lamb products are arguably the finest meats in the world. If you have never had Australian beef I urge you to try it when you go over.

I spoke to Lion Leah recently while deciding to book our trip, about the up coming convention in Sydney and we decided that we are probably not going to get there twice, so we are taking the 28 day tour which is offered through Fettes Travel. Sure, it costs as much as a small mortgage, but, the tour itinerary will show us everything we could possibly hope to see and a lot more. On top of that, we are travelling with a great bunch of Lions from MDA, so, how could this not be a fun trip? In addition we get to be special Colonial Ambassadors for Canada and have an opportunity to rub shoulders with 18 or 20 thousand other Lions as we wave our national flags on the streets of Sydney.

It does not get much better than that!

If the only thing preventing you from coming with us is money, then I ask that you weigh the cost of the trip against the lifetime of memories you will come home with, who knows, when you get home you may want to book right away and go to our convention in Korea in 2012!!

Naturally, we have some "gear" to transport from MDA to Sydney, namely the flags and poles for the parade which is happening on Tuesday the 29th of June 2010. Lion Leah and I have prepared four 25 pound bags which can be shipped as extra luggage. We need four volunteers to each take one of these bags with them on their flight to and from Sydney. The overweight baggage charge will be paid by MDA on your return. If you would like to volunteer for this duty please let me know.

Also, you should be aware that we do have a RED and WHITE dress code for the parade and that is MDA shirts and hats, as well as White pants, shoes and socks. These and other items are available for you to purchase from our in stock supply. If you need these items, please contact myself or PDG Paul Taylor from A.16. Please order them early to avoid disappointment. If you do not have these items it will eliminate you from being able to participate in the parade. The temperature in Sydney will be about 55 degrees Fahrenheit, so you may also want to bring a red or white turtle neck or a tee shirt to wear underneath.

We also need four parade Marshals to assist with marshalling and set up on the day. I know some of you have done an excellent job before and again I would love to hear from you that you are willing to help take charge at this year's International convention.

So, in the meantime, to quote past Governor Ray Howlett -, "use a little leftover Turkey grease or whatever lubricant you may have left from Christmas and use it to grease the joints in your arm so that you can raise it easily and volunteer your help"- then give me a call or an email to confirm.

If you decide not to come with us, you will definitely be missing a lot of fun, if you do decide to come with us, I promise that you will not be disappointed as you will have a thousand memories to bring home to your families, friends and grandchildren. Lions clubs are all about serving, so now is the time to help yourself and help the organization that we all love, to become bigger and better than ever by serving the needs of your District and your multiple District.

G'day mate!

Submitted by IPDG Lion Mike Springfield



Pictured are **Lions Richard Dix** (left) & **Bill Haslehurst** our two most worthy recipients of Melvin Jones Fellowship awards.

Submitted by Lion Doug Foster

The Dundas Lions Club



Lion Secretary **Doug Foster** making a \$1,000.00 presentation to the Hamilton Food Share Bank to **Joanne Santucci**. The Dundas Lions Club also made a contribution to the CHML Christmas Tree of Hope of \$500.00, an annual donation for many years.

Lions Club of Cobourg



Lions Club of Cobourg participated in the **First Lions Tag Day** for the Diabetes Society. **Pictured are Lions Hans, Robin and MaryJane.** The Lions Club had 3 locations in the Town of Cobourg.

Submitted by Wilma Bush

Marsville Lions Club

Celebrating 35 Years of Community Service

On Saturday October 24, 2009 there was a gathering at Marsville Hall of Lions Clubs to celebrate the 35 years of community service by the Marsville Lions Club. Our special guest speaker was **PID Lion Bruce Murray**. A special commendation should go to the three charter members who have been with the club all 35 years.



Congratulations to (left to right) **Lion Ken Blackwell**, **Lion Neil Hoogendoorn**, and **Lion Dick Mehling**.

Submitted by Lion Elly Hoogendoorn



The Marsville Lions would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who came to celebrate and share our special day.



Dunsford & District Lions Club

Melvin Jones Awards

Two members of the **Dunsford & District Lions**, **Derek Iveson** and **Bill Thurston**, were honoured with the prestigious Melvin Jones Award for their service to Lionism.

