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Santa Art



After Killaloe Lions Club-organized Christmas parade, Lion Jim Homer (Santa) entertained the community's youngsters in the Lions' Hall, while other Lions passed around free hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies for parents and children waiting in line. All the while, the crowd was entertained by a choir from St. Casimir's Elementary School. Each child who visited with Santa or Mrs. Claus (town councillor Isabel O'Reilly) also received a bag of goodies bought and packed by the Lions. All in all, a 'roaring' good community Christmas party thrown by the Killaloe Lions, and well covered in the local press. It demonstrated the magic still present in a rural community event, where what might seem old-fashioned in a large city remains a source of delight in a small town.

In the photo Mrs. Claus (Town Councillor Isabel O'Reilly) and Santa (Lion Jim Homer), assisted by Snow Queen Charity Ross, receive local children and distribute packages of goodies from the Lions at the Killaloe Lions' Hall after the Lions' Santa Claus parade.

Submitted by Tony Pearson


"I pledge to serve Lions in Canada to my utmost."
-Cathy Bock

Vote To Endorse


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Ingersoll Parade



The Ingersoll Lions Club always enters a Float in the Ingersoll Santa Claus Parade. The theme of the parade was "Memories of Christmas" and was held November 17th.

Submitted by Lion Charlie Hulet

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Don't Hide Your Light Under a Bushel

We Lions don't serve others so we can gain applause or admiration. We serve because our hearts compel us to help others. But we need to recognize those Lions among us who excel at what they do. Why? Those we honor lead by example. Yes, they deserve awards and honors but their brilliance casts a light over the rest of us and helps motivate us to do more and to do what we do better. One award may spark a renewed passion for service among hundreds of Lions.

This year I have established the International Challenge to Change Awards to recognize outstanding Lions, club presidents, district governors, Leos and Leo clubs. We also will honor the best public relations programs, district membership growth, new projects, continuing projects, SightFirst program and more.

What criteria will the awards be based on? Among the factors are membership growth, club extension, innovation, membership

participation, public participation, public relations success, community impact, promoting Challenge to Change (my presidential theme) and participation in district, multiple district and international events.

The deadline for nominations is March 15. Three finalists for each category will be selected and notified before the winners are named at the international convention in Bangkok, Thailand, on June 26. Depending on the category, nominees must be nominated by district governors, council chairpersons/international directors, or club presidents. Nomination forms (containing complete instructions) can be downloaded from the Web site of Lions Clubs International. (Go to www.lionsclubs.org and type in "Challenge to Change Awards" in the search box.) Winners need not be present; international directors will accept awards on behalf of winners from their constitutional (geographic) area.

I know that Lions are enthusiastic about their service. How can you not feel good about helping others? But please also get enthused about these awards and submit your nominations. Don't do it for yourself. Do it to inspire other Lions to reach higher and bring their service to new, remarkable levels. We learn from each other and follow the path of those with ingenuity and extra dedication. Here is your golden opportunity to have your service project, vision or passion affect Lions and members of the public from far outside your own community.

Executive Summary

International Board of Directors Meeting

New Delhi, India September 27 - October 1, 2007

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2008 International Convention to reorganize the order of sequence of the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws as provided in the attached Exhibit A, a copy of which will be published to all Lions clubs and attached to the Official Notice of Amendments.
2. Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2008 International Convention to amend Article IV, Sections 1 and 6 of the International Constitution and Article VI, Section 3 of the International By-Laws to replace "executive administrator" with "executive director."

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Established 2008 Bangkok convention per diem for appointed credentials committee members, district governors-elect and headquarters staff.
2. Authorized convention committee to establish the individual room reservation cut-off date for convention each year.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Canceled the charter of 219 clubs (1,406 members) with regret.
2. Approved redistricting proposals by MD 17 (Kansas, USA); MD 26 (Missouri, USA); MD 30 (Mississippi, USA); and MD 31 (North Carolina, USA).
3. Approved the requirements for:
 - District Governor Excellence Award (formerly 100% District Governor Award)
 - Region Chairperson Excellence Award (new award)
 - Zone Chairperson Excellence Award (new award)
 - Club President Excellence Award
4. Revised the redistricting rules by changing the deadline for clearing the district accounts from May 31 to June 30 of the fiscal year in which the redistricting proposal is submitted for the board's approval.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the 1st quarter forecast, which projects a surplus.
2. Approved the payment of expenditures for a past district governor that was submitted past the 120-day deadline due to extenuating circumstances.
3. Approved the following members to continue on the Task Force for fiscal year 2007-2008.
 - Past International Director A.P. Singh, Chairperson
 - International Director Toru Tanino
 - International Director Sung-Gyun Choi
 - Past International Director Robert Eichhorn
 - Past International Director Philippe Soustelle
4. Modified policy clarifying that under the new club cancellation policy certain geographical areas may be protected as required.
5. Approved minor housekeeping changes to Chapter XXII of Board Policy.
6. Approved a minor housekeeping change to Chapter XII of Board Policy.

LCIF

1. Approved a starting figure of US\$84,515,296 for CSFII funds in the Russell Investment Group account, and directed staff to modify with September 30, 2007, donation and investment results.
2. Approved a humanitarian (non-designated) grants spending policy.
3. Accepted the findings of the LCIF Development review and directed staff, in consultation with CCS, to prepare a detailed feasibility and implementation plan.
4. Approved a bridge loan in the amount of US\$12 million for FY 2007-08 SightFirst grant approvals.
5. Allocated US\$10,000 from the LCIF budget for support to the alliance for the Global Elimination of Trachoma by the year 2020 (GET 2020).
6. Approved a CSFII completion and donor follow-up plan.
7. Awarded a US\$1,000,000 grant to extend the Lions-Special Olympics Opening Eyes program for a one-year period.
8. Approved a US\$67,700 technical assistance grant for the Core 4 preschool vision screening program for a one-year period.
9. Approved 50 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,415,880.
10. Tabled four grant applications.
11. Approved an amendment to the Board Policy Manual to delete reference to proper names, and insert position titles, in the section on signatories for LCIF investment accounts.

LEADERSHIP

1. Approved the 2008 District Governors-elect Seminar plan including group leader appointments, curriculum and schedule.
2. Approved a grant to support an Advanced Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Multiple District 22.
3. Approved a grant to support Multiple District 202's leadership training for Lions of the Islands of the South Pacific.

4. Approved a grant for an amount not to exceed US\$2,000 to support a three-tier training program in District 335-A.
5. Approved a minor housekeeping change to Chapter XIV of the Board Policy Manual.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

1. Authorized implementation of the LCI Branding and Marketing Communications initiative at a cost of US\$650,000. The project will involve development and dissemination of new LCI brand image materials, significant redesign of the LCI Web site and THE LION magazine, and implementation of an association-wide pride-building campaign by 2008-09 tentatively called "It Takes a Lion."
2. Approved formation of a working group to review the LCI/LCIF Audit Committee charter, including the composition and scope of the present Audit Committee.
3. Adopted a new Vision Statement and a revised Mission statement for Lions Clubs International that reads as follows:

LCI Vision Statement:

"To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service."

LCI Mission Statement:

"To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."

