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A Year for Innovation: A Year for Progress

by **Dr. Tae-Sup Lee**
**The International Association
of Lions Clubs**

The year before us promises to be both exciting and rewarding—exciting because of the many challenges that await us to strengthen the association and expand our service activities, and rewarding because of the accomplishments I am certain we will record as members of the largest and most honored service club organization in the world. It was a proud moment for me a few weeks ago at our convention in Denver when I was installed as international president and I sincerely thank each of you for the trust and confidence you have in me as I assume the post of chief executive officer of Lions Clubs International.

Our theme for 2003-2004 is "Innovation: Gateway To Our Future." It recognizes the need to closely inspect and analyze the approach each club and district employs in organizing and conducting service activities, fundraising drives and membership recruitment campaigns. Are they still relevant to current conditions or should new and innovative means be used? Are there perhaps more creative ways which could be introduced to achieve desired results? These are important points to consider, and to do so on a regular basis, if our emblem is to continue to represent the very finest in the sphere of volunteerism.

I am looking forward to my visits this year with Lions around the world to witness their service programs and learn of their plans for the future. It will also serve as a personal opportunity for me to encourage them

to be as innovative as they can possibly be in their community activities and in their strategies for membership growth and retention. By profession, I am an engineer and very much attuned to the marvels of

science and technology. Consequently, I believe every Lions club should take advantage of all modern technology has to offer in their administrative and service activities and in their interaction with other clubs. This means Web sites, including the association's own



The new International President, his wife, Haing-Ja, and family wave to well wishers during demonstration after his installation at the Denver Convention.

technically advanced site, e-mail, video productions perhaps of their service projects, progressive computer technology, voice mail and other innovative measures should be given serious consideration for development and application. This is not merely change for the sake of change; it is changing to bring about more efficient and extensive operations.

By using this technology to the fullest and enhancing the scope of activities that are relevant to the needs



President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee

of today, the possibilities for quality service and extended growth are superb. However, they will become realities only when nearly 1.4 million Lions the world over accept the responsibility for the place they can occupy in the future. As your international president, I am confident we will meet the challenges which await us, and do so with unbounded success, not only because of our commitment to the ideals of "We Serve," but also in light of the magnificent legacy of service we have to build upon, one that reflects more than 80 years of unparalleled accomplishment.

Remember, our emblem looks both proudly to the past and to the future with assurance. Indeed, Lions Clubs International has grown to earn its stature in large part because of this continuity of purpose, because Lions have drawn upon what has gone before to further solidify their objectives of quality community and humanitarian service.

During the ensuing months, I will write about a variety of topics of primary concern to the goals and growth of this association. Each will stress that it is the duty of all Lions to give of their time and talents on behalf of our far-reaching objectives and testify to the decisive importance of implementing the spirit of this year's theme—"Innovation: Gateway To Our Future."

Lioness History

#23 in a series of 26 articles
Written by Lioness Sheila Hicks

Short Talk #23

In 1917, in the city of Chicago, Melvin Jones, secretary of The Business Circle, a group of men devoted to the promotion of business interest of its members, noted their apathy and asked the question of himself what if these men, successful in business, where to channel some of their drive towards helping to improve their community.

On June 7, 1917, Melvin Jones met with representatives of various men's groups and Lionism was officially launched. Within a few short years Lions Clubs where formed in Windsor, Canada, and in Mexico and the Lions Clubs truly became International.

With the launching of this new organization came the need to raise funds and the discovery they needed help of a feminine nature, so along with the growth of Lionism grew the Auxiliary of Lions, made up of wives and friends of the Lions.

The auxiliaries worked along side the Lions raising monies for their different projects, till October 1975 when the Board of Directors of the International Association of Lions Clubs voted to give International recognition to the women who had been serving in Lions Club Auxiliaries all over the world.

On December 24, 1975, the Mount Pleasant Lions Auxiliary of North Carolina was certified as the Mount

Pleasant Lioness Club. In six months over 496 Lioness Clubs were formed worldwide with over 12,400 members. The movement continued to grow until the first Lioness Multiple District was formed in Turkey in June of 1980. The first District in the United States was formed in the State of Oregon in January of 1981. In 1987 the Lions Constitution was changed to allow women to become Lions and men to become Lioness. In response to the change in 1989, International President William Woolard was inducted into the Mount Pleasant Lioness Club. In 1992 the directors of Lions International withdrew recognition of the Lioness Clubs. In District A-5 and Multiple District "A" the reaction was anger and dismay that Lions International could do such a thing and at the time to many Lioness the end seemed near. The Lions Clubs made it known they supported the Lioness' so in District A-5 the Lioness are still strong and growing.

The Lioness Clubs are sponsored by a Lions Club and follow the same format as the Lions with the only difference being, no dues to Lions International and no voting rights for district officers. Lioness Clubs are made up of women interested in extending a helping hand to their fellow man be it local or internationally. We support Homes

for the Deaf, Sight Conservation, CNIB, Drug Awareness to name a few.

Our Emblem is the Letter "L" standing for Law, Liberty, Labour, Loyalty, Love and Lions; on a circle representing the Lions and Lions Club or Lioness Club all bound together into one; Lions profile looking two ways representing a Lions or Lioness looking in every direction for an opportunity to give unselfish service. It is the unwritten obligation of every Lioness to wear and display the emblem with pride.

Our colours are purple and gold. Purple stands for loyalty to country, loyalty to friends, loyalty to one's self and to the integrity of mind and heart. It's the traditional colour of strength, courage and tireless dedication to a cause. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberty in judgement, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and purpose towards fellow men. Although Lioness clubs are not recognized by Lions International, in District A-5 we are still a strong force. As of October 1994 quarterly reports, there are 15 Lioness Clubs with 285 Lioness and growing. On November 1994 A-5 Governor Cleo Roy became the first male Lioness in the district by joining the Azilda Lioness. We, as Lioness continue to work toward the betterment of our fellow man, believing strongly in our motto "We Serve".

Pancakes and Golf

The second annual Pancake Breakfast and Maple Syrup Sale was held at two locations, the Canlon Arena in East Oakville on June 1st and the Oakville's Meeting Place at Hilmer's Park on Water Street on June 15th which yielded over \$3,000. Our clubs annual golf tournament was held at Hornby Glen Golf Course, in Hornby on June 17th and netted over \$9,000.

Reported by Lion George Winnett



One of the winners with the stuffed Lion as the prize in the colouring contest.



Lion David McCoomber tossing the pancakes.

Une année pour l'innovation: une année pour le progrès

Par Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
président Association Internationale
des Clubs Lions

L'année qui vient promet d'être excitante et enrichissante — excitante par les nombreux défis qui nous attendent pour renforcer l'association et développer nos activités de service et enrichissante par les réalisations que, j'en suis sûr, nous allons effectuer en tant que membres de la plus grande et la plus respectée des organisations de club service. Pour moi, ce fut un moment de grande fierté lorsque j'ai été élu président international et je vous remercie sincèrement de m'avoir fait confiance et d'avoir cru en moi alors que j'assume le poste d'officiel en chef de l'Internationale des clubs Lions.