Submitted by Lion David Roberts

From left to right: Carl Young, Derek Iveson, Club President Noel Rousseaux and Bill Thurston

Lions Club of Port Hope



50 Year Chevron

During one of our recent club meetings, as Membership Chair for the Club I had the pleasure of presenting a 50 year Chevron certificate and pin to **Lion Bill Rowden**.

From left to right 1st Vice President John Floyd, Lion Bill Rowden and Bob VanWort PDG

Submitted by Lion Bob VanWort



Self-directed walk-a-thons, neighbourhood food collections to aid the blind and the under-privileged in the world and the community are just two ways he has shown his Lionism spirit. Within the club, he has held many positions including President and recently was Zone Chair and Region Chair within District 16. Congratulations to these dedicated Lions for being awarded the highest honour in Lionism.

Lion President Jack McBride (right) presents Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to Lions Carl Wride, Jack Dawson and David Hitchen.

Submitted by Donald McGovern

Brockville Lions Club

Fund Raiser Breakfast

I am very pleased to advise you that the Lions Club of Brockville District A4 MD "A" held a Fund Raising Breakfast, Silent Auction and 50/50 Draw realizing \$8,000.00 for the **Lions Hope for Haiti Relief Fund**.

Submitted by Lion Ted PDG



We Serve

Ariss and District Lions Club

Ariss and District Lions Club (ADLC) has made some real headway. We are working at arranging our first fundraiser and hammering out the details of what charity or community support initiative that we are going to participate in. In fact, should there have been another week to make this letter, an announcement would likely have been made. As it is we cannot let the CAT out of the bag. What, How and Where are all questions we are confident that we will answer.

Our group has grown and a membership committee has been formed to further add members. It is probably understood by anyone in Lions when we talk about how each committee formed and each fundraiser discussed has necessitated the need for a Policy and Procedure manual. The fact that there is a need for the latter committee or manual is a sign of growth and progress.

The **Guelph Royal City Lions Club** (GRCLC) has been an incredible help to our club. **Wolfgang Boelke** has been a part of the club since it was created in 1973.

The Ariss and District Branch of the Royal City Lions Club which began informal operation in October was activated Nov. 25.

Six new members were inducted. They are **Brian Kurtz**, president of the new club, **Michael Schepers**, secretary, and members **Bruce Kurtz**, **Paul Mitchell**, **Jim Davis**, the Tail Twister, and **George Robinson**.

A number of official visitors from District A-15 attended the ceremony held at the club's meeting room at Kurtz Auctions : Immediate PDG **O.J. Wilura** who officiated at the induction; Past District Governors **Larry Wainwright**, **Doug Smith**, **John Brash**, **Nancy Brash** and **Nancy Ransom**; 1st Vice-Governor **Todd Wilson**; 2nd Vice-Governor **Norma Peterson**; Region 51 Chair **Neil Hoogendoorn**; PRC **Dan Ayim**; Zone 51 East chair **Denis Vinette**; PZC **John Rothwell**.

Lion **Wolfgang Boelke**, a PRC who helped organize the branch club with guidance from PDG **Larry** and Lion **Hilda Wainwright**, PDG **Doug Smith** and PDG **Nancy Brash** of District A-15.

Royal City L. C. will mentor and assist the new club until it can qualify for full club membership. The club donated the Lion for the Ariss Tail Twister.

Various fundraising efforts including the presentation of a Tail Twister's Lion, donations from other clubs and a silent auction raised \$343.²⁵ to help the Ariss club.

Special presentations included a cheque for \$150 from Fergus L. C., a gavel from Hillsburgh L. C. and the pending arrival of a bell from the Guelph L.C.

Ariss Lion **Brian Kurtz** made a short thank you speech in which he expressed appreciation from all his fellow members to all who helped create their new club.

