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Our Diversity is Our Strength



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
*Lions Clubs International
President*

In Japan, our society owes a lot to bushido, the code of conduct of the samurai. Samurai have positive and negative sides, but samurai uphold stability and ensure peace. Other positive traditional values of the bushido are respecting one's elders, protecting the weak and valuing fairness and honor.

Every culture has its own wonderful virtues, and each of the 210 nations and geographic areas that are part of Lions Clubs International contributes to the strength and vitality of the association. The multi-colored fabric of Lions owes its durability and

flexibility to its disparate individual strands.

In other words, our diversity is our strength. We are not a cookie-cutter association. One size does not fit all. Clubs are free to choose their own projects and recruit their own members. The more we value diversity and model that in our clubs the more we will prosper.

So this year I urge clubs to continue to reach out to women, younger people and middle-aged people to diversify our ranks. A club gains new perspectives and renewed energy with a diverse membership.

By the same token, don't hesitate to try new projects. We can't grow stale. We don't eat stale bread or rice and we don't want a stale club. We must have the courage to turn our clubs into fresh, young and vibrant ones.

We also must work together. An ancient story illustrates the power of teamwork. A powerful samurai

lord, Mori Motonari, took aside his three sons and easily snapped a single arrow. But when he held three arrows together the well-muscled man could not break the bunch. The moral is clear. Americans even have their own saying for it: united we stand, divided we fall. When the 1.4 million Lions family is united, we can deliver the light of service throughout the world.

So this year let's embody the samurai spirit. Lions, be samurai. But when you go on your service activities, please keep your sharp swords at home and carry with you only the samurai spirit!

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Lions Clubs International President

Embrace the Spirit of Daring

About a decade ago I was privileged to visit the home in Calcutta, India, where Mother Teresa once cared for the desperately poor. Her love for others had a tremendous impact—not only on those she helped but also in inspiring others to follow her example. Mother Teresa was not rich or powerful. She did not hold office. She wielded no army. She owned next to nothing. Yet she changed the world. What a difference one person on a mission can make!

Her life actually is ironic—and instructive—for Lions. We Lions are not lone wolves. We serve together. We join a club because we realize we can accomplish so much more by working together. We realize we are not Mother Teresa. That's OK. We do

what we can with our own talents. Our limitations actually can work to our advantage because in joining with other Lions we can accomplish so much more than we can do on our own.

So, Lions, be involved with your club as much as you can. Take part in the initiatives of Lions Clubs International as well. Help fulfill the centennial goals related to hunger, youth, sight and the environment. Support LCIF. Recruit a new member. Join us in beautiful Fukuoka, Japan, next year for the 99th International Convention. There is much more than strength in numbers: there is the opportunity to rebuild society. It's great you are a Lion. Thank you for your service and dedication. But always strive to be part of

the worldwide Lions community and fully support our many remarkable initiatives.

It's easy to sit back and do the usual. But now is the time to be a Lion who goes outside his or her comfort zone and makes service more a part of his or her life. I've heard it said: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." So be adventurous and daring. Be a Lion.

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Lions Clubs International President



Lion John Johnston
MDA Council Chairman

As we begin our new year in MDA I am pleased to say that all of our new Governors have been working hard to get their Districts ready to take on the challenges of the new year. At the time of this writing many of those Governors have already held their first District Cabinet meeting, getting their districts off to a quick start.

Our new International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's theme for this year is "Bringing Dignity to Others Through Humanitarian Service".

When he spoke at the convention he recounted a

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time in his life when he was diagnosed with liver cancer and he thought that he might not survive the surgery or illness. A year later still fearful of dying he asked his doctor why he was still alive. His doctor replied, "Your tumour was benign."

It was after that moment that he resolved to provide the kind of care he expected of himself to others. He was going to treat people, as he would have liked to be treated. A year later he became a Lion through the encouragement of his uncle a DG at the time. And the rest they say is history.

When you hear him speak he is a soft-spoken man who lives what he says. He is going to be a wonderful President and his legacy will live on for many years to come.

As for what is going on in MDA, we are blessed

with many new faces taking on new rolls with vigor and many familiar faces who continue to steer the HMCS MDA through all kinds of waters. The following are a few of the new committees I would like to mention.

I was happy to be present at the first meeting where all the committee members from both CNIB and MDA were present. It was a meeting where both parties were fully engaged at developing a plan to move both organizations forward together to make the lives of people who are visually impaired in our multiple districts, better.

PDG Lion Peter Hammond will have updated everyone at our MDA Governors Council Meeting in September so (if you were not there) please go to the MDA web site and read the minutes as posted.

Another new MDA Committee is the "Gift of Life". I am happy to say that is headed by PDG Eleanor Colwell who is a strong advocate of the tissue donation programme.

So spend all your money in retirement and leave your children with the knowledge that in your passing you could have saved the lives of up to eight other individuals through organ donations and the sight of up to eight more through corneal transplants. It's as easy as going to your web browser on your computer and typing in your search engine box forms.ssb.gov.on.ca and it will take you to the gift of life consent form.

And while you are at it, call 1-888-2DONATE (1-888-236-6283) the Canadian Blood Services to see if you are eligible to donate blood (if you are not already doing so) and book an appointment so you can start saving lives immediately.

We also now have a "Special Olympics Committee"

chaired by IPCC Lion Bob Tanner that is in the process of developing a MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) with the Special Olympics Organization. The committee chair will have presented their first report to the MDA Council in September and you will be able to read it online by the time you read this message.

I look forward to working with the ten Governors, Secretary John and Treasurer Dave and all of the committees throughout my year as Council Chair and I thank them in advance for their support.

Finally, there are three candidates' who are running for the position of International Director for Canada. This is no small undertaking and it requires a huge commitment by each candidate to first run for the position and second to do the job when elected and I urge all of you members in MDA to get involved with the election process.

Governors, if you are approached by one or all of

the candidates committees asking for a venue where their candidate can speak to your district please give everyone equal and fair opportunity to do so. The same also applies to Region and Zone chairs within their relative districts.

Club presidents and club members please take the opportunity when available to hear these people out because each and every club will have delegates who will be able to vote in this election at the MDA Convention to be held on May 26th through 29th 2016 in North Bay.

Here is our opportunity to send the best candidate for the position of International Director to sit on Lions International Board of Directors. And show the world of Lionism that MDA has the International Director with the Right Stuff.

Lion John Johnston
MDA' Council Chairman



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

June 21-25, 2015

AUDIT

1. Reviewed the audit planning details for the June 30, 2015, financial statement audit for LCI and LCIF presented by representatives from Crowe Horwath, LLP.
2. Reviewed the memorandum covering a review of the Service Organization Report for Paylocity, the Donor Services Audit and a memorandum covering new procedures for the termination of temporary employees.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Denied second vice district governor election complaints filed in District 108-LA (Italy), District 308-A1 (Singapore) and District 322-E (India) and declared the following as second vice district governors in their respective districts for the 2015-2016 fiscal year:
 - a. Lion Fabrizio Ungaretti—District 108-LA (Italy)
 - b. Lion Jerrick Tay—District 308-A1 (Singapore)
 - c. Lion Veena Gupta—District 322-E (India)
2. Upheld one second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 324-A8 (India), declared the second vice district governor election in District 324-A8 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and that the second vice district governor vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the International and District Constitutions and By-Laws, and declared

that the filing fee less US\$350 shall be refunded to each of the Complainants.

