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Reducing Hunger is One of Our Top Priorities



Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
Lions Clubs International
President

For Americans, Thanksgiving is a celebration of their blessings. Yet, in most nations, giving thanks also is a part of the culture. In India, Hindus begin their day in their home shrine venerating the divine with fresh flowers and prasadam (a food offering). Every Hindu festival involves counting one's blessings and thanking God.

Giving back out of gratitude also is part of the culture of Lions. We serve because we are thankful. We recognize our advantages and deeply desire to give others what they lack.

Sadly, many people worldwide lack enough food.

Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry each night, and a person starves to death every 15 seconds. Hunger is a problem both in developing and developed nations. Shockingly, 16 million U.S. households are undernourished, while 180 million people in my home country of India lack food. In Africa, the situation is even worse. Millions experience chronic hunger because of drought, conflict and high food prices.

Thanks to the "green revolution" that increased crop production, hunger can be conquered. It's largely a matter of getting food we have to people in need. Well, with Lions, we've eliminated the middleman. We have an army of volunteers, foot soldiers willing and able to defeat hunger.

Understanding how vital food obviously is and how well positioned Lions are to lessen it, Lions Clubs International has prioritized hunger as one of Lions' five core concerns. So, Lions, support your local food

pantry and bank. Help feed low-income children at schools. Donate to LCIF, which routinely supports highly effective Lions' projects to lessen hunger.

Do what you can. As Mother Teresa said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." So with your club or district feed the hungry. Lions will not fail those in such desperate need. This Thanksgiving, indeed each and every month, I give thanks to all 1.4 million Lions and an estimated 175,000 Leos, men and women and youths grateful for their blessings and determined to save and enrich lives by stamping out hunger.

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
Lions Clubs International President

TELUS Ride For Dad

This past year the TELUS Ride For Dad and some Lions Clubs in Ontario joined forces to make a difference in the fight against prostate cancer.

59 Canadian men are diagnosed with prostate cancer EVERY DAY. Joining them on their journey to recovery are often more than a thousand family members, friends and colleagues.

Although this is a disease that affects men, it has a huge impact on their family and circle of friends. The TELUS Ride For Dad is a charity organization raising funds for awareness and research in the fight.

Blood tests are an integral part of the "Get Checked" message spread by the Ride For Dad and it continues to save men's lives. Messages received like this one, continued to inspire us every day:

"I participated in the Ride for many years and was continually encouraged to get the PSA test. Unfortunately, last year the test came back positive but I was able to take immediate action. I am living

proof that the efforts of the TELUS Ride For Dad are a success!" Dr. Chow, MD FRCSC

The motorcycles, snowmobiles, watercrafts & ATV's, the sights, sounds and impressive crowds are the fun factor in the TELUS Ride For Dad. The real goal is to raise funds for awareness and research.

\$25 Million dollars has been raised since the Ride began.

Supporters continue to dedicate time, money and energy to these events. Community partners including police associations and firefighters join together in support. The Lions are a strong community club and the Ride involves communities across Canada each year. Some of these are enjoyed in larger cities; some take place in rural areas. It would be fantastic to have this to grow across Canada!

The goal at the Ride For Dad is to create a win-win situation with an ever-expanding partnership with the Lions organization.

This project was launched with Ontario clubs and we look forward to working across Canada. With a Chapter commitment of \$5 per member, per year, we look forward to supporting your club through promotions on our website, Facebook, maybe a membership table on Ride day... the ideas are endless and we can discuss these together.

Please reach out to Colleen Campbell, National Office Manager at the TELUS Ride For Dad. Her connection to the Lions is personal. She is married to Dave Campbell and he has been an active Lion member for 16 years. You may remember meeting Colleen and Dave at the Kitchener Waterloo, MDA Convention conference in May, 2017.

We look forward to extending our partnership. Colleen may be contacted at 613-623-0733 or national@ridefordad.ca.

See the inside back cover for more information.



Marmora Lions - Terry Fox Run



Joining the thousands of Canadians who took up the torch for Terry Fox, the community of Marmora joined the fundraising run on Sunday, Sept. 17 at Marmora Memorial Park. Lions **Lloyd** and **Wendy McCoy** have been co-chairing the event since 1991, a

decade after the Terry Fox Run began in the town. The event this year raised \$1,935.00 with more donations to come. Records kept of the Terry Fox Run show the highest number of participants was in 1997 when 59 signed up. In 2001 there were 58 runners and that year the event raised \$8,800. The total since the inception is over \$149,000.00.



Lions Wendy and Lloyd McCoy



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Chicago, Illinois, USA – June 25-29, 2017



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AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. The committee will continue to monitor and follow up on action plans as well as proceed with identifying candidates for the two open positions.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Denied a district governor election complaint filed in District 355 B1 (Korea) and appointed Lion Hak-Young Yeo as district governor in District 355 B1 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
2. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 108 IB3 (Italy) and declared Lion Angelo Chiesa as second vice district governor in District 108 IB3 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
3. Upheld a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 300 C1 (MD 300 Taiwan), declared the second vice district governor election in District 300 C1 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and that the second vice district governor vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the International and District Constitutions and By-Laws, and declared that US\$650 of the filing fee shall be refunded to the Complainant.
4. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 301 D2 (Philippines) and declared Lion Generoso Del Rosario as second vice district governor in District 301 D2 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
5. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 315 A2 (Bangladesh) and declared Lion Mohammad Fakhruddin as second vice district governor in District 315 A2 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
6. Upheld a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 322 D (India), declared the second vice district governor election in District 322 D for the 2017-2018 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and that the position of second vice district governor shall remain vacant for the year and shall not be filled and declared that US\$650 of the filing fee shall be refunded to the Complainant.
7. Upheld a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 323 E1 (India), declared the second vice district governor election in District 323 E1 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and that the position of second vice district governor shall remain vacant for the year and shall not be filled and declared that US\$650 of the filing fee shall be refunded to the Complainant.

8. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 324 A3 (India) and declared Lion Geetha Kamalakannan as second vice district governor in District 324 A3 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
9. Directed the Sendai Core Lions Club to revoke the membership of Tsugumichi Hata for conduct unbecoming a Lion and a past international officer. Declared that Tsugumichi Hata shall not be recognized in the future as a Lion or as a past international director by Lions Clubs International or any club or district and that he shall not be entitled to any privileges of such title.
10. Directed the Kwang Myong Lions Club to revoke the membership of Byeong-Yeol Ahn for failure to meet the requirement of good moral character.
11. Revised the Privacy Policy in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual and requested that the Legal Division further update the Privacy Policy as necessary to comply with the requirements set forth in the various global privacy protection laws applicable to the association.
12. Revised the Standard Form District By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual to clarify the provision related to the timing of vice district governor candidates filing their intention to run for office with the Nominating Committee.
13. Revised Chapter XV, Paragraph P of the Board Policy Manual for consistency with previously adopted changes.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. The committee updated the board on the plans for the 2017 Chicago Convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Created a new undistricted area in Bulgaria.
2. Recognized the clubs within the Republic of Georgia as a provisional region.
3. Appointed Lions to serve as coordinating Lions for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
4. Revised board policy to reaffirm that a guiding Lion may serve no more than two clubs at any one point in time and that the Lion should be required to have served as a club president before being appointed as a guiding Lion to serve a club.
5. Revised the board policy manual to allow provisional districts to be created throughout the year instead of requiring that they only be formed at the close of the year.
6. Revised the board policy manual to expand the support of coordinating Lions and to allow the position to be referred to as a "country advisor."
7. Revised the board policy manual to recognize the Global Action Team and LCIF Coordinator positions as official positions of the Standard Form Club Constitution and By-Laws, Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws and Standard Form Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the investment policy statement be revised to reflect a combined weight for the Russell 3000, MSCI ACWI exUS and UBS Real Estate Investor Indices equal to 63 percent with the benchmark as the MSCI ACWI Index.
2. Approved the FY 2017 4th Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
3. Approved the FY final budget for fiscal year 2018 reflecting a deficit of US\$10,250,358.
4. Approved the creation of a committee of International Director G.S. Hora, International Director Vijay Kumar Raju, Treasurer Catie Rizzo and ISAMME Executive Administrator Dr. Neville Mehta be authorized to negotiate a purchase agreement for the ISSAME Secretariat in Mumbai, India. The Executive Committee be authorized to approve the purchase of said property upon confirmation of the final negotiated purchase price including regulatory and tax requirements.
5. Moved Chapter XXI, Paragraph B of the Board Policy Manual to a new Chapter XXIII, Area Forums.
6. Amended Chapter XXI of the Board Policy Manual by deleting the existing language in its entirety and replacing with the language set forth in Exhibit A.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Reviewed the progress of leadership programs, new initiatives and improvement plans and found them in alignment with the committee's yearly goals and objectives, while also identifying areas of improvement through research and analysis approaches.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Authorized the LCI Forward Project Team made up of five Lions to be reappointed in 2017-2018 to work with staff on implementing remaining components of the association's strategic plan: LCI Forward.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the New Global Action Team to be executed as outlined in Exhibit B.
2. Approved the creation of a new Global Action Team Board Policy Chapter XXIV.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Approved three centennial PR grant applications from multiple and single districts.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Awarded the 2016-2017 Leos of the Year Awards.
2. Added a new representative to the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel.
3. Updated Chapter II to reflect current practices.
4. Updated Chapter XIII to reflect current practices.

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.



David Mills
MD'A Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF NOVEMBER 2017 GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING



Administration/Budget – The Governors' Council took one final look at the proposed amendments to the Policy and Procedures manual. These amendments had been vetted by the Administration and

Research and Long Range Planning Committees. The amendments were approved and will be incorporated into the manual. Once completed the Policy and Procedures Manual will be updated and should be placed on the MD'A Website by the end of November. The amendments will enshrine the following into the Policy and Procedures Manual: Official Council Dress Code, Official Dress Uniform and Order of March for the International Parade at the LCI Convention and the reimbursement allowance for the sitting Council Chair for his/her required attendance at the International Convention.

It had been determined that the Travel Accident Insurance Policies covering Council Officers were extremely underused and, in reality, not needed and so they were cancelled effective October 1, 2017. This section will be removed from the Policy and Procedures Manual.