Submitted by Lion Mike Schepers

Charter members of the Ariss and District Lions Club, shown with District Governor Karen McNeight, right, are from left: Lions Paul Mitchell, Bruce Kurtz, George Robinson, Brian Kurtz, Larry Wainwright, Jim Davis and DG Karen. Front is Lion Michael Schepers



Royal City Lions Club

Lions Clubs International has again honoured Royal City Lions Club by awarding two more members with its highest award, the **Melvin Jones Fellowship**, for selfless dedication to community betterment.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship recognizes tireless dedication to making our community a better place in which to live and watch our children grow up, Royal City Lion Chief **Bill Hocken** said.

Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship was created in 1973. There are now more than 280,000 Lions from 46,000 Clubs in 205 countries who have been honoured.

Lion Don Cohen, a charter member of the club, and **Lion Khalid Kohkar**, who joined in 1990, were presented with their awards at separate ceremonies by Lion Chief Bill. The two awards bring to four the number of Melvin Jones Awards made to club members in the past five months.

There's an old saying, 'If you want something done, ask a busy man', Lion Bill said. **Don Cohen** has been for more than 20 years that "busy man". As long as I've known him, he always seems to be doing something with his family, his profession (Dentistry), his Synagogue, or the Storm Hockey team.

Even so, whenever I've needed someone to work a bingo or sell tickets or find sponsors for the golf tournament Don was there. Also, our meetings are always just a bit more interesting and enjoyable whenever Don is present.

Don's reason for being a Lion has never had anything to do with being recognized for his service – he embodies the Lions' motto "**We Serve**".

One could not ask for a better role model than Lion Khalid, Lion Bill said.

He is also vice-president of the Guelph and Wellington United Way.

What is amazing, considering his commitment to his family and his workload, is that he still finds time for Lions. Khalid has taken on the Lions' motto "**We Serve**" as his personal goal in life.

Royal City Lions Club, founded in 1997, raises up to \$20,000 each year for local community projects.



Lion Don Cohen accepts his Melvin Jones plaque from Lion Chief Bill Hocken at the Christmas dinner meeting Dec. 9.



Lion Chief Bill Hocken presents Lion Khalid Kohkar with the Melvin Jones Award at the dinner meeting held Jan. 13 at the Islamic Centre of Cambridge. Ken Dardano, executive director of United Way of Guelph and Wellington spoke at the meeting.

What Is?

What is a Policeman?

A Lawman
A Protector
An Everyday Hero

What is a Firefighter?

A person that puts themselves in harm's way
A Protector
An Everyday Hero

What is a Teacher?

An Educator
A Shoulder to Lean on
A Child's Hero

What Is a Parent?

A Protector
A Peace Keeper
An Educator
A Shoulder to Lean on
A Child's Hero

What is a Lion?

A Friend
A Neighbour
A Brother or Sister
A Mother or Father
An Educator
A Shoulder to Lean on
A Helping Hand
In Short an Unnoticed and a Quiet Hero
Hear Our Roar



Author - Anonymous Lindsay Lion

Lindsay Lions Club

The **Lindsay Lions Club** was busy throughout the year with fund raising activities and helping giving back to the community, but what better time than at Christmas.

Club members turned out as they have over the past 10 years to help make Christmas a little more enjoyable. With the help of LaMantis'a Country Market, combined we were able to donate 150 Christmas dinners.

This year's drive was organized by Lion **Ron Wysynski**.



Lion President Nick Larocque, Lion Rick Roddy and store staff assist in loading the food for transport to the Salvation Army for packaging and distribution to local families.

Picture courtesy of The Lindsay Post



Picture courtesy of The Lindsay Post

Also in December the club made a donation to the local food bank. Pictured with club members Past President Lion **Marilynne Golden** presents a cheque for \$1,000.00 to Kawartha Lakes Food Source Director **Roberta Somerville**. The Food Source served 2,600 people in November. These funds can provide transportation for up to 4 truckloads of food for the Food Source.

Submitted by Lion Ken Huelin

Campbellford Lions Club

On Saturday January 16th, 2010, the Campbellford Lions Club hosted the **6th Annual Lion Mel McKeown Curling Bonspiel**.

There were 16 teams in attendance, 9 teams were Lions. There were 4 from **Campbellford Lions**, 2 from **Stirling Lions Club**, a team from **Melbrook Lions Club**, **Keene Lions Club** and **Norwood Lions Club**.

