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# One Way Every Lion Can Help Lions



**Joseph Preston**  
Lions Clubs International  
President

Time is really flying by. We are already at the middle point of the Lion year. I am very proud of all that you have done and are doing. The foundational focus of my theme is Strengthen the Pride through Service, and you have responded! You are reporting a record number of service activities.

Thank you for embracing the "ASK 1" concept where every Lion has been challenged to ask at least one person to join our association. In most places we

are chartering bigger and more clubs. We are trending well in membership growth, and by all indications we are doing a better job of identifying and developing leaders. We have also launched tools to help every club increase their effectiveness. But there is one major area of global concern: the number of dropped members.

There is little use in recruiting new members if we let our existing members slip out the back door. In hindsight, I wish that I had put more emphasis on retention. Rather than living with regrets, I decided to do something about it. We have launched "Keep 1"—a simple concept to drive home the importance of keeping each and every one of our members actively involved.

Very few Lions will ever be involved with chartering a club, and for many of our members asking someone to join is very hard. But every Lion in some

way can help keep our members actively involved. It is important to welcome our members, value them, train them, encourage them, mentor them and more. There is an old saying: "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." To reach our full potential, we have to give more effort in keeping our members.

As your president, I have vowed to do all that I can to Strengthen the Pride. I know that I cannot do it alone, but together WE CAN.

**Joe Preston**  
Lions Clubs International President

## An Attractive Invitation: Join Us in Hawaii

Lions Clubs was founded and grew from like-minded individuals coming together to improve society, better their communities and assist those in need. Its appeal proved to be universal. Lions now exist in 210 nations and geographical areas. Lions Clubs taps into a deeply rooted impulse: to serve others. Nowhere is this spirit more evident and more inspiring than at the international convention.

You certainly can understand and appreciate Lions at your local level. But only by attending an international convention can you realize the scope and range of Lionism.

Lions talk about the day they truly became a Lion: not their induction day but the time they served and understood the impact of their service. There are a whole lot of potential turning points for a Lion at our

international convention:

- the grand parade of nations
- the stirring flag ceremony
- the spellbinding speeches at the plenary sessions
- informative seminars
- world-class entertainment

Or maybe it happens at a quieter moment on an elevator when you cross paths with a Lion from halfway around the world and realize, despite differences in language, culture and customs, you are much more alike than different.

The international convention in Honolulu, Hawaii will be a time to reflect and celebrate all of your achievements this year. We will celebrate your successes in service impact, membership growth and

leadership development and your improvements in the efficiencies and effectiveness of your club operations. It will be our baseline in kicking off next year and the next phase of our centennial celebration.

Please set aside a week in June to enjoy the charms and magic of Hawaii while soaking up the wonders of Lionism. Our greatest, most spectacular coming together is once a year at convention. Joni and I hope to see you there this year. We know it will be an experience you'll treasure for the rest of your life.

**Joe Preston**  
Lions Clubs International President

## Rehab Centre at the Ottawa Hospital

On December 1, 2014, there was a dedication of a Nu-Step T5 exercise machine to the Rehab Centre at the Ottawa Hospital, General Campus.

PDG **Tony Lawson** acquired a life threatening ecoli infection in his spine and was admitted to hospital in

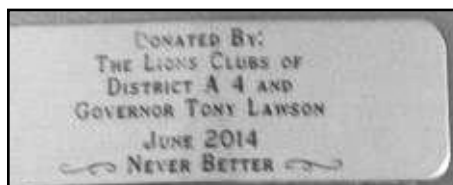
March 2012. Most people do not survive this condition, but Tony is a fighter. After spending two months in hospital, he lost all his muscle mass. He was not able to turn his head or sit up.

He was admitted to the Ottawa Rehab Centre on June 12. He began his stay there using a motorized wheelchair to get around, and used a lift to get in and out of bed. Due to the skills and dedication of the fabulous people at the Ottawa Rehab Centre he is now able to walk freely.

He wants to thank all the Lions of District A4 for providing the funds, along with his personal donation as his Governor's District project last year. Because of these efforts, a Newstep T5 recumbent bicycle was donated to the Rehab Centre main floor physiotherapy area.



**Dr. Jack Kitts, CEO of the Ottawa Hospital and PDG Tony Lawson cutting the ribbon on the new bicycle**



**Plaque on the bicycle**



**1st VDG Lion Kristina Schulz, Physiotherapist Andrea Chase, PDG Lion Tony Lawson, Lion Sandra Baldwin, Lion Mike Schulz, Lion Dr. Jack Kitts, President and CEO, Ottawa Hospital**



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, USA – OCTOBER 5-8, 2014



### AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. The audited financial statements as of June 30, 2014, for The International Association of Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International Foundation were reviewed and approved. The audited financial statements will be available following the board meeting.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Appointed the members of the District 301-A1 Advisory Committee.
2. Established the purpose, goals and objectives and changed the name of the Advisory Committee to Review Potential Vice President Candidates and revised Chapter II of the Board Policy Manual accordingly.
3. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International Constitution and By-Laws to reinstate the office of International Third Vice President.
4. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International Constitution to reallocate board representation.
5. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to change the name of the "Leadership" Committee to "Leadership Development" Committee.

### CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Revised start times on the official convention schedule of events.
2. Established per diem allowances for appointed Credentials Committee members serving without other reimbursement, District Governors-elect and District Governors-elect Faculty and headquarters staff attending the Honolulu convention.
3. Revised policy to update procedures, appointments and systems in Chapter VIII, Paragraph E in the Board Policy Manual related to Credentials and Elections Procedures.

### DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Amended the Club Excellence Award and the DG Team Excellence Award to encourage electronic reporting and communication.
2. Expanded District 403 B1 to include the country of São Tomé and Príncipe.
3. Approved redistricting proposals for District 1-E and District 1-L (Illinois); District 14-A and District 14-R (Pennsylvania); Multiple District 29 (West Virginia); Multiple District 37 (Canada and Montana); and Multiple District 104 (Norway); to take place at the adjournment of the 2015 International Convention. Approved redistricting proposals submitted by District 106 A and District

106 B (Denmark) and Multiple District 13 (Ohio), to take place at the adjournment of the 2016 International Convention.

4. Appointed Lions to fill district governor vacancies.
5. Revised the Board Policy Manual to modernize the process for providing address information by replacing mailing labels with electronic data formats.
6. Amended the Board Policy Manual to allow name badges to be made for new titles as noted in Lions Club International Official Protocol and as determined by the International President or Executive Administrator.

### FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the recommended changes to the General Fund and Emergency Reserve Fund Investment Policy Statements (IPS). Changes include:
  - The median or modeled return will be adjusted annually based on the Callan Five-Year Capital Markets Projection and the approved strategic asset allocation. The expected return will be reviewed with the committee annually and incorporated into the quarterly reviews.
  - Technical Changes: These include modification of portfolio benchmark(s), restatement of the existing asset allocation bandwidth, use of more relevant peer groups and indices, etc.
  - Correcting minor typographical errors.
2. Approved minor revisions to the Lions Clubs International Purchasing Policy.
3. Approved the 2014-2015 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
4. Approved increasing the annual spending from the General Fund investments by an additional US\$4 million for fiscal year 2014-2015.
5. Amended Chapter XXII, Paragraph E.d. of the Board Policy Manual by replacing "US\$.41 per mile (US\$.25 per kilometer)" with "US\$.50 per mile (US\$.31 per kilometer)" effective July 1, 2015.
6. Deleted Chapter IX, Paragraph C.4.c. (2) of the Board Policy Manual in its entirety and replaced it with the following:  
Charter air travel may be authorized in advance by the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee where travel by commercial air is not feasible and significant cost savings may be realized.
7. Deleted Chapter IX, Paragraph C.4. g. of the Board Policy Manual in its entirety, effective July 1, 2015. As agreed at the Toronto board meeting, effective July 1, 2015, district governors will no

longer be reimbursed for office expenses; instead an increase in mileage rate was approved. This deletion reflects this change.

8. Approved a housekeeping revision to Chapter XII, Paragraph E.1. of the Board Policy Manual to update travel rules to reflect practice, as well as current titles.
9. Deleted Chapter XII, Paragraph E.4., I.3., and I.5. of the Board Policy Manual, as these policies are included in the Employee Handbook and have no financial impact.
10. Approved a housekeeping revision replacing the words "Rule No." with "section" in Chapter IX, Paragraph C.2.b of the Board Policy Manual.
11. Approved a housekeeping revision to Chapter XXII, Paragraph E.b.(3) to clarify the hotel and meal reimbursement.
12. Amended Chapter XI, Paragraph D.2.a. of the Board Policy Manual by deleting the sentence "This forecast will reflect expenses equal to or less than revenues." This is in conflict with the association's long-term strategic plan to subsidize any deficits with funds from the General Fund Investments.
13. Amended Chapter XXII, Paragraph C. of the Board Policy Manual, effective July 1, 2015, to modestly increase the maximum in-district budgets for international directors, past international presidents and past international directors as follows:
 

International directors	US\$6,200 to US\$9,000
Past international presidents	US\$8,000 to US\$10,000
Past international directors	US\$3,000 to US\$4,000

### LCIF

1. Revised the Investment Policy Statement by revising the target allocations for the Humanitarian Fund, further defining the alternative target allocations, and several administrative changes.
2. Approved 56 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants, totaling US\$2,740,733.
3. Approved a Core 4 disability grant in the amount of US\$1,563,300, which represents the 2015 budget for the Lions-Special Olympics Mission Inclusion program.
4. Approved a Core 4 board-directed grant in the amount of US\$100,000, which represents the 2015 budget for the Lions-Aga Khan Development Network tree planting initiative.
5. Delegated the authority to select the nominees for the 2015 Humanitarian Award to the LCI Executive Officers.

6. Placed a moratorium on the consideration of all new grant requests from District 321-C2, effective immediately, and further stipulated that District 321-C2 return all funds disbursed for GA10907/321-C2 by December 31, 2014, or the moratorium will continue through July 1, 2017.
7. Amended Chapter 2 (Operations) of the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual to include several housekeeping updates on the sections of budget management, LCIF expenses, grant approval policy and financial reports.
8. Amended Chapter 3 (Grants) of the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual to include housekeeping update that US\$100,000 is the maximum amount available for standard grants.
9. Amended Exhibit D (Forms of Recognition) of the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual to include information on the criteria for the Chairperson's Medal and where it fits in the hierarchy of LCIF awards.
10. Amended Chapter 16, Paragraph B (Humanitarian Grants Financial Spending Policy) of the Board Policy Manual to reflect the revised Investment Policy Statement.
11. Amended Chapter 16, Paragraph E (General Reimbursement Policies) of the Board Policy Manual regarding mileage.
12. Amended Chapter 16, Paragraph F (Endowment Funds) of the Board Policy Manual in order to be compliant.
13. Amended Chapter 16, Paragraph I (Investments) of the Board Policy Manual to reflect the revised Investment Policy Statement and eliminate unnecessary language.

#### **LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

1. Approved a Faculty Development Institute for qualified Lions in North America, to be conducted in 2014-2015.
2. Approved the curriculum plan and schedule for the 2015 District Governors-elect Seminar in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.
3. Approved a Faculty Development Institute for qualified Lions in Central and Eastern Europe, to

be conducted in May 2015.

4. Approved curriculum and funding support for an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for qualified Lions in Africa, to be conducted in early 2015.
5. Requested that the Constitution and By-laws Committee draft language for a by-laws amendment, to be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2015 International Convention, changing the name of the Leadership Committee of the International Board to "Leadership Development Committee."

