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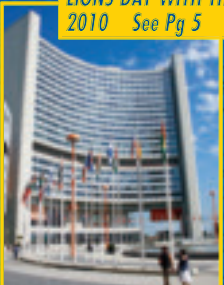


Omemee Lions take part in unveiling of the new Omemee sign.

Left to right: Lion Ed Johnston, Councilors G. McGregor & R. Ashmore, Lion Barry Marr (Chair of Sign Committee) and Lion Jack Murphy.

Submitted by Sam Pittman, Secretary

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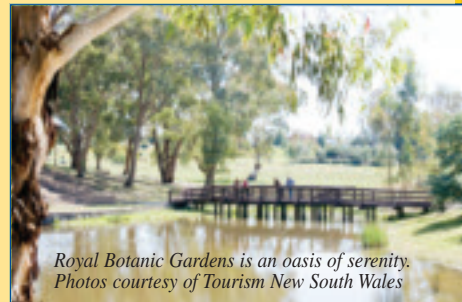


Bondi Beach offers fun in the sun.

You don't do anything halfway in this glorious city—and the Opera House is just the beginning.

by Helen O'Neill

Big, bold and brilliant, Sydney is a mass of contradictions - ostentatious yet laid-back, carefree yet hardworking, dazzling yet demure. Its population bubbles at around 4.3 million and it can boast of being one of the most multicultural places in the world. It is framed by beauty. To Sydney's north roams the Hawkesbury River; the east opens out into the Pacific Ocean; to the south sits the Royal National Park and the west rises up into the magnificent Blue Mountains range. It is renowned for being sunny, urbane, culturally thriving and



*Royal Botanic Gardens is an oasis of serenity.
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having more than 70 beaches. Even so, the first port of call for any new visitor has to be that jaw-dropping harbor.

Lions worldwide will gather in Sydney June 28-July 2 for the **93rd International Convention**. Attendees will elect a new international president and directors, enjoy the parade and Flag Ceremony, honor the Humanitarian Award winner and revel in the camaraderie of fellow Lions. More information on the convention including tours, seminars and entertainment will appear in an upcoming issue. Also, visit www.lionsclubs.org

The Lay of the Land

Number of Lions: 27,236 in 1,264 clubs

Weather: The average daily high in Sydney in January is 79 degrees. But "winter" in July is comfortable with an average high of 61 and a low of 47.

Currency: The Australian dollar comes in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100, either in the modern plasticized bills or the old (but still valid) paper bills.

Aborigines: Australia's first inhabitants constitute about 1.5 percent of the country's population; many now live in major cities but remain Aboriginal.

Magnetawan Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth

This past December 5th, our club held its 43rd Charter Night party to celebrate Lionism and "serving" our community since 1966. Our guest speaker for the evening was OPP Chief Superintendent, Scott Todd and our club also welcomed guests, Lion Maureen Hilt (A12 Region Chair), lion Jim Hilt (PDG) and several wives of former Lions who had been active in the club over the years. It was a wonderful evening of comradery and just plain fun as we celebrated and looked back on 43 years of Lionism in our community. **"We Serve"** but also **"We Have Fun"**



Charter Night : Head Table of (left to right) Lion Jim Hilt (PDG), Maureen Hilt (a12 Region Chair), Larry Hurtubise (Magnetawan club president), wife Shirley Hurtubise, Randy Soth (secretary, PR/Archives), wife Betty Soth



Club president, Larry Hurtubise, gives a rousing and thoughtful speech to the members of lionism and his role in the community.



Master of Ceremonies, Lion Jim Shaw shares a joke with our guest speaker for the night, OPP Chief Superintendent, Scott Tod.



Our auction "Elf", Lion Bryan Hampson delivering out auctioned gifts for the good of lionism.



Guest speaker, OPP Chief Superintendent, Scott Tod shares a moment with Master of Ceremonies, lion Jim Shaw

Vinton is a typical small Midwestern town.

Photo by Dean Close



Why Lions Matter in Small-Town America *by Jay Copp*

Two dozen miles outside Cedar Rapids, in the heartland of America, Route 150 veers sharply away from the interstate and plunges into the countryside of eastern Iowa. Barns and farmhouses dot the sweeping landscape. "We have a diversified economy," jokes **Lion Frank Van Steenhuyse** of Vinton. "On one side of the road it's corn and soybeans. On the other side it's soybeans and corn."

The Vinton Lions Club was chartered in 1921, four years before Helen Keller gave Lions their primary mission by urging them to be "Knights of the Blind." But in Vinton the Lions got a head start. The club's first project was to present Braille typewriters to graduates of the blind school. From then on every administrator at the school has been a Lion, and often several staff are members.

A Lion donated the extensive tract of land needed for the new high school. Lions helped build support for the bond. "The first thing you do when you want to raise money for a project is to lay out the project before both the Lions and Kiwanis," says Van Steenhuyse, the former head of the town's economic development group.

The Lions are a fixture at the high school football games, an event that pulls the community together. Lions direct traffic and the Lions trailer sells tenderloin, hot dogs, popcorn and, most famously, delicious funnel cakes. Profits go back to the school. The club also funds scholarships, provide backpacks, support the post-prom party and pitch in when a random need arises such as when a new wrestling mat is required.

The Lions are not clannish. They mix and cooperate with other groups and sometimes even throw a few dollars their way. Eells is forever grateful to the Kiwanians for a \$100 scholarship he received. A few years ago he repaid them and then some with a \$1,000 donation.



THE Lion

Welcome to the February Edition of *The Lion*.

To submit stories, photos, comments or suggestions, please contact your District Reporter (Pg 26) and please remember to check your camera settings to ensure highest resolution pictures.



Thirsty children are reminded of the contributions of the Beloit Noon Lions to their playground.

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Be Seen and be Heard to be Successful



Lions President Eberhard Wirfs

I know from running a business that employees understand there are ups and downs to any workplace, but they appreciate knowing what's going on and contribute better to the company when communication is good. Likewise, I know from many years of marriage that good communication is essential to a good marriage. *(Note to Margit: Yes, I have not forgotten what we discussed last Friday morning!)* And from my long tenure as a Lion and especially as a Lion leader I understand how vital communication is to success in our projects and to a harmonious club.

Communication enables Lions to rally club members around a project, to bond members with one another and to Lions, and to raise our visibility in the community and thereby increase membership. Any Lion can be a communication specialist; you don't need a background in public relations or don't need to serve as the club's public relations chairperson. Provide material to your club bulletin and be sure to read your bulletin. Read the LION and then give it to a neighbor, friend or leave it at the doctor's office or library. Browse the Website of Lions Clubs International to stay current on the wider world of Lions. Put notices about your club activities in your church bulletin, boast to your alumni publication of your Lions connection and mention Lions when making small talk across the fence with neighbors or when leaning across the aisle on the train to work.

During the last two weeks of January I am asking clubs to adopt a Lions in Sight initiative. Continue to save sight during the course of the year but for these two weeks make sure Lions are in sight of the public. It's easy to do. Display your peace poster entries, plan a Lions Crew at Work or Green Team project, arrange a cultural event such as a dance, music program or international food fair, organize a vision screening to promote Glaucoma Awareness Month or sponsor an eyeglass or hearing aid collection.

Be seen and heard. Clubs need not use a cookie-cutter approach: different cultures or even varied educational backgrounds necessitate diverse styles of communication. But please let your voice be heard and your Lion vest, pin or banner be seen.

Our roar should precede us so people will follow us.

Helen Keller, who had all the reasons in the world to lack a positive outlook, once said, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." Lions, every instance of our service is a shining moment of optimism and faith. We believe we can uplift lives and improve our communities. Indeed, that's what Lions have done for 93 years.

We need to keep sharing that optimism with our fellow club members and keep them in the fold. Let me emphasize that membership worldwide is up thanks to strong recruiting efforts. But it could be even better if clubs made a greater commitment to retention.

Lions, we need a double membership strategy. We need to extend clubs and we need to improve retention. This really can be done only at the club level. The Lions who are leaving are your club members, your friends. You know their hearts and minds and what keeps them happy and satisfied. Certainly, a large organization such as ours will lose many members every year due to non-payment of dues, club cancellations, death and other reasons. But nearly 40 percent of members who left us last year resigned in good standing. They simply decided their club was not meeting their needs.

Retention starts with induction. We need to recruit qualified members: people who want to serve, who can pay their dues, who have some stature in the community. Then we must nurture them as Lions. The first four years are critical. Make them feel welcome and important. Listen to them. Heed their advice. A club can't cater to the wishes of the few but must respond to its entire membership. Make sure meetings are punctual, lively and interesting and that club activities are frequent and engaging. Most clubs do this most of the time. Let's be able to say all clubs do this all the time!

Lions Clubs International has excellent tools to improve your club such as self-evaluation kits and pamphlets on improving club dynamics and meetings. A better club will lead to better retention.

Retention is critical for us to do even more service and to keep clubs strong and healthy. Our purpose is to serve society, but to do that well we have to serve our clubs too, by making them attractive for members. I know that Lions never fail when challenged. Take this as another challenge. Move to Grow this year and move deliberately and intelligently to hold onto your members.

Eberhard J. Wirfs
Lions Clubs International President



Retention of members increases the service capability of clubs.



To the Members of the Lions Family of Multiple District "A" :

By the time you receive this issue of "the Lion" the Holiday Season will have come and gone for another year. Elizabeth and I were fortunate to be able to spend almost the entire Christmas and New Years period with our families and we hope that you were able to do so as well.

Since the last issue of the Lion we have travelled to Newfoundland and Labrador, Alberta, Trenton and Kincardine, Ontario, Shawville, Quebec and Kentucky to name some of the places that we visited on your behalf. I am sure that it comes as no surprise to you that, "guess what", Lions are Lions no matter where they may live. All of us who have had the opportunity to visit other Clubs in our home areas or attend District, Multiple District and especially International Conventions have all come away from those experiences enriched and with our pride in our own participation in Lionism greatly enhanced.

Very soon we will all be making plans to attend our various conventions for this year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Lions who plan on attending our International Convention in Sydney, Australia June 28 through July 2, 2010, and all Lions Club Secretaries that Delegate/Alternate Delegate forms will not be mailed to Club Secretaries as has been the procedure in the past. Commencing with this 2010 International Convention these forms will be published on LCI's website and as well the form will be published in the February and April editions of the the Lion magazine.

I would ask that you continue to support your District Governors and their teams, our G.M.T. representatives and our merle teams. These Lions are working very hard to fulfill International President Wirfs' goal of "Moving to Grow our Membership" so that we may be better able to serve our citizens by making our communities better places to live.

