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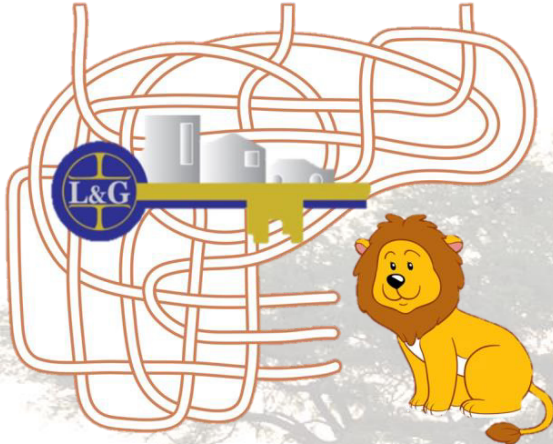
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Chancellor Robert E. Corlew
*Lions Clubs International
President*

The Best Way To Observe the Centennial

The other day I heard a sports commentator talk about a great athlete's legacy. The player was an all-star every year and a probable Hall of Famer, but the commentator remarked he needed to win this championship to cement his legacy. We

hear that word a lot—legacy. It's part of discussions about artists, elected officials and innovators. Somehow there is something greater than the sum of our accomplishments. There is an identity or a lasting effect we can create that transcends what we have done and serves as a capstone, an obvious high point.

We have the opportunity to make the Lions Clubs International (LCI) Centennial more than just a celebration. We have an opportunity to leave a lasting impact on our communities. Centennial Legacy

Projects are a great way for your club to cement its value and leave a lasting impression. It's a way for your club to celebrate the Centennial while reminding the community of your vital contributions.

Clubs worldwide have eagerly embraced this initiative. More than 4,000 Legacy Projects have been reported to LCI on MyLCI. Clubs are undertaking smaller initiatives such as making park benches or doing larger projects such as building clinics and expanding libraries. Many of the projects are innovative and ingenious such as the donation of the Kensington Lions in Prince Edward Island in Canada of a dozen 16-channel transmitters/receiver sound units to a school to enhance learning.

With three levels to choose from, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved:

- Level 1 Legacy Projects will raise your community visibility. Post new Lions signs, donate park benches, dedicate a statue or provide a park fountain.

- Level 2 Legacy Projects are about giving back to the community. Give a gift that lasts—refurbish a park, build a footbridge over a heavily-traveled road, fund resources for the visually impaired, or donate a vehicle to a community organization that needs one.

- Level 3 Legacy Projects are large-scale efforts. These include building a clinic, expanding a library or school, equipping a hospital or developing a training center to teach new work or life skills.

So connect with your community by planning a Legacy Project during our centennial. Make your centennial celebration unforgettable by giving your community a lasting gift that Lions and community members will never forget.

Chancellor Bob Corlew

Lions Clubs International President

Learn more about Legacy Projects at Lions100.org

The Meaning of Lions—Same Today as Before

The pages of LION Magazine during the early years of Lions were filled with stories such as “The Purpose of Lions,” “The Meaning of Lionism” and “The Value of Lions.” A businessman's club dedicated to service was still a novel concept, and it was as if Lions had to convince themselves that they were on the right track. The uncertainty led Lions to question whether Lions Clubs would even survive. “During my lifetime I have seen organizations formed with the highest ideals flourish for a time, then drop into comparative unimportance. Will that be the fate of Lionism? I hope not,” wrote District Governor A. Baker of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in January 1922.

But Lions stayed the course. They stuck with service. Fellowship was part of membership. But service was paramount. “Activities Make the Club”

was the headline for a column in 1927 by International President Irving Camp of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. “Show me a club that simply meets and eats, and I will show you a club that has failed to respond to the call of service as invited in the very principles of our great, unselfish organization,” he wrote.

Rapidly approaching our Centennial in 2017, we now know that our forebears were right. Service is what makes a Lion. It's what we do. It's who we are. That has never been more evident than over the past couple of years. We set a goal to serve 100 million people by June 30, 2018, through the Centennial Service Challenge. We asked Lions to host youth, vision, hunger and environmental projects.

We wondered whether we'd reach the goal because

clubs reported serving 8 million people annually to Lions Clubs International (but we knew the true figure was higher). I'm elated to tell you that we recently reached our goal of serving 100 million people. Take pride in being part of an association that lives up to its amazing ideals and that sets goals and exceeds them.

We have so much more we can achieve. There are more people who need us, more opportunities to make a difference and new mountains to climb. Together we can reach new heights in service. So keep serving!

Chancellor Bob Corlew

Lions Clubs International President

District A12 - Youth Exchange Summer 2016

Enthusiastic and energetic Youth Exchange Students from Lithuania, Italy, Germany, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Slovenia were hosted by several families this summer. They adjusted well with their host families in their day-to-day schedules, and were helping out in household chores.

During their month's stay in our small communities, their fun activities were swimming at the beach/pool, shopping, watching water-ski shows, go-karting, trips to Canada's Wonderland, Niagara Falls, CN Tower, Art Gallery of Ontario, Royal Ontario Museum and

many more. Of course they also did their service project by collecting used eyeglasses and sorting them out before they're mailed to third-world countries for SIGHT.

They also did a presentation about their countries and was an excellent history lesson for all of us.

A dinner BBQ at PDG Barb Innis and Dave's place were very much enjoyed by our Youth Exchange students.



Host families with our Exchange Youth



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Fukuoka, Japan

June 19-23, 2016



John Stewart
MD'A Secretary

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 108-TB (Italy) and declared Lion Bernardino Salvati as second vice district governor in District 108-TB for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
2. Denied a first vice district governor election complaint filed in District 300-C1 (MD 300 Taiwan), declared a vacancy in the office of first vice district governor for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and that the first vice district governor vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the International and District Constitutions and By-Laws.
3. Upheld a first vice district governor election complaint filed in District 300-D2 (MD 300 Taiwan), declared the first vice district governor election in District 300-D2 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of first vice district governor for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and that the first 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.
4. Removed District Governor A. Sadiq Basha from the office of district governor in District 324-B2 (India) for failure to comply with the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors. Declared that A. Sadiq Basha 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. Approved the objectives, duties, meeting schedule and budget of the International Officer Qualifications Ad Hoc Committee.
6. Revised the Trademark Policies in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual related to the general standards of quality and content in the use of the association's trademarks.
7. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual to clarify the provision related to the district cabinet and its members being from a Lions club in good standing in the district.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Revised the section pertaining to the Past International Officers Seminar to delete the phrase "immediate past."
2. Removed the bid requirement specifying that the location of the International Convention be held outside the USA once every five (5) years.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Twenty-two clubs from District 322 C4 were cancelled and recorded as fictitious and are not eligible for reactivation or a dues refund.
2. Past International Director K. M. Goyal was appointed to serve as the Coordinating Lion for District 321-A3 (India) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
3. The 2016-2017 Club Excellence Award requirements were amended to allow the formation of a Leo club to complete the membership requirement for the award.
4. The 2017-2018 District Governor Team Award was revised to no longer specify that the award be given to specific members of the DG Team and instead allow an award medal to be given to five Lion leaders who the district governor believes contributed the most to the success of the district.
5. Chapter V of the Board Policy Manual was revised to clarify that clubs may be cancelled or placed into status quo utilizing multiple status quo categories.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2016 4th Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved the FY 2017 Budget, reflecting a deficit.
3. Approved revisions to the Purchasing Policy.
4. Approved that, contingent upon the adoption of the proposed resolution to remove the Emergency Reserve fund, the Board Policy Manual be revised by deleting the existing General Surplus Reserve policy in its entirety and replacing with the Operating Reserve policy.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Contingent upon approval of the 2016-2017 proposed budget, approved the design, development and implementation of a new Certified Lions Instructor Program beginning in 2016-2017.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Reconfirmed the goals of LCI Forward (the new strategic plan)—the primary goal being to triple humanitarian service by 2020-22—and added one new first year international director to the existing LCI Forward Project Team for continuity.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the New and Emerging Countries Ad Hoc Committee, to be implemented during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
2. Expanded and extended the Join Together Pilot to be implemented worldwide until June 30, 2018.
3. Extended the U.S. Involve a Veteran Pilot Program

until June 30, 2018 and expanded the program to include Canada.

4. Revised board policy to add the Republic of Montenegro.
5. Revised board policy related to signatures required when 10 or more clubs are added to a district.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Discontinued outside advertising in the headquarters edition of LION Magazine beginning October 1, 2016.
2. Sponsorship for the 2016 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Parade set at US\$160,000.
3. Increased the International Leadership Award to \$2,030 for 2015-2016.
4. Established "We Serve" as the presidential theme beginning with 2017-2018 and thereafter.
5. Established a digital category for the international newsletter contest.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Adopted a new service framework consisting of five major service platforms (diabetes, vision, environment, cancer and hunger) with special programmatic components developed for and supported by children and youth, and diabetes serving as the first signature cause.
2. Adopted that the signature cause will be for five to ten years, and any extension beyond that timeframe will be reviewed by the Service Activities Committee.
3. Established the Ad Hoc Committee to review and prioritize Youth Engagement Strategies with approximately 10 (ten) members (Lions and Leos) appointed by the International President and Executive Officers and requested further review by our successor Service Activities Committee.
4. Adopted a Leo Club Program Advisory Panel Reimbursement Program to begin in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
5. Awarded the 2015-2016 Leos of the Year Award.

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

A Rising Tide Lifts All Kayaks

by Tom Kerr and Cassandra Rotolo

Leaser Lake in eastern Pennsylvania, 45-feet deep before unrelenting seepage, eventually became a kind of ghost lake. By 2001, the 120-acre, man-made lake was an eerie landscape of weeds, small trees and even pieces of an old farm that was swallowed when the lake was filled in the 1960s. Attempts to fix the seepage failed, and the surrounding park was mothballed.

The Leaser Lake Heritage Foundation (LLHF) labored for years to get several government entities to supply nearly \$5 million—enough to repair the dam and refill the lake. The repairs were completed in 2015.

Bringing life back to the park became much more than just filling the lake with water. LLHF had big dreams for Leaser Lake: it hoped to provide recreation opportunities to those who otherwise found them just out of reach. It wanted individuals with limited mobility to be able to explore lakeside paths, fish from a floating dock or even slip into a kayak for a paddle on the water. But those were expensive dreams.

