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A group of five young children, likely in Nepal, are standing in front of a building. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. One child in the center is holding their arm, and another child to the right is also holding their arm, suggesting they have received a vaccine. The children are dressed in casual clothing, including a pink shirt, a light blue jacket, a striped shirt, and a yellow dress.

**Children in Nepal have received measles shots** see pages 7-9

## Wheatley Lions Club

The Wheatley Lions Club had several members from the **St. Thomas Lions** and the **Belle River Lions** attend their January 8th meeting at the Lucky Wok Restaurant.

The District Governor **Lion Wayne Cudney** from St. Thomas was making his official visit to Wheatley. He spoke to the club about his goals for this year as well as the goals of Lions Clubs International President **Wayne Madden** from Indiana, whose theme this year is "In A World of Service". As he so eloquently put it "In a world of need, there is someone to help. In a world of suffering, there is someone who cares. In a world of destruction, there is someone to provide relief. In a world of illiteracy, there is someone to teach. And in a world of service, there is one name that stands out among others - Lions Clubs International. That's what we do. That's what we have always done. It is our motto and the reason we exist."

Governor Lion Wayne was asked to make a couple of presentations to two Wheatley Club

members. The first one went to **Lion Wayne Wright** who has been with the club for twenty-five years and currently serves as the club treasurer. He was honoured with his 25 year chevron. Congratulations Wayne for serving the club and your community and reaching such an impressive milestone.

Then a very special Lion who is considered the heart and soul of our club was honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. This Lion has served in many capacities over the years, but is probably best known by all in the community for his skill at selling tickets and telling jokes. **Lion Francis Armstrong** is a friend to all and it would be hard to find a more dedicated Lion. The Wheatley Lions wanted to honour him for his dedication to the club and the community and the governor presented the award on our behalf. Congratulations Lion Francis on your Fellowship Award and thank you to all the Wheatley Lions for all that you do to serve the community and your fellow man.

## Markham Lions Club

The Markham Lions Club at their 69th Charter Night presented **Lion Larry Tod** (left) with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for his outstanding work and commitment to Lionism and **Lion Ken Drynan** (right) with the Judge Brian Stephenson Award for his dedication and outstanding work with the Dog Guides program. A-16 District Governor **Lion Tom Gordon** (centre) made the presentation.



## Little Current Lions

**Lions Bruce Burnett, Laurie McCulligh** and **Steve Nunn** each received Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards at the club's year-end dinner.

*Submitted by Lion Lori Draper*



countless hours walking the beat with Citizens on Patrol.

Those who know Mr. Gustafson are quite cognizant of his dedication to family. He has helped out extensively with all his daughters' extra curricular activities, especially at the Figure Skating Club. Known to many as "Mr. Capreol", Ken Gustafson has always had his family and his community at heart.

*Submitted by Lion Gary Biesinger*



**Lion Francis Armstrong** receives his Melvin Jones Fellowship from District Governor **Lion Wayne Cudney**



District Governor **Lion Wayne Cudney** presents a 25-year Chevron to **Lion Wayne Wright**

## Diamond Jubilee Medal Recipients

The **Capreol Lions Club** is honoured to have two recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Below are their biographies as presented to the Governor General.

### **Paul F. Brokenshire**

Mr. Brokenshire, a resident of Capreol, has for decades dedicated himself to the promotion of health, safety and the welfare of youth, by removing social and economic barriers faced by families.

As the General Manager of the Human League from 2006 to 2011, he oversaw the day-to-day operations of the organization. He worked to establish strategic partnerships. He developed and implemented various activities. He also managed the school breakfast programs, which served over 4500 children daily.

Paul is very active in his community. He has and currently sits on various boards and committees.

In 2011, Mr. Brokenshire was recognized by the

Princeton Global Network Registry and named as one of the 75 Most Interesting People in Canada. A former member of the Canadian Armed Forces, he is also the incoming President of the International Lions Capreol. Mr. Brokenshire's wealth of experience, encompassing public affairs, non-profit management, sponsorship, and fundraising has been to the benefit of many people and organizations.

### **Ken Gustafson**

Defined as a community minded gentleman, Ken has spent decades serving his neighbours. It is said that in his thirty-five years with the Lions Club he has served as chairperson for every committee and has volunteered for every task.

Not only a Lion, Ken is also a Third Degree Knight with the Capreol Knights of Columbus. For many years he has been involved with Meals on Wheels, helping feed people with mobility issues in his community. When not delivering meals he has



... Lions helped protect 157 million children from measles in 2012

# THE Lion



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Welcome to the Mar/Apr 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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# LCIF: The Lions Lifeline That Pulls Millions to a Better Life



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

In 1943 a U.S. bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean. Louis Zamperini survived the crash, but his ordeal had just begun. Adrift in the vast open sea, he fought off sharks, dodged the strafing of enemy airplanes and ingeniously patched his deflating life raft. Captured and cruelly tortured, he was driven to the limits of endurance. His incredibly inspiring story is told in the bestseller "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand.

Zamperini's story is so captivating because he was extraordinarily tough, gritty and resourceful. He was one-of-a-kind. We know that we could never do what he did. We probably don't even know anyone who

could. We are human, not super-human. Zamperini survived through his own wits and courage, but unless we have help, we probably are no match for disaster, misfortune and maladies.

I was reminded of our shared vulnerability when I visited the World Health Organization last year and met with groups dedicated to curtailing measles, a virus microscopic in size but powerful enough to cause blindness, brain damage, hearing loss and death. LCIF has partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and others to shield millions of children from measles. LCIF is Lions' worldwide foundation, and it takes a village of Lions to fight diseases and other calamities. Lions working together through LCIF bring sight to the blind, help victims of disasters get back on their feet, empower youths with life skills and perform countless other good deeds on a large scale.

As you know from reading or watching the news, the world is a dangerous place. Poverty leaves people powerless and in pain. We Lions are a brilliant antidote, a force for good. LCIF is the best way for us

to pool our resources and to channel our good will. The most effective way to confront major problems in society is for people to band together and marshal resources. LCIF represents Lions at their best and at their most effective.

In this issue we celebrate the achievements of LCIF. Thank you, Lions, for supporting LCIF, and bringing help, hope and healing to so many. Please continue to support our Foundation. There is only one Louis Zamperini. But there are 1.35 million Lions. Please continue to be a great Lion, zealously helping your own community and just as selflessly serving neighborhoods across the world through our remarkable Foundation.

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

## The Best Team There Ever Was

Traveling the world as I do, there is not a lot of time to watch TV. But I was able to catch parts of a few college basketball games this spring. Played at a high level, basketball is a brilliant display of teamwork. Five players race up and down the court with a collective purpose, as if tied together by an invisible string. I played basketball, as well as other sports, and few things in life match the exhilaration of belonging to a team and working together for a common goal.

A successful Lions club is a good team. Everyone plays a role. Members do their part not to receive praise and glory but to achieve a common goal. Being a Lion is so fulfilling precisely because we serve alongside people we know and like and share similar values with. Maybe non-Lions assume that service is a chore, something we feel we should do but don't

really enjoy. Lions know that's a ridiculous notion. We relish belonging to a club, interacting with members at meetings and then working together for the benefit of others.

We need to share our enthusiasm as members with non-Lions and bring them into the fold. We need more women, more younger members, more minorities—more members. Let them in on the "secret"—being a Lion is not only rewarding, gratifying and fulfilling but it's also really fun.

LCI's website has tools, resources and strategies to add members. Our Global Membership Team, Global Leadership Team, the Women's and Family Development Task Force and multitudes of Lions at the district and club level are devoted to increasing membership. But we cannot reach our potential as an

association unless Lions in every club reach out to prospective members. It boils down to this: the future of Lions is in good hands—your hands.

I'm no longer of the age where I can run up and down a basketball court or run the bases in baseball. But belonging to the best team ever is a central part of my life. In a World of Service, let's keep that world spinning decade after decade by retaining and recruiting new squads of Lions.

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

## Proposed Amendments to M.D. "A" Constitution and By-laws

The M.D."A" Constitution & By-laws Committee proposes two (2) amendments to be voted upon at the 2013 M.D."A" Convention. Both involve Article V - Multiple District Administrative Fund, Section 1. Multiple District Revenue.

### 1. M.D."A" Dues

The above mentioned Article V, Section 1 be amended to read as follows:

"To provide revenue to defray the administration expenses of the multiple district, an annual multiple district administrative fund per capita **dues of Fourteen Dollars & Fifty cents (\$14.50)** in Canadian dollars is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the

multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club on or after the first day of September in each year. The membership of each club shall be based on the number of members on record at Lions Clubs International on the first day of July. Newly chartered or re-organized clubs shall collect and pay said annual dues on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or re-organization, as the case may be.

### 2. Campus Clubs

The last sentence of the above paragraph to read as follows:

"Campus Clubs members shall be exempt from annual per capita dues."

Lion Larry Bell, P.D.G.  
Chairperson

### FOR THE RECORD

As of November 30, 2012 Lions Clubs International had 1,361,802 members in 46,672 Clubs and 753 Districts in 207 Countries and geographic areas.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 2013 GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING



**Global Leadership Team** – Lion John Buchner reported that the GLT Area Leaders Training Session for 1st VDGs/DGEs had been held in January. This was a new experience as it was the first workshop that was scheduled by LCI to compensate for the one day reduction from DGE workshop normally provided at the International Convention. A cheque in the amount of \$987.00 has been received from LCI for help offset the costs.

**Global Membership Team** – Lion Mike Springford reported that on February 5th a GMT webinar was convened with all MDA's District Chairs, DGs and 1st VDGs invited to join. Thirty participants took part including PIP Brian Stevenson, PID Terry Graham and Lions Leaders from MD'N' in Eastern Canada. Sessions titled "GMT Expanding and Retaining Members" will be held on the Saturday morning of the 2013 MDA Convention. All are welcome to attend.

**Sight Conservation** – Lion Ted Hughes reported that he has confirmed with Walker Van Lines that all Allied Van offices/depots will accept used eye glasses for shipment to Calgary. The glasses should be packed in a single layer, separated by newspaper. The cartons should be addressed to St. George Moving and Storage, Attn-Mary Sullivan, 757 8th Street, NE, Calgary, Alberta, T2E 8A2.

**No Child Without** – Lion Pamela Ballah reported that a GoToMeeting webinar had been held on January 25th. Information is being collected from the District Chairpersons.

**Youth Opportunities** – Lion John Harvey reported that all Districts had submitted a Peace Poster entry. The MDA winner is Hannah Maynes who was sponsored by the Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club in District A3. The Blind Essay Contest winner is Alyssa Faith Burton who was sponsored by the Whitby Lions Club in District A16. The Leo Conference was held on February 23rd in Brantford. The MDA Effective Speaking Final will be held on May 4th at the Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway, St. Catharines. Registrations for rooms and meals are now being accepted. Incoming youth for the Lions Youth Exchange Program will arrive in Toronto on June 29th. The Opportunities for Youth Luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 1st at the MDA Convention. The cost of the luncheon is \$26.00 per person and pre registration is required.

**International Advisory Committee** – PID Carl Young reported that the nominations for the Presidential

Awards and Leadership Awards as submitted by the District Governors have been reviewed by the Committee and the endorsed nominations have been forwarded to International President Wayne Madden for his consideration.

**2014 International Convention** – PID Carl Young reported that planning is well underway for the 2014 Lions International Convention being held in Toronto, July 4th to 8th. All District Ambassadors have been appointed. The Convention's major fundraiser this year was the Toronto Maple Leaf Weekend with a profit of \$17,330.50 being realized. Ticket sales were slightly lower than had been anticipated presumably due to the strike between the NHL and Players' Association. The winner of the draw is the Elmsdale Lions Club (District A12).

**MDA Convention 2013** – The Convention will be held May 31st to June 2nd at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Richmond Hill. The Saturday evening entertainment program is a Multi-Cultural Variety program sure to please and reinforce the multi-ethnicity of MDA and Canada. All information pertaining to the Convention including Registration Forms can be obtained from the Convention website at [www.mda2013.ca](http://www.mda2013.ca)

**Diabetes Awareness** – Lion Al Beamer reported that fundraising is going well for the Lions Education Centre at Camp Huronda. The Grant Application has been received by LCIF who have reviewed it and requested some 'fine tuning' prior to proceeding.

**Lions Quest** – Lion Sue Beamer reported that MDA was successful in obtaining a \$10,000. LCIF Promotional Grant to further Lions Quest. As a result several Districts are now in the planning stages to host Community Workshops. PID Bruce Murray requested that the District Governors encourage the Clubs in their District to purchase the 'Alaskan Cruise' tickets to assist Lions Quest in meeting their financial obligations.

**Lions Clubs International Foundation** – PID Art Woods reported that since 1974 the Lions of MDA have raised almost 7 million dollars (US). The Lions of MDA have been awarded 94 LCIF Grants totalling over 3.5 million dollars. The Lions of Canada Fund continues to grow. A total of \$106,941.38 has been donated so far.

**Lions Foundation of Canada** – LFC Ontario Director Ralph Krueger reported that a major fundraising announcement was recently made introducing the 'Opening Doors to Independence' project. The goal

of this project is to raise one million dollars over the next three years and introduce a sixth Dog Guide program called "Diabetic Alert." Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is hosting its semi-annual Open House on Saturday, April 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Oakville training facility. Preparations are underway in more than 250 communities to host and participate in the Purina Walk for Dog Guides.

**Environment** – Lion Evelyn Spiering reported that the District Winners for the Lions Photo Contest will be on display at the MDA Convention. The annual Memorial Forest Dedication Ceremony in Breslau, Ontario will be held on June 8, 2013.

**Promotion** – Lion Todd Wilson reported that 25 Lions/spouses are currently registered for the LCI Convention. This does not include the incoming Governors/spouses. The MDA Breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 6th at a cost of \$28.00 (CA). Lion Paul Taylor will have Maple Leaf shirts, hats and fanny packs available at the MDA Convention.

**Administration Committee** – Lion John Buchner reported that the Committee had conducted the annual performance evaluations with the MDA Secretary and MDA Treasurer. The Committee had not received any negative comments regarding job performance. The Committee felt both the Secretary and Treasurer are doing an excellent job behalf of MDA.

**New Business** – DG Allen Snider announced that District A2 has become the second District to adopt the SickKids Ophthalmology Project as a District Project. District A711 had previously adopted the project. At this point in time no other District has adopted the project as a District project but several individual Clubs have expressed a desire to contribute financially towards the project. Club donations may be sent to District A2 to assist with fundraising for a LCIF Grant. Clubs will receive recognition for their donations. Club donations should be sent to Lion Denis Gander, 4 Granada Drive, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2N 6B8. Individual donations should be mailed to A-2 Charities Inc., c/o Lion Ray Rohrbach, Treasurer, P.O. Box 174, Cayuga, Ontario, N0A 1E0. Individual donors will receive an official tax receipt.