3. Censured District Governor V.S.B Sunder for his unlionistic behavior and made him ineligible for a District Governor Team Excellence Award. Rejected the dispute filed in District 324-A1 (India) under the Constitutional Complaints procedure related to the 2015-2016 fiscal year district elections as improper.
4. Removed District Governor S. Arumugam from the office of district governor in District 324-B4 (India) for failure to comply with the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors. Declared that S. Arumugam shall not be recognized in the future as a past district governor by Lions Clubs International or any club or district, and that he shall not be entitled to any privileges of such title.
5. Declared the conciliator's report filed in District 324-B4 (India) as inconsistent with the International and District 324-B4 Constitutions and By-Laws and therefore invalid. Affirmed the elections of the district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor held on April 26, 2015 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
6. Declared the decision of the conciliators to declare the second vice district election in District 301-D2 (Philippines) null and void inconsistent with the International Constitution and By-Laws and Board Policy and therefore invalid. Recommended that the yes/no ballot contained in the Standard Form District Constitution be utilized by District 301-D2 in the 2015-2016 year

elections. Declared the conciliators decision related to the removal of the Respondent inconsistent with the international constitution and by-laws and board policy and therefore invalid. Upheld the decision of the conciliators that the Respondent violated the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

7. Revised the definition of Good Moral Character in Chapter XV of Board Policy Manual to prohibit membership to individuals who have been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude.
8. Revised the secret ballot process in Chapter III of Board Policy Manual to allow the process to be initiated by the presiding officer.
9. Revised the District Governor Suspension Policy in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual to remove a redundancy in the policy and to amend the number of clubs required to request a review under this policy.
10. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual to correct a typographical error and update internal references.
11. Established a new Neutral Observer Policy, effective July 1, 2016, in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Appointed Past District Governor Michael Bierwagen to serve as Coordinating Lion for District 123 (Russian Federation) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, Past District Governor Mirela

Grigorovici to serve as the Coordinating Lion for the Republic of Serbia on October 11, 2015, for the remaining months of the fiscal year and Past International Director Kalle Elster to serve as Co- Coordinating Lion for the Republic of Latvia and assist Past District Governor Fabian Ruesch during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

2. Amended the DG Team Excellence Award application to require that districts also adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies in addition to meeting the requirements of the award.
3. Revised Chapter V of the Board Policy Manual to place less emphasis on strict club meeting attendance and more emphasis on meaningful involvement in club activities.
4. Revised Chapter VII, Exhibit B. of the Board Policy Manual to also place less emphasis on strict club meeting attendance and more emphasis on meaningful involvement in club activities.
5. Amended Chapter IX of the Board Policy Manual to allow a Coordinating Lion to be appointed when a potential new Lions country is identified instead of waiting for two clubs to be chartered.
6. Made a housekeeping revision to correct a reference error in Chapter IX, Paragraph O.2.d. so the correct paragraphs were referenced.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2015 4th Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved the final budget for FY 2016 with a deficit of US\$2,842,672.
3. Approved amending The Retirement Income Plan for Employees of the International Association of Lions Clubs (Plan) to offer terminated employees having vested benefits under the Plan the opportunity to withdraw their full Plan benefits in a lump sum in calendar year 2015.
4. Approved a change in board policy effective July 1, 2015, which requires district governors obtain approval from the Travel Department prior to ticketing any fare in excess of US\$1,000. Airfare less than US\$1,000 should be booked at the lowest logical standard or discounted fare by the most direct route for the authorized class of service and period of travel.
5. Approved a change in board policy effective July 1, 2015, to provide eligible past international directors a minimum budget of US\$1,200 annually.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Approved policy empowering the International President to fill GMT and GLT Coordinator vacancies at the multiple district, single district and sub-district levels, when said vacancies are the result of the appointment body's inability to come to consensus on a suitable appointment.
2. Approved policy prohibiting endorsed and certified candidates for international office from

serving as GMT International Coordinator, GLT International Coordinator, Family and Women International Coordinator, GMT or GLT Constitutional Area Leader, GMT or GLT Area Leader and GMT or GLT Special Area Advisor.

LCIF

1. Approved the report of the LCIF Finance Committee.
2. Amended the articles of Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of Lions Clubs International Foundation, to reflect the revised LCIF Board of Trustees structure.
3. Deleted Chapter XVI of the Board Policy Manual, due to its redundancy to the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual.
4. Amended the Operations and Policy Manual of Lions Clubs International Foundation to reflect the revised LCIF Board of Trustees structure and other necessary housekeeping changes.
5. Approved the 2015-2016 voting members of the Board of Trustees of Lions Clubs International Foundation.
6. Increased the humanitarian grants budget for the current fiscal year by an additional US\$3.5 million.
7. Approved 54 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$3,071,671.
8. Tabled one grant.
9. Extended the Core 4 funding priority status of Lions Quest until June 30, 2018, and Core 4 funding priority funding status of LCIF's diabetes prevention and control program until June 30, 2017.
10. Approved a Core 4 disability grant in the amount of US\$750,000, representing a portion of funding for the Lions-Special Olympics Mission Inclusion program in Brazil.
11. Approved the renewal of the Lions Quest community partnership grants program in the amount of US\$200,000.
12. Approved US\$125,000 in funding for an evaluation of Lions Quest in Finland.
13. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$5,000 for a joint LCIF/MD 111 low vision project in Cuba.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approved the formation of a 2015-2016 Family and Women Action Committee, of up to 10 members, as appointed by Vice President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and recorded with the LCI Executive Committee at their August 2015 meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the formation of Branch Lions Clubs in Cuba and Myanmar, contingent upon receiving approval from appropriate authorities in each country.
2. Approved a working group of Lions and/or Leos to work with the Membership Development

Committee and staff to explore concepts and strategies to involve "episodic volunteerism" in Lionism.

3. Approved adding recent policy changes to policy manual, including the processing fee of US\$100 assessed to club charter applications not approved by LCI, and requiring advance payment of US\$30 for adding any additional charter members.
4. Approved policy where any district Lions Clubs International has identified with a prior misapplication of the student membership program, and has more than 5 percent of total membership comprised of student membership, will have all campus clubs in that district, and all traditional clubs in that district with 25 percent or more student members will be placed in status quo, immediately after 45 days of the date of communication informing them of this review.
5. Approved the designation of MD60 under Constitutional Area I, effective July 1, 2015.
6. Approved board policy changes that place less emphasis on strict meeting attendance requirements, allowing for more flexible participation in club activities.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Reduced the number of print editions to four per year for all official editions of LION Magazine beginning January 2018.
2. Eliminated the Order of the Lion medal.
3. Replaced the current awards section of Chapter XX of the Board Policy Manual with Exhibit A to the public relations report.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Selected the 2014-2015 Leos of the Year.
2. Approved a revision to the Board Policy Manual transferring youth programs that are non-Leo related from Chapter XXIII to Chapter I.
3. Approved a revision to the Board Policy Manual Chapter XXIII deleting outdated information on the purposes of the Youth Programs Department.
4. Approved a revision to the Board Policy Manual Chapter XXIII renaming the chapter title from "Youth Programs" to "Leo Club Program" to reflect the current structure.
5. Approved a revision to the Board Policy Manual Chapter I changing all variations of "Youth Programs Department" with "Service Activities Division" to reflect current structure.
6. Approved a revision to the Board Policy Manual Chapter XXIII changing all variations of "Youth Programs Department" with "Leo Club Program Department" to reflect current structure.

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



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER, 2015 GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING



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MD'A' CONVENTION ADVISORY – The Widdifield Lions Club, District A5, will be hosting the 2016 MD'A' Convention on May 26-29, 2016 in North Bay. Our International Guests will be LCI 1st Vice President Bob Corlew and his wife, Lion Diane. Elections will be held for the candidates seeking the MD'A' endorsement for International Director for Canada. The Governors' Council endorsed the application from the Lions Club of Kitchener to host the 2017 MD'A' Convention in Waterloo subject to a favourable site visit by the Convention Advisory Chair. The Governors' Council approved the appointment of PDG Charles Liddle, District A9, as the MD'A' Convention Advisory Chairperson.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – PDG Dick Peel reported that LCIF had approved 57 Grant Applications in 2015 with two Grants being awarded in Canada: District A12 - \$20,000.(US) to purchase a transport van for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind; and District A2 - \$69,350.(US) for facility upgrades at Lions Camp Dorset.

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA – PDG Lloyd Clifton reported that the Purina Guide Dog Walks across Canada during 2014-2015 had raised \$1,195,201.70 of which \$659,488.10 had come by the MD'A' Lions family. One hundred and four walks were held.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM – PDG Chris Lewis advised that as of August 31st MD'A' has 13,097 Lions members. There has been a decrease of 154 members since July 1st. In District A4, DG Kris Schulz and GMT Co-ordinator Heather Chilvers have received

approval for a New Club Development Workshop.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM – PDG Eleanor Colwell advised that a training session had been held for the 2nd Vice District Governors. Training for the 1st Vice District Governors has commenced. Several Lions have been endorsed to attend the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and the Faculty Development Institute in November in Chicago.

LIONS QUEST – PID Gil Constantini challenged each District in MD'A' to raise a total of \$10,000. or more. Each District which accomplishes this goal will receive a Lions Quest Fellowship to present to a deserving Lion in their District.

LITERACY COMMITTEE – PRC Susan Taylor advised that Lions are donating books to school libraries, giving books to individual students, placing books in Christmas hampers, recycling gently used books for children and adults in book sales, providing new and gently used books free at the Food Banks, creating Little Free Libraries and supporting specific school programmes with books.

