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Lions worldwide prepare to attend 96th Lions Clubs International Convention in Hamburg, Germany



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K-W Community Spirit Lions Honour Members at Christmas Party

At the Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Christmas Party held December 17th, several Lions were recognized for their exceptional service to Community and Lions. Guest **District Governor Dan Ayim** presented the awards to the Lions on behalf of the Club.

Recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship, **Lion Marianne Steadman** is a Charter member of our Club, has been the Lion Tamer since its beginning in 1997, and is our TV Bingo lady. She has been part of our District Eye Screening Team for several years, and still finds time to assist residents of a local nursing home to get to various appointments and events.

Recipient of a Helen Keller Fellowship, **Lion**

Wendy Johnston, since becoming a Lion in 2008, also assists the District Eye Screening Team. She is our Communication Lion and faithfully reminds all members of upcoming events and meetings. She is always willing to help where needed.

Club President **Lion Janet Dawson-Brock** has 33 combined years of Lions and Lioness. She is a Charter member of our Club. She has been District Lioness President several times and continues to be active in both. **Lion Chef Art Reimer** has been a Lion for 37 years, is our Tail Twister and the Chef for our Club parties, as well as Youth Camp at Five Oaks. Both received LCI Life Memberships.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Ransom



L - R: District Governor Dan Ayim, Lion Marianne Steadman, Club President Lion Janet Dawson-Brock



L - R: District Governor Dan Ayim, Lion Wendy Johnston, Club President Lion Janet Dawson-Brock



L - R: District Governor Dan Ayim, Club President Lion Janet Dawson-Brock, Lion Chef Art Reimer

Grand Valley Lions

Lion John Graham, received a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award during our Christmas dinner meeting on Dec 19th, 2012. Lion John has been a Lion for over 30 years and has held many positions in the club and participated in just about every event our club has put on over the last 30 years. Congratulations to Lion John and the Graham family for this well deserved recognition of community service.



Lion John Graham, accompanied by his wife Lion Marion

Peninsula Lions Club

Peninsula Lions Club in Minett, Ontario gathered on October 20, 2012 to celebrate the 36th anniversary of their Charter. Three new members were inducted by **PDG Yvette Gerber** and a Melvin Jones Award was presented to **Lion Merial English**.



East Peterborough Lions

At the East Peterborough Lions 35th Anniversary in October, 2012, Life Membership Awards were presented to PZC **Lion Ray "Ike" Jones**, and PCS **Lion Dick Davison**, by District Governor **Mary Ann Smith** for their long and dedicated service to Lions. Also in attendance was Mayor Daryl Bennett, MPP Jeff Leal and MP Dean Del Mastro. Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by The Agony Chorus.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



L - R: Lion Dick Davison and Lion Ray "Ike" Jones

Palmerston Lions

At our October 23, 2012 Lions meeting, the Palmerston Lions Club met to celebrate 50 years of Lions service by **Lion Bob Finlayson**. PDG **Lion Paddy Rundle** outlined Lion Bob's contributions to our Club. Lion Bob has always been a willing worker and still works every Saturday on our Palmerston Lions Heritage Park project. Lion Bob's musical talents have entertained us all through the years. Pictured (from l to r) is **Lion Bob Logan** (1958), Lion Bob Finlayson (1962) and PDG Lion Paddy Rundle (1956) presenting Lion Bob with a commemorative clock to mark his 50 years of service. Between these 3 Lions they have 160 years of Lions service, all with the Palmerston Lions Club.



Bath and District Lions

Lion Jack Hamilton of Bath and District Lions Club received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal November 15 at Strathcona Center, Napanee.



Pictured are MPP Randy Hiller, Mark Hamilton, Lion Jack Hamilton and MP Scott Reid.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



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Hamburg.

THE Lion

*W*elcome to the Jan/Feb Edition of *The Lion*.
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The World's Most Powerful Tool: A Book



Wayne A. Madden
*Lions Clubs International
President*

only sit down and talk to so many people, hence the

I heard once that smart people learn from their own experience, but wise people learn from the experience of others. In other words, our own life, however rich and varied, is a drop of water in the ocean of human experience. What others undergo and understand is definitely worth our knowing, too. We can

great value of books – the compilation of human experience.

As you know, this year I am encouraging Lions to promote literacy. The ability to read is crucial to getting ahead in life. It's the key to a good job and a decent life. Every child is a reservoir of potential. Reading propels children and adults toward attainment, opportunity and enrichment.

Literacy gives us the tools to take our place in society as informed and active citizens. Reading also helps us cultivate a deeper and better appreciation of ourselves. "Think before you speak. Read before you think," said the writer Fran Lebowitz. We learn about ourselves and form our ideas through reading. Literacy is the window to self-knowledge, the fulcrum for solid

thinking and the lever to effective action.

Lions have responded to my Reading Action Program. Next month's LION will contain a roundup of outstanding literacy projects. In the next six months let's continue to donate books to schools and libraries, tutor and read to children, mentor illiterate adults and otherwise fill the world with books and stamp out illiteracy. In a World of Service, our roar as leaders among readers can be as powerful as any act of service we do.

Wayne A. Madden
Lions Clubs International President

A Pinnacle Experience: Attending the Convention

If you flip back through old issues of LION Magazine in the 1950s, the articles about the international convention invariably describe them as the "greatest convention ever." OK, you say, it's possible the conventions got a little better each year, and the annual enthusiasm was justified. Then in the 1960s you see the same sentiment: "greatest convention ever." The same goes for stories in subsequent years. I don't believe this was a case of hyperbole on the part of Lions or the LION acting as a cheerleader. Instead, Lions who attend conventions are so overwhelmed by the experience that they rave about it.

This year I fully expect our 96th International Convention to be hailed by attendees as "the greatest ever." It starts with the host city, Hamburg, a wonderful venue. The historic, beautiful city has an international flair, delicious food and block after block of stunning Old World buildings. It's postcard Europe,

a place entirely unlike a modern U.S. city with charms that took centuries to form.

Lions in Germany have been working overtime to make the convention a success. Their admirable efficiency and warm hospitality will ensure that Lions enjoy themselves and get the most they can out of the convention.

Conventions are filled with fellowship, fun and enrichment. You rub shoulders and often share a lunch or a few pleasantries with Lions from more than 120 countries. You can march down the streets of Hamburg during the festive Parade of Nations, attend worthwhile seminars, vote on the association's future, enjoy outstanding entertainment at the plenary sessions and International Show, and hear inspiring, renowned speakers. If you like being a Lion, you will love being at the convention.

An international convention is the perfect occasion to celebrate our service and our identity as Lions. The

week together allows Lions to fully appreciate what it means to be a Lion and what our service accomplishes. You learn about other club and district projects and make personal connections with international leaders and representatives from headquarters. Lions from around the world will feel at home in Hamburg and then return to their homes with a renewed enthusiasm for serving as a Lion.

Linda and I look forward to meeting you in Hamburg. In A World of Service, those who serve the world so magnificently will come together for an unforgettable week that will propel our great association forward with energy and vision.

Wayne A. Madden
Lions Clubs International President

Past President Kay K. Fukushima Dies

Past International President Kay K. Fukushima, 75, of Sacramento, California, has died. He was elected to the association's highest office at the 85th international convention in Osaka, Japan, in 2002, and was a member of the **Sacramento Senator Lions Club** since 1965.

The owner of a successful insurance agency that grew to 16 branches, Past President Fukushima received numerous accolades as a Lion, community member and businessman. He led California Lions in helping sponsor the new pediatric trauma center at the University of California-Davis Children's Center, the only Level 1 trauma center for children in Northern California.

Past President Fukushima believed in hands-on service. He helped organize raft trips for the blind and

student speaker contests, promote recycling to help the environment and build a crosswalk for the blind in downtown Sacramento. He was instrumental in helping Lions build the Sacramento Zoo's Sensory Garden and Fairytale Town's Japanese Tea Garden for children and adults of all abilities.



FOR THE RECORD

As of January 31, 2012 Lions Clubs International had 1,347,278 members in 46,135 Clubs and 747 Districts in 208 Countries and geographic areas.

There were 332,965 Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients and 61,872 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, USA - NOVEMBER 1-5, 2012



AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Reviewed and approved the Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation June 30, 2012, Audit Reports.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Granted authority to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Chairperson of the District and Club Service Committee, in consultation with the Executive Officers and the General Counsel and Secretary, with respect to the matters in District 301-A1 (Philippines).
2. Confirmed the decision of the majority of the conciliators in the district dispute resolution complaint filed by Lions Club of Singapore Shangri-La in District 308-A1 (Singapore); declared the international director endorsement of Lion Tommy Choo Tuck Soon issued during the District 308-A1 convention invalid, null and void and of no force and effect; and denied the constitutional complaint filed by the Lions Club of Singapore Chatsworth in District 308-A1 as moot.
3. Denied the constitutional complaint filed by the Lions Club of Jamnagar City in District 323-J (India) and confirmed the first and second vice district governor appointments previously accepted by Lions Clubs International.
4. Revised the contract provision in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual to include a reference to the purchasing policy.
5. Revised Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual with respect to the use of trademarks in connection with projects of clubs/districts and by sponsors of such projects, and also revised the trademark policies concerning non-dues revenue programs offered by the Association.
6. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2013 International Convention to amend Article XI, Section 7 of the International By-Laws to increase the one-time fee payable by Life Members to US\$650 and, contingent on the approval of this resolution, to revise the corresponding provisions in the Board Policy Manual.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Established per diem allowances for appointed Credentials Committee members serving without other reimbursement, District Governors-elect, District Governors-elect faculty and headquarters staff attending the Hamburg convention.
2. Revised policy to permit headquarters staff to assist the Elections Committee in the voting area.
3. Revised policy to allow site inspections as warranted, at the discretion of the committee chairperson.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Approved the redistricting proposals from Multiple District 25 (USA), District 111-NB (Germany), District 317-E (India) and District 322-C2 (India) and postponed the previously approved proposal submitted by Multiple District 354.
2. Amended the Coordinating Lion Program to expand their assistance to support districts that have ongoing district governor vacancies and mentor struggling district governor teams.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Expanded the definition of administrative officer to include the secretary in the General Fund and Emergency Reserve Fund Investment Policy statements.
2. Approved the fiscal year 2012-2013 Forecast, reflecting a surplus.
3. Approved an additional US\$3 million from the General Fund Investments to fund operations.
4. Modified Chapter XXII, Paragraph A.2.b. (2) to increase the number of past international directors eligible for an in-district budget to five (5) for multiple districts with membership in excess of 40,000.
5. Modified Chapter XXII, Paragraph A.1.e. and E.1.a.(2.) to include the phrase "unless otherwise required by local regulations." This change is only effective for officers in India and requires a receipt for all transactions to comply with local regulations.
6. Modified Chapter XI, Paragraph A.2. of the Board Policy Manual regarding banking authorization.

LCIF

1. Approved a Core 4 disability grant in the amount of US\$1 million to extend the Lions-Special Olympics Opening Eyes program.
2. Approved a Core 4 Board-directed grant in the amount of US\$15,260 for a pilot sanitation project.
3. Renewed a SightFirst technical services contract with the World Health Organization in the amount of US\$2,499,560 for a four-year period.
4. Appointed LCIF's representative to the Pan American Ophthalmological Foundation.
5. Approved 80 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$3,921,404.
6. Tabled one grant application.
7. Approved a US\$100,000 major catastrophe grant for areas affected by Superstorm Sandy.
8. Approved a corporate document necessary to apply for a permit for Charitable Gift Annuities.
9. Amended the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual as follows: revised the exhibit which outlines Standard grant criteria and regulations, revised the exhibit which outlines forms of recognition, and revised the chapter on LCIF operations to reflect

changes in banking, investments and the annual audit.