**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).**

# Lion Joe Giesler's "Special" award

I am sure that everyone in attendance at the Powassan Lion's Den on Monday January 14th, 2013 will agree that it was truly a special event. Lion Joe Giesler was presented with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from our Member of Parliament, Jay Aspin, in recognition of his contributions and commitments to the community of Powassan over the past many years. Lion Joe has been a member (and a very active one, I might add) of the **Powassan Lions Club** for 65 years but has truly served his community for the better part of his 87 years. Joe served on Town Council for 17 years and played a large role in many major projects around the community such as the building of the Powassan Pool and the Sportsplex. It was noted several times during the evening that Lion Joe has been a Lion longer than the Queen has been queen!

Joe Giesler has been an "ambassador" of sorts for the community of Powassan starting at a very young age. Joe was an accomplished hockey player, a goalie to be exact, and was a member of the "infamous" Powassan

Hawks. At the young age of 15 he also played for the North Bay Trappers and at one point was invited to a training camp for a St. Louis "farm team". However, Joe decided that his life's ambition was not hockey but to build boats and be part of the family business. For over 70 years Joe has worked (and continues to work) at B. Giesler & Sons Boat Builders and the Giesler Cedar Strip boat is known worldwide and is synonymous with the Town of Powassan thus "putting it on the map".

The best part of the evening, in my opinion, was the fact that the whole event was kept a secret and Lion Joe had no idea he was receiving this honour. In his acceptance speech Lion Joe stated, "He wished he had known so that he could have prepared a proper speech" but in "true Lion Joe style" he did a great job. Joe thanked his family and in particular, his wife of 63 years, Bernadette, who he credited with "any successes he may have had". I found it interesting that Lion Joe did not focus on the accomplishments of the Powassan Lions Club over the past 65 years but rather on the "great



*Lion Joe Giesler accepting his medal from MP Jay Aspin*

people" he had met, the "great friendships" he had made and the "many good times" he has had as a Lion. This was a true testament to the Powassan Lion's Club as an organization and a reminder to all Lions that while attending all of our events and functions we should be focused more on "fellowship and friendship" rather than how much work is involved.

Congratulations Lion Joe...and in the words of **Lion Peter Oshell**... "I cannot think of a more deserving individual for this sort of recognition in our community".

## Pennies for Puppies!!!

With the penny being phased out, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is calling out to all Canadians to put their change to work through the "Pennies for Puppies" program. The goal is to raise approximately \$20,000, or two million pennies, to cover the cost of placing one Dog Guide with someone with a disability. It's as easy as finding an empty container and starting to collect Pennies for Puppies. Why not ask local businesses if they will display a container asking for the pennies? If you need any help, just email or call me, I would be glad to help!

### More on LFC

Did you know that the Lions Foundation of Canada is currently developing a new program? The Diabetic Alert Dog Guides is the new program currently being

developed. These Dog Guides will be able to save lives as they can detect and alert to sudden and life threatening extreme changes in blood glucose levels of people with type 1 diabetes (with hypoglycemic unawareness).

*Lions Foundation A15 Chair  
Lion Charlene Teasdale, ZC51E  
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## Little Current Lions

Members of the Little Current Lions Club gathered to gift their second instalment of \$8,000 of the club's \$25,000 pledge to the Manitoulin Health Centre's (MHC) Tree of Life campaign to replace aging ultrasound and x-ray equipment.

*Submitted by Lion Lori Draper*



*Club members are, from left, Lion Alicia McCutcheon, Nancy Bell, Bruce Burnett, Steve Nunn, Laurie McCulligh, MHC fundraising chair Angela Becks, Margaret Bowerman, Ilene Howard, Marcel Gauthier, Noreen Parkinson, Barb Eadie and Ruth Ann Bastert*

## Magnetawan Lions Club

The Magnetawan Lions Club presented a cheque to the Magnetawan Central Public School to cover the full cost of the materials for a robotics project to be taught to the grade 4/5/6 pupils this school year. The pupils will learn to design, build, and program robots to perform a variety of movements and tasks. This project will teach

problem solving, analytical thinking, mathematics, science and computer skills to the pupils. The funding will allow the project to start in January 2013 and the materials, software and Lego kit that is purchased will serve the school for several years.



*L to R Lion Jim Shaw, Principal Steve Krause, Lion VP Cliff Cookman, Lion Phil Raatflaub, Lion Jack Chuba*



*Magnetawan Lions President George Brooks explains the involvement of the Magnetawan Lions Club in the Robotics Project to the pupils*

## Killaloe Lions Club

**Lions Jim Homer** and **Garnet Kranz** stand in front of the fire they built to prepare hot chocolate for the Killaloe area youngsters who participated at the annual Lions Sledding Party on Garnet's property. This is part of Sno-Fun, Killaloe's winter carnival. This year, over 60 parents and kids - the largest number ever - came out to slide, slip, and tumble, and get the chocolate and hot dogs served up by the Lions.



Rangita Harjan, a 10-year-old from India, knew her father's voice as soon as he entered a room: deep-timbered but warm and rich. She knew his touch—firm but reassuring. She even knew his smell—like the outdoors or the trees, fresh and strong. But she had never seen him and had no idea whether he was short or tall, handsome or plain, a smiling presence or a dour visage.

When her bandages were removed after cataract surgery, he stood before her. She thought he looked like a prince.

"I saw my father for the first time, and I was very happy," said Rangita, following the surgery in Nepal.

Her doctor noted that Rangita should have had surgery for her congenital cataract when she was much younger, but her family was unable to pay for such an expensive procedure. Thanks to Lions, and a grant through LCIF and Bausch + Lomb's Pediatric Cataract Initiative, Rangita received the surgeries she needed and essential follow-up care.



**Rangita Harjan did not know what her father, Shambuhu, looked like until she traveled from India to Nepal for eye surgery through the Pediatric Cataract Initiative**

Saving sight is one way among many that Lions Clubs International Foundation transforms lives. LCIF enables Lions to make a great impact in the world through their service and generosity. LCIF accomplishes its mission by providing grants in four focus areas—supporting youth, providing disaster relief, saving sight and meeting humanitarian needs such as curbing measles. Following are stories of how Lions helped people worldwide last year, culled from the recent 2011-12 LCIF Annual Report. (The full report is available online at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org).)

These are stories about people in need who were helped. But these also are stories about Lions, who support LCIF and make possible the transformations in people's lives. Lions, partners and friends donated \$43.4 million to the Foundation in 2011-12, allowing it to serve more than 200 million people.

### ***Saving Sight***

Since 1925, when Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs International to be Knights of the Blind, Lions have saved and preserved sight. Last fiscal year, Lions Clubs International signed a new cooperative

agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO) to aid global efforts in fighting unnecessary blindness and tackling newly emerging threats to vision from diabetes and other conditions through LCIF's SightFirst program. The Lions-WHO Project for the Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness is developing 26 child-friendly Lions eye care centers in lesser developed nations.

"The Lions can take much credit for helping the world make advances against many conditions causing blindness thanks to the support they have provided WHO and their own actions to support cataract surgery and to combat communicable diseases that have traditionally caused most blindness," says Dr. Margaret Chan, the director-general of the World Health Organization. "We are delighted to be expanding our long-standing collaboration with the Lions in this regard."

LCIF has helped millions through SightFirst. The SightFirst program funds high-quality, sustainable projects that deliver eye care services, develop infrastructure, train personnel and/or provide rehabilitation and education in underserved communities. Main areas of concern include: cataract, river blindness, trachoma, uncorrected refractive error and, especially in developed nations such as the United States, diabetic eye diseases and glaucoma. Lions have mobilized more than \$415 million to fund SightFirst and save sight around the world.

SightFirst is particularly active in China. SightFirst China Action, a partnership with the People's Republic of China and the China Disabled Persons' Federation, is one of LCIF's largest and most successful programs. Lions expanded on this partnership by launching phase three of SightFirst China Action during Lions World Sight Day in Shenzhen, China, in 2011. On that day a plan was unveiled to increase low vision services and eliminate trachoma in China by 2020. Additionally, LCIF provided SightFirst funds to develop a regional training program model and strengthen eye care linkages.

Lions continue to target the leading causes of blindness and begin projects to address new and emerging threats to sight.



**Blind since birth, Christine is learning braille with the help of an LCIF grant to Lions in the Philippines**

### ***LCIF's Impact in 2011-2012:***

In fiscal year 2011-2012, our Foundation awarded 513 grants totaling US\$55.5 million. Some examples of Lions' impact in the past year include:

- Thirty-one million people had their sight saved or vision improved thanks to 35 SightFirst grants.
- Approximately 33,000 people received immediate help following disasters through 165 Emergency grants.
- 4.7 million people are benefiting from access to education, technology, health care and many other life-changing improvements through 160 Standard grants.
- At least 166,000 students are learning positive life skills through 37 Lions Quest grants.
- More than 91,700 people gained access to clean water and medical mission services through 26 International Assistance grants.

### ***Protecting Millions from Measles***

Measles is a preventable disease that still claims the lives of hundreds of children a day worldwide. Helping immunize millions of children in his country against measles has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, according to Nepalese **Lion Sanjaya Khetan**. "To be part of an initiative which will save the lives of so many children gives you immense satisfaction. Your life has some cause," he says.

Medical complications from measles include brain swelling, severe diarrhea and blindness. The World Health Organization estimated in 2004 that 100,000 children become blind each year following measles. Those who are malnourished are most susceptible to measles-related eye issues and blindness since they are typically deficient in Vitamin A, essential for the eyes and other critical organs.

In October 2011, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation asked LCIF to help eliminate measles by challenging Lions to raise \$10 million for measles



**Punya Lakhe's son, Bipul, became very ill when he contracted measles. Vaccination campaigns supported by Lions will help other families in Nepal avoid the illness**

vaccination campaigns and routine immunizations. The Gates Foundation promised to match every \$2 Lions raised with \$1 if the goal was met. The goal was met in October 2012.

Lions' efforts did not stop there. They also supported the Measles & Rubella Initiative, a coalition of global health leaders that organized and conducted measles vaccination campaigns in more than 30 countries. Local Lions provided valuable social mobilization before and during campaigns to ensure the target number of vaccinations were met, attended campaign launches and volunteered at vaccination centers to assist medical professionals.

By focusing on providing measles immunizations through vaccination campaigns, Lions helped protect 157 million children from measles in 2012.

### Partnerships for Youth

The Foundation's Lions Quest program changes the lives of young people worldwide by teaching them life skills. In India, Sunidhi Raje sees the positive change in herself since Lions Quest became part of her school's curriculum. "This program has helped me to understand adolescence better and to tackle problems faced by young people like me," she says. "The life skills we've developed are very necessary apart from just the knowledge that we get from our books."

The school's head mistress, Manasi Muley, says her students have developed positive social behavior and attitudes, learned essential skills and committed to leading healthy and drug-free lives.

Lions Quest's three age-appropriate curricula are tailored for elementary, middle and high school students. Educators attend training workshops to learn how best to teach the curriculum, translated into 35 languages by the end of the fiscal year. Many organizations have affirmed that Lions Quest, active in 73 nations at the end of the fiscal year, effectively teaches life skills related to character education, service-learning, bullying and substance abuse prevention.

A partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is helping young people

in southeastern Europe live healthier and more responsible lives through Lions Quest. LCIF provided a \$100,000 grant for the translation and adaptation of Lions Quest materials for Serbia and Montenegro, and LCIF will work with the UNODC to implement family skills training programs to help prevent drug use, HIV/AIDS, crime and delinquency.

The Foundation also is able to bring Lions Quest to 30,000 students in Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania and Uganda with the assistance of \$150,000 from the U.S. State Department. Lions Quest training workshops in each of the five African countries trained 750 teachers, who are focusing on drug and alcohol prevention.



Students in Japan are learning life skills including substance abuse prevention and service-learning through Lions Quest

### Helping Disaster Victims

Year after year, Lions rise to the challenge when disaster strikes in the world. Even when they and their families are among the victims, Lions can often be found tending to the needs of their neighbors before their own. Lions have volunteered millions of hours to help with tragedies at hand and to assist with long-term recovery for past disasters.

Helping people and communities to regain normalcy following a disaster can be a long-term process. In Haiti, Lions and LCIF remain committed to helping the victims of the devastating 2010 earthquake.

The earthquake severely damaged a nursing school; 100 students and teachers were killed. Even before the earthquake, Haiti suffered from a lack of trained healthcare professionals, especially nurses. After the disaster, more than 300 students had to attend classes in make-shift rooms and alternative locations.



Reconstruction after the earthquake in Haiti includes a new nursing school in Port-au-Prince

Completed in 2011, the new National Nursing School of Port-au-Prince includes four classrooms and a laboratory. Three hundred fifty students will study here annually. In partnership with HumaniTerra International, LCIF provided a grant to help with the cost of construction and equipment expenses (November 2012 LION).

"After the earthquake, I saw so many injured, and we didn't have enough nurses to help them," says Indji Tadgrin. "That strengthened my resolve to become a nurse and make a difference in people's lives."

Meeting immediate needs is crucial following a disaster, as Lions have recently shown with the tsunami and earthquake in Japan, an earthquake in New Zealand and hurricanes in the Caribbean and the United States. Lions also meet long-term needs so people return to their lives and regain their independence.

LCIF gave \$55.5 million in grants last year. Thanks to LCIF, Lions expanded SightFirst to address new and emerging threats to vision. Lions helped Lions in Nepal ensure that children were vaccinated and

**Standard Grants** allow Lions to help communities through large-scale projects that provide access to education, technology, and health care by addressing unmet humanitarian needs.

**Core 4 Grants** support large-scale, predetermined projects that qualify under one of four core service

commitment program areas: preserving sight, combating disability, promoting health and serving youth. This includes diabetes prevention and treatment, Special Olympics and Lions Quest.