#### **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Determined that a reallocation of board seats be presented for approval to the delegates at the 2015 Convention as a constitutional amendment. This reallocation would reduce the number of international directors elected from Constitutional Area I, and would increase the number of international directors elected from Constitutional Areas V and VI.
2. Decided that a constitution and by-laws amendment to reinstate the office of third vice-president be presented to the delegates for approval at the 2015 International Convention.
3. Renamed the Special Centennial Planning Committee the "Centennial Action Committee."

#### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Approved "Join Together," a new club pilot program for two years to charter Lions clubs or form club branches at existing community-based non-profits in USA, Canada, the British Isles and Ireland, Sweden and Australia.
2. Approved the Centennial Membership Program with an implementation date of April 1, 2015.
3. Amended the international family and women coordinator job description to include reimbursement for approved forum expenses and be retroactive for approved forums in the current fiscal year.
4. Approved a pilot program for a family and women structure that mirrors the GMT and GLT structure in constitutional areas V and VI.
5. Approved the Democratic Republic of São Tomé

and Príncipe to become the 210th country/territory.

6. Amended the Board Policy Manual for the extended billing adjustment period for Campus Lions clubs that effective July 1, 2015, campus clubs have through March 31 for the January per capita billing and through September 30 for the July per capita billing to amend their club roster.
7. Approved the name change from the "Extension and Membership Division" to the "Membership Development Division."

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

1. Changed the centennial grant program to award up to US\$1,500 per district (not to exceed US\$15,000) and up to US\$2,500 for single districts.
2. Approved to convert all official editions of LION Magazine from a print to a digital format by January 1, 2018.
3. Changed Chapter XVII of the Board Policy Manual to require centennial related articles in all editions of LION Magazine.
4. Inserted Lions Clubs International Foundation Executive Administrator into the Order of Precedence immediately after the position of Association Treasurer.
5. Increased Leadership Awards from 1,280 to 1,680 for Lion year 2014-2015.

#### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

1. Established the positions of multiple district and district Reading Action Program (RAP) chairpersons beginning in fiscal year 2015-2016, and encourage all council of governors and district governors to appoint RAP chairpersons for one-year terms.
2. Selected Leos and Lions to serve as members and alternates for the Leo Club Advisory Panel for the term of November 2014 - October 2016.
3. Changed the name of the Leo of the Year Award to Leos of the Year Award.

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

## **Napanee Lions Club**

Napanee Lions Club kicked off its new community project, "Message in a Bottle", at Gray's IDA Drug Store, Napanee. The project facilitates passing of personal medical information in an emergency situation to first responders who have been called to the scene. A person's medical information is kept in a bottle which is stored conveniently in refrigerator. First responders are informed information is available in refrigerator by noticing stickers which have been placed on inside of front door and also on refrigerator door. This community project will be extremely welcome to senior citizens, people who have medical challenges and people who live alone. Bottles are

being made available at all Napanee pharmacies. Left to right - Lion **Eileen Huard**, president of Napanee Lions Club, Mrs. Janean Hagar receiving a bottle from Lion Harvey Gere, project chairman and watching is John Koenig, Assistant Fire Chief for Napanee. This is by no means a unique idea, only in that it is being presented as a Lions project here in Canada. This project has been successfully carried out in UK for a number of years by Lions and was aired on April edition of Lions Quarterly. A good idea was beaconing to the Napanee Lions, so they decided to introduce it here in Canada. If your Lions Club is interested in providing your community with this worthwhile

service, please contact Lion **Harvey Gere** by e-mail at



# Opening Athletes' Eyes in Kenya

by Eric Margules

When Lions put their hearts into service, great accomplishments follow. Olympics. Just ask the Special Olympics athletes and families in over 80 countries who have received health care and education as a part of Mission: Inclusion, part of the global partnership between Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Special Olympics.

Since 2001, Special Olympics has partnered with LCIF and Lions around the world to provide free examinations and health education to families and caretakers of individuals with intellectual disabilities. And now you can add another name to the list of countries participating in the project.

In September, Lions in Kenya met with Lions First Vice President **Jitsuhiro Yamada** and representatives from Special Olympics Kenya to sign a memorandum of understanding introducing the partnership to the people of Kenya. The agreement was signed by District 411 A Governor **Davinder Eari**, **Samson Ndegwa**, chairperson of the Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital; and **John Makathimo**, national director of Special Olympics Kenya.

With the introduction of Mission: Inclusion, Lions in Kenya pledge to support the growth of Opening Eyes, LCIF's vision care partnership program with Special Olympics, and ensure that high quality

screening and follow-up care is available throughout the country for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families.

This support includes engaging Leos throughout the country in the Special Olympics inclusive sports model and supporting the creation of Special Olympics-focused Lions clubs that integrate athletes through the "Invite an Athlete" campaign.

Lions in Kenya hope to provide increased service and support for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families by engaging at least 100 Lions in Opening Eyes events and Family Health Forums throughout the year. In doing so, the expanded program will provide an estimated 500 athletes a year with quality vision screenings and follow-up care.

In addition, the Mission: Inclusion partnership seeks to build on previous successes by mobilizing local Leos and Lions to hold at least one Unified Sports match, bringing together Leos and Special Olympics Kenya athletes.

After the signing ceremony, more than 100 athletes received vision examinations as part of the Opening Eyes program. In the future, the Lions of Kenya will help these and other athletes to participate in the Special Olympics Kenya National Games and prepare

them for participation for the Special Olympics Summer Games in 2015. Special Olympics and Lions believe in the transformative power of sports and service.

Further history was made when Yamada received the charter application for the first **Champions Lions Club** in Africa dedicated to supporting Special Olympics and working with people with intellectual disabilities. This new club will be the 12th Champions Lions Club worldwide since the beginning of the global partnership between LCIF and Special Olympics.



*Lions International First Vice President Jitsuhiro Yamada observes a vision screening at a ceremony in Kenya celebrating the partnership expansion between Lions and Special Olympics*



## The Fight Against River Blindness in the Americas Advances

by Cassandra Bannon



Lions remain active in the fight against onchocerciasis, and international efforts to eliminate the disease have made significant advances in the last year.

International Second Vice President **Bob Corlew** and a delegation of international Lions leadership traveled to Mexico City in November to participate in the XXIV InterAmerican Conference on Onchocerciasis (IACO), an annual meeting for partners of the Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas (OEPA) to celebrate achievements in the elimination of onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness, and to discuss potential solutions to remaining challenges.

Mexico has now eliminated disease transmission and completed the post-treatment surveillance period. Officials have submitted its dossier to the World Health Organization (WHO) for disease elimination verification. If confirmed, Mexico will become the third country in the region to receive verification of elimination of onchocerciasis. The government of Guatemala also is preparing to start the official process to request confirmation from WHO. In 2013, Colombia became the first country confirmed by the WHO as free of onchocerciasis, and Ecuador in September became the second country to receive confirmation.

While at the conference in Mexico City, Corlew and

other Lion leaders met with **former U.S. President Jimmy Carter**, a Lion, and Mary Anne Peters, CEO of The Carter Center and a former ambassador, to discuss the ongoing partnership between Lions and The Carter Center, which began in 1999.

"We are making huge strides toward halting onchocerciasis," says Corlew. "Thanks to the work of our partners and the generosity of our Lions, we are preventing blindness and creating a future free from this debilitating disease."

Onchocerciasis is a parasitic infection that causes extreme itching and eye lesions, and may lead to disfiguring skin diseases, low vision and irreversible blindness. Transmission of onchocerciasis in the Americas now continues only in the border region between Venezuela and Brazil among the Yanomami population. Interrupting onchocerciasis transmission in this region poses a significant challenge because the Yanomami people are migratory and live deep in the Amazon rainforest.

During the IACO conference, the ministries of health of Venezuela and Brazil committed to working together with The Carter Center, OEPA and other partners to eliminate onchocerciasis from this region by 2019. The Carlos Slim Foundation donated US\$6.8 million to OEPA to support elimination efforts

among the Yanomami people.

Since Lions-Carter Center partnership began, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has provided US\$6.3 million to Latin America via The Carter Center for onchocerciasis control, plus additional funds to help Lions in Brazil, Ecuador and other impacted countries support national onchocerciasis control projects. Latin America now has less than 1 percent of the world's river blindness. About 120 million people remain at risk in Africa.



*A health worker Union Victoria, Guatemala, measures a child prior to administering the correct dosage of Mectizan® to prevent river blindness.* Photo courtesy of The Carter Center/P. DiCamp

# Sight for Kids Expands Beyond Asia

by Allie Lawrence

A pair of eyeglasses can bring the biggest smile to a child's face. But the importance of good vision goes far beyond momentary happiness. Seeing clearly can help a child read better, participate in sports and so much more.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies (JJVCC) have been working together since 2002 to help millions of children see more clearly through their Sight for Kids partnership program. Launched in Asia and led by local Lions, JJVCC employees and local partners, Sight for Kids engages eye care professionals who train teachers to conduct school-based vision screenings and eye health education in underserved communities. When needed, students are referred to local eye care professionals for eye exams, eyeglasses and further treatment and follow-up care at no cost.

Now, LCIF and JJVCC are expanding their Sight for Kids partnership to communities in Kenya and Turkey. These are the first two countries in Africa and Europe to receive Sight for Kids services. Through the program, more than 20 million children in underserved schools and communities across the Asia Pacific region have already benefitted from Sight for Kids.

In Kenya, more than 20,000 children have been diagnosed with visual impairments. Sight for Kids Kenya will provide a chance for early detection and treatment of visual impairments and eye diseases. Sight for Kids Kenya plans to train 1,100 teachers in greater Nairobi on eye health and vision screening this year. These teachers will then provide basic eye health education and vision screenings to students in 55 schools.

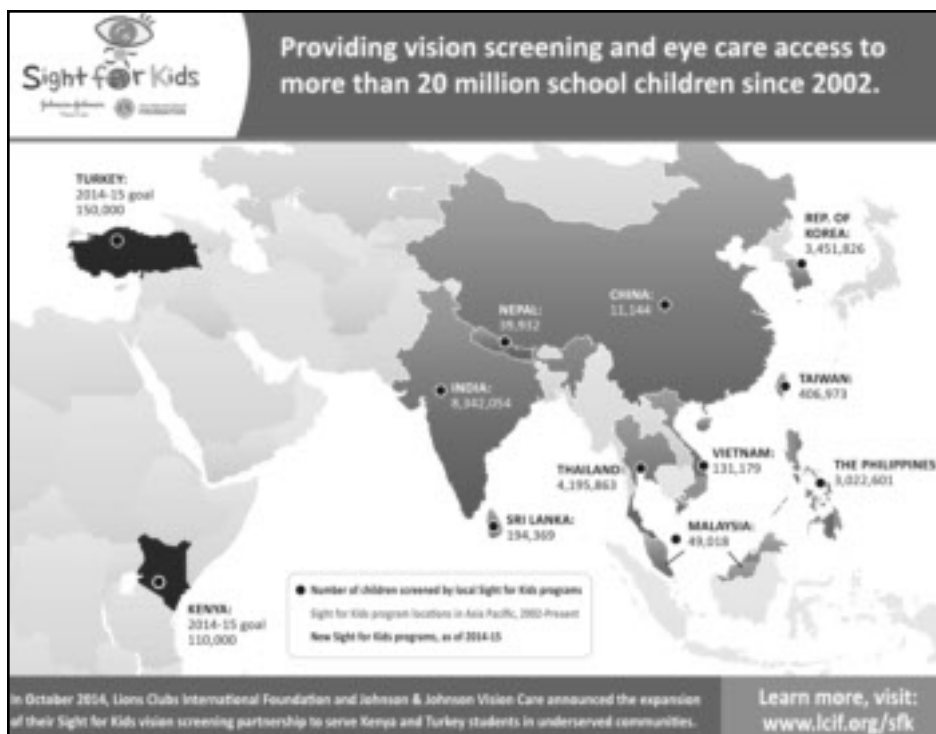
"Many children do not know what normal eyesight is, and a lot of eye conditions go undetected. It is very important to spread the word on eye health, as well as to screen children and provide the necessary

treatment," says Tanvi Shah, an optometrist at Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital in charge of Sight for Kids Kenya. "We're thankful that Lions and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies have come together to help us."