4. Approved the charter and composition of the Special Centennial Planning Committee that will assist the board in planning for the association's 100th anniversary in 2017.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1. Approved the preliminary action plan for membership growth for Eastern Europe and the allocation of US\$48,000 from existing budgeted funds for continued development and initial implementation of the plan.
2. Amended the Board Policy Manual to include the Republic of Montenegro

and replaced the reference to "Serbia and Montenegro" with the "Republic of Serbia," bringing the total of approved countries to 201.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Reallocated US\$200,000 from the multiple district grant budget for the brand image project.
2. Established an official edition of THE LION Magazine for Sri Lanka.
3. Authorized holding a Lion Magazine Editor's Conference in FY 2008-09.
4. Authorized a US\$2,000 stipend for maintenance and upgrade of Melvin Jones Memorial in Arizona.
5. Authorized a US\$1,000 stipend for maintenance of the Melvin Jones gravesite.
6. Authorized additional US\$300,000 for the public relations budget for purposes of advertising.
7. Restored "Campaign SightFirst II National/Multi-National Coordinators" in between "Past International Directors" and "Chairperson, Council of Governors" in the Order of Precedence.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Approved and adopted baseline operating standards for Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs), effective October 1, 2007.
2. Approved 13 districts for 2007-2008 Regional Leo Conference grants.
3. Approved 14 districts for 2007-2008 Children Worldwide Symposium grants.

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



Lions MD "A" 2008 Convention "Rock Again" in Toronto 29 May - 1 June

Applications and Convention information were printed in the August issue and are available online.

Lions Camp Dorset Update

Lions Camp Dorset in conjunction with CORCAN Construction has recently completed the reconstruction of Efficiency Units 20-29. These units were ready for the opening of the dialysis season except for some minor details that will be completed before next year's season. Along with the donations below, Camp Dorset Corporation used funds from the cottage contingency fund and the reserve fund and we are still seeking donations towards this project so we can return money to those accounts.

This rebuilding project would not have been possible without the support of those listed here. We apologize to anyone we have missed but please contact us and we will correct our records.



Vice-president of Operations for Banvil 2000 presents Lions Camp Dorset Director Jim Coulson with 10 fan/light units for the efficiencies that were recently rebuilt.

*Submitted by Lion Jim Coulson
Long Term Planning Director Camp Dorset Corporation and a member of Dorset Lions Club.*

- Donors to the Reconstruction of Lions Camp Dorset Efficiencies 20-29**
- CORCAN Construction (Corrections Canada)
 - Beaver Creek Community Services (Corrections Canada)
 - Rona Home and Garden
 - Dorset TimberMart
 - J D MacKay Construction
 - Mike Snell Trucking
 - Randy and Margaret Cutler
 - Home Hardware
 - The Wire Guy
 - Art's Plumbing
 - John C. Duck (Anchor Designs)
 - Lions Ride For Dialysis
 - Burlington Nelson Lions
 - Bondhead Lions
 - Bracebridge Lions
 - Gravenhurst Lions
 - Lion Terry Williamson
 - Lions Jim and Gail Coulson
 - Don and Roxann Early
 - Lions Family work parties



Lion Suzanne Gunby, Lion Robert Lanktree, Michael Rushton RONA, Mark Blake RONA.

Lions of A711 are proud

Camp Dorset weekend, October 13, 2007 - The district presented the above stated gentlemen, Michael Rushton, VP Operations Ontario, and Mark Blake, Store Manager of the Barrie store with plaques of appreciation. Because of RONA and their support, and continued support, Camp Dorset was able to complete the building of not just 1 but 2 Efficiency Units for this past summers season. They continue to work with the staff at Camp Dorset on other ongoing projects.

We again would like to thank both Michael, and Mark for their support in this very large project. The project was also completed with the help of CORCAN.

We would also like to thank Lions Suzanne Gunby of Mount Hope Lions and Robert Lanktree of Freulton Lions for getting the ball rolling.

Camp Dorset is sometimes the only vacation a dialysis patient would ever get due to ongoing health issues. Camp Dorset is vital for a good quality of life for persons on dialysis.

Proudly submitted by Lion Suzanne Gunby, Mount Hope Lions



Give Us Your Opinion

Lions:

The Magazine Committee is looking at ways to improve the LION Magazine and wish to solicit suggestions from our members to bring this about. I would ask that if any member has any helpful ideas or questions that they feel will add to the magazine to please let us know.

So we would like your input as to what you would like to see happen with the magazine. Please look at two options below that have been suggested and make your selections or please let us know of your ideas on how to make the Lion magazine more affordable and/or better:

For your information there are 14,800 magazines printed per issue that is mailed to each Lion in MDA. Based on the 2005/06 costs of the magazine, the four issues published in that year averaged out a distribution cost of 57 cents per member total for the four issues.

Option 1: Bulk mailing to the clubs. Estimated savings of \$3,000 to \$4,000 per annum. In this option the magazine will be mailed to club Secretary's for distribution to individual members.

Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

Option 2: Cease MDA publication and replace with International Lion magazine to all Lions. The International magazine would be included in your dues. There are 11 issues per annum.

Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____

Please feel free to include your thoughts and suggestions with regards to changes to format/content they would like to see made in the MDA edition should it be decided to continue with it's publication.

Please send the completed questionnaire to Wayne Hoey, Magazine Chair by email at wayne.hoey@sympatico.ca or mail to 35 Eastbourne Crescent, Toronto, M8V 1W7.

Thank you for your valuable time and input in making your Magazine the best it can be.



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Bringing Clean Water to a Remote Jungle Village

By Nicole Brown

Pumpuar Dasim, 58, once walked a half-mile over craggy terrain three times a day to a stream to fill a bucket with water for her household of three people. If oxen were bathing, she had to return later. These treks by the villagers, made barefoot, were the only way to provide water for the farming the village depended upon. The stream, threatened by cholera, typhoid and other water-borne diseases, was the sole source of water for the nearly 1,000 villagers.

In the remote village of Monggis, high in mountainous jungle on the island of Borneo in Malaysia, water was a luxury before the Lions arrived. Borneo is the world's third largest island, with enormous income disparity between the rich and the poor. The indigenous farmers here live under some of the harshest conditions in the region. The Malaysian government told the village it would be another 16 years before infrastructure for water could be built. The Lions, however, made it a reality in short order: four months after LCIF grant funding was awarded, Monggis residents had running water.

"People take water for granted, but there is a great need for projects like this," said Visvalingam Suppiah, grant administrator in District 308 A-2, Malaysia. "This project is a great achievement for us, and it personally is the most meaningful project I've been involved with as a Lion. This is real international understanding."

The Kota Kinabalu Host Lions Club in District 308-A2 partnered with District 354-D, Korea, and the Seoul Hanam Lions Club on an international assistance grant to supply the running water. LCIF matched the Lions' contributions with a \$20,000 grant. Inspiration for the water project came from a similar

project in Mali. Lions in France partnered with Lions in Mali on an international assistance grant to construct water.

This is the fifth clean water project the two districts have sponsored, each in a different remote village. Approximately 100 Korean Lions travel each year to Malaysia for the dedication of the water project and for fellowship with the local Lions. "The Lions come to see their dollars in action and it is so rewarding that we continue to pledge to do another project," said Eugene Lee, grant administrator in District 354-D.

The Monggis village project challenged even these experienced Lions. A pipe system was built to channel water from an unpolluted mountain stream. The pipes run along the gravel mountain road for 13 miles before winding into the jungle to the water source. The water is filtered and then distributed directly to individual homes. Each home now has a spigot with high-pressure water; two central faucets stand in the village's center.

The project has brought more than just water. The Kota Kinabalu Host Lions Club and the Seoul Hanam Lions Club have become sister clubs. Plans are under way for the sixth clean water project. Due to the numerous trips of Kota Kinabalu Lions and visiting Korean Lions on the small gravel roads, the roads were improved and holes were filled. Korean Lions visited a village school en route to the water project dedication and donated 100 school uniforms and gym clothes. Residents of Monggis had more visitors in one day than they typically meet in a year, and they saw people from outside of Malaysia for the first time.

Dasim, who enjoys running water for the first time in her life, said, "Many, many thanks to the Lions for this nice gift. It has changed my life a lot."



Two village boys take joy in the new running water from the central spigots.



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Reducing Childhood Blindness in Ecuador

By Kristen Eckert

The parents of Carlos, 5, blinded by cataracts, shuffled from clinic to clinic in Ecuador and exhausted their savings on exams. They even sold their car to pay for care.