Lion **Tom Kerr**, a foundation board member, presented a plan to raise the money to fellow Lions who shared his affinity for Leaser Lake. The lake is a source of pride for locals in the sleepy but picturesque farmland.

The plan called for a park fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Its trails, picnic tables, toilets and parking would be accessible

to those with disabilities. The **Kempton Lions Club** committed to raising money to fund a fishing pier and a kayak launcher. The LLHF committed to several other pieces of the puzzle.

The idea of facilitating positive, unique outdoor experiences for people with limited mobility energized the Lions. There was nothing like this within 100 miles of Kempton.

Over two years, the Kempton Lions, aided by the neighboring **Ontelaunee Lions Club**, generated more than \$7,000 through fundraising. Meanwhile, Kerr applied for grants from the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation, garnering US\$49,500—enough to pay for the fishing pier and launcher.

The Lions and LLHF worked with a local manufacturer and an engaged group of local adaptive kayakers. The athletes tested prototypes at the manufacturer's facility and at the lake.

"In the process of developing the boat launcher, I had a greater understanding of the limitations of a wheelchair-bound person, as well as many things an able-bodied person takes for granted," admits Kerr. "Understanding the impact this project has on the lives of those with mobility issues makes this project very gratifying."

The project was dedicated in October 2015. During the inauguration ceremony, Mike White, who has spina bifida, rolled his wheelchair down the gangway with ease and paddled off into the open water. "It is liberating. One of the nicest feelings is to look and feel like everybody else," White says.

Sporting his yellow vest, Kerr beamed with pride at what Lions achieved. "I hope this project, done by a small group of people, can serve as a testament to other small clubs that they, too, can do big projects."



Mike White uses the adaptive kayak launcher at Leaser Lake as Lion Tom Kerr looks on

Digital LION

Watch a video about the Leaser Lake project at lionmagazine.org.

Italian Hospitality Blooms in Africa

by Cassandra Rotolo

Nearly 800 million people in the world do not have enough food to eat. The situation is most dire in developing countries, where one out of six children is underweight. The **Venezia Host** and **Venezia Angelo Partecipazio Lions Clubs** in Italy teamed up with the **Koudougou Baobab Lions Club** in Burkina Faso and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to address food insecurity in several villages in the West African nation.

The Italian Lions received an LCIF International Assistance grant (IAG) for US\$54,267 to support the project. The Lions had two main objectives. The first was to form a field school to train rural women to use a drip irrigation system. Secondly, they would use that drip irrigation system to create a village vegetable garden. Women from nearby areas would be taught how to cultivate crops using the new system, as well how to use those crops to feed healthy meals to their families. Water storage towers, compost pits, a storage shed and fences played important roles in helping the project reach its goals.

Drip irrigation is a low-water, low-pressure system that keeps plant roots moist. By applying water directly to plant roots rather than the surrounding soil, drip irrigation systems use less water than some other traditional systems. Drip irrigation is particularly beneficial where water sources are scarce.

Lions got to work. They secured and cleared nearly 2.5 acres of land. They dug a well with a solar pump and a storage tank and planted onions, other vegetables and fast-growing moringa trees. Once the crops were planted, Lions from both countries trained local women on using the drip irrigation system and tending to their gardens.

The field school pilot program trained seven women from the Kyon District. It is expected that up to 60 women will be trained annually. The Lions hope that these women will grow enough excess food that they may start their own village market and sell their produce for a profit, leading to economic stability and independence.

"We Lions are fighting poverty and securing food for women and children in rural Burkina Faso because malnutrition is widespread," says Lion **Giovanni Spaliviero** of the Italian Lions Association, MK Onlus. "We hope these vegetable gardens will help to significantly improve the health and the living conditions of children and their families."

LCIF's IAG program awards grants between US\$5,000 and US\$30,000 on a matching basis. IAGs enable Lions clubs in developed countries to partner with Lions clubs in less developed regions on projects

that significantly impact entire communities. IAGs fund international assistance programs focused on basic health care, education and literacy, clean water and sanitation, rural development and self-sufficiency programs, services for people who are blind and otherwise disabled, and environmental protection. For information on how your district can apply for an IAG, visit lcif.org.



Women tend their new village vegetable garden in Kyon, Burkina Faso



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER, 2016 GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING



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Administration – The Governors' Council authorized the committee to advise for the position of MD'A' Secretary for a five-year term which shall commence on July 1, 2017.

Global Membership Team – GMT reported that membership in MD'A' currently sits at 12,926 members which is a decline of 284 members since July 1st. District A12 has increased its membership by 5 and is the only district showing an increase since the beginning of the Lions year.

Global Leadership Team – The Global Leadership Coordinators have completed a weekend of training with the 2nd Vice District Governors. The GLT/GMT training session will be held immediately following the November Governors' Council Meeting.

Literacy – Lions are donating books to school libraries, giving books to individual students, putting books in Christmas hampers, recycling gently used books for children and adults in book sales, providing new and gently used books free at Food Banks, creating Little Free Libraries and supporting specific programmes with books. The partnership with Scholastics Canada continues to be well used.

Gift of Life – On August 28th the annual Lions Awareness Booth at the Canadian National Exhibition was set up featuring the Trillium Gift of Life Beadonor program, the Dog Guide program, Recycle for Sight program and Lions Disaster Relief.

Opportunities for Youth – The 2017 MD'A' Effective Speaking Final will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre in St. Catharines, May 5th-7th. 'A Celebration of Peace' is this year's theme for the Peace Poster/Peace Essay Contest. December 5th is International Leo Day to commemorate the organization of the first Leo Club.

Special Olympics – Lions Clubs across MD'A' provided donations totaling over \$24,000. during the last Lions year. On August 20th & 21st the Brampton/Bramalea Lions (A711) partnered with Giant Tiger to hold a barbecue for Special Olympics and raised \$1,000.

Sight Conservation – The Governors' Council authorized setting the annual donation goal of MD'A' Lions for the benefit of CNIB at \$205,000.

Lions Clubs International Foundation – A Major Catastrophic Grant in the amount of \$100,000. has been awarded to the Lions in the area affected by the devastating earthquake in Italy. Lions are encouraged to continue their donations to the Alberta wildfire emergency fund through the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF. Even though the emergency is over ongoing financial support is required as people try to bring their lives back to some form of normalcy.

Lions Foundation of Canada – Multiple District 'A' continues to lead all other multiple districts in financial contributions and during the last Lions year accounted for 44% of the total across Canada.

International Advisory Committee – The Executive Officers of Lions Clubs International have recently endorsed PID Judge Haynes Townsend from Georgia, USA, for the position of 3rd International Vice President to be elected at the LCI Convention in Chicago. PID Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, has been endorsed by Multiple District 'C' as a candidate also seeking the position of 3rd International Vice President.

MD'A' Convention Advisory – The 2017 MD'A' Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kitchener, May 11-14, 2017. Convention Registration Forms are now available. Guest rooms can be reserved by contacting the hotel at (519) 744-4141 or 1-877-408-6665 and use code 'MDC'. Bids are being accepted by the Committee until January 1, 2017 to host the 2018 MD'A' Convention using the modified two-day convention format.

Treasury – The Governors' Council approved the 2016-2017 MD'A' Budget following the transfer of \$60,845. from surplus in order to achieve a balanced budget.

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



**Stewart Patterson
MD'A' Council Chair**

Greetings from our new Council Chair

Lions is an amazing organization with amazing opportunities.

Who would guess that by agreeing with twisted arms to be a Zone Chair some five years ago that I would be writing an article for the Lions Magazine as Council Chair for the

10 Governors and Districts of Ontario? The journey however, has just begun as the work that lies ahead may be mapped out, but the tasks are yet undone.

United as MD'A', we have projects to be completed, committees to organize and "New Mountains to Climb" as President Corlew suggests in his goals for the 2016 – 2017 Lions year. Our Council of Governors are set, trained and ready to take on these initiatives with the tools provided through our Global Leadership Teams. We, your Council of Governors, are ready and able to climb to the top in this our 100th year of Lionism. and that's how fast things

change..... as I sit and pen this article..... zone chair was my beginning past my local club level, and that's how quick our clubs, and Lions family can accomplish our goals we set out to do.

Born in Bangor, County Down, Northern Ireland, I moved to Jarvis at the age of 14 after the unfortunate passings of my parents. Looking for a good meal a couple of times a month, I joined our local Lions club who "adopted" you might say, an outsider to the community. What I gained as a Lion, is a family, a sense of community and an organization that works together to achieve common goals for the betterment of others. Since 1987, I ran the ranks of the Jarvis Lions Club with great support in many leadership positions, to where I am today.

My personal family includes wife Nancy and two grown children, son Dylan and daughter Darby who are Lions members at heart. Giving and involved in whatever projects require their attention. Especially, I might add, our end of year favourite, the A-2 District Convention.

Having completed the first Governors' Council in

early September, I see the collective efforts of all our districts in Ontario meshing together to do just that, governing and leading Lions of Ontario forward into our next 100 years. It is a great privilege and honour to sit as Council Chair of Multiple District "A" and brag with the rest of you that we were the first district outside of the USA to grow this organization into what it is todayand what it will be in the next 100 years.

207 Countries strong, our 46,000 global clubs and 1.4 + million members make us the world's largest service club organization and also one of the most effective. Everywhere we work, we make friends, as I have personally experienced this year at the International Lions convention in Japan.

I encourage you to keep your meetings on point, your goals set high, "adopt" a few outsiders, and have lots of fun achieving your climb up new mountains. ROAR LIONS ROAR!

"Sláinte"

**Stewart Patterson
MD'A' Council Chair**

Service Abroad

Imagine There's No Need

BELGIUM – Thirty-six years after his death, John Lennon remains beloved across Europe and especially in Brussels, where people are proud of their independent spirit and creativity. The **Brussels Imagine Lions Club**, named after the ex-Beatles anthemic hit, enjoys doing untraditional projects—such as its recent collaboration with artists who painted and sculpted using old doors and window frames.