District Dues are being sent in a timely manner which will allow Council Treasurer Dave Hewitt to place funds in a cashable GIC. Audited Draft Financial Statements to June 30th, 2017 were provided and the Auditor confirms the statements properly reflect MD'A's financial standing.

Ontario Director for the Lions Foundation of Canada – This position, currently being held by PDG Al Leach is set to end in October 2018. A panel from the Council of Governors' conducted interviews the afternoon of November 3 which short-listed three candidates to two. A second round of Interviews was held during the Governors' Caucus on Friday evening November 3. Congratulations go to PDG Janet Marissen (A3) who is MD'A's endorsed candidate for the position of Ontario Director for the Lions Foundation of Canada. Many thanks to the other worthy candidates who stepped up to the plate to offer their service.

MD'A and CNIB – At the Caucus Meeting, the Governors met with Len Baker from CNIB to discuss the CNIB newly announced dog guide program and to define what the relationship between the two entities would be going forward. Also in attendance were members of the MD'A Sight Conservation Committee. A frank discussion took place and both parties were able to present their positions in a professional manner. One positive revelation was that the Mobile Eye Van, now reaching its age limit, will be replaced from Government funds. As a result of the discussions, the Council of Governors present the following summary observations/ recommendations:

- CNIB and Lions Foundation of Canada are two separate entities and develop policies and programs

independent of each other. Both will continue to develop programs suitable to the needs of their clients.

- Whereas it is understood that the individual Lions Club determines where its funding is directed, the Governors' Council recommends that if clubs are donating to a dog guide program, they consider the Lions Foundation of Canada as their school of choice.
- It is further recommended that donations to CNIB be directed to either Lake Jo or the Mobile Eye Van to acquire specific equipment needs and that rather than just sending funds, Clubs direct their donations to a specific equipment need or program.

Further discussion at the Council meeting determined that the Lions of MD'A can use this opportunity to enhance and develop programs at Lake Jo for the benefit of the visually impaired.

For more details on this, please contact your District Governor.

Promotion – The registration package for the International Convention in Las Vegas is now on-line. PCC Stew Patterson is working on the details for this exciting event. Tickets for the Canadian Breakfast will be available at the next Governors' Council Meeting. Cost is estimated at \$40 Canadian each. Register early to avoid increased costs: through to and including January 12th 2018 \$150.00; January 13th through March 31st \$200.00; April 1st and after \$225.00. Deadline for refunds is May 1st. Prices are in US Funds.

MD'A Convention – St Catharines – May 11-13 – PDG's Charles Liddle and Allen Snider encourage all MD'A Lions to register as soon as possible for this great opportunity for fun and fellowship. The registration form is on the MD'A website. This will be the first MD'A Convention held under the new compressed format. Our International Advisory Committee anticipates that our International Guests will be 1st International VP Gudrun Yngvadottir and her husband PID Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson. On the recommendation of the IAC, PID Art Woods and Lion Carole have been appointed as protocol aides.

To date there have been no bids for the 2019 MD'A Convention and beyond. Please consider taking up the challenge.

Research and Long Range Planning – The quest for women's sizes and patterns in the Safari shirts now has an end in sight! PDG Jim Hilt has found a lady in the Huntsville area (A12) who is willing to come up with a design and will make use of existing material. Draft patterns will be sent to Council for a final decision and sizing samples should be available by the February Council Meeting. Any orders placed at that meeting should be ready for pickup at the MD'A Convention.

LCIF and The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF – Multiple District 'A' continues to be well supported by LCIF with several significant grants being received this Lions year. Clubs are encouraged to do their part

by placing LCIF in their annual budgets. Personal donations are encouraged and this can be easily done through the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF. Send your personal or club donations to: PDG Stan Durward, PO Box 38, Sunderland, ON, L0C 1H0.

Personal donations are eligible for an income tax receipt!

Opportunities for Youth – The subcommittees met following the September 9 Council Meeting. On November 4 they presented detailed reports and are looking for your support on a variety of fronts. PDG Barb Ennis reminded us that the MD'A Effective Speaking finals will be held in St. Catharines the weekend of May 4 and 5. The committee needs your financial support as well as your participation. This is one of the more costly projects and even if your club is not participating, a donation to the program is greatly appreciated. Leo Chair PDG Kris Shulz is having difficulty identifying District Chairs so please forward the information to her. PDG Hank Van Moorsel is looking for host families for Youth Exchange. Please contact him if you are interested.

Global Action Team – The GAT workshop held at the Park Inn was a great success and once again, MD'A demonstrates that teamwork is part and parcel of our operations. PDG Len Day and his chairs are urging us to take every opportunity to add new members to our association. We have suffered significant losses since September and we need to do everything we can to reverse the trend. Of special consideration is adding more women to our association and to appoint Campus Clubs specialists to Districts which have such clubs so that they remain vital and growing. Exciting service projects reap many benefits, two of which are engaging members to avoid losses and to encourage new members to join. Our GLT team awaits further information from LCI before they can proceed in the planning of further workshops.

LION Magazine – You probably noticed that the inside paper quality improved in the last edition. Lion Bob Pearson was able to accomplish this with minimal cost. Adding more colour to the magazine is a challenge and requires an improved revenue stream through advertising. Work continues on digitalizing the magazine and it is important to know that the printed copy will still be available. You can read the current edition as well as previous editions on the MD'A website.

Congratulations are In Order! – At the Council Meeting, PID Carl Young offered congratulations to PDG Diane Smith and to PDG Albert Munneke who had achieved excellence as GLT leaders in their district. A special presentation was made to PDG Larry Bell (A16) who had achieved excellence as GLT leader for three consecutive years. PDG Larry was one of only two to receive this award in Canada.

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

The Year in Review

We measure time by the stars above, implicating the heavens in our affairs. As Lions, we impose our own calendar, beginning a Lion year in July and implying our affairs are important enough to frame separately. Typically, 2016-17 was full of service and, atypically, it was rich in milestones. It was a great year.

Reaching New Heights in Membership

This year we reached our all-time membership high of 1,445,591 Lions. It means that we have more hands for more service. That we are stronger than ever. And that kindness matters to our communities and the world. “For every Lion who is ready to serve, we can serve the needs of 70 people,” said 2016-17 International President Chancellor Bob Corlew at the 100th International Convention. “That’s 70 people who won’t go hungry today, 70 children who will receive a free eye screening at school, 70 people who will regain their sight by Lions-sponsored cataract surgery.” That’s the power of Lions.



Lions beautify a landscape in Chicago

A New Service Framework to Triple our Impact

We are Knights of the Blind. That’s our legacy. But we’re also so much more. Lions are also focusing on hunger, the environment, pediatric cancer and our new global service cause, diabetes. Our service framework is uniting Lions around the world to meet emerging humanitarian needs, strengthen our communities and improve the lives of 200 million lives per year by 2020-21. Now *that’s* a new legacy in the making.



Curbing hunger is one of Lions’ new global priorities

Lions Take on Diabetes

Diabetes impacts 420 million people and claims the lives of five million each year. That’s why Lions around the world are rallying around this modern-day epidemic. Lions are working to prevent type 2 diabetes through healthy lifestyles, control diabetes through education and increased access to care, and support research that can change lives. Diabetes was launched as our new global service cause in July at the international convention in Chicago.



Children at Lions Camp Merrick in Maryland learn to manage their diabetes
Photo by Ron Wu

Celebrating our Centennial

Milestones matter. Lions Clubs celebrated our 100th birthday this year, reminding our communities and the world just how much we matter. We partied, enjoying one another’s company, and served, recognizing that service is what we are all about. It was an opportunity to look back on our achievements. And look forward to another incredible century of service.



Lions from Brazil march at the 100th International Convention in Chicago

Hail to the Presidents

A new year means new leadership, new ideas and a renewed vision of Lions Clubs. While 2016-17 President Corlew led us toward New

Mountains to Climb, 2017-18 President Naresh Aggarwal of India embraced We Serve as his theme and invited Lions around the world to embrace the Power of We. Namaste.



Serving Lions are 2016-17 President Corlew (left) and current President Aggarwal

The Global Action Team

Lions Clubs International is putting the entire Lions’ support network to work for your club. The new Global Action Team, a crew of highly dedicated and experienced Lions, is working to help clubs strengthen their leadership development, membership and service. The team was created by unifying the Global Leadership Team, the Global Membership Team and the new Global Service Team. And it puts your club at the center of the action. The Global Action Team is paving the way for new levels of service in clubs from Terrytown to Timbuktu.



The efforts of the Global Action Team strengthen the service of Lions—such as the Slater-Marietta Lions Club in South Carolina

MyLion and the Digital LION

The future arrived suddenly—and wonderfully—this year. MyLion is a world-class mobile app that makes serving as a Lion fun, fast and easy. And we at the LION may be biased, but we think the digital LION Magazine app is a great way to read the greatest stories on earth when you’re on the go. Melvin Jones would be proud.



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LCIF's \$1 billion in grants have generated a lot of grateful smiles—such as those of a Louisiana mother and her 7-year-old visually impaired son after Lions and LCIF gave him a closed circuit magnifier

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Large numbers stagger the imagination. Consider 1 billion. If you counted from one to one billion, you would be counting for 95 years. A billion seconds ago it was 1959. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age. This year LCIF awarded an ordinary grant that marked an extraordinary milestone: our Foundation had given out more than \$1 billion in grants since it began a half century ago. Can you imagine how many millions of people have seen their lives vastly improved and enriched? How many children have been saved? The numbers are staggering. And so is the power of LCIF grants.

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For 50 years, Leo clubs have been inspiring young people to serve their communities today and develop the skills to be the leaders of tomorrow. Now, with over 7,000 clubs around the world, Leos are showing what it means to be the agents of change. And we have an opportunity to invite even more young people to change the world with us.



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Coburg Lions and the Community



The Coburg Lions were a sponsor in the annual Dragon Boat Festival for the Northumberland United Way. The event was held this past September 23rd at the Coburg Harbour.