The trophy was presented to the winning team by Lioness **May McKeown** (age 93) wife of Lion **Mel McKeown** who wasn't able to attend.

The curling bonspiel was a huge success, a thanks goes out to the Lions Clubs that participated in this event and to all the Campbellford Lions and Lioness that helped make this event a success.

Photo and Submission by Mike Englehart



Dan Booth, Melissa Stapley, Lioness May McKeown (age 93), Eunice Stapley, and Ed Stapley



Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club

New Club Chartered in District A-1

Saturday, January 16, 2010 saw a new Lions Club chartered in District A-1. The Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club became the forty-ninth club in the District. Twenty-seven clubs were represented at the event. The new club is made up of new members, reinstated members and transferred members. It is a family club.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacs

Pictured are left to right seated: Lions Betty Powell, Alma Dolansky and Verna Plante.

Second row: Lions Al Hughes, Bev Powell, Ben Dolansky, Crystal Alves, Marlene Wolfe, Barny Wolfe and John Watson.

Back row: Lions Luanne Kresky, Adam Kresky, Michael Kresky, Ed Hadbavny and Jacques Plante.

Absent from photo: Lions Derek Bron, Bill Bron, Shirley Bron, Heather Campbell, Ryan Cann, Jean Hoogstra and Klaas Hoogstra.



Markham Lions Club

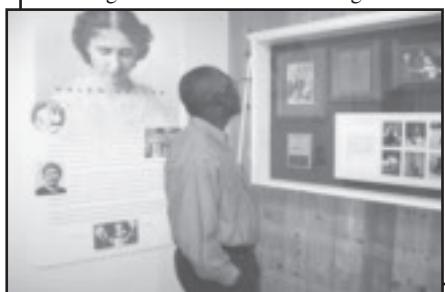
Markham Lions Club Exhibit Features 66 Years of Community Support

The Markham Lions Club celebrated the opening of the Club Exhibit and Memorabilia Room in the Print Shop Building at the Markham Museum with Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti cutting the ceremonial opening ribbon. The Markham Lions Club received an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant

to collect and organize the Club's memorabilia in a single location. This grant enabled the Lions to create an exhibit that highlights 66 years of achievements and activities, that have helped make a difference in the lives of many Markham citizens. The exhibit features the 66 year history of the Club and sections on volunteerism as well as Helen Keller and the Knights of the Blind. Over the years, the Markham Lions have helped in the establishment of the Markham Museum by buying, moving and rebuilding a heritage church on the Museum grounds and contributing to the purchase of a heritage cabin.

Markham Lion Mark Carrington examines part of the displays on Lions history and the Helen Keller tribute.

Submitted by Donald McGovern



**Lion Gerry Mullins, Dr. Conrad, Dawn Cooper,
President Lion Ron Isaac, and Lion Archie Sayant**

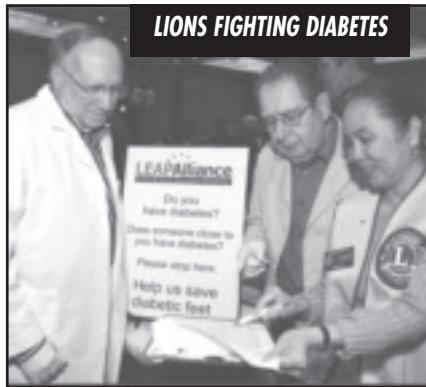
The Metcalfe & District Lions

The **Metcalfe & District Lions** are happy to hand over a cheque for \$10,000 to Dawn Cooper and Dr. Conrad. This is for a two year pledge to go to the **Lions Ophthalmology Clinic** at the WDMH. The Lions Clubs in this area are raising \$200,000 for the clinic to upgrade equipment and technology. The Lions raised money 11 years ago to put the clinic in the hospital and now need to update it so it can fill the needs of our community today and in the future. The Lions Ophthalmology Clinic has 3 Ophthalmology specialists that provide enhanced services working there now. They perform strabismus, lid/tearing surgery, glaucoma and cataract removal. In the past 7 months the area Lions Clubs have raised around \$98,000 for the clinic. Other service groups like the Vernon Women's Institute and individuals have donated to the clinic also. If you would like to help out the Lions please send your donation to the **Winchester District Memorial Hospital** and on the memo line state Lions Ophthalmology Unit and send it in c/o Dawn Cooper. Sight is one of the most important parts of our everyday life, so

"Keep Care Close to Home".

