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Upgrading Our Service to You – as a Lion



Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
Lions Clubs International
President

Namaste! The divine in me salutes the divine in you. Welcome to our new century. My goal over the next 12 months is very simple—to reach a new level of service to Lions and from Lions. Before I ask you to reach a new level of service, Lionism will reach a new level of service to you.

So how can I serve our 1.4 million Lions? I cannot give everyone senior positions. I cannot give you money. I cannot meet all of you. However, I plan to touch all of your lives with the power to serve.

So let's examine every stage of one's Lionistic career and how I can help. The first stage is becoming a new member. When I became a new member 43 years ago, I suddenly felt as if I had left my hometown and become a man of the world. This year, I want every member to download our new mobile app. This

will connect all our members on one global platform.

The next stage is beginning to serve. As a member of the Batala Smile Lions Club in Punjab, India, I was proud of how the community began to respect me. This respect depended on the number of people I served and how many people were aware of this service. We now have a new Global Service Team. Your District GST leader will identify projects that serve the maximum number of people per dollar and per hour. They will also train Lions on how to convert a normal project into a Legacy Project via Lions branding and public relations.

The third stage is aspiring for leadership. While I enjoyed rising up the Lions' ladder, I sometimes wished that our leaders focused more on work than on long speeches. A new awards system will incentivize the efforts of Lion leaders in the right direction. We plan to reward retention of members, hence keeping the focus on you—our existing members. New awards will also be given for involving over half the club in service and for creating the most Legacy projects.

As a global leader of Lionism, I want to keep every Lion connected to Lionism. Our new Welcome Home program is an international online club for members unable to attend club meetings. Meetings and fee payments are conducted entirely online.

The last stage is now. I want to give every Lion the same goal for the next 12 months. My dream is that every Lion will serve 10 people each month. If this happens, we will serve 170 million people this year—a big increase from our current level of 100 million and a big step toward our goal of serving 200 million annually by 2020. This is the focus of all my meetings around the world.

All the best. See you as I travel around the world.

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
Lions Clubs International President

LCIF

Thanks to Lions, LCIF's Grants Top \$1 Billion Mark

LCIF

Pregnant and suffering from trichiasis, a dangerous eye condition, Mariam, a young woman in Chad, was not sure she could take proper care of her baby. However, thanks to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), her eye problem was corrected shortly after giving birth. Mariam's happy outcome is just one of millions from LCIF's first half century.

This particular year marks a historic milestone for Lions and LCIF. In January, the LCIF Board of Trustees approved grants that put LCIF over the US\$1 billion mark. Since its founding in 1968, LCIF has awarded more than 13,000 grants. Millions of people around the world have been given hope and comfort in their times of need.

LCIF restored sight for parents who could not see their children. It rebuilt communities devastated by earthquakes and wildfires. It fed hungry children and empowered youth to become healthy, productive adults. With the support of LCIF, Lions built water wells and latrines that are helping to control the spread of blinding diseases. People who were once hidden from the world because of a disability, denied education and companionship, now attend school and contribute to their communities. This US\$1 billion has shown the world that Lions care and LCIF helps.

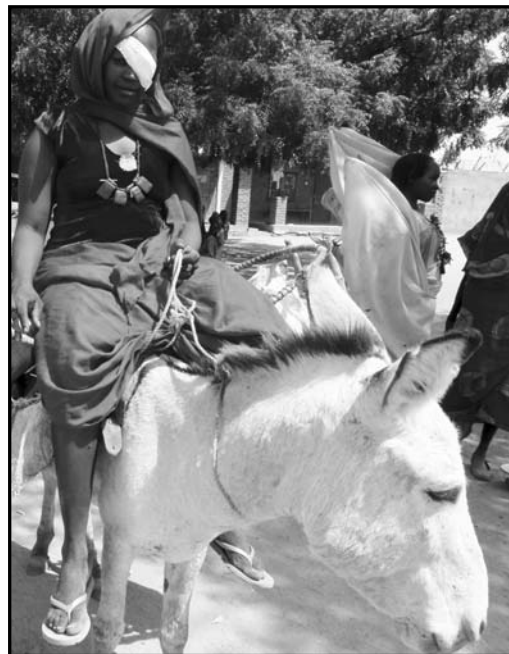
The first grant LCIF ever awarded was disbursed to the community of Rapid City, South Dakota, after a catastrophic flood. The year was 1972. Due to conditions that the National Weather Service says

only happen once every 100 years, a storm hovered over the Black Hills and sent down disastrous amounts of rain. More than 200 people lost their lives to the floods, and more than 5,000 people lost their homes. LCIF awarded US\$5,000 to help the community rebuild. Lions were among the first on the scene to provide help to the devastated community, beginning a legacy continued today.

Since then, LCIF has provided funds to projects all over the world. Communities are supported both around the globe and around the corner. LCIF's four major areas of focus, sight, youth, disaster, and humanitarian efforts, have ensured help goes to the areas most critically in need of assistance.

Lions and LCIF have accomplished great things by working together, but there is still so much that needs to be done. As Lions and LCIF begin a new century of service, we will focus our efforts on supporting the new global service framework: diabetes, environment, hunger relief, pediatric cancer and vision. As our world continues to change, we must change with it to address new concerns and best serve our communities and future generations. Lions can get involved by supporting LCIF. Whether you make a donation or join a service project, you can make a difference both locally and globally. Talk to your club's LCIF Coordinator for information on how you can support LCIF.

With continued support from Lions, LCIF can make a positive change for those who need it.

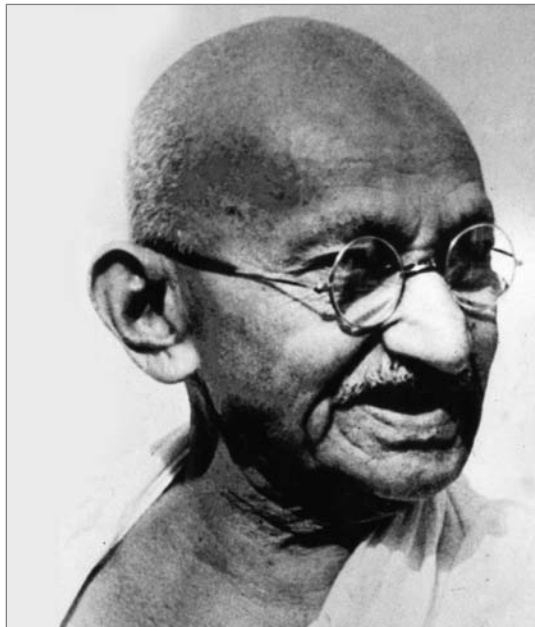


When I was told that a [trichiasis] surgery camp would be organized, I was pregnant," says Miriam, a young woman from Chad. "Two days after the delivery, I decided to get the operation and my husband brought me to the health center on our donkey. Now my eye doesn't make me suffer and I can take care of my baby



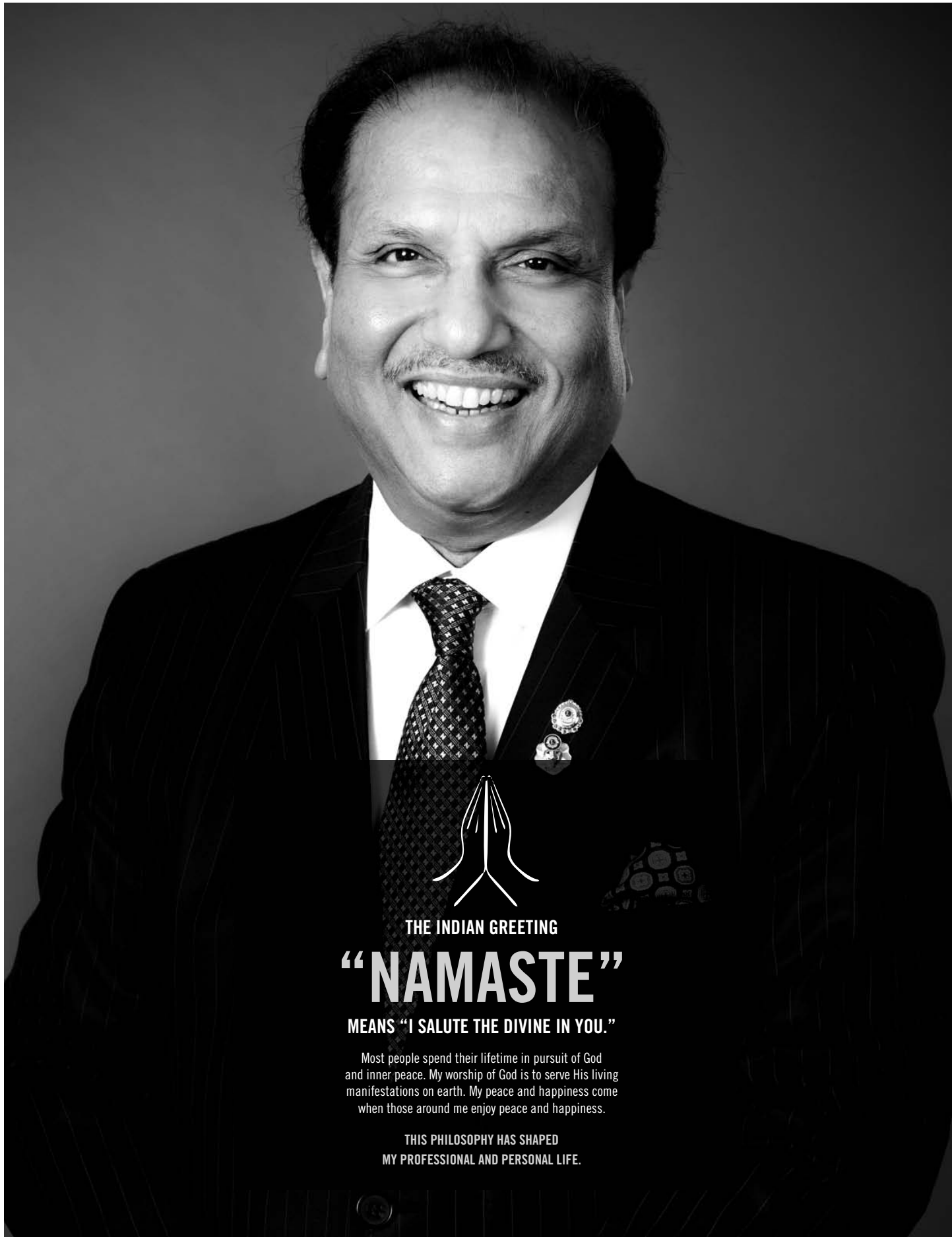
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PRESIDENT DR. NARESH AGGARWAL, 2017-2018



