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## **DISTRICT A711 ADOPTS SickKids® OPHTHALMOLOGY PROJECT**

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## Lions Camp Dorset

At the September 16 Board meeting of Lions Camp Dorset, **President Jim Coulson** presented Camp Manager **Steve Woolman** with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The Board of Directors, staff, patients and their families have long appreciated Steve's commitment to the Camp and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is a fitting tribute to his service.



## Millbrook and District Lions Club

On June 18, 2012 two dedicated members of the Millbrook and District Lions Club, **Lion Karl** and **Lion Norma Gillis**, were each given Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards for their hard work and volunteer hours spent serving the club and community.

They are known for their reliability and their steadfast belief that lions and people should serve and be a benefit to their community. Millbrook and District Lions thank these two outstanding members and congratulate them on their long time service.



## Westport Lions Club

**Lion Norm Reside** of the Westport Lions Club received his Life Membership in Lions International from outgoing Westport president **Lion Jim McGlade** assisted by incoming president **Lion Rick Warriner**.

Lion Norm has been a Lion since 1984 and a Westport member since 1991. He has held most of the board of directors positions in the Westport club. He drove the mobility van for years, involved in numerous social community activities, chaired the money calendar program, entertainment committee, visitations and program events. He is a respected member in the Lions community.

*Submitted by Jim McGlade*

## Marmora Crowe Valley Lions

A number of Marmora Crowe Valley Lions were recognized during the Club's 15th charter anniversary in May. Some of them had been members in the former Marmora and District Lions Club for quite a few years.

**Lion Marilyn Maloney** was presented with a Melvin Jones Award by **District Governor Earl Oliver** and **Lion Winston Wylie** was presented with a Brian Stevenson Award by **1st Vice District Governor Mary Ann Smith**.

Other Lion recipients were: **Murney Carman** - Appreciation Certificate; **Patricia Provost** - Helen Kellar Award; - **Jeannette Goodchild, Carolyn Fluke** and **Mary Jane Goodchild** - Brian Stevenson Award; **Kevin Roy** and **Elaine Jones** - Melvin Jones Award.



**District Governor Earl Oliver and Lion Marilyn Maloney**

**1st Vice District Governor Mary Ann Smith and Lion Winston Wylie**

## Dunsford and District Lions

The Dunsford and District Lions have grown in membership by six new members in the last six months. On October 11th we welcomed **Michael Jancsik, Dave Kirley, Dan Traux** and **Brennan Wilson** to our club. Last June we welcomed **Bill Shier** and **Jim Howe**. With all the new enthusiasm, we have just completed our annual Lobster Fest in September and are looking forward to a Halloween Dance.

Our club's motto is "Help Us Help Others."



**Pictured left to right: Lions Zone Chair Nick Larocque, Lion Hugh Manley, Dave Kirley, Brennan Wilson, Lion Walter Jancsik, Michael Jancsik, Dan Traux, Lion President Andy Murdoch**

## Dublin Lions



In the picture from left to right holding their Melvin Jones Fellowship awards, is **Lion Dale Cronin, Lion Don MacRae, Zone Chair Bruce Bettles** and **Lion Treasurer Ernest Fleming**.

Lion Dale Cronin is a long time member; 20 Years to be exact of the Dublin Lions Club.

Lion Don MacRae and Lion Ernest Fleming are Chartered Members of the Dublin and District Lions Club – chartered in 1974.

Lion Don received his Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in 2009, but he was never recognized when he received his award.

These Melvin Jones awards went to these fine Lion members because of their support of the club, their inspiration to other members, their involvement and support in activities throughout the year with the Dublin Lions Club.

## Kincardine Lions Recognized

On Friday, June 15th, 2012, 4 members of the Kincardine Lions Club were presented with Ontario Volunteer Service Awards by MPP Bill Walker at a ceremony held in Owen Sound.

**Lions Ken Fair** and **Max Hennink** were presented with 20 year pins. Unable to attend but receiving their pins at a later date are **Lions Stu Grigg**, 35 years and **Lion Frank Merkt** 10 years.



**Photo Lion Ken Fair, MPP Bill Walker, Lion Max Hennink**

*Submitted By Lion George Ling Public Relations Chair*



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# THE Lion

*W*elcome to the Nov/Dec 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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## More Members Means More Service



**Wayne A. Madden**  
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When I was a boy I played on a beautiful Little League field. I was only 12 but I felt like a major league ballplayer. Our park was so clean, neat and well-groomed. The Lions built that ball field. That field was important to the Lions, many of whom had boys who played baseball, and it was important to the entire town, where baseball was popular. The Lions in my town had no trouble getting members because they responded to the needs of the community. They were the community.

Probably the greatest challenge of our clubs today

is attracting new members. To do that, we need to be as appealing as possible to those around us. We need to adapt ourselves to the present population. That means doing projects important to the community. That means holding meetings that respect people's schedules and preferences. That means continuing to embrace our heritage but also being open to new ways of doing things. We need to be agents of change and be willing to set aside or downplay old-time practices if people are not enthusiastic about them.

We're not a top-down association, so headquarters does not dictate how clubs should go about their business. Lions know best what works for their clubs. But the key is to do some self-analysis and reflection. I have been strongly encouraging all clubs and districts to make four "pit stops" throughout the year. Pit stop checklists are available on the LCI website. Take the time for a good, long look at your club. Take pride in your accomplishments but also assess how your club

can do better.

I am tremendously proud of our service. No association can match what Lions do and have done for nearly a century. Yet we need to not only serve in our clubs but to grow membership in our clubs. All of us have a stake in our future. Every member you add, especially someone younger than you, is a way to perpetuate our service for years to come. In a World of Service, we multiply the good we do when we add to our membership.

**Wayne A. Madden**  
*Lions Clubs International President*

## That Old Lions Spirit Never Gets Old

It's easy to get discouraged. Just open up the daily newspaper. It's the shootings, the wars and the abject poverty we hear about. But there is something about the human spirit that always rises above wrongdoing and abysmal situations. People in the worst circumstances can still see a glow in the human heart. Listen to this young girl: "It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart." Yes, that was the great Anne Frank.

This special issue is about the human spirit and the Lions' spirit. I've met Lions from all over the world,

and honestly, they are mostly like anyone else. Some talk a lot. Others are quiet. Some are careful planners. Others dive right in. What Lions have in common is a desire to serve. They want to make the world a better place. I believe that nearly everyone does. So we are fortunate to have found an association like Lions where we can exercise our deep-seated impulse to help others.

For many, this is the holiday season, a time to reflect, to count our blessings, to make resolutions to do better. I ask you to appreciate the opportunity we have to serve others. We are surrounded by Lions like ourselves who believe deeply in our service mission. Don't look at the TV news to shape your outlook. Just

look around at your worldwide Lions' community. The English poet John Keats said it best: Scenery is fine, but human nature is finer.

Linda and I wish each of you the very best during this holiday season. May your hopes and dreams, both as a Lion and within your family, come true in 2013.

**Wayne A. Madden**  
*Lions Clubs International President*

### From the Cover

## District A711 Adopts SickKids Ophthalmology Project



**Claire, 3, Ophthalmology patient**

On September 22nd, 2012, District A711 unanimously endorsed a project to raise \$75,000 to help redevelop the Paediatric Ophthalmology Department at the hospital for Sick Children

(SickKids). A711 has asked the other Districts of MDA to join with them to raise jointly \$550,000. At the same time, each district would be asked to apply for matching grants from LCIF to bring the total raised to \$1.1 million which would then be matched by SickKids Foundation in order to reach the \$2.2 million required to complete the project. Once complete, SickKids Foundation would recognize the Lion's contribution through the naming of the space "The International Lions Clubs of MDA Paediatric Ophthalmology Department".

On November 3rd, 2012, at the MDA Council meeting held in Markham, the MDA Council of 10 Districts unanimously approved a motion for each of them to take the project back to their respective District Cabinets for approval and to set a goal to raise their

share of the \$550,000 or approximately \$1,000 per club.

SickKids Foundation have pledged their full support in assisting the various Lion's clubs in several ways including one on one fundraising/event support, providing collateral material (posters and stickers), templated resources (pledge forms, media advisories, etc.), online donation tools, advertising, tax receipts and more! Their support has already been seen in A711 in a couple of projects.

For more information on this project, please contact Lion Past District Governor Bill Speck at [bill.speck@sympatico.ca](mailto:bill.speck@sympatico.ca) or 416-460-7824.





# HIGHLIGHTS OF NOVEMBER 2012

## GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING



**Global Leadership Team** – Lion Dave Voisey announced that there was 98% participation from the District GLT/GMT Teams for the November 3rd-4th workshop. LCI is reducing the District Governor Elect Training session at the 2013 International Convention by one day and the curriculum for that day will be downloaded to MDA. A special training day will be held in late January or early February.

**Global Membership Team** – District GMT Teams participated in a webinar on October 18th. As of October 31st Districts A9 & A12 have recorded an increase in membership.

**Sight Conservation** – Lion Ted Hughes reported on the joint MDA LIONS/ CNIB meeting held on October 19th. CNIB representatives reported on a successful Lake Joseph camping season and a successful Low Vision Clinics Program.

**Lion Magazine** – Lion John Daniels advised that Clubs submitting articles to the Magazine must do so at least 40 days prior to publication. Submissions not published are held over for the next magazine. Normally the magazine is a 24 page edition; however, Council approved a 28 page edition of the Lion Magazine for the July/August 2013 edition at an increased cost of \$1200.

**No Child Without** – Council approved the appointment of Lion Pamela Ballah as the MDA Committee Chairperson for the No Child Without program. A No Child Without package will be forwarded to each District shortly.

**Youth Opportunities** – Lion John Harvey reported that a Youth Luncheon will be held at the 2013 MDA Convention on the Saturday, June 1st. Registration

for the luncheon will not be part of the MDA Convention Registration package. Information and Registration Forms for the luncheon will be available shortly. Investigation is underway into the possibility of holding a summer camp for the Visually Impaired Youth from overseas at Camp Joseph. The MDA Effective Speaking Competition will be held on May 3rd, 4th, & 5th at the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Catharines. Districts are being asked to consider hosting the 2014 competition. The MDA Leo Conference will be held in Brantford in February.

**International Advisory Committee** – Council approved the recommendation from the Committee to endorse PID Jitsuhiro Yamada from Japan for the Office of 2nd Vice President of LCI to be elected at the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

**2014 International Convention** – Tickets have been mailed to all Clubs in MDA for the 'Get Away Weekend' including the Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey Game, Hot Stove Lounge Dinner, and overnight accommodation at the Royal York Hotel. It was confirmed that should the NHL hockey season be cancelled a suitable replacement prize would be awarded.

**MDA Convention 2013** – The Convention will be held May 31st to June 3rd at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Richmond. The Saturday evening entertainment program is a Multi-Cultural Variety program sure to please and reinforce the multi-ethnicity of MDA and Canada.

**Diabetes Awareness** – Lion Al Beamer reported that fundraising is going well for the Lions Education Centre at Camp Huronda. Council approved a grant application for LCIF funding.

**Lions Foundation of Canada** – Lion Dick Peel reported that the Foundation is planning on graduating 154 dogs this year which will bring a total of 2000 dogs since the inception of the school. At the AGM Lion Ralph Krueger was installed as the Ontario Director for a 3-year term. Also Lion Wenda Bourgeois of the Burlington Lions Club received Patron Honours, the Foundation's highest honour, for her ongoing support of the Foundation through managing the Burlington Purina Walk for dogs and being a foster parent for many puppies.