Not only did the Lions make a donation but they BBQ'd and sold Burgers and Peameal sandwiches with all proceeds going to the United Way.



Great Clubs

Athens Heritage Lions Club, Georgia

Sam Elliott places a styrofoam plate in front of Jerrie Toney.

“At 4 o’clock is green beans, and 12 is meatloaf,” he says. “I don’t know if I overloaded your plate.”

Around the room, members of the Athens Heritage Lions Club serve fellow blind and disabled Lions at their regular semimonthly meeting. The slow-cooked green beans and squash casserole came from the garden of another member, Coriene James, who cooks the homemade meal each month.

Toney picks up the fork and takes a bite. “Thank you, Miss Coriene. It’s awesome as ever,” she says. “There is not anything that she hasn’t cooked that I don’t love.”

The blind serving the blind was the impetus for the club, chartered in 1997 and continuing its mission of inclusivity. The club has had as many as 25 members, most of whom are blind, disabled or have mobility issues. At one point, five members had Leader Dogs for the Blind. “We would show up at a meeting with Leader Dogs and women and black folks and blind folks. Inevitably, someone would crash into a chair,” Elliott says.

Robin Oliver, who joined about 10 years ago, lost some of her sight after emergency brain tumor surgery in 1998. The club’s attitude is “We’ve been there, done that, we can pull you through,” says Oliver, secretary.

Their care starts in the club and continues into the community through annual fundraisers such as the Roll, Walk, Jog and Run! 5K. The November event was expected to raise \$3,500, says President Charles Schrauth.

The club doesn’t let potential physical limitations hinder its fundraising. For example, a chicken barbecue wasn’t possible as a signature event because of safety concerns for members, so they partnered with the Oglethorpe Lions Club and the science club at an Athens middle school for a pancake breakfast at Fatz Cafe. The event, coming up on its fourth year, raises about \$400 to \$600.

“We are all differently abled, and we have different skills that we can bring to the table. We work hard to work toward fundraisers that are important to us and that will give back,” says Toney, a computer whiz who joined the club about 14 years ago and serves as its treasurer.

The club meets at Multiple Choices Center for Independent Living. Many members work for the center or participate in its programs, such as micro-enterprise business training. “You’re here, you’re home, you know where everything is,” says Oliver, director of Multiple Choices.

Besides supporting Multiple Choices’ 10-county transportation services, the club also supports the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Georgia

Lions Camp for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation and Learning Ally. Another annual fundraiser—selling Fantastic Savings coupon books—also raises about \$500 annually.

Oliver locks up the center at the end of her workday and the club’s evening meeting, preparing to drive another member home. The members are interesting, funny, caring and advocates for others, she says, and an important part of her life.

“I haven’t been in Athens and not been a Lion,” she says.
—Lori Johnston



Sam Elliott serves a meal to fellow Lion Kevin Schrauth at a club meeting
Photo by Jason Thrasher

Conroe Noon Lions Club – Conroe, Texas

Conroe Noon Lions like to call themselves “The Greatest Lions Club in the World.” Well, “it ain’t bragging if you can do it.” That’s the philosophy of Past President Bobby Cantrell, who—along with his 300-plus fellow members—has helped make the 78-year-old club one of the largest and most active in the country.

Members operate the only eyeglasses recycling center in Houston. Hold a fishing tournament for children with disabilities. Provide one-on-one mentoring to at-risk youth. Screen preschoolers for myopia and astigmatism. Staff the concession stand for the county fair, award college scholarships, sponsor a community blood drive, organize several fundraisers a year and volunteer at a warehouse to distribute supplies for victims of flooding. It’s not bragging. They really do it.

“We have always been willing to try everything, and we have a can-do attitude,” says Warner Phelps, public relations chairperson. “And since

we’re big in number, when we need 50 people to show up, we can get 50 people to show up. The last time I looked, we had 11 different sign-up sheets going.”

The club chartered in 1939 with 25 members, who raised money by selling brooms, mops, light bulbs and candy. These days its fundraisers run more along the lines of dinner-dances, auctions, truck raffles and golf tournaments. But the club’s dedication to community service has not wavered.

That was supremely evident in August, when Hurricane Harvey slammed southeast Texas, dumping as much as 65 inches of rain and unleashing winds of 130 miles per hour. “There were a couple neighborhoods in our town that got 10, 15 feet of water,” Phelps recalls. “As soon as the rain stopped and the waters receded, everybody was outside, tearing up their flooded homes and throwing stuff on the curb.”

The Conroe Noon Lions, of course, swung into action, partnering with other organizations to gather and distribute donations such as bottles of water, clothes, diapers, nonperishable food and cleaning and demolition supplies to flood victims. The club is also providing much-needed labor. “Anybody who has had their home damaged by the flood, we’re going to do what we can to get them able to sleep in their own home,” says Phelps. “We’ve done a lot of cleanout. We provide the material for the repairs, and we help make the repairs. And we’re coming up with \$25,000 for materials.”

How has the club managed to cultivate such a large, active membership? “The first thing we try to do is have fun,” says Phelps, who attributes much of the membership size to the club’s lively, even boisterous meetings. “We have a lot of fun.” If speakers start saying “Uh . . .” too many times, for example, they can expect to be hit with a barrage of napkins.

Yet, “I don’t know that we’re trying to reinvent the Lion clubs wheel,” Phelps muses. “We’re not trying to be totally different. We’re just trying to serve our community, like the rest of the clubs out there.”

—Anne Ford



Conroe Lions are part of the landscape of their Texas town. Shown are club officers and directors (from left) Matt Gerdin, Bobby Brennan, Ken Kreger, Helen Payne, Ralph Perez, Warner Phelps, Sara Coots, Scott Perry and Helen Thornton

Maple Valley Centennial Lions Club, Washington

Wendy Castleman had doubts about becoming a Lion. The mother of a 12-year-old and a five-year-old, she also works full time as a communication specialist for a school district. "I didn't think I had the time. No one thinks they have the time," says Castleman, 40.

But she likes volunteering, and she likes seeing her children volunteering. The club's cubs, including her children, recently collected cereal and school supplies for the local food bank. "For my younger one, it was mostly just fun. She's starting to get it [volunteering]. The older one was blown away by the goodwill of people, how they wanted to help others," says Castleman.

Chartered last April, the Maple Valley Club has hit upon a winning formula. Even busy parents will find time for service if their children are involved. The club has 50 members, mostly women and many with younger children. At the club's meeting in a community space at a police station on Saturday morning the Lions gather in one room, and the 15 or so cubs meet in another.

"A lot of clubs have older gentlemen. That makes sense. They have time and money," says Haley Pendergraft, 38, charter president. "It's difficult for women, especially moms, to do community service. But we've found a way to make it work. We involve our kids."

Years ago, Lions were only men. In a sense, the Maple Valley club has turned the traditional Lions club on its head. When Castleman brings Lions' work home, her husband lends a hand. He's not a Lion, but "he needs to be," says Castleman with a smile.

Located 30 miles south of Seattle, Maple Valley is a prosperous town of 25,000. The longtime Maple Valley Lions Club had disbanded in 2002 after 43 years of service. The new club came together very quickly after 2016-17 District Governor Jan Weatherly visited the town and made a pitch.

"I think she tapped into a market," says Pendergraft, who has two children. "I remember the Lions when I was in high school here. They were very involved in the community. We wanted to do community service and be parents. We didn't want to wait to be grandparents."

The club has made a splash in a short time. It collects eyeglasses and supports one needy family quarterly. After Pendergraft made an impassioned Facebook post on teenagers, the club hosted a successful discussion for teenagers on issues they face.

In the summer the cubs stationed themselves in front of a grocery store and collected 600 boxes of cereal for the food bank. "It's good for our kids to learn about community service. That's a cornerstone

of a good society," says Pendergraft, a painting contractor.

Members work on issues they and their children care about. The club hosted a speaker on climate change, and it wants to create reusable grocery bags with a Lions' emblem.

Club leaders are not afraid to take chances and have a little fun. Pendergraft interviews a member and posts "Get to Know Your Lion" on Facebook and YouTube. For the first segment, she interviewed herself while in her car. Though she doesn't sing, its breezy style is reminiscent of Carpool Karaoke. It's a new age in many ways for Lions in Maple Park. — *Jay Copp*



Parents in the Maple Valley Lions Club love what their children learn about service from being cubs. Shown are (clockwise from top right) Lion Jessica Boynton with Josh and Olivia, Lion Wendy Castleman with Kylie and Cara, Lion Haley Pendergraft with Luke and Brooke, Lion Monica Schmuck with Brennan and Lion Tristen Hohn with Hadley and friends Dana and Caylen.

Photo by Karen Ducey

Orrville Lions Club, Ohio

On U.S. Route 30 in Amish country, tourists stop at Shisler's Cheese House in Orrville for the cheese, chocolate and jams and also take home a new appreciation for a small-town service club. "I just talk about the Lions nonstop," says proprietor Rita Shisler, "whether I'm in the store or out in town somewhere. I fell in love with the Lions at the very first meeting I ever went to."

The club is less than a decade old, chartering in 2008. But it's an institution in Orrville. They're about 25 members strong, but the breadth of their community impact would suggest a club perhaps twice as large. Shoes for poor children. A sack lunch program. Medical supplies shipped to Honduras. Vision screenings for preschoolers.

The list goes on. This year, they're funding eight college scholarships worth \$1,500 apiece to students at four different local schools. A poorly maintained park in downtown Orrville will soon be home to replanted trees (and a Lions statue, to boot) thanks to the Lions.

Orrville is a bedroom community of 8,300 for those who work in Akron (30 miles away) and Cleveland (50 miles away). Smuckers, the publicly traded food company famous for its jams, is headquartered here.

"For as small a club as we have, we do so much more than any other club I've ever observed," says President Melissa Siburt. "I transferred from a different club when I moved to Orrville back in 2011. Here, it feels like a family. We know each other. We pray for each other. It's not just another boring meeting you have to sit through for lunch."

The club's signature event is the Orrville Lions Music & Rib Fest, an annual event dreamed up by Shisler that now draws 10,000 people. "That's our big moneymaker," Shisler says. "We netted over \$20,000 on Rib Fest this year. And all that money goes to all the neat stuff we do in the community."