Submitted by Helen Porteous

Left to right: Project Leader Lion Jack Dawson, Councillor Carolina Moretti, Michael Chan, MPP, Lion History Chair Jim Wicks, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Lion President Tim Armstrong, Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP, Mervat Rashwan, Ontario Trillium Foundation



Lions are fighting Diabetes in many ways. Lions hold screenings that have helped save diabetics from blindness, nerve damage, toe amputations, stroke and heart attacks. Research funded by Lions has led to treatment techniques that have helped arrest the degeneration of eyesight for diabetics. Lions camps give thousands of diabetic children invaluable skills to manage the disease.

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For the past 11 years at the Multiple District "A" Convention a golf tournament has been held to celebrate Council Chair ***Stew O'Brien's*** contribution to our Multiple District. The Multiple District "A" Convention is planning the 12th Annual Golf Tournament for Thursday June 3rd, 2010 at the Rivendell Golf Club in Verona just north of Kingston. **You are invited to participate!** We all know of a Lion who has served our Multiple District who is no longer with us, and this is one way to demonstrate their involvement, celebrate their contribution and kick-off the Multiple District Convention in style. It's that simple! Surely many Lions are planning to attend the Convention in Kingston in June, 2010. How about sending your club's delegates to play in the tournament; better still create a foursome and join in the fun. *Submitted by Lion Gil*

Simply fill out the Registration form and mail it in!

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Pictured from left are Joanne Palkovits, President and CEO of St. Joseph's Health Centre, Lions club members, Fran Belcher, (Treasurer) and Allan O'Bumsawin (President).

Onaping Falls Lions Club

Presentation of a cheque for \$10,000 towards the atrium at **St. Joseph's Health Centre's St. Gabriel Villa**, the long term care home being built in Chelmsford, Ont. This new building will provide a home like environment for 128 residents and will help to alleviate the alternative level care crisis at the Regional hospital. It will create 160 permanent jobs. It is our privilege to make this donation as we feel it is a much needed Endeavour.

Submitted by Lion Diane Hayes



Left to right Tecumseh Lions Club 2 time (Diamond) Melvin Jones Fellow Lion Bill Onslow presents Lion Tony Ballay And President Lion Ali Sama with a Melvin Jones Fellow for outstanding service. Pictured at right is Melvin Jones Fellow Lion Ken Coulson



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Tecumseh Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards

Tecumseh Lions Club honours two members with Melvin Jones Fellows

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacs



Onaping Falls Lions Club

Presentation of a cheque for \$3,500.00 to **Sherry Beaudoin** of the Salvation Army by Onaping Falls Lions Club president Lion **Al O'Bumsawin** and chairperson Lion **Giselle O'Bumsawin**. Many thanks to our club members for ringing those bells during Dec.

Submitted by Lion Diane Hayes

Procedure To Get Your Address Changed

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When you need to change your address or make corrections at the LIONS HQs databases your club secretary can



- 1 Use the WMMR website application or
- 2 By the Monthly Membership Report (snail mail)
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**The Lion Magazine can not do this for you as
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Editor The Lion

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This year we have appointed District Reporters for the Lion Magazine. Their job is to assist the Magazine Editor and you the Lions. Their job is to collect new photos with stories, anything that you would like to submit to the Magazine for consideration. Please be aware anything for the Magazine should now go to the District Reporter in your District as follows:

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Lion John Daniels, Editor Lion Magazine

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"Together We Can" Project



Submitted by Wilma Bush

Lions from across District A3.

In September, the Lions of District A3 approved a year-long fundraising project for Together We Can. Because it is a District wide project, the funds raised by the 48 clubs in the district can then be matched by a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation. The hope is to raise a quarter of a million dollars for the redevelopment of Kingston's university hospitals.