**Research & Long Range Planning** – Council adopted two recommendations from the Committee which will have to be voted on by the general membership at the MDA Convention. (a) exempting Campus Club members from paying MDA Dues, (b) clarifying the wording in MDA Constitution & By-laws in respect to Dues and confirming the present MDA Dues as \$14.50 per member.

**Secretary's Report** – Council adopted an updated version of the Club Secretary Handbook, 'Roles & Responsibilities.' The Handbook will be placed on the MDA website and the District Governors will encourage the Club Secretaries in their respective District to use this document.

**Treasury & Finance** – Council approved the Auditor's Report for the 2011-2012 Lions year.

**For more information, questions or concerns relating to these highlights please contact MDA Secretary John Stewart at email: [secretary@mdalions.org](mailto:secretary@mdalions.org).**

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## Muskoka Students Get an Out-of-This-World Experience

The **Port Carling Lions Club** is training students from grades six to eight at Glen Orchard Public School for an exciting learning experience this year. They are being instructed about space and the Canadian Space Program to prepare them for the 3rd mission of Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield to the International Space Station. Astronaut Hadfield will be the first Canadian to command the ISS. The Port Carling Lions Club has arranged for several lessons, conducted by former teacher Hazel Stuart. The students will receive in-class instruction on the make-up of the solar system, the history of the Canadian Space Program and the importance and trials of space travel.

In November, The Port Carling Lions Club will pay for the students to travel to Bracebridge to join grade nine students of BMLSS. They will have the rare opportunity to have a live video conference with

astronaut David Saint-Jacques. The Port Carling Lions Club, hopes that once informed and prepared, the students will be able to follow and participate in the Canadian Space Program activities while Chris Hadfield is on his historic mission. Grades six to nine will participate in this exciting learning opportunity as it relates to their curriculums.

The Canadian Space Agency is always pleased to educate and inform students and the public about the excellent research they are doing. Canada has worked on the International Space Station, has designed and built equipment being used by the Mars rover, Curiosity, and has designed the navigation systems for the new space

telescope that will replace Hubble. Astronaut David Saint-Jacques will take an hour out of his busy schedule to answer Muskoka students questions about these and other exciting endeavours.





# SightFirst Prevents Blindness in New Ways

by Allie Stryker



Lions are leaders in sight. From funding cataract surgeries and diabetic retinopathy projects to providing medication for river blindness and trachoma, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been preventing avoidable blindness on a global scale for more than 20 years through the SightFirst program.

As announced during Campaign SightFirst II, SightFirst seeks to combat existing and emerging threats to sight through research initiatives. In August, the first SightFirst research grants were approved. By focusing on priority eye diseases (cataract, trachoma and uncorrected refractive error), SightFirst will evaluate eye care delivery and needs, blindness prevention strategies and barriers to services through these grants.

“Funding research priorities related to operations and evaluative components will add significant value to all of the future SightFirst projects,” says **Dr. Gullapalli N. Rao** of the LV Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad, India, and a member of the LCIF SightFirst Advisory Committee. “These research projects will provide better evidence on which future projects can be formed and built.”

One of the first LCIF research grants focuses on trachiasis, an eye disease that turns the eyelid inward, causing the eyelashes to painfully rub the eyeball and scar the cornea, potentially causing blindness. To combat this disease, the University of Pennsylvania

School of Medicine will evaluate the safety and effectiveness of a new, post-surgery medication to treat people in Ethiopia who undergo surgery for trichiasis; the medication should help reduce the risk of disease recurrence. The first of its kind, the study is highly relevant to global trachoma elimination efforts. It is closely linked to SightFirst investments in trachoma surgeries and potentially groundbreaking in its attempt to improve trichiasis surgery for patients.

Continuing efforts in trachoma research, a second LCIF research grant examines methods of finding and encouraging patients with trachoma to undergo trichiasis surgery in Tanzania. This will improve access to care for those in need. The study, led by Johns Hopkins Dana Center for Preventative Ophthalmology, will also examine if the methods for finding trachoma patients will help eliminate the backlog of trichiasis surgeries in areas of Tanzania.

Two other projects funded under SightFirst’s research program are rapid assessment of avoidable blindness (RAAB) initiatives. These RAABs will help Lions and their partners properly plan and implement future SightFirst projects by determining the prevalence and causes of eye health issues and the barriers patients have to accessing eye care.

As part of the two grants awarded for RAABs, the Centre for Eye Research Australia, in partnership with Sudirohusodo General Hospital and Hasanuddin

University, will conduct a RAAB in Indonesia to provide information on the causes of vision loss in Sulawesi. In Bolivia, the Instituto Nacional de Oftalmologia Bolivia, Sociedad Boliviana de Oftalmologia and other organizations will complete a RAAB to define the eye care needs in Cochabamba, La Paz and Santa Cruz.

By researching vision loss and eye care needs in these regions, SightFirst and LCIF will have a better understanding of eye care needs and priorities. Together with the trachoma research initiatives, these grants will lead to more effective treatment and blindness prevention in the future.



A woman in Ethiopia has her eyes screened for trichiasis

## Lion Don Ditchburn and the Omeme Walk for Guide Dogs

by Lion Bob Warren

**Lion Don Ditchburn (Fowlers Corners and District Lions Club)** always appreciated the need for guide dog training, so the prospect of creating a new fundraising walk in a new location was an appealing challenge.

His first involvement in Walk for Guide Dogs was in 2009 and was sponsored by another club, but as a result Don became even more enthused about the importance of organizing and participating in a new and additional walk. He initiated discussions with four relatively local A-16 clubs and ultimately the decision was made to host their own mutual “Walk” in the town of Omeme. As a matter of course, Don became Chairman and organizer of the now annual Omeme Walk for Guide Dogs.

The first joint ‘Walk’ in Omeme was held on May 29, 2011 and had twenty-one participant walkers, many of whom brought their own pet dogs. That first effort raised \$2,619. Out of 31 communities hosting a new fundraising ‘Walk’, Don Ditchburn’s group placed 8th in total dollars raised.

On May 27, 2012, the second Omeme Walk for Guide Dogs took place.

Lion Don was “everywhere”, making sure that all the physical plans and helpers for the day were in place. The day ended up with over twenty walkers and many more dogs than in 2011! The Walk enjoyed visits from Rick McGee, the Mayor of the City of Kawartha Lakes, Lions Foundation Chair **Clare Greenfield** and the special support of Dr. Kathleen Norman, owner of the Omeme Veterinary Hospital. By the end of the day, pledges raised an amazing amount of \$4,938, almost doubling the fundraising of 2011.

Lion Don feels that Omeme has a bigger challenge for 2013, but he’s certainly up to the task.



## Past Leaders Cruise

Every year the Past District Governors, Council Chair and spouses from the year 2002-2003 get together for a reunion in September. This being the 10th anniversary we went a cruise with Carnival Cruise Line on the Liberty. The group went on a Western Caribbean Cruise for 7 days. We went on sightseeing tours and had a mini golf tournament. The picture is taken after the tournament with our Lions magazine for the most unique places to have a picture taken with the magazine. Great Times had by all!



Front Row: Left to Right – Janet Marissen, Linda James, Russ Carroll, B.J. Finlay, Barb Ennis; Second row – Shirley Fines, Howie Fines, Harry Marissen, Jacqui Tofflemire-Flood, Edna Carroll; Back row – Ron Finlay, Mike Salter, Maureen Salter, Dave Hewitt, and Bob Flood

# Lions United Against Measles in Uganda

by Allie Stryker

When Uganda's Ministry of Health recently reported more than 500 cases of measles across the country, local Lions wanted to help. In May, Lions in Uganda united against measles and joined LCIF's effort to help eliminate measles worldwide by participating in a country-wide vaccination campaign.

Ugandan Lions worked with the Ministry of Health, the World Health Organization and UNICEF to coordinate a targeted vaccination effort. As a result, a three-day campaign was created and a goal was set to vaccinate 6.9 million children.

Lions played a key role in the vaccination campaign. Working with business contacts, they purchased radio, television and newspaper advertisements to raise awareness of the vaccinations. They even used a "town-crier" truck with loudspeakers that drove up and down streets announcing the campaign to everyone within earshot. Lions also ordered T-shirts for health workers and created posters and banners for vaccination sites. Their efforts spread awareness of the importance of routine immunizations,

potentially preventing future measles outbreaks in the country.

All 20 of Uganda's Lions clubs came together to work alongside community health workers for three days to support the measles vaccination campaign. The clubs held ceremonies to launch the campaign, inviting local leaders to take part. Each Lions club worked with one or two vaccination posts to ensure that children were registered and other needs were met at each site while healthcare workers administered vaccinations.

"I asked the Lions I encountered who had worked tirelessly in the heat for the entire weekend if their three days of volunteerism had been worth it," says **Benjamin Futransky**, an LCIF staff member who participated in the vaccination event. "The answer I heard over and over from each Lion was a resounding yes. The small part they played in immunizing each child filled them with joy because they knew one less child was at risk of sickness or even death from measles."

When LCIF joined the Measles & Rubella Initiative

in 2010, officials knew Lions would want to help children in countries where measles is a heavy health burden. More than 41 million children have been vaccinated against measles. This year, LCIF is working with measles partners to vaccinate 157 million children against measles.

Together, we can help eliminate measles. Just ask the Lions of Uganda.



Health workers at a vaccination post in Uganda prepare to vaccinate more children against measles

## The Alliston Lions Potato Chippin', Hillbilly Stompin', Dry Blue Grass, Rock Pickin' Country Band

The 2012 edition of the Alliston Potato Festival Parade was in peril of being washed out by the incredible rainfall. But, that didn't put a damper on the spirit of all those that showed up to participate. This year's Lion's float "The Potato Chipper Hillbilly Band" was originally thought up by **Lion Brian Whittaker**. With the help of **Lions Nick** and **Robin Poulakis**, **Lions Eugenia** and **Ted Boston**, **Bill Richardson**, **Wayne Best** and **Rick and Tyson Lea**, the float came to life. Big thanks go out to **Lion Bill Train** for allowing the club to use his farm and trailer.

Lion Nick also put together a crowd rompin' mix of music that had people dancing in the streets...literally. The songs used were fairly modern tracks with a hillbilly slant to them, which really had the parade audiences smiling and boppin' around.

"Just seeing the joy on all those people's faces, was worth every minute

spent in making the float" said Lion Brian, while Lion Robin added "you should have seen them all dancing, it was unbelievable".

Current Alliston Lion President Ted Boston also commented on the favourable response by the parade on-lookers, "You know, it's pretty astounding the response people were giving us. I think we left a pretty lasting impression that our club can be a lot fun too."



L to R: Lions Brian Whittaker, Wayne Best, Robin Poulakis, Ted Boston, Rick Lea, and little Tyson Lea  
photo by Lion Nick Poulakis

## "Grrrrrr..." to the finishing line

While dragon boating is not part of the 2012 London Olympics, it was definitely part of our club's agenda for 2012. For the fifth year, our club participated in the Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival (TIDBRF), a two-day event at the Toronto Centre Island, on June 23rd and 24th, 2012. We recruited Lions and their family and friends to be rowers on the **Heritage Lions Grrr** team. After a few weekend practices, coached by our 1st VP, **Lion Charles Djeu** – a dragon boat activist himself – we competed in rounds of competition at TIDBRF and finished with a Bronze medal! The better prize to the club is that we successfully turned 3 rowers into members for the upcoming years.