“ I finally found myself
- when I lost myself -
in the service of others. ”

- Mahatma Gandhi



THE INDIAN GREETING

“NAMASTE”

MEANS “I SALUTE THE DIVINE IN YOU.”

Most people spend their lifetime in pursuit of God and inner peace. My worship of God is to serve His living manifestations on earth. My peace and happiness come when those around me enjoy peace and happiness.

THIS PHILOSOPHY HAS SHAPED
MY PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIFE.



WE SERVE.



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I grew up in a town called Batala, in Punjab – a state in the northwest of India. Like many young children, I dreamed of conquering the world. However, the means to this end were more important to me. I wanted to lead through kindness.

I dreamed of changing not just Batala, but the entire world. In 1974, when I first stood in the presence of Lions, I knew that I had aligned myself with an organization that could actually help me achieve my dream.

We Lions are one with the people of the world. In Sanskrit, it is called **“Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,”** or **“World is my Family.”**

The key to making the world one family, or one home, rests within us – the 1.4 million Lions who dedicate themselves to the needs of others. If each Lion serves at least 10 people

per month, we will easily achieve our goal of serving 200 million people each year – tripling our current service output.

Service to others defines who we are. It is our very reason to exist as a global organization. Our motto puts it in terms others can easily understand – “We Serve.” As I prepared for my year as your international president, those words kept coming back to me. That’s why I am proud to have “We Serve” represent my theme. Our motto is timeless. It is as relevant today as it was in 1917, and it will inspire us into our next century of service.

At the 2015 International Convention in Honolulu, I said, “Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.” Our most auspicious time – the new century – has come.

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“Let us reach out to others and impart our ideals – that the world is one family and no child can go to sleep in fear of what tomorrow will bring.”

THE POWER OF ACTION

LIKE A MIGHTY RIVER

Many cities grow and prosper along the banks of a river. In India, we worship our longest river – the Ganga, or Ganges. We call it “Ganga Maa,” meaning “Ganges Mother,” similar to how Americans use the term “Mother Nature.”

Why is the Ganges our mother, or object of worship? Because it gives life. It feeds plants. Plants feed humans and animals. It enables trade and travel. It refreshes itself and the landscape continuously. In India, hundreds of millions of people live by the blessings of the Ganga.

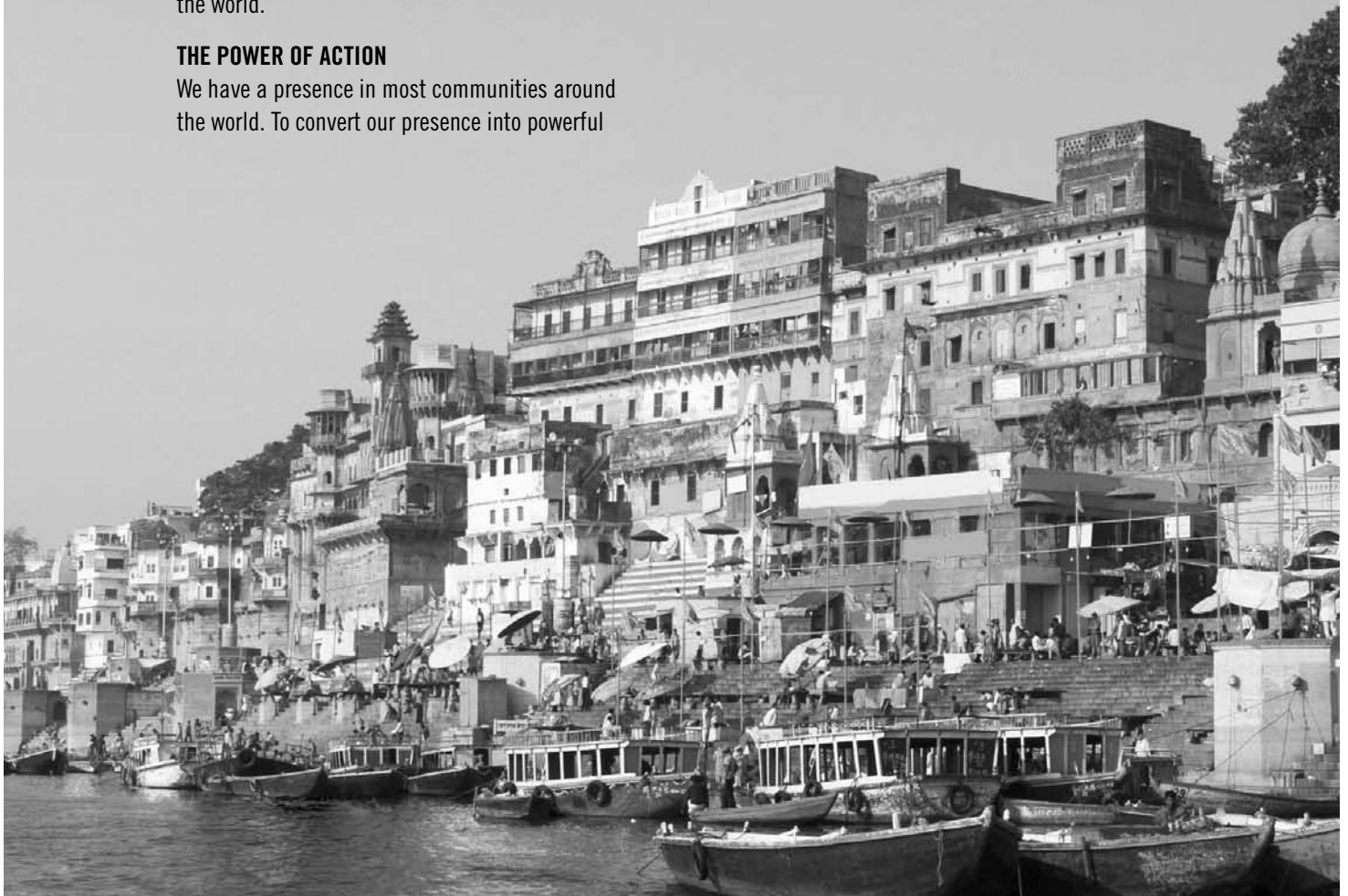
A Lions club is very similar. Over the last 100 years, “our river” has formed tributaries in 47,000+ communities (clubs). Now we must constantly refresh our clubs with new ideas and projects and make our river meander through every community in the world.

THE POWER OF ACTION

We have a presence in most communities around the world. To convert our presence into powerful

service, we must infuse the power of action into each member.

The key to action is to engage each and every member both socially and professionally. It is only when we serve our members first that we can serve the community. A Lion leader has two hands – one to serve the community and one to serve Lion members. Let us choose projects that maximize the value of each expenditure, member and hour so that we may serve as many urgent needs as possible.



MORE MEMBERS EQUAL MORE SERVICE

A Lions club brings people together. When people come together, many good things are possible. Friends are made, leaders are chosen, plans are drawn and communities become better. But it all comes down to one thing – service. Our single-minded purpose is and has always been to provide service to those in need.

From 1917 through 1987, we surged to 1.4 million members. That equates to 54 new members per day – a phenomenal rate of growth and a testament to the power of Lionism. We have continued our growth, albeit at a slower rate, over the past 30 years, and we have spread to new countries. Still more can be done.