Notre thème pour l'année 2003-2004 est "Innovation: porte vers l'avenir". Nous reconnaissons ainsi le besoin de scruter minutieusement et d'étudier l'approche employée par chaque club et district dans l'organisation et la conduite des activités de service, les campagnes de financement et les entreprises de recrutement des membres. Sont-elles encore pertinentes dans les conditions actuelles ou devrions-nous utiliser des moyens différents et innovateurs? Il faut examiner régulièrement ces points importants si nous voulons que notre devise soit de continuer à représenter l'excellence dans la sphère du bénévolat.

C'est avec impatience que j'attends mes visites de cette année avec les Lions du monde pour voir leurs programmes de service et connaître leurs plans pour l'avenir. Ce sera aussi une occasion personnelle de les encourager à être aussi innovateur que possible dans leurs activités communautaires et dans leurs stratégies visant la croissance et la rétention de l'effectif. Je suis ingénieur de profession et très au

courant des merveilles de la science et de la technologie. Par conséquent, je crois que chaque club Lions devrait profiter de tout ce que la technologie moderne offre pour leurs activités administratives et de service et dans leur interaction avec les autres clubs. Il faut considérer sérieusement les sites Web, incluant le site sophistiqué de l'association elle-même, les courriels, peut-être des productions vidéos de leurs projets de service, la technologie informatique croissante, les boîtes vocales et toutes autres mesures innovatrices qui aideraient le développement et l'application. Ceci ne veut pas simplement dire changer pour changer; c'est un changement qui entraînera une gestion plus efficace et plus vaste.

En utilisant la technologie au maximum et en rehaussant la portée des activités qui répondent aux besoins actuels, les possibilités sont excellentes pour offrir un service de qualité et pour favoriser la croissance. Toutefois, elles ne prendront forme que lorsque 1,4 millions de Lions dans le monde entier prendront la responsabilité d'occuper la place qui leur revient dans l'avenir. En tant que président international, je suis confiant que nous relèverons les défis qui nous attendent et nos succès seront sans limite, non seulement en raison de notre engagement envers les idéaux de "Nous Servons" mais aussi à la lumière de l'héritage magnifique de service que nous devons consolider, un héritage qui reflète plus de 80 ans de réalisations sans pareilles.

Souvenez-vous que c'est avec assurance que notre emblème se tourne fièrement autant vers le passé que vers l'avenir. Vraiment, l'envergure qu'a prise l'Internationale des clubs Lions est dûe en grande



President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee

partie à cette continuité de but et parce que les Lions se sont appuyés sur leurs réalisations préalables pour solidifier davantage leurs objectifs de service communautaire et humanitaire de qualité.

Durant les prochains mois, j'écrirai sur une variété de sujets d'intérêt primordial pour les buts et la croissance de cette association. Chacun des articles va souligner la responsabilité de tous les Lions de donner leur temps et leurs talents dans l'intérêt de nos objectifs à long terme et démontrer l'importance incontestable d'implanter l'esprit du thème de cette année—"Innovation: porte vers l'avenir".

RVH Scores



Catherine Jones, Manager of the Cancer Care Program at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, accepts a cheque for \$1,308 from Lioness Anne Bell, Joan Crowell and Lion Bob Bell. The funds were raised by the Angus Lions and Lioness at the First Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Circle your calendar for May 8, 2004, when the 2nd Annual Tournament will take place.

LCIF IN ACTION

Help LCIF Help Lions Serve Others

by Kay K. Fukushima, LCIF Chairperson

One of the privileges of serving as LCIF Chairperson is witnessing Lions in action helping others on a global scale. I wish you could see what I have seen: the relieved smiles of mothers and fathers when their children are protected against blindness, the gratitude of victims of hurricanes and floods after being provided with food and clothing, the joy of men and women whose sight has been restored through cataract surgeries.

LCIF empowers Lions to do a world of good. The foundation thwarts blindness in Africa and Latin America by supporting treatments for river blindness. It prevents blindness in the United States, Canada and other developed nations by warning people of diabetic eye disease and glaucoma. It brings aid and comfort to victims of natural disaster around the world.

But the assistance LCIF provides is not just about making life better or more comfortable for people. It also leads to fuller, more productive lives for them and their communities. People who can see can work and take care of their families. Likewise, when

we give a disabled person a job skill or adequate housing, we benefit not only him or her but also the whole community.

Who makes all this good possible? Lions. Their contributions to LCIF enable the foundation to do good on a global scale.

We need your contributions more than ever before. In 2002-2003, LCIF awarded about US\$31 million in grants, yet took in only about US\$17.5 million in donations. Unless donations increase, LCIF will not be able to fund projects at the same level as in the past.

Lions can support LCIF in one of three ways: Melvin Jones Fellowships, Contributing Memberships or through the Legacy program.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is a wonderful way for a Lion to demonstrate his or her dedication to community service and for clubs, districts or individual Lions to recognize a Lion (or non-Lion) for such service. The honor is given to individuals who contribute US\$1,000 to LCIF or people for whom such donations are made. Contributing Memberships annually honor

individuals who make unrestricted donations of US\$20, US\$50 or US\$100 to LCIF. The Legacy program offers gift annuities with attractive rates of return and tax savings (where applicable).

To increase donations and to provide additional ways to recognize Lions, I will soon announce my **Helping Hands Program** for the 2003-2004 year. This Melvin Jones fellowship program will offer goals and awards for clubs and districts. The program's details will be announced shortly in THE LION and on the LCIF Web site (www.lcif.org and www.lionsclubs.org).

There is no better time to do good for others than this very minute. As I write these words, LCIF is teaming with Lions and its partner organizations to bring sight to the blind, assist the disabled, give youths opportunity, find cures for disease and aid victims of natural disasters. Please help LCIF help Lions serve others.

For more information on donating, call LCIF at 630-571-5466, ext. 581 or 574 or visit our Web site at www.lcif.org.

Price Correction for Convention Theme Dance:



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A" 2004 "OLDE TYME CONVENTION"



May 27th, May 28th, May 29th, May 30th 2004

Holiday Inn select. 970 Dixon Road, Etobicoke, (Toronto) Ontario, M9W 1J9

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SATURDAY

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Awards

Helen Keller

Ajax Lions Awards night Wednesday May 28, 2003, President Lawrence Smith presented P.D.G. Al Nowitski (25 years service) and Lions Jim Glendinning (24 years service) with Helen Keller Awards for their outstanding contributions to Lionism and the community.



Congratulations to Lioness Cathy Ash, of the Washago and District Lioness Club, who was presented with the Helen Keller Award for outstanding service by President Lioness Carol Keith.

Melvin Jones



Lion Frank Pearson of Niagara On The Lake is pictured here receiving the Melvin Jones Award. Presentation was made by Lion Chief Maggie Palmer and Vice District Governor Elect Fred Broughton at the close out meeting in June.