At this time of year we start to search and look for those Lions whose leadership would benefit our Clubs and Association. I ask you to look at your fellow Lions and encourage and support those who you believe would provide good leadership for now and in the future.

The pace of Lionism really starts to increase now and I encourage all of you to do everything that you can to make this a banner year for you and your club in Lionism.

Elizabeth and I want to thank all of you for your support and good wishes and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care,

Lion Carl Young
International Director



Lion Carl Young, I.D.



We Serve

Vienna is the Venue LIONS DAY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS 2010

Vienna, Austria is the venue for the 32nd Annual Lions Day with the United Nations. The event will be held on Friday, March 26, 2010 at the United Nations Vienna International Centre. For three decades, the Lions of Vienna have organized an annual Lions Day with the United Nations event to celebrate the 65-year relationship between the two international organizations.

Lions International President Eberhard J. Wirfs of Germany invites Lions and guests to experience Lions Day with the United Nations in Vienna. "Vienna is one of the busiest cities in Europe with extremely attractive points of interest including music and shopping," said Wirfs.

Ranked among the best cities for quality of life, Vienna is the former home of musical composers Beethoven, Brahms, Hayden, Mozart, Schubert and Strauss. Today, the Austrian capital has more than 100 art museums. The city center is a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage site.

The Vienna International Centre is located north of the Danube River. The modern complex houses the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and the United Nations Postal Administration.

Lions Day with the United Nations is an annual reminder that Lions leaders were invited to help write the non-governmental charter of a new organization to be known as the United Nations. Since 1945, the association has remained affiliated with United Nations humanitarian agencies through consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Each year the Lions international president appoints a Lion to represent Lions at United Nations offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna. This year, all three of President Wirfs' appointees to the U.N.—Past International President Joseph L. Wroblewski (New York office), Past International President Professor Dr. Giuseppe Grimaldi (Geneva) and Past International Director Ernst Musil (Vienna)—will attend Lions Day with the United Nations.

At 2 p.m. on March 26, Wroblewski, the event chairperson, will officially begin Lions Day with the United Nations 2010. Throughout the afternoon Wirfs and United Nations speakers will share insights about humanitarian service. The program will include a presentation to both the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest and the Austrian contest winner. A musical performance is also planned.

Attendance at Lions Day with the United Nations is limited to the first 330 registrants. Pre-registration is required by United Nations Security. The registration form with payment information appears on the Lions Website: www.lionsclubs.org. Special hotel rates are available. For information, contact: ldun@lionsclubs.org.



LCIF Rebuilds Communities After Disasters *by Nicole Brown and Alecia Dimar*

When disasters occur, Lions are often among the first people on the scene, assessing the damage and responding to immediate needs. Setting Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) apart from other organizations are the long-term reconstruction efforts to rebuild homes, schools, hospitals and community centers, long after other groups leave the disaster site. In addition to nearly \$2 million awarded yearly for emergency grants, LCIF provides millions for major catastrophe long-term reconstruction efforts. The China earthquake in May 2008, the Gujarat earthquake nine years ago in India and Hurricane Katrina are three examples that demonstrate Lions' commitment to rebuilding communities and lives through LCIF.

Lions Village

Nang Chong Chen's family of three lost everything in the May 2008 earthquake that devastated her small village in Sichuan Province in central China. They lived in tents provided by Lions until the government set up temporary prefabricated homes. In October, Chen and her family moved into their newly built home in Peng Hua Lions Village.

Her house is part of a two-phase project to construct more than 150 homes in the Lions village. A plaque above each door includes the Lions logo and reads: "Hand in hand, heart in heart, to rebuild our home."

A total of 80 homes were handed over to families in October during a dedication ceremony attended by LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel and his wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, Vice President Wing-Kun Tam, nearly 50 Lions clubs members from throughout China and Hong Kong & Macau, the local vice mayor and other local dignitaries. The dedication marked a year and a half since the earthquake.

"This is a good day for the local people and fellow Lions. I can see with my own eyes the changes that have been made here by Lions," said Tam, who led the organizing committee for reconstruction projects and visited the area more than four times.

Lions worked hand in hand with the villages on the construction. Many Lions have visited the village, helping with reconstruction, driving supplies, overseeing the building process and ensuring funds were well-spent. Some Lions made the difficult trip more than 10 times.

Lions worked with the Chinese government and relief organizations to provide immediate emergency relief. They set up tents in villages, established makeshift schools, and provided other needed relief items such as blankets, food and medicine. With a \$200,000 grant from LCIF, Lions in MD 101 in Sweden provided additional tents for relief workers and victims.

Lions around the world also contributed generously, enabling LCIF to award more than \$3 million for long-term reconstruction projects. Three primary schools in Gansu Province were completed in July 2009 in time for the 2009-2010 school year. In Shinzi Village, near Yangjin, Lions purchased land to relocate graves, build a road, and construct a school, hospital and homes.

In gratitude, Chen wants all Lions to know: "I am enjoying my new life in my new home."



Rebuilding in India

The Gujarat earthquake was the worst India had seen in 180 years, measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale and equal to releasing 4.5 million tons of dynamite on the region. On that deadly day in January 2001, more than 13,800 people died and 167,000 more were injured. In total, the disaster affected 7,633 villages in India, damaging more than one million homes.

Within 30 minutes of the earthquake, local Lions launched emergency relief operations to bring immediate aid to those affected. Lions clubs around the region supported relief efforts by providing water, food, clothing, tents and other essential supplies. Additionally, Lions provided necessary medical facilities including temporary hospitals and health centers to provide all types of medical aid and surgeries.

LCIF also responded quickly to the devastation, awarding three emergency grants for \$10,000 each within 48 hours of the disaster.

"Through LCIF, Lions were at the scene providing relief within days of the disaster," said Rohit Mehta, past international president of Lions Clubs International. "Nearly 10 years later, Lions and LCIF have fulfilled their promise of seeing through long-term reconstruction projects to rebuild the affected communities."

Lions' commitment stretched far beyond providing immediate relief and sought to rebuild the villages destroyed by the earthquake. A total of \$2.5 million, including a \$500,000 major catastrophe grant and \$1.7 million in restricted donations, was allocated for long-term reconstruction projects. LCIF awarded an additional major catastrophe grant for \$300,000 in 2004 to construct vital infrastructure for Lions housing colonies.

More than 750 homes now provide housing for families in Kutch and Bet Dwarka, many of whom lost everything during the earthquake. Primary schools have been built in 20 villages throughout the Rajkot District, where students previously had no place to learn because of the damaged infrastructure. In addition, the LNM Group Lions Hospital was constructed at Bhuj.



LSU-Lions Eye Clinic

The Lions Clubs International-LSU Eye Clinic, funded through a LCIF grant of \$500,000, was dedicated and opened in December 2008. The clinic provides vision care for the medically impoverished and for patients sponsored by Lions clubs in Louisiana. LCIF's Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Program, which provides support for essential public facilities and programs that help damaged regions recover, made funding for the clinic possible.

"For the first time since Hurricane Katrina, there is a facility devoted specifically to the provision of eyecare for people in the greater New Orleans area who do not have health insurance, thanks to this generous gift from LCIF," said Dr. Bruce A. Barron, a clinical professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at LSU.

The eye clinic is just one example of a project that is rebuilding communities impacted by Hurricane Katrina. LCIF and Lions mobilized more than \$5 million through designated donations and a major catastrophe grant to fund the reconstruction of schools, community centers and medical facilities in four Gulf Coast states.

LCIF is committed to rebuilding areas devastated by disasters. Through LCIF, Lions are able to conduct large-scale humanitarian service projects that rebuild lives and communities after disasters strike.



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Respite Camp Offers Families Peace of Mind *by Alecia Dimar*



Since Kelsey was born in 1992, Dave Ring has led the life of a special needs parent. He wakes up early to bathe, dress and feed his daughter, now 17, before he gets himself ready and off to work. The day-to-day needs of caring for his daughter can be wearing. However, Dave has found a renewed sense of hope through Eden Wood Center's respite care program, which gives him an occasional break and sense of normalcy.

"What I love is that the staff knows this is a break for me – and do not call unless there is an urgent need! The staff at Camp Eden Wood are trained well, have processes in place, and a fairly extensive history on my child—all before we show up," says Ring. "They know how to react to emergencies and they do call, but they take the necessary actions as needed. This is tremendous peace of mind for me as a parent."

Through support from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and local Lions, Eden Wood Center is able to host up to 30 special needs participants for overnight weekend stays and serves up to 900 campers annually. Eden Wood Center, established in 1925 in a southwest suburb of Minneapolis, Minnesota, serves children and adults who have mental or developmental disabilities because of autism, cerebral palsy, brain injury, Down's Syndrome, Tourette's Syndrome and other medical conditions.

The camp is appreciated not only by caretakers, but also by the campers, of course. Eden Wood gives the special needs participants a fun-filled weekend away from home. Campers enjoy high-rope courses, take nature walks, and create arts and crafts, in addition to many other activities.

The recently renovated dormitory at the camp was funded through a LCIF grant. The dormitory had been inaccessible to people in wheelchairs and had no disabled-accessible restrooms.

"Before the dormitory was remodeled, with the help of LCIF, it was difficult to provide enough year-round housing and programs for people with disabilities," Ring says. "Now I need not have concern about having room for Kelsey in their program on weekends and at camp."

Eden Wood Center is part of the larger organization, Friendship Ventures, which has two other camps in the central Minnesota area that serve people with disabilities, Camp Friendship and Camp Hope. Friendship Ventures has a long history of support from LCIF, having received four grants totaling \$275,000 to support growth and expansion in the past decade.

Together, LCIF and local Lions are combating disability through continued support of Eden Wood Center and Friendship Ventures.

Kelsey poses with her counsellors.



World Sight Day Celebrated

"It is to the credit of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions clubs around the world that Lions is the first service organization or non-governmental organization to take up the challenge of childhood blindness on a global scale," said Eberhard J. Wirfs, international president. "That's why we are spotlighting the need for screening children at a very early age."

There are 1.4 million blind children in the world, but the sight of many of these children could have been saved through early detection and timely treatment. To demonstrate the importance of early vision screening, Wirfs and his wife Margit joined Lions in Prague, Czech Republic, to screen 125 kindergarten children during the international event for Lions World Sight Day.