NEW MEMBERS: WOMEN AND YOUTH

Half the world's population is women, and over half the world is under 30 years of age. Yet, most of our members are men over the age of 30.

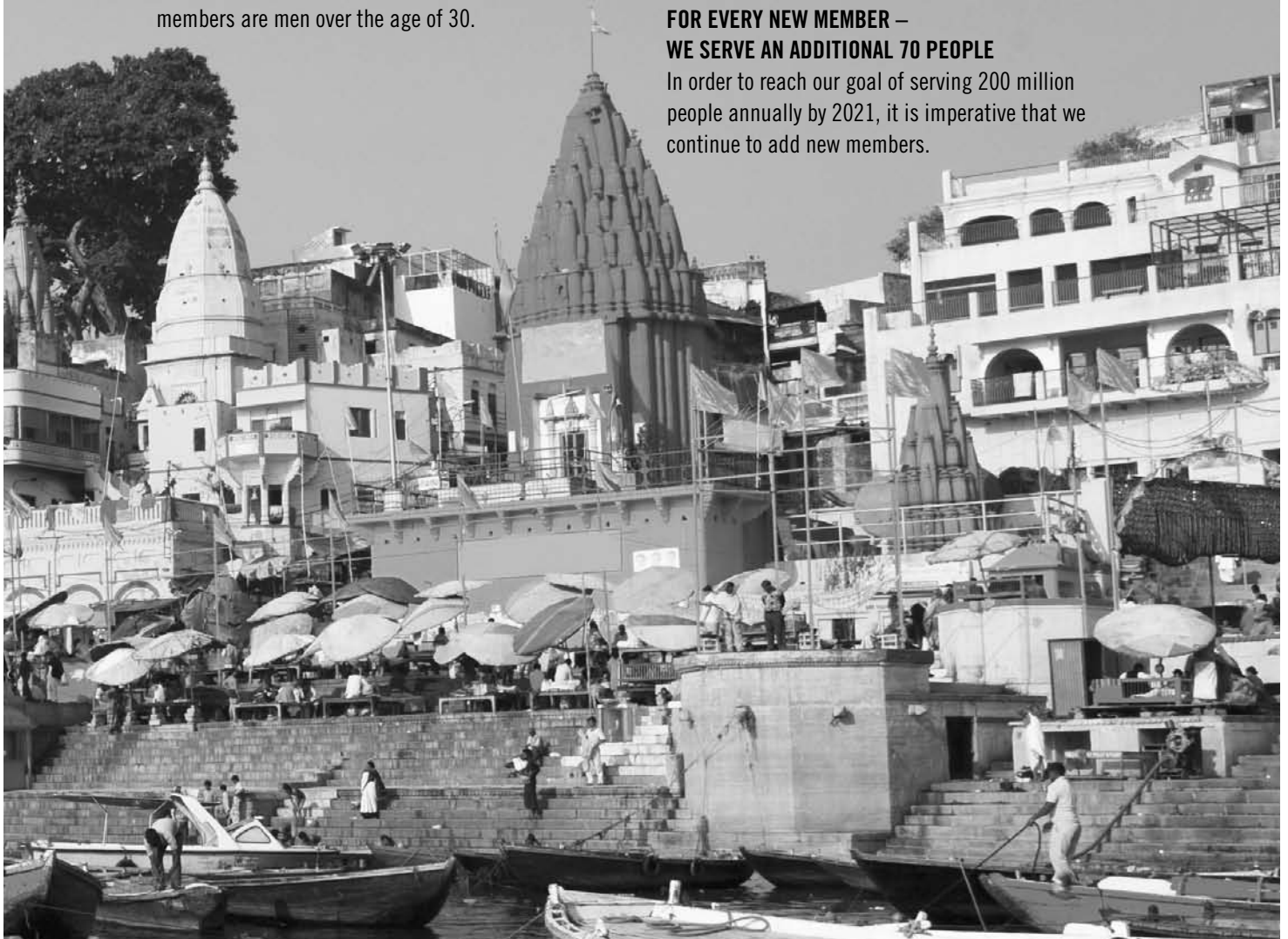
Narrowing this gap is the key to expanding our association, enabling us to serve more people in need.

Although women comprise the fastest growing segment of our membership growth, we still have only 27 percent women members, despite opening our doors to women more than 30 years ago. We also have too few young members and not enough members in continents with rich histories like Africa, South America and Europe. We must find solutions to each of these challenges.

We must continue to provide leadership opportunities for women and ensure our projects meet their expectations and priorities. We must reach young members by understanding what motivates them to serve and let them know we can help them realize their goal of making the world a better place.

FOR EVERY NEW MEMBER – WE SERVE AN ADDITIONAL 70 PEOPLE

In order to reach our goal of serving 200 million people annually by 2021, it is imperative that we continue to add new members.



THE POWER OF WE

100 YEARS IN THE MAKING

THE POWER OF WE

We stand together to serve those in need.

1.4 M members
x \$2 per week

\$145 M / yr

1.4 M members
x 1 HR of service per week

73 M HRS of service / yr



THE POWER OF ACTION

We must be the change we wish to see in the world.

40% of the global population lives in poverty. We can change this.

THE POWER OF SERVICE

As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller.

MORE MEMBERS = MORE SERVICE

Throughout our first century, our membership grew to its current level of 1.4 million. I bow my head to our many leaders who worked hard to spread our message from one club in Chicago to 47,000+ clubs in more than 200 countries or geographic areas.

SO WHAT CAN 1.4 MILLION LIONS DO?

If each of us puts \$10 more in our projects per month, that results in US\$170 million more each year. If each of us serves for 1 more hour per week, that gives us 73 million more hours of service each year.

WHAT IS NEEDED IS A CHANGE OF HEART.

Every day, innovations in technology, medicine, finance and other fields are unveiled that make our lives easier. Yet, 795 million people (11 percent of the world's population) live in hunger.

Food for a hungry person in a low-income country is just US\$160 per year. This amount (795 million people x US\$160) can be met by the top 1 billion people in the world alone if they give just \$0.35 per day. That is the power of we.

Solving our world's greatest problems is within reach if people work together for the common good.

MY FOCUS THIS YEAR IS TO EMBRACE OUR ASSOCIATION'S MOTTO "WE SERVE."

It is a powerful expression. "We" symbolizes the power of our 1.4 million members, and "Serve" expresses our clear, decisive action to convert every dollar into service for the most urgent needs around the world.

THE POWER OF WE

The "Power of We" underscores that my power comes from you, and your power comes from me.

I cannot lift a car, but together we can. One person cannot educate a village, but a group of like-minded people can. As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller.

If all of us come together, then the impossible becomes possible.

"WE SERVE" ALSO HIGHLIGHTS OUR MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY – CONNECTIVITY.

We are connected to each other as Lions and to the communities we serve. In a chain, each individual link combines to form an unbreakable line. If our chain has 1.4 million strong links, that becomes a powerful force for good.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT DR. NARESH AGGARWAL
2017-2018
WE SERVE.

THE FUTURE IS NOW

As we enter our second century of global humanitarian service, we continue to evolve to meet the ever-changing needs. This is truly an exciting time to be a Lion.

Our new strategy – LCI Forward – was developed as a road map for Lions to plan, implement and achieve our vision for the future and meet the growing needs of the world. This new strategy will enhance our service framework, reshape public opinion and improve visibility, improve our club, district and organizational excellence and improve our membership experience while reaching new markets.

New products, such as the new Lions mobile app, will provide our members the ability to connect with each other like never before – sharing service ideas, photos, videos, and information – bringing Lions together regardless of their location.

We have to make the world aware of just how big the world's problems are, and how relatively simple they are to solve if everyone works together.

I feel proud and blessed to be your leader at this most auspicious moment, as we begin our second century of global humanitarian service.

On June 7, 1917, in the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, businessman Melvin Jones announced an ambitious initiative – an association dedicated to the central principle of serving others. He faced many skeptics. There were people who considered it impossible. However, today it is a reality. Today, 1.4 million people walk his path of service to others.

There is no greater pleasure in life than to make a dream come true. To make miracles happen. Pick the most improbable dream and spend your life making it come true. Pick a dream that makes each precious moment in your life worth living. Becoming your international president is a dream come true for me. But that is only part of my dream. The rest of my dream is something all of us as Lions share together – a dream that every child in the world is born to a happy, caring family, and is given every opportunity to thrive. Like Gandhi, let us lose ourselves in this dream, for that is where we will find ourselves.

With a new service framework and the addition of diabetes as one of our new causes, a reshaping of our service programs, **a new marketing technology initiative, a vibrant LCI Forward global strategy, and a new century before us, the future is ours, and the future is now.**

I have always believed it is important to leave the world better than we found it and a better place for our children and their children. That philosophy has served me well – as a club president, district governor, international director and international vice president. With your help, it will continue to serve me as your international president. And together we will expand our legacy of service.