Submitted by Lion Kelly Wong



The Heritage Lions Grrr team



From Rowers to Lions – induction ceremony of 3 new members

# Lions on Location

## Children's Home Gets Makeover

Lions in Switzerland worked so underprivileged children could play.



Lions build a "summer igloo"

Members of the **Basel Dreiländereck Lions Club** put in more than 800 hours improving indoor and outdoor spaces dedicated to play at the Basel Children's Home. Members reconfigured an indoor area to provide separate spaces for watching movies, reading and "chill-out" corners.



The pingpong table nears completion

In the garden area Lions cleared away mounds of weeds and brush before making a "summer igloo" with

tree branches. They also constructed a sturdy pingpong table.

Supported by the club and other groups, the project cost 25,000 francs (US\$23,000). Chartered in 2009, the Basel club has 22 members.

## Carols by Candlelight

Near Christmas each year since 1994 the **Ramsgate Lions** in South Africa have celebrated the season with song on a popular beach. Residents pack an amphitheater for Carols by Candlelight. The event is free, but many make a donation for the club's charitable projects.



## Ho, Ho, Ho in Australia

Gods do not answer letters, John Updike once noted about very accomplished, highly respected people. But the jolly man in the white beard and red suit, although quite busy at the North Pole especially in December, certainly does. How could Santa not to respond the children who adoringly write to him?

That's what **Forest Lake Lions** in Australia asked themselves. Each year as many as 120,000 Australian children write to Santa at the North Pole, according to the Australia Post. Since Santa is so busy, someone has to help process the letters and ensure a reply. The elves in the Forest Lake Club are up to the task.

Being an elf is not easy but it's not exactly hard either. **Alison Lamb** and other Lions get to read the

children's letters. "I always knew that you were real," wrote Peter, 9, of Brisbane. He asked for a scooter because "all my friends have one." He also requested a size-14 Melbourne Storm jersey "with the number 1 on the back." But Peter did not push his luck: "If you want you can get me both, but you don't have to." Peter also remembered to ask Santa to bring his sister some puzzles and Legos. "I love you Santa," he added.

Eazther, 5, wants a Barbie doll and dresses. "I will wait for you for Xmas night," she alerted Santa. Adrianna, 11, wants clothes, coloring books, toys and a bike. Maybe she felt that was a lot to ask for because she closed with "I will leave some cookies and milk for you."

Last year the Lions received letters from children whose homes in Brisbane were ravaged by floods. Thomas told Santa, "I want an Xbox 360 because during this year's floods my Xbox 360 was taken away from me. From that moment I was unhappy and had nothing to play with."

In the past the Lions gave the children only letters from Santa but this year decided to include small gifts as well. "We expect to get many requests from families and children due to the decline in the economy," says **Hayley Grady**, president. No elf worth his name could turn a cold eye to that.



## BAIT Tournament

**Palmer Rapids and Area Lions Club** sent five volunteers and sponsored a Blind Angler for the 2012 BAIT tournament. Our sponsored angler won one of the five trophies for the highest combined weight in the pike category. The tournament is made possible through volunteerism and sponsorship and donations from over 50 clubs within the Lions District A4, which includes Lions clubs from Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec.



L-R: Ellen Musdow, Kelly Klinck, Dan Heins, JP Avon, Dale Kuick, Pat Henstock, David Henstock

## Supporting Grandview Kids

DURHAM REGION October 4, 2012 -Community support is giving families of children with special needs and disabilities the opportunity to walk and talk. The **Lions Club of Courtice** in a show of support for the "Include Me" Campaign has made a contribution to Grandview Kids.

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

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

makes a real difference to the children waiting.



To find out more about how you can help Grandview kids, visit: [helpourkids.ca](http://helpourkids.ca)  
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# Hurricane-Proof Nursing School to Make a Powerful Impact in Haiti

by Susana Ferreira

Photos by Swoan Parker

“We need some victims!”

Professor Patrick René bellowed over the chatter of his 100-plus classroom of first-year nursing students—all female, but for the lone male looking on from the back.

It was just past 3 on a recent afternoon, and the students had changed from the formal navy uniforms they normally wear on campus into jeans and comfortable tops. René clapped his hands for order while a group of volunteers spread several blankets in the center of the classroom.

“What are the three parameters of life?” René asked. On cue, the students responded in unison: “Consciousness! Respiration! Circulation!”

René nodded with approval and outlined the day’s training scenario: it was the scene of a terrible traffic accident. Six “victims” took their places, laying face up, on the blankets. Six first responders approached, assessing the scenario.

First-year nursing student Indji Tadgrin knelt over her victim, a slim girl wearing bright blue plastic earrings, and began clapping and shouting, “Madame! Madame! How are you? Can you hear me?” Her victim was unresponsive. She passed a hand over the woman’s face to check breathing, reaching for the victim’s pulse with her other hand. Tadgrin moved her hands quickly from the victim’s face to the rest of her body, looking for bleeding and injuries, then turned her carefully over to her side—taking care to keep her spine straight and her airway open.

“Good!” said René. “Now you can see that the victim has blood on her back. What do you do?”

René looked on as his young nursing students treated their patients for broken bones, head injuries, shock and hypothermia—scenarios they are likely to encounter on a regular basis, considering the high number of tragic collisions in Haiti every day. In a country that suffers from rampant malnutrition, high maternal mortality, tuberculosis, skin disorders and a cholera epidemic that has killed more than 7,000 people, these future nurses will certainly have a lot of work to do.

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One of Haiti’s few nursing schools, the École Nationale d’Infirmières de Port-au-Prince collapsed in the devastating earthquake in 2010 that killed more than 300,000 people.

“We lost 90 people that day,” said Marie Yolande Nazaire, the school’s director. “Eighty-nine students and one professor.”

Picking up the pieces of the devastated school in the long, difficult months that followed was a test of Nazaire’s—and the students’—will. Though they were grieving their profound losses, they knew that their work—caring for Haiti’s sick and injured—was important. At first they made do with tents they pitched near the Faculty of Science. They sat for lectures and

held makeshift labs in the heat, the rain and the mud.



**Fabienne Desilieu, a student at the École Nationale d’Infirmières de Port-au-Prince school, comforts a patient in the General Hospital in Port-au-Prince**

Earlier this year, two years after the earthquake destroyed their building, the nursing school finally moved into its new home on the grounds of the General Hospital. Here, some 350 first-, second- and third-year students take classes and attend lab and practicum sessions.

The prefabricated buildings are hurricane-proof, neatly arranged around a broad square that is nearly always bustling with nursing students dashing to a course, to a practicum session in the practice room or off to change into their crisp white frocks for shifts at the hospital. One building houses a library and archive, where the few salvaged copies of medical texts and records now sit. Other books, sporting smooth new covers, have been donated: pediatric nursing, ophthalmological surgery, tuberculosis and a dictionary of therapeutic medicine.

Rumors of a potential future dormitory elicit cheers from the student body. Classes and internships are held six days a week, and students who stay as late as midnight often try to catch a few hours of sleep in empty classrooms.

This campus was built in partnership with Humaniterra International, a non-governmental organization founded by a group of French Lions. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) contributed \$381,421 of the total \$1.36 million project cost.

Across the square is Nazaire’s office, abuzz with activity. Just outside of her door, a copy of the Nurse’s



**Nursing school students listen to a class lecture at the school in downtown Port-au-Prince**

Prayer is pinned to a bulletin board. “My God,” it begins, “make it so that I may see you in the person of my patient”—a call for patience, humility and compassion, even under duress. It’s been her creed since she first attended nursing school in the 1960s, and today it is taught to young would-be nurses at the school.

Fabienne Desilieu and Johanne Jean Charles, two third-year students, smile broadly when asked why they want to be nurses. It’s not an easy job, they explain, but it’s a calling.



**Desilieu speaks with a doctor in the General Hospital in Port-au-Prince**

“It’s a noble profession,” Desilieu says warmly, her voice soft. “It’s a chance to help people, to care for them.”

Jean Charles nods. “We help people reconnect with a sense of esteem that may be lost when they’re ill,” she says.

There is a major human component to their work. Beyond simply dressing wounds or administering medication, they try to engage with each of their patients, and take care not to get discouraged if a patient reacts negatively or presents difficulties. Sometimes, they say, taking close care of someone who is in pain can present other sorts of emotional strains.



**Nursing students check on a patient while making rounds in the hospital**

“I’m looking after a patient who has sores all over her body,” says Jean Charles. “When I go to change her bandages, it’s hard! When you’re trying to care for someone, and you’re still not able to ease their suffering, that really hurts.”

When they graduate at the end of this year, both Jean Charles and Desilieu say they hope to be placed

in a setting where there is the greatest need. "I would go to the provinces, to places that are really isolated," Jean Charles says. "There's a lack of medicines, a lack of material. There's an enormous need there, even just on the level of health education."

Prevention, says Desilieu, is the most important cure. "If you can keep someone from getting sick, that's far more effective than any treatment."

Haiti has roughly two nurses for every 1,000 people, with most personnel concentrated in the capital, Port-au-Prince. (The United States has more than four times as many nurses with 8.5 registered nurses for every 1,000 people.) The nursing school tries to remedy this by dispatching mobile clinics to the provinces. One clinic trip, planned for Hinche later this year, already has 74 students signed up.

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A student prepares an injection for a patient



Desilieu (left) and Johanne Jean Charles check on a newborn infant in the maternity ward



Charles (left), Desilieu (right) and a third student finish their day at the hospital

**Pierre Richard Duchemin**, a consultant and member of the Haitian Lions' reconstruction committee, has watched the nursing school program come together from day one.

"And we're not finished yet," says Duchemin, citing plans by Humaniterra to have several leaky roofs repaired ahead of the storm season. "As a Haitian, I want to see that Haiti's nurses can find at least the minimum conditions to study." Duchemin is still working closely with the school administration and the Ministry of Health to oversee the management of the school's curriculum, its administration, and timely communication with other Haitian health bodies.

The number of Lions Clubs in Haiti has more than doubled since 2010, and Lions are involved in projects

throughout the country. Apart from the nursing school, LCIF and **German Lions from Multiple District 111** worked with HELP, an international NGO, to build homes for 600 Haitian families. More homes, as well as latrines, will be built through HELP. Another 400 homes are being built in partnership with Food for the Poor, along with a community center to provide vocational training.

Lions are helping to rebuild not only vital facilities in Haiti but also its sense of community.

"I believe there is a sense of connection, an ethic, that can be re-established in this country," says Duchemin. "A sense of civic duty can be found again, and with that, we can build a new environment, a new reality."

## District A-711 Lions Supports "Gift Of Life"

by PRC Jeffrey Friedman and PDG Raija Rosenthal



**There is a Crisis in Ontario:** Every 3 days someone in the province dies unnecessarily while waiting for an organ transplant.

The Lions Clubs of District A-711 have entered into a partnership with Trillium Gift of Life Network to promote a valuable program that will help save the lives of many Ontarians. This program is one that addresses an underserved community need (insufficient donor pool).

Watch and share this two minute video <http://vimeo.com/48306296> to learn what this is all about.

We have encouraged all clubs in our district to undertake promotion of this cause to increase the availability of organs and tissues for transplant. Participation will not only help raise the potential size of the donor pool but it will also concurrently allow clubs to find similarly minded people in the community who may join with us to help promote this worthy cause, and who may in turn have the right characteristics and values to be a Lions Club member.