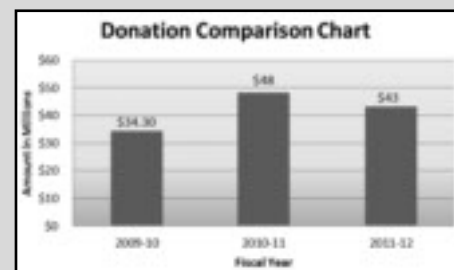
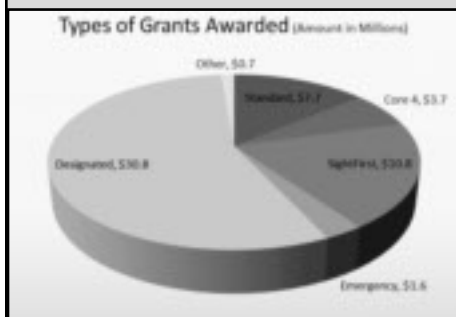
**SightFirst Grants** support high-quality, sustainable projects that deliver eye care services, develop infrastructure, train personnel and/or provide rehabilitation and education in underserved communities. Major concerns include: cataract, river blindness, trachoma, uncorrected refractive error and diabetic eye disease.

**Emergency Grants** help Lions meet immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies following a disaster.

Grants provided through **Designated Funds** represent restricted donations for use towards a particular cause, such as the Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

These funds may only be used for that purpose. Grant projects may be completed in the areas of disaster, sight, youth and humanitarian needs.

**Other grants** include **International Assistance Grants**, which enable Lions clubs in developed countries to partner with Lions clubs in lesser-developed regions on projects that make a real difference for communities.





### A message from Past International President Sid L. Scruggs III, LCIF Chairperson 2011-2012

Dear Fellow Lions,

When I became Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation in July 2011, I knew that the job would be rewarding, but I had no idea just how rewarding it would be. Judy and I visited Lions Clubs around the world, witnessing projects both large and small that saved and improved lives, rebuilt destructed areas, aided vulnerable populations and supported youth. It truly was an honor for us to serve as your Foundation representatives.

If you or your club supported our Foundation, you were there with us. You helped Sunita in Nepal when she received a measles vaccination. You aided millions in Ethiopia by distributing medicine for blinding trachoma, and you supported students throughout the 73 countries where Lions Quest is active. Yes, you were there for these projects and so many more because you are the strength of our International Foundation. None of these LCIF projects would be possible without your support.

Let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation for you, Lions, for all you helped to accomplish. When Judy and I visited Japan, New Zealand, India, Nepal and other areas of the world, we saw firsthand the global impact of our Foundation to change and restore lives.

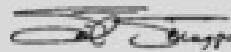
Our partners have also recognized LCIF's ability

to make a difference in our world. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation issued a challenge grant for us to raise funds to eliminate measles, and the Lions rose to the challenge. Our life-changing work with our other important partners continues as well, including our new Lions Quest work with the U.S. State Department and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Each of our partners helps LCIF to achieve success and reach even more people.

You can learn more about what your generosity accomplished this past year in our annual report, available online. As we shine a light on our Foundation, you will better understand how your donations allow LCIF to grow and help even more people and communities in need.

Once again, I thank you for your continued service to others, and for your financial support of our Foundation. Please remember, as I do when I reflect on my year as your chairperson, we serve others when we **"let the light of hope shine through you and me."**

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,



Sid L. Scruggs III  
LCIF Chairperson 2011-2012



Past International President Scruggs surveys the damage in New Zealand following the earthquake in 2011

protected against measles. Lions formed partnerships through Lions Quest to enable even more students gain positive life skills. Lions helped educate new nurses in Haiti to deliver critical healthcare. Thanks to LCIF, Lions provided hope, health and opportunity to people worldwide.

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#### Digital LION

Watch a video on Rangita Harjan at [www.lionmagazine.org](http://www.lionmagazine.org). Watch videos on SightFirst, Lions Quest and disaster relief at [www.lionmagazine.org](http://www.lionmagazine.org).

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## Lions Quest Expands In Eastern Europe

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Students of all ages face the same challenges that are echoed around the world: bullying, peer pressure, substance abuse and other detrimental behaviors. However, there is a solution that Lions have provided: Lions Quest, a life skills program from Lions Clubs International Foundation that offers a whole-school approach to the social and emotional well-being of youth.

The benefits of Lions Quest are numerous. Yet to properly impact students, training is needed. That is why the Lions Quest Bulgaria Foundation hosted the 2013 Lions Quest European Meeting in January. This annual gathering shares knowledge and best practices of Lions Quest. Representatives from 18 European countries attended.

Past District Governor **Petar Malamov**, chairperson of the Lions Quest Bulgaria Foundation, has championed Lions Quest since 2010, building a strong partnership between Bulgarian Lions and the Ministry of Education. By the end of April 2013, Lions Quest teacher-training workshops will have been conducted in eight cities across Bulgaria.

The growth of Lions Quest also continues in Turkey. What began as a small club project in Istanbul has expanded into a program with growing national support. During the first year, Turkish Lions coordinated the training of 200 teachers through eight workshops. The program has impacted an estimated 100,000 children.

"When a child is confident enough, then he or she can be successful in other social development. Emotional development and mental skills come together. The children who have Lions Quest training are happy children," says **Sima Sunder**, a Lions Quest training coordinator and member of the **Mavi Halic Lions Club**. "The teachers are doing their normal curriculum work in better conditions because they have very little problems in the classroom."

An evaluation of the program in Turkey completed by the Bosphorus University Peace Education Application and Research Centre confirms Sunder's observations: it found that Lions Quest fosters a peaceful classroom environment and results in positive decision making.

Macedonia (FYROM) is the newest country to have a Lions Quest presence. In December 2012, the first workshop trained 36 teachers on program implementation for grades nine through 12, with plans for growth to more grade levels. Lions Quest will strengthen the school's service-learning program, which currently has all students complete at least 10 hours of community service annually.

This recent expansion of Lions Quest builds upon past LCIF grants. In 2002, the U.S. State Department Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement partnered with LCIF to promote and expand Lions Quest in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, the Russian Federation and

Ukraine.

In many countries, the program has taken root. The Lions of Lithuania received more than \$500,000 to expand the program nationwide. In 2012, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) partnered with LCIF to combine the Lions Quest program with the UNODC's existing family-based life skills work in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe, initially piloted through Serbia and Montenegro. And LCIF has approved a grant to expand the program to Slovenia as well.

With the 59th annual Europa Forum being held this fall in Turkey, Lions will have the opportunity to present their success with Lions Quest, showing how this program has impacted more than 12 million students worldwide.



Students such as these in Turkey are benefiting from the expansion of Lions Quest

# Bocelli, Bush and the Beatles: A Memorable Convention Takes Shape

Lions attending the international convention in Hamburg can get down with Up With People, be serenaded by the world's most popular classical musician and bask in the vibes of Peace, Love and Understanding. And that's just what's on tap at the plenaries and International Show.

The 96th International Convention, July 5-9 in Hamburg, Germany, is shaping up to be one of the more memorable conventions. Registrations had shot past 18,000 by press time, a "phenomenal" figure according to convention officials at Lions Clubs International. Conventions are rarely held in Europe (because of the relative lack of sizeable venues and hotel space). A large number of Europeans have registered. Lions from elsewhere apparently are drawn by the opportunity to visit an Old World city, full of history and the charms of other ages, yet cosmopolitan and modern, too. Whatever the reasons Lions are coming, the large pool of Lions in Hamburg will result in a convention representative of the worldwide character of Lions Clubs International.

The convention experience is unlike any other for Lions. Lions rub shoulders and often share a lunch or exchange pleasantries with Lions from more than 120 countries. They march through the city during the festive Parade of Nations, attend worthwhile seminars, vote on the association's future, enjoy outstanding entertainment at the plenary sessions and International Show, and hear inspiring, renowned speakers.

The convention's most anticipated performer undoubtedly will be Andrea Bocelli, the Italian tenor whose record sales top 80 million. The power of his singing and the richness of his voice have awed audiences, critics and fellow entertainers. "If God could sing, he would sound a lot like Andrea Bocelli," Celine Dion said. Bocelli will sing at the third plenary.

Bocelli's eponymous foundation supports researchers at MIT and Northeastern University who are developing wearable devices for people who are blind or have low vision. The singer will receive the Lions Humanitarian Award. "I strongly believe that love does justice. We are all responsible for building a better world," says Bocelli, who suffered from poor vision as a child because of congenital glaucoma. He then lost his sight after being hit in the head during a soccer game when he was 12.

Former U.S. First Lady Laura Bush will be the keynote speaker at the convention. She will speak on her involvement with global issues. The plenaries also include speeches by candidates for international director and officer and by the current and new international presidents.

The plenary sessions showcase Lions' service—in some instances through song or dance. In a nod both to Hamburg being where the Beatles came together as a band and to the fundamental wellsprings of service, the themes of the plenaries are peace, love and understanding. The music at the sessions include songs from the Broadway hit "Hair," a Beatles cover band

and a children's gospel choir from Germany.

The always entertaining International Show, an eye-opening display of singing and dancing from around the world, features Up With People. For 48 years, this group of young people from many nations between the ages of 18 and 29 has sung, danced and promoted international understanding. Its latest show is "Voices"—"a unique performance featuring both original and popular music and a dynamic blend of featured soloists, full-cast production numbers, fast-moving choreography and colorful costumes," according to a press release.

At the exhibit hall Lions can obtain information and strategies on membership, leadership, public relations and more from staff of Lions Clubs International. Several special events are sprinkled throughout convention week at the hall. The Strides Walk has morphed into a Strides Dance, where Lions can get in some exercise while raising awareness of diabetes. The symphony orchestra of the German Lions will provide a stimulating soundtrack. Hands-on social media training will enable Lions who know little about Twitter and Facebook to understand the basics and teach Lions with more experience advanced techniques. The Presentation Stage will be a useful forum for Lions to share success stories.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Peace Poster contest, and Lions in Hamburg can meet past grand prize winners as well as the 2012-13 grand prize winner, Jenny Park from California. The contest winners will be recognized during the first plenary. Afterward, a presentation and reception will be held in the Hamburg Messe und Congress from 3 to 3:45 p.m. and a poster signing event will be from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

More than 10,000 Lions are expected to take part in the parade. It will start at the majestic Rathaus, the town hall and Hamburg's symbolic heart, and then snake its way around the imposing Binnenalster, a man-made lake. At the march's end the Lions will spill into a sprawling "market of nations," where 30 pavilions will serve international foods and highlight Lions' service worldwide.

As always, the convention's seminars, led by experts and leaders, run the gamut—from the latest information on popular Lions programs such as Lions Quest and youth exchange to tools and strategies to increasing membership and strengthening clubs. Lions who attend seminars return to their clubs with knowledge and skills to take their club to a new level of service. The complete list of seminars is found at [www.lionmagazine.org](http://www.lionmagazine.org).

Finally, while in Germany, be sure to actually experience Germany, to see the sights, taste its foods and enjoy its culture. Lions tours are offered on foot, in smooth-moving boats and on comfortable coaches. Cruise the lovely canals, view stunning buildings and walk in the steps of the Beatles. Hapag-Lloyd in partnership with Beeftea Live is offering Lions and their guests specially priced escorted local tours. Based in Germany, these travel outfits are experts on Hamburg; they've chosen the "best of the best" tour options for Lions to enjoy during convention week. The hardest decision will be choosing which tours to take.

Avoid having your favorite tour sell out by reserving your space today using the secure online link. Search "Local Tours" from the LCI home page to access the booking link and detailed tour descriptions. Hapag-Lloyd/Beeftea Live will have a Tour Desk at the Hamburg Messe (HM) convention center. All of the tours are fully escorted with an English-speaking guide and offered at special Lions prices. If interested in designing a custom local tour for your group or if you have questions, email [Lions.Reisen@TUI-LT.de](mailto:Lions.Reisen@TUI-LT.de). The tours are described in detail at [www.lionmagazine.org](http://www.lionmagazine.org).

## ***The Digital LION***

See the Grand Prize Peace Posters and get a complete list of the convention's seminars and tours at [www.lionmagazine.org](http://www.lionmagazine.org).



***Up With People will perform at the convention***



**We Serve**

# Seminars and Activities at the 2013 Hamburg Convention



**We Serve**

## **Friday, July 5 to Monday, July 8 Environmental Photo Contest**

View photos of colorful landscapes, rare weather phenomena and wildlife captured by Lion photographers from around the world. Vote for your favorite photos. Purchase a 2014 photo contest calendar or enter the photo contest silent auction that benefits LCIF.

## **Friday, July 5 through Tuesday, July 9 Lions Clubs International Foundation Booth**

Be sure to stop by the LCIF booth to learn more about LCIF's initiatives and how the Foundation can help your club or district further its humanitarian service goals. Staff members will be on hand to answer questions about donating to LCIF and the grant application process. Donations will be accepted in U.S. dollars and euros.

## **Friday, July 5 Lions Clubs International-Special Olympics Opening Eyes Screening Time To Be Determined**

Celebrate more than 10 years of the successful partnership by witnessing this program in action. Special Olympics athletes will be screened during this demonstration event and information will be provided on how to get involved with this program. You can even volunteer your time during the screening. LCIF Chairperson Wing-Kun Tam will make an appearance at the event and speak on behalf of LCIF.

## **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Leo Lion Summit (ticketed event)**

This special event will bring Leos and Lions together from around the world for a day of celebration and dialogue, including traditional opening and closing ceremonies, breakout sessions, a town hall meeting and networking luncheon. Please note that pre-registration for the summit is required by May 1; tickets are limited. For more information about the Leo Lion Summit, visit the Leo Zone "News and Events" section at [www.lionsclubs.org/leoclubs](http://www.lionsclubs.org/leoclubs) or email [leo@lionsclubs.org](mailto:leo@lionsclubs.org).

## **1:30-3 p.m. Strides: Lions Dance for Diabetes Awareness**

Lions, get ready to dance! "Come as you are" and participate in the Strides: Lions Dance for Diabetes Awareness event. Help promote the benefits of healthy exercise for prevention and control of diabetes. Enjoy dancing to live music selections performed by the German Lions Symphony Orchestra, comprised of 40 Lions and conducted by Gregor Schmitt-Bohn. Gather in the Hamburg Messe und Congress (HMC), the LCI Exhibit Hall. Participants will receive a Strides pin and certificate of participation.

## **Sunday, July 7 1-2:30 p.m. (CH, JA, KO) Extend Our World of Service: How to Start New Clubs & Invite New Members**

Membership is the key to providing high-quality service, but what's the key to building membership? This seminar will teach effective strategies for starting new clubs that will last, and it will help existing clubs boost membership in order to achieve their service goals.

## **2-3:30 p.m. Reading Action Program: Changing Lives Through Literacy**

Literacy is the key to success in every corner of the world. Learn how the Reading Action Program can help open the doors of opportunity and improve the quality of life for underserved children and adults in your community. Interact with a panel of experts and fellow Lions to learn the latest global literacy developments and how to work with community partners. Share successful projects as well as important challenges. Join us to maximize your service through the Reading Action Program.