A particular point of pride regarding Rib Fest: the vast majority of the roughly 250 volunteers are not Lions at all—they're just residents who believe strongly in the event. "I think that shows how important the Lions have become to Orrville," Shisler says. "Before our first meeting, I didn't know anything at all about Lions clubs. Now, I don't think you could live in Orrville and not know what we do."

— *David Hudnall*



The Orrville Lions Club includes important members of the community such as (from left) Chris Jones, the band director at Orrville High School; Past District Governor Rita Shisler, the owner of Shisler's Cheese House; Melissa Siburt, a manager at Farmers Bank; and Dr. Charles Milligan of Affinity Medical Office

Palmer Lions Club – Palmer, Alaska

For the Palmer Lions, Lionism is a family affair—literally and figuratively.

"I have four granddaughters I've recruited as members," Past President Janet Kincaid says happily. "And I have a great-grandson who is two and comes to the meetings in his little yellow vest like the ones we wear. He likes to sing the Lions song: 'Hail! Hail!'"

But when someone in the community is in need, everyone becomes family. Take the terrible trailer fire that killed five children in nearby Butte in September. Members passed the hat at a club meeting for the grieving parents. Or take the local single father whose young son was diagnosed with cancer. When they learned that the dad was overwhelmed with medical bills, the Palmer Lions held a bake sale and raised more than \$8,000 to help. As Kincaid says, "We just care."

Chartered in 1962, the club has 80 members. Once a rough-hewn farming settlement and now part of the Anchorage area, Palmer has a population of 5,900.

One of the Palmer Lions' most recent projects came about after a speaker from Set Free Alaska, an outpatient substance abuse treatment center, educated the club about the ongoing national opioid crisis and its effects in the community. "In Alaska, like everywhere, opiate addiction is horrible," Kincaid says. The \$5,000 the club donated to the center allowed it to furnish an entire room where a person struggling with opioid abuse can live while being treated for addiction.

"Five thousand dollars is a chunk of change, but it



Past International Director Jeremiah Myers of Alaska does a vision exam on a mission trip to Guatemala that included Palmer Lions

Photo by Walt Hayes

was in response to a need that we saw," says Kincaid. "In this day and age, government funds have basically dried up, and so it's up to those of us in the service and nonprofit worlds to pick up the slack and try to get the biggest bang we can for our buck."

In addition to those "biggest bang" projects, there are the myriad smaller undertakings that the Palmer Lions carry out throughout the year—the sorts of things that keep a community humming. The club provided a bulletproof vest for a police dog, cleans up a stretch of highway, rings bells and sings carols with the Salvation Army at holiday time, performs elementary school vision screenings, organizes pancake breakfasts and takes tickets for high school sporting events so that parents can watch their kids play instead of volunteering.

And then there are the club's effects on communities to which most of its members will never travel. In 2015, for example, Palmer Lions were among a group that traveled to rural Guatemala to distribute more than 300 pairs of eyeglasses donated by Alaskan Lions. The group also provided water filters, feminine hygiene kits, mobility devices and vision screenings. "One of the most moving stories was of this little lady in her 90s who got a pair of glasses," Kincaid (who did not go on the trip) remembers. "For the first time in a long

time, she could see to read, and the first thing she did was ask for a Bible."

"For a club in a little town," she concludes, "we do amazing things."

— Anne Ford



Stacey Coghill takes tickets at the Alaska State Fair

Photo by Russ Ingram

LCIF

Lions Protect Indonesian Children from Measles and Rubella

LCIF

by Jamie Konigsfeld

"We will make this world a safer place to live for our children," declares Council Chairperson Jono Koesmo, confident in the success of Lions' efforts to protect the children of Indonesia from measles and rubella.

Both the measles and rubella viruses are prevalent in Indonesia, and thousands of cases are reported annually. Measles is a potentially life-threatening virus that can leave its survivors with brain damage, deaf and blind. Rubella can cause miscarriages and birth defects.

Of course, Lions cannot stand by and watch as thousands of children are diagnosed with these diseases each year. With funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions of Multiple District 307 in Indonesia have joined the Indonesian government and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, in a measles and rubella (MR) immunization campaign.

During this two-year campaign, the goal is to immunize at least 95 percent, or around 70 million Indonesian children against measles and rubella. After the campaign, the Indonesian government will replace the measles vaccine with the combined MR vaccine in the country's routine immunization system. The government is hoping to eliminate measles and

rubella from Indonesia by the year 2020.

In order to accomplish this monumental goal, the campaign is being conducted in two phases. The first phase took place in Java Island's six provinces during August and September. All schools conducted vaccination days in which children between the ages of 6 and 15 years received the vaccine. The campaign extended to local clinics, hospitals and community centers to reach children between the ages of 9 months and 6 years who were not yet in school. The second phase of the campaign will take place in 2018 and will bring vaccinations to children in the remaining 28 provinces outside of Java Island.

Koesmo, who is very involved with the MR campaign, has described some of the challenges local Lions face in their efforts to raise awareness and encourage participation. "[It] surprised me [that] so far there are so many myths and wrong information [about vaccinations] given to some schools and parents." In order to advocate for the life-saving MR

vaccinations, Koesmo says Lions are reaching schools and parents through social media, websites, radio, seminars and other types of ads. Lions are also visiting schools, religious leaders and local governments.

The MR vaccine protects children from the potentially life-altering and deadly infections that are widely affecting Indonesia. LCIF and Lions will continue to work together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to receive a MR vaccination.



Knowing another child will be protected from measles and rubella, Lions in Indonesia smile at a vaccination event



Community Service — what is it?

by Lion Walt Whitmyre*

Submitted by PCC Bradd Anderson



Many Lions Clubs ask the question, “What is the difference between fundraising and community service? Isn’t it the same?” Well, it can be a very blurry line. In my mind, fundraising is the volunteering of time to generate money which is then given to another organization to perform a worthy service. Community service, on the other hand, is the volunteering of time to perform the worthy service yourself. In other words, you remove the middle man. In most cases, this requires more volunteer time than most Lions are willing to contribute. I would advocate that clubs cannot afford not to perform community service (sorry about the double negative).

What are the benefits of community service over fundraising?

1. Visibility: By performing the service, people in the community actually see what your club believes in and supports. They see you doing something worthwhile!
2. Membership: People who like what you are doing might get motivated to join.
3. Cost effectiveness: It is more efficient to deliver

the service yourself than it is to give money to others who then deliver the service.

4. Unity: Collective activities build club solidarity.
5. Recognition: If other organizations perform the service with your money, your club may never be recognized.
6. Reward: Members may find it more rewarding to help someone directly, than to see other people using your money to help them. It’s more hands-on. I could go on, but I think the above-cited benefits outweigh any “finding the time” logistical problems. Your club simply must find the time – and the right community service project.

The best way to select a service project is to go to your local governing body (city council/township trustees/county commissioners), and ask them where you can help. Ask them for a list of projects which require volunteer hours.

Here are but a few suggestions:

- Visit senior citizen housing and community centers

- Perform recycling activities
- Sponsor health fairs (vision testing/blood drives/screening)
- Start a Leo Club
- Provide disaster relief and assistance
- Perform housework for the disabled and elderly
- Sponsor civic competitions and contests
- Transport non-driving adults
- Conduct food or clothing drives
- Participate in redemption/rebate programs
- Purchase audio-visual devices for the disabled

You get the idea. Now it is time for your club to call up the Mayor, and find out where he/she needs help. If you find your club is fundraising more than serving the community, try to reallocate your resources to strike a 50/50 balance. Don’t just give your hard raised money to others, get out there and deliver the goods yourself! You will be glad you did

**The editor is trying to track down Lion Walt for recognition for this excellent essay, if you have any information please let us know.*

We’re Back!

If you have been a Lion in MDA over the last 30 years, you will have heard the words **Lions Quest**. If you have joined Lions in the last 10 years or so you might not have heard anything about Lions Quest. Well, the great news is that we can all get on the same page about Lions Quest now!

Ask a group of parents, or grandparents, or neighbours, or friends of children and youth what they would like children to learn as they go through school. You might be surprised to learn that most of them will not mention specific subjects or sports or facts. Most of them will tell you that they would like children and youth to learn to be respectful, responsible, caring, engaged, thoughtful, cooperative, articulate, healthy and happy. If your response to that question is on that partial list, then you need to know that one of the most effective programs for helping children and youth to develop those attitudes is our very own program called Lions Quest.

From the mid 1980’s, when drugs and alcohol abuse among young people was a growing issue, Lions partnered with a man named Rick Little who had developed a program called Quest to help young people learn those very skills that he felt he had missed growing up. When Rick wanted to move onto other areas, Lions Clubs International Foundation stepped up and purchased the program so that it became ours! Lions Quest.

Recently rewritten to now include many of the challenges such as social media and technology that were not issues in the 1980’s, our Lions Quest program is now ready and available to help support the children and youth in your communities by helping the educators with whom they spend a great amount of their time, address these life skills. Social and emotional health is one of the most critical determiners of positive life choices and outcomes.

A Lions Quest workshop takes a full day. Educators work together to experience and investigate the components of the full Lions Quest program. They leave the workshop with a curriculum that they can use all year to assist their students to develop the very attitudes that most adults say they want our young people to develop.

Recently the **Havelock Lions Club** of District A 3 held a most successful workshop. Working together with Kay at Lions Quest and with the workshop facilitator, they promoted the workshop to educators from preschool to elementary school administrators. Their enthusiasm and belief in the program was contagious and soon the session was full to overflowing with 28 educators and 10 District Lions.

The workshop is interactive and fun. Having Lions present to hear the educators’

enthusiasm about the curriculum and to have the educators hear what Lions will do to support their efforts started the growth of a community focused on helping our children become the healthy, capable young people of strong character that we all want.

Please consider sponsoring a workshop for Lions Quest in your community. Your children and grandchildren, neighbour’s children and stranger’s children will thank you.





Touchstone Story

What is it that makes people around the world choose to join Lions clubs when there are so many organizations competing for their time and energy?