One organ donor can save up to 8 lives. Tissue donated from one person can save and transform the lives of as many as 75 people in Ontario.

District A-711 has its own landing page to track our campaign's success <http://beadonor.ca/lionsdistricta711>. Your District or Club can have its own free landing page.

You may have read newspapers or heard media reports earlier this year regarding a successful double-

lung transplant surgery at Toronto General Hospital. The Recipient was H el ene Campbell from Ottawa. Since her transplant she has become a tireless promoter of Organ Donor programs. We need more promoters.

### The Crisis:

There is a major shortage of donor organs to meet the needs of patient with organ failure:

- Everyone is a potential donor, regardless of age.
- To date, the oldest Canadian organ donor was over 90 years of age, while the oldest tissue donor was 102.
- 1500+ people are waiting today.
- Less than 25% of Ontarians have registered their consent to be a donor.

A signed donor card does not mean you are registered. Please visit [www.beadonor.ca/lionsdistricta711](http://www.beadonor.ca/lionsdistricta711) where it takes less than two minutes to check your status. It is also important to discuss your wishes with your family.

**Current Donor Registration Rates:** All of Ontario 22%; Some local averages: Arnprior 18%; Bowmanville 26%; Cambridge 27%; Kincardine 33%; London 29%; Markham 9%; Napanee 27%; North Bay 47%; Newmarket 26%; Niagara Falls 21%; Thunder Bay 42%; Toronto 13%; Sarnia 38%; Windsor 17%

"A future is yours to give" Decide soon to start your own campaign.

### Action Steps to get involved:

If you would like to register or verify that you are already registered, or if you wish to set up your own

club/district landing page visit: <http://beadonor.ca/lionsdistricta711>

Trillium Gift of Life Network provides promotional materials including brochures available online in various languages (<http://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/resources/brochures.fxml>) and faith brochures (<http://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/organandtissuedonation/culturalandreligiousperspectives.htm>) available for the Catholic, Jewish, Islamic and Hindu religions

**For more information, please contact J.R. Dash at Trillium Gift of Life Network: 416 619 2304 or 1-800-263 2833 Email: [jdash@giftoflife.on.ca](mailto:jdash@giftoflife.on.ca)**

### Reference Sources for more information:

Watch other Videos on Gift of Eight: <https://beadonor.ca/page/watch>

The Organ and Tissue Donation Process: <https://beadonor.ca/page/learn>

### Fact Sheets:

<http://www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/resources/factsheets.htm>

Introduction, History And Future Directions Of Organ And Tissue Donation And Transplantation: [http://www.onlifemanygifts.com/docs/curriculum\\_booklets/1-INTRO.pdf](http://www.onlifemanygifts.com/docs/curriculum_booklets/1-INTRO.pdf)

Trillium Gift of Life Network:

<http://www.giftoflife.on.ca/>

District A-711 "GIFT OF LIFE" organizing committee: Lions Raija Rosenthal (PDG), Marg Wilson (2nd VDG), Jeffrey Friedman (PRC), Alex Banks, Charlie Wang



We Serve

# 10 Things Guaranteed To Make You Smile

by Jay Copp



We Serve

## It Takes a Lions Club to Raise a Prodigy

Next time you tap your toes to “Superstition” or sing along to “You Are the Sunshine of My Life,” give a shout-out to Lions. Born in poverty in Saginaw, Michigan, Stevie Wonder lost his sight soon after birth. His blindness heightened his sense of hearing. But he had to make do with toy musical instruments bought by his absent father. So his barber gave him a harmonica. His church choir director let him use the piano. Lions heard him beating a drum and gave him a drum set. Motown propelled him to stardom in the 1960s and he’s been on the charts since. Lions helped sign, seal and deliver this Superstar.



## Bow Wow—Emphasis on the Wow

We love our pets and know what they mean to us. But can we even imagine how precious a Leader Dog is for a blind person? Legally blind since birth, Nicole Liebl of St. Paul, Minnesota, had two pet dogs and worked for 21 years managing gift and snack shops and vending machines. The economy doomed her business. Age and disease claimed her beloved Lacey Louise, a poodle, and Rufus James, a Portuguese Water Dog.



Liebl, 44, turned to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan. The school’s application asked what breed and gender were preferred. “I left that line blank because I wanted to receive the dog that God had in store for me,” she says. Liebl went to the school for evaluation, to ensure the dog selected would be a good match. She waited in her room for the trainer and dog. There was a knock on the door, but Liebl could not answer it right away. “I was so nervous I was using the restroom,” she told the trainer, who was not with a dog.

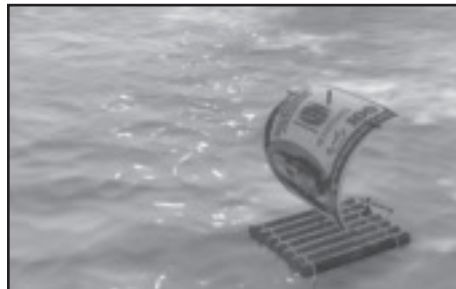
“Your dog must be nervous, too, because she is doing the same thing,” the trainer replied.

The dog was a yellow female Labrador. The dog’s sister, also donated to Leader Dogs, was named Thelma. This was Louise. “The name was perfect. God took part of Lacey’s full name and knew it would not be too difficult for me to handle,” says Liebl. Louise’s personality also jibed. “She loves people, children and other animals. She’s just like me,” says Liebl.

Currently studying social work at the University of Indianapolis, Liebl hopes to use her degree at a church or hospital. She lives in a dormitory with Louise, who has literally and figuratively opened new doors for her and taken her to new places. But, as with Lacey and Rufus, the deepest journey has been inward—straight toward the heart. “She gives me loyalty, devotion and unconditional love, the greatest gift of all,” she says.

## What A Deal!

Some folks like to sit down and play poker. Others enjoy the sun and outdoors on personal watercrafts. Then there are those who do both at the same time. For two years **Clayton Lions** in New York have sponsored a personal watercraft poker run. Participants pick up playing cards at five different points—four boats at anchor and a dock—along a 35-mile stretch of the scenic St. Lawrence River. Last year the winner took home a \$400 prize. The real winners were the children who benefited from the club’s eye disease detection program.



## Build a Golf Course, Alter History

African Americans were barred from golf courses throughout the South in the Jim Crow era. At best, black caddies could play on certain days or black golfers could play at designated times. The first desegregated municipal course south of the Mason-Dixon line was founded by Lions. In 1951, two African American youths walked onto the Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin, Texas. Mayor Taylor



Glass received a phone call telling him about the presence of the youths on the course. “This was before there was any mixing of the races in restaurants, schools or anywhere,” said Glass in a 1974 interview that was not discovered until 2008. “I don’t see why it ought to bother anybody, and I’m for leaving them alone and not even calling the newspaper and see what happens. We went on and [let] them play and never heard a word.”

Lions club members founded the course in 1924, and Lions transferred the lease to the city a dozen years later. The University of Texas, which currently owns the land the course sits on, voted to let the lease expire in 2019 and may develop the land. The course, known as Muni, is the most popular public course in Austin with 54,000 annual rounds, and the Save Muni Campaign hopes the course can be designated as a National Historic Landmark.

## Firefighters Can Stay Put

Yes, **Darien Lions** near Chicago cook pancakes, staff grills and run the cloakroom at an auction, but their service is anything but typical. The 148-member club often serves on behalf of the Giant Steps school for children and adults with autism. Lions’ help at school events allows school staff to spend more time with parents and students.



Lions also serve up smiles and a friendly demeanor at Giant Steps. “They treat our kids as if they were absolutely typical. That’s such a sign of respect—the understanding that these are just kids. That to me is the coolest thing about them,” Bridget O’Connor, executive director, told the Lisle Patch.

**Lion Steve Hiatt** has a stepson with autism but says other Lions also invariably approach the students in the right way. “You start with a smile. You make eye contact. You let the parent steer the interaction. Just take it slow and don’t hurry them,” he says. Still, Hiatt adds that praise for Lions is “very humbling. The staff shows us such gratitude for what I consider minor participation. We’re putting in a few hours and they’re working 50 to 60 hours a week.” But O’Connor will have none of that. “For the first time, I feel like my hair’s not on fire when I’m running an event,” she says.

## Bullying is Not Cool at All

Actors Quinton Aaron, who played Baltimore Ravens offensive tackle Michael Oher in “The Blind

Side,” and Eric Martinez of ABC’s “Scoundrels” mingled with Lions at the **Hudson-Keenesburg’s** charter night in Colorado in February. Then the actors made the rounds at local schools to speak out against bullying in a campaign organized by the new club. Not a bad start for a club founded to assist youth and raise awareness of bullying.



Many members are parents of small children and some are teachers. Despite his size, Aaron confided to the students that he was picked on constantly. Martinez shared how he shunned kids unlike him until a friend called him out on his behavior.

### One-Man Recycling Bicycle Industry

**Marion Blank**, 78, is not a bicycle repairman. That’s just the role he plays for the **Yakima Lions Club** and children in the Washington city of 90,000. He’s fixed up 1,190 bikes since 2001 in his garage and backyard, and the club gives them to a church youth program, foster programs and the Boy Scouts, who need mountain bikes for their outings. The club gets the bikes from Yakima police when stolen bikes are unclaimed or from people who donate their old bikes. Once a year Blank and several other Lions spend the day with youth served by the church and fix their bikes on the spot. “The majority of them say ‘thank you’. It’s gratifying,” says Blank.



Blank sold paint and spray equipment for heavy-duty industrial uses, so he’s mechanically inclined. He always puts in two new inner tubes and often replaces brake cables, grips and kickstands. Bikes too far gone to fix are cannibalized for parts. The club buys bicycle parts at a discount from a local shop. An avid rider

until knee problems sidelined him, Blank still takes each repaired bike out for quick spin to test it out.

Blank puts a serial number on each bike he has fixed, and through the years only a dozen of the bikes he’s repaired were stolen again and once more handed over to him. So apparently his pride in craftsmanship had led to a clutching pride of ownership.

### Toys for Kids, Membership for Maria

Times were tough for **Maria Medwedrich** when she was married with four young children. With Christmas fast approaching, she swallowed her pride and showed up for a Toys for Kids giveaway. She had to wait in line two hours in the bitter Canadian cold before entering the hall. It was worth the wait. Bags for her were filled with toys, books, socks and mittens. She also went home with candy canes and oranges.



Years later, Medwedrich was chatting with a friend, **Joanne**, who was a Lioness. “What do they do?” she asked. Joanne responded. “I froze,” says Medwedrich. “Everything happens for a reason.” Overcoming her shyness, Medwedrich went to the Lioness meeting, then joined the **Sooke Harbourside Lions Club** in British Columbia eight years ago and has not missed a Toys for Kids day with the Lions since. “It’s my favorite day of the year. As long as there is a breath of air in my body, I will be there with bells on. I love Lions,” she says.

The cycle of giving goes on: Medwedrich has gifted her family to Lions. Joining have been her mother, husband, son and daughter, and her son’s girlfriend. Her young granddaughter is “in training” to be a Lion.

### Pet Project

**St. Joseph Island Lions** in Ontario, Canada, hold a pancake breakfast, award scholarships to worthy students – and run a pet cemetery. Since 2003, the club has managed the William Wright Memorial Pet Cemetery after its owner donated it to the club. Each year between 25 to 30 pets are buried there. The cemetery’s revenues help fund the club’s projects.