Czech Lions partnered with Prima Vizus and local ophthalmologists to provide the free screenings to children in two schools in Prague. Prima Vizus is a non-government, non-profit organization that provides free vision testing for preschool-aged children in the Czech Republic. With SightFirst funding from LCIF, the partnership program is continuing beyond Lions World Sight Day, with the goal of screening 7,794 children over the next year.

For the last decade Lions clubs have marked World Sight Day in October with sight activities in cities around the world. Recent international Lions World Sight Day events have been held on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, Mali, Bosnia and Sri Lanka.

This year the Bridlington Lions Club in England set up a community display highlighting Lions work internationally through SightFirst. They also organized England's largest blindfold walk. A total of 930 Lions clubs around the country as well as thousands of others donned a blindfold for the walk to experience what it's like to be blind.

Lions in St. Petersburg, Florida organized a community meeting to discuss new community sight programs such as eyeglass recycling, screenings, partnering and special needs. Representatives from the Florida Lions Camp, Lions Eye Institute for Transplant and Research, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Paws for Patriots and the Lighthouse of Pinellas at Watson Center participated.

In Ghana, the Tema Lions Club conducted eye screenings for students of the Methodist University College and held a seminar on emerging threats to sight, such as glaucoma. Several Lions clubs in Cameroon partnered to provide 100 pairs of eyeglasses to individuals and provide equipment to the Laquintini Hospital. Lions handed over the equipment during an official ceremony with the Minister of Health.

Lions in India created a special postal cancellation, and the Lions Club of Madras Temple Bay, in collaboration with Sankara Nethralaya and Scope Aid, organized a free eye camp for residents of Muthukadu and nearby villages with a special emphasis on women and children. Eleven cataract operations were also funded. The Singapore National Eye Centre teamed with local Lions to screen 200 people.

"We set up tables at two different stores and handed out information regarding Lions work with the visually impaired," said Marie Valliere of the Meredith Lions Club in New Hampshire. To promote the event, Lions sent a story to three local newspapers as well as the statewide paper, all of which published the story. The club is already making plans for Lions World Sight Day 2010.

Through SightFirst, Lions have restored sight to 7.6 million people through cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 30 million people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, USA SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 4, 2009



AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the June 30, 2009, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation Audit Reports.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Approved use of “one adult companion” or other appropriate variations to replace “spouse” in the association’s policies, procedures and practices, effective immediately, and to be implemented as soon as administratively feasible and to the fullest extent possible.
2. Authorized the General Counsel & Secretary to file legal action and continue defense with respect to a liability claim.
3. Approved housekeeping revisions to Chapter XV, Exhibit A of the Board Policy Manual.
4. Approved revisions to Chapter XV, Exhibit G of the Board Policy Manual to include Leo club members in the Privacy Policy.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Established a Leo registration fee for the 2010 Sydney convention of US\$10 for Leos 12-17 years of age and US\$80 for Leos 18-30 years of age.
2. Established the per diem allowances for the 2010 Sydney convention.
3. Modified the time preference for the start date of future international convention bids.
4. Modified the days the convention hall is required for international conventions.
5. Revised the certification process by discontinuing the mailing of Delegate/Alternate Delegate forms to club secretaries and, in its place, publishing the form on LCI’s Web site, including the form with convention registration confirmations, and publishing the form in the February and April editions of the Lion Magazine. The second vice district governor was added as an authorized signer on-site at the international convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Canceled the Guayaquil Urdesa Norte Lions Club with regret.
2. Appointed Past District Governor Joaquim Gasper de Melo Albino to fill the District Governor vacancy in District 115 CN Portugal.
3. Recognized Qingdao China as a new provisional district at the close of the 2010 International Convention.
4. Appointed Coordinating Lions for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
5. Approved the redistricting proposals submitted by Multiple District 5 (Canada, USA), Multiple District 355 (Korea), District 307-A (Indonesia) and District 301-B (Philippines).
6. Changed the Service Award to the Club Rebuilding Award to recognize Lions who bring a club out of status quo, suspension, cancellation or rebuild a weak club that has fewer than 15 members to become active and viable with more than 20 members.
7. Provided a certificate of merger upon request when a club merges.

8. Expanded the role and responsibility of the second vice district governor to underscore the need to assist clubs in financial suspension.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the 2009-2010 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a surplus.
2. Approved The Charles Schwab Trust Company as the custodian of the Retirement Income Plan for Employees of the International Association of Lions Clubs and The International Association of Lions Clubs 401(k) Savings Plan assets.
3. Requested Constitution and By-Laws Committee draft a resolution to move the dues from the International Constitution to the International By-Laws to present to the 2010 International Convention for adoption.
4. Modified the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee objectives, requisite and duties.
5. Modified board policy regarding the opening of new bank accounts.
6. Modified board policy to require that five-year budgeted projections be reviewed annually at the October/November board meeting to determine if a dues adjustment may be necessary.
7. Approved minor clarification to board policy regarding a day of rest.

LCIF

1. Revised the asset allocation for LCIF funds held to support charitable gift annuities and permanent endowments.
2. Approved a re-programming of activities for a grant awarded to The Carter Center for Onchocerciasis Elimination in Program in the Americas (OEPA). At the request of The Carter Center, rescinded a grant for trachoma control in Mali and Niger.
3. Renewed a three-year contract with the World Health Organization for SightFirst technical services in the amount of US\$1,481,430.
4. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$1,000,000 to extend the Lions-Special Olympics Opening Eyes program.
5. Approved 46 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,180,468.
6. Tabled six grant applications.
7. Revised the seed grant program criteria and regulations.
8. Adopted resolutions required for the filing of a “branch office” application and for seeking necessary approvals of the Reserve Bank of India for the operations of the foundation’s Mumbai, India office.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Approved the schedule and curriculum for the 2010 District Governors-Elect Seminar.
2. Approved the group leader for the Chinese-speaking classroom group of the 2010 District Governors-Elect Seminar.
3. Approved the group leader for one of the Spanish-speaking classroom groups of the 2010 District Governors-Elect Seminar.

4. Shifted responsibility for approval of proposed District Governors-Elect Seminar faculty appointments and any subsequent changes from the International Board of Directors in June/July or October/November to the Executive Committee in August.
5. Removed the section of the Board Policy Manual related to the Regional Faculty Development Institute program, which was discontinued in July 2009.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Modified the structure and process for appointing a China Affairs Coordination Committee.
2. Modified the structure of the Lions Exploratory Steering Committee for Cuba.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Established a process for existing Lion members to update their member type to Leo Lion. A copy of the Leo Completion of Service Certification (LEOCMC) and Student Member and Leo to Lion Certification Form (STU-5) must be submitted.
2. Eliminated the position of Club Branch Coordinator and Vice Coordinator and created the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Approved club branch president to serve on the parent club board of directors.
4. Approved the requirement of five members to establish a club branch.
5. Approved the requirement of clubs to be in existence a year and a day before an extension award is presented to club organizer(s).
6. Approved the issuing of the District Governor award for new club formation to the Immediate Past District Governor after June 1 following their year of service.
7. Approved the Rules of Audit for the 2009-2010 Global Membership Team to reflect the change in the North American airline reservation procedure.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Added US\$150,000 to public relations budget for advertising outside the United States.
2. Increased Presidential Medals to 1,125 and increase Leadership Award Medals to 1,280.
3. Eliminated the Photography Contest and the PR Idea Contest.
4. Encouraged official editions of Lion Magazine to reflect the new brand and enforce compliance of administrative and editorial policies.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Named Leos and Lions who shall serve as members and alternates of the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel for fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

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

Highlights of the November 2009 Meeting of the Council of Governors



The second meeting of the 2009-2010 Council of Governors was held in Markham on Saturday November 14, 2009.

The following represents the highlight topics of general interest discussed during the meeting:

Gingko Award – This was presented at the International Convention to Governor Elliott from District A9 in recognition of the formation of two Lions Clubs within the first two months of the Lion’s year. It was one of the 11 such awards presented in North America and the only one in Canada. The award was represented to Gov Ron by Council Chair Al Page at the meeting.

Treasurer - Reports from the Auditor were presented and accepted indicating that the audited financial statements present fairly the financial position of MD “A” as at June 30, 2009. Also, that no significant unusual transactions and no significant weaknesses in internal controls were noted; and that there were no unadjusted misstatements to be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors.

Hearing Conservation – Club Pins are being collected by Chairperson Ray Ostapovich for sale at conventions. Proceeds will be donated to the Ontario Rumball Camp for the Deaf. A new Canadian Home for the deaf is being proposed for NE Ontario.

International Advisory Committee (IAC) - The recommendation that MD “A” support PID Wayne Madden for the position of 2nd VP LCI 2010-2011 was unanimously endorsed.

2014 International – Having achieved its objective of securing the 2014 International Convention in Toronto, the initial Steering Committee was dissolved. PDG Derek Bloomfield is appointed as the 2014 International Convention Host Committee Chairperson for the purpose of developing preliminary budgets, rules of audit, committee structures and action flow charts by the March 2010 Council Meeting. PDG Stan Durward is appointed as the Fund Raising Chairperson for the 2014 Convention.

LION Magazine – The Magazine will be made available by subscription to Lioness, Leos and Lionettes at the cost of \$8.00 per year.

MERL – A one-time grant of \$1,000 has been approved for each of 9 sub districts and \$2,000 for district A5 (to recognize the difference in geographical area to be covered) to be used on financing MERL related activities. The activities and expenses will be reported back to MD “A” prior to the 2010 MD “A” Convention to measure the impact of the grant.

Promotion - Those intending to participate in the 2011 International Convention in Australia must complete the online application form (www.lionsclubs.org). All visitors require a valid passport and an Australian “ETA Visa”. The MD “A” assigned hotel is the Soffitel Wentworth located approx 2.75 km from the convention centre and the International Parade steps off at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 29 - participants should arrive at marshalling area by 9:00 am. Four volunteers are required to transport the Canadian flags (transportation expenses will be covered). This will save MD “A” some \$4,000 if using a private carrier.

Research & Long Range Planning – Ongoing changes to the Policy and Procedures Manual were approved and will be incorporated into the on line document shortly. In particular, the updating of the Effective Speaking Manual and the development of guidelines for the minimum content to be contained in any MD “A” Contract. There are no recommended changes in procedures on the Privacy Policy.

Sight Conservation – Plans are underway to change the date for next year’s Lions appreciation Day at Lake Jo. Staff changes continue to be made within CNIB and MD “A” Sight Conservation Chairperson, PDG Ted Hughes has been appointed as a member of the Lake Jo Board of Directors. The revised agreement between the Lions of MD “A” and CNIB has been signed by both parties and a copy will be available on the MD “A” website.