To find out, Lions Clubs International conducted a global survey of nearly 8,000 members in 134 nations in 2012, and the answer that came back was crystal clear: By a wide margin, the No. 1 reason members gave for joining Lions is “to serve the community where I live.”

The desire to help local communities has been at the heart of the Lions mission from the very beginning, reflecting founder Melvin Jones’ devotion to the concept of service. What if the very people “who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition were to put their talents to work improving their communities?” Jones asked a century ago.

The modern Lions have done just that. With more than 1.35 million members in more than 200 nations, Lions have created the world’s largest service club organization. Lions’ service takes many forms, from providing guide dogs to the blind to cleaning up the environment. But while members differ from one another in some ways, Lions worldwide share a common impulse to help others.

“We’ve gotten a lot of membership just from doing service in the community,” said Ty’East Alleyne-Bunn, past president of the Central Brooklyn Lions Club in New York. New members come on board

because “people want to do good,” she said. “People want to help.”

By joining forces with others through Lions service projects, people find they can accomplish more for their community. “As Lions, we give our gift of service throughout the year,” Sid L. Scruggs III, who served as international president from 2010 to 2011, said in a letter to members in *LION Magazine*. “And because we don’t act alone, but combine our energies, ideas and resources, we are a mighty force for good.”

Joining the Lions offers a way to make new acquaintances, take part in fun outings and enjoy stature in the community. But it is service that ranks as the single biggest reason for becoming a Lion, with 63 percent of the respondents rating service to their community as the main reason for becoming a member. No other answer topped 50 percent.

Other reasons for joining: being with friends (37 percent), the prestige of being part of a large international organization (16 percent), being with family members

Why Lions?

who are already Lions (12 percent), networking to grow a career or business (9 percent), and receiving tangible recognition for accomplishments (5 percent). Members were allowed to list more than one reason.

“Before I joined the Lions, I only knew it was an honor to be a member,” Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong, China, who served as international president from 2011 to 2012, said in an interview with *LION Magazine*. “After I joined, I started to understand the spirit of Lions.” It was only then, he said, that “I understood we are to help the needy and share our happiness with others.”



The Laoac United Lions Club in the Philippines works on a well that will provide clean water for the Don Rufino Tabayoyong Elementary School

Thornhill District Lions Dog Walk

As a result of the efforts of Lions **Rob Drover** and **Darryl Goldstein** and the club membership, a Dog Walk was organized and held in Thornhill recently. Shown in the photo from left to right are Lion Darryl’s wife Renee and a Dog Walker-friend, Lion **Barbara Mahler**,



Lioness **Michelle Adam** and Lion President **Peter Paterson**.

Donations were received from passers-by at the PET VALU location at Bayview Ave. and Laureleaf Road. Financial support from sponsors and the donations were passed on to the Lions Foundation of Canada, to assist in their programs.

Blind Golf Canada

BGC and its members would like to recognize and thank the Lions Clubs of Ontario for their recent support of the 2017 ISPS HANDA Canadian Open Blind Golf Championships held in Hamilton this past August. Without your support, what we do simply would not be possible! www.blindgolf.ca





Touchstone Story

On July 22, 2011, the calm of a normal day in Norway was shattered by an explosion in Oslo, the nation's capital, just a few doors from the prime minister's office. Hours later, as police were investigating the car bomb that killed eight and injured more than 200, the man responsible had already taken a ferry to the nearby island Utøya, killing 69 youth camp attendees, adult supervisors and camp employees.

The gunman was taken into custody by police, but in a country that hadn't seen this kind of violence since World War II, it was an act of terrorism that most young people could not comprehend. One in four Norwegians knew someone who had been affected by the attack. Michelle Borgli of the Fredrikstad Sorgenfri Lions Club, a participant at a similar youth camp organized by the Lions, said that "the day before the bombings, we were in [Oslo] with the camp. It affected the students more when they realized how young the people were—and they were at a camp just like us."

The Lions of Norway seized the opportunity to help youth camp participants understand this tragedy and spread peace as well.

Helle Soos, also of the Fredrikstad Sorgenfri Lions Club, said the aftermath of this tragedy "was a golden opportunity to get a new way of doing the camp," encouraging camp participants to *imagine* peace.

For more than 60 years, the Lions Club Youth Camp and Exchange Program had attracted young

people from all over the world to Norway. The Norway Imagine Peace Camp is one of more than 100 Lions camps around the world held each year. Camp activities include sports, a variety show and visits to locations of cultural interest, but at the Imagine Peace Camp there is a special focus on fostering discussions of peace and building international friendships.

"In my part of the world, I've never known peace," said 2015 camp participant Milad Bisharat of Israel. "We face problems inside Israel and outside. . . . The traditions here are awesome. Nobody cares who you are or what you are—they're just friends with you."

Lions also promote peace across the North Sea in Germany. Since 1967, the Peace Village, a partnership between the Lions Club and Peace Village International, has helped more than 42,000 children heal together. Treating children who have been injured by sickness, accidents or war and who cannot receive adequate treatment in their home countries, Peace Village provides medical treatment, physical therapy and an environment of healing and hope.

Eberhard J. Wirfs of Kelkheim, Germany, who served as international president in 2009-10, said that hope is the most important thing that Peace Village offers. "Without hope, you really can't exist."

Encouraging Peace



Past International President Eberhard J. Wirfs, his wife Margit and a group of German Lions, visit the Peace Village in Germany

Hope—and peace—are offered by Lions around the world. Their goal is to help people understand, as an Imagine Peace camp participant said, that "we are different, maybe, but actually—we are all the same."



Norwegian Lions facilitate group activities at a Lions Clubs International Youth Camp and Exchange

Lions of Amherstview, Bath and Odessa

In celebration of the Lions of Loyalist Township and the 100th Anniversary of Lionism, Loyalist Township Horticulturalist Leslie Naismith designed a special flower arrangement in Islandview Park (Amherstview) to commemorate the milestone.



L-R: President Lion Don Jones of Bath, LCIF coordinator Lion Carman Fisher of Amherstview, Lion Don McGrath of Bath, District A3 Webmaster Lion Tom Houston, Amherstview Lion President Bill Matier, Mayor Bill Lowry, Leslie Naismith, horticulturalist, Lion Chris Eggink of Odessa and Andree Ferris of Loyalist Township.

Copetown Lions

At a recent Copetown Lions meeting, District Governor **Charlene Dwyer** presented service chevrons to several members.

Together, they have contributed over 100 years of service.



L-R: Willie Arnold 40 yrs, Don Rostron 25 yrs, Barrie Conron 25 yrs, DG Charlene Dwyer, Doreen Wilson, Mac Walker 10 yrs, Sami Jashan 10 yrs, Lion Chief Bill Shewfelt. Imagine how many volunteer hours they have accumulated!



Touchstone Story

We Serve is the Lions Clubs' motto, and the truth behind those words can be seen whenever Lions embark on a humanitarian mission to help those in need.

One of the Lions' "vision missions" was held in Ensenada, Mexico, in 2009. Eighty miles south of San Diego, California, Ensenada is a tourist destination and a cruise ship port, but many of the locals have never had an eye exam. Lions clubs in the United States and Mexico teamed up to change that.

"Missions are rewarding because it's hands-on service," said Bill Iannacone of the Walnut Creek Host Lions Club of California. About 700,000 pairs of eyeglasses were collected in California, then shipped across the border, where Ensenada Lions received them, set up a location for the mission event and publicized it locally.

Over the course of two days, more than 800 locals who couldn't afford health care received eye exams, free eyeglasses and even eye drops to treat allergies and conjunctivitis from four doctors, six technicians and dozens of Lions.

Elena Galindo and her young son both received

glasses. "Not only will this help my family financially, but I was able to see the smile on my son's face, and he was able to see better," she said.

Missions around the world offer the chance for clubs in neighboring countries to work together. Club members travel together, work together and meet new friends. As Sue Topf of the Clermont Lions Club in Indianapolis, Indiana, said, "These missions change your life. Last trip we fit a 100-year-old man with his first pair of glasses. He had walked down from the mountain in his Sunday best."

Vision missions are a major part of the Lions' humanitarian work, but that's only one way of serving. The year 2015 marked the 40th anniversary of an annual medical, dental and ophthalmic mission jointly organized by Lions clubs in Japan and the Philippines, providing teeth cleaning, information on oral hygiene, and vision and medical screenings to more than 1,000 people in the Philippines. Other clubs team up for one-time missions, such as the

Humanitarian Missions

Roma Castel Sant'Angelo Lions Club of Italy, which helped build a well and provided hygiene training to a village in Benin, Africa; and the Mijas Lions Club of Spain, which equipped two Bolivian schools with furniture and school supplies.

"I get more out of it than I give," said Jim Ashcraft of the San Diego Missions Lions Club, who was on hand in Ensenada. That feeling of service shows that these gestures, both large and small, can have a big impact—and not just for the recipients.



The Lions of Comayagua, Honduras, partner with U.S. Lions clubs to bring eye doctors and eyeglasses to those in need

Highgate and District Lions Club

The Lions of the Highgate area donated a memorial bench in memory of Lion **Bill Van Every** who passed away in May of this year. Club members presented the bench to the Van Every family on Sept. 29th.

Lion Bill was a long-time employee of Sur-Gain and a long-time Lion. The bench will be stationed at the Lion's Club barn in the Highgate Ball Park.



Pictured are front row, left to right: Tom Van Every, Derrick Van Every, Rose Van Every, Sandra Dotterman. Back row: Lions Bill Moynahan, Jamie Anderson and George Gosnell, Jim Van Every, Ken Garton, Shirley Faubert, John Van Every

Serving Cambridge

Two clubs worked together and donated \$4,000.00 to help purchase a porch lift for 10 year old Matthew Brand from Cambridge. Matthew was diagnosed with MS at age 1 and has difficulty getting around. Lions **Marg de Boer** from **Cambridge Highlands** and **Richard Green** from **Galt-Cambridge** visited Matthew at his home in August. It has made a big difference in Matthew's daily routine. By working together, we can certainly accomplish bigger and better things! We Serve.