## **2-3:30 p.m. Engaging Women and Families in the Future of Lions**

Learn about the findings of the Women's & Family Membership Development Task Force, which has been collecting information to help promote, advance and develop opportunities for women and family membership in Lions. Hear success stories, ideas from local German Lions, and the insights revealed by the two-year study conducted by the Task Force.

## **2-3:30 p.m. Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinator Seminar**

This seminar will examine the work of LCIF Coordinators while outlining action steps needed to achieve the Foundation's goals.

## **2-3:30 p.m. 2013 Zone Chairperson Training**

Your role as zone chairperson is key to maintaining healthy clubs. Learn about your responsibilities as zone chairperson and get the resources to help you lead with confidence and purpose. Be a key member of your successful district team and help your team earn the District Team Excellence Award.

## **2:30-4 p.m. The Ibero-American Seminar**

Learn more about LCI programs and resources and ways to strengthen districts and clubs in Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries. Discuss opportunities and challenges for Lions in the Ibero-American region with current international directors from the area.

## **2:30-4:30 p.m. Council Chairperson Seminar**

Complete your preparations for a successful year as council chairperson. Learn about the 2013-2014 international theme, goals and priorities. Discuss elements of successful teamwork and potential leadership challenges. Share ideas about maximizing

your positive impact as the key leader of your multiple district.

## **3:30-5 p.m. Lions Quest: Connecting Lions, Communities and Schools Worldwide**

This seminar will feature information on LCIF's flagship youth program—Lions Quest. This social and emotional learning program is implemented in schools with the help of Lions, uniting the home, school and community to cultivate capable and healthy young people.

## **3:45-5 p.m. Certified Guiding Lion for New and Rebuilding Clubs!**

The program has been expanded to support new and struggling clubs. This session will feature the latest in online training, how to develop a club officer mentor team and an assessment process to help struggling clubs. Attendees will also learn how to host and facilitate this interactive course so that the program is meaningful and fun.

## **4-5 p.m. Past International President/Past International Director Seminar**

## **Monday, July 8 1-2:30 p.m. Youth Camp & Exchange Chairpersons Forum**

Youth Camp and Exchange chairpersons will discuss the program and share practical information to promote successful camps and exchanges.

## **1-2:30 p.m. Strengthen Your Club through Satisfied Members and Growth**

Each member is critical to achieving your club's service goals, and more members mean more service. This seminar will help you better define what your club is about, invite and retain members and develop and implement a club growth plan to ensure your club remains healthy and vital.

## **1:30-3 p.m. Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows Luncheon (ticketed event)**

All Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows may purchase tickets to LCIF's annual recognition luncheon event, chaired by LCIF Chairperson Wing-Kun Tam. A Foundation video will be shown and awards will be presented to 100 percent MJF Clubs and Humanitarian Partners.

## **1:30-3:30 p.m. The Leadership Exchange**

Back by popular demand, The LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE!

Come rock and roll with us as we celebrate the beginnings of the world's most critically acclaimed band, The Beatles. Hamburg is where the Fab Four honed their performance skills, and The LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE is where you can hone your leadership skills! During this lively interactive

session, you choose the topics of interest to you. Don't miss this chance to twist and shout with our international team of Lions leaders as they facilitate four discussion sessions focused on skills designed to increase your effectiveness as a Lions leader.

**2:45 – 3:45 p.m.**

#### **Legal 101 – Club Legal Issues**

This session is an overview of legal issues facing Lions clubs including legal liability for club level activities, use of the Lions registered trademarks, use of funds reporting and transparency, club elections, club constitution and by-laws and dispute resolution.

**2:45-3:45 p.m.**

#### **Building Strong Communities: The Importance of Arts and Culture**

Arts and culture are an integral part of our society and greatly contribute to the vitality and well-being of our communities. Learn why arts and culture are important for revitalization and strengthening of communities and how Lions can support these efforts. You will hear from a panel of experts and fellow Lions who will share project ideas, success stories and partnership opportunities.

**2:45-3:45 p.m.**

#### **Energize Your Club with the Club Excellence Process**

Make 2013-14 an excellent year with tools and exercises from the Club Excellence Process (CEP). Come to the seminar to learn how you can better serve your community, engage your current members and attract new ones. Self-guided and facilitator-led CEP options are both available.

**3:45-4:45 p.m.**

#### **LCIF Reception/Melvin Jones Fellowship Pinning Ceremony**

Donors who contribute US\$1,000 to become Melvin Jones Fellows or the next level of the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow program during the convention will be presented with their pins by LCIF Chairperson Wing-Kun Tam.

**3:45-5 p.m. (FR, GE)**

#### **Extend Our World of Service: How to Start New Clubs & Invite New Members**

Membership is the key to providing high-quality service, but what's the key to building membership? This seminar will teach effective strategies for starting new clubs that will last, and it will help existing clubs boost membership in order to achieve their service goals.

**4-5 p.m.**

#### **Legal 102 – District Legal Issues**

This seminar is an overview of legal issues facing Lions districts including contractual liability for district conventions, partnerships with other organizations using the Lions name and logo, district convention rules of procedure, district elections, district ethical standards of conduct and privacy issues.

**4-5 p.m.**

#### **Start a New Club and Extend Our World of Service**

As a Lion, you know the difference a club can make in a community. That's why it's essential to extend our "World of Service" by starting new Lions clubs. Attend this seminar to learn key strategies for chartering and building a strong foundation for new clubs. This seminar is especially targeted for incoming

district governors, first and second vice district governors and GMT/GLT coordinators and current or prospective team members.

**4:30-5 p.m.**

#### **Environmental Photo Contest Ceremony**

Gather at the photo contest display to hear the winners of the 2012-13 Lions Environmental Photo Contest. All photos can be purchased through a silent auction. Funds will benefit LCIF. Or, purchase a 2014 photo contest calendar featuring many of the photo contest entries.

#### **Lions Tours for the 2013 Hamburg Convention**

##### **Day Tours**

#### **2-Hour City Tour/1.5-Hour Harbor Boat Trip/3-Hour City & Harbor Tour**

During the City Coach Tour, simply relax and enjoy the sights that highlight the very rich contrasts in the city. See the beautiful Alster Lakes area, the vibrant city center, St. Michaelis Church, the city's historic landmark, and the famous port area.

Prefer to see Hamburg by boat? During the Harbor Boat Trip on a chartered launch, you'll see the Speicherstadt, or warehouse quarter, which is the largest timber-pile founded warehouse district in the world as well as the modern container terminals. You'll definitely feel, see and appreciate the history, evolution and importance of this major shipping port.

Can't decide which one to take? We've made it easy for you as the 3-Hour City & Harbor Tour combines both of these above tours into one fun combined coach and boat sightseeing tour!

#### **2-Hour Alster Lake Afternoon Boat Trip**

This cruise crossing the Alster lakes in the middle of the town and the Alster canals shows Hamburg from a completely different perspective. Just a short step away from the city center you will find the romantic and green idyll of Hamburg's exclusive waterside residential areas.

#### **2-Hour Speicherstadt & Hafencity Walking Tour**

For more than 100 years precious goods have been stored in the warehouses on the waterfront. However, in the last few years new uses have been developed promising a different future for these grand old buildings. Directly next door to the Speicherstadt, one of the biggest urban development projects in the whole of Europe is the Hafencity, currently under construction. Here a former port area is being converted into a new residential and commercial area with innovative architecture and the well-known *Elbphilharmonie*, or concert hall, which is sure to become an iconic building in Hamburg.

#### **2.5 Hour Tour of Miniature Wunderland – the Model Railway Museum**

Located in the heart of the storehouse quarter, the world's largest digitally steered model railway plant is displayed. A realistic model railway is steered by a computer. A typical routine of the day is simulated every 30 minutes including the transitioning from dawn, to daylight and to nighttime. An impressive mini-world lets you discover millions of details, not only of the trains, but also the ships, cars and even the

planes that are moving. It has to be seen to be believed!

#### **2.5 Hour Beatles Walking Tour**

From 1960 to 1962, the Beatles regularly performed at different clubs in Hamburg. It was during this period that they honed their performance skills, widened their reputation and made their first recording. This walk offers a living impression of the rock n roll life of the Beatles in Hamburg using many pictures, amusing anecdotes and of course, early Beatles songs played live on the street. You learn everything about the beginning of the Beatles and this exciting history of music in the St. Pauli Quarter.

#### **Half-Day Coach Tour with Lunch to Blankenese**

This tour will take you along the Elbchaussee, Hamburg's magnificent avenue with a view of the Elbe river, to Blankenese. This is one of the most beautiful residential areas in the western part of Hamburg. Today the old fishing village of Blankenese is one of Hamburg's most noble living areas. Some of the oldest Hamburg families have lived here for generations. As you walk the many small stairs and lanes you will experience the almost-Mediterranean flair of Blankenese with its tiny houses and small gardens and terraces that overlook the Elbe. This tour includes a lunch on the Elbe banks for your enjoyment.

#### **Half-Day Coach Tour to the BallinStadt Emigration Museum**

Discover the Hamburg history of emigration into the United States. The award-winning conception of the BallinStadt recreates the emigration experience. The Emigration Halls were the last homestead to the European emigrants. Shortly before the departure, when the "New World" was within the grasp of the emigrants, the Emigration Halls were renowned as the "port of dreams." Located on historic grounds, the BallinStadt is dedicated to the 5 million emigrants who made Hamburg their gateway to the "New World." The museum features many historical documents and interactive exhibits that are both informative and inspiring.

##### **Evening Tour**

#### **1.5 Hour Beatles Coach / Magical History Tour**

*"I was born in Liverpool, but I grew up in Hamburg."* – John Lennon

What better way to experience Hamburg than through the eyes of the Beatles themselves? This Magical History Tour retraces the steps of the Fab Four themselves. Relive Beatlemania where you can experience artists performing the best known Beatles tunes in a rolling concert hall! Live music, live singing—it's as close as you can get to the Beatles without the Beatles! This tour also follows the steps of the Beatles as it will take you by the original places where the Beatles ate, slept and rocked their way into history. The tour retraces every step the Fab Four did in Hamburg. This tour surely hits the right note! Get a unique insight in their lives as it all comes together in this musical tour of Hamburg where sightseeing and sightsinging meets The Beatles. The tour includes live music, the stories and secrets of the band, special videos, tour footage and photos of the Fab Four. Bring yesterday to the present—and live with the Beatles!

# Lions on Location

## No Scaredy Cats at Teddy Bear Hospital

No parent wants to take his child to the hospital, but every parent looks forward to escorting their children to the Teddy Bear Hospital in Croatia. Here parents step aside, and children toting their teddy bears get to step up and interact with doctors and nurses as their huggable companions receive a vaccination, a soft cast for a broken arm or an eye or ear examination.

The idea is to lessen the fears of children when visiting doctors as well as fostering their independence and maturity. These lessons are especially valuable in Croatia, where every child receives free healthcare.

The temporary hospital is the brainchild of the **Slavonski Brod New Century Marsonia Lions Club**. Slavonski Brod, known as Marsonia in the Roman Empire, has 60,000 people. The 14-member club includes several doctors who work at the city hospital and bring along their stethoscopes and other tools of their trade to the Teddy Bear Hospital.

The Lions set up the special hospital at a children's fair, held under a large tent in the city center. The fee for a teddy bear exam was 10 kuna (US\$1.75), which was donated to an orphan's home.

Helping children is a central focus of the club, says President **Marija Jankovi**. Lions sell Christmas cards made by children from an elementary school and a school for special needs children; funds raised are given to the latter school. Members also hold a rummage sale for the orphanage and celebrate Christmas with the children there.



A doctor "treats" a child's beloved companion at the Lions' Teddy Bear Hospital

## Mexican Club Serves in Multiple Ways

The 32-member **Playas de Tijuana Lions Club** in Mexico serves where needs arise whether it's medical screenings for children, nutritious food and supplements for infants (left) or gifts for needy children (right).



## Caring for the Underserved

There is no money, no bus and no way most villagers in remote areas of Ecuador can access medical care. But there are Lions. Members of the **Quito El Labrador Lions Club** worked with doctors to provide health exams for the poor in far-flung locations.



## Lions in India Respond Rapidly

After floods and landslides, **Mukkom East Lions** in southwestern India gathered food and water and drove 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) toward the disaster area. With the roads no longer passable, they hoisted the boxes on their shoulders and lugged the supplies another 10 kilometers.

"People were in shock and panic," says President **Anwar Sadique**. "They were tired from not getting adequate food and pure drinking water."

Eight people including three children had died. The Lions were the first ones on the scene other than police. The villagers were "greatly surprised" to see members of a service club arrive first, says Sadique. "The experience taught us that services rendered to human beings are the best thing one can do in the world," he adds.



Lions distribute supplies after a flood and landslide

## Royal Treatment for Lions



Lions Nat Prosser, (from left) Neil Medland and Dave Hicks meet Prince Charles at the Tetbury Christmas festival

The Christmas celebration in Tetbury, England, (January LION) is always extravagant and festive but this past December it was positively royal: Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, turned on the Christmas lights. The prince met with Lions, who help run the festival, and told them he was aware of their charitable work. "Being associated with the royal visit gave the **Tetbury Lions** an opportunity to showcase the work of Lions locally, nationally and internationally," says **Paul Farrow**, president.

## Hearing Dogs: Best Friends, Indeed

When the timer for the tea on the stove sounds or the phone rings, Shep dutifully trots over to Daniel Rawding and nuzzles him on the back of the leg. He'd do the same if the smoke alarm buzzed, perhaps saving the life of Rawding, who is deaf.

Rawding lives with his wife, Inga, in New South Wales, north of Sydney, Australia. He's had his Lions hearing dog for eight years. Shep has made his life a lot easier and safer. "I can't hear anything. He's my ears," says Rawding, who has done bricklaying and landscaping and now does odd jobs.

Lions Hearing Dogs in Australia began in 1980. Last year its Hearing Dog Centre in Verdun trained its 500th dog. The dogs typically are mixed breeds obtained from rescue shelters. The six to nine months of training costs nearly US\$30,000. The investment pays off: the dogs have saved lives and "give their owners the confidence to participate more fully in their communities," says **Bill Holmes**, the centre's manager.

Like the other dogs, Shep knows sign language. When Rawding is outside on his 40-acre spread and needs his wife, he signs the command for Shep to go get her. Shep also gives him the sense of security to be home alone without Inga. "When my wife would go out I would feel a little worried. I feel much safer in our house now," he says.