GIFT OF LIFE – PDG Eleanor Colwell encouraged all Lions to register as an organ & tissue donor in one of three ways; Online at www.beadonor.ca; In person at ServiceOntario; Downloading the consent form from the beadonor website. The next step is to keep your family apprised of your intentions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – The Governors' Council approved the application from District A4 to host the MD'A' Effective Speaking Finals on the first weekend

in May at Algonquin College in Ottawa. The deadline for the District Governors to receive Peace Posters from the Districts is November 15th. The Peace Poster theme is 'Share Peace.' A Leo Conference is in the planning stages. An Opportunities for Youth Luncheon is being planned for the MD'A' Convention in North Bay.

RESEARCH & LONG RANGE PLANNING – PDG Jim Hilt advised that the R&LPR Committee is recommending replacing the Plum Jackets with a Navy Blue Jacket and that the 1st Vice District Governors-elect immediately make this transition following their election in 2016. The Governors' Council deferred a decision until further discussion could be held with their District Officers.

DIABETES AWARENESS – PDG Brian Closs advised that World Diabetes Day is November 14th.

SECRETARY – MD'A' Secretary John Stewart advised that he had received the necessary documents confirming the certification of PCC Tom Gordon, District A16, and PDG Jim Prenger, District A9, as candidates for the office of International Director for Canada. All documents were properly completed and received within the required timeframe.

TREASURY – MD'A' Treasurer Dave Hewitt presented the 2015-2016 Budget which was approved by the Governors' Council.

For information, questions or concerns relating to these highlights please contact MDA Secretary John Stewart at email: secretary@mdalions.org.

Magnetawan Lions Club

An outdoor education activity was sponsored by the Magnetawan Lions Club for the grade 3-6 pupils from the Magnetawan Public School as a year end project.

30 pupils and staff participated in the study of tree species and animal habitat. The pupils had been studying tree identification in class and this was an opportunity to apply their knowledge.

Lion **John Hetherington** hosted the group on his 500 acre managed forest property and shared his outdoor

knowledge with the pupils. A special guest Dr. Doug Lightening, a visiting entomologist from South Africa, joined the outing and shared his expertise with the pupils.

The Magnetawan Lions provided a hot dog lunch for the staff and pupils as well as the bus transportation.



Lions At Home Amid Honolulu's Aloha Spirit

by Jay Copp

The sun shone steadily on palm trees, bronzed surfers gracefully rode the waves with Diamond Head as a stunning backdrop and hula dancers swiveled their hips at evening shows on Waikiki Beach. Honolulu lived up to its advance billing as a tropical getaway as it superbly hosted the 98th International Convention in the last week of June.

Lions are an adaptive species, exemplified at convention. Eschewing the customary suit, International President **Joe Preston** wore a casual Hawaiian shirt, as did many fellow board members, conventioners and LCI staff. A Hawaiian kicked off the parade of nations with a traditional native blessing and ceremoniously blew into a shell. Leos enjoyed themselves at a luau, and Preston took to the stage at a plenary session carrying a surfboard customized with the Lions logo. "There's no truth to the rumor I surfed to Hawaii," he cracked wise.

"A-lo-ha!" the genial Kirk Caldwell, mayor of Honolulu, welcomed Lions at the packed first plenary session. Lions responded but Caldwell greeted Lions a second and then a third time. "A-lo-ha!" Lions thundered back finally to his satisfaction. Caldwell knew Lions were in a responsive mood; the prevailing sentiment at the convention was gratification. "How many of you are thinking now, I wish I had bought a one-way ticket?" the high-spirited Preston joked at the second plenary session.



Lions from Africa enjoy being part of the parade of nations in Honolulu

More than 18,000 Lions and guests from 134 countries descended on Honolulu, which hosted the 83rd convention in 2000. The electric undercurrent at the convention was the connection Lions sought and found with flesh-and-blood fellow Lions as well as the warm, open-armed spirit of service. "You see people you see only at convention," said **Ken Reed**, a member of the **Ackley Geneva Lions Club** in Iowa since 1974 and a veteran of about a dozen international conventions. Reed's trip to Hawaii meant he had visited all 50 states, and he was on a mission at the convention to collect 14 more state pins from 2015 to give him a complete set.

On the other end of the spectrum were Lions such as 31-year-old **Mariessa Maughan**, who joined the **Salt**

Lake City Red Butte Lions Club in 2013. Her grandfather was a Lion, and she works as an eye care specialist. "I feel very blessed to be a Lion," said Maughan, who is club president despite being a relative newcomer. "I'm here to learn as much as I can."

The convention underscored the connections among Lions and with Lionism. **Scott Quinlan** of **Huntington Beach Host Lions Club** in California says his blindness is no impediment to service. "I think I can serve as an inspiration to others in the community," he said in the convention hall, where multitudes of Lions chatted with LCI staff, browsed exhibits, traded pins or sat down for lunch with Lions across the world. **Judy Mensforth** of the **Helensvale Lions Club** in Australia was determined to track down **Ole Engedal**, a district governor-elect from Denmark whose daughter she befriended when the daughter was a Lions' exchange student in Australia. "I just love getting to know Lions and learning more about them," said Mensforth.

Preston served as the host of the convention. On his penultimate day as president, during a rendition of "Already Gone" by an Eagles tribute band, he abruptly and comically walked onto stage carrying a beat-up suitcase, signifying both his extensive travels and the end of his term as president. A singer and songwriter, Preston grabbed a microphone and finished the song, and then he and the band ably performed "Strengthen the Pride," his catchy theme song.

Preston took a more serious turn during his farewell speech. He saluted Lions for their service and membership success and exhorted them to redouble their efforts. "Lions, we need to roar with intensity, roar with conviction. We need to tell the world who we are, what we're doing, why they should support us and why they should join us," he said. "And that is not something that we just have to do this year. It is something we need to do, year after year."



A disco party erupts before the closing plenary session

Preston's talk was bookended by the speech of **Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada** of Japan, whom Lions elected as the 2015-16 international president. The neurosurgeon took charge of the festivities in the third and final plenary. Delivering his speech in Japanese, Yamada emphasized teamwork. "We are all the crew of a ship in the ocean," he said. "We can only steer in the right direction when all crew members are united under a mission. The ship moves smoothly only when each member of the crew fulfills his responsibility by using his special talent."



New International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, his wife, Dr. Toshiko, and their family wave to Lions after he took the oath of office

The keynoter was **Tim Shriver**, a Lion who is chairman of Special Olympics. One of the first races in the history of Special Olympics in the 1960s exemplified what the organization was all about and still provides lessons for today. A runner had stumbled as he neared the finish line. "The one in second who could see the finish line—maybe for the first time have a chance to be cheered and what does he do?" Shriver related. "He stops and turns around. He picks up his fallen friend, puts his arm over his shoulder and crosses the finish line. In what, last place, right? Wrong!"

"I think the athletes of Special Olympics teach us that you could win by who you beat. And you could also win by who you help. Winning isn't where you finish. It's how you finish, too."

After his address, Shriver and the LCI executive officers signed a memorandum of understanding to take the partnership between Lions and Special Olympics to a new level. Besides supporting Opening Eyes, screenings and eyeglasses for athletes, Lions also now will support Unified Sports, which involves sports training and competition both for those with intellectual disabilities and those without. Lions also will expand membership opportunities for athletes in Lions clubs and promote health through hearing programs.

Other convention highlights included the presentation of the Humanitarian Award to Save

the Children and its work among Syrian children, battered by war; a segment on the Lions centennial by Past International President **J. Frank Moore III** of Alabama and the election of 17 first-year international directors and **Naresh Aggarwal** of India as second international vice president. Aggarwal will succeed First Vice President Chancellor **Bob Corlew** of Tennessee as president in 2017-18.

LCIF Chairperson **Barry J. Palmer** of Australia detailed the successes of the Foundation in saving sight, meeting humanitarian needs, providing disaster relief and supporting youth. Palmer also praised the tremendous support of Lions for LCIF; prior to Honolulu donations topped \$38 million in fiscal year 2014-15. The generosity continued at the convention. Past District Governor **Aruna Oswal** of India announced

during a plenary that the Oswal Trust will give \$1 million to LCIF for 40 medical vans. That gift and other donations made at the convention boosted total giving past \$40 million.

Lions pride ourselves as being agents of change, and Caldwell, the mayor, recognized how the world has changed and how Lions play a part in that. He pointed out that the anniversaries of the battle of Okinawa, the atomic bombing of Japan and the start of the Korean War had just occurred or would occur soon. "So much hate in the world, and you are so much about love and service," he said. "Aloha means hello and goodbye, and it also means love. ... Go back to your homes with that aloha and show your love to your community."