Fifteen artists created, well, it's open to interpretation what they depicted. There was a Madonna-like mother and child (a refugee family?), a bundle of sticks and wood and an iron woman made from discarded brass and steel. Displayed at an old warehouse, the art fetched US\$12,000. Typically, Lions split the selling price with the artist.

Two years ago, partnering with the club, artists created paintings on old beer barrels. Proceeds from both fundraisers went to a home for adults with disabilities.

The club was formed in 2010, the 30th anniversary of Lennon's death. None of the 11 members are artists: there are lawyers, an insurance agent, an entrepreneur and a firefighter. But the club does meet at an interesting place: the Youkounkoun Palace, a restaurant named after the world's biggest diamond.

Toys Help Heal Wounds—Sometimes Literally

ENGLAND – **Joan Elliott** remembers a poignant moment after Lions in England sent teddy bears to young children in Mostar injured during the Bosnian War in the early 1990s. Short of supplies, the embattled medical professionals told the Lions that next time they should provide teddy bears with bonnets that had ribbons—the ribbons could help keep the tubes on the babies.

For more than 20 years Lions in England have been shipping hand-knit bears and other hand-knit toys and clothes to children in dire straits. They've partnered with Lions in Norway to help children affected by Chernobyl, Moscow Lions in Russia assisting an orphanage, Turkish Lions responding to an earthquake and Lions in Sri Lanka aiding a nursery.

Lions typically work with church groups, whose members knit or crochet the toys and clothes. The latest project of the **Liverpool Lions** is supporting disadvantaged children in Romania. The painstakingly crafted goods “bring some comfort and joy to these children,” says Elliott, a past district governor.

World's Fair Includes Our Roar

ITALY – World's fairs have been spectacular events since the first one was held in London in 1851. The expositions have introduced to the world such wonders as Paris's Eiffel Tower and Alexander Graham Bell's telephone. World Expo 2015 was held over six months in 2015 in Milan, Italy, and Italian Lions were on hand to showcase the wide range of

Lions' service.

The theme of the fair was “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life,” and Lions' large exposition booth highlighted Lions' service in alleviating hunger, providing drinking water, preventing disease, encouraging healthy lifestyles, protecting the environment, curtailing waste of food and water and promoting food safety and innovation in growing food.

Past International Presidents **Giuseppe Grimaldi** of Italy, **Barry Palmer** of Australia and **Joe Preston** of the United States attended the Lions Day at the fair, and Grimaldi and Preston also participated in a day dedicated to biodiversity. Attended by Past International Directors **Manoj Shah** of Nairobi and **Alexis Vincent Gomes** of the Republic of Congo, an African Lions Day focused on innovation in the food chain.

Altogether, 137 nations took part in the fair, which was attended by 22 million people.

Caring for a Community's Elderly

NAMIBIA – One question changed the course of a club and eased the pains of the elderly.

“Why isn't there home-based nursing care for older people here?” Lion **Trevor Schaefer** asked **Corrie Steyn**, a nurse, in 2007. “Here” is Henties Bay in Namibia, a small country of 2.3 million in southwest Africa

There were about 700 elderly residents then in the town of 6,000 and no hospital. So Steyn started the Nurses on Wheels program with the help of Lions and then joined the **Hentiesbaai Lions Club** three years later.

“We saw the need for home care. We wanted to take care of the psychological and physical needs of the elderly until end of life,” says Lion **Pieter Erasmus**. Today, a team of nurses and seven care workers provide care to the bedridden, assist with hygiene, exercise and post-operative care and tend to terminally ill patients.

Steyn, now the club's director of health and welfare, often makes her rounds with **Hannelore DeJager**, another nurse; **Christine Anderson**, a social worker, and **Lorraine Swartz**, a caregiver—all Lions. The club buys medical equipment and donates space in their large clubhouse for the nursing program. There is an examination room, a consulting room for nurses or a visiting doctor, storage space for medical equipment and an administrative office.

Lions also operate a “Smousgat” shop in the clubhouse where second-hand clothing and other items are sold to raise money to help needy elderly. The shop has proved so popular that Lions plan to increase its size and relocate to another building.

Male Lions accompany nurses to lift patients and assist with the transport of bigger medical equipment such as hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers and commodes, says Lion **Jeanette Bronkhorst**. Female

Lions in the 64-member club also go with nurses on home visits to offer their assistance and cheer to patients.

City Comes Alive for the Blind

HUNGARY – A gem of a city that dates from the Roman era, Sopron has more monuments and historical buildings than any other place in Hungary, aside from Budapest. Now the blind can better appreciate its grandeur thanks to an elaborate scale model created by Lions.

The sturdy bronze model, 6 ½ feet long and 4 feet wide, features the city's most significant buildings including the Fire Tower, the 17th-century symbol of the ancient city. Braille inscriptions explain the major sites. Located in a well-traveled area, the model quickly has become a popular attraction for the blind and tourists alike.

Chartered in 1991, the **Sopron Lions Club** was one of Hungary's first Lions clubs and among the earlier civic groups established in the country after the fall of communism in 1989.



The three-dimensional scale model of the city has become a popular destination in Sopron

Kids with Cancer Get a Boost

INDONESIA – Children with cancer from poor families being treated at a hospital in Bandung have an ally: the **Bandung Ceria Lions Club**. Members visit the children to cheer them up and provide food and toiletries to family members staying for free in housing nearby.

Aware of the emotional toll on families, the Lions visit the young patients and their parents “to



President Janny Susanty Kosasih visits a child with cancer at Hasan Sadikin Hospital in Bandung, Indonesia

support and comfort through consolation, attention, conversation and discussion,” says **Janny Susanty Kosasih**, president. “By serving and sharing, we come to realize we are so lucky.” Nineteen Lions assisted 125 patients and their families in a recent period.

Bandung, the capital of Indonesia’s West Java province, has a population of 2.4 million. Chartered in 1993, the Bandung Ceria Lions Club has 73 members.

Historic Mountain Pass Not Passed Over by Lions

JAPAN – The Yonezawa Kaido is an ancient hiking path that winds through 13 mountain passes and also is woven into Japanese history. Today cars and trucks rumble over it and carefully navigate its twists and turns. The natural beauty of the first mountain pass was spoiled by accumulated litter—until Lions took to the roadside.

For the past 30 Aprils **Kawanishi Lions** have collected litter at the Suwa Pass, the first of the 13 passes. The town of Kawanishi is perched on one side of the mountain. People frequently dumped large appliances, and the club once had to contract a 4-ton truck to pack out all the garbage.

The town of Iide rests on the other side of the mountain, and five years ago the presidents of the Iide and Kawanishi clubs happened to meet at a community forum. The result was that **Iide Lions** joined the cleanup project. Members of the two clubs meet at the pass before getting to work. At last year’s collection Lions not only picked up the typical beverage containers but also a mattress and video game controller.

The 37-mile Yonezawa Kaido dates from the Edo

Period, an era of stability in Japan that began in 1603. During the Boshin War of 1867, a civil war, skirmishes were fought along the trail. Today avid hikers ignore the nearby drone of traffic to take in the beauty of the mountains while traversing the ancient path.

Lions have observed less litter each year: apparently people are less likely to toss trash out the window where there is relatively little litter. Still, the cleanups continue, and “it can be a genuinely terrifying endeavor to collect bottles and cans that have been tossed onto the steep slopes,” according to a story in the Japanese LION. “Risking life and limb is something these Lions are happy to do for the benefit of preserving a beautiful historic site.”



Lions have collected litter at the Suwa Pass for three decades

Gentle Horse Helps Riders with Challenges

SWITZERLAND – A horse from Iceland named after a Czech soccer star is helping children and adults in Switzerland with emotional and physical challenges.

The **Chur Kora Lions Club** in Switzerland raised

funds for a therapy horse for the Auhof Chur Farm, dedicated to using horses to help people with autism, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries and behavioral disorders. The rhythm and repetition of a horse’s pelvis while moving, similar to how a person’s pelvis moves while walking, has a soothing effect on people with challenges.

The 10-year-old horse bought by the club is named Baros-Ljon. “Ljon” is a common Icelandic name, and Milan Baroš is a Czech soccer icon. The horse was born at the exact moment Baroš scored an important goal.

Baros-Ljon cost 11,000 francs (US\$11,020). The club raised 6,000 francs through the sale of sausages, cakes and mulled wine at a Christmas market in Chur and kicked in the rest from its coffers.

Twice a week, Baros-Ljon slowly and deliberately is ridden over the green pastures of the farm. “We were excited about Baros-Ljon from the get-go,” says Brigitte Hürzeler of the farm.



Bruno Ruegg, president of the Chur Kora Lions Club, stands aside Baros-Ljon with Lion Jeannette Xayaboun (right) and Brigitte Hürzeler of the Auhof Chur Farm

Norwood Lions

Asphodel-Norwood Foodbank has been given a significant boost following a town hall building project by Norwood Lions.

The \$6,000 project entailed building a concealable upstairs storage space for 18 feet of heavy-duty fixed shelving with 20 feet of rolling baker’s racks. Storage area also has room for foodbank’s freezer and refrigerator which used to be housed downstairs with the rest of the organization’s material.

“The project improves the “functionality” of the foodbank”, says Lions member **Peter Oord** who did the project with fellow member **Ken Arndt**.

Foodbank volunteers will no longer have to lug heavy boxes up and down stairs when it’s open.

The club commits to doing community projects every year and Oord says this year members felt the storage project was worth pursuing.

“We knew the foodbank was an issue with all that food downstairs that had to be carted up and down. That was way too much work for the people who are doing the foodbank,” he said.

“We had four feet of space here that was basically just occupied by our showcases. We thought if we

could get all the storage up here it would take a very heavy physical burden off the volunteers.”

The new shelving has room for about 85 percent of what the foodbank had stored downstairs. The rolling racks will make for easier access when volunteers are serving clients.

An engineering assessment confirmed that the historic building’s floor had the weight-bearing capacity to carry the load.

“You can pile cans of soup from the floor to the ceiling and out and still not overload the floor,” says Oord. “It’s a well-constructed building.”

Each shelf unit has the capacity to carry 15,000 lbs.

The permanent storage is concealed by a sliding door that moves along a double rail; the doors move in both directions and can be separated in whatever configuration the foodbank wants.