Diabetes – Information on the proposal for the Lions of MD “A” to purchase advertising in a CDA Food for Life Magazine as a means of highlighting the Lions work in the communities has been sent to each sub district Diabetes Chairperson for consideration.

Opportunities for Youth – 2nd Leo Conference planned for February 2010 in St. Catherines. Clubs will be approached to sponsor one hotel room for accommodating Leos attending the convention as a means of making it more affordable for them and hopefully increasing attendance.

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

Submitted by Dave Voisey

Peace Poster Contest

Thanks to all District Peace Poster chairs for an excellent level of participation in this years Peace Poster contest. For the first time in a long time we received a submission from all 10 Districts, and after much deliberation the following entries were singled out.

1st Prize **Libby Bowler from A12**
Runner up **Joy Wie from A 711**
Honorable Mention **Michaela Moses A 16**

All Poster entries, except that of the MD'A; winner, will be returned to the District Governors at the March Council meeting. Again thanks to all and Congratulations for a successful campaign. Further updates will be forwarded as received from International



Council Chair Al Page

The International Association of Lions Clubs

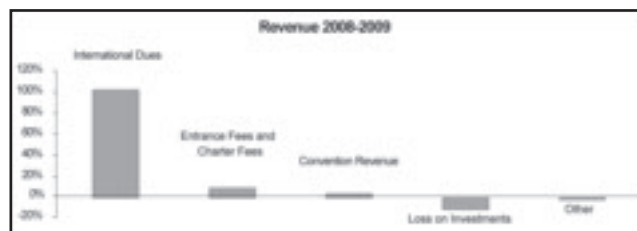
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND Year Ended June 30, 2009

All Figures Shown in U. S. Dollars (thousands)

Revenues declined by US\$10.3 million as compared to prior year, primarily due to poor investment results, loss on currency exchange and lower convention revenue. The General Fund and Emergency Reserve Fund posted investment losses of (9.1%) and (16.71%), respectively, for the year ended June 30, 2009. The Association's investment performance exceed funds with similar size and objectives.

Revenue 2008-2009

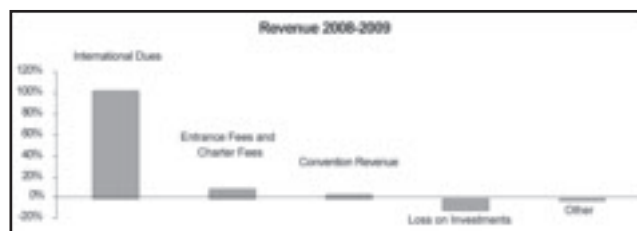
International Dues	\$50,693	104%
Entrance Fees and Charter Fees	3,982	8%
Convention Revenue	1,317	3%
Loss on Investments	(5,761)	-12%
Other	(1,391)	-3%
Total	<u>\$48,840</u>	<u>100%</u>



Expenses exceeded prior year by US\$222,000 due to increased program support and increased allowance for bad debt, offset by decreased general liability insurance. The general liability insurance reduction reflects favorable experience.

Expenditures 2008-2009

International convention and meetings	\$7,870	14%
The Lion Magazine	8,504	16%
Insurance	714	1%
District Governors and District Governors-Elect	7,751	14%
International Officers and Board of Directors	3,256	6%
Club and District Program Support	20,371	37%
International Headquarters	5,613	10%
Uncollected Dues	602	1%
Total	<u>\$54,681</u>	<u>100%</u>



The International Association of Lions Clubs

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - GENERAL FUND

June 30, 2009

All Figures Shown in U.S. Dollars (thousands)

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$21,329
Accounts Receivable	99
Other Current Assets	3,084
Marketable Securities	62,007
Property and Equipment, Net	8,992
Total assets	<u>\$95,511</u>

NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year	\$59,382
Revenue over Expenditures	(5,840)
Pension Liability Adjustment	(12,464)
End of Year	\$41,078
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$95,511</u>

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$3,503
Interfund Payable	17,202
Accrued Expenses	5,492
Accrued Post-retirement Benefits	298
Other Current Liabilities	300
Total current liabilities	<u>\$26,795</u>

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Self-insurance Reserve	\$6,567
Accrued Post-retirement Benefits	1,606
Pension Liability	19,332
Other Non-current Liabilities	133
Total non-current liabilities	<u>\$27,638</u>

* Does not include constitutionally restricted Emergency Reserve Fund balance of \$48,673

The Lions Clubs International audited annual report is available upon written request.

Contact us at e-mail: finance@lionsclubs.org, fax: 630-706-9187
Mail: 300 W 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523



We Serve



Smart Strategies For Keeping Your Meetings on Track

Excerpts from President's Retention Campaign Brochure, submitted by MDA MERL Team. Download the entire brochure which includes Club Involvement Questionnaire and Skills & Interest Form, from LCI Web Homepage – (type in Search section at top right hand corner "President's Retention Campaign").

Retention Challenge – Lengthy/boring meetings are the number one reason former members cite for dropping out of their Lions club.

Meetings are a significant part of the Lions club experience and have a big impact on how the association is perceived by members. Meetings are also important to the efficient functioning of your club. Holding effective meetings will help you accomplish two things:

- 1)keep members interested
- 2)keep your club running successfully

LOOK at Your Club

Taking the time to examine your club and honestly assessing its current status is the key to successfully making changes.

Begin by observing members during meetings:

- Are your meetings well attended?
- Do you notice any attendance trends?
- How do your members act during the meeting? Do they seem interested? Enthusiastic? Bored? Impatient?
- After meetings, do members feel inspired and motivated?
- What is the atmosphere during meetings? Friendly? Tense? Lively? Boring?

Then take a good, honest look at your performance during meetings:

- Are you comfortable running meetings?
- Do you regularly prepare an agenda in advance?
- Do you follow your agenda?
- Do you have a good command of parliamentary procedure?
- Are you able to handle interruptions and difficult behaviour?
- Do you convey excitement and enthusiasm for being a Lion?
- Do you allow members to actively participate in meetings?
- Do you willingly accept suggestions?

LISTEN to Input from Members

It is a good idea to enlist the help of several club members whose opinions you trust, or even your entire membership, to help with the evaluation process. To assist you in soliciting member input, a questionnaire is provided on the LCI website at the back of the President's Retention Campaign brochure "Focus On Meetings".

LEARN Where Problem Areas Exist

Study your answers and the surveys from other members. Note the following:

- What trends do you see?
- What are your club meetings' strengths?
- What are your club meetings' weaknesses?
- Which areas need attention?
- Were you surprised at the responses you received?
- Was there a big difference between your assessment of your club meetings and your fellow members' assessment?

After examining feedback, decide which areas need attention. Use your best judgement when evaluating results. Certainly, if you notice a recurrence of the same comment, you should look for strategies to solve that particular problem. You might find that there are areas where you thought the club excelled, that members think otherwise. Depending on answers received, perhaps all that is needed are a few small changes. However, there may be situations where some members of your club feel strongly one way, and others feel strongly another way. In these situations, you must consider what will be best for the club. If your club is trying to attract new, younger members, pay particular attention to the comments of those current members who are in the same demographic group you are trying to reach.

RESPOND by Making Appropriate Changes

Most people would agree that good meetings:

- Accomplish their goals
- Are relevant and interesting for attendees
- Start and end on time

FIX IT FAST! Think Positively – When considering any changes to your club, keep a positive attitude. Your club might be steeped in tradition and used to doing things a certain way, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't try something new. Today's "experiment" could be tomorrow's new tradition.

When discovering the best club meeting strategies for you, there are some basis principles that will help you run an efficient, productive meeting:

- Being prepared
- Knowledge of parliamentary procedure (such as Robert's Rules of Order)
- Ability to deal with difficult behaviour
- Ability to assert yourself when necessary

Newsworthy Newsletters and Web Sites -

Make your club's newsletter and Website a valuable source of information for all members.

Try Trimming Time - Do you feel that your agenda is as lean as it can be, but your meetings are still running long? Examine the content of your agenda items and try trimming just a little time from a few items.

Programs in a Pinch - Have a few programs ready that can be put on quickly and easily in the event of a last minute cancellation.

Use Your Gavel - Do you use your gavel or are you intimidated to call order with it? Using your gavel is one of the quickest, easiest ways to get the attention of your members and allow you to get your meeting back on track.

Mix it Up - Keep your club meetings fresh by trying something new every once in awhile. Consider having people change where they sit every few meetings to encourage camaraderie with new people, add a new quick agenda item to boost morale (such as suggestion of the month or recognizing a member who went beyond the call of duty) or change the order of your agenda items

Plan a Program on Member Retention –

What better way to demonstrate how important membership retention is than by planning a program about the subject? Tell members what improvements you are making in the club to keep them interested and involved.

A Final Note.....

Retaining members is a critical, ongoing process. While advice suggested in the Retention Clinics should have a positive impact on the functioning of your club and therefore, the successful retention of members, you should always keep your eyes open for potential stumbling blocks. Each year the dynamics of a club change. Keep your observation skills honed and handle challenges as they occur. Be flexible and willing to make adjustments when needed.

With a little extra attention, you will have shown your club members that their time is valuable and that club meetings are an essential part of the Lions club experience. **Keep up the good work!**

For More Information

Please contact your District MERL Retention and/or Membership Chair or the Extension and Membership Division at Lions Clubs International at
(630) 571-5466, ext. 356;
Fax (630) 571-1691;
or email retention@lionsclubs.org.

Submitted by Cathy Tyler (Bock), PDG
MDA MERL Chairperson/MDA GMT Liaison

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



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

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

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

HOTEL: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Room preference: 1 bed/room () 2 bed/room () Handicapped ()

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

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

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

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

Or Exhibitors trade name, if applicable

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

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

NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1st, 2010

Please use additional Registration forms if more than 2 persons.

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

FUNCTION TICKETS	PERSON	PRICE	TOTAL
	"A"	"B"	
FRIDAY JUNE 4TH			
Convention Luncheon	()	()	@ \$29. ⁰⁰ \$ _____
Dinner Cruise (limit of 320 tickets on a first come/first served basis)	()	()	@ \$60. ⁰⁰ \$ _____
SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH			
International Banquet	()	()	@ \$49. ⁰⁰ \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT for Function Tickets			\$ _____

Reserve your function tickets early and avoid any disappointment.
All prices quoted include all applicable taxes and gratuities. Function ticket deadline May 15th 2010.