Lions in Honolulu

The top 10 nations represented in Honolulu were:

1. Japan	4,154
2. United States	3,579
3. China	1,743
4. India	1,358
5. Nepal	993
6. Nigeria	678
7. Korea	632
8. Sri Lanka	519
9. Bangladesh	287
10. Multiple District 300 Taiwan	272

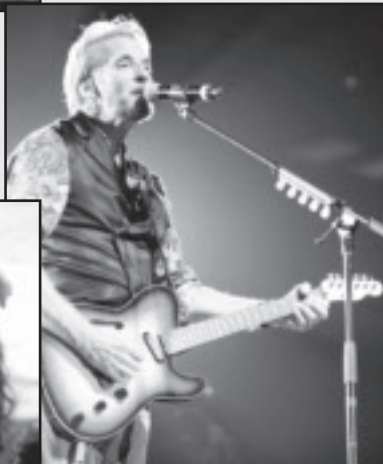
Honolulu Hullabaloo



Convention is five days of festivities. And quieter moments that touch the heart. A disco dance at a plenary session recalls the music, dances—and hairstyles—of the '70s. Polynesian dancers let their hair down at a plenary session. Joe Preston, 2014-15



International President, lets Lions know he is "Already Gone," as an Eagles tribute band plays the rock song. A ukulele player strums "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" during the memorial segment of a plenary session. Pop star Kenny



Loggins performs one of his many hits at the International Show. Participants in the Strides class, held to raise awareness of diabetes, point



the way to better health. A Special



Olympics athlete exults after a bocce ball competition. Dorie Leitten of New York thanks Lions for saving the life of her daughter, Bri; a routine eye screening led to the discovery she had cancer.



Everybody Loved This Parade



Lions All State Band may not have 76



The international parade at the 98th International Convention in Honolulu in June showcases the incredible diversity of Lions Clubs International. Japanese Lions stroll down the street with potential Leos or Lions. Leos sing a happy tune. The Mississippi



trombones, but the band's sound is extraordinarily full and robust. Dutch Lions may prefer skating over skipping, but the latter is the better way to traverse the streets of the tropical city. The delegation from India prance and dance through Honolulu. A marcher gallantly shields a companion from the sun. A Lion from Arizona gives the shaka sign, a customary greeting in Hawaii.



Here Comes Everybody

More than 18,000 Lions and guests from 134 countries were in Honolulu for the 98th International Convention. Here are some of them.



Lions on Location

Sea Lion Crosses Atlantic

AUSTRALIA – Alone on the sea in a rowing race across the Atlantic, **Andrew Abrahams** was washed off his boat. “Basically, the wave just said, ‘You’re not going to sit there anymore and flicked me off like a little bug,’” he recounted later. Climbing back on board Abrahams gashed his leg on the rudder.

The 42-year-old Australian survived that harrowing episode as well as raging storms with 50-foot waves, brutal heat, sleep deprivation, physical and mental fatigue and worrisome encounters with sharks in his 57 days at sea. He succeeded in rowing 2,818 miles from La Gomera in the Canary Islands to Antigua in the Caribbean. He was the only solo rower to complete the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge, finishing seventh overall ahead of five teams.

A member of the **Rochedale Springwood Lions Club**, Abrahams donated the \$10,000 raised from his adventure to disadvantaged children. He had hoped to raise much more, but the rough seas broke his satellite equipment, the key to media coverage.

Abrahams is a fitness buff who holds a world record for machine rowing—1 million meters (621 miles) in 119 hours. His background is rich both nautically and charitably. His fourth-great grandfather, Owen Cavanough, rowed ashore Admiral Arthur Phillip, the founder of the British penal colony that became Sydney, and actually set foot before him, becoming the first member of the Royal Navy to land on Australia. Abrahams named his boat the RV Owen Cavanough.

Abrahams is a founder of the Townsville to Cairns Bike Ride, which has raised more than \$5 million for charity. He works as a handyman.

Like the other race boats, the Owen Cavanough was 23 feet long and 6.5 feet wide and had no sail or motor. A small cabin provided modest protection from the elements. Competitors were not allowed to receive food, repairs or help of any kind. Valued at \$80,000, his boat did contain high-tech navigation equipment. But one of his greatest challenges was loneliness. Visiting pods of curious whales helped him while away the hours.



Andrew Abrahams became the fastest Australian to row solo unassisted across the Atlantic Ocean

Taking to the Sea for Lessons to be Lived on Land

AUSTRALIA – Landlubber Sacha Clark, 18, took to life on the sea as a crew member on a tall ship like, well, a fish to water. Without hesitation, she climbed the soaring mast of the majestic STS Leeuwin II and unfurled the huge sail. “It was so awesome,” she described her exhilarating sailing stint to an Australian newspaper.

For 30 years the **Leeuwin Lions Club** has sponsored youths for the weeklong sea adventure where they learn responsibility and boost their self-esteem. Some love sailing. Some are disadvantaged economically. Some are right in line with youths often helped by Lions: the STS Leeuwin II is the only tall ship in Australia to host youths with a physical, sensory or intellectual limitation that prevents them from being part of other mentorship sailing programs.

Dr. John Williams, the charter president of the Leeuwin Lions Club, is a longtime close friend of Dr. Malcolm Hay, an orthopedic surgeon and avid sailor who gathered the funds needed to build the tall ship and launched the youth sailing program. More than 40,000 young people have participated. The Lions sponsor as many as three youths a year. “Many of our youths have shown an amazing change in attitude and personality,” says Williams.

The club, incidentally, is not named after the ship but after the landmark Cape Leeuwin, the most south-westerly mainland point of Australia. But the ship does happen to have a striking Lioness on its bow.

Digital LION

The LION features Lions in Australia, the “most far-flung world sector of Lionism” (January 1967 LION).



Michael Dunn climbs the mast of the STS Leeuwin II

Austrians Mimic New York Event

AUSTRIA – Celebrating Lions Day at the United Nations, Lions in Austria held their own version of the day at the Parliament Building in Vienna. Lion **Karlheinz Kopf**, president of the Austrian National Council (one of the two houses in the Austrian Parliament), hosted the event.

Ambassadors, U.N. officials and Lions such as Kopf and Past International Director **Ernst Musil** talked about the longstanding relationship between the United Nations and Lions and the importance of nonprofit organizations to alleviating social ills. The keynoter was Prelate Mag. Fürnsinn, abbot of the Herzogenburg Monastery. Classical musicians played songs by Mozart, Bach and Handel. The Peace Poster Contest finalists from the western, central and eastern districts of Austria were introduced to the crowd of 200.

Held in early spring in New York, Lions Day at the United Nations is a 37-year tradition.

Reason to Smile At Last

ENGLAND – Rosie Sheaf, a dental nurse from England, traveled to small villages in Zimbabwe on a medical mission. Many people had never had dental care. “Every day without fail we saw children and adults whose teeth are literally rotting,” she says.



Rosie Sheaf poses with children in Zimbabwe she helped

Sheaf and the other dental professionals fixed dental problems, passed out toothbrushes and explained the fundamentals of oral health. “It was so rewarding to see the relief of our basic pain-relieving dental treatments,” she says.

Dentaid, based in Salisbury, sponsored that mission and many others. Lions clubs throughout the United Kingdom have supported Dentaid since 2001. Lions collect and recondition dental equipment and pay for travel costs. Dentaid is active in 11 nations including Cambodia, Colombia, India, Nepal and Romania.

Sheaf spoke to the **Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury Lions Club** upon her return to thank members for their support. Her trip was “humbling but hugely inspiring. Human beings can experience so much hardship but at the same time be so stoic and happy,” she told the Lions.

Diners Treated Like Kings

FRANCE – To celebrate their club’s 60th anniversary Lions in France and supporters gathered in a 700-year-old castle. They walked the halls where

Joan of Arc was blessed by the archbishop before departing with her army to defeat the English. They dined on a feast prepared by top chefs. They left knowing they helped cancer patients, those with vision impairments and young entrepreneurs.

The **Blois Doyen Lions Club** held its benefit dinner at Blois Castle, a 564-room marvel that seven kings and 10 queens of France called home beginning with Louis XII in the 15th century. Local suppliers provided the meat, fish, vegetables, wine and chocolates including the renowned Sologne caviar. More than a dozen chefs volunteered in the kitchen. After watching a sound and light show and ascending the swooping main staircase, the 250 guests ate in the sumptuous Gaston d'Orléans wing. Thirty-nine students from a hospitality school served the diners.

Lions raised 17,000 euros (US\$19,000). Funds went to a cancer group, for audio books and to entrepreneurs, who accepted the interest-free loans to establish their businesses.



French chefs volunteered their skills to help Lions help others

Guide Dog Center Opens

ITALY – Since 1959, Lions in Italy have trained guide dogs for the blind. More than 2,000 dogs have been placed. The future of the program was recently solidified when Lions built a new guide dog facility in Limbiate, located near Milan.