10. Amended Chapter XVI of the Board Policy Manual as follows: added the Audit Committee and LCIF Finance Committee to the section on committees, updated the humanitarian grants spending policy, updated the rules of reimbursement, updated the foundation's bank account signatories and deleted redundancies in the investment and internal audit sections.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Approved the curriculum plan and schedule for the 2013 District Governors-Elect Seminar.
2. Approved the replacement of Past International Director Phil Nathan with Past Council Chairperson Mark Miller as a 2013 District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader.
3. Determined that the 2014 District Governors-Elect Seminar in Toronto, Canada, will consist of three days of training.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Board Representation for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 fiscal years, and determined that President Wayne Madden be authorized to appoint a committee chairperson and up to seven (7) additional committee members.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Determined that multiple districts and/or districts may apply for a Family and Women Symposium grant once in any two-year period.
2. Decided that in order to enable the Association to continue providing valuable services to the Lions, starting in fiscal year 2013-14 (July 1, 2013), new family members shall pay full entrance and charter fees. Qualifying family members, after the listed head-of-household, shall continue to be eligible for half (1/2) international dues.
3. Determined that any changes to a new members sponsor shall be made within 90 days of join date, effective immediately.
4. Updated the Founder award to be issued to the Multiple District and District GMT Coordinators, instead of the Membership Chairperson. District GMT Coordinators shall achieve a two percent increase in their district to receive the award. The Multiple District GMT Coordinator shall achieve a one percent increase in membership to be recognized. Because the GMT Coordinator position is a three-year position, this is a progressive three-year award issued each year based on achieving the net growth.
5. Revised the extension awards for new club organizers. This change will provide recognizable

awards for being an organizer of a new club. This award will not be issued retroactively. The revised awards will be effective July 1, 2013.

6. Changed the department titles in chapter XVIII to reflect the correct name of the department where materials are sent.
7. Requested that the one-time fee payable for Life Membership be increased to US\$650 to be in keeping with inflation over the years and no adjustment has been made since 2005.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Amended the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XVII, page XVII-1, Section A., Paragraph 4.a., by adding

the sentence, "No regularly scheduled messages other than from the International President shall be printed," at the end of the paragraph.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Extended the Reading Action Program for a minimum of 10 years, based on the tremendous response by clubs worldwide and the importance of further expanding the Lion commitment to literacy and education.
2. Selected Lions and Leos who will serve as panelists and alternates of the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel for the term of November 2012-October 2014.

3. Approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to review current Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC) board policy and report its recommendations for possible policy changes to the Service Activities Committee at the April 2013 board meeting. In accordance with board policy, the international president will select the committee members. Funding for the committee, which is expected to be minimal, will come from the Service Activities Division.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.



Saving Children's Vision, Saving the Future

by Allie Stryker



It all started when Ruma Roy was 7 years old; she could not see well. Her parents thought she would outgrow the problem, but Ruma's vision only grew worse. Ruma had trouble seeing the blackboard at school, causing her grades to plummet.

"Ruma needed to be escorted more frequently," says Amal Roy, Ruma's father, who earns just \$2 per day as a part-time carpenter and rickshaw puller in India. "We had no idea where to take her, and our financial condition was so weak that we could not even think of taking her to any local doctor."

With Ruma's condition continually worsening, one of Amal's friends suggested taking her to the **Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital**, where a Pediatric Cataract Initiative grant was helping the hospital treat children like Ruma.

Ruma was diagnosed with pediatric cataract in both eyes. Similar to the disease in adults, pediatric cataract is a clouding of the lens of the eye, impeding the passage of light. Cataract occurring in children can be caused by genetic or pre-natal infections such as measles, influenza, rubella and other diseases.

Pediatric cataract is one of the primary causes of childhood blindness worldwide, especially in developing countries. According to the World Health Organization, 1.4 million children worldwide are blind, with three-fourths living in Asia and Africa.

That is why Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Bausch + Lomb partnered in 2010 to create the Pediatric Cataract Initiative. Led by a global advisory council of pediatric and eye health experts, the initiative identifies, funds and promotes innovative methods of overcoming pediatric cataract. Together, Bausch + Lomb and LCIF provide capacity building grants to organizations and facilities interested in improving their service to children and communities.

Through the Pediatric Cataract Initiative, Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital received a \$150,000 grant to build a dedicated early detection and treatment program for pediatric cataract and children's eye health. This includes the training of local ophthalmologists, as well as eye health education for

local teachers, primary care givers and other community health workers.

The grant allowed the Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital to invest in new optical equipment and conduct outreach events in the area to screen the vision of 130,000 underserved children in West Bengal. Sight-restoring cataract surgery and long-term follow-up care was also provided for 200 pediatric cataract patients such as Ruma.

"Identifying children afflicted with pediatric cataract requires close partnerships between community health officials and ophthalmologists because children often cannot realize or report when they have any visual problems," said Kamalesh Guha, chief executive officer of Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital. "This grant will make a huge difference in the lives of children afflicted with cataract and other eye diseases."

The positive impact of the Pediatric Cataract Initiative grant is already being felt both at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital and within the Roy family. "Ruma is now independent and she says that she is able to see much better," says her father. Thanks to her surgery and the Pediatric Cataract Initiative, Ruma and many more children are seeing a world of difference.

Learn more about LCIF's partnership with Bausch + Lomb by visiting www.lcif.org or www.pediatriccataract.org.



Through the Pediatric Cataract Initiative, Ruma Roy has her eyes examined at the Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital in India

Newtown Lions Club Connecticut

by MDA Secretary John Stewart

Several Lions have asked me about ways in which our Lions can support the residents of Newtown CT in respect to the recent tragedy. I have been in contact with **Lion Ray Keegan**, President of the Newton Lions Club. The Club has set up a dedicated fund called the Newtown Lions Club Foundation Inc./SHEF. Financial donations can be made on-line by going to the Newtown Lions Club website or by mail to the Newtown Lions Club, P.O. Box 218, Newtown, CT, USA 06470.

Other organizations accepting donations are:

- (a) The United Way (Sandy Hook School Support Fund)
- (b) The American Red Cross
- (c) The Newtown Memorial Fund
- (d) Several individual funds have been established for the victims.

Additional information on these funds can be obtained by going to the CNN Breaking News website and clicking on "How to Help"

For those Lions wishing to send a message of support or expressions of sympathy, go to the CNN Breaking News website, click on "How to Help" and click on 'help' (second last paragraph).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thanks, MDA Secretary John
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Lakeshore Lions

Lakeshore Lions Club of A711 had their Annual Yard Sale, held across from the Mastercard Centre in Etobicoke. By all accounts, the event was a success.



Submitted by
Lion Ron Gillis

by Allie Stryker

Bullying. Substance abuse. Dropping out. The challenges facing students today are significant.

In Wood County, West Virginia, an entire school district is getting a boost in tackling these challenges. Through a \$100,000 NoVo Foundation grant, leveraged with Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) funds, Lions Quest is being implemented in 21 schools over three years.

Lions Quest, LCIF's life skills and youth development program from kindergarten through grade 12, unites school, home and community. The program focuses on social and emotional learning, as well as bullying and drug prevention, service-learning and creating a positive school climate.

"Wood County Schools is extremely excited to have been chosen by Lions Clubs International to receive a grant that will provide an opportunity for our students to participate in the Lions Quest program," says Patrick Law, superintendent of Wood County Schools. "A school should be a warm and inviting place where students feel comfortable and free to learn. The Lions Quest grant will allow the Wood County School System to progress toward this goal."

More than 500,000 teachers have been trained on Lions Quest in 75 countries. Teachers in Wood County now can be added to that number. In October, more than 280 teachers received Lions Quest training and 700 more personnel attended a program orientation. This was the largest Lions Quest training event in LCIF's history, and it will impact more than 12,000 students.

The school district in Wood County was chosen after an extensive nationwide search. Implementing Lions Quest will help the school district meet the West Virginia Department of Education standards for student conduct and the development of safe and supportive schools free of drugs, violence and harassment. Additionally, this partnership supports LCIF's Clinton Global Initiative commitment to expand Lions Quest across one large U.S. school district. It also supports NoVo Foundation's goal of advancing social and emotional learning programs in schools nationwide.

"We are thrilled to partner with LCIF to scale Lions Quest in Wood County Schools. This important project is part of a national movement taking place to foster a system of education that will help our young people become caring, collaborative citizens," says Jennifer Buffett, president and co-chair of the NoVo Foundation.



Lions Quests helps students get along and furthers their learning

Tips for Implementing Lions Quest

- **Network with Schools:** Consider introducing Lions Quest to Lions who are teachers, principals and superintendents in your community. Thanks to local Lions, the district administration in Wood County knew about the program for several years; it was being implemented on a smaller scale before this partnership.
- **Demonstrate Value:** Show that Lions Quest can help meet state or national curriculum requirements. Correlation guides can be found at www.lions-quest.org.
- **Expand the Program:** if a school is using the program in your district, ask implementers to recommend that school to the district; use the implementing school as a referral for neighboring districts to show the program's effectiveness.
- **Collaborate with LCIF:** LCIF staff are ready to assist you in your efforts to begin or expand Lions Quest in your community. Contact Lions Quest staff at 1-800-446-2700, info@lions-quest.org or visit www.lions-quest.org.

Chemung Lake District Lions

In 2012, the Chemung Lake District Lions inducted new President **Lion Doug Packman**, Secretary **Lion Helen Sproule**, 1st Vice **Lion Gerry Herron**, 2nd Vice **Lion Peter Day**, 3rd Vice **Lion Larry Donoghue**, Treasurer **Lion Paul English**. Besides a presentation of Lion of the Year Award to **Lion Tom Rutherford**, a retirement gift was presented to Yvonne Spadburrows, head of Ennismore Community Care Program – one of the agencies the Lions support. The Chemung Lions finished doing the Vision and Hearing screening with about 75 students at Chemung Public School, Bridgenorth, St. Martin School, Ennismore and Buckhorn Public School. One of the biggest fundraisers, Monday Night Car Shows have started in Bridgenorth.

Chemung Lake Lions began a busy Fall serving food at Peterborough County Plowing Match in Ennismore. They next served food at Baggataway Cup at Trent University for Canadian University Field Lacrosse Championships. The Club donated food for the Survivors of Breast Cancer Paddle Up The Trent Canal System to Lock 23 where they served a BBQ cooked by Lion Larry Donoghue. Proceeds collected at Chemung Lions car were donated to CNIB, Canadian Diabetes

Association, Five Counties Children Centre and Multiple Scleroses Society on final show of the year.

Food Hamper Program is proceeding for area needy families.

Bridgenorth Tree Lighting Ceremony took place around 5 p.m., November 30 with singing by Chemung School Choir and hot dogs and hot beverage available. Santa also appeared.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



Chemung Lake Lions presented a \$100,00 cheque for the innovation of Ennismore Community Centre Lobby

Scarborough Central Lions Christmas Craft Sale

The Scarborough Central Lions Club kicked off the festive season with their annual Christmas Craft Sale at the Birchmount Community Centre. The Lions donated \$1,500 from the proceeds of the sale to the Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre to help with the cost of the Centre's Christmas baskets for needy families. Pictured from left to right are Club President **Doug Harvey** and **Lion Phil Thompson** tempting the crowd with the Lions' delicious Christmas cakes.



Opening Eyes in South Africa

by Allie Stryker

This past October, athletes from 13 African nations participated in the 2012 Special Olympics Africa Regional Unity Cup in South Africa. The three-day soccer tournament was the first Special Olympics Africa regional event. The tournament wasn't just about soccer. It was also about connecting with others.

"Participating in social programs like Special Olympics is great because raising a child with intellectual disabilities alone is very hard," said a parent of a Special Olympics athlete.

The tournament featured a Healthy Athletes screening and a Family Health Forum for the athletes and their families. As with most opportunities to provide service, Lions were there.

"In a World of Service' there is one name that stands out among the others – Lions Clubs International," says District 410-B Governor **Ivan du Plooy**. "Our motto is 'We Serve' and that is what we did."

Humanitarian service is at the heart of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, and Lions often work to empower people with disabilities. For more than 12 years, LCIF has been partnering with Special Olympics in the Opening Eyes program. The partnership provides vision screenings for Special Olympic athletes with the support of optical industry partners Essilor International and Safilo, SpA. Athletes

receive free eyeglasses if needed, allowing them to participate more fully in Special Olympic events like the Unity Cup and to see more clearly every day.

LCIF has provided \$13.4 million for this program, and more than 16,000 Lions have volunteered in the screenings worldwide. To date, more than 255,000 athletes have had their vision screened through Opening Eyes.

The health needs of those with disabilities are often overlooked. During the Unity Cup events, Lions helped provide more than 150 athletes with vision screenings. The Opening Eyes program also trained six new clinical directors from the region.