"We kept getting sent to different doctors, who took our money but did nothing," his father said. "Here in Ecuador, there is no health system for the poor. People are left to die on the streets."

Then the family heard of the Metrofraternidad Foundation (FMF), supported by Lions. Surgery restored Carlos' vision. Today, he enjoys going to school and playing with his friends. "If it weren't for the FMF, my son would still be blind," said his father, grateful for the intervention of the Lions.

Millions of children are not as fortunate as Carlos. In fact, a child goes blind every minute: about 500,000 children lose their vision every year. Childhood blindness is especially prevalent in Latin America, which accounts for 21 percent of the total cases.

The tragedy is that most instances of childhood blindness are preventable and treatable, but healthcare is inadequate or unaffordable. Through SightFirst, Lions are working to change that.

Lions have been successful in Ecuador in reducing childhood blindness. Since Lions began to support the FMF in 2003, as well as screening and referring patients, the number of children treated each year has risen steadily from 500 to more than 1,500 annually.

The indigenous populations on the outskirts of the capital city of Quito depend on the FMF, which provides high quality care at affordable prices to low-income families. Through the use of the adjacent hospital and a network of 200 volunteer doctors, 10,000 families have been treated over the past decade.

Twice a week, FMF is crowded with young children, such as Morelia, 5, who became deaf and visually impaired at nine months old after complications from meningitis. She waits with her mother for her regular check-up with Dr. Andrea Molinari, who is one of only three pediatric specialists in a country of 400 ophthalmologists. Molinari heads the pediatric vision center of FMF, established with local Lions' support and SightFirst funding.

For the past two years, William Alexander Ramirez, 4, has made regular visits to Dr. Molinari with his mother. Born with Down syndrome, William later developed strabismus, leaving him cross-eyed. He is currently preparing for his third, and final, operation to correct his sight. William lives with his family in a remote highlands village a couple hours north of Quito. His mother spends all her money getting him to FMF. "I do not mind. I come because Dr. Molinari is a good doctor and the only one who will help my son because we are very poor and cannot afford the surgeries," she said.

Since 2001, LCIF has worked with the World Health Organization on the Project for the Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness. LCIF donated \$3.75 million to establish 30 need-based centers and training programs worldwide, helping more than 71 million children. For information on this program, contact the Sight Programs Department of LCIF at (630) 468-6845.



Dr. Andrea Molinari screens a child at the Metrofraternidad Foundation.



Carlos waits for his appointment with his mother and father.

Highlights of the November 2007 Meeting of the Governors Council

The second meeting of the 2007-2008 Council of Governors was held in Markham on Saturday November 17, 2007. The following represents the highlight topics discussed during the meeting:

Convention Advisory

The FM hearing system will be available throughout the 2008 Convention in Toronto. A new flag ceremony is being proposed for the Opening session and an interesting program of outdoor activities is scheduled for the Saturday afternoon. Planning for the 2009 convention in North Bay is well underway and while a bid has been received to host the 2012 MDA convention, bids are still outstanding for years 2010 and 2011.

Hearing Conservation

Council was advised that when reporting for a professional diagnosis one of the children identified through the Lion's Screening Program was found to be suffering from a brain tumour. The child has now been treated and his recovery was attributed to his early diagnosis brought about by the screening program.

International Advisory Committee

The LCI Faculty Development Institute will be held in Calgary starting on February 8th through to February 11th, 2008. Lions interested in acquiring more information should contact their governors.

No Child Without

This is a program developed jointly between the MedicAlert Foundation and the Lions of Canada - - Lion Janet Marrison has been appointed as the MDA Chairperson responsible to coordinate the MDA activities with the District appointed Chairs. A national announcement to launch the program is anticipated by the end of January 2008.

Lions Foundation of Canada

Lions are urged to promote the 'Light the Path of Darkness' special fund raising project developed to mark the 25th Anniversary of LFC. The Purina

Walk for Dog Guides is scheduled during the weekend of May 31-June 1, 2008 and the 2008 LFC Calendars are available for purchase in all Wal-Mart stores.

LION Magazine

A number of cost reducing options for producing and distributing the LION magazine was proposed. The option favoured by the Magazine committee was to introduce bulk mailing of the magazine to the individual clubs, rather than individual members. Governors asked that survey be prepared to detail the options proposed and this be included in a future edition to seek Lion member views and preferences.

MERL

The Training Workshop for District MERL Teams originally scheduled in November at Camp Dorset is being rescheduled to early 2008. The Regional Lions Institute in Newmarket will be held on January 23, 2008 through to January 27th, 2008.

Sight Conservation

A special fund raising event 'The Don Shaw Memorial CSFII Dinner' will be held in Brockville on Saturday 24 May, 2008.

Constitution & By Laws

A revised C&BL document is being prepared and is scheduled for consideration by members at the 2008 MDA Convention.

Under New Business

A new MDA Banner for use in International Parades is being ordered, the Research and Long Range Planning Committee has been tasked with developing options for the distribution of the MDA Surplus funding, and the subject of offering blanket high risk insurance for Lions Clubs fund raising projects is being researched.

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The Knights of the Blind Lions / CNIB Partnership Program



Lions Clubs of MD "A" and CNIB have been co-operating for decades to bring vision health services to all Canadians and to raise money to cover the cost of CNIB programs. Of course we at CNIB have been working hard on our own as well, to raise funds from other sources, in addition to the support we receive from the Lions family.

We are very excited to tell you about a recently launched initiative called "Gifts with Vision." This unique program will help you celebrate friends and family with a gift of service that will provide support, training, information, and most importantly, hope, for all Canadians affected by vision loss.

At www.giftswithvision.ca we have set up a virtual gift shop where you can find a gift for that special person in your life who seems to have everything, and at the same time you can support Canadians living with vision loss. With the click of a mouse you can give the gift of reading to someone who is print disabled by helping to fund the production of an audiobook. Or you can lend a helping hand by giving the gift of independence and mobility through a white cane and personalized instruction by one of CNIB's Independent Living Specialists.

Although the website has only been in operation for a few weeks, it has already received very positive feedback from our visitors and supporters. "I've never given to CNIB online before and choosing a gift for my son was so easy to do. I simply went to the website, selected the gift within my budget and even sent my first e-card. The thought of not buying him socks this year was a real joy," says Joan, a CNIB supporter and volunteer from Edmonton.

While the Christmas gift-giving season has just passed, there are plenty of other holidays coming up (Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Easter etc.) that are the perfect occasion for CNIB's Gifts with Vision. It is a simple and convenient way to share your belief in CNIB and in providing vision health and vision help for all. You choose a gift and we'll send a personalized e-card to your loved ones. In addition, you will also receive a charitable tax receipt by email.

We are excited and proud to bring you this unique gift giving opportunity. We hope that many of you will take advantage of it over the coming months to help provide support, information, and most importantly, hope, for all Canadians affected by vision loss.

\$20 buys a new toy, which will help babies and young children with vision loss to engage in and connect with their world.

\$45 will give the gift of reading: audiobooks provide enjoyment, information and lifelong learning for readers with vision loss.

\$125 will give the gift of independence and mobility, through a white cane and orientation and mobility training.

\$500 will support cutting-edge vision health research, by providing a fellowship to a Canadian scientist.

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Lions Ontario Licence Plate ... A History

By Lion Don Daley PDG MJF

The Lions Ontario Licence Plate saga started for me, one day, at the Licence Bureau in Port Dover. I was looking at the brochure with all the special plates, Trillium, Maple Leafs, Heart Association, etc., when it occurred to me that it would be great to have our own Lions plates. Little did I know what was ahead for me. The idea was discussed with other Lions in the district and I found that others had had the same thought but hadn't had the time to pursue it. With their blessing, I decided to give it a try.