District Governor Lion Dan Davis and Cabinet Secretary Lion Debbie Howell were presented with Melvin Jones Awards. The Deseronto Lions Club is in District A-3 and is very proud of them. A job well done guys.

Team Effort



Langton Lions Branch Club formed a team to participate in the 2003 Relay For Life Run held at Tillsonburg on June 13th, 2003. We are proud of our club members and friends who gladly gave of their time to run in this event, and for the amount of pledges which amounted to \$1,591.00.

Pictured from the back left: Langton Lion Bob Opdecam, Kim Woon, Lori McElhone, Janice Yallop and Langton Lion Art Vandendriessche. Front from left, Team Captain Lion Dianne Kersten, Lion Juliet VanLeuvenhage, Lion Simone Coppens, Lion Marlene Opdecam, and Lion Deb Vandendriessche.

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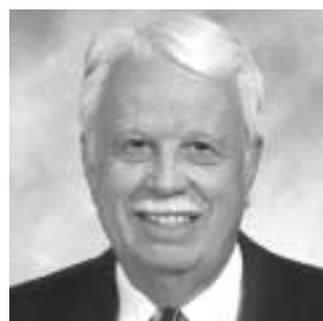
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From the Council Chair



Friends in Lionism throughout MD"A"

Lions, Lioness and Leos of MD"A" - First let me say it is indeed a distinct honour and privilege to be the Council Chair of one of the best Multiple Districts in the World. Many thanks to my fellow Governors and Governors Elect for giving me this very special opportunity. Ron and I will do our best for all of you in the Family of Lionism. Immediate Past International Director Art, Past International Directors, Past Council Chairs Harry and Tim, Research and Long Range Planning Chair Tim, Secretary John and Past Treasurer Gil; you were all most helpful as we chose Chairs and Committees to work with and for the Lions Family through the coming year. Several of these teams have already met and others are scheduled. My challenge to all Committees is more communication to the districts and members so that all may have a better idea of the help that is available from our Multiple District. Denver was certainly a great

Convention City. What a thrill to carry our flag, leading the Lions Family in our very distinguishable, very Canadian safari shirts, marching to the 5 County Pipe Band; words of "Welcome Canada" from the spectators; watching the International Family stand and sing O Canada with us at the reviewing stand; carrying our flag to lead in the 5 County Band as they perform for the International Performance Festival; cheering and waving our flags as the 5 County Band did a special performance at Coors Field before the ball game; and all on the 1st of July. PCC Dale, you and your family did an excellent job, taking care of everyone's needs and concerns throughout the whole convention and we all appreciate your dedication and "Innovation". Arranging for the wheel chair and motorized scooter for Marilyn and Grant was so thoughtful and MD"A" is again on the map when you arranged for some social time with refreshments and snacks before and after our Canadian Caucus Meeting. Thank you so much, Dale, Carol, Cayle and Mark.

It was absolutely awesome to have nominations from MD"A" in the Top Five in the World in three categories at the Academy Awards of Lionism and you should have seen our then ID Art hold the Award high for Club of the Year - based on Building a Better Tomorrow Theme. The winning club was Tiverton and District, A - 9 and, I'm very proud to say, my home club. WOW It was July 3 and what a finish for ID Art and I as we left office the next day when new Directors and Governors took over!

Governors, I very much look forward to the Council Meetings. You have some challenges to consider with

the closing of the office; the International Convention in Detroit/Windsor; adopting a plan for a Training Conference for all the Lions Family; and how we will be selecting our Council chair down the road. You are coming together as a team, will do a fine job, and MD"A" will continue to be a strong multiple district. Sec. John and Interim Treasurer Wayne; you are working very hard to make everything happen on schedule and I really appreciate all your efforts.

What an honour for us to have our International President, Dr Tae - Sup Lee and his wife Haing - Ja visit our Province, Aug. 6 to 10. IPID Art and Carole did a super job, making all the arrangements and taking care of them. He is an avid golfer and she an enthusiastic shopper! They visited our Foundation at Oakville and Breslau, where he officially opened the new Pavilion and helped to dedicate the Pet Memorial Wall. It was very exciting for everyone who met them, to say the least. It is not often that we have the opportunity to host Our International President and First Lady. I'm hoping we can get some pictures of their visit together for our magazine. His Theme of "Innovation - Gateway to our Future", has a broad scope and gives our Governors and every member of every club the power and suggestion to try new things and introduce change. Having just had the best year in Lionism in about 30 years we are all challenged to do even better as "We Serve"

I wish every member of the Lions Family a great year. Work hard, Serve well, but be sure to have Fun!!

Lion Betty Jean Findley
Council Chair



*Lion Ross Sparling with 25th
Lifetime Membership Plaque.*

25 very special years

The Temiscaming Lions Club held their 25th Anniversary Charter night on Saturday, June 14, 2003. Many of the members were singled out for their good work and dedication. A special tribute was given to Lion Ross Sparling for his work over the past 25 years. Lion Ross was one of the founding fathers and has always been involved with our club. President Lion Henry presented

Lion Ross with a lifetime membership plaque and pin. This kind of tribute is very rare and emphasizes the extreme importance of the work done by the recipient.

Lion Lourette Sparling was also presented with a plaque in honour for all her involvement with the club - especially Lions Telethon and Lions Spring Fair.

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coordinate them and have them available for everyone.

Honouring a family member at Lions Park



A plaque honouring the late Mark Petherick, who served 19 years as the groundskeeper for Lions Park, was unveiled Saturday by the Campbellford Lions. Petherick who died last August at age 39, was remembered by Lions Doug Hagerman, Lioness president Maureen Dikun and Trent Hills Mayor George McCleary as a kind person dedicated to his work. McCleary also praised the two service clubs for their contributions to the community and he thanked the Lions for establishing and maintaining the park, which began as an open space area filled with weeds and brush in the 1950s. It cost the Lions between \$10,000 and \$12,000 a year to keep the park open. Members of the Petherick family on hand for the ceremony, which also saw the Canadian and Lions flags raised on a new flag pole, were, left to right, standing, Mark's parents Ruth and John, brother-in-law Brian McMurray, sister Penny Marshman and her husband Larry, nephews Tyler and Kyle McMurray, and sister Cindy McMurray. In front are his grandmother Dorothy Young and niece Kelsey Marshman.

Five Counties Benefits



Bobcaygeon Lions secretary, Wally MacKinnon and president Jim McWatters, were honoured to donate \$1,663 to purchase communication devices and adapted toys for use with non verbal and/or physically challenged young clients of Five Counties Children's Centre. Dave Adams and his daughter Amanda, were pleased to accept the generous donation which will help make a major difference in the lives of youngsters.

Making Life Better



Left to Right: Past President Lion Sol Mednick, Past President Lion Alan Brown, Past President and Charter Member Lion Mickey Snow, Zareinu Executive Directory Randy Spiegel, and the far right, Past President and Past District Governor Lion Burt Jacobs.

Forest Hill Lions Club Tributing to Zareinu Educational Centre of Metropolitan Toronto \$10,000 to assist in the purchase of specialized equipment and to provide therapy for children through the elementary & high school ages. Many of the children are non verbal and have mobility challenges.