A 2002 study of southwestern Turkey pediatric ophthalmology records showed that nearly 70 percent of children with visual impairment had cases that were considered either preventable or treatable. Sight for Kids Turkey plans to train 1,500 teachers in greater Ankara, with the goal of reaching 150,000 school-aged children in 500 schools. Local teachers will be trained in vision screenings and eye health.

"We know that the economical situation is not so good, especially in rural areas. Many people need many things, but especially eye care," says Zehra Guröl, the founder and project chairperson of Sight for Kids Turkey. "Through Sight for Kids, now we will be able to reach children in need at a more rapid pace, and identify and address vision issues."

Sight for Kids Turkey and Sight for Kids Kenya are sure to make a great impact in communities in need. Through this program expansion, Sight for Kids is saving sight for even more children and spreading smiles around the world.



## Orangeville Lion's Support District Governor's Project

The Orangeville Lions delivered over 100 bikes to District Governor **Hank van Moorsel** on Sunday Nov. 23rd. The club promoted Bikes for Africa on their facebook page and on Murray's Mountain sign. The largest donor was **Joe Leenders** who happens to be an Erin Lion. He had over 30 bikes and parts from a bike shop closure. When asked by President **Bill** to donate his collection of bikes he agreed because it was for a Lions project. Several of Joe's bikes were high end bikes in excellent condition. The rest of the bikes were from Lions Members, Friends of Island Lake and local residents responding to the promotion on facebook.

Orangeville President **Bill Dainty** is an avid cyclist who challenged the members to help Governor Hank

with the Bikes for Africa project.



President Bill Dainty helps to load bikes onto Lion Paul Snell's delivery trailer

## St. Davids Lions

Members of the St. Davids Lions visited St Davids Public School on January 13/2015 to celebrate Melvin Jones birthday and participate in the Lions Worldwide Day of Service.

Lions provided a pizza, drink and cupcakes lunch to about 275 appreciative students and staff.

St. Davids Lions, school staff and parent volunteers assisted with lunch distribution. In appreciation of the good deed, the Lions received several thank you posters and a small pizza box filled with handcrafted thank you cards.

During lunch time, Lions also visited the grade 6, 7 and 8 classrooms to discuss St. Davids Lions Club service activities and to invite students to become a St. Davids LEO Club member.



# Books for Tonga

After a tsunami destroyed untold numbers of books on tropical islands, Lions of Alaska and others got to work.

by Anne Ford

When **Kato Ha'unga** of Anchorage, Alaska, heard in September 2009 that a tsunami had struck her homeland — the Polynesian island kingdom of Tonga — she called her family there immediately. Were they among the 10 killed or the 200 left homeless?

No. That was the good news. The bad news, as a young cousin informed her over the telephone, was: "All our books are wet."

Tonga, which lies in the southwestern Pacific Ocean between New Zealand and Hawaii, is not a typical nation. It comprises some 170 islands, of which fewer than 40 are inhabited. About two-thirds of Tonga's 106,000 people live on the main island, Tongatapu.

Ha'unga, who had spent her childhood in Tonga before moving to Alaska for college, knew how scarce books were there. Though Tonga boasts a literacy rate of 99 percent, reading material is all but nonexistent outside of schools — and none too plentiful even there.

"When I went to school," she recalls, "there were little books in the classroom, like five of them, and we read them over and over and over — sitting in a circle and passing around these books. And the only book we had at home was the Bible."

And so, since she'd moved to the United States, Ha'unga had made a point of regularly sending books to her family in Tonga. But now the tsunami had destroyed even those. "I thought to myself, 'What can I do to help my country?'" she says.

The next day, she found herself making a flyer and emailing it to her friends and coworkers, asking them to donate books to establish a small library in her uncle's home in Tonga — just someplace "where all the little kids in the village could come and read," she says.



A child in Tonga reads a book delivered to the island nation thanks to Lions

Little did she know that, with the help of several Lions clubs, an Alaskan senator, the U.S. Navy, and many others, her tiny project would turn into something truly groundbreaking: one of the first public libraries in all of Tonga.

Getting books proved to be the easy part. Word spread about the need and soon more than 3,000 donated volumes bulged from the back seat of Ha'unga's car, huddled under her desk, towered in stacks in borrowed garages and offices — and that was before the Anchorage Daily News wrote about her. After that, the donations swelled to more than 40,000 books. As the months and then years passed, Ha'unga began to fret that the books might never stop coming.

Realizing this was no in-home reading room they were creating, Ha'unga and her uncle contacted Tonga's Ministry of Education, which agreed to donate a former community hall to serve as a public library. "I couldn't believe it," she says. "And there I was still trying to figure out the shipping part!"

Tonga lies about 6,000 miles from Anchorage, and getting so many books there, Ha'unga learned, would cost about \$10,000. An impossible sum, she thought — but when she felt like giving up hope, she thought of her new friends, the Lions.

As a prominent member of Anchorage's substantial Polynesian community, Ha'unga had been asked in 2012 to help found a new club, the **Anchorage Polynesian Lions**. Not only did the club adopt the library project right away, but every Lion she met, it seemed, wanted to help somehow.

"When I went to the district convention in Fairbanks, I came back with boxes of books," she says. "And they donated \$300 to help me with the cost of shipping. It really touched my heart."

It was also through the Lions that Ha'unga met **Walt Hays**, a member of Anchorage's **Mr. McKinley Lions Club**, who arranged to have 40 boxes of brand-new school curriculum materials donated.

Another Lion, **Ross Boring** of the **Bethel Lions Club** in Alaska, had rescued the materials from a landfill and was looking for a home for them. "It was a brand-new curriculum and brand-new books," says Boring. "I just hate to see things go to waste, and I know that children need books to read. If they can't read, they'll have a very difficult time."

Hays heard about his plight, and worked with Boring and with **Dick Witherite** of the **College Station Noon Lions** in Texas to raise shipping funds so that the materials could join the thousands of other books waiting to be shipped across the ocean. "My wife was a second-grade teacher, so those books meant something to us," Witherite says. "When we heard about it, we wanted to do something to help."

Ha'unga's wait finally ended when U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska heard about the project and arranged for the books to be shipped to Tonga on a Navy ship via Operation Handclasp, a project that transports educational and humanitarian materials around the world.



Tongan soldiers transport the books from the U.S. Navy ships

In June 2013, the books arrived in Tonga, along with two boxes of reading glasses donated by the Lions of Multiple District 49. The volumes were ceremonially welcomed by the entire Tongan legislative assembly, unloaded from the ship by the Tongan army, and unpacked by seemingly every man, woman and child in the country. On hand were such governmental officials as Tongan Prime Minister **Lord Tu ivakana**, a member of the **Nuku'alofa Lions Club** on Tongatapu island.



Children eagerly avail themselves of some of the estimated 45,000 books sent to Tonga

Ha'unga was there, of course, along with several friends such as Serine Halverson, a photographer who helped document the whole wonderful, chaotic scene. "They were so excited to read the books and look at the pictures," Halverson says. "Some of the older kids, who could read English, were reading





some of the books. One girl was saying she was so excited to read a new book — she liked the romance novels. It was instant gratification.”

So plentiful was the bounty that Ha’unga ended up establishing not one but two libraries — the Princess Kaimana Northern Lights Library on the island of

Tongatapu, and the Tongoleleka Northern Lights Library in Tonga’s Ha’apai Islands — both of them named for the beautiful natural light display that famously graces the skies of northern latitudes such as Alaska’s.

A nongovernmental organization called Project HOPE supplied volunteers to organize the books and to provide librarian training. The Princess Kaimana library is up and running, while the Tongoleleka library is awaiting renovations to the building that will house it.

Her dream realized, Ha’unga has returned to Alaska. But is this project really over?

“Let me tell you,” she laughs, “the moment I landed, the Lions Club called and said, ‘There’s still

people coming here with books.’ I’ve filled up five pallets already. People know me: ‘Here’s the book lady.’”



*Lions made possible one of the first public libraries in Tonga  
Photos by Serine Halverson*

## LCIF Worldwide Week of Service for Children Set for May

Lions never needed extra incentive to help children throughout our nearly 100-year history. Clubs did so as a matter of course. But this May clubs are being asked to direct their service toward children to help reach our centennial goal of serving 100 million people by 2017. Lions Clubs International has designated May 16-22 as a Worldwide Week of Service to help children in need.



*Lions worldwide help children. Fort Vancouver Lions in Washington host a track meet for visually impaired youths from the Pacific Northwest. The event takes place at the Washington State School for the Blind. Competing in the 100 meter race, Sofia Batchelor, 10, of Vancouver, told the Columbian, “Sometimes I feel like I’m flying. Like I can just keep on forever.”  
Photo by Steven Lane/The Columbian*

Feed a child. Read a book to a classroom. Paint a playground. There are innumerable ways to help children. But there is only one way to report the service to LCI and have it count toward the 100 million goal: via the Service Activities Report on the online MyLCI system ([mylci.lionsclubs.org](http://mylci.lionsclubs.org)). Activities that qualify



*Lions in Trés Lagoas, Brazil, hold a day of reading and counting for schoolchildren*

for the Centennial Service Challenge (CSC) have a special CSC logo on MyLCI. A club can also qualify for the CSC by making a contribution to LCIF. Mark “donation to LCIF” when entering the activity on MyLCI.



*Student in the Philippines display their school bags, filled with books and school supplies, given to them by Dasmariñas Lions*



*Schoolchildren in Ecuador practice proper hand washing, taught to them by Guayaquil Bosques De La Costa Lions*

Besides assisting 25 million children, the centennial challenge asks Lions to improve vision care for 25 million people, relieve hunger for 25 million and benefit 25 million through environmental projects. Clubs that report their centennial service activities will be awarded a banner patch based on their participation. Questions? Contact LCI at [CSC@lionsclubs.org](mailto:CSC@lionsclubs.org).



*Lions and Lionesses in District 323 A3 in India hold a sports day for students with disabilities*

## New Park Signage



*District Governor Hank van Moorsel at new Orangeville Lions Sports Park sign*

## Westport Lions



*The Westport Lions Club held their very successful annual Santa Claus Parade on November 29th. Santa took time out of his busy schedule to delight the local children*

## Project Pride

In June, 2014, shortly before Canada Day, the **Hagersville District Lions** visited the Grade 1 class at Hagersville Elementary School. There they spoke about being Lions and about what Lions do, and then showed them pictures of our beautiful country of Canada. They also presented each student with a very nice Canada flag and a certificate with their name on it. It was a most enjoyable visit for we Lions and the kids loved it too.

# Lions on Location

## Club Frees Inmates' Creativity

Hong Kong – A Lions club held a creative arts workshop and design competition for 60 young inmates at a prison dedicated to rehabilitation.

The Hong Kong Pacific Lions Club sponsored the activity at Cape Collinson Correctional Institution, a minimum security institution in Chai Wan for male offenders between ages 14 and 21. "I hope the design work can prompt them to rethink their lives and strengthen their determination for rehabilitation," says Raymond Choy, club president and a professional designer.

