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# Orleans Parade of Lights

Three A4 Lions Clubs collaborated to participate in the Orleans Parade of Lights on Saturday, November 27th 2010. These were **Cumberland, Gloucester North** and **Navan**.

With a Float designed by **Lion Sis Etherington** we represented the "Beacon of Hope". Lions and friends dressed up as Christmas gifts, Snowballs and Elves - and we also had a live Elvis impersonator to help things along.

Our Governor - **Andy Etherington** participated as a snowball.

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*Submitted by Lion David Grattan*



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Front cover picture features the Space Needle in the city of Seattle; location of the upcoming 2011 International convention on July 4 - 8. For more information about Seattle, turn to page 17.

Photo by Tim Thompson.

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Welcome to the Feb/Mar 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.

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# Seattle Will be Abuzz with Fun and Excitement

With the winter holidays a lingering memory, it is hard to believe that this Lions' year is more than one-half complete. Our projects of "shining a light" on our youth, the visually impaired and world hunger have produced amazing results. These projects have not only helped thousands of individuals, but they have also connected us as Lions in a united effort. By sharing our projects in our activity reports we have witnessed how we have been a Beacon of Hope to those we serve. We have shared a common bond by enriching the lives of others through these similar projects. In reaching out to others we find our own lives enriched and a satisfaction that Lions can, and do, make a difference. I am proud to be a Lion and serve beside you.

This month our cover story describes Seattle, Washington, our convention venue this year, and its

many attractions. In a couple of months the LION magazine will provide a list of tours, seminars and speakers. Some of the highlights you will enjoy this year include former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as the keynote address speaker, a special address by Mr. Bill Gates Sr., the classical guitar musical competition, an address by the Humanitarian Award winner and an exciting International Show featuring a variety of entertainers.

I want to invite you to join Judy and me in July in Seattle at the 94th International Convention. It will be a special five days of renewing friendships, making new friends and celebrating a special year of service. You will enjoy the pageantry of the international parade, be entertained and informed at the plenary sessions and share information at one of the many seminars. Whether this is your first convention or you

are a regular attendee, come enjoy the special relationships we have as Lions and share your story of being a Beacon of Hope.

I look forward to seeing you in Seattle!



**Sid L. Scruggs III**  
**Lions Clubs International**  
**President**

**Sid L. Scruggs III**

## Calendar Changes; Service is Constant

The world of Lions is a bit upside-down as much of the world views life. As Lions, instead of a focus on working and making money, we concern ourselves with serving and making life better for others. In a world often divided by borders, language and culture, we find unity in service. As much of the world celebrates New Year's, our annual Lions' calendar reaches the halfway mark.

It's been a privilege to serve as your international president for half a year and witness the incredible zeal for service Lions of the world have. I have asked Lions to renew their service commitment and thousands have done so. I have encouraged Lions to embrace the four global service action campaigns and to take on new projects related to youth, sight and hunger. In April, I'm sure Lions will take on innovative and effective projects to protect the environment

Service is what we do and defines who we are. Our service is a positive way to increase membership. It happened with my club, the Vass Lions in North Carolina. We jumped from 12 active members to 65 members by increasing our service activities. Our club invited younger parents by working with the Boy Scouts and sponsoring the Peace Poster contest and a Leo club. We brought in people interested in hands-on service by being involved with Meals on Wheels, health and eye screenings and delivering food baskets. We attracted people who wanted to be part of a larger, successful organization with a global outlook but involved in local projects.

I tell this story not just out of pride but to encourage other clubs and offer a blueprint for club success. When we are a Beacon of Hope to others, we also shine a light on ourselves. Being active in the community allows us to be visible, viable and

worthy of joining.

I initiated the Bright Start Awards to encourage district governors to engage and invite new members for service. Our Membership Division at headquarters can offer expert guidance to develop projects to encourage new members and retain our current members. Please visit the Member Center on the Web site of Lions Clubs International for more information.

As we embark on the second half of the Lion year I thank you for all your service and encourage you to be a Beacon of Hope in your community. Among your New Year's resolutions please include a continued commitment to our mission of service.

**Sid L. Scruggs III**

## To the Lions, Lioness and Leos of Multiple District "A"

Well everyone as I write this short note to you we are well into the month of January and the new year of 2011. By the time you read this article we will be far into the month of February. This has been a momentous year so far in Lionism. Most Districts and Clubs have turned their minds and actions towards visible service to our citizens and also to seeing that our communities are aware of our presence and what it is that we are doing for our communities' greater well-being. International President Lion Sid Scruggs asked us to direct our attention towards our youth earlier this Lions year, then he asked us to focus during the fall on service to the sight impaired members of our community and

finally he asked us to help feed the hungry people in our midst during the Christmas Season and January. You have rallied to our President's challenges in absolutely spectacular fashion. Everywhere that Elizabeth and I have travelled it is very evident that you have excelled in your efforts. You have accomplished these goals not just because our President asked you to do so but because when these challenges were brought to our attention we realized the need and appropriateness of such action. Our President has one last challenge for this year and that is that our clubs and Lions become involved in an environmental project during this spring so that we can again demonstrate our concern and our

willingness as Lions to take positive action to safeguard this precious home of ours, that we call Earth.

When you read this note we will all be getting ready for our upcoming district and Multiple District "A" conventions. Please give serious thought to standing for Club or District office as our great organization always needs new leadership to help guide us in our work on behalf of those whom we would serve. Remember the saying, "If not me then who, and if not now then when". Elizabeth and I look forward to seeing as many of you as we can over the upcoming conventions. We are quite busy right now starting on the first weekend in January through to July attending conventions and charter anniversaries and we are enjoying it tremendously.

See you soon,  
Take care,

**Lion Carl Young**



**Lion Carl Young, I.D.**





# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND • OCTOBER 1 – 4, 2010

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

- Transferred the convention trading pins policy from the Club Supplies chapter of the Board Policy Manual to the trademark policies in the Legal chapter of the Board Policy Manual and simplified the policy language.
- Revised the District and Multiple District Dispute Resolution Procedure in the Board Policy Manual to provide clarification concerning the applicable district (single, sub- or multiple) references.
- Revised the Club Dispute Resolution Procedure in the Board Policy Manual amending the procedures with respect to appointing the conciliator, raising objections to the conciliator appointment, establishing a minimum US\$50.00 filing fee, and providing clarification concerning the applicable district (single or sub-) references.
- Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2011 International Convention to amend Article XII, Section 2 of the International By-Laws increasing membership dues by US\$4.00 phased in over two years beginning effective July 1, 2012, and simplifying the language of this section.

#### CONVENTION COMMITTEE

- Approved a Leo convention registration fee for the 2011 Seattle convention. Leos 12-17 years US\$10.00; Leos 18-30 years US\$50.00.
- Approved Kevin Scruggs to perform and function as the emcee at the international show for the 2011 Seattle convention.
- Established per diem allowances for appointed credentials committee, district governors-elect, district governors-elect seminar faculty and headquarters staff for the 2011 Seattle convention.

#### DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

- Recognized clubs in Shenyang and Xian China as provisional districts upon reaching 17 clubs and 450 members and granted authority to the Executive Committee to assign a district number and appoint a district governor for the provisional district for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
- Expanded Provisional District 386 to include the province of Zhejiang, China.
- Designated the country of Bhutan within the boundary of District 322-F.
- Amended the Board Policy Manual relating to the Guiding Lion Program to limit the guiding Lion to serving no more than two clubs at any point in time and to require Certified Guiding Lions to retake the Certified Guiding Lion

Course every three years to maintain certification.

- Amended the Board Policy Manual relating to district governor-elect seminar expenses to increase the hotel stay an additional day to allow the District Governors-Elect the ability to fully participate in international convention events.
- Amended the Board Policy Manual relating to club cancellation to require the district governor to submit a rebuilding plan within 30 days to avoid cancellation and that measurable progress must be made within six months to remain in status quo and avoid cancellation.

#### FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

- Approved the 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Forecast, which reflects a surplus.
- Modified Chapter XXII, Page XXII-6, and Paragraph E.1.b., of the Board Policy Manual to require pre-approval for fare when the cost is in excess of US\$1,000.
- Modified the policy for club visits where roundtrip travel exceeds 600 miles (966 kilometers) so the request for approval is submitted to the Finance Division, not the international president.
- Approved an upgrade allowance for past international presidents for travel exceeding 10 hours, not including time on the ground for connecting flights. The allowance will be the difference from the actual ticket cost less the lowest available business class fare and subject to applicable tax reporting and treatment.
- Housekeeping revision to Chapter XXII, page XXII-7, Paragraph E.1.e., of the Board Policy Manual regarding rental cars.

#### LCIF

- Revised the Investment Policy Statement to: a) reflect an increase in the upper range limits of the asset allocations for fixed income and equities in the general endowment, and b) add language regarding planned giving investments.
- Suspended the implementation of the selection process for future LCIF Steering Committees until further discussion at the April 2011 meeting, and rescinded the portions of Resolution 14 approved at the June 2010 Board of Trustees meeting relevant to the selection process.
- Approved 36 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$1,840,614.
- Tabled one grant application.
- Approved a grant in the amount of US\$1,123,606 to extend the Lions-Special Olympics Opening Eyes program.

- Established the office of LCIF Assistant Treasurer, as a non-voting position, and appointed the LCIF Financial Analyst to fill this position.
- Updated the investment section of the LCIF chapter of the Board Policy Manual with necessary language to implement the account at Northern Trust for the foundation's planned gifts.
- Updated the rules of audit of the LCIF chapter of the Board Policy Manual to: a) include the LCIF Steering Committee, and b) update the travel by air section.

#### LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Approved Past International Director Howard Lee (British Isles & Ireland) to serve as a 2011 DGE Seminar group leader.
- Approved the schedule and curriculum plan for the 2011 DGE Seminar.
- Approved a funding request from the Africa Steering Committee to support a training seminar for incoming first and second vice district governors and incoming council chairpersons in May 2011.

#### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Updated the Board Policy Manual to reflect the new Lion areas of China Dalian, China Qingdao, China Beijing.
- Updated the GMT Rules of Audit to include all standard provisions of the LCI Rules of Audit, except for four provisions. The four provisions are: 1. Air Travel over 10 hours round trip GMT Leaders will be authorized to upgrade to premium economy; 2. Spouse/Adult Companion travel to GMT meetings will not be covered by LCI except for the GMT International Coordinator or where a GMT member is specifically requested to attend a board meeting; 3. Hotel cost will be reimbursed for single rooms only; 4. LCI will reimburse for meals during a trip up to a maximum of US\$75.00 per day.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Approved past international presidents and past international directors to nominate Lions for the Lion Recognition Award.

#### SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

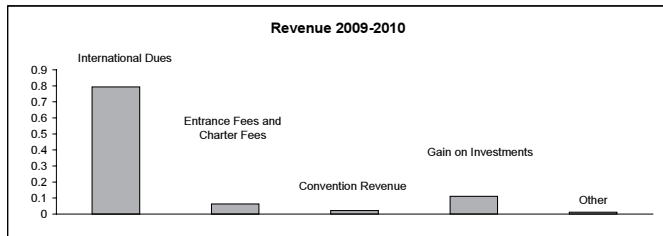
- Selected panelists and alternates for the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 fiscal years.