“It’s going to make things a lot easier in terms of workload. It streamlines things a little bit. All in all, it will make things easier in terms of serving our customers,” foodbank chair Reverend Roger Millar says. “We’re appreciative of the Lions efforts.”

The foodbank has approximately 18 to 20 individual and family requests every time it’s open and has gone as high as 29, Rev. Millar says.

“The need continues to be there. It’s not getting smaller. We were treading water there for a while but it’s starting to inch up.”



Fukuoka Knocks It Out of the Park

by Jay Copp

Roaring cheers and chants, frenzied baseball fans typically fill the Yahuoku! Dome in Fukuoka. But in late June thousands of Lions roared in the stadium. They celebrated the accomplishments of Lions worldwide and heard heartfelt appeals from Lion leaders and humanitarian figures to increase their service as the Lions' centennial approaches in 2017.



Thousands of Japanese Lions march in Fukuoka during the grand Parade of Nations

Lions were not rooting for a home team but reveling in the power of an international service association. The 99th International Convention in Japan brought together 37,386 Lions and guests from 124 nations to elect new leaders, learn about the progress of service initiatives and centennial plans and enjoy robust camaraderie and fellowship.

Leading off, so to speak, was 2015-16 International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Japan, who related how well Lions can respond to a contemporary crisis. Lions in Turkey and Lebanon, aided by Lions of Scandinavia, are providing food and water, shelter and even prosthetic limbs for refugees from the war-torn Middle East. He urged even greater assistance. "If each one of the 1.4 million Lions members can help just one refugee, then the impact is not small. This is the power of grassroots service. This is what Lions are all about," he said.

Yamada, who traveled the world as president, also talked about the sometimes hidden allure of service and the need for Lions leaders to recognize a service job well done. "I witnessed scenes where leaders gave Lions awards, and the Lions were in tears," he said. "These Lions have continued to serve without expecting anything in return, so the tears are a result of pure surprise and joy at being recognized."

Batting clean-up was newly elected International President Chancellor Bob Corlew of Tennessee. Corlew, whose theme is New Mountains to Climb, spoke at length on the importance of adding members. A typical Lion serves 50 people annually, he noted. Social problems are mounting. "For every new Lion there are young people who are born in poverty, without guidance, without a mentor or role model and without any realistic hope for their own future," he said. "For every new Lion there are more children

who starve to death. For every new Lion there are more adults who become blind due to cataracts and trachoma."

The key to Lions' progress against social ills is a greater commitment from each Lion, Corlew said. "Each club is stronger only if the individual members continue to strengthen themselves," he said. "A Lion who is knowledgeable about our great association is far more effective than a Lion who chooses not to learn about the great opportunities offered by Lions Clubs International."

History was made at the convention with the election of Past International Director Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir of Iceland as second vice president, which will make her the first female president in 2018-19. "By electing a woman as their leader, Lions show themselves to be modern, despite having served for a century," she told the LION. "This I hope will help to boost the membership of Lions worldwide, so we can expand our service reach and impact."

Past International Director Jung-Yul Choi of Korea was elected third vice president. Choi will serve as president in 2019-20.

Other convention highlights included the keynote speech of Kailash Satyarthi of India, the recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize who spoke of his efforts against child labor and child trafficking, and the awarding of the Lions Clubs International Humanitarian Award to Doctors Without Borders. Dr. Tomoaki Atsumi, a vice president of the organization, spoke of his group's selfless, courageous mission, a purpose that resonated with Lions. "In essence, humanitarian action is about saving and assisting strangers, people you have never met and may never see again. It is about going to places other people are leaving and treating any and all people who need medical care. It is about challenging systems and policies that create these needs in the first place or that prevent people from getting the care or the medicines they need."

Beyond the three plenary sessions at the baseball stadium, Lions marched down city streets



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Japan, 2015-16 international president, stands with the keynote speaker, Kailash Satyarthi of India, the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize recipient

in the traditional Parade of Nations, enjoyed the International Show and its wide array of mesmerizing entertainment, consulted with Lions Clubs International staff at the convention hall, attended seminars to boost their service capabilities and membership rolls, caught up with old friends and met new ones, and became acquainted with Fukuoka and its foods and sights. Convention can be serious and consequential but more often the five days are a pleasant swirl of Lions-style fun and fellowship, a friendly, relaxed gathering of like-minded folks.

The recurring message in Fukuoka was that the gatherings in service—whether at the club, district or international level—bring about enormous positive changes to communities. Past International President Joe Preston, the chairperson of LCIF, detailed the astonishing impact of the foundation: from nearly eliminating blinding trachoma in China and curbing measles in Africa to protecting the vision of tens of millions of children in Asia through Sight for Kids and aiding victims of major disasters worldwide. "Just think of the millions of lives we've impacted," said Preston, who dramatically entered the stage in a Star Wars costume to the delight of Lions. "The Force is what gives a Jedi his power. In many ways, LCIF is just like the Force. It is the energy generated by the good works Lions do around the world under the LCIF banner."



Chancellor Bob Corlew of Tennessee, the 2016-17 international president, speaks at the third plenary session

The convention ended at the third plenary session with the swearing-in of the 2016-17 district governors. But just before that Lions were encouraged to come to Chicago in June 30-July 4 next year for the centennial convention. Past International President J. Frank Moore III detailed the progress of the centennial celebration: nearly 100 million people served, 4,000 Legacy service projects and grand commemorative projects such as a \$1 U.S. silver coin, postage stamps and a globetrotting enormous banner, divided into 48 parts to be signed by Lions until attached back together in Chicago.

Lions involved in the centennial celebration, Moore said, are "rounding third and heading home." Chicago promises to be a home run, a walk-off grand slam.

Spectacle, Song and Dance

Convention is anything but a solemn, fuddy-duddy gathering. The days are filled with the energy, passion and artistry of singers, dancers, musicians and even Star Wars characters and sumo devotees.



Drum Tao, a taiko drum show, performs at the International Show



Yu-ki Nishimoto demonstrates traditional calligraphy at the third plenary session



The second plenary begins with a whole lotta shakin' goin' on: the music, dance and look of the 1950s



Lions enjoy music at the third plenary session



The Jedi Master of LCIF, Joe Preston channels his inner Obi-Wan Kenobi as he describes the achievements of the foundation in 2015-16. As immediate past president of Lions Clubs, Preston chaired LCIF last year



Sumo wrestlers on a college team display their surprising dexterity at a Leo gathering at the convention hall



Convention participants wear sumo suits

Pride on Parade

Nearly 15,500 Lions from at least 105 nations marched in the glorious Parade of Nations. For nearly four hours people of Fukuoka, as well as Lions, were treated to a vibrant display of the universality of Lions Clubs.



A marching band from Japan boisterously leads a Lions nation



Lions from India include their children in their delegation



Indonesian dancers fan out



An uncaged Lion waves to spectators



Nepalese Lions shake and bake their way down the street

The Buckingham Lions Club gives a helping hand!

The Buckingham Lions Club decided to give a helping hand as one of their goals to support a local palliative care centre who was in need of a helping hand. This centre can accommodate six patients and their next of kin who are crossing an important life stage by easing the pain, with respect, dignity and compassion.

Each patient has a private bedroom and bathroom, and they are supported by a team of doctors, nurses and many volunteers who are specialized in palliative care and who have their work at heart.

The patient's families and next of kin have at their disposal sofa beds, a kitchenette, as well as a community room in a peaceful area where they can also observe the Outaouais River while caring for their loved ones. The centre's goal is to help create

a sense of being home for these difficult times during their end-of-life care.

After making this donation of \$25,000 to help support the patients and the centre the Buckingham Lions Club wasn't expecting that some of our own were going to need the services of the Résidence le Monarque (Monarque meaning Butterfly) for two of their past members, Lion **Roger Laurin** and past president Lion **David Hayes** who passed away in 2016, as well as a close friend and supporter of the Lions club Jacques Ti-Homme Lanthier. Lion President **Sébastien Leblanc** and the whole Buckingham Lions Club continues to support this centre at the centre's fund raising events as well.

U. OF W. Lions



The University of Waterloo School of Optometry Campus Branch Lions sponsored Canine Vision Dog Guide "Zircon" in May of this year, pictured with his new owner John on the left, Lion Marilyn Smith and K-W Community Spirit Lion Ken Oliver (parent club)



Touchstone Story

Nothing speaks louder to the world's need for harmony than a child's vision of peace—except for the collective expressions of millions of children.

Since 1988, Lions Clubs International has sponsored the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest to encourage young people to express their perspectives on peace. Every year, as many as 400,000 children ages 11 to 13 from around the world participate in the contest. Sponsored by local clubs, the international competition reflects one of the key tenets of the Lions—to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners are chosen each year for their unique and heartfelt visions of peace created from crayon, watercolor, pencil and other mediums. All winners receive a cash prize and certificate.

Mustapha El Tawokji from war-torn Beirut, Lebanon, won the first Peace Poster Contest in 1988-1989 by expressing the theme, "Peace Will Help Us Grow," with a dove flying over a bed of roses. While he had never known peace, he expressed his vision of what peace would be like.

Grand prize winners have come from all over the world: Italy, Japan, Indonesia, Brazil, South Africa and the United States, just to name a few. The artwork and creativity of every child who enters the contest is celebrated by its sponsoring Lions club. Each young artist's work reflects his or her own experience, culture and worldview.

Visually impaired young people also have the opportunity to share their expressions of peace through the Lions International Essay Contest. Each year students ages 11 to 13 enter short essays on the same theme as the Peace Poster program for a chance to win a cash prize.

Both contests trace their roots back to a program in the 1960s called the Peace Essay Contest. To help celebrate LCI's 50th anniversary in 1967, Lions asked young people ages 14 to 21 to submit an essay on peace. More than 1 million entries were received. Former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower served as honorary chairman of the international panel that chose high school student A. Russell Wodell of Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada, as the winner for his essay titled, "Is Peace Attainable?"



Mustapha El Tawokji from Beirut, Lebanon, won the first peace poster contest in 1988-1989

Expressions of Peace

"There is no easy road to peace," wrote Wodell. "Only through evolution of his social, moral and intellectual values can man achieve true peace with himself."

Young people from around the globe continue to offer Lions their expressions of peace in the hopes that one day the dream may come true.