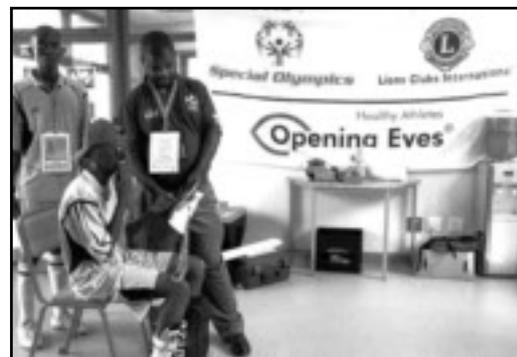
Additionally, Lions assisted during the event's Family Health Forum. As a recent initiative of LCIF and Special Olympics, Family Health Forums provide information to help families and caregivers overcome the challenges that athletes and their families face and facilitate better access to health care, education, social services and inclusion in their communities.

At the Family Health Forum, du Plooy spoke on behalf of the Lions Clubs of South Africa. He also was honored by Special Olympics International (SOI) Chairman Tim Shriver.

For DG du Plooy, the Unity Cup symbolized "togetherness and assistance with caring."

Participating in the event "was one of the highlights of my year! I was so proud to be affiliated to Lions Clubs International. It was indeed an honor to be there and experience it for myself. ... I was in awe of what they did and stood for."

On hand to cheer on the athletes and congratulate them and their families were Aida Noma, the UNICEF country representative; Mmemogolo Semane Molotlegi, the Queen Mother of the Bafokeng Nation; and Dikembe Mutombo, a former NBA All Star and Special Olympics global ambassador. Thanks to these efforts, the Unity Cup's title could not be more fitting.



A vision screening is provided to a Special Olympics athlete at the Unity Cup through the Opening Eyes program

Lions Ramp Up Blindness Fight

by Allie Stryker

Count to 60 – that's how much time a child somewhere in the world has left before going blind. A child goes blind nearly every minute, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). What's even sadder is that about 40 percent of childhood blindness can be prevented or treated.

Adults are increasingly at risk of blindness because of diabetes, which is on the rise. WHO estimates that diabetic retinopathy accounts for nearly five percent of the world's 37 million blind. WHO also estimates that six million people worldwide are blind due to trachoma, an infection of the eyes that can result in blindness after repeated exposure. More than 150 million people are in need of treatment for trachoma.

Lions are not sitting by idly, of course. Lions Clubs International signed a cooperative agreement with WHO in 2011 to aid global efforts to fight preventable blindness and focus on emerging threats to vision health. This includes renewed efforts against childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy and trachoma.

"Lions Clubs International has been supporting WHO for more than 20 years in the fight against avoidable blindness, and we have accomplished a great deal to help reduce the rate of blindness," **Wing-Kun Tam**, 2011-12 president of Lions Clubs International, said during the announcement ceremony. "However, the pattern of blindness is changing in the world due

to aging populations, the alarming rise of diabetes and diabetic eye disease, and also from increases in visual impairment affecting children for a variety of reasons. We are honored to increase our financial support of the World Health Organization to help the world tackle these challenges."

By focusing on major causes of blindness and working with partners like WHO, the SightFirst program of Lions Clubs International Foundation has played a key role in helping to reduce global blindness since its inception in 1990.

In an effort to save children's sight, LCIF has partnered with WHO since 2001 on the Project for the Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness. Together, LCIF and WHO have delivered eye care services for 121 million children through child-friendly Lions eye care centers worldwide. As part of this recent agreement, LCIF is investing an additional \$3 million to help develop 26 new child-friendly eye care centers in developing countries.

LCIF is also working with WHO to prevent and control diabetic eye disease. Through the new agreement, LCIF is giving \$400,000 to support the training of health care workers in developing countries to better detect and treat diabetic eye disease. LCIF is also increasing Lions vision screening programs to raise awareness of the condition.

Finally, as part of the partnership agreement, LCIF is working to eliminate blinding trachoma in China as a public health problem. LCIF gave two SightFirst grants totaling \$3.35 million to support a survey and assessment effort in provinces where trachoma is known to be an issue. The results will help develop a plan to eliminate blinding trachoma in China by 2016.

By working with partners like WHO, Lions are showing what can be done in saving sight. Learn more about LCIF's SightFirst program and Lions' efforts to improve or restore vision at www.lcif.org.



A child in Vietnam who received vision care completes a picture. The big picture is that childhood blindness will continue to be addressed by LCIF in partnership with the World Health Organization

Lions on Location

Lighting Up a Village

For a decade the mobile phone, fitting easily in the palm of a hand, has been hailed as the device most likely to quickly improve the lives of the poor in developing nations. Now another gadget that can fit in the hand and that has been technologically enhanced is expected to make life better for the impoverished: a solar lamp.



Residents of Bethele enjoy their solar lamp, provided by Lions

Solar lamps are a cheaper and safer alternative than kerosene lanterns, which are fire hazards. The lanterns emit fumes that cause serious respiratory ailments, especially in cramped quarters, and significantly damage the environment through carbon-dioxide emissions. The lanterns also are expensive: households without electricity often spend 10 to 25 percent of their meager income on kerosene, according to studies.

Also, the light from kerosene lamps often is too dim for reading. Solar lighting is a boon to education. In Sudan, school pass rates doubled after students used solar lighting for a year, the World Bank found.

Members of the **Lobatse Lions Club** in Botswana recently distributed solar lamps to 39 homes in Bethele, a village without electricity. The Lions Euro Africa Partnership, including Lions from Italy, underwrote the cost of the Lemnis lamps, which can shine for as long as 45 hours on low light and nine hours on its brightest level after an eight-hour charge. The lamp's battery lasts five years.

Past District Governor **Tekemanangathe Ramkumar** says the villagers are "very happy" with the lamps, which, as an added benefit, can charge cell phones.

Lions Boost Christmas Spirit

An English market town that flourished in the 17th century when the wool trade took off, Tetbury at Christmas looks like you might imagine. Merchants decorate their shop windows with wreaths and candles. Subdued white lighting bathes the ancient streets. A torchlight procession escorts Father Christmas to the historic market house, and villagers sing carols and feast on mince pies and mulled wine.

The **Tetbury Lions** are one of the sponsors of "Christmas in Tetbury," and their monthly publication, the **Tetbury Advertiser**, features an Advent calendar on its December cover and pages of information inside on Christmas events. Published since 1974 by the Lions,

the Advertiser is the club's biggest fundraiser. Sent free to 4,200 homes and businesses, each issue includes dozens of pages of community news and events and full-color ads from businesses.



The 78-page December issue of the Tetbury Advertiser features an Advent calendar on the cover

Lion Barry Gibbs serves as editor. The club has 31 members. "The whole club is geared to making it [the Advertiser] work," says Gibbs. The publication generates about a \$32,000 annual profit.



Christmas in Tetbury is a magical time

Malaysian Lions Train Teachers

Lions in a club in Malaysia aren't teachers, but they are helping teachers improve their classroom techniques. **Tropicana Kuala Lumpur Lions** sent to Sri Lanka hundreds of copies of a DVD titled "Teaching Made Easy." The DVD was made for teachers without formal training as educators, not uncommon in developing nations.

Longtime teacher **Lim Teik Leong**, the father of **Lion Pepper Lim**, made the video. Now retired, Leong trained aspiring teachers and also taught in rural and urban schools.

The 50-minute video warns against long lectures, provides tips on making interesting lesson plans and explains the different ways people learn. Leong is the chief presenter in the video, which also taps into the expertise of other teachers and educators at teacher colleges.

A longtime video enthusiast, Leong says videos are "a cheap way to teach and disseminate knowledge."

Lions posted the video on YouTube and Facebook in addition to distributing it. "All the feedback has been very positive," says Lim. "Young teachers said they have found it useful."

Race in Germany Makes Waves

Rubber boats raced, cardboard boats earned raves and fun boats drew laughs. The Argenab Boat Regatta in Wangen, Germany, raised funds for the **Wangen-Isny Lions Club** and entertained hundreds of people.

Among the 27 teams racing were the Old Town Rowers, the Swimming Roosters and the Hot Stones. Crossing the finish line first were the Herzmanner Sea Dogs, sailed by Olaf, Niclas and Wolfgang Mittmann.

Twenty boats were made of cardboard, and drawing the most attention was one that featured a mini golf course. It took 300 hours to build the boat. "All right! It's not sinking," yelled exultant shipbuilder Freddy Keller.



A boat speeds to the finish

Music Contest Offers Video Component

Last year 40 talented youths gathered in Sicily for a Lions' classical music competition. The **Agrigento Chiaromonte Lions Club** will sponsor the contest again this May, but this time competitors unable to travel to Italy also can enter a separate video contest.

The purpose of the 2nd Lions IncontraArti Music Awards 2012 is to further the arts among youths. The video component is for classical and ethnic music. Videos, not to exceed 20 minutes, can be posted on YouTube. First prize for the video competition is 500 euros. The contest deadline is May 5.



A musician performs in the Lions' contest last year

"We need Lions to support young musicians because music requires expenses that not all talented young people can afford. The instruments are expensive, the training is expensive and the extra classes are expensive," says **Lion Natalia Di Bartolo**, a lyric opera singer, painter and theater critic. Her husband, **Giuseppa Vella**, was 2010-11 club president.

For information, email lionsincontri@hotmail.com.

Hike Brings Village Into 21st Century

Located in a remote, wooded, mountainous area of Malaysia, Rejai is known as the “village above the clouds.” After an arduous, five-hour hike there, **Lion Derbe Tang** prefers to call it “the village of never-ending steps.”



The journey to Rejai was not easy



Lions used porters to help carry the goods

Kuching, where Tang lives, is a modern city of 1 million. Rejai is a rural, simple village with few modern conveniences. The people do have electricity, but the supply is so limited that when the schoolchildren turned on the computers given to them by the Lions all other devices run on electricity had to be turned off.

Tang’s club, the **Kuching Emerald New Century Lions**, donated scores of items to schoolchildren in Rejai including a diesel generator, three computers, 23

books, 22 English dictionaries, 15 paintbrushes, 10 watercolor sets, 10 scissors and 20 soccer shirts. Six porters helped carry the materials to the village over narrow, swaying bamboo bridges and up and down endless rocky hillsides.

The donated goods, commonplace in Kuching, enabled the school to expand its scope and reach. The art materials led to art classes. The generator allows for classes at night. The color scanner/photocopier/printer means teachers can duplicate materials instead of forcing students to copy everything by hand.

The technology also connected them to the wider world. Previously, because the distant trip to the nearest town was undertaken just once a week, a child had to wait a week if a birth certificate or other important document needed to be copied.



The donated items expanded the world of the students in Rejai



Lions gave athletic shirts for Futsal, a variant of soccer with five players on a side

Lions partnered with the Batik Boutique Hotel on the school project, which also involved a trip to Kuching for the schoolchildren. “For many it was their first visit to a city and a cinema, museum and beach,” says Tang, a lawyer who is a zone chairperson. “It was a really fun and educational experience for them.”

Buy an Ornament, Save a Life

The swirling snow, bitter cold and sudden avalanches of the Alpines in Switzerland have claimed many lives over the last century, but the Alpine Mountain Rescue team has saved 57 people, often despite perilous conditions and under spine-tingling, TV movie-of-the-week circumstances. The **Oberes Toggenburg Lions** raise money for the rescue workers through a Christmas market in Lichensteig. The fundraising is not dramatic or heroic, but Lions take great pride in enabling others to save lives.



An Alpine Mountain Rescue Team springs into action

Joint Fund Raising

Both the **Bond Head** and **Beeton Lion Clubs** hold a joint fund raising event several times a year. At the November Texas Holdem Poker, the Bond Head Lions took their proceeds of over \$1000.00 and donated it to Brad and Lorrie Reynolds of Bond Head. This money will help with their expenses incurred in the purchase special equipment needed because of a recent medical situation with Lorrie. The Club was very pleased with the amount raised and the couple appreciated this kind donation.



The LION January/February 2013

Forest Hill Lions

Our Forest Hill Lions Club celebrated their 56th. Donor dinner on November 14th. We raised \$27,700.00.

\$5000.00 cash prizes were awarded to 3 winners in increments of \$1,000.00--\$1,500.00 and \$2,500.00.

Since our club's inception in 1952, the Forest Hill Lions Club has raised and donated in excess of \$3,500,000.00 to worthy causes and needy families.