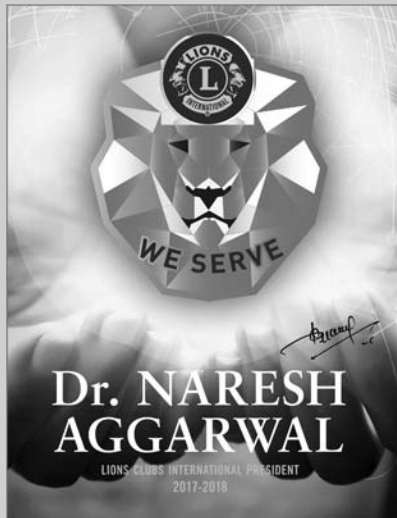
The time to act is now. We can help and we WILL help. Each and every one of you can have a lasting impact. Join hands with me today in committing to serve 200 million lives annually in our new century of service.



“ TOGETHER: We will harness the power of we.
We will commit to action. We will leave
the world a better place for all. ”



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Athens, Greece

March 24 - 27, 2017



AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Approved a resolution to hire two internal auditors to perform internal audit for LCI and LCIF and that the auditors will report directly to the international president and the chairperson of the Audit Committee.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Denied the final decision of the Multiple District 317 (India) Conciliation Committee, upheld the complaint and declared the Multiple District 317 international director endorsement of Past District Governor Valwalker null and void. Deemed all matters raised and relating to the complaint of Bangalore West Lions Club concluded and final and binding on all parties.
2. Denied the Constitutional Complaint filed by District 24 D (Virginia, USA) disputing the approval of the Multiple District 24 redistricting proposal. Deemed all matters raised and relating to the complaint of District 24-D concluded and final and binding on all parties.
3. Removed District Governor Tien Kuei Weng from the office of district governor of District 300-C1 (Multiple District 300 Taiwan) for failure to comply with the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors. Declared that Tien Kuei Weng 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. Declared that First Vice District Governor Lion Yu-Jien Yeh serve as Acting District Governor for the remainder of the 2016-2017 fiscal year and be eligible to serve as district governor for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
4. Revised Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual to require prior authorization for the use of the association's trademarks by Lions in mobile applications.
5. Revised Article III of the Standard Form District By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual to correct a typographical error.
6. Revised Article VI of the Standard Form District By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual for clarification purposes.
7. Revised Exhibit D, Exhibit E and Exhibit F of the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual for consistency with previously adopted changes related to when delinquent dues may be paid.
8. Revised Exhibit A of the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual for consistency with previously adopted changes related to the composition of the nominating committee.
9. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2017

International Convention to amend Article II, Section 5(c) of the International By-Laws to permit an international director and executive officer from the same district to serve on the International Board of Directors simultaneously.

10. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2017 International Convention to amend Article II, Section 4 of the International By-Laws to change the validity period of an international officer endorsement from two (2) to three (3) succeeding international conventions and to require a three-year waiting period for an international director candidate to seek another endorsement after the initial period and to require a three-year waiting period for an international vice president candidate after two succeeding endorsements.

CONVENTION

1. The following cities were selected for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 International Conventions:
 - 2022 – New Delhi, India
 - 2023 – Boston, Massachusetts, USA
 - 2024 – Melbourne, Australia

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Revised the Club Excellence Award requirements and the District Excellence Award requirements to more closely support *LCI Forward*.
2. Granted the Juba Host Lions Club of South Sudan protective status.
3. Appointed Lions to serve in the position of district governor for provisional districts for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
4. Appointed Second Vice District Governor Alba Guadalupe Del Duke De Hidalgo to serve as the 2017-2018 district governor for District D-2 (El Salvador).
5. Revised board policy to correct the badge policy for the position of immediate past international president.
6. Revised board policy to require only one Guiding Lion on a new club application and encouraged any club that would benefit from having a Guiding Lion to request the assignment of a Guiding Lion.
7. Revised the Standard Form Club Constitution and By-Laws to introduce new club officer positions, expand the position of club vice president, and modernize the practices of Lions clubs.
8. Revised the Standard Form District By-Laws as it relates to the District Governor's Advisory Committee to include the club vice president and other club officers when appropriate.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2017 3rd Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved amount not to exceed US\$2.2 million for the combined budget of the October/November

and March/April 2018-2019 board meetings.

3. Revised the Executive Officer Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy to permit the total expense budget of the Vice President Board Meeting budget to exceed \$2,000,000 in the event economic and currency factors of the vice president's home country warrants such increase.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved Past International Director Stephen Glass (West Virginia, USA) to replace Past Council Chairperson Dr. Dato Nagaratnam (Malaysia) as a 2017 District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader facilitating learning for an English-speaking classroom group.
2. Revised Chapter XIV, Paragraph A.1.-3. of the Board Policy Manual so that the mission statement, goals, and program objectives are in alignment with *LCI Forward*.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Authorized on a pilot project-basis the formation of an international club related to the two-year Centennial Celebration that will be overseen by the Membership Development Committee.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the new Global Action Team to be implemented during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
2. Approved the implementation of a Large Scale Grant Program to support membership growth to be implemented in 2017-18.
3. Approved the New and Emerging Countries Committee to continue in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
4. Approved the continuation of the Family and Women Action Team in Japan.
5. Approved the Specialty Club Program to be implemented in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
6. Discontinued the requirement for District Governor approval to add 30 plus members to a club.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Approved all centennial grant applications from multiple and single districts.
2. Approved the redesign of the International Leadership Medal.
3. Amended Chapter XVI of the Board Policy Manual to align with the requirements of the digital LION Magazine initiative.
4. Increased the availability of Presidential Award and Leadership Award designations to 2,500 each for fiscal year 2017-2018 only.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Approved the Diabetes Strategic Plan.
2. Aligned optional Multiple District and District Programmatic Chairperson positions with the new service framework.

3. Appointed members for the 2017-2019 Leo Club Program Advisory Panel.
4. Appointed alternates for the 2017-2019 Leo Club Program Advisory Panel.
5. Awarded the 2015-2016 Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Awards.
6. Extended the Youth Ad Hoc Committee term to 2017-2018.
7. Amended the title of Chapter I of the Board Policy Manual from "Activities" to "Service."
8. Updated Chapter I of the Board Policy Manual to align with the new service framework.
9. Added Leo Area Forum policy support to Chapter XXII, Paragraph A. of the Board Policy Manual.

For 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.

MD'A' goes to Chicago to celebrate 100 years of Lionism



Farewell to our Editor

Never one to seek recognition, Lion **John Daniels** has quietly developed a quality publication over the past nine years. A recipient of many awards and recognitions, PDG John has now passed over the editorial reins. His team wishes the best for him.



PDG Lion John Daniels, with his #1 in command, Denise on the far left and PDG Karen McNeight enjoying a moment at the MD "A" convention

London Central Lions Make Presentations

\$22,000 was presented to St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation to go towards the Club's \$75,000 commitment to purchase eye testing equipment for the Ivey Eye Institute at St. Joseph's. The money was raised at the Club's recent Lions Fight for Sight fundraiser. The Club has donated \$197,000 to the Ivey over the last 8 years. The presentation was made by Club President Lion **Jim Balicsak** to Lisa Giroux from the Foundation and Co-chair of the fundraiser Lions **Joanne Lystar** and **Tricia Lystar**.

Lion **Dr. Greg Millar** (left) receives Life Membership award from life member Lion **Ed Busko**. Dr. Millar has been a member of the Central Club for over 40 years.



Lion **Pat Nolan** (left) receives the Lion of the Year award from Club President Lion Jim Balicsak.



Destined to Lead

by Jay Copp

As a new Lion in a small village in India nearly a half century ago, Naresh Aggarwal dreamt of leading Lions Clubs International. Now he dreams of taking Lions toward an unprecedented service plateau.

Ask a dozen or so people who are close to Lions' new international president to describe him and the same words keep popping up. According to his wife, three children, fellow Lions and business associates, Naresh Aggarwal is compassionate, energetic and driven.

And he's fond of singing. Without prompting, Aggarwal will break into song. In high school he was celebrated for his singing ability. But he's not a professional or practicing for a gig. He just likes to sing, a habit indicative of his being at peace with himself and his life's chosen path.

Yet aside from all that there's no denying Aggarwal's basic groundedness, his rootedness in practicality.

That surely comes from a lifetime of entrepreneurial success, from working at and growing the family foundry as a young man and then building a railroad switching system business and a rice processing enterprise. You can't develop businesses in India or anywhere else without paying attention to details, grappling with hard facts and clearing the way to achieve objectives.

So when Lions in India wanted to help children succeed in school, indeed, to come to school regularly, Aggarwal and other Lions leaders in India knew in

their gut that what was or wasn't in the stomachs of students was key. "So if your stomach is full, your brain works better," asserts Aggarwal with a warm smile. More than 25,000 schoolchildren now receive meals thanks to Lions and a partner.

The 64-year-old Aggarwal, a Lion for 43 years, took the oath of office as our 101st international president on July 4 in Chicago at the 100th International Convention, and it's clear his presidency will be free of any dreamy ideals and instead rooted in meticulous planning. Service comes from the heart. But the precision of mathematics can help channel the impulse to serve. "If our 1.4 million members give one hour of service a week, that gives us 73 million man hours of service," says Aggarwal, convinced Lions can reach our goal of serving 200 million people annually by 2021.