Hearing dogs are not routinely recognized like guide dogs for the blind, and the Rawdings have endured countless tussles with shop owners and others over access. Shep wears a special covering to identify his role, but the Rawdings often still must produce a document they carry

on the legal rights of guide dog owners. "People's minds are closed sometimes. If they are not willing to listen, we just go on with our lives," says Rawding.

But most of the time being with Shep is pure fun. He never tires of retrieving sticks or chasing balls. When Rawding retrieves sticks, Shep stands



Daniel Rawding and Shep visit the Blue Mountains with the famous Three Sisters behind them

regally on the bow wearing a special life jacket. Says Rawding, "When I catch a fish he thinks it's his. No way."

### Norwegian Lions Paint a Masterpiece

A talented, hardworking artist who supported a household of six with his paintings, Nawa Sibulwa of Zambia noticed his vision worsening a few years ago. A doctor gave him the bad news: only in his late 30s, he had a rare form of cataract. In two years he was blind.

"I couldn't afford the cost of surgery. I couldn't even afford transportation to Lusaka [the capital, where the hospital was]," says Sibulwa through a translator.

His income plummeted to zero. He and his wife could not pay their rent or the school fees for their two children and two nieces. He tossed and turned in bed at night, fearful of the fate of his family.



Nawa Sibulwa proudly displays one of his paintings

Lions came to his rescue. Through Lions Aid Norway (LAN), he received free cataract surgeries to restore his sight. He's painting again and has put in a foundation

for a new home.

LAN has helped thousands see better in Zambia, Malawi and Uganda. Norwegian Lions support the building of clinics, training of doctors and nurses, and educating the public on health matters.

### Yesterday's News Turned Into Profit

Malaysians assiduously recycle newspapers, plastics, cans and even clothes. Nonprofits and businesses post banners near markets to draw patrons. So to get a leg up on the competition, **Petaling Jaya Metro Lions** distribute leaflets to homes in advance of the club's recycling drive.

The club fills a lorry with discarded newspapers, magazines and catalogs. It's done the recycling six times annually for five years. **SMK Batu Lapan Puchong Leos** help out. Proceeds are given to the National Kidney Foundation. The club gets something out of it, too. "The house-to-house collection has created awareness of Lions," says **Lion Shirley Koh**.



Lions and Leos in Malaysia gather newspapers for recycling

### Service Takes Many Forms Worldwide

Around the world, Lions assess needs in their communities and serve in a variety of ways. (Clockwise from upper left) **Pleasant Point Lions** in New Zealand hold a pumpkin growing competition. Used in soups and roasts and for cattle feed, pumpkins are harvested there in March. Los Angeles Lions in Chile sponsor a music festival for the blind. **Dortmund Phoenix Lions** in Germany provided a mare so children with disabilities can take part in therapeutic horseback riding. Not overlooking the smallest details in good grooming, **Jodhpur Marudhara Lions** in India organize a nail cutting and health education event for orphans.



## Howick & District Lions Club

The Howick and District Lions Club hosted their 2nd Annual Vintage and Classic Snowmobile Show and Ride on January 27, 2013 at the Howick Community Centre. About 80 sleds (and owners) attended the event which is an increase from last year. Many spectators of all ages came out to see the old sleds as well. Most participants were able to ride the private trail made by **Lion Cub Dan** and there were a few "breakdowns" too! The Lions served a hot lunch including our "prize winning" chili 3 years in a row!! and free public skating was offered in the afternoon. Snow, sunshine and fellowship made this day a great success.

Submitted by **Lion Lisa Gillespie**



## Dunsford & District Lions Club

The Dunsford and District Lions President **Andy Murdoch** and **Lion Michael Jancsik** and their guest Rick Harding from Lindsay, attended the **Haliburton Lions Club** first Polar Bear Challenge on February 16, in Haliburton. This was similar to most polar bear dips in other communities; the Polar Bear Challenge did include entering the icy waters wearing nothing but a bathing suit.

The fundraiser was hosted in conjunction with Frost Fest, an annual event and the Lions were raising funds to go to the Hospital for Sick Children, specifically to a new ophthalmology clinic.

Submitted by **Lion Walter Jancsik**



## Howick Lions

For the past three years, Howick and District Lions Club have been racing cardboard boats at the Musical Muskrat Festival in Wingham. The "Dead Carp", Howick Lions entry, has raced all three years without sinking!!!! In 2012, she was the Grand Prize Winner at the Muskrat. **Lion Flo McGill** had the brilliant idea of gathering local sponsors for the boats and to date they have raised over \$2000.00 for our community. In 2012 Howick Lions donated \$500.00 each to the Belmore Parks Board, the Fordwich Parks Board, the Wroxeter Parks Board and the Gorrie Pool. We would like to thank all of our Sponsors and take great pride in passing your generosity on to our community. We are already preparing for the 2013 race and look forward to continuing our service to the community. We would like to challenge ALL Lions Clubs to build a boat and



join in the "Life Altering Experience" of paddling a piece of cardboard down the Mighty Maitland River!

Submitted by **Lion Lisa Gillespie**



# Stamp of Approval

## Stamp club bonds Lions and deepens appreciation of our worldwide scope

by Elizabeth Blackwell



**Ward Crowley** of Denver became a Lion in 1951. That same year, about 1,000 miles east in Chicago, Lions' founder **Melvin Jones**, an avid stamp collector, helped initiate a Lions' stamp club. Crowley joined that club seven years later. Since then, he's been a fanatical stamp collector as well as a devoted Lion.

Crowley has rarely missed an opportunity to promote Lions or the Lions International Stamp Club (LISC). Often his passion for stamps increased his loyalty to Lions. It worked the other way, too: his love of stamp collecting deepened his attachment to Lions.

Crowley was always thinking up ways to get attention for Lions' activities. In 1961, when he was district publicity chairperson, he arranged for the charter of the new **Denver Skyline Lions Club** to be presented onboard a plane circling the airport. He was equally creative and persistent in spreading the word about the stamp club, helping spur its growth during the 1960s and 1970s.

Because the Denver club was one of the founding clubs of Lions Clubs International, Crowley was often introduced to visiting Lions from other countries. He gave them the stamp club pitch and asked them to promote the club when they got home.

### Get Involved

You'll find more details on the Lions International Stamp Club and how to join on the group's website: [www.lisc.nl](http://www.lisc.nl). Members receive a quarterly newsletter, *The Philatelist*, with updates on recently issued stamps. The club also publishes a catalog of Lions-related stamps, available for purchase. Many individual country stamps with the Lions logo can be bought for \$1 to \$5, making it relatively affordable to get started.

To find out more about the movement to issue a 100th anniversary Lions Club International stamp in the United States, contact Dr. Howard Levenson at [howard326@sbcglobal.net](mailto:howard326@sbcglobal.net). Additional volunteers are always welcome.

"When international presidents came to visit, I'd nail them," says Crowley. "The year I was president of the stamp club [1969-70], I wrote a letter to every district governor in the world, and they all promoted the club in their newsletters."

The LISC currently has 14 chapters around the world and almost 400 members. The most active chapters include Singapore, Australia, France, Belgium and the Netherlands. The two U.S. chapters are based in New Jersey and California.

For stamp collectors in general, the hobby feeds intellectual curiosity, provides "thrill-of-the-hunt" moments and provides a social outlet. For Lions, all of that is true and then some. If Lions can quickly bond with one another, then stamp-collecting Lions feel a

special kinship among one other.

What they like best about the stamp club, members say, are the interpersonal connections they've made and the sense of camaraderie that comes along with membership. Discussions that started over stamps have developed into friendships that last a lifetime.

"If Lions are the best-kept secret, the stamp club is the second best-kept secret," says LISC president **Douglas Schembs Jr.** of the **Westfield Lions Club** in New Jersey. "Because of the stamp club, I have friends all over the world. It allows you to really see the Lions as international."

**John Bargus**, a life member of the **Malahat Lions Club** in British Columbia, Canada, joined the stamp club in 1974, after a chance encounter at an international convention in Dallas reignited his childhood interest in collecting. "I attended 24 international conventions during my life, and my only regret at the end of them was having to say farewell to the other stamp club members and wondering when we would meet again," he says. "I have met some of finest Lions through the stamp club, and learned about international relations firsthand."

A popular hobby worldwide since the mid-1800s, stamp collecting is easily adaptable to different interests and budgets. Some aficionados buy stamps from a particular country; others choose to specialize in stamps that depict a certain topic, such as flowers or dogs. Another subset of collectors values rarity: stamps that were misprinted or otherwise quickly pulled from circulation (and are therefore more expensive). While most stamp collections are put together in albums for personal enjoyment, other collectors act more as dealers, buying up unusual stamps and selling them at a profit.

Most LISC members collect a wide variety of stamps, but they also focus on stamps that commemorate the Lions in some way. But exactly what counts as a "Lions" stamp is a subject of frequent debate, with no definitive answer. It could mean a stamp that displays a Lions logo or text, but it could also be a stamp that commemorates a subject associated with Lions such as blindness or Helen Keller. More than 119 countries and territories have issued postage stamps that recognize the work of Lions clubs. The first was issued in 1940 in Cuba in honor of the 24th International Convention.

Crowley describes his many years of work with the stamp club as "a labor of love." He specializes in collecting "covers," the stamped, postmarked envelopes that were issued to commemorate club activities, anniversaries and festivals. Over the years, he amassed a collection of more than 3,000. "First it was a hobby, then it became an obsession," he laughs.

Passionate collectors like Crowley can easily get caught up in the thrill of the hunt: tracking down the one or two missing stamps that would make their

collection complete. One set of covers, produced by a club in Bay City, Texas, to commemorate their annual rice festival, became Crowley's version of the Holy Grail.

"I'd get one here and another there," he remembers, "but I wanted them all. I finally found out that the wife of one of the members was the one who got them all postmarked, so I tracked her down and wrote to her to ask if she was willing to sell her collection. She said she wouldn't sell them for the world. I wrote back, offering \$25, and right away I heard back from the woman's sister, saying she'd be happy to sell her collection to me." He still laughs with delight as he recounts the story, both proud and amused by his perseverance.

Far-flung members come together in person at the international convention, when the stamp club's annual meeting is held. (The club also sets up its own mini post office so that commemorative covers can be canceled on site.) "Everyone gets together for dinner afterwards, and you have these really interesting conversations," says **Dr. Howard Levenson**, another LISC past president. An optometrist and member of the **San Rafael Host Lions Club** in California, Levenson credits the club with introducing him to many people who have become long-term friends: "You have the camaraderie of people getting together to share a common interest, and you're also learning a lot of history and geography. It's an education."



**Dr. Howard Levenson of the San Rafael Host Lions Club in California is an avid and knowledgeable collector of Lions stamps**

For club member **Ken Stuckey**, stamp collecting was what brought him to Lions. As a young research librarian at the Perkins School for the Blind (Helen Keller's alma mater) in Watertown, Massachusetts, Stuckey was asked to start a collection of stamps on

blindness for the school. That project brought him in touch with **Lions Frank Schofield**, of Laguna Beach, California, and **Curt Schneider**, of Manchester, New Hampshire, who donated their collections to the school and helped educate Stuckey about Lions.



Shown are a postcard of the Lions International Stamp Club and an array of Lions stamps

In 1975, Stuckey put together an exhibition and catalog of the Perkins collection, which brought the topic of blindness to the attention of the general public. It also began his correspondence with collector Gunilla Stenberg of the Tomtebodas School for the Blind in Stockholm, Sweden. Stuckey and Stenberg soon discovered they had more in common than a love of stamp collecting, and they eventually married.

Stuckey joined the **Watertown Lions Club** in Massachusetts in 1976, and continued to work at Perkins until his retirement in 1998. He now belongs to the **Stockholm Lions Club**. “Looking back, it’s a wonder to see how my wife’s and my collections have grown from a handful of stamps to over 400,” he says. “We are often asked, ‘Why hasn’t my country issued a stamp related to blindness?’ To which we often reply, ‘We think they have!’”

Many of those international stamps are now offered for sale through the LISC’s website, with most stamps priced at less than \$5. A starter collection of the most important Lions stamps can be put together for about \$150 to \$250. The Internet has led to a price decline for stamps—as collectors can now comparison-shop all over the world—but it also has made it easier for specialists to track down rare specimens. While the 1940 Cuba stamp sells individually for about \$2, two complete sheets of the stamp recently sold for \$375, an example of how a stamp’s format can add to its value.

The wide variety of colors and styles is one key to the appeal of a Lions stamp collection. A 1996 series of stamps from Kenya, for example, has pictures illustrating an ambulance, a child in a wheelchair and doctors performing eye surgery—all Lions-funded projects. A 1967 series from Rwanda shows the Lions’ logo with a zebra, against a variety of colored backgrounds, while a 1991 series from Guyana has both “Lions International” and “Melvin Jones” imprinted on vibrant pictures of tropical butterflies.

True to the Lions’ spirit of service, stamp club members give back to their communities, donating stamps to retirement communities and veterans’ homes, where hobbies such as stamp collecting help keep residents mentally engaged and entertained.

“Giving boxes of stamps to people can make them very happy,” says Levenson.

Visiting schools also gives members a chance to pass on their interest to a new generation. “When you support a youth group in stamp collecting,” Bargas says, “it enables them to understand that there are others in this world who are both like them and different.” Showing children unusual stamps—such as a 1985 stamp from the Netherlands honoring guide dogs, with Braille print indentations—can also lead into a discussion of what Lions do.



Collectors are drawn to the artistry of stamps

But stamp collecting has a hard time competing against the lure of video games and Facebook, just as the rise of email and text messaging has cut into the sale of stamps. In the 1970s, the LISC had 1,100 members, more than twice today’s membership. The two U.S. chapters are “treading water,” says Schembs, with a core group of longtime members keeping things going. However, the fact that some overseas chapters have grown in recent years gives hope that the U.S. chapters can be revitalized as well.

One way to do that is through a major new initiative spearheaded by the LISC: having stamps issued around the world to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lions Club International in 2017. “We want to do this big,” says Schembs, who has already set up a committee to get the ball rolling. “We’re planning to contact the postal authorities in every country that has a Lions club, and we’re hopeful we can do it.”



Stamp collecting has international appeal. LISC Treasurer Thierry De Wandeleir of Belgium and member Joel Liechtmaneger of France examine stamps at the LISC Booth in 2011 at the 94th International Convention

Traditionally, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) does not approve stamps that honor nonprofit associations or service organizations. But in 1967, thanks to strong public support and lobbying by Colorado Congressman and **Lion Byron Rogers**, Lions Clubs International was recognized on a U.S. stamp in conjunction with LCI’s 50th anniversary and “Search for Peace” essay contest. Unfortunately, the stamp itself, which showed a dove holding an olive branch, ended up being somewhat controversial, due to its drab color scheme and the tiny, almost unreadable letters used for the Lions’ text.