**For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.**

**The International Association of Lions Clubs  
Revenue and Expenditures - General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2010  
All Figures Shown in U. S. Dollars  
(thousands)**

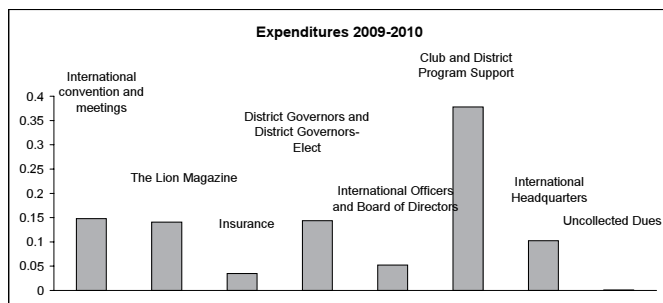
Revenues increased by US\$15.5 million as compared to prior year, primarily due to increased investment results, changes in currency exchange and higher dues revenue. The General Fund posted investment gains of 10.7% for the year ended June 30, 2010.

<b>Revenue 2009-2010</b>	
International Dues	\$ 51,040
Entrance Fees and Charter Fees	4,088
Convention Revenue	1,390
Gain on Investments	7,114
Other	723
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 64,355</b>



Expenses exceeded prior year by US\$4.2M due to increased costs in convention, district governors-elect, general liability insurance, club and district program support and information technology.

<b>Expenditures 2009-2010</b>	
International convention and meetings	\$ 8,703
The Lion Magazine	8,275
Insurance	2,046
District Governors and District Governors-Elect	8,453
International Officers and Board of Directors	3,069
Club and District Program Support	22,237
International Headquarters	6,023
Uncollected Dues	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 58,846</b>



**The International Association of Lions Clubs  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - GENERAL FUND  
June 30, 2010  
All Figures Shown in U.S. Dollars  
(thousands)**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 22,675
Accounts Receivable	687
Other Current Assets	2,675
Marketable Securities	65,809
Property and Equipment, Net	7,490

**Total assets** \$ 99,336

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,558
Interfund Payable	14,290
Accrued Expenses	5,956
Accrued Post-retirement Benefits	297
Other Current Liabilities	4,206

**Total current liabilities** \$ 28,307

<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Self-insurance Reserve	\$ 5,993
Accrued Post-retirement Benefits	1,475
Pension Liability	19,145
Other Non-current Liabilities	92

**Total non-current liabilities** \$ 26,705

<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Beginning of Year	\$ 41,078
Revenue over Expenditures	5,509
Pension Liability Adjustment	(2,263)
End of Year*	<u>\$ 44,324</u>

**Total liabilities and net assets** \$ 99,336

\* Does not include constitutionally restricted Emergency Reserve Fund balance of \$52,259  
The Lions Clubs International audited annual report is available online at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

## Third Generation Lion Member

The **Onaping Falls Lions Club** was very proud this fall with the induction of **Lion Seija Mathiasen**. She is the third generation of the family to join our club. Lion Seija is a geology student at Laurentian University in Sudbury Ontario.



Pictured left to right are Lion Estelle, Lion Seija, Lion Sonja Mathiasen

Submitted by Lion Diane Hayes.

## Forest Hill Lions visit Lima, Peru

**Past President Sol Mednick** of the Forest Hill Lions Club visited with the District Governors of District H-4 on November 5th in Lima, Peru. The meeting was held at **Past President Frederico Nakachi Morimoto's** restaurant where a hearty meal was attended by all of those present.

Greetings were exchanged and a

discussion ensued with reference to how our individual clubs were able to raise monies to service our respective communities.

I was fortunate to have with me an interpreter, Joanna Liu Ricsi and her husband Bob who assisted making the evening that much more enjoyable.

An enjoyable and memorable time was had by all who attended.



Left to right, standing are Manuel Silva, Lion First Vice Governor H-4 District; Marni Mednick; Frederico Nakachi Morimoto, Lion Past Governor H-4 District. Sitting are Graciela de Silva; Sol Mednick, Lion Past President Forest Hill Lions Club; Rosa Cerdán, Lion Governor H-4 District, Perú; Nancy Vucetich, Lion, wife of Giovanni Cheme; Giovanni Cheme, Lion Second Vice Governor H-4 District  
Submitted by Lion Sol Mednick

Dear Lion,

You know the sensation of remembering where you were when a significant world event took place. Perhaps it was a milestone such as the first moon walk. Or maybe it was a tragic event such as the death of a loved leader.

Renande from Haiti and Nang from China remember all too well where they were and what they were doing when an earthquake struck their homes. Read their stories on the following pages. Find out how we Lions have helped them rebuild their life after tragedy.

January marks one year since the devastating earthquake in Haiti, but that is not the only place where our relief efforts remain ongoing. Together, we have helped thousands – from students at Chalmette High School outside New Orleans to families needing shelter in Pakistan.

Lions, be proud of our record of success in disaster recovery and rebuilding. Wherever there is a need, there is a Lions club nearby, ready to respond. In the case of disasters, we Lions are the first to offer help and the last to leave.

Know that much of this assistance would not be possible without the generous support of the international family of Lions. You give to our Foundation, so that our Foundation can give to those most in need. Thank you for making Renande's dreams of a house come true. You are building bridges of compassion!

After reading, I know you'll share the same pride I have in what we've accomplished together. Next time there should be a disaster, you can count on Lions Clubs International Foundation to be there.

With my cordial regards,

**Eberhard J. Wirfs**

**Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation**

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is committed to helping communities impacted by disasters and has been since being established in 1968. Our 40-year history in providing immediate and long-term disaster relief has given us extensive experience. Funds are immediately available to Lions for Lions-led emergency relief efforts because of the annual support by Lions worldwide. Together, local Lions, Lions leaders and LCIF staff assess immediate needs and develop long-term reconstruction plans. Through the efforts of LCIF and Lions worldwide, communities affected by disasters receive a sense of hope for their future.

#### **Fast Facts:**

- First grant ever awarded by LCIF was in 1973 for flood relief in South Dakota
- In 41 years, more than 3,000 emergency grants have been awarded, totaling more than \$25 million

- The Foundation awards nearly \$2 million annually for emergency grants
- Funds provide food, water, first aid and other immediate needs following natural disasters
- The Foundation has a long-term commitment to reconstruction
- 100 percent of every donation goes directly to someone in need
- Projects are carried out by Lions in the community
- Mobilized funds for disasters include:
  - o \$15 million for South Asia tsunami
  - o \$5 million for Hurricane Katrina projects in four states
  - o \$3 million for China earthquake
  - o \$6 million for Haiti earthquake

#### **Restoring Hope to Haitians**

Renande Pierre-Louis remembers the afternoon as if it were yesterday. That day changed everything for her, her family and country. Just before 5 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2010, Pierre-Louis and millions of other Haitians in Port-au-Prince ran for their lives. As homes, schools and hotels crumbled before their very eyes, all people could do was hope for the best.

Today, hope is something often gone unnoticed in the devastated nation. Even before the historic earthquake, poverty and disorder were widespread. Now, everyday life is even more difficult. People struggle for necessities like food, water and shelter. More than one million people remain homeless one year later.

"Our home was completely destroyed by the earthquake; it was unlivable" said Pierre-Louis.

Yet through the promise of Lions and LCIF to rebuild lives and communities in Haiti, Pierre-Louis and her family now have hope moving forward. They recently moved into a newly constructed home, part of a housing project that will provide provisional houses for 600 families currently residing in Lions' tent cities.



**Two girls smile in a Lions' tent city.**

"The houses, earthquake and hurricane proof, will be built where the families were living before the earthquake," said **Pierre-Richard Duchemin** of the

**Port-au-Prince Delmas Lions Club.** "Renande Pierre-Louis, her husband and six children are the first beneficiaries."



**Renande Pierre-Louis and her family now have hope moving forward.**

LCIF is working with HELP, a German non-governmental relief organization (NGO), to provide the homes. HELP has a 30-year history in providing humanitarian assistance. In nearly 20 countries around the world, the organization supports communities based on need. In Haiti, HELP is reconstructing homes for victims of the earthquake.

This is the first major project using resources from LCIF's Haiti Earthquake fund that totals more than \$6 million in donations from Lions worldwide. In total, \$2 million will support the housing project. LCIF allocated \$1.4 million, Lions from Germany contributed \$696,250 and HELP is providing administrative costs.

To identify beneficiaries, Lions and HELP surveyed each camp to find people with the greatest need to relocate. Once homes are complete, beneficiaries will receive basic furniture for their houses. In addition, latrines and other essentials will be provided for the community.

At this time, no other NGO is supporting provisional housing, even though there is a considerable need. The 600 homes significantly add to the number of provisional houses in Haiti, as only 5,000 have been built to date. Still, nearly 225,000 are needed. The end goal is to shift all people living in Lions' tents to provisional housing.

Lions and LCIF have had a strong presence in Haiti since the earthquake struck. After the disaster, a \$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant was awarded. Funds were used to purchase relief supplies including bottled water, medical aid and food.

Three tent cities in the Port-au-Prince neighborhoods of Delmas, Blanchard and Carrefour-Feuille were established to house people who lost their homes. Nearly 2,500 people still reside in these establishments. The tent cities have become communities in a sense, providing essential needs for the people living there. All of them have a market to

sell and buy goods, a worship space and a clinic that provides medical care.

Moving forward, LCIF remains committed to rebuilding Haiti. Projects will be implemented over the long-term, but providing hope for people in need is central to the mission of Lions. Similar to other disasters, Lions hope to rebuild homes and hospitals, redevelop the eye care delivery system, and provide help for those with disabilities, including those disabled because of this disaster.



**LCIF is dedicated to rebuilding communities.**

“The Haitian Lions Relief and Reconstruction Committee, working jointly with all the Haitian Lions clubs and LCIF, has a strategic approach to give a much bigger dimension to our efforts and to LCIF funds,” said Duchemin.

Restoring hope to Haitians will offer them a better future, much like Pierre-Louis and her family. LCIF is dedicated to restoring this hope for years to come.

#### **Strengthening Schools after Hurricane Katrina**

Just more than five years ago, students at Chalmette High School in Louisiana, were coping with Hurricane Katrina. The hurricane destroyed Chalmette, located east of New Orleans. Most of the town was flooded as water reached as high 15 feet. Although most residents were evacuated, many died. Students had no place to call home, let alone a school to attend.

The scene is much different today. Chalmette High School, part of the St. Bernard Parish school district, now offers comprehensive education and health services onsite for students. With funding support from LCIF totaling more than \$1.17 million, Lions worked closely with school officials to make the health center and library a reality.

The health clinic opened at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Each day, between 50 and 60 students receive services. A full-time staff composed of one physician and three nurses are onsite five days a week. Additionally, the school provides psychiatric services through Louisiana State University. Dental services are also available to students. Services are free for those students with no health insurance and a program is in place to insure students without coverage.

“The clinic is a great addition to the school,” said Beverly Lawrason, assistant superintendent of St. Bernard Parish Schools. “It provides comprehensive healthcare services to students, most of whom are underserved.”

The presence of the health clinic is having a positive impact on the school. Students’ productivity and attendance have both increased since its opening. The clinic is also proactive in helping students with chronic diseases, having developed programs that focus on obesity and asthma. The library will open to students this school year.



**A nurse provides health services to a student.**

Lions worldwide supported relief efforts following Hurricane Katrina, mobilizing more than \$5 million. LCIF approved a Major Catastrophe Grant of \$200,000 and 14 Emergency Grants totaling \$140,000 for Lions in the four affected states to provide victims with vouchers to receive food, water and medicine.