Projects chairmen for this affair were: Past Presidents **Lions Howard Waxberg** and **Louis Chelin**.

photo by Lion Stephen Rudberg



The Gift of Sight

In 2012, the **Beaver Valley Lions Club** welcomed special guest Gary Kenyon of Medical Ministry International to speak at one of their meetings. Kenyon regularly travels to poor countries on medical missions as an Optician giving eye exams and prescribing eyeglasses that are donated by Canadians to Medical Ministry International. The Beaver Valley Lions Club collected several hundred pairs of used eyeglasses and donated them to Gary and Linda Kenyon.

Submitted by Lion Teresia Rowatt



Pictured are Lions Joan Gaudet, Joanne McTague, Tom Kennedy and Stan Rowatt with Gary and Linda Kenyon



Not Just Another Day to Save Sight



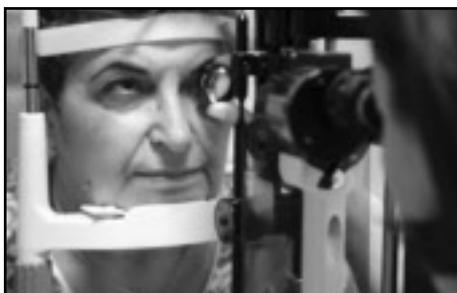
Day after day, Lions do eye screenings, raise awareness of eye disease and save sight. On one day each year they make a special effort to preserve vision and highlight the role of Lions as Knights of the Blind. Lions World Sight Day in 2012 was held Oct. 10-11.

The central event was in Istanbul, Turkey. International President **Wayne A. Madden** led the 15th international celebration of World Sight Day. Over the two-day event, Lions Clubs International and LCIF partnered with the Lions of Turkey to focus attention on diabetes and diabetic retinopathy and their relationship to blindness.

Lions in Turkey conducted free eye screenings at Lions Bayrampasa Eye Care Hospital and presented important new equipment, made possible by a grant from LCIF. Screenings were also held at Idealtepe Eye Care Centers, and an updated facility was officially opened in Istanbul.

Madden detailed Lions' sight-saving efforts at a press conference. Also speaking were representatives from Bayrampasa Eye Hospital, Istanbul University, the Turkish Diabetes Association and Essilor, which sponsored the eye screening activities.

"Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation are committed to preventing blindness, and Lions World Sight Day exemplifies this commitment," said



A Turkish woman is examined at a Lions' screening in Istanbul as part of World Sight Day Photo by Brian Wingert

Madden. "Lions in Turkey are also actively fighting diabetic eye disease and providing education to those in danger of losing their sight. By working together with the local Lions in Turkey, we can help more people and prevent blindness from diabetes-related eye diseases such as diabetic retinopathy."

Lions Clubs International launched World Sight Day in October 1988 to recognize the importance of eradicating preventable blindness around the world. Every year since then, Lions have held major events in October including vision, cataract, diabetes and glaucoma screenings, collections of used eyeglasses for recycling and distribution and educational programs.

Lions worldwide plan activities for World Sight Day based on their local needs. Lions in Chennai, India, screened 4,800 students and found that 10 percent of these students needed glasses or other vision services. In Jakarta, Indonesia, Lions provided free vision screenings to 5,000 students in 15 elementary schools. Lions in Nigeria also screened students and provided free glasses and medical assistance to students and adults.

A number of clubs in the United Kingdom organized community walks to call attention to the importance of maintaining vision and fighting against blindness. Blind walkers were assisted by their guide dogs while other walkers, who were not blind, wore blindfolds so that they could gain some understanding of what it is like to be blind.

In Saint Lucia, Lions visited classrooms to discuss the causes of blindness and what can be done to prevent blindness, and in Minnesota, Lions held their annual White Cane Day to educate the public and raise money for the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank.

The Digital LION

Watch a video on Lions and sight at www.lionmagazine.org.

Keene Lions

Visiting the Keene Lions from **East Peterborough Lions Club** on 13 October, 2012, **Lion Esther Shaw**, followed by Keene Lion, son **Bill Shaw**, makes her way up the accessibility ramp provided through a Trillium Foundation Grant. Welcoming her at the top of the ramp are MPP Jeff Leal, Otonabee-South Monaghan Reeve Dave Nelson, Trillium Foundation Representative Dr. Ramesh Makhija and Keene Lions President **Marty Kempt** as some Keene Lions look on.

MPP Jeff Leal and Dr. Makhija presented a plaque to President Marty and Reeve Nelson later at a Trillium Recognition Event inside the building which had been built in 1875.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



photos by Lion Dick Eason

Bancroft Lions Club



Paul Switzer accepts a cheque for \$1,020 for Habitat for Humanity presented by Bancroft Lions Sue McArthur, Maureen Cummings, John Van Bakel and Steve Scally



First Vice-District Governor Lion Albert Munneke (on right) and Lion Hugh Hoard (2nd from left) accompanied International Exchange Students on a visit to Bancroft Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush

Madoc Lions Club new charter

On October 27, 2012, the **Marmora Crowe Valley Lions** chartered the new Madoc Lions Club. A3 PDG **Earl Oliver** presented certificates to Marmora Crowe Valley Lions 1st Vice **Kevin Roy** and President **Russ Mitchell** as sponsoring Club for the newly formed Madoc Lions Club. The newly chartered Madoc Lions Club Board of Directors includes: President - **Kevin Cutts**, 1st Vice - **Tom Simpson**, 2nd Vice - **Len Karbrant**, 1st Yr. Director - **Kevan Doucette**, 2nd Yr. Director - **Kevan Doucette**, Secretary - **Gail Nolan**, Treasurer - **Gail Doucette**, Membership Chair - **Scott Wallace**, Tail

Twister - **Sherry MacMillan**, and Lion Tamer **Sandra McMillan**. *Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*





Lions Author Literacy Success

by Jay Copp



Could we exist without books? Well, yes, biologically, it's possible. But life would be infinitely less rich. "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The person who never reads lives only one," declared author George R.R. Martin. Books please us and satisfy us as a fat wallet or a full shopping bag never can. "There is no enjoyment like reading. How much sooner one tires of any thing other than of a book," proclaimed the peerless Jane Austen. Books magically transport us into new realms and toward new understanding of the mysteries of other people's lives. "Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another's skin, another's voice, another's soul," asserted writer Joyce Carol Oates.

These lovers of books actually understate the case



International President Wayne A. Madden and his wife, Linda, read to schoolchildren at a school in Turkey. Madden promoted literacy while in Istanbul in October for World Sight Day

Photo by Brian Wingert



A third-grade student in Boonville, Missouri, looks at his new dictionary, given to students by Boonville Lions. Members Carol Nauman, Gene Cummins, Paul Henry and Pete Rodman distributed the dictionaries Photo by Edward Lang/Boonville Daily News



Using a Talking Book, Karl Wade, who is blind, shares a book with patrons of the Prattville Library in Alabama as Bill Gillespie Jr., mayor of Prattville, turns the printed book's pages. Prattville Lions Cindy Criswell Ducker, president; Melvin Ehrlich and Harold Hammond also read monthly to children at the library and at a community center Photo by Cindy Criswell Ducker

for reading and literacy. Those who cannot read probably cannot work or at least advance in the workplace, cannot fully take part in society, cannot avoid the traps and pitfalls in life that literate people seamlessly avoid. Children who read poorly and fall behind their peers will likely forever be playing catch-up and fail to realize their potential.

Recognizing the importance of literacy, International President **Wayne A. Madden** is encouraging clubs to be part of his Reading Action Program (RAP). Lions can develop after-school reading programs, read to children or tutor them, donate books or otherwise help children and adults improve their literacy. Lions this year have responded:

- **Laveen Lions** in Arizona gave to needy students 350 backpacks filled with school supplies and a book.
- **Protection Island Lions** in British Columbia, Canada, opened a library in a former lighthouse keeper's cottage, now a community center.
- **Canton Lions** in Connecticut placed a half-dozen collection boxes in the area to collect books for Santa to distribute to children.
- **Indian River High School Leos** in Delaware set out to collect 1,000 books for elementary school students.
- Lions in Chino, California, help sponsor the annual Family Festival of Books, which includes author visits, celebrities reading books and a read-a-thon among schoolchildren.
- The first Braille Reading Center in Liberia was



Baggao Lions read to students at Bagunot Elementary School. Besides screening children for vision problems, feeding them and planting trees, Lions also showed an educational video on the English alphabet, held a spelling bee and donated books



Sally Garris, president of the Mt. McKinley Lions in Alaska, reads to students at Taku Elementary School, to which her club donated hundreds of books. Mt. McKinley Lions also partnered with the Lower Kuskokwim School District, volunteers from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Carlile Transportation Services, College Station Noon Lions in Texas and the Central Texas Orphan Mission Alliance to send 2,000 pounds of books to schoolchildren in Kenya.

launched by the **Greater Monrovia and Cape Mesurado Lions**.

- One of the most innovative literacy projects was the sidewalk poetry contest in Minnesota. The **Falcon Heights Lauderdale Lions** partnered with the City of Falcon Heights on the competition. The winning poem will be stamped on a city sidewalk. The short poem, "Embedded Walk," is:

Walking along,
Glancing down,
Eye the words:
Poetry in motion.

Lions also are encouraged to make a RAP video about getting children to read and to submit the video to Lions Clubs International through the LCI YouTube channel. The top video will be played at the international convention in Hamburg, and the club will receive a special award.

The Digital LION

Watch a video and slide show on Lions' literacy efforts at www.lionmagazine.org.



Imphal Leimarol Lions in India read to children with HIV



The Bookmart of the Glenside Lions in Australia is a haven for book lovers and an ally of champions of literacy. More than 30,000 books typically are displayed



A youth in Mexico sizes up the donations collected during a book drive of the Corregidora de Queretaro Lions



Heavenly Hamburg

The lovely German city will showcase the beauty of Lions' service at the upcoming 96th International Convention

by Roger St. Pierre



Surprisingly green and architecturally beautiful, Hamburg is admired for its enormous port, historic, lovely downtown and village-like neighborhoods. It's a city full of quaint cobblestone alleys, centuries-old churches and vibrant nightlife. The city also will be full of thousands of Lions for a grand week in July as it hosts the 96th International Convention.

Hamburg will not be just a venue for Lions. The city will embrace Lions and integrate its charms with convention traditions. The Parade of Nations will start at the majestic Rathaus, the town hall and the city's symbolic heart, and then snake its way around the Binnenalster, an artificial lake bordered by a stunning array of buildings. At the march's end Lions will spill into a "market of nations," where 30 pavilions will serve international foods and highlight Lions' service around the world. The parade will not just display the diversity of Lions but also celebrate the diversity of our service.

The convention runs July 5-9. Future issues of the LION will detail the speakers and attractions. Here is what you need to know about Hamburg and why it's a wonderful place for Lions to gather to celebrate their service and move the association ever forward.

Berlin may be the capital of Germany, but Hamburg, the nation's second-largest city, resolutely refuses to accept a provincial label. It proudly sports all the airs and graces of a major player on the world stage, not just in commerce but also in culture, the arts, sport, the media and tourism. Hamburg feels like a capital in all but name – a fact reflected by the unusually large number of foreign consulates it hosts and the truly cosmopolitan make-up of its population.

A linchpin of the solid German economy, Hamburg is a thriving manufacturing center. Its role in the global aircraft industry rivals that of Seattle and Toulouse. Airbus employs 13,000 people here. The city also is a major banking center while tourism generates close to 10 million overnight stays annually and provides 175,000 people with full-time jobs.

As Germany's busiest port, Hamburg has always been an outward-looking city, its horizons stretching far beyond the broad, winding River Elbe to the big wide world beyond. It's an open-hearted place – quintessentially German yet a melting pot of many other cultures.

In earlier times a free city powerhouse of the Hanseatic League (the potent medieval trading precursor of the European Union's common market), Hamburg straddled the late 19th and early 20th centuries as one of the key gateways to a new life far away across the great

Atlantic pond for millions of Central, Eastern and Northern European emigrants. These hordes may simply have been in transit, but they left an indelible mark on Hamburg. That story is brought to life at Ballinstadt, Port of Dreams, an emigration museum that evocatively carries visitors back through the mists of time.