Stamp club members are hoping for a more compelling visual image this time around, but getting a new U.S. stamp approved won’t be easy. The USPS receives thousands of proposals for commemorative stamps each year, but only about 20 are chosen. The more voices heard in support of the stamp, the more likely it will become a reality (see sidebar).

The good news is that you don’t have to wait until 2017 to see the Lions on a U.S. postage stamp. Through websites such as Zazzle.com, and Pictureitpostage.com, you can design and print your own personalized stamps, which are accepted by the USPS. Collectors might not consider them “official” Lions stamps, but using them for your own correspondence or club mailings are fun ways to get the word out. “What a great way for Lions to show the world and fellow Lions what we do,” says Stuckey.

### Stamp Collecting Resources

To find out more about stamp collecting, the following groups have helpful, detailed websites aimed at both beginners and long-time collectors:

1. **LearnAboutStamps.org:** A good general education site for newcomers to the hobby.
2. **The American Philatelic Society (Stamps.org):** The official website of the world’s largest nonprofit association for stamp collectors. You can buy and sell stamps online, as well as get referrals to local dealers and clubs.
3. **The National Postal Museum (www.postalmuseum.si.edu):** Part of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., this museum has an extensive, well-designed website, full of historical information. You can see rare and unusual stamps up close by browsing dozens of online “exhibits,” including “15 Objects that Changed Postal History.”
4. **The American Topical Association (www.americantopicalassn.org):** This group serves collectors who organize their stamps by theme. Browse the site to see the full range of popular topics including space, wine, Christmas, animals, railroads and religious imagery.





# Lions Quest Canada

## The Canadian Centre for Positive Youth Development



### **What's Happening Now?**

2013 is going to be a great year for Positive Youth Development in Canada and we are glad that you will be a part of the excitement! We know that when each of us do our part we can generate positive change for the children and youth in our communities. By supporting, teaching, serving, coaching, mentoring, encouraging, empowering and motivating our children and youth every day we act as powerful catalysts.

Lions Quest Canada - The Canadian Centre for Positive Youth Development is committed to providing opportunities to gather, share and learn from one another. We invite you to join us in Beaumont this May, learn from what was shared in Halton in November and be inspired by what our Canadian communities - just like yours - are doing in support of Positive Youth Development every day.

### **Conference 2013 Beaumont – National Conference on Positive Youth Development**

May 2-3, 2013, Beaumont Community Church, Beaumont, Alberta

Join conference participants including individuals and teams, both youth and adults, from communities and organizations across the country at the only Canadian conference dedicated to Positive Youth Development.

Many recent national conferences have focused on what's wrong with our kids - bullying, violence, 'at risk' and the list goes on and on. We're taking this opportunity to focus on what's working and share our stories with others who know that focusing on strengths can be far more productive than trying to 'fix' what's wrong. When young people possess the necessary skills and competencies for life they are less likely to get involved with the negative influences and risk taking behaviour.

Our conference goals include –

- Connecting Canadians of all ages involved in strengths-based youth development
- Investigating how communities can prevent crime through social development, awareness and engagement
- Educating and exciting participants about what is available to support your Positive Youth Development efforts through Asset Building, Community Development, Youth Engagement, Youth Entrepreneurship and other effective approaches.

### **Positive Youth Development Workshops**

Lions Quest Canada: The Canadian Centre for Positive Youth Development has a network of top-notch professional trainers who are equipped to deliver leading workshops in various approaches and programs in support of our mission of providing leadership, knowledge, and resources to develop healthy, capable young Canadians of strong character.

A wide variety of speaking and training options are available with topics ranging from Asset Building to Positive Prevention, and from Community Capacity Building to Asset Mapping and Mobilization are available.

Our Lions Quest training workshops will expose you to the five program components -

- classroom curriculum resources
- service-learning
- family involvement
- positive school climate
- professional development & follow up

The workshops also model the development of a positive learning environment, and prepare you for implementation of the programs.

We believe that the Lions Quest programs will –

- Develop positive behaviours such as self-discipline, good judgement, and responsibility
- Practice skills and strategies to resolve conflicts peacefully
- Learn the importance of respecting others
- Celebrate diversity
- Embrace a healthy, drug-free approach to life

It is a comprehensive blend of skill building, participation in activities from the curriculum, discussion, sharing, and time for reflection. Participants will be able to become involved with the materials in the same ways the curriculum asks students to become involved. You will also have time to explore your own creativity and share resources with others. We believe you will find it informational, instructional, and rewarding.

Our experience, supported by considerable research, has shown that even the best material is only as good as the instructor's knowledge of how to use it. Our workshops will give potential program leaders a solid understanding of the program goals and hands-on experience with the material.

The entire workshop serves as a model of what should take place in a Lions Quest class. Under the leadership of a Lions Quest trainer, the participants work together and explore ways to help young people develop responsibility, self-confidence, self-discipline, and a commitment to helping others. Learning, skill building, and personal interaction combine to create the positive atmosphere that is the essence of the Lions Quest classroom.

Lions Quest workshops are open to anyone interested in helping young people, including parents, clergy, teachers, counselors, administrators, and representatives of community agencies.

**Visit [www.lionsquest.ca](http://www.lionsquest.ca) for more information.**

## I did not know!

While I have always been aware of the programs of The Lions Foundation of Canada, I have only just realized that the other Lion program focused solely for the Lions of Canada proves far broader than I have ever understood. I am talking about Lions Quest Canada.

For several years I have heard of the problems in achieving School Board buy-in to Lions Quest and the resulting comments from Lions on why should they donate funds to this program if it is never to get off the ground in their own areas? This is an entirely reasonable response until one realizes that Lions Quest offers a whole lot more.

Lions Quest is offering community based programs focused upon teaching any adults that interact with youth including organizations such as: Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, sports groups, youth camps, Sunday Schools and most important, groups that help

underprivileged children, the benefits of building positive, strength-based relationships with young people. It really is easy, and all it takes is a little work and initiative on our behalf to make a powerful impact on their lives.

Lions Quest is available to help organize these training sessions for any Lions Clubs that are prepared to get a group together to form a community workshop. From those that have been implemented to date, the public reaction to the program and in particular the promotion of Lions involvement has been outstanding.

Notwithstanding the excellent publications provided by Lions Quest, I for one somehow missed this opportunity to promote Lions in the context of youth development outside of the school environment. And, what an opportunity when we are all aware of the rising issues associated with our youth with bullying,

drugs, street gangs, suicide, to name but a few.

In answer to the misnomer that Lions Quest is dead because many of the school boards do not support it, we could not be more wrong! Providing learning opportunities within our respective communities is equally important and perhaps more so given the direct and immediate impact that can be realized.

This is written from a purely personal standpoint in an attempt to impart a thought that when discussions arise within your club concerning donations, please do not discount this excellent youth program and look beyond the school board challenge because without your involvement we could be letting one of the most exciting programs that Lions can offer disappear.

It is not just about schools it is about our communities and should you require more information it can certainly be made available to you in a hurry.

*Lion Dave Voisey PCC*

# History

## 10 Brilliant Breakthroughs in Service

The world has changed a lot in the last 100 years. Lions have roared loudly in making it a better place.

### At Your Service

When Lions Clubs began in 1917, service clubs were all the rage. But few actually were about service. They were businessmen's groups where the unofficial motto was "I'll scratch your back and you scratch mine." Service was an afterthought or it was window dressing. The self-serving motives of these groups made them an easy target for Sinclair Lewis in his wildly successful novel *Babbitt* in 1922. Lewis penned his satire before Lions Clubs became a game-changer. Lions' founder, Chicago insurance agent **Melvin Jones**, established a service club organization truly dedicated to service, an organization that prohibited financial self-interest. Jones and other early Lions put the "service" in service clubs and forever altered the role of community-based civic groups.



From its first days Lions Clubs focused on helping others, not themselves. In 1930, members of the Seattle University Lions Club in Washington enjoy a song by children at the Theodora Home "for dependent mothers and their children" after barbers in the club gave haircuts

### Cane Mutiny

Blind people used canes for centuries. But it took a Lion to make the canes safer and recognizable as a symbol of the blind. **George Bonham** was president of the **Peoria Lions Club** in Illinois in 1930 when he noticed a blind man with a black cane trying to cross a busy street. The man tapped his cane over and over, but the drivers, oblivious to his disability, continued to speed past him. Bonham decided



A user of the white cane, **Kenneth Jernigan** was a longtime leader of the **National Federation of the Blind**.

Photo courtesy of the Iowa Department of the Blind

what was needed, a white cane with a wide band of red. His club painted canes and distributed them to the blind, and the Peoria City Council swiftly approved a law giving the blind using a white cane the right-of-way. By 1956 every state had passed White Cane safety laws.

### Reading With the Ears

"The faces of the sightless people of Milwaukee are shining with pleasure these days," the *Milwaukee Journal* reported on Feb. 7, 1935. The reason for their happiness? They could "read" books – Talking Books provided by the Library of Congress. **Milwaukee Lions** had donated to the Milwaukee Public Library a Talking Book machine produced by the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB). Within a couple of years the Milwaukee library had more than 100 Talking Books including parts of the Bible, Greek plays and works by contemporary writers such as Edna Ferber, P.G. Wodehouse and even Walt Disney.

The Library of Congress first produced Talking Books in 1934, and Lions clubs quickly worked with both the AFB and then the American Printing House for the Blind to get the books and machines to the blind. The technology was cumbersome: a new needle was required each time a record was played. But the sound quality was good, and the blind couldn't get enough of the newfangled device. The Milwaukee Library reported a Talking Book circulation of 28,526 in 11 months in the late 1930s. E.E. Seebach, the head of the Talking Book department at the library, was oddly prescient: "The talking book is of greatest importance to those with defective vision as well as to the blind. Eventually, I think most of us will do our 'reading' in this manner."



An elderly blind man enjoys a Talking Book in this undated photo.

Photo courtesy of the American Foundation for the Blind

### Digital LION

Listen to historic Talking Book audio clips, including a 1936 recording of Washington Irving's "The Sketch Book" and Maya Angelou's 1970 recording of her poem "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," at [www.lionmagazine.org](http://www.lionmagazine.org). Clips are courtesy of the American Printing House for the Blind ([www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)) and the American Foundation for the Blind ([www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)).

### Leading the Way

In 1938 three members of the **Uptown Lions Club** in Detroit were crestfallen after their club's failed attempt

to enroll a fellow member, **Dr. Glenn Wheeler**, in the only U.S. school for guide dogs. The Seeing Eye in New Jersey accepted contributions but not sponsorships of individual students. So **Charles Nutting**, **Don Schuur** and **S.A. Dodge**, destined to become international president in 15 years, founded the Lions Leader Dog Foundation. Their quest included one memorable misstep. As they assessed a farmhouse as a possible headquarters, the rotting kitchen floor collapsed and two of them plunged into the basement. Undaunted, the trio founded their school in another farmhouse and housed the first four dogs in a dilapidated barn. Today, Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester is one of the most prominent guide dog schools. One of the very first of its kind, it helped popularize guide dogs worldwide.



The first class at Leader Dogs consisted of (from left) **William Joyce**, a law student from Wayne University with Leader Dog **Neitzie**; **Earl Morrey**, a Detroit native with **Baron**; **Dr. Glenn Wheeler** with **Hilda**; and **Paul Brown**, a conductor/musician from Toledo, Ohio, with **Van**.

### Eye Bank Era

By the 1940s surgeons knew how to successfully transplant the cornea of the eye, but transplants were rare. The problem lay in securing donor's eyes. People either weren't aware of the possibility or were reluctant to approve using a deceased relative's eyes. Clergymen's views then didn't help either: they considered using eyes for transplant a desecration of the dead.

A Lions club in New York, headed by a determined, savvy lawyer, helped change attitudes. Born in Italy in 1886, **Ralph Cerreta** came to the United States when he was 10 and worked as a reporter in New York before becoming a prominent, wealthy lawyer. While yet in his 20's Cerreta displayed a fierce concern for the disadvantaged and the ability to muster resources: he established the Italian Welfare League and the Young Men's Italian Educational League. During World War II he learned of the difficulty in completing corneal transplants. A chemist who had served in World War I was scheduled for a corneal transplant at a Manhattan hospital, but the death sentence of the would-be donor, a convict at Sing-Sing prison, was unexpectedly commuted. Donor tissue was luckily obtained from a deceased infant, but Cerreta had found a new cause for

Lions. His **Central Staten Island Lions Club** established the Sight Restoration Society in December 1944 for Lions to promote corneal transplants.

The world's first eye bank, the Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, was founded nearby on Dec. 15, 1944, at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, by young ophthalmologist Dr. R. Townley Paton and others. It's unclear whether the Lions' Restoration Society preceded the Eye-Bank and the exact initial relationship between the two (Lions have supported the Eye-Bank for many years), but Lions were henceforth instrumental in launching the eye bank movement. In 1945, the **Buffalo Lions Club** in New York founded the world's second eye bank, the Buffalo Eye Bank, and today Lions sponsor 55 of the world's eye banks, restoring sight to thousands of people and furthering research on cures for eye disease.



Shown in 1950, the original Eye-Bank cornea laboratory was at Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital. The lab moved to Wall Street in 1997.

Photo courtesy of the Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration Inc.

### World Body Roars From The Get-Go

As World War II raged, leaders of the Allied nations looked beyond the end of the conflict and held talks on a world body for preserving peace—an entity that would be stronger than the toothless League of Nations. Lions rallied behind the idea. In 1943 in Cleveland at their international convention Lions endorsed a House resolution calling for an international peace-keeping mechanism once the fighting ended. In February 1945 Lions' founder **Melvin Jones** and another Lion gathered with leaders of other national groups to meet with Secretary of the Treasurer Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Assistant Secretary of State Archibald McLeish to discuss a United Nations. In April Lions headquarters asked clubs to hold a United Nations week to show support for the initiative. The U.N. charter was signed in June.



The charter of the United Nations is signed

Jones, International President **D.A. Skeen** of Salt Lake, Utah, and future international president **Fred Smith** of Ventura, California, helped to formulate the non-governmental section of the U.N. charter. Two years later in 1947, in recognition of the importance of Lions Clubs to its mission, the United Nations gave Lions consultative status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council, committed to the welfare of people worldwide. For 68 years Lions and the United Nations have shared many common goals and worked together to further peace and prosperity.