Tse Sheung-wai, a prison administrator, says the main takeaway for the inmates was that "everyone can design their own life. ... They can choose the best way to live if they are determined to do so."

## Flower Festival Blooms Despite Setbacks

Japan – A club's plan to showcase the glory of nature was nearly ruined by Mother Nature, but in the end Shido Lions were able to create a stunning field of flowers for residents to enjoy.

For nine years Shido Lions in Sanuki City in the Kagawa Prefecture have held a successful Cosmos Picking Festival. Residents revel in the outdoors and take home free fresh flowers.

The club cleverly capitalizes on the planting cycle: after rice is harvested in late summer, instead of letting the paddies lie fallow until the planting season in the spring, Lions plant cosmos seeds right after the harvest.

But last year Typhoon Man-Yi struck the day after the planting, washing away the seeds. Determined to hold the festival as planned, Lions replanted. Then Typhoon Francisco brought torrential rains the day before the festival, forcing its cancellation.

The festival was held a week later. As usual, Lions volunteered as parking wardens and served 1,000 plates of udon noodles, popular in Japan. And people headed home with baskets full of colorful, fragrant flowers.



Japanese families pick flowers in Sanuki City

## Lions Come to Town – In Guise of Santa

South of the North Pole – The holidays are a time of religious services – and service, at least for Lions. Members of the Itoigawa Lions Club in Japan donned

Santa costumes to present gifts to students with special needs at six schools. The presents included 70 dolls handmade by female Lions. Lions entertained the students with a dancing Santa doll in a sleigh, made by an architect-Lion. The gift giving was reciprocal: the children sang Christmas songs for their annual guests.



Germany – Lions cleaned out closets and drawers after Christmas in partnering with PACKMEE to send clothes to the needy.



England – **Witney Lions** in merry old England saved Christmas with an extravagant Christmas Fayre after the Scrooge-like town council canceled the town's holiday fest for financial reasons.



**Huddersfield Lions** in England showed more than a dash of holiday spirit by holding a Santa run. A horde of Santas worked off holiday cookies by running a mile; the club provided the suits.

Sweden – **Sofiero Lions** in Sweden sold Christmas trees, and Tibro Lions in Sweden staged a Christmas



market that featured a 20-foot-tall Santa.

## Club 'Segues' to a New Fundraiser

Australia – **Surat Lions** in Australia have found a novel way to raise funds: rent Segways. The 12-member club will provide the two-wheeled personal mobility devices for people who wish to ride along the town's scenic river walk.

"I think a lot of us nowadays have to be thinking outside the box, be supportive without being a drain in other ways on our community," President **Wendy Newman** told ABC News in Australia. Located 300 miles from Brisbane, Surat has a population of 426. The club previously relied on donations from a mining company.

## Epic European Bike Ride Unites Lions

France – Europeans are accustomed to seeing clusters of colorfully attired bike riders furiously pedaling up and down mountain roads and through quiet, picturesque villages. But they've never seen an organized ride quite like this.

Fourteen experienced cyclists spent five days traversing the country roads of France, Switzerland and Italy. A motorcycle escort headed the riders and a van followed in the rear, both vehicles emblazoned with Lions logos. Lions from 10 clubs—three from France, three from Switzerland and four from Italy—provided bicycle escorts in and out of their towns and made sure the riders had dinner and a place to stay.

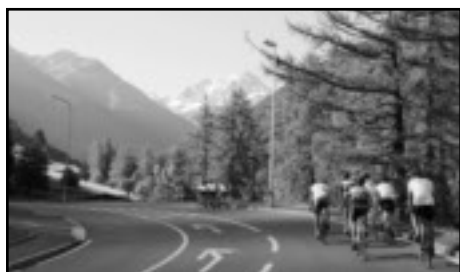
Chartered two years ago, the **Yvelines Heraldic Lions Club** in France sponsored the 500-mile Défi St. Bernard (the St. Bernard Challenge), which included two climbs of the daunting 8,000-foot Great St. Bernard Pass in Switzerland and a few laps around a celebrated velodrome in Switzerland. The international character of the ride was a neat fit for the club, whose members hail from a variety of nations but share English as a language. "Our club wanted to demonstrate an example of the international cooperation that Lions can offer," says **Bob Bell**, charter president.

The ride also demonstrated the fitness and skill of the cyclists. They averaged 20 miles per hour,

including the frequent arduous climbs, and sped down mountains as fast as 50 miles per hour. The sole injury was to a non-rider. “The only accident was a tumble by the doctor on his motorbike,” says Bell.

The riders were drawn from a triathlon club to which a Lion belongs. They secured pledges, and the ride raised \$20,000 for Mécénat Chirurgie Cardiaque, a charity that provides life-saving heart operations for children in developing nations.

Years before he moved to France, Bell was a charter member of the English-speaking **Brussels Heraldic Lions Club** in 1984 in Belgium. His new club got off to a big splash with a swimathon and a theater outing. “But these really didn’t give the international dimension I had hoped to create,” says Bell, a Welshman who married a New Zealander and has lived and worked on five continents. “The joy of having 10 other clubs involved was proof that the word ‘international’ in our name is not a myth.”



The riders in the St. Bernard Challenge pedal through a mountain pass

### Lions in India Care for Outcasts

India – **Kohima Lions** in India built a home for those with leprosy in 1983. As they often do, club members recently visited the home to give the residents meat, potatoes and sweets. Fourteen people with leprosy, also known as Hansen’s disease, and family members live at the facility.

One of the elderly residents hailed Lions as “their parents,” according to the Asian Tribune. “We are really thankful to you for showing your personal concern and love for us,” he said to the Lions.

Leprosy has been curable since the 1940s thanks to antibiotics. But its stigma endures in India, where those with the disease often are shunned.

### Nepalese Lions Get Creative

Nepal – Lions in Kathmandu in Nepal filmed and posted on YouTube a short video on street children. **Kathmandu Gliese Lions** have done projects to help homeless children but made the video to encourage its twinning club in Germany and Lions elsewhere to aid street children.

The video consists of an original song by Nepalese singer Sajar Raaj and scenes of a bedraggled street urchin being ignored by passers-by. Raaj and the film actors donated their time and talents.

Lion **Sunit Shrestha**, the video project coordinator, says, “The street children problem is not only in developing countries but in developed countries too. We want to pass the message to all Lions to help, support and adopt street children in your local community.”

**Digital LION** View the video at lionmagazine.org.

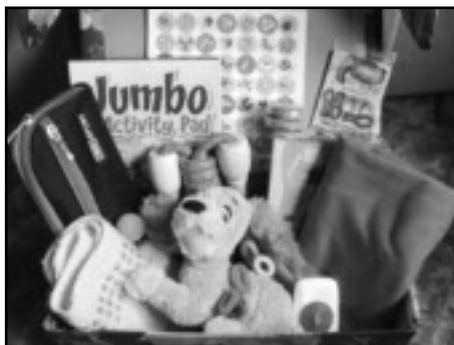
### Lions Step Up For Shoebox Project

New Zealand – Begin with an empty humdrum shoebox. Add toys, crafts and books. Decorate the box with Christmas wrapping paper and send to a warehouse for distribution to needy children. The end result is a happy Christmas morning.

For five years the **Eltham Lions Club** in New Zealand has participated in Operation Christmas Child. The 45 shoeboxes members filled this holiday season were for children in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Samoa, Vietnam, Thailand, or Cambodia. The shoebox goodies fall into six categories: “something to love, something to wear, something to play with, something for hygiene, something for school and something special.”

All those things add up to joy for both Lions and recipients. “This is a fantastic way to spread some Christmas love to children who otherwise would not receive any gifts. It’s a great way to involve Lions’ partners and families,” says Lion **Clare Bramley**.

The largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child is coordinated by Samaritan’s Purse, led by **Franklin Graham**, the 2011 Lions Humanitarian Award recipient. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 113 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in 150 nations.



Eltham Lions filled this shoebox for a 5- to 9-year-old girl

### Snog as a Snow Boot: Blind Skiers, Norwegians and Lions

Norway – How important is skiing in Norway? Cross-country skiing is the national sport. The words ski and slalom are Norwegian in origin. Norwegians proudly boast, “Nnordmenn er født med ski på beina!” (Norwegians are born with skis on their legs!)

So it’s not a surprise that Norwegians are credited with popularizing skiing and cross-country skiing for the blind. The genesis for the growth of skiing for the blind was the Ridderrennet, first held in Norway in 1964 for 57 blind skiers. Now the world’s largest winter sports week for those with disabilities, the Ridderrennet last year hosted 500 disabled skiers including many without sight. The participants ski cross-country and downhill, shoot rifles during a biathlon and even race on snowboards.

Norwegian Lions were integral to the early success of the Ridderrennet and today are the largest private

sponsor of the event. The Lions’ Red Feather Campaign in the 1960s raised funds for the Beitostølen Healthsports Center, where the events are held. Last year 161 Lions clubs in Norway contributed 520,000 kroner (US\$77,000) for the competition. Lions on skis volunteer as well. They accompany the participants during the races, in front for guidance during the cross-country and behind on the downhill.

The Ridderrennet was begun by Erling Stordahl, a blind musician. He happened upon the joy of skiing after a stream of military vehicles left deep tracks in the snow, and he discovered he could ski without fear of a collision. “I felt I had regained my eyesight,” he later wrote.

Some as young as 15, participants come from more than a dozen nations including the United States, Canada and Vietnam. “The Ridderweek has completely changed my life—what I do, how I do things,” Jim Denton, a blind, 56-year-old, four-time Winter Paralympics athlete from England told Family Ski News. “I started skiing here back in 1981 and thought, ‘It doesn’t get any better than this.’” Denton is careful to choose Norwegians as guides even for his Paralympics events. “I think a part of me must be Norwegian,” he adds.



Fitness celebrity Yngvar Andersen skis alongside disabled athlete Brynhild Brattabo, whose week at the Ridderrennet was paid for by the all-women Oslo Maud Lions Club

Photo courtesy of Jan Arne Dammen, Ridderrennet

### Lions Link with Artisans

Sweden – For four days each year artists and craftsmen in the ancient city of Hudiksvall open their studios to the public. They sell their art, and Hudiksvall Lions, who sponsor the Art Tour, hold a raffle to generate funds and raise their visibility.



The ceramic sculpture by a Hudiksvall artist was a prize in the Lions’ raffle

A quaint city of 15,000 founded in 1582, Hudiksvall has a small but lively arts community. The 37-member **Hudiksvall Lions Club**, chartered in 1952, is one of Sweden’s oldest Lions clubs.

Last year the club raised US\$4,000 from the raffle, which offers art as prizes. The club also runs a flea market and festival and supports local people in need, children in Senegal and Mexico and cancer research.



# Honolulu—Hawaii’s Gathering Place

by Sara Benson

Ever since the days of ancient Polynesian double-hulled canoes and 19th-century whaling ships, Honolulu has been a crossroads between East and West, welcoming travelers from the world over. Hawaii’s spirit of aloha—a word that can mean, among other things, peace and love—is a way of life for the diverse people who live here. Aloha also embraces every visitor to the Hawaiian Islands. All of this makes Honolulu a perfect fit for the Lions’ upcoming 98th International Convention, which will be held in Oahu’s capital city June 26-30.