The first contact with the Ministry of Transport Ontario (MTO) resulted in the receipt of a whole packet of documents, work pages and application forms. We needed a sponsor – one that was a legitimate non-profit organization.

the project. Fortunately within District A-2 there existed the registered charity, District A-2 Charities Incorporated. It was an easy decision for cabinet as this was the perfect vehicle for our purpose.

So, now, all the “ducks were in a row” within our own jurisdiction. The next step was Lions International (LCI) because we intended to use their emblem on the plates. This, I found, was no easy task. I wanted to use the full colour version of the emblem but they preferred us to use the two colour version used in commercial applications. I insisted that it was full colour or nothing and eventually they understood the importance of my position.

Well, things were moving right along, or so I thought. It was time to contact MTO and get started on the agreement. Unfortunately, this was not going to happen because the ministry had suspended the whole program while it re-evaluated the distribution system. We were to be notified when everything was up and running. So, we waited and after several months the powers that be restarted the machinery and we could continue our quest.

I contacted LCI notifying them that we could continue but, lo and behold, our documentation had been set aside and I had to start all over again including getting written permission from MDA and A-2 once more. This done, I started working on the MTO agreement again. It took some time to get wording just right for both parties. That being complete, it was sent to the legal department of LCI. What came back really shook us up. LCI said that since the emblem was theirs, all royalties would need to be paid to them.

What a shock that was! The whole idea was that these funds would be used by A-2 Charities Inc. in Ontario. In fact MTO would not allow any of the royalties to leave Ontario. I explained this to the LCI lawyers and let them know that the whole project was off unless they could find a way for us to keep the money in Ontario. Believe it or not, they informed me that if the MTO changed wording in the standard agreement from “Royalties” to “Service Charges” they would agree to the funds staying in Ontario. Again, believe it or not, the MTO agreed to change the agreement to comply with LCI, not only on that issue but on several others, as well. Who says bureaucrats are not cooperative!

The groundwork was finally finished. We then had to attack the details. Copies of the constitution, bylaws and letters patent of District

A-2 Charities had to be submitted, a list of 200 intended buyers was to be collected and sent in and the design and art work had to be worked out with the production division of MTO. All the required documents were collected and sent in. The list of 200 Lions was collected and sent and I requested the details and specifications of the logo from LCI. The emblem info was sent to MTO and then, the next problem reared its ugly head. Special plates were only allowed four colours and our logo had six: red, black, brown, gold, yellow and blue. I suggested that they use the same blue as the lettering on the Ontario plates and that left 5. It was difficult to give up any other colour except maybe black. I heard little from them for some time after that, then, one day, an envelope came in the mail and inside was the colour proof of the plate. I was amazed! They had rendered the logo in full colour, all six. They must have thought we needed a break after all our hassles.

After four years of ups and downs, in September of 2000, we had our first shipment of one hundred brand “spankin” new Lions Ontario Licence Plates. They were beautiful, and still are. Now, seven years later, all over Ontario, Lions Licence Plates with our beloved emblem are seen on the vehicles of over six hundred Lions. The funds raised have been used for eyesight related projects all over the province including Lions Camp Dorset and Lake Joseph.

Much thanks goes to those who helped along the way. PID Art Woods, PID Ernie Moore, PDG Mike Melymuka, PDG Dennis Craddock, PDG Larry Rendall, PDG Les Stedman and others too numerous to mention pitched in when needed.

I encourage Lions to purchase these plates thus showing their pride in being a Lion wherever they drive.



Permission to use the Lions emblem had to be obtained. A business plan needed to be created and submitted to MTO. Two hundred names of persons who intended to buy the plates was required and the cost of the first one hundred plates had to be raised and that was just the start. Since we would be distributing these plates through MTO they required us to sign a standard agreement provided by them. It had many requirements.

The first step, as I saw it, was to seek permission from our district to move ahead. This being granted, MDA was contacted for permission to distribute the product throughout Ontario. Our then sitting governor Larry Rendall made the presentation to MDA and obtained their blessing. First hurdle cleared. The next step was to figure out how the district would handle



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Changing the World One Peace Poster at a Time

By Brett Rush

For 20 years the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest has served as a forum for children to share their visions of peace. But the measure of the contest's success isn't in the passage of years; rather, it's in the continued participation of more than 350,000 children from more than 70 countries each year who share their talents and their hopes for peace. Year after year, the artwork impresses judges and critics, but the impact of the contest over its two decades is a story in itself.

Influencing Young Lives

The peace poster contest made a difference in the lives of the 2004-05 grand prize winner Cheuk Tat Li, 15, of China, and 2006-07 merit award winner Krystle Leung, 14, of Illinois.

"My life changed because of the contest," Li said. "I was interviewed for newspapers, on the radio and on television—the whole experience made me feel like some kind of movie star. It seemed like everyone in Hong Kong suddenly focused on me."

Besides the initial popularity—which included congratulatory letters from Chinese state officials—Li said success in the contest bolstered his personal confidence as well as belief in his artistic abilities, and encouraged him to continue expressing himself through art. A subsequent artwork in 2006 took home a finalist's award at a children's art competition in Manila, winning him a dinner with Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Li said that the contest has led him to consider the true value of peace. "I'm so lucky to be born in Hong Kong," he said. "I have a happy and joyful life. I play golf and badminton. I draw. I listen to the Beatles. Other children don't have this. They spend their lives in war, having to worry about safety, food and water. Only by opening their eyes every morning do they know they're still alive. That's sad, and it isn't fair."

Leung, a soft-spoken teenager, was flooded with local accolades and attention, and served as keynote speaker at the Month of Peace Celebration in Naperville, Illinois.

"I had no idea what I should say and I was nervous, but I thought about what I felt the year before when I was creating my poster," Leung said. "I wanted to capture the feelings I had then and reflect them in my message for the speech. It wasn't easy, but it was another chance for me to talk about something as important as peace."

Leung said in her speech, "Often, amid the clutter and clamor to seek peace, there's a question that I pose to myself: is peace on such a grand scale truly possible, or is it really just some utopian hope, a figment of our wistfully

well-wishing imaginations? The answer that I have found is that peace in a grander perspective can only come about if we, as individuals, have a peace of mind. ... We cannot hope to teach others about peace if we do not understand [how] its works in ourselves."

Past Winners, Current Successes

The passion for art that fueled 1998-99 grand prize winner Andre de Villiers is still alive and well. De Villiers, of South Africa, said success in the contest was instrumental in encouraging him to explore his abilities as an artist at an early age. De Villiers, 21, has artwork on exhibition at La Concorde gallery in Franschoek and is a third-year computer animation student at The Animation School in Cape Town. "Winning was obviously a surprise, and very rewarding to me," de Villiers said. "It showed me how much I can do, and where I could take myself if I continued to apply my abilities."



Grand prize winner Cheuk Tat Li visits New York to take part in Lions Day with the United Nations.

Yuki Nakajima, the 1991-92 grand prize winner from Japan, has worked as a kindergarten teacher in suburban Kobe for several years. "As a teacher, I can see now how important it was to begin thinking about peace at an early age," said Nakajima, 27. "Peace wasn't something that came up in conversation with my friends then. I was a little girl. I liked cartoons and shopping, but now it was something I'm glad I was encouraged to think about."

Lions Clubs See The Difference

The Frederickton, Ontario, Lions Club instituted the Peace Poster Contest four years ago. Said club member Terry Brown, "It's something I get excited about as a Lion every year, and the children are beginning to look forward to it as well."

Owensboro, Kansas, Lions, have used the contest as a tool to reach out to the community. The recently chartered club persuaded businesses to display contestants' works in their storefronts and held a community judging event to raise awareness about the program.

Creating Art With A Purpose

K.K. Cleland, a representative of the Fine Arts Council for Sacred Heart Church and School in Chicago, has served as a judge of finalist's posters for several years. The contestants "learn to understand that sometimes art isn't just for art's sake, that it isn't just something people go to look at," Cleland said. "Art can be a medium for them; it can be used as an outlet to communicate so much about what a person is thinking or feeling. That age group, 11 to 13, is when they definitely begin to understand that."