87th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention
July 5-9, 2004 Detroit, Michigan, USA & Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form

Deadlines

- December 31, 2003 Room blocks at delegation hotels are opened to other Lions.
- May 1, 2004: Deadline for advance registration. Registrations after this date will be processed in Detroit.
- May 1, 2004: Deadline to receive a refund for a registration cancellation.
- June 18, 2004: Deadline to receive a refund for a hotel reservation cancellation.

A. Convention Registration Please type or print. NOTE: One Lion per form unless both spouses are Lions.

1. Given/First Name _____ Family/Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____
 Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____
 Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District No. _____ Title _____ Leo

2. Given/First Name _____ Family/Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____
 Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District No. _____ Title _____ Leo Non-Lion

3. Given/First Name _____ Family/Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____ Adult Child

4. Given/First Name _____ Family/Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____ Adult Child
 Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above]
 The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation into LCI's ten official languages. Will you require a headset?
 No Yes for _____ language.

B. Convention Events I/we plan to attend the following events (must be registered above to attend)

EVENT	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 8 / 12:30 – 2:30	\$35	_____	\$ _____
International Show	July 8 / time tbd	\$ 0	_____	\$ _____ 0
District Governor/Past District Governor Banquet	July 8 / 6:30 – 11:00 pm	\$55	_____	\$ _____
Past International Presidents/Past International Directors Banquet (2 Comp tickets for each past president and past director)	July 8 / 6:30 – 11:00 pm	\$55	_____	\$ _____
			TOTAL	US\$ _____

C. Hotel Room Request • At least one adult registration fee must be paid with each room reservation.

- Only 1 room request per form / Only 1 deposit per form
- Hotel deposit is NOT daily rate but holds the room. Deposit will be credited to hotel bill.

Choose one: Guest room (US\$150 deposit) Suite (Contact LCI for availability) NO ROOM REQUIRED

Hotel Arrival Date _____ Hotel Departure Date _____

Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other _____

Indicate special needs _____

• Type of bedding, early arrivals and/or late departures, and special requests are based on hotel availability.

NO ROOM REQUIRED. I am staying at _____ Please send me information on RV Parks.

D. Payment • Full payment is required with this form.

- US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.
- Visa and MasterCard accepted. Credit card **must** be in the name of the registrant.
- Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES	Adult	Child (17 and under)
Early (before 31/Dec/2003)	US\$80	US\$10
Regular (1/Jan-31/March/2004)	US\$90	US\$20
Late (1/April/2004 – onsite)	US\$100	US\$30
Number of Adult Registrations _____	x US\$ _____	= US\$ _____
Number of Child Registrations _____	x US\$ _____	= US\$ _____
A. TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES		US\$ _____
B. TOTAL CONVENTION EVENTS		US\$ _____
C. TOTAL HOTEL DEPOSIT	x US\$ 150.00	= US\$ _____
	TOTAL DUE	US\$ _____

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Lake Joseph Officially Re-Opens Main Lodge at Lions Appreciation Day Ceremony

MUSKOKA, ON - August 27, 2003 - Lake Joseph officially re-opened its doors of the Main Lodge on August, 16th its annual Lions Appreciation Day. A day dedicated to Lions and Lioness and their partners in service from across the province who supported the Lake Jo redevelopment project.

Lake Joseph, a safe holiday facility dedicated to people who are blind, visually impaired and deafblind suspended its programs last year due to accelerated climate property damage.

During that time, Lions and Lioness as well as clients of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) pulled together raise funds to sustain programming.

"Lake Jo's Appreciation Day was a huge success. We had well over 200 in attendance. The day consisted of a ribbon pulling ceremony, paddle boating challenge, water skiing, mini putting, great food and lots of great people,"

said Ryan Chin, who manages the Lake Joseph Centre and is also a client of CNIB.

Clients, staff, volunteers and friends of Lake Joseph including: Jim Saunders (CNIB president and CEO), Penny Hartin (CNIB Ontario Executive Director), Greg

Dimmer (CNIB Ontario Board Chair), Betty Jean Finlay (Lion, Council Chair, MD "A"), Dan Moore (Lion, Sight Conservation Chair), Howard Fines (Lion, Assistant Sight Conservation Chair) and Ryan Chin (Lake Joseph Manager) are just a few to participate in the ribbon pulling ceremony.

If your club is interested in having a speaker or receiving a cassette about the Lake Joseph Centre, please call

Lion Ryan at: Summer: 705-375-263 Winter: 905-528-8555, ext 132. If your club would like to receive updates about the Centre please send a message to: ryan.chin@cnib.ca



Port McNicoll Lions Donation

On March 11, 2003, the Port McNicoll Lions Club presented \$39,000 to various community organizations including a cheque for \$5,000 to the Simcoe-Muskoka District Office of the CNIB. Enjoying the festivities of the evening are (left to right) Marilyn Smith, Gerry Smith, Barb Ennis, President Maurice Roi, Bob Byers and the Club Mascot. A warm thank you to the Port McNicoll Lions Club for their wonderful support.

Lions Quest National Family Week

Many adults struggle to find a balance between the dual roles of parent and employee. They want to spend quality time with their children but they also strive to be successful and productive in their careers. Unfortunately, due to the high-stress tasks and overwhelming expectations that adult-life consists of many adults lack the time and energy necessary to impart these goals on a daily basis.

Family Services Canada recognizes the stresses and trials of day to day life, and their impact on family life. As a result, Family Services Canada is planning National Family Week as a way to help adults find a balance between their family and career demands, and to help adults and children reconnect, foster positive relationships, and spend quality time with one another. The week's activities will include the third annual International Walk to School Day. Find out how you can get involved in your community. Organizations



affiliated with Family Services Canada offer advice regarding asset building for children, tips when hiring a caregiver, relaxation techniques, working from home, and other related information can be found in the NFW Information Package.

National Family Week takes place October 6 to October 12, 2003. Get involved; with your kids, friends, grandchildren, neighbours, and celebrate all our "families"!

Visit www.lions-quest.ca under "What's New" to download the NFW Information Package, or to obtain further information regarding activities, advice, and affiliated organizations.

A-2 Long Point Lion named director of International stamp club (LISC)

At the recent Lions International Convention in Denver, Colorado in early July, Lion Bob McClelland of the Long Point Lions Club was named to the Board of Directors of the Lions International Stamp Club for a two year term.

McClelland, a life-long stamp collector, has been among those Lions lobbying Canada Post for a commemorative postage stamp for the Detroit-Windsor Convention in July of 2004.

LISC meet annually at each international convention and during the year in some countries with concentrated membership. Dues are only \$15 (U.S. funds) annually. Members receive four (4) issues of the club's newsletter and a yearly roster.

Any MD-A Lions members interested in joining the LISC to trade and swap Lions stamps from many countries should contact Lion Bob McClelland, R.R.#3, Port Rowan, ON NOE 1M0, or Tel (519) 586-8785.