Touchstone Story

Lions Clubs International club twinning fosters friendship and understanding by linking clubs across international borders. Two clubs from two different countries enter a formal agreement of friendship and cooperation, working together on mutual mission statements, organizing identical service projects in their respective local communities and even traveling together to another location in need of service that Lions can provide. Whenever possible, club members are encouraged to visit their twin club's location, attend meetings and stay in the homes of Lions from their twin club.

“In Europe, we all have national borders within five or six hundred miles, along with other languages, old rivalries and a history of hunger, misery, and wars,” said Dr. Rudolf Rahn of Düsseldorf, Germany, a member of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors from 1962-64. “Thus we consider it our first and decisive duty to overcome such old barriers of blood and hatred and, following the terms of the first Object of Lions International, to create and foster a spirit of generous consideration among the peoples of this old continent.”

The shortest path to understanding strangers is surely by walking in their shoes—or by shaking their hand. Rahn related a secondhand story of a French Lion who reached a more peaceful understanding, not

only of himself and his fellows but also of the entire world, through twinning:

“My father was killed in the First World War. I myself was a German prisoner in the Second World War. I thought I could never again shake hands with any German. Then I consented to accompany my club to Wiesbaden, Germany, for a Lions meeting. There I made friends with the German fellow-Lions. Let me tell you that since that meeting my life and the world have been, for me, in order again.”

Club twinning led to another long-running Lions Clubs International program. Seeing the beneficial relationships that came from club twinning, the International Board approved the Lions Youth Exchange Program in 1961. In the first five years, the program would send 2,000 young people ages 15 to 21 to spend a few weeks with a Lions family in another country. Today, thousands of young people participate in the program or attend a Youth Camp, learning valuable

Club Twinning

leadership skills and meeting the next generation of Lions firsthand. In 2010, the Lions and Leo clubs of Ipoh, Malaysia, and the Lions and Leo clubs of Valenzuela, Philippines, held a formal twinning ceremony and launched a joint hunger relief project to feed homeless children in the Philippines.

Twin clubs have a single purpose: working together to serve.



The Grimsby Cleethorpes Lions Club in Gambia works together with twin Lions Club members from Germany, Belgium and Italy. Here, Lions purchase mosquito nets for the Gambian village of Sanyang as a part of their 2014 project

A5 Teamwork

This is the 69th year of the CTV/LIONS Children Christmas Telethon and Tim Hortons Smile cookies were once again for sale. It is a cooperative effort from several Clubs in A5. Hortons has been donating the proceeds of the cookie sales for over 15 years. The event is held annually. This year it is December 2nd,

live on CTV and Bell media via satellite. Coverage is from Sudbury to Iron Bridge, Elliot Lake to Manitoulin Island, Onaping falls to Capreol, Warren to French River Noelville and the city of Sudbury. Thanks to all of the Lions clubs that help make the Telethon a success each year.



The group photo shows Lions from clubs involved, including Walden, Warren, Sudbury, Valley East, Azilda, Minnow Lake, Garson and Capreol

A16 Lions Family is the best!

It's hard to find words adequate enough to express our thanks for the amazing support of my Governor's Project – The Music Therapy Program at Sick Kids. Lion **Betty** and I had the privilege of going to Sick Kids in August to meet Brianne Fodey and present her with the final cheque. Along with contributions already sent, our grand total was \$23,576.66. The hospital was so grateful for our support. Thank you for your events, club and personal contributions. Thank you Kim Warne for your amazing sculpture. On behalf of the children, Thank You. PDG David Mills



L-R: Lion Betty Mills, Brianne Fodey, PDG David Mills



Touchstone Story

The earliest civilizations left behind clues that revealed what mattered to them, in the form of artifacts or buildings that have stood the test of time: pyramids rising from desert sands, or stone monoliths in grassy English fields.

Often, the first thing people see when visiting a community is the familiar Lions Clubs International logo. The logo represents a promise of service and a commitment to community. It is perhaps the most familiar marker associated with Lions Clubs International, but it is far from the only one.

Lions Clubs Friendship Arches, designed by Past International Directors Howard Grimm and Vern France, are monuments to friendship between neighboring nations. Made of stone and built to last, the first Friendship Arch was erected in 1966 on the U.S.-Canada border by the Abbotsford Lions Club of British Columbia, Canada and the Sumas Lions Club of Washington.

Many Friendship Arches were erected in the 1960s as symbols of peace and hope in the midst of the Cold War. In 1967, a Friendship Arch was sent overseas and placed on the border between Germany and Belgium. The dedication was attended by Lions from Germany, Belgium and the United States. Dr. Albert Soenen of the Sint-Truiden Lions Club in Belgium, remarked that Sint-Truiden itself was a crossroads for Europe,

and that the Friendship Arch was “at the crossing point from London to Vienna, and from Paris to Bonn, uniting four Western European nations—England, France, Belgium and Germany. Perhaps the time has come for Lions to consider placing arches in places where ‘Bridges of Friendship,’ and the conversations that they inspire, are so sorely needed.”

Lions also erect memorials to those among their ranks. When Ray Evans, a member of the Shawnee Lions Club of Oklahoma, was killed by a hitchhiker in 1936, the Lions erected a simple roadside stone monument in his honor. In 1963, to honor the memory of all those who had gone before, Lions from 38 clubs in Rhode Island worked together to raise funds for a stone statue to honor Rhode Island’s deceased Lions. Lions Clubs International founder Melvin Jones is memorialized both at his place of birth—an

Making a Mark

official historic site in Fort Thomas, Arizona—and for his service to others, with a display of memorabilia at the Lions Clubs International headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Driving into town and being greeted by a familiar leonine face on a sign, or strolling past a stone arch dedicated to friendship across international boundary lines sends a signal of comfort and service to all who see them.



Past International President Aubrey Green, who served from 1963-64, and his wife pose in front of a welcoming Lions statue at La Guaira Airport in Venezuela in 1963

Ancaster Lions

The Ancaster Lions Club has kicked in \$5,000 for Fieldcote museum’s expansion project. The money was raised primarily through the Lions’ community food trailer, and craft and nostalgia shows at the Ancaster fairgrounds. Club president **Mel Dempsey** said the Lions selected Fieldcote as the beneficiary

of its endeavours because the museum renovations are a very worthy community cause. “Fieldcote is the heritage of the community and tells the story of the community, how it was formed and how it was built,” said Dempsey. The fundraising committee has a set goal to raise \$500,000 of the \$1.5 million cost of the renovation project. The City of Hamilton is looking to the federal and provincial governments to contribute \$500,000 each.



L-R: Lois Carey, Curator, John Knechtel, Chair of Fundraising, Colin Morris, Chair of the Fieldcote Volunteers, Sue Hockridge, Lion Treasurer and Bill Hoffman, 2nd Vice President, Ancaster Lions Club.



Cambridge Highlands Lions

The Cambridge Highlands Lions Club collects nickels all year, and then shop for toys, games and books for the Children’s Ward at Cambridge Memorial Hospital.

Lions **Jan Ho** and **Marg de Boer** delivered these items to the Hospital Foundation Office on June 28, 2017.



Editorial Conference Prague

Your editor attended the Lion Magazine Editorial Conference in Prague October 2nd and 3rd, hosted by Lions International. There were twenty-one countries represented from around the globe. The main theme of the event was the roll-out of the digital version of the magazine, including all the ins and outs of preparation and presentation.

It was an excellent opportunity to get a good handle (a work in progress for me) on the new process. The digital version is primarily designed for viewing on your smartphone and/or a tablet but will run on desktop PC's as well. Test versions have been produced and will be available online in the new year. It is not designed to replace the print version of the magazine.

It is an exciting time in the venue of the Lion Magazine, watch for the latest developments on the LCI Lion Magazine App, more information can be found at:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/lion-magazine/index.php>

As mentioned, the conference was hosted by LCI and was presented by the LCI team of Christopher Bunch, LCI, Managing Editor of the Lion Magazine; Matina Montes, Digital Solutions Project Manager RR Donnelley; Dan Hervey, LCI, Global Brand and Communications; Hutch Hicken, Co-Owner, President and CTO, BlueToad, Inc. Digital Productions; and Sanjeev Ahuja, LCI Chief of Marketing and Membership.

Kudos to the team and their excellent support staff for an excellent conference!

Note from your editor: If all goes well, by the

time you receive this magazine, the last issue (Sept/Oct) will be re-posted to the MD'A' website in full colour, perhaps an indicator for the future.



Christopher Bunch



Sanjeev Ahuja

Harvest Luncheon

On the 21st of October – a beautiful Saturday – the **Lions and Lionesses of Amherstview** served a scrumptious turkey dinner to thirty-two elderly residents of Amherstview at the Amherstview Community Hall. Taxis were sent to the Henderson Care Centre to get the guests to the Amherstview Community Hall where the Lions and Lionesses escorted them to their tables. It was indeed a sight to admire as Halloween decorations graced the walls and the tables. The decorating was done by the two clubs.

It was a grand day all around. Entertainment was provided along with prizes. Gift bags were part of the afternoon's entertainment that included live music. The Lions and Lioness clubs have formed a partnership that includes their efforts with euchre parties and the collection of the Christmas hampers in December, as well as the vision and hearing screening of kindergarten students.



Copetown Lions

At a recent Copetown Lions meeting, District Governor **Charlene Dwyer** made a special presentation to Lion **Doreen Wilson** for her dedication and service. Lion Doreen serves as the treasurer for the club as well as manages the finances for the Copetown Community Centre. She is also the treasurer for the Copetown United Church and the Ancaster Fair. Her professional background as an accountant is definitely an asset. Congratulations Doreen!



District A16 Camp Kirk Foundation



The Lions Camp Kirk Foundation recently held their annual Family Fun Weekend. Lions & Lioness families and friends gathered for a great weekend of good weather, fun and fellowship together. Thanks to Lioness **Karen Jackson** for chairing the event with the able assistance of her family and the McLellans. Many Clubs and individuals were on hand to make the weekend the success that it was.

On the Sunday morning a service was held at the Memorial Grove in remembrance of members, family and friends who have left us over the past year. Following the service Lions **Adam Jackson** and **Larry Baines** of the **Sharon Lions** unveiled two new benches engraved in remembrance of P.D.G. Peter Jackson.