Mere specks in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the Hawaiian Islands are the most remote places on the planet. With the nearest continent more than 2,400 miles away, Honolulu can feel like another country, or even another world. It’s either the United States’ westernmost state capital or the easternmost city in Asia, depending on how you look at it. Historically the home of Hawaiian royalty, Honolulu first sprang to life as a port town. Down by the waterfront today, cruise ships still dock beside fishing fleets that supply one of the Pacific’s liveliest fish markets. Just inland, palm trees rustle above city streets while cooling trade winds blow in from off the salty sea. Not far from downtown are the world-famous white-sand beaches of Waikiki, where hula dancers sway and the music of ukuleles and slack-key guitars plays.

Honolulu may be a bustling, modern capital, but it’s one with laid-back, tropical attitude. A visit here feels more like spending time in a small town, even when you stroll among the skyscrapers. Although it’s Hawaii’s biggest city, Honolulu doesn’t even rank in the top 50 U.S. cities by population, and locals like it that way. Here business executives and politicians wear aloha shirts to work, and neighbors often greet each other by name on the sidewalks. The pace of life is unhurried, and everything tends to run on “island time”—meaning they’re always a little behind schedule, but rarely does anyone mind. Once you arrive, just do as the popular bumper sticker advises: “Slow Down—This Ain’t Da Mainland.”

It’s not for nothing that Oahu is nicknamed the “The Gathering Place.” Islanders celebrate a uniquely mixed heritage: Polynesian seafaring voyagers, European and American ship captains, Protestant missionaries and merchants, and Asian and European immigrant plantation workers. Hawaii maintains a separate sense of identity from the rest of the United States, but that’s not to say that anyone visiting the islands will feel like an outsider—quite the opposite. As the native Hawaiian saying goes, “We’re all in the same canoe.” Put into practice, that piece of ancient wisdom makes Hawaii a surprisingly harmonious, multicultural place. Across the islands, you’ll find a spirit of community and an enthusiasm for doing public good that matches the Lions’ own ethic of international service.

With a convenient public bus system that will take you just about anywhere you want to go within the city

or around the island, Honolulu is also an easily walkable city. Start your explorations in the capitol district, where you’ll find the USA’s only royal palace and other eye-catching historical buildings including missionary homes shipped from New England around Cape Horn and an imposing coral-stone church. Many ornate buildings date from the 19th century, when Hawaii was transformed from a Polynesian island kingdom into a U.S. territory.

A short walk from downtown, Chinatown’s pungent public markets and hole-in-the-wall noodle houses await. Chinatown, once the city’s red-light district for carousing by sailors in centuries past, has been hit by a wave of revitalization. Art galleries, antique shops, fashionable boutiques, creative restaurants, buzzing bars and nightclubs have all popped up here. Another easy walk from downtown takes you to Honolulu’s harbor. Ride the free elevator to the observation deck on the 10th floor of the art deco Aloha Tower to gain sweeping views of the waterfront, from Waikiki Beach over to deep, blue Pearl Harbor and beyond.



The white-sand beaches of Waikiki draw sun lovers worldwide

Honolulu’s sunny playground is Waikiki Beach. Tourists have been turning up at this idyllic beach since even before the grand old days of steamship travel to Hawaii. In days past, Waikiki (a name that means “spouting water”) was a retreat for Hawaiian royalty. Today it’s a vacation destination for millions of people from around the world. It’s bewitching to spend a few hours lying on the sand, as palm trees rustle overhead while you take in panoramic views of landmark Diamond Head set against the shimmering waters of the sea. Surf instructors, the modern incarnation of Waikiki’s famous beach boys, give lessons right on the sand. Clamber aboard a traditional Hawaiian outrigger canoe for a chance to be tossed around in the waves, then pay your respects to the leir-draped statue of surfing legend and Olympian Duke



An entertainer performs the hula in Honolulu

Kahanamoku.

After dark, Waikiki is just as entertaining. Once the sun dips below the horizon, tiki torches are lit and a conch horn is dramatically blown, signaling that the outdoor hula show is about to begin. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, local hula schools perform ancient and modern dances by the beach, accompanied by traditional Hawaiian musical instruments like gourd rattles. Hang around afterward for a chance to meet and take photographs with the performers. Waikiki’s beachfront hotels also have their own open-air bars offering free music nightly, and sometimes hula dancing, too. The Halekulani’s gracious House Without a Key lounge, named after a novel about Honolulu police detective Charlie Chan, has awe-inspiring ocean views at sunset with solo hula dancing by graceful former Miss Hawaii pageant winners. The Halekulani is also the best place to try Hawaii’s famous tropical cocktail, a mai tai (rum mixed with orgeat syrup and citrus juices).

Wherever you end up spending your free time in Honolulu, whether in the city or by the beach, allot plenty of time to eat. The capital city dishes up everything from food truck fare and farmers market bounty to haute Hawaii Regional Cuisine by island-born star chefs including Alan Wong and Dave Kodama. Perhaps no meal is more iconic than Hawaii’s mixed plate lunch, reflecting the islands’ varied ethnic heritage. Dig into two scoops of rice and a heaping mound of macaroni salad beside Korean *kalbi* short ribs, Filipino pork *adobo*, Japanese *mochiko* fried chicken or Hawaiian kalua pig. Another local dish to try is *poke* (pronounced “POH-kay”): diced raw fish (popularly, ahi tuna) marinated with a host of flavors, often soy sauce, sesame oil, ginger, onions, seaweed and chili peppers. For a sweet treat, try toothsome Chinese-style “crack seed,” which is dried, preserved fruit that’s by turns sweet, sour and salty. After a day at the beach, line up at a shave ice stand for a fluffy cone of ice doused in a rainbow of sweet syrups, with an optional scoop of macadamia nut ice cream underneath.

You won’t want to miss the opportunity to visit Honolulu—not only for its irresistible natural beauty and its deeply rooted Hawaiian culture but also to

experience the simple pleasures of everyday life in the



*Shrimp food trucks and shave ice are popular both among tourists and Hawaiians*

islands. There's nowhere else in the world quite like Hawaii, and Honolulu is ready to welcome the Lions' convention. Look for more details about the convention, including scheduled speakers and entertainment, in future issues of the LION, especially the April issue, or check the LCI's website soon. In the meantime, if winter has you shivering, dream of Hawaii's beaches, its kalua and kalbi and its aloha spirit.

*California-based travel writer Sara Benson has been writing about the Hawaiian Islands for more than a decade. She has lived and worked on all the main islands, but it's the vibrant streets of Honolulu that keep calling her back.*

**Digital LION** ([lionmagazine.org](http://lionmagazine.org))

Three international conventions have been held in

Hawaii. Each was memorable. Read the convention coverage at [lionmagazine.org](http://lionmagazine.org).

- Lions wowed by humanitarian Dr. Jules Stein, former ambassador Clare Boothe Luce, actor Cary Grant and "Hawaii Five-O" star Jack Lord. (July/August 1976 LION).
- Entertainer Art Linkletter urges Lions to curb drug abuse (July/August 1983).
- Thousands enjoy the aloha spirit (October 2000).
- Watch a short, exciting promotional video on Hawaii at [lionmagazine.org](http://lionmagazine.org).
- Watch the highlights of Lions' 83rd International Convention in Honolulu at [lionmagazine.org](http://lionmagazine.org).

## Honolulu's Must-See Sights

### Bishop Museum

1525 Bernice Street; [bishopmuseum.org](http://bishopmuseum.org)

Honolulu's top-notch natural history museum is hands down the best place to discover ancient Hawaiian traditions. Be impressed by intricate feather cloaks, carved wooden spears and surfboards that once belonged to royalty. In ancient times, only royals were allowed to surf. The gift shop sells exquisite Hawaiian art and crafts.

### Iolani Palace

364 South King Street; [iolanipalace.org](http://iolanipalace.org)

Built only two decades before the Hawaiian monarchy was overthrown, this building symbolized the sovereignty of the islands. Reserve tickets a few days in advance for a guided tour of the beautifully restored royal palace. Every Friday at noon the Royal Hawaiian Band gives free concerts on the lawn.

### Waikiki Aquarium

2777 Kalakaua Avenue; [waikikiaquarium.org](http://waikikiaquarium.org)

Run by the University of Hawaii, this pint-sized educational aquarium is rightly called a "window to the sea." Colorful coral and reef fish, glowing jellies, green sea turtles and endangered Hawaiian monk seals are among the marine creatures you'll meet here.



*Waikiki Aquarium brings the sea to people*

### Honolulu Museum of Art

900 South Beretania Street; [honoluluuseum.org](http://honoluluuseum.org)

At downtown's eastern edge, this fine arts museum is a tranquil spot, where airy galleries surround fountain courtyards. The Asian art collection is especially noteworthy. Tours of Shangri La, yesteryear celebrity Doris Duke's art-filled, oceanfront mansion, depart from the museum (buy tickets in advance).

## Five Dining Destinations

### Roy's Waikiki

226 Lewers Street; [royshawaii.com](http://royshawaii.com)

On Waikiki Beach Walk, chef Roy Yamaguchi's kitchen crafts upscale Pacific Rim cuisine in a beachy setting. On the prix-fixe dinner menu, order fusion classics like macadamia nut encrusted fish or Szechuan-spiced short ribs. Reservations recommended.



*The roasted macadamia nut Hawaiian white fish with creamless lobster is a favorite at Roy's Waikiki*

### Leonard's Bakery

933 Kapahulu Avenue; [leonardshawaii.com](http://leonardshawaii.com)

Worth the detour from Waikiki, this famed island bakery turns out hot, oven-fresh *malasadas* (Portuguese-style fried doughnuts), dusted in sugar and filled with an ever-changing variety of flavors, from custard to *haupia* (coconut cream).

### Marukame

2310 Kuhio Avenue; [toridollusa.com](http://toridollusa.com)

Lines snake out the door for Waikiki's best cheap eats. This cafeteria-style joint makes its Japanese noodle soups from scratch right in front of you, and the deep-fried tempura shrimp and vegetables are perfectly crunchy.

### Sansei Seafood Restaurant & Sushi Bar

2552 Kalakaua Avenue; [sanseihawaii.com](http://sanseihawaii.com)

Across the road from the beach, this elevated sushi bar and Pacific Rim seafood restaurant is creatively helmed by island-born chef Dave Kodama. Book ahead and be seated before 6 p.m. to enjoy early-bird discounts.

### Haili's Hawaiian Foods

760 Palani Avenue; [hailishawaiianfood.com](http://hailishawaiianfood.com)

What exactly is Hawaiian food? Answer the question at this casual, family-owned eatery just outside Waikiki. In business since the 1950s, Haili's cooks up savory *kalua* pig plate lunches, with *poi* (mashed taro) and seafood *poke* on the side.

## Easy Excursions Around Oahu

### Pearl Harbor

1 Arizona Memorial Place; [pearlharborhistoricsites.org](http://pearlharborhistoricsites.org)

If you take only one day trip from Honolulu, make it to historic Pearl Harbor, a 40-minute bus ride west of downtown. A boat tour of the poignant USS Arizona Memorial, the final resting place of more than 1,100 service members who died in Japan's surprise attack on Dec. 7, 1941, is a must-do. Tour tickets can sell out early in the morning, so reserve yours in advance online.



*Pearl Harbor is a must-see destination*

Nearby, the USS Bowfin is an actual WWII-era submarine that you can climb around inside. Over on Ford Island, reached via a shuttle bus, you can walk the grand decks of the Battleship Missouri, where Japan ceremonially surrendered at the end of WWII, and gaze up at the restored aircraft hanging inside the

Pacific Aviation Museum. Plan to spend all day if you want to visit most of these sights.