The contestants, Cleland added, are also at an age where they begin to compare and contrast the norms and values of their communities with those outside of it. "How wonderful is it that for 20 years the Lions have had a program where children can consider social justice issues through art?" asked Cleland. "It's an outstanding program that hopefully will continue inspiring these kids to keep thinking about peace."

Henry Lau, an art educator in Hong Kong, agrees. Lau runs Simply Art, a Hong Kong arts studio that fostered the artistic growth of 2004-05 grand prize winner Cheuk Tat Li and 2002-03 merit award winner Li Tse Wai. "We strongly emphasize students' creative and analytical thinking," Lau said. "We believe these competitions can open students' eyes and broaden their minds."

The Peace Poster Contest Getting Involved

Getting involved in the Peace Poster Contest is easy. Visit www.lionsclubs.org to learn more about the contest and rules, view past winners, send a peace poster e-card, download a contest kit order form and get materials for hosting and promoting your contest. Also, visit the Web site to learn more about the Peace Poster Contest tabletop and museum exhibits. The tabletop exhibit is available for display throughout the year to help promote the contest and encourage interest from youth. The Lions International Peace Poster Exhibit, which displays the 24 international finalists of the annual contest, is displayed at the Lions international convention and in children's museums and locations across the United States throughout the year. Upcoming exhibitions are listed on the Web site.

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High School Students



Dr. Norman Bethune Night is where the London North Lions Club awards and recognizes community service by local high school students. Each receives a Certificate of Appreciation together with a cheque for \$100 in recognition for their efforts.

Submitted by Lion Allen Haynes

Wooden Toys



Over 150 wooden toys were donated to the Mary Mount School in London by some of the London North Lions Club members. The toys were made by volunteers, in the workshop of PVDG Earl Crisp.

Submitted by Lion Allen Haynes



Rayjon

Dr. Gail Tanner, a Petrolia optometrist and member of the Petrolia Lions Club, was part of a Rayjon Share Care of Sarnia Inc. Eyeglass clinic trip in November to Guatemala. While there Canadians dispensed 671 pairs of eyeglasses – for free . Despite several challenges, the team was able to provide 869 patients with vision assessments in about four and a half days of clinics. Seventy-six patients who couldn't be matched with donated eyeglasses are being sent new eyeglasses after doctors and opticians have them ready.



Eight people from Lambton County were part of the Rayjon trip, including Petrolia Lions Club President John Tiernay and his wife Sheila. The Tiernays have gone on a number of Rayjon eyeglass clinic trips, including last year's Guatemala and Haiti trips. The Guatemalan clinic was held in the Town of Mixco and Dr. Tanner said of 6,000 pairs of donated glasses collected in Canada by Rayjon, 3,000 pairs were brought to Guatemala. Rayjon eyeglass program co-ordinator Joanne Atkinson of Wyoming is a patient of Dr. Tanner and said "The eyeglass program continues to evolve. Each year, we learn new methods to be more efficient but there are always new challenges to make each clinic so memorable. This one [in Guatemala] did not disappoint us."

Dr. Tanner said she participated in the Rayjon trip because the Lions Club motto is "We Serve." It all stems from a commitment to community service. Canadians paid for their own air fare and accommodation and Dr. Tanner's work at the eyeglass clinic included eye exams to determine prescriptions and referrals for follow-up eye care. The Guatemalans were not charged for the service or eyeglasses and most patients received eyeglasses from the stock the Canadians brought with them. The Canadian team saw some 200 patients a day and the town provided armed guards for their protection. Spanish translators helped the Canadians bridge the communication gap.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

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Lynn Valley Wrappers



Lynn Valley Lions Club members Mat, Bob, Patty, Steve, Mary, and Sarah buy gifts for the Children's Aid Society for their Annual Christmas Party. This Simcoe based Lions Club has supported the C.A.S. for years. These jolly Lions, plus Lion Irene, then spent the evening wrapping all the gifts.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend

Jarvis Fish Fry



The Jarvis Lions Fish Fry Dinner and Turkey Raffle was an overwhelming success Nov 22nd. The lines of people were out the door and the Jarvis Hall was packed on the Thursday night it was held. With a full belly 100 people also got to take home a frozen Turkey.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend

Family Thanksgiving



During some minor repairs to our cabin at Camp Trillium Rainbow Lake the Jarvis Lions Club members learned the camp was in need of a new lawn tractor. On July 27th Jarvis Lion Club President Jeff Bowen, left, and his brother Lion Bob Bowen, Club Treasurer, returned to the camp to present a \$10,000 cheque to Ian Elliot, Assistant Director of Fundraising and Roy McCombs, Site Manager, for the purchase of the new lawn tractor seen in the photo.

Submitted by Lion Rob Reeder.

Lynn Valley Grows



Lynn Valley Lions President Sarah Townsend and Lion Matt Corriera, middle, welcome new Lion Joe Estrela into the club at his Induction Ceremony.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend

Joint meeting

The Simcoe Lions hosted a joint service club meeting in Simcoe recently. Several Lions Clubs, Rotary Club, Optimist Club, Kinsman Club and Who Did It Club shared common interests in serving their community. The yearly event allows clubs to network, plan co-operation as well as avoid conflicting events. Perhaps your community could hold a similar event to promote co-operation and co-ordination.

Fabulous Fenwick



FENWICK LIONS are FABULOUS

The Fabulous Fenwick Lions recently donated \$10,000 to Campaign SightFirst II. The SightFirst program is Lions International's effort since 1990 that has helped prevent blindness, give sight, and end blindness for hundreds of millions of the world's people. Left to Right: Lion Fred Broughton, Campaign Sightfirst II District Chair, Lion Jerry Ursacki, Lion Bill MacKenzie and Fenwick Lions Club President Rob Henson.

Fabulous Fenwick Lions also recently donated to the Andrew Lanese fund in the amount of \$5000. Andrew is a local child who suffers from Hunters Syndrome and requires expensive medication that is not currently government funded.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend & Rob Neal

City Banners



The Courtice Lions Club are very proud to have Thank You banners flying high over Courtice.

Submitted by Lion Billie Grozelle

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50 Years in Lakefield



50 year Lions member PDG Ed Wiggins stands flanked by new members Ron Davidson, Reg Scott, Bill Rosborough on his left, and by the sponsoring lions Bob Mumby, Jim Galvin and Bill Corbett on his right. Lion Ed first joined the Aldershot Lions Club in 1957. Now that's what we call dedication! In other club news the winner of our 3rd \$500.00 draw was Bev Wilson. Congratulations Bev and thanks for supporting the Lions cause.

Port Hope Wreath



Port Hope Lion William Rowden placed a wreath on the cenotaph in Port Hope November 11th on behalf of the Port Hope Lions Club. Lion Bill is a long time member of the club since October 1958. He is a past president and a life member.

Submitted by Lion Shirley Climo-Jackson

Stirling Melvin



Lion Dave Potts, of the Stirling and District Lions Club, received the Melvin Jones Award from DG Lion Jim Lemoire in June 2007. Lion Dave has been the driving force behind many Club initiatives, from the Groundhog Fest to the growing Stirling Truck Show organized by the Stirling Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Arlene Pollick

Lakefield Lioness

The Lakefield Lioness Lions held their 16th annual "Christmas Magic" Craft Show on November 3rd. Lion Fran Anderson is happy to report a huge success and turned over a cheque for over \$2000 to the club, which will go toward their commitment of \$30,000 over a period of 5 years, to the Lakefield Regional Primary Health Care Centre. \$5,000 has already been donated to this cause.