A Life of Service

Aggarwal was born in Batala in northern India, a small town with its share of wrenching poverty. A Rotarian, his father also quietly pursued a personal charitable agenda. He made sure shopkeepers would provide food to those in need but too proud to ask for help. "I learned from my father not only that earning [a living] is important but that giving is equally important," he says.

As a teenager, Aggarwal became the charter president of a Rotaract club, similar to a Leo club, and also was elected as a leader of an important school group. His take-charge persona, self-confidence and respect for others made him a natural for leadership roles. The Batala Lions Club chartered when he was

21, and despite his youth he was selected to be vice president.

He knew from the start that he wanted to climb the ladder to the very top. It was not a matter of ego; it was about a golden chance to change the world for the better. "Ever since I joined Lions club I dreamed to head the organization," he recalls. "I saw this big opportunity in front of me. When I joined, that really made me understand I can make a difference.

Naresh Aggarwal Confidential

"Many times I have heard him say that for every problem there is a solution. You should never lose heart. You should come forward and find a solution."

—Viszma Mitter, a longtime Lion in Batala

"He's a visionary person. A person who has a magnetic smile. He's someone who brings everybody together. He has great leadership skills. He has a heart for service. And that great smile of his."

—Hastings Eli Chiti, a Past District Governor in Zambia and longtime friend

"He's very loving. He loves all. He helps all. He motivates all. It's like everyone is his brother."

—Jagdish Gulati, an Indian Lion

"One of the most valuable lessons I have learned from my father is that if you're persistent, you're committed, you're genuine and you're patient, you will achieve whatever you want to achieve in life."

—Rohit Aggarwal, son

"In school I can really remember all my teachers coming up to me and saying, 'Your dad is a wonderful orator.' That always made me really proud. I always see him on the stage. Whenever he talks, I feel I would like to be like him one day."

—Swati Munjal, daughter

"He's always there for his family and friends. He's always there to help. ... He likes to sing. He's not very good! But he sings from the heart."

—Navita Aggarwal, wife



Our new president loves children – and children at Lions Vidya Mandir School, built by the Lions in Delhi, love Lions

Photo by Amanda Rae Ratliff

Together Lions can make a difference to make a city a better place, the country a better place and, as Lions of the world, the world a better place.”

His Batala club has been an active one, providing vision care including cataract surgeries, a mobile medical unit and a sewing machine workshop for women to learn a trade. A centennial Legacy Project, the club built a park with playground equipment, the only one of its kind in Batala.

Aggarwal married Navita in 1974. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Navita has been his mainstay. “She’s my lifeline. She’s my biggest strength,” he says. “People say that behind every man is a successful woman. I believe she’s not behind me—she’s always right beside me.”

Aggarwal is pious, but he gives credit to Navita for encouraging daily prayer at the small worship place in their home. “I like to do it whenever I’m there. My wife insists that this is something we need to do—respect to the Almighty,” he explains.

In his everyday encounters with people Aggarwal also strives to see the sacred, to appreciate that every person has value. He practices the traditional Indian greeting of Namaste. “Namaste means that nobody is different,” he says. “You and I are equal. You and I have the same divinity. The divinity in me salutes the divinity in you.”

His tenure as president will enable him to help harness the enthusiasm for service of 1.4 million Lions worldwide. “If each Lion plays a proportional part, we can make a huge difference. But everyone has to participate. It’s the power of we,” he says.

“There’s one thing stronger than all the armies in the world. It’s an idea whose time has come. So the power of we is how we make a difference.

“The power of we is the magic we have. Our Lion identity is about the power of action. There was a lot of debate about it when Melvin Jones proposed it. The

lion is a very decisive animal, a very clear-thinking animal. Our logo speaks to who we are and what we can do.

“And a lion is a leader. He’s the number 1 in the jungle. So that’s right for us – we are number 1 in society.”



The Batala Smile Lions Club, Aggarwal’s club, built a playground for its centennial Legacy Project. Hundreds of children use the park every day

Photo by Amanda Rae Ratliff

MD'A' Is Seeking An Ontario Director of Lions Foundation Of Canada

Multiple District 'A' is seeking a qualified Lion to serve as the Ontario Director of Lions Foundation of Canada for a three (3) year term commencing in October, 2018. To qualify as a candidate a person must:

- (a) Be a Lion in good standing; and
- (b) Any one (1) of the following:
 - Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the Provincial Director;
 - Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the District Governor;
 - Served as the Multiple District 'A' Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada as appointed by the Council Chairperson;
 - Has served as District Governor, and has participated in the Lions Foundation of Canada’s orientation program;

- Has served as a Representative, appointed by the Lions Foundation of Canada Board, promoting and supporting one of the Lions Foundation of Canada projects.

Each sub-District is entitled to nominate one (1) candidate who shall be approved by the Cabinet of the sub-District. Nominations must be received by the Secretary of MDA' no later than **Friday, October 6, 2017**.

Interviews will be held prior to the November, 2017 Governors’ Council Meeting. Additional information can be found on pages 53 & 54 of the MDA' Policy & Procedures Manual or from your District Governor.



Copetown Lions

A dedication service was held at Memorial Forest at the LFC Training and breeding facility on June 10th. The Copetown Lions purchased a tree in memory of a recently passed member, Lion **Tony Pettit**.

Shown in the picture from L-R are Lion **Bob Pearson**, **Norma Pettit** and Lion **Bill Shewfelt**. Lion Tony was awarded a District Governors Certificate of Appreciation posthumously at the District A15 Convention in Elmira this past May.





John Whyte
MD'A' Council Chair

An address from Council Chair

Fellow Lions,
Lionesses, Leos:

Welcome to the first year of the 2nd century of Lionism. What an exciting time to be a member of our great organization!

You know, when I first joined Lions the thought that I might one day be a District Governor never entered my mind. In fact, I can remember about 6 years ago the then sitting Governor of A-711 saying to me that one day I would run for DG.....and I told him not to hold his breath.

So, go figure, not only have I just competed my year as DG of District A-3, but I am now your MD 'A' Council Chair for 2017-2018. How the heck did that happen?

Lion Kathy and I recently got back from Chicago where we attended the Lions Clubs 100th International Convention. As a young boy, growing up in London England, what Chicago meant to me was the black & white TV series about Elliott Ness & Al Capone. Wow, how things have changed since then!

I have visited Chicago a number of times over the past 30+ years, but none so memorable as this one. To hear such dynamic speakers as former US Vice President Al Gore, former US President Lion Jimmy

Carter and former UN Secretary General BanKi Moon and to experience live concerts by the Beach Boys and Chicago – how cool is that!

But, the most memorable, and emotional, moments for me were to walk in the parade in front of the Lions of MD'A' carrying a huge Maple Leaf Flag as we paraded through the streets of Chicago on Canada Day, our 150th birthday, singing O Canada and hearing all the spectators from around the world shouting out “Happy Birthday Canada”. I am so proud to be a Canadian and to be your Council Chair for 2017-2018.

During the closing plenary session the Canadian contingent was very vocal as our own PCC Tom Gordon was elected as the incoming International Director for Canada. Congratulations ID Tom!

We, all of us, have the unique privilege, and huge responsibility, of serving our clubs, our districts and our multiple district in this first year of our 2nd century of Lionism. We need to continue to focus on our motto “We Serve”. We need, both individually & collectively, to channel our efforts into putting those words into action so that they become a reality and not just empty words.

And remember, everything that we do from here on is also a dress rehearsal for 2020 – the 100th anniversary of Canadian Lionism!

CC John

Lion Stew Patterson Outgoing Council Chair



Stew Patterson
Outgoing Council Chair

Having had the privilege of yet another great year in Lionism, my black jacket, grey pants and white shirt days are nearing the end of a well-used year. Perhaps not as many occasions as a governor year; but well-used just the same. They even survived the spray of the keg tapping at the MD'A' convention this spring. But now it's time to retire their full time use as I say farewell as Council Chair.

Traveling to various conventions within MD'A' and being hosted for the weekend was a terrific experience for Nancy and myself. It was great to meet many Lions from all over with the common bond of serving our communities and enjoying the social side of this great organization. MD'A' is in good hands with incoming Chair John Whyte and I wish him all the best as he takes the reigns in Chicago.

I, along with my four predecessors, would also like to thank Secretary John Stewart for making our years as Council Chair so much easier with his guidance and knowledge. Welcome also to David Mills as our new secretary, MD'A' is in very capable hands.

Yours in Lionism,

Stew Patterson

TOM GORDON
Elected
International
Director 2017-2019
“Yes We Did”

Congratulations Lions Tom & Gillian!



L'intronisation et la passation des pouvoirs des Lions de Buckingham

Une autre page de la belle histoire du Club Lions de Buckingham s'est écrite samedi dernier alors que le club a intronisé son nouveau bureau de direction qui sera sous la présidence de Lion **Richard Chartrand** qui devient ainsi le 83e président du club. Merci au Lion **Denis Bédard** pour sa dernière année comme président et son bureau de direction pour la belle année.