Today the bustling port is a haven for gigantic cruise ships and for cargo vessels of all shapes and sizes. Europe's second most important port after Rotterdam and the ninth busiest in the world, Hamburg handles nearly 150 million tons of goods annually. Though located 68 miles from the yawning estuary of the Elbe, the docks have enough depth of water to accommodate large oceangoing vessels—and to build them too at the renowned Blohm + Voss shipyards. The primacy of water and boats extends to the entire city. Extensive canals crisscross Hamburg, and no less than 2,300 bridges span this city of waterways.

Once you have your bearings, getting around is easy. Bus, rail and ferry companies are all independently owned and operated, but they sensibly operate a joint ticketing system under the HVV or Verkehrsverbund (Hamburg Transit Authority) banner, and recognize one another's tickets. The U-Bahn, the underground railway system, the S-Bahn and its nine mass transit rail lines, 600 different bus routes and the six ferry services plying the Elbe allow tourists to reach the main sights as well as the city's nooks and crannies.

On the other hand, if you like to amble, Hamburg is an eminently walkable place. There's simply so much to see you'll be constantly lured into exploring further down the street you're on and beyond. The harbor may



The Rathaus (town hall) is the symbolic heart of the city



The views are grand at Alster Lake in Hamburg

be one of the world's largest, but most of the city's main places of interest are fairly close to the city's center.

However, to ensure you don't miss out on any of the major sights it's a good plan to kick off with an open-

Five Must-See Sites

- **Rathaus:** Hamburg's imposing city hall was built in neo-Renaissance style between 1886 and 1897 and remains iconic. The lofty tower looks down on the Old Town while its ornate exterior and 647 rooms carry many references to the city's proud maritime traditions.



St. Michaelis

- **St. Michaelis:** There's been a church on this site since 1649, while the current edifice dates from 1907-12. In a city of churches and towering spires, St. Michaelis nevertheless dominates the skyline. Undergoing a lavish restoration, the interior features a grandiose 65-meter-high neo-Baroque altar.

- **Cap San Diego:** The world's largest museum ship still occasionally puts to sea but is usually found docked by the Überseebrücke. Launched in 1961 to ply the Hamburg-South America routes as a cargo vessel, she offers permanent displays and seasonal exhibitions and guided tours of the bridge, the living quarters and the engine room.

- **Planten und Blomen:** "Plants and Flowers" is an apt name for this delightful and tranquil retreat from the city bustle. A superb rose garden, a Japanese garden, masses of other seasonal blooms, water features and summer concerts all add to the charm. Clever planting ensures the gardens emit touches of color year-round.



A red powder puff at the Planten and Blomen

Photo by Thomas Strünkelberg

- **Hamburger Kunsthalle:** Hamburg has more than 80 first-rate museums and galleries. This massive collection doesn't come with fries but does offer the varied styles of a range of great artists, from the great masters to the modernists. Northern Germany's most important collection since 1817 became a gallery open to the public in 1869. The four-story extension is an excellent piece of modern architecture.



Europa Passage is the largest shopping mall in the city center with 120 stores on five floors. Located between Jungfernstieg and Mönckebergstrasse, it also offers view of Alster Lake

top sightseeing bus tour. Or head for the harbor and its 700-meter long floating dock that serves as Hamburg's floating boat station and take a rather slower paced guided boat tour along the river and canals, passing the massive red brick warehouses of the Speicherstadt district, once abandoned relics of a pre-container ship past, now transformed into chic – and very expensive – loft apartments.

It's hard to believe that this now thriving area and much of the rest of the city was levelled by the all-consuming fire storm created by the Allied "Operation Gomorrah" 1,000-bomber air raid of July 1943, when



"Tarzan," a musical, was a hit in Hamburg, which offers a variety of cultural attractions

the heat was so intense that the waters of the canals reached boiling point. More than 42,000 civilians perished in a raid so devastating that Hitler refused to visit and never set foot in the city again.

The renaissance of Hamburg since the war has been remarkable. Today it boasts the highest per capita GDP in all Germany. That success can be put down to the resilience and industriousness of its citizens – people who work hard and play hard. This is, after all, the city renowned as the nation's sporting capital, the jewel being the Hamburger SV soccer club. A guided tour of their massive 60,000-seat stadium and its trophy room and related facilities is a revelation. FC St. Pauli has now joined Hamburger SV in the league's first division.

The twin man-made Alster lakes, created by damming the river, are prime strolling grounds both for

first-time visitors and longtime residents. Prestigious homes and imposing hotels like the Atlantic Kempinski and the Vierjahrezeiten line the lake's banks. An air of solid prosperity wafts over the nearby leafy avenues, and the Jungfernstieg is justly renowned as one of Europe's great promenades.

It's an easy walk from the lakes to the Altstadt—the old town. Its charming 16th-century ambience is somewhat illusory because this was another of the areas totally flattened in the war. In the first wave of Hamburg's post-war rejuvenation this pleasant little district was faithfully rebuilt.

Buildings from various architectural eras were similarly recreated throughout Hamburg. The diversity of styles, many of them executed in a grand manner, should encourage passersby to look upward rather than just at often glitzy shop window displays. Fine examples of empire art nouveau, art deco and 21st-century style abound.

Culture vultures are drawn to the city's magnificent State Opera House, 31 theaters, 10 cabaret rooms, six music halls and more than 50 museums and art galleries – both publicly and privately funded.

Another site worth a look is the Miniatur Wunderland, the world's largest model railroad. Its seven miles of tracks are laid out in an old warehouse near the Landungsbrücken bridge.

The Reeperbahn thoroughfare in the St. Pauli maritime district is one the world's most famous red-light districts. Beware, some of the side streets are decidedly not family-friendly. The main street is a thriving entertainment district with pubs, bars and dance clubs, in many respects no bawdier than the French Quarter in New Orleans.

The Fischmarkt is an easy five-minute stroll from the St. Pauli waterfront. At each end of the market's jam-packed hall there's a stage on which bands play their raucous sets seamlessly, rock giving way to funk to old school rock 'n' roll to garage, to hip-hop to jazz. In the middle, a host of stalls offer all manner of food for eating on the hoof between swigs of well-chilled local beer. Holsten is the locally brewed "hair-of-the-dog" favorite. On chilly mornings, throat-burning schnapps find favor, as the smells of exotic herbs and spices float through the air. Outside the hall are stalls selling clothes, tourist trinkets and mementos of Hamburg's hippy past.

Hamburg has always imported and exported people as well as goods. In the early 1960s the city's booming club scene drew certain mop-topped lads from



The Beatles are remembered at Reeperbahn, where they honed their chops

Liverpool. The Beatles performed at clubs on Reeperbahn, famously honing their skills and emerging as the band that energized rock 'n' roll and an entire generation. John, Paul, George and original members Peter Best and Stuart Sutcliffe played night after night at the fabled Star Club, which burned down in the 1980s. The Beatles live on. At Reeperbahn and Grosse Freiheit streets are stainless steel sculptures

Five Dining Destinations

Rikmer Rickmers: Landungsbrücken, Ponton 1a. 49 040 3 19 59 59. www.rickmer-rickmers.de You will not be served any culinary masterpieces – snack-type meals being the order of the day – but what an atmospheric setting: between decks on an old, three-masted sailing ship that's permanently anchored beside the harbour promenade. For many years a Portuguese training ship, she has now been lovingly restored.



A detail of the Rikmer Rickmers ship

Fairmont Vier Jahreszeiten Hotel: Neuer Jungfernstieg 9-14. 49 040 3494 0. www.fairmont.com/vier-jahreszeiten-hamburg Afternoon tea in the plush Wohnhalle or cocktails in the famous Doc Cheng bar – this is the place to see and be seen. When it's time to eat you take your pick of the in-house restaurants and opt for classic French, exciting Euro-Asian fusion or traditional North German fare. The food is divine, service impeccable and ambience breathtaking. One of the world's great addresses.

Daniel Wischer: Spitalerstrasse 12. 49 032 52 58 15. www.danielwischer.de Looking for an authentic taste of Hamburg and great value too? They've been frying straight from the boat fish here in the Old Town since way back in 1924. There's a range of species available and portions are generous. Lovingly house-produced potato salad makes a welcome change from fries.

Old Commercial Room: Englische Planke 10. 49 040 36 63 19. www.oldcommercialroom.de A longtime tourist favorite in New Town, this is a good place to savor labskaus, the tasty fisherman's hash, or hearty meat dishes served with dumplings and red cabbage. The plush décor is unashamedly traditional in its style.

Schönes Leben: Alter Wandrahm 49 040 18 04 82 680. www.schoenes-leben.com Head towards Speicherstadt and the docks for the original of this busy three-venue German equivalent to a French brasserie. It's open for breakfast, there's a lunchtime buffet and you can dine late when calorie-laden cakes and strong coffee are specialties.



Schönes Leben

commemorating the band. Feel free to hum your favorite Beatles song here.

Hamburg is a magnet for the country's movers and shakers—and for the international set too, so it's no surprise to find an abundance of world-class upmarket shops and first-rate restaurants, from the chic and funky to Michelin-starred havens of haute cuisine. There's truly a global gourmet cookbook at play here.

Consequently, the smell of the city is a mix of taste-tempting aromas. Turkish kebabs, Thai noodles and Italian pizzas are as much a part of the local culinary scene as such tasty local delights as matjes (salted North Sea herring served on a bread roll), hearty fish stews and labskaus, a traditional seafarer's hash made with minced beef, chopped herring, leek, celery and other vegetables and topped with a fried egg. The dish's distinctive and attractive red hue comes from the addition of cooked beetroot.

Look for birnen, bohnen und speck on the menu. No, it's not a firm of German lawyers but another unusual dish that's worth seeking out. It's an odd-sounding but delicious combination of pears, beans and speck ham.

In season, sharp-tasting kale is the local veg of choice, along with the ubiquitous potato, which is the anchor of classic North German cuisine. Tiny North Sea shrimp are another staple. For a genuine local dessert, try rote grütze – red forest berries simmered in red wine and served up with cream or a silky smooth vanilla sauce.

On the street, taste buds are tempted by sizzling bratwurst, currywurst and other styles of sausage plus the hamburger-like fricadelle patties and bratkartoffeln – the German-take on sautéed potatoes, prepared over an open flame in pans that can measure three-feet across.

Load up on the cuisine – there's so much to see and do you'll need the calories. Try to explore beyond downtown so you can sample some of Hamburg's residential and working suburbs, which make the city more a collection of strung-together comfortable villages than an unwieldy, amorphous big city. The Neue Stadt, Altona and HafnCity are all ready to bid you welcome, while Bremen, Hanover and even Berlin are but a short express train ride away.

London-based travel writer Roger St. Pierre has travelled in 130 countries and all 50 U.S. states but confesses to being a confirmed Europhile and has been a frequent visitor to Hamburg.

Digital Lion

Watch videos on Hamburg and last year's convention in Busan at www.lionmagazine.org.

Dumas Rocks - The Terry Rickard Story

by Terry Rickard and Lion Flo Fraser

It all began when a group of miners and staff decided to get together and perform on Canada Sings. A charity needed to be picked to give the monies to when they won on the show. Terry began to tell his story, and not only was the group shocked by the end of his story, they were all in awe of the miracle that had happened and felt that supporting Lake Joseph and the CNIB was their way of helping to give back for all the CNIB had done for Terry. Determined to win, they trained hard and had to learn a lot. The Dumas group said everyone made it happen. This was the greatest experience of a lifetime. This August past they had the opportunity to go to Lake Joseph and see the camp, this put a Winning smile on everyone in the group as they spent the day touring the facility and told about how their had work was going to help so may people. The group had a blast at the I-factor night. There where visual impaired singers' performing from all over Canada, that were amazing to hear as well as the Dumas Rocks team giving a performance of their own. The C.N.I.B. and Lake Joseph Camp have put a beautiful plaque on a rock honoring all the Dumas Rocks group that can be viewed at the fire pit by the lake. So whenever you have the chance and your at Lake Joseph take a moment go an admire the Dumas Rock and see all the names of this amazing group of people.

Terry's Story

Before Terry went blind, he worked as an underground miner. In January of 1991, onset from a slip and fall accident at home after working a nightshift at the mine, everything in his life began to change, his vision began to deteriorate in one eye then the next. Terry was diagnosed later that year with an optic nerve condition called Leber's anf was told that there was nothing he could do about it and within time go blind. He was sent to the C.N.I.B. shortly after to learn how to live an independent life all over again. From learning everyday living skills to knowing where you are in your environment, the staff of the CNIB taught

him how to cope with his new life changes and after five months, white cane in hand he was ready to start a new journey.