### Diamond Head State Monument

Diamond Head Road; [hawaiiistateparks.org](http://hawaiiistateparks.org)

A cinematic backdrop for Waikiki Beach, this extinct volcanic tuff cone affords 360-degree views from its summit. The 1.5-mile round-trip hiking trail to the top is doable by all ages; just be prepared for hot sun, wind and steep stairs.

### Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve

100 Hanauma Bay Road; [honolulu.gov](http://honolulu.gov)

Nowhere else on Oahu can you snorkel with such a huge diversity of tropical fish. This sparkling aquamarine bay (closed Tuesdays) is 10 miles east of Waikiki, easily reached via bus. Snorkel gear can be rented on the beach.

### Polynesian Cultural Center & Circle Island Tour

55-370 Kamehameha Highway, Laie; [polynesia.com](http://polynesia.com)

If you want to see more of Oahu but have only a day to spare, take a circle-island bus tour. Stops include scenic lookouts, the North Shore's legendary surf beaches and the folksy, educational Polynesian Cultural Center.





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Mail the above to LCI (Club & Officer Records Admin.) before May 1, 2015. After that date, bring it to the convention.  
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# Symbolism in Lionism

By Ray Charbonneau – MD”A” Historian

*“It doesn't make any difference who discovers truth, so long as it is discovered. Truth has been in existence longer than anybody who goes out looking for it.”*

Melvin Jones

Many of us will remember becoming a Lion and being informed about our history and emblem. The story may have been sprinkled with allegory and symbols. What the L stands for? What our colours stand for? And so forth. Some say that one of the two Lions depicted is looking forward to our ongoing service and the other looking back at how we helped to make the world a better place. Both Lions are looking in all directions to do a service. This timeline history provides the evolution of our name, constitution, colours, objects, emblem, ethics, slogan and motto.

Dr. William Perry Woods was a surgeon in Evansville Indiana who incorporated the Royal Order of Lions (R.O.O.L.) on August 18th 1911. Within a few years they had many clubs in many states with a magazine and a national office with Dr. Woods the Supreme Royal President.



They were a ritualistic society like so many others in this era that served as a mutual aid group symbolized by a certain animal husbandry such as Moose, Elks, Buffaloes and the like. They operated as a secret society into the 1930's peaking in the mid 1920's. The traditional royal colours of purple and gold may have originated here.



With the success of (R.O.O.L.) extension efforts in Texas and Oklahoma as early as 1915, Dr. Woods incorporated the International Association of Lions Clubs (Indiana) on August 16, 1916 to accommodate the clubs in these states desire for a less ritualistic and a more business like atmosphere. There are a number of designated Founders Clubs that still exist from this era some having been previously Royal Oder of Lions dens.



The International Association of Lions Clubs (Indiana) and others were invited to a meeting in Chicago on June 7th, 1917 (our official birthday) by Melvin Jones on behalf of the Business Circle of Chicago.

*“We are now seeking to make our organization international and write to inquire if you would affiliate with us and at some future date we can adopt by-laws and a name that will be suited to all.”*

At this meeting several groups in attendance including Lions President Dr. Woods invited everyone else to join their already established organizations.

*“.....therefore as president of The International Association of Lions Clubs, I hereby extend an invitation to these clubs to accept charters in The International Association of Lions Clubs and become a part and parcel of our organization.”*

The Lions Clubs with some 30 individual clubs in half a dozen states were the most favoured to join and on August 2nd 1917 the Business Circle of Chicago became the Lions Club of Chicago and Melvin Jones became a Lion.



The constitution, objects, logo, and colours of purple and gold were retained at the first Convention held in Dallas on October 8th to 10th of 1917. Dr. Woods was elected International President and has the distinction of being the first President and the only one to serve for 2 years. Chicago delegate Melvin Jones was nominated and elected Secretary/Treasurer beginning a lifetime of service to Lions. In 1958 he was conferred the title of Founder.

At the second convention in St. Louis in 1918 the International Board approved the manufacture of 1000 lapel pins for members. This same convention was where our Code of Ethics was also approved and a vote taken in favour of membership open to men only.

At the third convention in Chicago in 1919 our slogan based on an acronym for LIONS “Liberty Intelligence and Our Nation’s Safety” was presented by Halstead Ritter from Denver Colorado and adopted.

Attempts had been made to change the Association name at successive conventions and on August 25th 1919 Secretary/Treasurer Melvin Jones on behalf of the International Board of Directors incorporated the International Association of Lions Clubs (Illinois). All existing Lions Clubs were issued new charters at that time effectively replacing the Indiana Association which ceased to function. Their name, history, administration, constitution, objects, ethics, colours and slogan were all retained.



Emblem committees had been unable to recommend a new design and this was now a priority to reflect the new status of the organization. Maurice Blink of the Chicago Lions Club provided this proposal for a new emblem on the front cover of the Lion Magazine printed by his business the Commercial Art Engraving Company. He has used the image of a painting by Rosa Bonheur called “An Old Monarch” but it was never adopted.

Melvin Jones was also a member of the Masonic Order and one of his brothers, Dr Allan Speed offered



this as a possibility for a new emblem. This was never adopted as an official Lions emblem although it does represent an early use of the letter L in a circle described on a background of gold.



A decision was made on a new emblem design based on a proposal (in part) by the Lions Club of Oklahoma City in 1920.

*“The Directors at a meeting on January 13, finally decided to subordinate the Lions head or complete Lion owing to many usages of same....”*

*“It was therefore officially decided to place the letter “L” within a circle. The circle to be bordered by a conventional design of a Lion’s head or Lions’ heads.....”*

The design for our new emblem is also credited to Maurice Blink and appears on the front cover of The Lions Magazine in April of 1920. This issue also introduces the Lions Club of



Border Cities in Ontario, Canada which became known as “The Club That Made Lions International”.

*“This committee following general ideas adopted by the Directors had various artists submit sketches and finally voted to adopt the one shown on the cover design”*

*“The gold letter “L” typifying Lionism is in decided relief against the purple background which brings out our colours. In the background are the conventional profiles of two Lions donating strength and character to the pin and symbolizing courage, vigor, activity, fidelity and good fellowship. The mouths of the Lions are left open to receive jewels as some members may wish pin sets*

*with diamonds. At the top of the emblem is the name of our organization “Lions” and at the bottom our status “International”.”*

Sometime around 1950 our logo adopted a blue back ground. Pins from the 20’s, 30’s and 40’s had a purple background. The new artwork provided a different colour contrast and an attempt at more realistic imagery of lions with red tongues while retaining most of the original design.



In 1954 our Association adopted the motto “We Serve” from an international contest entry by Doug Stephenson of Fonthill, Ontario where this club became known as “The Motto Makers”.

Having a great name means having to protect it and we should all be respectful of everything it stands for.



*“The Lions emblem (logo), the words “Lions”, “Lions Club”, “Lions International” and “Lions Clubs International” are all registered trademarks of Lions Clubs International in all parts of the world.”*

In 2008/09 Lions Clubs International refreshed our logo with the following description.

*“Note the improved legibility, simplified ornamentation and updated proportions and typography. The refreshed logo will meet the technical requirements for excellent reproduction in print, electronic and supplies while maintaining the assets of Lions’ widely recognized and beloved seal.”*

The two lions profiles depicted on each logo are never mirror images but both slightly different from each other. Our symbols do indeed stand behind us and in front of us to lead us into even greater service. Perhaps the true meaning of our symbols is told by Lions who have served and the people we have helped.



## Community Appreciation Awards

The **Barrhaven Lions Club** has participated in the Sight Program “Used Glasses” for many years. One of the major contributors gives us quite a few of the used glasses. They are the Barrhaven Optometric Centre. After members of the Club in Barrhaven collect the glasses from various locations, they are given to Lion **Ross Baldwin** for sorting, counting, cleaning, and packing and boxed for shipping. When completed, they are taken to Boyd Moving and Storage who in turn ship them to Kingston and then onto Calgary. All the shipping is free from Boyd Moving & Storage. At present, the Barrhaven Lions Club on average collect over 1,000 pairs of glasses a month.



*An Appreciation Certificate presented to Barrhaven Optometric Centre*

*An Appreciation Certificates presented to Boyd Moving & Storage*



A few Lions Clubs have given Lion Ross glasses they have collected to pass onto Boyd Moving and Storage. These glasses are not counted toward Barrhaven’s glass count but are collected for the moving company so they do not get boxes every few days at their business.

## Vision Screening

A mother of three girls, who is a friend of **Kingston Lions Club**, shared a story with us.

Her youngest daughter, a grade one student, was excelling in all subjects in school except reading. The little girl loved books and always had one tucked under her arm, unable to read it without assistance.

Fortunately her school was visited by the Lions’ Vision and Hearing Screening team and she was subject to the testing. Her sheet came home from school recommending a visit to an eye care specialist.

Her visit resulted in a diagnosis of acute astigmatism. Glasses were ordered and placed in fashionable blue and white frames to match her blue eyes. The week before Christmas the glasses arrived.

Mother and daughter sat down to read and without hesitation the little girl read her book cover to cover unlike her earlier attempts to read where she checked with her mother for confirmation after each word.

As her mother told us the story, her eyes were filled with tears. She had received the best Christmas gift she could ever imagine.



# Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation

Built and funded by the Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs of Lions International District A-16 and a grant from

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions Clubs Camp Kirk is a residential camp for children ages 6 - 14 who have learning disabilities. A closely associated organization, Camp Kirk (formerly Friends of the Learning Disabled), a non-profit group operates the camp during the summer season.



The first camping season was in 1993 with 32 campers. Since 2001, the camp has operated at its capacity of 144 per season.

The camp is located on 100 acres of land just north of the Village of Kirkfield, Ontario on Highway 48. It is owned

and maintained by the Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation.

It consists of 19 buildings: a dining hall, a washroom building, including laundry facilities, a Camp Director's cabin, a nursing/administration office, an arts and crafts building, a science building, 14 sleeping cabins, a maintenance building and a



swimming pool. Recently, construction was completed of a multi-use recreational facility.

The camp is also available for use before and after the camping season by groups which are carefully selected and sponsored by a Lions Club.

Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation has 26 Directors - 9 elected from District A-16 at large, 9 from Lions and Lioness Honourary Committees for 3-year terms and 8 from the sitting District Officers for a 1-year term.

Maintenance funds come from an annual golf tournament, the sale of LCCKF Fellowships, life memberships, caps, sweat and golf shirts, rentals, donations and a 50/50 draw.

In the recent past, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk received a grant from the Trillium Foundation of Ontario which was used for updating and refurbishing the camp buildings.

The current value of the camp is estimated to be about \$1,600,000 and is debt free.



Children with learning disabilities suffer neurological dysfunctions which are characterized by the inability of an individual of average to above-average intelligence to process information in the conventional manner, or by inappropriate degrees of inattention, impulsiveness and hyperactivity. Camp Kirk provides a nurturing, non-competitive and supportive environment which allows children an opportunity to develop social, emotional and physical skills, thereby raising their self-esteem.

Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation is a registered, charitable organization. All donations are most welcome and receipts for tax purposes will be issued. **For more information, please contact us at Box 104 Omeme, Ontario, K0L 2W0 or visit our website at: [www.lionsclubscampkirkfoundation.org](http://www.lionsclubscampkirkfoundation.org)**

## CNIB – The sporting life – Meet Terrin, 14

With your help, Terrin, was able to go to Lake Joe, and have a fully accessible camp experience for the very first time.

A die-hard sports fan all his life, 14-year-old Terrin was thrilled to have the chance to try his hand at a few of his favourite sports during Lake Joe's Camp Abilities week, a goal-based program aimed at athletic development.



"I'm a big sports fan!" he says. "Playing sports is probably my favourite thing to do. Now I'm trying to find the best sport to play for someone who is partially sighted."