Le club a aussi profité de l'occasion pour initier cinq (5) nouveaux membres dans son organisation portant le nombre à 55 membres. Bienvenue messieurs et confrères Lions dans le plus grand club de services au monde avec ses 1,35 million de membres... de très

belles additions qui amène un vent de renouveau.

Cette belle soirée s'est tenue à la salle des Chevalier de Colomb qui était très bien décorée pour l'occasion avec ses drapeaux et fanions du club devant plus de 80 membres et invités et nous tenons à remercier le traiteur Lala Bistro avec l'aide du nouveau président qui a servi le dessert comme la tradition le demande. Le tout s'est terminé par une soirée dansante et vous pouvez visionner les photos de l'intronisation sur la page facebook du Club Lions de Buckingham.

Le moto du club Lions étant « Nous servons » ... « We serve » ... ses membres désirent assurer la

population que nous serons toujours présents dans la communauté pour aider les plus démunis et cela pour des décennies à venir.

Merci de votre confiance au fil de ces 83 ans.



the poorest for decades to come.

Thank you for your confidence over these 83 years.

The Induction and Transfer of Power of the Buckingham Lions

Another page in the Buckingham Lions Club's history was written last Saturday as the club inducted its new executive office, which will be chaired by Lion **Richard Chartrand**, who becomes the 83rd president of the club. Thanks to Lion **Denis Bédard** for his last year as president and his board of directors for the past year.

The club also took the opportunity to introduce five (5) new members to its organization, bringing the number to 55 members. They were all officially inducted as members of the Buckingham Lions Club at the event. Welcome to Lions in the largest service club in the world with its 1.35 million members ... great

additions that bring a wind of renewal.

This beautiful evening was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall which was very well decorated for the occasion with its flags and pennants of the club in front of more than 80 members and guests. We want to thank the caterer Lala Bistro with the help of the new president who served the dessert as tradition demands. All ended with a lively dance. You can see the photos on the facebook page of the Buckingham Lions Club.

The moto of Lions club being "Nous Servons" ... "We Serve" ... its members want to assure the population that we will always be present in the community to help

Earth Day Activities



Hillsburgh Lions Clean-up Crew April 23rd



Belwood Lions Clean-up Crew April 23rd



West Coast Lions Clean-up Crew and Tree Planting



Hickson Lions did their "Adopt a Highway" event along Highway 59, an activity they do on an annual basis. **Milverton Lions** also did their semi-annual

roadside clean-up. **Atwood Lions** planted 500 evergreen trees on Earth Day. **Galt-Cambridge Lions** completed a roadside clean-up of Highway 24.

MD'A', District A15 and Trillium Gift of Life Network

April was Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month.

Rockwood Lions
Flag Raising



West Coast Lions
Banner Raising



St. George Lions
Flag Raising





Touchstone Story

On the front lines of World War II, the Philippines suffered from years of war and occupation. In 1945, the city of Manila was all but destroyed during a month-long battle to expel Japanese forces occupying the city. Few could have imagined that only seven years later, a group of Filipinos associated with Lions Clubs International would extend a hand of friendship to assist their former enemies in founding a Lions club in Tokyo.

The Philippines had been home to Lions clubs since 1949 when LCI established its first club in Manila. Lions' message of voluntary service, international peace and friendship appealed to the newly independent nation. Other clubs quickly formed, and members worked tirelessly to provide aid to neighbors and help their country rebuild.

But the Lions in the Philippines also knew they needed to repair relationships with their former enemies, in addition to redeveloping their homeland. Building international understanding and peace between nations is an important mission of Lions Clubs, and helping to heal old wounds could only benefit both nations.

The Philippine Lions clubs reached out to LCI headquarters, requesting to sponsor a club in Japan. Two Lions from Manila, George Barrenengoa and International Director Manuel J. Gonzalez, led the charge. On March, 5, 1952, when LCI's First Vice President Edgar M. Elbert presented the Tokyo Lions Club its charter, Barrenengoa and Gonzalez were on hand to witness the historic event.

Gonzalez welcomed Japan as the 35th nation to join Lions by presenting Kin-ichi Ishikawa, the first president of the Tokyo club, with a Filipino flag. Ishikawa proudly gave Gonzalez a Japanese flag in return.

Letters of congratulations to the Tokyo club poured in from Lions all over the world. A few months later at the 1952 International Convention in Mexico City, Elbert, by then Lion's new international president, told the entire Lions organization about the establishment of the Japanese club and the emotional

Peace Between Nations

charter ceremony when the Japanese and Filipinos came together.

"Filipinos should detest and hate us," Ishikawa said, according to Elbert. "But then, from these same Filipinos came an invitation for us to join Lions Clubs International."

When it comes to encouraging peace and international understanding, a welcoming spirit of Lions' friendship can build bridges in the most unlikely places.



The first three Lions Clubs in the Philippines received their charters in 1949, and three years later, Filipino Lions helped establish the first Lions club in Japan

Lakefield Lioness

Lakefield Lioness Lions Club made a presentation of \$5,000.00 towards "Renovation Fund of Lakefield Curling Club". Left to right: Lioness Lions **Ruby Smith, Dawn Hiscocks, Ruth Newell** and **Sheryl McEachern** presenting cheque to board members of Lakefield Curling Club.



A9 Lions Centennial Celebration

PDG **Hank** and his team started planning this celebration at the first cabinet meeting in August of 2016. The end result was a wonderful weekend of celebration and Lion fellowship. There were presentations and entertainment at Summer House Park Campground, as well as three new members were inducted into the **Sauble Beach Lions** club. Lunch was provided by the **Port Elgin Lions**. The highlight of the weekend was the evening dinner cruise on the Chi-Cheemaun ferry at Tobermory. The Lions were treated to a beautiful scenic tour of the beautiful islands and scenery of Georgian Bay. There was a Highland Pipe band that piped us onto the ship and an Irish family band that fiddled and danced onboard throughout the evening. A delicious dinner was served with a beautiful sunset. The ship returned to

Tobermory and a well-entertained group of Lions returned to their Lions Dens rejuvenated and excited to do what Lions do best. WE SERVE!!!!



L-R: Chi-Cheemaun Captain and PDG Hank Van Moorsel

Tweed Lions

Tweed Lions Club purchased fifteen portable music stands for the Gateway Community Health Centre Youth Jazz Ensemble and presented them at a recent recruitment concert for St. Carthagh Catholic School and Tweed Elementary School. Tweed Lions Club members attended the annual Young Family Jamboree on May 5th of this year at which the Jazz Ensemble performed. A need was identified for the music stands and the Tweed club provided them as a community service.



Exeter Lions

Exeter Lions recently awarded Years of Service Monarch Chevrons to 5 of its members. Together, they have given 165 years of service!



L-R: Lion William Carson 25 Years, Lion Thomas Hartai 25 Years, Lion Paul Anstett 30 Years, Lion George Godbolt 40 Years, Lion Glen Kells 45 Years

Fergus Lions

Lion **Norma** poses with the members of the three teams who participated in the 3rd annual "The Grand" Chef Challenge on March 31. Lion **Eric** served as one of the three judges along with PDG **Larry** and Lion **Hilda Wainwright** of the **Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club**.

PDG **Denis** and Lion **Linda Vinette** from the **Belwood and District Lions Club** won 1st place (again), **Milverton Lion, Joel Phelan** and his daughter Natalee, earned the title of silver champions, and Lions **Terry** and **Julian Vines**, from the Belwood and District Lions, added their enthusiasm to the group as "Good Sport" Contenders.



New Hamburg Lioness

The New Hamburg Lioness hosted a bake table at the April 30th Interfaith Counselling Centre silent auction, \$1,326.00 was raised.



L-R: Lioness Joan, Tricia, Erma, Marjorie, Jenny & Reta

Dutton and District Lions Club Members Honoured by the Canadian Blood Services

A few members of the Dutton and District Lions Club were honoured for their volunteer services to the Canadian Blood Services at the Honouring our Lifeblood gala on June 12, 2017 in London.

The event was to celebrate the individuals and organizations who are at the heart of Canada's blood system, and who provide a lifeline each year to hundreds of patients who need blood, blood products or stem cells.

It was an occasion to recognize and honour donors, volunteers, peer recruiters, community leaders and partners for their contribution and commitment to giving life.

Among those receiving recognition for 5 and 10 years of service were: **Rachel Hales, Robert (Bob) Hales** and **Ronald Poisson** of Dutton. Congratulations to all.



Knowlton Lions

Bursaries for Brome - Missisquoi Campus Continuing Education graduates

At a ceremony held in Cowansville on June 8th 2017, two graduates of the Brome - Missisquoi Campus Continuing Education program, from the Lake Brome area, were awarded bursaries offered by the Knowlton Lions Club. The recipients were Kristen Evans and Laura Marcoux. Congratulations to the recipients.