### Service in a Place of Exile

Kalaupapa in Hawaii is famous as the home of those with Hansen's disease, also known as leprosy. For decades those with the illness were banished to the village. Despite its isolation, Kalaupapa was a thriving community with churches, musical groups, a historical society, a theater—and a Lions club. The **Kalaupapa Lions Club** chartered on April 28, 1948, with 31 members.

Kalaupapa Lions were leaders of the settlement: the administrator, medical director, sheriff and business manager. The club kept the community vibrant and active. It paid for the travel of entertainers (who donated their time) such as Red Skelton, Shirley Temple and Art Linkletter to perform at the community hall. Lions held hobby and craft shows, bingo nights, fishing tournaments and picnics. They built picnic benches and rain shelters at Judd Park. Using large rocks and coral, they constructed a seaside pavilion.



Lions at Kalaupapa helped build Kalawao Park, now known as Judd Park, named for Lion Lawrence Judd, former governor of Hawaii and then administrator of the Kalaupapa settlement

Photo courtesy of the Ed Kato Collection, Kalaupapa National Historical Park Museum Collections/NPS

No job was too big for the club. Lions put up street signs and directional markers with the Lions logo in their 12-square-mile area, created an orchard by planting trees with commemorative plaques after visits by Lions and prominent people, and recycled the wire from unused overhead electric power lines by “bushwacking” their way through thick undergrowth up a treacherous 2,000-foot-high mountainside. The outside world might have pitied them, but Lions were too busy to notice. They used Kukui nuts and shells to craft leis, jewelry and novelties, and they generously supported the Hawaii Lions Eye Foundation, the Salvation Army and the programs of Lions Clubs International.

Hawaii abolished its isolation laws in 1969, many years after medicine was developed to control and cure

Hansen's disease. Seventeen people remain in Kalaupapa; eight are Lions.

### Vision Quest

Papyrus texts from ancient Egypt describe the bitter toll of trachoma: blindness brought on by eyelashes that turn inward, not only excruciatingly painful but also permanently scarring the cornea. What the Egyptians did not know was that the underlying culprit was a bacteria, spread by flies, and that the disease was prevalent in overcrowded conditions marred by poor hygiene. Modern researchers sought antibiotics to thwart the age-old disease, and in the 1950s **Melbourne Lions** in Australia made possible the Lions Research Unit of the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and underwrote the salary of gifted pathologist Dr. H. Courtney Greer. Building on the research of Professor Ira Mann, Greer perfected an antibiotic in the early 1960s that saved countless Aborigines from blindness.



Supported by Lions, researchers in Australia developed antibiotics to curtail trachoma

### Digital LION

Watch a video on Lions' success in curtailing trachoma at [www.lionmagazine.org](http://www.lionmagazine.org).

### Ann Landers, Dear Indeed

At the height of her popularity columnist Ann Landers reached 90 million readers of more than 1,200 newspapers. She was the national water cooler: her advice rippled out across the nation. Lions shrewdly capitalized on her renown in 1987. International President **Sten A. Akestam** of Sweden wrote to her: “Dear Ann Landers: I know that you are very much interested in educating your readers on matters concerning health. In fact, the medical

community considers you its No. 1 (and most effective) advocate. Please print this letter.” Akestam then went on to describe the warning signs of diabetes, a disease still in the shadows. He also provided the phone number



for Lions' headquarters. Landers replied in her column: "I am delighted to print it. It will save lives." Ever practical, Landers closed, "I hope you have a good number of trunks on that phone and many volunteers who are willing to man it. And please keep in mind that my West Coast readers are two hours behind you. Don't close up at 5 o'clock." She was right: the phones rang for weeks. But Lions Clubs was ready, quickly mailing out thousands of preprinted diabetes brochures.

### **Seeds of Democracy**

The **Guangdong and Shenzhen Lions Clubs** chartered in May 2002—the first voluntary membership groups in China since the 1950s. Making inroads in the world's

most populous nation is good for Lions Clubs International (LCI). Today there are 489 clubs with nearly 13,000 Lions in China. But Lions are also good for China besides the obvious service reasons. LCI is non-political, but political commentators have argued that NGOs such as Lions contribute to the democratization of China. Political scientist Chen Jie wrote, "Lions have helped transform official and popular attitudes toward NGO activity by operating in China. There is the Lions own democratic structure, with the members from the Shenzhen and Guangzhou branches reportedly inspired by its annual presidential elections, participatory mechanism, equality among leaders and members, dedication and transparency."



*A patient in China undergoes an eye screening supported by Lions*

## **Lions Come Together to Help Local Teen**

Some teamwork by area Lions has made life a little easier for a Norfolk County teenager.

Alex Kirton, benefits because Lions Clubs in **Port Dover, Simcoe** and **Vittoria** got together with money and know-how and provided a water therapy spa with a year-round enclosure. Alex, who was born with Peters' Anomaly and experienced development delays because of his blindness, enjoys physical activity from the hot tub. The backyard therapy helps calm him down and lets him sleep at night.

Port Dover **Lion Mark Acton** took up the challenge of helping the Kirton family find a hot tub for use as physical stimulation for Alex. After lots of letters and phone calls, Acton found initial support from his own club and Vittoria and soon Alex was enjoying the benefits of the hot tub. The two clubs wrote the cheques and were hands-on making sure the tub was operational and up to snuff.

"There are so few things Alex can enjoy," said his mom Kim. "And this is one of them."

Simcoe **Lion Keith Ashley** also responded to the call for help and determined that young Alex – who has had six failed cornea transplants – could benefit from using the hot tub year-round. His solution was to enclose the spa and the Simcoe Club undertook to design, build and pay for the structure.

Two other youngsters in Vittoria also benefit from

the therapeutic spa and have used it this winter.

Simcoe **Lions Mike Rigby, Scott Dawson, Ashley, Ted Koopman, Dave Stelpstra, Len Addley, Mike Bauslaugh** and **Ron Francis** helped with the building project. Lion Keith's son Paul, who now lives in Nunavut and was home visiting for a few days, also pounded some nails.

The Simcoe Club celebrated 80 years of service in 2011 and has undertaken several building projects in recent years including picnic pavilions at both Lions Park and a Norfolk County retirement home. The Port Dover Club started in 1938 under Simcoe's sponsorship and have been community leaders for 75 years. The Vittoria Club began in 1953 and has been the linchpin of community life for 60 years.

The project wasn't without incident; one of Dawson's sawhorses had to be retired after an errant and over-zealous saw cut made it inoperable.

"The Lions don't know how much they've done by helping Alex," Mom Kim said. "They have helped us a lot."



*Simcoe Lions Dave Stelpstra (left), Scott Dawson and Ron Francis work on an enclosure for a therapy spa for a Norfolk teenager. Clubs from Vittoria, Port Dover and Simcoe teamed up with money and know-how to help Alex Kirton, who was born with Peters' Anomaly and experienced development delays because of his blindness, enjoy physical activity from the hot tub*

### MULTICULTURAL DINNER PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTION – FRIDAY NIGHT

Shaolin Martial Arts: Qi Gong, Kung Fu, fist methods etc. (children & youth) - Shaolin Temple Martial Arts Institute groups.

Irish Dance - Irish Dance Studio- children & Youth group

International Ballroom Dance show: "So you think You Can Dance" Style - Ella & Patrick- Canadian Champion 2012; World Champion 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 2013

Latin Dance – Cuban and Blues - Artem & Abigail, Canadian Champions

Indian Bridal & Glamour Costume Show - Tazzeb will sponsor make up & hairstyle and 10-12 professional models to showcase top of the line Indian Saree.

Steelpan Carribean music - Soloist Earl La Pierre- music for dance

Oriental Mix: Chinese, Laos, Phillippino & Korean Dance - featuring various dance cultures from the Orient

Classical Ballet - World Champion Ballerina from Russia

Samba Brazillian Dance - Samba Brasil Entertainment- Dance performance and dance with audience

### FOR SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER:

International Night: Latin Fusion Trio Music - Latin Fusion Trio-Arun Pal Studies

### OPENING CEREMONIES – SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Past International President Harry Newman will introduce Helen Keller to recreate her speech to the Lions in convention at Cedar Point Ohio. This is not a video but a live recreation of the event.

## **Morrisburg & District Lions Club**

Brenda Millard, Past Chair of the Dundas Food Bank was one of the first customers to pick out her 2012 Christmas Tree from the Morrisburg & District Lions Club. The Club donated the \$671.00 raised in this seasonal fundraiser to the Food Bank. Pictured are left to right: **Lion Paul Gunther**, club liaison to the Food Bank, Brenda, **Lions Jim** and **Viviane Martin**, co-chairs for this initiative.

*Submitted by Lion Judy Charette*





# 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

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North

690 Highway 7 East, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2 1-800-668-0101



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 \_\_

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

Note: Booking of these hotels must be done through the Convention Committee. One night fee with tax must accompany registration. Book early to ensure room availability.

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

Please register early to ensure availability of event tickets. All cancellations must be in writing by mail or email & acknowledged. Cancellations received after April 25, 2013 will be subject to a fee of one night's room deposit. No refunds for meal events after April 30, 2013. Substitutions/transfers for registration and meals will be accepted.

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## Payment Information

Section 1	Registration	Cost	Committee Use
<b>Person A</b>	Lion \$20   Lioness \$20   Spouse/Partner \$10   Leo \$10  Exhibitor/Trader \$10   Sunday only \$10		
<b>Person B</b>	Lion \$20   Lioness \$20   Spouse/Partner \$10   Leo \$10  Exhibitor/Trader \$10   Sunday only \$10		
<b>Exhibitor/Trader</b>	Pin Traders - \$ 25 total fee		
<b># of Tables _____</b>	Commercial - \$75 each per day		

Section 2	Function Tickets & Pins	Price	Quantity	Cost	Committee Use
Friday May 31	Lunch Buffet	\$ 27			
Friday May 31	Taste of the World Dinner Buffet	\$ 47			
Saturday June 1	International Banquet	\$ 62			
	Convention Pin	\$ 5			

<b>Total Cost Conference Fees (Sections 1 &amp; 2)</b>		
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Section 3	Hotel	Cost	Committee Use
<b>Hotel Room Deposit</b>	Hotel Accommodation must be booked through the Convention Committee and must be secured by <b>one night deposit including taxes</b> . This will be credited to your account. Sheraton Parkway North   \$ 149 + 16% = \$172.84 Best Western (adjointed)   \$ 109 + 16% = \$126.44		

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Come to Markham/Richmond Hill and experience a Convention the likes of which you have never seen before.

Whether you are a Lion, Lioness, Leo, a partner or just a supporter of Lions we have something that will keep all who attend both busy and interested over the 4 days of the Convention.

In addition to the regular Lions programs the Convention will offer a variety of entertainment

activities both within the confines of the Convention and trips to local points of interest, such as Unionville's Main Street where you can shop, eat and be entertained by the locals, a visit to a Chinese Shopping Mall, or a visit to a local Mosque, to name just three.

The focus of this year's MDA Convention is recognition and appreciation of many of the cultures represented by our organization's membership. With this in mind you will have the opportunity to experience several

aspects of the lifestyles of these varied cultures such as food, fashions and, of course, song and dance.

It's time to let your hair down and come to your MDA Convention and have an experience you will remember for a lifetime.

We hope to see you all May 30, 31 and 1, 2 June, 2013.

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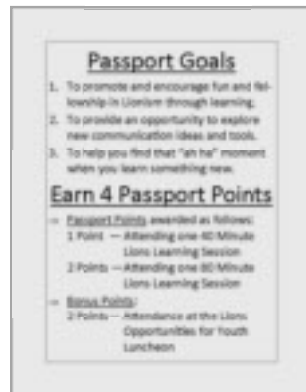
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MD-A CONVENTION 2013 – LIONS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES  
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### LEARN A LITTLE – AND HAVE FUN DOING IT

**Certified Guiding Lion** (40 minutes)

**Session Leader – Chris Lewis**

“Certified Guiding Lions are an important part of growing and strengthening clubs. Discover the steps to become one, and learn how a Certified Guiding Lion can support the development of both new and existing clubs.”

**Club Excellence Process – Class Reunion** (80 minutes)

**Session Leader – Tom Gordon**

This session is for those Lions that have been, or would like to be, facilitators for the Club Excellence Process. We will discuss what's working, what's not and, share modifications to the materials, process, and timelines. Come prepared with examples from your experiences and any questions you may have for the coming year.

**CNIB “Ignite your Senses”** (40 minutes)

**Session Leader – Shari Lovelock**

Designed to stimulate and surprise, this interactive session will guide Lions through unique sensory experiences to gain a deeper understanding of the often life-changing effect CNIB has on people adjusting to their loss of sight.

**Conflict Resolution** (40 Minutes)

**Session Leader – Denis Vinette**

Conflict is part of everyday life. Let's look at the causes of conflict, a variety of strategies used to resolve conflict and study the collaborative approach to conflict resolution.

**GMT “Now that we have the tools...”** (80 Minutes)

**Session Leader – Terry Graham**

This session will be an interactive seminar on the tools and programs available to enhance your club's harmony, communication and membership. A discussion on the Club Excellent Process, New club extension, and how the Global Membership Team can help lead the leaders in your district. This session will be of particular interest for Presidents and Zone chairs on why you hold the keys to your District's success.”

**LIONS QUEST “All Kids are Our Kids”** (40 minutes)

**Session Leader – Joanne McQuiggan**

Think Lions Quest is only for schools – do we have news for you? One of our objectives as Lions is to develop healthy, capable young people of strong character as part of our Youth programs. Learn how to build positive and lasting relationships with young people within our communities. The result can be a life changing experience for both.

**Marketing** (40 minutes)

**Session Leader – Aaron Madar**

This informative session will show how a new Young Professionals Lions Club planned, promoted and executed their annual charity event. You will learn how they used social media, relationships and star power that made this one of the most talked about fundraising events for years to come.

**On Line Meetings** (40 minutes)

**Session Leader – James Johnson**

Do you sometimes find it difficult to arrange a Lions meeting because of bad weather conditions or long distances to travel? Why not consider meeting online. This session will demonstrate how easy it is to coordinate an online meeting using the GoToMeeting.

**Power Point For Meetings & Learning** (80 minutes)

**Session Leader – Dennis Flavell**

Power your Point across to your audience. Learn some basics of what you can do, and some things not to do, to keep your meeting or presentation on track and interesting.

**Tail Twister** (40 minutes)

**Session Leader – Barry Martel**

Everything you wanted to know about Tail Twisting but were afraid to ask. Let's research together, “Tips, tricks and skits” to become a successful Tail Twister in your club.

**ZONE CHAIR “Entering a Time Zone”** (40 minutes)

**Session Leader – OJ Wilura**

A Lion entering this Zone will result in a bold new awareness of duties evolving around membership.