By the age of 23 Terry had lost many of the everyday things we take for granted. He was no longer able to work as an underground miner, drive his truck or enjoy the peacefulness of the wilderness hunting and fishing on his own. But with this big change in life, also came some good ones, Terry met his girlfriend, they later married in 1994.

Once back home Terry took up a woodworking as a hobby which he later grew a passion for. Self taught he made a name for himself as an Industrial Woodworker building everything from furniture and cabinets to later on building his own custom log home where he now lives with his family.

In 2007, Terry began to suffer from back and neck problems. After a year of pain medication and physiotherapy Terry was left with little choice but to see a surgeon. At that time it was determined that if he wasn't showing any improvement in the near future that surgery would have to be considered. Home that fall, his wife convinced him to join his friends out at the deer camp for a few days. While out with his friends dragging a deer from the bush, he slipped and fell... but this time with different results... his back was put back into place and he was no longer suffering from the pain it caused. As time went by Terry began to notice some changes, what little sight he did have, was beginning to very slowly change.

No doctor could explain what was happening. For Terry and his wife Lory it was a shock of excitement, but at the same time Terry remained very cautious for the next year and a half not knowing what was going to happen next. As time passed he was slowly able to see what was most important to him, his wife who he had only gotten to see clearly some 20 years ago and the beautiful blue eyes and blonde hair of his precious little girl. Terry said "I have truly been blessed and I am so grateful to God for giving me my sight back".

Once he got the "OK" to drive again and go to work, he had to go back to finish what really loved to do, mining. With his wife full support he was hired by Dumas and went back to the work he enjoyed. Terry's been underground almost 2 years now. He has had the blessing of seeing his newborn son, and enjoying every moment he has with his family.

Today, he still builds in his spare time, making some beautiful pieces of furniture, in which he made a piece to auction off at the i-Factor event that took place at Lake Joseph this past August. He is says he will never forget the great people at the C.N.I.B. who helped him thru the years, and to Dumas Mining who gave him a chance to get back into mining after all these years.

This story inspires us to believe in what the Lions all over the world do. We Lions make a difference in the world.



Lambeth Lions Get Benched

Lion members wanted to as always, give more to our community. The suggestion of donating a much needed bench to our local library met with full approval. Our thanks to the Lambeth Library Board for suppling the labour and the concrete to complete this.



Grant Helps Lions Club Expand

The **St. Davids and District Lions Club** are one step closer toward having a fully accessible club house thanks to a recent grant from the Trillium Foundation.

Lord Mayor Dave Eke stopped by the York Road club house on Nov. 17, 2012 to present the special certificate congratulating the Lions Club on receiving the coveted \$75,000 grant. He and club president **Rick Wills** put the shovel to the ground where an addition to the rear portion of the building will be constructed. In the new addition, wheelchair accessible washrooms will be constructed.

“Our goal is to allow wheelchair accessibility throughout the building,” said Wills. “With this generous grant from the Trillium Foundation we will achieve our goal.”

Construction on the addition is

already underway.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, a catalyst that enables Ontarians to work together to enhance the Quality of life in their communities, distributes funding to charities and not-for-profits through three granting programs; Community and Province-Wide programs and the Future Fund.

From the Town Crier, Thursday, November 29, 2012



Apple Pie Project

The following pictures were taken recently during the **Omemee and District Lioness** annual Apple Pie Project. This year the Lioness celebrated 25 years making apple pies. Our total this year was slightly over 1200 pies. We make pastry one evening a week

and peel, cut the apples, mix the spices and roll out pastry the next day. We did this for 9 weeks straight!

Since the start of this project 25 years ago, our **Omemee Lions** have helped peel the apples.



Apsley and District Lions Club

We are all aware, that visits to other lions clubs is a great way to make new friends and/or renew old acquaintances, this was no exception.

On Monday November 12, 2012, four members of the Apsley and District Lions Club (Region 10N) along with two guests, visited the **Frankford Lions Club** (Region 43S).

A few months ago, a member of the Apsley Club brought me a box of lions pins. In the box was a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Medallion. On the reverse side it stated "Presented to **Audrey Post** by the Frankford Lions Club June 9, 1997."

Not being a pin trader, although after 36 years, I do have many pins, it occurred to me that this specific pin should not be part of a Pin Traders' collection.

Arrangments were made, and on the evening of November 12, 2012, Frankford Lions were reunited with the PIP Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Medallion. The Medallion was mounted on an 8x10 frame, with Audrey's picture on one side, the Medallion and a small rededication on the other side (see below).

Audrey Post, rose to the position of Region Chair, under the guidance of then Governor, **Harry Marissen**. Audrey Post passed away a few years ago, however the visit was made more successful, as one of the guests was PRC Audrey's husband **Willard Post**, who had also been a member of the Frankford Club, it was a great visit, as no one wanted to go home.



*PIP Judge Brian Stevenson
Fellowship Award*

*Presented to Audrey Post
By The
Frankford Lions Club
June 9, 1997*



*Returned by The Apsley & District Lions Club
November 12, 2012*

Effective Speaking Final Competition

The Effective Speaking Final Competition is being hosted by District A2.

It will take place May 3, 4, 5, 2013 at the Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Convention Centre in St. Catharines.

Speakers from all Districts will be competing at the Junior (Grades 6 - 8), Intermediate (Grades 9 & 10) and Senior (Grades 11 & 12) levels.

The speaking takes place on Saturday, May 4, 2013 starting at 9 am and running until noon.

The Saturday evening Banquet is where the winners are announced and they present their prize winning speeches to all assembled. Everyone is welcome to come and hear these amazing young students. There is no cost to listen to the speakers but to hear the winners you must come to the banquet for which tickets are

required. Tickets are available by filling in the form below and returning it to **Lion Susan Beamer** with payment.

All are invited to either come for the weekend, Saturday morning or Saturday evening.

If you wish to help with this activity please contact Lion Bob Belansky (Host Chair) at lionbob@cogeco.ca. Mark your calendars for this outstanding event!

Lions Clubs International Multiple District "A"
EFFECTIVE SPEAKING CONTEST/CONCOURS D'ARTORATOIRE
Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre
327 Ontario St. St. Catharines, On. L2R 5L3
May 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2013
MD"A" Council Members & Individual REGISTRATION

DISTRICT "A" _____

DISTRICT CHAIR _____

Name: _____

Position: Council Chair. MD"A Secretary _____ **MD"A Treasurer.** _____ **District Governor** _____
1st VDG _____ **2nd VDG** _____ **Other** _____

Day of arrival: Friday _____ **Saturday** _____ **Departure: Saturday** _____ **Sunday** _____
Room: Single - Queen Bed _____ **Double - 2 Queen Beds** _____

Room Rate: \$142.50 (all taxes included) 1 night's accommodation must accompany registration

Meal Tickets required for Saturday May 4th, 2013

Breakfast: _____ @ \$17.00 = \$ _____ **Lunch:** _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Banquet: _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____ **Junior Banquet:** _____ @ @22.00 = \$ _____ (under 12)

Meal Ticket Total: \$ _____

Payment: Cheque, made payable to District A2 Treasurer

*****RSVP – MARCH 27, 2013**

Mail completed Registration form with payment to: Lion Susan Beamer, 459 Highway 20, R.R. #3, Fenwick, On. L0S 1C0

Effective Speaking MDA Council/Individual Registration

District A-711 Lions Supports "Gift Of Life"

On August 17, 2012 Dr. Gary Levy, Director, University of Toronto Transplantation Institute and Director, Multi Organ Transplant Program lead a group of District A-711 Cabinet Officers in a tour of the Inpatient Transplant Floor at Toronto General Hospital. The short tour also included Dr. Levy's Research Lab area plus presentation by Andre Siegel, Lab Technician.



L-R: Lions Alex Banks, Sam Dako, Jeffery Friedman, Dr. Gary Levy, Peter Hammond, Colleen Shelton, Raija Rosenthal, Marg Wilson. Touring the Inpatient Transplant Floor at Toronto General Hospital were District A-711 Cabinet Officers accompanied by Dr. Levy and Nurse Colleen Shelton



A display of varied real liver blood vessel networks, some sparse, others growing more thickly, that the lab is growing and nurturing as part of the research to improve liver function



Andre Siegel, Lab Technician

Visit to the Lions Foundation of Canada

On Nov 17, 2012, we had a bus full of 54 Lions and friends from Zone 10 Centre and beyond going to the Lions Foundation of Canada. We had a good day that

guide makes in her life. We also got an opportunity to see some special needs dogs in training.

included a tour of the facility, a demonstration and a great lunch. We also had the opportunity to meet Betty and Mac. Betty is from Belleville and works with ZC Janet Marissen to promote the Purina Walk for Dog Guides. Betty talked to us about the difference the dog



Rockton Lions Support Martial Arts Champion

Lion Chief Paul Aicken and Lion Dave Hughes look on as Ashley Trojahn, daughter of Tyler and Cheryl of Hamilton, granddaughter of Rudi and Sherry of Flamborough, shows the Silver Medal she won in Weapons during the 13th World Martial Arts Championships in Telford, England in August, 2012. She thanked the Rockton Lions for their support of Ashley during the competition.

submitted by Lion Rudi Trojahn



A Visit by Super Mario

Super Mario (*Lion Ray Dykstra* shown below with *Mike Ray* and *CC Bradd Anderson*) hosted the *Jordan Lions* Christmas party using his winning ways! "Together we can take on anything!" said Super Mario as he described the Jordan Lions accomplishments over its almost 65 year history. (The Jordan Lions help operate the Jordan Lions Arena, Pool, Park and Baseball Park in the Township of West Lincoln, Region of Niagara.)

In the days following the annual Christmas Party, the Jordan Lions arranged for a one float parade and helped Santa visit several Niagara Region hamlets to meet with the children and give them a Christmas candy treat.

submitted by CC Bradd Anderson



Midland Lions Club

The Midland Lions Club celebrated its 75 years of "We Serve" on October 27th, 2012 at the North Simcoe Sport and Recreation Center in Midland.



Front row from left: Tom & Lety Dudgeon; Dietmar Greppmayr; DG Maureen Hilt; PIP Judge Brian Stevenson; Lynn Stratton; Gord Walker. Back row from left: Fred Engstrom; Wayne Pearce; Bill Burton; Trish Pearce, Xiumei Greppmayr; Ruth Hounsome; Evelyn Walker, Norm Gogo, Gunter Freund; Tom Huntley

Survey of Lions shows why clubs flourish

by Jay Copp

Why are some Lions clubs growing and others shrinking? What are the characteristics of clubs with satisfied members? Why do some clubs have dissatisfied members?

Answers to these questions emerged from Project Refresh, a global membership study by Lions Clubs International. LCI coordinated results from a survey of 7,800 Lions in 134 nations with membership data, revealing why some clubs are stagnating or in danger of disbanding while others are flourishing.

LCI's membership records show that the size of a club matters in its long-term survival. Clubs with less than 15 members are less likely to survive beyond 10 years. Fifty-seven percent of clubs in North America with 11 to 15 members last another decade; that number for clubs worldwide is 53 percent. In contrast, 71 percent of clubs in North America with 16 to 20 members survive beyond 10 years, and the chances of survival rises as membership increases. For example, 90 percent of clubs with between 31 and 35 members last beyond a decade.

The survival rates for new clubs improved for those that chartered with more than 25 members. In North America (figures were comparable worldwide), 61 percent of new clubs with 25 or less members when chartered survived a decade. That figure jumped to 70 percent for new clubs that began with 26 to 30 members and increased to 83 percent for clubs with 41 to 50 members.

LCI undertook Project Refresh because of stagnating membership: three of five clubs did not grow in 2010-11 and a third did not invite a single new member. Glass Box Research Company in Chicago undertook the survey.

North American clubs are doing relatively well in welcoming women. Just 14 percent of clubs in North America have no women, compared to 25 percent of clubs worldwide. Also, 43 percent of clubs in North America are more than 30 percent female, compared to 37 percent worldwide.