The facility has room for 76 dogs. It includes a veterinarian office and four apartments for those with vision impairments to stay while learning to handle their dog.

The facility is not only a training place but will function as an advocacy center for those who are visually impaired. Lions in Italy now are focused on promoting the dignity and rights of those with vision impairments.



Guide dogs are trained in Italy

Lions in Japan Get it Write

JAPAN – As in the United States, teachers in Japan bemoan an unfortunate consequence of the ubiquity of smartphones and computers that shows up most obviously in the classroom: the decline in penmanship. The neatness and precision of students' writing, often problematic even years ago, have taken a decided turn for the worse as students endlessly use their fingers punching keypads.

Noogata Lions' novel approach to bad penmanship centers on a traditional practice thousands of years old: calligraphy. For five years the club has sponsored a calligraphy competition at a community center in the city of 60,000. Last year 176 students from third to eighth grade wrote calligraphic letters on official calligraphic paper with large traditional ink brushes. The best work was on par with that of accomplished adults, according to the Japanese LION.

A senior citizens group that practices calligraphy has helped the Lions with the competition, first staged in 2010 to mark the club's 50th anniversary. The event was originally held only for younger students. Lions expanded it when students in junior high told them they missed practicing the ancient art.

The competition is helping fuel a growing interest among youths in calligraphy. The high school calligraphy club displays its work at a local crowded shopping mall, where the art from the Lions' event also can be found. The lasting visibility of the Lions' project has pleased Lions, who sometimes find that their activities fall into a "pay and forget" rut. The colorful, complicated art leaves a solid impression.



Students in Noogata take part in the calligraphy competition

Comedian Makes a Spectacle of Herself

NEW ZEALAND – Never underestimate the power of a celebrity to garner attention and get people to do what you want them to do. Comedy actress Su Pollard is popular in New Zealand for her British sitcoms "Hi-de-Hi!" and "You rang, M'Lord?". She's known for her flamboyant dresses and glasses as well as for her abrupt, startled, slightly off-kilter persona. Think of Carol Burnett in one of her wacky sketches.

Pollard was in New Zealand to promote an upcoming tour of the musical "Annie," and her agent shrewdly approached the **Ferrymead Lions Club**, which

runs an eyeglass recycling center in Christchurch. She met with Lion **Andy Blaikie**, who brought along a bag of eyeglasses. "So I tipped them out on the table, and she started to play with them," Blaikie recounted for the South Pacific LION. The photo taken by a newspaper photographer for Fairfax NZ, a media giant, proved to be pivotal. "Since the article, we have had a flood of glasses coming our way," said Blaikie.

Since 1987, Ferrymead Lions have recycled glasses for distribution in the Pacific Islands by the Volunteer Ophthalmic Services Overseas.



In the photo that led to many donated eyeglasses, comic actress Su Pollard and Lion Andy Blaikie inspect glasses for flaws. Photo courtesy of Fairfax NZ

Club Hits Jackpot with Lottery

NORWAY – **Per Christian Lo** and other members of his club approach people at crowded shopping malls and ask, "Have you registered your Grasrot?". Norsk Tipping, the popular national lottery, "tips" 5 percent of a wager to a player's designated favorite charity. Yet more than half of lottery players have not registered for the Grasrotandelen, or "grass-roots share."

The Lions have been able to persuade more than 3,000 lottery players to designate the **Fredrikstad Lions Club** as their charity of choice. Astoundingly, the club receives about US\$200,000 annually from Norsk Tipping, the government agency that runs the lottery. Only one other group receives more funds: the Vålerenga, an elite soccer team in Oslo.

Norsk Tipping oversees a wide range of scratch cards, interactive video games accessed by smartphone or in kiosks and sports such as horse racing.



Per Christian Lo holds a lottery playing card and the brochure used to convince lottery players to donate funds to his club

“The Lions spend the money on good projects in their community, and they always tell the press. Then they get even more good will,” says **Vibeke Aasland**, editor of the **LION** in Norway. “I think Per really wants to beat Vålerenga, too.”

Blind Students Finish Triathlon

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 300 TAIWAN – Three grade school students in Multiple District 300 Taiwan completed a Lions club’s triathlon despite being blind.

Co-sponsored by the **Taichung Hsien Shan Cheng Lions Club**, the triathlon consisted of a 5-kilometer cycling race, a 1.3-kilometer run and a swimming race that ranged from 50 meters to 15 meters, depending on the competitor’s age.

The blind children completed the running and cycling on machines affixed to the ground. The blind athletes were Yang Tzu-ling, 12; Lin Ssu-chia, 10; and Liang Yu-han, 7. “Running and riding a bicycle feels like taking an airplane,” Lin told the China Times. More than 200 children took part in the Little Ironman Triathlon.

No More Tossing and Turning

ZAMBIA – Ndola Lions in Zambia wished sweet dreams for students with visual impairments when they donated 100 comfortable mattresses to a boarding school in Hillcrest. Jume Zulu, an 11th-grader, told the Lions, “We are grateful to the Lions club for this gesture as we can now say goodnight to uncomfortable nights.” Chartered in 1962, the Ndola Lions Club has 34 members.

Service Comes in Many Forms

Lions Clubs International has members in 210 nations and geographic areas, and clubs help people and improve their communities in innumerable ways. Notwithstanding cultural differences and customs, the common language of Lions is service.

ARGENTINA



Ensenada Lions play with young children at their “Children’s Day.” Children received shoes, toys and school supplies

GERMANY



New Ulm Campus Lions beautify a children’s camp during the Lions’ semester break

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 300 TAIWAN



Taoyuan Chung Yi Lions provide musical activities for those with disadvantages

PAKISTAN



A girl who is blind holds a white cane given to her by **Multan Crescent Lions**

KOREA



Senior citizens play gateball. The **New Changwon Lions** awarded prize money to the top competitors of the tournament, which raised \$6,500 for the club’s charitable causes

SOUTH AFRICA



Table View Lions provide vision screenings for schoolchildren

THAILAND



Youths dance at an anti-drug event organized by **Chiangmai Wiangping Lions**

Kentucky Children Gain Better Vision

Every child in every Head Start program in Kentucky—that's the new target population for the KidSight program in Kentucky.

Children in Head Start often do not have access to eye health resources. Yet Head Start requires that every child receive a vision screening within 45 days of enrolling in the program. The Lions of Kentucky hope the expansion will fulfill this requirement for 20,000 children. Lions will screen children living in Kentucky's coal mining communities, from migrant farmworker families and those in impoverished inner city areas.

Lions of Kentucky are being assisted by an LCIF Standard grant for \$92,312. The screenings will be done in partnership with the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, the Louisville Downtown Lions Club and the Kentucky Head Start Association.

The Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation initiated its KidSight program in 2003. Since then, the program has screened the vision of more than 80,000 children throughout Kentucky.

Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children under the age of five by enhancing their social, emotional and cognitive development. Children enrolled in Head Start programs reside in low-income households; to qualify for Head Start, a family of four's annual income may not exceed \$23,850.

Typically, vision screenings for Head Start children in Kentucky are performed by local health

departments with vision charts. While these charts may be adequate for older children without language or medical barriers, local Lions are concerned about their accuracy in screening infants and children with developmental delays. According to program data, 12 percent of Head Start children have disabilities that impede traditional vision screenings and up to 32 percent have language barriers.

Much of the grant funding was used to purchase noninvasive photoscreening devices. Many Lions clubs use these cameras to conduct their screening outreach activities. The cameras boast a 95 percent accuracy rate and provide immediate results. These devices are useful in detecting nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, lazy eye and other conditions that can be easily corrected if detected early.

Local Lions are visiting Head Start centers throughout Kentucky to conduct screenings for children who might otherwise not be able to obtain them. All children whose screenings indicate the need for follow-up care are referred to eye health professionals. Head Start staff work to find, secure and coordinate the follow-up care, ensuring that assistance does not end with a vision screening.

During a pilot program in western Kentucky in 2011, 618 Head Start preschool children received vision screenings. Fifteen percent were found to need prescriptive eyeglasses and 5 percent were found to have a serious eye disease.

Felicia Elliot, a nurse and a former Head Start program specialist, says, "This pilot proved to be of great value. I, along with the parents of all 618 of those screened children whose vision was saved are extremely grateful to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, the KidSight program and all its wonderful volunteers."

The Lions of Kentucky expect to screen all Head Start children in the state by the end of 2015, after which local clubs will use the cameras for community-wide screenings at churches, health fairs and day care centers.

Information on how clubs can apply for an LCIF Standard grant is at lcif.org. U.S. clubs and districts can visit KidSightUSA.com to get involved in screening children.