Registration Fee for "A"	\$20. ⁰⁰	\$ _____
Registration Fee for "B"	\$20. ⁰⁰	\$ _____
Registration Fee for Leo	\$10. ⁰⁰	\$ _____
Registration Sunday only	\$10. ⁰⁰	\$ _____
Hotel Room Deposit	\$139. ⁰⁰	\$ _____
Function Tickets from above		\$ _____
Convention Pin \$5.00 each x _____		\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT
CASH ()
CHEQUE ()
<i>(Due to cost, there will be no credit card payments)</i>
Please make cheque payable to: "Sparkling Waters 2010"

Mail completed registration forms to:

VDG Gord Taylor 9 Main Street, Millbrook, ON, L0A 1G0 taylorgs@nexicom.net Please list any needs/preferences here _____
Please advise if hearing assistance device required _____

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please contact either of the
PDG Dave Hansen 613 375 6318
lionhansen@yahoo.ca

"Sparkling Waters 2010", Convention Co-chairs:
PID Terry Graham 905 987 5239
tdgraham@rogers.com



Forest Hills Lions Club

\$30,700.⁰⁰ raised November 8th, 2009 \$5,000.⁰⁰ Cash Prize plus 20 Subsidiary Prizes

Another successful evening for the Forest Hill Lions Club in Toronto. The Forest Hill Lions Club have just completed their 53rd successful Donor Dinner including Las Vegas Review and Prize Draw. Our Club through the Co-Chairmanship of Past Presidents Lions Lou Chelin and Howard Waxberg raised \$30,700.⁰⁰. The proceeds will be used to deliver Christmas, Chanukah, Easter and Passover Baskets, each having a value of \$300.⁰⁰ to needy individuals. In addition funds are made available for projects that are brought to our attention during the course of the year.

Tickets were sold on the basis of \$150.⁰⁰ each and included a full course dinner. The event was held at the new National Restaurant, 1000 Finch Avenue in North York. We accommodated 225 paying guests, and sold 363 tickets.



Typical meal on each table.



President Lion Perry Wong.



Co-Chairmen: Lion Louis Chekin and Lion Howdon Waxberg

*A special acknowledgement and thanks to
Lions President Perry Wong, P.P. Stan Goldstein, P.P. Allan Brown, P.P. Jack Besser, John Carter, P.P. Ian Fillshill, P.P./ Chartered member Mickey Snow, Steve McCallum and Lion Norm Burofsky for their participation and assistance for this extraordinary evening.*

Submitted by P.P. Sol Mednick

Canadian Kids Need Lions Quest To: All Canadian Lions Clubs

Do you hear the horror stories about bullying? Have you wiped away the tears from a loved ones' eyes when they have been excluded or teased by their friends? Are you worried about the risks that children today face – cyber bullying,

drugs, gangs & violence?

Lions Quest Canada, with the support of Canadian Lions clubs, can make a difference in the lives of those kids in your community. Through the Lions Quest program students learn how to make good decisions, get along with one another, resolve conflicts peacefully, build positive family & peer relationships and set goals.

Our other positive youth development programs equip individuals, organizations, and their leaders to join together in nurturing competent, caring and responsible children and adolescents.

We need your help in developing and delivering these programs. This can be done through the purchase of a Lions Quest Fellowship

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Philippine Relief Fund

Presentation of a cheque for \$3000 was made to the **Quezon City Bahagari Ex Lions Club**. The funds were presented by the twin club of **Orleans Lions Club** and come from neighbouring Lions in the Ottawa area. The clubs involved are **ROCKLAND LIONS CLUB, RUSSELL LIONS CLUB, SMITH FALLS LIONS CLUB, KANATA HAZELDEAN LIONS CLUB, GLOUCESTER NORTH LIONS CLUB, BARRHAVEN LIONS CLUB, CLARENCE CREEK LIONS CLUB, ORLEANS LIONS CLUB, STITTSVILLE DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

The Quezon City Bahagari Ex Lions Club has taken the lead to distribute assistance in their community. Damages and losses to crops, property, and infrastructure from typhoons Ketsana and Parma are likely to reach nearly US \$4.4 billion.

This Lions donation is for the Clubs relief aid program. The financial assistance provided will serve to alleviate some of the more pressing humanitarian problems in the area.

Submitted by Lion John

Canadian Kids Need Lions Quest (con't)

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for a member or members of your club or community. For every \$500 contribution to Lions Quest Canada your club can name an individual to be honoured in this way. Each Lions Quest Fellow will receive an attractive, framed print indicating that they care about Canadian youth.

Please share this message with clubs in your district and thank you for supporting our young people!

In Lionism,
W. W. Webber PID

Lions Quest Canada Chair

Oshawa West Lions Club Awards 2 Life Memberships.

PDG Claire Greenfield making a presentation of Life Memberships to Lion **BOB SWEETMAN** and to Lion **JOHN NICHOL**.

Submitted by Lion Donald McGovern



Tiny Trails Lions

Support Families in Tiny Township once again this Christmas.



Pictured left to right: Tammy Edy - Salvation Army Adopt a Family program coordinator, TTLC members, Carlos Ventura - President, Rosemary Straw - secretary, and Niall Straw - Vice Pres. and John Nychuk - Past Pres.

Once again **Tiny Trails Lions Club** (TTLC) ensures that families in Tiny Township experience the joy of Christmas by donating to the Salvation Army Adopt a Family Program. This year four families will receive gifts funded by TTLC. Six families received the support of TTLC in 2008. Families in need apply to the Salvation Army Adopt a Family Program where they are interviewed to determine eligibility.

Other community initiatives supported financially by Tiny Trails Lions; Children's Community Choir, Hospice Huronia, Community Living Huronia, Stonecroft, Huronia Hospitals Foundation, Wendat, Atlantic Challenge, just to name a few.

As volunteers TTLC members have assisted at the Mayors pig roast annually since its inception. In addition TTLC has adopted that portion of the Trans Canada Walking Trail within Tiny Township. This involves cleaning the trail annually.

It is with great pride and satisfaction that Tiny Trails Lions live by the Lions International Motto "**We Serve**".

Submitted by Lion John Nychuk

Guelph Lions Annual Christmas Party for the Blind

The **Guelph Lions Club** hosted its FORTIETH - 40 plus, Christmas -gala- Dinner, attended by 160 "blind" plus caregiver residents of Guelph - Wellington. The party included:

Award/recognition given to Guelph LC member: Melvin Jones to Larry Porter

It was truly an enjoyable time - laughter, dancing and singing, not only by the band, but also by a few daring and fun-loving invited participants.

Submitted by Lion Ernie



Award/recognition given to Guelph LC member: Melvin Jones to Larry Porter

Ajax Lions Club Supports RVAP Surgery

The Ajax Lions Club recently served the community by presenting a cheque in the amount of \$70,500 for urgently-needed medical equipment for Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital. This is a great benefit to the community because it will purchase \$10,000 worth of surgical pain pumps and a \$60,500 surgical tower for the

Operating Room. The proceeds were raised by hosting community fundraising events and from a donation in memory of the late Lion Terry Audet and his wife Dorothy.

(L-R) Joe Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering; Lisa McVety, RVHS; Mark Holland, MP Ajax-Pickering; Heather Chitussi, Ajax Lions Club President; Tracy Paterson, VP Development, RVHSF; Bill Pinder, Lions Club Past President; Linda Jussaume, RVHS; and Mayor Steve Parish, Town of Ajax.

Submitted by Lion Donald McGovern





Another Summer to Remember



The boat has docked on another successful summer at the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre in Muskoka.

More than 700 campers of all ages were inspired by the many unique, life-changing opportunities the facility offers people who are blind or partially sighted.

Many great memories were created, but none more powerful than the ones a 17-year-old boy from Nunavut will cherish for the rest of his life. It was truly a life-changing experience for this partially sighted teen as it was the first time he had ever left his home and village in one of Canada's most remote communities. Carrying a hockey stick that doubles as his white cane, he arrived at Lake Joe after a two day journey and had the time of his life! For the first time, he was able to interact with other peers his age that were also experiencing vision loss. His experience was inspiring to all, including the staff and campers who got to experience his culture. A lifelong friendship was born and now he hopes to return to Lake Joe next summer as a camp leader.

The stories are endless. For those who participated in a week dedicated to Deafblind individuals, the tandem bikes were a hit. Campers lined up to experience the first bicycle ride of their life. As you can see by the photo, the smiles say it all.

The reason these experiences are possible is because of the generosity of Lions clubs from across MD "A". CNIB never forgets this and looks forward to celebrating the long-standing relationship between our two organizations each September with the Lions Appreciation Day at Lake Joe.

This year, Lions Appreciation Day landed on one of the nicest days we had this summer. That meant everyone was able to take advantage of the pontoon boat rides and there was even some friendly competition during paddle boat races.

Managing Director of Services & Operations for CNIB Ontario, Paul Ting was on hand to accept a cheque for \$100,000 from MD "A" to support the ongoing partnership between the two organizations.

It was also an opportunity for Lions to tour camp and see how their contributions have restored Lake Joe to the world-class experience it has always been. In fact, Lake Joe Manager Beverly Morris says they are still getting feedback about the new facilities the Lions helped make possible, "they are still impressed by how new and clean and fresh everything is."

Lake Joe is an important part of what CNIB does to ensure clients can enjoy full participation in life. The experiences and friendships it provides and encourages have a deep impact on campers. One fellow actually remarked that leaving Lake Joe after his annual two-week stay was "the saddest day of the year for me."

CNIB sent a letter to clubs at the end of August, requesting donations to support Lake Joe and Low Vision Clinics across the province. We hope your club will consider donating to support Lake Joe or one of the Low Vision Clinics held across the province. Every dollar counts toward enhancing independence, confidence, skills and opportunities for people who are blind or partially sighted. Together, we can give them choice and control over how they live.

To make your donation, please contact: Jennifer Johnson, CNIB Liaison to MD "A" Lions at: 1-800-265-4127 Ext. 5115 or by email at: jennifer.johnson@cnib.ca.

Submitted by Jennifer Johnson, Foundation Writer, CNIB



Seeley's Bay & District Lions Club

Chosen Soldier Project

Seeley's Bay Lions sent 8 Gift Packages to Canadian Soldiers serving in Afghanistan

Submitted by President Lion Dave Bardwell

From left to right, Lions Bill Stewart, Jane deGraff, John Fox, Ray Chiasson, Brian Warren and Lion Dave Bardwell took picture.