“We’re pet lovers, so it’s kind of close to our hearts anyway,” **Lion Sue Kerr** told *The Sault Star*. The club plans to expand the cemetery this summer by opening a “cats only” section complete with a “no dogs allowed” sign.

### Can’t Keep a Good Man Down

His accident happened 16 years ago this day, but **Kevin Spalding** just shrugs his shoulders and says he won’t commemorate it in any way. “It’s just another day,” remarks Spalding, 45, of Winona, Minnesota. Not hardly. Everything changed on the day that he fell off his roof trying to adjust his TV antenna. His traumatic brain injury led to weeks in a coma. “I was supposed to be a vegetable. I was supposed to have total memory loss. I was supposed to never walk again,” he says.

Spalding uses a cane only when walking long distances or over unfamiliar ground. His memory loss is limited to a few weeks before the accident and six months afterward. Before his accident, he was a force of nature. He juggled work and volunteering for three rescue squads, two fire departments, shifts as a bartender and janitor and stints milking dairy cows. Now he stays busy helping others—collecting pop tabs and box tops for schools and serving as a **Winona Lion**. “I love it [being a Lion]. I love doing things for other people,” he says.

Spalding knows how tenuous life can be. His fall off the roof was the last in a long line of accidents and misfortune. A barn roof collapsed on him. He fell through the ice while fishing. He was involved in a car accident that killed his sister. Helping others is a bulwark against life’s vicissitudes. He does what he can, selling Lions’ brooms by keeping the price list in his pocket and buttonholing people he meets. “I sell more this way than others do door-to-door,” he says with a grin.



## District A9 2012 Youth Exchange Camp

District A9 Lions and their International Students at the 2012 Charlie Shaw Youth Exchange Camp get to have their cake and eat it too. This beautiful cake, representing the attending countries, was made and donated by the **Blyth Lions Club**. Countries this year included Ireland, Netherlands, Finland, Israel, Mexico, France, Estonia, Italy, Belgium, Denmark and the Czech Republic.

Submitted by 2nd VDG Lion Hank van Moorsel  
2011-12 District A9 Youth Exchange Coordinator



# Famous Places, Regular Clubs

Throw a dart at a map and it will inevitably land near a Lions club. Lions are everywhere. LION Magazine threw a dart at a few well-known places on earth and found clubs nearby that are not only operating but also thriving.

## Rapid City Rushmore Lions Club, South Dakota, United States

There may be no site more iconic in the United States than Mt. Rushmore. Turns out that the Rapid City Rushmore Lions Club is pretty iconic itself. “Our club has a lot of spirit, and I think it pretty much does what most clubs do,” says Terry Peterson, a retired high school English and journalism teacher. The 45-member club holds a pancake breakfast, cleans up a roadway and rings bells around the holidays for the Salvation Army. Weekly meetings are held at an American Legion hall, and woe to the Lion who forgets to turn off his or her cell phone. The tailtwister demands \$5 for that indiscretion. One of the few traditions the club eschews is singing. “There are not too many of us who can sing,” admits **Bill Carey**, secretary. The club is proud of its Rushmore Lions Nature Park, built in recent years atop a onetime subdivision ravaged by a flood in 1972 that destroyed nearly 40 homes and killed about 20 people. That’s an iconic story, too, because LCIF’s very first grant in 1972 was for the Rapid City Flood.

### Digital LION

Watch a video on the creation of the Rushmore Lions Nature Park at [www.lionmagazine.org](http://www.lionmagazine.org).



Six past presidents assemble. The Lions are **Bill Carey** (from left), Past President **Bob Audette**, Past President **Dick Waits** and **Terry Peterson** AP Photo

## Beijing Xieshou Lions Club, China

The Great Wall of China kept invading armies at bay but what of the foes of the heart such as loneliness, want and self-doubt? Within a huge population with myriad, complicated social needs there are people who tumble through the cracks, struggling to find their place and be assured of their value. The Beijing Xieshou Lions literally show people that they count, that they matter, that they are alive and carry hopes and dreams. Club members locate marginalized adults and children, take their photo and then immediately give them the portrait, perhaps the first time in many years, if at all, that they have a visible keepsake of themselves. A simple push of a button on a common

device touches a soul and lifts it high above mean outward circumstances.



Having a good time at the Great Wall are **Yu Liu, Guangping Li, Xu Yang, Hai Bin Dun, Meng Meng Li, Feng Hai, Lu Lu Zheng, Yan Qiong Huang and Hang Qin**

## Streetsville Lions Club, Ontario, Canada

This Canadian club near Toronto has a simple formula for staying highly active and robust. “We like our Lions being busy all year and that keeps them in the club,” says Shawn Anderson, president. The 40-member club, founded 60 years ago, runs or helps run a Terry Fox race, a walk for guide dogs, a Gaelic festival, a farmer’s market and a Halloween Spooktacular—and that’s just September and October. Its biggest fundraiser is the Bread and Honey Festival in June; Kraft Foods has a mill in town that makes bread. The 2012 Ceilidh (the Gaelic festival) was held on the rubber floor placed over the ice rink at the Vic Johnston Community Hall, where the club meets. Mississauga, the city of 713,000 that contains Streetsville, has eight ice arenas, some of which have four rinks. In hockey-mad Canada, the club has its share of connections to the sport. The club meets in a room at the rink, a public/private operation, at a reduced cost. Lions sit on the rink’s board, and the club, which helped build the rink in the 1950’s, has pledged \$100,000 to the rink over the next decade.



Lions skate or play hockey at the Vic Johnston Community Hall, where the club meets. Helping the club meet its goals are (from left) **Shawn Anderson**, president; **Christine Simundson**, secretary; and **Jack Lindsay**, treasurer

## Agra Mavericks Lions Club, India

Built in memory of his wife, the queen, by a 17th-century grief-stricken ruler, the white-marbled Taj Mahal in Agra is regarded as one of the world’s most beautiful buildings. There are beautifully designed objects, human beauty and also beautiful acts. It can

get fiercely cold in Agra in winter, and Agra Lions pass out blankets and tea to the downtrodden people who sleep on footpaths and roads. In the searing heat of summer, Lions set up water huts to slake thirst. Club members also support cataract surgeries, blood donations and shelters for the needy. The city of 1.7 million is a hotbed of Lions with 34 clubs. The 77-member Agra Mavericks club was chartered three years ago; all members were in their early 30’s. The best is yet to come for the club, says charter President **Nitin Kansal**, whose father, Yogesh, is a past district governor. The club aims to grow to 100 members soon, and befitting its name, intends to “do some different activities, which will help the needy and improve our society,” says Kansal.



Proudly gathering at the Taj Mahal are (front, from left) **Subhash Verma, Dheeraj Agarwal, Ashish Gargh and Rajan Goyal** and (back, from left) **Vikas Munjal, Ayush Upadhyay, Sagar Jain, Ashish Goyal, Anuj Agarwal, Nitin Kansal, Ashwani Khandelwal and Kinshuk Jain**

## Aracaju Nova Geracao Lions Club, Brazil

The Carnival in Brazil is a festive, high-energy celebration of life. It’s no place for those old in spirit or lacking gusto and pep. That holds true as well for the Aracaju Nova Geracao Lions Club, a nexus of youthful energy and idealism. Most members are under 35; nine are former Leos. Their service fits their age. After a destructive flood, they used Twitter to obtain pledges in one day for 4,000 disposable diapers. They’ve also used Twitter to obtain 500 liters of milk for needy children and deployed Facebook and Orkut to encourage students at a private school to donate 1,000 toys to underprivileged children. “We connect young people through the Internet and involve them in voluntary service,” says **Jose Iroito Rego Leo**, a biology teacher. “We give them a real opportunity to develop



Enjoying the Carnival in Rio de Janeiro are (from left) Lions **Kleberton Souza**, a lawyer; **Susi Namary**, a teacher; **Flavia Teixeira**, an administrator; and **Jose Iroito Rego Leo**

leadership, friendship and brotherhood. We're preparing them to join the largest school-life." Leo himself has found his place in life as a Lion: "Prior to joining Lions, I always thought something was missing in my life. Today I am a happy person."

### Port Shepstone Lions Club, South Africa

Lions roam the plains of South Africa – and its schoolhouses, hospital wards, cataract camps and numerous other locales in which people are in need. The 40-member Port Shepstone Lions Club is a very active, highly visible club. Its flagship service project is a leadership retreat for Port Shepstone High School students. Its biggest fundraiser is the Annual Lions South Coast Show, a popular showcase for singers, musicians and comedians. Port Shepstone Lions enjoy being Lions. "We are all incredibly proud to be part of this wonderful organization," says Past District Governor **Denis Meyer**, a business owner/web designer.



Visiting the Lake Eland game reserve are (from left) **Denis Meyer**; **Jean Mason**, a director for a building contractor; **Richard Borradaile**, an accountant; **Alister Love**, a diesel mechanic; **Nico De Jong**, a transport manager; and **Kelvin Hulley**, a pharmacist

### Easton Bray and Edlesborough Branch Clubs (Luton Lions Club)/Harrow & Pinner/Milton Keynes Bletchley Lions Clubs, England

It doesn't matter what nation a Lion hails from—those Lions moments happen. A project of the Eaton Bray and Edlesborough branch club, **Rachel Arnold** of the Luton Lions Club (in photo) delivered a plate of steaming fish and chips to an 88-year-old man, who was overcome with emotion. OK, the fish was tasty and the chips were mouth-watering, but Arnold knew there was a story behind the tears. Turns out the World War II veteran had been held as a prisoner of war. His guard was a Lion, who kindly made sure he had enough to eat. "The gentleman believed this was what kept him



Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. It also happens to be the official residence of Her Majesty, the Queen. Even these Lions from merry Old England could not get the guardsman at the castle to smile: (from left) **Peter Arnold** of the Easton Bray and Edlesborough branch club of the Luton Lions Club, **Lesley Spence**, past president of the Harrow & Pinner Lions Club, **Rachel Arnold** of the Easton Bray and Edlesborough branch club; Past District Governor **Andrew Allen** of the Milton Keynes Bletchley Lions Club; and **Neville Humphrys** of Easton Bray and Edlesborough branch club

alive," says Arnold. "Now at this stage in his life where he is old and frail, a Lion is bringing him food again."

### Athens Center Lions Club, Greece

A timeless symbol of the birth of democracy, the Parthenon rises gloriously over Athens. The human spirit thrives in a democracy, and isn't service to others a fundamental impulse? Doesn't service flourish in a society in which people are free to associate with whom they choose and direct their lives as they see fit? The Athens Center Lions Club supports a center for blind women and a senior citizen's home, bought a mini-bus for needy children and donated clothes for victims of wildfires. In a land that first cherished the dignity and worth of each citizen Lions are helping people live with dignity and purpose.



Exercising their right of free assembly at the Parthenon are (front row, from left) **Eleni Gana**, **Loukas Dalacis**, President **Konstantinos Siozos** and **Maria Papadopoulou** (Thessaloniki Macedonia Lions Club) and (back row, from left) **Eleni Metaxa**, **Ageliki Hioni** (Athens Alexandros Papagos Lions Club), **Efi Apostolatou** (Athens Panathinea Lions Club) and **Maditinou Agripina**

Photo by Robert Burns

## Special Meeting with Dog Guide at Sakura House

Even though he's a Lion, you could also call **Bob Davis** a 'dog person.' After all, he's saved up his pennies for years to sponsor some very special dogs. Bob has been an active member of the **Tillsonburg Lions Club** since 1989 and about seven years ago, during his time as Lions District Hearing Chair, he started a fundraiser collecting pennies with the goal of sponsoring Dog Guides.