Club Briefs

Courtland Lions

Courtland Lions Club President Roger Geysens presented a cheque in the amount of \$3,400.00 - the first of three toward a \$10,000.00 donation to the Tillsonburg Hospital Tri-County Dialysis Committee.

Thornhill Lions

The Thornhill Lions' Club first ever Annual Spring Dinner Dance and Silent Auction ... was a fantastic success attended by over 300 guests and raising over \$12,000.00 for a variety of local charities. With a massive Silent Auction and lots of door prizes everyone went home happy!

Thornhill Lions



2003 Thornhill Lions Club President Lion Dave Weglo, and 2004 President Elect Lion Graham Upcraft, present a donation cheque to Davio DiMonte, the Founder and President of Canadian HERO (Canadian Hand Emulation Research Organization) at an annual dinner at the Heintzman House, Thornhill.

Long Point Lions

Long Point Lions Club President Peter Brenner presented a cheque in the amount of \$5,000.00 - the first of five toward a \$25,000.00 donation to the Tillsonburg Hospital Tri-County Dialysis Committee.

Bobcaygeon Lions

The Bobcaygeon Lions Club have just completed their latest community project by painting the 560' of fence at Tommy Anderson Park. Thanks guys, things look much brighter now! Another job well done by your Bobcaygeon Lions Club in action!

AUDITOR'S REPORT

**International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District A Statement of Financial Position
June 30**

	2003	2002
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$56,410	\$32,365
Short term investments, at market value	184,776	187,908
Receivables - dues	660	1,078
- other	36,621	31,930
Inventory (Note 4)	19,944	18,198
Prepaid expenses	13,495	17,703
	<u>\$311,906</u>	<u>\$289,182</u>

Liabilities

Current		
Payables and accruals	\$65,607	\$47,944

Fund balances

Internally restricted funds (Page 4)	32,367	25,371
Unrestricted general fund	213,932	215,867
	<u>246,299</u>	<u>241,238</u>
	<u>\$311,906</u>	<u>\$289,182</u>

Commitments (Note 5)

**International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District A
Statement of Operations and Changes in General Fund
Balance**

Year Ended June 30	2003	2002
Revenue		
Club dues	\$217,091	\$219,346
The Lion magazine (Note 6)	122,914	136,543
Miscellaneous revenue (Note 7)	6,924	6,136
Interest earned	9,949	9,360
	<u>356,878</u>	<u>371,385</u>
Expenditures		
Office expenses	120,795	136,400
Region officers	35,511	33,712
The Lion magazine (Note 6)	135,866	138,106
Council expenses	11,094	9,491
Vice District Governor	13,725	13,274
Promotion	12,717	22,095
District convention	4,600	4,370
Council Chairman elect	2,000	5,481
Council Chairman	3,823	4,083
Convention advisory	2,848	3,199
Research and Planning	4,365	2,871
Multiple District A - Forum	174	323
Constitution and by-laws	1,639	515
Restructuring	-	200
MERL	3,624	3,232
Opportunities for Youth	2,447	1,710
International Advisory	2,648	5,184
Bulletin contest	-	404
Sight conservation	937	903
Ad Hoc	-	1,194
	<u>358,813</u>	<u>386,747</u>

Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures (1,935) (15,362)

General Fund balance, beginning of year 215,867 231,229

General Fund balance, end of year \$213,932 \$215,867

**International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District A**

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2003

1. Purpose of the organization

The International Association of Lions Club Multiple District A provides administrative support to Lions Clubs in Ontario and Quebec. The Lions Clubs are service organizations providing support and assistance to less fortunate members in the community.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Fund accounting

The International Association of Lions Clubs follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

General fund

The General Fund accounts for the organization's program delivery and administrative activities.

Restricted funds

Internally Restricted Funds report restricted resources that are to be used for specific programs as determined by the members of the Association.

Capital assets

Capital asset acquisitions are generally incidental and are written off in the year of acquisition.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

3. Statement of changes in cash flow

A statement of changes in cash flow is not presented as it would not provide meaningful additional information.

4. Inventory

	2003	2002
Safari shirts	\$ 1673	\$ 789
MD "A" pins	4,000	1,877
Umbrellas	580	660
MD "A" caps	755	881
Material	11,928	12,638
Windshirts	429	654
Fanny packs	579	699
	<u>\$ 19,944</u>	<u>\$ 18,198</u>

5. Commitments

The Association has entered into an agreement to lease its premises until 2004. The annual rent of premises consists of a minimum rent plus maintenance. Minimum rent payable for premises over the next fiscal year is \$10,734.

Report Cont'd

6. The Lion magazine 2003 2002

Revenues

Reimbursement from Lions Clubs International	\$ 107,589	\$ 114,333
Subscriptions & advertising	<u>15,325</u>	<u>22,210</u>
	\$ 122,914	\$ 136,543

Expenses

Printing & translation costs	\$ 132,378	\$ 135,176
Expense reports	997	455
Miscellaneous	<u>2,491</u>	<u>2,475</u>
	\$ 135,866	\$ 138,106

7. Miscellaneous revenue 2003 2002

MDA Forum	\$ 2,479	\$ -
Inventory difference & Intl Dir	2,445	4,136
Lioness fund	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$ 6,924	\$ 6,136

8. Comparative Figures

Certain of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the financial statements presentation adopted for the current year.

International Association of Lions Clubs Multiple District A Schedule of Office Expenses

Year Ended June 30	2003	2002
Salaries	\$ 38,968	\$ 38,968
Rent, utilities, janitorial	16,954	19,117
Secretary- Honorarium	15,000	15,000
Equipment - leases	5,388	7,000
Employee benefits	10,357	28,910
Stationery - supplies	4,405	4,664
Postage	3,651	4,422
Audit		
Current year accrual	1,835	1,835
Prior year under accrual	1,696	665
Telephone	1,528	2,174
Secretary expenses	5,793	3,324
Treasurer expenses	2,230	2,489
Treasurer - Honorarium	2,293	2,500
Insurance	5,977	3,691
Equipment - maintenance	219	385
Bank charges	1,270	676
Training & office equipment	<u>3,231</u>	<u>580</u>
	\$ 120,795	\$ 136,400



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International Association of Lions Clubs - Multiple District A
Statement of Operations and Changes in Internally Restricted Fund Balances