Submitted by Lion Fran Anderson

Blazing a Trail



The Courtice Lions Club, along with local teacher and organizer John Howard, spent many hours regenerating the Millennium Trail, with the financial help of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and support of many local individuals and groups. The trail is now more accessible for all, and the Lions are very thankful for the support they received.

Purina Walk



The annual Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides, hosted by the Bancroft and Apsley Lions Clubs, was again successful, raising \$2195. This is equivalent to the Bronze recognition level. The walk was held on a 2 kilometre route in Bancroft.

Submitted by Lion Laverne Stapley

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Petawawa Peace



On November 24 at the Lions Hall in Petawawa three judges: Governor Jerome Andre, Lion Shelley Barnsley and Lisa Brazeau – Petawawa Post Reporter had to choose a Poster to represent the District at the multiple district level. They also had to choose our 1st and 2nd Runner-Ups. The District winner was Micah Gilchrist from Bishop Smith Catholic High School sponsored by the Pembroke Petawawa Lions who received \$100, 1st Runner up was Zadia Larouche from Pleasant Corners Public School sponsored by Vankleek Lions Club who received \$75 and the 2nd Runner Up Alison Mulawyshyn CSC Jeanne-Lajoie sponsored by Pembroke Petawawa received \$50. There are four clubs Vankleek Hill, Brockville, Winchester and Pembroke Petawawa Lions from the District that participated this year with a submission of 11 posters. This has been the best participation in the last 7 years. Lion Norm and I hope that the participation will even be greater next year. This is the time to start planning your contest for next year. We would like to thank the Clubs that have participated and clubs that have financially supported this youth project. We hope other clubs will also donate so we can continue to offer our youth financial rewards for their participation. At the Governors visit to the Lions Hall in Petawawa Monday November 26, DG Jerome presented Micah a cheque for \$100 and District Peace Poster Co-Chair Lion Lynn Mathewson presented Micah her plaque.

Elgin Helen Keller



Front and centre is Elgin Lions Club member Edmond Kenny holding his Helen Keller award. Lion Edmond has 58 years as an Elgin Lion and has held many offices during his service. He was the last surviving charter member of the club. We are all saddened that one-month after receiving this award Lion Edmond past away. Pictured with Lion Edmond, rear left to right: Lion Doug Summers, Lion Ross Hawkins, Lion Leo Kenny (Edmond's brother), Lion Bill Hamilton. Front left to right: Lion Tom Keats, Lion Edmond and Lion Lee Hoover.

Submitted by Lion Marcel Lamirante

Olivia and Docherty



PDG Ted Hughes encouraged his grandchildren Olivia, 11 years, on the left, and Docherty, 8 years, to help Grandpa on White Cane Day in Brockville. The children collected \$340 for their efforts. Leos also helped and raised another \$235. Brockville's total for the day was \$2336.

Submitted by Lion Ian Inniss

Lions Having Fun

On October 20, a Pumpkin Patch Party for kids was held at the Petawawa Civic Center. This event was free and there were numerous activities available. The Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club sponsored the ball toss, just one of the many activities. The kids had to throw the ball through the hole in the Pumpkin to win a prize. The Lions gave out over 600 prizes, which was an increase over last year. Lions Lynn, Pat, John and Emily had as much fun as the kids did. In the photo Lions set up prizes before the activity begins. Left to right: are Lions Emily Ralph, Pat Mathewson and John Ralph.



Popular Theatre



For the second year in a row, performances of the popular heritage theatre company, Stone Fence, were staged in the Killaloe Lions Hall. At each performance over 2000 people attended, most people bought 50/50 raffle tickets the club members sold. Last summer, the club raised \$2,000 for Fairfields, a newly built seniors' home in Eganville. This summer, a cheque for \$2,000 was presented to Hospice Renfrew, a new palliative care facility serving Renfrew County.

Left to right, Ish Theilheimer, producer of Stone Fence Theatre (& a Lion); Jo-Anne Dowdall-Brown, Fund-Raising Director for Hospice Renfrew, and Rose-Anne Boucher, president of the Killaloe and Area Lions' Club; in the background are Stone Fence theatre patrons enjoying a performance, and waiting to hear the 50-50 winner for the evening

Submitted by Tony Pearson

Health Centre



Orleans Lions Club President Andre Tondreau presented a Lion pin of Deaf/Blind Lion Kevin Frost to Aime Desjardins from the Elisabeth Bruyer Health Centre. The appreciation event was for donators where the Orleans Lions Club made a donation of \$10,000 and another commitment of \$10,000 for the renovation of a patient room.

Submitted by Lion Maurice Lacasse

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Cabinet Donates



District A5 Lions Cabinet met in Sudbury. One item on the agenda was the presentation of the \$100,000 Grant from LCI foundation to the Sault Hospital for the Argon Laser project. With the well-known relation Lions have with sight care and protection of the eyes, the grant was a natural.

Submitted by Lion Gloria Packard

Sudbury Sally



The Sudbury Lions Club members were out in full force in November to ring the bells for Salvation Army. A cheque was presented to Salvation Army representative Geneav Oake by Sudbury Lions Club President Dr. Gloria Packard. Assisting in the presentation is 47-year Lions member Lion Jim Austin.

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Scarborough

MingJie Chen, a Grade 6 student at Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School and Vysnavi Vijayakulasingam, a Grade 6 student at Brookmill Simcoe Junior Public School have taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Scarborough Cedarbrae Golden Mile Lions Club.

Chen's & Vijayakulasingam's posters were among more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 20th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The club is cheering for both these young people as their posters advance through the competition and we hope their visions will ultimately be shared with others around the world.

View international grand prize and merit award winners at www.lionsclubs.org.

Submitted by Lion Tertia Knight

Peace Poster



The LCI 20th Annual Peace Poster Contest had a theme for 2007-08: Peace Around the World. The Sudbury winner was Nathan Johnston, II years old, a grade 6 student at R. L. Beattie French Immersion School, Sudbury. Nathan is seen holding his winning Poster, selected for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme. Nathan won \$250 for his innovative work. He says: "If we forget our differences and all agree. We will never fight again!" Left to right: PDG Lion Jack Oatway, VDG Lion Ellen Fletcher, winner Nathan Johnston; DG Myra Kiernan, and Nathan's teacher Christine Adam.

Submitted by Lion Gloria S. Packard

Wishing Well



International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, left, presented a Life Membership award to Wishing Well Lions Club PP Lion Felix DeSouza, who was also the Co-Chairman of the Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee, where the award was given. Lion Felix was also presented a 33-year service pin. Looking on are PDG and Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee PDG Rolando dela Cruz, second from right, and Lion Jean Walcott.

At the event, International President Mahendra also inducted two new members into the club.

Submitted by Lion Felix DeSouza

New Leo Club

A new Leo Club came to Scarborough on November 7 when 11 charter members celebrated the organization of their new Scarborough Kingsway Leo Club at the Kingsway Arms at Eglinton & McCowan. The Scarborough Cedarbrae Golden Mile Lions Club sponsored the new club for young people ages 12 to 19 yrs.

Leo Hilary Hung of Scarborough has been elected to serve as the first President of the new club, and Collette Heeger of Ajax will serve as the first Club Secretary. The Kingsway Arms Leo Club plans to become involved in a variety of fundraising and community service projects. According to Hilary Hung, the Leo Club President, "We are excited to give back to our community. Through this important work, we plan to make a difference in our community. The Scarborough Kingsway Leo Club will meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month. Lion John Whyte is the Leo club advisor.

Submitted by Lion John Whyte

Erin's Nerds

Two members of the Erin & District Lions Club, Lions Mike Fleming and Don Snowball, have taken a community project to a new level, to assist seniors in the community who wish to overcome the learning barrier relating to the enjoyable operation of a computer, a pastime that most of us take for granted in this day and age, and age is the operative word. It is their belief that working with the computer provides a healthy form of stimulus for the brain and arguably helps preserve our cognitive ability.