#### **Examples of other projects funded in the Gulf States include:**

- o 40,000 pounds of apples and pears were sent for schoolchildren in Bayou La Batre, Alabama
- o Support of Lions Sight Foundation of Mississippi and its camp, eye bank, and vision and hearing programs
- o Repairs to buildings and equipment damaged by the hurricane at Wilkes Youth Camp in Biloxi, Mississippi
- o Purchase of recreational and assistive-learning technology and equipment for The Technology Learning Center for the Disabled in Mississippi
- o Support of Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation to fund its free eye care service program in conjunction with Louisiana State University Eye Center
- o Repair the Louisiana Lions Camp for Crippled Children, Inc.

#### **Rebuilding Villages after the China Earthquake**

Nang Chong Chen is enjoying life in her new home. She lives in the **Peng Hua Lions Village**, located in Sichuan Province, China. More than two years ago, her family lost everything in a devastating earthquake that struck central China. They lived in tents provided by Lions until the government set up temporary prefabricated homes. In October 2008, through efforts of LCIF and Lions, Chen moved into her new home. She is one of the more than 425

people who benefited from the village being reconstructed. In total, 162 homes were built.

“I can see with my own eyes the changes that have been made here by Lions,” said First Vice President Wing-Kun Tam, who led the organizing committee for reconstruction projects.

Following the earthquake in May 2008, villages throughout China were completely destroyed. Contributions from Lions around the world enabled LCIF to provide more than \$3 million for both immediate relief and long-term reconstruction. Rebuilding the Peng Hua Lions Village was one of many projects supported by LCIF. The **KuZhuBei Lions Village** is being constructed in the Yunnan province, which includes 180 homes, a school and hospital. In total, more than 35,000 villagers will benefit. Additionally, a rest home for seniors and a primary school are planned for the Sichuan province.



**Lions deliver aid to people in need.**

#### **Supporting Pakistan following Disaster**

- Building Homes Destroyed by Earthquake

The region of Azad Kashmir in northern Pakistan suffered severe damage following the Kashmir earthquake in 2005. The village of Anwar Shareed suffered more than 20,000 casualties and 11,800 injuries with thousands left homeless. Today, however, many villagers are looking forward to a brighter future. With more than 175 homes constructed, people who lost everything in the earthquake are no longer homeless.

With support from LCIF, Lions helped rebuild Anwar Shareed. Nearly \$1 million was mobilized to support the two-phase reconstruction efforts. The first part of the reconstruction was 177 homes, infrastructure for roads and the installation of a potable water supply. The second phase of rebuilding supported 27 homes in Harijala Saeedan, located near the main Muzaffarabad city.

- Providing Relief for Flood Victims

Historic flooding crippled Pakistan in July 2010, leaving more than 20 million people homeless. LCIF awarded \$120,000 to help



Lions provide relief in their communities. Lions around the world also pledged more than \$450,000 to further support relief efforts.

Twenty-four Lions clubs in Karachi provided six trucks of food supplies. The 2,600 bags of food rations included rice, dry milk, daal, water and juices for people affected in the city of Dadu. Lions joined the army in helping personally distribute the food. **Karachi New Metro Lions Club** donated medicines to the army for distribution, and the **Karachi Bath Lions Club** donated food and other goods. **Sialkot City Campus Lions** drove 1,180 miles to deliver water and blankets to people in need.

### Supporting Disaster Relief

When disasters occur, LCIF responds immediately to support relief efforts of Lions on the ground. Our ability to react quickly is in large part due to the generosity of Lions worldwide. By supporting the LCIF disaster fund, you ensure that emergency grants

are available in the case of disasters. Lions know that when they donate to the Foundation, every dollar goes directly to someone in need. No matter what the size, each contribution is critical to helping victims of disasters.

### A Gift Can Provide:

- **Water, Food and Clothing:**  
**\$25 - \$50** – Can provide water, food rations, clothing and shoes to keep a family or several individuals fed, protected and sustained for at least one week or more.
- **First Aid/Medicines:**  
**\$100 - \$250** – Can provide first aid and medical supplies for one shift of emergency first aid for the backlog of injured.
- **Rebuild and Establish Community Infrastructure:**  
**\$500 - \$1,000** – Can help provide a portion of the funds to be used in rebuilding homes. LCIF establishes long-term plans to provide shelter for individuals displaced or left

homeless following disasters.

- **Help Our Long-term Rebuilding Efforts:**

**\$5,000+** – Can help provide a portion of funds necessary for the construction of schools, clinics and hospitals that will serve the community for many years. Following disasters, LCIF has built entire Lions villages to house, educate and assist those who lost everything.

### Continued Commitment

LCIF is committed to victims of disaster, rebuilding communities and restoring hope. It is through the dedicated support of Lions worldwide that LCIF is able to respond. No matter where disasters strike, no matter how large their impact, LCIF is ready to help Lions in their efforts to help the affected. Together, we continue providing our humanitarian services to those who need them most.

## Clubs Worldwide Mark Sight Day

Lions worldwide collected eyeglasses, held eye screening camps and marched blindfolded during Lions World Sight Day in October.

International President Sid L. Scruggs III marked the occasion by helping hand over adaptive equipment at the Nippon Lighthouse for the Blind in Japan. The facility offers rehabilitation training and job training programs for the blind and visually impaired.

Lions began World Sight Day in 1998. Hundreds of blindness prevention groups now participate. Scruggs' global service action campaign asked Lions to focus on sight in October.

"Lions members around the world and Lions Clubs International Foundation have long been champions for saving and restoring sight, but now we are increasing our programs aimed at the visually impaired," said Scruggs, accompanied by his wife, Judy. "With funds raised through Campaign SightFirst II, Lions will expand rehabilitation and low vision services. Through Lions World Sight Day, we are shining a light on this new area of focus."

An estimated 124 million people live with low vision. About one-fourth of these people would benefit from low vision services. In many countries, availability of low vision services is very limited.

The equipment for the Nippon Lighthouse was made possible through an LCIF SightFirst grant. SightFirst is Lions' most ambitious and most successful initiative. Through SightFirst, Lions have restored sight to 7.68 million people through cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 30 million people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions.

Also on World Sight Day, the **Daleville Lions** in Alabama encouraged the donation of used eyeglasses. **Claudia Wigglesworth**, club president, told the *Southeast Sun* that "we need everyone to donate their used eyeglasses. In most developing countries,

an eye exam can cost as much as one month's wages and a single eye doctor may serve a community of hundreds of thousands of people."

Daleville Lions then shipped the donated glasses to a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center for cleaning, categorization by prescription and preparation for distribution on Lions missions and by other groups.

District 306-A1 in Sri Lanka celebrated Lions World Sight Day by holding an eye screening camp in a rural village and distributing eyeglasses. Lions also provided 100 cataract surgeries at the Gift of Sight Lions Hospital in Panadura.

In Singapore, Lions screened 480 senior citizens.

The **Bradgate Lions Club** in District 105-E, British Isles & Ireland, partnered with the Society for the Blind to hold a "blindwalk." Lions and community members experienced what it may be like to be blind and use a white cane.



**Through SightFirst, Lions provided this magnifier and other adaptive technology to the Nippon Lighthouse for the Blind on Lions World Sight Day.**

## CTV/Schumacher Lions Christmas Telethon

The **Schumacher Lions Club** continues the tradition of the **Stan Fowler Santa Claus Fund** of supporting families in need at Christmas time by providing food vouchers. The Stan Fowler Santa Claus Fund originated in 1947. **Stan Fowler**, a **Timmins Lions Club** member, saw a need to provide support to families in need at Christmas; he wanted to ensure that all families were able to enjoy a Christmas Dinner. This tradition continues today through the Schumacher Lions Club. Since 1981, the Schumacher Lions Club and C.T.V. have been hosting the CTV/Lions Christmas Telethon. All funds raised through this 1 day event are in support of the Stan Fowler Santa Claus Fund. This is the only financial support for this fund. The Schumacher Lions Club has been very successful over the years with this worthwhile cause; this year is our most successful to-date. We, the Schumacher Lions Club, are very proud of our community's support towards this Telethon. On, December 4, 2010, we raised **\$78,094**. Thank You to the City Of Timmins and all donators for the support that you have provided.

*Submitted by SLC President Mark West*



**Chairman Lion Shawn Connors, Sales manager Jason Daneville of CTV and co-chair Lion Mark West**

# Caring and Sharing

A.A. Milne, the bestselling English author who dreamed up Winnie the Pooh, knew there was more to life than fame and success. He once said, "In the quiet hours when we are alone and there is nobody to tell us what fine fellows we are, we come sometimes upon a moment in which we wonder, not how much money we are earning, not how famous we have become, but what good we are doing." Lions surely experience such a quiet hour. We know that service often goes unnoticed. It does not pay the bills, feed the children or fill up the gas tank. But the spirit of service rises above everyday concerns and nestles in the heart. Our caring and sharing transform the world—one quiet, often unnoticed act of service at a time.



## HOARSE NO MORE

Marge Campbell, recovering from a stroke, enjoys a visit from a horse as part of her therapy. The Half-Pint Hooves Equine Facilitated Wellness Association in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, uses horses for people facing physical, emotional, cognitive or social challenges. A singer, Campbell fared poorly in therapy including talking until working with a horse; her first date with her husband had been a horseback ride. The **Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club** purchased a wheelchair-accessible miniature horse cart for the association.



## MEMORY MAVENS

The **Sandstone Quarry Lions** in Minnesota teach memory improvement skills to seniors. Lions Val Palmer (left) and Judy Loken, immediate past council chair, work with residents of the Pine Medical Health Care Center in Sandstone. Lion Bev Colby plays the piano.



## GOOD HAIR DAY

Young women learn hairdressing at a Lions-supported school for women and children in Marrakesh, Morocco.



## ALL TOGETHER NOW

Children in Morocco at a preschool supported by Lions sing a popular song.



## DRUMMING UP JOY

Joel, 11, who is blind and has cerebral palsy, plays in the music therapy room with Andrea Gibson, a staffer at the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Michigan. Lions and LCIF support Penrickton.

*Photo by Kurt M. Sebaly*



## KINGS OF JUNGLE

Joe Metz (left) and Norm Stanaitis of the **Elmira Lions Club** in Ontario, Canada, spruce up Elmira Lions Memorial Forest. The club maintains the forest with assistance from the **Woolwich Community Lions**. The forest is adjacent to the Kissing Bridge Trail, one of three major recreational trails maintained by the Elmira Lions.

*Photos by Jasmine Roth Photography*



Children in a mountain village in Malaysia cool off. The water is fun but also lifesaving. The clean, safe water made possible by Lions in Malaysia, Japan and LCIF prevents disease and death as well as making daily life less burdensome. Pipes laid at a mountain spring bring the water to Kota Kinabalu, the first time the village has had fresh water since it was settled 60 years ago.



## HERE COME THE LIONS

Floods after Typhoon Ondoy ravaged Lupang Arenda in Barangay Santa Ana in the Philippines. A Lions medical mission helped 100 families.

*Photo by Jackie Eustaquio*



**VISION QUEST**

A Lion checks the eyesight of a participant at a Special Olympics competition. Opening Eyes is a partnership between Lions/LCIF and Special Olympics. More than 200,000 athletes have been screened, prescription eyewear has been provided to more than 85,000 athletes and more than 10,000 Lions have volunteered.



**FISH WISH**

Lion Art Hofberg volunteers at Camp Dogwood in North Carolina. The camp hosted 640 blind and visually impaired campers this past summer.



**WHEEL FUN**

Teresa Peterson, who is blind, takes the helm as

Nelson Goodsell supervises at the annual Fishing Derby for the Blind held by the **Everett Central Lions Club** in Washington. Peterson told The Herald newspaper the fishing derbies are the “best thing this side of heaven.”