Year Ended June 30

	Peace Poster		Lake Joe 50/50		Friendship Arches Fund		Lioness Fund		Effective Speaking Activities		Total	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
Revenue												
Sale of tickets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,164	\$ 13,200	\$ 10,571	\$ 11,332	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,735	\$ 24,532
Club fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,761	14,256	-	-	13,761	14,256
Net contributions from Clubs	1,375	473	-	-	7,750	15,350	-	8,531	16,080	11,680	25,205	36,034
Return-forum	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,781	-	-	-	9,781	-
Draw proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	578	735	-	-	578	735
	<u>1,375</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>35,164</u>	<u>13,200</u>	<u>18,321</u>	<u>26,682</u>	<u>24,120</u>	<u>23,522</u>	<u>16,080</u>	<u>11,680</u>	<u>95,060</u>	<u>75,557</u>
Expenditures												
Administration	-	-	-	16,532	-	-	6,000	6,000	-	-	6,000	22,532
Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,749	1,791	300	1,500	2,049	3,291
Cost	1,000	566	-	-	19,802	21,958	-	-	-	-	20,802	22,524
Hugs Magazine	-	-	-	-	-	-	747	916	-	-	747	916
Lake Joe Gift	-	-	17,383	6,416	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,383	6,416
Mileage	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,590	7,700	-	-	1,590	7,700
New Member Kits	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14)	177	-	-	(14)	177
Office and general	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,184	225	38	1,513	6,222	1,738
Postage	-	-	150	250	-	488	1,651	1,899	-	225	1,801	2,862
Printing forms	-	-	247	117	927	1,095	163	1,856	429	2,261	1,766	5,329
Prizes	-	-	17,384	6,417	1,000	1,000	-	-	11,334	11,173	29,718	18,590
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>35,164</u>	<u>29,732</u>	<u>21,729</u>	<u>24,541</u>	<u>18,070</u>	<u>20,564</u>	<u>12,101</u>	<u>16,672</u>	<u>88,064</u>	<u>92,075</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	375	(93)	-	(16,532)	(3,408)	2,141	6,050	2,958	3,979	(4,992)	6,996	(16,518)
Fund balances, beginning of year	(93)	-	-	16,532	9,786	7,645	17,553	14,595	(1,875)	3,117	25,371	41,889
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 282	\$ (93)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,378	\$ 9,786	\$ 23,603	\$ 17,553	\$ 2,104	\$ (1,875)	\$ 32,367	\$ 25,371

Multiple District 6'A" Lions International Convention Highlights, Denver Colorado



The 86th annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Denver, Colorado was well attended by an enthusiastic delegation from Multiple District "A". In the heart of downtown Denver, our MD "A" hotel was easily accessible to all functions and the hotel staff went out of their way to see that our needs were handled efficiently and effectively.

Early July 1st, Council Chair B.J. Finlay welcomed 95 members of the Lions family to the MD "CA" Canada Day Breakfast and Caucus opening the meeting with O' Canada. On hand were a number of candidates for International Director, including Canada's own, Lion James Sherry of Nova Scotia.

Moving quickly to the buses, we next assembled for the International Parade. After a long, hot wait, our contingent, joined by our award winning Five County Pipes and Drums, proudly marched through the streets of Denver concluding at the reviewing stand where we serenaded the platform guests with a rousing rendition of O' Canada

Directly from the parade, we proceeded to the nearby Colorado Convention Center where our band performed admirably as the opening act for the first ever International Performance Festival. PDG Grant Chisholm could hardly contain his enthusiasm.

Following some afternoon hospitality, it was off again, this time to Coors Field for Lions Baseball Night with the Rockies. Supported by

many in our delegation, The Five County Pipes and Drums pleased the crowd during the on field, pre-game ceremonies. An entertaining, come from behind, win by the Rockies was enjoyed by all and for the third time that day we joined in the singing of O' Canada. It certainly was a July 1st "Canada Day" to remember.

The Pepsi Center, the home of the Colorado Avalanche, was the location of the first of two plenary sessions. Officially opened by International President Kay K. Fukushima, the agenda featured the introduction of 2nd vice presidential candidate Ashok Mehta of India. Lions International celebrity spokesperson, Tom Sullivan, delivered a very inspiring message to



the large crowd in attendance. In addition, International Director Art Woods presented the report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Later that day, MD "A" hosted the Canadian Caucus in our hotel. Over 130 Lions from across Canada enjoyed some of that great MD "A" hospitality as they were brought up to date on recent developments affecting Canadian Lionism. The highlight of the program came when MD "A's" own International Director Art Woods delivered a heartfelt message in thanking the Lions of Canada for their outstanding support.

Many of our Lions attended the "Academy Awards of Lionism" on Thursday evening, a gala event with special concert by Bobby Vinton.

What a thrill it was for those MD "A" Lions in attendance when the Tiverton Lions Club of District A-9, (Council Chair B.J. 's club) received the academy award as Lions International's most outstanding club.

On Friday, following an early morning vote, the convention reconvened at the Pepsi Center for the final plenary session. A large representation from MD "A" assembled en masse to witness the installation of Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, as the association's '87th' International President. Special participants in this session's activities were our MD "A" governors-elect who, after a very full week of instructional training, workshops and seminars were installed by President Lee as our all important District Governors for the 2003-2004 Lions year. Congrats Govs!

In conclusion, the aforementioned are only the MD "A" group highlights. Each individual will have his/her own special memories of a great International Convention. The enthusiastic participation and co-operation of our attendees is a memory that I will always treasure. Special thanks to those members of our MD "A" Lions Family whose generous donations of time, energy and resources contributed greatly to the success of all MD "A" events at the International Convention in Denver.

Dale St. John PCC
2003 International Convention Chair



Fun Day in Britt



On July 19th the Britt Lions hosted a Fun Day at the Government Dock in Britt. The townsfolk were entertained by Mike Granka's Band and served up BBQ by the Britt Lion members. The kids had fun touring the fire truck, OPP boat and Coast Guard boat or fishing off the dock. The theme of the day and raffle that was held to fund it was "Get your Line Wet" and the grand prize was a fishing package worth over \$300. There were lots of little prize draws during the day. It

was the brainchild of Lions Bryan & Mardi Boshold. They whipped up some great little pamphlets that advertised the day listing all the sponsors, giving credit to the local businesses and individuals who helped out and giving a little bio of the Britt Lions and the area they serve for any out of town visitors.

Close to \$800 was raised for Lions' initiatives and fun was had by all.

By Lion Val Jarvis

52 years strong

The Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club held their 52nd Charter on Monday June 23, 2003, with 50 people in attendance. It was a special honour to have our only living Charter Member PDG A-1 Lion Herman Rahn with us again this year. Governor Linda James presented Lion President Frank Cirella and Peace Poster Chair Lion Lynn Mathewson the International Understanding and Co-operation Outstanding Club 2002 Banner Patch. The President's Award was shared by Lion Secretary Larry Proctor and Lion Lynn Mathewson. There was a dance, music supplied by Lion Shelley Barnsley. A good time was had by all.

Breslau Pavilion



The Pavilion at the Lions Foundation of Canada, Breslau Dog Breeding facility is now ready for use. In fact the first event will likely be the Dedication Ceremony of the Pavilion and the Pet Memorial Wall by our International President Dr.T. S.Lee. which is planned for Friday August 8, 2003. This Pavilion was made possible by the support of the Lions, Lioness clubs throughout Ontario and the Governor's of MD"A" for the year 2001-2002.