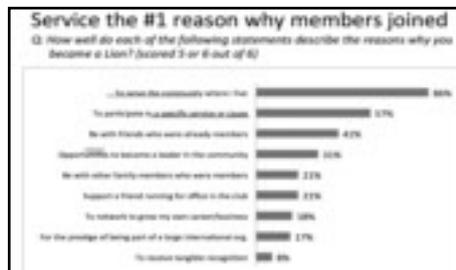
On the negative side, the location of clubs does not match the population grid. Seventy percent of clubs in the United States are in rural areas, where just 41 percent of Americans live. "Lions are particularly underrepresented in suburban areas. So this represents a big opportunity for Lions," says Shad Thomas, president of Glass Box.

The membership data also reveal this unsettling demographic: Lions in North America have a uniform age profile regardless of their location. In rural areas Lions are predictably older, matching the population, yet Lions in suburban and urban areas also tend to be older, unlike the general population. For instance, about half of adults in urban and suburban areas are under 50 years old; however, only about 20 percent of Lions in these areas are under 50. (Underscoring the importance of this age discrepancy, a primary reason Lions quit is lack of younger members, as reported in the Nov. 2012

LION.)

"We know from our survey that in larger cities half of those interested in volunteering are under the age of 44. So we need to find ways to make our clubs attractive to them," says Ken G Kabira, group manager for Membership, Programs and Communications. Kabira suggests that district extension teams and Guiding Lions purposely target members under the age of 45 in populated areas to learn what kind of volunteering they want.

So why do Lions become Lions? Eighty-six percent of survey respondents said it was to serve their community. Fifty-seven percent said it was to participate in a specific service or cause, and 41 percent said it was to be with friends who were already members.



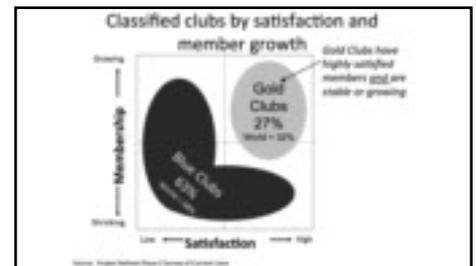
Matching membership data with survey results, LCI discovered that 27 percent of North American clubs showed both stable /growing membership and high member satisfaction. (The global average was 32 percent.) Lions were defined as satisfied if they agreed that they enjoyed being a Lion, took pride in being a Lion, received a sense of accomplishment from service as a Lion and responded positively as well to six other assessments of their experience.

These successful clubs, called Gold Clubs, were then compared to the clubs, called Blue Clubs, that either showed member dissatisfaction or declining growth. Interestingly, the Gold and Blue Clubs differed in size, the former averaging 34 members and the latter 23, but were similar in terms of gender, age, marital status, presence of children, education, work status or income.

The survey further revealed that Gold Clubs broke down into three types, and Blue Clubs clustered around three separate frustrations. One type of Gold Club was family-oriented, wanting to involve the children and families of members in service (not to be confused with Family Membership clubs). The second type of Gold Club displayed a social orientation wherein members said their club has regular meetings that allows for socializing, is very welcoming and makes a member feel as though he or she belongs. The third type of Gold Club was the philanthropic: members said their club provides valuable services that directly help others and raises significant funds for charity, but their interest in the fellowship aspect of club life was not as strong as family-oriented or social clubs.

Members of the Blue Clubs identified their

frustrations thusly: 30 percent generally indicated they wanted more support, 25 percent wanted better gender balance and 19 percent wanted improved openness. Those characterized as wanting more support wished their club had more members, wished they were more knowledgeable about services of other clubs, wished district leadership provided more support and inspiration and wanted to have a mentor.



Those characterized as wanting better gender balance did not necessarily say their frustration was about the number of women in their club but wanted their club to equally involve men and women and wanted more women to serve in leadership roles. "So this data about women is not just about quantity but more about the quality of the experience our female Lions have. It's about leadership," says Kabira.

Those characterized as wanting improved openness said they wanted more protections in place to ensure club funds were used properly and more protections to ensure that club elections are run fairly. So the frustrations centered on transparency.

After completing the survey, LCI held focus groups with Gold Club members to assess how these clubs dealt with the issues that vexed Blue Clubs. In terms of finding support, the Gold Clubs tended to be proactive. "They actively used the internal and external support and resources they could access," says Kabira. Clubs found support through strong leadership within the club, or members held district or international positions that lent support. Clubs also availed themselves of zone and district resources and LCI resources.

Gold Club members in focus groups showed a mixed attitude toward women and equitable behavior. Attitudes ran the gamut: some valued women highly, others somewhat valued women as Lions and some resisted gender equality.

Gold Club members distinguished themselves more in fostering openness. Regarding elections, nominations can be made by any member, positions are available to all and a "next-in-line" approach is avoided. Elections also involve advance notice, formal ballots and open results. In terms of governance, monthly financial reports are shared, books are readily available and multiple signing authority exists. Also, key decisions are made by a club vote, and officers change yearly.

The survey showed a gap between what's important to Lions and what they experience, especially among Blue Clubs. The biggest gap was in finding ways to

involve children and families of members: this was important to Lions but relatively few Lions said their club did well on this score. The second biggest gap between desire and delivery was incorporating a sense of fun into service.

Gold and Blue Clubs members showed little difference in their regard of Lions' rituals and practices such as the Lions vest, pins exchange, Lions songs and cheers. Is wearing a vest important? Thirty-seven percent of Gold Club members said it was, 48 percent said it was practiced but is not important and 15 percent said it was not practiced. The numbers for Blue Club members were 33 percent, 55 percent and 12 percent.

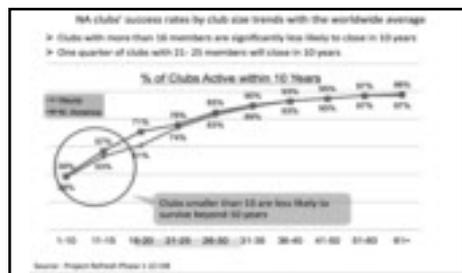
Is a cheer/roar important? Nineteen percent of Gold Club members said it was, 50 percent said it was practiced but not important and 31 percent said it was not practiced. The numbers for Blue Club members were 19 percent, 51 percent and 30 percent. "Our customs and rituals are beginning to lose relevance to many of our members," says Kabira.

The survey of Lions shows that ample opportunities exist for increasing membership, given what Project Refresh's survey of non-Lions revealed (October 2012 LION). In fact, the preferences of non-Lions for service loosely match the three types of Gold Clubs. Nearly 40 percent of non-Lions surveyed are interested in volunteering. Some want to involve their family when volunteering—matching the family-oriented Gold Clubs. Some want a volunteer experience with networking opportunities—matching the social Gold Club. Some are interested in volunteering for specific causes—corresponding to the philanthropic Gold Clubs.

A major takeaway of Project Refresh is the need for clubs and district governor teams, as well for GMT and GLT teams, to be sensitive to member satisfaction, says Sue Haney, manager of LCI's Extension and Membership Division. "Being a Lion is an experience. Clubs that offer satisfying community service to their members are our future," she says. She recommends clubs use the tool "How Are Your Ratings?" on the LCI website to assess and improve the experience of members.

Making service central to clubs also is a lesson from the survey. The Community Needs Assessment tool, also on the LCI website, helps clubs more effectively serve their community. Because the number two reason Lions joined was to participate in a specific service or cause, this tool can identify potential new members and valued hands-on projects.

Finally, LCI's Club Excellence Process helps clubs get better by developing action plans. "CEP is not just for clubs with issues. In fact, chances are it will help even more clubs that are doing well," says Haney.



Lions Clubs International Essay Contest MD-A Winner 2012-13 — *IMAGINE PEACE*

by Alyssa F. Burton, age 11

Peace Through Eyes That Can't See

Being a child who is blind, it is sometimes hard to picture things I can't touch, like a rainbow, clouds and stars. Sometimes it's hard to imagine peace because peace is different in everybody's mind and when people describe it to me they describe different things.

For my Mom, peace is watching a really good movie with no interruptions and relaxing and drinking her diet coke. For my Dad peace is fishing for cod in Newfoundland and getting lots of big fish. For many kids who are being bullied at school, peace would be a day when no one makes fun of them or excludes them from doing things with everyone else.

When I looked up the word 'Peace' in my Braille dictionary it gave me meanings of "Calm and Quiet" and "No War or Violence". When most people talk about peace they probably mean no war or violence. In Canada we don't have to worry so much about war but sometimes I think about kids my own age who have no idea what will happen to them each day when they step outside their house. Peace for them would be no violence, having a place to live, clean water, food, clothes and someone to protect them.

Peace can be possible all across the world if every person did a little to help. One person can influence a lot of people. At school we talked about how it only

takes one person to start a big change in the world. Imagine I'm in an extra small box by myself but that box can fit into a little bigger box with my Cross zones group and leader, then that box can fit into the bigger box which is my church. My church box can then fit into my community of Whitby box, which fits into my Province of Ontario box. My Province box can then go into my Country box and then it goes into the biggest box, which is the World Box. So if I start by influencing others in my first box and they also influence others in their boxes we can make anything happen - including peace for the world.

We can create our own Peace by doing things with people you know won't argue with you, or we could try to understand why the others who argue with you are acting differently compared to your other friends.

Peace for me, as a child with no vision, means having no-one exclude me because of my disability. It also means not having people being overprotective of me or bubble wrapping as I call it, and thinking I can't do things just because I can't see.

If we all start influencing people in our own boxes we will no longer have to imagine peace but we will be able to see what peace means to everybody.

submitted by the Lions Club of Whitby, District A-16:

Tom Gordon D.G.

Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest MD-A Winner 2012-13

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For 25 years, more than four million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The winner of the Peace Poster Contest in MDA was Hanna Maynes (12 years old – Grade 7) from District A-3. She was sponsored by **Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club**.

submitted by CC Bradd Anderson





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May 30, 31, June 1, 2, 2013

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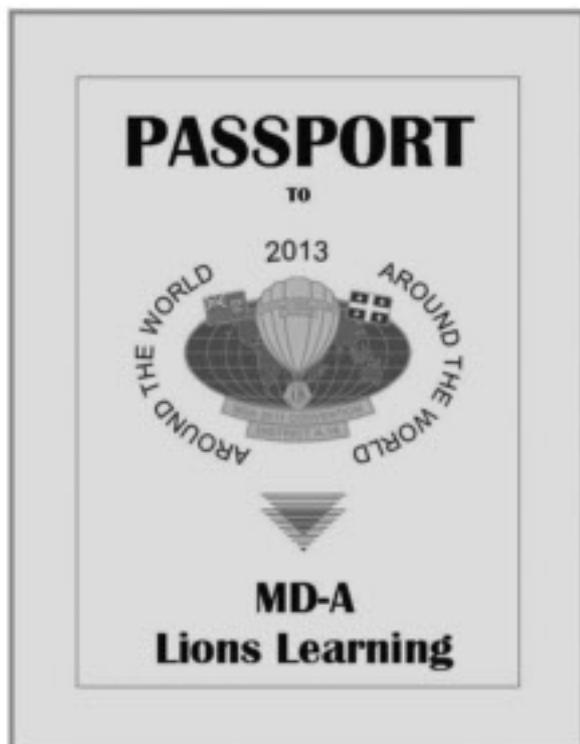
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Formosa Lions Take Up The Challenge To Fight Illiteracy

Lions Clubs International President **Wayne A. Madden** has encouraged Lions around the world to take up the challenge to fight illiteracy. This project is also endorsed by District A-9 Governor **Lion Charles Liddle** and this Christmas the Formosa Lions Club did their small part to encourage reading.

Annually **Lion Santa** visits Formosa Immaculate Conception School bringing bags of candies for the school children. This year the Formosa Lions Elves prepared a Christmas bag consisting of a book, a candy cane and a tooth brush for the 232 students attending Formosa Immaculate Conception.

Pictured is **Lion Santa Mike Hallahan** reading to Mr. Scott Armstrong (far right) and his Grade 1 French Class. Also pictured are Principal Mrs. Francine Pilon and resource teacher Mlle. Aleesh Mascarenhas (left of Santa) with Santa's elves **Lion Brenda Voisin** and **Lion Heidi Martin** who helped Santa pass out the gifts.

The books were purchased through The Scholastic's School Book Club and because of the Lions large purchase the school was allowed to choose \$200 worth of books for the school library.