Dwight D. Eisenhower served as the honorary chair of the Lions Peace Essay Contest in 1966-1967

Lynden Lions

On May 19th the Lynden Lions launched a Memorial Scholarship Program. Originally suggested and developed by Lion **Ed Fritsch** the program is in memory of former Lynden Lions who are now deceased and recognizes post graduate students in the community who have displayed both academic achievement and community service. A committee screens the applications and chooses the winners. Five local students were chosen this year. Each received a clock trophy and a cheque. This smiling photo shows both recipients and committee members.



L to R Lions Charlie Lawson and Rosie Brooks, Leos Joshua Leegstra, Jillian Filmer, Taylor Devet, Lions Mike Gough, Amanda Renton and Ed Fritsch, Leo Katherine Filmer and Lion John Pepper

We look forward to recognizing other young people in our community in future years.

50 Years Serving Community



Lions International and **Lakefield Lions Club** presented 25 year Service Pins to Lions **Nancy & Jerry Lane** at a regular meeting. Lions Nancy and Jerry have each put 25 years of serving the community behind them as they continue to help others and as a caring couple continue on in the world of Lionism.



Touchstone Story

In 1925, as an ambassador for the newly formed American Foundation for the Blind, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio.

“Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today,” Keller asked Lions members packed into the convention hall. “Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence gone.”



Helen Keller inspired Lions to commit to ending preventable blindness and serving the visually impaired

Keller knew exactly what this was like. Blind and deaf since the age of 19 months, she had once lived in virtual isolation, unable to effectively communicate. Then, a teacher from the Perkins School for the Blind named Anne Sullivan came to live and work with Keller and taught her to connect with the world through sign language. Keller eventually learned to read and write, earned a bachelor’s degree and learned how to speak.

Most Lions at the time were familiar with her well-publicized story. Some Lions in the audience had already been involved with service projects to the blind. But witnessing Keller share her heart and soul for the plight of the blind brought the reality of being visually impaired crashing home for everyone present. The Lions and their guests were captivated.

Keller saved her most stirring words for the end of her speech, hoping that the Lions would partner with the American Foundation for the Blind and lend their support as an organization to those who had lost their sight.

“Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lion, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness?”

Helen Keller

She had no idea just how far the association would take her challenge.

Before the convention was over, the association unreservedly dedicated itself to making Keller’s dream a reality. Lions would become Keller’s Knights of the Blind.

Since 1925, hundreds of millions of lives have been changed through the vision-related work of Lions around the world, and today the association is as dedicated as ever to hastening the day when no one should suffer unnecessarily from vision problems. Through eye centers and hospitals, medicines and surgeries, eyeglasses and eye banks, Lions are working to end preventable blindness and aid the visually impaired.

Keller’s challenge and her dream live on.



The Knowlton Lions support la Maison au Diapason

The Knowlton Lions Club agreed to give a contribution of \$1,000 to La Maison Au Diapason. Since April 2010, the organization has been offering free specialized palliative care and psychological and spiritual support to terminally ill patients and their families with respect, dignity and compassion. La Maison serves the territories of Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska.

A team of caregivers, various stakeholders and volunteers make every effort to meet the needs of patients and families. Since opening, more than 725 patients at the end of life and their loved ones have benefited from La Maison’s warm and peaceful environment.

Le Club Lions de Knowlton appuie la Maison au Diapason

Les membres du Club Lions de Knowlton ont convenu de remettre une contribution de \$1,000 à la La Maison Au Diapason. La Maison Au Diapason a ouvert ses portes le 1er avril 2010. L’organisme offre gratuitement des soins palliatifs spécialisés et de l’accompagnement psychologique et spirituel aux personnes en fin de vie et leurs proches dans le respect, la dignité et la compassion. La Maison dessert les communautés de Brome-Missisquoi et de la Haute-Yamaska.

Une équipe formée de soignants, de différents intervenants et de bénévoles mettent tout en œuvre pour répondre aux différents besoins du patient et de sa famille. Depuis l’ouverture de La Maison, plus de 725 personnes en fin de vie et leurs proches ont bénéficié de cet environnement paisible et chaleureux.



Gauche à droite: Diane Laporte, membre du Club Lions, Lucie Wiseman, Marie-Claude Gratton, respectivement directrice générale et directrice du financement et des communications La Maison Au Diapason et Michelle Major membre du Club Lions



Touchstone Story

Great ideas often take ages to form before taking hold all at once. The white cane, the now universal and indispensable aid for the blind, follows that path. It came into wide use beginning in 1930 as two caring problem solvers stood on busy street corners thousands of miles apart—one in Paris, France, and the other in Peoria, Illinois.

Throughout history, visually impaired people have carried canes, staffs and walking sticks to help get around obstacles. But, they faced terrifying new challenges in the 20th century as cars replaced carriages on city streets—streets that were frequently without stoplights and crosswalks. The plain, walking stick still worked as a way-making tool, but it was useless as a warning sign to motorists. A blind Englishman named James Biggs claimed to have found an answer in 1921 when he painted his walking stick white. A decade later, this simple invention began to gain ground.

The white cane crossed first to continental Europe through a one-woman campaign. From her home on the bustling Boulevard de Courcelles, a wealthy Parisienne named Mme. Guilly d'Herbemont would watch nervously as sightless students commuted to a nearby school for the blind. In November 1930, she wrote a letter to a leading Paris newspaper urging the use of attention-getting batons blancs, similar to those carried by traffic police. A few months later, Mme. d'Herbemont arranged for the French president

to ceremoniously present one white cane each to a blind war veteran and a blind civilian. She then made personal gifts of 5,000 more white canes to the city's blind residents.

Meanwhile, Peoria Lions Club President George A. Bonham rallied the help of thousands of partners when he introduced the white cane to North America. Lions had eagerly embraced Helen Keller's call to aid the blind at the Lions Clubs International Convention five years earlier. Now, they were primed to act on a fellow Lion's compelling new idea for service.

Like his Parisian counterpart, Bonham was moved one day in 1930 in downtown Peoria when Bonham saw a blind man tapping his cane helplessly as traffic swirled around him. No one seemed to notice the man's dilemma, which set Bonham thinking. The answer again was the white cane, this time with a red band for even greater visibility. Bonham shared his idea with club members who immediately voted their endorsement. Members took up the cause, painting white canes for the blind and writing letters to city officials. In December 1930, the Peoria City Council passed the nation's first "white

The White Cane

cane safety law," giving blind citizens the right-of-way and other protections when carrying a white cane.

At the 1931 international convention in Toronto, Lions heard a detailed presentation on the white cane program and received copies of the Peoria ordinance to bring home. By 1956, with the help of a full-scale awareness and advocacy campaign, every state in the United States had enacted white-cane safety laws.

The white cane has become a symbol of the independence, confidence and skills of those who rely on it to guide their walk through life. Every Oct. 15 on International White Cane Safety Day, many Lions wear a white cane lapel pin, reminding us how far we have walked together.



A tabletop display by the Norwalk Lions Club in California promotes awareness during International White Cane Safety Day

Rockton Lions

The Rockton Lions held their 11th Annual All You Can Eat Fish Fry on June 4 at the Beverly Community Centre in Rockton. Almost 800 people attended this event! There was a fabulous Silent Auction with gifts donated by local

businesses, a 50/50 draw which the winner walked away with over \$1400. Children's activities are part of the event.

This is one of their biggest fund raisers of the year. Proceeds go to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and local community projects. In the past four years the club has sponsored four guide



dogs and donated \$10,000 towards the reconstruction of the Foundation's Oakville facility.

New Hamburg Lioness



The New Hamburg Lioness recently presented the proceeds of \$8,300.00 from their June 11th Welcome Home Tour of 7 homes. Shown left to right are: Mariette Wagler, Wilmot Family Resource Centre, Lioness Joan Bilinsky, Lioness **Carol Massel**, Lioness **Sandy Starr** and Lisa Akey, Interfaith Counselling Centre.



Touchstone Story

After trying unsuccessfully to enroll Dr. Glenn Wheeler in the only guide-dog school in the U.S., Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schuur and S.A. Dodge of the Detroit Uptown Lions Club took matters into their own hands. If their visually impaired friend and fellow Lion couldn't attend a school in New Jersey to be paired with a guide dog, a training center and canine companion would have to come to him.

While dogs have assisted the blind for centuries, modern dog training methods trace their roots to Germany, when thousands of soldiers returned home from World War I blinded from poison gas. As training

techniques spread to other countries, including the U.S., demand for these valuable dogs grew. With a well-trained guide dog and instruction, the visually impaired could better navigate an increasingly busy world. The dogs could warn their handlers of everything from oncoming traffic to obstacles in grocery store aisles.

To help their friend and others like him, Nutting, Schuur and Dodge led their club in establishing a guide dog training school close to home. In the fall of 1938, the initial program graduated four student-dog pairs, including Wheeler and a dog named Hilda.



Dr. Glenn Wheeler and his guide dog Hilda (second from left) were part of the first graduating class at the Leader Dog facility founded by Lions

Searching for a name for their new venture, three Detroit-area Lions Clubs held a contest for the entire Lions organization. The Coulterville Lions Club of Illinois submitted the winning entry: Lions Leader.

On April 4, 1939, Lions incorporated the Lions Leader Dog Foundation as a nonprofit, rented a small farmhouse for the operation in Rochester Hills, Michigan, and graduated its first official class at a cost of US\$600 per team. A year later, the school dropped the word "Lions" from its name because the project was not

Best Friends

an official program of Lions Clubs International, and the group wanted to expand its base of donors.

Known today as Leader Dogs for the Blind, the school has graduated more than 14,500 guide dogs since opening its doors. But its impact has been far greater. As one of the first service dog schools, it helped to popularize the idea of service dogs and started a movement by Lions to support training programs. By the mid-20th century, Lions were supporting guide dogs schools in the U.S., Italy, France and Germany.

The school's training methods have changed over the years, and its programs have expanded to help those with hearing loss, diabetes and other health issues. But, its purpose has not altered. The center exists to provide help, not to make a profit. Although clients were once required to pay up to US\$150 for training, the service has been free since 1958. Clients also receive housing and transportation while at the center. Today the average cost of training a dog is US\$37,000, and Lions clubs and other individual donors and organizations provide all funding.