*Photo courtesy of The Herald/Sarah Weiser*



**ZOOM ZOOM**

Bethany Hammack holds her son, Donivan Tassin, 7, at the **Marrero Lions Club** in Louisiana as he learns to adjust the zoom feature on a closed circuit magnifier. **Louisiana Lions**, LCIF and Sight Savers America donated the device.

*Photo courtesy of The Times Picayune/Susan Poag*



**BUS BOSS**

Lion Greg Arntson directs children at a shoe giveaway in Portland, Oregon. The **Hollywood Lions Club** has given shoes to several hundred low-income schoolchildren for more than 30 years.

*Photo by Neil Heilpern*



**FLOOD OF HELP**

Lions in the Philippines distribute clothing and blankets after Typhoon Ondoy caused landslides and toppled bridges. Members of **La Union Host Lions Club** and **La Union LD Lions Club** also provided groceries and medicine and materials such as wheel barrows, shovels and axes to clear roads.

*Photo by Mario Zamoranos*



**CREATURE COMFORT**

A youth at Camp Victory in Millville, Pennsylvania, makes a four-footed friend. Founded and supported by **Pennsylvania Lions**, the camp hosts children with chronic health conditions.



**BARBECUE BENEFIT**

A volunteer takes another rib off the grill at a fundraiser in Tampa, Florida, for two widows and their families after two police officers were slain. The fundraiser by the **Kathleen Lions Club** sold 2,100 ribs and raised more than \$70,000.

*Photo courtesy of the Tampa Tribune*

**FOR THE RECORD**

As of Oct. 31, 2010, Lions Clubs International had 1,342,901 members in 45,977 clubs and 743 districts in 206 countries and geographic areas.

# Fellowship and Fun

Imagine going on a medical mission with an enemy, flipping pancakes all day alongside a rival or testing a child's vision with a bitter foe at your side. That doesn't happen. We Lions like one another. We share the same spirit of service. Our fellowship flows from our common commitment to volunteerism. The camaraderie is often an end in itself. We are social creatures who gravitate to like-minded people. Yet our fun results in more effective and lasting service. We gladly unite as a team, and our teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success. Our camaraderie makes us content and happy, even though the world is far from fixed or perfect. As Mark Twain observed, "Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with."



**CROSS WALKING** The **Tustin Lions White Cane Drill Team** marches in the Fourth of July parade in Huntington Beach, California. The drill team, whose members are sight-impaired, also marched ahead of the Lions Club International float at the Rose Parade in Pasadena.



**SOUNDLESS SPLASH** The **Grand Rapid Lions Club** raised more than \$40,000 for the Special Olympics at their recent Polar Plunge event. *Photo courtesy of the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune/Laura Schmitt*



**STEAM SHIP** It's full speed ahead for one of the nearly 50 rafts in the **Guildford Lions Raft Race** in England. *Photo by Jeff Harkman*



**THROW AND CATCH** Acrobatic cheerleaders add to the fun of the Beaches Lions Easter Parade in Toronto, Canada. The **Toronto Beaches Lions Club** has sponsored the parade for 44 years. *Photo by Bruce Reeve*



**BEDLAM Newbury Port Lions** in Massachusetts race down the street in the Yankee Homecoming Bed Race, sponsored by the club. "If we had crashed, I'd be holding a teddy," Lion rider Don Kelley told the Newburyport Daily News. *Photo courtesy of Newburyport Daily News*



**TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN** "Big Money" was the relay race at this year's Redwood Summer Games in Northern California. Members of the **Garberville Lions Club**, chartered in August 2009, volunteered at the games.



**SOUND AND LOOK OF MUSIC** Youths worldwide gather in the Alps in Austria for a Lions Sound of Music Youth Camp. Austrian Lions served as host families.



**LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU** Dance de Rock participants practice at a grocery store, one of its sponsors, in Comox, British Columbia, Canada. Dance de Rock raises money for cancer-related charities; one of its partners is the **Black Creek Lions Club**. *Photo courtesy of the Comox Valley Record/Erin Haluschak*



**BANNER DAY** The multiple district convention in Australia showcases the international Lions flag. The national flags of Australia and Papua New Guinea also were flown through the sky. *Photo by Chris Pullin*



**CAMEL CUP** A camel races to the finish line in the Lions Camel Cup in Alice Springs, Australia. Run by Lions, the nine-race spectacle dates back to 1970 when two Lions settled a disagreement with a camel race. *Photo by Toby Hudson*



**DASHING THROUGH THE RAIN** Students from a school for young women jog in the annual Santa Fun Run held by the **Deal and Walmer Lions Club** in England. *Photo by Trevor Bancroft*

# 200,000th Athlete Screened

Tomasz Banas arrived early for the 2010 Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia Regional Games. He was excited to compete with "Team Poland," but he was also excited to have his eyes checked for the first time during the Opening Eyes screening. What 17-year-old Banas didn't know is that he would become the 200,000th athlete to benefit from this program.

Working with partners, Lions helped to screen 900 athletes over five days in September in Warsaw. Banas was one of the 288 athletes who received free glasses during the event.

A global partnership among Lions, LCIF and Special Olympics, Opening Eyes is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

**LCIF Chairperson Eberhard J. Wirfs** and Special Olympics International Chairman and CEO Tim Shriver cut the ribbon to launch the anniversary screening event. More than 200 clinical volunteers, coaches and athletes joined them.

"This partnership is a natural for Lions, given our mission of saving sight and helping the disabled. It is truly a collaboration of shared mission," said Wirfs.

LCIF has a long history of supporting initiatives to help disabled populations. Lions' support of Opening Eyes is crucial to the program's success. At Special Olympics games, Lions assist with registering

athletes, conducting vision screenings and fitting glasses. More than 12,000 Lions have volunteered in the Opening Eyes program.

The partnership is made possible through Core 4 grant funding from LCIF. In October, LCIF awarded an additional \$1 million to continue and expand this partnership. Since the partnership began in 2001, LCIF has contributed a total of \$12 million. Athletes in 85 countries can see better and have a brighter future as a result of this collaboration.

Lions do more than provide glasses. The partnership is helping to train additional vision care specialists on how to provide better vision care to this population. More than 10,500 doctors have been recruited and trained. Many eye care professionals who participate in Opening Eyes say that it represents one of their most gratifying professional experiences.

The need is great. Among Special Olympics athletes, 68 percent have not had an eye examination in three years, 37 percent are in need of eyeglasses and 18 percent wear clinically incorrect eyeglasses.

"We have never had a more significant partnership in the history of Special Olympics than the partnership we have today with the Lions Clubs," said Shriver.

Optic industry leaders also support Opening Eyes. Essilor International is the global exclusive supplier of lenses, and Safilo, S.p.A serves as the exclusive supplier of ophthalmic frames and sunglasses.

A badminton player, Banas' new glasses helped him win gold in doubles badminton and silver in singles badminton.



An athlete is screened at the Opening Eyes event in Warsaw, Poland

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## Lions Clubs International 2014 Convention Host Committee

The 2014 International Convention Host Committee is currently seeking applications from the Lions of MD "A" to serve as a Committee Chair on the Host Committee in one of the following capacities to take effect as of September 2010.

**Treasurer-Finance Committee:** With Fundraising Chair, Souvenir & Pin Sales, Reporting Directly to the Host Committee Chair.

**Secretary:** Minutes of Committee Meetings, Committee Chair Communications, General Secretarial duties reporting directly to the Host Committee Chair.

**Vice Chair** (4 positions): Vice Committee Chairs to work with and oversee various Committees and their functions, reporting directly to the Host Committee Chair.

**Promotion & Publicity Committee Chair:** In co-operation with Convention & Visitors Bureau.

**Manpower Committee Chair:** Key Areas, Sergeant-at-Arms, Manpower Communications & Website, Crisis Management.

The following Committee Chairs will be open for applications in the coming months as and when the committees become scheduled.

**Parade Committee Chair:** Bands, Judges, Snacks & Refreshments, Band Housing, Floats, Parade Volunteers.

**Transportation & Hospitality Chair:** Transportation for the International Family, Interpreters, Greeters, Host Night, City Hospitality, Host Office & Booth, Shuttles from Pearson International Airport, Shuttle Bus schedules.

**DGE Seminar Committee:** Registration & Gift Distribution, Classroom set-up, DGE Shuttle, DGE Opening Ceremony, DGE Hall Monitors & Runners.

*Applicants for the above committee chairs will be supplied with a more comprehensive and detailed description of the responsibilities for the Committee Chair of their choice upon receipt of their application. These positions are open to the Lions from all Districts of MD "A" and applications should be sent to the Host Committee Chair, PDG Carl Young at: [Carl.Young@ocj-cjo.ca](mailto:Carl.Young@ocj-cjo.ca)*

*or mail to: PDG Carl Young, 73 Westview Drive, The Glen, RR#1, Omeme, Ontario K0L 2W0*

## U.N. Day Slated for March

In the spring, the snow melts, buds appear and Lions meet with the United Nations.

Lions have gathered for the Lions Day with the United Nations since 1978. The two groups celebrate their long-standing partnership and shared commitment to humanitarian service around the world.

Lions' collaboration with the United Nations dates back to 1945 when Lions founder **Melvin Jones** and **Past International Presidents Fred W. Smith** and **D.A. Skeen** were asked to help develop the non-governmental organization (NGO) charter for the United Nations. Since that time, the two organizations have cooperated on many humanitarian ventures including SightFirst and the School-in-a-Box program.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) maintains a general consultative status under the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNESCO), which provides a means for Lions representatives to participate in U.N. meetings, conferences and other functions. Annually, the international president appoints members to represent LCI at U.N. offices in New York, Geneva and Vienna. LCI also is represented on various U.N. and related agencies including UNICEF, UNESCO, UNEP, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization, UNA/USA and the Council of Europe.

During the 2011 Lions Day with the United Nations on March 18 in New York **International President Sid L. Scruggs III** and **Past International President Joseph Wroblewski** will welcome Lions,

ambassadors and U.N. speakers to share insights about humanitarian service and highlight some of the key accomplishments of working together. The program also will include a presentation to the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. A satellite Lions Day with the United Nations will take place on the same day in Nairobi, Kenya, where **First Vice President Wing-Kun Tam** will open the event. He will be joined by Lions, U.N. leaders, and key partners, who will highlight the success of joint humanitarian initiatives in Africa and explore opportunities for further collaboration.

**Registration for the day at the United Nations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. To learn more, please visit the Lions Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or contact us at [ldun@lionsclubs.org](mailto:ldun@lionsclubs.org).**



**International President Sid L. Scruggs III and his wife, Judy, pose with Yu-Min Chen of Multiple District 300 Taiwan, the 2010 grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The 2011 winner will be honored in March at Lions Day with the United Nations.**

## Fort Erie Lions

The Lions of Fort Erie have been busy collecting used eyeglasses so that others may have the donation of improved sight. **Lion Jeff Eggleton** (on the left) and **Lion Joe Gobel** with a shipment of over 1200 pairs of eyeglasses ready to be sent for processing.

*Submitted by Lion Charles McMillen*



## Uxbridge and District Lions Induction 2010

Uxbridge & District Lions Club welcomed new members in a meeting presided over by **Jane Taylor, A16 District Governor** on Tuesday, November 23, 2010.