The Dog Guides program is operated by the Lions Foundation of Canada and all Lions clubs have a long history of supporting this worthwhile cause.

Dog Guides are trained to meet the different needs of people with various disabilities. Because it costs approximately \$20,000 to provide each Dog Guide to an eligible Canadian, the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides organization seeks sponsors for each Dog Guide team to offset part of this cost. Sponsorship ranges from \$4,000-\$12,000 depending on the type of Guide dog being trained.

Through Bob's penny fundraiser efforts, the Tillsonburg Lions Club has been able to sponsor four Dog Guides so far. Unfortunately, his fundraising program has slowed recently because Bob is ill and now receiving hospice care at VON Sakura House. Tillsonburg Lions Secretary, **Bruce Kendrick** commented

"the (fundraising) program has slowed, but pennies are still collected and I understand that Dog Guides Canada are looking at introducing the (penny) program themselves on a larger scale."

Recently, Bob, along with his wife, **Marilyn** and their fellow Lions met the fourth Dog Guide that his fundraising initiative has enabled him to sponsor – an eight-week-old standard poodle named Gerry.

Puppy trainer **Merilyn Lethbridge** from Dog Guides Canada brought the puppy to meet Bob at Sakura House. It was heartwarming for all involved to have Bob meet the fourth Dog Guide he has sponsored – and based on the amount of puppy kisses he gave, Gerry obviously enjoyed meeting Bob.



## Port Colborne Lions Club celebrates 90 Years

This past summer our club celebrated our 90th Anniversary of service in Port Colborne. We held a dinner dance with special guests, governors, local political people etc. at the St. Jean Brebeuf Hall. The dinner dance was organized by **Lion Jack McDowell**. The City of Port Colborne honoured us by planting this beautiful floral display "LIONS – WE SERVE" plus the "90" on the side showing our 90 years of service. This was a very much appreciated gesture by the city. This floral display sits at the entrance to H. H. Knoll Park which is our largest park and entrance to our marina.



# Service – Here, There and Everywhere

Across borders, in tiny hamlets and noisy cities, Lions speak different languages, practice different customs and worship in diverse ways, but our service is recognizable and irreplaceable and life-altering.

## Multiple District 300 Taiwan

The days can drag on forever and be drained of human contact and warmth for seniors who are alone and relegated to small, sparse rooms in big institutions. Lions in Multiple District 300 Taiwan set aside precious hours each week to deliver smiles and small talk and a pure, unblemished message of heartfelt care for elderly people at a home. At the end of the visit it's hard to tell whose hearts – the Lions or the seniors – have expanded the most.



## Switzerland

The majesty of the mountains and the glories of untamed, unstructured wilderness are typically closed off to those with physical disabilities, precisely the people who can benefit from an excursion outdoors. Lions in **District 102-W** donated two Joellettes, specially designed off-road wheelchairs, to the Just for Smiles Foundation. The rugged “mountain wheelbarrows” allow the disabled to venture off the beaten path and forge their own paths to happiness and self-satisfaction.



## India

Cataracts in developed nations are mostly a nuisance. Outpatient surgery quickly restores vision. But distance, money and lack of facilities can be insurmountable barriers in poor nations, and cataract is the world's leading cause of blindness. So Lions, often backed by SightFirst grants, conduct eye screenings, as at this Lion eye camp in **District 322 E** in India, and support cataract surgeries, done inexpensively but with precision and success. The Knights of the Blind march in with passion and

commitment and march out leaving behind the gift of sight.



## Mexico

Ghastly river blindness begins with the bite of small flies that insert parasitic worms whose offspring swarm the body. All it takes to ward off the disease are annual or bi-annual doses of ivermectin. That's where Lions come in. Among other roles, they publicize the treatment, as these Lions in Mexico are, and reassure people of its efficacy and necessity. The free medication, donated by Merck, prevents untold suffering and allows parents to work, children to stay in school and villages to remain functional. That's something to shout about.



## Korea

Small acts of kindness can lift the heart and spark the inner glow of dignity and self-worth. Sometimes all it takes to salvage a day and set off on the path of fulfillment is a new coat or a haircut. Members of the **Cheongju Moklyeon Lions Club** provide a beauty-shop experience for elderly at the Joong-Pyung Sambo Elderly Welfare Center. Hair today, face the world on stronger terms tomorrow.



## Australia

Keeping children prone to trouble busy with their hands can keep them on the straight and narrow. Even

better, an adult mentoring them one-on-one lends more stability and guidance. Duncan MacLennan, president of the **Coolangatta-Tweed Heads Lions Club**, does some woodworking as part of club's volunteering at the Shed, which also offers boys and girls planting, worm farming and cooking. Building lives can be as simple as building shelves.



Photo courtesy of the Daily News

## Thailand

The tsunami in 2004 in Asia shattered livelihoods as well as lives. How can you put your life back together when the tools of your trade or your workplace have been obliterated? Lions helped revive local industries by replacing fishing boats and nets, giving people job skills by establishing vocational centers, and, as pictured in Thailand, enabling villagers to work as seamstresses at a facility built by Lions. Putting people back to work was all in a day's work for Lions.



## Germany

A severe drought and crop failure in Tanzania in 2011 brought death, disease and suffering. German Lions dispatched 41 PAUL water filters, medical supplies and box after box of aid packages for seven hospitals and clinics. Helping to unload the supplies in Africa was (left) Past Council Chair **Dr. Jörg-Michael Kimming**. The German Lions provided aid quickly by



slashing through red tape, and made sure some of the aid reached remote regions, where otherwise people would have been left on their own and many undoubtedly would have died.

**Japan**

Walk in the shoes of another to learn what it's like for him or, if the case may be, ride in his wheelchair. Students at Toshima Ward Konan Elementary School played wheelchair basketball after athletes from the Tokyo Wheelchair Basketball Association displayed their prowess. The **Tokyo Toshima Nishi Lions Club** sponsored the event at the school and also support the wheelchair association. The nimble play of the wheelchair athletes humbled the students, who struggled to make baskets. "Normally, you feel sorry or pity for disabled people," says Makota Stukahara, school president. "This was true learning for our children."

**France**

Wildfires often threaten beautiful wooded lands near **Pays-de-la-Sainte-Baume Lions**. So the club raised funds to place a large cistern in a remote area accessible by emergency helicopters. When fires erupt,

the choppers take flight in an aerial ballet to contain the conflagration.



## Memorial Donation

When I returned from Tanzania after the burial of **Lion El** – our children Rebekah, Sebastian and Moses said we must hold a memorial in Canada for their father. Since we lived in Canada (some 37 years) - Lion El and our whole family had many friends and relatives who wanted to come together with us and bring to us their sympathies.

The first memorial was held in February in Toronto in where most of the Tanzanian students are living. There were around 75 adults and children attending. Our friends Velda Vuo & Rose and Omari Mwinyi planned this event. There were speeches, lots of music and tables of food. The fellowship was excellent. A bottle of champagne was uncorked and a toast was made to El. Collections of \$550.00 were donated to Msandaka deaf school that day.

On March 10th the second memorial was held in the Lutheran Church Auditorium at Hanover, Ontario. We had 3 large boards of family photos of El's life in Canada. The program was mainly music - by family accompanied by guitars and mouth organ. A short Lions program was with 5 Lions from El's cabinet 2000-2001. Prayers and scripture was led by our Lutheran pastor James Dookram.

Many more folks came than we expected. On one table set up were dried roses from El's grave, an enlarged photo of El and a burning candle. Also on that table was El's Lion letterhead, his Lions business cards, letters from folks who could not attend and a scrapbook of his years leading up to becoming Governor of District A-9.

The **Walkerton Lions** asked one of their charter members (**Lion Ray Bolt**) to speak.

Our relatives from far away came, namely (California, Montana, Oregon, Minnesota & Manitoba). They came by plane as it was winter time. Beside the guest book was a large box for donation to Msandaka Deaf Center- and after counting - amounted to approx. 1,408.00 US\$. A grand total of \$1,958.00 US was realized from both memorials.

I trust this money will surely help Msandaka Deaf Center and school in memory of El. We want to thank you all - the **Kibo Lions** for all of your help during this heartache and loss.

*Thank-you, Lion Martha, Rebekah, Sebastian and Moses Msuya.*



*Pictured here receiving the donation for the Msandaka Deaf Center are three Lions from the Moshi-Kibo Lions Club in Moshi Tanzania. Lion Martha is standing with Josephine Odhiambo (a prospective new member). The Moshi Club is planning to erect a building for washroom facilities particularly for visitors and teachers to the center. Presently they are using student quarters. Also they will install a plaque on the outside of the building re: Memorial to PDG El Msuya. They were overjoyed to receive this monetary donation.*

## Foxboro and District Lions

Foxboro and District Lions held a successful John Deere Garden Tractor raffle June 20. Lucky winner Matt Dafoe, Foxboro, is shown accepting delivery from 1st Vice **Lion Ross Parks** who spent weekends transporting the tractor to various events. Part of the proceeds were donated to **Lions Camp Dorset** and Hastings Prince Edward Children's Choir.

*Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*



## Chemung Lake Lions

Chemung Lake Lions were honoured by the Bridgenorth Library Committee at the opening of their new library. Lion President **Doug Packman** helped with unveiling of a plaque which designated main contributors to funding including a major contribution by Chemung Lake Lions. Also present were **Lions Paul English, John Hoenen, Paul Pearson, Brian Bailie, Gerry Herron and Tom Rutherford.**





# Effective Speaking Final Competition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MD"A" Council Members & Individual REGISTRATION**

**DISTRICT "A"** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Position: Council Chair. MD"A Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_ **MD"A" Treasurer.** \_\_\_\_\_ **District Governor** \_\_\_\_\_  
**1<sup>st</sup> VDG** \_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Meal Tickets required for Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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

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

**Meal Ticket Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment: Cheque, made payable to District A2 Treasurer**

**\*\*\*RSVP – MARCH 27, 2013**

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

*Effective Speaking MDA Council/Individual Registration*

## District A-711 Lions Supports "Gift Of Life"

On August 17, 2012 Dr. Gary Levy, Director, University of Toronto Transplantation Institute and Director, Multi Organ Transplant Program lead a group of District A-711 Cabinet Officers in a tour of the Inpatient Transplant Floor at Toronto General Hospital. The short tour also included Dr. Levy's Research Lab area plus presentation by Andre Siegel, Lab Technician. See the article on Organ Donation on page 10.



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



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



Andre Siegel, Lab Technician

## Annual Family Fun Weekend

District A-16 celebrated their Annual Family Fun Weekend on August 24-26, held at **Lions Clubs Camp Kirk**. The weekend was well attended and Mother Nature spoiled us rotten with wonderful weather for 3 days.

We were cooked for by The Camp Chairman, served dinner by the District Governor and thoroughly enjoyed the company of our many Lions and Lioness as well as their friends and families. From Bocce Ball to Horseshoes, Shoe tosses and Candy grabs, a Movie under the stars and a late night fireworks display..... a great time was had by all.

Looking forward to next year already. See you there!



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# History

## 26th Annual Convention of Lions Clubs International

### July 21-24, 1942 Toronto Ontario

Hello Lions and friends. In keeping with our tribute to Past International Conventions in MD "A" we bring you back to the days of July, 1942 in Toronto. Seventy years ago most of Canada was a war machine sending troops and supplies to the Allied effort in WW2. Things were hard, and many were rationing in support of this.