During Camp Abilities week, children and teens like Terrin work one-on-one with expert coaches to build their athletic skills and achieve performance goals in a range of sports – from cycling to running, swimming, canoeing and sailing.

"It's been amazing," says Terrin after a whirlwind week. "I like that there is one-on-one coaching rather than just one coach for the whole group. It means there's always someone there to help you so it's really fun."

A lover of water sports, Terrin decided to try kayaking for the first time. To prepare, he and his coach took long paddling rides to improve his balance, strength and flexibility, as well as teach him techniques to increase his confidence. All of Camp Abilities' programs are focused on offering increased personal, social and leisure skills that will encourage healthy, active lifestyles. The program also equips campers with time management skills and helps them set personal goals and plan for their successful futures.

Terrin is certain that he'll continue to implement all the new habits and techniques he learned during his time at Camp Abilities. He's also sure that he'll stay connected with the many new friends he's made.

"You make a lot of friends by the end of the week. I'm definitely going to keep in touch with them," he says.



## Get Involved – Become a CNIB Vision Mate

Imagine losing some or all of your vision. How would you tackle daily tasks such as reading your mail, organizing things around your home or buying groceries? Having someone to provide sighted assistance can make all the difference.

We invite you to make a difference in the life of someone who is blind or partially sighted by volunteering just a couple hours a week.

As a Vision Mate, you'll be matched with someone with vision loss in your area to help them with everyday activities like reading; organizing things around the home; walking; assisting with errands or outings; and social visiting.

To volunteer as a CNIB Vision Mate, please call the CNIB Helpline at 1-800-563-2642 or visit [cnib.ca/volunteer](http://cnib.ca/volunteer).

### To learn more, please contact:

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1-888-275-5332 ext. 5322  
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## Sault Lions Help The Hospital Ophthalmology Department



Pictured above is **Cheryl Pavoni**, Executive Director, Sault Area Hospital Foundation and proud Lions member presenting a plaque to Sault Ste Marie Lion President **Carol Russell** in recognition of the Club's \$12,000 pledged donation. Lion Cheryl said, "The Club worked very hard over the last three years to raise this money and completed their obligation this year. This generous donation allowed the hospital to purchase a video conferencing system for the Ophthalmology Department at Sault Area Hospital and this equipment will enable them to serve the surrounding communities."

Lion Cheryl went on to say, "**The Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club** has been very generous over the years and has given over \$220,000 to the Hospital for various pieces of equipment hospital-wide and has recognition in various areas. During the New Hospital Campaign, they made it possible for the Hospital to purchase an Argon Laser to benefit the patients of the Sault and the outlying area by contributing an amazing donation of \$100,000!"

## Fenwick Lions Biketoberfest®

The roar of motorcycles filled Centennial Park in Fenwick for the 12th annual Fabulous Fenwick Lions Biketoberfest®. Begun in 2002 the event was initially suggested by club member Bruce Bissell and has grown every year since. Over the years this event has raised nearly \$350,000 for Lions charities such as the Welland Hospital Foundation, Alzheimer's Foundation Niagara and SightFirst, as well as community service. This year's attendance is estimated at 10,000 most of whom arrived by bike. Proceeds of the motorcycle draw - nearly \$28,000 will go to Lions Foundation of Canada (our 15th guide dog), Canadian Diabetes Association Research, A-2 charities and local Lions initiatives. Proceeds from food and refreshment on the day totalled in excess of \$12,000 and will support our local Lions activities.



*This year's winner of a 2014 Harley-Davidson® CVO™ Road King® was Randy Beres of Fenwick, seated. Left to right in the background Lion John Clare owner of Clare's Motorcycles, Robin Primerano from Clare's and Lion Bruce Bissell organizer of Biketoberfest®*

## Lakefield Lions



*Lion Bill Ratcliffe, chair of Lakefield Lions Raffle, announced winner is Steve Carter of Norwood, shown with sons Blake and Nathan and dealership owner of Dunford's Havelock, Murray Croteau*

## Bancroft Lions

Two lab puppies have their future discussed as dog guides at a recent Lions A3 zone meeting.

A3's Global Membership Team coordinator, Lion **Jean Graham**, holds Gambler, while Bancroft Club past president Lion **Laverne Stapley** holds Kerry. Graham and Stapley each have over a decade's service as foster parents to new guide candidates, before they are ready to take their training and receive their service placements.



## Chemung Lake Lions



*Chemung Lions Cruise Night donations: MS Society, 5 Counties, Community Care, Lion Paul English, Canadian Diabetes Assn., CNIB and Lion President Peter Day*



*Chemung Lake Lions are grateful for the involvement and assistance of local students over the summer of 2014*

## Cobourg Lions Club

Cobourg Lions Club supported Northumberland United Way 15th Annual Dragon Boat Race Fundraiser. They sold bbq breakfast and lunch with profits donated to the cause.



*Thank You Plaque presented from Northumberland County United Way Executive Director Linda Kay with Lions Norm Leblanc, Kevin Kimmerly and Ron Weibe*



*Getting ready to bbq - Lions Ron Weibe, Mike Boudreau, Al Grundy and Dave Cunningham submitted by Lion Wilma Bush*



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Thursday Night DG, DG Elect & PDG Dinner	\$ 50.00	0	0	\$
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**THERE WILL BE NO FUNCTION TICKETS SOLD AT THE CONVENTION**

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- 1) Everyone, including guests and exhibitors must be registered to attend convention functions, including meals.
- 2) All cancellations must be in writing by mail or e-mail and be acknowledged. Cancellations received after April 1st, 2015 will be subject to a \$10.00 handling fee.
- 3) **No refunds after May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015**

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# Le Club Lions de Knowlton se prépare pour les fêtes

Tous les membres du Club Lions de Knowlton et leurs amis s'activent à la préparation d'activités pour la période d'avant Noël.

La campagne annuelle de financement se déroule présentement, le président du Club, **Winston Mason** souligne que l'objectif de cette levée de fonds est de financer certains des services qui ont fait la réputation des Lions, notamment: Paniers de Noël pour les démunis, distribution de plantes fleuries pour les aînés vivant seuls, parade du Père Noël, le programme Anges Gardiens qui fournit des détecteurs de fumée aux élèves des écoles Saint-Édouard et l'Académie Knowlton, bourses d'études pour les étudiants de la région, Centre

de bénévolat Mieux-être, banque alimentaire, clinique mobile ophtalmologique, l'hôpital BMP, les premiers répondants, différents programmes sportifs, le parc Lions et le soutien d'urgence aux personnes en

difficultés.

Le Club prépare aussi la traditionnelle parade du Père Noël qui aura lieu le 6 décembre.



## St. Davids Lions Carnival Gives Back To Community Youth

The St. Davids Lions, at their regular meeting on Thursday October 2nd, donated the proceeds from the club's Annual Family Carnival's Main Prize Draw and Bingo to St. Davids Public School: a combined donation that totaled \$7400.00. The funding will be used by the school to outfit the Kindergarten room with a SMART Board, two classroom Sound Bars, coloured T-Shirts and other new learning technologies.

The St. Davids Lions have enjoyed many years of cooperation with the school. The students help out at the fish fries, spaghetti dinners, family breakfast and

the Annual Carnival, naming just a few of the activities. The parents come out and help too, by supporting our functions and assisting wherever they can. With their help the St. Davids Lions have been able to raise funds to assist the less fortunate and do what Lions do best "serve".

Lions have been challenged to take part in the Lions Clubs International Centennial Service Challenge: to collectively serve 100 million people by our 100th Anniversary in 2017. "Engaging Our Youth" is one of the four challenge areas.



Accepting the generous donation was the school Principal Mrs. Tammy Chilkott with Carnival Treasurer Allen Snider PDG

## William Bjarnason remporte le concours d'affiches de la paix du Club Lions

Chaque année, les clubs Lions du monde entier sont fiers de parrainer le concours d'affiches de la paix du Club Lions International dans les écoles et auprès de la jeunesse locale. Ce concours encourage les jeunes de tous les pays à exprimer, à travers l'art, leur vision de la paix. Depuis sa première édition il y a plus de 25 ans, le concours a enregistré la participation de millions d'enfants originaires de près de 100 pays. Le thème du concours d'affiches de la paix 2014-2015 est « Paix, amour et compréhension ». Ce concours est ouvert à tous les enfants âgés de 11, 12 ou 13 ans. Chaque affiche est jugée sur son originalité, sa valeur artistique et l'expression du thème du concours. Les affiches sont jugées à plusieurs niveaux : local, district, district multiple et international. Le lauréat du grand prix international reçoit 5 000 dollars et une invitation personnelle, valable également pour deux membres de sa famille et pour le président du club parrain, à une cérémonie spéciale de remise des prix, organisée dans le cadre de la Journée des Lions aux Nations Unies. Les 23 lauréats du prix du mérite reçoivent chacun la somme de 500 dollars en espèces, ainsi qu'un certificat d'honneur.

Cette année c'est William Bjarnason, un étudiant de l'Académie Knowlton qui a remporté le concours

d'affiches de la paix commandité par le Club Lions de Knowlton. Les autres finalistes locaux furent Jada Belghouar, Justin Garrick, Hailey Russell et Zacharie Pare. Les membres du Club Lions de Knowlton, encouragent vivement William et souhaitent que sa vision de la paix sera éventuellement partagée par d'autres autour du monde.

Avec 46 000 clubs et 1,35 millions de membres, Club Lions International est la plus grande organisation de clubs philanthropiques (dits clubs-services) au monde.



William Bjarnason, avec son affiche gagnante et son prix, Bev Crandall et Louise Wing membres du Club Lions de Knowlton

## Pike Lake Minto Lions Club

District Governor **Hank Van Moorsel** and Pike Lake Minto Lions president **James Mitchell** show off their skills of riding a bicycle built for 2. These bikes were generously donated by Pike Lake community residents for the GOVERNOR'S PROJECT- "Bikes for the World" which is in partnership with Lions project CYCLE RECYCLE. Governor Hank's goal is to collect 500 used bicycles and ship them to a country where they can help people become independent and improve their lives, independence and communities. Governor Hank is well on his way to reaching his goal.

submitted by Lion James Mitchell



# Kingsville Lions Club Dog Show

The Kingsville Lions Club held "Kingswoof", the 2nd Annual Dog Show on August 4. The purpose was to showcase area dogs, to demonstrate the importance of dog obedience and as a Club fundraiser. Some 50 dogs attended along with 250 members of the public, Lions and Friends of Lions. This annual show has proven to be an extremely popular community event.

Dogs were entered in 15 completion categories - most were whimsical such as Looks Most Like Master and Biggest Teeth, while a few were traditional like Best in Show. Winners were awarded trophies, medallions, healthy dog treats donated by national dog food providers, supplemented with items donated by local businesses. Obedience demonstrations were included in the program.

Cash proceeds from the event benefit Lions Foundation Dog Guides and Leader Dogs for the Blind, who have clients in the area.

*Lion Murray Stewart presenting the Best in Show Trophy to Sharon Johnson and dog Willow, an English Mastiff*



# Metcalf and District Lions Club

The Metcalfe and District Lions Club held their 55th Carter night on Oct 25, 2014, in Vernon, in the Sayant Hall.



Our own PDG Lion **Archie Sayant**, who is often referred to as the Godfather of District A4, is one of our two charter members. Lion Archie was DG in 1974 - 1975 and the District Project that year was an operating microscope for the Children's Hospital in Ottawa. Lion **Bill Porteous** is our other charter member; he was Zone Chair in 1962 - 1963 and again in 1997 - 1998. We are very fortunate to have these two members in our club and hope they stay for many more years. Over 95% of our District A4 PDG's and our DG Lion **Rick** were able to attend and a scrap book, with letters from them, was given to PDG Lion Archie for him to cherish. Thank you to the 200 Lions who came out to help us celebrate.