**(Left To Right) Jane Taylor, A-16 District Governor; Sam Luinstra, New Member; Rigo Borquez, Sponsor; Michael Stewart, New Member; Sue Tibben, New Member; Lisa Borquez, Sponsor; Larry Peet, Membership Chair; and Chuck Gullickson, Club President.**

## Londesboro & District Lions Club

**Father & son receive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award on same evening!**

On the evening of June 17, 2010 the Londesboro & District Lions Club presented two Melvin Jones Fellowship awards to father and son Lions. *Submitted by Lion Ron Nesbitt*



**Charter Lion Carl Nesbitt (R) and Lion Ron Nesbitt (L).**

## Camp Trillium Tree

Camp Trillium Rainbow Lake in Waterford annually has a Christmas Tree auction to raise money for the kids cancer camp. The tree shown was decorated by the **Lynn Valley Lions Club** and was one of many trees that helped raise over \$6,000.00 for the worthy cause. Shown are **Lions Sarah Townsend, Cyndi Stymeist, Bob Townsend, and Jim Stymeist.**



# Lions on Location

## Sweet Success for Cake Project

Let them eat cake ... because that's a sweet way English Lions are improving their communities.

Since 2001, beginning with one club and now involving more than 60, Lions have sold gourmet cakes at festivals, holiday gatherings and even at a hospital. They've sold nearly 124,000 cakes, creating goodwill in satisfied customers and generating about \$2.50 in net profit on each sale.

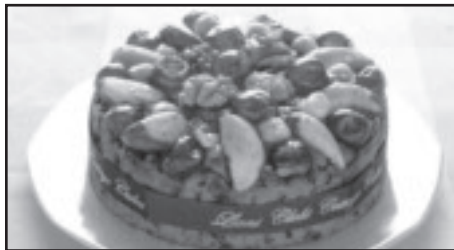
The cakes are fruit-laden delicacies. The rich fruit cake with rum won the Great Taste Award from the Guild of Fine Food. The stem ginger cake is topped with a candied stem ginger. "It's my favorite. Just lovely, lovely," says **Lion John Sayles**.

Initially a shoestring operation, the cake project has evolved into a more structured, deliberate endeavor with District 105 SE designating a "cake officer" to provide oversight. The cakes are made by Fosters Traditional Foods, a leading supplier of specialty foods in the United Kingdom.

The project was the brainchild of Sayles, who learned of an Australian Lions cake project while traveling around the world a decade ago. His



**Lions sell cakes at a festival.**



**A rich fruit and nut cake**

Worthing Lions Club sold 3,700 cakes the first year.

The **Worthing Lions** staff a cake stall at Worthing Hospital. With its profits, the club purchased 13 flat-screen TVs for the children's ward. During the Christmas season, the club wraps 300 iced cakes for a Meals on Wheels delivery to the elderly.



**A rich fruit Christmas cake with rum**

## Book Lovers Fight Bookworm in Malta

The *Hortus Romanus*, an eight-volume collection of botanical engravings published between 1772-1793, is so rare that even the Library of Congress and the British Library are missing one or more of the volumes. Only a handful of the 300 copies of the work were colored. The National Library of Malta has seven of the colored volumes, but bookworm (insects) attacked the books, causing severe damage.

That's where the **Sliema Lions Club of Malta** comes in. The club launched a national library restoration



**Dolores Cristina, minister of Education, Employment and the Family in Malta, inspects a restored volume of Hortus Romanus with Alfred Micallef Attard, president of the Sliema Lions Club. The colored Hortus Romanus is a rare, treasured book.**

project. Because the library lacked the funds to restore rare books, Lions raised awareness of the damage to the nation's literary treasures and found sponsors to restore the books.

The club convinced NGK Spark Plugs Europe in Germany and Fratelli Galbarini, an Italian manufacturer of motor oil, to sponsor restoration of three of the volumes (the other four had already been restored). The club is now sponsoring the restoration of 24 more rare books at the library.

"None of our members have a personal interest in the project. It is only our love for our country that has induced us to take up such an ambitious project," says **Alfred Micallef Attard**, club president.

The restoration work is being done in partnership with the Ministry for Education, Heritage Malta and the National Library.

Other companies also are following the Lions' lead. Air Malta has agreed to restore 20 volumes of Shakespeare in French. And perhaps another sign that Lions have succeeded in promoting the importance of books, the number of books checked out of the National Library and other government libraries rose 13 percent in the first seven months of 2010.



## Sunny Day

Schoolchildren in Kaba Mbiuni, Kenya, sport sunglasses donated by Spanish Lions. Spanish **Lion Jesús Jaime Mota**, a renowned photographer whose work has appeared in LION Magazine, delivered the glasses on a trip to Africa (and took this photo). The glasses came from a Lions' recycling center in Spain.

## Cobourg Lions

Cobourg Lions have two early bird draws: December 17th winner of \$1,000 was Cobourg Fire Department Captain Aaron Blair. The second draw will be April 7th for \$2,500. The final draw for a 1955 Ford Thunderbird hard/soft top convertible will take place July 3rd at the band shell.

*Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*



**Shown above following the first draw: Lion Bill Maguire, Captain Aaron Blair, Cobourg Lions President Marg Grundy and Lion Ron Wiebe.**

## Campbellford Lions

Campbellford Lions Club President **Lion Marg Wilkes** and **Lion Fred Lee** deliver 600 cans of soup and beans to the Campbellford Food Bank.



*Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*

# An Optimal Optical Plan

## Texas Club Makes Glasses in Its Own Lab

by Anne Ford

School nurses know the reasons behind student behavior better than just about anyone. They know, for example, that a child who shows up complaining of a stomachache might be the target of a bully, or that a child who mysteriously falls ill at the same time every day might be having trouble in a certain class. And, as Mary Evans, the school nurse of Slaton Junior High in Texas has learned, some kids who seem academically or socially backward might just need their eyes checked.

"We have children who were thought to be slow, but they're not. They're just flat out not seeing," she says. Once children get their vision needs met, their whole world changes. "There are a couple who literally couldn't see anything but blurs where the people were when they were walking down the hall, and now they're calling out their names 15 feet away," says Evans.

Like dozens of other schools in the state, her junior high relies on the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) in Midland to provide glasses to students from families with limited financial resources. "There is no charge to the family," says **Marshall Cooper**, a past international director and a member of the **Lubbock South Plains Lions**, which works with TLERC to provide glasses to Lubbock-area children. "If the family wanted to donate, they could, but we don't even talk to them about money."

That's because TLERC provides brand-new glasses at just \$14 a pair. How? By training its members to make glasses in TLERC's very own optical finishing laboratory. "As far as I know, we're the only Lions who make our own glasses," says optometrist **Norman S. Gould**, TLERC's technical advisor of optical programs. "At \$14, you can take care of an awful lot of kids."

Gould belongs to the **Midland Downtown Lions**, the club that began TLERC in 1992. For the first few years, it was a typical recycling center. Besides funding eye exams and eyeglasses for needy Texas schoolchildren, the Midland Downtown Lions through TLERC sent used eyeglasses (which are not permitted for re-use in the United States) to developing nations. Club members realized that the approximately \$16,000 they were spending each year to buy new glasses for area schoolchildren had become too great an expense. In some years, the money ran out before the school year was over, leaving children high and dry.

"We were going to have to do something," recalls **Past District Governor Ike Fitzgerald**, TLERC's CEO and originator. (Housed in a converted movie theater, TLERC is named after Fitzgerald.) Fortunately, TLERC had recently begun receiving used optical equipment donated by opticians and optical laboratories. Not only that, but Fitzgerald realized that many members of his club were technically

mindful. "We have a bunch of guys in the club who are geologists and engineers, and they just love that stuff," says Gould. Optician **Tom Mills** of the nearby **Big Spring Downtown Lions Club** also lent his expertise.

Fitzgerald convinced six clubs in Midland and one in Stanton to fund the creation of a finishing laboratory, where glasses are made. Mills agreed to restore the equipment and train local Lions how to use it. Optical laboratories and manufacturers donated brand-new frames and some brand-new lenses (Lions purchased the remainder of the lenses), and just like that, the lab was in business.



**Lion Haden Minton selects the proper lens from the inventory at the optical lab of the Midland Downtown Lions Club.**

Three years ago, the laboratory's production capability increased greatly when LCIF awarded it a grant for new equipment. "Any laboratory would be delighted to have the equipment we have," Gould says. "They would also be delighted to have the guys that we have. They're so dedicated." Now TLERC makes glasses for schoolchildren all over Texas. "We're making quite a few—probably anywhere from 20 to 45 pairs a week," says Mills.

The way it works: TLERC sends 100 to 200 pairs of frames to one of more than 20 Lions clubs around the state. With the help of volunteer optometrists, that club provides eye exams to children in need of glasses, who are usually referred by their school nurses, and pays for the glasses. At the time of the exam, the children pick out their frames. "If the kid doesn't like the frame, no matter what you do, they won't wear them," Gould says. Along with the prescription, the frames are sent to the Midland club, and local Lions make the glasses. "It's not as technical as you think," Fitzgerald says. "If you know your numbers, that's about all you need."

The children who benefit from the program, of course, are receiving more than the gift of sight. "If kids can't see properly, they're going to act out," Cooper points out. "They can't see the board, so they're going to get frustrated and become discipline problems."

Glasses often help children become more engaged in the learning process. Cooper adds, "I have one little girl with special needs who lives about 60 miles south of Lubbock, and when I first saw her, she

would not make a complete sentence. The last time I saw her [after she had received glasses] her behavior and her grades had improved tremendously."



**Lion Bob Price blocks the lens for edging.**

In addition to its program for schoolchildren, TLERC continues to make eyeglasses available to people in developing countries, primarily in Central and South America as well as Mexico. Lions clubs and individuals from all over the country send used eyeglasses to TLERC, which cleans the used glasses, sorts them by refractive status ("what people would call a prescription," Fitzgerald explains), packages them, and gives them to church groups and other organizations, which in turn distribute them on overseas trips.



**Lion Ernie Showalter marks a lens for blocking.**

TLERC ensures that mission groups won't just dump the glasses out on a table and tell people to take whichever pair seems to work best. To receive glasses from TLERC, a group must demonstrate that it actually tests refractory status and matches people with the appropriate glasses. If people are given glasses that don't match their refractory status, they may get headaches or other problems and stop wearing them, wasting the group's efforts. "After we've gone to this much trouble, we feel that they



should be obligated to place as near a prescription on that person as they possibly can," says Fitzgerald.

TLERC is taking other steps to increase the effectiveness of missions. It offers monthly training to teach groups how to keep records, use an eye chart to measure visual acuity and operate a lensometer to determine the refractory status of used glasses, among other things. About once a year, a TLERC group travels overseas to provide this training to Lions clubs; a trip to Nicaragua is currently in the planning stage. "We hope the day comes when we can literally take a finishing lab with us and train the people there how to make glasses," Cooper says.

In the meantime, TLERC will continue to give the gift of sight to just about anyone who asks, as school nurse Mary Evans discovered. "I thought I could get only one or two pairs a year, but the Lions help everybody," she says. "It's just wonderful. We're

helping the next generation, no matter what their family earns or doesn't earn."



*Lion Ed Fredericks edges the lens to finish the process.*

## Seaforth Lions

The Seaforth Lions Club presented a cheque for \$30,000, their donation towards the Seaforth and District Community Centre expansion. Thirty years ago, the club donated \$30,000 when the original Seaforth and District Community Centre was built. *Submitted by Lion Cathy Elliott*



## Sensational Seattle

**A green city by the sea, named one of the most literate in the nation, Seattle is all about coffee beans, bytes and bikes, plus a whole lot more.**

by Connie McDougall

We know what you're thinking: Is it going to rain when I'm in Seattle? Let's get this whole rain thing out of the way in order to fully focus on what makes Seattle such a terrific place to visit (which, it must be said, does include rain, contributing to the city's lush foliage and nickname, the Emerald City). Seattle's reputation for being one of the rainiest places on Earth is not entirely deserved. Chicago, Miami and even New York City get more rain than Seattle. However, Seattle's rain tends to come in daily drizzle accumulating over many months while other cities get a deluge and then it's over for awhile.