While the Alaska Highway was completed and OXFAM was created we also had German U Boats sinking Canadian merchant ships in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Japanese Americans and Canadians were all interned at this time for the duration of the war.



Still Lions chose to have their International Convention and more than 10,000 of us from 9 different countries descended on Toronto. Plenary sessions and entertainment would be at Maple Leaf Gardens and the parade would be south on University Avenue much as it will be in 2014.

This view from the Legislative Assembly building looks over John A. Macdonald's shoulder south to the lake with some of the insurance and hospital buildings that are still there today. Mary Pickford had been born in a little house halfway down the left side of the street shown below.



One of the floats featured the symbolic characters of John Bull and Uncle Sam riding behind a Lion. While this picture is unclear the Lion is holding Emperor Hirohito by the seat of his pants from its mouth, Fuhrer Hitler is kneeling in submission and

Duce Mussolini is lying in a very undignified manner.



Some 5000 Lions participated in the 90 minute parade down University Avenue and some 50,000 people turned out to see. Our Armed Services were paraded with 300 sailors, 600 airmen and 1000 soldiers participating with a host of military vehicles and weapons. Navy Bands, boy's band from Aurora and more majorettes than anyone could remember in a parade.

The lone Lion from Hawaii rented an elephant from a private zoo in Erindale where the Los Angeles delegation no doubt got their camel. The winning parade costume was a white Spanish style with purple trim. Marcus M. Megrin of Riverside California apparently filmed most of the activities and we hope to track that down.

In keeping with war sympathies of the time one of



the floats from Tennessee had a very serious political message. It appears that the parade in general was in some state of confusion when passing the saluting stand where people were falling over one another trying to get free cheese from Wisconsin.



Cuba had joined Lions Clubs International in recent years and had sent a large delegation in support of a Vice Presidential candidate.

Charlie Ring of Toronto Central had been a member since 1922 and been involved in the 1931 Convention in Toronto. He donated the Lou Marsh trophy that is given the best Canadian athlete of the year in honour

of his good friend and sports journalist at the Toronto Star.

Canada Night at Maple Leaf Gardens was organized by Past International Director Jack Connell from

Toronto. The evening was billed as "Pageant of Canada" which was a tribute to the settlement of our country. There were sets depicting Mexico, Ukraine, Netherlands, China, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Greece,

Denmark, Poland, Norway, England, Ireland and Scotland. An actress named Barbara Gibson dressed in the Union Jack as the personification of Canada. There was a changing of the guard and retreat by the 48th Highlanders and a set of French Canadian songs by 4 lumberjacks culminating with everyone singing Alouette. (Could have been "I'm a



lumberjack and I'm OK")

The Gardens was of course still resonating from the first ever "down 0-3" comeback by the Maple Leafs to win the Stanley Cup a few months before and Whipper Billy Watson was "rasslin" the next night but can you imagine some 8000 Lions closing this convention with a long version of "Auld Lang Syne"



Left: This lovely group representing the State of Indiana, State National of New York and Ladies' Brotherhood of Y. M. C. A. in their traditional and gold and white. Right: The actress dressed in the Union Jack as the personification of Canada.



Left: Melvin Jones, secretary-general of Lions International, presents the new leaders of Lions International. Right: Dr. E. G. Gill, first vice-president; Edward H. Paine, second vice-president; Dr. Ramiro Collazo, third vice-president; D. A. Skeen, Salt Lake City, Utah, second vice-president.



Melvin Jones (standing) secretary-general and founder of Lions International, presents the new leaders of Lions International, following the election yesterday. Left to right, seated D. A. Skeen, Salt Lake City, Utah, second vice-president; Dr. E. G. Gill, Roanoke, Va., first vice-president; Edward H. Paine, Michigan City, Ind. president; Dr. Ramiro Collazo, Havana, Cuba, third vice-president.

## Goderich Lions – one year after the tornado struck the community

The Goderich Lions Club hosted the dedication of the "Tree of Remembrance" structure on Tuesday August 21, 2012 at Lions Harbour Park. The date coincides with the first anniversary of the F3 tornado that roared through Goderich and surrounding area, taking one life, injuring several more, and causing millions in property damage. Goderich **Lion Bob Robson** was master of ceremonies for the dedication. Other dignitaries taking part in the dedication were Goderich Lion President **Walter McIlwain**, Goderich Mayor Deb Shewfelt, Dr. Jim Hollingworth, barrister Glen Carey, Rowland Howe (Sifto Canada), and Pastor Stephen Tamming.

The metal structure, fashioned by local metal artist Jim Wallace, was made possible by the efforts of our

Lions Club, in co-operation and with the support of several local individuals, other Lions Clubs, Sifto Canada Corp. and the Town of Goderich.

Later in the afternoon, a ceremony to dedicate the "Appreciation/Donor Wall" took place at the Goderich Town Hall.

The day began with Canada AM broadcasting their 'Morning Show' live from downtown Goderich. The show recounted the horrific damage done to the town by the tornado, and the amazing recovery that has taken place over the past year.

There were 90 Lions Clubs and 9 Lioness Clubs in Districts A9, A1 and A15 combined that donated a total of \$216,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund, plus donations from other Clubs designated for replacement of trees.



Pictured with The Tree of Remembrance are the Lions Community Committee members who spearheaded the project, from left to right; Lion Ken Dunn, Lion Ken Hunter, Lion Walter McIlwain, Lion Stan Paquette, Lion Doug Bundy and Lion Martin Quinn. Missing from picture are Lions Bob Robson and Lion Doug Ethelston



# MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A" 2013

## Around the World in 4 Days

District A-16 Host Committee

Registration & Function Ticket Order Form

May 30, 31, June 1, 2, 2013

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**Working Together in A-16**

All persons attending the Convention must be registered (including guests and exhibitors) to participate in any portion of the convention including Meetings, Events and Meals.

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

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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**Hotels :** Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hotel choice. Please note that both hotels are connected to the Conference Centre.

\_\_\_ Sheraton Parkway Toronto North (MD"A" Headquarters) \$149 + 16% tax = \$172.84

\_\_\_ Best Western(3 floors, no elevator) \$109 + 16% tax = \$126.44

one bed \_\_ two beds\_\_

Handicapped \_\_\_

Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Room Nights \_\_\_\_\_

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# Forty years of community service by the Lioness Club of Brockville

About fifty members, spouses and friends of the Lioness Club of Brockville, District A4 sat down to a delicious turkey dinner at Cedar Valley Golf and Country Club, Forthton, Wednesday, May 116 to celebrate 40 years of community service. President **Frances Long** welcomed all including Lioness clubs from **Perth, Thousand Islands, Pittsburgh and Elgin.**

For 40 years, the Lioness Club of Brockville has helped those less fortunate and the community by supporting several causes.

"We have supported fundraisers for the Canadian Cancer Society, Daffodil Campaign, Walk for Relay for Life, Juvenile Diabetes, Habitat for Humanity, Brockville Lions Music Festival, Telethon for Palliative Care, Salvation Army and Christmas Kettles, Brockville Food Bank, Chernobyl and Guide Dogs," said Long.

In addition, the Lioness Club of Brockville has supported the completion of a birthing room at the Brockville General Hospital in the maternity wing, bought equipment for nursing homes, donated to the Brockville Museum and assisted with Christmas items for two to three families.

Their good work has also been extended to purchasing eyeglasses for school children and dentures for people who could not afford them.

As well, each year the Lioness Club of Brockville has given bursaries to three high schools and the TR Legere School.

"We also give an award to the Lions Music Festival, as well as support the palliative Care Telethon," stated Long.

Following a sinfully delightful cheesecake and a quick break, past president **Joan Moffat** introduced the guest speaker, mountain climber Shawn Dawson.

"Shawn has a home on the St. Lawrence River and in Ottawa," said Moffat. "as a teenager he earned a black belt in karate and excelled in kickboxing, played football for Brockville Collegiate Institute and has a Harley Davidson motorcycle."

Moffat continued to introduced Dawson as the founder of Dream Mountain Foundation, a charity which supports seven charities focusing on education, opportunity and compassion.

The recipients of Dawson's generosity are Habitat for Humanity, Canadian Aid for Chernobyl, Watercan, CARE, SOS Children's Village, Ottawa School Breakfast Program and Dreams Take Flight.

"He believes that together we can do great things," indicated Moffat. "He is the eighth person in history to climb the seven summits, (Everest, Aconcagua, Denali, Kilimanjaro, Elbrus, Vinson Massif and Carstensz Pyramid) in a two year period. His motto is 'One step at a Time.' He is a remarkable young man."

Dawson has just arrived back in Canada from a climb a few days before his presentation at the Lioness of Brockville 40th Anniversary and the ladies were thrilled that he could be with them on this celebratory event.

## One Step at a Time

"I'm really honored that you would invite me here to speak because I look around the room and I cannot imagine the stories that you could tell me," began Dawson. "I'm really pleased that you want to hear my story."

As Dawson started his power point presentation, the atmosphere was so quiet that if a pin dropped it could be heard.

This 44 year old admitted getting into serious trouble as a teenager, but was able to turn his life around and is now dedicated to helping others, as he was helped.

"I decided it was time to give back; to keep the good karma." Said Dawson.

Dawson's first selfless act was with Habitat for Humanity in Ghana, China and El Salvador doing international builds.

"I loved it but there was still something nagging at me," admitted Dawson. "I came across a climb for Kilimanjaro and it was with CARE Canada. I had never climbed a mountain before and I had no understanding of it. It was hard. That's when I learned about the seven summits."

Dawson explained that the seven summits are the highest mountains on each continent in the world.

"When I came home from Kilimanjaro a gentleman had introduced me to Meagan McGrath, the first Canadian woman to climb the seven summits," offered Dawson. She is a Major in the Canadian Air Force, a remarkable woman and a great influence."

The thought of climbing stayed with Dawson to the point that he was questioning himself as to why couldn't he do this, as had McGrath and others.

"To make a commitment like this, your whole life has to change," said Dawson. "So I went to Bolivia to learn how to mountain climb. I climbed three mountains down there. All the way through it was a matter of each mountain. If I get to the next one I have earned my right to go to the next and if I don't get to it then I will not continue. I think God had a plan for me so I could inspire (others). Then I started my journey."

Dawson shared stunning photos, serious and humorous stories of his mountain climbing adventures including the diverse cultures he has encountered.

"On average about 300 people worldwide will attempt Everest each year, and somewhere around 140 to 150 will actually make it to the top," shared Dawson. "so it's quite an honour." Dawson said he was successful in his two year quest in securing donations of one dollar per each foot climbed.

For 2013, he hopes to have two teams of 14 for the climb of Machu Picchu which means back to back climbs for Dawson.

"I'm hoping to raise about \$150,000 next year," shared Dawson. "Everything I do, including air fare comes out of my own pocket."

What keeps Shawn Dawson climbing mountains, is

not the mountains, it's the challenge. "If I was to be most honest with you folks it comes down to the fact that maybe I'm trying to prove something to my father (Shawn lost his father when he was 24 years old), said Dawson.

As for Dawson's darkest moment while climbing was at Everest base camp, the time spent before the actual climb when his mind would wonder. "I think the darkest moment while climbing was at Everest base camp, not when I engaged in the mountains, but when I had to sit there and think." stated Dawson. "You know sometimes in your life you get all your strength up for that one little push, but the problem is in this case it (climbing Everest) it was two and half months of pushing. So there's a lot time for the mind to think, go off track, miss people and ask what the hell am I doing here. So it does get a little dark at times."