What started as an idea to help one man has turned into an effort that has helped many more. Currently supporting training schools in Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Norway, South Africa and the U.S., Lions are helping thousands of visually impaired people to find new independence—and often a new best friend.

Guelph Lions Club Annual CNIB Client Picnic

The weather was ideal for the 72 CNIB clients and their guides as they gathered at Riverside Park for the Annual Guelph Lions Club-CNIB Client Picnic. Attendees enjoyed the music of local entertainer Wayne Mack, enjoyed a BBQ lunch cooked up by many of the Guelph Lions Club members followed

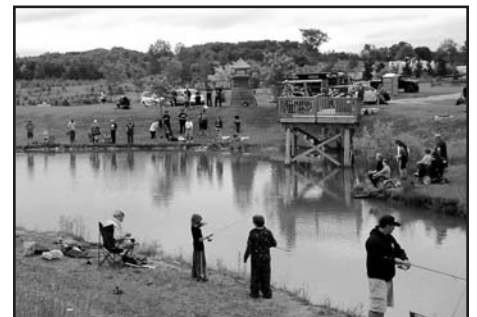
by games of Bingo and draws for some great prizes. This picnic is one of our signature service projects and we look forward to it each August. We will host CNIB clients and a guest in December to our annual Christmas Banquet.



Hanover Lions

The Fishing Derby Fundraiser was held by the Hanover Lions and the Hanover Police and Fire Services to raise money for the Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village. It is attended by the Hanover Police and Fire departments as part of the Bob Izumi Kids, Cops and Canadian Tire Fishing Days.

This was the 6th annual derby; the club honours the memory of Lion **Dennis McCracken** who co-founded the event and passed away in early 2015.





Touchstone Story

The World Health Organization estimates that more than 150 million people suffer from blurred vision due to uncorrected refractive errors, such as nearsightedness or farsightedness. The inability to see clearly can prevent children from learning in school, adults from finding work or staying employed, and older adults from living independently. Often, a simple pair of eyeglasses can bring the world into focus, but a lack of access to basic care prevents many people in developing nations from getting the treatment they need. Cost is also an issue; in a developing country a pair of glasses may cost as much as a month's wages.

However, with the help of Lions around the world and the Recycle for Sight program, Lions Clubs International is bringing clear vision to millions, one pair of glasses at a time.

Through Recycle for Sight, Lions collect new and gently used eyeglasses and sunglasses in collection bins at a variety of locations in their communities including libraries, doctors' offices, schools, sidewalks, banks and retail stores. The glasses are then shipped to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, where volunteers sort the glasses, clean them and determine their prescription strength. After carefully packaging the refurbished spectacles, Lions store them until they can be distributed, usually

through humanitarian missions to developing nations.

Lion volunteers and eye care professionals screen thousands of children and adults during sight missions, providing them—free of charge—with prescription lenses, frames and ultimately a better quality of life. Lions also provide recycled glasses to nonprofit organizations focused on eye care, as well as to optometry college groups, religious organizations and military assistance groups, which also distribute to people in need.

Eyeglass recycling, a popular activity for Lions around the world, dates back to the 1930s. Similar to today, Lions gathered glasses in their communities, processed and provided them to those most in need. For example, in the early 1960s, the Hayes & Harlington Lions clubs in England collected more than 20,000 pairs of glasses. Knowing of the need in India, they gave them to a Lions eye hospital in India, where they were processed and provided to local people.

In 1994, Lions Clubs turned their longtime efforts into an official program under the name Recycle for Sight. With a common identity and common format, the program has continued to expand and enable more people to see clearly.



For more than 80 years, Lions have been collecting, sorting and cleaning eyeglasses, and distributing them to those in need

Recycle for Sight

Each year, Lions collect about 30 million pairs of glasses. Clubs in Australia and Japan annually send 500,000 pairs of glasses to six recycling centers in Australia. Over the past decade, more than 3.5 million pairs of eyeglasses from these centers have been shipped to locations including India, the Middle East and the smallest islands in Indonesia. By involving people from local correctional facilities, several of the centers are fostering rehabilitation by teaching skills that the inmates can use after they leave prison.

In 2013, Tokyo Sangenjaya Lions Club partnered with a national retailer to collect glasses for Australia's recycling centers in 2013. "Seeing Lions work in packaging these eyeglasses, I realize how much we consume and throw away that is still in usable or even perfect condition," said one local businessman. "These eyeglasses will change someone's life."

In another part of the world, a 94-year-old man in Honduras cried, "Thank you!" after receiving a pair of Lions recycled glasses. "I can now read my Bible—the first time in 15 years."

Many people are involved in collecting, processing and distributing recycled eyeglasses, including people who decide to donate their used eyeglasses, clubs that collect and send glasses to a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, volunteers who process and ship the glasses, and volunteers who organize and participate in mission distributions. The very positive result is that the quality of life is improved for people who receive this gift of sight.

Norwood Lions



Norwood Lions Doug Percy, Larry Urquhart and Leonard Archer are among the many Lions who helped serve breakfast at 1st Annual Norwood Country Jamboree July 15, 16, 17. Over 300 served and a profit of over \$1,000



Touchstone Story

All over the world, young people are forming lasting friendships and learning the value of volunteerism with a Lions program geared specifically for them: Leo Club. Whether they join the Alpha Leo Clubs (for ages 12-18) or the Omega Leo Clubs (for ages 18-30), young people are developing the skills to serve their communities. The results are nothing less than inspiring.

The Leo Club Curaçao organized a project to encourage school children to stop bullying. The Leo Club of High School Batu Pahat in Malaysia cycled 40 kilometers to raise awareness for alternative, environmentally friendly forms of transportation. In the Netherlands, the Leo Club Rotterdam sold clothing to raise money for an Easter breakfast for the homeless. The Leo Club Neapolis Nabeul in Tunisia donated goods to a local nursing home and spent time visiting with residents and raising spirits.

“You realize one act can change lives,” Kat Sandell, a Leo in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, said after collecting cold weather clothing for children in 2014.

Leo Club has had official, international recognition since 1967, but Lions’ auxiliary youth service clubs are almost as old as the association itself. As early as

1922, Lions in Fort Smith, Arkansas, had organized what they called a Junior Lions club in the town’s high school, focused on civic leadership. Within the first year, dozens of junior and senior high school students joined the club.

Over the years, other Lions clubs also hosted youth auxiliary clubs. In 1957 the seeds of a permanent youth program were planted in Abington, Pennsylvania, when Bill Graver asked his father and Glenside Lion Club member Jim Graver, “Why isn’t there a Lions-sponsored service club for young people?”

As coach of the Abington High School baseball team, Graver soon came to believe that forming a Lions youth club at the high school would encourage students to participate in community service. Graver and fellow Glenside Lion William Ernst presented the idea to their club, and the Lions decided to support the effort with the help of 35 eager students (mostly from the baseball team). On December 5, 1957, the first Leo club was formed. The club adopted the high school’s colors—maroon and gold—and created an

Leos Abound

acronym for Leo: leadership, equality, opportunity. The word equality was later changed to experience.

In 1964, the Lions of Pennsylvania District 14K sponsored the Leo club as an official district project. Clubs soon sprang up throughout Pennsylvania, as news of the Leo program spread. A few years later, a youth committee of Lions Clubs International studied the possibility of developing a youth club program. But the committee soon recognized there was no need to create something new. The Leos had already set a standard as efficient and effective youth clubs. By October 1967, the board of directors decided to implement Leo clubs on a global scale. Within two years, 918 clubs were operating in 48 countries.

By 2015, more than 5,700 school- and community-based Leo clubs are in 140 countries around the world. Through Leo Club, young people are changing their communities and building personal leadership skills that will last a lifetime.



Leo clubs can be found in 140 countries



Shadypath Farm wins Knowlton Lions Ron Gibbs trophy

On 2 September 2016, at the Brome Fair, for the second year, a bull from the Shadypath farm of West Brome won the Ron Gibbs trophy awarded to the champion of the Shorthorn breed. The award established by the Knowlton Lions Club is to perpetuate the memory of Ron Gibbs previously an active member and former president of the Club.

L to R at the trophy presentation, Kevin Dempsey of Shadypath Farm, Pierre Guindon, president of the Knowlton Lions Club and Jennifer Mastine, the competition judge. Photo courtesy of Francis Bessette of B7 photographie





Touchstone Story

Lions Quest began as one teenager's passion to find a better way to prepare young people to handle life's challenges. Today, it is one of the most widely used social and emotional learning programs in the world.

In 1975, 19-year-old Rick Little of Findlay, Ohio, suffered severe back injuries in an auto accident. Immobilized for six months, Little found himself with a lot of time to contemplate why schools were doing so little to help youth develop the life skills and strength of character needed to succeed as adults. When his injuries healed, Little set out on a nationwide pursuit for answers, interviewing teenagers, teachers and experts in child and adolescent development.



Lions Quest is helping these Turkish middle-school students cope with conflicts and bullying

After a struggle to find initial funding, Little established Quest International in 1977 with the help of a US\$130,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to design and develop values-based curricula and drug-use prevention programs. Little went to work creating teaching tools easy to adapt across different cultures and educational systems.

The Lions got involved in 1984 when the Lions Clubs International Foundation made its first grant to Quest International, a grant that funded additional program development and expansion. Later that year, Lions Clubs International formed a working partnership with Quest International to launch a major drug prevention initiative called Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence, targeting middle-school grades 6 through 8. Lions clubs partnered with local school systems to implement the program at the community level.

Over the next 18 years, Lions' partnership with Little's organization grew in scope and impact. Lions introduced programs to serve students at all grade levels, from kindergarten through high school. Independent researchers gave the programs high marks for promoting positive behaviors and boosting academic performance.

Lions Quest

In 2002, LCIF acquired formal ownership of the curriculum materials. Lions Quest soon became Lions' signature youth development program worldwide. By 2015, Lions Quest had grown to include 36 languages in 85 countries reaching more than 13 million students.

Lions clubs around the world have been key to the success and expansion of Lions Quest, supporting the program through local funding, coordinating teacher training, co-hosting parent meetings, speaking to youth and undertaking joint service projects with students.