Their program involves two pieces: Mike and Don are constantly on the lookout for used computers. They have recycled over 50 machines that have been donated through local businesses and friends. The older machines (approx. 20 units) were brought back into working order and sent to a church group who forwarded them to a school in the third world. The newer machines were reconditioned and given to seniors whose financial position did not allow the purchase of new machines. Mike and Don donate one day a week (for the past 18 months) traveling to individual homes to teach file management, word processing, the internet and e-mail primarily, and from time to time they have been asked to help with other software programs.

Currently there are approximately 10 seniors who they call on a regular basis; in addition there are several seniors who request specific help with hardware and software on a random basis.

EWAG (East Wellington Advisory Group), a local social agency has been the central contact point for the majority of the senior students, with their contact being the manager of the agency seniors day care program. The Erin & District Lions Club is very proud of our two members who are providing this service to our local seniors.

Submitted by PDG Derek Bloomfield

History Repeating Itself



When the Lakeshore Lions Club launched the \$250,000 War Memorial Arena project in 1947, many people cautioned that it was just too big an undertaking for a small group of 52 men. What the skeptics apparently forgot was that Lions rarely bite off more than they can chew, and a well-knit group of them, no matter how small, can take some impressive-size bites with the result - an appetite for bigger projects. After considerable study, plans were drawn up to construct a building with seats for 3,000 people and ice surface of 200 by 85 feet, at an estimated cost of \$250,000. On April 15th., 1950, ground was broken and the building was started. By this time, the little group of men, now expanded to 64 members has raised \$70,000 on carnivals and donations from individuals and industries.

The Lakeshore Lions have attempted several times over the past 20 years to expand their existing single pad arena facility by adding a new pad to the east side of the arena.

The Lions Club was approached by the local city councilors with the suggestion that a 10-acre site 300 yards north east of our existing location (Gilbey! Site) owned by the Toronto District School Board might be available for an entirely new complex.

The following 4 years (2002-2006) of concerted negotiations involving the Lakeshore Lions Club, City of Toronto and the Toronto District School led to an approval by the City of Toronto Council to support a new 4 pad arena (including 1 Olympic size pad). The complex would also be the new practice facilities for the

NHL Toronto Maple Leafs, the AHL Toronto Marlies, and home to The Hockey Hall of Fame Archival Facility and Hockey Canada Eastern Center of Excellence. The complex would now have approximately 270,000 square feet of rink and floor area at a projected cost of approximately \$35 million.

The various tenant leases, construction contracts, financing agreements, etc were completed in October 2007; actual construction is now under way with completion scheduled for the summer of 2009 in time for the 2009-2010 hockey season.

The Lakeshore Lions new Den will be located on the second floor at the south end of the complex adjacent to an elevator allowing easy access for all. The Den will be approximately 7,000 square feet (3 times the existing size), with a view into the bowl and the Maple Leafs practice pad.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL LAKESHORE LIONS MEMBERS!!!



Magic of Christmas



Owen Sound Scenic City Lions having some fun in the Owen Sound Santa Claus Parade. The theme is "The Magic of Christmas". Pictured are PZC George Barnes, PRC Lenora Raby, ZC Joy Ann Webb and Lion Tiffany Bell and Lion Terry Weppeler.

Submitted by Lion Ev Barnes

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New Members Busy

Teeswater Lions Club new members are already very active in the club and community. Lion Robert McNab comes with vast experiences and work/travel across Canada. He has worked as a Chef and is currently busy in preparing a project to teach safety and hygiene in food preparation and handling. He is very enthusiastic about promoting this project with the help of lions, going to schools, community meetings and giving demonstrations. Lion Bob has Lion's roots, as he was a founding member of the Minden Lions Club. Lion Bob is doing a wonderful job of Tail Twisting for the club, and keeps everyone on their toes. Also recently inducted were Lion Hilda Wales and Lion Elliott Grasett. Lion Elliott recently moved from Guelph to Teeswater. Elliott and his wife Dorothy are both voracious readers. Elliott is also very much at home with his computer. Being new to the club, very quite but very attentive, he accepted the responsibilities of setting up food collection for the Food Bank during the Christmas drive.

Submitted by Lion Induhai Patel

Grey- Highlands



The Ken Harrison Memorial Award was presented to the Grey Highlands Lions Club in recognition of their service in 2006 to Participation Lodge Grey Bruce. Club President Lion Barb Lawson, centre, is shown receiving the award from Lion Dave Millican, left, Lodge Board President, and Karen Kociuk, Special Events Coordinator. Karen is holding the master plaque which was donated by the Shelburne and District Lions Club and will be installed on the Friendship wall at the Lodge.

Submitted by J. Millican

Wingham



Wingham Lions Club President Corey Pullman and Lion Harvey Kuntz, Lion Tamer, accept the regalia of the late Lion Lee Vance from his wife, Thora. Lion Lee had been a member of the Lions Club of Wingham for over 50 years when he died in December 2006.

Submitted by Lion Earl Dolmage

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Springwater Workers



The Springwater Lions Club recently welcomed two new members to the club. Lion Tim Lester and Lion Steve Poole have already proven valuable members for both the club and the community. During September, they were involved in two club activities – the annual duck race which raised over \$2400, and one of several local motocross events where the Club runs a concession booth and have averaged over \$1000 per event. In the spring, the new Lions will join in selling fireworks. Left to right: Club President Jeff Brown, Lion Steve Poole, PDG Fred Brox, Lion Brian Claw, Lion Tim Lester.

Submitted by Lion Brian Rivers

Keep in Touch

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Lion Lloyd Sillick is the only founding member in the Teeswater Lions Club, and has been a Lion since the charter of the club since 1949. It is more than 55 years Lion Lloyd has remained very active and a dedicated lion. Over the years his presence at every meeting, his active participation and enthusiasm for community projects of lions was illustrious. Because of ill health and advancing senior's age, Lion Lloyd with his wife Jessie has moved to a retirement home, "Malcolm Place" in Kincardine. The Club missed Lion Lloyd's presence at meetings, so members decided to hold a surprise meeting at Malcolm Place. On October 22nd the Lions were received with very warm welcome by Jessie and lion Lloyd. After an excellent dinner (arranged by the staff of Malcolm Place-Retirement home), Jessie took spouses of lions and her friends to her apartment for entertainment and tour.



The Lions assembled in a meeting room and Club President Hilda Wales opened the meeting welcoming all and greeting lion Lloyd. Our meeting was concluded with smiles on faces and happy memories. For Teeswater Lions, this experience was very inspirational. Keeping in touch is something very valuable to keep up the spirits of lions.

Submitted by Lion I.R. Patel

South Barrie Cares



Barrie South Lions Club Treasurer Lion Florence Skrypnychuk presents a cheque to Dennis Willer, Executive Director of the Barrie Food Bank. The Barrie South Lions donated canned goods along with a check for \$200 to the Food Bank. The Barrie South Club also made donations of \$200 to the Salvation Army for the Five Points Fire Disaster Fund, \$200 to the David Busby Street Centre and \$300 to the Children's Aid Society for Christmas Baskets.

Submitted by Lion Shirley Day

Spirit of Giving



The Magnetawan Lions Club prepared Christmas baskets including gifts for the children and everything needed to cook a turkey or ham dinner with all the fixin's for over thirty needy families in the Magnetawan area. Generous support from local citizens and businesses including donations of money, food, and toys ensures that those in need or in tough times will still enjoy the blessings and spirit of the holiday season. The Magnetawan Lions wish to thank all those from our community for their time and support in this annual project.