The attached picture is of six out of the 11 of the PDG's Governor's for 2001-2002. Seated in front is Len Coupland- A11, standing from left to right is Dan Moore A-15, Bob Richardson A-9, David J.J. Fast A-2, Harry Marissen A-3, Brian Linton A-7, absent are Dale Taylor A-1, Dave Haines A-4, Jack Oatway A-5, Ron Desjardins A-12, Paul Lummiss A-16

Catch of the Day



A 50/50 Draw was held July 1st, 2003, at the South Brant Family Day Fish Fry, attended by 500 people who enjoyed a haddock dinner at the Lions Park in Oakland, Ontario. Pictured left to right, Sherry Welsh, Treasurer, Dick Whiting, winner of \$1,108 in Club 50/50 Draw, Ted Rombout, President.

Lions Take pride in helping

Lions take pride in helping North Brantford and Teachers Lions work to help disabled

The North Brantford and Teachers Lions Clubs have teamed together to help raise funds for the W. Ross MacDonald School for the blind and deaf-blind.

The school is planning build a Water Therapy Snoezelen Pool. The project has already been approved by the sitting Governors of 2002-2003, the North Brantford Lions Club and the Teachers Lions Club.

"We think it's a wonderful project and it demonstrates lions getting together across the province for a common cause," Past District Governor, Lion Jack Oatway said.

Lion Oatway co chairs the project with Lion Cameron McPhail of the North Brantford Lions Club and is a member of the teachers Lions Club.

Snoezelen Pool is a multi sensory addition to existing pool facilities at the W. Ross MacDonald School and will be a unique therapeutic stimulating swimming environment for deaf blind students between the ages of 5 and 21. It will be the first of its kind in Canada, Clive Hodder, Superintendent of Provincial Schools explained.

"Our Aquatics program at the W. Ross Macdonald School is very important for many of our blind and deaf-blind students," he added.

The total cost of the project is

\$100,000 and \$40,000 has already been pledged as well Lion Dan Moore, the sight chair for the Multiple District A Lions, will be following up with an application to the Lions Club International Fund, Lion Oatway explained.

The Brantford school has offered quality educational programs for the deaf and blind since 1872 and is tuition free for students from Ontario.

This project involves all clubs of Ontario because the W. Ross MacDonald School serves deaf blind students from all across Ontario. Lion's Clubs that donate a minimum of \$250 will have their club name inscribed on the permanent Lions display, which will be placed poolside, Lion Oatway explained.

In addition, an ongoing list of donor clubs will be published from time to time during our fundraising, he added.

This project has moved quickly since Hodder introduced the fundraising proposal at the A-5 convention held in North Bay in April this year.

"We deeply appreciate the generosity of Lions across Ontario in helping us out with this important project," Hodder said.

Donations can be sent to the Ross MacDonald school care of Patti Schonbacher Lions of MD 'A' Therapy Swimming Pool, 350 Brant Avenue, Brantford, Ontario, N3T 3J9.

Mortgage Burning



Mitchell Lions gathered recently to participate in a mortgage burning ceremony. Pictured (back, left); West Perth Administrator Pat Taylor; Perth-Middlesex MPP Bert Johnson; Perth-Middlesex MP Gary Schellenberger; Logan Coun. Ted Illman; Lions Club member Bob Edmunds; Hibbert Coun. Walter McKenzie (front, left); Lions Club President Murray Park, Mitchell Coun. Gerry Kehl and Mitchell Coun. Darryl Seigner. The Lions Pool bath house was paid off in June of this year, just under four years after the five-year project was undertaken by the Lions Club in September of 1999.

Total project cost was over \$425,000.00. Including the club's interest costs, the Lions Club raised a total of \$258,731.00 as follows: Service clubs and organizations \$51,355.00, Community canvass \$69,881.00, Corporate Donations \$10,366.00, and Mitchell Lions Club \$127,129.00.

The Mitchell Advocate
Photo Holly Jones

Bala Lioness hit 25



Lioness Anne Bell, District A-12 Lioness Liaison and PDG Yvette Gerber (who is also a Lioness in Bala), helped the Bala & District Lioness celebrate their 25th Charter Anniversary.

Lions Memorial Park



The Erin Lions club members were kept busy these summer months by renovating the children's playground equipment in the Lions Memorial Park; putting a new roof on the shelter; installing a new floor and new picnic tables; paving the parking areas; and our pride and joy, placing two large Lion statues to guard the Memorial Arch at the entrance of the park.

Pickering Lions Club supports H.I.A.D.



On Tuesday June 17, 2003, the Head Injury Association of Durham Region (H.I.A.D.) held its annual Charity Golf Classic 2003. The Pickering Lions Club is a strong supporter of this organization. H.I.A.D. provides support services, injury prevention programs, information and advocacy to improve the quality of life of children and adults who have experienced a brain injury. These services extend to their families, friends and caregivers.

This year's tournament was held at Lakeridge Links Golf Course in Brooklin. The Pickering Lions Club donated \$1,000 to sponsor the tournament. It was a beautiful day for golf. Lion Jan Burton brought a client to the event, and a good time was had by all, while raising money for this worthy cause. Total funds raised were \$13,173.

Submitted by: Barbara M. Fleming, Event Co-Ordinator H.I.A.D.

Beer Bottles and Dogs



Langton Lions were serving hotdogs and drinks at the beer bottle drive at the Langton beer store. All proceeds went to Tillsonburg Hospital for the new dialysis machines at the Tillsonburg Hospital. Left to right: Lion Walter Defreyne, Lion Derek Dedobbelear, and Kevin Vanacker.

Thistleton Lions present cheque to CNIB



Lion James Kirk, Lion Harvey Higgins, Geoff Hendry, (behind) Lion Bob McKay, Lion June Wieleko, Lion Chris Simola.

The Thistleton Lions presented a cheque for \$4,306 to CNIB representative Geoff Hendry. The funds were the proceeds from a walkathon which was held on May 31, 2003. The money collected went to CNIB Lake Joseph.

Busy Hands



Handmade blankets were donated to the residents of the Cambridge Country Manor and were presented by members of the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club. Pictured left to right are Lion Lois Johnson, Annie, and Lion Isabel Weir.

Britt Lions Hold Annual Pig Roast



On August 16th, 2003, the Britt Lions hosted another successful Pig Roast at Wright's Marina. What started as a birthday celebration for Lion Kim Wright, years ago, has grown into the community event of the summer. This year, close to 300 people attended and enjoyed a delicious meal, music, dance and fun. The event took in a net profit of \$4,063.00, which will go into the



Lion's activity fund to provide events for the seniors and youth in Britt during 2004. This year we had numerous American friends show up for the event and, of course, we put them to work. Seen in the photos are Lion Trudy Gauthier peddling tickets and Ms Anneva Deonto of Homeland Security from Atlanta, Georgia, working the front gate. No terrorists getting in here!