L-R: Kristen Evans, bursary recipient and **Joan Treacy** of the Knowlton Lions Club.



Bourses aux finissants du Brome - Missisquoi Campus Continuing Education

Lors d'une cérémonie tenue à Cowansville le 8 juin dernier, le Club Lions de Knowlton a octroyé une bourse d'étude à deux finissants du Brome - Missisquoi Campus Continuing Education, qui sont de la région du Lac Brome. Les récipiendaires furent Kristen Evans and Laura Marcoux. Nos plus sincères félicitations aux récipiendaires.

G à D : Kristen Evans, une des lauréates et **Joan Treacy** membre du Club Lions de Knowlton.

Bridgeport Lions and A15 Dog Walk Team

PDG **Nancy Ransom** and Lion **Janet Dawson-Brock** presented Bridgeport Lion **Dave Millard** with a Helen Keller Fellowship at the Zone 9E/9S meeting at the Brantford Lions Club on February 23rd. Lion Dave has been Chair of the Walk for Dog Guides for the past 10 years. The team is comprised of several local Lions Clubs.



Norwood Lions

Norwood Lions were presented with Heritage Preservation award at recent Peterborough County Awards celebration.

With Norwood Lions celebrating their recent 65th Charter Anniversary it was an opportunity to recognize them for serving Asphodel-Norwood and area community for past 65 years.

Accepting award from County warden Joe Taylor was Lion President **Barry Walsh** and History and Membership co-chair PDG Lion **Earl Oliver**. Also present were Mayor Lion **Terry Low** and Deputy Mayor Lion **Rodger Bonneau**.



Guelph Lions

The Guelph Lions Club were proud to present their Lion Chief Lion **Larry Porter** with a Lions International Lifetime Membership. Region 51 Chair Lion **Deb Cserhalmi** was on hand and presented the membership award to Lion Larry.



Orangeville Lions

The Orangeville Lions proudly presented Lion **Martin Porteous** with a Hellen Keller award. Lion Martin was being recognized for all the work as co-chairman of the Lions Home and Garden Show and his contribution to the Wolves Hockey team as one of their coaches. The presentation was made by Lion **Paul Snell** at the year-end banquet held at Mono Centre Pavilion. The dinner was well attended by the Orangeville Lions, their spouses and invited guests.



L-R: Lion Martin Porteous, Lion Paul Snell

A Life Membership award was presented by Lion **Barry Sinclair** (left) to Lion **John Lackey** (right).



The Club's first Progressive Melvin Jones Award was presented by Lion **Don Hutchinson** (left) to Lion **Terry Sullivan** (right).



Norwood Lions

On Sunday, April 9th Norwood Lions celebrated their 65th Charter Anniversary with an afternoon of fellowship, entertainment, visitors from many local clubs and dignitaries from all levels of government.

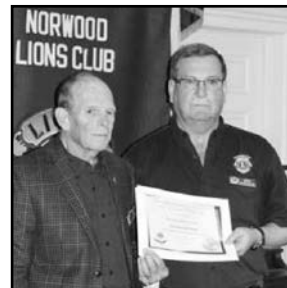
It was an opportunity to celebrate 65 years of "serving" the Asphodel-Norwood and surrounding community.

The afternoon included speeches and presentations from local MP, MPP and Mayor and DG **John Whyte**. Three of our own members were honoured with special awards.

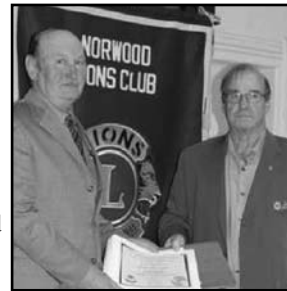
Lion **Dario Vatta** was presented with Judge Brian Stevenson Award for many years of supporting Guide Dogs Program as annual walker and past foster parent. Presenting the award was fellow Norwood Lion and Past DG Lion **Earl Oliver**.



Two Lifetime Membership awards were presented to long-standing Norwood Lions members.



Tom Deen was presented Lifetime membership award from brother **Jack Deen** and **Scott Stewart** was presented Lifetime Membership award from fellow Lion **Paul Sherwin**.



Markham Lions

Past President **Bryan Gray** received the Judge Brian Stevenson Award from current president **Barry MacDonald** at our installation of Officers dinner meeting, on June 15th 2017. His award represents work done on the Health Services Committee and in particular for promoting Vision and Hearing in schools.



Noelville French River Lions

On the move again! The Noelville French River Lions are proud to have adopted a section of road where they do regular clean-ups. It keeps our environment looking beautiful and helps to protect the wildlife in our area. It is something so easily done and shows our community that “We Serve” in whatever way we can.



Thamesford Lions

Thamesford Lions engaged youth where they helped with our scrap metal and electronics recycling program getting a taste of community service by doing some heavy lifting. Thanks to the Thamesford Public School Grade Eight students as shown below. The entire scrap metal and recycle day filled seven and a half large bins with a total weight of 47,000 pounds diverted from the landfill. Material was collected in Thamesford with a satellite pick-up in Embro as well. All the money from the event goes back into the community.



Newburgh-Camden Lions

The Newburgh-Camden Lions Club celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Lions Clubs International and 150th Birthday of Canada by decorating the area around Lions Friendship Arch, flying the Canadian Flag and landscaping with shrubs and flowers.

This was the Club’s District A3’s “Day of Service” Project.



St. Marys Lions

On May 27th the Lions of St. Marys held their annual “Toll Bridge” event. They raised almost \$3,000.00 towards the revitalization of Cadzow Park. It also gave the club the opportunity to show their Lions Centennial Flag & Torch.

Shown in the photo are PDG **Karen McKnight** on the left and Lion **Georgina McGregor**.



Walk for Dog Guides



Event chair **Dave Millard**, Bridgeport Lions, Lion **Janet Dawson-Brack**, K-W Community Spirit Lions and **Mike Lacey**, St. Jacobs Lions at a promotional event to inform local citizens and visitors on May 7.



Woolwich Community Lions Club Purina Walk for Dog Guides Elmira - May 29th

Proud to be Canadian

The **Blyth Lions Club** (A9) and the **Londesboro and District Lions Club** (A9) recently made their annual Proud to be Canadian presentation to the Grade One class at the Hullett Central Public School. Following the presentation the students received a Proud to be Canadian Certificate and Canadian Flag. Blyth Lions **Victoria Cahill** and **Mary Lou Stewart** joined in the flag waving celebration.



Blyth Lions

Blyth Lions Club (A9) Vice President Victoria Cahill presented a cheque for Special Olympics Ontario prior to Club Members participating in the Huron County Law Enforcement Torch Run. (left to right) Kendra Carter, OPP Constable Chris Arnold, OPP Sergeant Russ Nesbitt, Lion **Victoria Cahill**, Lloyd Carter, Lion **Mary Lou Stewart**.



Port Carling Lions

Mayor Don Furniss joined some of the Port Carling Lions at the Flag raising celebrating our Centennial!



Goderich Lions

At the conclusion of the Huron County Law Enforcement Torch Run, Goderich Lions Club (A9) Chairperson PDG **John Stewart** and several members of the Goderich Special Olympics organization. President **Gary Blenkhorn** presents Connie Tasker, Goderich Special Olympics Co-ordinator, with a cheque in the amount of \$5,000. to assist with expenses related to the Special Olympics programme. Taking a much needed break from the Torch Run to witness the presentation is District A9 Special Olympics



Buckingham Lions

Un autre Grand Succès pour les Paniers de Noël.

Le 26 mai dernier au Club de Golf de Buckingham c'est tenu un incontournable dans les tournois de golf de notre région, le tournoi de golf-bénéfice aux profits des Paniers de Noël 2017.

Le président d'honneur du Tournoi, M. Denis Laperrière de Laperrière Motosports, le président des Lions **M. Denis Bédard** et son comité organisateur vous disent merci du plus profonds de leurs coeurs pour votre contribution à la grande réussite de ce tournoi de golf.

Que vous soyez un partenaire de prestige, un commanditaire, un publicitaire sur un trou, un des 122 golfeurs, un donateur ou un commerçant nous ayant offert un prix de présence, votre contribution inestimable nous a permis d'amasser la somme de 19 200 \$!

C'est grâce à ces sommes que nous pourrons continuer notre travail avec la distribution des Paniers de Noël. En y ajoutant les recettes de notre téléthon, c'est plus de 225 paniers qui ont été distribués l'an passé.

Un gros merci à toutes les golfeuses et golfeurs qui ont participé et nous nous disons à l'année prochaine! P.S. Gardez l'oeil ouvert à l'entrée du Club de Golf de Buckingham, Le Club Lions a laissé son empreinte en y installant un nouveau signe permanent en reconnaissance de nos 24 dernières années d'hébergement de nos tournois.



Golfing for the Christmas baskets.

On May 26th 2017, at the Buckingham Golf Club, our annual benefit golf tournament was held with all the proceeds going towards our Christmas Baskets.