But here's the good news. Warm, sunny weather reliably arrives by July and when it does, the views are glorious in every direction. This outpost in the northwest corner of the United States, a few hours from the Pacific Ocean and Canadian border, is literally surrounded by stunning natural beauty.

To the east rise the mighty Olympic Mountains, and to the west, the craggy Cascades. On the south looms 14,411-foot Mount Rainier, a dormant volcano, and in the other direction, Mount Baker is visible. (Mount St. Helens, which famously erupted in 1980, can't be seen from Seattle, but look for it outside your airplane window as you may fly right by it.)

Between all of that tall rock is water. Puget Sound ebbs and flows by the city. Seattle's centerpiece, Elliott Bay, is crossed daily by sailboats, ferries and freighters from Asia. Lake Washington is the largest fresh body of water, and smack dab in the middle of the city, Lake Union serves as a boater's playground where kayakers watch floatplanes land nearby. Green Lake provides a beloved urban park and exercise route with a 2.8-mile paved path that draws walkers, joggers and roller bladers year-round.

This is an active city where bicycles are favored by many including Seattle's bike-boosting mayor, Mike

McGinn, who rides from home to City Hall whenever he can.

It was ever thus — a beautiful land of trees, mountains and water inhabited by Native American tribes. White settlers arrived in the 1850s, and as the city coalesced, it took the name of a benevolent native leader, Chief Seattle (also Si'ahl or Sealth).

Dense forests fed the lumber industry and fueled the city's growth. Shipbuilding and fishing also contributed to Seattle's economy, which was only somewhat subdued by the Great Seattle Fire in June 1889, a conflagration that devastated more than 100 acres of the young city. The fire ushered in an era of upgrades to streets and infrastructure that changed topography. Like Rome, the city was built on seven hills but it can be argued that only six exist now; one was leveled in the early 1900s by zealous city developers. In the 1950s, Boeing airplanes put Seattle on the map, and soon after, the city hosted the 1962 World's Fair, which produced the now iconic Space Needle. While aerospace remains important, Seattle has diversified to embrace café culture and high-tech; international names such as Starbucks Coffee, Microsoft and Amazon call this area home.

Even with this sophistication, the soul of Seattle resides in its many small neighborhoods — including the busy downtown area, a patchwork of distinctive districts. On the northern edge, Belltown is one of the hippest addresses. Grunge music started here in 1988 when the band Nirvana made its professional debut. In the middle of this urban canyon of condos stands Belltown's community garden (P-Patch), where citizens sign up for a bit of land to tend. Dozens of plots zigzag down the side of a hill at Vine Street and Elliott Avenue.

Established in 1907, the Pike Place Farmer's Market bustles from dawn to dark, a place that caters

to tourists and locals alike, offering handmade arts and crafts, fresh produce, flowers, fish and more — all to the tunes of buskers playing on street corners. One of the most popular attractions is the Pike Place Fish Market where young men in waders toss huge fish over the heads of onlookers. Of course, one can't talk about Seattle without talking coffee, and the Market is home to the original Starbucks store, where it all began in 1971. You'll find no shortage of Starbucks in the city, but try some of the independents too. They flourish alongside the caffeine giant.



**Seattle's Pike Place Market is world famous for its fresh seafood, produce and its lively arts and crafts.**

*Photo by Tim Thompson*

Old Seattle is found in Pioneer Square, the post-fire district, as reflected in the predominance of brick. One of the most architecturally diverse areas in the city, the Square is known for its many art galleries and studios, and it hosts Seattle's original First Thursday Art Walk (July 7) when shops stay open late, allowing visitors to browse local art and meet the artists.



**The eyes on the regal Tlingit totem pole watch as busy shoppers pass through the streets of Pioneer Square.**

*Photo by Tim Thompson*

The white terra-cotta Smith Tower watches over this part of the city. One of the nation's first skyscrapers and once the tallest building west of the Mississippi, its pyramid top and blue globe are now home to a local family. Next door, the International District is a melting pot of Asian cultures including Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese. In recent years, a classic Chinese-red gateway was built to welcome visitors.

The Queen Anne Hill neighborhood offers amazing views of downtown thanks to its 456-foot elevation. On a clear day, people flock to Kerry Park for wide-open vistas of the mountains, Space Needle, Elliott Bay, downtown, and most breathtaking of all, snow-covered Mount Rainier.

Fremont calls itself "The Center of the Universe," and this funky neighborhood means it. Highlights include a heroically sized statue of Lenin shipped over from Eastern Europe years ago; the Troll, a giant sculpture hunched under the Aurora Bridge; and the 1917 blue and orange Fremont drawbridge. One of the busiest in the world, it rises frequently to allow boats to pass.

Scandinavians founded the enclave of Ballard on the western shore of Seattle. Though it has gentrified in recent years, the old village core prevails with original brick buildings. Ballard's Hiram M. Chittenden Locks are one of only two fresh-to-saltwater locks in the nation (the other is in New Orleans), sending boats west to Puget Sound and east to the lakes. Watch the complex jostling of vessels during the transfer, and visit a 21-step fish ladder, as well as a small museum and surrounding park.

Other neighborhoods, each with their own charm, include the "U-District," centered around the world-class University of Washington; Puget Sound-facing Magnolia; Capitol Hill, home of the young and hip as well as some of Seattle's most venerable mansions; West Seattle's beach culture; and the city's oldest residential community, the Central District.

Exploring Seattle's eclectic mix is fun, fascinating, forever changing. And if it should rain a little, do what Seattleites do. Pop the umbrella and get out there.

#### **Convention Buzz**

Lions' 94th International Convention is in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8. Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) for more information. LION Magazine will provide information on convention seminars, speakers, entertainment and registration in an upcoming issue.

#### **What To Do**

**Olympic Sculpture Park**, 2901 Western Ave., (206) 654-3100, [www.seattleartmuseum.org](http://www.seattleartmuseum.org)

Walk along Seattle's waterfront, heading north to the Olympic Sculpture Park, an outdoor garden full of art, including a giant eraser. (The on-site PACCAR Pavilion, which houses a café and exhibit space, is closed Mondays and on July 4.) Next door, Myrtle Edwards Park offers great strolling plus stunning mountain and water views along a 1.25-mile path that hugs the shoreline.

**Ferry boats & water taxis**, 801 Alaskan Way/Pier 52, (206) 464-6400, [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries)

Catch a boat to Bainbridge Island, a bucolic community across the water from Seattle. Walk onboard for a 30-minute crossing to the island's main town of Winslow for easy walking, good shopping and great restaurants.

At Pier 50, near Seattle's ferry terminal, hop on the King County water taxi (206-684-1551, [www.kingcounty.gov/watertaxi](http://www.kingcounty.gov/watertaxi)) for a quick trip across the bay to West Seattle's Seacrest Park, where the lifestyle is more Southern California than northern latitude. A beachfront walkway provides some of the best sightseeing in the city.

**The Seattle Center**, 305 Harrison St., (206) 684-7200, [www.seattlecenter.com](http://www.seattlecenter.com)

Built during the 1962 World's Fair, the Seattle Center is a community gathering place, venue for major festivals and a village of attractions.

- The Monorail is a quick way to get to the Seattle Center. Departing every 10 minutes from downtown's Westlake Center Mall (Fifth Avenue and Pine Street), trains roll above traffic and arrive in two minutes.
- The Space Needle has the grandest 360-degree views around, and you can get a good meal up top at the SkyCity restaurant. Or just go to the observation deck and take in unparalleled vistas.
- The Center's heart is the International Fountain, where jets of water jump more than 100 feet in the air to music. Kids splash in the fountain's large bowl while grown ups stroll the park or relax in the grass.
- The EMP or Experience Music Project and Science Fiction Museum is part sculpture, part building, a Frank O. Gehry design with eccentric curved lines. Inside, interactive exhibits explore music genres and the art of science fiction.
- With its trademark white arches, the Pacific Science Center offers educational fun for all ages, including an IMAX theatre and exhibits such as a tropical butterfly house, life-like moving dinosaurs and a model of the Puget Sound with a saltwater tidal pool.
- Slake your hunger at the Center House, with more than 20 eateries and bistros offering burgers to burritos, Thai to teriyaki. There's almost always entertainment planned at the Center House stage.

**Lake Union Park**, 860 Terry Ave. N., (206) 684-4075, [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks)

Ride Seattle's new streetcars to the city's newest park. A round-trip loop begins downtown near the Westlake Mall (Westlake Ave. and Olive St.) to the Lake Union neighborhood. Jump off at the lake and enjoy a 12-acre park with the glistening lake beyond. Visit the Center for Wooden Boats to learn about Seattle's maritime history, or to rent a boat.

#### **Where to Eat**

**Canlis**, 2576 Aurora Ave. N., (206) 283-3313, [www.canlis.com](http://www.canlis.com)

Perched on Queen Anne Hill overlooking Lake Union, Canlis is literally heads and shoulders over much of the competition. A Seattle classic that launched fine dining in 1950, it remains a favorite and an innovator in Northwest cuisine. It's dressy but not stiffly formal with excellent service. Make reservations two to three weeks in advance (closed July 4).

**Metropolitan Grill**, 820 Second Ave., (206) 624-3287, [www.themetropolitangrill.com](http://www.themetropolitangrill.com)

The Met proclaims, with some justification, that it serves "the best steak in town." This is Seattle's quintessential steakhouse with mahogany and brass décor, plus a 50-foot black marble bar where martinis are the drink specialty of the house. Dinner can be expensive, but for lunch, enjoy a modestly priced steak sandwich or hamburger with the works.

**Uwajimaya Village**, 600 Fifth Ave. S., (206) 624-6248, [www.uwajimayavillage.com](http://www.uwajimayavillage.com)

In Seattle's International District, Uwajimaya Village is a collection of shops peddling Asian goods and foods in one exciting, busy complex. In addition to shopping, there are dining choices galore including the Uwajimaya Village Food Court, popular with the downtown lunch crowd and offering a variety of inexpensive Asian culinary experiences.

**Ivar's**, 1001 Alaskan Way, (206)-624-6852, [www.ivars.com](http://www.ivars.com)

Since 1938, when Ivar Haglund opened his original Acres of Clams, Ivar's has been a Seattle tradition. The jovial businessman ended his TV commercials with a pun: "Keep clam!" Choose from a moderately priced, full-service seafood restaurant on Pier 54 or go outside to the inexpensive Fish Bar for take-out chowder, fish and chips and other seafood specialties. Sit outside and watch the seagulls eyeing your meal.

#### **Not Your Average Tours**

**Shutter Tours** Pike Place Market, 1-800-838-3006 (tickets), [www.shuttertours.com](http://www.shuttertours.com)

What makes for a good vacation photo? Find out by blending sightseeing with a photography lesson from a professional on Seattle's Shutter Tours. All skill levels welcome; bring your own camera.

**Ride the Duck**, 516 Broad St., 1-800-817-1116 or 206-441-3825, [www.ridetheducksofseattle.com](http://www.ridetheducksofseattle.com)

An amphibious landing craft from WWII, the DUKW was renamed the Duck in Seattle. Onboard, get a 90-minute tour around the city, into and across Lake Union. Jokes, music and Seattle lore are dispensed by entertaining captain/drivers.