Fenelon Falls and District Lions Club

Monday Oct. 19, Lion **Jim Bellwood** of the Fenelon Falls and District Lions Club presented a \$300.00 cheque to the Fenelon Falls Pathfinders for their assistance in August 2009 with the car show. We extended an invitation for next year (2010). We informed them that if they have any fund raising projects that they are working on, let us know and The Fenelon Falls and District Lions Club would try to help out.

In the picture from left to right in the first row are Jessica Empey, Sydney Everingham, Hannah Grant, Lilli Vosper & future Lion Ryan Bellwood. Second row left to right is Michelle Everingham, Miranda Rusnak and Lion Jim Bellwood John, Grumpy Grandpa.

Submitted by President Lion Don McGovern



World Sight Day Reception

Picture taken at Queen's Park on October 8, 2009 at a reception hosted by the Lt Governor marking **World Sight Day** which is held on the second thursday of October every year.

In the picture is Lion Ted, Lion Wayne Hoey PDG and Past MD"A" Secretary.

Submitted by Sourav Addy



Hickson & District Lions Club



Hickson Park Receives Trillium Grant for Accessible Washrooms

Trillium Foundation representative Brian George presents the grant plaque to Hickson Lions President Brad Smith and Hickson Recreation Committee chairman Steve Killing (right). Far left is Mayor Don McKay and Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman. Behind are Lions members Laverne McBurney, Diane Clark, Heather Lovie, Darrell Ford, Jim Harmer.

During the spring and summer of 2009, the Hickson & District Lions Club in conjunction with the Hickson Parks and Recreation Committee installed new accessible washrooms and a new septic system in Hickson Park.

*Submitted by Brad Smith
Courtesy of Tavistock Gazette*

Lions Club of Woodstock

The Lions Club of Woodstock have been collecting "**Pennies for People**" and "Coins for the Community" which will be given to various organizations in the local area at Christmas.

Amber and **Kaitlyn** made a donation of \$88 in pennies to help with our efforts! These young ladies are both 8 year old granddaughters of **Lion Doug** (far right). Also in the photo is Tail Twister/Fundraising chair **Lion Bill Gillespie**.

Submitted by Lion Sandy Callebert



Wellesley & District Lions Club

On Nov 17th, 2009 the **Wellesley & District Lions Club** welcomed its two newest members, Lion **Tom Dagg** (left) and Lion **Barb Kneisel** (right). They were inducted by Zone 51 West Chair Lion **Freda Walker** (middle). Barb and Tom are the 9th and 10th members to join the Wellesley club in 2009 bringing the membership total to 29.

Submitted by: Dale Roe, President



Windsor Downtown Lions Club

Christmas party for the registered blind children in the Windsor area on Saturday, November 28.

In the picture you will see PDG **Ron Devos** (Santa) with **Joe** (owner of Antinino's Pizza) who donated pizza for the afternoon event along with

some of the children that had attended the party. We had 19 registered children attend with their parents. We had Green Earth Exotics bring in a variety of animals that the children could touch, then they each got to do a craft and sing along with **Roy Lesperance**, retired manager from CNIB who played guitar and sang. Each child got to sit on Santa's knee and received a bag of goodies (gift, mitts, knitted hat, scarf and goodies) and the parents got an opportunity to network. A really great afternoon.

Submitted by Valerie Burningham, President



Lions Club of Burk's Falls Dedication of our Friendship Arch

Sept. 21 2009, our first meeting in our 71st year of service. In attendance were: **Left Front Pres. P.D.G. Bob Newell, guest and prospective member Sandy Wittaker & Lion John Faul.**

Back Row: Lions John Darling & Mike Grima.

On the right: Lions David Dempster, Peter Hope & Ian Smith, with guests and prospective members Larry & Joyce Borne.

The Friendship Arch was funded from a bequest given to the Club by the Estate of the Late Past District Governor 1947-48 Stan Darling. Local business were instrumental in transporting and installing the Arch at its present location on the lawn of the Township of Armour Office as you enter the Village of Burk's Falls.

Submitted by Lion John Darling



Coldwater Lions Club



New Members Inducted at The Coldwater Lions Club



The **Coldwater Lions Club** acting on the request of District Governor **George Bik**, have once again added new members to the club.

In November 2009 the Coldwater Lion Club inducted two new members, **Carl Stimpfig** and **Terry Henry**, both local residents. **District Governor Bik** and Area Chair **Ruth Hounsome** officiated at the two individual ceremonies.

Lion Carl is a local Real Estate Agent and **Lion Terry** is the village barber.

A large number of current members were in attendance and welcomed the two new members into the Coldwater Club with the usual three ROARS.

Submitted by Lion Doug Binns



Honour Local 4H Sheep Club

November 23, 2009 was a special evening at the Coldwater Lions Club. For the 4th year the Coldwater Lions invited the 4H Sheep Club to hold the yearly Graduation Ceremony at the Lions Club monthly dinner evening.

Some 16 boys and girls ranging in age from 12 to 17 walked to the podium to be recognized for another years hard work. They received diplomas and awards from the club leaders, Helen and Herb Black.

An excellent dinner, prepared and served by the Coldwater United Church ladies, was well received by the Lions and Sheep Club members and a number of parents who attended. Everyone enjoyed the event and all walked away with a full stomach.

The youth of the community are all possible future Lions and this event is a wonderful way to show the young people that the Lions Club is not a distant organization, but is actively working for the community.

IMPORTANT DATES

Governors' Council Meeting Dates

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

MDA Convention

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

International Conventions

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

USA - Canada Forum

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

District Conventions

District	Location	Date
A1	Leamington, Pelee Days Inn	April 9 -11, 2010
A2	St. Catharines, Quality Parkway Hotel	March 26 -28, 2010
A3	Kingston, Ambassador	April 16 - 18, 2010
A4	Ottawa, Hampton Court Inn & Conference Centre	April 16 - 18, 2010
A5	North Bay, Best Western	April 23 - 25, 2010
A711	Toronto, Holiday Inn Select	April 30 - May 2, 2010
A9	Kincardine, Community Centre	May 7 - 9, 2010
A12	Minett, Red Leaves	April 23 - 25, 2010
A15	Stratford, River Garden Inn	April 16 - 18, 2010
A16	Haliburton, Pinestone Inn	April 30 - May 2, 2010





Schomberg Lions Club

The recent Osin-Lions playground Cheque Presentation.

Back Row left to right: Lions Gord Dobson, Gail Feeney, Joe Velma, Park Supervisor Scott Donald, Lion Steve Fisher, Marlene Koppens, Bob Gwelchmia, Harry Hoare, Jacqui Dobson, family pet Stanley, Jason Watt & son Nathan,
Front Row - left to right: Paul Feeney, Don Coffey, Mayor Margaret Black, President Bill Koppens, Councillor Bill Cober Lion Bill Hanlon

Submitted by Lion Steve Fisher

The Lions Club of Barrie

Barrie's infamous **"LION'S BBQ CREW"** was on duty at the recent Neighbourhood BBQ, held on September 19, 2009, which was put on by the City of Barrie & held at Centennial Park. Lawrence from The Butcher Shop supplied the BBQ and hot dogs. Lion **Steve Fox** provided the buns and we Lions provided the manpower. This event marks the start of a city-wide initiative to enhance the historic areas of Barrie.

Submitted by Lion Libby Mussell



President Fred Brox, Volunteer - Leanne Dupuis, Volunteer - Steve Dalley, Lions, Lee & Ross Kell, Lawrence, Lion Donna Richardson, Lion Steve Fox and Lion Audrey Brox.



Windermere & District Lions Club

The **Windermere & District Lions Club** is pleased to announce the induction of Lion **Art Robertson** and Lion **Ted Cordingley**. Lion **Art** and Lion **Ted** were inducted by A12 District Gov **Geroge Bik** assisted by Club President **John Roberts** at our October 27th supper meeting at Windermere Community Hall. Our Club now stands at 29 members who are dedicated to serve the Windermere & District Community.

Submitted by Lion John Dutton

Whitestone McKellar Lions Club

New Member for Whitestone

McKellar Lions Club

Whitestone McKellar Lions Club (Formerly Dunchurch Lions Club) Induction took place at the North Landing November 4th.

Left, Terry Stanley, sponsor, Donald Brescacin, new member, Charlie MacDermid, Martin Hughson

Submitted by Maureen Hilt



Brockville Lioness

Joan Moffatt President of the Brockville Lioness Club presented **Ruth Ainsworth**, Salvation Army Christmas Kettle co-ordinator with a cheque for \$1500. in support of their campaign.

The Brockville Lioness Club is proud to have the opportunity to contribute to such a worthy cause.

Pictured from left to right, **Lioness Frances Long, Joan Moffatt Ruth Ainsworth, and Lioness Shirley McMillan.**

Submitted by Sandra Baldwin

Photo submitted by Lion Dave Mitchell Brockville Lions Club



Jarvis Lions Club win Haldimand Community Project Award

Jarvis Lions members present to accept the Award

At the 9th Annual Haldimand County Recognition Night, held in Fisherville, on Thursday, November 19, 2009, the Jarvis Lions Club was awarded the Community Project Award for their Jarvis Lions Park Extreme Makeover Project.

The Jarvis Lions have worked this past summer in conjunction with the Jarvis Field Management Committee, the Senior Men's Fastball Team and other local park user groups, along with Haldimand County to do a complete makeover of the 26 acre facility that houses two softball diamonds and one small practice diamond. This Extreme Makeover Project will bring the facility in line with the O.A.S.A guidelines, as well as other comparable parks for the calibre of play that the Jarvis Lions Ball Park has been providing for the past ten years.

Thanks to funds from Haldimand County, a Trillium Grant, fundraising by the Jarvis Lions, two major donations from Bruce Power who donated \$5,000 and Molsons who donated \$7,500, the project is near completion. The addition of some lighting to be done in the Spring of 2010 and connection of the new upper field lights by Haldimand County Hydro are remaining. The entire cost of the project was budgeted at \$210,000. The tenders for the upper diamond lighting came in significantly higher than expected, so the Jarvis Lions stepped in and will raise an additional \$20,000, with ongoing fundraising to cover the shortfall. The facility will be ready for the 2010 Fastball Season in the Spring.



(L-R) Lion Doug McBride, Lion Dave Doughty, Project Committee co-chair; Lion Dennis Craddock, 3rd Vice President; Lion Bill Kelly, President; Lion Neil Montague, Project Committee co-chair; Lion Martyn Cooper, 1st Vice President.

Submitted by Lion Mike Feeney



In the picture, Zone 22 West Chair Art Plume inducts Eleta Kelley, Sylvia Hinrichsen, Kathy Lampi, and Tracey Thibault.