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth

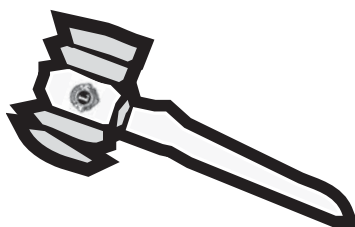
Curling for Sight



The Orillia Lions Club organized a successful bonspiel for the benefit of CNIB (Simcoe/Muskoka). Pictured is Club President Brenda Smale, right, presenting a ceremonial cash box to Anita Lennon, Manager, Corporate and Community Development for CNIB. The net amount raised through donations and sponsorships amounted to \$9,300. Thanks goes to PDG Lion Terry Mayhew, District A12 Sight Conservation Chair who gave full support to the project and donated a trophy that was presented to the team raising the most donations. The Club was very pleased with the support this project got from the sponsors and curlers and hopes to make this an annual event.

Submitted by Lion Bill Belfour

“Ethnic”



Auction



As part of the evening fun, an “ethnic” auction was held to raise funds to further the work of Lionism in the area. The auctioneer extraordinaire, Lion Bill Woodruff, shows fellow Lions what they had passed up when successful bidder, Lion Mark Langford, gets an opportunity to test his “mystery gift”.

The Magnetawan Lions Club celebrated 41 years of Lionism serving the Magnetawan area this past December 8th with a banquet held at the Magnetawan Inn. An extra special highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Doug Langford from five of the original 1966 charter members in Magnetawan.. Lion Doug Langford was recognized for his many years of dedicated Lion service to the community with this special award for his ongoing work to gather used eyeglasses from the area to be recycled for reuse in third world countries.

Submitted by Lion Randolph Soth



Charter members, left to right, Lions Lorne Hallett, Fred Schmeler, Willard Raaflaub, Joe Bernas, and Phil Raaflaub honour fellow Lion Doug Langford, front, with the Melvin Jones Fellowship award from LCIF.

Annual Tradition



The Barrie Lions Club is proud to continue its annual tradition of presenting bursary awards to all of the Secondary Schools in the City of Barrie. These awards include: Lions Club Award of Excellence for Grade 12 Canadian & World Studies, Lions Club Award for Grade 12 Resource Management and Lions Club Award for Proficiency in Humanities. We recognize that these students hold our future in their hands. The Club feels that it is important to show the students that their accomplishments are valued.

Club Treasurer Lion Joanne Craig presented Lions Club Award for Proficiency in Humanities to Grade 12 Student, Renee Gormandy of Barrie Central Collegiate.

Submitted by Lion Joan Burbidge

Third Donation



Bracebridge Lions Club made its third donation of \$5000 to the South Muskoka Hospital Foundation "CT scanner campaign". Our club has pledged to donate \$25,000 to the hospital over a five-year period. George Reid, (SMHF) accepts the cheque from Lions president Janet Readman

Submitted by Lion Brad Bowes

Largest Project



One of the largest fund raising projects of the Oro District Lions Club is operating the canteen and selling 50/50 tickets at Barrie Speedway. Recently the club held an Appreciation Dinner and presented certificates to non-member volunteers whose contribution to the project is essential to its success.

Submitted by Lion Frank Lawson

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Appreciation Night



The Cambridge Highlands Lions Club held their annual appreciation night in September. The group photo includes, left to right: Lion Margaret de Boer who received her Bruce Murray Fellowship Award, Lions Isabelle Langley, Lion Len Hallman – Lion of the Year recipient, Lion Feme Lindhorst, Club President Pat Bryan, Sheila Brown, Lion Nancy Brash, and in front Lion Isabel Weir with her Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Brash

Long Tail Award



In order to encourage fellowship and awareness of the activities of other Clubs, District A15 sponsors the Long Tail Lion Award. In order to receive this award from the District, a Lion must visit each of the Clubs in the District and have the Club Secretary sign and date his or her record sheet. With over 50 Clubs in District A15, few Lions accomplish it once in their lifetime. Lion Erik Westermann is one of the very few who have done so twice.

Recently Lion Erik completed the last Club visit needed for an unprecedented third Long Tailed Award. While his official recognition from the District will come at a later date, the St. Jacobs Lions Club presented him with a special, meticulously hand-crafted long tail to be worn by Lion Erik at all future official Lion's functions.

Submitted by Lion Heather Ross

Vets Night



On November the 7th the Ingersoll Lions Club held their annual Vet's Night. This tradition has been going on for about 60 years. This year the Vets were entertained by the Sweet Adelines from Stratford.

Submitted by Lion Chas Hulet

Brock Food Bank



Lions Club of Beaverton Support Brock Food Bank

President Lion Jim Smalley, Lion David Trist, Lion Bruce Dixon and Lion Gord Giasson present a cheque to Joe Martin of the Brock Food Bank for \$2000. Proceeds from the annual Christmas tree sales contribute to the donation made annually to this cause. Thanks everyone for your support.

Submitted by Lion Debbie Brammar

Financial Assist



Each year the Lindsay Lions Club financially assists the Victoria County Humane Society (VCHS). This contribution was presented in memory of former Lions member Alec Luke who was a big supporter of the work of the Humane Society. Alec passed away suddenly in August 2005. Presenting this year's cheque to Ed Call, Operations Manager of the VCHS are Lindsay Lions Club members Bob Wilson, left, and Jim Young, centre. Photo by Anne Wilson

Submitted by Lion Jim Young



Markham Lions Club PP David Hitchen hands over the gavel to incoming President Grace Medland. This occasion marks the induction of the first lady president in the 64-year history of the Markham Club. The Markham Lions also had a successful new member campaign this year, inducting nine new Lions from March to September. The Membership Committee Chair Lion Ken Harris, was proud to hand over the new lion cubs to new president Lion Grace, including the latest cubs to join - John Styles, Frank Delvecchio, Ron Chambers and Greg Garach.

Submitted by Lion Jack McBride

Oh Christmas Tree



Many turned out for the 2nd Annual Beaverton Lions Tree Lighting! A perfect night for caroling, fellowship, hot chocolate and the splendor of lights! Alexander Muir Park is all lit up and ready for the Christmas Season thanks to the Beaverton Lions and the residents who attended to make it a magical night.

Submitted by Lion Debbie Brammar

Lindsay Christmas Food



In late December members of the Lindsay Lions Club purchased \$1000 worth of food for the Salvation Army Christmas food hampers. The Club donation was more than matched by Lamantia's Country Market - Lamantia's have done this annually for several years. Picking up the food at Lamantia's are, left to right, Lion Charles Soldin, a Lamantia's employee, a representative from Lindsay This Week, Lion President Rick Roddy, Lion Gary Barnes and Dave Lamantia, owner of Country Market. Photo by Anne Wilson

Submitted by Lion Jim Young

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Do I have to pay more when I renew them the following year?

No. They are the same as any other plates. You pay the regular renewal fee.

How do I get special numbers or letters on a set of plates?

Again, these are ordered through the Ontario licence bureaus. The cost is \$319.60. However, there is only room for six characters on a Lions Licence Plate.

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Lindsay Fundraiser



Lindsay Lions Club members Lion Bob Wilson, right, and Lion Jan Eisinga selling Christmas Cakes at a local mall. This has been a successful fundraiser for the Club for several years now. For the past few years the project has been chaired by Lion Marilynne Golden and she, together with Lion Gary Barnes have sold a large proportion of the cakes. Photo by Anne Wilson

Submitted by Lion Jim Young

Thornhill Village



Thornhill District Lions working at the annual Thornhill Village Festival booth. A great day was had by all on September 21st, despite a rather cool day.

Submitted by Lion June O'Donnell

Dale & Glenn



Coboconk Ridgewood Public School Vice Principal receives a cheque in the amount of \$750 from Lion Barb Tomlinson, Coboconk & District Lions Club, to support the D.A.R.E. program, Breakfast Club for kids, and Student of the year Program. In other recent club news, new members Dale & Glenn Houghton were inducted by DG Dick Peel at the Club's November 15th meeting.

Submitted by Lion Pauline Barber

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