Lions clubs across the country, like this one in District 14 T in Pennsylvania, host vision screenings for children

Lions in Nigeria Aid Cancer Patients

By Eric Margules

One morning, as administrator **Stella Agbogun** made her rounds in the Radiotherapy Department at Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) in Nigeria, she happened upon a young man comforting his weeping mother in the hallway.

They had traveled to Lagos from Cross River, a Nigerian state more than 400 miles away, so the woman could receive cancer treatment at LUTH. But without any money or relatives in Lagos, the pair had nowhere to stay. They were desperate and completely alone.

Agbogun, a Lion, knew something had to be done to help the family and those like them—who travel from far and wide for access to LUTH's Radiotherapy Department but lack the resources to secure housing for themselves during treatment.

"They had nowhere to sleep," says Agbogun. "They had no relations in Lagos, and they did not have enough money for their accommodation. I was moved by pity. After that incident, I made the decision to be a positive change, to create a better living environment for cancer patients."

Agbogun, District 404 B governor then, saw an

opportunity to serve her community and improve the lives of vulnerable individuals. She collaborated with LUTH and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to develop plans for Mercy Home, a housing facility for cancer patients at the hospital.

Agbogun worked both with the LUTH management team to finalize details and secure the space for Mercy Home and with Lion leaders to complete the project. With plans for 20 beds, Mercy Home would offer temporary accommodation for radiotherapy patients and their relatives who cannot afford accommodations in Lagos.

With the help of a US\$75,000 Standard grant from LCIF, arrangements for the construction of Mercy Home were put in place. On a rainy day in July, behind the Radiotherapy Department at LUTH, Lions and local dignitaries gathered to break ground on the special facility that was years in the making.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, Professor Akin Osibogun, the chief medical Director of LUTH, elatedly described how honored the hospital was to commission Mercy Home. The facility was a dream realized.

"LUTH's management team sealed the entire deal by giving us this space, where Mercy Home stands," Agbogun said at the ceremony. "They gave us easy access to the institution and were ready to render assistance and encouragement."

Mercy Home now stands as a symbol of hope to people in some of the darkest times of their lives, as well as a reminder that wherever a need arises in the community, Lions will find a way to meet the challenge.

For information on Standard grants and how your Lions club can apply, visit lcif.org.



Mercy Home offers a place to stay for medical patients

Left Behind

The visually impaired lag far behind in use of computers and smart phones.
Lions are determined to close the gap.

By Anne Ford

About eight years ago, Aaron Carroll, now 47, began losing his sight to a disease called sarcoidosis. His rapidly diminishing vision led to the loss of his position as a customer-service worker—and with it, some of his self-esteem.

After working with the Chicago Lighthouse to regain his computer skills and learn adaptive technology such as screen readers, Carroll was recently hired at a health clinic call center. “Working will definitely put me closer to regaining my independence,” he says happily. “When you lose your vision, you become dependent on other people to help you do things. Going to work, that’ll really help my self-confidence, knowing that I can take care of myself.”



Unlike most of his peers, Aaron Carroll, though blind, is adept at using a computer. He's shown working at a health clinic call center in Chicago.

Photo by Lloyd DeGrane

There are countless other stories you'll hear from just about any computer instructor of the blind or visually impaired: the student who solved his transportation problem by learning to order groceries online. The deaf-blind man who can now navigate his town, thanks to a GPS with Braille display. The person who started crying when he successfully learned how to stream a radio sports broadcast from his hometown. The attorney who thought her career ended with her sight, until she learned how to use a computer again

and began practicing law once more. The grandfather who learned how to take a photo of himself with his smart phone and send it to his daughter in another state, who hadn't seen him in years. “We see success stories every day,” says Ian Stenseng, a computer and assistive technology training manager for the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind.

The success stories typically are the result of intense computer training, excellent assistive technology and a knowledgeable and persistent instructor. But many of the 21 million Americans with some form of vision loss aren't so fortunate. Far too often those who are blind or visually impaired do not understand or use computers and other digital technology. The sighted world enjoys the technology of 2015. Those with visual impairments often lag years or decades behind.

That's why Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) recently granted the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) \$125,000 to develop a training and awareness program that will enhance technology literacy and competency among the blind and visually impaired. With the help of an advisory committee, whose members include Lion **Dr. Tracy Williams**, a low vision specialist, the AFB will use the grant for a one-year planning, research, and training pilot that will seek to answer the question: exactly what must be done to bridge the technology divide for the visually impaired?

The results will be shared with Lions Clubs International, university programs for teachers of the visually impaired and others stakeholders. It's a help-the-helpers strategy. Train or educate those who assist the visually impaired to maximize the mastery of technology use and shrink the technology gap.

Statistics on computer use among the blind and visually impaired do not exist. But those who work with the blind know the technology gap is sizable. “Our belief is that most people who are blind or visually impaired either are not using a computer-accessibility strategy such as screen-access software or speech recognition, and that those who are using them probably are not using them all that well,” says Paul Schroeder, the AFB's vice president of programs and policy.

And we're not talking about gaining just the ability to play games and share pleasantries. Fewer than 40 percent of visually disabled Americans ages 21-64 are employed (as compared to the general employment rate of about 65 percent), and more than 30 percent live below the poverty line. In this digital age, computer skills are crucial to gainful employment, social connection and even routine daily activities.

“If you don't have computer access, you really fall behind the general populace,” says Peter Tucic, an assistive technology specialist at the Chicago Lighthouse for People who Are Blind or Visually



Peter Tucic (right), an assistive technology specialist with The Chicago Lighthouse, demonstrates a refreshable Braille display to Juan Suarez, an intern with The Lighthouse's Chicagoland Radio Information Service program

Impaired, a social services agency that assists people with low or no vision. Tucic, who is blind, staffs the Lighthouse's computer assistance hotline, taking calls from anyone with vision loss who needs help interacting with assistive technology.

"Generally the people I encounter aren't very informed about how to use computers, smart phones, and similar devices," Tucic says. "They might know, for example, that the iPhone can talk, but they don't know how to get the most out of it. People who didn't get on that first wave of computers—they're not one step behind, they're three or four steps behind. If you don't learn how to use an iPhone today, well, in five years your whole home could be on Wi-Fi. It's kind of like going from shooting a musket to operating a cruise missile. There are a lot of homebound blind people, and they're becoming sequestered and marginalized."

For years, AFB has encouraged mainstream computer companies such as Microsoft to make their products compatible with assistive technologies and reviewed these technologies in its magazine, AccessWorld. Now, Schroeder says, the LCIF grant has equipped AFB to begin tackling what he calls "the training problem." A huge part of the reason that computer literacy levels among the blind are so low, he says, is that their teachers simply don't know the technologies well enough themselves.

"Whether it's teachers who teach kids with blindness or counselors who teach adults with vision loss, there's a well-documented gap in instructors' own comfort level with the technology," he says.

Mary Abramson, an instructor in the Chicago Lighthouse's office skills training program, has long known that training for computer instructors of the blind is not what it should be. In fact, most instructors in this field learn on the job.

Why should that be? Well, formally training trainers is a costly endeavor, she points out, since most computer instruction in this population takes place one-on-one rather than as a group. "If we tried to have an entire computer class for visually impaired students, we'd never get a class together, because everybody's at a different place skill-wise and learns in a different way," Abramson says. "One-on-one is, of course, not the most cost-efficient way to do this, but it seems to be the most effective."

"A one-size-fits-all solution doesn't always work," agrees Stenseng of the Seattle Lighthouse. "Something that might work for somebody who has low usable vision is not going to work for someone who's a hearing-blind person or someone who's deaf-blind. We're constantly struggling between solutions that are as universally accessible as possible but also meet these very specific and diverse needs."

And then there's the fact that in order for people with vision loss to use computers, they must understand its workings in much more depth than someone who's fully sighted. Whereas a sighted person can simply click an icon, for example, someone with low or no vision must "learn what those icons are and where they are and how they really work, because we use the keyboard commands instead

of the mouse," Abramson points out. Thus a computer instructor for the blind must be even more knowledgeable than a computer instructor for the sighted.

For now, "there's no formal training for people to do what I do—sit down and dig into the visually impaired person's abilities, needs, desires and skill level, and make sure that they're getting what they need," she says. "I think the AFB is right. There's a great need for this. We could have a lot more visually impaired people employed."

Luke Scriven doesn't quit easily. As an assistive technology specialist at the Chicago Lighthouse, he teaches those with sight loss to use computers. And while his students face many potential obstacles—complex software, low confidence, general discomfort with technology—computer literacy is just too crucial a skill for him to give up on any student. Even one as challenging as William.