Lions Quest goes beyond academics to teach students how to make responsible decisions, set goals, be accountable for their actions, develop healthy relationships, resist peer pressure and engage in community service.

Teaching materials are continually updated to meet new challenges.

In Turkey, for example, public and private school teachers are using Lions Quest to confront bullying. Mine Guven, a professor of early childhood education at Bosphorus University in Istanbul, is conducting an evaluation of the effort.

"I got involved in the program because the training was so impressive to me," Guven said. "The challenges are the same all around the world. By using Lions Quest we manage to have peaceful classrooms."

Lions Club of Cobourg

Lions Club of Cobourg held 26th Annual Cobourg Waterfront Festival and Canada Day Celebration. As part of fundraising a \$2500 Travel Voucher was raffled off. Winner Evelyn Thompson of Guelph, Ontario, is shown with Lions **George Laurovic** and **Ingrid Aird**.

Cobourg Lions **John Ford**, **Sherri Hopkins** and **George Laurovic** made two cheque presentations to Northumberland United Way representative Gerald Blackstock. Funds were raised during the Cobourg Waterfront Festival Strawberry Social and the Northumberland County Dragon Boat Races.



Palmerston Lions

Below are some photos of our Lions members working on the newest water feature in our Palmerston Lions Heritage Park.

The project started back in 2003 as a dilapidated abandoned CN Rail yard. It is gradually being added on to each year. This year we decided to do this river and waterfall in memory of our Lion **Eric Grey** and

his father Lion **Eph Grey**. The water feature will run approximately 100' and is 8 -10 feet wide.

So far we have put in 6 or 8 Saturdays and expect to be completed mid-August, with more than 12 of our members doing the work. The site will have a seating area, many trees and flowers, and will be a beautiful addition to the town.





Touchstone Story

On Dec. 26, 2004, a 9.0-plus magnitude earthquake occurred under the Indian Ocean near the west coast of Sumatra in Indonesia. Within hours, a series of immense waves as high as 50 feet struck 11 countries along the rim of the Indian Ocean. More than 230,000 people lost their lives and more than one million people were displaced as a result of the South Asian tsunami—the deadliest in recorded history.

“The ocean took everything,” said Ranjan Jayawardane, a member of the Wellawatte West Lions Club in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Lions were among the first on the scene to provide help to victims, responding with their own waves of generosity and care. In Sri Lanka, Lions partnered with the government to organize aid, working 16-hour days to send supplies and put up tents at relocation camps. Eighty Lions in the medical profession volunteered to provide first aid near Chennai, India, while nearly 70 clubs distributed food and clothing. In Indonesia and Thailand, local clubs gave food, clothing, shelter and medical treatment to refugees.

Lions Clubs International Foundation also mobilized to send relief. LCIF had created disaster-

response models following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center in New York to help Lions act quickly when disaster strikes. The models estimate how much funding will be needed by analyzing the areas and numbers of people affected, current and future needs, how long recovery efforts are expected to last and other considerations. As soon as news of the tsunami reached LCIF, Lions put the models in place and started fundraising.

Lions raised US\$15 million. Every dollar raised went to Lions in India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand to help rebuild homes, schools and orphanages. At the time, it was the largest reconstruction effort in LCIF history.

“Some people had lost families, everything, but Lions stood by them,” said Sangeeta Jatia, past international director from Kolkata, West Bengal, and a member of the Calcutta Midtown Lions Club in India. “There was somebody who they could depend on.”

Long after the waves and initial shock had receded, Lions from around the world continued to pour out their time, energy and resources, helping to rebuild lives and entire communities.

Wave Upon Wave

Five years after the natural disaster, Luis Domínguez, past international director from the Mijas Lions Club in Mijas Pueblo, Spain, visited a village in Sri Lanka that Lions assisted in reconstructing. The community, known as “Lions Village” among local residents, was blossoming once again—with new houses, a playground and community center, and sewing machines to help jumpstart economic development.

“What can I say about happy children?” Domínguez said, watching carefree children enjoy their new playground. “I will leave it to your imagination.”



Lions have provided aid and hope to victims of the South Asia tsunami since it struck on Dec. 26, 2004

Midland Lions Club

Sail into Summer Gala Event 2016

Lion **Tom Huntley** presented the Youth from Georgian Bay School of Dance a token of appreciation for their excellent performance at our Fundraising Event on June 25th.



Lions from Newfoundland presented our Club with a token of appreciation at the BBQ get-together on June 15th; it was received by Lion President Tom Dudgeon



PDG Richard Ratensperger presented Lion Norm Gogo a Certificate of Recognition as the oldest serving Lion in the club. He finally reached the 'age of maturity'. Happy 96th Birthday Lion Norm! He is one of the most enthusiastic, energetic serving Lions; attended and assisted in many fund raising events



1st Vice Governor Randy Hargraves presented Lion Tom Dudgeon a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts, dedication, and commitment to the Club. Club's growth and success comes and goes but the willingness to put that extra mile is worth the effort



Lion President Tom Dudgeon presented PDG Gord Walker a Certificate of Appreciation. PDG Gord is the longest serving Lion in our club. He had taken many positions not only in the club but also in District A12, became mentor for many and still active in many activities



Lion Tom Huntley was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by PDG Richard Ratensperger. His duties and responsibilities as a Club's treasurer for the past years were fully recognized and appreciated



2017 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' CONVENTION
"Willkommen"
Celebrating 100 Years of Service

May 11th to May 14th, 2017
 Hosted by the Lions Club of Kitchener

A. District _____ Club: _____

Lion Lioness Leo Highest Office _____ Past Present

Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

B. District _____ Club: _____

Lion Lioness Leo Partner in Service Highest Office _____ Past Present

Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Please Note

1. Everyone including guests must be registered to attend functions and meals
2. Cancellation must be made in writing or by email. Cancellations after **April 10, 2017** will be subject to a \$20 handling fee.
3. No refunds after **April 25, 2017**

Function Tickets	Cost Per Person	A	B	Total
Friday Inclusive	\$65.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Friday Night Oktoberfest Dinner	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Saturday Inclusive	\$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Thursday Night DG/DGE/PDG Dinner	\$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Saturday Opportunity for Youth Dinner	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Total for Function Tickets				\$ _____

Last date for ticket orders will be **Thursday, May 04, 2017**

PLEASE ADVISE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: Diabetic, Vegetarian, Gluten Free or Specify

For A _____ For B: _____

Friday Inclusive includes breakfast, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon coffee with snacks

Saturday Inclusive: breakfast, morning coffee and Convention Banquet being held at 12:30 pm

Registration Fee of \$25.00 for A -	\$ _____	Pin Trader Table	\$25.00	\$ _____
Registration Fee of \$25.00 for B -	\$ _____	Vendor Table -	\$25.00	\$ _____
Vender/Pin Trader fee of \$25.00 -	\$ _____	Convention Pin -	\$ 7.00	\$ _____

Fees plus Function tickets = \$ _____

Sunday Registration fee is \$10.00 cash on arrival. No Registration Fee for LEO Members

Payment Method Cheque Visa Master Card
 By Credit Card: Name: _____ Card #: _____
 Expiry date: _____ CVS#: _____
 NB: C/C payments will show as: LCK Monex Account

Cheques payable to: MDA Convention 2017

**Mail Registration form to:
 Lions Club of Kitchener
 P.O. Box 1001, Station "C"
 Kitchener, ON N2G 4E3**

**Queries: Convention Chair: OJ Wilura: 519-748-4304 or by email: ojwilura@gmail.com
 Registration Chair: Ron Ross: 519-886-0553 or by email: 1937lcktreasurer@gmail.com**

NOTE

**Hotel Reservation made by the member. Room rates are \$127.00 plus tax and includes parking
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, 105 King St., Kitchener N2G 2K8 - 1-800-483-7182 and use code "MDC"**



Touchstone Story

According to locals, Quito, a city in Ecuador, is la Mitad del Mundo, “the Middle of the World.” Located just a few miles from the equator, it is home to more than 2 million people. Just as it’s possible to stand with one foot in the Northern Hemisphere and the other in the Southern Hemisphere in Ecuador, it’s possible to get a taste of the past (colonial-era cathedrals) and the future (a brand-new subway system).

In 1973, a 100-bed children’s hospital and rehabilitation center were constructed in Quito, sponsored by the Quito (Sixth of December) Lions Club, which raised \$20,000 from club members and local businesses. The center was designed with special consideration for children whose parents could not otherwise afford medical treatment. In addition to providing surgical care, the center also offered treatment for polio and birth defects that had been nearly wiped out in other parts of the world. More than that, the center provided classes and instruction in basic reading, writing and mathematics skills to the patients, in some cases the first opportunity for these children to attend such classes.

In addition to offering basic education, the rehabilitation center taught older children how to repair broken appliances. Some youth used this opportunity as vocational training, and others became instructors themselves at the center.

Lions Clubs International sponsors humanitarian missions, first-response disaster relief and vision screenings around the world, but projects like the rehabilitation center in Quito can become a hub for even larger initiatives. In 1947, the Panama City Lions Club in Panama, began raising money for the

construction of a children’s hospital, built entirely without government funding. In 1962, a cancer detection center opened in Mumbai, India, inside the Tata Memorial Hospital, sponsored by the Bombay Lions Club. It was the only center of its kind in India.

In 2014, Stella Agbogun, an administrator of the Radiotherapy Department at Lagos University Teaching Hospital in Lagos, Nigeria, and the district 404 B governor, coordinated efforts between the Lagos University Teaching Hospital and the Lions Clubs International Foundation to build Mercy Home, which offers temporary accommodations for patients and their families who have traveled hundreds of miles or more to receive treatment in Lagos and have nowhere else to stay.

Care comes in many forms: prevention and screening, surgery and rehabilitation, a safe and

Space for Care

affordable room to sleep in while a loved one receives treatment. Around the world and for a hundred years, Lions Clubs International members have been pioneers of care.



In the late 1940s, the Panama City Lions Club raised funds and constructed a children's hospital in Panama City



Mercy Home offers temporary accommodations for cancer patients and their relatives in Lagos

Campbellford Lions

Campbellford Lions participated in Bridge Hospice Fundraising Walk to help cover day-to-day operational costs for Bridge Hospice.