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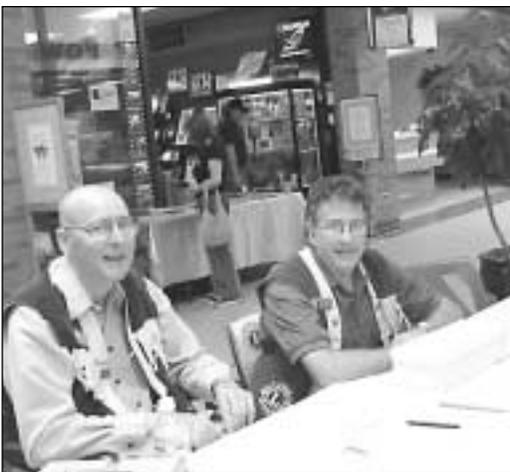
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1st Annual Christmas Draw



Lion Keith Spengen and Lion Don Cohen enjoy ticket sales at Guelph's Willow West Mall.

The Royal City Lions Club of Guelph are holding their 1st Annual Christmas Draw featuring prizes including a 51-inch RCA Scenium home theatre system with integrated DVD player, a Hitachi DVD camcorder and a car stereo system. (Prizes provided by Crazy Kelly's of Guelph and RCA with an approximate retail value of \$7800.00). The draw will be held at Crazy Kelly's on December 20th.

LIONS CLUB OF KINGSVILLE DONATES HALL

In a move Mayor Patrick O'Neil called "the most generous donation made by a Service Club in Kingsville's history", the Kingsville Lions Club has decided to donate their Community Hall on Mill Street to the Town. The Mayor said that the astounding gesture of generosity reflected the "commitment of the Lions Club to the Community". The building and the three acres of land in the heart of downtown Kingsville have an assessed value of \$500,000. Mayor O'Neil said that the magnitude of the Lions generosity is staggering, and that it will benefit the whole community. He suggested that the Kingsville Library could be relocated to the Mill Street Community Centre, providing it with more space and accessibility.

Chairman of the Lions Club Long Range Planning Committee, Derek Hales, appeared before council to make the surprising announcement. He said that after "several months of discussion, culminating in this evening's signing ceremony, the Town has agreed to accept this donation. This arrangement will allow the Lions to free themselves from most of the expenses associated with the upkeep and overhead of their large premises". He says that the



From the left Lions President Carolyn Oshell, Lions Secretary Debbie Cross, Mayor O'Neil and Town Clerk Linda Burling officially signing over the hall.

Lions are "eager to get back to the business of donating more of their fundraising to the various charities that prosper through their sponsorship".

President of the Lions Club, Carolyn Oshell said that she is "very proud of the efforts of the Lions Membership, especially the Long Range Planning Committee, Derek Hales, Fred Cross, Bill Stubberfield, Karl Melinz, John Peterson and Debbie Cross, who worked diligently to uphold our Lions commitment to our community".

The Lions have been guaranteed space by the Town of Kingsville to continue to hold their meetings in the existing building, or a comparable space elsewhere in town. Mayor O'Neil said that the "Ralph Watters" room in the building as well as the kitchen will be dedicated for the use by the Lions.

Over the past 70 years, the Lions Club of Kingsville purchased and acquired by donation the three acre property on Mill Street. They developed it primarily for community purposes.. Over the years they have provided the Boy Scouts Hall, a children's wading

pool, baseball park with bleachers, a band shell, tennis court, ice skating rink and carnival grounds. More recently it has served as a community hall which allowed over 22 nonprofit organizations to use the facility on a regular basis.

The Lions Club is looking forward to carrying on it's fund raising activities for the betterment of the community, and believe they will be "better able to serve the community without the burden of the costs attributed to maintaining capital property."

Excerpts and photo courtesy of the Kingsville Reporter



From the left Proud Kingsville Lions Karl Melinz, Carolyn Oshell, Debbie Cross, Derek Hales, Gord Anderson, Joan Swinhoe, Don Parish, Ralph Mason, Andy Padmos, Jim McMillan, Dick Buckley, John McGregor and John Peterson

Shawville Lions Welcome New Members

Shawville Lions welcomed two new members, Lion Philip Atkinson and Lion Kirk Tubman, to our family last May 2003. We thank you for becoming helping Lions. Your fellowship will be great at all our meetings.

Lion receives Life Membership Award

Lion Raymond Carriere receives a Life Membership Award from District Governor Dave Hewitt at Victoria Harbour Lions Club's 30th Charter Night. Lion Ray has been an outstanding member of his club with his dedication and perfect attendance. Congratulations Lion Ray.

Six Happy Exchange Students



Long Point Lions hosted exchange students for District A-2, from around the world. Lion Jim Hazen and Sharon welcomed them at their cottage on Long Point. There were many cancellations due to the SARS scare,

which resulted in only six students attending. The students were from Austria, Brazil, Denmark, Finland and Poland. It was a great afternoon swimming in Lake Erie and finishing with a beautiful chicken dinner.

Lions Quest Workshop



A Lions Quest workshop was held Sept 6 and 7th, 2003 at the Lake Joe CNIB camp. Attending the workshop were left to right: Lion Joanne McQuiggan, Executive Director Lions-Quest Canada, Lisa Pitman, Community Relations Coordinator, Lion Kate Heels, Vice President Barrie South Lions (to be trained as an Affiliate Trainer bringing Lions Quest to secondary schools), and Governor Cathy Daoust.

Pickering Lions Club Commended



Lion Rae Stone and Barbara M. Fleming, Co-ordinator of the Ajax/Pickering Diabetes Support Group.

On May 8, 2003, the Pickering Lions Club was presented with a Special Award for their financial and volunteer support of the Canadian Diabetes Association. It has been 2 years since the club started and organized a Diabetes Support Group for people living with diabetes in the Ajax and Pickering community. The group meets once a month, except for the months of December, July & August, with a volunteer diabetes educator or practitioner as a guest speaker on education or information - how to live with diabetes. The group has grown to 1245 registered names.

Earlier this spring the co-ordinator was presented with a "Distinguished Achievement Award" by the Chairman of Canadian Diabetes Association - Ontario for having the largest successful diabetes support group in Ontario.

This sinister disease, which causes blindness, kidney failure, amputations, strokes and heart attacks, has no cure. My heartfelt thanks on behalf of people living with diabetes in Durham Region - Thank You Pickering Lions Club!

Article submitted by: Barbara M. Fleming, Co-ordinator Ajax/Pickering Support Group

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York Steel Band takes first place in Edmonton Klondike Days - 2003



York Lions Steel band was formed in April 1972 and is sponsored by Lions. The Band's goal in relation to its teenage musicians are to enhance their musical appreciation; give them something creative to do in their leisure time, year-round, which in addition to being great fun, teaches responsibility, commitment and teamwork.

The band performed in the Edmonton Klondike Days Parade and was honoured to be awarded with the "Klondike 'Fun' Champion, Best Klondike Days Theme Entry" trophy and \$1500 in prize money. Other memorable performances were at the West Edmonton Mall, City Hall, Northland's Park Fairgrounds, and at the Chuckwagon Races.

The Band executive wants to thank the Band members who came on this trip. Every youngster played his/her heart out, having fun and dancing for their audiences. Each was in his/her room on time at night (and stayed there), and was on time for pickups. It was certainly a pleasurable and memorable trip.

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