As Dawson wrapped up his speaking engagement, the Lioness Club of Brockville presented him with a gift as well, they will be making a donation on Dawson's behalf to Habitat for Humanity.

The 40th anniversary celebration was over as everyone bid each other goodnight.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Lioness of Brockville can contact president Frances Long (613) 342-1151.

Club meeting are held on the third Wednesday at the Masonic Temple in Brockville.

*submitted by Lioness Doreen Barnes*



**Front Row: Mountain climber Shawn Dawson, Lioness President Frances Long. Second Row: Members of Brockville Lioness Club, L to R Evelyn Hough, Julie Pitre, Helen White, Donna Armstrong, Doreen Sweetland, Cathie Thain, Polly Levia, Gwen Paul, Joan Moffat, Elizabeth Contreau, Gert McKenzie, Shirley McMillan**

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# École St.-Paul joins Walden Lions in the Eye Glass Recycling Program.

In 2009 Optician **Dr. Bryan Todd** attended a Lions Club Eye Care Mission in Belize.

Principal Charles de la Riva needed to replace his glasses. He went to his optician at Todd Vision Centre. Charles saw a wooden box with the Lions International logo on it. He was curious. What was it all about? After Dr. Todd explained what it was about and talked about his mission in Belize, Charles was overwhelmed by how people can help people across the globe.

Charles asked if Bryan Todd would like to give a presentation to his students and asked how he could become an Eyeglass Recycling Depot. This, he thought would be good project for his school and students to get involved in.

Charles already knew about the Walden Lions Club because of the Peace Poster contest. Charles contacted a member of the Walden Lions Club and asked if he could have a box for his school and would the Walden Lions Club partner up with his school for this program. This was great news to us.

One year later, Bryan Todd from Todd Vision Center came to École St.-Paul, Lively, Ontario at the request of the Principal Charles de la Riva, and gave the presentation to students about the Lions International Eyeglass Recycling program. The school decided to help the Walden Lions by becoming a drop off center. On Sept 27, École St.-Paul and Todd Vision Center collected 163 pairs of glasses and 7 pairs of lenses. As École St.-Paul was the first school in our area to become an Eyeglass Recycling Depot, it was featured on CTV News at 6, in the *Walden Today* and the *Sudbury Star* papers.

Later a good Samaritan Sandra Lautenschlager, manager of Boo Bah Lou2, The Candy Store in downtown Sudbury saw glasses in a dumpster at the back of her store. She counted 135 pair. Well, why are those glasses not being donated? She called École St.-Paul. Of course they responded. No time was wasted. The principle asked where they could meet to pick up the glasses. He in turn invited the Walden Lions to

their school assembly on October 24 to have another presentation of glasses made to our Club.

Hooray for École St.-Paul for being the first School in A5 to be an Eyeglass Recycling Depot.



## Dog Guide Walk

**Fowlers Corners, Dunsford and Omeme Lions and Lioness Clubs** sponsored a very successful Dog Guide Walk on May 27 in Omeme. Total of 13 dogs and 23 walkers were registered. A total of \$4,600.00 was raised.

*submitted by Lion Secretary Sam Pittman, Omeme Lions*

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### Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

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

### District Conventions

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

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

### International Conventions

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

### USA - Canada Forum

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



# Cornwall Seaway Lions Ribfest

What began with a random email to our Lion's Club last fall, has become one of the largest summer festivals to come to Cornwall, Ontario.

It happened when the owner of Texas Rangers BBQ contacted our Lion's Club to see if we would host a ribfest in Cornwall. The owner, Gus, had seen Lamoureux Park and thought it would be a perfect place to hold a ribfest. **Lion Terry Muir** talked to the club president **Lion Phil Shorey**.

It was then presented to the Lions Club. At this time, the Seaway Lions Club adopted Ribfest as our summer fundraiser and Lion Terry Muir was appointed as the chairman.

The Cornwall Seaway Lions 1st Annual Ribfest was born – a three-day event with free admission. 6 award winning ribbers and many other food and dry goods vendors were signed to the event. There was also a midway and music from 2 pm to 11 pm on Friday featuring Marshall Dane and the Law, Ambush and others. Attendance on Friday exceeded 17,000.

Saturday's event featured Abba-mania. Switchgear (a local band) and other bands filling in through the day. Attendance exceeded 22,000.

Sunday saw Queen Flash – a premiere tribute to the music of Queen, Bayou Boys – a tribute to CCR, and Shaun Riley and the Chrome Hearts. Attendance was over 6,000.

One of our main attractions was the Portraits of Honour with artist Dave Sopha. We were privileged to host this tribute to our Canadian Armed Forces.

Our first annual ribfest was a huge success with a three-day attendance of over 45,000. This is believed to be a record opening for an event in the North American market.

PDDG, Lion President Phil Shorey wishes to thank **Cornwall Twp. Lions, Lion Ray Beaugard** and **Lion Brian Goodfellow, Maxville Lions PDG Jerome Andre** and his wife Mona, **Cumberland Lions PDG Andy Etherington** and **Gloucester North Lions Ashlea Etherington** for volunteering your time to helping our cause; "Lions helping Lions." Thanks to all 100 plus volunteers from Cornwall, and a special thanks to our own lions (a club of 19) some of them giving up to 18 hours per day in their dedication to the cause.

*submitted by Lion Jo Ann Shorey*



L-R: Lion President Phil Shorey, Ribber Gus, Lion chairman Terry Muir, Lion Publicity Chair Jo Ann Shorey, Ribber George, Ribber Helper

# Huttonville Lions of Region 34

On September 28, 2012, the Huttonville Lions celebrated their 30th Anniversary.

Two Lions of our club – **Lion Sho Teramoto** and **Lion Bill Brownridge** – received the International President's Appreciation Award.

Our guest speaker of the evening was **PID Lion Carl Young**. The Huttonville Lions presented PID Carl Young with the Lions Quest Fellowship Award, which was presented by PID Bruce Murry.

The Huttonville Lions had a great evening and also received a 30 year service award presented by the Mayor of Brampton, Susan Fennel and Counselor John

Hutton. The Huttonville Lions President, **Lion Stan Bryan** graciously received the award.

*submitted by Lion Harold Hobson, Region 34, District A711*



Lion Bill Brownridge with Bruce Murry & Carl Young



Lion Sho Teramoto with Bruce Murry & Carl Young



Mayor Susan, Counselor John Hutton & President Stan Bryan cutting the cake

## Last Roar

### Surgical Precision

**Dr. Erick Bothun**, a pediatric ophthalmologist and surgeon in Minnesota, carved this pumpkin. But his carving skills are not an idle hobby. The giant pumpkin was auctioned to benefit the **Minnesota Lions Fund** to Prevent Blindness in Infants and Children. The initiative of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank raised \$3 million to advance research, education and patient care at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Bothun is a member of the **Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club**, composed of faculty, staff, students and friends of the University of Minnesota.

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# Lions Food Bank - September 2012

For many years the **Gravenhurst Lions Club** have picked up donations from the local Merchants and delivered it to the Salvation Army Food Bank. This is one of those Lions projects that flies under the radar handled by a few but appreciated by many! For a number of years the job was looked after by **Lion Harvey Ramer** (now deceased) all by himself and never mentioned that he did this week after week. Many of our Lions (myself included) didn't even know this was happening.

About 8 years ago when Harvey got sick, our **Lion Fred Collins** realized that nothing was happening with the Donation Boxes & quietly started to fill in by himself & of course he soon added a couple of volunteers - **Lions Norman "Archie" Howard** and **Lion Glen Peart** (the 3 Musketeers were named!) This is still a "quiet" project but if you want to feel good, drop by

the Food Bank on Tuesday morning & see the ladies flock to the car to help unload the Donations. It's like Christmas morning as they excitedly unload everything! We are serving our Community. This is a "Great" Lions project! WE SERVE!



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**L-R: PDG Norman (Archie) Howard, PRC Fred Collins, Kim Gravestone (Sobeys), PZC Glen Peart, picking up packages at Sobeys (last 5 weeks have averaged over 70 bags per week). Our Visitors are very generous!! These three Lions represent a total of 97 years of Lions Service!**

# Lion's Club of Buckingham Quebec

The Lion's Club of Buckingham Quebec golf tournament this year collected \$15,000 dollars for "Paniers de Noel" which delivers Christmas Food baskets to the poor in our region. This event along with our Telethon allowed us to deliver around 280 baskets with an average value of \$150 to the families in need. This is one of the main activities of the Buckingham Lion's club. We are also involved with many other activities in our Region.



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## 80th Anniversary of Lions in Petrolia

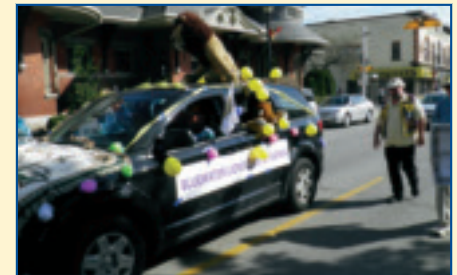
Sept. 24 to 30th 2012 was Petrolia Lions Week in Petrolia Ontario. A whole week of activities was planned including an All Lions Parade on Sept. 29th.



*Petrolia Lions lead the Lions Parade on Petrolia Line Road right through downtown Petrolia*



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*submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*



## Newburgh Camden Lions

The third annual Newburgh Camden Lions Club Jamboree, held August 10, 11, 12, hosted almost 100 camper trailers from all around southern, southeastern Ontario and Quebec. The attendee travelling the furthest came from Miramichi, New Brunswick. Many more fans purchased day tickets to come for the lineup of talented local musicians, that included Don Cochrane and Neville Wells as the headliners. The grandstand was near capacity most of the time. People enjoyed the Lions canteen for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The many draw items were announced and delivered. Over the past few months the club has been selling tickets at our regular monthly mini-jamborees, on a Martin guitar. The Martin guitar draw winner was Loretta Wilson, a Newburgh resident. **President Steve Williams** presented her with her prize and she promises to put her new instrument to good use. The Lions are thankful for all of our wonderful sponsors, vendors, and patrons for their support. Several members of the **Sydenham Lions Club** donated their time to come and help on the gate and ticket booth. Special mention goes to Wayne Clark and staff at Napanee Oil Change Centre for the generous support. Photo above right shows most of our club with Wayne's 1946 Chevrolet 3 ton flatbed, and left, the guitar winner. Look for us again in 2013

*submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*



## Christmas Came Early in A-15

Recently, **Lions Vasudha Kothari, Janet Dawson Brock,** and **Nancy Ransom** attended the graduation ceremony for our newly purchased Canine Vision Dog Guide, jointly sponsored by the K-W Community Spirit Lions and their club branch, the **University of Waterloo Optometry Lions.**

The ceremony was held at the Lions Foundation Canada Oakville facility on October 17, 2012.



Pictured (left) are Dog Guide "Petey" with his new companion, Adele Kowitz of Kitchener; and a group photo of the Lions getting acquainted with Adele and Petey.

We are very pleased to learn that Adele and Petey are our "neighbours"!

*submitted by Lion Nancy Ransom*



## Jarvis Lions Club

13 senior women's fast pitch teams from across Canada came to Jarvis to showcase their skills in a 5-day tournament. The event was well attended, created lots of excitement and all left impressed by the Jarvis Lions hospitality. Without the participation of the Lions and their partners working together as a team we could not have had such a successful event.

*submitted by Lion Dennis Craddock*



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