"We bring together people of different backgrounds, so that we can work together. And by doing that we are serving our community, we serve the world and yes together we can," said District Governor Bill Lewis.

Lion Mary Ann Smith is the fundraising coordinator as well as one of the District's senior leaders and a Region Chair for the clubs closest to Kingston. Together with her husband Vic, a past District Governor, they will be contacting or visiting all the clubs to ask for donations to the project. "The hospitals care for residents from all across Southeastern Ontario and people know that firsthand," she said.

Together We Can Chair, Ian Wilson, said the campaign is grateful to all the local Lions Clubs for their continued support. "People have been so welcoming and encouraging, and everyone has had a personal story to tell as to why they want to support our hospitals' redevelopment. I have no doubt that the Lions of District A3 will succeed in this endeavour, and support our hospitals as they always have in the past."

As of February 9, 2010 - \$94,700 has been raised ...with just 15 Clubs participating. Super Volunteers indeed!



The above picture shows **Lioness Brigitte** and **Lioness Rose** with the students and posters at **Lady Eaton School** in Omemee.

The Omemee Lioness Torch Run Poster Contest

The **Omemee Lioness** invited the schools to compete in a poster contest to celebrate the Olympic Torch Run, which came through our village on December 16th.

The winners had their posters displayed in store windows in time for the Relay. Prizes for the contest were donated by the Lindsay Olympic Torch Run Committee.

Submitted by Lion Donald McGovern

Front Row: Bob June; President Nancy Butler; Zone Chair Josef Amann; Past District Governor, Vic Smith; Region Chair Mary Ann Smith; President Jack Hamilton; Mike Shabinsky; Carl Foley; President Naydene Shanks.
Back Row: Ernie Coumont; Doug Hawley; Mary Grace Amann; Ken Butler; Art Foley; Eric Stevens; District Governor Bill Lewis; Campaign Chair, Ian Wilson; Pieter Kooiman; Bill Matier; Wayne Weber; James Yanyk; Hugh Shanks; Don Jones.
Far Back: Mathew Hamilton and Bruce Flood



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Joint PDG Reunion Camp Dorset

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On the weekend of Oct 25, 2009, the **MDA Past District Governors** of 2004-5 and 2006-7 joined together to celebrate their annual reunion at Camp Dorset.

Cooks **Ray Howlett** and **Nancy Ransom** kicked off the weekend with a Chili supper on Friday night for the PDGs of 2006-7. The PDGs of 2004-5 enjoyed a murder mystery dinner provided by **Paul and Jane Taylor**.

As this was also the District A-12 Fun Weekend, we enjoyed the activities and supper at the Camp Dining Hall on Saturday evening.

The theme for the weekend - the **PDG Olympic Challenge** - consisted of a series of ten competitive events between the two teams. Team leaders were Ray Howlett for the 2006-7 Team (youngers) and Ray Adam for the 2004-5 Team (elders). The events proved to be very interesting and challenging as our photos reveal.

Sadly for the "youngers", the "elders" Team of PDGs of 2004-5 took the event by storm to become the first annual Reunion Champions! The winning Team received an amazing trophy donated by John Brash – to be kept and savoured for the year, then to be returned for our next annual reunion.

Olympic organizers Nancy Brash and Nancy Ransom were very pleased with the enthusiastic participation by all attendees!