Killaloe Lions Club

The Killaloe Lions Club displaying their recent induction of four new Lions members.

The most recent induction of several new members of the Killaloe club. As is apparent, all are female. The Killaloe Club long ago attained the 25% female membership goal. In fact, currently women make up half the active membership.

Submitted by Lion John Proulx



Elmvale and District Lions Remember

Shown are Lion Jack Dyer and Lion Gene Minnings placing a wreath on Remembrance Day. Ceremony was at the Downtown Elmvale Cenotaph.

Submitted by Elaine Twiddle



Omeme District Lions and Lioness

Omeme District Lions and Lioness marched in the Remembrance Day Parade in Omeme on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009.

Submitted by Sam Pittman, Secretary

Omeme & District Lions Club

Omeme & District Lions Club President **Bill Hawman** presented Scout **Graham Peeters**, of the 1st. Omeme Scout Troop, a badge in recognition of Scout Graham's rare accomplishment of being selected "**Scout of the Year for Canada**" and also, "**Scout of the World**".

Submitted by Sam Pittman, Secretary



Chemung Lake District Lions Club



This a group presentation of our members and the lucky recipients of the proceeds of Our Lions Cruise Nights in the Park. For the Lions Year 2009. The **Chemung Lake District Lions Club** donated \$6,000.00 from the proceeds of their Cruise Night. This was made possible, thanks to the citizens of this community.



\$1,500.00 was presented to the 5 Counties Childrens Society, represented by **David Adams**



\$1,500.00 was presented to Canadian Cancer Society, represented by **Mary Reynolds**



\$1,500.00 was presented to Canadian Diabetes Association, represented by **Elaine Peterman**.



\$1,500.00 was presented to Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Cheques were presented by **President Lion Helen Sproule** and all the members of Chemung Lake District Lions Club at their Dinner Meeting October 13th. This is usually done at the park, but due to rainouts, we changed the date and place.

Submitted by President Lion Helen Sproule



Peninsula Lions

Examples of Team Work that got "it" done.

The **Minettones** donated to the Lions Thanksgiving Food Drive at the Peninsula Community Hall. The Minettones is a Ladies Choir as professional as it gets. Ms. V, as I call Vivien, is the Choir Director and is a champion to the Lions Food Drive. Yahoooooo!

Cassandra, Doreen and John helped Lion Denis and myself package the food donations and put it in the "Matrix" for storage in the Lions Container. The more 'hands' the easier it is, especially for the 'still' photographer 'me', eh?!

Carl helped Lion Ed deliver it to the Manna Food Bank in Bracebridge. This happened just when the Food Bank was opening to help those most in need of help. Real insight was gained by seeing the helpfulness to those by the Manna volunteers. (Thanks to all for sharing with me their feelings and thoughts about it all.)

The main drop off point is at The Corner Store in Minett. Debbie Nicolson, the owner, is another wonderful Team Player. Yeah!

Now that is Team Work that Works!

Lions Ed words to me were along the lines....Successful delivery to Manna Food & gratefully received. Warms your HEART!

Lionism in action with the support of Friends and Contributors!

CC...To a good host of Friends and Contributors, like Paul and Ernie, to let them know "What was done". 'Cause it is not how much was raised, like cash or such, but what is accomplished. At least, that's my take, eh?!

Submitted by 'Roarin' Lion Tom



Port Carling Lions

For over eight years, **Port Carling Lion Cathy Duck** has been the sparkplug behind the annual **Port Carling Winterfest**, which is held over three days each February. In this time, Lion Cathy has personally found and organized dozens of volunteers to

make the event happen. At the same time, she has reached out to involve other community organizations and turned what was primarily a Lions event into a true community-wide winter celebration. Cathy's initiative and hard work was recognized in June, 2009 -- first with an **Outstanding Volunteer Award** from the Township of Muskoka Lakes, and, two weeks later, she was honoured with a **Melvin Jones Award from Lions International**. She is truly an outstanding Lion!

Submitted by Lion Perry Bowker,

Knights of the Blind Walk at Ivy Green Helen Keller's Birthplace

Lions Memorial Garden, Tuscumbia, Alabama



We Serve

Dear Lions and Friends

Helen Keller was the inspiration for the Lions club to adopt sight conservation worldwide. Please join District 34 and 46 in establishing a Knight of the Blind Walk in memory of Helen Keller at Ivy Green, her birthplace, in Tuscumbia, Alabama. The miracle at Ivy Green extends far beyond its location in a small Alabama town. Standing at the well, one can visualize the open window of communication to young Helen's mind, that has caused Lions worldwide to devote time and effort to eyecare and the reduction of blindness.



The Cottage at Ivy Green - Tuscumbia, Alabama
Picture is courtesy of Ivy Green Birthplace



Alabama Lions Fountain at Ivy Green

Lions around the world;

Now is the time to honour Helen Keller for her inspiration to all people of the world and to fulfill her challenge for the Lions to become Knights of the Blind. For a donation of \$100.00 the name of a person, or club will be engraved on a brick and installed on the walk. All donations will be used to complete the walk or improve and maintain Ivy Green Estate. For a donation to the Knights of the Blind Walk, please complete and mail the information below.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____
 Zip _____ Country _____
 Lions Club _____ District # _____
 Inscription _____
 Amount enclosed _____ USD _____

Mail to:

The Lions Helen Keller Memorial, Knights of the Blind Walk
 c/o PDG Johnny Tuten, 1004 North Cave Street, Tuscumbia, AL. 35674 USA

Killaloe & Area Lions

Each year, the Community Resource Centre (CRC) organizes a Food & Toy Drive for in-need families at Christmas. Each year, the Killaloe Lions assist with both a financial contribution and volunteer time. This year, the Lions made a contribution from their own funds, and also collected for the Drive during its annual Santa Claus parade. In addition, half a dozen Lions - some of whom also work for the CRC - turned out to pack hampers.

Submitted by Tony Pearson

Lion president Jim Homer

bundles up toys for area children.

Lions member Eleta Kelley, a CRC staffer, works with her daughter San (also a CRC staffer) to pack the food boxes for families.



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Beamsville Lioness Club



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The Beamsville Lioness Club has been busy in "Beautiful Beamsville ". Two new members joined the club on October 21st. They are **Briana Foster** and **Gertie DeRoos**. The club raised enough money to sponsor a Canine Vision Dog, **Barbarann** and her new Dog Guide Avril graduated on June 24th and the club keeps in regular contact with them. They are a close working team.

The **Beamsville Lioness Club** had a successful day selling strawberries and ice cream at the strawberry festival. On Canada Day ice cream was sold and also did well at Charles Daley Park next to Lake Ontario. Always a fun day ending with fireworks.

They are already gearing up for our 25th Anniversary of the annual Hobo Night. It will be April 19th 2010. This time it will have a silver theme. We are really planning this one, so put those silver hairs to work and think about what you will wear !

We are sponsoring 2 families this year for Christmas. There are 7 children and 3 adults. Each family will get \$250.⁰⁰ in groceries. Every Lioness is contributing \$10-20 for gifts for the children, therefore, each family will have approximately \$300.⁰⁰ for the children and we will buy something small for the adults.

Submitted by Connie and Diesel

Magnetawan Heritage Museum Ceiling Renovation/ Restoration

Museum Reno: the newly installed ceiling and complementary wall display panelling for the Magnetawan Heritage Museum

As one of several designated Community Improvement Projects for this year, the **Magnetawan Lions Club** undertook a necessary reconstruction of one of our major tourist attractions: the Magnetawan Heritage Museum ceiling renovation. Completed in early November at a cost of under \$2,300 and with 75 hours of volunteer lions' labour, this necessary renovation provided a new suspended ceiling and renovated wall panels for display showcases in our local Heritage Museum site. A hearty Lions Roar of appreciation to Civic Improvement chair, Lion Bryan Hampson and the many Lions who volunteered their time and talent in realizing the completion of the valuable heritage asset.



(Courtesy Lion Bryan Hampson)

Submitted by Lion Randy Soth

Charlton-Englehart Lions



At the **Charlton-Englehart Lions** meeting on October 21st, PDG **Lion Bob Hobbs** presented a Life Membership to **Lion Andy Poupore**.



We Serve



At the same meeting he inducted both our 50th and 51st members, **Art and Dale McKinnon**, pictured with their sponsors **Lions Vic and Bev Roach**.



The following day finds newly inducted **Lions Art and Dale** doing their first official duty as Lions, presenting a cheque to the **Englehart Library** for \$1,000 on behalf of the club.

Submitted by Vic Roach



Sri Lanka SFK line

Triple Play: An integral part of their community, Lions clubs reach down into the lives of youths by sponsoring three of the most popular activities of U.S. youth: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Little League.



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Marmora Crowe Valley Lions

Six members of Marmora Crowe Valley Lions attended the reception at Trenton Memorial Hospital for those who donated to the purchase of a Pascal Laser for the Ophthalmology Department. Over \$166,000 was donated by groups such as the District A3 Lions, Royal Canadian Legion and Rotary Club. Lions International donated \$73,000.

Shown are: (back row) Kevin Roy, Mary Jane Goodchild, Wilma Bush; (front row) Jeannette Goodchild, Winston Wylie, Vera Wylie.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



The Toronto-Finlandia Lions Club

Submitted by Sirpa Kaukinen



The governor of District A-711 Lion **Mark Gunby** and charter president Lion **Sirpa Kaukinen** cutting the cake at the 20th Anniversary celebration of the **Toronto-Finlandia Lions Club**.
October 17, 2009.



Left to right are Cheryl Elliott, Dianna Lock, Irene Crawford, Alice Verduyn, Linda Schut, Dorothy Keresturi, and Cathy Kisielewski. The Camp Trillium Fundraiser.

Submitted by Bob Townsend

The South Brant Lioness

The Camp Trillium Fundraiser.

The South Brant Lioness decorated a Christmas Tree that was later auctioned off during the Festival of Trees fundraiser for Camp Trillium in Waterford a Cancer Camp for kids.

Peterborough Lions

Peterborough Lions working the Gate at the Evinrude arena in Peterborough for the AAA Bantam tournament for **Peterborough Minor Petes**. We entered into a partnership to assist with 3 tournaments this year as a fundraising activity.

Submitted by Lion Don Sawyer



Lions Bess Hills, Don Hills, Gwen Sawyer and Don Sawyer at the Peterborough Evinrude Center manning the gate for Minor Pete Bantam Hockey Tournament



We Serve

Life's a Beach for Japanese Club

One of the most scenic places in Japan is Amano Hashidate. The sandy beach stretches for more than two miles, and 8,000 pine trees form a wall of green. Some 2.5 million outdoors lovers come here every year from Kyoto, Osaka and other crowded cities.