The Honorary President of the Tournament, Mr. Denis Laperrière of Laperrière Motosports, President of the Lions **Mr. Denis Bédard** and his organizing committee thank you for your contribution and to the great success of this golf tournament.

Whether you're a prestigious partner, a sponsor, or one of the 122 golfers, a supporter or a merchant who offered us a prize, your invaluable contribution allowed us to raise \$19,200!

Thanks to these funds, we can continue our work with the distribution of the Christmas Baskets. With the addition of our telethon recipes, over 225 baskets were distributed last year.

A big thank you to all the golfers who participated and we say to you next year!

Also keep an eye out at the Buckingham Golf Club entrance. The Lions Club has left its mark by adding a new permanent sign in recognition of our past 24 years hosting our tournaments.

Chemung Lake District Lions

Chemung Lake District Lions, in conjunction with Ennismore, Bridgenorth, Lake Hurst, and Buckhorn Fire Department and E.M.S. have started a program called *"File of Life"*. This will help first responders with medical problems and medications a person takes when they come to your homes. File of Life packet contains a sticker to put on your front door, medical chart and magnetized Red packet to put on refrigerator.

People can get packets at local fire hall and Community Care office. It can save a life. Photo at Bridgenorth Fire Department pancake breakfast with Chemung Lake Lions File of Life display.



L-R: Lion Susan Taylor, Steve Tillie, Ann Tillie, Lion Gord Taylor and Sparky

Guelph Lions

The Guelph Lions Club was proud to attend a demonstration of the new Cataract Microscope that our Club provided funding for as our Lions International Centennial Legacy Project! The Ophthalmology Surgery Department at GGH is very busy with Doctors performing approximately 1350 cataract surgeries a year. Suzanne Bone, President & CEO of the Foundation of Guelph General Hospital, along with the Hospital's President and CEO Marianne Walker and Rob Cameron, Senior Development Officer, Dr. Bob Johnson and Dr. Rodriguez welcomed our Club and gladly demonstrated how it works. The state of the art equipment will provide the opportunity to provide clear vision to patients.



L-R: Dr. David Johnson, Lions Larry Porter, Lion Chief Jim Sanders, PDG Thom Herrmann, 1st Vice Debbie Lascelles, VDG Char Dwyer and Lion Russ Dwyer

St. Jacobs Lions

At a recent meeting of the St. Jacobs Lions Club, a Helen Keller Fellowship was presented to Home Hardware Stores for their long-standing, generous support of Lions activity in St. Jacobs.

In particular the St. Jacobs Club wished to acknowledge the free shipping to Montreal of used eyeglasses collected District-wide for use in the provision of eyeglasses to the less fortunate throughout the world. The St. Jacobs Lions collect approximately twelve to fifteen thousand pairs each year.



Lion President Mike Leacy on the right and representing Home Hardware Stores, President Paul Straus

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting - September 8-9, 2017
- Council Meeting - November 3-4, 2017
- Council Meeting - February 23-24, 2018
- Council Meeting Convention - May 11-13, 2018

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Four Points by Sheraton, Wellington Road, London	April 13-15, 2018
A2	Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway, St. Catharines	March 23-25, 2018
A3	Ambassador Hotel & Conference Resort, Kingston	April 13-15, 2018
A4	Navcan Centre, Montreal Street, Cornwall	April 13-15, 2018
A5	TBA Sudbury	April 20-22, 2018
A711	Holiday Inn Intl. Airport, 970 Dixon Road, Toronto	April 20-22, 2018
A9	Marriott Town Suites Hotel, Kincardine	April 27-29, 2018
A12	TBA	
A15	Holiday Inn, Scottsdale Drive, Guelph	April 13-15, 2018
A16	Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre, Haliburton	April 27-29, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2017/18 Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre,
St. Catharines, Ontario May 10 - 13, 2018

International Conventions

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
105th	New Delhi, India	July 1 - 5, 2022
106th	Boston, Massachusetts, USA	July 7 - 11, 2023
107th	Melbourne, Australia	June 21 - 25, 2024

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 21 - 23, 2017	Portland, Oregon
Sept 20 - 22, 2018	Columbus, Ohio
Sept 19 - 21, 2019	Spokane, Washington
Sept 15 - 16, 2020	Louisville, Kentucky

Bayfield Lions

At the April 25th meeting PDG **Tim DeBlock** was on hand to induct seven of the eight New Bayfield Lions. While inducting seven members in one night or adding eight new members in a period of just three months

may not be a record, it is a significant step forward for the Bayfield Lions. Congratulations to the new Lions and their sponsors.



L-R: Lion Don Vance (sponsor of 4 new Lions), Lion Penny Overboe (sponsor), Lion Tony Van Bakel (sponsor of two) and Lion Cubs Kathy Gray, Gary Sifton, Michael Potters, Rick Schinkel, Peter Keightly, Doug Vanderhaar and John Davies. Absent were Lion Tom Grasby (sponsor of Lion Cub Gary) and new Lion Paul Calley

Belleville Lions

As Lions around the world celebrate their 100 year Anniversary, the Lions Club of Belleville wanted to reach out to adopt a special centennial legacy project to benefit those in need.

Helping to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary, Habitat for Humanity will build 150 new homes across Canada in support of needy families. Belleville Lion

members will participate in the construction process of those homes of the 150 that are built in Belleville.

There was a special ceremony for the formal cheque presentation which provided the photo opportunity for the family receiving the first home along with members of the Belleville Lions.



Knowlton Lions Club

Thank you for being at the heart of our efforts - yet again.

Once again, this year, the Knowlton Lions Club community wide garage sale was very successful. The large crowd of buyers at the opening was impressive. Over \$10,000 was raised from selling articles donated by our generous supporters who also came in large numbers to purchase said items. Part of the proceeds, \$5,000, will be donated to BMP to serve toward the purchasing of equipment for the Ophthalmology Clinic. Apart from providing funds to help meet the needs within the community, the activity offers an opportunity for residents to purchase practical basic items at a very reasonable price as well as a venue to recycle. Thank you for being part of a team that puts community needs first.

Une partie des items qui ont été vendus



Some of the items that were up for sale

Lynden Lions

In May 2017, five post graduate students from the Lynden area received the Lynden Lions Memorial Scholarship Award. The award, which was established in honour of former Lynden Lions members, recognises students who have, in addition to their studies, contributed significantly to the community through their volunteer activities.

Congratulations to these impressive young people!



L-R: Andrea Bosma, Brooke Lowerse, Korey Lowerse, Alanna Devet and Sarah Hamilton

Oakville Lions

Oakville Lions Club donated \$24,180 to the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for the purchase of equipment in the Ophthalmology department. In the front row are (L-R) Dr. Brad Kates, **Les Baker** (Oakville Lions), **Graham Knight** (Oakville Lions), **Tim Carter** (President - Oakville Lions Club) and PDG **Bill Allison** (Oakville Lions). They are joined by local politicians, other Oakville Lions Club members and staff of the Ophthalmology department.



Club Lions de Knowlton

De nouveau, merci pour votre support.

La vente de débarras du Club Lions de Knowlton fut, de nouveau cette année, un grand succès en fonction de l'achalandage et des sommes recueillies. En effet la vente de divers articles gracieusement offerts par nos concitoyens a rapporté plus de 10 000 \$. Une partie de cette somme, 5 000 \$ sera remise à la Fondation BMP pour l'acquisition d'équipement pour la clinique ophtalmologique. Ce succès, en plus de nous fournir les moyens de venir en aide à ceux de notre milieu qui sont dans le besoin, permet à certains de nos concitoyens de se procurer à bon prix des articles de base et représente aussi une forme efficace de recyclage. Merci!

Lynden Lions

On Sunday, May 28th, Lynden Lions held an Open House to celebrate their 60th anniversary. A large number of Lions, Leos, members of the community and people affiliated with the club attended. District Governor Lion **Wayne Litt** presented President **Charlie Lawson** with a framed certificate celebrating this milestone.



Madoc Lions

Madoc Lions partnered with Masonic Lodge 48 (Madoc, Marmora, Tweed) to bring the Child Identification Program, "C.H.I.P." to the community.

The CHIP programs allow parents the opportunity to create a kit of identifying materials for their child, free of charge. The kit contains a fingerprint card, a physical description, a video, computer disk or DVD of the child, a dental imprint, and a DNA sample. The purpose of the kit is to provide critical information to the public and to law enforcement in the event that a child goes missing.

On hand to help were Lion **Harry Toews**, Lion **Jim Wilkinson** and Lion **Tom Simpson**.



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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.

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

Innerkip and District Lions

On May 4th at the general meeting of the Innerkip and District Lions Club, two members received the Melvin Jones Fellowship award for their many years of service.

On the left is Lion **Wayne Wright** and Lion **Ian MacFarlane** on the right. A great example of how "We Serve".



Trenton Lions



Lion Andy Lapointe of the Trenton Lions Club being presented with his Melvin Jones award by president Lion Dave McKellar



Lion Diane Gardy of the Trenton Lions Club being presented with her Melvin Jones Award by President Lion Dave McKellar

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