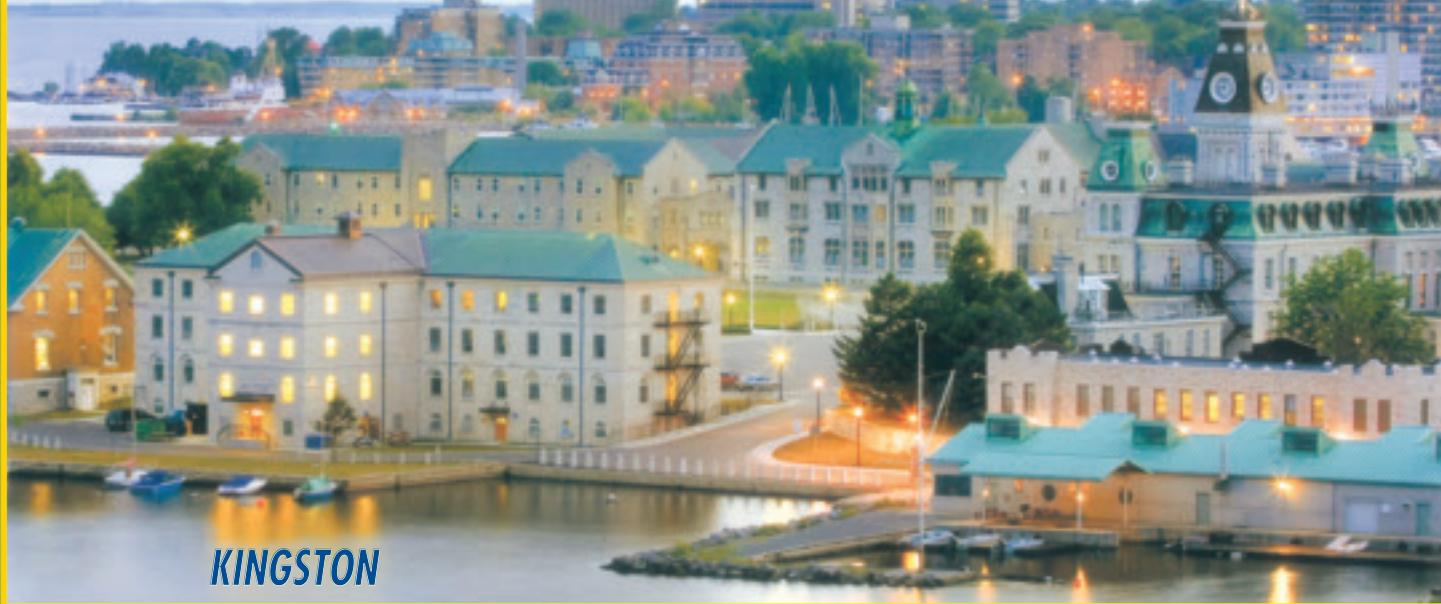
The 2010 Reunion is planned for the weekend of October 23-25, – the cabins are booked and we hope to see you all there for this year's Challenge, merriment, and renewal of friendship!

Submitted by Lion Nancy and her other sister Lion Nancy



MD'A' Convention

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Killaloe & Area Club President, cooking hot dogs for the town.

Killaloe & Area Club

In the **Killaloe Winter Carnival**, the Lions organized the kick-off supper, a youth talent show, a community dance, and a sliding party for kids.

In addition, we collaborated with the Community Health Centre on a trivia contest, and provided the refreshments for an elementary school's broom-ball tournament, and for the loggers competition, as well as for the kids' sledding party. In all, **Jim** cooked four gross of hot dogs over the course of the festival - that's over 500 hot dogs in a town with a population under 1,000 people.

Submitted by Tony Pearson



Lion Roy Fitton presenting cheque to Lorri Rork who is the Community Development Coordinator for Community Care.



Pictured are Pres. Lion Larry Taylor on left presenting Lion Gord with this very special award.



Making the cheque presentation to Volunteer Coordinator & Manager of the Health Centre Campaign Glenda Newson is Lion President Larry Taylor who also gave an additional cheque to Glenda for \$3,700 that was raised from a toll booth held on Labour Day weekend.

Lakefield & District Lions Club

The Lakefield & District Lions Club, with the Lakefield Lioness Club have committed \$100,000 towards the Morton Community Healthcare Centre in Lakefield.

In honour of the great work that the Lakefield Community Care does for our community & the surrounding areas, it was with great pleasure that the Lions Club were able to present Community Care with a cheque for \$2,000. In response to the Haiti earthquake, The Lakefield & District Lions have pledged \$2,000 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation. At our Feb. 4 meeting the club presented **Gord Tompkins** with the "**Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award**" for outstanding achievement & contribution to Lionism.

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Submitted by
Lion Wilma Bush



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