Brick Pathway at Heritage Park

In 2012 **Palmerston Lions** installed 35,280 bricks towards the completion the 1,400 foot pathway in the Lions Heritage Park in the center of town. Work in the Park has included 17,000 hours of volunteer labour since 2007. Projects in 2012 also included the completion of a pavilion, lighting and electrical service as well as spreading 5 truckloads of topsoil.



The Palmerston Lions place the last brick on a pathway they installed in the Lions Heritage Park. From left, back row: Jack Porterfield, Bob LaComb, Buzz Bejer; Front row: Ed Podniewicz, Dave Wilson, Kent Faulkner, Keith Nelson and CN property committee chair and council member Ron Faulkner. Absent from photo: Bob Finlayson & Bob Emmerson.

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Supporting Grandview Kids

Community support is giving families of children with special needs and disabilities the opportunity to walk and talk. The **Lions Club of Courtice** in a show of support for the "Include Me" Campaign has made a contribution to Grandview Kids.

The Campaign aims to raise enough funds to reduce the number of children with special needs currently waiting to access critical therapy programs and services. "We hope to give 250 children the chance to walk and talk this season," says Vicky Earle, Executive Director Grandview Children's Foundation.

Thousands of children are being left behind by not receiving the critical therapy services when they need them. Government funding is not enough to keep pace with the number of children waiting, as the number grows daily. It is therefore community support that makes a real difference to the children waiting.



From left to right: Jack Fisher and Georgina Major of the Lions Club of Courtice (L-R) meet with some of Grandview Kids, while Vicky Earle accepts the cheque.

To find out more about how you can help Grandview kids, visit: helpourkids.ca

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting: September 7 - 8, 2012
- Council Meeting: November 2 - 3, 2012
- Council Meeting: March 1 - 2, 2013
- Council Meeting Convention: May 30 - June 2, 2013

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Leamington, Pelee Days Inn	April 12 - 14, 2013
A2	St. Catharines, Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway	March 22 - 24, 2013
A3	Kingston, Ambassador Hotel	April 12 - 14, 2013
A4	Ottawa, Brookstreet Hotel	April 12 - 14, 2013
A5	New Liskeard, Hotel TBA	April 12 - 14, 2013
A711	Mississauga, Delta Meadowvale Hotel	April 19 - 20, 2013
A9	Orangeville, Best Western Hotel	April 26 - 28, 2013
A12	Highland, Best Western Plus	April 26 - 28, 2013
A15	Cambridge, Holiday Inn	March 22 - 24, 2013
A16	Newmarket, Community Centre	April 26 - 28, 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2012/13	Richmond Hill, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North,	May 30 - June 2, 2013
2013/14	Huntsville	May 2 - 4, 2014

International Conventions

96th	Hamburg, Germany	July 5 - 9, 2013
97th	Toronto, Canada	July 4 - 8, 2014
98th	Honolulu, Hawaii	June 26 - 30, 2015
99th	Fukuoka, Japan	June 24 - 28, 2016
100th	Chicago Illinois, USA	June 30 - July 4, 2017

USA - Canada Forum

Sept. 13 - 15, 2012	Tampa Bay, Florida
Sept. 19 - 21, 2013	Overland Park, Kansas
Sept. 18 - 21, 2014	Puerto Rico
Sept., 2015	Grand Rapids

North Oshawa Lions

Accepting the keys to a 1994 Corvette from North Oshawa Lions President **Eric Buss** is Mr. Leo Pattison of Canborough, Ontario winner of the 2012 North Oshawa Lions annual car raffle held in conjunction with Autofest in Oshawa Ontario. Looking on are (left to right) Lions, **Peter Stephenson, Trevor McCullagh, John Hodgson, George Johnston, Doug Terry** and Autofest rep Dave Repol.



Dorset Lions Family Fishing Derby & Dinner

On September 2, 2012, the Dorset Lions held their 39th annual Family Fishing Derby and Dinner. 50 fish were entered and 121 people sat down for dinner. In addition to the trophies presented, all those who entered a fish had their pick of a prize from the prize table. All the prizes were donated by local businesses and individuals.



Lion Gina Baum presents the **Bobby Baum Memorial Trophy** for the largest fish entered to **Jenna Sykes**

Elmvale Lions Club

A banner was presented on Oct. 20, 2012 by Elmvale Lions Club to their sponsored Lions Club, **Nancy Island Lions Club** on their 1st charter in Wasaga Beach, Ontario. Shown from left to right are President **Mary Ratensperger, Jim Elliott**, Elmvale Lions, **Richard Ratensperger**-secretary.



Lions Gala For Sight

Toronto Netrayla Lions Club and **Toronto Doctors Lions Clubs** of Dist A-711 held a Gala on September 14, 2012 at Grand Victorian Convention Centre in Mississauga in support of excellence in vision research.

\$225,000 were raised for Canadian National Institute for the blind and Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation for its outreach to Narayna Nethralaya Post Graduate Institute of Ophthalmology in Bangalore. Laudatory messages were received from many federal and provincial leaders, Mayor Hazel McCallion, Preet Saran, Consul General on India and **Lion Wayne A. Madden**, International President of Lions International.

Among the distinguished guests were Hon. Jack Carmichael MP, Hon. Harinder Takhar MPP, Hon. Kathleen Wynne MPP, DG, Hon. Vim Kochhar, Chair, CFPD, **Lion Sam Dako**, PDG and Chair, Global Membership Team of Dist A-711 PDG **Lion Bill Allison**.

The sold out Gala (with over 500 attendees) opened with a DVD from Lions International showing a tribute by past president and a Lion, President **Jimmy Carter** to Lions International's accomplishment of eradicating River Blindness, the second most preventable infectious cause of Global Blindness through its Sight First Program at a cost of 345 million dollars. Chief Guest of the Gala was Premier of Ontario Hon. Dalton McGuinty who presented mementos to various sponsors of the Gala and praised the two lions clubs for their dedication in service.

The evening received musical accompaniment from Mandolin performance by Mohammad Nasiruddin at

stage and there were captivating dance performances by multicultural performers (Chinese, Latin, Bollywood, Russian). Silent auction and live auction culminated with a draw for a Mazda 2 car donated by Avni and Deepak Ruparell.

Only 500 tickets were printed, all were sold and the winner was drawn.

The Gala closed with speeches from CNIB CEO and President John Rafferty, Vasu Chanchlan.



Killaloe Lions

Killaloe Lions Club President **Jim Homer** dishes up hamburgers for fellow members **Bill Povey, Desiree McGlynn, Lynne Postill, Mary Povey, and Andy Gajda** at the club's 2012 summer barbeque. In addition to the social gathering, club members drew for "gifts of service" – services which club members volunteered to provide.



Napanee Lions Club

President **Floyd Scott** and members of the Napanee Lions Club are shown following a donation of \$5,000 which helped purchase a new side-by-side utility vehicle for the Greater napanee Fire Services. Less than 24 hours after delivery, the all-terrain vehicle was used to help fight a brush fire. Fire Chief Terry Gervais expressed the Department's appreciation saying there would be a lot of uses for the UTV.

submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



Generosity of Buckingham Lions Club with donations of \$164,987.00

Under the presidency of **Lion Mike Legault** whose term ended June 30th, the Buckingham Lions Club had a great year 2011-2012 with donations to the community totalling \$164,987. The major donations were as follows:

- 1) Distribution of 281 Christmas Baskets to the needy at a cost of 46,068 \$
 - 2) Visits and purchase of gifts totalling \$10,548 for the residents of the local Senior Citizen Homes and patients at the Buckingham Hospital
 - 3) Donation of 20,000 \$ to the Buckingham Hospital Foundation
 - 4) Donation of 25,000 \$ to the Bel-Age Foundation for use towards the construction of a new senior citizen home
 - 5) Donation of 25,000 \$ for ' La Maison de la Famille' an organization that assists the needy families of our region
- and many other donations.

submitted by Lion Richard Besner

Port Hope Lions

Members of the Port Hope Lions Club volunteered with Northumberland Habitat for Humanity in building a semi-detached home. One family has already moved in. The other half will be ready for a family in February, 2013.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



Lion President Jan Bisset, volunteer Sheila Stewart, Lions Doug Pettrigrew, Colin Whitefield, Secretary Bob Van Wort and Habitat for Humanity Project Manager Debbie Wilson

Lions International

A "Matching Grant" in the amount of \$75,750 from Lions Club International Foundation was presented in October, 2012 to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Foundation to be used to purchase equipment for the cancer unit. Shown are Steven MacDonald, Manager, Major Gifts and Lesley Heighway, President and CEO, both of the PRHC Foundation along with PDG **Lion Gord Taylor** and PDG **Lion Earl Oliver**.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



Arnprior Lions

In 2012, the Lions Club in Arnprior held a draw for an Apple iPad which raised \$1,529.02 for the Arnprior Volunteer Fire Department. The money will be used to buy a piece of extrication equipment for the department.

Submitted by Lion Travis MacLeod



Lion Club President Ed Cinkant presents a cheque to Arnprior Fire Department Chief John Okum

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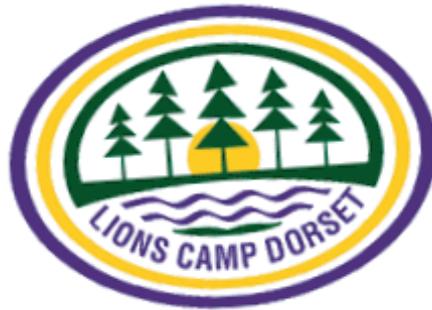
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Manotick Lions

Members of the Manotick Lions Clubs had a reason to celebrate – **Edith Scharf** commemorated the occasion of her 100th birthday by officially joining the service club. After years of supporting club functions and fundraisers, Aunt Edith and her niece-in-law **Marilyn Scarf**, were piped into the ceremony by **Lion Scott Cameron**, the youngest member of this club at 18 years. Looking on with great pride was charter member **Don Scarf** who warmly welcomed both ladies into the Pride.

Members of the Manotick Club, as well as 1st Vice District **Lion Tony Lawson** attended the ceremony making it a special day.



Front row Left to right: Don Scharf , new members Marilyn and Edith Scarf, Kris Schulz, President, Scott Cameron Piper. 2nd row behind Edith is 1st DG Tony Lawson

St. Marys Lions

Members of the St. Marys Lions Club took part in the 2012 Santa Clause Parade in St. Marys, Ontario. The planning group ‘caged’ their lions and sent them out in search of Santa.



Lions Marianne, Jill, Gerry, Mike, Ron, Rob



Lion Bob McGregor -
25 yr Member this year

Lion Cub

Delaware Lions Club

Lion Ross McTaggart receives his Lions Clubs International “LIFE MEMBERSHIP”

Delaware Lions celebrated with Lion Ross McTaggart and his wife Bev as they presented him with an LCI “LIFE MEMBERSHIP”. Lion Ross served as Charter Secretary of the Delaware Lions Club 1971-1972. In the Club he served as President, Secretary and Treasurer, held most other positions and chaired numerous committees over the years. In the District he served as Zone Chair and Cabinet Secretary –Treasurer. Through his leadership and personal contributions for more than 42 years, Lion Ross has been a major factor in the success of the Delaware Lions Club and its Members. From initiating the formation of the Club, through his leadership and his endless contributions to his Club’s activities and projects, major and minor, Lion Ross has served his community as a true LION.



Breakfast with Santa

Santa had a special visitor at Breakfast with Santa, on November 24 with the **Amherstview Lions Club**. The visitors were A3 District Governor **Mary Ann Smith**, and PDG **Vic Smith**.



Alexandria Lions Club

Recently **Lion Wally Hope** of the Alexandria Lions Club was recognised with a presentation of a plaque declaring him a Life Member Lion for his 50 years in lionism.

He is shown below between **Lion President Michel Depratto** and **Lion Secretary Gaetan Ravary**.

submitted by Lion Gaetan Ravary



Lakefield and District Lions Club

Over a thousand people were in the Christmas spirit when they lined the streets of Lakefield to watch the Santa Parade organized by the Lakefield and District Lions Club . Treats, provided by the Lakefield Lions and Lioness were provided when children and parents visited Santa at the Lakefield Legion. At the end of the busy day the Lakefield and District Lions enjoyed a turkey supper at C.B.D. Transports huge garage.



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