"William [name changed] was a veteran," Scriven recalls, "and as well as having vision issues, he had a bad memory." Scriven introduced William to CDesk, a computer program for the visually impaired. But at first, it seemed too difficult to master. "He'd try to use speech recognition commands, but he'd forget the commands, or he wouldn't speak very clearly," Scriven says.

Then Scriven showed his student computer games such as hangman and solitaire. "I showed William how to play them, and he completely took off on them," he remembers. "He actually learned how to navigate CDesk so he could get to these games, and he learned where the keys were on the keyboard. He'd call me up all the time and tell me his high scores. It kept his mind active, and it helped him learn how to use the computer. By the time I finished my training with him, he could do word processing and use email." And there was a bonus: "The veterans here all

share their email addresses and send each other inspirational stories or jokes, so he was able to participate in that community."

It's people like William LCIF aims to ultimately help through its grant to the AFB. Of course, this is far from the first time that LCIF has supported a large-scale program aimed at those with vision loss. In 1990, it launched SightFirst, which initially provided funding for programs that addressed the leading causes of preventable and reversible blindness. "We devoted a tremendous amount of resources to cataract surgeries, pills to ward off certain tropical eye diseases, training of eye care personnel and building and equipping eye hospitals—all designed to reduce the number of people who were blind or visually impaired," says **Philip Albano**, LCIF Sight Programs department manager.

Now SightFirst has expanded its mission to include programs for the blind or irreversibly visually impaired. "That set the stage, so when AFB came to us seeking interest in and support for their technology and training awareness program, we were in a position to fund it," Albano says. "AFB is a well-known advocate for the blind, and the goal of AFB and the goals of Lions are naturally in alignment."

"We want to develop a testable training strategy that we replicate," Schroeder says.

"At the end of the year, we hope we'll have something that's been proven to be useful, and that we can show that we're capable of growing with additional funding. It's a huge undertaking. We're a relatively small organization trying to tackle a big mission across a lot of areas. But it's hard to overstate the importance of access to technology for people who are blind. Sometimes I bristle when people say, 'Technology's only part of the answer.' Yes, but it's a huge part of the answer."



Technology such as the iPhone money identifier can be immensely useful for those with vision impairments

Lion George Funnell passes the torch

Lion **George Funnell** of Gananoque, a long time member of the **Gananoque Lions Club**, proudly carried the Pan Am and Para Pan Am games torch recently. Lion George is a true inspiration. Over the years Lion George has shown many about the value of compassion and having a positive attitude. George carried the torch attached to his wheelchair as part of the 17th Pan Am and Para Pan Am relay. We are very proud of Lion George.



Minnow Lake Lions Club

Millions of people in developing nations are pushed deeper into poverty simply because they don't have glasses. It costs Lions \$.08 to provide a pair of recycled eyeglasses and change someone's life.

Minnow Lake Lions Club change lives one pair at a time. To date, since 1996, they have collected 60,049 pairs of eyeglasses.

Lion Walter Karen collecting glasses from Gagnon Optician



Lion Walter and Omer Gagnon



Lion Walter sorting and packing glasses



Lion Walter delivering a box of eyeglasses to Lion Brian Scagnetti owner of Sudbury Auto



Once Lion Brian has several boxes, he sends them to the Canadian Eyeglasses Recycling Centre in Calgary Alberta



Bancroft Lions

July 1st Bancroft Lions had a booth in downtown park during festivities to spread awareness of Lions eyeglass collection. Advance media coverage resulted in four boxes of eyeglasses being collected. Those who stopped by learned the Why and How of the program and Where donations could be made through the year.



Lions Maureen Cummings and Dan Raisic staffing booth



Lions emptying collection boxes

Bancroft Lions



lion has been put back in public view in front of the Railway Station info centre.

On July 25, Santa Claus and other Bancroft Lions put on a "Christmas in July" yard sale at Jack's Meats to raise money for our Christmas programs.

In 1945, Albert Ciana, a Swiss stonemason who immigrated to Bancroft, carved two lions for the new town swimming pool at the request of the newly-formed Lions Club, who had helped build the pool. The pool closed, but after decades of languishing in the shadows, a



Keene Lions Club

Keene Lions Club attended Dedication Ceremony of Room A-4141 (Cardiac Telemetry) in Peterborough Regional Health Centre on June 23, 2015 - in recognition of the more than \$25,000 donated by the Keene Lions Club to the "By Your Side" campaign of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Foundation.



First Annual Soap Box Derby

The **Magnetawan Lions** sponsored and assisted with the First Annual Soap Box Derby held in Magnetawan, Ontario on August 8, 2015. The event was organized by the Magnetawan Recreation Committee. 15 children ages 8-13 participated in the event. Over 400 people attended this great local event.



Lions help set soap boxes in place on the ramp



Lions give last minute instructions to the participants



Final race has Hannah Hall leading with Dale Hunter a close second



Event organizer Riley Henderson presents first place winner Hannah Hall with a monetary award and a trophy

Peace Essay Award Recipient

Pictured from left to right, PDG Ellen Fletcher MDA Peace Essay Coordinator, Jordan Primeau, recipient of the MDA \$1000 prize and plaque, and District A5 Governor Harold Huhtanen



Kincardine and District Lions Club

The Kincardine and District Lions Club was proud to host a grand opening for their new Splash Pad located at Lions Park.

The original playground was erected in 1992 and

completely refurbished in 2009. The Splash Pad was added this year.

Photo by Lions Chris McCullough and Anne Rock



Morrisburg & District Lions Club

The Morrisburg & District Lions Club held their annual Duck Race recently at the Morrisburg Beach. Golden doodles Oakley and Floyd as well as Black Labrador Retrievers Abby, Finnegan and Koda were

clearly the stars of the event as they retrieved 5 of the ducks numbered 1-1,000 from the St. Lawrence River. A large crowd was on hand to cheer on the dogs as they entered the river, one at a time.



Toronto Cathay Lions Club

Kampala Central Lions Club in Uganda received 3,000 pairs of new reading glasses from Toronto Cathay Lions Club. Total cost of shipment including eye glasses was over \$10,000.00.

I met **Dr. Chales Ibingira** from Kampala Lions Club last summer at our LCI Convention here in Toronto; I was able to obtain help from Cathay Lions Club – and here are just some photos of those who received reading glasses and now are able to enjoy the “joy of reading.” !
submitted by Lion Raja Rosenthal



Lion Jotham and Lion Prof Ibingira with some beneficiaries



By The Numbers

As of June 30/ 2015 Lions Clubs International had 1,377,912 members in 46,510 Clubs and 755 Districts in 210 Countries and Geographic Areas.



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Toronto Cathay Lions Club

Member of Parliament event at Queens Park Legislative Dining Room to raise awareness of organ and tissue transplants in the province of Ontario. Event was sponsored by the Honourable Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services. *submitted by Lion Raja Rosenthal*



PDG Lion Rajja Rosenthal with Ronnie Gavsie, President and CEO for Trillium Gift of Life Network (second from left) having a chat with other important presenters

Fête du Canada au parc Lions de Knowlton

De nouveau cette année, grâce en grande partie à la compétence du comité organisateur, les fêtes du Canada au parc Lions de Knowlton, ont été couronnées de succès. De la levée des drapeaux au feu d'artifices en soirée, il y avait des activités pour tous les âges : concerts de musique, voitures anciennes, jeux gonflables pour enfants, danses carrées, fanfares etc. Pour leur part les membres du Club Lions de Knowlton ont servi plus de 400 morceaux de gâteaux et six contenants de crème glacée.



De gauche à droite derrière le gâteau de la fête du Canada, Winston Mason, président sortant Club Lions de Knowlton, Lion Bill Taylor (ex officier de la GRC) et Pierre Guidon, président Club Lions de Knowlton

St. Marys Lions Club

MPP Randy Pettapiece from county Perth Wellington presents PID **Bruce Murray** with his 50 Years of Service Award from the province.

PID Lion Bruce had a combined 50th/75th Party in St Marys on June 20th past. (the 75th being the Club's Anniversary)

Bruce's "official" date of becoming a Lion is October 1st 2015.



Life Membership

Lakefield and District Lions Club proudly presented a Life Membership to the member we call 'Mr. Lion', Lion **Jerry Lane**. Lion Jerry joined the club in 1991 & served as Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, President and Bulletin Editor. He also chaired or worked on just about every committee that Lions have during his 25 years serving the community as a Lion. Left is President Lion **Bob Elliot** presenting Lion Jerry with his Life Membership.



Dundas Lions Club

International President **Preston** has asked clubs to "Ask One" and work on increasing club strength. The Dundas Lions Club in our 84th and 85th year have been hard at work adding to our membership.