Camp Kirk just may be one of Lions' best kept secrets, check out their website and facebook page at:

www.lionsclubcampkirkfoundation.org

<http://www.facebook.com/CampKirk/>

A concert was held on Saturday November 4th

at the Toronto Centre For The Arts, marking the 25th Anniversary of Camp Kirk, more to follow on that event in a future issue.

Jackson Family: Colin, Aiden, Adam, Karen and Dale



Bench engraved by Lion Larry Baines

Hillsburgh Lions

A Memento of the 1998 International Convention

My mother, Lion **Marjorie Ditchfield**, received the Lions Magazine recently and looking at the picture of Dr. Naresh Aggarwal and his wife Navita, thought she recognized them. She realized the notepad she has been using since 1998 was a notepad from when he was running for International Director back then. My mother and father were in Birmingham England for the convention. To this day she still has this notepad.

My mother and I are both members of the Hillsburgh Lions Club. From Lion **Jeanette Ditchfield**



Exeter Lions

Donna Jones, of Exeter, recently donated \$25,000, in memory of her late husband, Lion **Ted Jones**, to future development of the South Huron Trail. Accepting on behalf of the Exeter Lions Club is Lion **John Stephens** and club president Lion **Dan Turkheim**. Also taking part was Bob Radtke, Chairman of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, along with Donna's son, Randy Jones and daughter-in-law, Susann Jones. "This is a beautiful day to remember Lion Ted Jones," said Exeter Lions Club President Dan Turkheim. "I would like to thank Donna for her community spirit and for carrying on Lion Ted's commitment."

This donation is in addition to a previous gift towards the trail's Pedestrian Bridge project.



L to R: Bob Radtke, Susann Jones, Randy Jones, Donna Jones, Lions John Stephens and Dan Turkheim

Kitchener Pioneer Lions

In honour of Canada 150, Kitchener Pioneer Lions presented Pioneer Park Public School with Canada Flags for the student population.

Somewhere in this picture holding the big Canada Flag is (R-L) PRC **Chris Duncan**, Lions **Don Madill** and **J.P. Arnold**.



Minnow Lake Lions

In June, the Minnow Lake Lions had their annual family fun day, held in conjunction with Our Children Our Future (OCOF) in Sudbury. About 300 children and their parents attended to enjoy a free day of hot dogs, bouncy castles, games and lots of fun. The Lions held a bike draw and the winner was Brantly Nadeau.



L-R: Lion Blaine Lachance, Lion Keith Argent, mom Cassey Marsolais, Hailey Nadeau and winner Brantly

Madoc Lions

Celebrating what Lion President **Tom Simpson** called "a double whammy" Madoc Lions Club held their annual appreciation night Monday, Oct. 23rd, to thank supporters and mark the club's fifth anniversary. In five years the club has accomplished much. The president noted that they have given back to the community with a large quantity of service hours and over \$10,000 back into the community.

Among those in attendance was Lion **Kevin Roy** of **Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club** who, as Simpson explained to the guests, "Was our guiding Lion who helped us start this club five years ago." Roy was quoted as saying: "Tonight just goes to show you all the hard work to keep it going, it lasted. I give a lot of credit to Lion Chief Tom for bringing in new members." Although there are no charter members still with the club, Simpson welcomed Centre Hastings.

A slide show for the guests showed the Lions helping out in the community, from supporting Project Lifesaver, a program of the Alzheimer Society of Prince Edward-Hastings, as well as contributing

annually to the Adopt-A-Child program, co-ordinated through the Central Hastings OPP. Also shown was the members out in the community cutting grass at the Heart of Hastings Hospice House and other locations and donating a wheelchair to a member of the community.

As was said by the president: "It's our pleasure every year to bring everyone like this together. We are a small club but we have a big heart."



L-R: Centre Hastings Mayor Tom Deline; Lion Kevin Roy of Marmora Crowe Valley Lions and Madoc Lions Club President Lion Tom Simpson

Melvin Jones Award



The **Walden Lions Club** honoured their own with a Melvin Jones Award. Lion President **Mait Wilson** is a man who truly cares about his part in the world and in Lionism. The Walden Lions Club seemed to be a secret in this little community. Lion Mait soon changed this. He had a key role in partnering with the Anderson Farm committee, Christmas tree lighting, concerts, farmer markets and the fall fair. Lion Mait is also responsible for the club's involvement with the Hard of Hearing Association, Bingo and the food bank. Because of his efforts, the Walden Lions Club is not a secret anymore. Congratulations to Lion Mait Wilson on receiving this well deserved award. Lion Mait is shown with his strong support group of family and Lions.

Newcastle Lions



Lion **Sierd DeJong** recently was awarded a Judge Brian Stevenson Award for his dedication to Lionism. Making the presentation was Lion **Bill Zwier**, District Governor of A3.

Lion Sierd also received his fifty year chevron. He is a Life Member and also has received a Life Membership Award from the Lions Foundation of Canada. A big **Lions Roar** goes out to Lion Sierd, a strong Lion in a strong club. The Newcastle Lions were chartered in 1947 and their membership numbers are upwards of sixty. Keep up the Good Work!

Helen Keller Presentation



Lioness **Ellen Moore**, on behalf of Meadow Acres Garden Centre, was awarded the Helen Keller Award at the October dinner meeting. So many of the **New Hamburg Lioness** events and initiatives are enhanced by the generosity of time, talent and funding that we receive from Meadow Acres and co-owner Ellen. She brings energy, enthusiasm and contemporary business knowledge to the club. Lioness President **Karren Faulkner** made the presentation. Congratulations Ellen.

Minnow Lake Lions



Minnow Lake Lions awarded Lions **Brian Scagnetti**, **Keith Argent** and **Walter Karen** each with a Helen Keller Fellowship. The club also awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion **Janice Lashuk** at the awards ceremony. Congratulations to these deserving Lions who have given so much to their community with over a century of service combined.



Waterdown marks 50 years of service

Waterdown Lions recently celebrated 50 years of service to the community at the newly renovated Lions Memorial Hall. A7/11 District Governor **Surinder Sharma** presented a Lions International Certificate of Appreciation to Club President, Lion **Andrew Haggert**. Lion **Jim Duschl** presented Lion **Ron Steepe**, the only charter member still on the roster a special award for his long service. Lion Ron is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.



St. Thomas Lions present International Life Memberships

At a recent meeting of the St. Thomas Lions, A1 District Governor **Joyce Mahovlich** presented Lions Club International Life Memberships to St. Thomas Lions PDG **Wayne Cudney** and PDG **Ev Spiering**.





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Lion Lioness Leo Partner Guest

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Title/Office: _____ Present Past

District: _____ Club: _____

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PLEASE NOTE:

- Every Lion, Lioness, Leo or Guest must be registered by using this form with payment made payable to **“St Davids & District Lions - Convention Account”**
- Registration payments must accompany this form and be forwarded to the Convention Registration Chair at the address shown on Page 2.
- Registrations will be confirmed to e-mail address provided. Payments will not be refunded after April 10, 2018.
- Ticket sales at the convention must be authorized by the MD-A 2018 – Niagara Convention Committee.

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CONVENTION Pin/s	___ x \$ 4.00..	___ x \$ 4.00	= \$ _____
FRIDAY PID/PDG/DG/DGE - Dinner	___ x \$ 48.00..	___ x \$ 48.00	= \$ _____
FRIDAY Social Event	___ x \$ 10.00..	___ x \$ 10.00	= \$ _____
SATURDAY – JJ Kapps (Buffet Breakfast)...	___ x \$ 16.00..	___ x \$ 16.00	= \$ _____
SATURDAY - International Luncheon	___ x \$ 24.00..	___ x \$ 24.00	= \$ _____
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A student of one of the schools taking part in a simulation of a fire in her home



Une élève de l'une des écoles participant à une simulation d'un incendie chez elle

Le Club Lions de Knowlton présente 107 avertisseurs de fumée aux élèves des deux écoles locales

Le Club Lions de Knowlton est fier de supporter le programme Anges Gardiens du Service de sécurité incendie de Lac-Brome. Ce programme vise notamment à voir à ce que soit installé dans les chambres à coucher de tous les étudiants de nos écoles, un avertisseur de fumée afin de leur procurer un maximum de protection surtout durant leur sommeil. Récemment le Club a fourni au programme 107 avertisseurs de fumée, qui sont équipés de piles

intégrées bonnes pour dix ans, pour distribution aux enfants de la maternelle et aux nouveaux arrivants de l'École St-Édouard et du Knowlton Academy. L'ex président du Club, **Winston Mason**, a profité de cet événement pour souligner la contribution des volontaires du Service de sécurité incendie et ainsi que des Premiers Répondants de Lac-Brome au bien-être et à la sécurité de notre communauté.

The Knowlton Lions Club presents 107 smoke alarms to students from both local schools

The Knowlton Lions Club is proud to support the Guardian Angels program of the Brome Lake Fire Safety Service. One of the goals of this program is to ensure that all students in our schools have smoke alarms in their bedrooms to provide maximum protection, especially during sleep. Recently, the Club provided the program with 107 smoke alarms, which are equipped with good 10-year built-in batteries, for

distribution to kindergarten children and newcomers to École St-Édouard and Knowlton Academy. Former Club President **Winston Mason** took the opportunity to recognize the contribution of Fire Safety volunteers and Brome Lake First Responders to the well-being and safety of our community.

L-R, **Nathalie Michaud**, fire prevention technician, Town of Brome Lake, **Winston Mason**, past president Knowlton Lions Club and **Ross Clarkson**, chief of operations Town of Brome Lake



G à D, **Nathalie Michaud**, technicienne en prévention des incendies, Ville de Lac-Brome, **Winston Mason**, ancien président du Club Lions Knowlton et **Ross Clarkson**, chef des opérations Ville de Lac-Brome

Delaware Lions Club Grows Its Membership - A GMT Initiative

The Delaware Lions Club held an induction ceremony on October 23, 2017.