**Seattle Architecture Foundation**, 1333 Fifth Ave. (third floor), 206-667-9184, [www.seattlearchitecture.org](http://www.seattlearchitecture.org)

Offering more than 200 tours every year, the SAF highlights Seattle's history and culture through architecture. A popular tour, "Greatest Hits: Chart Toppers and Heart Stoppers," focuses on downtown, from the early years to the latest including the ultra-modern Central Library, a matrix of glass built in 2004.

#### **Work the Web**

**King County Metro Transit**, <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/>. Seattle bus riders use a county-wide system, with a handy free-ride zone downtown.

**The City of Seattle**, [www.seattle.gov](http://www.seattle.gov). Click on the "Visiting Seattle" tab for information including virtual tours and shopping ideas.

**The Seattle Times**, [www.seattletimes.com](http://www.seattletimes.com). Click on the entertainment link at the top for insider suggestions on restaurants, music, arts, events and more. Seattle is now a one-newspaper town after the venerable Seattle Post-Intelligencer ended publication in 2009 and went to an online format ([www.seattlepi.com](http://www.seattlepi.com)).

# Sharbot Lake and District Lions



**Jule Koch-Brison with Wayne Sheppard**

**Lion Ron Hollywood, his wife Joyce, Lion Ian Whillans and Lion Betty-Anne Blyth**



Jule Koch-Brison held a Community Christmas Dinner December 25 for approximately 50 people, with several of the Sharbot Lake and District Lions volunteering.

Lion Ron Hollywood, his wife Joyce and Lion

Ian Whillans performed the major part of the cooking with Lion Betty-Anne Blyth who coordinated all kitchen activities.

*Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*



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38-62.....	2
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113-137.....	5
138-162.....	6
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188-212.....	8
213-237.....	9
238-262.....	10
263-287.....	11
288-312.....	12
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563-587.....	23
588-612.....	24
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688-712.....	28
713-737.....	29
738-762.....	30

Delegate count used at convention is based on the membership figure of the first day of the month preceding the month in which the convention is held.

# Auburn and District Lions Club

## has busy start to 2010/2011

The Auburn and District Lions Club, under the direction of **President Doug Chamney**, have had a busy start to their 2010-2011 year. The Auburn Lions Club donated \$2,000 to the Auburn Playground Committee, bringing the committee's total thus far to over \$7,000.

The Lions Club is pleased to be assisting the Auburn Playground Committee in its quest to raise \$40,000 for new playground equipment for the Lions Community Park in the village. Club members worked at their recent Halloween dance fundraiser and just recently decided to contribute \$2,000 to support the project.

"With 34 members, our Club is probably as strong as it's ever been. The addition of many new, younger Lions in recent years has certainly invigorated our membership. Evidence of that is our successful fundraisers which have allowed us to contribute financially to so many causes in our village and throughout Huron County. Strong membership and a supportive community continue to allow us to impact

the lives of so many people," Lion President Chamney said.



**Back row, from left: Koreen Moss, Bailey Hamp, Gerry Uptegrove and Central Huron Councillor Marg Anderson. Front row, from left: Lion Ken Grigg, Lions President Doug Chamney, Playground Committee President Juanita Hamp and Lion Ben Craig. Craig and Grigg are also growing mustaches for Movember, an initiative aimed at raising money for Prostate Cancer Canada. Photo by Jim Brown**

## A Moment Frozen in Time

A Gala event hosted September 11th, 2010 by **Hanover Lions Club** raised significant dollars in support of the Town's new Sports complex.



It was the Premiere event held at the P & H Centre - a new \$8.8 million Regional Recreation Centre. The official opening was held on October 1st, but on September 11th our Lions club held a gala entitled "A Moment Frozen in Time", attended by 500 people. It was a dinner and dance (to Lulu's Band) with a silent auction.

\$1.7 million of the cost of this new recreation centre, was raised by donations from local businesses, groups and individuals. Hanover Lions



**Executive members Daryl Becker and club president Larry McRae serving champagne.**



**Some of the bar crew on a break for their own supper, from left to right Kim Catalano, Tara Schlatman, Tammy Kennedy, and Darlene Bailey.**

Club is one of these community sponsors and has made a 10 year commitment. In exchange for this support, we are now meeting monthly in a room in the centre named "The Lions' Den".

The Gala was very well received by the community with many donating to the silent auction. We raised a substantial amount of money towards our total financial commitment to the town of Hanover. Submitted by Brenda McRae, Secretary, Hanover Lions Club



**Two executive members, Diane and Ralph Patton who were selling "pucks" as part of a draw on a diamond bracelet.**

## Walkerton Lions

**Recognize 25 years of service.**

**Walkerton & District Lions Club** President and Zone 16 S Chair **Lion Ray Holden** presents **Lion Marjorie Manto**, of the Walkerton Club, with her Monarch Chevron, signifying Twenty-Five years of Service to her Community and to Lionism. Lion Marjorie joined - 6/1/1985.



**Support local Hospital Foundation.**

Lion President Ray Holden, of the Walkerton & District Lions Club, presents a cheque in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Mrs. Sheryl Hopkins of the Hospital Foundation. The money will assist in purchasing a new Anesthetic device for the Hospital in Walkerton.



*Submitted by Lion Al Leach*

## Renfrew Lions Club

At the 2010 Christmas dinner, the Renfrew Lions Club inducted 3 new members.

Shown below are **President Bob Boyer** with (from left to right) new **Lion Leo Freamo**, new **Lion Jack Kelly** and new **Lion Ken Harris**.



*Submitted by Lion Bill Guyea*



# Multiple District "A" Capital Experience 2011

District A-4 Host Committee

## Registration & Function Ticket Purchase Form



May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Hampton Inn and Convention Centre

100 Coventry Road, Ottawa, ON K1K 4S3 Tel. 613.741.2300

*All persons attending the convention must be registered (including guests and exhibitors) to participate in any portion of the convention including meetings, seminars, luncheons and International Banquet.*

*Complete names exactly as you would like them to appear on your name badge (Name & Club will be printed on badge)*

**Person A** District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion  Lioness  Lionette  Spouse/Partner  Leo

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Pin Trader/Exhibitor

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District/International Office (if wanted printed on name badge) \_\_\_\_\_ Past  Present

**Person B** District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion  Lioness  Lionette  Spouse/Partner  Leo

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Pin Trader/Exhibitor

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### Hotels: Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hotel choice:

- Hampton Inn and Conference Centre (MD "A" Headquarters hotel) (613) 741-2300 \$134 + applicable taxes per night
- Chimo Hotel, 1199 Joseph Cyr Street, Ottawa (613) 744-1060 \$125 + applicable taxes per night

- Room Preference: 1 bed  2 beds  Handicapped  **All rooms non-smoking**
- Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Booking for these hotels must be done through the Convention Committee. One night fee (without tax) must accompany registration. Book early to ensure room availability.*

**Please advise if you have dietary, accessibility or other special needs and/or if bringing a dog guide:**

**Information:** Please register early to ensure availability of event tickets. All cancellations must be in writing by mail or e-mail & acknowledged.  
**Registration cancellations received after April 30, 2011 will be subject to a \$10 handling fee.**  
**No refunds for meal events after April 30, 2011. Substitutions/transfers for registration and meals will be accepted.**

<b>For Convention Information:</b>	Convention Chair	Lion Gus Este, PDG	Email: <a href="mailto:jusgus@rogers.com">jusgus@rogers.com</a>	Tel: 613-825-1168
	Convention Vice Chair	Lion James Doyle	Email: <a href="mailto:jamesddoyle@rogers.com">jamesddoyle@rogers.com</a>	Tel: 613-825-2373



Payment Information				Comm. Use
<b>Section 1</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>		√
Person A	Lions \$20 Lioness \$20 Spouse/Partner \$10 Leo/Lionette \$10			
	Exhibitors/Pin Traders \$20 Sunday only \$10			
Person B	Lions \$20 Lioness \$20 Spouse/Partner \$10 Leo/Lionette \$10			
	Exhibitors/Pin Traders \$20 Sunday only \$10			
<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Table Rental</b> Pin Traders \$25/table Commercial \$50/table # Tables _____			
<b>Total Cost Registration &amp; Table Rentals</b>			\$	

<b>Section 2</b>	<b>Function Tickets &amp; Pins</b> <i>(Reserve early to avoid disappointment)</i>	Price	Quantity	Total Cost	√
Friday , May 27	Convention Luncheon	\$22			
Friday , May 27	Cabaret Dinner & Entertainment	\$40			
Saturday, May 28	International Banquet	\$49			
	Convention Pin(s)	\$5			
<b>Total Cost Function Tickets &amp; Pins</b>				\$	

<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Hotel</b>			√
<b>Hotel Room Deposit</b>	Hotel accommodations must be booked through the Convention Committee & must be secured by one night deposit (Hampton \$134 or Chimo \$125). This will be credited to your account.	\$		

<b>Total Cost Sections 1, 2 and 3</b> <i>(due &amp; payable as indicated below)</i>	\$	
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**Payment Options:** Cash  Cheque  Credit Card: Visa  MasterCard  Expiry Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Cheques payable to:** Capital Experience Convention  
**Mail Registration Form(s) & Payment to:** Lion Joyce Firlotte 133 Pine Ave., R.R. # 3 Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4S4  
**Email contact for registration information:** [capitalexperience@cogeco.ca](mailto:capitalexperience@cogeco.ca) Telephone 613.283.1170

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# The Lions Quest Fellowship

## How can I support the Lions Quest Program in Canada?

The Lions Quest Fellowship was established in 2003 to recognize Lions and Lioness Club members and other deserving recipients who truly care about Canadian children, regardless of the challenges they may face or the gifts they may possess. Lions Quest Fellows receive a framed, personalized limited edition print created by a Canadian Lions Quest student and a distinctive Q-Bear (the Lions Quest Program mascot) lapel pin.

The Lions Quest Fellowship funds will be used to promote, enhance and expand the work being done to 'empower adults to develop healthy, capable young people of strong character' – our Mission.

## Who can receive a Lions Quest Fellowship?

The Fellowship is an honour given to individuals who contribute \$500 in support of Lions Quest Programs in Canada, or persons for whom such donations are made by others. The Fellowship may also be given in memory of a deceased individual and is prepared for presentation based on the information provided by the donor.

Contributions to the Lions Quest Fellowship can be made in installments over a period of three years at a minimum amount of \$100 per installment. Contributions can be made to the Fellowship by individuals including non-Lions Club members, clubs, districts or multiple districts. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

## How can I apply for a Lions Quest Fellowship?

On the reverse you will find the application form. Please complete the application and mail it along with your payment to – Lions Quest Fellowship, Lions Quest Canada, PO Box 33049, Waterloo, Ontario N2T 2M9.

## Who do I contact if I need more information?

Please feel free to write to us at the address provided above or contact us via telephone at 800.265.2680, fax at 519.624.3354 or email at qbear@thrivecanada.ca.

**Lions Quest Fellowship**  
**Lions Quest Canada, PO Box 33049,**  
**Waterloo, Ontario N2T 2M9**  
[www.lionsquest.ca](http://www.lionsquest.ca)



## Greenbank Lions Club

Every year the Greenbank Lions Club organizes a Breakfast with Santa. It runs from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Greenbank Centennial Hall. The children and parents get a breakfast of eggs, sausages, hash browns, bacon, waffles, toast and drinks. As they are eating we play old Walt Disney movies.

Just before Santa comes we have games. When Santa arrives the children are so excited to see him.

Each child has a chance to seat on Santa's knee and he knows them by name, then he gives each of them a gift. It is also a good photo opportunity for parents to take pictures.