The **Miyazu Lions Club** has kept the beach safe and attractive since 1967. Lions staff a first-aid tent. Two or three of the club's 57 members are on duty every afternoon. Jellyfish stings are common. Lions expertly clean the wound with sea water (regular water may make the injury worse) and carefully apply ammonia. Looking anxious, injured children are quickly treated so they can get back to their fun.

Lions patrol the beach periodically to pick up trash. Lions also serve as an informal "information desk" by providing visitors with train schedules and tourist packets. Lions even serve as volunteer lifeguards on busy weekends. Twice a year the club sponsors an extensive cleanup of the beach. In April, before the beach is packed, the club asks volunteers to be part of Clean Hashidate: One Person One Square Foot. In August, in conjunction with the club meeting, members gather at 6 a.m. on the sand as the sun rises to sweep the beach clean, not only of empty cans and bottles, but also stray twigs and wood. Keeping nature clean and inviting takes a lot of human intervention.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF A GREAT LION WITH AN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

Simply fill out the Registration form and mail it in!

Can your Multiple District count on you to have a great golf tournament as a kick-off to the Convention next June.

See you there. **Register early** as maximum is 144 golfers.

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Left to right are: Clara C Zeranko, Cheryl Elliott, Karen Kisielewski, Gerda Drost, and Janette Schieman.

The South Brant Lioness

Olympic Torch Run in Scotland

The **South Brant Lioness** were selling coffee and doughnuts for those who witnessed the Olympic Torch Run through Scotland. The proceeds went to Camp Trillium in Waterford, a Cancer Camp for kids.

Submitted by Bob Townsend

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hosted the Wii for Markham Stouffville Hospital in Markville Shopping Centre on September 13, 2009 to raise funds for the expansion project of Markham Stouffville Hospital. Mayor **Frank Scarpitti** of Markham was our Honorary Chair of the event. Participants were invited to the game and raised funds for the event. We had many leaders from both the private and public sectors joining the event. All were having fun in playing the Wii tennis, boxing, and bowling. With us for the day from the three levels of government were **Derek Lee, MPP; Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of Markham; John McCullum, MP;** and **Jack Heath, Deputy Mayor of Markham. President Lion Alfred Hui** joined by the participants and Heritage Lions presented the cheque of \$4,000 to the representative of Markham Stouffville Hospital on the day.

Submitted by Lion Tim Cheung



Perth Lions Club

in Perth ON recognizing a donation and their participation in the **Terry Fox Run** in their local community. In our Perth Group is pictured,

first row; Larry Waldeck, Lions Club members Wally Hill, Jim Hill, Yvonne Mahoney, Gary Fisher, Elly Tysick, Gerry Saumur, in the 2nd row; Murray Phillips; Rick McCauley and Ross Hollingsworth.

We were able to donate \$3,165.⁰⁰ this year. Perth Lions Club received a plaque and letter, acknowledging our total over the past 4 years of \$10,399.⁰⁰, in most pledges raised in the "non-profit category".

Submitted by Yvonne Mahoney

Procedure To Get Your Address Changed

Lions

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



- 1 Use the WMMR website application or
- 2 By the Monthly Membership Report (snail mail)
- 3 If there are multitude of address changes, your secretary can e-mail them to **stats@lionsclubs.org**

The Lion Magazine can not do this for you as we do not have access to LCI's Data Base

Editor The Lion

"MD 'A' Lions Resource Centre" Website

The "MD 'A' Lions Resource Centre" website is available for your use. Its goal is to provide a "one-stop-shopping" website for Lions resources, ideas and tools in all aspects of Lionism, including recruiting new members, keeping the members we already have, revitalizing clubs, fundraising ideas and club and district operations. The MD 'A' "Lions Resource Centre" website may be viewed by going to the MD 'A' website at www.mdalions.org and clicking on the "Lions Resource Centre" button.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

District Reporters

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

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Burford Lions Club

Lion Chief **Bob Carroll** holds the Citizen of the Year Plaque (group category) recently received by the Burford Lions Club at the annual Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet. Other awards presented on the same evening include; Citizen of the Year (individual), Friend of Youth, and the Good Neighbor Award. The Burford Lions Club has been active in the community for over 60 years helping out whenever and wherever we can, whether it is community projects, various organizations or individuals. We are proud to have been involved in many community projects over the years, from the Burford Arena, The Burford Lions "Art Cadman Park", Westside Village seniors housing project, baseball double-diamonds, lighting and tennis court resurfacing at the community centre, our new

Library, the new community Shuffle Board courts and our latest project the Lions Way walking and bicycle path which will provide a safe and direct path to our beautiful community park. The Burford Lions are proud to create another first in the community. The Citizen of the Year Award has been around for a number of years and this year is the first time that it has been presented to a service club or group of individuals within the community. *Submitted by Dave*

Blackheath Binbrook Lions Club

On Tuesday December 15th, 2009 the Blackheath Binbrook Lions Club held their **Annual Basket Night** at the Blackheath Hall. The club members made 89 baskets which were given to members of the local community over 80 years old.

Pictured are some of the baskets with Lions members, George Foster, Laverne Gaddy, Desmond Ottay, Kenrick Ottay, Chad Campbell, Lion President Larry Scott, Dale Reid, Bill Hunt, Doug Bowerman, Doug McDonald, Brian Chaykowski, Jim Young, Richard Summers, Wayne Whitwell and Wayne Campbell.

Submitted by Lion Chad Campbell



L to R: **Lion Emerson and Lion Mickey Puddicomb, Chatham Lions Club, Margaret McKessock, PDG Don McKessock, Sarnia Lions Club Lion, Mrytle Fargherson, Chatham Lions Club, Lion Koert Niewuenhuis, Lion Joyce Doucet, Sarnia Township Lions Club, PDG Mark Mahovlich, Belle River Lions Club and PDPG Aldo Gonzalez, Chatham Lions Club.**

This was the Canadian Contingent at the Leader Dog Kick-Off Dinner, Thursday, December 3, 2009 in Rochester, Michigan. The parade of cheques totaled \$67,900 this year.

L to R: **Lion Fran Taylor, Sarnia Township Lions Club, Lynn LeFaive, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Inn of the Good Shepherd and Lion Bob Henry, Sarnia Township Lions Club**

Making Christmas brighter – the Sarnia Township Lions Club assisted in the canned food drive once again this year. The club presented to Inn of the Good Shepherd \$500 worth of canned goods (410 lbs.) and a \$500 cheque to assist in the local community efforts.

Submitted by Lion Joyce Doucet



Waterford Lions

These five are the newest members of the Waterford Lions in A-2. They got into the spirit by singing.

From left to right : **Alex Vervae, Jason Roberts, Jeff Spolstra, Kevin Witham, and Dave Boughner.**



The Singing Five!

Submitted by Bob Townsend

The Lions Club of Bracebridge

The Lions Club of Bracebridge has started a new fundraiser at our town landfill location. The attached picture shows Lions **Fred and Cathy Walker** standing beside our Lions Club **"Returnable Bottle Collection Shed"**. Lions Fred and Cathy are spearheading this new fundraiser for our club. Funds raised from this refundable bottle project will be used to support our local community.

Submitted by Lion Brad Bowes



Perth Lions Club

A presentation of the President's Pin was made to past president **Lion Donna Beauvais** to recognize her efforts to increase the membership of her club.

PID Ernie Moore was International Director during 1985 to 1987 and is now a member of the Perth Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion John Proulx



Alliston Lions

Over 150 hampers filled with toys and food were delivered through the Alliston Lions Christmas Hamper program by volunteers, including members of the TNT Tornados, to homes in Alliston, Everett and surrounding areas. More than 5,000 lbs of food was collected with the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department going door to door in Everett and collecting over 1,000 lbs of food and the Nottawasaga Inn Resort collecting more than 2,500 pounds of food in additions to donating hams and turkeys for families in need this holiday season.



Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club

Tree Planting at Austin Drive Park

in Markham on September 30, 2009 by **Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club**

Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club in collaboration with Town of Markham and Evergreen organized the Tree Planting event at Austin Drive Park in Markham

on September 20, 2009. This is in support of the **Trees for Tomorrow** program in the Town of Markham. There was over 100 participants joining the event on the beautiful morning at the Park. We planted over 500 trees on the day. This is the picture taken with all the participants: Heritage Lions, families, friends, and neighbours in the area.

Submitted by: Lion Tim Cheung



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The discipline and hard work builds self-esteem, says band members and parents.

Marching Into History Blind Marching Band Part of Roses Parade

by Cliff Terry

Dedicated college football fans probably know that when Ohio State plays its home games, the marching band spells out "Script Ohio" to the tune of "Le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse." The crowd roars when a musician dots the i. But at other times in Columbus, another marching band employs a similar spelling drill. The unique difference is that it's called "Script Braille Ohio."

Playing only since 2005, the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band—the only blind marching band in the country and, undoubtedly, the world. has been featured in newspapers and national network TV programs, and, incredibly, marched in the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena this January, the first blind marching band to do so. The trip was financed in large part by various Lions clubs in Ohio—another instance of Lion involvement with issues concerning eyesight.

Carol Agler, music director at the Ohio State School for the Blind (kindergarten through high school), who is sighted, co-directs with technology instructor Dan Kelley, blind since birth. After starting a regular band program in 1998, Agler initiated the marching band in 2005 at the invitation of the Ohio School for the Deaf, also in Columbus. The school was reviving its football program after a 33-year hiatus. The marching band performed half-time shows at home games. "I jumped at the opportunity," she says. "Our staff thought it was really cool. I'm

not sure what other people thought about a blind marching band. I mean, I certainly thought, 'How am I going to do it?'"

The marchers began with 13 members, and this year there are 34, with three alumni. Seven of the high school musicians and one alum are sighted, and the rest are totally blind.

Asked about people's initial reaction, Kelley answers, "Some humorous, some amazement: 'How can you do that?' 'How do you keep them from running into each other?'"

But it's been pretty positive for the most part. I really wasn't dubious because I marched in a

high school band, and I wanted our kids to have that experience."

"**The Lions' support has been wonderful,**" says Agler. "The majority of our kids come from very poor families. We simply couldn't have done it without the Lions." Adds Kelley, "The Lions certainly have done a lot to support us. They do a lot of work across the boards. When I was playing Beep Baseball [for the blind and visually impaired], the Lions around here would do a lot to help us out."

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