Two new members were inducted: Lion **Marty Van Kessel** sponsored by his uncle Lion **Pieter DeJeu** and Lion **Doug Ernewein** sponsored by his father Lion **Phil Ernewein**. The ceremony was presided over by Delaware Lion Zone Chair **Mark Paquet**. 33 Delaware Lions were in attendance, there are now 48 members in the club. Keep up the good work!



L-R: Lion **Doug Ernewein**, Lion **Phil Ernewein** (sponsor), Lion **Marty Van Kessel**, Lion **Pieter DeJeu** (sponsor), Lion **Jim Deslippe** (president), Lion **Mark Paquet** (Zone 7 Chair)

Oakville Leos

Article by **David Lea**, the *Oakville Beaver*, reprinted with permission



The Governor General of Canada has recognized an Oakville youth for going above and beyond for his community, for the environment and for others. **Jack Mogus**, 17, received the Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers during Monday's (Oct. 23) town council meeting.

The medal, which was presented to Mogus by Oakville Mayor Rob Burton, recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from coast to coast. Burton called Mogus a leader in the Oakville community, who since the age of 11 has embodied the mantra of tennis great Arthur Ashe, who said, "Start where you are, use what you have, and do what you can."

Mogus has organized shoreline cleanups, tree plantings, made breakfasts for the homeless and collected hundreds of pairs of skates, which have been donated to First Nations children in northern Ontario. He co-founded the **Oakville Leo Club**, which focuses on building leadership skills, social development and community service projects for youth.

Mogus also founded Change by YOUth, a local organization that encourages volunteerism and leadership among young people. The Oakville youth said he was blown away when told he would

be receiving an award from the Governor General. "This award is fantastic. It is always great to be recognized for something that you have done in the community," said Mogus. "It has been awesome especially with the mayor giving me the award himself. It is an honour for sure."



Un autre Grand succès pour le souper des Huitres !

C'est samedi le 14 octobre dernier que plus de 250 personnes ont assisté au 49e souper d'huîtres et du tirage annuel des **Lions de Buckingham** à la salle des Chevaliers de Colomb. Cette ultime soirée bénéfique aura permis d'amasser plus de 20 000 \$ pour ensuite remettre à divers organismes tel que la Résidence le Monarque un don de 10 000 \$, l'organisme 'Gardons les enfants au chaud' un don de 5 000 \$, le CHEO 1 000 \$, la Fondation de santé de Papineau 5 000 \$, ainsi que la Fondation Mira 1 000 \$. Un énorme merci aux participants et au comité organisateur ainsi qu'un gros merci à tous les participants et nos félicitations aux gagnants du tirage.

Another Great success for the annual oyster dinner!

Last Saturday, October 14, **Buckingham Lions** held the 49th Annual Oyster Dinner and Annual Draw at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This ultimate fundraising event raised over \$20,000 in funds for different organisations like Résidence le Monarque a donation of \$10,000, the 'Keep Children Warm' received a donation of \$5000, CHEO Hospital \$1000, the Papineau Health Foundation received \$5000, and the Mira Foundation for the blind \$1000. A huge thank you to the participants and the organizing

Le Festin d'huîtres du Club Lions a su plaire aux fanatiques (et aux moins fanatiques) d'huîtres! L'occasion annuelle idéale pour se régaler d'huîtres crues, soupe aux huîtres, accompagnement de moules, saumons et de rosbif; tout y était pour plaire à tous les palets ainsi d'une belle soirée dansante!

Les membres du conseil d'administration au dîner des huîtres



Members of the board at the oyster dinner

committee of this event.

The Lions Club Oyster Feast has appealed to fans of oysters for the past 49 years in Buckingham! The perfect annual opportunity to feast on raw oysters, oyster soup, mussels, salmon, and roast beef; everything was there to please all tastes as well as great music.

Lions Youth Exchange Program

The outgoing component of the Lions Youth Exchange Program is an amazing opportunity for youth from MDA. **New Hamburg Lioness Dawn Henshaw's** daughter, Taylor, was part of the program travelling to Tokamachi, Japan.

On her return from a fantastic trip she attended a Lioness meeting and shared her experiences. It was an experience she will never forget and hopes to return there someday.



Taylor is shown with her host family, in the group photo and is wearing a traditional kimono at a visit to a shrine

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

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



WINDSOR DOWNTOWN LIONS



**Do you know what's happening March 21, 2020 ?
You might need an old calendar to figure it out, more to follow....**

East Peterborough Lions

In October of this year the East Peterborough Lions were pleased to accept a THANK YOU plaque of appreciation from the Huntington Society for support of their Peterborough Walk to Cure Huntington Disease. East Peterborough Lions Club have put on a BBQ for the volunteers for a number of

years. A good turnout of club members were on hand to receive the plaque.



Sudbury and Area Lions Clubs

They could not be more proud. This is how all of the Lions Clubs in the Sudbury area feel about receiving the prestigious 2017 Readers' Choice Award. The Lions have been a long-time partner with

CTV to produce and raise funds each year. In 2016, over \$300,000.00 was raised to provide children with gifts in our region. "We serve" is the Lions Motto, and for over 50 years, the Lions have served the children of our community.

Trout Creek Lions

The Trout Creek Lions held their first annual Food Drive October 29th. The members went door to door and collected an amazing two half-ton truck loads of non-perishable food items from some generous community citizens. They are looking forward to collecting even more next year to help those in their community. Congratulations to the Trout Creek Lions for this amazing accomplishment.



Lions JoyAnn Osborne, Howard Osborne, Maureen Lang, Gwen Daly and Paul Lang at the Powassan food bank



Lion BettyJo Gibson bringing in another car load



Lions Sandra Becker, Lauri Ann Pearson and Corrine Christo returning with a car load from their route

**The readers have spoken!
FAVOURITE
FUNDRAISING EVENT
CTV-Lions Children's
Christmas Telethon**



The Sudbury Star surveyed their readers and asked them to vote on their favourite businesses and people.

The response was tremendous and we couldn't be more proud of the winners.

K. Johansen
Karsten Johansen
Advertising Director, July 2017

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

District Reporters

There is a reporter designated for each district in MD-A, their function is to assist the Lions and magazine staff with submissions by collecting high resolution photos where possible and the accompanying stories. Please utilize their services. They can be contacted as shown below:

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- A3 - Lion Wilma Bush: b2wbrady@gmail.com
- A4 - Lion Sandra Baldwin: slbaldwin@rogers.com
- A5 - Lion Brenda Lalonde: bmlsudbury@hotmail.com
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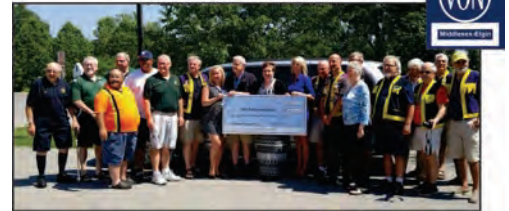
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mdathelionmag@hotmail.com

District A-1 Teamwork

Lions from *Strathroy, Mt. Brydges, Poplar Hill, Ilderton* and *Lucan* all helped to purchase a new van for the Middlesex-Elgin VON in June to replace their old one that was no longer serviceable. Great Work Lions!

Our apologies to the Lions of *Delaware* – our Editor had a Senior Moment and did not mention your involvement when this article appeared in the previous issue. Your contribution included a \$5,000 donation to help complete the project.

DISTRICT A-1 TEAMWORK



MD'A' Lions Resource Centre Website

The “MD'A' Lions Resource Centre” website is available for your use. Its goal is to provide a “one-stop-shopping” website for Lions resources, ideas and tools in all aspects of Lionism, including recruiting new members, keeping the members we already have, revitalizing clubs, fundraising ideas and club and district operations.

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

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ADDRESS CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS

Arrangements have been made with LCI to make this process less complex. You can now contact the editor for an address change or cancellation. However you are still required to report an address change through your club secretary for LCI records.

UNDELIVERABLE LION MAGAZINES

Each mailed issue results in a number of returns because of incomplete or incorrect address information. If any members are not receiving a magazine they can contact the editor to rectify the problem, which is usually lack of a proper street number, name and/or postal code.

Lions Foundation of Canada - Patron Award

Lion **Debbie Cserhalmi** has been a dedicated fundraiser supporting the foundation for the last ten years, raising substantial funds each year. She was awarded the title of "Patron" by the Lions Foundation of Canada, one of only three given each year. She has sponsored eight Dog Guide teams to date. Recently Deb contributed funds towards a new digital X-Ray machine for the Oakville facility, making x-rays clearer, faster and safer for both dogs and staff.

She was the driving force in the chartering of the "Busy Busy Club" which became a chartered Lions Club in the past year called the **Mosborough Lions**. For the most part it is what is known as a "Cyber Club" with meetings held via Skype. Many foster families have joined as new Lions and the Club's mandate is to support LFC. The Club also led donation results in many of the walks in the area. Deb is also the A-15 LFC Chair, foster parent, puppy babysitter and is involved in many events to promote Dog Guides.

One only needs to Google the word "Patron" to see that Debbie fits the definition to a "T".

Congratulations from all the Lions in MDA' and Lions everywhere.

The presentation to Lion Debbie Cserhalmi is made by Lions Foundation of Canada Chair, PDG Bill McKittrick.



This is the ninth anniversary of the Ride for Diabetes that Lion Ralph of the Ingersoll Lions took part in. Nine years ago Ralph and his friends rode from the Sault to Alaska. Lions, their friends and supporters have been especially generous in previous years and we ask that continues. Make this a special year, not just for Ralph and the Lions, but for Canadian Diabetes Research in their fight against this dreadful disease. It affects so many of our families, friends...So please dig deep and give with your heart as well as the pocket. YOUR DONATION COUNTS!! Over \$30K has been raised to date. Please contact Lion Ralph Gordon 519-485-3638 to donate. email linda_gordon@hotmail.com.

2018 RIDE FEBRUARY 15th
Starts in Sault Ste. Marie
for 10 days with a return to the Sault.....



What do these 4 Men have in Common? ... a wonderful new connection!



Several Lions Clubs in Ontario have already formed new partnerships with the TELUS Ride For Dad.

To join this great team & find out more, Contact ...

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