It's a great morning for young and old to share in the excitement of the Christmas season.



**Santa Helper Danielle Neil and Santa as himself, at back Lion President John Olivero.**

## 2014 International Convention MD" A" Host Committee Fund Raising 50 – 50 Draw Ticket Order Form

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone : Area Code ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this Order Form with your Club's Cheque in the amount of \$500.00 payable to:**

**Multiple District "A" – Convention 2014**

**Return Order Form with Cheque to:**  
**Stan Durward PDG**  
**2014 International Convention Fund Raising Chairman**  
**Box 38,**  
**Sunderland, ON**  
**LOC 1H0**

**Upon receipt of your remittance, a draw ticket will be forwarded to you.**  
**On behalf of the 2014 Host Committee, Thank you for your participation. Good Luck**



# The Lions Quest Fellowship Application (see page 23)

## 1. Recipient

Check here if the recipient is to be named later [ ]

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(exactly as name should appear on Fellowship)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is the recipient a Lion/Lioness? (please circle if so)

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Check if the recipient is deceased [ ]

If recipient is deceased, please print the name and address of the individual to whom the Fellowship is to be presented.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Donor

Complete this portion only if the donor is different from the recipient.

Donation made by (please circle):

Individual / Club / District / Multiple District / Other

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Is the donor a Lion/Lioness? (please circle if so)

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If there is more than one donor, please attach a list of donors and the amount contributed by each.

## 3. Payment (please check all that apply)

Cheque/bank draft/money order payable to **Lions Quest Canada**

Installment – minimum of \$100 – must be completed in 3 years from first installment date.

Use Lions Quest Fellowship funds previously donated for an unnamed recipient as received from \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: Visa  MasterCard

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

In the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Print the name of cardholder as it appears on the card \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Shipping Instructions

Print name, address (street number and name only please), telephone, fax and email information of individuals to whom the Fellowship is to be sent. **Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

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## 5. Special Instructions

Please note the date if the Fellowship is being awarded in conjunction with a special event.

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## MDA Directory Information

### Council of Governor's Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting: March 5, 2011 – Markham, ON
- Council Meeting: May 26-29, 2011 – Ottawa, ON

### District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	London, Four Points Sheraton	April 8-10, 2011
A2	St. Catherines, Quality Inn Parkway Hotel	March 25-27, 2011
A3	Kingston, Ambassador	April 15-17, 2011
A4	Ottawa, Hampton Court Inn & Conference Centre	April 15-17, 2011
A5	Sudbury, Holiday Inn	Apr 15-17, 2011
A711	Mississauga, Delta Meadowvale Convention Centre	Apr 15-17, 2011
A9	Palmerston	Apr 29-May 1, 2011
A12	Gravenhurst, Taboo Resort	April 15-17, 2011
A15	Elmira, Elmira Lions Hall	May 6-8, 2011
A16	Haliburton, Pinestone Resort	April 29-May 1, 2011

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

2010/11	Ottawa	May 26 - 29, 2011
2011/12	Niagara Falls	May 31 - June 3, 2012

### International Conventions

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
98th	Honolulu, Hawaii	June 26 - 30, 2015

### USA - Canada Forum

Sept. 2011	Anchorage, Alaska
Sept. 2012	Tampa Bay, FL
Sept. 2013	TBD





## Lions Clubs Insurance Products

- \* Club Property & Paraphernalia
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**We Serve**

# Annual Lions Appreciation Day

Saturday, August 6, 2011

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM



Lake Joseph Centre, 4 CNIB Rd, RR #1, MacTier, ON POC 1H0

Tel: 705-375-2630, Toll Free: 1-877-748-4028, Email: [lakejoe@cnib.ca](mailto:lakejoe@cnib.ca)

### Activities

- District paddle boat challenge
- BBQ, camp site tours, swimming, canoe and boat rides
- Evening campfire and entertainment



### Overnight accommodation

- Lake Joe will hold 4 rooms (2 beds/ room) for each district. Clubs may book rooms reserved for their district directly with Lake Joe starting Feb 15 till- July 01 (1 PM). Rooms will be allotted on a first come first served basis. Vacant rooms, if any, after 1 PM on June 1 will be released to clubs on waiting list.

### Day guests

- Clubs are requested to kindly register number of persons attending, by July 05. **Bring a bus!**

### Lake Joe's 50th Birthday "Buy a Brick" campaign

To celebrate Lake Joe's 50 years of providing fully accessible recreational activities for people of all disabilities including vision loss, we have launched the Lake Joe Birthday Brick campaign.

With your donation of \$250, you will receive:

- A birthday brick inscribed with your name or the name of someone you would like to honour and placed in a new "walkway to independence", at the main entrance to the camp's Welcome Centre
- A charitable tax receipt
- A certificate of recognition
- An invitation to the camp's 2011 Birthday celebrations to be held on August 20, 2011 at Lake Joe to see your brick



Your donation will:

- Allow Lake Joe to continue to provide a unique mix of recreation and rehabilitation programs for teens, adults, children and families of people who are blind or partially sighted
- Assist us in building a walkway that will guide our clients safely into the Lake Joe Centre.

To buy a brick in support of Lake Joe, please contact:

Ryan Chin,  
Manager, Client and Community Relations, CNIB  
Toll Free: 1-877-748-4028 X5506 | C: 905 531 0852 | E: [Ryan.Chin@cnib.ca](mailto:Ryan.Chin@cnib.ca)



*Please feel free to invite Ryan Chin, Manager Client & Community Relations, CNIB to come and speak at your club about Lake Joe and its experiences. Ryan can be contacted directly at 905 531 0852, or by email at [Ryan.Chin@cnib.ca](mailto:Ryan.Chin@cnib.ca)*

# 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](http://www.mdalions.org) and clicking on the "Lions Resource Centre" button.

Lion James Johnston,  
MD"A" Membership Coordinator 2009-2010  
Tel: 613-589-2092,  
Email: [james.johnston@magma.ca](mailto:james.johnston@magma.ca)

## HOW TO GET INTO THE LION Contact your District Reporter

## 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:

Please remember when sending your articles to your Reporter to indicate if it is for the Governors District Newsletter of the Lion Magazine.

*Lion John Daniels, Editor Lion Magazine* email: [mdathelionmag@hotmail.com](mailto:mdathelionmag@hotmail.com)

<b>A1</b>	Lion Shawn Davison	email: <a href="mailto:shawnd@yahoo.com">shawnd@yahoo.com</a>
<b>A2</b>	Lion Bob Townsend	email: <a href="mailto:bobtownsend@sympatico.ca">bobtownsend@sympatico.ca</a>
<b>A3</b>	Lion Wilma Bush	email: <a href="mailto:wilma.bush@sympatico.ca">wilma.bush@sympatico.ca</a>
<b>A4</b>	Lion Sandra Baldwin	email: <a href="mailto:slbaldwin@rogers.com">slbaldwin@rogers.com</a>
<b>A5</b>	Lion Liam Brennan	email: <a href="mailto:lembrennan@hotmail.com">lembrennan@hotmail.com</a>

<b>A711</b>	Lion Jean Walcott	email: <a href="mailto:jeanwal@rogers.com">jeanwal@rogers.com</a>
<b>A9</b>	Lion Al Leach PDG	email: <a href="mailto:adleach@hotmail.com">adleach@hotmail.com</a>
<b>A12</b>	Lion Nick Poulakis	email: <a href="mailto:nixter@rockinbird.com">nixter@rockinbird.com</a>
<b>A15</b>	Lion Tracy Brant	email: <a href="mailto:branttron@quadro.net">branttron@quadro.net</a>
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## Bayfield Lions Club

On Dec. 11, members of the Bayfield Lions Club set out to visit those people in the community who have achieved the age of 80 plus as well as homebound individuals. Over 75 visits were made with all octogenarians receiving a small gift and exuberant wishes for a Merry Christmas. It was discovered that some members of the community had moved but Santa's helpers managed to find them again this year. Before heading out in their respective sleighs, Santa's helpers **Bob Merriman, Dave Overboe and Tom Grasby posed with their elves, and fellow Lions: Ingid Rath, Jerry Stirling, Tony Van Bakel, Tom Dawe, Dave Nearingburg, Ron Harris and Bill Rowatt.**

*Submitted by Lion Penny Overboe*



## Special District A-15 Lions Quest Fellowship



In 2009-2010, District A-15 celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Lions Quest in a unique fashion. The **Lions Clubs of District A-15** donated \$10 per club (some gave a lot more) and submitted a nomination for a deserving individual to receive a special District A-15 Lions Quest Fellowship.

The successful recipient was drawn at the District Convention, and the Fellowship was presented to **Lion Wayne Wright** of the **Innerkip & District Lions Club**, at their club meeting in June.

Lion Wayne was commended by his fellow Lions as being a truly 100% Lion who has wholeheartedly supported and participated in all Club projects and activities over the years.

Thank you Lions of A-15 for your steadfast support of Lions Quest programs and of our young people, the Lions of the future!

*Submitted by Lion Nancy Ransom*

## Omeme Lions



**Omeme Lions John Patterson (Parade Chairman), Tom Pockock, Frank Anderson, Jack Murphy and Sam Pittman get to meet Santa Claus (aka Phil Downer, Omeme Fire Dept.) after a very successful Santa Claus Parade in Omeme.**

## Marmora Crowe Valley Lions

Marmora Crowe Valley **Lion Leo Provost**, organizer of summer 'Music in the Park' and winter 'Music Jams', is shown with Municipal Councillor Linda Bracken, Chair of Marmora Medical Centre Fundraising and Neil Hannam, Executive Director of Campbellford Memorial Hospital Foundation. At the January Lions potluck meeting, on behalf of the Club, Lion Leo presented \$2,450 for Campbellford Hospital and \$2,450 for the Medical Centre renovations.



Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



## Annual Visually Impaired Car Rally

**Five Lions Clubs in A711 Donate \$7,000.00 to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides School from proceeds of their annual VIP Car Rally**

A cheque for \$7,000.00, proceeds from the Annual Visually Impaired Car Rally, was presented to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides School. Presenting the cheque is **Lion Chief of the Lions Club of Oakville Lion Ron Gamble** and **Lion Julie Jelinek** is receiving on behalf of the Foundation. Members of the VIP Car Rally Committee from left front are Lions: **Paddy Townson, Surinder Sharma, Julie Jelinek, Ron Gamble** and **Past District Governor Bill Allison** (committee Chair). Back row from left are Lions: **Jacque Calabrese, Yves Drouin, Karen Fischer, Harold Hobson, Alex Teliatnick** and **Al Woolley**. This committee is made up of 5 clubs: **The Lions Club of Oakville, Halton K9 Lions, Huttonville Lions, Scarborough Cedarbrae Lions** and the **Brampton Village Lions Club**.



Agreement Number is:  
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## Lions Club Donation



The **Lions Club of Strathroy-Caradoc** recently held a tree lighting fundraiser in support of the Strathroy Middlesex Hospital Foundation.

The event raised \$3,475.00, which will be put towards the purchase of a new ophthalmology chair to be placed in the trauma unit at the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital. On hand for the presentation at the hospital were (left to right) **Lion President Ed Hadbavny, Second VP Lion Betty Powell**, Susan McLean, SMGH Foundation CEO, and **Lion Barry Wolfe**, Chair of the fundraising committee. Absent from the photo was fundraising Co-Chair **Lion Marlene Wolfe**.

This Club was formed on January 9, 2010 and is the newest Club to District A-1. This is their largest and most recent fundraiser/donation to date.

Submitted by District A-1 Cabinet Secretary Lion Michael Kresky