### Opportunities for Youth Luncheon

Saturday, June 1, 2013

#### Time Line

12:00 – 12:30	Lunch	
12:30 – 12:35	Introduction	Lion John Harvey
12:35 – 12:45	Peace Poster/Blind Essay	Lion Ellen Fletcher
12:45 – 1:00	Youth Camp & Exchange	Lion Jack Oatway
1:00 – 1:15	Effective Speaking	Lion Joyce Harvey
1:15 – 1:25	Leos	Lion Katherine Reid
1:25 – 1:40	Lions Quest	Lion Joanne McQuiggan
1:40 – 1:45	Wrap-up	Lion John Harvey
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1 hour, 45 minutes</b>	

## A-15 Lions Booth At Total Woman Show

Family and Women's Membership Chairperson, **Lion Ferne Lindhorst** of the **Cambridge Highland Lions Club** was at the Lions Booth during the Total Woman Show, held at Bingeman's Arena in Kitchener on February 9-10 weekend. The show attracted dense crowds, and provided good exposure for Lionism in A-15.



## MDA Directory Information

### Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting Convention: May 30 - June 2, 2013

### District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Leamington, Pelee Days Inn	April 12 - 14, 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
A16	Newmarket, Community Centre	April 26 - 28, 2013



## Calling all Lions, Lioness, Leos and Friends

*You are invited to attend a special*

### Opportunities for Youth Luncheon

*to be held at the MD"A" Convention  
on Saturday, June 1, 2013 from  
12 noon to 1:45 in the Grand York Ballroom B & C.*

Following lunch, the various Youth programs will be showcased by Youth participants. Included will be:

- Youth Camp & Exchange
- Effective Speaking
  - Leos
- Peace Poster/Blind Essay
  - Lions Quest

*Come, experience the best of our Youth!!  
[after a classy buffet with all included.]*



To order tickets at \$26.00 each, contact Opportunities for Youth Chair, Lion John Harvey at 905-768-3498 or <harv@optionsdsl.ca> and/or send a cheque to him at: 102 Conc. 16, Hagersville ON N0A 1H0

## 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. 19 - 21, 2013	Overland Park, Kansas
Sept. 18 - 21, 2014	Puerto Rico
Sept., 2015	Grand Rapids



# A Book for the Children of Lefavre on Christmas Morning

**In 2012, Santa Claus, with the help of the Lefavre Lions Club gave all of the children registered at St. Joseph Elementary School as well as all preschoolers a book for Christmas.**

The idea of providing the children of Lefavre was modelled on an initiative started in Ithaca New York entitled: **A Book On Every Bed On Christmas Morning.**

A committee consisting of **Lions Leonard Samek, Ronald Lavoie** and **Dominique Reiher** was struck in early November 2012 to study, as well as implement, the plan to provide each of the children with a book.

The committee received two lists containing all of the known children in the community: a list of preschoolers from **Lion Claude Yelle** and a list, from **Lion Helene Lavoie**, of the children attending St. Joseph elementary school.

There were a total of 59 children in the village and in the neighbouring farming community who would not be forgotten by Santa on distribution day.

A list of appropriate books for the school children was compiled by the elementary school teachers in the community. The Director General of the Township libraries, Dominique Lacelle who is also Lefavre's librarian, donated her lunch hours to supplement the list and added her expertise for the appropriation of books for all of the children.

Books were ordered by the Librarian at a 20% discount. Extra books were purchased lest any child had been missed on the combined list. The surplus was subsequently donated to the local library.

After the books arrived, they were wrapped in Christmas paper by **Lions Henri Chartrand** and **Joanne Poulin**. Each book was supplemented by activity books donated by the library.

The wrapped books were then sorted and put into manila envelopes with a letter, written by Lion Dominique Reiher, addressed to the parents. The parents were asked to place each child's book at the foot of the bed after the child was asleep on Christmas Eve. Each envelope was embossed with a Lions Sticker.

The books of the preschoolers were distributed by Lion Claude Yelle and Santa Claus at each preschooler's home 9 days prior to Christmas day. Lion Claude was accompanied by a choir of School children from the village. Each of the homes visited received a short Christmas recital.

The distribution of books for the children is an addition to a decades old tradition of the Lions Club and Santa giving a gift to every preschooler in the community.

The chorus of St Joseph's school children was added two years ago. The parents and children of each home receiving a gift are serenaded with a Christmas carol. The children from the choir give the book(s) to the parents and explain the project to the parents.

Because Santa was only visiting the preschool children, it was decided that the books for the children at St. Joseph Elementary School were to be given, together with instructions to the parents, at school on the final day

of school. School was cancelled because of a snow storm and these books were distributed personally to each home by Lion Ronald Lavoie.

The programme was received enthusiastically by the library board. Members of the board requested that the librarian's participation with the Lions Club be added to her job description next year. We look forward to working with the librarian and the board next year and in future years.

A few days following the distribution of the books, the Lions received many positive comments about the project. Many noticed the sticker of the Lions Club, which is well known and active in the community.

Such a project could not have taken place without the help of volunteers, both adult and children, who took at heart to serve our community.

We are a small community but we are alive and very active.

*submitted by Lion Marie-France*



**Lion Dominique Reiher, Lion Claude Yelle, Lion Leonard Samek, Lion Ronald Lavoie, Lion Henri Chartrand with Santa Claus and his choir**

## Un livre à Noël pour les enfants de Lefavre

**En 2012, le père Noël, avec l'aide des membres du Club Lions de Lefavre, a distribué à chacun des enfants de l'école St-Joseph ainsi qu'aux enfants d'âge préscolaire un livre pour Noël.**

L'idée de donner des livres aux enfants est venue d'un projet effectué depuis des années à Ithaca dans la région de New York appelé **A Book On Every Bed On Christmas Morning.**

Au début de novembre 2012 un comité composé de trois membres du Club Lions de Lefavre fut formé afin d'étudier et de mettre en œuvre ce projet. Il était composé de **Lion Leonard Samek, Lion Ronald Lavoie** et **Lion Dominique Reiher.**

Le comité a reçu de **Lion Claude Yelle** une liste de tous les enfants d'âge préscolaire de la communauté et **Lion Hélène Lavoie** a fourni une liste des enfants qui fréquentent l'école élémentaire catholique St-Joseph de Lefavre. Ainsi, aucun de ces 59 enfants qui vivent au village et dans la communauté agricole voisine ne serait oublié par le père Noël le jour de la distribution.

Le comité a compilé, avec l'aide des enseignants de la communauté, une liste de livres dont le sujet et le niveau de lecture étaient appropriés pour chacun. Une fois cette étape terminée, Madame Dominique Lacelle, CEO des bibliothèques du canton et responsables de la bibliothèque publique de Lefavre, a généreusement fait don de ses temps libres pour aider le comité à finaliser le choix des livres. Madame Lacelle a ensuite commandé les livres tout en nous faisant bénéficier d'un rabais de 20%, qu'elle a réussi à obtenir de son fournisseur.

Quelques livres furent achetés en surplus pour s'assurer de pouvoir combler un manque en cas d'imprévu, et ceux qui restèrent une fois le projet terminé furent remis en guise de don à la bibliothèque.

Une fois la commande de livres reçue, **Lion Henri Chartrand** et **Lion Joanne Poulin** les ont emballés et y ont ajouté un livret d'activités fourni par la bibliothèque. Les livres ont ensuite été classés et placés dans des enveloppes avec une lettre écrite par Lion Dominique Reiher. Cette lettre était adressée aux parents et leur demandait de placer le livre au pied du lit de l'enfant la veille de Noël une fois celui-ci endormit. Sur chaque enveloppe, un collant à l'effigie du Club Lions fut apposé.

9 jours avant Noël, les enfants d'âges préscolaires recevaient leurs livres lors d'une visite du père Noël. En effet, Lion Claude Yelle avait une feuille de route détaillée et conduisait le père Noël, avec ses livres, à chaque maison. La chorale des enfants de l'école du village participait aussi à cette distribution et donnait un récital de chants de Noël à chaque foyer visité.

Si le projet Un livre à Noël pour les enfants de Lefavre est tout nouveau, la tournée du père Noël des Lions de Lefavre ne l'est pas pour autant ! Cette tournée est en fait une tradition dans le village de Lefavre. Depuis plusieurs décennies, le Club Lions de Lefavre, avec l'aide du père Noël, distribue à chaque enfant d'âges préscolaires de la communauté, un cadeau.

Depuis deux ans, une chorale formée de plusieurs

élèves de l'école Saint-Joseph de Lefavre, accompagne le père Noël dans sa tournée et chante en chœur un cantique de Noël pour les enfants et les parents dans chacun des foyers. Ce sont ces enfants qui remettaient la lettre explicative du projet de livre aux parents.

Le père Noël ne visitant que les enfants d'âges préscolaires il était prévu que les enfants de l'école St-Joseph recevraient leurs livres avec les instructions aux parents le dernier jour de classe. Une tempête de neige a forcé la fermeture de l'école ce jour-là. C'est donc Lion Ronald Lavoie qui s'est chargé personnellement de distribuer les livres dans chaque maison des élèves de l'école Saint-Joseph de Lefavre.

Les gens siégeant sur le comité des bibliothèques publiques, regardant d'un œil positif notre projet, l'ont ajouté à la description de tâche de notre bibliothécaire. Nous anticipons donc avec enthousiasme de répéter l'expérience avec elle l'an prochain et pour les années à venir.

Déjà quelques jours après la distribution des livres, plusieurs commentaires positifs nous parvenaient au sujet du projet. Plusieurs avaient même remarqué le collant à l'effigie du Club, bien présent et bien connu dans la communauté. Un tel projet ne pourrait être réalisable sans l'aide précieuse de tous ces bénévoles qui ont à cœur de servir les petits et les grands de notre communauté.

Nous sommes une petite communauté certes, mais bien vivante!

## King City Lions

Santa was a big hit at the King City Lodge before Christmas. The King City Lions celebrated their 40th Year bringing Christmas Cheer to the Lodge residents.



## Sharbot Lake and District Lions

Sharbot Lake and District Lions held a canteen at the Sharbot Lake Snow Drags, February 16. Profits are to support District A3's Low Vision Clinics project.

*Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*



## Dunsford & District Lions Club

The Dunsford and District Lions entertained the kids with free sleigh rides in their motorized sleigh. They also cooked up a storm on the barbeque at the rink at the annual Dunsford Winter Carnival. Drivers were **Lions Bill Shier** and **Simon Bates**.



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## 55 Years of Service

On February 6th A-5 **District Governor Lion Andy** presented a plaque to **Larry Shanahan** on behalf of the **Blind River Lions Club**. The plaque recognizes Lion Larry's 55 years of service to the Community of Blind River through his work in the Lions Club.

**PDG Lion Myra Kiernan**, a member of the Blind River Lions said it was an honour to recognize one of their own for his tremendous dedication to the Lions and the plaque is a small way to show their appreciation of his 55 years of service.

Congratulation to Lion Larry Shanahan.



## Jarvis Lions Present Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards

On March 2nd, 2013 the Jarvis Lions presented three Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to **Lions Drew Williamson, Don Mitchell** and **Bob Nixon**. The awards were presented to the three Lions following the Jarvis Lions 60th Annual Variety Show. The three

Lions together represented 163 years of participation in the show. This is truly an example of commitment and dedication. Congratulations Lions!



*Left to right: Lion Mike Feeney, Secretary, Lion Don Mitchell (51 years in the show), Lion Bob Nixon (50 years in the show), Lion Drew Williamson (60 years of participation), Lion Dennis Craddock, President*



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# Cambridge Highlands Lions Honour Community Melvin Jones Fellow

**Lary Turner's** sense of community is undeniable and unwavering, and his loyalty to Hespeler along with his historical expertise of the Village, and by extension, the outer realm of Cambridge, identifies him as a significant figure in what makes the Hespeler community so very special.

The Cambridge Highlands Lions Club were honoured to present him with our Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, one of the Lions Clubs highest awards. Lary has been committed to his community through his 33 year career with Canada Post as a public servant, and continues to be devoted in everything he does daily which enhances the arts, the heritage of the local architecture and strengthens the community and its residents as a whole. He does this with his continued involvement and stewardship on various committees, associations and boards throughout the Region.

Lary's passion is hunting, fishing and wilderness canoe trips. He is a long-time member of The Company of Neighbours, which is a group dedicated to the collection and preservation of archival material related to the Hespeler community. As its Chair, he negotiated a long-term lease agreement with the City of Cambridge that allowed for the creation of the Hespeler Heritage Centre.

Lary is known as the Music Man due to his involvement in the last 19 years as Chair of the Forbes Park Music Festival, and his involvement with the fairly new fall event "A Day and A Night in the Village"

during which Lary leads Historical tours of the town, providing architectural and industrial information, in collaboration with the local artist community. Lary's focus in these events is to build our community spirit through a free one-day annual festival of music, arts and crafts, food vendors, children's activities, and fun for the whole family. He is the current editor/writer/ad sales/publisher of the Hespeler Happenings Community Newsletter, a publication of local news and events, and written stories of Hespeler history in which Lary shares facts, commentaries and personal stories of his life as a Hespeler resident.

Since 2005, Lary has been a member of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation, providing support to assist with heritage projects and protect our historical past. He is also a member of the Waterloo Heritage

Advisory Committee that provides heritage expertise to the WRHF and lends advice on heritage projects and concerns to the Foundation.

With knowledge of local political and architectural history, an intimate knowledge of every field and wetland, and many past and present residents, and his involvement as a member and a volunteer in many organizations and activities, it is no wonder Lary has become a very prominent face in the Hespeler Community. Lary is known by one and all as a driving force in community events in the Hespeler area of Cambridge and 2012 recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award of Recognition and the winner of the 2012 Bernie Adams Special Trustees for the Arts Award.

*submitted by Lion Christine Peynado*



*Lary Turner and his wife*



*Lion Jan Ho, Lary Turner and PDG Nancy Brash*

# Kitchener Oktoberfest Melvin Jones Fellows

At their recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, the Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships to two long term members.

**Lion Vaughan Braby** started in Lionism in District A9, was club president, has served twice as a Zone Chair and is in his second term as a Region Chair. He is also club secretary.

**Lion Larry Clements** served on various director

positions and was club president in 1990/91. Both members have obtained 35 years of service.

Also receiving a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship was 40 year member **Lion George Patton**.

Other awards handed out that night were Lions Quest Canada Fellowships to **Lions Susan Kimpel** and **Ron Kreuter**.

*submitted by Lion George Patton*



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*Lion Vaughan Braby*



*Lion Larry Clements*