Lion **Bill Haslehurst** at the bottom right of the picture is a 50 year member of Lions and a long time member of our club. He was recently made a Life Member of the club. Pictured seated front row left are new Lions **Gordon Mc Roberts, Trevor Hunter** (age 20) and **Jim Norek**. In the back row from left to right are Lion **Jim Wilson,**

Kevin McCarthy, Gord Swan, Wayne Griffiths, Mark Hebscher and Ryan McCarthy (Kevin is Lion Bill's son in law and Ryan is his grandson). These new members have boosted our current membership to 42 Lions and we are still doing as International President Preston

has asked and are continuing to have prospective members attend our regular meetings and events.

As we come up to our 85th Anniversary we as a club have made a commitment to continue increasing membership as we serve our community. By the way the only Lioness club in the A711 district is the Dundas Lioness Club started in 1977 and they have over 30 members. We have a great partnership as we do what we can to live our motto 'WE SERVE'.

submitted by Lion Doug Foster





What's new at Lions Quest Canada?

Thanks to a very generous donation from Lions District A16, the Lions Quest Canada website was updated over the summer. Please take a moment to check it out at www.lionsquest.ca. The previous version was using very old technology, so it was long overdue for changes. On the website, you can also sign up for our newsletter – we send monthly updates for our Lions Family and a second update that is more general in nature for everyone who has signed up, including Lions Quest teachers, and other participants from our workshops.

You can also check out the Lions Quest Canada facebook page and our twitter feed @LionsQuestCan for regular updates and articles of note.

The school based programs were revised for the US, and are currently being reviewed for Canadian content. There will be more news posted on our website about the new program material as it becomes

available. This is another good reason to sign up for the newsletters.

The community workshops continue to be very popular, and we expect to hold even more in MDA this year.

The Lions Quest District Chairs have lots of information available, and will also be willing to speak to your club meetings. Just ask – they will be able to answer your questions, and if they don't know, they will find out the information for you. The team is meeting online regularly to share ideas, give updates, and talk about how to further advance our work.

Lions across the Multiple District told us it was time for a change, so there will not be a promotional contest this year. Instead a general request for donation has been sent out to every club by email. Please ensure that your club considers donating to Lions Quest Canada, and also think about presenting

a Lions Quest Fellowship to a worthy recipient in your club or community. Every dollar that you invest in Lions Quest Canada makes a difference for our children and youth.

Imagine the impact if every club in Multiple District A made a donation to Lions Quest Canada. Last year, MDA raised \$67, 215. MD Lions Quest Chair PID Gil Constantini has challenged every district to raise at least \$10,000 this year. When we are successful with this challenge, every District Governor will be presented with a Lions Quest Fellowship. We know how meaningful this is to the recipient, and it is up to each and every club to donate to make it happen.

For further information about Lions Quest in Multiple District A, please contact PID Gil Constantini at 705-761-1302 (gconstantini1@cogeco.ca) or your District Lions Quest Chair.

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting - November, 6/7, 2015
- Council Meeting - March 4/5, 2016
- Council Meeting – Convention - May 26-29, 2016

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Holiday Inn, Sarnia	April 8-10, 2016
A2	Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway, St. Catharines	March 18-20, 2016
A3	Ambassador Hotel & Conference Resort, Kingston	April 15-17, 2016
A4	Navcam Centre, Cornwall	April 15-17, 2016
A5	Sudbury	April 15-17, 2016
A711	Holiday Inn International Airport, Toronto	April 22-24, 2016
A9	Days Inn & Conference Centre, Owen Sound	April 29-May 1, 2016
A12	Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville	April 15-17, 2016
A15	Courtyard Marriott, Waterloo	April 29-May 1, 2016
A16	Admiral Inn, Lindsay	April 22-24, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2015/16 North Bay, ON May 26 - 29, 2016

International Conventions

99th	Fukuoka, Japan	June 24 - 28, 2016
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102nd	Milan, Italy	July 5 - 9, 2019

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 17 - 19, 2015	Grand Rapids, Michigan
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Sept 20 - 22, 2018	Columbus, Ohio

Thamesford Lions Inaugural Recycle Day

The Thamesford Lions initiated a scrap metal, vehicle batteries and end-of-use electronics recycling day in April. There was a steady flow of drop offs from 8am to closing. 13,000 lbs of electronics and 18,715 lbs of metal & batteries were diverted from the Oxford county landfill. The Electronics were packed and shipped under the Ontario Electronic Stewardship Program by our business partner, Green Valley Recycling, London. As a bonus, \$3895.00 was generated for local community projects. This will become an annual spring project for the club.



Strengthening the Pride in Fergus!

On June 9th A15 2nd V.D.G. **Charlene Teasdale** inducted Lions **Nick Mercuri** and **Jonathon DeBrabandere**. They are shown here with their sponsors: Lion **Kara Shaw** and Lion **Jan Martfaj**.



Bayfield Lions

Lion **Tom Grasby**, (right) received the Helen Keller Award from Lion **Larry Simpson** on June 28th for his dedication to club activities, including eyeglass collections. Also in June Lion **Larry Wainright** spoke at their Purina Walk for Dog Guides in June and helped raise over \$10,000.



Paris Lions Club

Dedication of the Dan Moore Pavilion At Breslau Dog Guide Breeding Facility June 13th 2015

The following are excerpts from the remarks of PID Lion Art Woods at the dedication.

Every once in a while a District Governor comes along who has a special attachment to our Foundation that finds a specific need makes a fulfilment of that need for their year as Governor. One very special project was the construction of this Pavilion by the late **Dan Moore** D.G. in 'A'15 in 2001-2002, from the Paris Lions Club.

Dan had talked to myself and Executive Director Sandy Turney, who approved the project and provided encouragement. So with the financial support of many Clubs in A-15 and the huge support of the Paris Lions, both financially and with volunteer labour, this pavilion came to be. But make no mistake about it, behind every great project there stands a Lion who

made it happen and for this Pavilion that Lion is Dan Moore. It was his interest, his drive, his dedication to Lionism and to LFC that made this happen and we are forever grateful. This pavilion is used not only for this our Annual Service but for many other activities held by staff and others.

For his efforts Dr. **T.S. Lee**, Past International President, awarded Dan an International President's Medal. But today, we the Lions Family, wish to honour Dan by dedicating this pavilion in his memory.



"It Happened at the Forty"

Club Building one Partner at a Time

During the Town of Grimsby's annual "Happening at the Forty" street festival in July the recently chartered **Grimsby and District Lions Club** said "Thank You" to the 62 Grimsby Phantom Air Cadet Squadron for their support in helping the club grow.

"It was the Air Cadet Squadron's leadership that approached us with the offer of a meeting place," reports **Rob Falconer**. "They played an important role in the development of the Grimsby Lions by offering the club a home."

In addition, the Air Cadets provided hands-on support during a "Lions Quest Community Workshop", Lions "Fill the Bus" food drive and as welcoming hosts during the Club's "Charter Celebration".

Thanks to the welcoming spirit of community partners, like the Air Cadets, the Grimsby Lions are back in town!



On behalf of the Grimsby & District Lions Club, President Rob Falconer formally thanks the leadership of the '62 Grimsby Phantom Air Cadet Squadron'. Pictured with the Cadets are Rob Falconer (C) Captain David Leonard (L), and Sponsorship Chair Carolyn Hansen (R)

Trenton Lions Club

Trenton Lions Club recently concluded raffle in support of Trenton Memorial Hospital.

submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



Sue Gudmundsson receives first prize from Lion Andy Axhorn, consisting of BBQ, box of steaks and \$500.00 shopping spree at Smyllie's Independent



Karen Rosenplot receives second prize, a cheque for \$250.00. Thank you to Councillor Jim Alyea for his assistance with the draw

Trenton Lioness

Some of Trenton Lioness were presented with the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for the years they have volunteered in the Lioness Club.



Left to right: Mary Lynn Hiuser 15 years, Doreen Carter 10 years, Shirley Stewart 30 years, Connie Kelso 20 years, Lucille Chouinard 20 years, and Marcia Murphy 10 years

A3 District Governor Lion **Janet Marissen**, CVC grad Betty Persuric, and foster Puppy Mom Lion **Laraine Warren** visit Brighton Leos and the Leo's president **Mitchell**. The Leos are huge supporters of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Foster puppies Ivan and Nigel were shown the proper way to behave by working guide Mac.

Brighton Leos



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The MD'A' "Lions Resource Centre" website may be viewed by going to the MD'A' website at www.mdalions.org and clicking on "**Lions Resource Centre**" on the left side of the page.

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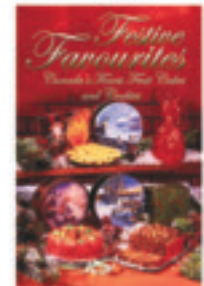
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