# Ottawa's Purina Dog Walk

Ottawa's Purina Dog Walk took place Oct 5th, 2014 and was chaired by Lion **Angele Charlebois** of the **Gloucester North Lions Club** in Orleans, Ontario. More than \$14,000 was raised during the event.

Lion Angele was a recipient a few years ago of a hearing trained dog called "Candy". We're not sure if Angele walked Candy, ... OR, ... if Candy walked Angele.... but they were both active participants.

Lion Angele is a very active Lions member in the Gloucester North Lions Club. In addition to organizing the Purina Dog Walk, she hosts a Facebook page for our club as well as maintaining our web page. She is also in touch with many clubs in the area and recruits over 30 Lions members to assist in manning the

Gloucester North Lions Club's signature event "Magical Village" for the month of December every year at Place D'Orleans.



## MDA Directory Information

### Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting - March 6/7, 2015
- Council Meeting Convention - May 21-24, 2015

### District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Best Western Lamplighter Inn, London	April 10-12, 2015
A2	Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway, St. Catharines	March 27-29, 2015
A3	Ambassador Conference Resort, Kingston	April 17-19, 2015
A4	Brookstreet Hotel, Kanata	April 10-12, 2015
A5	Best Western, North Bay	April 10-12, 2015
A711	Airport Inn Select, 970 Dixon Road, Toronto	April 17-19, 2015
A9	Days Inn & Conference Centre, Owen Sound	May 1-3, 2015
A12	J.W. Marriott Rosseau, Minett	April 24-26, 2015
A15	Arden Park, Stratford	March 20-22, 2015
A16	Pinestone Resort, Haliburton	April 24-26, 2015

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

2014/15	Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, Kingston, ON	May 22 - 24, 2015
2015/16	North Bay, ON	May 26 - 29, 2016

### International Conventions

98th	Honolulu, Hawaii	June 26 - 30, 2015
99th	Fukuoka, Japan	June 24 - 28, 2016
100th	Chicago, Illinois, USA	June 30 - July 4, 2017
101st	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	June 29 - July 3, 2018
102nd	Milan, Italy	July 5 - 9, 2019

### USA - Canada Forums

Sept. 17 - 19, 2015	Grand Rapids, Michigan
2016	Omaha, Nebraska

## Lions Life Membership

At its September meeting, the **Lions Club of Wingham** was pleased to present Lion **Jim Hall** with a Life Membership. Making the presentation was Past District Governor Lion **Bill Chalmers** from Neustadt, on the left, and Wingham Lions Club President Lion **Joe Collison**, on the right. Lion Jim is in his 58th year as a Lions Club member.



## Chemung Lions



*Lion Paul English presents Life Membership to Lion Doug Packman; shown with Lion President Peter Day*

## Athens Lions Club

On November 25th, Athens Lions Club inducted 4 new Lions. On this evening about 70 volunteers attended an Appreciation Turkey Dinner at the Joshua Bates Centre in Athens. Zone Chairman Al Stewart led the induction ceremony. New members shown (front row) are **Kevin Barber, John Funnell, Rob Layng, Tom Casey**; (back row) **Blair Chant** sponsor, **Richard Garvin** - President Athens Lions Club, **Al Stewart** - Zone Chair 30 South.



## Newcastle Lions Club

At the October meeting of the Newcastle Lions, Lions International 2nd VP **Bob Corlew** congratulated Lion **Murray Patterson** for being a member of the Newcastle Lions Club for over 60 years.



Also at that meeting special guest speaker Lions International 2nd VP Bob Corlew addressed over 100 Lions who attended the meeting. Newcastle Secretary **Tom Ujfalussy** gave a donation from the Newcastle club to Lion Bob Corlew to go towards LCIF. While Newcastle President **Dwight** was out of town, 1st VP **Bill Johnson** ably filled in for him. Lion **Jean** accepted a cheque for \$2000, from Kevin Adams of The Old Newcastle House towards this year's Dog Walk. The money was raised by hosting a golf tournament. Thanks once again to all at The Old Newcastle House!

*photo courtesy of Lion Greg Forget*

## St. Marys Lions Club



*2nd VDG Lion Wayne Litt presents the 55 year pin as PDG Lion Dr. Jim celebrates 55 years of service*

## Orangeville Lion Recognized For 60 Year's Of Service



*Lion Bill Hux received his 60 year chevron from District Governor Hank van Moorse!*

## 8 new members!

As of June the **St. Joseph's Island Lions Club** increased its size by 25%! Seven new Lions in June and one in May. Lion President Lion **Rob Kerr** reported that they had one of the best meetings of their Lions year when 7 new members were inducted into the Club and visitors from Sault Ste. Marie, Elliot Lake and Sudbury were there to give them a big Lions Welcome.



## Ottawa-Vanier Lions

Congratulations to Lion **Frank Patterson** of the Ottawa-Vanier Lions Club. Lion Frank was presented with his 50 year chevron as a Lion on December 16, 2014. He has been active in Lionism since 1964 with the **Ottawa Central L.C., East Ottawa** and Ottawa-Vanier. Zone Chair for 13 North, Lion **Bob Fournier**, presented Lion Frank with his 50 year chevron.



## Seven New Lions Members inducted

Keeping with the Lions International President's program of 'Ask One', and as part of their 50th Anniversary the **Lions Club of Coniston** inducted seven new members, in June.



*In the picture are: Front row: Lions Pat Casey (Past President), Bea Winter (new member), Phil Gniazdowski (Charter Member and past District Governor), Adam Marcotte (new member), Andy Bidal (Membership Chair). Back row: Lions Colette Conlon (new member), Gisele Lalonde (new member), Kathy Cormier (new member), Anne Conlon (new member), Carole Conlon (new member)*



## Granton Lions

Reverend Mark Isaac of the Ailsa Craig and area Food Bank and Granton Secretary Lion **Barb Tuxford** carry in donated food items from Granton Lion's Hallowe'en Party on Sunday October 25th.

In total there was 64.5 lbs of food and 30 books for the hampers. To date Granton Lions have donated 200 gently used books to the Reading Action Program in partnership with the Ailsa Craig and Area Food Bank.



## Chemung Lions

Treasurer Lion **Paul English** of Chemung Lake District Lions at Jones beach in Bridgenorth with new Life Saver Paddle Board and the two Red Cross swimming teachers. The swim program had another successful year. The program had 174 children take the swimming course throughout the summer at Jones Beach, Bridgenorth. They earned swim badges and certificates from Canadian Red Cross.



## New Hamburg Lioness

The New Hamburg Lioness sponsored the Peace Poster contest for the second year. Pictured is the winner, Alana Miller with teacher Michelle Kleinschuck and principal Mark Drummond from Forest Glen Public school in New Hamburg.



A Christmas gathering for Aldaview and Friends was sponsored by the New Hamburg Lioness. Santa distributed 50 gift bags and Chris Riccomini and his Guide Dog entertained all with an old-fashioned Carol sing.

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How is this done?

This is done by presenting a Canadian Flag 12 cm by 24 cm (5" x 10") and a certificate to each grade one student in the community. The certificate, in English or French describes the diversity of our country and the pride we have in being Canadian.

From Coast to Coast

Our Lions pride is expressed as we contact school officials requesting permission to visit schools, our visit with classroom teachers, and most importantly the students during the flag presentation. The opportunity to visit with a group of Grade one students is a special reward. Lions from British Columbia to Newfoundland are distributing over 40,000 flags every year. We have had very favourable comments from students, teachers and parents.

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## Bancroft Lions

As part of the Reading Action initiative and District A3's literacy project Bancroft Lions, working with Scholastic Canada, purchased new kids' books at the preschool to Grade 2 level for North Hastings Children Services. They run the local day care, plus after-school programs at area elementary schools. Club President Lion **Bryan Adams** is with the children as they enjoy their new reading adventures.



## Kemble Lions Club

The Kemble and District Lions club hosted their 13TH annual non-motorized Christmas Parade on Sunday Dec. 14, 2014. The day provided the best response ever from both participants and spectators and club members served over 250 free hotdogs and hot chocolate in the arena after the parade as part of the club's community involvement project. All the animals including horses were also fed.

The Owen Sound Lion Twirlettes also participated and received a \$300 donation from the Kemble Lions.



## K-W Community Spirit Lions

K-W Community Spirit Lions Club held a Free Skate with Santa at Lions Rink at Rim Park. The Lions wanted to give back to the community for all their support over the years. Lion **Janet Dawson Brock** gave an on camera interview with Santa for CTV. Over 300 attended. **Kitchener Oktoberfest, Waterloo Lions, Galt Cambridge Lions** and **Belwood Lions** all helped out.



## Club Lions de Knowlton, Paniers de Noël

Les membres du Club Lions de Knowlton sont heureux de pouvoir vous annoncer que grâce à la générosité de plus de 500 donateurs nous avons dépassé l'ambitieux objectif de notre campagne annuelle de levée de fonds. En effet, jusqu'à présent, plus de \$30,000 ont été recueillis. Ceci n'est pas une surprise pour nous car depuis près de 60 ans, nous avons été témoins de cette grande générosité constante de nos concitoyens.

Récemment nous avons pu distribuer 92 paniers de Noël contenant de la nourriture et des cadeaux pour 135 adultes et 103 enfants. Les sourires, l'étonnement devant le contenu des paniers et dans certains cas les larmes de joie des récipiendaires ont été la récompense de nos efforts. Également 106 poinsettias ont été livrés à nos aînés vivant seuls afin de leur apporter un peu de la chaleur des fêtes.

L'assemblage des paniers s'est fait dans le temps record de 17 minutes et demie grâce à l'aide de plus de 50 volontaires de la communauté. Nous voulons tout particulièrement souligner l'aide des employés de la ferme des canards et des autres amis du Club Lions qui ont participé à cette activité.

Merci aussi à Brenda Paige Rogerson de Glen Gardens qui nous a vendu au prix coûtant les poinsettias, au Manoir Lac Brome pour les produits de soins personnels et à IGA Gazaille qui nous ont donné un important escompte. Nous avons aussi reçu des dons de jouets, nourriture, de livres etc. provenant de nombreux particuliers.

Vous pouvez aussi être fiers de savoir que les résultats de votre généreux appui ne servent pas uniquement pendant cette période de l'année. En effet tout au long de l'année, vos dons servent à supporter des programmes sportifs et récréatifs pour les jeunes, des activités de loisirs et de bien-être pour les aînés, d'aide ponctuelle à ceux qui se retrouvent dans le besoin, à l'achat d'équipement de secours et plusieurs autres projets.

Même si, pour les membres, 2014 est mission accomplie, le travail doit continuer. Le président du Club Lions de Knowlton, **Winston Mason** voudrait, au nom de tous les membres et des bénévoles, vous offrir leurs meilleurs vœux pour 2015.

Nous désirons aussi offrir des remerciements particuliers aux médias pour leur support non seulement pendant notre campagne de financement du temps des fêtes mais également pendant toute l'année 2014.



## Galt Cambridge Lions help Santa Claus



Santa Claus is a member of the Galt Cambridge Lions Club and visited Children with special needs in the Community before Christmas. This picture was taken at the home of a little girl who hand-delivered a letter to Santa at The Cambridge Mall "Skate with Santa" sponsored by Granite homes. The picture is at her family home in Kitchener when Santa stopped by.

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