L to R: back row: Lions Fred Lee, Mike Caron, Don May, Andy Bastedo; front row: Lions Carol Oliver, Erin Caron and Marg Wilkes

Simcoe Lynn Valley

Simcoe Lynn Valley Lions held their annual “Ice Cream Fest” in Simcoe in July. With a membership of 14 we scooped over 2500 Sundaes netting HUGE profits for the club!

In the picture is the winner of the Scavenger Hunt that took place at the Fest. The younger girl is the winner but she decided to share with her two sisters.



French River and District Lions Club

French River and District Lions Club has just adopted part of a highway and are proud of our area. Lion Chief **Paul Clements** was working on road clean up.



Magnetawan Lions Club

Bike Rodeo

The local Bike Rodeo is sponsored by our Lions Club in association with the OPP. The OPP help run the rodeos in other Lions jurisdictions as well. Our Club has been running ours with the local public school for 20 years. The OPP provide the equipment and the Lions provide the manpower and finances to



Lion John Furner hands out trophies to the junior girl bike rodeo winners of the Magnetawan Public School



Lion John Furner congratulated the Magnetawan Public school junior boy bike rodeo winners

run 8 skill events. The pupils have to demonstrate their riding skills, bike handling, signal and safety knowledge and bike running condition. The pupils are judged on each of the above and receive a score. The 3 top scores from each school level, primary, junior and senior receive a trophy.



Lion president Garfield Robertson (left) presents the Most Improved Female Swimmer to Toni Raposo-Tsepeus



Lion president Garfield Robertson (left) presents the Most Improved Male Swimmer to Colby Lewin as swim chair Lion Cliff Cookman looks on

Swim Lessons

The Magnetawan Lions completed their 49th year of free swim lessons for area children. 85 children ages 4 to 15 participated this year and all progressed in their Red Cross certification.

Magnetawan Lions cooked and served hot dogs and refreshments to the swim participants and their parents.

Soap Box Derby

The Magnetawan Lions helped sponsor the 2nd annual Soap Box Derby in Magnetawan by providing funding and manpower for the event on August 6th. 16 young people built their derby cars to strict specifications and had a great time at the event.



MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting - November 4-5, 2016
- Council Meeting - February 10-11, 2017
- Council Meeting Convention - May 11-14, 2017

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Holiday Inn, Point Edward	April 7-9, 2017
A2	Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway, St. Catharines	March 31-April 2, 2017
A3	Ambassador Hotel & Conference Resort, Kingston	April 22-24, 2017
A4	Navcam Centre, Cornwall	April 7-9, 2017
A5	Quattro Hotel & Conference Centre, Sault Ste. Marie	April 21-23, 2017
A711	Sheraton Best Western, Markham	April 21-23, 2017
A9	Best Western Plus, Walkerton	April 7-9, 2017
A12	Barrie Holiday Inn & Conference Centre, Barrie	April 8-9, 2017
A15	Elmira Lions Hall, Elmira	May 5-7, 2017
A16	Marriott Courtyard, Oshawa	April 28-30, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2016/17 Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Kitchener, Ontario May 11 - 14, 2017

International Conventions

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
103rd	Singapore, Singapore	June 26 - 30, 2020
104th	Montreal, Canada	June 25 - 29, 2021

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 21 - 23, 2017	Portland, Oregon
Sept 20 - 22, 2018	Columbus, Ohio
Sept 19 - 21, 2019	Spokane, Washington

Port Carling Lions

Every week, a few dedicated members of the Port Carling Lions spend time at our local dump, a few times a week actually. Over the last few years we have been able to set up a drop off system for those people bringing their garbage to the dump as well as their empty bottles - beer, wine and booze.

It has become a very lucrative fundraiser. It's physical and dirty work but relatively easy. Once you learn how to sort the bottles into an acceptable manner, off to the local Beer Store you go.



These pictures were taken over the long August weekend.

Five vehicles and trailers returned our best ever, \$1,341.10

Thanks to Lions **Byron Coker, Dave Hewitt, Ted Daghish, Bev Hyatt, Paul Comission, Michael** and **Anne MacDonald** and **Katja Uhde** as well as community members Mark Uhde and Matthew Carr. Other Club members helped to sort as well. A very busy weekend. Thanks to all the Port Carling Lions who came out to help.

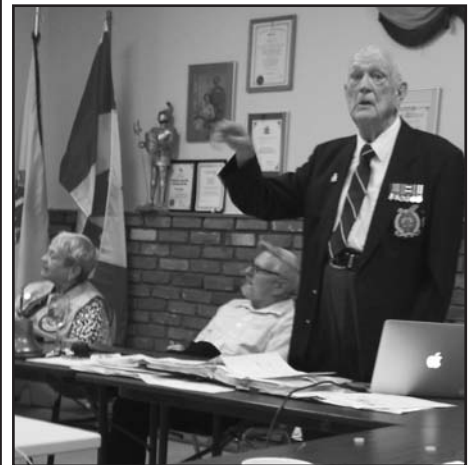


Belleville Lions Club

Bill Robertson, a 95 year old Belleville resident and war veteran, was the recent guest speaker at Belleville Lions Club.

In 1944 Bill was a Bomb Aimer on a Halifax bomber when his plane was shot down over enemy occupied Belgium. He and 6 others had to parachute in the middle of the night. Bill was found and taken in by a Belgium family and hidden in their home for 3 months before he could be rescued and returned safely to Canada.

Seventy years later, 2014, Bill with his son returned to Belgium, found the home ...still with the same family, now a couple of generations later. He was able to meet the lady who was a 5 year old daughter back in 1944.



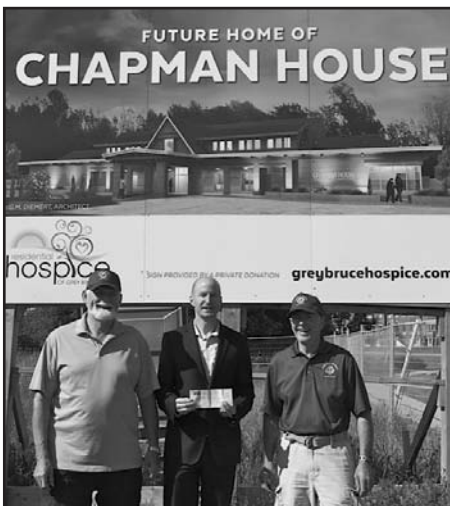
Bill Robertson with Lion President Larry Brown and Lion Secretary Bonnie Denison

New Hamburg Lioness Club

The New Hamburg Lioness Club joined together for our June dinner meeting at the Puddicombe House. Our club sent \$2,000 for the Fort McMurray relief fund to the Lions Club of Alberta. We used money we were saving to buy a Dog Guide but the Lioness decided that this cause was the most immediate need.



Kemble and District Lions Club



Kemble Lions President, Keith Elliott (left), and Lion Dick Beresford, presented Scott Lovell (centre) CEO of Grey Bruce Hospice, with our club's capital foundation donation of \$5,000

Midland Lions Club

FUNDRAISING EVENT

2016 BUTTER TARTS FESTIVAL TOGETHER we bake!

Tom, Lety, Larry and Ruth spent their time together for a day to bake 46 dozen 'yummy' butter tarts for the Festival. Proceeds go to programs and services we provide to the community.

That's how WE SERVE!



Elmira Lions

130 YEARS OF LIONISM



At our February 17th meeting, several Lions were presented with chevrons for their years of service. L to R: Bill Crane (30 years), Joe Metz (35 years), Bert Martin (20 years), Jamie Rozema (10 years), and Don Taylor (35 years). Chevrons presented by A15 District Governor Diane Smith. Well done guys!

St. George Lions

As a result of the efforts of the St. George Lions and the citizens of St. George, Club members presented a cheque for \$50,000 to County of Brant Mayor Ron Eddy, and

councillors John Wheat and Willem Bouma towards funding a new splash pad and washroom at Sunny Hill Park. Construction is well under way.



HOW TO GET INTO THE LION

Contact your District Reporter

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

District Reporters

We have appointed District Reporters for the Lion Magazine. Their job is to assist the Magazine Editor and you the Lions. Their job is to collect new photos with stories, anything that you would like to submit to the Magazine for consideration. Please be aware anything for the Magazine should now go to the District Reporter in your District as follows:

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

Lion John Daniels, Senior Editor Lion Magazine email: mdathelionmag@hotmail.com

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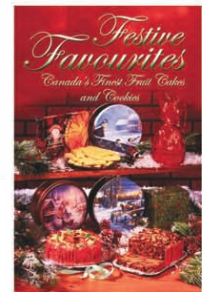
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Kingston Lions Club



Lions Dorothy and Bob Skeggs were each presented with Melvin Jones awards and Lion Bob also received "First Lion of the Year" award

Bluewater Lions Club



At the Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia year end BBQ on June 29, 2016 awards were presented. (Left to right) PDG Bill Bissonette received a Harry A. Newman Award, Lions Marjo Nieuwenhuis and Allan Knight each received a Melvin Jones Fellowship

Denbigh Griffith Lions Club



Denbigh Griffith Lions Club Lion President Barry Dicks presenting Melvin Jones Award to Lion Mary McKinnon

Port Dover Lions Club



Port Dover Lion Dennis Pascal receiving "Melvin Jones Award" from our lion chief Lion Don Tomlinson at our Lions and Mates night last June

Kitchener Lions Club



Attending the Lions Club of Kitchener's President's Appreciation Night, DG Diane Smith presented the following Lions with their well earned awards. (L-R) PRC Lion Charlie Davis, President's Certificate of Appreciation, Lion Gary Dunn, President's Certificate of Appreciation, Lion Murray Krajaetski, Melvin Jones Fellowship, Lions Erhard Kruger & Ken Buder, Extra Effort Award (an in house award), PZC Ron Ross, Melvin Jones Fellowship and Lion Frank Ramroop, President's Certificate of Appreciation.



Lion Diane also presented (L-R) Lions Eric and Alexandra Gerlach, and John Paul Bell with Lions Quest Awards

Campbellford Lions Club



At the June meeting of Campbellford Lions Club President Lion Carol Lee presented "Lion Of The Year" award to Lion Barry Barth. Grounds keeper at Lions Community Park for many years, Lion Barry has participated in all club activities

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